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# Linux SPI Driver

## Interfacing ADC with Raspberry Pi

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# Agenda

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# SPI Protocol

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## Serial Peripheral Interface

- Serial Communication Protocol
- Developed by Motorola in 1979
- 4 – wire Serial Bus Protocol
- Simple & Efficient Interface
- Widely used with Embedded Systems

# Why SPI...???

## Asynchronous Communication

- No control over data.
- No any guarantee that both sides are running precisely at the same rate.
- Can arise a problem due to different speeds.
- Start and Stop bits are required.
- Lot of overhead due to extra bits.

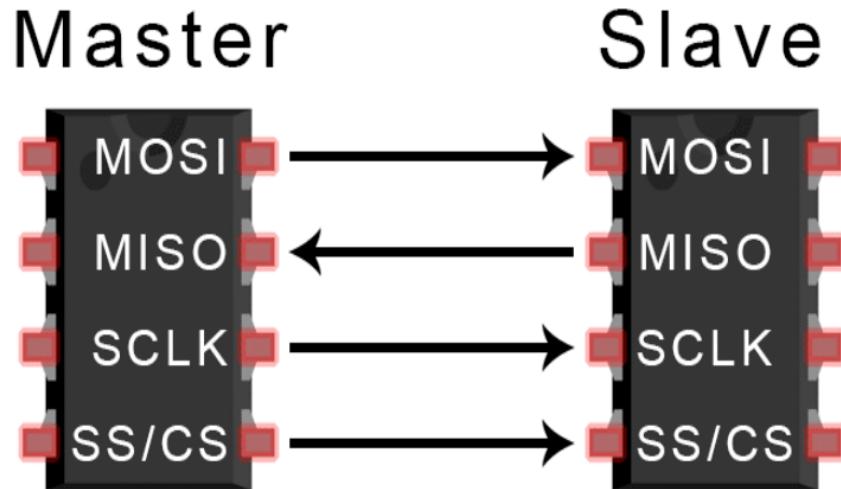
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## Synchronous Communication

- Separate lines for Data & Clock.
- Keeps both sides in perfect sync.
- Clock helps in sampling the data at exact time.
- Receiving hardware is much simpler.
- Useful in small distance communication.

# SPI Protocol

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**MOSI** – Master Out Slave In

**SCLK** – Serial Clock

**MISO** – Master In Slave Out

**SS/CS** – Slave Select/Chip Select

# SPI Protocol

## SCLK

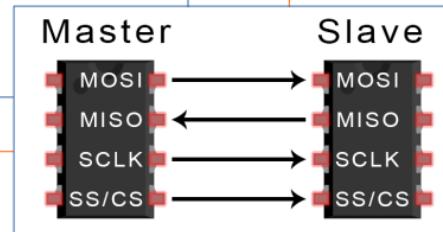
Master generates serial clock and sends to slave with SCLK pin.

Direction : Master -> Slave

## MOSI

Data out pin for sending data bits to Slave.

Direction : Master -> Slave



## MISO

Data in pin for receiving data bits from Slave.

Direction : Slave -> Master

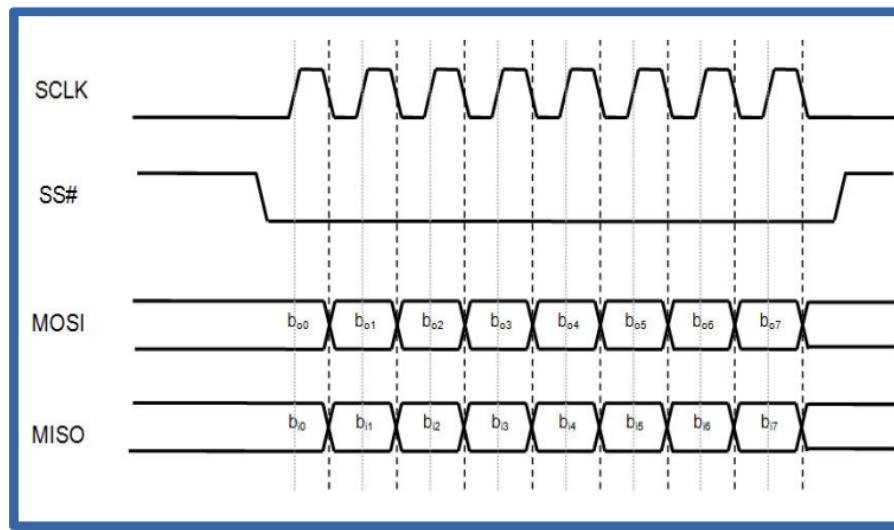
## SS/CS

Slave select pin for selecting particular slave device.

Direction : Master -> Slave

# Simple SPI Communication

- Master generates the serial clock on SCLK pin.
- Master pulls SS/CS pin low in order to select a particular slave device.
- Data bits are sent through MOSI pin and received through MISO pin.
- Data bits are sampled at one edge of SCLK & toggled at other edge (depending upon SPI mode).



