

Lab 6 Report

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Introduction

In this lab, we learned how to use the UART module on the MSP430 as well as what UART is generally, via programming the backchannel UART link that connects the board to the PC of use.

6.1 Transmitting Data over UART

```
1 #include <msp430fr6989.h>
2
3 #define redLED BIT0 // Red at P1.0
4 #define greenLED BIT7 // Green at P9.7
5
6 // UART Channels are P3.4 and P3.5 for transmit and recieve
   respectively
7 #define transmit BIT4
8 #define recieve BIT5
9
10 // WE LOVE DEFINES
11 #define FLAGS UCA1IFG // Contains the transmit & receive flags
12 #define RXFLAG UCRXIFG // Receive flag
13 #define TXFLAG UCTXIFG // Transmit flag
14 #define TXBUFFER UCA1TXBUF // Transmit buffer
15 #define RXBUFFER UCA1RXBUF // Receive buffer
16
17 void initialize_uart(void)
18 {
19     // Configuring the pins to use backchannel uart
20     P3SEL1 &= ~(transmit | recieve);
21     P3SEL0 |= (transmit | recieve);
22
23     // Setting the clock to SMCLK
24     UCA1CTLW0 |= UCSSEL_2;
25
26     // Setting the dividers and enabling oversampling
27     UCA1BRW = 6;
28     // setting the modulators and such
29     UCA1MCTLW = UCBRF3 | UCBS5 | UCOS16;
30
31     // Exiting the reset state
32     UCA1CTLW0 &= ~UCSWRST;
33 }
34
35 void uart_write_char(volatile unsigned char ch)
36 {
37     while (!(FLAGS & TXFLAG))
38     {
39         // Wait for transmission that is ongoing to complete
40     }
41
42     TXBUFFER = ch;
43     return;
44 }
45
46 volatile unsigned char uart_read_char(void)
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47 {
48     if (!(FLAGS & RXFLAG))
49     {
50         return 0; // no byte was recieved
51     }
52
53     // Return the buffer
54     volatile unsigned char return_char = RXBUFFER;
55     return return_char;
56 }
57
58 int main(void)
59 {
60     // Enabling the leds and other stuff
61     WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD; // Stop WDT
62     PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5; // Enable GPIO pins
63     // Pins as output
64     P1DIR |= redLED;
65     P9DIR |= greenLED;
66     // Setting both leds to off
67     P1OUT &= ~redLED;
68     P9OUT &= ~greenLED;
69
70     // doing what the function says
71     initialize_uart();
72
73     unsigned char count = '0';
74
75     for (;;)
76     {
77         volatile unsigned char read_char = uart_read_char();
78         if (read_char == '1')
79         {
80             P9OUT |= greenLED;
81         }
82         else if (read_char == '2')
83         {
84             P9OUT &= ~greenLED;
85         }
86
87         if (count > '9')
88         {
89             count = '0';
90         }
91         uart_write_char(count);
92         uart_write_char('\n');
93         uart_write_char('\r');
94         count += 1;
95
96         P1OUT ^= redLED;
97
98         // delay
99         _delay_cycles(100000); // 100,000 cycles
100     }
101 }

