

AN0001: The data transmission and reception by the AUREL XTR-CYP-2.4 module.

The aim of this document is to illustrate the basic procedures that allow the correct use of the 2.4GHz XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL transceiver module. The compiler Basic BASCOM⁽¹⁾ is used as the programming tool (a demonstration copy of which can be found on the web site at the following address <http://www.mcselec.com/>), the microcontroller in use is a ATMEL ATmega8. The application diagram is shown at the end of the document.

Such choice make much easier to transport the supplied software the translation being immediate for several microcontrollers. It is assumed that the following documents, issued by Cypress and available at the following address: <http://www.cypress.com/portal/server.pt?space=CommunityPage&control=SetCommunity&CommunityID=209&PageID=259&fid=65&rpn=CYWUSB6935>, have been examined.

- WirelessUSB LR(TM) 2.4-GHz DSSS Radio SoC [shortened hereinafter in DS]
- Managing Power in WirelessUSB (TM) Systems [MP]
- WirelessUSB(TM) LS Firmware Tips and Tricks [TT]

The module's programming procedures and the explanatory examples, illustrate the usage technique in connection to low consumption leaving, we mean, the device as long as possible switched off. (Power Down).

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XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL module connection to a microcontroller (see diagram enclosed):

Set up of the microcontroller ports

```

Config Pinb.2 = Output
Nss_port Alias Portb.2
Set Nss_port           'Slave Select (output)

Config Pinb.3 = Output
Mosi Alias Portb.3
Mosi = 0               'MOSI (output)
Config Pinb.4 = Input
Miso Alias Portb.4
Miso = 1               'MISO (input): port in weak pull up

Config Pinb.5 = Output
Clk Alias Portb.5
Clk = 0                'SCK (output)

Config Pinc.0 = Input
Pactl Alias Pinc.0
Pactl = 1              'PACTL: external PA state control
                        'Port in weak pull up

Config Pind.0 = Input
U_rx Alias Portd.0
U_rx = 1               'UART_RX

Config Pind.1 = Output
U_tx Alias Portd.1
U_tx = 0               'UART_TX

Config Pind.2 = Output
Npd_port Alias Portd.2
Npd_port = 0            'Power Down XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL

```

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```

Config Pind.3 = Input
Irq_port Alias Portd.3
Irq_pin Alias Pind.3
Irq_port = 0           'IRQ: XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL interrupt

Config Pinc.1 = Output
Nreset Alias Portc.1
Nreset = 1             'XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL reset

Config Pinc.5 = Output
Led Alias Portc.5
Led = 0                'Led (output)

```

The Nreset value is initialized to 1: in this way the XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL is immediately active. Through this line there is the possibility to bring back the registers to the initial default setting decided by the Manufacturer of the RF chip.

The SPI routines

In [DS] is reported how the programming modality of the RF module is through SPI connection with a speed not more than 2Mbit. The microcontroller involved in these examples must be therefore programmed in a way to take advantage of the 8MHz internal oscillator, programming the hardware SPI port at a speed of 2Mbit, the maximum allowed, to minimize the times. The programming language BASCOM in which these examples are written, operates the SPI communication by restricted commands. By combining these SPI commands with what is demanded by the RF unit [DS] Manufacturer, are obtained these two routines which form the dialogue base with the XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL. At the beginning of the program the SPI connection must be enabled by the following commands:

```

Config Spi = Hard , Master = Yes , Polarity = Low , Phase = 0 , Clockrate = 4 , Noss = 1
Spiinit

```

The following routine enables to write a value **Vaalue** in the register **Aaddr**. The BASCOM needs the two data in a buffer (or in memory's adjacent locations). The Nss port must commute before and after the data transmission procedure [DS].

