7C81 RPI ANYTHING I/O MANUAL

Version 1.2

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DESCRIPTION

The MESA 7C81 is FPGA motherboard host for a Raspberry Pi CPU. The 7C81 connects to the RPI's GPIO interface and normally uses SPI for FPGA communication, though other communication methods are possible since all RPI GPIO bits are routed to the FPGA.

Three 26 pin header connectors with standard parallel port pinouts and 5V tolerant I/O are provided for compatibility with most parallel port interfaced motion control / CNC breakout cards/ multi axis step motor drives, including Mesa's 25 pin breakout boards.

Mesa's 25 pin daughtercards or standard parallel port breakout boards allow almost unlimited I/O options including quadrature or absolute encoder inputs, step/dir (to 10 MHz) or PWM/dir outputs, and field I/O expansion to hundreds of I/O points.

In addition to the parallel expansion ports, the 7C81 provides two RS-422/RS-485 interfaces for I/O expansion via serial I/O daughtercards or other RS-422/RS-485 applications. With correct firmware, the RPI's serial port can be routed to either RS-422/RS-485 ports. The 7C81 mounts in standard 107 mm DIN rail channels.

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Hardware setup jumper positions assume that the 7I98 card is oriented in an upright position, that is, with the Ethernet connector towards the left and the I/O connectors towards the right.

CONNECTOR 5V POWER

The 7C81 has the option to supply 5V power to the breakout board. This option is used by all Mesa breakout boards to simplify wiring. The option uses 4 parallel cable signals that are normally used as grounds for supplying 5V to the remote breakout board (DB25 pins 22,23,24 and 25). These pins are AC bypassed on both the 7C81 and Mesa breakout cards so do not compromise AC signal integrity.

The 5V power option is individually selectable for each of the three I/O connectors. The breakout 5V power is protected by per connector PTC devices so will not cause damage to the 7C81 or system if accidentally shorted. This option should only be enabled for Mesa breakout boards or boards specifically wired to accept 5V power on DB25 pins 22 through 25.

JUMPER	POS	FUNCTION
W3,W6	UP	Breakout power enabled (P1,P2)
W11	DOWN	Breakout power enabled (P7)
W3,W6	DOWN	Breakout power disabled (P1,P2) (Default)
W11	UP	Breakout power disabled (P7) (Default)

OPTION JUMPERS

Jumpers W7 and W8 set readable FPGA pins. They are intended to select FPGA boot/interface options but are currently unsupported.

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5V I/O TOLERANCE

The FPGA used on the 7C81 has a 4V absolute maximum input voltage specification. To allow interfacing with 5V inputs, the 7C81 has bus switches on all I/O pins to provide 5V tolerance. The bus switches work by turning off when the input voltage exceeds a preset threshold. *The 5V I/O tolerance option is the default and should normally be left enabled.*

For high speed applications where only 3.3V maximum signals are present, the 5V I/O tolerance option can be disabled. When 5V tolerance mode is enabled the I/O pullup resistor source is 5V. When 3.3V tolerance mode is selected, the I/O pull-up resistor source is 3.3V. The 5V tolerance option is selectable on a per I/O connector basis.

JUMPER	POS	FUNCTION
W1,W4	UP	5V Tolerance enabled (P1,P2) (Default)
W1,W4	DOWN	5V Tolerance disabled (P1,P2)
W13	DOWN	5V Tolerance enabled (P7) (Default)
W13	UP	5V Tolerance disabled (P7)

PULL-UP/PULL-DOWN SELECTION

Each I/O connector on the 7C81 can have its I/O termination resistors set to pull-up or pull-down mode. These resistors set the I/O voltage level when the pins are not driven by the FPGA. For Mesa daughtercards, the option should always be set for pull-up mode.

It may be desirable with some parallel port type breakout boards to choose the pull-down mode, so that the FPGA outputs are in the low state at power up.

