# XCONSOLE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL (April, 2008)

# **Serial Settings for the master terminal:**

- 115200 baud
- 8 data bits
- 2 stop bits
- No Parity
- No Flow Control

## **Serial Settings for the Xilica device:**

- 115200 baud
- Device# set as the same as the protocol Device# (Device 1 in the system menu of the device refers to Device  $0 \ (<20>)$  in the protocol)

Format used is readable ASCII (96 values for each character) unless specified otherwise:

| Value | ASCII | Denote |
|-------|-------|--------|
| 0     | 0x20  | <20>   |
| :     | •     | :      |
| 95    | 0x7F  | <7F>   |

Note: All Device#, Channel#, Aux# starts from 0 (<20> in the protocol) for Device 1, Channel 1, Aux 1 respectively. This is called zero-based in computer programming.

#### **PROTOCOL STRING**

<01><READ/WRITE><SENDER><<u>HEADER</u>><<u>VALUE</u>>...<<u>PROCESS</u>><CHECKSUM><02>
1 1 1 1 Varies 1 1 1 <= size in bytes

<READ/WRITE> - Read = 'R' or <52>, Write = 'W' or <57>

<SENDER> - Device number of the sender: <7F> is normally used.

The bytes in RED can be inserted many times inside a single Protocol String. There is no limit in the number of <HEADER><VALUE> combo as long as the whole block (from <01> to <02>) is less than 256 bytes. When a <HEADER><VALUE> is received, the corresponding new parameters are stored in the memory. However, it is processed only when a <PROCESS> (<1F>) is received. The <PROCESS> can be inserted more than once if multiple actions are desired, eg. Mute multiple channels at the same time.

#### <HEADER>

The <HEADER> is used to identify the types of value following the header.

| Command Header | <03 to 07>; <03> = 4 bytes <value> &lt;07&gt; = 8 bytes <value></value></value> |
|----------------|---|
|                | Command ID in ASCII character   |
| Device Header  | <08> Device # where this command is sent to                                     |
| I/O Header     | <09> Input / Output section of the device                                       |
| Channel Header | <0A> Channel #  |
| Aux Header     | <0B> For extra information such as EQ Num, FBX Num ,etc                         |
| Column Header  | <0C> Used in Special Commands like Level Increment                              |
| Data Header    | <10 to 18>; <10> = 1 byte <value> &lt;18&gt; = 9 bytes <value></value></value>  |
|                | The parameter data value to be changed  |

#### <VALUE>

<VALUE> must always follow the <HEADER>.

| Command Value | For the commands, related table in this document                |
|---------------|---|
| Device Value  | <20> for Device 0 <2F> for Device 15                            |
| I/O Value     | <20> for Input, <21> for Output                                 |
| Channel Value | <20> for Channel 0 <27> for Channel 7                           |
| Aux Value     | <20> for Aux # 0 <1F> for Aux #31                               |
| Column Value  | Used in Special Commands, see related table in this document    |
| Data Value    | For the list of Data values, see related table in this document |

Note: For Data values > <60> (96 in decimal), convert the data into a Base 96 number. Add <20> to each digit to get the Hex bytes. This restricts all Data value hex bytes between <20> and <7F>.

## <CHECKSUM>

The Checksum is calculated from <01> to the character before the checksum, which should be <1F>.

The formula used is:

So <CHECKSUM> is the value of nChecksum.

#### <PROCESS>

The process byte is always <1F>. It tells the device to process the information (Command, Device, I/O, Channel, Aux commands and values) before it.

## **EXAMPLES**

Example #1 – Mute:

To calculate the checksum, use the formula above.

The sum of all hex values in byte =  $\langle CE \rangle$ 

<CE> Modulo <60> is <0E>

Add <20> becomes <2E>, therefore CHECKSUM = <2E>.

This string will update the MUT0 command for Device 0, Output 2 (all zero-based). The mute will be turn on as specified by <10><21>.

Example #2 – EQ Frequency:

This string will update the EQF0 command for Device 0, Input 3, Aux 5 (Or EQ#5) (all zero-based).

To calculate the checksum, use the formula above.

The sum of all hex values in byte=  $\langle E4 \rangle$ 

<E4> Modulo <60> is <24>

Add <20> becomes <44>, therefore CHECKSUM = <44>.

Example #3 – Program Recall:

This example will recall Program 0 from Device 0 (all zero-based).

To calculate the checksum, use the formula above.

The sum of all hex values in byte = <48>

<48> Modulo <60> is <48>

Add <20> becomes <68>, therefore CHECKSUM = <68>.

