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1. Introduction

The family of LPC2141/2/4/6/8 microcontrollers supports two reduced power modes: Idle mode and Power-down mode. In Power-down mode, the oscillator is shut down and the chip receives no internal clocks, but the MCU state, peripheral register values, and the value of the internal SRAM are preserved. The power consumption in the Power-down mode is minimum, and the supply current can drop up as low as 30 μA when BOD is disabled. The system can wake up from Power-down mode using external interrupts, the RTC clock, the BOD interrupt, and/or activities on the USB bus.

This document describes how to make hardware modifications to minimize the power consumption on the Keil's MCB2140 board. It also provides the necessary software configuration to put the MCU into Power-down mode and then use USB bus activity to wake up the MCU.

The hardware platform is an MCB2140 board from Keil, now an ARM company. The software is primarily based on Keil's LPC2148 USB Mass Storage Class Example. Some software logic is added in the interrupt handler to handle the USB suspend and resume process, the initialization routine, and finally, the endless main loop, which checks the USB status, handles entry into power down, and exits from USB wake-up.

2. Power-down mode and USB wake-up

This section describes how to make the hardware and software changes to put LPC214x into Power-down mode and then configure the interrupt wake-up register such that any activity on the USB bus can wake up the MCU.

2.1 Hardware configuration

The MCB2140 Evaluation Board was developed by Keil. It ships with an LPC214x device that is a superset of several other device variants of the Philips LPC2100 microcontroller series. The MCB2140 board contains all the hardware components that are required in a single-chip LPC2100 system and have a USB interface for both power and serial communication.

The Keil MCB2140 Evaluation Board connects to your PC using the serial port (for Flash download using the Philips LPC210x FLASH ISP Utility) or the JTAG interface (for program debugging using the Keil ULINK USB-JTAG Adapter and the μVision IDE and Debugger).

To minimize the power consumption, the hardware modifications that need to be done on the board are as follows:

- Port 0:
 - All port 0 must be terminated. If left as inputs, they will float and draw current from the pad ring. In the software, we simply set them to outputs and drive them high. Make sure that there will be no load on these pins, or else current will flow from 3.3V V_{CC} supply through the load.

- Port 1:
 - Remove all pull-down resistors on port 1. All pins on port 1 have internal pull-ups. If grounded, each pin draws about 30 μ A from the 3.3 V V_{CC} supply. In software, all the port 1 pins are set to inputs.
- Debug pins:
 - R28 on JTAG TCK pin is removed.
 - ETM, JTAG jumpers are removed. JTAG jumper is installed during flash programming and removed after finishing.
- USB pads:
 - D+ signal is pulled high on the board as the full-speed indicator.
 - D- signal needs to be terminated if the USB cable is not connected to the host. A 100k pull-down resistor is added on D- signal.
- Unused jumpers are removed, including VR, V3A, AOUT, RST, VREF, and RST.

2.2 Software for Power-down and USB wake-up

2.2.1 Overview

Based on USB Specification 2.0, Chapter 7.2 “Power Distribution”, and Table 7.7 “DC Electrical Characteristics”,

- in any powered state, the device power allocation should not exceed 100mA.
- In suspend state, the device power allocation should not exceed 500 μ A.

Excluding many on-chip peripherals on LPC2148, the MCU, the USB pull-up, discrete components such as the UART transceiver, the audio amplifier, and the use of PLL0 for the system clock (CCLK) and PLL1 for the USB device contribute a significant portion of the power consumption of the MCB2140 board.

In order to meet the power consumption requirement:

- The system clock has been reduced to 24MHz via PLLCFG register.
- The peripheral clock (PCLK) has been reduced to 24MHz, same as the CCLK, via VPBDIV register, since the USB block in LPC214x requires that the PCLK should be greater than 18MHz.

The overall software initialization sequence and program flow should include following steps:

- Setup PLL clock configuration and VPBDIV register.
- Initialize VIC, all the ports, and USB block.
- Install USB interrupt handler and enable USB interrupt.
- Setup interrupt wake up source in INTWAKE register.
- Enter endless loop wait for USB suspend and Resume interrupts. If the USB suspend interrupt occurs and USB_needclk is low, the board will go to power down mode by setting PCON register. If the USB resume interrupt occurs, the board will wake up from power down mode, the software will reconfigure the PLL, reinitialize the USB block, and finally resume normal operation.

2.2.2 Clock configuration

The CCLK of Keil MCB2140 board is set to 24MHz when PLL0CFG = 0x21. The VPB clock, PCLK, is set to 24MHz when VPBDIV = 1. The USB clock, PLL1, is set to 48Mhz, where FOSC = 12MHz, M = 4, P = 2, PLL1CFG = 0x23.

Set the INTWAKE register (INTWAKE = 0x20) so that any activity on the USB bus will wake up the MCU from Power-down mode.

2.2.3 Initialization

The pseudo code to handle MCU from normal operation to power-down, then from power-down to normal operation is shown below:

1. Set all I/O pins to GPIO, port 0 to output high, port 1 to input.
Note: since port 2 is set to GPIO, the DEBUG feature will be disabled. To program the flash using the Philips ISP flash utility, press INT1 button and hold to drive P0.14 low during the process. The alternative is to enable DEBUG bit on port 2 during debugging and disable debugging for final release and measurement.
2. Set up a timer to add some delay before going to Power-down mode.
3. USB reset and initialization: enable USB interrupts, most importantly the DEV_STAT bit in the USB device interrupt enable register.
4. Send SET_MODE command to USB protocol engine to clear the AP_CLK bit.
Note: By default, the AP_CLK bit is cleared already. If this bit is set, the USB_needclk will always be 1, and the MCU can never be set to Power-down mode. The USB_needclk status bit can be found in USB Interrupt Status register.
5. Set USB wake bit in interrupt wake-up register, INTWAKE = 0x20.

