# BQ76942, BQ76952 Software Development Guide



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#### **ABSTRACT**

This application report provides examples of communication packets and sequences for the BQ769x2 device family of battery monitors (which includes the BQ76942 and BQ76952). Examples include bit-transaction details of direct commands, subcommands, and reads and writes to RAM registers. Examples include instructions for using the BQStudio Command Sequence panel to perform these read and write transactions. Simple code examples are also provided. Use this document along with the device Technical Reference Manual and datasheet. These documents are listed in the References section. BQSTUDIO software is also used for many examples and offers a convenient way to view all of the device registers. For the BQ769x2 device family, version 1.3.101 or above of BQStudio is required.

The BQ769x2 device family integrates three different communication interfaces - I<sup>2</sup>C, SPI, and single-wire HDQ. The I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI interfaces include an optional CRC check. See the device data sheet for the full list of options. This document covers many examples using the I<sup>2</sup>C interface and then covers some of the same examples using SPI with CRC.

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# 1 Direct Commands

A complete list of direct commands can be found in the device Technical Reference Manual. The format for a direct command is shown in the following examples.

#### Alarm Enable - 0x66

The following example shows the Alarm Enable command which uses command 0x66. By default, the register setting for Alarm Enable is set to 0xF800. In the example, the setting is changed to 0xF082. The data is in little endian format. The device address for the BQ769x2 is 0x10 (8-bits) where the LSB is the R/W bit. A direct command follows the format I2C\_Write(I2C\_ADDR, Command, DataBlock), so for this example the command would be I2C Write(0x10, 0x66, [0x82, 0xF0]).

Command	Name	Units	Туре	Description
0x66	Alarm Enable	Hex	H2	Mask for Alarm Status(). Can be written to change during operation to change which alarm sources are enabled.

Figure 1-1. Alarm Enable Command Description



Figure 1-2. Captured I2C Waveform for Setting Alarm Enable to 0xF082

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#### Cell 1 Voltage - 0x14

This example shows how to read the voltage for Cell 1. The Cell 1 Voltage command is 0x14 and is a read only command. The Cell 1 voltage is read by writing the I2C command 0x14 followed by a 2-byte read. The data is returned in little endian format. In the following example, the 16-bit Cell 1 voltage read 0x0E74, which corresponds to 3700 mV.

Command	Name	Units	Туре	Description
0x14	Cell 1 Voltage	mV	12	16-bit voltage on cell 1

Figure 1-3. Cell 1 Voltage Command Description



Figure 1-4. Captured I2C Waveform for Cell 1 Voltage Reading

#### Internal Temperature - 0x68

This example shows how to read the internal temperature sensor. The units for the 16-bit temperature sensor reading are in 0.1 K. In the following example, the reading of 0x0BA6 represents a decimal value of 2982 which is 298.2 K. This converts to about 25°C.

Command	Name	Units	Туре	Description
0x68	Int Temperature	0.1 K	12	This is the most recent measured internal die temperature.

Figure 1-5. Internal Temperature Command Description



Figure 1-6. Captured I2C Waveform for Internal Temperature Reading

#### CC2 Current - 0x3A

This example shows how to read the 16-bit current measurement from CC2. The current reading in the following example shows 7 mA.

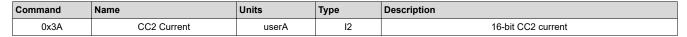


Figure 1-7. CC2 Current Command Description



Figure 1-8. Captured I2C Waveform for CC2 Current Reading



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The Command Sequence module in the BQStudio software enables the user to try commands. This tool can also be used to create and save command sequences. The *Transaction Log* in this example shows all of the commands that have been covered so far.

