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# Using a PIC® Microcontroller for DMX512 Communication

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#### INTRODUCTION

DMX512 is a communication protocol used in most professional theater lighting components such as dimmers, scanners, moving lights, strobes, etc. This application note presents a solution to transmit and receive the DMX512 communication protocol that can be implemented using any PIC® microcontroller offering a Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART) module. In particular, the PIC18F24J10, a general purpose device, was used in the code examples provided with this application note. It provides 1024 bytes of data memory, which allows the demonstration code to store the data for the entire 512 channel buffer (although this is not required for the typical application). Only an external RS-485 compatible transceiver is required to complete the application schematic.

The DMX solution is provided in two parts:

1. DMX512 Transmitter:

This part will explain how to generate and transmit the DMX512 packets. This is divided into two subsections:

- (a) how to generate and transmit the DMX512 packets and
- (b) a demo program that shows how to send commands to a DMX512 light dimming receiver.
- 2. DMX512 Receiver:

This part will explain how to receive the DMX512 packets. Once more, it is divided into two subsections:

- (a) how to receive the data
  - and
- (b) a demo program that sends the received data to the PWM module to control the brightness of a LED.

#### BACKGROUND

In the past, variable auto-transformers were used to control theatre stage lights. That required long wires around the stage to supply electricity to the lamps and a whole team would be required to manually control thetransformers. Later, electric motors were connected to the auto-transformers, which made the controlling less cumbersome. Eventually, analog controls took the

place of auto-transformers, becoming quite popular, particularly the 0-10V analog consoles. Still, this system had three major drawbacks:

- 1. It was prone to noise.
- Dimming could be nonlinear depending on different kinds of lamps.
- A separate control wire was required for each lamp.

As computer technology became more cost effective, new digital consoles came to the market and with them the need for a new standard that would allow equipment from different manufacturers to interoperate.

The United States Institute of Theatre Technology, USITT, first developed the DMX512 protocol in 1986 as a standard digital interface between dimmers and consoles, later expanded and improved in 1990. The current version, known as DMX512-A, has also been adopted as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard (E1.11). The development of DMX512-A is currently managed by the Entertainment Services & Technology Association (ESTA). You can obtain (purchase) a copy of the protocol specifications from the <a href="https://www.esta.org">www.esta.org</a> web site or the <a href="https://www.ansi.org">www.ansi.org</a> web site.

# ANATOMY OF THE DMX512 PROTOCOL

DMX512 (an acronym for Digital MultipleX), is extremely simple, low cost and relatively robust. Due to these advantages DMX512 has gained a great popularity. As the name suggests, it can support up to 512 separate control channels/devices. It is a unidirectional asynchronous serial transmission protocol which does not provide for any form of handshake between receiver and transmitter, nor does it offer any form of error checking, or correction mechanism. Hence, it is not suitable for any safety critical application. Data is transmitted at 250k baud rate using a physical interface compatible with the RS-485 transmission standard over two wires and ground.

A DMX512 system has only one transmitter and multiple receivers. A DMX512 transmitter connects a DMX512 receiver via XLR 5-pin or XLR 3-pin connectors. A female connector is connected to a transmitter and a male connector on a receiver. The specification states that 2 pairs of shielded cables should be used.

However, the use of a second cable is optional. Table 1 shows the physical pinout when a XLR 5-pin connector is used.

TABLE 1: XLR 5-PIN CONNECTOR

XLR Pin Number	DMX 512 Application	Function	
1	Common	Common Reference	
2	DMX Data 1-	Primary Data link	
3	DMX Data 1+		
4	DMX Data 2-	Secondary (Optional) Data link (Unimplemented for 3 pin XLR connector)	
5	DMX Data 2+		

**Note:** XLR connectors are commonly used in professional audio, video and lighting applications. The connector has a rugged shell and a locking mechanism.

Each DMX512 transmitter sends 512 8-bit dimming values, between 0 and 255, where 0 represents the lights off and 255 represents the maximum intensity.

Each receiver connected to the DMX512 line can choose one of the 512 channels (address selection) to control its output lamp (load).

The DMX512 protocol requires the transmitter to continuously repeat (at least once a second) the transmission of a frame as shown in the timing diagram in Figure 1 and Table 2.

