

TE USB FX2 module IIC Bus: it is used for firmware and MB Commands

Host Computer's Software Connection (with I2C EEPROM) Available

- [EEPROM_READ](#) command

- `EEPROM_WRITE` command

These two commands could (but they not necessarily should) be used to change FX2 microcontroller's firmware and readback the EEPROM content.



The EEPROM switch should be enabled, or these two commands will fail.

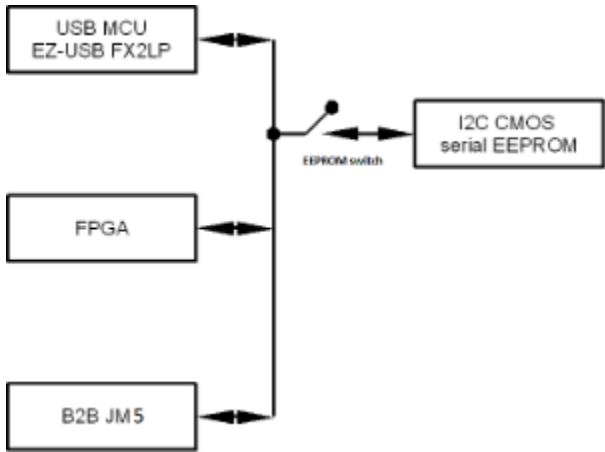
Host Computer's Software Connection (with I2C FPGA or other device) Available

- `I2C_READ` command

- [I2C_WRITE command](#)

General Description

TE USB FX2 module has a flexible IIC (aka I2C) bus on-board as outlined in the figure below.



I2C bus topology.

 I2C pins on B2B connector J(M)5 cannot be used as GPIOs (general purpose I/Os), as these bus signals are pulled up to 3.3V.

The I2C signals on the TE USB FX2 module are listed and described in the table below

name	definition	description
SDA	serial data	This is a bidirectional pin used to transfer addresses and data into and out of a device.
SCL	serial clock	This signal is used to synchronize the data transfer to and from a device.

I2C signals summary.

If the FPGA is set to I2C master mode, it can write to or read from serial EEPROM (always slave mode) and B2B connector J(M)5 (attached device set to slave mode).

If the device attached to the I2C port of B2B J(M)5 connector is set to master mode, it can write to or read from serial EEPROM (always slave mode) and FPGA I2C port (set to slave mode).

 The USB FX2 microcontroller can operate just in I2C master mode (default operation). If the user wants to set another device attached to the I2C bus as master device, the USB FX2 microcontroller shall three-state (Z = high impedance) its SCL and SDA pins.

The I2C bus is typically used by the USB FX2 microcontroller to write USB firmware to the serial EEPROM. In this case, the I2C port of the FPGA must be set in slave mode (SCL pin as input), the device attached to the I2C port of B2B J(M)5 connector must be set to slave mode.

Possible I2C operation modes are summarized in the table below.

core	EZ-USB FX2LP	FPGA (SDA = I/O)	B2B J(M)5	serial EEPROM
default	master	slave SCL = I	slave	slave

custom	inactive SCL = SDA = Z	master SCL = O	slave	slave
custom	inactive SCL = SDA = Z	slave SCL = I	master	slave

I2C bus modes summary.

FX2 microcontroller's Interface with the IIC slave device EEPROM: it is used for firmware configuration and firmware loading in RAM from EEPROM

See [Firmware configuration](#).

FX2 microcontroller's Interface with IIC slave device FPGA (XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP core block): in reference design case is used for MB Commands

TE USB FX2 module reference design includes an HDL core managing the fast mode (400 kHz) I2C communication between the Xilinx MicroBlaze embedded soft-processor and the EZ-USB FX2LP USB FX2 microcontroller.

The I2C bus is used to deliver [MicroBlaze API Commands \(MB Commands\)](#) to FPGA's MicroBlaze through FPGA's XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block. The I2C bus is also used to retrieve the status of the MicroBlaze ([SET_INTERRUPT command](#), [FX22MB_REG0_GETVERSION command](#), [GET_INTERRUPT command](#)). See [Reference Architecture Layer](#).

