

## Introduction to UART

UART → Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter.

→ UART was designed by an American engineer named Gordon Bell for serial communication.

∴ It's Both short & long distance serial communication

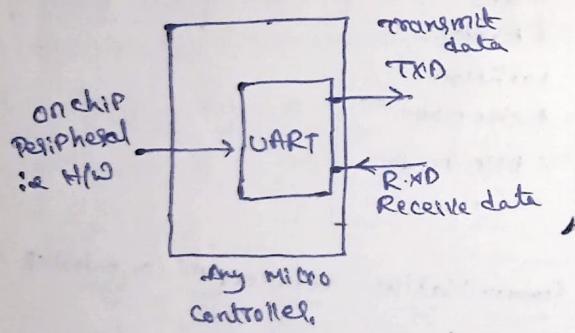
→ every microcontroller comes with the inbuilt UART

## What is UART?

UART is a hardware as well as protocol.

→ UART is parallel-in, serial-out & serial-in, parallel-out

Note : while transmitting data using UART it will act as parallel-in serial-out. And while receiving the data, UART will act as serial-in, parallel-out device.



Protocol → \* Set of standard rules.

→ every microcontroller, UART should follow the standard rules while transmitting & receiving the data

\* Rules are same for all microcontrollers

Registers (SFRs) are only difference, for different controllers.  
But rules are same

→ There are some rules, which before sending (or) receiving the data. For that we need to fix the communication speed for both receiver & transmitter that is called as Baud rate.

## VART

Why VART is used / Designed?

→ VART is mainly designed for asynchronous serial communication.

Note : VART can do asynchronous as well as synchronous serial communication.

It is possible to do synchronous serial communication but we need to select synchronous communication mode

## Serial communication vs Parallel Communication

→ Serial commu is a process of sending 1 bit at a time

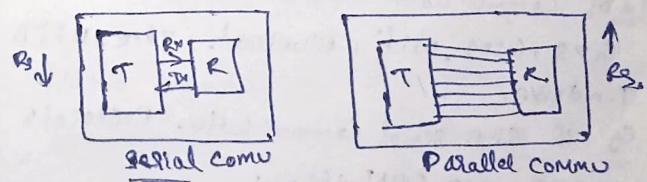
→ Parallel commu is a process of sending 1 byte at a time

→ Parallel communication is faster because bytes are transferring at a time

→ But serial only 1 bit is transferred in msec so this serial commu is slow

→ By using serial communication we can send data & transfer for longer distance & H/W complexity is less due to wires,

→ By using parallel communication we can transfer data for smaller distances, due to H/W complexity is high



## Example

Get how it serial communication (it is slow) is limited to only ① mouse  
② keyboard.

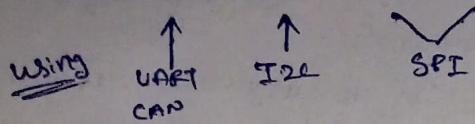
now a day there are several high end controllers to transfer data fastly

## Parallel Communication

① Alpha LCD

② Old printers (with no. of wires)

For faster serial communication there are high end controllers like - 1Mbps, 5Mbps, 10Mbps, 20Mbps.



### Different type of Serial Communication

#### ① Synchronous Serial Communication

#### ② Asynchronous Serial Communication

#### Synchronous Serial Communication

① There is a common clock line used b/w the TX & RX.

② TX & RX can synchronize with the help of clock pulses.  
• If the TX & RX speed is not same, then also they can synchronize.

③ Examples: EEPROM, RTC, Digi Accelerometer & thermometer etc...

④ Eg. of serial communication Protocol is:  
I2C, SPI etc.

#### Asynchronous Serial Communication

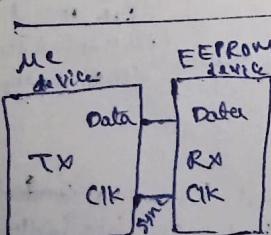
① There is a no-common clock line is used b/w TX & RX.

② The TX & RX speed must and should be same, otherwise TX & RX is can't synchronize. It leads to no data transfer b/w TX & RX.

