USB HID Communications Module for I²C Programming

General Description

The DS3900P2 programmer provides bidirectional communication with I²C-compatible devices using a PC's USB port. The DS3900P2 is a small form-factor module that requires appropriate headers to pass communication signals to the device under test. The DS3900P2 is intended to interface with approved Human Interface Device (HID)-compliant PC software designed by Maxim Integrated. It is intended for evaluation purposes only.

EV Kit Contents

- Assembled DS3900P2 Circuit Board
- Micro-USB Cable
- Ribbon Cable

Ordering Information appears at end of data sheet.

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Features

- Communicates from PCs to ICs and Select Maxim Integrated EV Kits Through a USB Port Using the HID Class
- Fast Communication to I²C-Compatible Devices
- Built-In Pullup Resistors for SDA and SCL Minimize Required External Hardware
- Connection to Standard Prototyping Boards and EV Kits Possible Using Header Connectors
- Fully USB Powered
- Can Provide a 3.3V, 250mA Power Rail
- Fully Assembled and Tested Proven PCB Layout
- USB HID Interface for Windows XP®-, Windows Vista®-, and Windows® 7-Compatible Software
- RoHS Compliant



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Quick Start

Required Equipment

- DS3900P2 EV kit hardware (included)
- Micro-USB cable (included)
- User-supplied PC with Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7 OS with USB Port
- Approved previously designed HID-compliant GUI designed by Maxim Integrated
- Customer PCB with I²C connection or a previously purchased compatible Maxim Integrated EV kit

Setup Procedure

The DS3900P2 communicates with ICs using a PC's USB port. The microprocessor on the DS3900P2 communicates to the PC using its full-speed compatible USB serial interface engine. The USB interface of the DS3900P2 hardware is configured as an HID device and, therefore, does not require a unique/custom device driver. Once properly connected to a PC through a USB cable, Windows should automatically begin installing the necessary device driver. Once the driver installation is complete, a Windows message appears near the System **Icon** menu indicating that the hardware is ready to use. After the hardware is ready to use, open an approved HID-compliant GUI designed by Maxim Integrated. The GUI then sends commands of various lengths over the USB connection. This provides instruction and data for the DS3900P2 to communicate with the I²C-compatible devices. The DS3900P2 has a 3.3V LDO that supplies power to the microcontroller and optionally to a connected EV kit or PCB. The 3.3V rail supplies up to 250mA.

Detailed Description of Hardware

Designing Hardware to Use the Built-In Support for I²C Devices

The DS3900P2 has custom firmware that uses either the master synchronous serial port (MSSP) of the microcontroller configured in I²C mode or several bit-banging routines with support for clock stretching. These two modes of operation are configured through the evaluation software. The DS3900P2 has built-in pullup resistors (R11, R12) that connect 10k Ω resistors to both I²C signals.

Upon initial power-up, the DS3900P2 configures itself in I²C mode using the MSSP block of the microcontroller with a SCL clock speed of 400kHz. Note that most evaluation software configures the DS3900P2 to the desired communication protocol upon initial software execution and during all USB reconnects of the DS3900P2.

For designs that use the DS3900P2 to communicate to $I^{2}C$ devices, the following items must be accounted for in the hardware design:

- Place an appropriate connection on the circuit board.
- Connect GND, SCL, and SDA. 3.3V can also be connected if the DS3900P2 is providing power to the circuit board.
- Drive the DS3900P2 with evaluation software provided by Maxim Integrated.

Note: The DS3900P2 ribbon cable mates with standard 2.54mm (0.100in) 2×4 male header connectors. Some Maxim Integrated EV kits provide a 1×4 male header for this connection.

Table 1. Recommended Operating Conditions

(Typical values are at V_{CC} = 3.3V, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Notes 1, 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
Operating Voltage	V _{CC}			3.3		V
Supply Current	I _{CC}	Current provided by 3.3V			250	mA
Input Low Voltage	VIL				0.15V _{CC}	V
Input High Voltage	V _{IH}		0.25V _{CC} + 0.8V			V
Output Low Voltage	V _{OL}	I _{OL} = 8.5mA			+0.6	V
Ambient Temperature	T _A		-40		+85	°C
I ² C Clock Frequency			100		400	kHz

Note 1: All voltages listed are with respect to ground.

Note 2: Devices are only functionally tested; parameters listed are not guaranteed.

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Table 2. Pin Description

PIN	FUNCTION
3.3V	Power supply that can be used to power EV kit or customer PCB.
SDA	Data Input/Output for I2C-compatible communication.
GND	Ground Connection. This must be connected to EV lit or customer PCB.
SCL	Clock Output for I ² C-compatible communication.



