# CE220925 - PSoC 6 MCU VDAC Sample and Hold

#### **Objective**

This example demonstrates how to sample and hold the VDAC output while in Deep-Sleep mode using a PSoC® 6 MCU.

#### Overview

This example demonstrates how to maintain the VDAC output voltage using the sample and hold capacitor while in Deep Sleep mode. Both Component and low-level Peripheral Driver Library (PDL) function calls are demonstrated. When the voltage across the capacitor drifts below the internal 1.20-V bandgap voltage, the comparator wakes the device to re-sample the VDAC output. When the device wakes up, the red LED on the kit is toggled for a visual cue.

#### Requirements

Tool: PSoC Creator™ 4.2 with PDL 3.0.1

Programming Language: C (Arm® GCC 5.4-2016-q2-update)

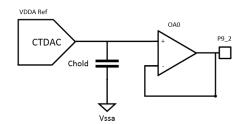
Associated Parts: PSoC 6 MCU family of devices

Related Hardware: CY8CKIT-062-BLE PSoC 6 MCU BLE Pioneer Kit and CY8CKIT-062-WiFi-BT PSoC 6 MCU Pioneer Kit

#### Design

The sample and hold (SH) capacitor is used to hold the DAC output voltage so that the DAC output can be turned OFF to save power. The SH capacitor is connected to one of the CTBm amplifier inputs as shown in Figure 1 to buffer the voltage. Sampling and holding are controlled by firmware.

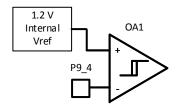
Figure 1. Sample and Hold Capacitor Connection



The opamps, analog routing switches, and bandgap reference voltage are enabled to operate in Deep Sleep mode. In Deep Sleep mode, the input voltage range of the opamps are limited to 0 V to  $V_{DDA}$  – 1.5 V. Therefore, the minimum  $V_{DDA}$  for this code example is 2.7 V.

The opamp output in Figure 1 is routed to the negative terminal of OA1, configured as a comparator. The voltage is compared to an internal 1.20-V bandgap voltage. When the sampled VDAC voltage drifts below the 1.20 V bandgap voltage, the comparator will wake the device to re-sample the VDAC output.

Figure 2. Comparator Configuration



Because there are no internal analog routes between the output of OA0 and the negative input terminal of OA1 available in Deep Sleep, P9[2] and P9[4] must be externally connected.

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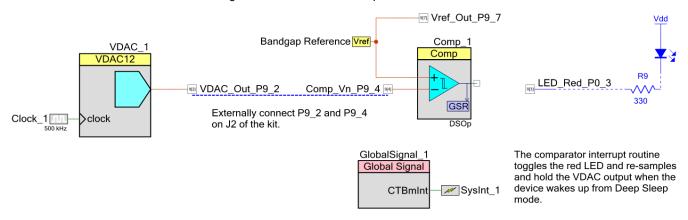
Reset Configure components/ hardware blocks Turn on DAC output (DAC output > bandgap voltage) Sample DAC output Disconnect DAC output from Chold Turn off DAC output Enter Deep Sleep Toggle red LED mode Is hold voltage less Yes than bandgap voltage? Wake up device

Figure 3. Firmware Flow Chart



#### **Using Components**

Figure 4. PSoC Creator Component Schematic



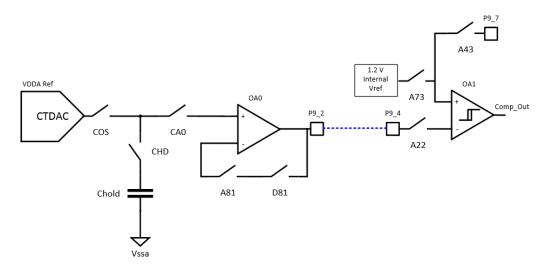
PSoC 6 MCU has one global interrrupt for all CTBm blocks. To configure and assign this interrupt, use the Global Signal Resource Component.

The internal bandgap voltage is routed to a device pin so that it can be measured.

#### **Using PDL**

To implement the design using PDL, a series of low-level API function calls are made to configure and enable the CTDAC, both opamps of the CTB, the internal 1.2 V bandgap, the sample and hold capacitor connection, and analog routing switches. Figure 5 shows the design with all the required the analog switches.