③ Ex. of communication devices is:

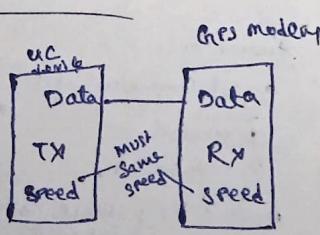
GPS, GSM, WiFi, Bluetooth, XBee, RFID, Pendrive.

④ Eg. of asyn serial communication Protocol:  
UART, USB, CAN, etc...



This setup of sync S-Com

speed not  
must be  
same here



This setup of asyn S-Com

Speed Plays role  
in ASYNC S-COM

CLK plays main role

⇒ In asynchronous serial communication, similar words,  
Speed = Baudrate = Frequency

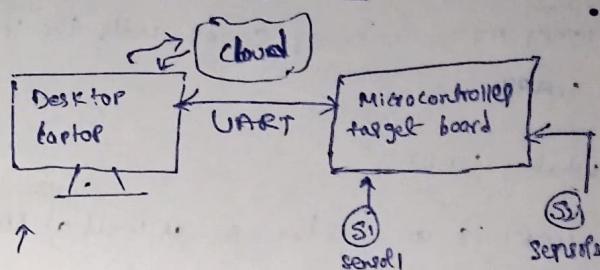
#### UART Protocol

⇒ Features of UART Protocol

⇒ Working of UART (Parallel-In serial Out & serial-In, Parallel Out).

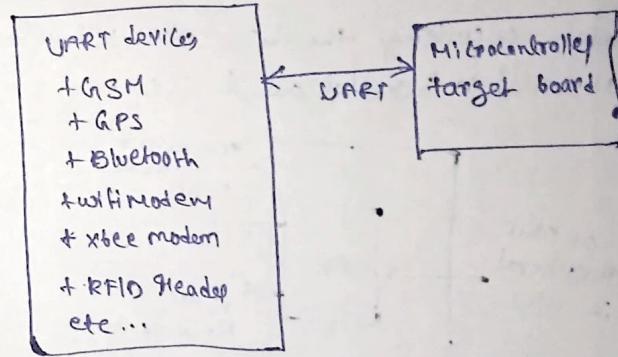
⇒ UART Registers & Explanation

#### use of UART / Applications in real time

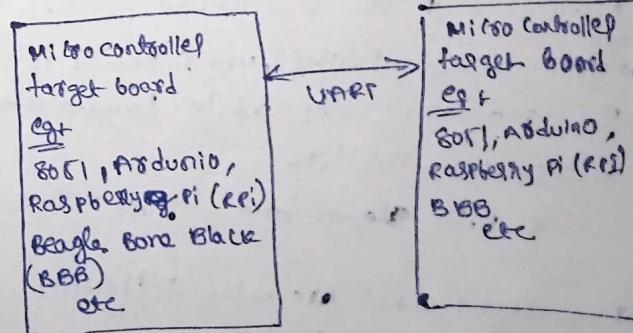


① Communication b/w PC & Microcontroller board

② Communication with external UART device



③ Communication between microcontroller boards



we can exchange the data from one to other

communication is done b/w different microcontroller boards also.

Eg. = 8051 → 8051, 8051 → Arduino, Arduino → esp

⇒ If we use different power supply, whether a good result can be obtained.

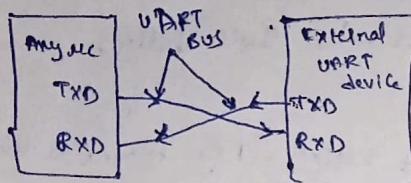
In UART we should follow fixed speed  
With baudrate to transfer data successfully

### Features of UART Protocol

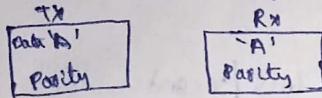
It is two-wired communication protocol  
ie - TXD (Transmit data)  
- RXD (Receive data).