Figure 1. Recommended PCB Connection for DS3900P2

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Table 3. Description of LEDs

LED	COLOR	DESCRIPTION		
D1 (POWER)	Green	USB Power Fault. The USB power is connected.		
	Red	USB Power Fault. A fault occurred due to overvoltage limit, current limit, or thermal limit.		
D2 (COM)	Green	Waiting. Software has initialized the hardware. Waiting for user data to be sent from the GUI.		
	Red	Communication. After the software has initialized the hardware, the LED flashes red when a command from the PC is received.		
	Flashing Red and Orange	Waiting. Hardware is powered on and waiting for the software to be opened		

Table 4. Troubleshooting the DS3900P2

SYMPTOM	CHECK	SOLUTION		
Windows does not detect hardware.	Is the LED labeled D1 on the DS3900P2 red?	If yes, then the electronic fuse is in a fault state. Inspect for electrical shorts on the PCB and ensure that the PCB is not sitting on a conductive surface.		
	USB cable and port?	Try connecting the USB cable to a different USB port on the PC and wait for a Windows message that indicates that the hardware is ready to use. If the device is not detected, unplug the USB cable and reboot the PC. Connect the USB cable.		
	Are any of the LEDs illuminated?	If not, then the PCB may not be getting power. Ensure bias is applied to VCC and all three GND terminals are connected to system ground. Verify the USB cable is connected to a PC.		

Troubleshooting

All efforts were made to ensure that the DS3900P2 works on the first try, right out of the box. In the rare occasion that a problem is suspected, refer to Table 4 to troubleshoot the issue.

DS3900P2 Revisions

Revisions yielding significant changes and/or improvements are tracked in firmware and are displayed in most evaluation software provided by Maxim Integrated. Revision is broken up into a major and minor revision. For example, if the DS3900P2's revision is 3.2, it returns a major revision of 3, a minor revision of 2. Knowing the revision allows the software to utilize new functions that are not available in previous versions of the DS3900P2's firmware and to avoid using commands that are not present in prior versions. Although there are no plans to change the firmware at this time, Maxim Integrated reserves the right to change the firmware at any time without notice.

Intended Use

The DS3900P2 module is intended only to be used to evaluate Maxim Integrated circuits. All hardware, firmware, and any relative software is provided "as is", without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, but not limited to, the warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and noninfringement. In no event shall Maxim Integrated be liable for any claim, damages or other liability, whether in an action of contract, tort or otherwise, arising from, out of, or in connection with the hardware, firmware, and any relative software or the use or other dealings in the hardware, firmware, and any relative software.

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Figure 2. DS3900P2 Schematic

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Figure 3. DS3900P2 PCB Layout—Top



Figure 4. DS3900P2 PCB Layout—Bottom

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Component List

COMMENT	DESIGNATOR	QTY	DESCRIPTION
10µF	C1, C2, C3	3	10μF ceramic capacitors (0805) Taiyo Yuden EMK212ABJ106KD-T
0.01µF	C4, C9	2	0.01µF ceramic capacitors (0805) Murata GRM21BR72A103K
0.22µF	C12	1	0.22µF ceramic capacitors (0805) TDK Corp. C2012X7R1H224K
1.0µF	C13	1	1.0μF ceramic capacitors (0805) TDK Corp. C2012X7R1H105K/SOFT
0.1µF	C14	1	0.1µF ceramic capacitors (0805) TDK Corp. CGA4J2X7R2A104K
LED_DUAL	D1, D2	2	Red/green dual LEDs Kingbright APHBM2012SURKCGKC
SCHOTTKEY	D4	1	Schottky diode Panasonic - SSGDB2W31900L
MICRO USB	J1	1	5-pin Micro-USB Molex 105017-0001
HDR_8PIN	J3	1	8-pin header 3M 961208-6404-AR
560	R3, R5	2	560Ω ±1% resistors (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW0805560RFKEA
100k	R4	1	100kΩ ±1% resistors (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW0805100KFKEA
45.3k	R6	1	45.3kΩ ±1% resistors (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW080545K3FKEA
10k	R7, R11, R12	3	10kΩ ±1% resistors (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW080510K0FKEA
330	R8, R9	2	330Ω ±1% resistors (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW0805330RFKEA
2.2k	R10	1	2.2kΩ ±1% resistor (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW08052K20FKEA
4.7k	R13	1	4.7kΩ ±1% resistor (0805) Vishay/Dale CRCW08054K70FKEA
DS3900_PIC	U1	1	Microprocessor Microchip PIC18LF2550-I/SO
MAX4995A	U2	1	Current-limit switch (6 SOT) Maxim Integrated MAX4995AAUT+
MAX8902B	U3	1	Low-noise, LDO regulator (8 TDFN-EP) Maxim Integrated MAX8902BATA+
SR05	U4	1	TVS diode array Littelfuse SR05-02CTG
48MHz	X1	1	4-pin CMOS oscillator AVX KC3225A48.0000C30E00
_	_	1	PCB: DS3900P2 USB I2C PROGRAMMER

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Ordering Information

PART	ТҮРЕ
DS3900P2EVKIT#	EV Kit Communications Module

#Denotes a RoHS-compliant device that may include lead that is exempt under the RoHS requirements.

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Revision History

REVISION	REVISION	DESCRIPTION	PAGES
NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHANGED
0	8/13	Initial release	—

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