Atmel AVR1619: XMEGA-B1 Xplained Demonstration

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Application Note

Features

- Atmel® ATxmega128B1
- Atmel XMEGA®-B1 Xplained kit compatible
- On-board LCD display
- USB 2.0 Full speed composite device
 - Mass Storage interface with on-board Atmel DataFlash®
 - Generic HID interface for host application data exchange
- · On-board sensors measurements

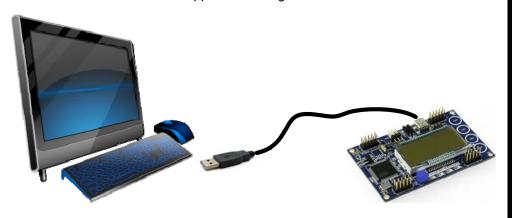
1 Introduction

This application note presents the default firmware shipped within the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit that demonstrates all the main capabilities of this kit.

Using the Atmel AVR® XMEGA B devices makes USB and LCD easy to implement and to use. This application note presents a USB composite demonstration application acting both as a USB mass-storage device and a USB generic HID communication device.

The USB mass storage interface allows accessing the on-board DataFlash whereas the generic HID interface allows the kit to communicate with a PC application.

This application performs on-board sensors (light, temperature, voltages) and at the same time displays the results using the on-board LCD and transmits the measurements results to a PC application using USB.



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2 Environment

The demonstration consists of an embedded application for the Atmel ATxmega128B1 (this will be called "firmware" in the rest of this document) and a PC host application (running on Windows® XP, Windows Vista®, or Windows 7).

The host application communicates with the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained using the USB generic HID interface handled by the firmware. The PC host application allows retrieving the on-board sensors measurements (NTC, light sensor, external and potentiometer voltages), touch buttons status, and control the LEDs from the XMEGA-B1 Xplained (please refer to Chapter 6 about related documentation to access the 'XMEGA-B1 Xplained Hardware user guide').

The demonstration is designed for XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit with ATxmega128B1.

The default firmware is configured to target ATxmega128B1 revision B and higher. A specific build of this application is required for ATxmega128B1 revision A (Section 3.2 gives information about how to rebuild the application for revision A).



3 Firmware setup

Out of the box, the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit is pre-programmed with this default firmware. However, if this default firmware is erased or modified, it is possible to recover the original firmware using the hex file included within the zip file attached to this application note.

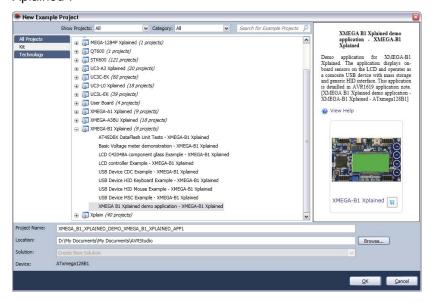
3.1 Downloading the firmware

If the on-chip Atmel ATxmega128B1 firmware needs to be downloaded into the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit, this could be achieved by using one of the following methods:

- Using the ATxmega128B1 on-chip DFU bootloader and FLIP (please refer to Atmel AVR1619 application note about using the on-chip DFU bootloader with ATxmega128B1)
- Using the Atmel AVR Studio[®] 5 and the regular Atmel AVR tools like JTAGICE3, AVR ONE!, or JTAGICE mkII (please refer to the on-line help of AVR Studio 5 about how to use it for part programming)

3.2 Rebuilding the firmware

It is also possible to rebuild this application from its sources files located in the Atmel AVR Software Framework (ASF, www.atmel.com/asf) and AVR Studio 5 (www.atmel.com/avrstudio5). This application is available as a pre-configured example available from AVR Studio 5 called "Demo Application for XMEGA-B1 Xplained".



3.2.1 Atmel ATxmega128B1 revision A considerations

As specified in Chapter 2, the default firmware configuration targets an ATxmega128B1 revision B device. The firmware can be rebuilt for revision A by adding the "CONFIG_XMEGA_128B1_REVA" define to the list of pre-defined symbols in the project options.





If the firmware loaded into the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained does not match the ATxmega128B1 revision, the on-board LCD will display a "REV ERR" message.

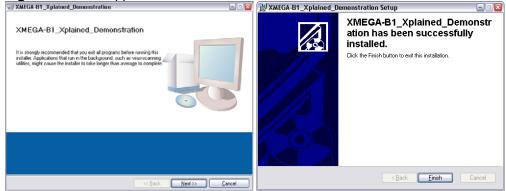


4 Host application setup

The host application called 'XMEGA-B1 Xplained demonstration' is optional, but it allows controlling and getting information from the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained by using USB generic HID interface.

The host application setup can be found in the zip file attached to this application note. To install the application, follow the installation wizard started from the 'setup.exe' file.

Figure 4-1. Host application installation wizard.





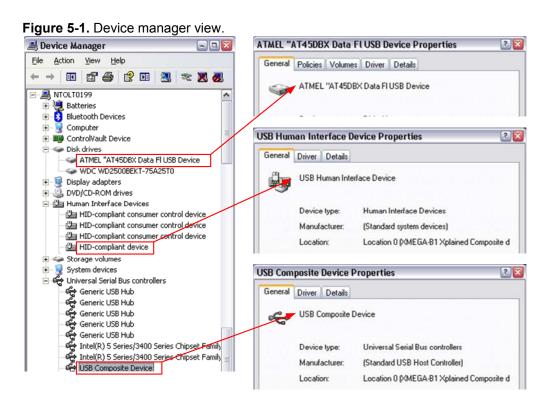


5 Running the demonstration

5.1 Connecting the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained to USB

When connecting to the USB host computer for the first time, the firmware will enumerate as a composite device with two USB interfaces.

