

# **AN1182**

### Fonts in the Microchip Graphics Library

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#### INTRODUCTION

Embedded system application displays vary from complex devices, such as PDAs, cell phones and compact computers, to simple devices, such as home air-conditioner and security controllers, coffee makers and door entry keypads. Most of the simpler devices already have been adapted to use graphical displays previously found only in high-end devices, and with the price of displays continuing to fall, more and more simple devices will be using displays.

A common concern with simple devices is keeping down costs to improve market competitiveness. This requires reducing components, including memory and display sizes. As more functionalities are included in device designs, keeping down costs has become more challenging.

With today's global economy, products increase their sales by being sold in more geographies, but that requires the products to be adapted to other languages. For products with displays, that increases the functional requirements and compounds the problem of keeping costs down.

The character sets that produce the display's font images are central to the cost problem. While English and most other European languages can be handled with a 256-character set, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and other languages require many more characters. In some cases, the character set can be in the thousands which significantly increases a systems' memory requirements.

For simple, low-cost devices, market economics make it impossible to provide individual functionality for every character in languages with such large character sets.

The Microchip Graphics Library solves this problem by creating font images that contain only the characters that an application will be using. That significantly reduces the amount of system memory required for fonts

This application note describes the format of the Microchip Graphics Library's font image. It also tells how to reduce the number of characters in a font and automate the creation of the character arrays referring to an application's strings.

This document's examples are applicable to 16-bit and 32-bit PIC<sup>®</sup> microcontrollers with peripherals capable of connecting to display devices, such as the Parallel Master Port (PMP), and which are supported by the Microchip Graphics Library.

For an overview of the library's architecture and uses, see *AN1136*, "How to Use Widgets in Microchip Graphics Library". For further details, see the library's Help documentation that comes with the library software. (The library can be downloaded from www.microchip.com/graphics.)

#### **FONT IMAGE FORMAT**

The Microchip Graphics Library uses the image structure for fonts shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1: IMAGE STRUCTURE FOR FONTS

Block	Char	Name	# of Bits	Description
Font Header		(Reserved)	8	Reserved for future use (must be set to '0')
		Font ID	8	User-assigned ID number
		First Char	16	Character code of the first font character (for example, 32)
		Last Char	16	Character code of the last font character (for example, 3006)
		(Reserved)	8	Reserved for future use (must be set to '0')
		Height	8	Character height in pixels
Character Table	First Character	Offset MSb	8	Offset from the start of font image (8 MSbs)
		Width	8	Width in pixels
		Offset LSb	16	Offset from the start of font image (16 LSbs)
	Second Character	Offset MSb	8	Offset from the start of font image (8 MSbs)
		Width	8	Width in pixels
		Offset LSb	16	Offset from the start of font image (16 LSbs)
	Last Character	Offset MSb	8	Offset from the start of font image (8 MSbs)
		Width	8	Width in pixels
		Offset LSb	16	Offset from the start of font image (16 LSbs)
Font Bitmap	First Character		†	Bitmap data of first character
	Second Character		†	Bitmap data of second character
	Last Character		†	Bitmap data of last character

<sup>†</sup> Character bitmap bit sizes vary with the character width.

The Font Header block defines the height of all the characters and the range from the First Character to Last Character entries. Users can use the header's Font ID field to group the fonts into appropriate classifications. IDs could be used to distinguish between bold and normal fonts. They can also be used to differentiate Chinese fonts from Japanese fonts.

The Character Table block defines an array of character entries, each consisting of two two-byte words. The first byte and second word of each entry is the 24-bit offset from the beginning of the image to the character bitmap. The second byte of each entry is the character width.

For example, to locate the first character bitmap of a font image structure located at address 0x0040:

 The 24-bit offset is obtained by concatenating the first byte with the third and fourth bytes (second word) of the first character offset entries from the character table, as shown.

$$Offset[23:0] = Offset MSb[7:0]:Offset LSb[15:0]$$

The obtained Offset[23:0] is added to 0x0040, as shown.

```
First bitmap = Offset[23:0] + 0x0040
```

The first character's bitmap will be located at the resulting address.

The number of character entries in the font image is calculated as (LastChar – FirstChar) + 1.

The Font Bitmap block contains the character bitmap definitions. Each character is stored as a contiguous set of bytes. Each bit represents one pixel, since fonts glyphs are always treated as 1 bit-per-pixel (bpp) images. Pixels are stored left-to-right, top-to-bottom.

The library uses the fonts for the control widgets. Control widgets are the Graphical User Interface's (GUI) components that are manipulated with a mouse or keyboard. Each widget can have its own style scheme. The style scheme specifies the colors used to draw the widget, as well as the fonts used to label the widgets.

The font image is a style scheme component assigned to the widgets. A pointer is allocated in the style scheme to point to the font structure where a member of that structure is the pointer to the font image to be used. (In Example 1, the scheme's font structure pointer is shown in bold text.)

For details on the font structure, see "Microchip Graphics Library Help", which is installed with the library.

This implementation permits the assignment of different fonts to widgets. Each widget could use several different font styles, or a group of widgets could use one style with another group using another style. This provides flexibility in the design of application screens.

