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1 Introduction

A lot of applications in the field of consumer electronics, telecommunications, automotive and industrial electronics need non-volatile memory. Because of their byte level flexibility, low I/O pin requirements, low power consumption, small footprint and low cost, Siemens serial EEPROMs are a popular choice for non-volatile storage.

This application note provides assistance and source code to ease the design process of interfacing a SLx 24Cxx l²C-bus serial EEPROM to the 8051 controller family, especially to the Siemens C500 8-bit controller family. The source code (24Cxx8b.EXE) as well as the datasheets for SLx 24Cxx EEPROMs are also available in the Siemens World Wide site at address:

http://www.siemens.de/semiconductor/products/ics/31/316.htm.

2 l²C-Bus

SLx 24Cxx serial EEPROMs use the industry standard I²C-bus protocol for data transfer. The I²C-bus or Inter-Integrated Circuit bus has been developed by Philips. It allows integrated circuits to communicate directly with each other via a simple bi-directional 2wirebus. The two bus lines are serial clock line (SCL), and serial data line (SDA).

Nowadays, the I²C-bus becomes a standard bus system which is used in consumer electronics, telecommunications and industrial electronics. This software for interfacing a SLx 24Cxx I²C-bus serial EEPROM to the 8051 controller family by I²C-bus emulation supports the single master protocol only. It is using the CPU time to generate clock, and transmit or receive the data. The clock frequency of the I²C-bus can achieve up to 400 kHz.

2.1 Data Transfer Formats

The l²C-bus protocol allows several devices to share the same bus. In this software the microcontroller serves as the master, initiating and terminating data transfers, generating the clock which regulates the flow of data, transmitting and receiving data. EEPROMs can only serve as slaves, receiving and transmitting data.

General information about data transfer formats for devices on the l²C-bus will be given now, for more detailed information regarding SLx 24Cxx please refer to the datasheets.

The master initiates a data transfer by generating a start condition (SDA going low while SCL high). The master terminates the data transfer by generating a stop condition (SDA going high while SCL high). Every data put on the SDA line must be 8 bits long. The number of data bytes transferred between the START and STOP condition is not limited by the I²C-bus protocol. The data on the SDA line must be stable during the HIGH period of the clock. Data can only change during the low phase of the clock.

The data byte is transferred serially with the most significant bit first, and followed by an acknowledge bit on every 9th clock pulse (see **figure 1**).

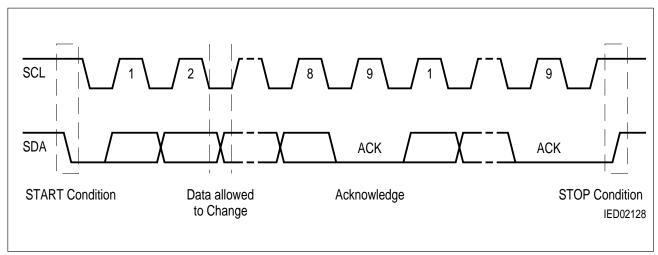
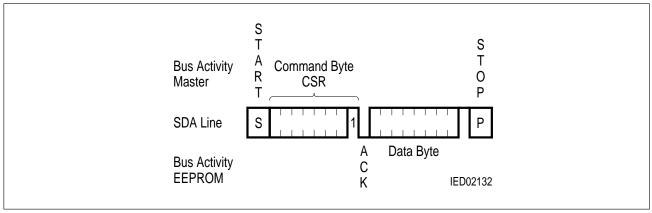


Figure 1 Data Transfer Conventions

The receiver is obliged to generate an acknowledge bit after each byte of data that has been received. If the master is receiving data, it must signal the end of data transfer to the slave by not generating an acknowledge bit on the last byte of data received (see **figure 2**). Then, the slave must release the data line to allow the master to generate the STOP condition.

Figure 3 shows the l²C-bus data transfer format of writing data from master to the slave device. The 8th of the command byte is a data direction bit (R/W). The "0" for data direction bit indicates a transmission (WRITE). A "1" indicates a request for data (READ). **Figure 2** shows the data transfer format of reading data from the slave device.





