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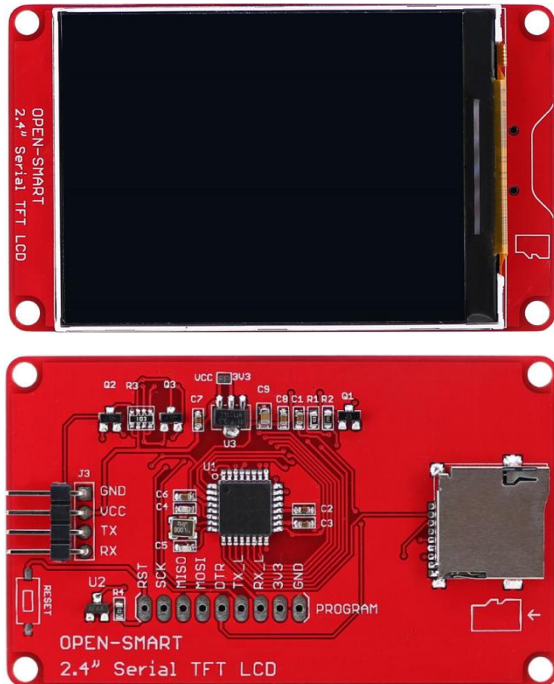
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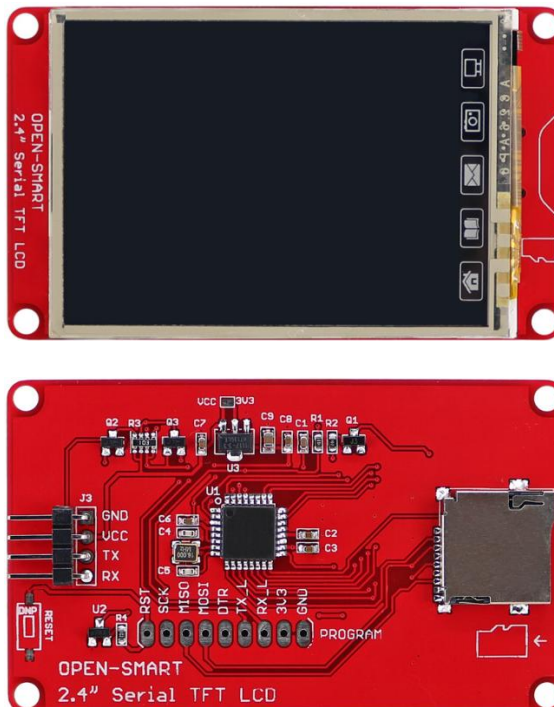
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# 1 Description

This is the one without touch screen.



This is the one with touch screen.



This is a 2.4 inch TFT LCD expansion board using standard serial UART interface and it has good compatibility. It integrates TF card holder, level conversion circuit, and the secondary development is less difficult.

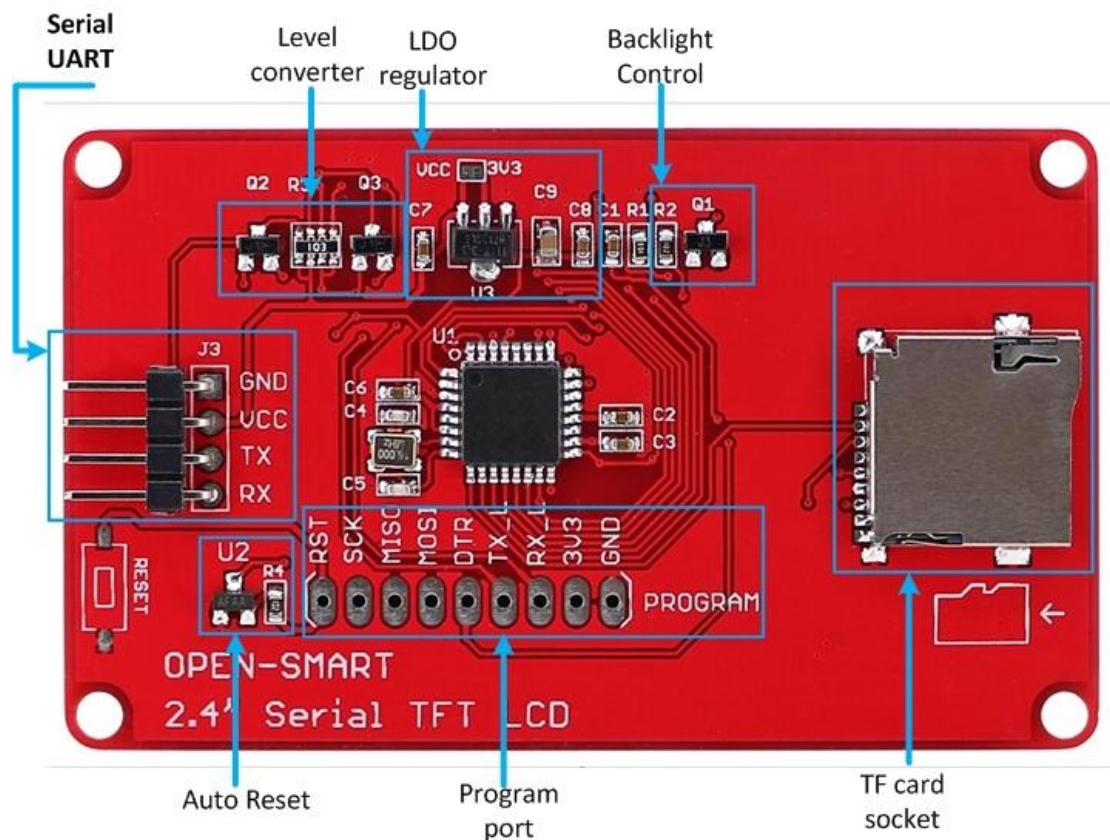
#### Features:

- Compatibility: compatible with 3.3V / 5V MCU, such as Arduino UNO R3, OPEN-SMART UNO R3, STM32, 51MCU, RPi
- Built-in functions: Only a few commands are needed to display the pictures in the TF card, displaying characters, numbers, graphics.
- Working voltage: 4.5V - 5.5V (On-board 3.3v LDO Regulator),if short the pad VCC to 3V3, you can use 3.1-3.4V.
- Interface logic voltage: 3.3V / 5V compatible(On-board level shift circuit)
- Working current: 90mA(MAX)
- Serial port baud rate: 9600 (default), can use command to modify it to be other values: 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200
- Serial communication format: 8N1
- You can debug the module with the USB to TTL module, such as FT232RL, CH340G module.
- Onboard ATmega328 Series MCU
- **Touch screen type: resistive touchscreen.(If it has touch screen)**
- **Touch Pen: length is 9cm; (If it has touch screen)**
- Resolution: 240X320;
- Display size: 2.4 inch;
- Onboard Micro SD slot, support Micro SD / TF Card;
- Great for DIY

## 2 Specification

Item	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Power Supply(VCC)	4.5	5	5.5	V
Power Supply(VCC) If VCC short to 3V3	3.1	3.3	3.4	V
Current ( @VCC=5V )	/	/	90	mA
Logic interface	3.3V / 5V TTL			/
Supported Card Type	Micro SD card(<=2G); Mirco SDHC card(<=32G)			/
File system format	Fat16 / Fat32			/
Uart baud rate	9600(default), 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200			bps

### 3 Interface



**Serial UART:** communication port between external MCU and the Serial TFT. There is on-board level shift circuit so that logic level of RX / TX is 3.3V / 5V compatible. The communication format is 8N1 and 9600bps(default).