# SPI Modes

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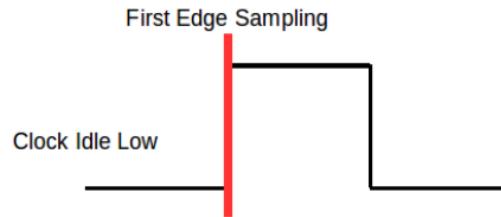
| Mode | CPOL | CPHA |
|------|------|------|
| 0    | 0    | 0    |
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| 2    | 1    | 0    |
| 3    | 1    | 1    |

**CPOL** – Clock Polarity

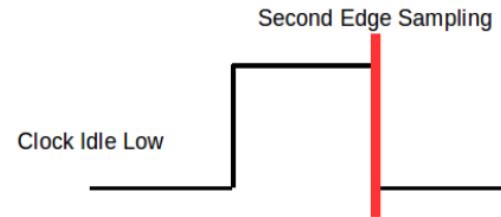
**CPHA** – Clock Phase

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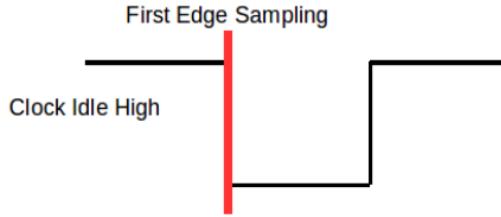
**Mode 0**



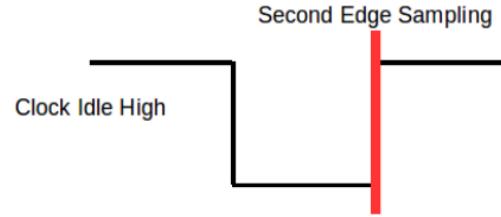
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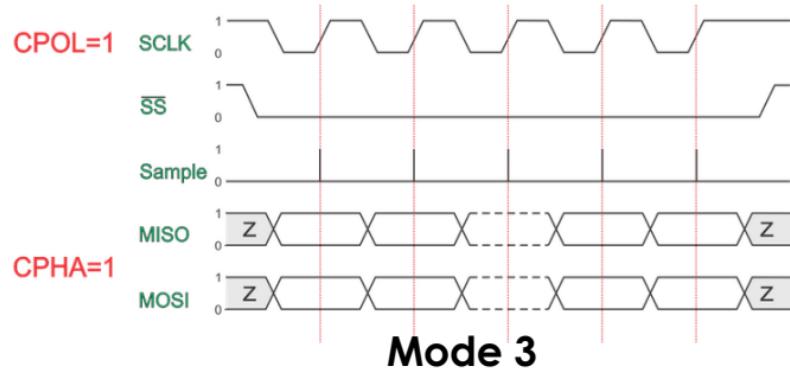
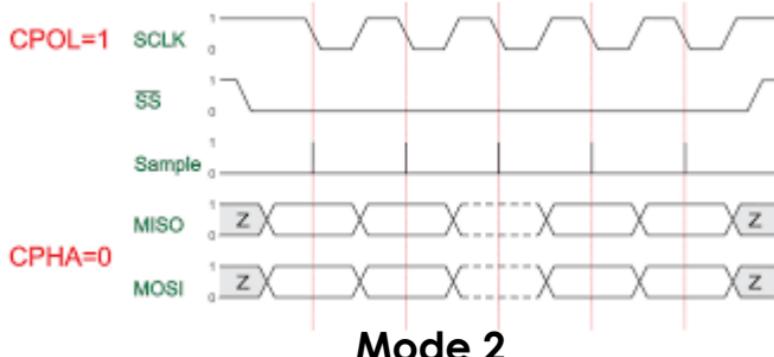
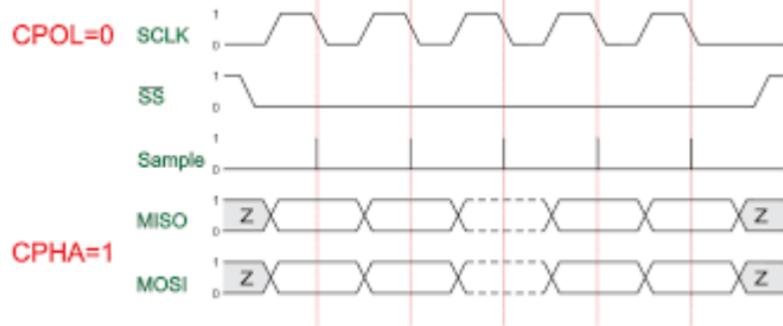
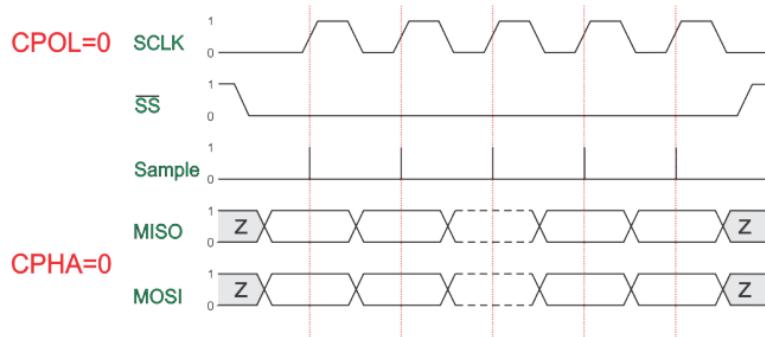
**Mode 2**