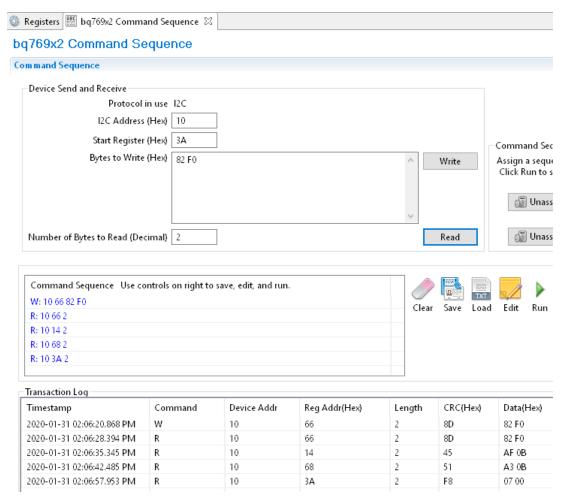


Figure 1-9. BQStudio Example Showing Execution of Multiple Direct Commands

BQStudio has an *Auto Refresh* on the *Dashboard* which periodically reads the registers of the device to refresh the measurements displayed. When using the *Command Sequence* module, it is recommended to disable *Auto Refresh* by clicking on the green banner. The banner will turn red to indicate *Auto Refresh* is disabled (see Figure 1-10).



Figure 1-10. Auto Refresh Disabled

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#### 2 Subcommands

Subcommands use a different format from direct commands and are accessed indirectly using the 7-bit command address space. They also provide the capability for block transfers. To issue a subcommand, the command address is written to 0x3E/0x3F. If data is to be read back, it will be populated in the 32-byte transfer buffer which uses addresses 0x40 - 0x5F. Multiple examples follow.

## DEVICE\_NUMBER - 0x0001

The device number can be read by first writing the subcommand number 0x0001 (little endian) to the command address 0x3E. This is followed by reading from the data buffer at address 0x40. In this example, the device number returned is 0x7694 (which represents BQ76942).

Command	Name	Data	Units	Туре	Description
0x0001	DEVICE_NUMBER	Device Number	Hex	U2	Reports the device number that identifies the product. The data is returned in little-endian format

Figure 2-1. DEVICE\_NUMBER Subcommand Description

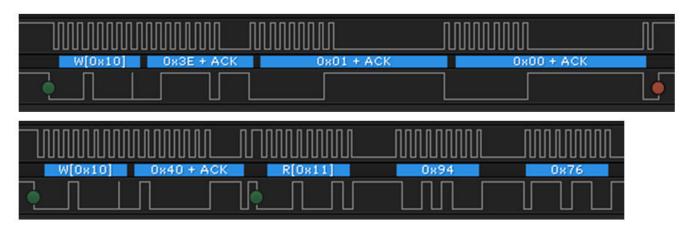


Figure 2-2. Captured I2C Waveform for DEVICE\_NUMBER Subcommand

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## **MANUFACTURING STATUS - 0x0057**

The MANUFACTURING STATUS subcommand reads two bytes from the Manufacturing Status register. First, the command 0x0057 is written to 0x3E followed by a read of two bytes from 0x40.

Command	Name	Data	Units Type		Description
0x0057	MANUFACTURING STATUS	Manufacturing Status	Hex	H2	Provides flags for use during manufacturing.

Figure 2-3. MANUFACTURING STATUS Subcommand Description

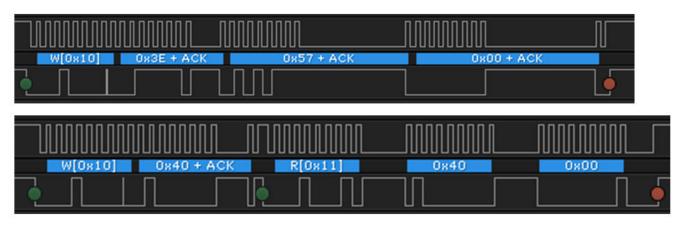


Figure 2-4. Captured I2C Waveform for MANUFACTURING\_STATUS Subcommand

# FET\_ENABLE - 0x0022

Some subcommands do not require a data read from the data buffer since they only provide an instruction. The FET\_ENABLE subcommand is one example. This command is issued by writing 0x0022 to 0x3E.

Command	Name	Description
0x0022	FET_ENABLE	Toggle FET_EN in Manufacturing Status. FET_EN = 0 means FET Test Mode. FET_EN = 1 means Firmware FET Control.

Figure 2-5. FET\_ENABLE Subcommand Description

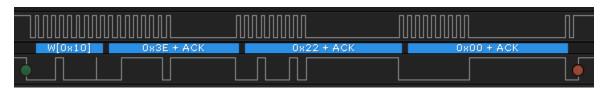


Figure 2-6. Captured I2C Waveform for FET\_ENABLE Subcommand

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#### **RESET - 0x0012**

The RESET Subcommand performs a reset on the device and returns RAM register settings back to default (or OTP programmed) values. This command is issued by writing 0x0012 to 0x3E.