**Level converter:** convert the level of RX / TX pins to be 3.3V for the onboard MCU.

**LDO regulator:** Regulate the input voltage VCC to 3.3V for the MCU and the TFT, also if you short the VCC to 3V3, you can supply 3.3V for the VCC pin directly.

**Backlight Control:** use a Transistor to turn on or turn off the backlight, and it is connected to PWM pin of the MCU, so that the backlight can be controlled by duty cycle.

**Auto Reset:** auto reset IC make it easy to hardware reset the MCU and the TFT when it is power on.

**Program port:** we can use [OPEN-SMART 10P Test Fixture](#) to upload firmware for Arduino to onboard ATmega328PB to design your own individual Serial TFT. Board type in IDE: Arduino/Genuino Uno

**TF card socket:** plug the TF card into it and it is easy to display the picture in bmp format.



## 4 Usage

### 4.1 Command Review

#### 4.1.1 Asynchronous serial port control play mode:

Command bytes: StartByte Len CMD data EndByte		
Note: the number of whole command bytes should not more than 64		
Mark	Byte	Byte description
StartByte	0X7E	Every command should start with \$(0x7E)
Len	0Xxx	The number of bytes following by the Len byte
CMD	0Xxx	Such as SET_READ_CURSOR and SET_TEXTCOLOR and so on
data	0Xxx...	The length of the data is limit to be no more than 60
EndByte	0XEF	Ending byte of the command

#### 4.1.2 Commonly Command bytes Review

#### Details go to 4.2

Command	Command bytes (HEX)	Remark
TEST	7E 02 00 EF	Test command
SET_READ_CURSOR	7E 02 01 EF	Read the current cursor (x, y)
	7E 06 01 xH xL yH yL EF	setCursor(int16_t x, int16_t y)
	7E 06 01 00 10 00 20 EF	Set the cursor to (0x10, 0x20)
SET_TEXTCOLOR	7E 04 02 cH cL EF	setTextColor(uint16_t c)
	7E 04 02 F8 00 EF	Set text color to be RED, the 16bit is RGB565 format.
SET_TEXTSIZE	7E 03 03 size EF	setTextSize(uint8_t size)
SET_ROTATION	7E 03 04 rota EF	setRotation(uint8_t rota) rota = 0, 1, 2, 3
RESET	7E 02 05 EF	Soft reset for the whole serial TFT
SET_BACKLIGHT	7E 03 06 bightness EF	setBacklight(uint8_t bightness) bightness: 0 - 255
	7E 03 06 FF EF	Set Backlight to max, 0xFF = 255
PRINTLN	7E 02 10 EF	A new line
PRINT_CHAR_ARRAY	7E 07 11 48 65 6F 6C 6F EF	Print a string "Hello" whose ASCII code is 48 65 6F 6C 6F
PRINT_INT_8	7E 05 12 Sign Format data EF	Print 8-bit data
	7E 05 12 00 0A F0 EF	00 tells that is unsigned number; 0x0A = 10, which tells that is Decimal number; 0xF0 = 240, so this will print 240 on the TFT
	7E 05 12 01 0A F0 EF	01 tells that is signed number; 0x0A

		= 10, which tells that is Decimal number; 0xF0 with sign is -16, so this will print <b>-16</b> on the TFT
PRINT_INT_16	7E 06 <b>13</b> Sign Format dH dL EF	Print 16-bit data
PRINT_INT_32	7E 08 <b>14</b> Sign Format dHH dHL dLH dLL EF	Print 32-bit data
FILL_SCREEN	7E 04 <b>20</b> <u>cH cL</u> EF	Fill the screen with the color you set
DRAW_PIXEL	7E 08 <b>21</b> xH xL yH yL cH cL EF	Draw a pixel with the color and coordinate (x,y)
DRAW_FASTVLINE	7E 0A <b>22</b> xH xL yH yL hH hL cH cL EF	Draw a vertical line, with coordinate (x,y), <b>h</b> is height, <b>c</b> is color
DRAW_FASTHLINE	7E 0A <b>23</b> xH xL yH yL wH wL cH cL EF	Draw a horizontal line, with coordinate (x,y), <b>w</b> is width, <b>c</b> is color
DRAW_LINE	7E 0C <b>24</b> x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L cH cL EF	Draw a line from the start point( <b>x0,y0</b> ) to the end point( <b>x1,y1</b> )
DRAW_RECT	7E 0C <b>25</b> xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL cH cL EF	Draw rectangle with (x,y), width, height, color
FILL_RECT	7E 0C <b>26</b> xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL cH cL EF	Fill rectangle with (x,y), width, height, color
DRAW_CIRCLE	7E 0A <b>27</b> x0H x0L y0H y0L rH rL cH cL EF	Draw a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color
FILL_CIRCLE	7E 0A <b>28</b> x0H x0L y0H y0L rH rL cH cL EF	Fill a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color
DRAW_TRIANGLE	7E 10 <b>29</b> x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L x2H x2L y2H y2L cH cL EF	Draw a triangle with three vertex coordinates
FILL_TRIANGLE	7E 10 <b>2A</b> x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L x2H x2L y2H y2L cH cL EF	Fill a triangle with three vertex coordinates
DRAW_ROUNDRECT	7E 0E <b>2B</b> xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL rH rL cH cL EF	Draw a rectangle with rounded corners
FILL_ROUNDRECT	7E 0E <b>2C</b> xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL rH rL cH cL EF	Fill a rectangle with rounded corners
DRAW_BMP	7E 0A <b>30</b> 6D 69 6E 69 77 6F 6F 66 EF	Draw <b>miniwoof.bmp</b> in the TF card, <b>ASII code of miniwoof is 6D 69 6E 69 77 6F 6F 66</b>
WRITE_READ_BAUD	7E 02 <b>40</b> EF	Read baud rate of the TFT
	7E 03 <b>40</b> Baud EF	Set the baud rate of the TFT
READ_VERSION	7E 02 <b>41</b> EF	Read the version of the firmware
READ_DRIVER_ID	7E 02 <b>42</b> EF	Read the driver ID of the TFT LCD
READ_RESOLUTION	7E 02 <b>43</b> EF	Read the resolution of the TFT

