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PC16450C/NS16450, PC8250A/INS8250A Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

General Description

This part functions as a serial data input/output interface in a microcomputer system. The system software determines the functional configuration of the UART via a TRI-STATE® 8-bit bidirectional data bus.

The UART performs serial-to-parallel conversion on data characters received from a peripheral device or a MODEM, and parallel-to-serial conversion on data characters received from the CPU. The CPU can read the complete status of the UART at any time during the functional operation. Status information reported includes the type and condition of the transfer operations being performed by the UART, as well as any error conditions (parity, overrun, framing, or break interrupt).

The UART includes a programmable baud rate generator that is capable of dividing the timing reference clock input by divisors of 1 to $(2^{16}-1)$, and producing a 16 × clock for driving the internal transmitter logic. Provisions are also included to use this 16 × clock to drive the receiver logic. The UART includes a complete MODEM-control capability and a processor-interrupt system. Interrupts can be programmed to the user's requirements, minimizing the computing required to handle the communications link.

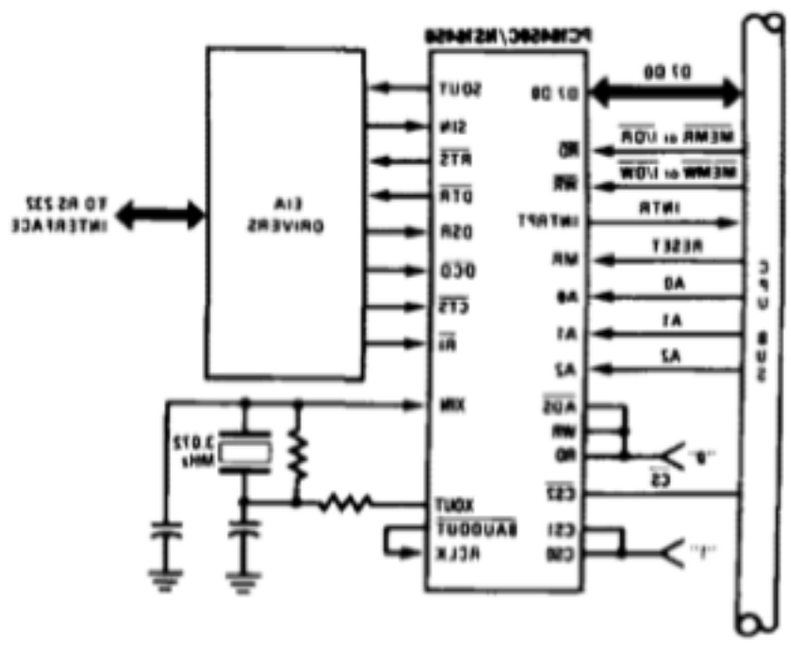
The PC16450C/NS16450 is an improved specification version of the PC8250C/INS8250-B Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART). The UART is fabricated using National Semiconductor's advanced 1.25 µ CMOS process.

The PC16450C/NS16450 is functionally equivalent to the original NS16450, INS8250A, NS16C450 and INS82C50A, except that it has improved AC timing specifications and it is CMOS.

Features

- Easily interfaces to most popular microprocessors.
- Adds or deletes standard asynchronous communication bits (start, stop, and parity) to or from serial data stream.
- Holding and shift registers eliminate the need for precise synchronization between the CPU and the serial data.
- Independently controlled transmit, receive, line status, and data set interrupts.
- Programmable baud generator allows division of any input clock by 1 to $(2^{16}-1)$ and generates the internal 16 × clock.
- Independent receiver clock input.
- MODEM control functions (CTS, RTS, DSR, DTR, RI, and DCD).
- Fully programmable serial-interface characteristics:
  - 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-bit characters
  - Even, odd, or no-parity bit generation and detection
  - 1-, 1½-, or 2-stop bit generation
  - Baud generation (DC to 256 kbaud)
- False start bit detection.
- Complete status reporting capabilities.
- TRI-STATE TTL drive capabilities for bidirectional data bus and control bus.
- Line break generation and detection.
- Internal diagnostic capabilities:
  - Loopback controls for communications link fault isolation
  - Break, parity, overrun, framing error simulation.
- Fully prioritized interrupt system controls.

Connection Diagram



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