

WES 237A: Introduction to Embedded System Design (Winter 2024)
Lab 5: Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C) Communication

- **What command opens a new i2c device in the MicroblazeLibrary? What are the two parameters to this command?**

The command to open a new I2C device in the MicroblazeLibrary is Xlic_Open. The two parameters are InstancePtr and ConfigPtr.

- **What does 0x28 refer to in the following line?**

■ device_write(0x28, buf, 1)

In the line device_write(0x28, buf, 1), 0x28 refers to the address of the I2C device on the bus. It's the address where the data will be written to.

- **Why do we write and then read when using the Microblaze Library compared to just reading in the PMOD Library?**

When using the Microblaze Library on PYNQ-Z2, we write and then read to communicate with an I2C device because the Microblaze Library operates on a lower level, requiring separate write and read operations to perform a complete transaction. In contrast, the PMOD Library abstracts these operations, allowing for simpler read operations.

- **What does this code snippet mean? return ((buf[0] & 0x0F) << 8) | buf[1]**

This code snippet returns a 12-bit value by combining the lower 8 bits from buf[0] (after masking with 0x0F) shifted left by 8 positions, and the value in buf[1].

- **What is the difference between writing to the device when using the Microblaze Library and directly on the Microblaze?**

When using the Microblaze Library on PYNQ-Z2, writing to the device involves interacting with peripheral devices connected to the Microblaze processor via specialized interfaces like I2C or SPI. This is done through library functions such as Xlic_Write. On the other hand, writing directly on the Microblaze involves manipulating memory-mapped registers or accessing peripheral devices directly through low-level programming without using the Microblaze Library functions.

Using PYNQ library for PMOD_ADC

This just uses the built in Pmod_ADC library to read the value on the PMOD_AD2 peripheral.

```
In [83]: from pynq.overlays.base import BaseOverlay
from pynq.lib import Pmod_ADC
base = BaseOverlay("base.bit")
```

```
In [84]: adc = Pmod_ADC(base.PMODB)
```

Read the raw value and the 12 bit values from channel 1.

Refer to docs: https://pynq.readthedocs.io/en/v2.1/pynq_package/pynq.lib/pynq.lib.pmod.html#pynq-lib-pmod

```
In [85]: adc.read_raw(ch1=1, ch2=0, ch3=0)
```

Out[85]: [1895]

```
In [87]: adc.read(ch1=1, ch2=0, ch3=0)
```

Out[87]: [0.9448]

```
In [88]: from time import sleep
from pynq.overlays.base import BaseOverlay
from pynq.lib import Pmod_ADC

base = BaseOverlay("base.bit")

if_id = input("Type in the interface ID used (PMODA or PMODB): ")
if if_id.upper()=='PMODA':
    adc = Pmod_ADC(base.PMODA)
else:
    adc = Pmod_ADC(base.PMODB)

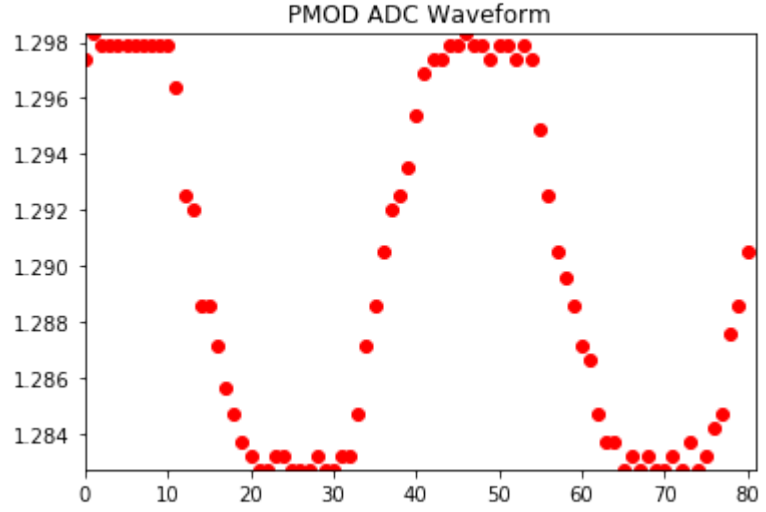
freq = int(input("Type in the frequency/Hz of the waveform: "))
period = 1/freq
log_interval_us = 0

# Assume Channel 0 is connected to the waveform generator
adc.start_log(1,0,0,log_interval_us)
sleep(3*period)
log = adc.get_log()

# Draw the figure
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(range(len(log)), log, 'ro')
plt.title('PMOD ADC Waveform')
plt.axis([0, len(log), min(log), max(log)])
plt.show()

adc.reset()
del adc,base
```