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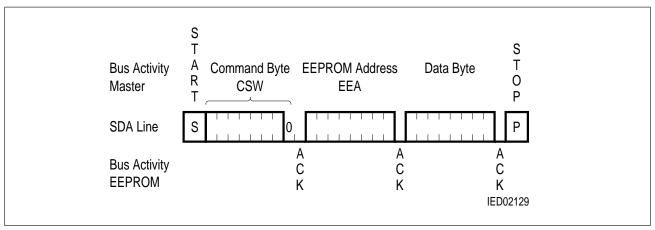


Figure 3 Write Sequence

2.2 Timing Diagram

The clock frequency of SCL is in the range of 0 up to 400 kHz. Occasionally, slave devices may slow down the transmission by holding the clock line low after receiving a byte of data from the microcontroller. This event is defined as a WAIT condition. Therefore, the master needs to switch the SCL output to high impedance and read the SCL line before transmitting another byte of data to the slave device. **Figure 4** shows the data transfer timing requirements in detail. The description of the used abbreviations is shown in the **table 1**. The minimum timing requirements are needed to be fulfilled in order for l²C-bus to operate properly.

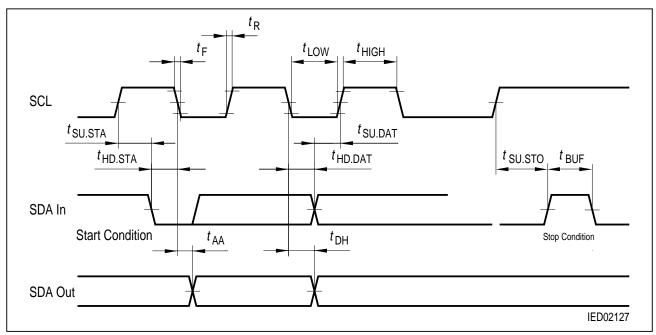


Figure 4 Bus Timing

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Table 1

Parameter	Symbol	vmbol Standard Mode I ² C-bus		Fast Mode I ² C-bus		Units
		min.	max.	min.	max.	
SCL clock frequency	$f_{\rm SCL}$		100		400	kHz
Clock pulse width low	t _{low}	4.7		1.2		μs
Clock pulse width high	t _{high}	4.0		0.6		μs
SDA and SCL rise time	t _R		1000		300	ns
SDA and SCL fall time	t _F		300		300	ns
Start set-up time	t _{SU.STA}	4.7		0.6		μs
Start hold time	t _{HD.STA}	4.0		0.6		μs
Data in set-up time	t _{SU.DAT}	200		100		ns
Data in hold time	t _{HD.DAT}	0		0		μs
SCL low to SDA data out valid	t _{AA}	0.1	4.5	0.1	0.9	μs
Data out hold time	t _{DH}	100		50		ns
Stop set-up time	t _{SU.STO}	4.0		0.6		μs
Time the bus must be free before a new transmission can start	t _{BUF}	4.7		1.2		μs
Capacitive load for each bus line	C _b		400		400	pF

2.3 Hardware Connection.

Every device connected to the l²C-bus must have an open drain/open collector output for both the clock (SCL) and data (SDA) lines. Each of the lines is connected to the $V_{\rm CC}$ supply via a common pull-up resistor. The connection among master and many slave devices is shown in **figure 5**. The number of devices that can be connected to the l²C-bus is limited only by the maximum bus load capacitance of 400 pF. Theoretically up to 8 serial EEPROMs can be connected to the same l²C-bus. Not all types of the SLx 24Cxx family support this feature, please refer to the datasheets.