Command	Name	Description
0x0012	RESET	Resets the device.

Figure 2-7. RESET Subcommand Description

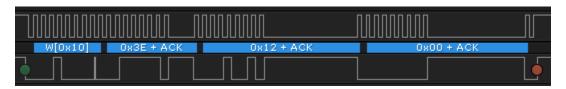


Figure 2-8. Captured I2C Waveform of RESET Subcommand

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The Transaction Log in this example shows all of the commands that have been covered for executing

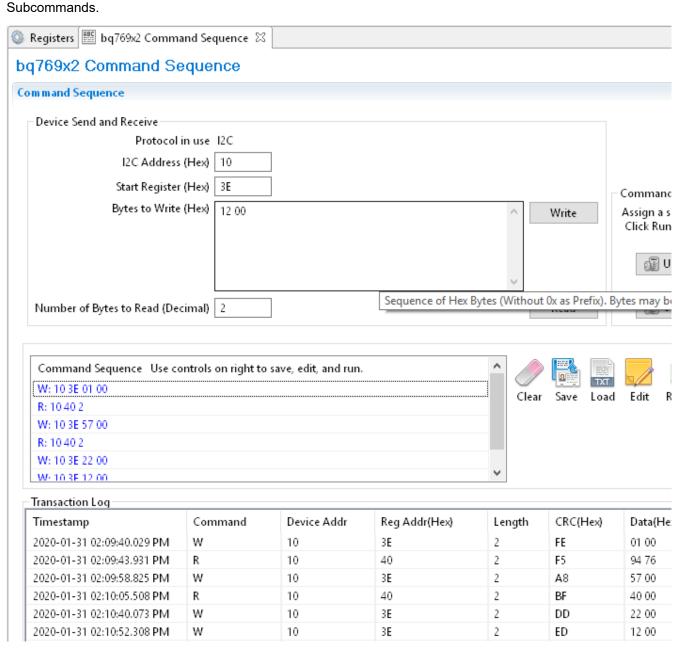


Figure 2-9. BQStudio Example Showing Execution of Multiple Subcommands

# 3 Reading and Writing RAM Registers

A full view of registers in RAM can be found in the device Technical Reference Manual and also in the Data Memory screen of BQStudio. To enable viewing the RAM register addresses in BQStudio, go to the Window-Preferences menu and select 'Show Advanced Views'. Reading from a RAM register is accomplished by writing the register address to 0x3E and then reading from the data buffer starting at 0x40. Writing to a RAM register starts with writing the register address to 0x3E followed by the data, followed by a write to 0x60/0x61 with the checksum and length. The checksum and length calculation is described more in the device data sheet, but is illustrated in the following examples.

#### Note

When writing to RAM registers, it is highly recommended to first enter CONFIG\_UPDATE mode and then perform the command to exit CONFIG\_UPDATE mode once complete. This ensures stable operation while settings are being modified.

#### Read 'Enabled Protections A'

The default settings for the BQ769x2 devices have COV (over-voltage) and SCD (short-circuit) protections enable. This is verified in the following by reading from the *Enabled Protections A* register where the value returned is 0x88 from the RAM address 0x9261.

Class	Subclass	Name	Туре	Min	Max	Default	Unit	
Settings	Protection	Enabled Protections A	U1	0x00	0xFF	0x88	Hex	

Figure 3-1. Enabled Protections A Description

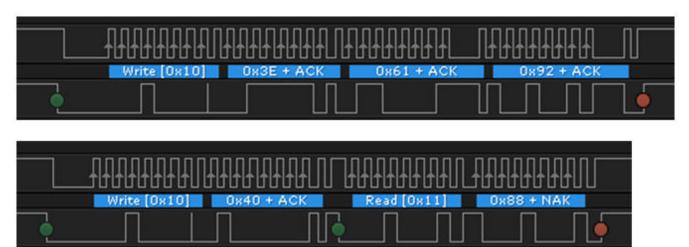


Figure 3-2. Captured I2C Waveform for Reading 'Enabled Protections A' Register



#### **Enter CONFIG UPDATE Mode**

Before writing RAM registers, it is recommended to enter CONFIG\_UPDATE mode to prevent settings from taking effect until all changes are made. SET\_CFGUPDATE follows the Subcommand format.