This application note shows how different language fonts can be implemented into one application by switching the fonts and text assigned to a widget.

The locations of the fonts are transparent to the library. As long as a location can be addressed, it can be accessed by the graphic library's API. It does not matter if the font image is in the internal Flash, external Flash or RAM.

Throughout this document, the terms font and font image are used interchangeably. Both terms will be referring to the font image stored in memory.

#### **EXAMPLE 1: GRAPHICS OBJECT LANGUAGE (GOL) SCHEME STRUCTURE**

```
typedef struct {
                              // Emboss dark color used for 3d effect.
   WORD EmbossDkColor;
   WORD EmbossLtColor;
                              // Emboss light color used for 3d effect.
   WORD TextColor0;
                              // Character color 0 used for objects that supports text.
   WORD TextColor1;
                              // Character color 1 used for objects that supports text.
   WORD TextColorDisabled;
                              // Character color used when object's state is disabled.
   WORD Color0;
                              // Color 0 usually assigned to an Object state.
   WORD Color1;
                              // Color 1 usually assigned to an Object state.
   WORD ColorDisabled;
                              // Color used when an Object is in a disabled state.
   WORD CommonBkColor;
                              // Background color used to hide Objects.
   void *pFont;
                              // Pointer to the font structure assigned to the
                               // style scheme.
 GOL SCHEME;
```

#### MEMORY REQUIREMENTS

In most languages, 256 characters are enough to cover the character set of a font. Since the character glyphs are stored as bitmaps, the size of the font will depend on the character height selected when the font images are created.

In the English language, usually a code range of 32-127 is enough to cover any application with texts and strings. A font using this range and having a character height of 24 pixels can occupy about 3.8 Kbytes of memory. The actual memory requirement will vary depending on the kind of font used and the height of the character.

In applications using fonts with more than 256 characters, the memory requirement becomes a challenge. Some Asian fonts have character sets numbering in the thousands. The complete character set of Simplified Chinese contains more than 50,000 characters. The approximate memory requirement for this character set, with the same 24-pixel height, is more than 2 Mbytes.

For PIC devices, with internal Flash memory sizes ranging from 16-256 Kbytes for PIC24F and 32-512 Kbytes for PIC32, usually it is not possible to handle such fonts in the usual way.

In some embedded systems, a font engine is used to optimize font operations. "Font engine" is a generic term for software that renders font images from algorithms, or vector equations that draws the lines of curves of the characters.

Storing the equations instead of the images makes the font scalable. It also reduces the memory requirements to tens of Kbytes.

The drawback of this solution is that a significant amount of processing power and memory are needed to render the characters from equations; that consumes resources that could be used by the application code.

For this reason, font engines are common in high-end devices, but not in low-cost devices, where cost containment is important.

#### REDUCING FONT IMAGES

The problem of fonts' memory requirements in limitedresource environments can be resolved by reducing those requirements. This can be done two ways:

- Reduce the range of characters being stored in memory
- Store only the characters that are going to be used

By defining a font character range, you can reduce the number of characters stored in memory.

The ASCII table defines a character set from 0 to 127, with the extended set ranging from 128 to 255. Instead of storing that complete character set, this approach defines a smaller range by designating a start and end character.

A range could be defined from character code 32 to 127 – from the space character to the delete character. The eliminated codes of 0 through 31 are control (non-printing) characters that do not produce symbols.

If the application uses only capital letters and the numbers 0-9, the range could be further reduced. But the numbers of the character codes must be sequential and those letters and numbers are not contiguous; so unused characters glyphs would have to be stored in memory.

As a result, this solution saves memory, but has the inefficiency of storing unused characters.

By storing only characters that are going to be used, the second solution is more efficient and has larger reductions in the fonts' memory requirement.

In applications that use static strings, only the predefined set of characters glyphs need to be stored in the font image. This eliminates all of the unused characters.

This solution, however, requires the character codes to be changed. That is because the graphics library expects the font character codes to be sequential; so a coding change is necessary.

If an application is tasked to display the string "HELLO WORLD!", the normal C code would be what is shown in Example 2.

## EXAMPLE 2: NORMAL CHARACTER ARRAY DECLARATION

char EngStr[] = "HELLO WORLD!";

The C compiler automatically recognizes the string and replaces the characters with the character codes from the standard ASCII character table. Using a font that stores the complete character set (codes 32 to 127), the application correctly displays the <code>EngStr[]</code> characters.

If the application uses a reduced character set, storing only the characters in the string, the C code must be changed to what is shown in Example 3.

# EXAMPLE 3: MODIFIED CHARACTER ARRAY DECLARATION USING A REDUCED

```
char EngStr[] =  \{ 0x24,0x23,0x25,0x25, 0x26,0x26,0x20,0x28,0x26, 0x27,0x25,0x22,0x21, 0x00 \};
```

**CHARACTER SET** 

Except for the space and exclamation mark character, all the character codes have changed. That change is due to the reduction of the character set that has converted the old, numerically dispersed character codes into sequential code numbers, assigned according to the alphabetical order of the used letters.

The space character and exclamation mark character codes did not change because they are adjacent to each other in the original ASCII table and the new, reduced character set has the space character as the first character.

