

# CPE 323

## Intro to Embedded Computer Systems

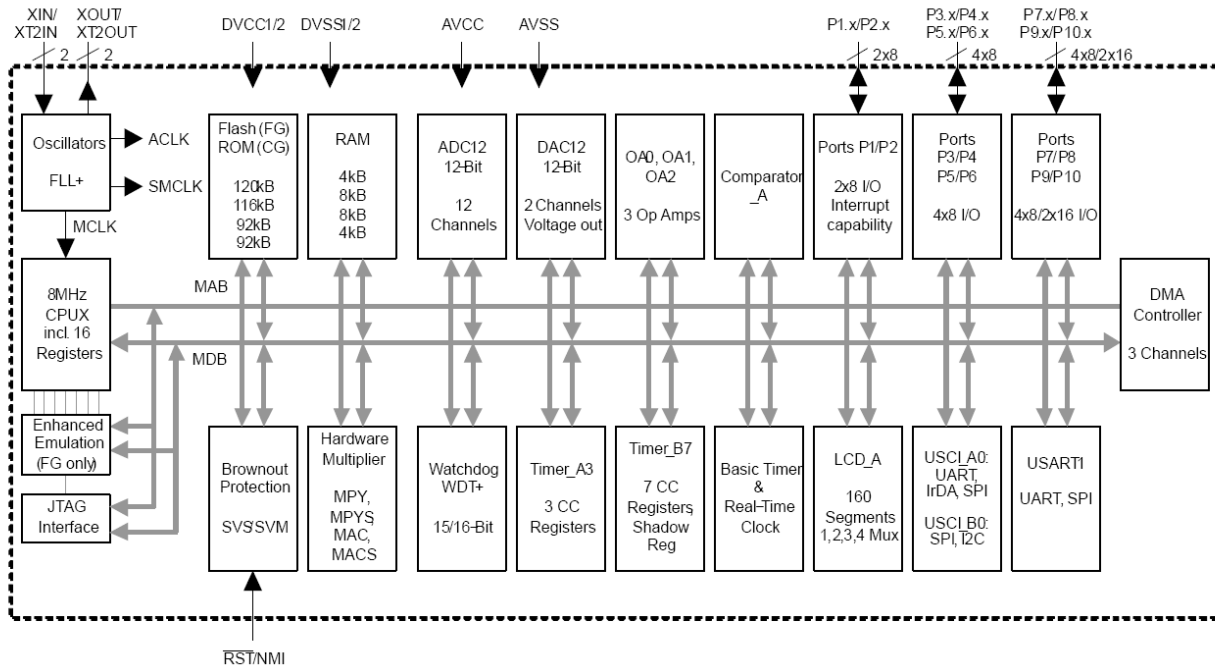
### SPI Serial Communication

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# MSP430FG4618 Block Diagram



# Communication

- Part of big 4
  - sense
  - process (compute)
  - store (memory)
  - communicate (UI, networks, ...)
- Communication in embedded systems
  - Between integrated circuits on PCB (e.g.,  $\mu\text{C} \leftrightarrow$  sensors)
  - Between development platform and a workstation
  - Between embedded systems

# Types of Communication

- Wired vs. wireless
- Serial vs. parallel
- Synchronous vs. asynchronous
- Unidirectional (simplex) vs. bidirectional (half-duplex and full-duplex)

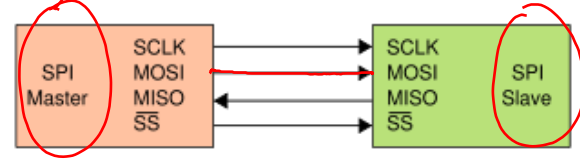
# Serial Communication in MSP430

- Communication protocols
  - UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter)
  - SPI (Serial Parallel Interface)
  - I<sup>2</sup>C (Inter Integrated Circuit)
  - Infrared
- Peripheral devices
  - USCI – Universal Serial Communication Interface
  - USI – Universal Serial Interface
  - USART – Universal Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

# SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface

- 4-wire vs. 3-wire
- Signals
  - SCLK
  - MOSI/SIMO
  - MISO/SOMI
  - SS

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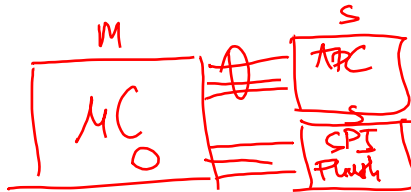