### 4.1.3 TFT Feedback

### Details go to 4.2

Feedback bytes (HEX)	Remark
7E 03 6F 6B EF	ASII code of "ok" is 6F 6B, it will send this while the TFT initialization is done. Also when the command you sent is executed, it will send this.
7E 03 65 31 EF	ASII code of "e1" is 65 31, tells that the TF card failed to initialize, maybe you have not plug the TF card.
7E 03 65 32 EF	ASII code of "e2" is 65 32, tells that can not open the .bmp file you want, maybe the file is not exist or maybe there is something wrong with the bmp.
7E 06 01 xH xL yH yL EF	Tell that the cursor is at (x, y) and $x = xH*256+xL$ , $y = yH*256+yL$
7E 06 07 xH xL yH yL EF	Tell the touch value x and y, so that you can judge which point is touched, and $x = xH*256+xL$ , $y = yH*256+yL$
7E 03 40 Baud EF	Tell the baud rate it use now. <b>Baud:</b> 0 = 9600 1 = 19200 2 = 38400 3 = 57600 4 = 115200
7E 03 41 Version EF	If <b>Version</b> is 0x10, that tells the firmware version is v1.0
7E 04 42 idH idL EF	Tell the driver IC of the TFT itself. If id is ILI9325, idH = 0X93, idL = 0X25.
7E 06 43 xH xL yH yL EF	Tell the resolution of the TFT, and $x = xH*256+xL$ , $y = yH*256+yL$

## 4.2 Command and feedback description

### 4.2.00 TEST

Command bytes: 7E 02 00 EF

Return: 7E 03 6F 6B EF

You can send it after setting the baud rate to check whether the Serial TFT is ready.

### 4.2.01 SET\_READ\_CURSOR

When you want to know the current cursor, you can send 7E 02 01 EF

Return: 7E 06 01 xH xL yH yL EF 7E 03 6F 6B EF

Tell that the cursor is at (x, y) and  $x = xH * 256 + xL$ ,  $y = yH * 256 + yL$

**When you want to set the current cursor to display bmp picture or some charactors, you can send:** 7E 06 01 xH xL yH yL EF

Return: 7E 03 6F 6B EF

eg:

If you want to set the cursor to (0x0010, 0x0020),

$xH = 0x0010 >> 8;$

$xL = 0x0010 \& 0xff;$

$yH = 0x0020 >> 8;$

$yL = 0x0020 \& 0xff;$

### 4.2.02 SET\_TEXTCOLOR

Before you display text, you can set the color of the text. It will keep this setting until you change it again.

**All color should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits.**

You can send: 7E 04 02 cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 6F 6B EF

eg:

If you want to set pure red color, 5bits red part should be 0b11111, blue part should be 0b00000, green part should be 0b00000.

So,

$cH = 0b11111000 = 0XF8$

$cL = 0b00000000 = 0x00$

### 4.2.03 SET\_TEXTSIZE

Note: Minimum size of one character is 5x7 pixel and there is one pixel between two characters.

Before you display text, you can set the size of the text. It will keep this setting until you change it again. If size is 2, that tells one character is (5x2)(7x2) pixel.

You can send: 7E 03 03 size EF

Return: 7E 03 6F 6B EF

#### 4.2.04 SET\_ROTATION

Before display picture or text, graphics, you can set the rotation of the screen.

You can send: 7E 03 **04** **rota** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

Note: **rota** is 0, 1, 2, 3, and it tells 4 kind of different directions for displaying.

#### 4.2.05 RESET

This command will use software to reset the MCU.

**You can send:** 7E 02 **05** EF

**Return:** 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF which tells that reset is done

**or Return:** 7E 03 **65 31** EF 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF which tells that reset is done but the TF card failed to initialize, maybe you have not plug the TF card.

#### 4.2.06 SET\_BACKLIGHT

It can set the **brightness** of the backlight of the TFT, and it takes effect immediately.

In fact it controls the duty cycle of the PWM to control the brightness. **brightness** can be 0~0xff (0~255). Recommend you to set it to be 0xC8 (200). Of course if you want to save more power, you can set to be smaller value.

You can send: 7E 03 **06** **brightness** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

#### 4.2.07 PRINTLN

It is used to make a new line to display other characters or pictures.

You can send: 7E 02 **10** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

#### 4.2.08 PRINT\_CHAR\_ARRAY

As the whole command bytes can not be more that 64bytes, so you can only print up to 60 characters each time. And you should send ASCII code of the characters.

eg:

You can send: 7E **07 11 48 65 6F 6C 6F** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

This command print a string "Hello" whose ASCII code is **48 65 6F 6C 6F**, **07** in the command bytes tells that there is 7 bytes following by **07**.

#### 4.2.09 PRINT\_INT\_8

This command will display 8 bit number. You should also tell the **sign** and **format** for the number.

If it is signed number, **sign** should be 1, otherwise 0.

You can send: 7E 05 **12** **Sign** **Format** **data** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F** **6B** EF

About the **format** which can only be the following number:

//#define DEC 0x0A

//#define HEX 0x10

//#define OCT 0x08

//#define BIN 0x02

eg: When you want to display **unsigned** int 8 bit data in HEX format, you can send

7E 05 **12** **00** **10** **data** EF

When you want to display signed int 8bit data (can only in DEC format), you can send

7E 05 **12** **01** **0A** **data** EF

#### 4.2.10 PRINT\_INT\_16

This command will display 16 bit number. You should also tell the **sign** and **format** for the number.

If it is signed number, **sign** should be 1, otherwise 0.

You can send: 7E 06 **13** **Sign** **Format** **dH** **dL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F** **6B** EF

About the **format** which can only be the following number:

//#define DEC 0x0A

//#define HEX 0x10

//#define OCT 0x08

//#define BIN 0x02

eg: When you want to display **unsigned** int 16 bit data (0XABCD)in HEX format, you should know:

**Sign** = 0x00

**Format** = 0x10

**dH** = 0XAB (high 8 bit of the data)

**dL** = 0XCD(low 8bit of the data)

So you can send:

7E 06 **13** **00** **10** **AB** **CD** EF

When you want to display signed int 16bit data -300(can only in DEC format)

you should know:

-300(DEC format) = 0XFED4, if you do not know why, please search google

Of course generally you do not have to know this, because the program compiler or IDE have done that. Then

**Sign** = 0x01

**Format** = 0x0A

**dH** = 0XFE (high 8 bit of the data)

**dL** = 0XD4(low 8bit of the data)

So you can send

7E 06 **13** **01** **0A** **FE** **D4** EF

#### 4.2.11 PRINT\_INT\_32

This command will display 32 bit number. You should also tell the **sign** and **format** for the number.

If it is signed number, **sign** should be 1, otherwise 0.