Another reason for starting the character codes from 0x20 (or 32) is to avoid assigning a control character code to any printable character. Since the control character codes are standard, routines in the library may be using these standard control codes to format and display strings and characters.

The NULL string terminator, 0x00, must be included in the array to terminate the string – a task normally done for string literals by the compiler.

The graphics library can use single byte or two-byte characters. Selecting single byte or two-byte characters is done by defining XCHAR, as shown in Example 4. (The XCHAR definition is in the library file, Primitive.h.)

#### **EXAMPLE 4: XCHAR DEFINITION**

```
#ifdef USE_MULTIBYTECHAR
define XCHAR short // 2 bytes
#else
define XCHAR char // 1 byte
#endif
```

- If USE\_MULTIBYTECHAR is not defined:
  - XCHAR is defined as char.
  - The string, "HELLO WORLD!", must be coded using one of the following ways:
    - If the font used was generated using a character range that did not change the character codes, the string can be coded normally as shown in Example 2.
    - If the font has changed the character codes, the new character codes for each character must be coded as shown in Example 6, using only char as data type.

- When USE MULTIBYTECHAR is defined:
  - XCHAR is defined as short.
  - The string must be coded using one of the following ways:
    - If the font used was generated using a character range that did not change the character codes, the "HELLO WORLD!" string is coded as shown in Example 5.
    - If the font has changed the character codes, the new character codes for each character must be coded as shown in Example 6.

#### **EXAMPLE 5: DECLARING A CHARACTER ARRAY WITH MULTI-BYTE XCHAR DEFINITION**

```
XCHAR EngStr [] = {'H','E','L','L','O',' ','W','O','R','L','D','!',0x0000};
```

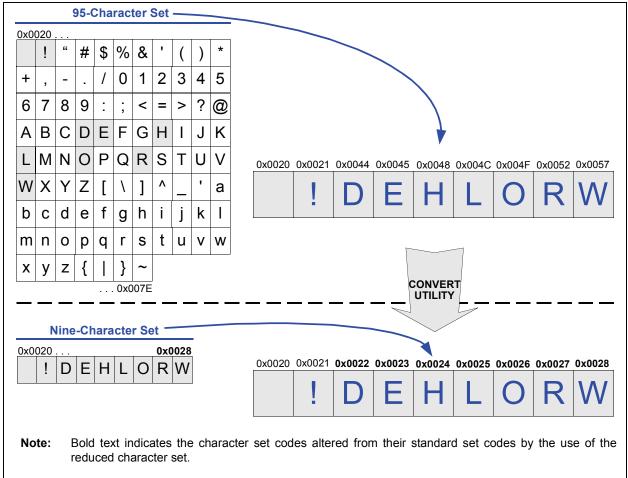
USE\_MULTIBYTECHAR can be defined in the file, GraphicsConfig.h, that is required for any application using the Microchip Graphics Library.

By using the reduced character set, the character array code will convert to what is shown in Example 6.

#### EXAMPLE 6: MODIFIED XCHAR ARRAY DECLARATION USING A REDUCED CHARACTER SET

Figure 1 shows the transformation of the original font to the reduced character set form. The character codes in bold are the ones modified because of the use of a reduced font image.

FIGURE 1: EFFECT OF REDUCING FONT IMAGE ON CHARACTER CODES



The reduction of the font image and the arrays of converted character codes should be performed automatically by a software utility. This removes the error prone procedure of manually converting the original character codes to new values.

In the "HELLO WORLD!" example, the reduced font image required 90% less memory space. The character set was reduced from 95 (codes 32 to 127) to nine.

As more characters are included in the reduced character set, the memory savings becomes negligible for European languages with small standard character

sets. But for languages with thousands of characters, the memory savings from reduced character sets is very significant. Limited Flash memory easily can accommodate more than one font when font images are reduced to a few characters.

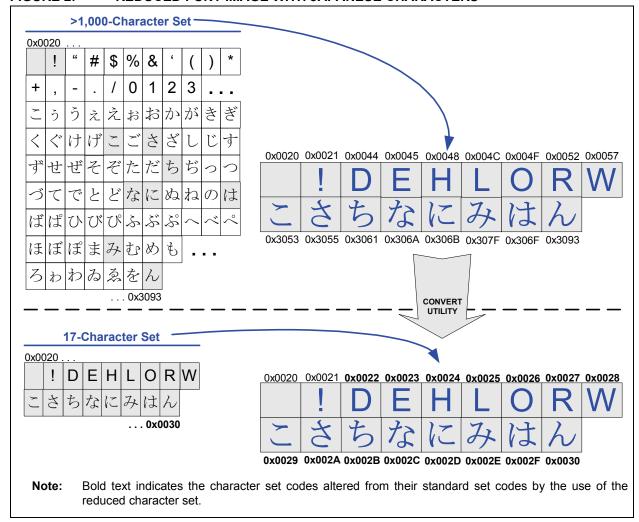
The extent of the memory savings for non-European languages can be demonstrated by translating the earlier example ("HELLO WORLD!") into Japanese. The translation of the phrase is "  $\mathcal{A}$   $\mathcal{A}$ 

#### EXAMPLE 7: JAPANESE CHARACTER ARRAY DECLARATION USING REDUCED FONT IMAGE

Figure 2 shows how the reduced character set utility produces the font image for the Japanese version of the phrase.