Serial Clock

Data line: Master Out Slave In / Slave In Master Out

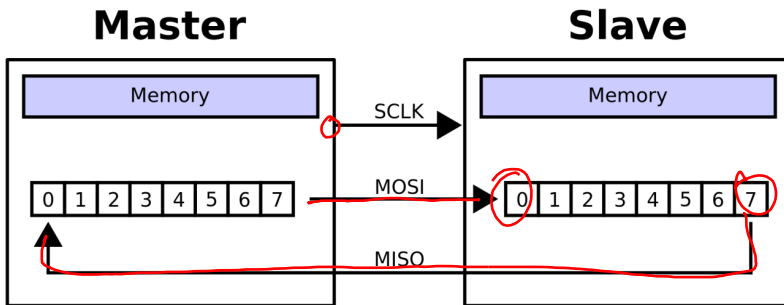
Data line: Master In Slave Out / Slave Out Master In

Slave select



# Data Transmission

*Synchronous, Serial*

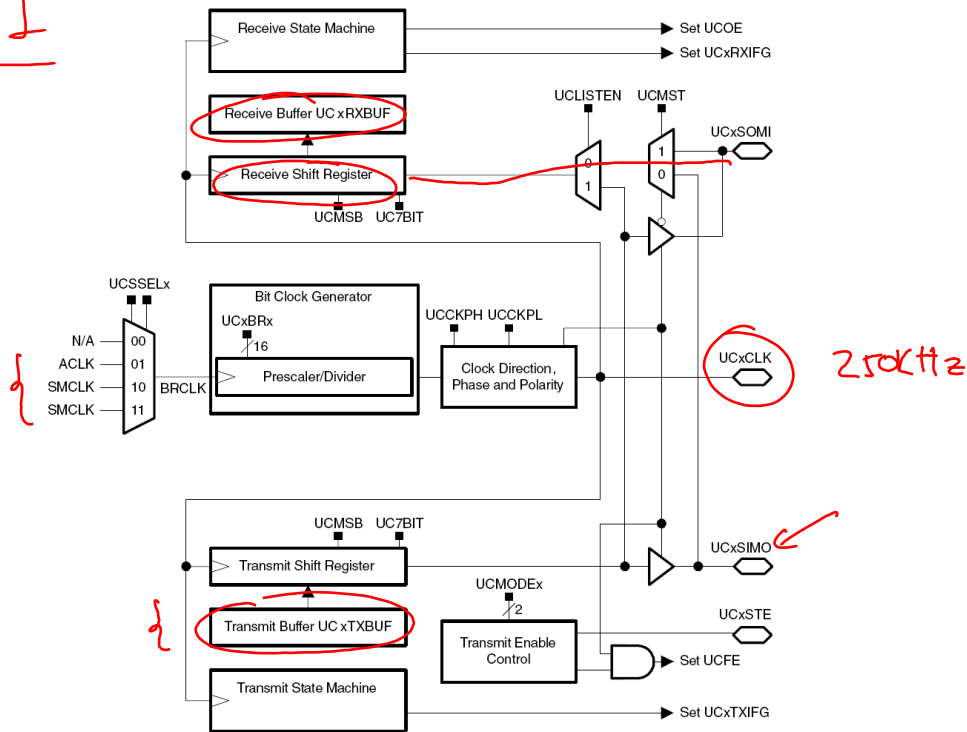


1. Configure itself as Master device
2. Configure clock (make sure the selected S device can work at that frequency)
3. Optionally, select the slave device (SS#) ✓
4. Transmission  
Each SPI clock: a full-duplex transmission occurs (M: sends a bit on MOSI, receive a bit from MISO)

1. Configure itself as Slave device
2. If selected (SS# active) and SCLK is active  
Each SPI clock: S: sends a bit on MISO, receive a bit from MOSI)



