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Vinculum-II SPI Slave to USB HID Class Device Bridge

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1 Introduction

FTDI have introduced a new suite of simplified “bridging” ROM files to allow for fast interconnect between differing interfaces. These ROM images (and sample code) are targeted at those users who would like to implement Vinculum-II (VNC2) into a design without creating their own firmware.

As well as providing the source code for users wishing to tweak setup parameters the default project will be supplied as a precompiled ROM file ready for installation into the VNC2.

This application note forms part of a series of application notes detailing the new simplified ROM images for VNC2. This document will detail the implementation and use of a VNC2 ROM file for bridging a SPI Slave interface to a Human Interface Device (HID) class device on a USB port. This particular project may be used in 32, 48 or 64 pin packages.

For users not intending to edit the code in any way the precompiled code may be loaded over the UART interface with FT_PROG as an alternative to using the IDE. Links for the project file SPISlave2USBSlaveHIDKbd.vproj and the precompiled ROM file SPISlave2USBSlaveHIDKbd.rom file may be found at the end of the document in Appendix A.

1.1 Overview

Vinculum-II (VNC2) is the second of FTDI’s Vinculum family of embedded dual USB host controller devices. The VNC2 device provides USB Host interfacing capability for a variety of different USB device classes including support for BOMS (bulk only mass storage), Printer and HID (human interface devices). For mass storage devices such as USB Flash drives, VNC2 transparently handles the FAT file structure.

Communication with non USB devices, such as a low cost microcontroller, is accomplished via either UART, SPI or parallel FIFO interfaces. VNC2 provides a new, cost effective solution for providing USB Host capability into products that previously did not have the hardware resources available.

VNC2 allows customers to develop their own firmware using the Vinculum II software development tool suite. These development tools provide compiler, assembler, linker and debugger tools complete within an integrated development environment (IDE).

The Vinculum-II VNC2 family of devices are available in Pb-free (RoHS compliant) 32-lead LQFP, 32-lead QFN, 48-lead LQFP, 48-lead QFN, 64-Lead LQFP and 64-lead QFN packages For more information on the ICs refer to http://www.ftdichip.com/Products/ICs/VNC2.htm.
2 Using the Sample Code

When the VNC2 is programmed, the user simply passes data from the SPI Master device to the VNC2. The VNC2 will process this data to pass it out to USB port 1 of the chip to the USB host. There are no additional commands required, it is a simple data bridge. The project default set the SPI to mode 0, MSB first, unmanaged mode.
3 Default Pin-Out

The VNC2 can assign the same signal to a variety of pins. The default pins used for this ROM image are shown in Error! Reference source not found..

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<th>Signal</th>
<th>32-pin pkg</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>GND</td>
<td>1, 16, 19, 27</td>
<td>1, 24, 27, 39</td>
<td>1, 30, 35, 53</td>
<td>Device ground supply pins</td>
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<tr>
<td>3V3 VREGIN</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>+3.3VDC supply to the regulator</td>
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<td>1V8 VCC PLL IN</td>
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<td>+1.8VDC supply to internal clock multiplier</td>
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<td>Requires 100nF decoupling capacitor close to pin</td>
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<td>GND PLL</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Device analog ground supply for internal clock multiplier</td>
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<td>VREG OUT</td>
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<td>+1.8VDC output from regulator to device core</td>
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<td>*Not used on 48-pin LQFP package</td>
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<td>VCCIO</td>
<td>13, 22, 28</td>
<td>17, 30, 40</td>
<td>21, 38, 54</td>
<td>+3.3VDC supply to I/O interface pins (IOBUS)</td>
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<td>VCCIO must be connected for proper operation</td>
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<td>XTIN</td>
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<td>Input to 12MHz Oscillator</td>
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<td>Connect 12MHz crystal across pins 4 and 5 with proper loading capacitance</td>
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<td>TEST</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Test – Must be connected to GND for normal operation</td>
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<td>RESET#</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Can be used by an external device to reset VNC2</td>
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<tr>
<td>PROG#</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Asserting PROG# enables program mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEBUGGER I/F</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>I/O for programming and in-circuit debugging</td>
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<td>USB DP1</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>USB Port 1 Data Plus</td>
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<td>SPI_S0_CLK</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>SPI Slave Clock input</td>
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Designers wanting to customize the design should refer to the iomux.c file for changing pin-out options.