Type in the interface ID used (PMODA or PMODB): PMODB
Type in the frequency/Hz of the waveform: 100



Using MicroblazeLibrary

Here we're going down a level and using the microblaze library to write I2C commands directly to the PMOD_AD2 peripheral

Use the documentation on the PMOD_AD2 to answer lab questions

```
In [1]: from pynq.overlays.base import BaseOverlay
from pynq.lib import MicroblazeLibrary
base = BaseOverlay("base.bit")
```

```
In [2]: liba = MicroblazeLibrary(base.PMODB, ['i2c'])
```

```
In [3]: dir(liba) # List the available commands for the Liba object
```

```
Out[3]: ['__class__',
'delattnr',
'dict',
'dir',
'doc',
'eq',
'format',
'ge',
'getattr',
'getattribute',
'gt',
'hash',
'init',
'init_subclass',
'le',
'lt',
'module',
'ne',
'new',
'reduce',
'reduce_ex',
'repr',
'setattr',
'sizeof',
'str',
'subclasshook',
'weakref',
'_build_constants',
'_build_functions',
'_mb',
'_populate_typedefs',
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'_rpc_stream',
'active_functions',
'i2c_close',
'i2c_get_num_devices',
'i2c_open',
'i2c_open_device',
'i2c_read',
'i2c_write',
'release',
'reset',
'visitor']
```

In the cell below, open a new i2c device. Check the resources for the i2c_open parameters

```
In [ ]: # Open a new I2C device
device = liba.i2c_open(1,2)
```

```
In [17]: dir(device) # List the commands for the device class
```

```
Out[17]: ['__call__',
'__class__',
'__delattr__',
'__dict__',
'__dir__',
'__doc__',
'__eq__',
'__format__',
'__ge__',
'__getattr__',
'__gt__',
'__hash__',
'__init__',
'__init_subclass__',
'__le__',
'__lt__',
'__module__',
'__ne__',
'__new__',
'__reduce__',
'__reduce_ex__',
'__repr__',
'__setattr__',
'__sizeof__',
'__str__',
'__subclasshook__',
'__weakref__',
'_call_function',
'_handle_stream',
'call',
'call_async',
'function',
'index',
'return_type',
'stream']
```

Below we write a command to the I2C channel and then read from the I2C channel. Change the buf[0] value to select different channels. See the AD spec sheet Configuration Register.

https://www.analog.com/media/en/technical-documentation/data-sheets/AD7991_7995_7999.pdf

Changing the number of channels to read from will require a 2 byte read for each channel!

```
In [ ]:
In [ ]: buf = bytearray(2)
buf[0] = int('00000000', 2)
device.write(0x28, buf, 1)
device.read(0x28, buf, 2)
print(format(int(((buf[0] << 8) | buf[1])), '#018b'))
```

Compare the binary output given by ((buf[0]<<8) | buf[1]) to the AD7991 spec sheet. You can select the data only using the following command

```
In [19]: result_12bit = (((buf[0] & 0x0F) << 8) | buf[1])
```

Using MicroBlaze

```
In [ ]: base = BaseOverlay("base.bit")
```

```
In [16]: %%microblaze base.PMODB

#include "i2c.h"

int read_adc(){
    i2c device = i2c_open(3, 2);
    unsigned char buf[2];
    buf[0] = 0;
    i2c_write(i2c_device, 0x28, buf, 1);
    i2c_read(i2c_device, 0x28, buf, 2);
    return ((buf[0] & 0x0F) << 8) | buf[1];
}
```

```
Out[16]: Compile FAILED
cell_magic: In function 'int read_adc()':
cell_magic:9:15: error: 'i2c_device' was not declared in this scope; did you mean 'device'?
```

```
In [ ]: read_adc()
```

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In [ ]:
```