Command	Name	Description		
0x0090	SET_CFGUPDATE	Enters CONFIG_UPDATE mode.		
0x0092	EXIT_CFGUPDATE	Exits CONFIG_UPDATE mode. This also clears the Battery Status() [POR] and Battery Status()[WD] bits.		

Figure 3-3. SET\_CFGUPDATE and EXIT\_CFGUPDATE Descriptions



Figure 3-4. Captured I2C Waveform for SET\_CFGUPATE

## Write 'Enabled Protections A'

In this example, the CUV (undervoltage) protection feature is enabled along with the default protections. This requires writing 0x8C to RAM address 0x9261. The checksum is calculated on the address and data (0x61, 0x92, 0x8C) and is the complement of the sum of these bytes. The length also includes the two bytes for device address and command address for a total length of 5.

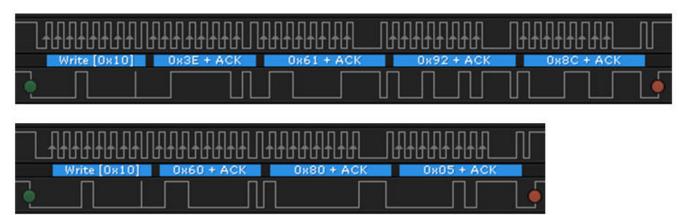


Figure 3-5. Captured Waveform for Writing to Enabled Protections A



#### Write 'VCell Mode'

Next, write to the **VCell Mode** register to configure the device for 9 cells. The following example writes 0x037F to 0x9304 and then writes the new checksum and length to 0x60/0x61.

Class	Subclass	Name	Туре	Min	Max	Default	Unit
Settings	Configuration	VCell Mode	H2	0x0000	0xFFFF	0x0000	Hex

Figure 3-6. VCell Mode Description

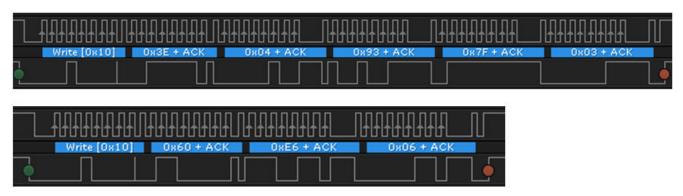


Figure 3-7. Captured I2C Waveform for Writing VCell Mode

# **Exit CONFIG\_UPDATE Mode**

After writing RAM registers, exit CONFIG\_UPDATE mode at which point the new settings will take effect.



Figure 3-8. Captured I2C Waveform for EXIT\_CFGUPDATE



The *Transaction Log* in this example shows all of the commands that have been covered for reading and writing to RAM registers.

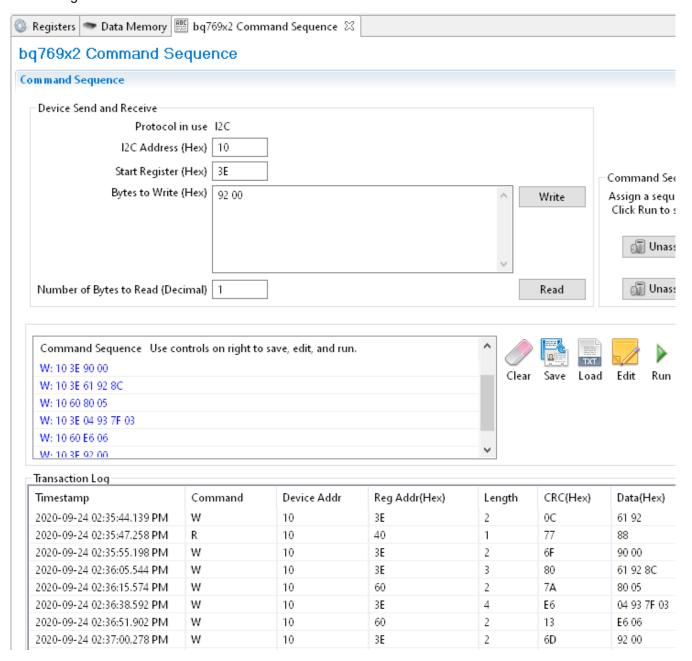


Figure 3-9. BQStudio Example Showing Execution of RAM Register Reads and Writes

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#### 4 I2C with CRC

The I2C interface on the BQ769x2 family includes an optional CRC check. The CRC feature can be enabled in the **Settings:Configuration:Comm Type** register. If this register is changed while using BQStudio, the SWAP\_COMM\_MODE() subcommand should be executed and then BQStudio should be restarted so that it can detect the new communication mode. Two examples follow of I2C waveform captures with the CRC check enabled.

