USB-1

USB-Compatible Interface for the Persistor CF-1

Oceanographic Embedded Systems

1260 NE Seavy Ave. Corvallis, OR 97330

e-mail: mark@oes.to

Revision 1.0 November, 2001

Introduction

The USB-1 is a peripheral interface for the Persistor CF-1 that implements a fast USB serial link to a host computer. The interface has an onboard regulator to provide +5V from the battery input pin of the CF-1 and does not draw any power from the USB host. The USB-1 is compatible with the Sandwich Card specification from Persistor Instruments but does not have an onboard PIC processor for card identification and can be set for only a subset of 8 of the possible 32 addresses in the full Sandwich Card specification.

Setup and Testing

Setting up the USB-1 is as simple as plugging the CF-1 into the USB-1, connecting power, serial I/O and the USB cable to your PC, then running the USBLink programs. Generally, you will plug the USB-1 into a motherboard of some kind, which will provide power to the USB-1 and CF-1.

Serial Port Connections

The serial I/O connector provides the same RS-232 signals implemented on the Recipe cards from Persistor. The header is compatible with the IDC-10 to DB9F connector also provided by Persistor. The pin connections of this cable are shown in figure 1. You must connect this cable and us MotoCross on the PC to download programs and communicate with the CF-1.

DB9F Cable

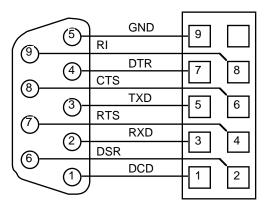


Figure 1. CF-1 Serial I/O

USB Connectors

The USB-1 can connect to your PC either through the USB mini-B connector and cable or with a custom cable connected to the 4-pin Molex connector. The pin definitions for the Molex connector are shown in figure 2. Note that the pin usage is different from the USB Mini-B connector.

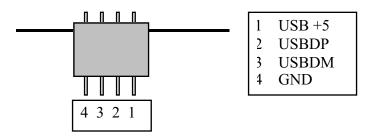


Figure 2. Molex Connector Pin Usage

Power Supply Input

The USB-1 uses +3.3V power from Pin 11 (VLIN) of Connector C on the CF-1. It will also provide a regulated +5V to the USB circuitry from the battery input on pin 13 of Connector C. Because the USB circuitry requires at least 4.75V input, you should ensure that the battery input voltage at pin 13 is at least 5.0 Volts. The USB-1 also provides jumper pads that will allow you to provide its regulated 5V to pin 5 of the CF-1 connector for use with an AD16S or similar card that requires +5V on that pin. (Revision 1.1 PC Boards only)

The +5V supply to the USB interface can be switched off using a function in the USB-1 library. An output bit of an internal register is used to control the Shutdown input of the LTC1521 regulator. The register and regulator will automatically shut down the +5V supply when the CF-1 is in the low-power Suspend mode. If you use this capability, you should remember that turning on the +5V will also activate the USB circuit. However, if there is no cable connected to the USB input, the USB circuitry on the interface will automatically drop into a low power suspend mode.

USB-1 Software

The diskette provided with the USB-1 includes both the source code and executable .RUN file for USBLink for the CF-1. This program, when run with the USBLINK.EXE program for the PC, allows you to transfer files from the CF-1 to the PC at up to 200kBytes per second. You may also download this software, as well as the C++ Builder source for the USBLINK.EXE program, from the OES web page (www.oes.to)

Your first step should be to assemble your CF-1, the USB-1 and an appropriate motherboard. Next, load the USBLink.run program onto your CF-1 with MotoCross. At this point you can plug in the cable between the USB-1 and your PC's USB input port. When you execute the USBLink program, it will automatically activate the USB interface. Your PC should sense that a new USB device has been connected and attempt to load drivers for the new hardware. The FTDI drivers on the USB-1 diskette are used with the interface. When you load the drivers, Windows should notify you that a new device has been added: the 'OES USB Interface for the CF-1'. At this point, you are ready to use the USBLink PC program as described later in this manual.

