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Lab Report: LAB 7 - Data Acquisition System at PSoC 4

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Executive Summary:

This project aimed to implement a basic Data Acquisition System (DAS) with the use of UART and ADC interfaces at the Cypress' CY8CKIT-042 PSoC 4 Pioneer development board along with the basic interface board for input using the PSoC Creator software.

Project Description:

The first step was creating the schematic of the system at the 'Top Design' layout at PSoC Creator. SAR-ADC and the UART modules were added along with the suitable input and output pins from the components menu. Next step was the component configuration after which, the ports were mapped to physical pins. The program code was then compiled into the 'main.c' file and lastly, the interface of the CY8CKIT-042 PSoC 4 Pioneer development board was carried out.

Components used:

Analog input pin

Analog input pin is used to interface with potentiometers, buttons, LEDs, and peripheral sensors such as proximity detectors and accelerometers.

SAR ADC module

The SAR ADC is the component used to access the ADC functionality in PSoC 4.

UART Module-

The UART provides asynchronous communications and can be configured for Full Duplex, Half Duplex, RX only, or TX only modes.

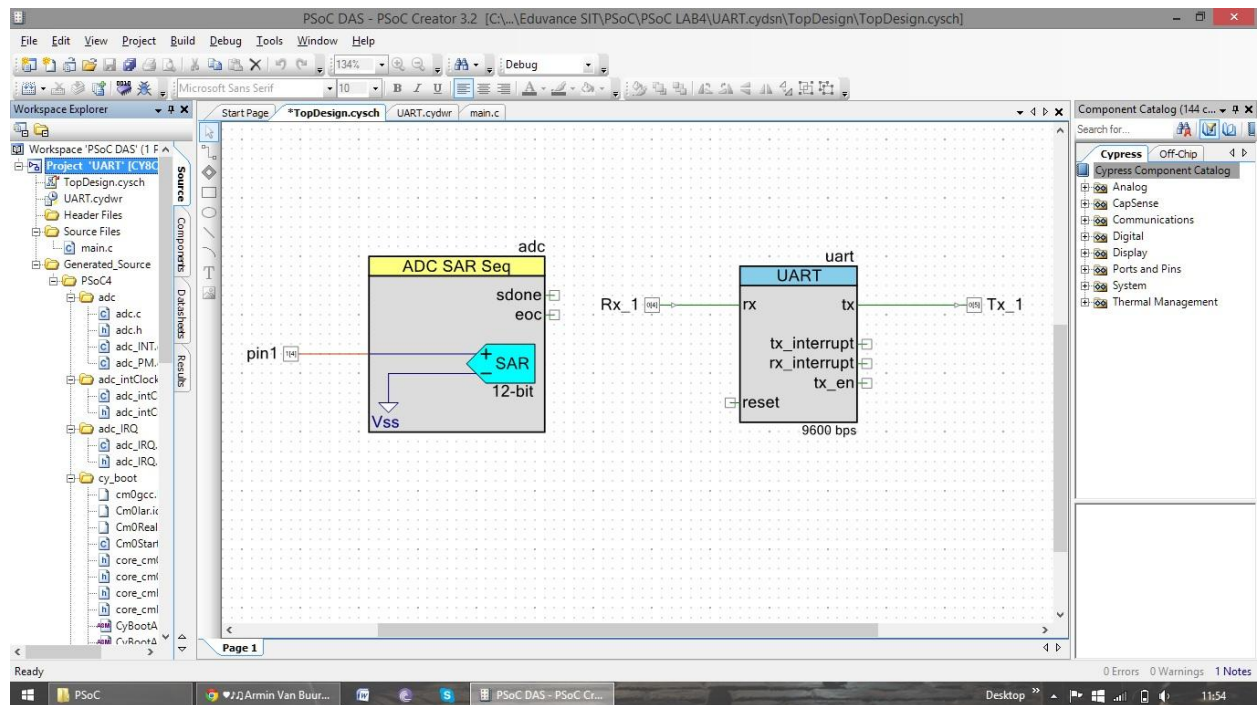
Digital Input Pin (Receiver)

The RX input pin transfers the input serial data from the LDR/ADC on the serial bus, to the microcontroller onboard.

Digital Output pin (Transmitter) -

The TX output pin transmits the output serial data to another device on the serial bus, through the microcontroller.