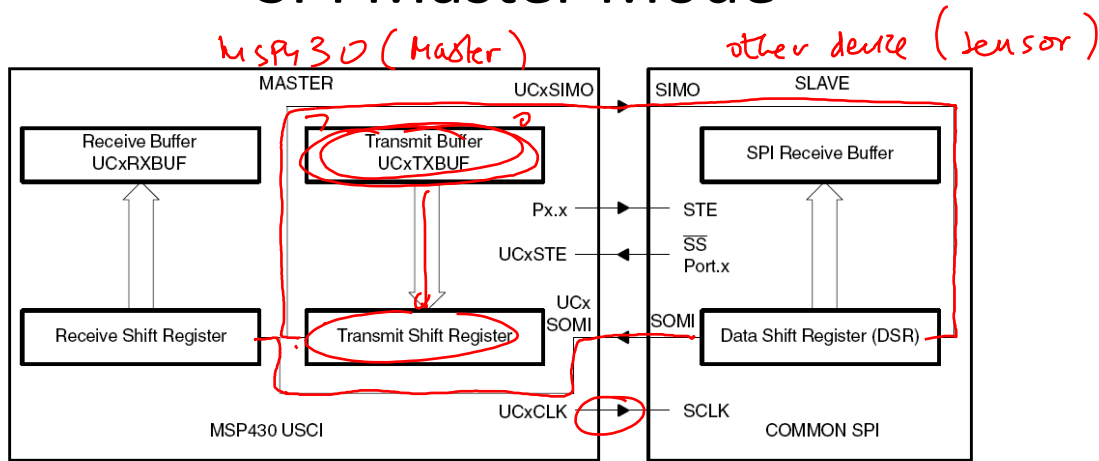
# USCI



# USCI

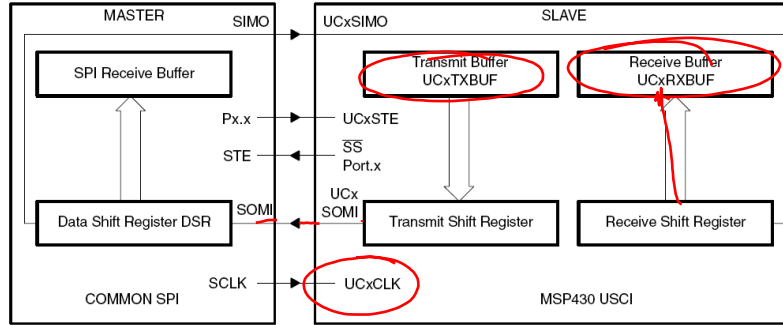
UCMODEx	UCxSTE Active State	UCxSTE	Slave	Master
01	high	0	inactive	active
		1	active	inactive
10	low	0	active	inactive
		1	inactive	active