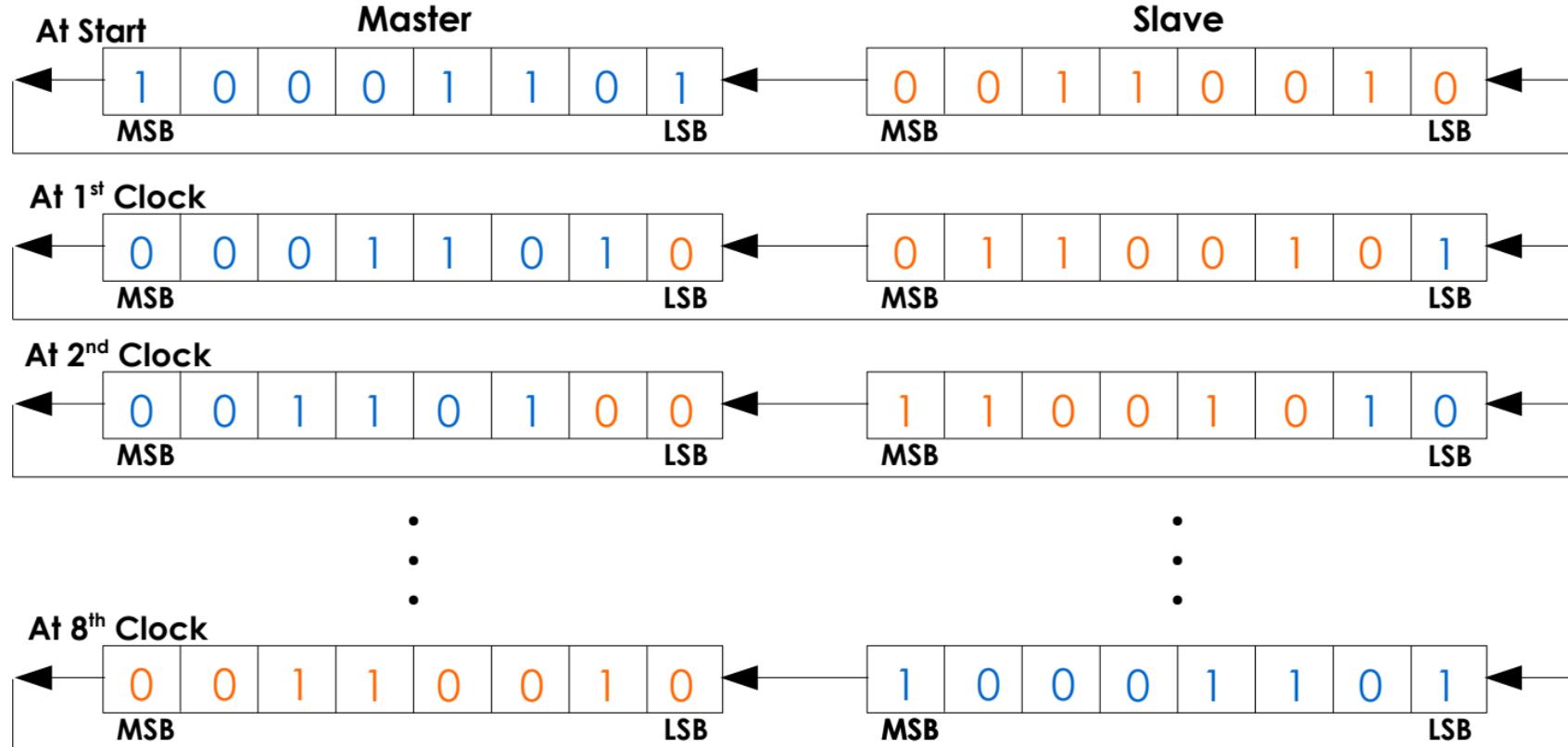
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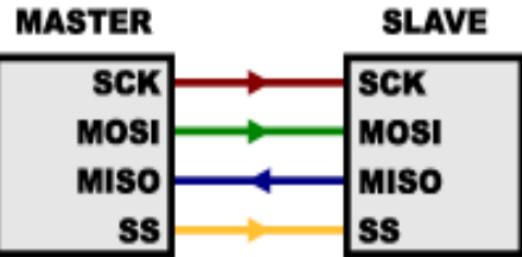
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# Shift Registers

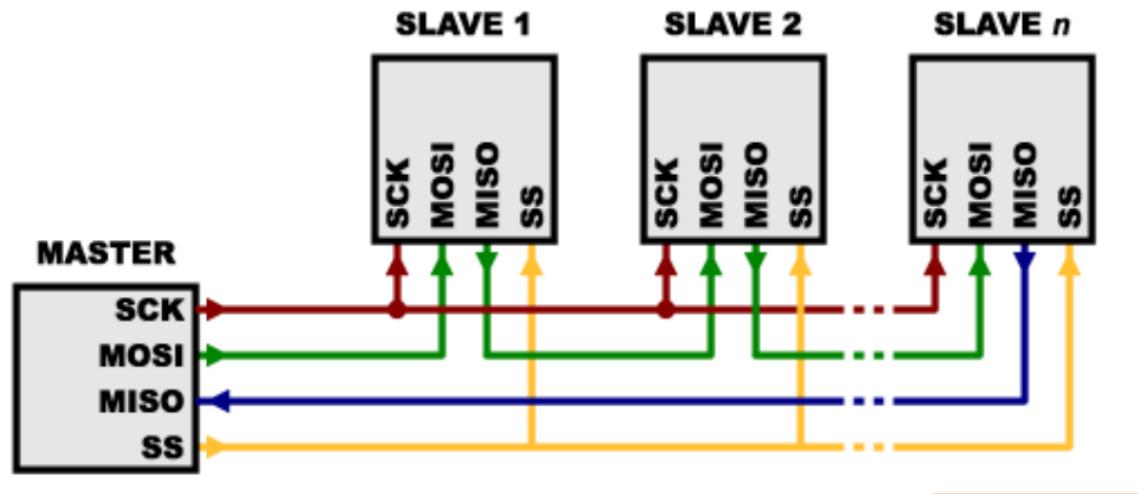


# SPI Interfacing



Single Slave Interface

Multi Slave Interface



# Positives & Negatives

- Simple hardware interfacing.
- Faster than asynchronous serial communication.
- Flexibility for the bits transfer.
- Supports multiple slaves.
- No need for individual addresses.
- Full duplex communication.
- Does not require processing overheads.
- High speed of data transfer.

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- Requires more pins on IC.
- Supports only one master device.
- Separate SS lines to each slave.
- Master must control all communications.
- No acknowledgment mechanism.
- No flow control.