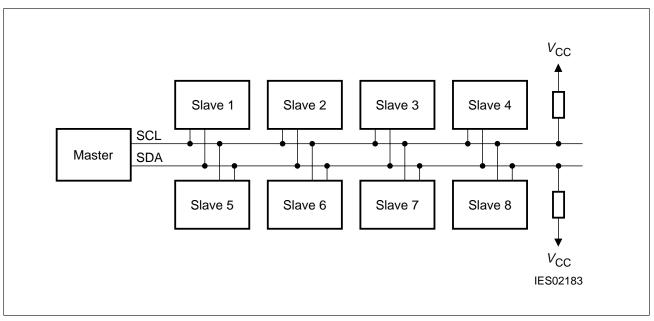


Figure 5 Bus Configuration

3 Software Description

3.1 Software Concept

Table 2

Device Type	Directory	l ² C-Bus module	EEPROM module	Demo program
SLx 24C01 SLx 24C02 SLx 24C04 SLx 24C08 SLx 24C08 SLx 24C16 SLx 24C164	2401_8B	I ² C_SW8B.C I ² C_SW8B.H I ² C_8B.DEF	24SW01.C 24SW01.H	24dem01.C
SLx 24C01/P SLx 24C02/P	2401_8BP	I ² C_SW8B.C I ² C_SW8B.H I ² C_8B.DEF	24SW01P.C 24SW01P.H	24dem01P.C
SLx 24C04/P SLx 24C08/P SLx 24C16/P SLx 24C164/P	2404_8BP	I ² C_SW8B.C I ² C_SW8B.H I ² C_8B.DEF	24SW01P.C 24SW01P.H	24dem04P.C
SLx 24C32 SLx 24C64	2432_8B	I ² C_SW8B.C I ² C_SW8B.H I ² C_8B.DEF	24SW32.C 24SW32.H	24dem32.C
SLx 24C32/P SLx 24C64/P	2432_8BP	I ² C_SW8B.C I ² C_SW8B.H I ² C_8B.DEF	24SW32P.C 24SW32P.H	24dem32P.C

The software for each device type (e.g. Slx 24C01) consists of 1 basic l²C-bus module, 1 control module with EEPROM routines and 1 demo program. The l²C-bus module contains subroutines for the l²C-bus protocol. The EEPROM module uses these subroutines to implement command sequences for SLx 24Cxx devices. The demo program shows how the modules can be used in an application program. **Table 2** gives an overview which modules and demo program have to be used for the different device types and in which directory of the 24Cxx8b. EXE these files can be found.

In the first module (I2C_SW8B.C) the clock and data of the I²C-bus are generated by using CPU time of the 8051 microcontroller. The clock frequency of the I²C-bus is approximately 100 kHz with 20 MHz CPU and 300 ns for a one-cycle instruction. The time delay is realized with NOP commands. If the CPU clock is less or more than 20 MHz or an one-cycle instruction takes more or less than 300 ns, this software module can be modified to achieve the 100 or 400 kHz of SCL frequency.

The software modification involves reducing or eliminating the time delay. In addition, check for WAIT condition before every byte is sent or received rather than checking for WAIT condition before every bit is sent or received.

Be aware of the fact that this software module can be interrupted by others software modules that are involved in hardware interrupts. In other words, this software module is equivalent to those software modules with lowest priority interrupt level.

The advantage of using the CPU time to generate clock and data is that only use 2 port pins and no other hardware peripheral of the 8051 microcontroller are used. Therefore, those hardware peripherals can be reserved for other time critical software application. The I2C_SW8B.C software module is divided into 5 software subroutines which can be accessed by an external programs. These 5 software basic subroutines are used to construct the data transfer format of the l²C-bus: I2cInit, I2cStart, I2cMasterWrite, I2cMasterRead and I2cStop.

The second module (24SWxx.C) shows the whole functionality of SLx 24Cxx I²C-bus serial EEPROMs using the basic subroutines of the first module (I2C SW8B.C). All 24SWxx.C software modules are divided into 7 software subroutines which can be accessed by external programs: ByteWriteE2prom, PageWriteE2prom, RandomReadE2prom, CurrentReadE2prom Ack_pol w, Ack pol r, and SequentialReadE2prom. The routines Ack pol r and Ack pol w contain time critical wait cycles that are calculated for 20 MHz CPU and 300 ns for a one-cycle instruction. If the CPU clock is less or more than 20 MHz or an one-cycle instruction takes more or less than 300ns, these routines might be modified. For devices with Page Protection Mode[™] (SLx 24Cxx.../P) the software modules 24SWxxP.C contain additionally to the 7 basic subroutines 3 routines especially for the Page Protection Mode[™]: PPMWriteE2prom, PPMEraseE2prom and PPMReadE2prom.

The third part of this software package contains demo programs for devices without (24demxx.C) and with Page Protection ModeTM (24demxxP.C). These demo programs demonstrate how the software modules 24SWxx.C/24SWxxP.C can be used in an application program.

3.2 Description of the Software Routines

I²C-BUS Software Module

Source file: I2C_SW8B.C Header file: I2C_SW8B.H User definition file: I2C_8B.DEF

Description

The I²C-bus module simulates a standard I²C-bus single master protocol by using CPU time of the 8051 microcontroller. The clock as well as transmit/receive data are handled by the CPU time delay. The 2 port pins of the microcontroller which are used for clock and transmit/receive data are defined in I2C_8B.DEF.