You can send: 7E 08 **14** **Sign** **Format** **dHH** **dHL** **dLH** **dLL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F** **6B** EF

About the **format** which can only be the following number:

```
//#define DEC 0x0A
```

```
//#define HEX 0x10
```

```
//#define OCT 0x08
```

```
//#define BIN 0x02
```

eg: When you want to display **unsigned** int 16 bit data (0X12345678)in HEX format, you should know:

**Sign = 0x00**

**Format = 0x10**

**dHH = 0X12** (high 8 bit of high part of the data)

**dHL = 0X34**(low 8bit of high part of the data)

**dLH = 0X56** (high 8 bit of low part of the data)

**dLL = 0X78**(low 8bit of low part of the data)

So you can send:

7E 08 **14** **00** **10** **12** **34** **56** **78** EF

When you want to display signed int 32bit data -300(can only in DEC format)

you should know:

-300(DEC format) = 0xFFFFFED4, if you do not know why, please search google

Of course generally you do not have to know this, because the program compiler or IDE have done that. Then

**Sign = 0x01**

**Format = 0x0A**

**dHH = 0XFF** (high 8 bit of high part of the data)

**dHL = 0XFF**(low 8bit of high part of the data)

**dLH = 0XFE** (high 8 bit of low part of the data)

**dLL = 0XD4**(low 8bit of low part of the data)

So you can send:

7E 08 **14** **01** **0A** **FF** **FF** **FE** **D4** EF

#### 4.2.12 FILL\_SCREEN

This command will fill the whole screen with the color you set. Generally you can clear the screen by filling the screen with black color.

You can send: 7E 04 **20** **cH cL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

**Note:** H is high 8bits of 16 bits data. L is low 8bits of it.

**All color should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits.**

#### 4.2.13 DRAW\_PIXEL

This command can draw one pixel with coordinate (x,y) and color.

You can send: 7E 08 **21** **xH xL yH yL cH cL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

**Note:** H is high 8bits of 16 bits data. L is low 8bits of it.

All color should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits.

#### 4.2.14 DRAW\_FASTVLINE

Draw a vertical line, with coordinate (x,y), **h** is height, **c** is color.

All color should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits.

You can send: 7E 0A **22** **xH xL yH yL hH hL cH cL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

**Note:** H is high 8bits of 16 bits data. L is low 8bits of it.

eg: If you want to draw a vertical line at (0x30,0x40) whose height is 0x20 pixels and color is red.

xH = 0x00

xL = 0x30

yH = 0x00

yL = 0x40

hH = 0x00

hL = 0x20

cH = 0xF8

cL = 0x00

So you can send: 7E 0A **22 00 30 00 40 00 20 F8 00** EF

#### 4.2.15 DRAW\_FASTHLINE

Draw a horizontal line, with coordinate (x,y), **w** is width, **c** is color

You can send: 7E 0A **23** **xH xL yH yL wH wL cH cL** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

you can refer to 4.2.14



#### 4.2.16 DRAW\_LINE

Draw a line from the start point(x0,y0) to the end point(x1,y1).

You can send: 7E 0C **24** x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

#### 4.2.17 DRAW\_RECT

Draw rectangle start at (x,y) with width, height, color.

You can send: 7E 0C **25** xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.18 FILL\_RECT

Fill rectangle start at (x,y) with width, height, color.

You can send: 7E 0C **26** xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.19 DRAW\_CIRCLE

Draw a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color

You can send: 7E 0A **27** x0H x0L y0H y0L rH rL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.20 FILL\_CIRCLE

Fill a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color

You can send: 7E 0A **28** x0H x0L y0H y0L rH rL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.21 DRAW\_TRIANGLE

Draw a triangle with its three vertex coordinates

You can send: 7E 10 **29** x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L x2H x2L y2H y2L cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.22 FILL\_TRIANGLE

Fill a triangle with its three vertex coordinates

You can send: 7E 10 **2A** x0H x0L y0H y0L x1H x1L y1H y1L x2H x2L y2H y2L cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.23 DRAW\_ROUNDRECT

Draw a rectangle with rounded corners.

You can send: 7E 0E **2B** xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL rH rL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

First it will draw a normal rectangle at start point (x,y) with height (h), width (w), color (c).

And then turn the 4 corners into an arc with a radius (r)

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.24 FILL\_ROUNDRECT

Fill a rectangle with rounded corners.

You can send: 7E 0E **2C** xH xL yH yL wH wL hH hL rH rL cH cL EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

First it will draw a normal rectangle at start point (x,y) with height (h), width (w), color (c).

And then turn the 4 corners into an arc with a radius (r)

And then fill it with color (c)

You can refer to 4.2.14

#### 4.2.25 DRAW\_BMP

Draw a bmp picture according to the name you send.

The number of the characters of the picture name should not be more than 8.

In general, you can set cursor and rotation before draw a bmp.

eg:

if you want to draw miniwoof.bmp in TF card, **ASIIC code of miniwoof is 6D 69 6E 69 77 6F 6F 66**, usually you do not have to know this, because the program compiler or IDE have done that.

You can send: 7E 0A **30 6D 69 6E 69 77 6F 6F 66** EF

Return: 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

Note:

When power on, if you get

7E 03 **65 31** EF

ASIIC code of "e1" is **65 31**, tells that the TF card failed to initialize, maybe you have not plug the TF card.

When you want to draw bmp, if you get

7E 03 **65 32** EF

ASIIC code of "e2" is **65 32**, tells that can not open the .bmp file you want, maybe the file is not exist or maybe there is something wrong with the bmp.

#### 4.2.26 WRITE\_READ\_BAUD

This command can set baud rate and get to know the baud rate of serial TFT.

You can send: 7E 02 **40** EF

Return: 7E 03 **40** Baud EF 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

Baud:

0 = 9600

1 = 19200

2 = 38400

3 = 57600

4 = 115200

Also you can set the baud rate of the serial TFT,

You can send: 7E 03 **40** Baud EF

Baud:

0 = 9600

1 = 19200

2 = 38400

3 = 57600

4 = 115200

As the baud rate is changed, so ignore the meaningless return bytes.

About 500ms later, you can send **TEST** command to check if it is ok.

#### 4.2.27 READ\_VERSION

This command helps to know the version of the firmware.

You can send: 7E 02 **41** EF

Return: 7E 03 **41** Version EF 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

If **Version** is 0x10, that tells the firmware version is v1.0

#### 4.2.28 READ\_DRIVER\_ID

This command helps to know the driver IC of the TFT itself.

You can send: 7E 02 **42** EF

Return: 7E 04 **42** idH idL EF 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

If idH = 0X93, idL = 0x25, that the driver IC is ILI9325.

#### 4.2.29 READ\_RESOLUTION

This command tells the resolution of the TFT.