FIGURE 1: DMX512 TIMING DIAGRAM

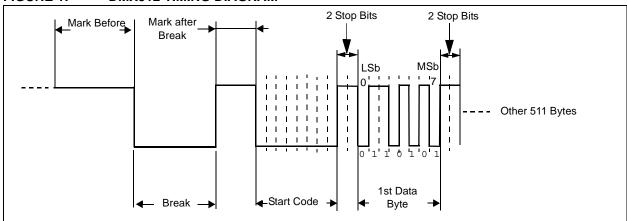


TABLE 2: DMX512 TIMING VALUES

Description	Minimum	Maximum	Typical	Unit
Break	92	_	176	μSec
Mark after Break	12	<1,000,000	_	μSec
Bit Time	3.92	4.02	4	μSec
DMX512 Packet	1204	1,000,000	_	μSec

# **DMX512 TRANSMITTER**

To generate the DMX512 packets, the software solution employs a simple state machine comprised of four states:

- 1. SENDMBB DMX data line is Idle
- 2. SENDDATA Bytes 0 to 511 of the DMX frame
- 3. SENDMAB DMX data line is Idle
- 4. SENDBREAK DMX data line is driven low

## FIGURE 2: TRANSMITTER STATE MACHINE

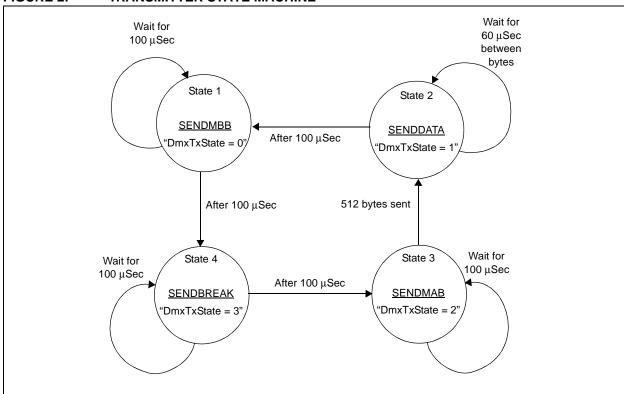


Figure 2 shows the state machine. In this application, to simplify the code and still remain within the timing constrains, the <code>SENDBREAK</code>, <code>SENDMAB</code> and <code>SENDMBB</code> intervals were all set to 100  $\mu Sec$ . These timings can be easily changed if required. The Timer0 module is used to control the 100  $\mu Sec$  timing and the spacing between the transmitted bytes.

# EXAMPLE 1: DMX512 TRANSMITTER STATE MACHINE CODE

;Jump Table DMXTransmit: rlncf DmxTxState, W andlw 0x0E addwf PCL bra SENDMBB SENDDATA bra bra SENDMAB bra SENDBREAK SENDMBB return SENDDATA return SENDMAB return SENDBREAK return

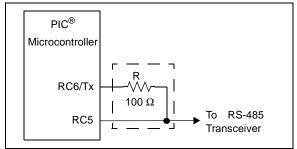
Example 1 shows the outline of the DMXTransmit subroutine implementing the state machine.

The DMXTransmit subroutine is designed for use in a cooperative multitasking application. To avoid any timing issues, the state machine should be called frequently enough (approximately every 40  $\mu s$  or less) from the main program loop. The DmxTxState variable is used to represent the current state and as an offset in a jump table to access the corresponding code segment in the state machine subroutine.

#### **GENERATING THE BREAK SIGNAL**

The Break signal allows receivers to synchronize with the DMX transmitter identifying the beginning of a new packet of data. The EUSART module available on most PIC18 microcontrollers has the ability to automatically generate a 12-bit long Break signal, corresponding to 48 µs at 250k baud. Unfortunately, this is too short for use in a DMX512 application as the protocol requires a minimum length of 92 µSec. Figure 3 shows the alternative hardware method chosen in this application note to generate the longer Break signal. A  $100\Omega$  resistor is connected in series with the microcontroller's EUSART transmit pin and the other end of the resistor to an I/O pin. In the specific example, pin RC5 was used. With this solution, the Break time can be varied in software, from 92 uSec to 176 uSec to meet the DMX protocol Break time specification, when sending a Break signal, pin RC5 is driven low. Later Pin RC5 is tri-stated to allow the transmission from the EUSART to resume.