# SPI Master Mode



# SPI Slave Mode

*MSP430 (slave)*



# SPI Timing: Clock Polarity and Phase

Phase

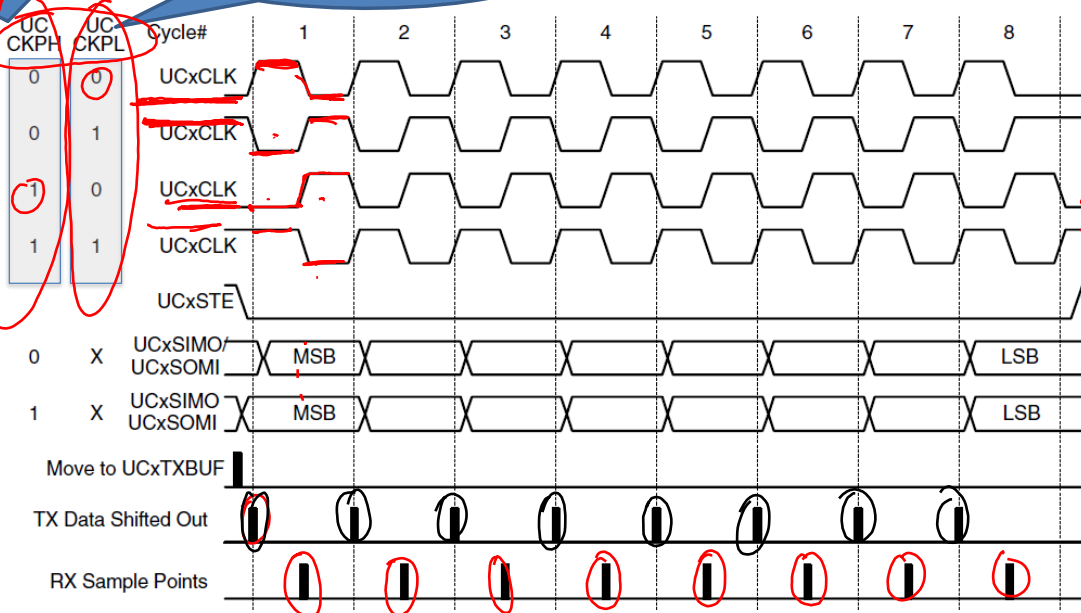
0: Active/Inactive

1: Inactive/Active

Clock Polarity

0 – Idles at 0;

1 – Idles at 1



Clock phase select (UCCKPH)

- 0b = Data is changed on the first UCLK edge and captured on the following edge.
- 1b = Data is captured on the first UCLK edge and changed on the following edge.

# UCAxCTL0, UCAxCTL1

8-bit PER

Figure 37-5. UCAxCTL0 Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
UCCKPH	UCCKPL	UCMSB	UC7BIT	UCMST	UCMODEx	UCSYNC	
rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0

Can be modified only when UCSWRST = 1.

Table 37-3. UCAxCTL0 Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
7	UCCKPH	RW	0h	Clock phase select 0b = Data is changed on the first UCLK edge and captured on the following edge. 1b = Data is captured on the first UCLK edge and changed on the following edge.
6	UCCKPL	RW	0h	Clock polarity select 0b = The inactive state is low. 1b = The inactive state is high.
5	UCMSB	RW	0h	MSB first select. Controls the direction of the receive and transmit shift register. 0b = LSB first 1b = MSB first
4	UC7BIT	RW	0h	Character length. Selects 7-bit or 8-bit character length. 0b = 8-bit data 1b = 7-bit data
3	UCMST	RW	0h	Master mode select 0b = Slave mode 1b = Master mode
2-1	UCMODEx	RW	0h	USCI mode. The UCMODEx bits select the synchronous mode when UCSYNC = 1. 00b = 3-pin SPI ✓ 01b = 4-pin SPI with UCxSTE active high: Slave enabled when UCxSTE = 1 10b = 4-pin SPI with UCxSTE active low: Slave enabled when UCxSTE = 0 11b = I <sup>2</sup> C mode
0	UCSYNC	RW	0h	Synchronous mode enable 0b = Asynchronous mode 1b = Synchronous mode ✓

Figure 37-6. UCAxCTL1 Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
UCSSELx				Reserved			UCSWRST
rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-0	rw-1

Can be modified only when UCSWRST = 1.

Table 37-4. UCAxCTL1 Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
7-6	UCSSELx	RW	0h	USCI clock source select. These bits select the BRCLK source clock in master mode. UCCLK is always used in slave mode. 00b = Reserved 01b = ACLK 10b = SMCLK 11b = SMCLK
5-1	Reserved	RW	0h	Reserved. Always write as 0.
0	UCSWRST	RW	1h	Software reset enable 0b = Disabled. USCI reset released for operation. 1b = Enabled. USCI logic held in reset state.

Figure 37-7. UCAxBR0 Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Can be modified only when UCSWRST = 1.

Table 37-5. UCAxBR0 Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
7-0	UCBRx	RW	undefined	Bit clock prescaler low byte. The 16-bit value of (UCAxBR0 + UCAxBR1 × 256) forms the prescaler value UCBRx. $f_{BRCLK} = f_{BRCLK} / UCBRx$ If UCBRx = 0, $f_{BRCLK} = f_{BRCLK}$

# USCI Interrupts

Figure 37-13. UCAXIE Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Reserved						UCTXIE	UCRXIE
r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	rw-0	rw-0

Table 37-11. UCAXIE Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
7-2	Reserved	R	0h	Reserved. Always reads as 0.
1	UCTXIE	RW	0h	Transmit interrupt enable 0b = Interrupt disabled 1b = Interrupt enabled
0	UCRXIE	RW	0h	Receive interrupt enable 0b = Interrupt disabled 1b = Interrupt enabled

Figure 37-14. UCAXIFG Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Reserved						UCTXIFG	UCRXIFG
r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	rw-1	rw-0