You can send: 7E 02 **43** EF

Return: 7E 06 **43** xH xL yH yL EF 7E 03 **6F 6B** EF

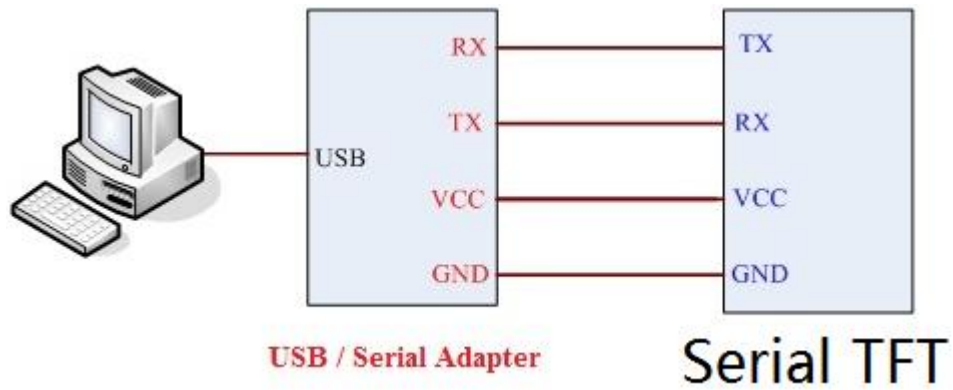
and you can calculate the width (x ) and height (y) of the serial TFT.

x = xH\*256+xL

y = yH\*256+yL

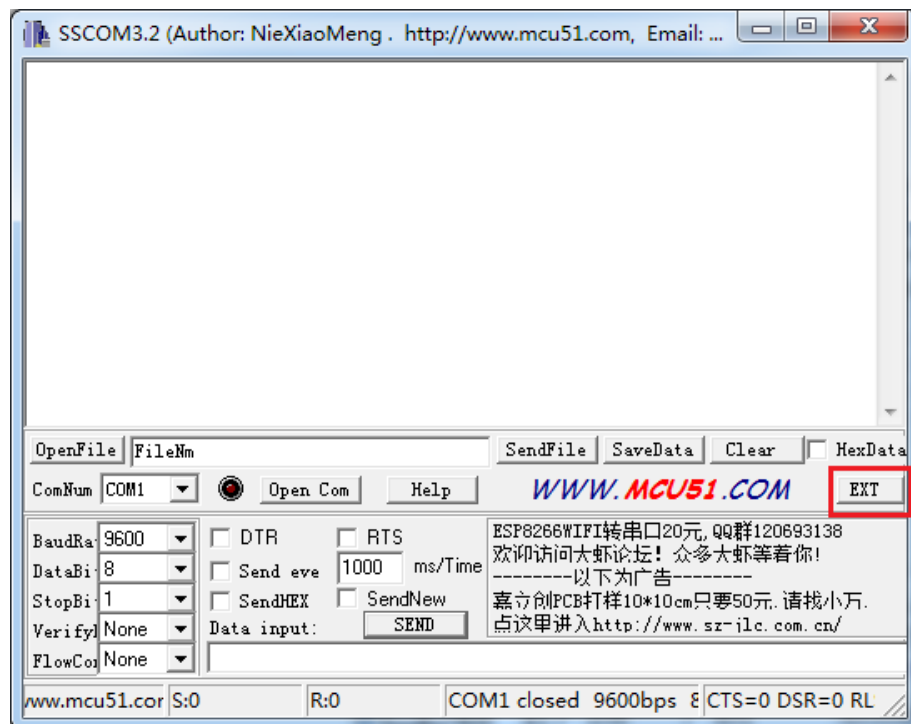
### 4.3 Use USB to Uart TTL module

(1) You need a **USB to Uart TTL module** (such as USB/Serial Adapter) to connect **Serial MP3 Player** to PC. The hardware installation as show below:

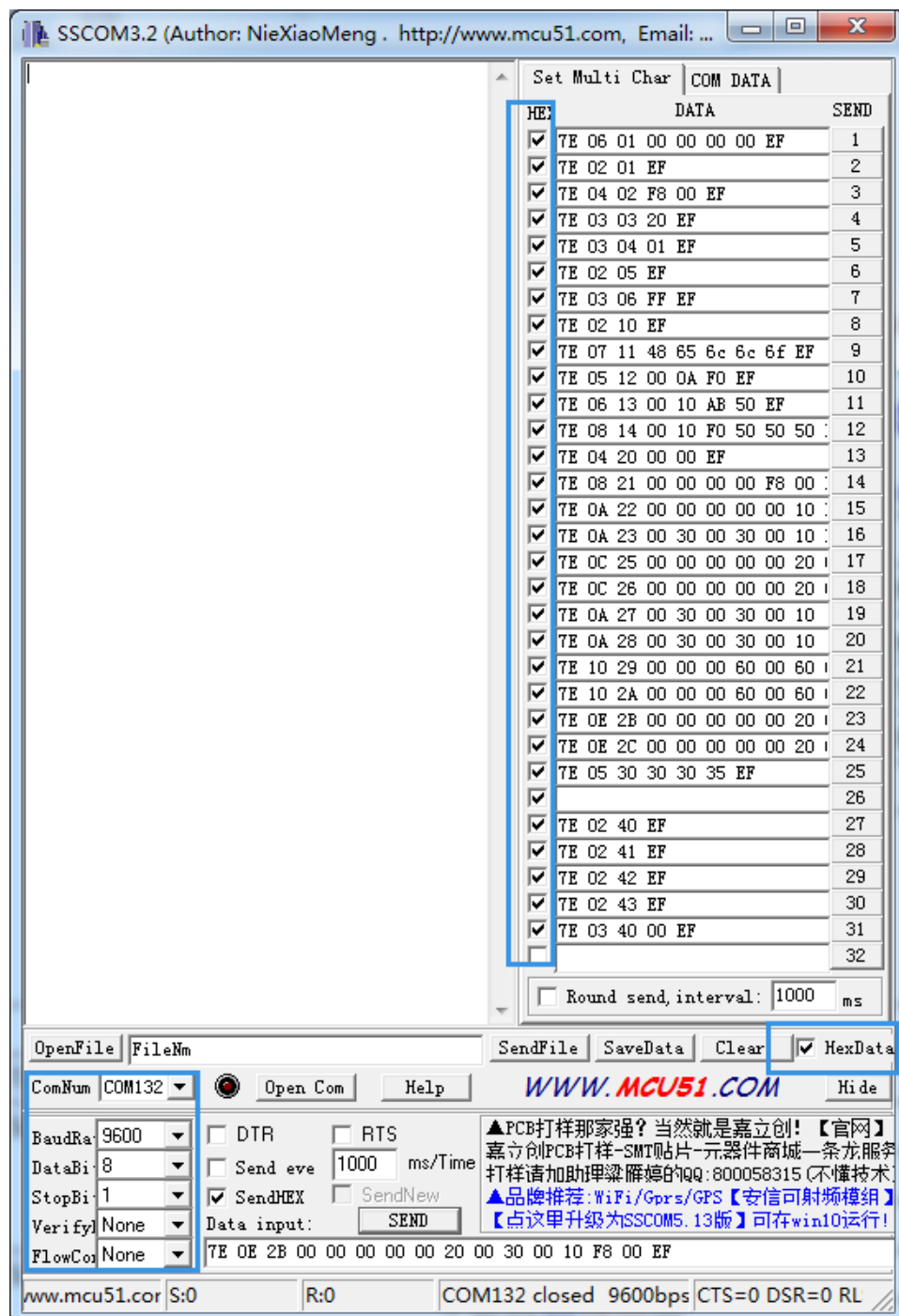


(2) After the connection is completed, open [SSCOM32 Serial Tool for Serial TFT](#) that you can down load from OPEN-SMART net disk to send commands. About the specific commands, please refer to 4.1.2 and 4.2 part.