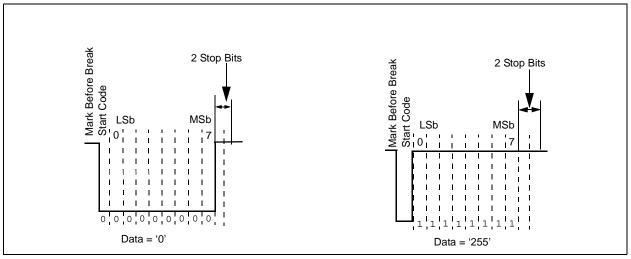
FIGURE 3: GENERATING A LONG BREAK SIGNAL



# SENDING THE DIMMING DATA

The dimming data is 8-bits wide, where '0' represents a light off and '255' represents full intensity. Figure 4 shows the digital representation of the dimming data. To generate the two Stop bits required by the DMX512 protocol, the PIC18 EUSART is configured for 9-bit mode and the 9<sup>th</sup> bit is set permanently to '1'.

FIGURE 4: DIGITAL REPRESENTATION OF DIMMING DATA



The dimming data is stored in a 512 bytes buffer (TxBuffer), allocated in the PIC18F24J10 RAM memory. The data is written to or read from the buffer using the indirect addressing registers available on PIC18 microcontroller architecture for linear memory access. A counter keeps track of the number of bytes transmitted from the buffer.

Note: Although the demonstration code stores and transmits the dimming data for all 512 channels it can be easily modified to store and transmit only a subset of channels, while leaving all remaining channels off (0). This could reduce considerably the MCU RAM requirements for a reduced functionality transmitter.

# TRANSMITTER APPLICATION DEMO: DIMMING A LAMP

In the previous section we saw that it is very easy to generate a DMX512 packet using a PIC18F device. In this demonstration application, we will use a potentiometer connected to the DMX512 transmitter to control remotely a lamp attached to a standard DMX512 receiver.

The PIC18F24J10 has a 10-bit Analog-to-Digital Converter module with 13 inputs. The potentiometer can be connected on pin RA0 of the MCU corresponding to the analog input channel 0.

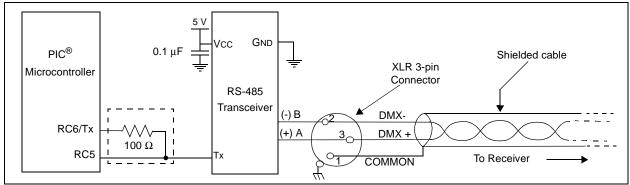
Since the potentiometer won't change very rapidly, sampling it every 10 mSec is sufficient. To generate an automatic and periodic activation of the Analog-to-Digital Converter, a convenient feature of the PIC18F24J10 microcontroller can be used. The ADC

module can, in fact, start periodically a new conversion triggered by the Capture Compare and PWM module (CCP). The 16-bit Timer1 module is used in conjunction with the CCP module configured in 16-bit Compare mode. When the compare trigger occurs (Timer1 = CCPR1), the ADC conversion starts on the preselected input channel and Timer1 is reset.

When the ADC conversion is complete a new result is loaded into the ADRESH register and the ADIF flag is set.

When the ADIF bit is detected in the main loop, the transmitter will retrieve from ADRESH the Most Significant 8 bits encoding the potentiometer position and will transfer them to the transmission buffer at the position corresponding to the desired channel. The same channel will be selected at the dimming receiver for demonstration.

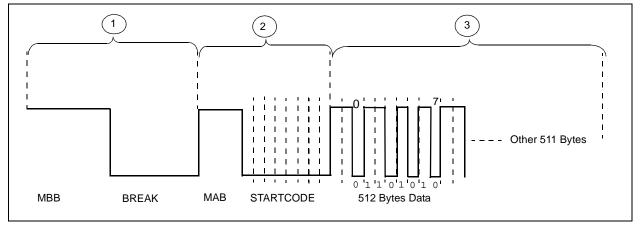
### FIGURE 5: DMX512 TRANSMITTER CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC



Note: Please see Appendix A: "DMX512
Transmitter Demo" for a complete code listing of the transmitter demo.

# A SIMPLE DMX512 RECEIVER

#### FIGURE 6: RECEIVING A DMX512 PACKET



The problem of receiving a DMX512 packet can be decomposed in three parts.