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# A/D Converter...???

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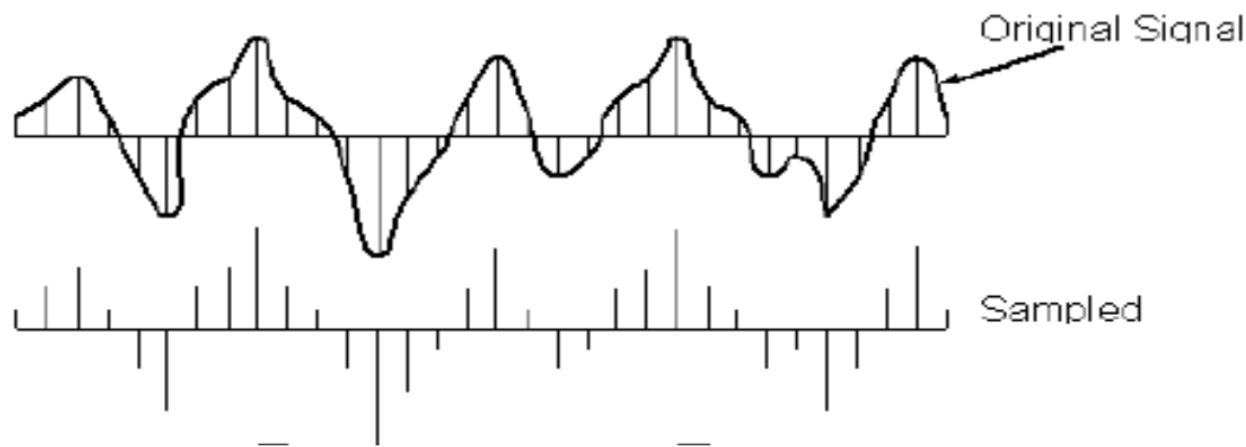
## Analog to Digital Converter

Electronic Integrated Circuit which converts Analog Signal into Digital Signals.

Continuous Time & Continuous Amplitude Into Discrete Time & Discrete Amplitude

# Analog to Digital Conversion

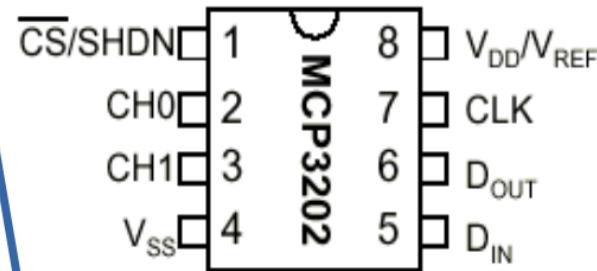
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- Analog input signal is sampled at discrete time.
- Sampled discrete amplitude levels are then converted into digital format i.e. sequence of 1's and 0's.

# ADC - “MCP 3202”

- 8 – Pin Package.
- High performance and low power consumption
- 12 bit ADC Capability.
- Works on Successive Approximation principle.
- An industry-standard SPI serial interface.



# Working of ADC - “MCP 3202”

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## Initialization of ADC -

- Communication is done by pulling CS pin low.
- DIN will constitute a start bit.
- SGL/DIFF bit and ODD/SIGN bit follow the start bit.
- Then MSBF bit is transmitted.

SGL/DIFF – For selecting Single-Ended mode or Pseudo-differential mode.

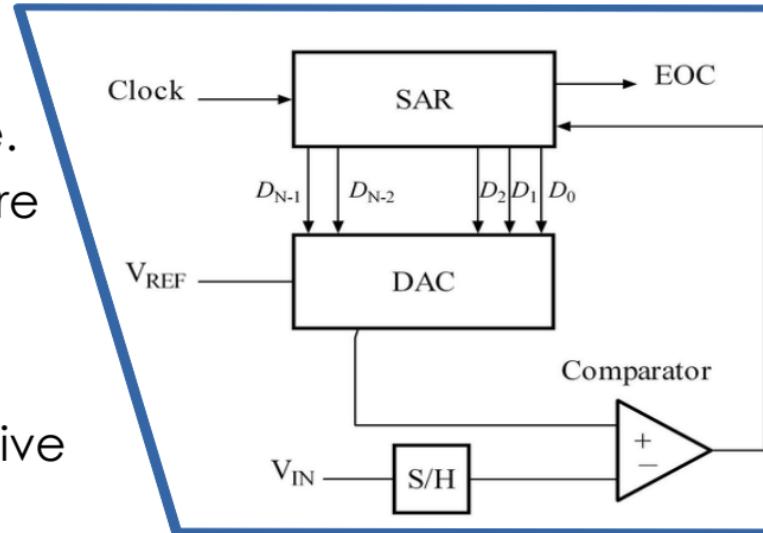
ODD/SIGN – For selecting one of the Channels in Single-Ended mode & Polarity in Pseudo-differential mode.

MSBF – For selecting MSB first or LSB first data format.