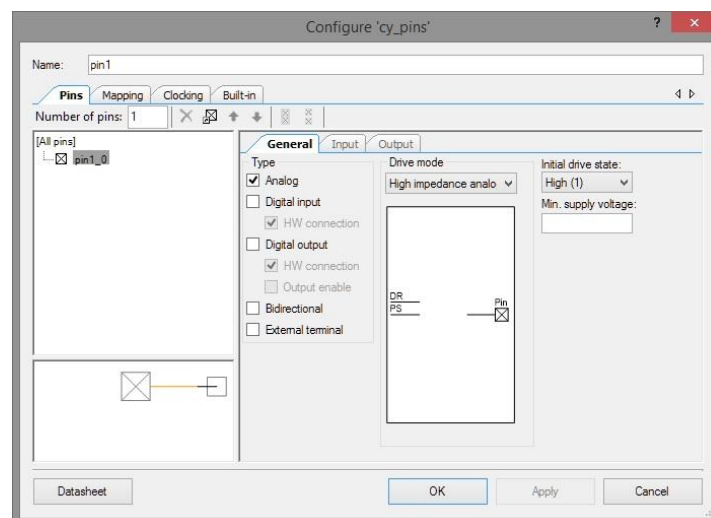
Project Schematic



Pin Component Configuration and Pin map:

Analog input pin

Drive Mode parameter configures the pin to provide one of the eight available pin drive modes. If the Type is Analog, the default is High Impedance Analog.



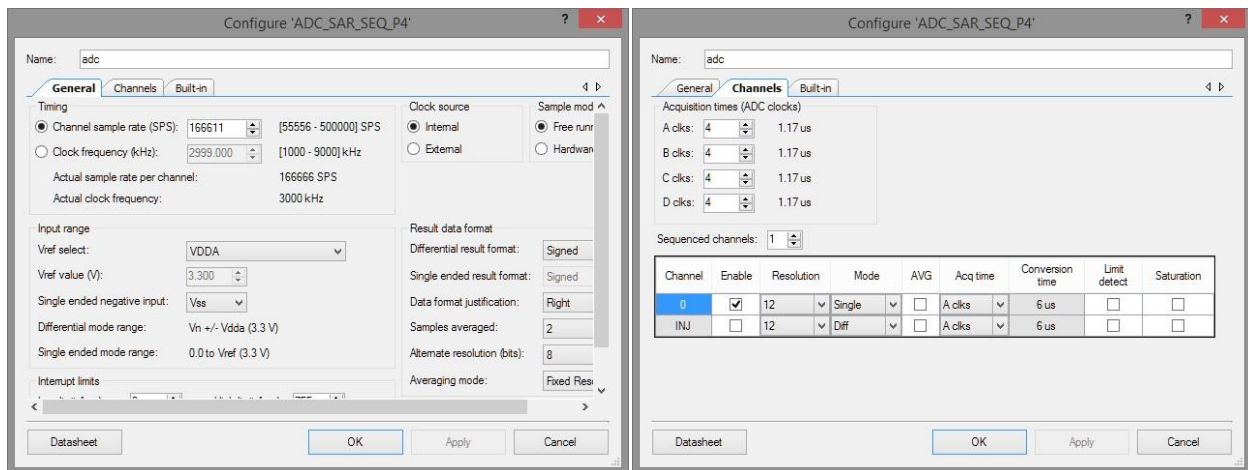
SAR ADC module

Clock rate is automatically calculated based on the number of channels, averaging, resolution, and acquisition time parameters to meet the entered sample rate.

Clock frequency can be anywhere between 1 MHz and 18 MHz (14.508 MHz in CY8C41).

Vref value parameter displays the reference voltage value that is used for the SAR ADC reference.

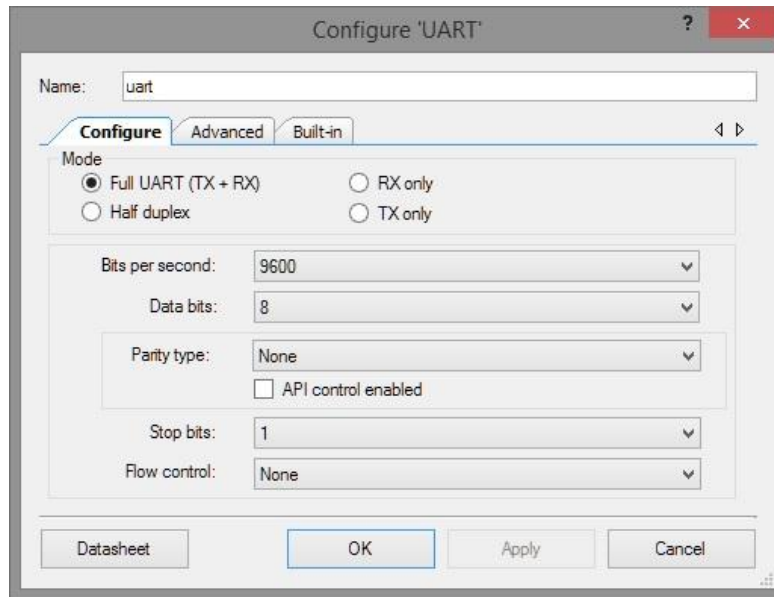
Channels parameter selects how many input signals are scanned. The maximum number of channels is either 8 or 16 depending on the device.