JUMPER	POS	FUNCTION
W2,W5	UP	Pull-up mode (P1,P2) (Default)
W2,W5	DOWN	Pull-down mode (P1,P2)
W12	DOWN	Pull-up mode (P7) (Default)
W12	UP	Pull-down mode (P7)

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CONNECTOR LOCATIONS AND DEFAULT JUMPER POSITIONS
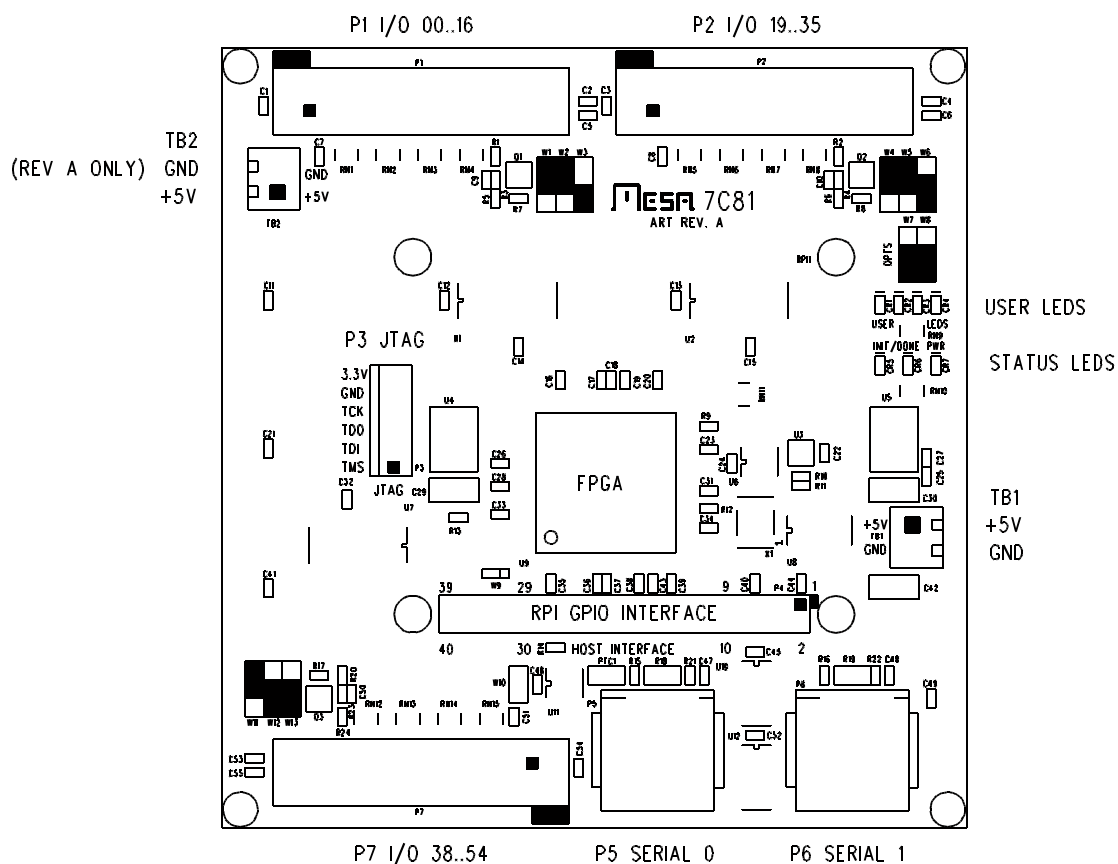
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I/O CONNECTORS

The 7C81 has 3 I/O connectors, P1, P2 and P7. Each I/O connector is a 26 pin header. In addition to the header pin-out, the equivalent DB25 pin-out is listed since the 7C81 I/O cables will often be terminated with DB25 connectors.7C81 I/O connector pin-outs are as follows:

P1 FIRST I/O CONNECTOR PIN-OUT

HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION	HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION
1	1	IO0	2	14	IO1
3	2	IO2	4	15	IO3
5	3	IO4	6	16	IO5
7	4	IO6	8	17	IO7
9	5	IO8	10	18	GND
11	6	IO9	12	19	GND
13	7	IO10	14	20	GND
15	8	IO11	16	21	GND
17	9	IO12	18	22	GND or 5V
19	10	IO13	20	23	GND or 5V
21	11	IO14	22	24	GND or 5V
23	12	IO15	24	25	GND or 5V
25	13	IO16	26	XX	GND or 5V