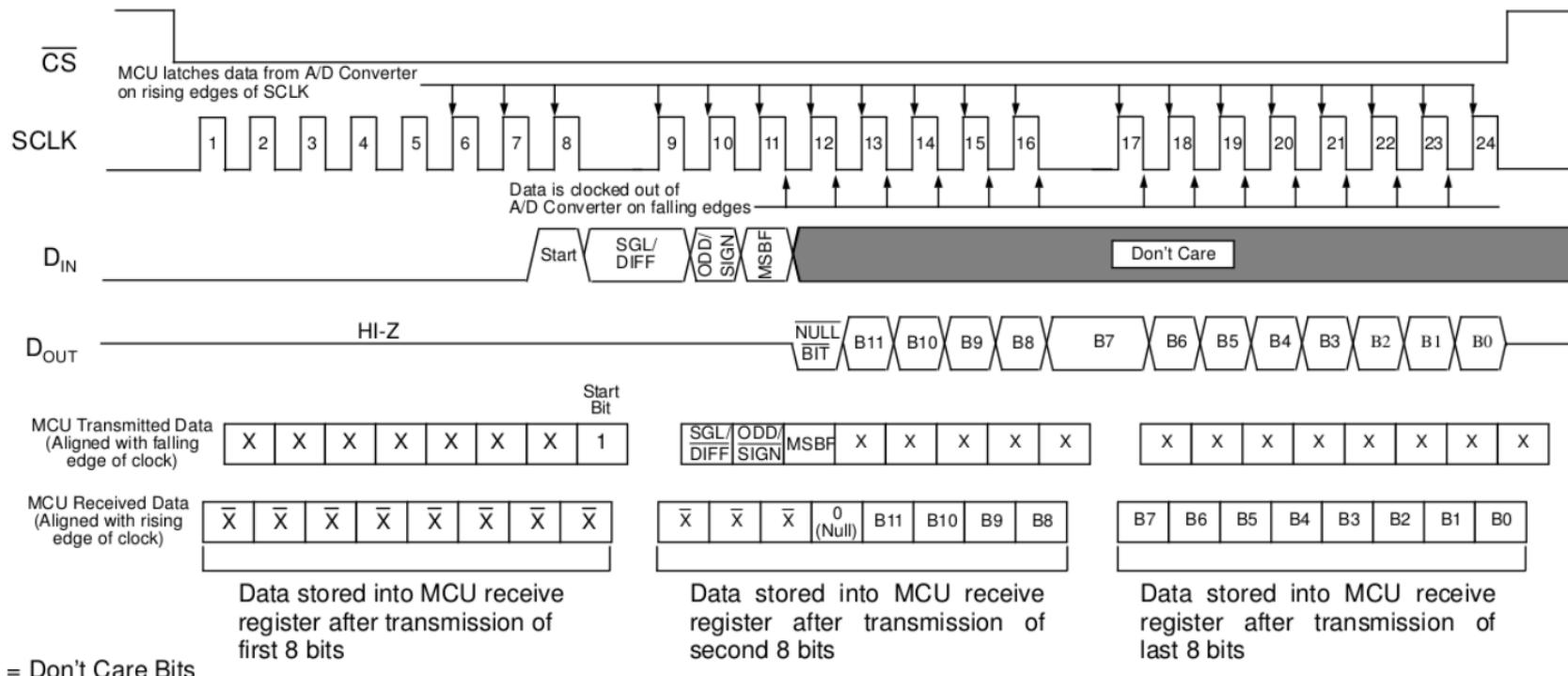
# Working of ADC - “MCP 3202”

## Conversion of A to D -

- Successive Approximation Principle.
- A sample and hold circuit to acquire the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ).
- Comparator compares  $V_{IN}$  to the output of the internal DAC & gives result of the comparison to successive approximation register (SAR).
- SAR supplies an approximate digital code of  $V_{IN}$  to the internal DAC.
- DAC supplies an analog voltage equal to the digital code output of the SAR to Comparator.



# Timing Diagram of “MCP 3202”



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# Linux SPI Driver API...???