Hardware

The USB-1 is assembled on two-sided printed circuit board using both surface-mount and through-hole components. The arrangement on the components on the board is shown in figure 3.

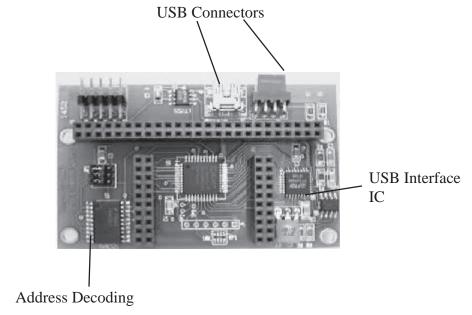


Figure 3. Component Arrangement on USB-1

USB Interface

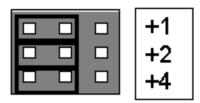
The USB-1 uses the FT8U245AM USB interface circuit from FTDI Incorporated. This IC, and its accompanying components, form a complete USB interface that handles all the complexities of the USB serial transfer protocol. To the CF-1, the USB interface appears as a data register and a status/control register. USB data from the host appears in the read register, when the status register indicates that data is available. The '245 has an internal FIFO that buffers the incoming data. Data to be transferred to the host is written to the write register when the status register indicates that space is available in the internal FIFO of the '245. A complex programmable logic device controls the interface between the CF-1 3.3V address and data bus and the 5V FT8U245AM. This IC provides I/O signals that are compatible with the 5V TTL levels of the '245 while operating from the 3.3V linear supply of the Persistor CF-1. The outputs of the CPLD are switched into a high-impedance mode when the +5V supply power to the USB interface is shut down.

Sandwich Card Address Selection

Persistor Instruments has selected the address ranges from FFFFF8000 to FFFFBFFF and FFFF0000 to FFF3FFF for Sandwich Cards. The first address range is decoded using CS8 and the logic on the card. The second range is decoded using CS10. Each of these ranges is divided into 16 blocks 1024 bytes in length for each Sandwich Card. The details of the addressing are covered in the "Sandwich Card Chip Select Reference" from Persistor.

The USB-1 uses CS8 and the CF-1 address bus bits to select one of the second eight memory slots in the Sandwich Card addressing range. Although the address decoding logic will respond to several addresses in the selected 1KByte range, the USB-1 actually uses only a single 8-bit status register and a single 8-bit data register.

The memory slot used by the USB-1 is selected with the 2mm jumpers at JP1. The jumpers set the three bits that determine a slot address from 8 to 15. The card is normally shipped configured for slot 8. The setup of the jumpers is shown in Figure 4.



Address = 8 + sum of jumper values. Default address of 8 is shown

Figure 4. Address Selection Jumpers

Since the USB-1 does not have an onboard Sandwich Card Supervisor PIC controller, the CF-1 BIOS firmware that communicates with standard Sandwich Cards will not detect the USB-1. If you are using other Sandwich Cards in your system, you should make sure that none of them use the same slot selected for the USB-1.

Serial I/O Connector

The serial port header has the same pinout as the header on the hasty-pudding recipe card. It is compatible with the ribbon-cable and 9-pin connector provided with that interface.

Software

USBLink CF-1 Firmware

The diskette provided with USB-1 provides source and compiled .RUN code for the USBLink firmware. This firmware provides a good example of the use of the USB-1. USBLink.run must be loaded into the CF-1 using the MotoCross loader from Persistor.

USBLink PC Program

The USBLink program for the PC has a single window. You may wish to open the application to view the window as you review these instructions. A screen image was not included in this manual as it approximately doubles the size of the manual PDF file. The left-hand panel of the window will show the directory of the CF-1 drive selected. The right-hand panel shows the destination directory for the transferred files. In order to update the directory and transfer files, the USBLink program must be running on the CF-1.

Once the programs are running on the PC and CF-1, press the 'Open USB' button. This will initialize the connection and the "No Connection" panel will change to "CF-1 USB Interface".