Figure 5. Schematic Implemented in PDL



#### **Design Considerations**

This code example is designed to run on the CY8CKIT-062-BLE Pioneer Kit with the CY8C6347BZI-BLD53 MCU device. To port the design to a different PSoC 6 MCU device and/or kit, change the target device using **Device Selector** and update the pin assignments in the **Design Wide Resources Pins** settings as needed. For single-core PSoC 6 MCU devices, port the code from *main cm4.c* to *main.c.* 

The code example relies on the VDAC output to begin at a voltage greater than the internal 1.20-V bandgap. The code example targets 1.21 V as the initial voltage based on a  $V_{DDA}$  reference of 3.3 V. Depending on the actual  $V_{DDA}$  voltage, the starting VDAC code (voltage) may require modification if it is less than 1.20 V.

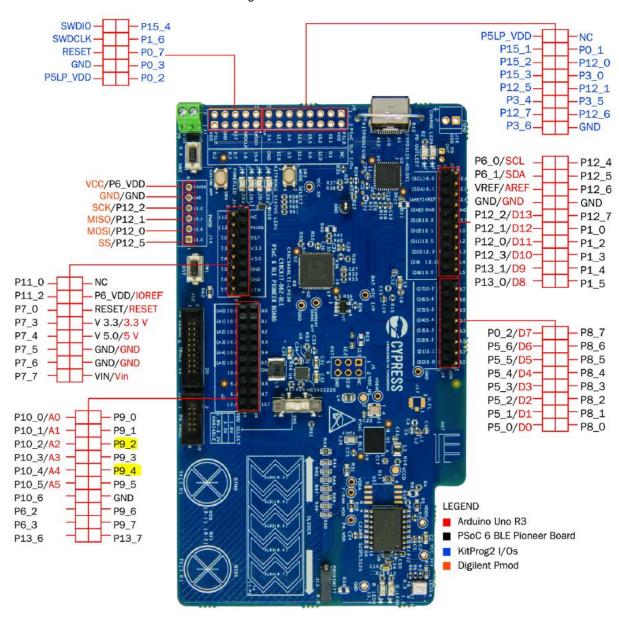


# **Hardware Setup**

This example uses the kit's default configuration and an external jumper to connect P9[2] and P9[4] on J2 (highlighted yellow in Figure 6). Connect P9[2] such that it can be probed using a digital multimeter (DMM).

Refer to the kit guide to ensure that the kit is configured correctly.

Figure 6. Pioneer Kit Pinout



# **Software Setup**

By default, the code example uses Component API function calls. Alternatively, the PDL\_CONFIGURATION macro can be set to (1u) to demonstrate how to use the low-level CTDAC PDL function calls.



# **Operation**

- 1. Plug CY8CKIT-062 BLE into your computer's USB port.
- 2. Ensure switch SW5 on the kit is in position 2 to select 3.3 V for  $V_{DDA}$ .
- 3. Connect a wire between P9[2] and P9[4] as described in Hardware Setup.
- 4. Build the project and program it into the PSoC 6 MCU device. Choose **Debug > Program**. For more information on device programming, see PSoC Creator Help. Flash for both CPUs is programmed in a single program operation.
- 5. Using a digital multimeter (DMM), measure the internal bandgap voltage on P9[7] and record this value.
- 6. Connect a DMM to P9[2]. This is the SH voltage.

If this voltage is less than the bandgap voltage measured in Step 5, the comparator interrupt will never trigger. Increase the VDAC output by changing the DAC VALUE target in the code:

- 1. Rebuild the project and program the PSoC 6 MCU device.
- 2. Observe the SH voltage drop slowly. When the SH voltage drops below the bandgap voltage, the red LED (LED5) on the kit turns ON. The firmware resamples the VDAC output voltage across the SH capacitor. The red LED inverts state each time the SH voltage drops below the bandgap voltage. The time it takes for the SH voltage to drop below the bandgap voltage may be a few minutes depending on device leakage.

# Components

Table 1 lists the PSoC Creator Components used in this example, as well as the hardware resources used by each.

Component	Instance Name	Hardware Resources	
Voltage DAC (12-bit)	VDAC_1	1 CTDAC, 1 opamp, 1 sample and hold	
Comparator	Comp_1	1 opamp	
Global Signal Resource	GlobalSignal_1, SysInt_1	1 Interrupt	
Clock	Clock_1	1 Peripheral clock divider	
Vref	Bandgap Reference	1 Analog reference block	
Digital Pin	LED_Red_P0_3	1 Digital output pin	
Analog Pin	VDAC_Out_P9_3 Comp_Vn_P9_4 Vref_Out_P9_7	3 Analog pins	

Table 1. PSoC Creator Components



#### **Parameter Settings**

Figure 7 to Figure 10 highlight the non-default settings for the Components.