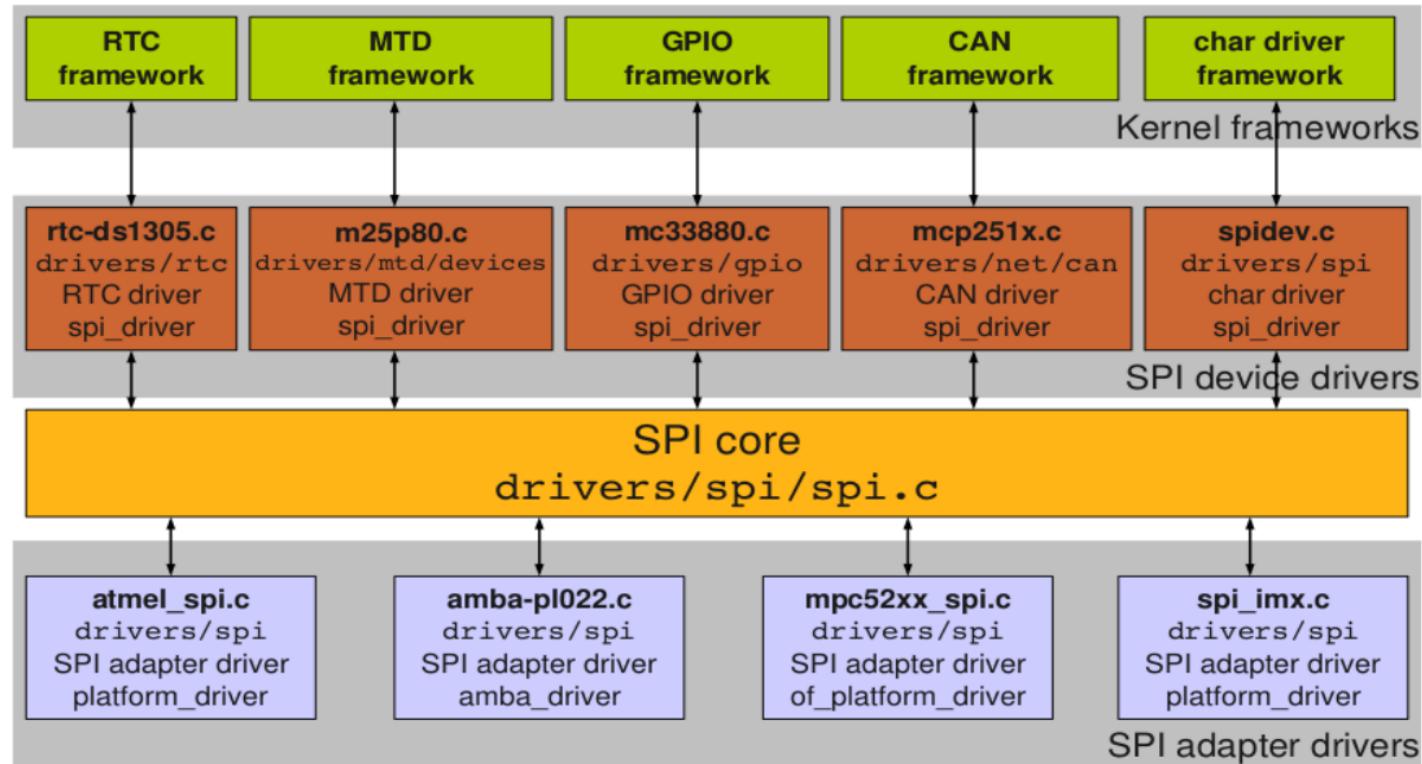
## Linux SPI Driver API

Linux talks to SPI peripherals...

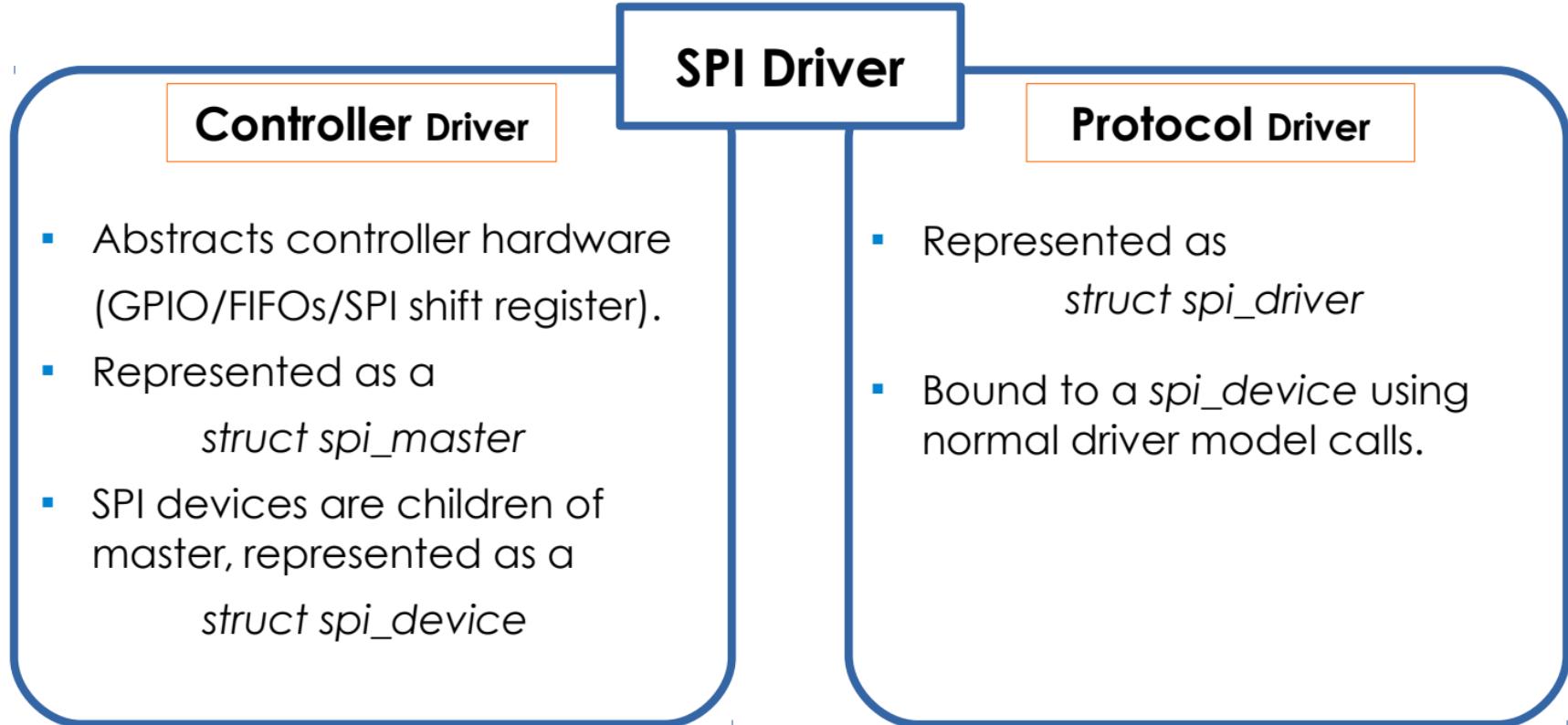
A generalized interface to declare SPI buses and devices.

Manage them according to the standard Linux driver model, and perform input/output operations...!!!

# Linux SPI Components



# Programming with SPI



# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_master
```

```
{  
    struct device dev;  
    u16 num_chipselect;  
    size_t (*)(struct spi_device *spi)  
        max_transfer_size;  
    int (*)(struct spi_device *spi,  
            struct spi_message *mesg) transfer;  
    void (*)(struct spi_device *spi) cleanup;  
    ...  
};
```

- SPI Controller Driver
- Allows easy communication with SPI slave devices.
- Takes care of multiplexing between different SPI slaves on the same master.

# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_device
```

```
{  
    struct device dev;  
    struct spi_controller *master;  
    u8 chip_select;  
    void *controller_state;  
    void *controller_data;  
    ...  
    ...  
};
```

- Controller side proxy for an SPI slave device.
- Used to interchange data between an SPI slave & CPU memory.
- Device specific template.

# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_board_info
{
    const void * platform_data;
    void * controller_data;
    u16 chip_select;
    u16 mode;
    ...
    ...
};
```

- Board-specific template for a SPI device.
- Useful when adding new SPI devices to the device tree.
- Hold information which can't always be determined by drivers.

# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_driver
{
    const struct spi_device_id * id_table;
    int (*probe) (struct spi_device *spi);
    int (*remove) (struct spi_device *spi);
    void (*shutdown) (struct spi_device *spi);
    struct device_driver driver;
};
```

- Host side “protocol” driver.
- Represents the kind of device driver that uses SPI messages.
- Works through messages rather than talking directly to SPI hardware.

# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_message
```

```
{  
    struct spi_device *spi;  
    unsigned frame_length;  
    unsigned actual_length;  
    int status;  
    ...  
};
```

- One multi-segment SPI transaction.
- Used to execute an atomic sequence of data transfers.
- Messages sent to a given spi\_device are always executed in FIFO order.

# Programming with SPI - Structures

```
struct spi_transfer
```

```
{  
    const void *tx_buf;  
    void *rx_buf;  
    unsigned tx_nbits:3;  
    unsigned rx_nbits:3;  
    u8 bits_per_word;  
    u32 speed_hz;  
    ...  
    ...  
};
```

- A read/write buffer pair.
- SPI transfers always write the same number of bytes as they read.
- Protocol drivers should always provide rx\_buf and/or tx\_buf.

## Character Device & Character Driver -

A character device is one that can be accessed as a stream of bytes.

A char driver is in charge of implementing this behavior. Such a driver usually implements at least the open, close, read, and write system calls.

SPI Devices can be accessed as a character devices.

# SPI Driver Implementation

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## File Operation structure -

```
struct file_operations fops = {  
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,  
    .open = mySpiOpen,  
    .release = mySpiRelease,  
    .read = mySpiRead,  
};
```

## File Operation Function Definitions -

```
static int mySpiInit(void);  
static void mySpiExit(void);  
int mySpiOpen(struct inode *, struct file *);  
int mySpiRelease(struct inode *, struct file *);  
ssize_t mySpiRead(struct file *, char __user *, size_t, loff_t *);
```

## Function - `module_init()`

Module initialization function.

- Setting up a char device - `alloc_chrdev_region()`
- Allocate and register structure of type struct cdev - `cdev_alloc()`
- Tell the kernel about it - `cdev_add()`
- Create the class of character device - `class_create()`
- Create the device of the class - `device_create()`
- Register spi driver to the Kernel - `spi_register_driver()`

## Function - `probe()`

- Purpose is to detect devices residing on the bus & to create device nodes corresponding to these devices.
- The kernel calls the driver's `probe()` function once for each device.
- Probe function starts the per-device initialization: initializing hardware, allocating resources, and registering the device with the kernel.

## Function - read()

- Purpose is to read data from slave device i.e ADC.
- This function sends command to initialize ADC and simultaneously reads the conversion data from ADC, in its receiver buffer.
- Functions & structures used by read -
  - *struct spi\_transfer*
  - *struct spi\_message*
  - *spi\_message\_init()*
  - *spi\_message\_add\_tail()*
  - *spi\_sync()*

# SPI Application Implementation

## Application.c

### Open function subroutine

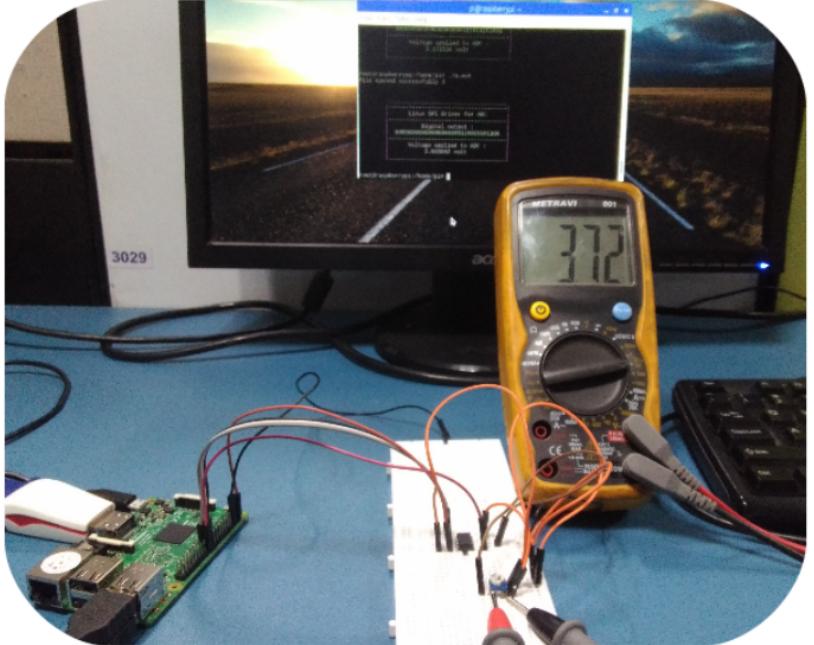
Opens SPI device present in /dev directory