```

SPI WRITING
Sub Wspi(byval Aaddr As Byte , Byval Vaalue As Byte)
  Dim W(2) As Byte

  W(1) = Aaddr
  W(2) = Vaalue

  W(1) = W(1) Or &B10000000
  Reset Nss_port
  Spiout W(1) , 2
  Set Nss_port
End Sub

```

The reading function foresees a first transmission of the XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL register's address to be read, then the 0x00 transmission: the outgoing data on the MOSI line is meaningless, it serves only, according to SPI protocol, to have a clock generated by the Master unit for the outgoing data from the Slave on the MISO line. The data read by the microcontroller, is automatically saved in the SPDR register that will be read by the following program and available in the output as function's value.

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```

SPI READING
Function Rspi(byval Aaddr As Byte) As Byte
    Dim R(2) As Byte

    R(1) = Aaddr
    R(2) = &B00000000

    Reset Nss_port
    Spiout R(1) , 2
    Rspi = Spdr
    Set Nss_port
End Function

```

Exit from the Power Down state (coming from no supply or hardware reset)

The following instructions wake up the XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL from the Power Down state and load all the parameters required for the operation that will remain permanent available at the following address:

```

Set Npd_port           'XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL wakeup
Waitus 5000            'Waiting wakeup time

```

The first instruction wakes up the transceiver, while the second inserts a 5msec delay: this has to be compulsorily inserted only at the first switch on of the system since the handshaking check is not yet on-line. Subsequently to this first switch on, the IRQ line shall be utilized, in order to minimize the operating times, since such signal shall indicate the exit of the XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL from the Power Down state.

We shall now check the presence of the device in the connector (see explanatory diagram in the end of the document) and its correct operation:

```

Dim Canale As Byte          'Definition of used variables
Dim Ch As Byte

Ch = Rspi (&H00)           'Reading register containing silicon revision ID

If Ch = &HFF Then          'If device isn't on the connector or if it
                           doesn't operate correctly, due to pull up on the
                           MISO line, FF is read.

Do
    Led=1
    Waitms 500
    Led=0
    Waitms 500
Loop

Else
    Portb.4=0
                           'If device is present and it operates correctly
                           pull up on MISO line is removed to reduce
                           consumption.

End If

If Pactl = 1 Then          'Control, similar to previous one, of external PA
                           state.

    Led=1
    Wait 1
    Led=0
    Wait 1
Loop

```

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```

Else
    Portc.0 = 0
End If
        'Pull up is removed to reduce consumption

```

If the device is in place and it works properly, things then may proceed .
The following parameters are now programmed:

SERDES technical enabling of data passing
Enabling of a whole byte for SERDES.....(ONLY IN TX)
IRQ modality choise
External PA driving's polarity choise.....(ONLY IN TX)
Disabling of the external clock at 13Mhz
A fix delay choise to show the PLL lock (ONLY IN TX)
Enabling of the WAKEUP interrupt
Configuration of the output power.....(ONLY IN TX)
RF transmission and reception speed
Validity thresholds of the received signal (ONLY IN RX)
RF channel number

```

Call Wspi(&H06 , &B00001000)           'SERDES enable

Call Wspi(&H10 , &B11111111)           'Validity of all bits of SERDES register

Call Wspi(&H05 , &B00000001)           'Selection of drive method of IRQ pin: Active
                                            high CMOS

Call Wspi(&H20 , &B00000110)           'Selection of polarity and enable of pin for
                                            control of external power amplifier

Call Wspi(&H24 , &B01000000)           '13MHz clock output disable to avoid sensitivity
                                            reduction (see [DS])

Call Wspi(&H38 , &H7D)                 '250µs fixed delay between TX enable and preamble
                                            sending

Call Wspi(&H1C , &B00000001)           'Wakeup interrupt enable: a wakeup event is
                                            triggered when IRQ line is asserted.

Ch = Rspi(&H1d)                      'Reading to deassert IRQ line.

Call Wspi(&H23 , &B00000111)           'Choosing of output power in function of first 3
                                            bits of 0x23 register. Available configurations
                                            from 000 to 111 (step from 0 to 7).

```

Step	RF output power (ERP)
0	-14 dBm
1	-10 dBm
2	-6 dBm
3	-1 dBm
4	6 dBm
5	10 dBm
6	13 dBm
7	15 dBm

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For the speed selection the three instructions related to 16Kbit/sec or the three related to 64Kbit/sec must be utilized. If the 16Kbit/sec speed is wanted then utilize the three following lines, if the 64kbit/s speed is wanted than utilize the subsequent three lines.

' For RF transmission speed at 16Kbit/sec :

```
Call Wspi(&H04 , &B00000000)           '16Kbit/sec RF data rate
Call Wspi(&H19 , &B00001000)           'Data discrimination threshold low
Call Wspi(&H1a , &B00111000)           'Data discrimination threshold high
```

' For RF transmission speed at 64Kbit/sec :

```
Call Wspi(&H04 , &B00000110)           '64Kbit/sec RF data rate
Call Wspi(&H19 , &B00000001)           'Data discrimination threshold low
Call Wspi(&H1a , &B00011111)           'Data discrimination threshold high
```

```
Channel = 40                           'Channel at 2.440GHz
Call Wspi(&H21 , Channel)
```

The previous parameters programming must be carried out once only at the device switch on (or in case of no power supply or hardware reset).

Now we can proceed whether leaving the device active or by placing it in Power Down state for a subsequent timed wake up in order to minimize the consumptions.

In our case we place the device in Power Down state and operate a consequent wake up.