The operating system will install the new USB devices by itself (no specific driver is needed for both mass storage and generic HID interfaces). Once the new hardware installation process is complete, the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit is visible in three different locations within the device manager as shown in the figure below.



5.2 Using the XMEGA-B1 Xplained demonstration firmware

The demonstration firmware can be used in a stand alone mode (meaning without the PC host application running).

In that case the application displays the selected sensor value using the on-board LCD glass of the XMEGA-B1 Xplained. The capacitive touch buttons CS0...CS3 can be used to select which sensor should be displayed.

- CS0 displays the ADC value of the light sensor (raw value of the ADC conversion)
- CS1 displays the temperature value based on the on-board NTC (in °C)
- CS2 displays the potentiometer voltage (in mV)
- CS3 displays the external voltage input (in mV)

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Figure 5-2. Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained running the application.



5.2.1 Using the USB mass storage interface

The USB mass storage interface allows accessing the on-board DataFlash of XMEGA-B1 Xplained as a regular USB thumb drive.

Prior to use this drive, the operating system will ask to format it.

Figure 5-3. Formatting the mass storage drive.



The drive capacity is automatically detected as the on-board DataFlash size, meaning 8Mbytes.

Figure 5-4. Format properties for mass storage drive.



Once properly formatted, the drive can be used to store and read files.



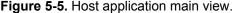


5.2.2 Using the USB generic HID interface

This USB interface offers the capability to control and get the following information from the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained:

- Retrieve on-board sensors measurements
- · Get touch buttons status
- Get information about the connected firmware
- Adjust on-board LCD contrast and backlight level
- Control on-board LEDs
- Display user input text strings or numeric values on the LCD

The generic HID interface is accessible using the PC host application previously installed. Once the application is started it displays a control panel with the same look and feel as the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit:





5.2.2.1 Connecting the host application to the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit

The host application automatically tries to connect to the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit. When connection with the XMEGA-B1 Xplained kit is successful, the application displays some information related to the firmware (firmware revision, version of silicon the firmware was built for, and ATxmega128B1 Silicon revision) as shown in Figure 5-6:

Figure 5-6. Host application status bar.

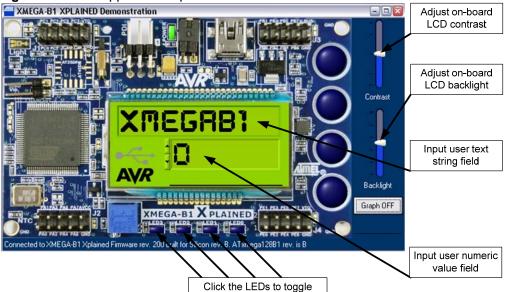


5.2.2.2 Using the host application to control the XMEGA-B1 Xplained

Figure 5-7 shows which parts of the panel can be used to control the XMEGA-B1 Xplained.

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Figure 5-7. Host application input controls.



- The vertical cursor to the right called 'Contrast' and 'Backlight' allows adjusting the on-board LCD display
- The four LEDs on the bottom can be activated so that it toggles the on-board LEDs
- The LCD text field can be selected and a user message can be input. This user text string will be displayed for a few seconds both on the on-board LCD and on the host application
- Like the text field, the LCD numeric field can be used to display a numeric value





5.2.3 Using the host application to display information

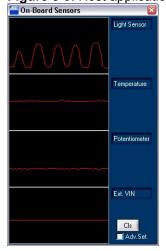
The figure below shows what parts of the panel can be used to display information coming from the Atmel XMEGA-B1 Xplained.

Figure 5-8. Host application output controls.



- The touch buttons display on the host application reflects the activation status of CS0...CS3 on the XMEGA-B1 Xplained
- The four LEDs on the bottom show the current status of the LEDs of XMEGA-B1 Xplained
- The LCD text field displays the name of the selected sensor and the LCD numeric field displays the value of this sensor. The display on the host application is thus similar to the on-board LCD of the XMEGA-B1 explained
- The 'Graph' button shows another panel where the real-time captured values of the on-board sensors are displayed within real-time graphs. Please note that this real-time panel can be closed pressing this button once again

Figure 5-9. Host application graph window.



6 Related documentation

- Atmel AVR1912: XMEGA-B1 Xplained Hardware user guide http://www.atmel.com/dyn/resources/prod_documents/doc8397.pdf
- Atmel AVR1916: USB DFU bootloader for XMEGA http://www.atmel.com/dyn/resources/prod_documents/doc8429.pdf
- Atmel FLIP http://www.atmel.com/dyn/products/tools_card.asp?tool_id=3886
- Atmel AVR Software Framework http://www.atmel.com/asf
- Atmel AVR XMEGA B Manual http://www.atmel.com/dyn/resources/prod_documents/doc8291.pdf
- Atmel AVR Studio 5.0 http://www.atmel.com/dyn/products/tools_card.asp?tool_id=17212
- Atmel AVR4900: ASF USB Device stack http://www.atmel.com/dyn/resources/prod_documents/doc8360.pdf





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