Max Speed of UART is upto Mbps  
this speed not fit all mc. (bps = bytes per second)

UART is designed for peer-to-peer communication.  
(only one device can communicate one-to-one)



Parity Checking is the error detection mechanism used in UART

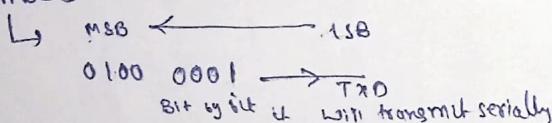


using UART we cannot communicate with multiple UART devices

Data transfer direction is from LSB to MSB always (Protocol off one rule).

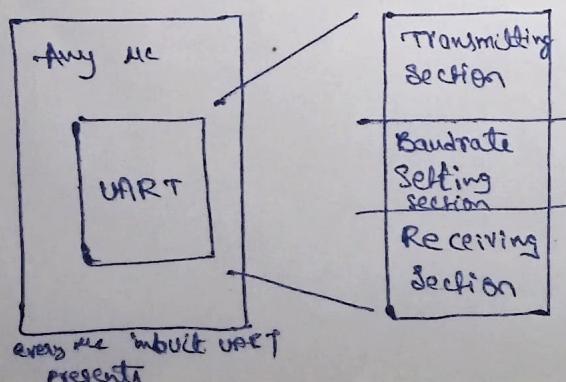
UART is full duplex communication protocol.  
UART can send only 1 byte of data at the same time.

ABCD



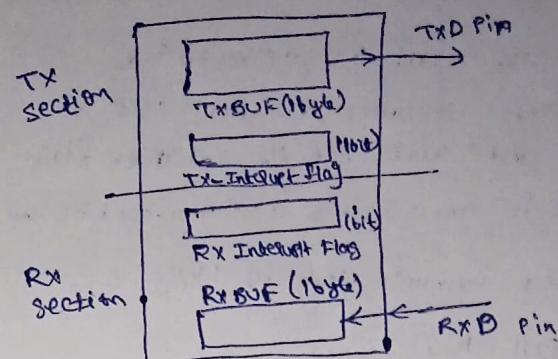
### Working of UART (Parallel-in Serial-out serial-in-parallel-out)

while sending a data UART will act as Parallel-In, serial out & while receiving a data UART acts as serial-In, parallel-out



that these section do their own job individually.

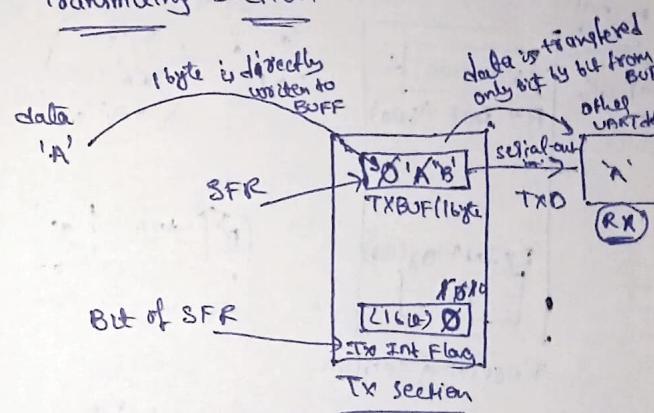
### Transmitting Section & Receiving Section



Upon reset all are zero.

all internal design is same for all mc.

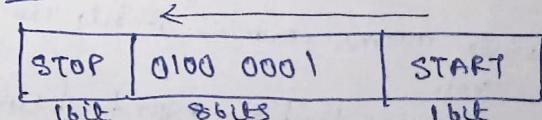
### Transmitting Section



TX BUF = 'A'; // This is the instruction to write the data UART.  
(Parallel-In)

Before transmitting the data the UART will create the data frame

for data 'A'



standard data frame of UART

frame is also called as packet

Start & stop bits are used for synchronization purpose

By this receiver know what is the start bit & stop bit.

→ whenever start bit is transmitted Rx known bit

UART has started transmitting the data.