More information on pinout options are available in AN_139 Vinculum II IO MUX Explained.
4 Building and Loading the Firmware into the VNC2

Everything can be controlled by the Vinculum-II IDE (part of the Vinculum-II Toolchain downloadable from the FTDI website). To access the application simply use the Project -> Open tab to browse to the UART2USBHIDkbd.vproj file for your project.

4.1 Build

This step is only necessary if you are not using the precompiled version of the ROM. Otherwise proceed to loading the ROM file.

To build the application you simply press the Build button on the IDE ribbon bar under the build tab.

4.2 Load

Loading the code is equally simple. Just click on the "Flash" button on the ribbon bar under the debug tab. The Flash button will automatically pick up the Rom file in your project but for reference the filename is UART2USBHIDkbd.ROM.

Note the Debugger Interface is listed as V2EVAL Board C. It is important that this box shows a device is connected before attempting to flash a device.
4.3 Loading with FT_Prog

If the precompiled ROM file meets all the requirements of the end design then the IDE and source code are not required. The precompiled UART2USBHIDkbd.ROM file may be loaded into the VNC2 with FT_PROG over the UART interface.

FT_Prog is used to program the VNC2 with a ROM file. FT_Prog is available from the FTDI website utilities page (version 1.12 or later supports VNC2).

- Select the flash ROM tab at the top of the window.
- Select VNC2 from the pull down tab.
- Select D2xx or VCP interface (either will work).
- Select the location where the ROM file resides.
- Press the program button.
- Perform a hard reset (power cycle) prior to running the firmware.

Figure 4.4 is an example of programming the VNC2 Evaluation board revision 2 with the V2DAP firmware.

For more information on loading ROM files onto a VNC2 device refer to:
5 Source Code for the VNC2 Application

This section is aimed at those wanting to learn about coding VNC2 devices or modify the existing project.

All VNC2 application firmware follows a similar format and most of the code can be “written” using the IDE application wizard.

The basic steps are:

1. Initialise device drivers
2. Define pin-outs
3. Open ports to be used
4. Configure ports to be used
5. Read/write data
6. Close ports

The VNC2 source code for this project can be viewed in appendix A and is available to download with the toolchain.

5.1 SPISlave2USBHIDkbd.C

SPISlave2USBHIDkbd.c is the main firmware file. This file is split into multiple functions.

```c
void main();
void iomux_setup(void);
void open_drivers(void);
void close_drivers(void);
void attach_drivers(void);
void setup(void);
void spi(void)
```

5.1.1 main()

Main is where the application starts. It defines the VNC2 core clock speed, loads the drivers to be used and creates the threads to be used in the application. At the very end of main is the call vos_start_scheduler();

After this call there can be no further configuration of the device.

5.1.2 Iomux_setup()

Iomux_setup actually refers to the other file in the project, UART2HIDkbd_iomux.c and is used to define the VNC2 pin-out. Most functions can be programmed to appear on different pins. The notable exceptions are power, GND and the USB ports.

5.1.3 Open drivers/close drivers

The open drivers function call will provide a handle to each hardware block used in the project and this handle can be used by subsequent commands to control the hardware. Close drivers closes the handle at the end of the project.

5.1.4 Attach_drivers()

This function is used to attach the HID class driver to the USB slave driver.
5.1.5  ASCIItoKey
This is a function to convert ascii to a function key

5.1.6  NonAlphaNumeric
This function will handle non-alpha numeric inputs.

5.1.7  Setup
Setup will configure the SPI interface to be Vinculum I compatible mode.

5.1.8  SPI
The SPI function will read data on the SPI slave port and write it out the USB port to the USB host.
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V2-EVAL datasheet
Vinculum II Toolchain
AN_139 IO_Mux explained
AN_151 Vinculum II User Guide
AN_159_Vinculum_II_Firmware_Flash_Programming.pdf

Project source code download
www.ftdichip.com/Firmware/Precompiled/SPISlave2USBSlaveHIDKbd.zip

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<td>Human Interface Device</td>
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<td>SPI</td>
<td>Serial Peripheral Interface</td>
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