```
Reset Npd_port                         'Device in Power down
```

The device is now waked up and set under reception.

PROGRAMMING OF THE XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL UNDER RECEPTION

The device is placed in stand-by awaiting for a data packet of undefined length, with a consequent possible management, and final switching off of the device.

Under reception the device effectively behaves as an UART by signalling the presence of a valid byte which has to be read by a proper command. It is possible to enable a flag that signals the end of the bytes under reception, by evaluating a programmable Time out in position to discriminate a time without data reception. Since such information is on the same line of the valid datum's presence and, not supposing to receive data packets of known length, we prefer not to utilize the EOF (End Of Frame) information but a Time out software that, at the expiring of 1,5 byte without reception, asserts the entered packet.

```
Dim Datain (255) As Byte                '255 bytes receiver buffer
Dim Numdatain As Byte                   'Received bytes counter
Dim Ch As Byte                          'Received byte
```

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```

Dim F_ovf As bit                                'End of packet flag

Dim T_bit As Byte

Numdatain = 0                                     'Reset of data counter

F_ovf = 0                                         'Reset of end of packet flag
Config Timer0 = Timer , Prescale = 64            'Counter that increase every 8µs
Stop Timer0
On Ovf0 Tc0_end_packet                          'In case of Overflow it calls
                                                Tc0_end_packet

T_bit =165                                         'Overflow after 750µs for 16Kbit/sec RF
                                                data rate. If 64Kbit/sec is used it is
                                                necessary to fix T_bit=230 to have overflow
                                                after 200µs.

Enable Interrupts
Enable Timer0

Set Npd_port                                      'Wakeup

While Irq_pin = 0                                 'Waiting loop for device wakeup: when a
                                                wakeup event is triggered IRQ line is
                                                asserted and there isn't delay to exit from
                                                loop

Ch = Rspi(&H1d)                                    'By reading wakeup status register IRQ line
                                                is deasserted.

Call Wspi(&H03 , &B10000000)                      'RX ENABLE

Waitus 250                                         'Waiting for RX stable

Ch = Rspi(&H09)                                    'First byte is read in case it is yet
                                                present but not necessary correct.

Call Wspi(&H07 , &B00000001)                      'FULL interrupt Enable: IRQ line is
                                                asserted when a complete byte is received.

Do
  If Irq_pin = 1 Then                            'Every received byte causes IRQ line low-
                                                high transition.

    Stop Timer0                                  'Received byte. Time Out reset
    Timer0 = T_bit

    Numdatain = Numdatain + 1                     'Numdatain counter must be initialized to 0
                                                so to be incremented to 1 when first byte
                                                is received.

    Datain(Numdatain) = Rspi(&H09)                 'Reading of byte present into receive data
                                                register

    Start Timer0                                'Timer switches at the reception of every
                                                byte

Else
  If F_ovf = 1 Then
    Goto Valid_packet
  End if

```

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```

End If

Loop

Valid_packet:

'the entered packet length is Numdatain byte
'Possible management of the packet

Reset Npd_port                                'Device in Power down

'Timeout at the end of the packet

Tc0_end_packet:

    Stop Timer0
    F_ovf = 1

Return

```

PROGRAMMING OF THE XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL UNDER TRANSMISSION

The device is activated, it transmits a single packet, NUMDATAOUT = 20 byte long, loaded in the DATAOUT transmission baffer, and set back to Power Down.