The CRC for the first data byte is computed on all of the bytes after the I2C start up to and including the first data byte. For every data byte after the first byte, the CRC byte is computed for only that byte. In the example below using the *FET\_ENABLE* subcommand, the CRC for the first byte is computed for [0x10 0x3E 0x22] - the resulting CRC is 0x63. The CRC for the second byte [0x00] is 0x00.

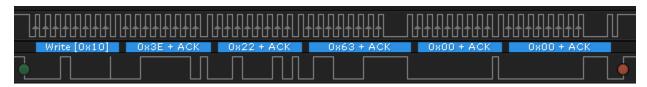


Figure 4-1. Captured I2C Waveform for FET\_ENABLE Subcommand with CRC

In the example below using the *VCell 1* command, the CRC for the first byte is computed for [0x10 0x14 0x11 0x68] - the resulting CRC is 0x33. The CRC for the second byte [0x0B] is 0x31.



Figure 4-2. Captured I2C Waveform for VCell 1 Command with CRC

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# 5 SPI with CRC Examples

The SPI interface on the BQ769x2 family can be enabled in the **Settings:Configuration:Comm Type** register. When changing to SPI mode, the default SPI output logic voltage level is 1.8V since it is referencing the internal voltage regulator of the device. To change the logic level, the REG1 LDO should be enabled and programmed to the desired voltage level and the **SPI Configuration** register should be programmed to 0x60 to enable the MISO\_REG1 bit. Next, the **SWAP\_COMM\_MODE()** subcommand should be executed. If using BQStudio, then BQStudio should be restarted so that it can detect the new communication mode.

Some versions of the device will be available that are pre-configured to SPI mode. See the device datasheet for information on the different part numbers available.

The following examples cover some of the same commands covered in the I2C examples. Some important notes on the SPI interface protocol (with CRC):

- · SPI CS is active low.
- The first SPI packet is 8 bits. The first bit is the R/W bit followed by a 7-bit address.
- The second packet is 8-bit data.
- The third packet is the 8-bit CRC calculated over the first and second bytes.

All of the examples include multiple writes for each transaction. This method is used by the EV2400 and BQStudio to verify that the commands have been successfully written. This is because some transactions are ignored by the device if the internal oscillator is not running (if the device is in SLEEP mode) or if the processor is busy. Once the data on the MISO pin (which should reflect the data previously written on MOSI) shows the correct data, then it is confirmed the packets have been written successfully. A more detailed description of the SPI interface is available in the device Technical Reference Manual.

#### Direct Command Example: Alarm Enable - 0x66

This example sets the Alarm Enable register to a value of 0xF082.

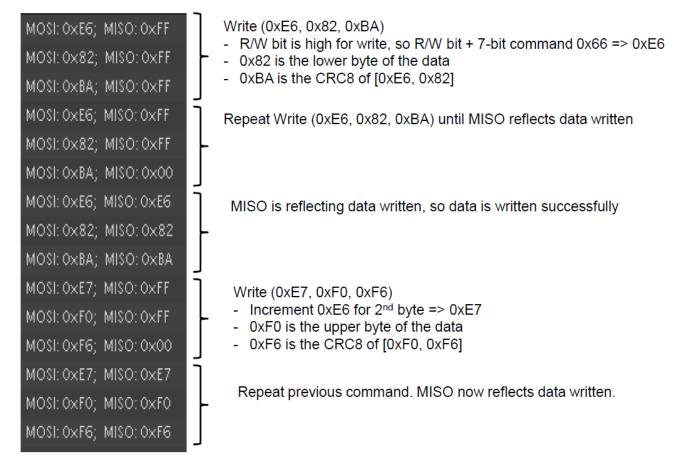


Figure 5-1. Alarm Enable Direct Command

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# Direct Command Example: Cell 1 Voltage - 0x14

This example shows how to read the voltage for Cell 1.