→ Bulk Rx don't consider start bit as data bit, it's a just indication

→ when the last bit arrives to Rx.

the next the UART transmit stop bit then UART will set the interrupt flag

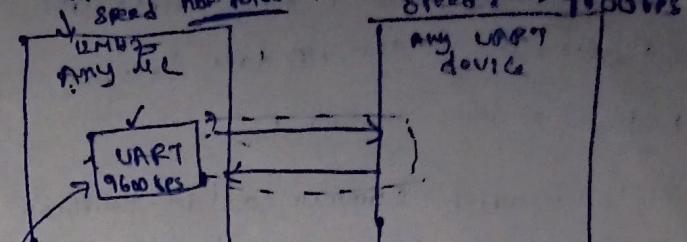
→ then it knows data is transferred successful.

Syntax & transmit code for 1 byte :

`TXBUF = 'A';`

`while (TX INT Flag == 0);`

`TX INT Flag = 0;`



speed setting must be same in the UART

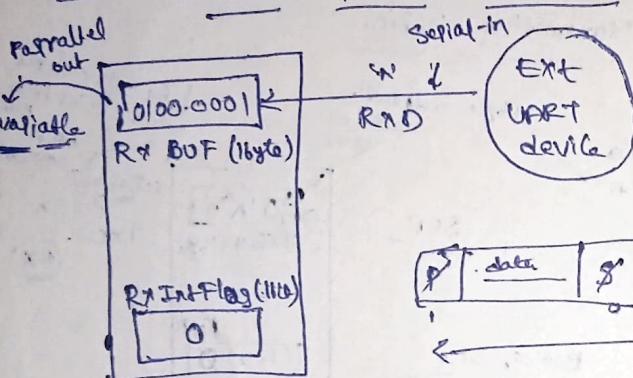
→ default speed of every UART maximum is 9600 bps.

If both UART's speed then only the data transfer successfully.

Reg's baud\_setting - Reg = formula to set SPB

This formula <sup>not</sup> same for all MC

understanding receiving section of UART. (Serial-in & Parallel-out logic)



Syntax & code for receive 1byte of data

`while (RX INT Flag == 0);`

`Var = RXBUF;`

`RX INT Flag = 0; // to receive the next data byte`

Baud rate

Baud rate = bits / second.

Bit rate = time taken to transmit a single bit

$$f = \frac{1}{9600 \text{ Hz}}$$

time taken to TX single bit

Baud rate setting section

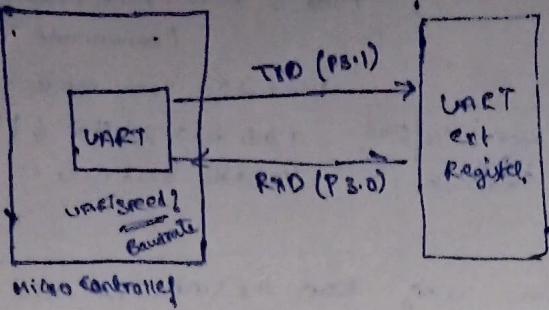
→ Baud rate means number of bits transmitted per second

→ Baudrate is called as speed of UART communication.

Similar words

Baudrate == speed == frequency == Rate of data transmission

setting the speed of UART is



$\rightarrow$  TXBUF & RXBUF is generic name, that is actually UART registers.

But for 8051:

- $\rightarrow$  UART registers
- \* Basic program to send & receive a data serially using UART
- $\rightarrow$  Baudrate setting & baud rate setting formula.

List of UART Registers +

Register Name	Register Address
{ SBUF	0x99
SCON	0x98
TMOD	0x89
TCON	0x88
TH1	0x8D
SBUF { 8bit = 1byte),	TXBUF & RXBUF name Some in 8051 ie = SBUF

- $\rightarrow$  SBUF  $\Rightarrow$  Serial Buffer.
- $\rightarrow$  SBUF is Transmit & Receive.
- $\rightarrow$  To transmit data serially, write into this reg. (SBUF)
- $\rightarrow$  Collected received data from the reg
- $\rightarrow$  Physically 2 registers are available in 8051 UART. actually 8050's available 4 physical pins

That's we called as Full duplex. i.e. we can perform both operations i.e. transmit & receive. Like,

$$\boxed{\text{SBUF} = \text{SBUF.}} \quad \text{TX} \quad \text{RX}$$

but practically not possible to read both simultaneously

Both SBUF's address is same but the instruction opcode is different of TX & RX. write  $\rightarrow$  TXBUF = char. Read  $\rightarrow$  RXBUF = temp. TX = writeOpcode, RX = readOpcode.

write instruction opcode & read opcode is different, depends on instruction or opcode (CPU knows the operation to be done i.e. Reading or Writing).