# COMMAND AND CORRESPONDING VALUE TABLES

| AUDIO COMMAND        | ID   | Data Min | Data Max | Value Min                         | Value Max         | Value Step       |
|----------------------|------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Meter                | MTR0 |          |          |                                   |                   |                  |
| Mute                 | MUT0 | 0        | 1        | OFF                               | ON                |                  |
| Mix Gain             | MIC0 | 0        | 15       | 0dB                               | 45dB              | 3dB              |
| Signal Level         | LVL0 | 0        | 220      | -40dB                             | +15dB             | 0.25dB           |
| Signal Polarity      | POL0 | 0        | 1        | +                                 | -                 |                  |
| Signal Delay         | DLY3 | 0        | 62400    | 0ms                               | 650ms             | 1/96ms           |
| EQ Type              | EQT0 | 0        | 4        | PEQ / LO-SH / HI-SH / AP-1 / AP-2 |                   |                  |
| EQ Frequency         | EQF0 | 0        | 29980    | 20Hz                              | 30000             | 1Hz              |
| EQ Bandwidth         | EQB0 | 0        | 359      | 0.02 oct / 0 deg                  | 3.61oct/179.5 deg | 0.01oct/ 0.5 deg |
| EQ Level             | EQL0 | 0        | 180      | -30dB                             | +15dB             | 0.25dB           |
| EQ Bypass            | EQb0 | 0        | 1        | OFF                               | ON                |                  |
| GEQ Level            | EQL1 | 0        | 180      | -30dB                             | +15db             | 0.25dB           |
| GEQ Bypass           | EQb1 | 0        | 1        | OFF                               | ON                |                  |
| Crossover Type       | XRT0 | 0        | 3        | OFF / BUTWRTH / LINK-RI / BESSEL  |                   | / BESSEL         |
| Crossover Frequency  | XRF0 | 0        | 29980    | 20Hz                              | 30000             | 1Hz              |
| Crossover Slope      | XRS0 | 0        | 7        | 6dB                               | 48dB              | 6dB              |
| FIR Type             | XFE0 | 0        | 1        | OFF / FIR                         |                   |                  |
| FIR Frequency        | XFF0 | 0        | 29980    | 20Hz                              | 30000             | 1Hz              |
| Compressor Threshold | CMT0 | 0        | 80       | -20dBu                            | +20dBu            | 0.5dBu           |
| Compressor Attack    | CMA0 | 0        | 106      | 0.3ms                             | 100ms             | 0.1ms / 1ms      |
| Compressor Release   | CMR0 | 0        | 4        | 2x / 4x / 8x / 16x / 32x          |                   | x                |
| Compressor Ratio     | CMX0 | 0        | 39       | 1                                 | 40                | 1                |
| Limiter Threshold    | LMT0 | 0        | 80       | -20dBu                            | +20dBu            | 0.5dBu           |
| Limiter Attack       | LMA0 | 0        | 106      | 0.3ms                             | 100ms             | 0.1ms / 1ms      |
| Limiter Release      | LMR0 | 0        | 4        | 2x / 4x / 8x / 16x / 32x          |                   | x                |
| Mixer                | MIX0 | 0        | 161      | OFF                               | 0.0dB             | 0.25dB           |
| Channel Name         | CHN0 | 0        | 84       | <u>' '</u>                        | 1.1               |                  |

# CHARACTER CODE MAP

 $\_ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz-<>?,./\sim!@\#\$\%^\&*()=+';$ 

| SPECIAL COMMAND | ID   | COLUMN   | Data             |
|-----------------|------|----------|------------------|
| Level Increment | #LVL | 1 (<21>) | #Steps of 0.25dB |
| Level Decrement | #LVL | 0 (<20>) | #Steps of 0.25dB |

| SYSTEM COMMAND     | ID   |
|--------------------|------|
| Down Sync          | %SD0 |
| Up Sync            | %SU0 |
| Lock Password      | %LP0 |
| Lock Key           | %LK0 |
| Channel In Number  | %nI0 |
| Channel Out Number | %nO0 |
| Company            | %NC0 |
| Sampling Frequency | %nS0 |
| Product Name       | %NP0 |
| Version            | %NV0 |
| Device Name        | %ND0 |
| Device Number      | %nD0 |
| Program Number     | %Pn0 |
| Program Name       | %PN0 |
| Program Recall     | %PR0 |
| Program Store      | %PS0 |
| Program Download   | %PD0 |
| Program Upload     | %PU0 |
| Reset              | %RS0 |
| Ethernet Info      | %EN0 |
| XPanel Info        | %XP0 |

#### **ADVANCED SPECIFIC PROCEDURE**

### **Program Download**

- 1. PC sends Download ON command (%PD0 with data = <21>)
- 2. PC starts sending each parameter (just like downsync) for program #30
- 3. PC sends Program Store command (%PS0 with data = 29 (<3D>))
- 4. PC receives Program Store command (%PS0 with data = 29 (<3D>)) as acknowledgement
- 5. Repeats step 2 to 4 for the rest of the program in descending order
- 6. PC sends Download OFF command (%PD0 with data = <20>)

#### **Program Upload**

- 1. PC sends Upload ON command (%PU0 with data =  $\langle 21 \rangle$ )
- 2. PC sends Program Recall command (%PR0 with data = 29 (<3D>))
- 3. PC receives Program Recall command (%PR0 with data = 29 (<3D>)) as acknowledgement
- 4. PC sends Upsync command (%SU0) to receive data for program #30
  - \*\* Upsync will always send system parameter such as Channel #, Password, etc. Simply ignore them and take the main data part \*\*
- 5. Repeats step 2 to 4 for the rest of the program in descending order
- 6. PC sends Upload OFF command (%PU0 with data = <20>), the firmware will automatically reload the data in memory (program #31) upon completion

### **Downsync** (Reset All)

- 1. PC sends Downsync ON command (%SD0 with data = <21>)
- 2. PC starts sending a parameter to the firmware
- 3. PC receives Meter (%MTR0), repeat step 2 for another parameter. When all parameters are sent, go to next step.
- 4. PC sends Downsync OFF command (%SD0 with data = <20>)
- 5. PC receives Downsync OFF command as acknowledgement (%SD0 with data = <20>)

#### Password, Program Name, Device Name

Each character of the string is sent along with the Aux header/value. The value of the character is based on the character code map. For example, a password for "ABCD" would be packed like this: