chipKIT™ OLED Library Reference Manual



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Overview

Digilent provides an MPIDE driver library for an organic LED (OLED) graphics display. This document provides an overview of the driver library and describes the functions that make up its programming interface.

The display is a serial device that is accessed via an SPI interface. It is, however, a write-only device. It is not possible to read back status or display data from the display. For this reason, this driver library maintains a frame buffer in memory. All drawing and read-back operations are performed using this memory frame buffer. The display is updated with new image data by copying the frame buffer to the display.

Library Operation

Library Interface

The header file OLED.h defines the interface for the OLED driver. The library is accessed via the methods and constants defined for the OLED object class.

Display Initialization

The OLED display has a power on/power off sequence that should be followed. Before making calls to any other library functions, the OLED.begin() function must be called. This function initializes the PIC32 resources used by the library and then turns on power to the display and initializes it. To turn off power to the display and release the PIC32 resources, use the function OLED.end().

Character Mode Operation

The display hardware is a graphical display. The library, however, supports a character-oriented display where the display is treated as if it were a character display. The character mode functions use character row and character column numbers for cursor position.



Graphic Mode Operation

The graphics functions support reading and writing pixels, drawing lines and rectangles, and other graphical operations. The graphics functions also support drawing characters at any position on the display.

The character and graphics 'modes' are not really modes of operation, they are simply sets of functions. Calls to character functions and graphics functions can be interleaved without restriction.

Drawing Mode

The library supports four drawing modes for the graphic drawing operations. These modes specify the operation to be performed between the current drawing color and the current state of the pixel to determine the final pixel value.

The following modes are supported:

modeSet set the pixel to the current drawing color

modeOr OR the current pixel value with the current drawing color modeAnd AND the current pixel value with the current drawing color

modeXor XOR (exclusive or) the current pixel color with the current drawing color.

Display Organization

The display memory is organized such that the first byte (byte 0) corresponds to a vertical column of eight pixels at the left side of the display, with the least significant bit the upper-most pixel in the column. The next byte corresponds to the next column of eight pixels to the right of the first. This continues across the display to byte 127, which is the right-most column of eight pixels. Byte 128 corresponds to the next column of eight pixels at the left of the display.

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OLED Library Functions

Display Management Functions

void begin(void)

Parameters: none

Initializes the driver, turns on power to the display, and initializes it. This function must be called before any other functions in the library are called.

void end(void)

Parameters:

none

Turns off power to the display and then releases the PIC32 SPI controller and the pins used for the OLED interface.

void displayOn(void)

Parameters:

none

Activates the display.

void displayOffvoid)

Parameters:

none

Blanks the display.

void clear(void)

Parameters:

none

Clears the memory frame buffer and then updates the display, thus clearing it.

void clearBuffer(void)

Parameters:

none

Clear the display memory buffer without updating the display.

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void updateDisplay(void)

Parameters:

none

Updates the OLED display with the contents of the memory buffer.

Character Functions

The following functions treat the display as if it were a character-mode display. They use the character column number and row number for the cursor position. The row and column numbers are 0-based. Therefore the column numbers range from 0 - (N-1) and the row numbers range from 0 - (M-1), where N and M are the number of columns and the number of rows.

void setCursor(int xch, int ych)

Parameters:

horizontal character position (column) xch

vertical character position (row) ych

Sets the character cursor position to the specified location. If either the specified X or Y location is off the display, it is clamped to be on the display.

void getCursor(int *pxcy, int *pych)

Parameters:

pxch pointer to variable to receive horizontal position pointer to variable to receive vertical position pych

Returns the current cursor position.

int defineUserChar(char ch, BYTE *pbDef)

Parameters:

ch character code to define definition for character pdDef

Return Value:

True if successful, false if not.

Gives a definition for the glyph for the specified user character code. User-definable character codes range from 0x00 – 0x1F. If the code specified by ch is outside this range, the function returns false.

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void setCharUpdate(int f)

Parameters:

f enable/disable automatic update

Sets the character update mode. This determines whether or not the display is automatically updated after a character or string is drawn. A zero value turns off automatic updating and a nonzero value turns automatic updating on.

int getCharUpdate(void)

Parameters:

none

Returns the current character update mode.

void putChar(char ch)

Parameters:

ch character to write to display

Writes the specified character to the display at the current cursor position and advances the cursor.

void putString(char *sz)

Parameters:

pointer to the null terminated string SZ

Writes the specified null terminated character string to the display and advances the cursor.