Read & write can perform at same time.

i.e.  $\boxed{\text{SBUF} = \text{SBUF}}$  syntax.

This instruct has different opcode

### Sending & Receiving data

$\rightarrow$  SBUF = data;  
while (TXintFlag == 0);  
TXint Flag = 0;

unsigned char temp;

while (RXintFlag == 0);

RXint Flag = 0;

$\bullet$  temp = SBUF

TX using UART

RX using UART

### SCON Register

\* Serial Control register (SCON) bits

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
SMD	SM1	SM2	REN	TB8	RB8	TI	RI

Upon Reset value is 0

RI = Received interrupt Flag

TI = Transmitter interrupt Flag

RB8 = Received bit number &

TB8 = Transmitter bit number &

REN = Receive enable

SM1 & Serial mode select bits

% means  $0 \rightarrow 2 \{ 0, 1, 2\}$

The below 3 bits are used in multi-processor communication mode

i.e. SM2, RB8, TB8.

only one multiprocessor mode is given in UART

But practically we can't do multi-frame mode operation.

Mode 3 name : multi protocol communication mode.

RI → 0 (data is not yet received into RXBUF)

→ 1 (data is received into RXBUF)

name of RI interrupt flag in 8051 is

RI 1st syntax is `while(RI==0);  
RI=0;`

TI → 0 (data is not transmitted)

TI → 1 (data is transmitted from TXBUF)

Syntax :

`SBUF = data  
while (TI == 0);  
TI=0;`

By default REN=0 disabled & vice versa.

REN → 0 (UART receiving is disabled)

→ 1 (UART receiving is enabled).

Upon Reset REN=0.  
→ By default transmitting section is enabled.  
→ If we want to receive any data.

From external world REN must be 1,  
then only the UART receives data.

SM0	SM1	Mode	Name & Description
0	0	Mode 0	Name : Shift reg mode No frame for this mode. This mode is half-duplex.
0	1	Mode 1	Name : Universal mode This mode is widely used It creates standard frame Data Asyn Scm mode

1	0	Mode 2	Name : Multi protocol Comm mode. Data Asyn Synchronous Scm mode 9 bits, 1 start bit & 1 stop bit Variable baudrate mode
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Stop	X XXXX XXXX	Start	9 data bits
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Stop X mark Stop Start  
9 data bits.

Debt + Asyn Scm mode.

9 bits data & 1 Stop & 1 Start  
variable baud rate.

Before using ~~seen~~ the UART we need to write below values in SCON register

SM0	SM1	SM2	REN	TBE	RBF	TZRE	RE
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

universal mode operation → Receiving section enabled. At receiving data  
ie SCON value = 0x50

### Baudrate setting

• TMO Mode Select (TMOD).

G	C/F	M1	MO	G	C/F	M1	MO
2	6	4	2	1	0	1	0

→ For baudrate setting, TMOD must be used in Mode 2 (TMOD1 = 0x20);

Formula to Set the baudrate:

$$TH1 = 256 - \left[ \frac{2^{SMOD} * XTAL}{12 * 32 * \text{baud}} \right]$$

TH1 + This register is used to store integral value which will set the UART baudrate.

→ In place baud we need to change the required baud value in above formula.