Table 37-12. UCAXIFG Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
7-2	Reserved	R	0h	Reserved. Always reads as 0.
1	UCTXIFG	RW	1h	Transmit interrupt flag. UCTXIFG is set when UCAXTXBUF empty. 0b = No interrupt pending 1b = Interrupt pending
0	UCRXIFG	RW	0h	Receive interrupt flag. UCRXIFG is set when UCAXRXBUF has received a complete character. 0b = No interrupt pending 1b = Interrupt pending

Figure 37-15. UCAXIV Register

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
UCIVx							
r0	r0	r0	r0	r0	r0	r0	r0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
UCIVx							
r0	r0	r0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r-0	r0

Table 37-13. UCAXIV Register Description

Bit	Field	Type	Reset	Description
15-0	UCIVx	R	0h	USCI interrupt vector value 00h = No interrupt pending 02h = Interrupt Source: Data received; Interrupt Flag: UCRXIFG; Interrupt Priority: Highest 04h = Interrupt Source: Transmit buffer empty; Interrupt Flag: UCTXIFG; Interrupt Priority: Lowest

```

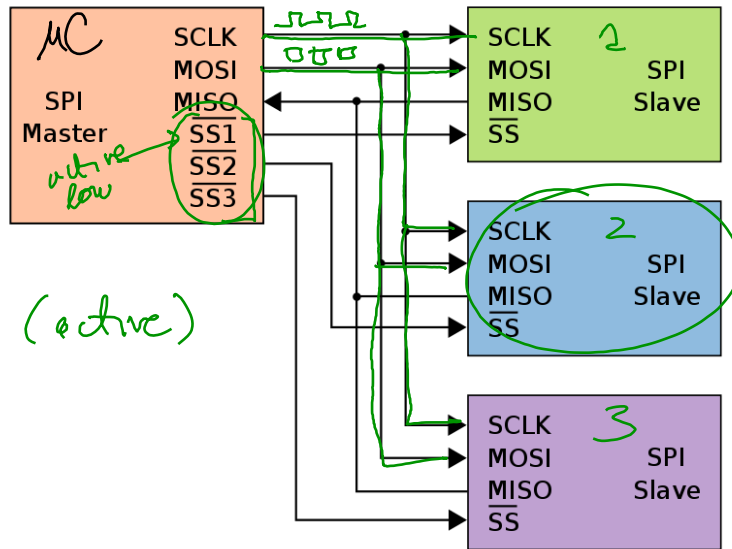
USCI_SPI_ISR
    ADD    &UCB0IV, PC ; Add offset to jump table
    RETI   ; Vector 0: No interrupt
    JMP    RXIFG_ISR ; Vector 2: RXIFG
    TXIFG_ISR ; Vector 4: TXIFG
    ... ; Task starts here
    RETI   ; Return
    RXIFG_ISR ; Vector 2
    ... ; Task starts here
    RETI   ; Return
    
```

# Multiple Slaves: Independent Configuration

- SS for each S device
- One is active at a time

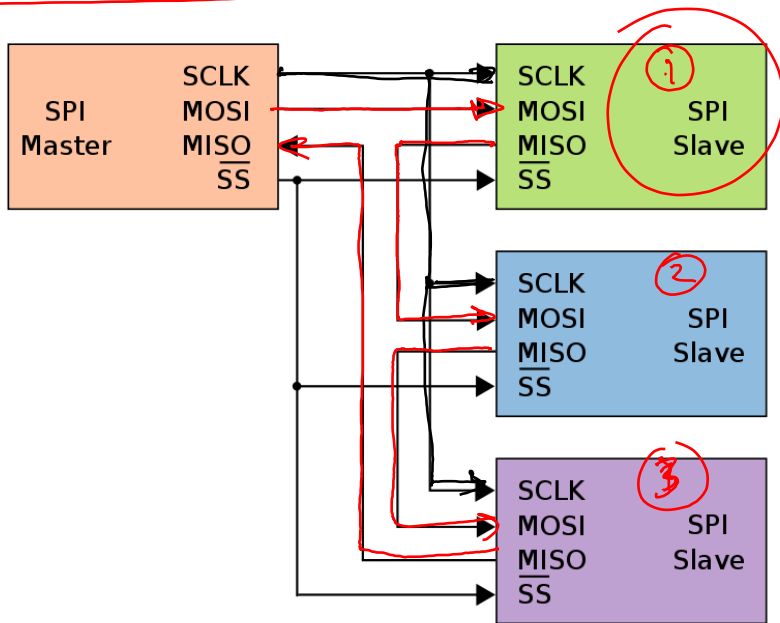
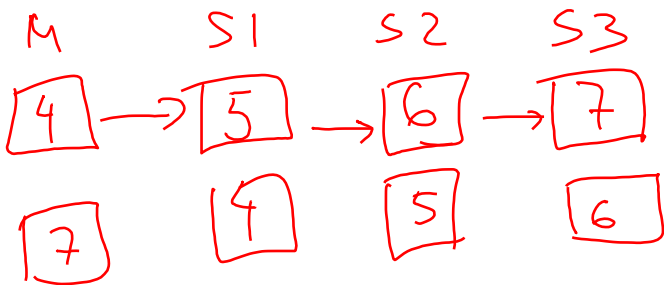
SPI bus