You may now get the directory information from the CF-1 by pressing the "Get Directory" button. In a few seconds, the left-hand panel will show the CF-1 directory listing. Scroll bars will be added to the right side of the panel if the directory listing is larger than the panel.

You may change to a subdirectory on the CF-1 by selecting the subdirectory name and pressing the "Change Directory" button. The directory display will be updated in a few seconds as the information is transmitted from the CF-1. To step back one directory level or to the main directory you can use the "." and ".." entries.

Before you transfer files to the PC, you should select an appropriate subdirectory in the right-hand panel. This panel provides a standard tree display of the directory structure of your PC. The directory selected will be shown in text format below the tree diagram.

To transfer files to the PC, select one or more files in the left-hand panel. You may select multiple non-contiguous file names with CTRL-Click or contiguous file names by dragging the mouse over several names. The complete destination name of the first selected file will appear below the PC tree diagram. The transferred files will have the same name on the PC that they have on the CF-1.

WARNING! If a file already exists on the PC with the same name, it will be overwritten without further notification!

Once you have made your selection, press the "Transfer—" button. The files will be transferred in sequence. The byte count indicator will show the length of the last file transferred. If you have selected multiple files for transfer, they will be transferred in the order in which they appear in the directory listing for the CF-1.

While the transfer is taking place, the serial port of the CF-1 will receive transfer status information, including an estimated transfer rate. The transfer rate is calculated in an approximate manner and will vary considerably depending on the length of the file transferred. For large files, the transfer rate is generally about 198Kbytes per second. This rate is limited by the speed with which the CF-1 can fetch data from a compact flash card or hard disk drive.

USB-1 Library

A library of software routines for the USB-1 is provided in MetroWerks library format for the MetroWerks CodeWarrior development system. The library files (USB1.lib and USB1.h) provide routines to initialize the A/D interface, control the +5V power and transfer data to and from the USB interface. The CF-1 USBLink application source code shows how the library functions may be used to transfer data to and from the PC.

Function Prototype

```
void USBSetup(short scbslot, ulong USBaddr);
```

Parameters

scbslot selects which of which scb slot number will be used with the USB interface. USBaddr is the memory address corresponding to the scb slot. You will generally use the SCBSetup BIOS function to find that address.

Usage

This function sets up the chip select for USB interface.

Function Prototype

```
void USBEnable(void);
```

Parameters

NONE

Usage

This function turns on power to the USB interface and sets internal logic bits to enable the interface.

Function Prototype

```
void USBDisable(void);
```

Parameters

NONE

Usage

This function turns off power to the USB interface and sets internal logic bits to disable the interface.

Function Prototype

```
char USBGetChar(void);
```

Parameters

NONE

Usage

This function returns the next available character from the USB interface. If no character is waiting, the return value is undefined. You should always call USBWaiting() to determine that a character is available before calling USBGetChar();

Function Prototype

```
bool USBWaiting(void);
```

Parameters

NONE

Usage

This function returns **true** when an input character is available from the USB interface. Since the USB interface IC contains a received character FIFO, there may actually be many characters available.

Function Prototype

```
void USBPutChar(char ch);
```

Parameters

ch is the output character to be sent to the USB interface.

Usage

This function sends data to the PC via the USB interface. The interface contains a FIFO to handle the transmitted characters, and the function checks to see if the FIFO has space available before storing the character. If the FIFO is full, it may take several milliseconds to send the character.

Function Prototype

```
void USBSendBlk(void * dp, unsigned short count);
```

Parameters

dp is a void pointer to the block of data to be transmitted. count is the number of characters to transmit.

Usage

This function transmits a block of data to the host pc. The function is written in highly optimized assembly language to maximize the transmission rate.

Schematic Diagram

The schematic diagram of the USB is included on the USB disk as a separate PDF file. The internal logic of the XR32064 CPLD is not shown as it is considered proprietary information.