Graphic Functions

void setDrawColor(Byte clr)

Parameters:

clr drawing color to set

Sets the foreground color used for pixel draw operations.

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void setDrawMode(int mod)

Parameters:

drawing mode select mod

Sets the specified mode as the current drawing mode.

The following values are the drawing mode options.

modeSet Set the pixel to the current drawing color

OR the pixel value with the current drawing color modeOr AND the pixel value with the current drawing color modeAnd modeXor XOR the pixel value with the current drawing color

int getDrawMode(void)

Parameters:

none

Returns the current drawing mode.

BYTE* getStdPattern(int ipat)

Parameters:

ipat index to standard fill pattern (0-7)

Return Value:

Returns a pointer to the byte array for the specified standard fill pattern.

A fill pattern is an array of 8 bytes. The following patterns are available (each pattern fills an 8x8 pixel square):

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0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, // 0x00
0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, // 0x01
0xAA, 0x55, 0xAA, 0x55, 0xAA, 0x55, 0xAA, 0x55, // 0x02
0x11, 0x44, 0x00, 0x11, 0x44, 0x00, 0x11, 0x44, // 0x03
0x92, 0x45, 0x24, 0x92, 0x45, 0x24, 0x92, 0x45, // 0x04
0x49, 0x92, 0x24, 0x49, 0x92, 0x24, 0x49, 0x92, // 0x05
0x22, 0x11, 0x22, 0x00, 0x22, 0x11, 0x22, 0x00, // 0x06
0x11, 0x22, 0x11, 0x00, 0x11, 0x22, 0x11, 0x00 // 0x07
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Standard fill pattern 0 is all pixels off (black). Fill pattern 1 is all pixels on (white).

void setFillPattern(BYTE *pbPat)

Parameters:

pbPat pointer to the fill pattern

Sets a pointer to the desired fill pattern. A fill pattern is an array of 8 bytes. This pattern will be used by the drawFillRect function.

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void moveTo(int xco, int yco)

Parameters:

x coordinate XCO yco y coordinate

Sets the current graphics drawing position.

void getPos(int *pxco, int *pyco)

Parameters:

variable to receive x coordinate рхсо русо variable to receive y coordinate

Returns the current graphics drawing positions.

void drawPixel(void)

Parameters:

none

Sets the pixel at the current drawing location to the specified value.

BYTE getPixel(void)

Parameters:

none

Returns the value of the pixel at the current drawing location.

void drawLine(int xco, int yco)

Parameters:

XCO x coordinate of the other corner yco y coordinate of the other corner

Draws a line from the current position to the specified position. The specified position becomes the new current position.

void drawRect(int xco, int yco)

Parameters:

XCO x coordinates of other corner y coordinates of other corner yco

Draws a rectangle bounded by the current location and the specified location. The current location is not modified.

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void drawFillRect(int xco, int yco)

Parameters:

x coordinates of other corner XCO v coordinates of other corner yco

Fills a rectangle bounded by the current location and the specified location. This does not draw an outline around the rectangle. The current position is not modified.

void getBmp(int dxco, int dyco, BYTE *pbBmp)

Parameters:

dxco width of bitmap dyco height of bitmap

pointer to the bitmap bits pbBits

This routine returns an array of bytes containing the data corresponding to the rectangle implied by the current location and the specified width and height. The buffer specified by pbBits must be large enough to hold the resulting bytes. The required buffer size in bytes is: dxco * ((dyco/8)+1).

void putBmp(int dxco, int dyco, BYTE *pbBmp)

Parameters:

dxco width of bitmap dyco height of bitmap

pointer to the bitmap bits pbBits

This routine draws the specified bitmap into the display buffer at the current location.

void drawChar(char ch)

Parameters:

ch character to write to display

Draws the specified character to the display at the current cursor position and advances the cursor.

void drawstring(char *sz)

Parameters **Parameters**

pointer to the null terminated string SZ

Writes the specified null terminated character string to the display and advances the cursor.

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