select slave 1  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{SS1} = 0 \text{ (active)} \\ \overline{SS2} = 1 \\ \overline{SS3} = 1 \end{array} \right.$



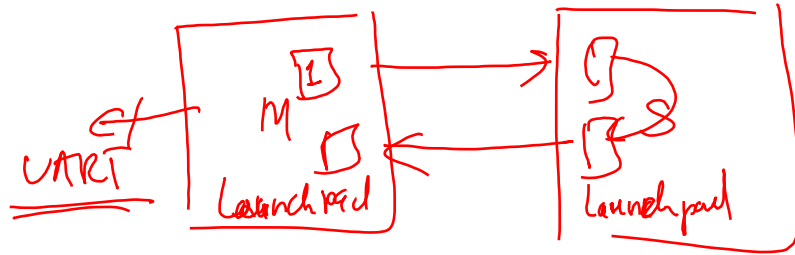


# Multiple Slaves: Daisy-Chained SPI Bus



# Problem: Setup SPI link between two boards

- Master: Send printable characters to slave over SPI link, verify the received character from the slave (should be equal to previously sent one), send the character to UART
- Slave: Echo a character received back
- Block diagram

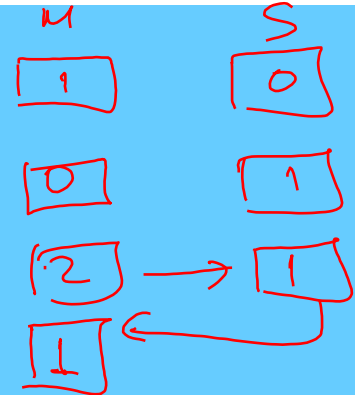


# Master Code

```

/*-----
* File:      SPI_Master.c
* Function:   Send printable characters to SPI-Slave device
* Description: This program sends one by one character to SPI-Slave device
*             .. and receives data back from the slave device.
*             .. If the expected data is received, LED1 is turned ON
*             .. .. else LED1 is turned OFF
*             All the characters received from the slave device are sent to UART
*             .. using USCIA1 (no UART-USB connections required,
*             .. works through JTAG)
*
* Instruction: Set the following parameters in putty/hyperterminal
* Port:      COMx
* Baud rate: 115200
* Data bits: 8
* Parity:    None
* Stop bits: 1
* Flow Ctrl: None
*
* ACLK = ~32.768kHz, MCLK = SMCLK = DCO ~ 1048kHz.  BRCLK = SMCLK/2
*

```



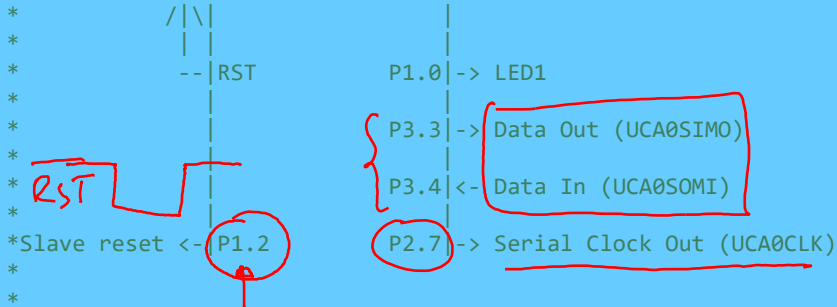
$$\boxed{SMCLK/2} \rightarrow \underline{512 \text{ KHz}}$$