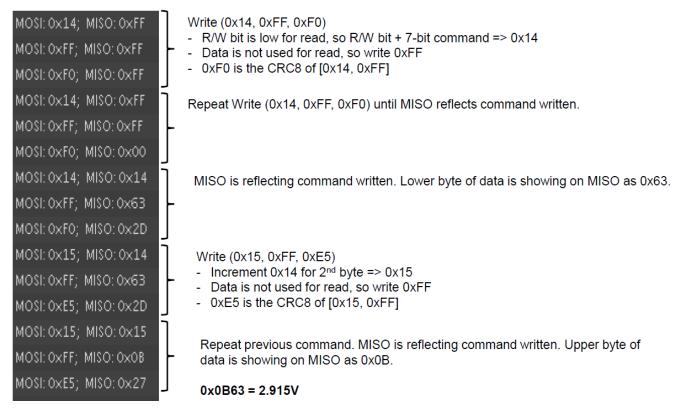


Figure 5-2. Cell1 Voltage Read Direct Command

## Subcommand Example: Device Number - 0x0001

This example shows how to read the Device Number from Subcommand 0x0001.

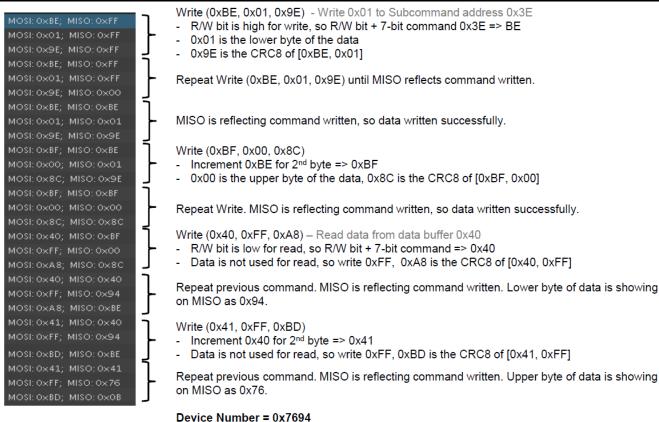


Figure 5-3. Device Number Subcommand

# **Subcommand Example: FET ENABLE - 0x0022**

This example shows how to write the FET ENABLE Subcommand 0x0022.

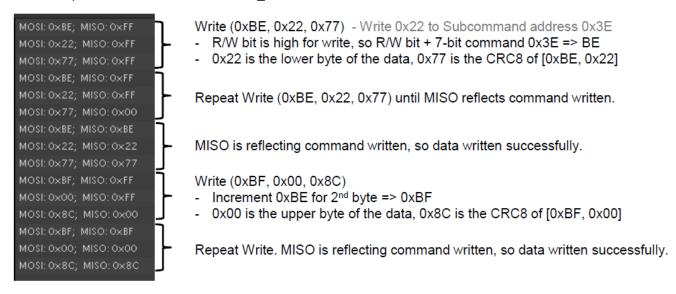


Figure 5-4. FET ENABLE Subcommand

#### **Subcommand Example: RESET - 0x0012**

This example shows how to write the RESET Subcommand 0x0012.

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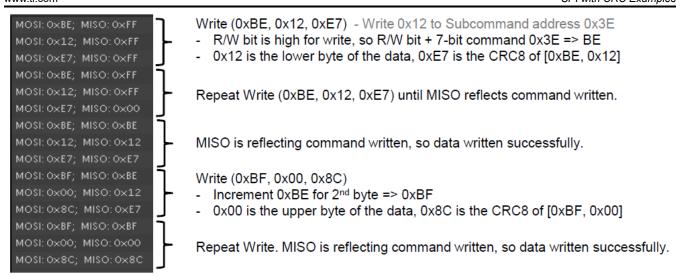


Figure 5-5. RESET Subcommand

# **RAM Register Read Example: Enabled Protections A**

This example shows how to read RAM register *Enabled Protections A*. The address is 0x9261.

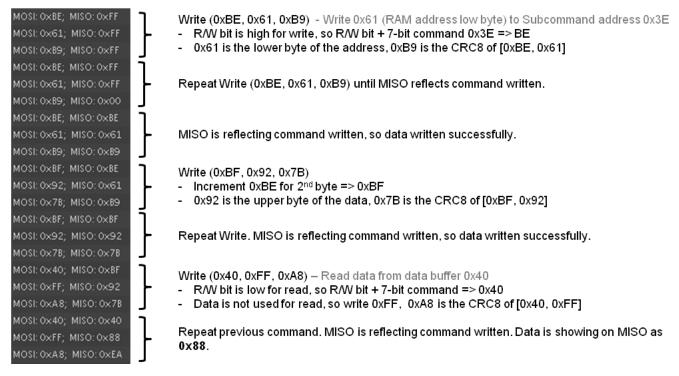


Figure 5-6. Read Enabled Protections A

#### **RAM Register Write Example: Enabled Protections A**

This example shows how to write RAM register *Enabled Protections A* with a value of 0x8C.