(3) Click the EXT button and then you can manage the commands to be sent.



(3) Baud rate should be 9600. Tick HEX and HexData so that the command can be received by the Serial MP3 Player and you can see the feedback information in the blank of the window. Before sending commands, you should select the [ComNum] and click [Open Com].



(4) Make sure your micro sd card is formatted as FAT16 or FAT32 and you should put the photos that you download from [Google Drive](#) into the TF card.

After power up, you should send the some commands to test the TFT.

More operations ? Please refer to 4.1.2 and 4.2 part.

**If you have any questions, please let us know: [catalex\\_inc@163.com](mailto:catalex_inc@163.com)**

## 4.4 Functions for Arduino Reference

### Limitations

The library uses the software serial library that has the following known limitations:

If using multiple software serial ports, only **one** can receive data at a time.

Not all pins on the Mega and Mega 2560 support change interrupts, so only the following can be used for RX: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 50, 51, 52, 53, A8 (62), A9 (63), A10 (64), A11 (65), A12 (66), A13 (67), A14 (68), A15 (69).

Not all pins on the Leonardo and Micro support change interrupts, so only the following can be used for RX: 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 (MISO), 15 (SCK), 16 (MOSI).

On Arduino or Genuino 101 the current maximum RX speed is **57600**bps

On Arduino or Genuino 101 RX doesn't work on Pin 13

### Using the library

```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>    //Software Serial Port
```

```
#include <OS_SerialTFT.h>    //Software Serial Port
```

```
#define TFT_RX 4//RX of Serial TFT module connect to D4 of Arduino / OPEN-SMART UNO
```

```
#define TFT_TX 2//TX of Serial TFT to D2 this pin is RX of the software serial port whose  
limitations refer to Limitations
```

```
SerialTFT myTFT(TFT_RX, TFT_TX);
```



## SerialTFT Functions

- [begin\(\)](#)
- [test\(\)](#)
- [setCursor\(\)](#)
- [readCursor\(\)](#)
- [setTextColor\(\)](#)
- [setTextSize\(\)](#)
- [setRotation\(\)](#)
- [reset\(\)](#)
- [setBacklight\(\)](#)
- [print\(\)](#)
- [println\(\)](#)
- [fillScreen\(\)](#)
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- [drawRoundRect\(\)](#)
- [fillRoundRect\(\)](#)
- [bmpDraw\(\)](#)
- [color565\(\)](#)
- [touch\(\)](#)

`void begin(long speed)`

**Description**

Sets the speed (baud rate) for the serial communication. Supported baud rates are 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, and 115200.

You should call this first to initialize the Serial Port.

**Parameters**

speed: the baud rate (long)

**Returns**

none

`uint8_t test()`

**Description**

Test whether it is ok after you have set the baud rate for the Serial TFT.

**Parameters**

none

**Returns**

`uint8_t`: returns whether it is ok, if it is, returns 1; otherwise returns 0.

```
void setCursor(int16_t x, int16_t y)
```

**Description**

Before display picture or text, graphics, you can set the current cursor.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT.setCursor(x, y);
```

**Parameters**

x: the location on the x-axis you want to start drawing text to the screen

y: the location on the y-axis you want to start drawing text to the screen

**Returns**

none

```
void readCursor(int16_t &x, int16_t &y)
```

### Description

You can use this function to know the current cursor.

### Syntax

```
readCursor(x, y);
```

### Parameters

x: it will save the location on the x-axis of the screen

y: it will save the location on the y-axis of the screen

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>    //Software Serial Port
#include <OS_SerialTFT.h>      //Software Serial Port

#define TFT_RX 4//RX of Serial TFT module connect to D4 of Arduino / OPEN-SMART UNO
#define TFT_TX 2//TX of Serial TFT to D2 this pin is RX of the software serial port whose
limitations refer to Limitations
SerialTFT myTFT(TFT_RX, TFT_TX);
void setup(){
    Serial.begin(9600);
    myTFT.begin(9600);
    myTFT.reset();
    int x, y;
    myTFT.readCursor ();
    Serial.print(" x = ");
    Serial.print(x);
    Serial.print(" y = ");
    Serial.println(" y = "); //print the current cursor on serial monitor of Arduino IDE
}
void loop()
{
}
```

```
void setTextColor(uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Before you display text, you can set the color of the text. It will keep this setting until you change it again.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT.setTextColor(color);  
myTFT.setTextColor(myTFT.color565(r, g ,b));
```

**Parameters**

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

`void setTextSize(uint8_t size)`

**Description**

Note: Minimum size of one character is 5x7 pixel and there is one pixel between two characters. Before you display text, you can set the size of the text. It will keep this setting until you change it again. If size is **2**, that tells one character is (5x**2**)(7x**2**) pixel.

**Syntax**

`myTFT. setTextSize(size);`

**Parameters**

**size**: can be 1 or larger.

**Returns**

none

`void setRotation(uint8_t rota)`

**Description**

Before display picture or text, graphics, you can set the rotation of the screen.

**Syntax**

`myTFT. setRotation(rata);`

**Parameters**

**rata**: it is 0, 1, 2, 3, and it tells 4 kind of different directions for displaying.

**Returns**

none

`uint8_t reset()`

**Description**

This will use software to reset the MCU.

**Syntax**

`myTFT. reset();`

**Parameters**

none

**Returns**

`uint8_t`:

Returns 0x6F: TF card is Initialized and reset is done. So that you can draw bmp from the TF card.

Returns 0x65: TF card is not online or not recognized and reset is done.

