uSherpa Binary Protocol

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Input Packets

General Packet format

Byte #	1	2	3	n	4+n
Description	Start of packet 0x24 \$	Packet length (total bytes including predefined)	Packet type	Data (Defined by packet type)	CRC

Packet type

Description	Value	Data length (bytes)	
NULL	0x00	0	
RESERVED	0x01	n	
System Info	0x02	2	
Pin function (setup)	0x04	2	
Pin control	0x05	2	
PWM function (setup)	0x06	3	
PWM control	0x07	3	
External Interrupt function (setup)	0x0A	2	
RESET	0xFF	0	

Pin function (setup)

Byte	Description
1	Pin number (0x PORT PIN, i.e. P2.3 -> 0x23)
2	Pin function

Description	Byte 2 value	
Set pin as input float	0x00	
Set pin as input pull-up	0x01	
Set pin as input pull-down	0x02	
Set pin as output	0x03	
Set pin as analog in	0x04	
Set pin as PWM	0x05	

Pin control

Byte	Description
1	Pin number
2	Pin value

Description	Byte 2 value	
Clear pin	0x00	
Set pin	0x01	
Toggle pin	0x02	
Digital pin read	0x03	
Analog pin read	0x04	
Pulse length read (PWM read)	0x05	

PWM function (setup)

Byte	Description
1	Pin number

2	PWM period LSB
3	PWM period MSB

Description	Byte 2+3 value	
PWM period in ms	0x0000 - 0xFFFF	

PWM control

Byte	Description
1	Pin number
2	PWM duty cycle

Description	Byte 2 value
PWM duty cycle	0x00 - 0xFF 0x00 = 0%, 0xFF = 100%

CRC

Simple CRC is calculated by adding up bytes 2 to n (all bytes btw. package start and CRC). In C code this would look something like this:

Return Packets

General Packet format

Byte #	1	2	3	n	4+n
Description	Start of packet 0x2B +	Packet length (total bytes including predefined)	Packet type	Data (Defined by packet type)	CRC

Packet type

Description	Value	Data length (bytes)
NULL	0x00	0
STATUS / ERROR	0x01	1
System Info	0x02	2
Digital pin read	0x03	2
Analog pin read	0x04	3
Pulse length read	0x05	3
RESET	0xFF	0

System info

Byte #	1	2	3
Description	Board-Type	MCU-Type	Firmware revision

Description	Byte 1 value
Unknown	0x00
TI Launchpad	0x01

MCU-Type

Description	Byte 2 value
Unknown	0x00
TI MSP430G2553	0x01

STATUS / ERROR

Status type	Value
Unknown	0x00
ACK	0x01
Bad CRC / Malformed packet	0x02
Invalid packet type	0x03
Invalid data	0x04
Invalid pin command	0x05

Digital pin read

Byte	Description
1	Pin number
2	Pin value

Description	Byte 2 value
Pin low	0x00
Pin high	0x01

Analog pin read

Byte	Description
1	Pin number
2	Analog value LSB
3	Analog value MSB

CRC

see CRC for Input Packages

Example Packages

Read System Info

Send system info request packet to MCU

0x24	0x04	0x02		0x06
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	4 Bytes	System Info	Empty	

Result packet received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x07	0x02	0x01 0x01 0x01	0x0C
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	7 Bytes	System Info	[0] Board-Type [1] MCU-Type [2] Firmware Rev.	

Digital output

Configure pin as output

Send pin function output to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x04	0x14 0x03	0x21
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin function (setup)	[0] Pin P1.4 [1] Set pin as output	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Set output pin to HIGH

Send pin control HIGH to MCU

	0x24	0x06	0x05	0x14 0x01	0x20

Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin control	[0] Pin P1.4 [1] Set to HIGH	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Digital input

Configure pin as input with pull-down enabled

Send pin function input pull-down to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x04	0x15 0x02	0x21
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin function (setup)	[0] Pin P1.5 [1] Set pin input with pull-down enabled	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Read input state

Send pin control read to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x05	0x15 0x03	0x23
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin control	[0] Pin P1.5 [1] Digital pin read	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x06	0x03	0x15 0x01	0x1F

Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	6 Bytes	Digital pin read	[0] Pin P1.5 [1] Pin state is HIGH	

Analog input

Configure pin as analog input

Send pin function analog input to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x04	0x20 0x04	0x2E
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin function (setup)	[0] Pin P2.0 [1] Set pin analog input	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Read input state

Send pin control read to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x05	0x20 0x04	0x2F
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin control	[0] Pin P2.0 [1] Analog pin read	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x07	0x04	0x20 0x00 0xAB	0xD6
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	7 Bytes	Analog pin read	[0] Pin P2.0 [1] LSB of ADC sample [2] MSB of ADC sample	

Using PWM

Configure pin as PWM

Send pin function PWM to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x04	0x21 0x05	0x30
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	Pin function (setup)	[0] Pin P2.1 [1] Set pin as output	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Setup PWM

Send PWM function (setup) to MCU

0x24	0x07	0x06	0x21 0x00 0x14	0x42
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	7 Bytes	PWM function (setup)	[0] Pin P2.1 [1] Period in ms LSB [2] Period in ms MSB (20ms)	

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	

Change duty cycle

Send PWM control to MCU

0x24	0x06	0x07	0x21 0x13	0x41
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
\$	6 Bytes	PWM control	[0] Pin P2.1 [1] duty cycle (7.5% ~ 1.5ms)*	

*) Period is set to 20ms 1.5ms is 7.5% of 20ms 100% duty cycle equals 0xFF (255) Thus, 1% equals 2.55, and 7.5% equals 19.125 (~0x13)

Result received from MCU on Success

0x2B	0x05	0x01	0x01	0x07
Start of packet	Packet length	Packet type	Data	CRC
+	5 Bytes	STATUS / ERROR	[0] ACK	