1. The first part is the synchronization of the receiver with the beginning of a new data packet identified by a prolonged Break condition of the line. This condition can be conveniently identified by a Framing error flag reported by the UART. In fact, when the line is taken to the Break level, at the beginning of a new DMX512 packet, the UART initially interprets the condition as the beginning of a new data byte. But when, after the duration of the Start bit and 8 more data bits, instead of the two Stop bits (mark) the line remains in the Break condition, a frame error is reported.

Since there is no way to predict at which point of a transmission sequence the receiver will be activated, during this phase the UART is polled continuously in a loop to discard any data received until a first framing error is detected.

- 2. Once the Break condition is identified, the receiver needs to wait for the line to return to the Idle state (mark) and a first byte of data to arrive. During this phase the UART is polled continuously as frame errors continue to be detected. Eventually the first byte received correctly is interpreted as the Start code. In this simple application only frames with a Start code of 0 are received, frames beginning with a different Start code (DMX512 extensions) are ignored.
- The last part consists, once more, of a loop where the receiver captures up to 512 bytes of data and stores them sequentially in the receiver buffer. A 12-bit pointer, available in the PIC18 architecture, is used to provide linear memory access to the RAM memory space.

# RECEIVER APPLICATION DEMO

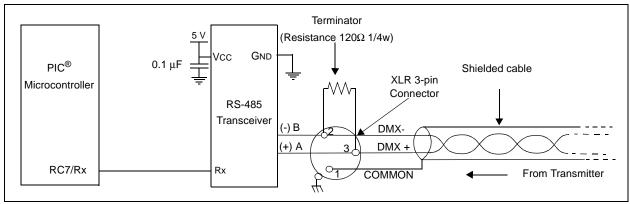
In the previous section we saw how to get the DMX512 data for 512 channels and to store them into a receiver buffer. In this section we will use the received data to control the PWM module of a PIC microcontroller. Connecting a LED to the PWM output pin we will observe the LED brightness change in response to DMX512 dimming commands.

The PIC18F24J10 Capture Compare and PWM (CCP) module offers 10-bit resolution. When used in PWM mode, it uses Timer2 as its time base and the PR2 register determines the PWM period. Since the DMX512 protocol provides only 8-bit of resolution for each channel, setting the PR2 register to '0xFF' allows us to use just the 8 Most Significant bits to control the duty cycle while still providing a PWM output frequency of approximately 16 kHz. This value greatly exceeds the minimum requirement, of approximately 100 Hz, usually considered sufficient to eliminate any visible flicker of the LED.

Since the Most Significant 8 bits of the PWM duty cycle are controlled by the CCPR2L register, it is sufficient to periodically update it copying the contents of the location corresponding to the desired DMX512 address (defined by the constant CHANNEL) from inside the receive buffer.

In the demonstration code, the CCPR2L register is updated every time a complete DMX512 frame has been received.

#### FIGURE 7: DMX512 RECEIVER CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC



Note: Please see Appendix B: "DMX512 Receiver Demo" for a complete code listing of the receiver demo.

In the schematic, the EUSART receiver pin is connected to the RS-485 transceiver's receiver output pin. A 120 $\Omega$ , ¼ W resistor should be connected between DMX- and DMX+ data link as a line terminator. Figure 7 shows the line terminator between pin 2 (DMX- data link) and pin 3 (DMX+ data link) of an XLR-3 connector. Proper Termination greatly reduces signal transmission problems.

#### **TESTING SETUP**

To test the DMX512 transmitter and receiver, a separate pair of PICDEM™ 2 PLUS demo boards was used. The PICDEM 2 PLUS can be used to demonstrate the capabilities of 18, 28 and 40-pin PIC16 and PIC18 devices. The board has a small prototyping area where the transmitter and receiver transceiver circuits can be built.

In order to take advantage of the (4) LEDs available on the board for the receiver demo, the output of the PIC18F24J10 CCP2 module can been redirected to PORTB output pin RB3 by modifying the microcontroller nonvolatile Configuration register CONFIG3H, 'CCP2 MUX' bit.

## **INTERRUPT**

The provided transmitter and receiver demonstration code uses the polling method to transmit and receive the DMX512 packets. The CPU is waiting for a timer to expire to generate the mark and the Break signals or for the EUSART to transmit or receive the data. To reduce the CPU polling time, the provided code can be written using interrupts.

## CONCLUSION

This application note presents a very simple software solution to generate, transmit and receive the DMX512 signals using a low-cost MCU.