Returns 0x00: reset is failed



```
void setBacklight(uint8_t bightness)
```

**Description**

Before display picture or text, graphics, you can set the rotation of the screen.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. setRotation(rata);
```

**Parameters**

**rata**: it is 0, 1, 2, 3, and it tells 4 kind of different directions for displaying.

**Returns**

none

**void print()**

**Description**

Prints data on the TFT as human-readable ASCII text. This command can take many forms. Numbers are printed using an ASCII character for each digit. Bytes are sent as a single character. Characters and strings are sent as is. For example:

- myTFT.print(78) displays "78"
- myTFT.print("Hello world.") displays "Hello world."

An optional second parameter specifies the base (format) to use; permitted values are BIN (binary, or base 2), OCT (octal, or base 8), DEC (decimal, or base 10), HEX (hexadecimal, or base 16).

- myTFT.print(78, BIN) displays "1001110"
- myTFT.print(78, OCT) displays "116"
- myTFT.print(78, DEC) displays "78"
- myTFT.print(78, HEX) displays "4E"
- myTFT.print(0x1234, HEX) displays 16bits data "1234"
- myTFT.print(0x12345678, HEX) displays 32bits data "12345678"

**Syntax**

myTFT.print(val)

myTFT.print(val, base)

**Parameters**

**val**: the value to print - any data type, if it is unsigned number, its base is DEC so you can only call print(val)

**base**: specifies the number base (for integral data types) or number of decimal places (for floating point types)

**Returns**

none

`void println()`

**Description**

Prints data on the TFT as human-readable ASCII text followed by a carriage return character (ASCII 13, or '\r') and a newline character (ASCII 10, or '\n'). This command takes the same forms as `myTFT.print()`. Please refer to [print\(\)](#).

**Syntax**

`myTFT.println(val)`

`myTFT.println(val, base)`

**Parameters**

**val**: the value to print - any data type, if it is unsigned number, its base is DEC so you can only call `print(val)`

**base**: specifies the number base (for integral data types) or number of decimal places (for floating point types)

**Returns**

none

`void fillScreen(uint16_t color)`

**Description**

Fill the whole screen with the color you set. Generally you can clear the screen by filling the screen with black color.

**Syntax**

`myTFT. fillScreen(color)`

**Parameters**

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

`void drawPixel(int16_t x, int16_t y, uint16_t color)`

**Description**

Draw one pixel with coordinate (x,y) and color.

**Syntax**

`myTFT. drawPixel(x, y, color)`

**Parameters**

x: the location on the x-axis you want to draw to the screen

y: the location on the y-axis you want to draw to the screen

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void drawFastHLine(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t w, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Draw a horizontal line, with start point (x,y), **w** is width, **c** is color

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. drawFastHLine(x0, y0, w, color)
```

**Parameters**

**x0**: the location on the x-axis you want to start drawing to the screen

**y0**: the location on the y-axis you want to start drawing to the screen

**w**: width of the line (number of pixels)

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void drawFastVLine(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t h, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Draw a vertical line, with coordinate (x,y), **h** is height, **c** is color.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. drawFastVLine(x0, y0, h, color)
```

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis you want to start drawing to the screen

y0: the location on the y-axis you want to start drawing to the screen

h: height of the line (number of pixels)

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void drawLine(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Draw a line from the start point(x0,y0) to the end point(x1,y1).

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. drawLine(x0, y0, x1, y1, color)
```

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis of the start point of the line

y0: the location on the y-axis of the start point of the line

x1: the location on the x-axis of the end point of the line

y1: the location on the y-axis of the end point of the line

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void drawRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Draw rectangle start at (x,y) with width, height, color.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. drawRect(x, y, w, h, color)
```

**Parameters**

x: the location on the x-axis of the start point

y: the location on the y-axis of the start point

w: width of the line (number of pixels)

h: height of the line (number of pixels)

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void fillRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Fill rectangle start at (x,y) with width, height, color.

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. fillRect(x, y, w, h, color)
```

**Parameters**

x: the location on the x-axis of the start point

y: the location on the y-axis of the start point

w: width of the line (number of pixels)

h: height of the line (number of pixels)

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

`void drawCircle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t r, uint16_t color)`

**Description**

Draw a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color

**Syntax**

`myTFT. drawCircle(x0, y0, r, color)`

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis of center point of the circle

y0: the location on the y-axis of center point of the circle

r: radius of the circle

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

`void fillCircle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t r, uint16_t color)`

**Description**

Fill a circle with center coordinates (x0,y0) and radius, color

**Syntax**

`myTFT. fillCircle (x0, y0, r, color)`

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis of center point of the circle

y0: the location on the y-axis of center point of the circle

r: radius of the circle

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use `color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)` to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none



```
void drawTriangle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1,  
                 int16_t x2, int16_t y2, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Draw a triangle with its three vertex coordinates

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. drawTriangle(x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2, color)
```

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis of first vertex point of the triangle

y0: the location on the y-axis of first vertex point of the triangle

x1: the location on the x-axis of second vertex point of the triangle

y1: the location on the y-axis of second vertex point of the triangle

x2: the location on the x-axis of third vertex point of the triangle

y2: the location on the y-axis of third vertex point of the triangle

r: radius of the circle

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void fillTriangle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1,  
                 int16_t x2, int16_t y2, uint16_t color)
```

**Description**

Fill a triangle with its three vertex coordinates

**Syntax**

```
myTFT. fillTriangle(x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2, color)
```

**Parameters**

x0: the location on the x-axis of first vertex point of the triangle

y0: the location on the y-axis of first vertex point of the triangle

x1: the location on the x-axis of second vertex point of the triangle

y1: the location on the y-axis of second vertex point of the triangle

x2: the location on the x-axis of third vertex point of the triangle

y2: the location on the y-axis of third vertex point of the triangle

r: radius of the circle

**color:** All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

**Returns**

none

```
void drawRoundRect(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t w, int16_t h,  
                  int16_t r, uint16_t color)
```

#### Description

Draw a rectangle with rounded corners. First it will draw a normal rectangle at start point (**x0,y0**) with height (**h**), width (**w**), **color**  
And then turn the 4 corners into an arc with a radius (**r**)

#### Syntax

```
myTFT. drawRoundRect(x0, y0, w, h, r, color)
```

#### Parameters

x0: the location on the x-axis of start point

y0: the location on the y-axis of start point

w: width of the line (number of pixels)

h: height of the line (number of pixels)

r: radius of the corner

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

#### Returns

none

```
void fillRoundRect(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t w, int16_t h,  
                  int16_t r, uint16_t color)
```

#### Description

Fill a rectangle with rounded corners. First it will draw a normal rectangle at start point (**x0,y0**) with height (**h**), width (**w**), **color**

And then turn the 4 corners into an arc with a radius (**r**)

And then fill it with color

#### Syntax