UART Module-

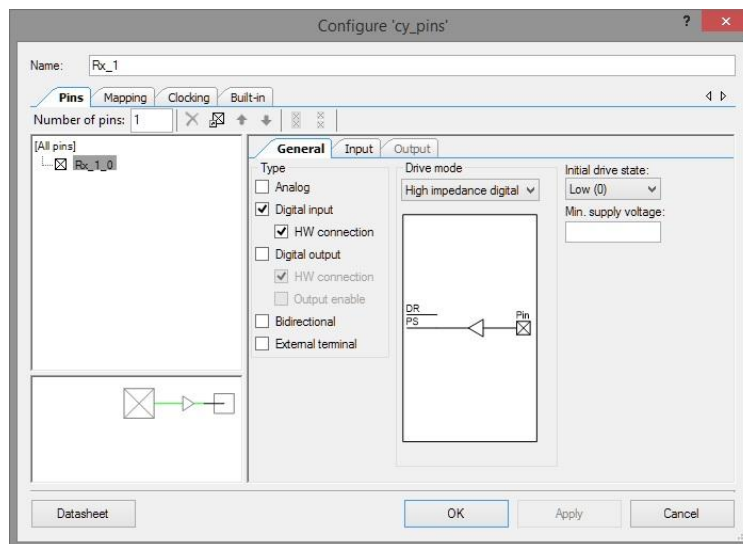
Mode parameter defines the functional components you want to include in the UART. This can be setup to be a bidirectional Full UART (TX + RX) (default), Half Duplex UART (uses half the resources), Receiver (RX Only) or Transmitter (TX Only).

Bits per second parameter defines the baud-rate or bit-width configuration of the hardware for clock generation.



Digital Input

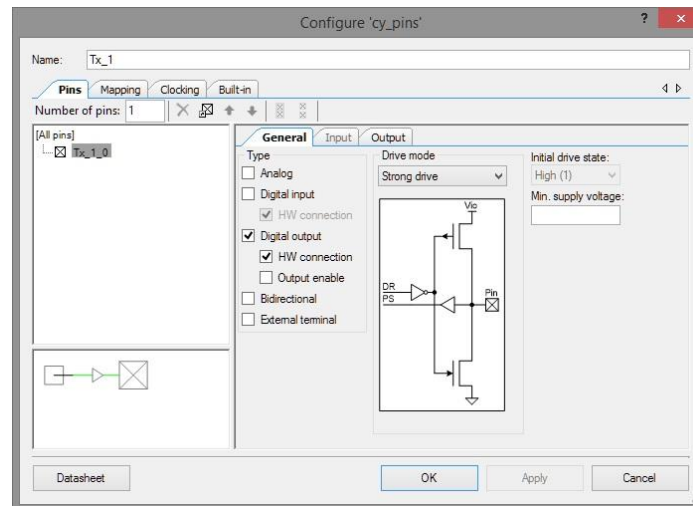
HW Connection parameter determines whether the digital input terminal for an input pin is displayed in the schematic. It may or may not be API controlled depending upon the option being selected.