#### REFERENCES

- 1. PIC18F24J10 Data sheet (DS39682)
  - The data sheet provides all the necessary information regarding the EUSART module, CCP module, ADC module and electrical characteristics of the PIC microcontroller.
- PICDEM™ 2 PLUS User's Guide (DS51275)
   This application note has been tested using a pair of PICDEM 2 PLUS demo boards.
- 3. American National Standard E1.11 2004.
  - The official DMX512 protocol specifications are available on <a href="https://www.esta.org">www.esta.org</a>.

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#### APPENDIX A: DMX512 TRANSMITTER DEMO

```
: File: DMX512TrmtDemo.asm
; DMX512 Transmitter demo
; This source code uses the PIC18F24J10 to transmit a DMX-512 packet via
; the EUSART peripheral. An external 16MHz clock input is used.
; The DMX transmitter code is written as a polled state machine with
; 4 states. The state machine is called periodically from the main
; software loop and a jump table determines the present state.
; Timer0 is used to control the state machine timing, including length
; of the Break signal and the spacing between transmitted bytes. \,
; The CCP module is configured to start an ADC conversion every 10msec.
; A potentiometer voltage is sampled with the ADC and the result is
; written to the first data slot in the DMX frame to control a remote
; device.
                                 ; define target processor
     list p=18f24j10
     #include <p18f24j10.inc>
                                 ; include processor specific definitions
; Configuration bits setup
             CCP2MX = ALTERNATE ; assign CCP2 output to pin RB3
     CONFIG
                              ; To use ICD2 as a debugger disable Watch Dog Timer
     CONFIG
                WDTEN = OFF
                                 ; Reset on stack overflow/underflow enabled
     CONFIG
                STVERN = ON
     CONFIG
               XINST = OFF
                                  ; Instruction set extension and Indexed Addressing
                                  ; mode disabled (Legacy mode)
     CONFIG CP0 = OFF
                                 ; Program memory is not code-protected
     CONFIG
             FOSC = ECPLL
                                 ; EC oscillator, PLL enabled and under software
                                 ; control, CLKO function on OSC2
     CONFIG
                FOSC2 = ON
                                 ; Clock selected by FOSC as system clock is enabled
                                 ; when OSCCON<1:0> = 00
                                 ; Fail-Safe Clock Monitor disabled
     CONFIG
                FCMEN = OFF
                                 ; Two-Speed Start-up disabled
                IESO = OFF
     CONFIG
     CONFIG
                WDTPS = 32768
                                  ; 1:32768
; Timing constants (assuming 16MHz clock input and assigned prescaler
; values to produce 1us tick)
#define T100US.256-.100
                                  ; preload value for TMR0 to roll over in 100us
#define T60US.256-.60
                                  ; 60us value
; Variables memory allocation
     CBLOCK
             0x008
     DmxTxState
                                  ; State Variable
     CountH
                                  ; 16-bit counter
     CountI
     TxBuffer: .512
                                 ; allocate 512 bytes for the transmit buffer
     ENDC
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```
ORG
               0x0000
Main
                                ; initialize the I/O ports and TMRO
     rcall
               InitTX
     rcall
               SetupSerial
                                ; initialize serial comm
     rcall
               SetupADC
                                ; initialize the ADC for the demo
;Main Application Loop
MainLoop
     rcall
              DMXTransmit
                                ; Execute the state machine
     rcall
              CheckADC
                                ; Check to see if ADC conversion is complete.
     goto
              MainLoop
;DMX Transmit state machine
DMXTransmit
    ; The DMX transmit code is driven by the TMR0 roll-over
     ; events. Just return if a roll-over has not occured.
               INTCON, TMR0IF
                               ; wait until TIMER0 roll-over
    btfss
    return
    bcf
               INTCON, TMR0IF
                               ; clear the flag
     clrf
               PCLATH
                                ; (assumes the jump table is located in
                                ; the first page of program memory)
     rlncf
               DmxTxState,W
                               ; state x2 to account for PC byte
                                ; addressing
     andlw
               0x0E