Until now, the examples have been of only one font. If an application added a Chinese version of the same phrase, an additional font style would be needed and the conversion utility would have to generate another font encoding.

#### FIGURE 2: REDUCED FONT IMAGE WITH JAPANESE CHARACTERS



## GENERATING REDUCED CHARACTER SETS

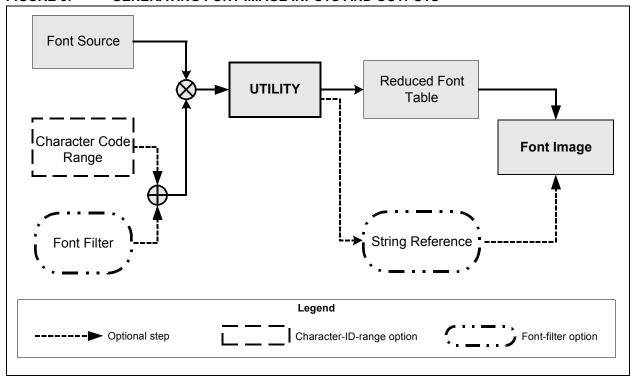
The benefits of reduced character sets having been demonstrated, this section describes:

- The requirements for generating the reduced character sets
- The files needed to access character glyphs bitmaps for the generated font set

Generating a reduced character set for the Microchip Graphics Library requires character code translation. If a character set of more than 255 characters is being used, XCHAR must be defined as 2 bytes.

The inputs and outputs of the character code translation are shown in Figure 3.

#### FIGURE 3: GENERATING FONT IMAGE INPUTS AND OUTPUTS



**Font Source** – A font file or a font that is installed as part of the operating system.

Typefaces used by fonts are usually licensed. Before using the font, ensure that it is properly licensed.

**Character Code Range** – A user-defined setting that specifies the range of character codes to be used. This is set when converting with the utility.

Using this option means that the character's codes will not be changed. The Reduced Font Table will contain all the characters specified in the range.

Font Filter – A formatted text file (\*.txt) containing all of the character array strings used in the application.

Using this option will change the character codes, so generation of a reference file is required. (See "String Reference" paragraph.)

**Utility** – Software that automates the generation of the string reference file whenever the font filter option is used to generate a reduced character font image.

For details on the utility, see the documentation of the font and bitmap converter that comes with the graphics library installer.

**Reduced Font Table** – The output file of the utility that contains the needed characters, as specified by either the character code range or the font filter file.

String Reference – A C header file (\*ref.h) generated if the font filter is used. The file lists all of the string arrays to be used in the application.

Applications use this generated file to refer to the strings defined in the font filter file.

Example 6 and Example 7 show how these character arrays will appear.

**Font Image** – The image of the characters or strings as they appear on the display screen.

#### **Using Font Filters**

To illustrate the required inputs and generated outputs for reduced character sets, this section expands the "HELLO WORLD!" example by translating the phrase into different languages. Font filters are used to display the different languages' translations on a screen.

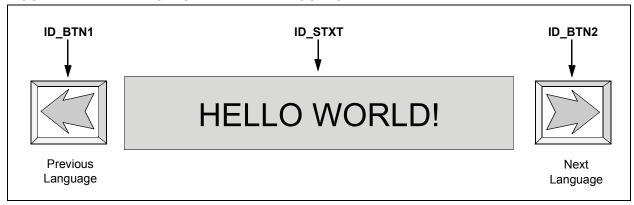
The screen display is driven by a PIC<sup>®</sup> microcontroller with a static text widget specifying the text.

Two buttons are used to change the display's translation to another language, moving sequentially forward or backward through a circular selection of the available languages.

Figure 4 shows the assigned codes for the two buttons and the static text widget.

For more details, see the code listing in **Appendix A:** "Code Examples".

FIGURE 4: "HELLO WORLD" EXAMPLE OUTPUT



The available languages, in this particular example, include English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, German, Dutch, Russian, Italian and French.

Table 2 lists the font sources for the different languages.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF FONTS USED

Language	Internet Source	Font Source
English		
French		Gentium
Italian	http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site_id=nrsi&cat_id=FontDownloads	
German		
Dutch		
Chinese		FireFlySung
Japanese	http://www.unifont.org/fontquido	
Russian	http://www.unifont.org/fontguide	
Korean		UnBatang

The font filter file will be used to generate the reduced font image, following a format required by the graphics library utility. Since the Gentium font is defined as the graphics library's default font, it will be used for the examples' translations.

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To generate the remaining translations, five font filter files must be created, one file for each translation.

The format of the font filter file is shown in Example 8.

#### **EXAMPLE 8: FONT FILE FORMAT**

StringName: text in selected language

// comment

Examples Example 9 through Example 12 show the font filter file contents for each of the translations of the "HELLO WORLD!" phrase.

#### **EXAMPLE 9: CHINESE FONT FILTER FILE CONTENTS**

ChineseStr: 1

你好世界!