```

Dim Dataout(20) As Byte                         '20 byte transmission buffer

Dim Numdataout As Byte                          'Counter of number of byte trasmitted
Dim J As Byte

Numdataout = 20

Dataout(1) = &H30                               'Loading of transmission buffer
Dataout(2) = &H31
Dataout(3) = &H32
Dataout(4) = &H33
Dataout(5) = &H34
Dataout(6) = &H35
Dataout(7) = &H36
Dataout(8) = &H37
Dataout(9) = &H38
Dataout(10) = &H39
Dataout(11) = &H41
Dataout(12) = &H42
Dataout(13) = &H43
Dataout(14) = &H44
Dataout(15) = &H45
Dataout(16) = &H46
Dataout(17) = &H47
Dataout(18) = &H48
Dataout(19) = &H49
Dataout(20) = &H4A

'The packet to be sent is "0123456789ABCDEFGHI"

Set Npd_port                                    'Wakeup

```

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```

While Irq_pin = 0
    'Waiting loop for device wakeup: when a
    wakeup event is triggered IRQ line is
    asserted and there isn't delay to exit from
    loop

Wend

Ch=Rspi(&H1d)
    'By reading wakeup status register IRQ line
    is deasserted.

Call Wspi(&H0d , &B00000001)
    'Empty interrupt enable: when transmission
    register is empty IRQ line is asserted and
    it is so possible reload the register

Call Wspi(&H0F , Dataout(1))
    'First byte to send is loaded into
    transmission register

'By this trick [TT] we load the data transmission register before to enable the
transmission itself: when, subsequently, the transmission will be enabled, the XTR-CYP-
2.4 AUR°EL shall transmit a synchronism preamble and the datum ready available in the
register.

Call Wspi(&H03 , &B01010000)
    'TX ENABLE.XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL is programmed
    in Fixed Syn Lock Mode: device starts to
    transmit preamble and data packet with a
    fixed delay, programmed into register 0x38
    and in our case equal to 250µs, after TX
    Enable command.

Do
Loop Until Irq_pin = 1
    'Waiting loop: when transmission register
    is empty IRQ line is asserted and it is so
    possible loading a new byte

Numdataout = Numdataout-1

For J = 2 To Numdataout
    Call Wspi(&H0F , Dataout(j))
        'Byte sending
        Do
            Loop Until Irq_pin = 1
        Next J
        Numdataout = Numdataout+1
        Call Wspi(&H0F , Dataout(Numdataout))
            'Last byte sending: it isn't necessary to
            wait Empty Interrupt because no new byte
            need to be loaded.

    Call Wspi(&H0d , &B00000010)
        'Empty interrupt disable and Done interrupt
        Enable: IRQ line is asserted when last byte
        sending is terminated. It is so possible
        to put XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL in Power Down.

    Do
    Loop Until Irq_pin = 1
        'Waiting for IRQ line asserting

    Reset Npd_port
        'Device in Power Down

```

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APPLICATION EXAMPLES OF THE XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL MODULE

Here below an example of the RF data reception software and forward to serial when the end of the RF packet is identified by means of the time out technique previously described.

The device is always activated

RX.BAS

```

'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*
'Example of the RF reception software and serial forwarding
'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*

$regfile = "m8def.dat"
$crystal = 8000000
$baud = 19200

'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*
'Variables Definition
'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*

Dim Datain(255) As Byte
Dim Numdatain As Byte
Dim Cnttx As Byte
Dim Endbyte As Bit
Dim T_bit As Byte
Dim J As Byte
Dim Canale As Byte
Dim Ch As Byte

'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*
'Interface procedure
'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*

Declare Sub Send_data()
Declare Sub Wspi(byval Aaddr As Byte , Byval Vaalue As Byte)
Declare Function Rspi(byval Aaddr As Byte) As Byte
Declare Sub Reception()
Declare Sub Reset_device()

'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*
'Interrupt configuration
'-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*

Config Timer0 = Timer , Prescale = 64
On Ovf0 Tc0_end_packet
Stop Timer0

On Utzc Uart_tx
On Udre Uart_dre
Disable Utzc
Disable Udre

'*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*
'*-- Alias PORTS and PIN  *--*
'*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*-----*

```

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```

Irq_pin Alias Pind.3
Irq_port Alias Portd.3
Led Alias Portc.5
Nss_port Alias Portb.2
Npd_port Alias Portd.2
Pactl Alias Pinc.0

'***** RESET *****

Call Reset_device

Config Spi = Hard , Master = Yes , Polarity = Low , Phase = 0 , Clockrate = 4 , Noss = 1