                                ; reduce offset to valid range (0-14)
     addwf
               PCL
                                ; computed jump
; Jump Table
    bra
               SENDMBB
                               ; 0 IDLE period after each complete frame
    bra
               SENDDATA
                                ; 1 send one byte of data
               SENDMAB
                                ; 2 IDLE period between BREAK and START slot
    bra
               SENDBREAK
                                ; 3 BREAK synchronization signal
     bra
     reset
                                ; not used
     reset
                                ; not used
     reset
                                ; not used
     reset
                                ; not used
; DmxTxState = 3. Generates a Break Signal (100uSec)
SENDBREAK
                                ; tri-state pin RC5 to end break signal
    bsf
               TRISC,5
    movlw
               T100US
                                ; preload TIMERO for a roll over in 100us
     movwf
               TMROL
     decf
               DmxTxState,F
                                ; proceed to State2 SENDMAB
     return
; DmxTxState = 2. Mark After Break (line IDLE for 100uSec) send a start code
SENDMAB
    clrf
              CountL
                                ; init 16-bit counter
     clrf
               CountH
     lfsr
               1,TxBuffer
                                ; init pointer to transmit buffer
     clrf
               TXREG
                                ; send NULL START CODE
     movlw
               T60US
                                ; pre-load TMR0 for a short delay (> (12bit x 4us) >48us)
     movwf
               TMROL
                                ; proceed to state1 SENDDATA
     decf
               DmxTxState,F
     return
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```
; DmxTxState = 1. wait for UART to complete transmission of current byte and an additional short
; amount of time
SENDDATA
     btfsc
                CountH, 1
                                   ; check if 512 slot sent already
     bra
                TXDone
     bt.fss
                PIR1, TXIF
                                   ; make sure TX buffer is available
     return
                POSTINC1, TXREG
     movff
                                   ; send a new byte of data (use IND1 pointer to read data from
                                   ; TX buffer)
                                   ; automatically advance pointer 1
     incf
                                   ; increment 16-bit counter
                CountL, F
     btfsc
                STATUS, C
     incf
                CountH,F
         movlw
                    T60US
                                       ; pre-load TMR0 for a short delay (> (12bit x 4us) >48us)
         movwf
                    TMROL
         return
TXDone
                    T100US
                                       ; pre-load TMR0 for a 100us delay before the frame repeats
         movlw
         movwf
                    TMR0L
         decf
                    DmxTxState, F
                                       ; proceed to next state SENDMBB
         return
;DmxTxState = 0. sends Mark Before repeating the frame transmission
SENDMBB
         movlw
                    T100US
                                       ; pre-load the timer for 100us BREAK
         movwf
                    TMROL
         bcf
                    INTCON, TMR0IF
                                      ; clear the flag
         bcf
                    TRISC,5
                                       ; make pin RC5 an output
         bcf
                    LATC,5
                                       ; pull pin RC5 low to force a break condition
         movlw
                    .3
                                       ; proceed to State3 SENDBREAK
                    DmxTxState
         movwf
         return
; CheckADC verify a new conversion result is available and copy the value to 6 channels/location in
; the TX buffer
CheckADC
                    PIR1, ADIF
                                       ; check the flag for ADC conversion completed
         btfss
         return
         bcf
                    PIR1, ADIF
                                      ; clear the ADC flag
         bcf
                    PIR2,CCP2IF
                                       ; clear the Compare flag
         lfsr
                    0.TxBuffer
                                      ; use indirect pointer INDO to copy the conversion result
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
                                    ; to the first slot in the transmit buffer (->1)
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