// In Chinese

#### **EXAMPLE 10: JAPANESE FONT FILTER FILE CONTENTS**

JapaneseStr: みなさんこんにちは!

//In Japanese

#### **EXAMPLE 11: KOREAN FONT FILTER FILE CONTENTS**

KoreanStr:

안녕하세요.세계인여러분! // In Korean

#### **EXAMPLE 12: RUSSIAN FONT FILTER FILE CONTENTS**

RussianStr: Здравствуй Мир!

// In Russian

The filter file's colon (:) and two forward slashes (//) act as the delimeters. The utility parses the filter file and saves the StringName with the corresponding foreign text character codes. Based on these saved character codes, the reduced font image is created.

The StringName must follow the standard C coding guidelines for variable names because the output string reference header file will be using the same StringName for the generated character array of the string. The text after the // will be used as comments for the character array.

Example 13 shows the utility's string reference file output for the previously shown font filter files.

#### **EXAMPLE 13: STRING REFERENCE FILE OUTPUT**

```
#include "Graphics\Graphics.h"
   // Automatically generated reference arrays for the Japanese.txt file.
   XCHAR JapaneseStr[] = { 0x0028, 0x0025, 0x0023, 0x0029, }
                             0x0022, 0x0029, 0x0026, 0x0024,
                             0x0027, 0x0021, 0x0000); // In Japanese
   // Automatically generated reference arrays for the Chinese.txt file.
   XCHAR ChineseStr[] = {
                             0x0023, 0x0024, 0x0022, 0x0025,
                             0x0021, 0x0000);
                                                // In Chinese
   // Automatically generated reference arrays for the Russian.txt file.
                             0x0022, 0x0026, 0x0029, 0x0024,
   XCHAR RussianStr[] = {
                              0x0025, 0x002A, 0x002B, 0x0025,
                              0x002C, 0x0028, 0x0020, 0x0023,
                              0x0027, 0x0029, 0x0020, 0x0021,
                                          // In Russian
                              0x0000;
   // Automatically generated reference arrays for the Korean.txt file.
                             0x0028, 0x0024, 0x002C, 0x0027,
   XCHAR KoreanStr[] = {
                              0x002A, 0x0022, 0x0027, 0x0023,
                              0x002B, 0x0029, 0x0025, 0x0026,
                              0x0021, 0x0000); // In Korean
```

As previously discussed and shown in the example, all of the array names are derived from the input font filter files. From this, the utility will generate five font images and the string arrays to be displayed.

For multiple strings, the font filter file contains all of the strings that will be using a particular font (see Example 14).

#### **EXAMPLE 14: JAPANESE FONT FILTER FILE CONTENTS**

```
JapaneseStr: みなさんこんにちは! // In Japanese
StringUsed2: An example string 1. // 2<sup>nd</sup> string example
StringUsed3: An example string 2. // 3<sup>rd</sup> string example
```

It is important to remember which strings were used to generate the reduced font image. Using the wrong font image will result in the display of an empty string or invalid data.

To cycle the display through the different translations using the library's GUI buttons, as demonstrated in Figure 4, a linked list must be created with the languages arranged in a ring. To do this, the desired structure is established and the linked list initialized by a function (see Example 15).

#### **EXAMPLE 15: "HELLO WORLD" LINKED LIST STRUCTURE**

```
// structure used to rotate around the used fonts and "Hello World" strings
// HW acronym in the code represents Hello World data types, variables and
// definitions.
typedef struct {
   void *pHWFont;
                  // pointer to the reduced font
   XCHAR *pHWStr; // pointer to the reference string
   void *pHWPrev; // pointer to the previous list member
   void *pHWNext; // pointer to the next list member
} HWDATA;
#define HWDATAMAX 9 // number of translations
// array of structures that will hold the strings and its pointers to corresponding
// fonts. this will be configured as a ringed linked list
HWDATA HWLang[HWDATAMAX];
// global pointer to the linked list.
HWDATA *pHWData;
void InitHWData(void) {
          int i;
          for (i = 0; i < HWDATAMAX; i++) {
             switch (i) {
                case 0:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = EnglishStr;
                          break;
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&ChineseFont;
                case 1:
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = ChineseStr;
                          break;
                case 2:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&JapaneseFont;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = JapaneseStr;
                          break:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
                case 3:
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = ItalianStr;
                          break;
                case 4:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&RussianFont;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = RussianStr;
                          break:
                case 5:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = GermanStr;
                case 6:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = DutchStr;
                          break:
                case 7:
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
                          HWLang[i].pHWStr = FrenchStr;
                          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&KoreanFont;
                           HWLang[i].pHWStr = KoreanStr;
                           break:
                default:break;
```

#### **EXAMPLE 15: "HELLO WORLD" LINKED LIST STRUCTURE (CONTINUED)**

```
// make the list a ring list
if (i == (HWDATAMAX-1)) {
    HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[0];
    HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[i-1];
} else if (i == 0) {
    HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[i+1];
    HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[HWDATAMAX-1];
} else {
    HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[i+1];
    HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[i-1];
}
}
pHWData = &HWLang[0];// initialize global pointer
}
```

The static text is controlled by the two buttons. This is accomplished by using the message callback function (see Example 16).