```

6.2 Transmitting Integers & Strings over UART

```
1 #include <msp430fr6989.h>
2 #include <stdint.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 // UART Channels are P3.4 and P3.5 for transmit and receive
   respectively
6 #define transmit BIT4
7 #define receive BIT5
8
9 // WE LOVE DEFINES
10 #define FLAGS UCA1IFG // Contains the transmit & receive flags
11 #define RXFLAG UCRXIFG // Receive flag
12 #define TXFLAG UCTXIFG // Transmit flag
13 #define TXBUFFER UCA1TXBUF // Transmit buffer
14 #define RXBUFFER UCA1RXBUF // Receive buffer
15
16 // Reverses a given string
17 void strrev(char *str)
18 {
19     int i = 0;
20     int j = strlen(str) - 1;
21     char temp;
22     while (i < j)
23     {
24         temp = str[i];
25         str[i] = str[j];
26         str[j] = temp;
27         i++;
28         j--;
29     }
30 }
31
32 // Converts an unsigned 16-bit integer to a null-terminated string
   (base 10).
33 void custom_itoa(uint16_t number, char *buffer)
34 {
35     int i = 0;
36
37     // Handle the special case of 0
38     if (number == 0)
39     {
40         buffer[i++] = '0';
41         buffer[i] = '\0';
42         return;
43     }
44
45     // Process individual digits
46     while (number > 0)
47     {
48         int remainder = number % 10;
49         buffer[i++] = remainder + '0'; // Convert digit to its ASCII
   character
50         number = number / 10;
51     }
52 }
```

```

53     buffer[i] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the string
54
55     // The digits are in reverse order, so we need to reverse the
56     // string
57     strrev(buffer);
58 }
59 void initialize_uart(void)
60 {
61     // Configuring the pins to use backchannel uart
62     P3SEL1 &= ~(transmit | recieve);
63     P3SEL0 |= (transmit | recieve);
64
65     // Setting the clock to SMCLK
66     UCA1CTLW0 |= UCSSEL_2;
67
68     // Setting the dividers and enabling oversampling
69     UCA1BRW = 6;
70     // setting the modulators and such
71     UCA1MCTLW = UCBRF3 | UCBS5 | UCOS16;
72
73     // Exiting the reset state
74     UCA1CTLW0 &= ~UCSWRST;
75 }
76
77 void uart_write_char(volatile unsigned char ch)
78 {
79     while (!(FLAGS & TXFLAG))
80     {
81         // Wait for transmission that is ongoing to complete
82     }
83
84     TXBUFFER = ch;
85     return;
86 }
87
88 unsigned char uart_read_char(void)
89 {
90     if (!(FLAGS & RXFLAG))
91     {
92         return 0; // no byte was recieved
93     }
94
95     // Return the buffer
96     volatile unsigned char return_char = RXBUFFER;
97     return return_char;
98 }
99
100 void uart_write_string(char *string)
101 {
102     int i; // counter
103     for (i = 0; i < strlen(string); i++)
104     {
105         uart_write_char(string[i]);
106     }
107     return;
108 }

```

```

109
110 void uart_write_uint16 (uint16_t number)
111 {
112     // Converting the number via snprintf
113     char buffer[6]; // 5 characters is the max amount of characters
        for 65,536
114     custom_itoa(number, buffer);
115     uart_write_string(buffer);
116     return;
117 }
118
119 int main(void)
120 {
121     // Enabling the leds and other stuff
122     WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD; // Stop WDT
123     PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5; // Enable GPIO pins
124
125     // doing what the function says
126     initialize_uart();
127
128     // Printing 'Hello World!!' to the console
129     uart_write_string("Hello World!!");
130     uart_write_char('\n');
131     uart_write_char('\r');
132
133     uart_write_uint16(65432);
134     uart_write_char('\n');
135     uart_write_char('\r');
136 }

```

6.3 Modifying the UART Configuration

```
1 #include <msp430fr6989.h>
2 #include <stdint.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 // UART Channels are P3.4 and P3.5 for transmit and receive
   respectively
6 #define transmit BIT4
7 #define receive BIT5
8
9 // WE LOVE DEFINES
10 #define FLAGS UCA1IFG // Contains the transmit & receive flags
11 #define RXFLAG UCRXIFG // Receive flag
12 #define TXFLAG UCTXIFG // Transmit flag
13 #define TXBUFFER UCA1TXBUF // Transmit buffer
14 #define RXBUFFER UCA1RXBUF // Receive buffer
15
16 // Reverses a given string
17 void strrev(char *str)
18 {
19     int i = 0;
20     int j = strlen(str) - 1;
21     char temp;
22     while (i < j)
23     {
24         temp = str[i];
25         str[i] = str[j];
26         str[j] = temp;
27         i++;
28         j--;
29     }
30 }
31
32 // Converts an unsigned 16-bit integer to a null-terminated string
   (base 10).
33 void custom_itoa(uint16_t number, char *buffer)
34 {
35     int i = 0;
36
37     // Handle the special case of 0
38     if (number == 0)
39     {
40         buffer[i++] = '0';
41         buffer[i] = '\0';
42         return;
43     }
44
45     // Process individual digits
46     while (number > 0)
47     {
48         int remainder = number % 10;
49         buffer[i++] = remainder + '0'; // Convert digit to its ASCII
   character
50         number = number / 10;
51     }
52 }
```

```

53     buffer[i] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the string
54
55     // The digits are in reverse order, so we need to reverse the
56     // string
57     strrev(buffer);
58 }
59 // Configures ACLK to 32 KHz crystal
60 void config_ACLK_to_32KHz_crystal()
61 {
62     // By default, ACLK runs on LFMODCLK at 5MHz/128 = 39 KHz
63
64     // Reroute pins to LFXIN/LFXOUT functionality
65     PJSEL1 &= ~BIT4;
66     PJSEL0 |= BIT4;
67
68     // Wait until the oscillator fault flags remain cleared
69     CSCTL0 = CSKEY; // Unlock CS registers
70     do
71     {
72         CSCTL5 &= ~LFXTOFFG; // Local fault flag
73         SFRIFG1 &= ~OFIFG; // Global fault flag
74     }
75     while((CSCTL5 & LFXTOFFG) != 0);
76
77     CSCTL0_H = 0; // Lock CS registers
78     return;
79 }
80
81 void initialize_uart(void)
82 {
83     // Configuring the pins to use backchannel uart (SAME)
84     P3SEL1 &= ~(transmit | recieve);
85     P3SEL0 |= (transmit | recieve);
86
87     // Setting the clock to ACLK (SEL_1 and not SEL_2 [SMCLK])
88     UCA1CTLW0 |= UCSSEL_1;
89
90     // Setting the dividers and enabling oversampling
91     UCA1BRW = 6; // SAME DIVIDER
92     // setting the modulators and such
93     UCA1MCTLW = UCBSR1 | UCBSR2 | UCBSR3 | UCBSR5 | UCBSR6 | UCBSR7;
94
95     // Exiting the reset state
96     UCA1CTLW0 &= ~UCSWRST;
97 }
98
99 void uart_write_char(volatile unsigned char ch)
100 {
101     while (!(FLAGS & TXFLAG))
102     {
103         // Wait for transmission that is ongoing to complete
104     }
105
106     TXBUFFER = ch;
107     return;
108 }