Module Subroutines

```
1. void CheckClock();
2. unsigned char Check_SCL();
3. unsigned char I2cInit();
4. void I2cStart();
5. unsigned char I2cMasterWrite(unsigned char input_byte);
6. unsigned char I2cMasterRead(unsigned char ack);
7. unsigned char I2cStop();
```

void CheckClock()

Send HIGH and read the SCL line. It will wait until the line has been released from slave device (SLx 24Cxx) for every bit of data to be sent or received.

Parameter

Description

None

unsigned char Check_SCL()

Send HIGH and read the SCL line. It will wait until the line has been released from slave device (SLx 24Cxx) with the time-out of approximately 10 ms.

Parameter	Description	
Parameter	Description	

None

Return

The return value is "0" if the clock and data lines have no problem. Otherwise, the return value will be "1".

unsigned char I2cInit()

Check clock and data lines for any bus faulty like no pull-up resistor on SDA/SCL or pulldown to low by the slave device.

Parameter

Description

None

Return

The return value is "0" if the clock and data lines have no problem. Otherwise, the return value will be "1".

void I2cStart()

Generate a START condition on I²C-bus.

Parameter

Description

None

unsigned char I2cMasterWrite(unsigned char input_byte)

Output one byte of data to the slave device. Check for WAIT condition before every bit is sent.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char input_byte	one byte of data to be sent to slave device.

Return

If the return value is "0", write sequence is received from slave device (SLx 24Cxx) sucessfully. Otherwise, write sequence is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from the slave device.

unsigned char I2cMasterRead(unsigned char ack)

Read one byte of data from the slave device. Check for WAIT condition before every bit is received.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char ack	"0" - generate LOW output by the master
	after a byte of data is received.
	"1" - generate HIGH output by the master
	after a byte of data is received.

Return

If the return value is "0", reading one byte of data from slave device (SLx 24Cxx) is successfully. Otherwise, one byte of data is needed to be received again, because there is no acknowledge from the slave device.

unsigned char I2cStop()

Generate a STOP condition on the l²C-bus. In addition, it will generate clock pulses until the line is released by the slave device (SLx 24Cxx) and the time-out is approximately 10 ms before returning a "HIGH" value indicating an error.

Parameter

Description

None

Return

The return value is "0" if the clock and data lines have no problem. Otherwise, the return value will be "1".

I²C-Bus EEPROM Software

Source file: 24SW01P.C Header file: 24SW01P.H

Description

The EEPROM module 24SW01P.C shows the whole functionality of SLx 24Cxx EEPROMs and contains additionally 3 subroutines for Page Protection ModeTM using the I²C-bus module (I2C_SW8B.C). **Table** gives a short overview about the main differences between the module 24SW01P.C and the other EEPROM modules.

Table 3

EEPROM modules	Main differences to module 24SW01P.C
24SW01.C	only subroutines 1-7 are included
24SW032.C	only subroutines 1-7 are included, instead of 1 address byte (unsigned char address) for addressing, 2 address bytes are used (unsigned char addresshi, unsigned addresslo)
24SW32P.C	<pre>instead of 1 address byte (unsigned char address) for addressing, 2 address bytes are used (unsigned char addresshi, unsigned addresslo)</pre>

Software routines

- 3. unsigned char Ack pol r(unsigned char command);
- 4. unsigned char Ack pol w(unsigned char command);

- unsigned char SequentialReadE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address, unsigned char *buffer, unsigned char count);

These routines are only for SLx 24Cxx/P with Page Protection Mode[™] :

- 8. unsigned char PPMWriteE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address, unsigned char *buffer, unsigned char count);

unsigned char ByteWriteE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address, unsigned char *buffer)

Write 1 data byte to E^2 PROM. The flow of this subroutine is derived from the data format of writing as shown in **figure 3**.

Parameter Descri	otion
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None

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of E²PROM is started. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

unsigned char PageWriteE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address,unsigned char *buffer,unsigned char count)

Write number of data bytes to E²PROM.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned char *buffer	point to the location of data to be sent
unsigned char count	number of bytes to be sent

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of E²PROM is started. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

unsigned char Ack_pol_r(unsigned char command)

Check for the completion of programming by sending read commands. If the programming is completed, the acknowledge bit will be "0".

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of E²PROM is considered to be done. Otherwise, the programming last much more than 8 ms (CPU clock 20 MHz and 200 ns for a one-cycle instruction) and an error occurred.

unsigned char Ack_pol_w(unsigned char command);

Check for the completion of programming by sending write commands. If the programming is completed, the acknowledge bit will be "0".