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MOSI: 0×BE; MISO: 0×FF Write (0xBE, 0x61, 0xB9) - Write 0x61 (RAM address low byte) to Subcommand address 0x3E R/W bit is high for write, so R/W bit + 7-bit command 0x3E => BE MOSI: 0x61; MISO: 0xFF 0x61 is the lower byte of the address, 0xB9 is the CRC8 of [0xBE, 0x61] MOSI: 0x61; MISO: 0x61 MISO is reflecting command written, so data written successfully. Write (0xBF, 0x92, 0x7B) Increment 0xBE for 2<sup>nd</sup> byte => 0xBF 0x92 is the upper byte of the data, 0x7B is the CRC8 of [0xBF, 0x92] MOSI: 0x92; MISO: 0x92 Repeat Write. MISO is reflecting command written, so data written successfully. MOSI: 0×7B; MISO: 0×7B Write (0xC0, 0x8C, 0x40) - Write data to data buffer 0x40 MOSI: 0x8C; MISO: 0x92 R/W bit is high for write, so R/W bit + 7-bit command 0x40 => 0xC0 MOSI: 0×40; MISO: 0×7B Data is 0x8C, 0x40 is the CRC8 of [0xC0, 0x8C] MOSI: 0×CO; MISO: 0×CO MOSI: 0×8C; MISO: 0×8C Repeat Write. MISO is reflecting command written, so data written successfully. MOSI: 0×EO; MISO: 0×CO Write (0xE0, 0x80, 0xCA) - Write checksum to 0x60 MOSI: 0×80; MISO: 0×8C R/W bit is high for write, so R/W bit + 7-bit command 0x60 => 0xE0 MOSI: 0xCA; MISO: 0x40 Checksum data is 0x80, 0xCA is the CRC8 of [0xE0, 0x80] Repeat Write. MISO is reflecting command written, so data written successfully. MOSI: 0×80; MISO: 0×80 MOSI: 0×E1; MISO: 0×E0 Write (0xE1, 0x05, 0x4D) – Write data length to 0x61 MOSI: 0x05; MISO: 0x80 R/W bit is high for write, so R/W bit + 7-bit command 0x61 => 0xE1 Length data is 0x05, 0x4D is the CRC8 of [0xE1, 0x05] MOSI: 0×4D; MISO: 0×CA

Figure 5-7. Write Enabled Protections A

Repeat Write, MISO is reflecting command written, so data written successfully.

MOSI: 0×E1; MISO: 0×E1 MOSI: 0×05; MISO: 0×05 www.ti.com Simple Code Examples

# **6 Simple Code Examples**

The following example code is written in Python and designed to communicate to the BQ769x2 device from a PC through an EV2400 module or through the USB connector on the BQ76942 or BQ76952 Evaluation Module. The code shows the creation of simple I2C Read and Write functions, a DataRAM\_Read function, (which can also be used to execute subcommands since these follow the same format), and a DataRAM\_Write function that shows the calculation of checksum and length. The main section of the code goes through all of the examples covered in the first three sections of this document.