# Master Code

\* Note:

1. PLEASE PROGRAM THE SLAVE DEVICE ✓
2. CONNECT THE P1.2 WITH RESET PIN OF SLAVE DEVICE
3. MAKE OTHER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MASTER AND SLAVE
4. PROGRAM THE MASTER DEVICE

MSP430F552x (Master)



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# Master: Configure SPI link

```
#include <msp430.h>

unsigned char MST_Data;
unsigned char temp;

void setup_master_SPI() {
    P3SEL |= BIT3+BIT4;           // P3.3,4 option select
    P2SEL |= BIT7;                 // P2.7 option select

    → UCA0CTL1 |= UCSWRST;         // **Put state machine in reset**
    UCA0CTL0 |= UCMST+UCSYNC+UCCKPL+UCMSB; // 3-pin, 8-bit SPI master
    // Clock polarity high, MSB
    → UCA0CTL1 |= UCSSEL 2;       // SMCLK
    UCA0BR0 = 0x02;               // /2
    UCA0BR1 = 0;                  //
    UCA0MCTL = 0;                 // No modulation
    UCA0CTL1 &= ~UCSWRST;         // **Initialize USCI state machine**
    UCA0IE |= UCRXIE;             // Enable USCI_A0 RX interrupt
}
```

Handwritten notes and diagram:

- Red arrows point to `UCA0CTL1 |= UCSWRST;` and `UCA0CTL1 |= UCSSEL 2;`.
- Red annotations: "Master" and "Signal" with arrows pointing to the two lines above.
- A red timing diagram shows a signal that is initially high, then transitions to low (labeled "idle") and back to high.

# Master: Configure UART

```
// This UART does not need external connector (JTAG)
void setup_UART_application() {
    P4SEL |= BIT4 + BIT5;    // Set USCI_A1 RXD/TXD to receive/transmit data
    UCA1CTL1 |= UCSWRST;     // Set software reset during initialization
    UCA1CTL0 = 0;            // USCI_A1 control register
    UCA1CTL1 |= UCSSEL_2;    // Clock source SMCLK

    UCA1BR0 = 0x09;          // 1048576 Hz / 115200 lower byte
    UCA1BR1 = 0x00;          // upper byte
    UCA1MCTL |= UCBRS0;      // Modulation (UCBRS0=0x01, UCOS16=0)

    UCA1CTL1 &= ~UCSWRST;    // Clear software reset to initialize USCI state machine
}
```

# Master: Main

```
int main(void) {
volatile unsigned int i;
    WDTCTL = WDTPW+WDTHOLD;           // Stop watchdog timer

    P1DIR |= 0x05;                     // Set P1.0&2 to output direction
    P1OUT |= 0x04;                     // Set P1.0 for LED1
                                       // Set P1.2 for slave reset

    setup_master_SPI();
    setup_UART_application();

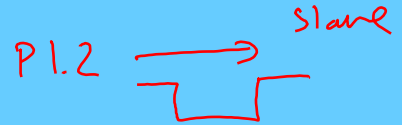
    P1OUT &= ~0x04;
    __delay_cycles(100);              // Now with SPI signals initialized
    P1OUT |= 0x04;                     // reset slave
                                       // Wait for slave to initialize

    __delay_cycles(10000);             // Initialize data values

    MST_Data = '0';

    while (!(UCA0IFG&UCTXIFG));        // USCI_A0 TX buffer ready?
    UCA0TXBUF = MST_Data;              // Transmit first character

    __bis_SR_register(LPM0_bits + GIE); // CPU off, enable interrupts
}
```



# Master: USCI SPI ISR

```
#pragma vector=USCI_A0_VECTOR
__interrupt void USCI_A0_ISR(void) {
    switch(__even_in_range(UCA0IV,4)) {
        case 0: break;
        case 2:
            while (!(UCA0IFG&UCTXIFG));
            temp = UCA0RXBUF;
            if (temp==MST_Data-1)
                P1OUT |= 0x01;
            else
                P1OUT &= ~0x01;
            MST_Data++;
            while(!(UCA1IFG&UCTXIFG));
            UCA1TXBUF = temp;
            if(MST_Data>126)
                MST_Data = 33;
            UCA0TXBUF = MST_Data;
            _delay_cycles(100000);
            break;
        case 4: break;
        default: break;
    }
}
```

// Vector 0 - no interrupt  
// Vector 2 - RXIFG  
// USCI\_A0 TX buffer ready?