→ In place XTAL we need to change the required crystal osc frequency max: ~~16.092 MHz~~

→ if SMOD == 1 + Double the baudrate  
if SMOD == 0: Donot double the baudrate

SMOD is the 7th bit of PCON register  
If we want Set the SMOD bit, we need to write like this

Q4

Mostly 8051 required as below

$$TH1 = 256 - \left[ \frac{2^8 \times 11.0592 \text{ MHz}}{12 \times 32 \times 9600} \right]$$

$$TH1 = 256 - 3; \leftarrow \text{this always in decimal value}$$

We cannot store float value in TH1 register  
 If float value comes in solving baudrate  
 then we say error in baud rate setting.

### Baudrate Setting

Baudrate	TH1 Value
7200	252 (11) - 4
9600	253 (11) - 3
14400	254 (11) - 2
28800	255 (11) - 1
57600	255 (11) - 1 with PCON  = 0x80

28800 is max value of baud rate setting in UART because TH1 register size is 8 bits, so its range is upto 255 only.

\* And is there another option increase the baudrate setting in UART.

57600. For this, we need write 255 value TH1 & Initialize the 0x80 in PCON register by this ~~SMOD~~ bit is set.

i.e. 28800  
#2

Note → 57600bps ← this is the max baudrate in UART can set.

### UART initialization briefly is. Syntax

SCON = 0x50 // universal mode is selected.

// REN = 1

TMOD |= 0x20; // timer 1 & mode 2

TH1 = 253; // for Baudrate 9600.

TR1 = 1; // Start baudrate setting in the UART.

\* Basic program to send & receive a data serially using UART;

\* I/O Connections;

\* Loop Back Program,

### BASIC Program

/\* Main-Wait.c \*/

#include <reg51.h>

main() {

/\* UART initialization \*/

SCON = 0x50;

TMOD |= 0x20;

TH1 = 253; // for 9600

TR1 = 1; // Start Baudrate setting.

/\* send a 1 byte of data \*/

SBUF = 'A'; // 65 / 0x41.

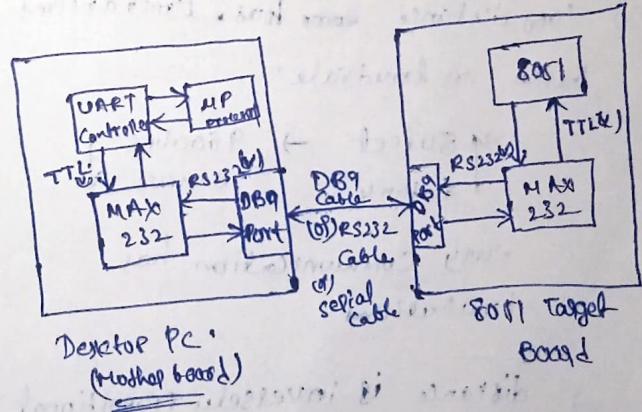
while (TI == 0); // waiting for data T/F

TI = 0;

while (1); // this for one time transmission of 'A'. otherwise it will transmit

continuously 'A'!

### UART hardware setup (for Long distance communication)



MAX232 also present in every microcontroller board.

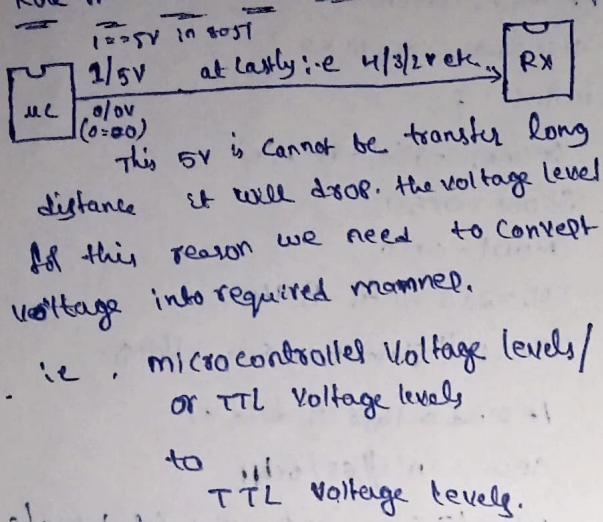
Process to see output of UART program is  
 select view → open-serial window → UART1;

D89 port is used for easy connections only. Because no need to remember the pins of IC.