```



```

109 unsigned char uart_read_char(void)
110 {
111     if (!(FLAGS & RXFLAG))
112     {
113         return 0; // no byte was recieved
114     }
115
116     // Return the buffer
117     volatile unsigned char return_char = RXBUFFER;
118     return return_char;
119 }
120
121 void uart_write_string(char *string)
122 {
123     int i; // counter
124     for (i = 0; i < strlen(string); i++)
125     {
126         uart_write_char(string[i]);
127     }
128     return;
129 }
130
131 void uart_write_uint16 (uint16_t number)
132 {
133     // Converting the number via snprintf
134     char buffer[6]; // 5 characters is the max amount of characters
135     for 65,536
136     custom_itoa(number, buffer);
137     uart_write_string(buffer);
138     return;
139 }
140
141 int main(void)
142 {
143     // Enabling the leds and other stuff
144     WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD; // Stop WDT
145     PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5; // Enable GPIO pins
146
147     // Setting ACLK to 32KHz
148     config_ACLK_to_32KHz_crystal();
149
150     // doing what the function says
151     initialize_uart();
152
153     // Printing 'Hello World!!' to the console
154     uart_write_string("Hello World!!");
155     uart_write_char('\n');
156     uart_write_char('\r');
157
158     uart_write_uint16(65432);
159     uart_write_char('\n');
160     uart_write_char('\r');
161 }

```

6.4 Application: Airport Runway Control

```
1 #include <msp430fr6989.h>
2 #include <stdint.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4
5 // LED BITS
6 #define red BIT0
7 #define green BIT7
8
9 // Button BITS
10 #define but1 BIT1
11 #define but2 BIT2
12
13 // UART Channels are P3.4 and P3.5 for transmit and recieve
    respectively
14 #define transmit BIT4
15 #define recieve BIT5
16
17 // WE LOVE DEFINES
18 #define FLAGS UCA1IFG // Contains the transmit & receive flags
19 #define RXFLAG UCRXIFG // Receive flag
20 #define TXFLAG UCTXIFG // Transmit flag
21 #define TXBUFFER UCA1TXBUF // Transmit buffer
22 #define RXBUFFER UCA1RXBUF // Receive buffer
23
24 // Global variables for states of runway1 and 2
25 volatile int red_state = 0; // runway 1 state
26 volatile int green_state = 0; // runway 2 state
27 volatile int blink_state = 0;
28
29 // Reverses a given string
30 void strrev(char *str)
31 {
32     int i = 0;
33     int j = strlen(str) - 1;
34     char temp;
35     while (i < j)
36     {
37         temp = str[i];
38         str[i] = str[j];
39         str[j] = temp;
40         i++;
41         j--;
42     }
43 }
44
45 // Converts an unsigned 16-bit integer to a null-terminated string
    (base 10).
46 void custom_itoa(uint16_t number, char *buffer)
47 {
48     int i = 0;
49
50     // Handle the special case of 0
51     if (number == 0)
52     {
53         buffer[i++] = '0';
```

```

54     buffer[i] = '\0';
55     return;
56 }
57
58 // Process individual digits
59 while (number > 0)
60 {
61     int remainder = number % 10;
62     buffer[i++] = remainder + '0'; // Convert digit to its ASCII
        character
63     number = number / 10;
64 }
65
66 buffer[i] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the string
67
68 // The digits are in reverse order, so we need to reverse the
        string
69 strrev(buffer);
70 }
71
72 // Configures ACLK to 32 KHz crystal
73 void config_ACLK_to_32KHz_crystal()
74 {
75     // By default, ACLK runs on LFMODCLK at 5MHz/128 = 39 KHz
76
77     // Reroute pins to LFXIN/LFXOUT functionality
78     PJSEL1 &= ~BIT4;
79     PJSEL0 |= BIT4;
80
81     // Wait until the oscillator fault flags remain cleared
82     CSCTL0 = CSKEY; // Unlock CS registers
83     do
84     {
85         CSCTL5 &= ~LFXTOFFG; // Local fault flag
86         SFRIFG1 &= ~OFIFG; // Global fault flag
87     }
88     while((CSCTL5 & LFXTOFFG) != 0);
89
90     CSCTL0_H = 0; // Lock CS registers
91     return;
92 }
93
94 void initialize_uart(void)
95 {
96     // Configuring the pins to use backchannel uart
97     P3SEL1 &= ~(transmit | recieve);
98     P3SEL0 |= (transmit | recieve);
99
100     // Setting the clock to SMCLK
101     UCA1CTLW0 |= UCSSEL_2;
102
103     // Setting the dividers and enabling oversampling
104     UCA1BRW = 6;
105     // setting the modulators and such
106     UCA1MCTLW = UCBRF3 | UCBS5 | UCOS16;
107
108     // Exiting the reset state