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of E²PROM is considered to be done. Otherwise, the programming last much more than 8 ms (CPU clock 20 MHz and 200 ns for a one-cycle instruction) and an error occurred.

unsigned char RandomReadE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address,unsigned char *buffer)

Read 1 data byte from E²PROM.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned char *buffer	point to the location of data to be stored

Return

If the return value is "0", the reading of E²PROM is completed. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again, because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

unsigned	char	CurrentReadE2prom	(unsigned	char	command,
unsigne	d cha	r *buffer)			

Read 1 data byte from the current E^2PROM address. The flow of this subroutine is derived from the data format of reading from the E^2PROM as in the **Figure 3**.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char *buffer	point to the location of data to be stored

Return

If the return value is "0", the reading of E²PROM is completed. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again, because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

```
unsigned char SequentialReadE2prom (unsigned char command,
unsigned char address,unsigned char *buffer,
unsigned char count)
```

Read number of data bytes from the E²PROM.

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned char *buffer	point to the location of data to be sent
unsigned char count	number of bytes to be sent

Return

If the return value is "0", the reading of E²PROM is completed. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again, because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

```
unsigned char PPMWriteE2prom(unsigned char command,
unsigned char address, unsigned char *buffer,
unsigned char count)
```

Protect one page. Therefore the PPM bit is set to "0".

Parameter	Description
unsigned char command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned char *buffer	point to the location of data to be sent
unsigned char count	byte number of one page to be sent

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of the PPM bit is started. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

unsigned char PPMEraseE2prom(unsigned char command, unsigned char address,unsigned char *buffer,unsigned char count)

Unprotects one page. Therefore the PPM bit is set to "1".

Parameter		Description
unsigned ch	ar command	specifies the command byte
unsigned ch	ar address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned ch	ar *buffer	point to the location of data to be sent
unsigned ch	ar count	byte number of one page to be sent

Return

If the return value is "0", the programming of the PPM bit is started. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

unsigned	char	PPMReadE2prom(unsigne	d char	command,	unsign	ed char
	a	ddress, unsigned	char *	buffer,	unsigned	d char	count)
	(

Read status of PPM bits from the E²PROM.

Parameter		Description
unsigned char	command	specifies the command byte
unsigned char	address	specifies the EEPROM address
unsigned char	*buffer	point to the location of data to be stored
unsigned char	count	number of PPM bits to be read

Return

If the return value is "0", the reading of E²PROM is completed. Otherwise, the data is needed to be sent again because there is no acknowledge from slave device.

I²C-BUS EEPROM Demonstration Program

Description

The demo program shows how the 24SWxx.C/24SWxxP.C software modules can be used in an application program. To verify whether all routines of the demo program runs successfully, **table** and show the memory content before/after running the demo program.

Table 4

	address	Initial memory content	Memory content after running demo program
24dem01.C	000	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07
	008	FF FF FF FF FF F	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07
24dem32.C	000	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07
	008	FF FF FF FF FF F	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07

Table 5

	address	1)	Initial memory content	1)	Memory content after running demo program
24dem01P.C	000 008	U U U	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF F	P U U	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
24dem04P.C	000 008 010 018 020	U - U - U	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF F	P - U - U	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07 07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
24dem32P.C	000 008 010 018 020 028 030 038 040	U - - U - - U - U	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF F	P - - U - - U - U	07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07 07 01 02 03 04 05 03 07 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF

¹⁾ U = protection bit "1", page is unprotected; P = protection bit "0", page is protected

²⁾ Only the MSB bit is specified to "0" or "1"(e.g. "0" = 7F or 08, …; e.g. "1" =8F or A5, …)

3.3 Software Compilation

The compilation of this software is using the KEIL C8051 compiler. First of all, open μ Vision/51 from Keil. Under the PROJECT menu click on "New Project" and enter the project name. Then add the l²C-bus module, an EEPROM module and a demo program to the project according to table 2 (e.g. I2C_SW8B.C, 24sw01P.C and 24dem01P.C) and save the project. To complete the compilation also the header and definition files are necessary (e.g. I2C_SW8.H, 24sw01P.H,I2C_8B.DEF)

Now the project is ready to compile and link all the object files. The compiling and linking of the project can be done by clicking the icon "BUILD ALL".

The 24Cxx8b.EXE is a compressed file containing 5 directories. Each directory contains all header, definition and C files which are needed to run the demo program for a special device type (see **table 2**).