                                     ; slot 2
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
         movff
                                     ; slot 3
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
                                       ; slot 4
         lfsr
                    0,TxBuffer + .508
                                      ; slot 509
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
                                      ; slot 510
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
                                      ; slot 511
                                      ; slot 512
         movff
                    ADRESH, POSTINCO
         ; Note: This code places the transmit data in the first 4 data slots
         ; and the last 4 data slots of the DMX data frame. This was done to
         ; make sure that the code worked properly with a 4-channel dimmer
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; unit that was used during code development. Add code above as
        ; required to fill other slots with transmit data.
;Setup Serial port
SetupSerial
                 TRISC,7
                                 ; allow the UART RX to control pin RC7
        bsf
        bsf
                 TRISC,6
                                  ; allow the UART TX to control pin RC6
        movlw
                 0x65
                                  ; enable TX, 9-bit mode, high speed mode, 9th bit =1
                                  ; (2 stop)
        movwf
                 TXSTA
    movlw
              0x80
                              ; enable serial port, disable receiver
    movwf
              RCSTA
    bsf
              BAUDCON, BRG16
                              ; select EUART 16-bit Asynchrnounou mode operation
              .15
                              ; init baud rate generator for 250k baud (assume Fosc=16MHz)
    movlw
              SPBRG
    movwf
    return
;ADC setup
SetupADC
    bsf
              TRISA, 0
                              ; make RAO an input pin
    movlw
              0x01
                              ; enable ADC and select input channel 0
              ADCON0
    movwf
    movlw
              0x0E
                              ; make only channel 0 an analog input pin
    movwf
              ADCON1
                              ; ADC result left aligned and clock = Fosc/16
    movlw
              0x35
    movwf
              ADCON2
;Set the CCP2 module in Compare mode with a 10mSec interval, CCPR2 = 10.000us
    movlw
              0x27
    movwf
              CCPR2H
    movlw
              0x10
    movwf
              CCPR2L
;A/D Conversion started by the Special Event Trigger of the CCP2 module
    movlw
    movwf
              CCP2CON
;init Timer1 as the time base for CCP2
              TMR1H
    clrf
    clrf
              TMR1L
    movlw
              0x21
                              ; enable 16-bit Timer1, prescale 1:4 (lus tick@16MHz),
                              ; internal clock
    movwf
              T1 CON
    return
init TimerO, clear TXbuffer, init state machine
;InitTX
InitTX
    clrf
              CountL
                              ; init 16-bit counter
    clrf
              CountH
```

```
; clear Transmit buffer
                                  ; use IND1 pointer to address the RAM buffer
    lfsr 1,TxBuffer
CBloop
     clrf
                POSTINC1
                                   ; clear the location pointed to by IND1 then increment pointer
     incf
                CountL,F
                                   ; increment 16-bit counter
     btfss
                STATUS, C
     bra
                CBloop
                CountH,F
     incf
     btfss
                CountH, 1
                                  ; check if counter >= 512
     bra
                CBloop
; init Timer0
                    0xC1
                                   ; enable Timer0, as an 8-bit timer, use prescaler 1:4
         movlw
                                   ; (lus tick@16MHz)
         movwf
                    TOCON
                    T100US
                                       ; preload timer for 100us interval to roll over
         movlw
         movwf
                    TMROL
         bcf
                    INTCON, TMR0IF
                                       ; clear roll over flag
; init state machine
         movlw
                    .03
                                       ; Start with BREAK state
         movwf
                    DmxTxState
         bcf
                    TRISC,5
                                       ; make pin RC5 an output
         bcf
                    LATC,5
                                       ; pull RC5 output low to force a break condition
         return
         END
```