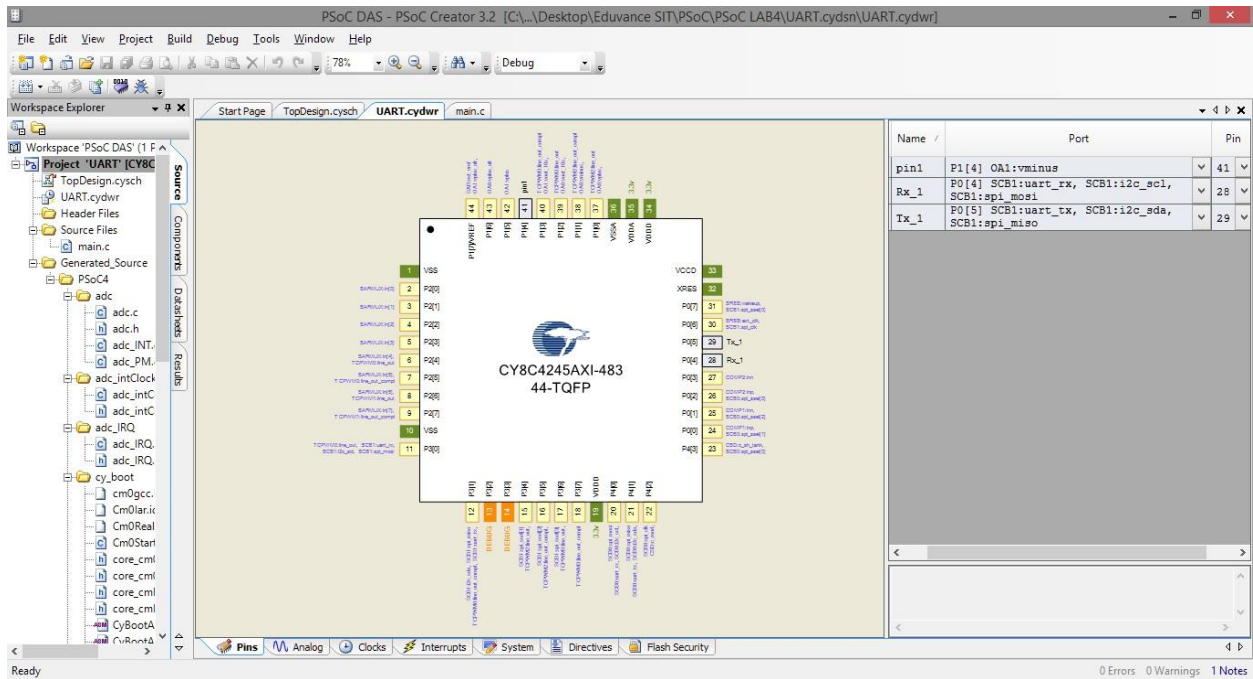
Digital Output pin -

Drive Mode This parameter configures the pin to provide one of the eight available pin drive modes.

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API Description:

- UART API interface -
It provides asynchronous communications and this component can be configured for Full Duplex, Half Duplex, RX only, or TX only versions. In this project we use the Full Duplex UART (TX + RX) mode for asynchronous transmission.
Member functions used -
 - uart_Start() - Initializes the UART block
 - uart_PutString() - Returns a character value as stated by the variable.
- ADC Interface -
The SAR ADC block is responsible for analog to digital conversion and transmitting the value to the UART receiver. Member functions used -
 - adc_Start() - Initializes the ADC block
 - adc_StartConvert() - Starts the analog to digital conversion
 - adc_IsEndConversion(adc_WAIT_FOR_RESULT) - Waits for the user to put input.
 - adc_CountsTo_mVolts() - Converts the values into millivolts.

Output Observed:

The analog equivalent voltage values from the LDR are converted to digital values which are then serially transmitted and visible on the Terminal software for UART on the PC. The observations were as expected.

Test and Debug:

- ✓ Encountered a major bug regarding the use of "%f" in the 'sprintf()' and learnt the importance of unsigned variables.
- ✓ Error at adc_CountsTo_mVolts() while putting the channel value.
- ✓ Tested use of Potentiometer instead of LDR as the analog input.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learnt the implementation of UART and ADC at PSoC.
- Use of various APIs mentioned about.
- Importance of floating and integer type unsigned values.

APPENDIX A

Code:

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#include <project.h>

#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    CyGlobalIntEnable;    // Enable global interrupts.

    uart_Start();          // UART interface initialized.

    adc_Start();           //ADC interface initialized.

    uint16 adcval;         //16-bit unsigned variable for final ADC value.

    char buff[25];         //character type variable for the UART transmission.

    int16 volt;            //16bit signed integer type variable for voltage reading.

    While(1)
    {
        adc_StartConvert();                //Analog to digital conversion started.

        adc_IsEndConversion(adc_WAIT_FOR_RESULT); // Wait for input

        adcval = adc_GetResult16(0);        // Store 16 bit result from ADC into a variable.

        volt = adc_CountsTo_mVolts( 0 , adcval ); // Calculate equivalent ADC values in millivolts,
                                                    at channel '0'

        sprintf ( buff, "%d \n \r ", volt); // Store the voltage value into equivalent
                                                    character value for UART

        uart_PutString(buff);               // Print the final value using the UART variable.

    }
}
```