2.2.4 Interrupt handler

```

1   Int USB_Interrupt_Handler ()           __irq
2   {
3   if ( USBDevIntSt & DEV_STAT )
4       {
5           /*Set DEV_STAT bit in USBDevIntClr to clear the interrupt
6           Send GET_DEV_STATUS command to USB protocol engine*/
7           if ( DEV_SUS_CH is true )      /* Suspend or Resume */
8       {
9           if ( DEV_SUS is true )         /* Suspend */
10          {
11              set USB Suspend flag
12              start the timer
13          }
14          else                             /* Resume */
15          {
16              clear USB Suspend flag
17              stop the timer
18          }
19          }
20      }
21  }
```

2.2.5 Main routine

```

/* Endless loop from normal operation to Power-down mode, and then wake up when
activities on USB bus is seen. */
1   While ( 1 )
2   {
3   /* The following if statement is always false unless the MCU has been in the
4   Power-down mode already and waken by an external interrupt. */
5       if ( power_down flag is set )     /* wake up from power down mode */
6       {
7           clear power_down flag
8           /* Power-down mode automatically turns off and disconnects activated PLL(s).
9           Wakeup from Power-down mode does not automatically restore the PLL settings. This
10          must be done in software. */
11              reset main PLL0 for system clock
12              reset PLL1 for USB clock
13              re-initialize and reset USB block
14          }
15
16          /* if device has been suspended for a short period of time and USB_needclk is
17          zero, we can set the MCU to Power-down mode to preserve the power consumption.
18          The status of the USB_needclk is in the USB Interrupt status register, USBIntSt.
19          */
20
21          if ( USB suspend flag is true && USB_needclk bit in USB Interrupt Status register
22          is low )
23          {
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24         If ( a fixed grace period is met )
25         {
26             USB suspend flag is false. /* Reset its flag before waken up. */
27             power_down flag is set      /* used when wakeup occurs */
28     PCON = 0x06;          /* The BOD circuit is disabled during Power-down mode. */
29         }
30     }
31 }

```

3. Host operation and measurement

To monitor the current drop, take the jumper J3 (3.3V) out, use a multi-meter to connect on each end, and measure the current.

Use a USB cable to connect between a PC host and MCB2140 board. When the USB power is applied on the board, the current measurement will be in the 30mA range.

The Windows operating system will show a **"Found New Hardware"** message. You won't have to load any special drivers. Because support is built into Windows 2000 and Windows XP, a standard Mass Storage Device does not require a special USB driver. A few seconds later, a new disk drive should appear on the Windows screen.

Open the Windows Hardware Device Manager, and a "USB Mass Storage Device" will appear under Universal Serial Bus Controller. Then right click "USB Mass Storage Device". You can click "Enable" to resume or "Disable" to suspend USB operation. When the USB device is suspended, the current measurement will drop significantly from 30mA down to 50µA or even lower after a short delay. The MCU now is in the power down mode. When the USB device is resumed, the current measurement will rise back to 30mA, and the new disk drive will reappear on the Windows screen.

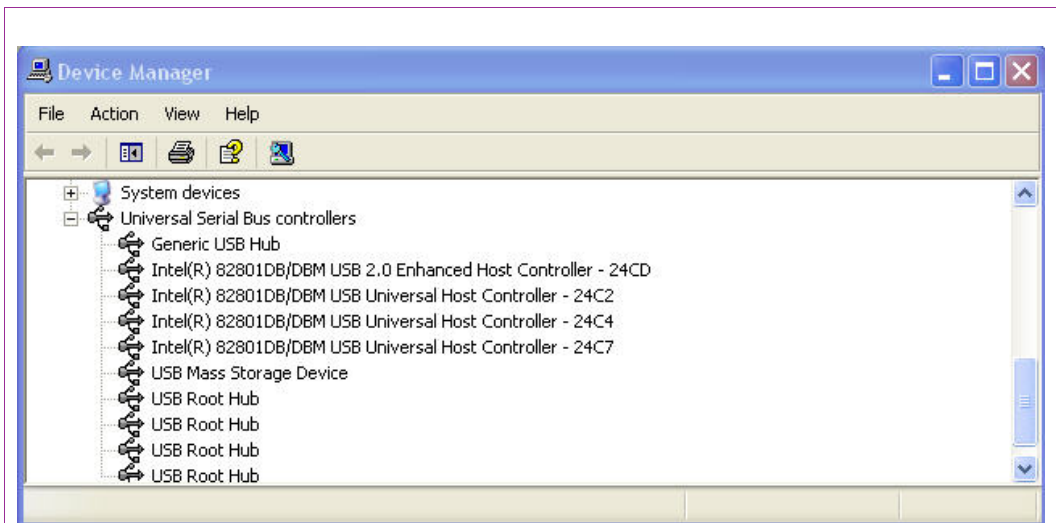


Fig 1. Windows hardware device manager

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