Spiinit

Led = 0

Set Npd_port           'Switch on Cypress

Waitus 5000

Ch = Rspi(&H00)

If Ch = &HFF Then
  Do
    Led = 1
    Waitms 500
    Led = 0
    Waitms 500
  Loop
Else
  Portb.4 = 0
End If

If Pactl = 1 Then
  Do
    Led = 1
    Wait 1
    Led = 0
    Wait 1
  Loop
Else
  Portc.0 = 0
End If

Call Wspi(&H06 , &B00001000)  'SERDES enabled      Reg_serdes_ctl  0x06
Call Wspi(&H05 , &B00000001)  'IRQ active        Reg_config      0x05
Call Wspi(&H24 , &B01000000)  'Disabled 13MHz   Reg_xtal_adj  0x24
Call Wspi(&H1c , &B00000001)  'Enable wake up interrupt

Ch = Rspi(&H1d)

'RF speed selection, related thresholds and timer

'16Kbit/sec
Call Wspi(&H04 , &B00000000)  '64 bit          Reg_data_rate  0x04
Call Wspi(&H19 , &B00001000)  'Low threshold 0x08  Reg_Threshold_L 0x19
Call Wspi(&H1a , &B00111000)  'High threshold 0x38 Reg_Threshold_H 0x1A
T_bit = 165

'64Kbit/sec
'Call Wspi(&H04 , &B00000110)  '32 bit Double Data Rate  Reg_data_rate  0x04
'Call Wspi(&H19 , &B00000001)  'Low threshold       Reg_Threshold_L 0x19
'Call Wspi(&H1a , &B00011111)  'High threshold      Reg_Threshold_H 0x1A

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```

Sub Send_data

    Endbyte = 0
    Cnttx = 1

    Udr = Datain(cnttx)
    Enable Udre

    While Endbyte = 0
    Wend

End Sub

'-----*
' Interrupt on serial transmission
'*-----*

Uart_dre:

    If Cnttx = Numdatain Then
        Disable Udre
        Enable Utixc
    Else
        Cnttx = Cnttx + 1
        Udr = Datain(cnttx)
    End If

Return

Uart_tx:

    Disable Utixc

    Endbyte = 1

Return

'*-----*
' SPI writing
'*-----*

Sub Wspi(byval Aaddr As Byte , Byval Vaalue As Byte)
    Dim W(2) As Byte

    W(1) = Aaddr
    W(2) = Vaalue

    W(1) = W(1) Or &B10000000
    Reset Nss_port
    Spiout W(1) , 2           'write 2 bytes aw(1), aw(2)
    Set Nss_port
End Sub

'*-----*
' SPI reading
'*-----*

Function Rspi(byval Aaddr As Byte) As Byte
    Dim R(2) As Byte

    R(1) = Aaddr

```

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```

R(2) = &B00000000

Reset NSS_port
Spiout R(1), 2
Rspi = Spdr
Set NSS_port
End Function

'-----*
' Micro reset
'*-----*

Sub Reset_device()

Config Pinb.2 = Output           'Slave Select output
Set NSS_port

Config Pinb.3 = Output
Mosi Alias Portb.3
Mosi = 0                         'MOSI output

Config Pinb.4 = Input
Miso Alias Portb.4
Miso = 1                         'MISO input

Config Pinb.5 = Output
Clk Alias Portb.5
Clk = 0                           'SCK output

Config Pinc.0 = Input
Portc.0 = 1                       'External PA state: check pin

Config Pinc.1 = Output
Nreset Alias Portc.1
Nreset = 1                         'Cypress' reset

Config Pinc.5 = Output
Led = 0                            'Led output

Config Pind.0 = Input
U_rx Alias Portd.0                'Cypress RX RF

Config Pind.1 = Output
U_tx Alias Portd.1                'Cypress TX RF

Config Pind.2 = Output
Npd_port = 0                       'Cypress' Power Down

Config Pind.3 = Input
Irq_port = 0                        'Cypress' interrupt pin

End Sub

End                                'end program

```

Here below an example of the software of a cyclic transmission of a data packet composed by the string "0123456789ABCD-" followed by an incremental number from 0 to 999 and by <CR> and <LF>. The device is switched on, initialized and set in Power Down. Subsequently, in a cycle way (with 300ms clock rate) it is waked up, the packet transmitted and again set back to Power Down. The transmission procedure is carried out following what stated above with the aim to keep the device switched on as less time as possible in order to minimize the power consumption.