### APPENDIX B: DMX512 RECEIVER DEMO

```
; File: DMX512RecDemo.asm
; DMX512 Receiver
; This file uses a PIC18F24J10 device to receive DMX-512 data and store it
; into a 512 byte receive buffer.
; For demonstration purposes, a selected data slot is written to the
; CCP module. The CCP module is configured in PWM mode and the received
; data adjusts the duty cycle. If a resistor and LED is connected to the
; PWM output, the received DMX data can be visually observed.
     list p=18f24j10
                                 ;define target processor
     #include <p18f24j10.inc>
                                 ;include processor specific definitions
; Configuration bits setup
     CONFIG
               CCP2MX = ALTERNATE; assign CCP2 output to pin RB3
     CONFIG
             WDTEN = OFF
                             ; To use ICD2 as a debugger disable Watch Dog Timer
             STVERN = ON
     CONFIG
                                ; Reset on stack overflow/underflow enabled
     CONFIG
             XINST = OFF
                                ; Instruction set extension and Indexed Addressing
                                 ; mode disabled (Legacy mode)
                                 ; Program memory is not code-protected
     CONFIG
               CP0 = OFF
     CONFIG
               FOSC = ECPLL
                                 ; EC oscillator, PLL enabled and under software
                                 ; control, CLKO function on OSC2
     CONFIG
             FOSC2 = ON
                                 ; Clock selected by FOSC as system clock is enabled
                                 ; when OSCCON<1:0> = 00
     CONFIG
             FCMEN = OFF
                                 ; Fail-Safe Clock Monitor disabled
     CONFIG
             IESO = OFF
                                 ; Two-Speed Start-up disabled
     CONFIG
               WDTPS = 32768
                                 ; 1:32768
; Constants
#define CHANNEL .510
                                 ; select the receiver slot/channel
; Variables
     CBLOCK
               0x8
        CountH
                                 ;16-bit counter
        CountL
         RxBuffer: .512
                                 ;512 bytes buffer allocation
     ENDC
ORG
               0x0
Main
     call
                SetupSerial
                                ;Setup Serial port and buffers
MainLoop
; first loop, synchronizing with the transmitter
WaitBreak
     btfsc
               PIR1, RCIF
                                 ; if a byte is received correctly
                                 ; discard it
               RCREG.W
     movf
     btfss
               RCSTA, FERR
                                 ; else
     bra
               WaitBreak
                                 ; continue waiting until a frame error is detected
     movf
               RCREG, W
                                 ; read the Receive buffer to clear the error condition
; second loop, waiting for the START code
WaitForStart
     btfss
                PIR1, RCIF
                                 ; wait until a byte is correctly received
     bra
               WaitForStart
     btfsc
               RCSTA, FERR
     bra
               WaitForStart
     movf
               RCREG, W
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; check for the START code value, if it is not 0, ignore the rest of the frame
     andlw
                0xff
                                  ; ignore the rest of the frame if not zero
     bnz
                MainLoop
; init receive counter and buffer pointer
     clrf
                CountL
     clrf
                CountH
                0,RxBuffer
     lfsr
; third loop, receiving 512 bytes of data
WaitForData
     btfsc
                RCSTA, FERR
                                  ; if a new framing error is detected (error or short frame)
     bra
                RXend
                                  ; the rest of the frame is ignored and a new synchronization is
                                  ; attempted
     btfss
                PIR1, RCIF
                                  ; wait until a byte is correctly received
     bra
                WaitForData
                                  ;
                RCREG, W
     movf
MoveData
     movwf
                POSTINC0
                                  ; move the received data to the buffer
                                  ; (auto-incrementing pointer)
     incf
                CountL,F
                                  ; increment 16-bit counter
     btfss
                STATUS, C
     bra
                WaitForData
     incf
                CountH, F
     btfss
                CountH,1
                                   ; check if 512 bytes of data received
                WaitForData
     bra
; when a complete frame is received
; use the selected CHANNEL data to control the CCP2 module duty cycle
RXend
     lfsr
                0,RxBuffer
                                  ; use indirect pointer 0 to address the receiver buffer
GetData
                LOW (CHANNEL)
     movlw
                                  ; add the offset for the select channel
     addwf
                FSROL, F
     movlw
                HIGH (CHANNEL)
     addwfc
                FSR0H,F
     movff
                INDF0,CCPR2L
                                  ; retrieve the data and assign MSB to control PWM2
     bra
                MainLoop
                                  ; return to main loop
; Setup Serial port and buffers
SetupSerial
;Clear the receive buffer
     lfsr
                0,RxBuffer
CBloop
                POSTINC0
                                  ; clear INDF register then increment pointer
     clrf
                CountL.F
     incf
     btfss
                STATUS, C
     bra
                CBloop
     incf
                CountH, F
                CountH, 1
     bt.fss
                CBloop
     bra
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; Setup EUSART
                                    ; allow the EUSART RX to control pin RC7
     bsf
                 TRISC,7
                 TRISC,6
                                    ; allow the EUSART TX to control pin RC6
     bsf
     movlw
                 0x04
                                    ; Disable transmission
     movwf
                 TXSTA
                                    ; enable transmission and CLEAR high baud rate
     movlw
                 0x90
     movwf
                 RCSTA
                                    ; enable serial port and reception
     bsf
                 BAUDCON, BRG16
                                    ; Enable UART for 16-bit Asyn operation
     clrf
                 SPBRGH
                                     ; Baud rate is 250KHz for 16MHz Osc. freq.
     movlw
                 .15
                 SPBRG
     movwf
;Setup PWM module
     movlw
                 0x0c
                                     ; configure CCP2 for PWM mode
     movwf
                 CCP2CON
;Timer2 control
     movlw
                 0x04
                                    ; enable Timer2, select a prescale of 1:1
                 T2CON
     movwf
; PWM period
     movlw
                 0xFF
                                    ; 256 \times .25 us = 64 us period
     movwf
                 PR2
;init I/O
     movlw
                 b'11110111'
                                    ; make pin RB3 (CCP2) output
     movwf
                 TRISB
     return
     END
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