```
myTFT. fillRoundRect(x0, y0, w, h, r, color)
```

#### Parameters

x0: the location on the x-axis of start point

y0: the location on the y-axis of start point

w: width of the line (number of pixels)

h: height of the line (number of pixels)

r: radius of the corner

**color**: All color in this user manual should match RGB565 format, color is 16bits, and red part is high 5bits, blue part is middle 6bits, green part is low 5bits. Also you can use color565(uint8\_t r, uint8\_t g, uint8\_t b) to get the 16bit **color**.

#### Returns

none

**void bmpDraw(char \*filename)**

**Description**

Draw a bmp picture according to the name you send.

The number of the characters of the picture name should not be more than 8.

In general, you can set cursor and rotation before draw a bmp.

when you want to display the picture miniwoof.bmp, you can call

- myTFT. bmpDraw ("miniwoof")

**Syntax**

myTFT. bmpDraw (char \*filename)

**Parameters**

filename: the name of the bmp picture in the root directory of TF card

**Returns**

none

`uint16_t color565(uint8_t r, uint8_t g, uint8_t b)`

#### **Description**

Change color format to be RGB565 format 16bits color that can be parameter for many functions of the SerialTFT library.

eg:

- `myTFT.setTextColor(myTFT.color565(255, 0,0))` this set the text color to be pure red
- `myTFT.setTextColor(myTFT.color565(0, 255,0))` this set the text color to be pure green
- `myTFT.setTextColor(myTFT.color565(0, 0,255))` this set the text color to be pure blue

#### **Syntax**

`myTFT.color565(r, g, b)`

#### **Parameters**

r: 0-255

g: 0-255

b: 0-255

#### **Returns**

`uint16_t`: the RGB565 format 16bits color

`uint8_t touch()`

#### **Description**

Tell the touch value x and y, so that you can judge which point is touched.

In general, you should touch with the pen to find the minimum and maximum value of x and y.

**TS\_MINX**

**TS\_MINY**

**TS\_MAXX**

**TS\_MAXY**

So that you can calculate the exact point the pen touch. Please refer to the demo code `tftpaint.ino`.

#### **Syntax**

`myTFT.touch()`

`myTFT.touchX`

`myTFT.touchY`

#### **Parameters**

`touchX`: after calling `touch()`, if there is someone touching, it will save x value

`touchY`: after calling `touch()`, if there is someone touching, it will save y value

#### **Returns**

`uint8_t`: 0 or 1. if someone touch, it will return 1. otherwise return 0;

## 4.5 Use Arduino UNO R3

### 4.5.1 Project1: Simple test for the Serial TFT

You can also watch the video from [our Youtube](#).

#### Step1: Material preparation

1 x [OPEN-SMART UNO R3](#)

1 x [Serial TFT without Touch Screen](#)

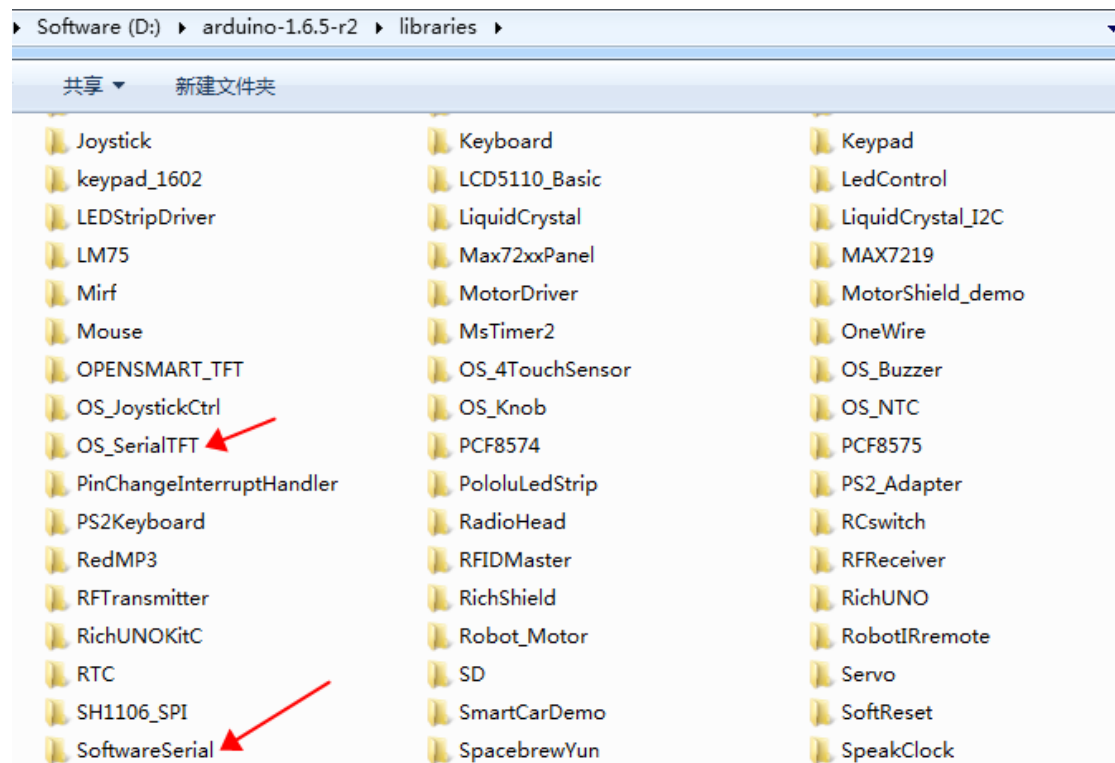
1 x [Serial TFT with Touch Screen](#)

1x [IO Expansion Shield](#)

4x Female to Female Dupont cables

#### Step2: Download library for Arduino

Download library for Arduino from [Documents download link](#) and then you should put the 2 library into the libraries directory of Arduino IDE.



And the example codes are in directory of  
D:\arduino-1.6.5-r2\libraries\OS\_SerialTFT\examples

**Step3: Hardware install**

Plug the IO Expansion Shield which is just the I/O expansion board to OPEN-SMART UNO R3.

Connect the serial TFT to IO Expansion Shield with the cables

		IO Expansion Shield
Serial TFT	RX	D2
	TX	D4
	VCC	VCC
	GND	GND

Make sure your micro sd card is formatted as FAT16 or FAT32 and you should put the photos that you download from Google Drive into the TF card.

**Step4: Power on**

Use the USB cable to connect the OPEN-SMART UNO R3 and PC.

NOTE: Do not touch the metal frame of the TFT LCD.

**Step5: Learn to display characters, number, graphics**

Upload the demo code in the directory of

D:\arduino-1.6.5-r2\libraries\OS\_SerialTFT\examples\graphicstest

Then you can see it displays some words, numbers, lines, circles, etc.

**Step6: Learn to display bmp picture**

Download [pictures used in showbmp demo code.rar](#)

And then unzip in your PC and copy all the pictures to root directory of your TF card.

Plug the TF card to the Serial TFT.

Upload the demo code in the directory of

D:\arduino-1.6.5-r2\libraries\OS\_SerialTFT\examples\showBMP

Then you can see it display pictures and its brief introduction.

**Step7: Paint something (If it has touch screen)**

Upload the demo code in the directory of

D:\arduino-1.6.5-r2\libraries\OS\_SerialTFT\examples\tftpaint

Then you can paint some words or drawing.



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## 5 Part List

1x Serial TFT Module

1 x Touch Pen (If the TFT has touch screen)

Documents download link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ReWai0mdEofMkcXbM3ROxDt2Ya159-DG?usp=sharing>

SSCOM32 Serial Tool for Serial TFT:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mdHFJRP\\_ii62utroczuZTO49IKsGS23\\_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mdHFJRP_ii62utroczuZTO49IKsGS23_?usp=sharing)

Buy from OPEN-SMART Official Store:

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