This simple code example is intended to illustrate the basic command structure for I2C commands. Microcontroller code examples are also available for I2C and SPI. The link to the microcontroller code is provided in the References section.

```
/* BQ769x2 example Program demonstrates examples for direct commands, subcommands, and writing /
reading from device RAM.
import pywinusb
import bqcomm
import sys
import time
from time import sleep
import sets
I2C ADDR = 0x10 # B0769x2 slave address
numCells = 10
               # Set to 10 for BQ76942
## Check to see if EV2400 is connected
try:
   a = bqcomm.Adapter()  # This will use the first found Aardvark or EV2400
except:
   print "No EV2400 Available"
   svs.exit(1)
## Define some command functions
def I2C Read(device addr, reg addr, length):
   Uses global I2C address and returns value read
      value = a.i2c read block(device_addr, reg_addr, length)
   except:
       print "Nack received"
       return
   return value
def I2C_Write(device_addr, reg_addr, block):
   Uses global I2C address
   try:
      a.i2c write block(device addr, reg addr, block)
   except:
       print "Nack received"
   return
def DataRAM Read(addr, length):
   Write address location to 0x3E and read back from 0x40
   Used to read dataflssh and for subcommands
   addressBlock = [(addr%256), (addr/256)]
   I2C Write(I2C ADDR, 0x3E, addressBlock)
   value = I2C Read(I2C ADDR, 0x40,length)
   return value
def DataRAM Write (addr, block):
   Write address location to 0x3E and Checksum, length to 0x60
   Used to write dataflssh
   Add 2 to length for Rev A0 of Maximo2
   addressBlock = [(addr%256), (addr/256)]
wholeBlock = addressBlock + block
   I2C Write(I2C ADDR, 0x3E, wholeBlock)
                                                # Write Data Block
   # Write Data Checksum and length to 0x60, required for RAM writes
   I2C Write(I2C ADDR, 0x60, [~sum(wholeBlock) & 0xff, len(wholeBlock)+2])
   return
```

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```
def crc8(b, key):
    crc = 0
    ptr = 0
    for j in range (len(b), 0, -1):
        for k in range(8):
            i = 128 / (2**k)
            if ((crc \& 0x80) != 0):
                crc = crc * 2
                crc = crc ^ key
            else:
                crc = crc * 2
            if ((b[ptr] \& i) != 0):
                crc = crc ^ key
        ptr = ptr + 1
    return crc
Start of Main Script
#Write Alarm Enable to 0xF082
I2C_Write(I2C_ADDR, 0x66, [0x82, 0xF0])
#Read Voltage on Cell #1
result = I2C Read(I2C ADDR, 0x14, 2)
print "Cell \overline{1} = ", (result[1]*256 + result[0]), " mV"
#Read Internal Temperature
result = I2C_Read(Î2C_ADDR, 0x68, 2)
print "Internal Temp = ", ((result[1]*256 + result[0])/10 - 273.15), "degrees C"
#Read CC2 Current Measurement
result = I2C_Read(I2C_ADDR, 0x3A, 2)
print "CC2 = ", (result[1]*256 + result[0]), " mA"
############## Subcommand Examples ###############
#Read Device Number
b = DataRAM_Read(0x0001,6)
print "Device_Number = " '{0:04X}'.format(b[1]*256+b[0])
#Read Manufacturing Status
b = DataRAM Read(0x0057, 2)
print "Manufacturing Status = " \{0:04X\}'.format(b[0]+256*b[1])
## Command-only Subcomands ##
#FET ENABLE
I2C \overline{W}rite(I2C ADDR, 0x3E, [0x22, 0x00])
#RESET - returns device to default settings
I2C Write(I2C ADDR, 0x3E, [0x12, 0x00])
sleep(1)
\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\# Reading and Writing to RAM Registers \#\#\#\#\#\#\#
# Read 'Enabled Protections A' RAM register 0x9261
b = DataRAM Read(0x9261,1)
print "Enabled Protections A = 0x" '\{0:02X\}'.format(b[0])
#Set CONFIG UPDATE Mode (RAM registers should be written while in
#CONFIG_UPDATE mode and will take effect after exiting CONFIG_UPDATE mode
I2C Write(I2C ADDR, 0x3E, [0x90, 0x00])
#Write to 'Enabled Protections A' RAM register to enable CUV protection
DataRAM_Write(0x9261, [0x8C]) #Write to 'VCell Mode' RAM register to configure for a 9-cell battery
DataRAM Write(0x9304, [0x03, 0x7f])
#Exit CONFIG UPDATE Mode
I2C Write (I2\overline{C} ADDR, 0x3E, [0x92, 0x00])
\# CRC8 Example Calculation
TestValue = [0x10, 0x14, 0x11, 0x68]
crcKey = 0x107
check = 0xff & crc8(TestValue, crcKey)
print "crc8 check = 0x" '{0:02X}'.format(check)
```

The output from running the example Python script on a BQ76942 Evaluation Module follows.

```
Cell 1 = 3700 mV
Internal Temp = 25.05 degrees C
CC2 = 7 mA
Device_Number = 7694
Manufacturing Status = 0040
Enabled Protections A = 0x88
crc8 check = 0x33
```

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