```
fd = open("/dev/SPI_ADC");
.
.
.
read(fd, &val, sizeof(val));
.
.
.
close(fd);
```

### Read function subroutine

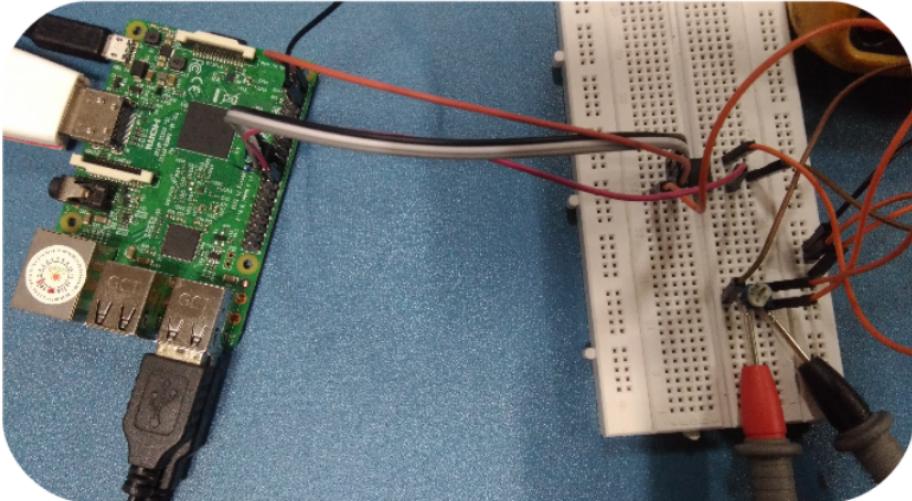
Read SPI device and copies value to user space.

# Snapshots

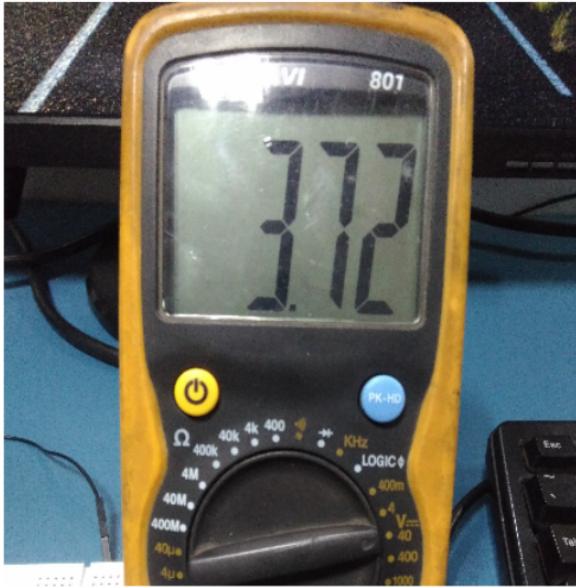


**Whole Setup**

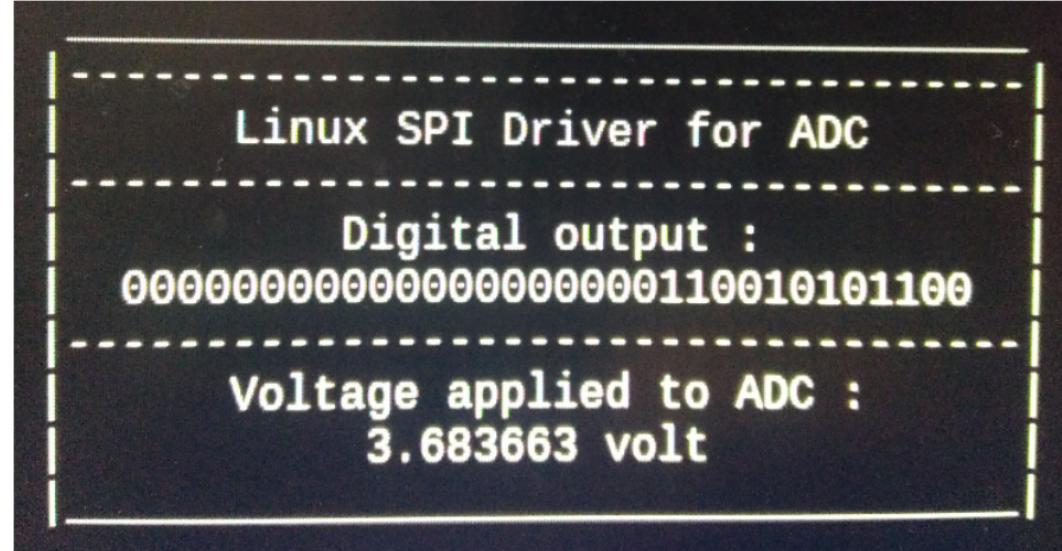
**Connection of ADC with  
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# Results



## Voltage applied to ADC's input



# Voltage obtained by SPI Application using Linux SPI Driver

# Conclusion

SPI – A simple & easy protocol for Embedded Systems.

SPI have 4 modes depending on CPOL & CPHA.

## Outcomes

A/D conversion using MCP3202.

Linux SPI Driver has 2 types – Protocol & Controller.

It is easy to write your own SPI driver using Linux's spi.c core.



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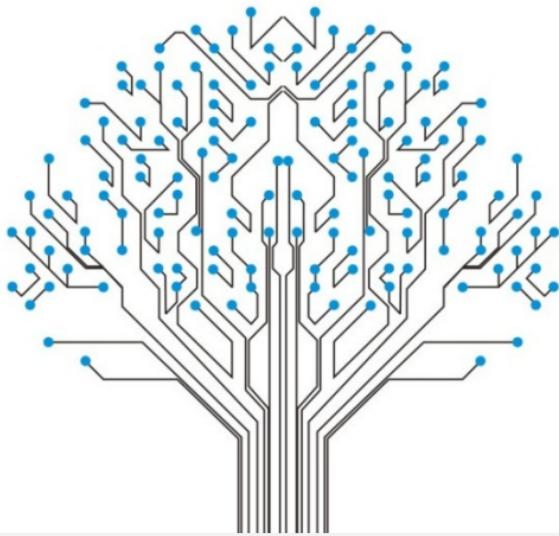


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