#### **EXAMPLE 16: STATIC TEXT CONTROL**

```
WORD GOLMsgCallback(WORD objMsg, OBJ_HEADER* pObj,
                    GOL MSG* pMsg) {
      WORD objectID;
      STATICTEXT *pSt;
      objectID = GetObjID(pObj);
      switch (objectID) {
          case ID BTN1:
             // check if button is pressed
             if (objMsg == BTN MSG RELEASED) {
                 pHWData = pHWData->pHWPrev;
                 // get pointer to static text
                 pSt = (STATICTEXT*) GOLFindObject(ID STXT);
                 // set the new string to be displayed
                 StSetText(pSt, pHWData-> pHWStr);
                 // set the font for the string to be displayed
                 pSt->pGolScheme->pFont = pHWData-> pHWFont;
                 // set redraw state
                 SetState(pSt, ST DRAW);
             }
             break;
          case ID BTN2:
             if (objMsg == BTN MSG RELEASED) {
                pHWData = pHWData->pHWNext;
                 // get pointer to static text
                 pSt = (STATICTEXT*) GOLFindObject(ID STXT);
                 // set the new string to be displayed
                 StSetText(pSt, pHWData-> pHWStr);
                 // set the font for the string to be displayed
                 pSt->pGolScheme->pFont = pHWData-> pHWFont;
                 // set redraw state
                SetState(pSt, ST DRAW);
             break;
             default: break;
          return 1;
```

#### CONCLUSION

To avoid the memory related costs and font size inefficiencies that can be associated with displays' font images, the Microchip Graphics Library generates font images with reduced character sets. By doing this, all unused characters are eliminated from the font image. This allows simple embedded designs to integrate more functionality into very limited memory systems and easily adapt their application to different languages.

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#### APPENDIX A: CODE EXAMPLES

The listed items are example application code files that are installed with the Microchip Graphics Library. (Please refer to "Graphics AN1182" subdirectory under the "Microchip Solutions" directory after installing the library files.) Each file's contents is given on the indicated page. The code runs on Explorer 16 using PIC24FJ128GA010 and PIC32MX360F512L connected to either the Graphics PICtail™ Plus Board Version 1 or Version 2. Use the compile switches documented in the "Microchip Graphics Library Help" file to switch from Version 1 and 2 of the Graphics PICtail Plus Board.

The main file (Example A-1) shows the translation of the "HELLO WORLD!" phrase into different languages. The example assumes a touch screen module is included and that the fonts have been generated and use the names of the font images declared in the C file.

Main C File	. 15
"HELLO WORLD" Font Reference File	. 21
Chinese Font Filter File	. 22
Japanese Font Filter File	. 22
Korean Font Filter File	. 22
Russian Font Filter File	. 22

The other example application file is HelloWorldFonts. C which shows the utility's output for the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian font images for the "HELLO WORLD!" phrase.