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TX.BAS

```

'-----*
'Example of the software for RF cyclic transmission
'-----*

$regfile = "m8def.dat"
$crystal = 8000000
$baud = 19200

'-----*
'Variables definition
'-----*

Dim Dataout(255) As Byte
Dim Numdataout As Byte
Dim J As Byte
Dim Canale As Byte
Dim Ch As Byte
Dim Pck_unit As Byte
Dim Pck_dec As Byte
Dim Pck_cent As Byte

'-----*
Interfacia procedure
'-----*

Declare Sub Send_rf()
Declare Sub Wspi(byval Aaddr As Byte , Byval Vaalue As Byte)
Declare Function Rspi(byval Aaddr As Byte) As Byte
Declare Sub Reset_device()

'-----*
'*-- Alias PORTS and PIN  --
'*--*
'-----*

Irq_pin Alias Pind.3
Irq_port Alias Portd.3
Led Alias Portc.5
Nss_port Alias Portb.2
Npd_port Alias Portd.2
Pactl Alias Pinc.0

'***** RESET *****

Call Reset_device

Config Spi = Hard , Master = Yes , Polarity = Low , Phase = 0 , Clockrate = 4 , Noss = 1

Spiinit

Led = 0

Pck_unit = &H30
Pck_dec = &H30
Pck_cent = &H30

'*-- Initialization --
'*--*
'-----*

Set Npd_port           'Switch on Cypress
Waitus 5000

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Mosi = 0           'MOSI output

Config Pinb.4 = Input
Miso Alias Portb.4
Miso = 1           'MISO input

Config Pinb.5 = Output
Clk Alias Portb.5
Clk = 0           'SCK output

Config Pinc.0 = Input
Portc.0 = 1        ''External PA state: check pin

Config Pinc.1 = Output
Nreset Alias Portc.1
Nreset = 1         'Cypress reset

Config Pinc.5 = Output
Led = 0           'Led output

Config Pind.0 = Input
U_rx Alias Portd.0
' Cypress RX RF

Config Pind.1 = Output
U_tx Alias Portd.1
' Cypress TX RF

Config Pind.2 = Output
Npd_port = 0       'Cypress Power Down

Config Pind.3 = Input
Irq_port = 0        'Cypress interrupt pin

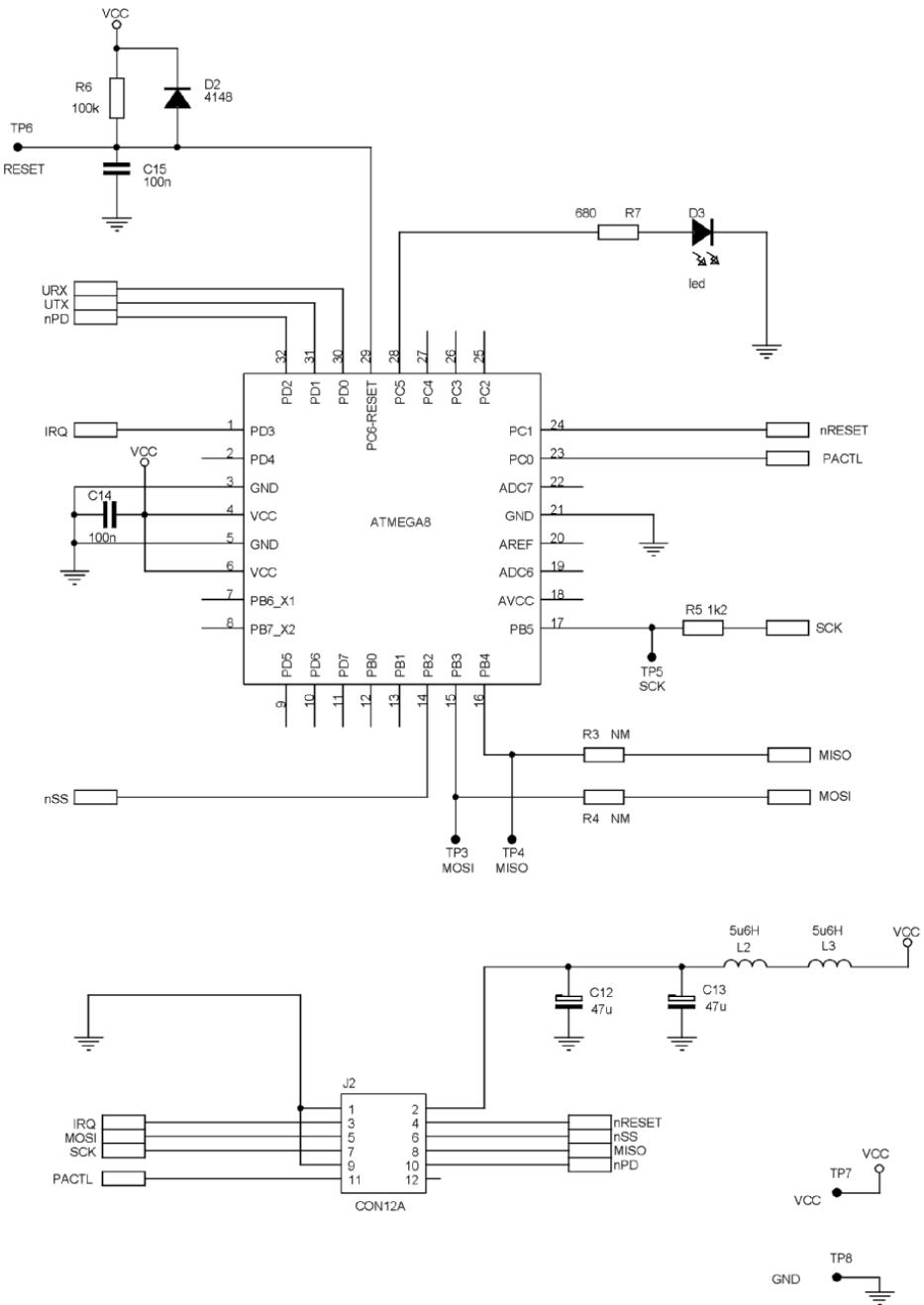
End Sub

End                 'end program

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Connections diagram between microcontroller and XTR-CYP-2.4 AUR°EL



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AN0002: APPLICATION EXAMPLES FOR XTR-CYP-2.4 AUREL MODULE AIMED AT LOW CONSUMPTION

The application example given with the software indicated in the Application Note AN0001, foresees that the receiver is always switched on, the transmitter, instead, is activated only for the time strictly required for the data transmission.

This application is a generic one and, therefore, in order to emphasize the real possibilities of the system, we report now, here below, further possible solutions in particularly important cases, aimed at the low consumption of the device. The RF side consumption only shall be emphasized giving to the User the calculation of the additional consumptions related to micro, display, led etc.

Remote control for manufacturing machines, mobile arm systems, cranes

This case includes the mobile remote controls (activated by an Operator) which require an immediate transmission of the information and a data response able to enhance peculiar (particular) conditions taken up by the controlled systems in motion.

The receiving system is considered continuously powered since it is integral with the crane's body, mobile system frame etc.