```

```

109 UCA1CTLW0 &= ~UCSWRST;
110 }
111
112 void uart_write_char(volatile unsigned char ch)
113 {
114     while (!(FLAGS & TXFLAG))
115     {
116         // Wait for transmission that is ongoing to complete
117     }
118
119     TXBUFFER = ch;
120     return;
121 }
122
123 unsigned char uart_read_char(void)
124 {
125     if (!(FLAGS & RXFLAG))
126     {
127         return 0; // no byte was recieved
128     }
129
130     // Return the buffer
131     volatile unsigned char return_char = RXBUFFER;
132     return return_char;
133 }
134
135 void uart_write_string(char *string)
136 {
137     int i; // counter
138     for (i = 0; i < strlen(string); i++)
139     {
140         uart_write_char(string[i]);
141     }
142     return;
143 }
144
145 void uart_write_uint16 (uint16_t number)
146 {
147     // Converting the number via snprintf
148     char buffer[6]; // 5 characters is the max amount of characters
149                     // for 65,536
149     custom_itoa(number, buffer);
150     uart_write_string(buffer);
151     return;
152 }
153
154 int main(void)
155 {
156     // Enabling the leds and other stuff
157     WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD; // Stop WDT
158     PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;      // Enable GPIO pins
159
160     // Configuring the LEDs as outputs and off
161     P1DIR |= red;
162     P9DIR |= green;
163     P1OUT &= ~red;
164     P9OUT &= ~green;

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165
166 // Defining the buttons as inputs and their resistors as pull-up
167 P1DIR &= ~(but1 | but2);
168 P1REN |= (but1 | but2);
169 P1OUT |= (but1 | but2);
170
171 // Setting up button interrupts on FALLING EDGE
172 // P1IES |= (but1 | but2);
173 P1IE |= (but1 | but2);
174 P1IFG &= ~(but1 | but2);
175
176 // Setting ACLK to 32KHz
177 config_ACLK_to_32KHz_crystal();
178
179 // Setting up the timer
180 TAOCCRO = 32767; // 1 second interrupts
181 TAOCTL0 = CCIE; // Enabling capture control interrupt
182 TAOCTL0 &= ~CCIFG; // Clearing interrupt flag (if there)
183 // ACLK is used, no divider, up mode, and clear the current
    stored time
184 TAOCTL = TASSEL_1 | ID_0 | MC_1 | TACLR;
185 // Sanity check for timer_a interrupt flag
186 TAOCTL &= ~TAIFG;
187
188 // doing what the function says
189 initialize_uart();
190
191 // Since we aren't using low power mode
192 _enable_interrupt();
193
194 // I think you'll know what this does...
195 uart_write_string("\033[m\033[1;1H\033[2J"
196                  "ORLANDO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT RUNWAY CONTROL
    \n"
197                  "\n"
198                  "\n"
199                  "                Runway 1    Runway 2\n"
200                  "Request (RQ):           1        3\n"
201                  "Forfeit (FF):           7        9\n"
202                  "\n"
203                  "\n"
204                  "\n"
205                  "-----"
206                  "\n"
207                  "RUNWAY 1                                RUNWAY
208                  2\n"
209                  "\n"
210                  "-----"
211                  "\n"
212                  "\n"
213                  "\n"
214                  "\n"
215                  );
216 // Actual logic for selection
for (;;)
{

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217     unsigned char given_char = uart_read_char();
218
219     switch(given_char)
220     {
221         case '1':
222             uart_write_string("\0337\033[13;HRequested\0338");
223             P1OUT |= red;
224             red_state = 1;
225             break;
226         case '3':
227             uart_write_string("\0337\033[13;34HRequested\0338");
228             P9OUT |= green;
229             green_state = 1;
230             break;
231         case '7':
232             uart_write_string("\0337\033[13;H          \033[14;H
                \033[16;H          \0338");
233             P1OUT &= ~red;
234             red_state = 0;
235             blink_state = 0;
236             break;
237         case '9':
238             uart_write_string("\0337\033[13;34H
                \033[14;34H          \033[16;34H          \0338");
239             P9OUT &= ~green;
240             green_state = 0;
241             blink_state = 0;
242             break;
243     }
244
245     __delay_cycles(25000);
246 }
247 }
248
249 // button interrupts
250 #pragma vector = PORT1_VECTOR
251 __interrupt void P1_ISR()
252 {
253     if (P1IFG & but1)
254     {
255         if (red_state)
256         {
257             if(blink_state == 3 || blink_state == 4)
258             {
259                 // Do Nothing
260             }
261             else if (blink_state == 2)
262             {
263                 blink_state = 1;
264             }
265             else
266             {
267                 blink_state = 2;
268             }
269         }
270         P1IFG &= ~but1;

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271 }
272
273 if (P1IFG & but2)
274 {
275     if (green_state)
276     {
277         if(blink_state == 1 || blink_state == 2)
278         {
279             // Do Nothing
280         }
281         else if (blink_state == 4)
282         {
283             blink_state = 3;
284         }
285         else
286         {
287             blink_state = 4;
288         }
289     }
290     P1IFG &= ~but2;
291 }
292
293 __delay_cycles(200000); // 200 MS
294 }
295
296 #pragma vector = TIMERO_A0_VECTOR
297 __interrupt void TAO_ISR()
298 {
299     switch (blink_state)
300     {
301         case 1:
302             uart_write_string("\033[16;H*** Inquiry *** \0338")
303             ;
304             // We then need to do #2
305         case 2:
306             P1OUT ^= red;
307             uart_write_string("\033[14;HIn Use \033[14;34H
308             \0338");
309             if (green_state)
310             {
311                 P9OUT |= green;
312             }
313             else
314             {
315                 P9OUT &= ~green;
316             }
317             break;
318         case 3:
319             uart_write_string("\033[16;34H*** Inquiry *** \0338
320             ");
321             // We need to do #3
322         case 4:
323             P9OUT ^= green;
324             uart_write_string("\033[14;34HIn Use \033[14;H
325             \0338");
326             if (red_state)
327             {

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```
324     P1OUT |= red;
325 }
326 else
327 {
328     P1OUT &= ~red;
329 }
330 break;
331 }
332 }
```