Figure 7. VDAC Component Parameter Settings

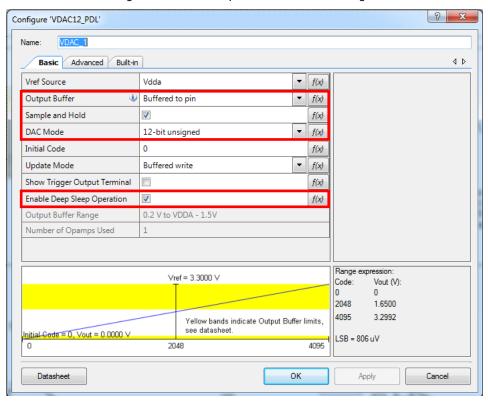
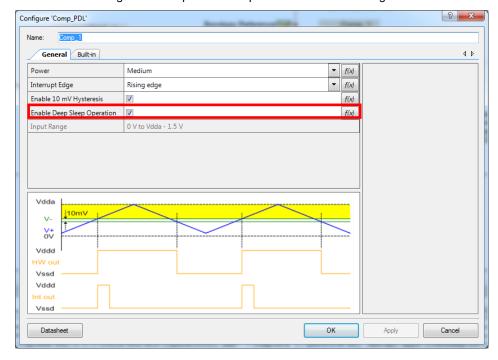


Figure 8. Comparator Component Parameter Settings





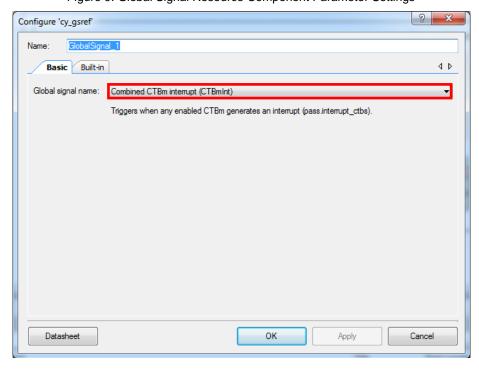
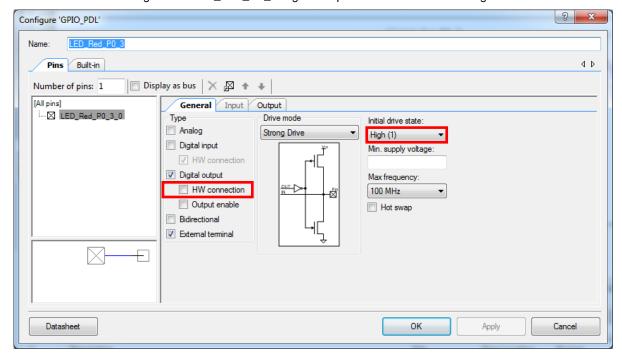


Figure 9. Global Signal Resource Component Parameter Settings

Figure 10. LED\_Red\_P0\_3 Digital Output GPIO Parameter Settings



The LEDs on the kit turn ON when the GPIO drives a LOW and turns OFF when the GPIO drives a HIGH. The initial drive state of the LED\_Red\_P0\_3 digital output pin is HIGH so that the LED on the board is OFF at reset.



# **Design-Wide Resources**

Table 2 shows the pin assignments for the code example.

Table 2. Pin Names and Location

Pin Name	Pin Location
Comp_Vn_9_4	P9[4]
LED_Red_P0_3	P0[3]
VDAC_Out_P9_2	P9[2]
Vref_Out_P9_7	P9[7]

# **Related Documents**

Application Notes				
AN210781	Getting Started with PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity			
PSoC Creator Component Datasheets				
VDAC12	Supports continuous-time DAC functions			
Comparator	Supports comparator functions			
Global Signal Resource	Allows access to device level global signals			
General Purpose Input / Output (GPIO)	Supports all GPIO pin features			
Device Documentation				
PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Datasheet	t			
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PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Register T	echnical Reference Manual			
PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 62 Datasheet				
Development Kit (DVK) Documentation				
PSoC 6 MCU BLE Pioneer Kit				
PSoC 6 MCU WiFi BT Pioneer Kit				



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