The quantity of the data to be transmitted and received is of 8 bytes suitable to contain a 32bit code plus 4 bytes of data (typically the operating push-buttons).

In order to let the Operator obtain the immediateness of the order accomplishment, the data are transmitted every 30ms during the whole time in which the push-buttons are pressed.

Supposing an answer of 8 bytes per frame, with a speed of 64Kb/S, we will have:

3mS time of TX/RX per frame. The theoretic time is 1+1 ms incr.

Average utilization for 4 hrs/day

Over 8 hrs/day of work the estimated operating cost per hour is:

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4hrs over 24hrs reduce by factor 6 the consumption = 1.33 m³

In the formulated hypothesis the working time shall be of $1000/1.33 = 750$ hrs = 31days.

The sole radiofrequency allows then a transmission and reception of commands at

The second quantity shows the transmission and reception of commands at high safety for a short time, an extremely favourable condition.

Time thermostat, temperature sensors transmission with return of confirmation data

From a remote position a sensor's information (typically a temperature) has to be transmitted. Return data have to be foreseen for confirmation as well as for command (e.g. information dis-

The receiving system is considered always powered (beeper, sensors supervisor) and in the sensors case the reception up to 100 m is guaranteed.

Alarm conditions or manual interventions requested, a transmission and reception each 20 seconds are estimated.

Alarm conditions or manual interventions excepted, a transmission and reception each 30 seconds are estimated.
3ms of TX/RX per frame

3ms of TX/RX per frame

As above the average consumption is 80mA but each 30Sec. The current drops to zero for about 2 Sec.

The average consumption becomes, therefore, equal to $8\mu\text{A}$ which can be increased up to $10\mu\text{A}$ considering a 20% account for alarms or manual operations.

Considering a duty cycle so low, the installation of several sensors scattered in the same area does not trouble since the collision probability is about 1/300 and, in the temperature sensors case, this loss of data is estimated bearable.

Considering to employ non rechargeable batteries of 700mA/h capacity (2 AAA type utilized up to half power) for the sole radio frequency they will last for 70.000 hrs equal to more than 7 years.

The nickel-cadmium batteries do not last for so long time and this foster further hypothesis:

- 1) It is decided to transmit at a low speed and at the maximum distance by employing the 16Kbsec.
In this case all the RF utilization times quadruple bringing the batteries duration to less than 2 years. For nickel-cadmium batteries this is considered acceptable.
- 2) The intervention time can be halved (15 Sec) bringing thus the duration to 3.5 years.
Interesting hypothesis if the sensors' application technique requires such type of control time.

Mobile systems' safety

A device in motion has to be controlled by a radio frequency link active the whole motion time so to guarantee (in case of RF failure) the maximum safety against noises, battery discharge etc.