#### EXAMPLE A-1: MAIN C FILE (FILENAME: AN1182Demo.c)

```
/****************************
                   Main C File
#include "HelloWorldFontsfontref.h"
// Configuration bits
#ifdef __PIC32MX_
  #pragma config FPLLODIV = DIV 2, FPLLMUL = MUL 18, FPLLIDIV = DIV 1, FWDTEN = OFF,
FCKSM = CSECME, FPBDIV = DIV 8
  #pragma config OSCIOFNC = ON, POSCMOD = XT, FSOSCEN = ON, FNOSC = PRIPLL
  #pragma config CP = OFF, BWP = OFF, PWP = OFF
  _CONFIG2(FNOSC_PRIPLL & POSCMOD_XT) // Primary XT OSC with PLL
   CONFIG1(JTAGEN OFF & FWDTEN OFF) // JTAG off, watchdog timer off
//
                   OBJECT'S IDs
#define ID BTN1
                 10
                        // Button 1 ID
#define ID BTN2
                 11
                        // Button 2 ID
#define ID STXT
                 20
                        // Static text ID
OBJECT DIMENSIONS DEFINES
// static text dimension
#define STXWIDTH
                        // static text width
                 280
#define STXHEIGHT
                 40
                        // static text height
#define STXXPOS
                        // static text left/top pos
                 20
#define STXYPOS
// string select buttons dimensions
#define SELBTNYPOS
                 STXYPOS+STXHEIGHT+3 // button left/top pos
#define SELBTNXPOS
                 STXXPOS
#define ARROWHEIGHT
                 27+(GOL EMBOSS SIZE*2) // button height
#define ARROWWIDTH
                 30+(GOL EMBOSS SIZE*2) // button width
#define HWDATAMAX
                             // # of "Hello World" strings
                 9
#define HELLOWORLDDELAY 30
                              // default animation delay
```

```
LOCAL PROTOTYPES
//
void CheckCalibration(void); // check if calibration is needed
void InitHWData(void);
                   // initialize string struct arrays
void CreateHelloWorld(void); // create the components
IMAGES USED
//
extern const BITMAP_FLASH redLArrow; \hspace{0.1in} // bitmap used for button 1
extern const BITMAP FLASH redRArrow;
                         // bitmap used for button 2
//
                    FONTS HISED
extern const FONT FLASH RussianFont; // font for Russian translation
extern const FONT FLASH ChineseFont; // font for Chinese translation
extern const FONT_FLASH JapaneseFont; // font for Japanese translation
extern const FONT FLASH KoreanFont;
                          // font for Korean translation
DEMO STATES
typedef enum {
    SS CREATE HELLOWORLD = 0,
    SS_DISPLAY_HELLOWORLD,
} SCREEN STATES;
GLOBAL VARIABLES FOR DEMO
volatile DWORD tick = 0;
                               // tick counter
GOL SCHEME * altScheme;
                               // alternative style scheme
STATICTEXT*pSt;
                               // pointer to the static text object
WORD update = 0;
                               // variable to update customized
                               // graphics
// strings that will use the GOL default font.
XCHAR EnglishStr[] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ' ', 'W', 'o', 'r', 'l', 'd', '!', 0};
XCHAR GermanStr[] = {'H','a','l','o',' ','W','e','l','t','!',0};
XCHAR ItalianStr[] = {'C','i','a','o',' ','M','o','n','d','o','!',0};
XCHAR DutchStr[] = {'H','e','l','l','o',' ','W','e','r','e','l','d','!',0};
// structure used to rotate around the used fonts and "Hello World" strings
typedef struct {
  void
         *pHWFont;
                        // pointer to the font used
  XCHAR
         *pHWStr;
                        // pointer to the string
  void
         *pHWPrev;
                        // pointer to the previous list member
  void
         *pHWNext;
                        // pointer to the next list member
} HWDATA;
```

```
// array of structures that will hold the strings and its pointers to corresponding
font.
// this will be configured as a ringed linked list
HWDATA HWLang[HWDATAMAX];
// global pointer to the linked list.
HWDATA *pHWData;
int main(void){
  #ifdef
         PIC32MX
      INTEnableSystemMultiVectoredInt();
      SYSTEMConfigPerformance(GetSystemClock());
   #endif
  GOL_MSG msg;
                    // GOL message structure to interact with GOL
  TouchInit();
                       // initialize touch screen
  GOLInit();
                       // initialize graphics library &
                       // create default style scheme for GOL
   // initialize the list of Hello World translation
  InitHWData();
   // set screen to WHITE
  SetColor(WHITE);
  ClearDevice();
  // Create and assign colors to the alternate style scheme
  // create alternative style scheme
  altScheme = GOLCreateScheme();
  altScheme->TextColor0 = BRIGHTBLUE;// set the color of text
   // initialize the font used for the style scheme
  altScheme->pFont = pHWData->pHWFont;
  CreateHelloWorld();
  while(1){
         if (GOLDraw()) {// Draw GOL object
               TouchGetMsg(&msg);// Get message from touch screen
              GOLMsg(&msg);// Process message
         }
}
```

```
// Function: WORD GOLMsgCallback(WORD objMsg, OBJ_HEADER* pObj, GOL_MSG* pMsg)
// Input: objMsg - translated message for the object,
         pObj - pointer to the object,
//
//
         pMsg - pointer to the non-translated, raw GOL message
// Output: if the function returns non-zero the message will be processed by default
// Overview: it's a user defined function. GOLMsq() function calls it each
            time the valid message for the object received
WORD GOLMsgCallback(WORD objMsg, OBJ HEADER* pObj, GOL MSG* pMsg) {
   WORD objectID;
   STATICTEXT *pSt;
  objectID = GetObjID(pObj);
   switch (objectID) {
      case ID BTN1:
//
         check if button is pressed
         if (objMsg == BTN MSG RELEASED) {
            // adjust global pointer to previous string
            pHWData = pHWData->pHWPrev;
            // get pointer to static text
            pSt = (STATICTEXT*) GOLFindObject(ID STXT);
            // change font used in static text
            pSt->pGolScheme->pFont = pHWData->pHWFont;
            // set the new string
            StSetText(pSt, pHWData->pHWStr);
            SetState(pSt, ST_DRAW);// set redraw state
         }
         break;
      case ID BTN2:
         if (objMsg == BTN MSG RELEASED) {
            // adjust global pointer to next string
            pHWData = pHWData->pHWNext;
            // get pointer to static text
            pSt = (STATICTEXT*) GOLFindObject(ID_STXT);
            // change font used in static text
            pSt->pGolScheme->pFont = pHWData->pHWFont;
            // set the new string
            StSetText(pSt, pHWData->pHWStr);
            // set redraw state
            SetState(pSt, ST_DRAW);
         }
         break;
      default:
                  break;
   }
   return 1;
```

```
// Function: WORD GOLDrawCallback()
// Output: if the function returns non-zero the draw control will be passed to GOL
// Overview: it's a user defined function. GOLDraw() function calls it each
           time when GOL objects drawing is completed. User drawing should be done
here.
           GOL will not change color, line type and clipping region settings while
//
//
           this function returns zero.
WORD GOLDrawCallback() {
  return 1;
}
// Function: void CreateHelloWorld()
// Output: none
// Overview: Create the objects that will show the Hello World Demo.
         This is composed of two buttons and a static text.
//
         The two buttons will select the string that will be displayed.
         The strings are arranged in a linked list configured as a ring.
void CreateHelloWorld(void)
     altScheme2->pFont = pHWData->pHWFont;
     StCreate(
                ID_STXT,
                 STXXPOS, STXYPOS, STXXPOS+STXWIDTH, STXYPOS+STXHEIGHT,
                 ST CENTER ALIGN | ST DRAW | ST FRAME,
                pHWData->pHWStr,
                 altScheme2);
     BtnCreate(
                ID BTN1,
                                             // object's ID
                 SELBTNXPOS, SELBTNYPOS,
                 SELBTNXPOS+ARROWWIDTH,
                 SELBTNYPOS+ARROWHEIGHT,
                                            // object's dimension
                                            // radius of the rounded edge
                                            // draw the object after creation
                BTN DRAW,
                                            // bitmap used
                 (void*)&redLArrow,
                NULL,
                                             // use this text
                NULL);
                                             // use default style scheme
  BtnCreate(ID_BTN2,
                 SLIDERXPOS+SLIDERWIDTH,
                 SLIDERYPOS,
                 SLIDERXPOS+SLIDERWIDTH+ARROWWIDTH,
                SLIDERYPOS+ARROWHEIGHT,
                BTN DRAW,
                 (void*)&redRArrow,
                NULL,
                NULL); // use default style scheme
}
```

```
// Function: void InitHWData()
// Output: none
// Overview: Initialize the ring linked list.
void InitHWData(void)
  int i;
  // Get all the translation of "Hello World" and store them into
  // the list.
  for (i = 0; i < HWDATAMAX; i++) {
     switch (i) {
        case 0:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = EnglishStr;
           break;
        case 1:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&ChineseFont;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = ChineseStr;
           break;
        case 2:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&JapaneseFont;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = JapaneseStr;
           break;
        case 3:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = ItalianStr;
           break;
        case 4:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&RussianFont;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = RussianStr;
           break;
        case 5:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = GermanStr;
           break;
        case 6:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = DutchStr;
           break;
        case 7:
           HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&GOLFontDefault;
           HWLang[i].pHWStr = FrenchStr;
           break;
```

```
case 8:
          HWLang[i].pHWFont = (void *)&KoreanFont;
          HWLang[i].pHWStr = KoreanStr;
          break;
      default:
          break;
   }
   // make the list a ring list
   if (i == (HWDATAMAX-1)) {
      HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[0];
      HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[i-1];
   } else if (i == 0) {
      HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[i+1];
      HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[HWDATAMAX-1];
   } else {
      HWLang[i].pHWNext = (void*)&HWLang[i+1];
      HWLang[i].pHWPrev = (void*)&HWLang[i-1];
pHWData = &HWLang[0];
```