Student Q&A

1

Given: What's the difference between UART and eUSCI?

UART is a general serial protocol while the eUSCI is an above wrapper that can do UART, SPI, and I2C. It encompasses and enables all 3 forms of communication.

2

Given: What is the backchannel UART?

The backchannel UART is connected to the eUSCI module 1 in channel A.

3

Given: What's the function of the two lines of code that have P3SEL1 and P3SEL0?

These lines specifically change the pin multiplexers that allow you to use the UART module externally.

4

Given: The microcontroller has a clock at the frequency of 1,000,000 Hz and we're aiming to setup a UART connection at 9600 baud. How do we obtain a clock rate of 9600 Hz? Explain the approach at a high level.

When referencing the reference manual for the MSP430, we are shown a table that gives us the recommended values of the registers for given inputs and output frequencies. In that table it states what each register should be given if you want oversampling or not.

5

Given: A UART transmitter is transmitting data at at 1200 baud. What is receiver's clock frequency if oversampling is not used?

The receiver clock will have the exact same frequency as the transmitter, therefore it is 1200Hz.

6

Given: A UART transmitter is transmitting data at 1200 baud. What is receiver's clock frequency if oversampling is used? What's the benefit of oversampling?

It depends on the amount of oversampling that can even be configured on the receiver. Assuming we use a default of 16x oversampling, then the clock rate would be 19,200Hz. The reason we oversample to begin with is to compensate for any offsets or drifts in the transmitter clock over time as well as to eliminate as much noise in the signal given out by averaging the reads of the signal over multiple samples.