The device is equipped with a receiver active at a low duty cycle, waked up from a control workstation. Once the communication is hooked up the system operates with a transmission and a reception at 60mS of cycle so to guarantee a quick block in case of lack of consent.

Hypothesis:

1. Receiver switched on for 500uS over 1000mS
2. 3mS of TX/RX over 60mS for one motion cycle of 50 s
3. 30 movements per day.

The first hypothesis is feasible by utilizing the 64Kbsec that became thus essentials.

Consumption = 60mA /2000 = 30uA

The RX/TX cycle of 3mS over 60mSec entails $80\text{mA}/20 = 4000\mu\text{A}$. Considering 1500s of daily movements, and knowing that one day contains 86400 seconds, the average consumption becomes $4000\mu\text{A} \times (1500/86400) = 70\mu\text{A}$

The total consumption, therefore, is $30+70 = 100\mu\text{A}$.

A typical movement of this example is a motorized gate that requires a check during its motion. The first second is employed to wake up the RX device and to start the controlled motion cycle (50sec). In case of link loss (safeties activated by obstacles to the motion) the system can stop in a 60ms reaction time, which is absolutely adequate for a slow mechanical movement. The 30 operations per day are reasonable and the 50s time per movement consider the opening-pause-closing.

In these hypothesis the consumption, therefore, is equal to $100\mu\text{A}$ that, giving a lifetime of at least 2 years, requires a 2A/h battery. For this reason 3.6V 2A nickel-cadmium or lithium batteries (small torch type) must be employed

Phone-in voting systems

The vote expressed by a number of persons in a room each of them equipped with a palmtop transceiver, must be read.

The master system is always powered and the single transceivers are RX activated by pressing a push-button that indicates the individual vote.

Supposing to monitor max. 1000 persons; let's calculate the consumption and the latency time of the system.

To identify each voter 2 bytes are required; assuming a number over 256, at high-speed transmission, therefore, it would take 250us+250us, (assuming 250us of transmitter settling). To this must follow the remote vote reception that may take place in the following millisecond. Let's take as a safety margin the 3mS value to obtain a question with answer; therefore the whole polling will take 3 sec.

The remote devices must remain alive at least for 3 sec to allow the reading by the master. Let's bring the switch on time to 6 sec. to allow the master a second reading and suppose a vote each 10 minutes for 4 hrs.

6 seconds over 600 seconds give an average consumption of $600\mu\text{A}$ (only receiver since the TX time is very short) and the use of 4 hrs over 24 hrs reduces the average consumption to $100\mu\text{A}$.

In this hypothesis even non-rechargeable batteries, AAA type, will allow a $700\text{mA}/100\mu\text{A} = 7000$ hrs duration, assuming 700mA/h capacity for the AAA batteries at half power.

Even in this case a duration that suits the purpose is obtained, if palmtop system's durations, quite adequate to a programmed maintenance of 1000 different devices, could be foreseen.