## EXAMPLE A-2: "HELLO WORLD" FONT REFERENCE FILE (FILENAME: HelloWorldFontsref.h)

```
******************
                                                              Font Reference Header File
#include "Graphics\Graphics.h"
// Automatically generated reference arrays for the HWJapanese.txt file.
XCHAR JapaneseStr[] = \{0x0028, 0x0025, 0x0023, 0x0029, 0x0022, 0x0021, 0x0022, 0x0021, 0x002
                                                                        0x0029, 0x0026, 0x0024, 0x0027, 0x0021,
                                                                        0x0000};
                                                                                                                                                                     // In Japanese
// Automatically generated reference arrays for the HWChinese.txt file.
XCHAR ChineseStr[] = \{ 0x0023, 0x0024, 0x0022, 0x0025, 0x0021, \}
                                                                        0x0000};
                                                                                                                                                                     // In Chinese
// Automatically generated reference arrays for the HWRussian.txt file.
XCHAR RussianStr[] = \{ 0x0022, 0x0026, 0x0029, 0x0024, 0x0025, 
                                                                        0x002A, 0x002B, 0x0025, 0x002C, 0x0028,
                                                                        0x0020, 0x0023, 0x0027, 0x0029, 0x0020,
                                                                        0x0021, 0x0000;
                                                                                                                                                                     // In Russian
// Automatically generated reference arrays for the HWKorean.txt file.
XCHAR KoreanStr[] = \{ 0x0028, 0x0024, 0x002C, 0x0027, 0x002A, \}
                                                                        0x0022, 0x0027, 0x0023, 0x002B, 0x0029,
                                                                        0x0025, 0x0026, 0x0021, 0x0000); // In Korean
```

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EXAMPLE A-3: CHINESE FONT FILTER FILE (FILENAME: HWChinese.txt)

ChineseStr: 你好世界! // In Chinese

EXAMPLE A-4: JAPANESE FONT FILTER FILE (FILENAME: HW HWJapanese.txt)

JapaneseStr: みなさんこんにちは! //In Japanese

EXAMPLE A-5: KOREAN FONT FILTER FILE (FILENAME: HWKorean.txt)

KoreanStr: 안녕하세요.세계인여러분! // In Korean

EXAMPLE A-6: RUSSIAN FONT FILTER FILE (FILENAME: HWRussian.txt)

RussianStr: Здравствуй Мир! // In Russian

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