→ Max 232 is IC.

D89 is the Port

Role of this MAX 232 is



→ For this reason 8051 provides MAX 232 IC to convert TTL voltages into RS232 Voltage levels. & vice-versa.

→ RS232 Voltage can transfer long distances. That's why we use ~~MAX 232~~.

→ Long distance ~~has~~ limitations based on band rate.

→ 50 feet → 9600 bps  
↓  
distance ↓  
band rate ↓

every communication has limitations

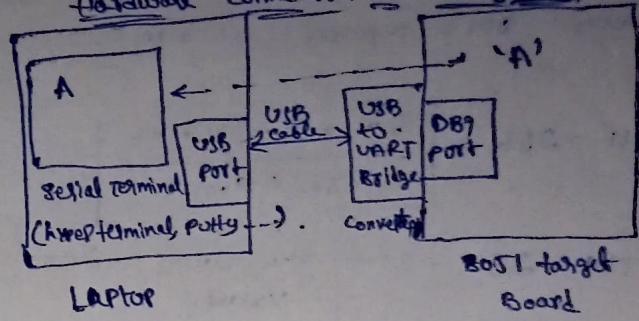
→ distance is inversely proportional to speed

lastly & RS232 Voltage levels:

For Logic 0: +3V to +10V / +25V

Logic 1: -3V to -10V / -25V

This range is depends on Board



⇒ Serial terminal :

→ It is the software which reads the Serial port of the laptop (of Dell or PC) & it will print whatever received on the console.

serial terminals in windows

\* Hyper terminal (exclusively used for windows xp),  
software terminal

\* Putty ~~terminal~~ (64bit / 32bit).

↑  
It is open source S/W used for windows

\* Hercules' serial terminal

\* Flash magic → Tools → terminal

\* etc ...

To know the COM port pin No. in system

Right click on My Computer

↳ select manage

↳ device manager

↳ ports ..

see these ports number

14# Wait - driver.c #/

#include <reg.h>

#include "header.h"

Void Uart\_init (void)

{  
    SCON = 0X50;  
    TH0 = 0X20;

    switch (baud)

{

    Case 7200 : TH1 = 252; bscarb;

    Case 9600 : TH1 = 253; bscarb;

    Case 14400 : TH1 = 254; bscarb;

    Case 28800 : TH1 = 255; bscarb;

    Case 57600 : TH1 = 255; PCON = (1000),  
        break;

    default : TH1 = 253;

}

    TR1 = 1; // Start baudrate setting

}

Void Uart\_tx (UB d)

{  
    UBUF = d;  
    while (TI == 0); // waiting for data transfer  
    TI = 0;

    } ← Add all the helper functions here  
        i.e. RX & String function

/\* main -uart.c \*/

#include "header.h"

main () ← Declaration of i variable.

{  
    UBUF = 0;  
    Uart\_init (9600);

    while (1)

{  
    for (i=0; i<26; i++)  
        Uart\_tx ('A' + i);  
        delay (50ms);

}

    }

Add all the function prototypes in header.h file

→ If add last at driver.c  
receive string function).

void Uart\_rx\_string (char \*str, UB max\_len)

{  
    UB i;

    if (buf[i] == '\n') // if EOL found  
        {  
            str[i] = '\0';  
            return str;}

}

void Uart\_tx\_string (char \*str)

{  
    UB i;

    if (str[i] == '\0')  
        {  
            TI = 0;  
            return;}

}

Program for sending text using

uart.

14# main -uart.c #/

#include "header.h"

main ()

{  
    UB temp;  
    Uart\_init (9600);  
    while (1)

{  
    temp = Uart\_rx ();

    Uart\_tx (temp); // one back

};

    }

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{  
    UB i;

    if (buf[i] == '\n') // if EOL found

        {  
            str[i] = '\0';  
            return str;}

}

    while (TI == 0);  
    buf[i] = UBUF;  
    if (buf[i] == '\n') // if EOL found  
        {  
            str[i] = '\0';  
            return str;}

}

    if (buf[i] == '\n') // add null at last