Pin Name Schematic	Pin Name FPGA FPGA Direction	Pin Name FX2 FX2 direction	Description	In the reference design case ⁽¹⁾
SDA, SCL and IFCLK are strictly necessary for every standard I2C communication/transaction. They are used in every Logical Architecture Layer or FX2 microcontroller firmware.				
SDA	SDA Bidirectional	SDA Bidirectional	This pin used to write/read x byte(s) from an y I2C address.	It is used in this two way. - FX2 C sends a (USB) received MB Command to XPS_I2C_SLAVE's FX22MB_REGS through I2C connection (FPGA's MicroBlaze will read this value using I2C_WRITE command in the format specified by MicroBlaze API Commands (MB Commands)) - FX2 C retrieves the (auto)response (if any) to a previous MB command from XPS_I2C_SLAVE's MB2FX2_REGS through I2C (a polling procedure using GET_INTERRUPT command will be used and the autoreponse's retrieving should be enabled in advance using SET_INTERRUPT command)
SCL	SCL Input	SCL Output	USB I2C serial clock	USB I2C serial clock
IFCLK	IFCLK Input	IFCLK Input	USB 48MHz clock	USB 48MHz clock
INT0 is used in I2C transaction between XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block and USB FX2 microcontroller, in reference design ⁽²⁾ .				

INT0	INT0 Output	PA0 Input	Pin value is rised by FPGA to request the execution of a service routine (an ISR or a polling) by USB FX2 C should	If XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block and a MB Command is used, the following behavior should be observed. After MB Command execution, the MB • may writes data (status value) to MB2FX2_REGS (0 to 2) • the pin INT0 is rised. This pin is connected to PA0/INT0 pin of FX2 C. When the FX2 microcontroller's firmware read the rise of pin INT0 (=1 because MicroBlaze writes data to MB2FX2_REG0) it set the firmware variable FPGA_INT0 to 1. A polling procedure may read or not MB2FX2_REGS (0 to 2).
INT1 is NOT is used in I2C transaction between XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block and USB FX2 microcontroller, in reference design ⁽²⁾ .				
INT1	INT1 Input	PA1 Output	Pin value is rised by USB FX2 µC to request the execution of a service routine (an ISR for example) by FPGA's MicroBlaze or the execution of some function by a custom IP block.	NOT USED FOR I2C transaction: the interrupt (to MicroBlaze) used by XPS_I2C_SLAVE is internal to FPGA and is not tied to an external pin.

Description of FPGA IIC Interface with FX2 microcontroller

(1) Reference design: Logical Architecture Layer = Reference Architecture Layer and FX2 firmware= Reference FX2 firmware

(2) MB Commands require the XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block and a proper FX2 interrupt handler (i2c_slave_int_handler()) function in [interrupt.c](#) running on MicroBlaze.

The I2C bus is used to deliver a [MicroBlaze API Command \(MB Command\)](#) to FPGA's MicroBlaze through FPGA's XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block; in particular , the I2C bus is used to write the MB Command in FX22MB_REGS. The I2C bus is also used to retrieve the status of the MicroBlaze ([SET_INTERRUPT command](#), [FX22MB_REG0_GETVERSION command](#), [GET_INTERRUPT command](#)). See [Reference Architecture Layer](#).

MB Commands require the XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block and a proper FX2 interrupt handler (i2c_slave_int_handler()) function in [interrupt.c](#) running on MicroBlaze); the FX2 interrupt handler is called to handle the signal interrupt xps_i2c_slave_0_IP2INTC_Irpt. The i2c_slave_int_handler() function actually execute the I2C delivered MB Command; when MicroBlaze's software wants to send information to the host computer (through USB FX2 microcontroller), it should write MB2FX2_REGS of XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block. The IP block will rise (USB_INT => INT0) pin INT0 output as a flag. The FX2 microcontroller will manage this flag indication (INT0=1 => FPGA_INT0=1); after this, the FX2 microcontroller could read the registers (MB2FX2_REGS) of XPS_I2C_SLAVE custom IP block.