// Test for correct character RX'd  
// .. the correct value is data sent in prev cycle  
// If correct, light LED

// If incorrect, clear LED  
// Increment data to send nextcycle  
// Wait until TXBUF is ready  
// TXBUF <-- RXBUF

// Send next value

// Add time between transmissions to  
// make sure slave can process information

// Vector 4 - TXIFG



# Slave: Header

```
/******  
* File:      SPI_Slave.c  
* Function:   Receive a character from SPI master device  
* Description: This program receives a character to SPI master device  
*             .. and responds with the previously received character  
*             .. (delayed echo).  
*             USCI RX ISR is used to handle communication,  
*             .. CPU is in LPM4 normally.  
*             Prior to initial data exchange, master pulses  
*             .. slaves RST for complete reset.  
*  
* ACLK = ~32.768kHz, MCLK = SMCLK = DCO ~ 1048kHz.  BRCLK = SMCLK/2  
*  
*/
```

# Slave: Header

\* Note:

1. PLEASE PROGRAM THE SLAVE DEVICE
2. CONNECT THE P1.2 WITH RESET PIN OF SLAVE DEVICE
3. MAKE OTHER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MASTER AND SLAVE
4. PROGRAM THE MASTER DEVICE

\* MSP430F552x (SLAVE)

```

*      /\|
*      |  |
*      --| RST
*
*      P1.0 | -> LED1
*
*      P3.3 | <- Data In (UCA0SIMO)
*
*      P3.4 | -> Data Out (UCA0SOMI)
*
*      Slave Reset -> | RST
*
*      P2.7 | <- Serial Clock In (UCA0CLK)

```

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Master

P1.2

P3.3

P3.4

P2.7

Common ground

# Slave: Main

```
#include <msp430.h>

int main(void) {
    WDTCTL = WDTPW+WDTHOLD;           // Stop watchdog timer

    P1DIR |= BIT0;                    // LED to indicate start of program
    P1OUT |= BIT0;                    // .. will toggle in every character receive

    while(!(P2IN&0x80));               // If clock sig from mstr stays low,
                                     // it is not yet in SPI mode
    P3SEL |= BIT3+BIT4;               // P3.3,4 option select
    P2SEL |= BIT7;                    // P2.7 option select
    UCA0CTL1 |= UCSWRST;               // **Put state machine in reset**
    UCA0CTL0 |= UCSYNC+UCCKPL+UCMSB;  // 3-pin, 8-bit SPI slave,
                                     // Clock polarity high, MSB
    UCA0CTL1 &= ~UCSWRST;              // **Initialize USCI state machine**
    UCA0IE |= UCRXIE;                 // Enable USCI_A0 RX interrupt

    __bis_SR_register(LPM4_bits + GIE); // Enter LPM4, enable interrupts
}
```

# Slave USCI ISR

```
// Echo character
#pragma vector=USCI_A0_VECTOR
__interrupt void USCI_A0_ISR(void) {
    switch(__even_in_range(UCA0IV,4)) {
        case 0:break;
        case 2:
            while (!(UCA0IFG&UCTXIFG));
            P1OUT ^= BIT0;
            UCA0TXBUF = UCA0RXBUF;
            break;
        case 4:break;
        default: break;
    }
}
```

*Handwritten annotations:*

- A red bracket groups the `while` loop and the `P1OUT ^= BIT0;` line.
- A red circle highlights the assignment `UCA0TXBUF = UCA0RXBUF;`.
- A red arrow points from the word echo to the assignment line.

*Comments on the right:*

- // Vector 0 - no interrupt
- // Vector 2 - RXIFG
- // USCI\_A0 TX buffer ready?
- // Toggle P1.0 for every character received
- // .. this will be sent in next cycle of reception
- // Vector 4 - TXIFG