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P2 FIRST SECOND CONNECTOR PIN-OUT

HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION	HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION
1	1	IO19	2	14	IO20
3	2	IO21	4	15	IO22
5	3	IO23	6	16	IO24
7	4	IO25	8	17	IO26
9	5	IO27	10	18	GND
11	6	IO28	12	19	GND
13	7	IO29	14	20	GND
15	8	IO30	16	21	GND
17	9	IO31	18	22	GND or 5V
19	10	IO32	20	23	GND or 5V
21	11	IO33	22	24	GND or 5V
23	12	IO34	24	25	GND or 5V
25	13	IO35	26	XX	GND or 5V

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P7 THIRD I/O CONNECTOR PIN-OUT

HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION	HDR26 PIN	DB25 PIN	FUNCTION
1	1	IO38	2	14	IO39
3	2	IO40	4	15	IO41
5	3	IO42	6	16	IO43
7	4	IO44	8	17	IO45
9	5	IO46	10	18	GND
11	6	IO47	12	19	GND
13	7	IO48	14	20	GND
15	8	IO49	16	21	GND
17	9	IO50	18	22	GND or 5V
19	10	IO51	20	23	GND or 5V
21	11	IO52	22	24	GND or 5V
23	12	IO53	24	25	GND or 5V
25	13	IO54	26	XX	GND or 5V

Note that P7s white polarity mark on first revision cards (pre rev. A) is incorrect, the connector polarity slot and square pad on the back of the card are correct.

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POWER CONNECTOR PINOUT

TB1 is the 7C81s power connector. TB1 is a 3.5MM plug-in screw terminal block. TB1 pinout is as follows:

PIN **FUNCTION**

1   +5V   TOP, SQUARE PAD

2   GND   BOTTOM, ROUND PAD

Revision B 7C81 cards add a second power connector, TB2 is a also a 3.5MM plug-in screw terminal block with the same pinout as TB1

JTAG CONNECTOR PINOUT

P3 is a JTAG programming connector. This is normally used only for debugging or if both EEPROM configurations have been corrupted. In case of corrupted EEPROM contents the EEPROM can be re-programmed using Xilinx's Impact tool.

P3 JTAG CONNECTOR PINOUT

PIN **FUNCTION**

1   TMS

2   TDI

3   TDO

4   TCK

5   GND

6   +3.3V

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RPI HOST INTERFACE CONNECTOR

P4 is the connector that connects to the host CPUs GPIO connector. This connector can also supply 5V power to the CPU. A short 40 pin flat cable connects the RPI to the 7C81. Maximum cable length is 2.5"

PIN	SIGNAL	USE	PIN	SIGNAL	USE
1	3.3V	NC	2	VCC	+5V
3	GPIO2/SDA1	FPGA-NU	4	VCC	+5V
5	GPIO3/SCL1	FPGA-NU	6	GND	GND
7	GPIO4	FPGA-NU	8	GPIO14/TXD0	FPGA-NU
9	GND	GND	10	GPIO15/RXD0	FPGA-NU
11	GPIO17/RTS	FPGA-NU	12	GPIO18/PCM_CLK	FPGA-NU
13	GPIO27	FPGA-NU	14	GND	GND
15	GPIO22	FPGA-NU	16	GPIO23	FPGA-NU
17	3.3V	NC	18	GPIO24	FPGA-NU
19	GPIO10/MOSI0	FPGA-SPI	20	GND	GND
21	GPIO9/MISO0	FPGA-SPI	22	GPIO25	FPGA-NU
23	GPIO11/CLK0	FPGA-SPI	24	GPIO8/CE00	FPGA-SPI
25	GND	GND	26	GPIO7/CE01	FPGA-NU
27	I2C-SD	ID EEPROM	28	ID EEPROM	FPGA-NU
29	GPIO5	FPGA-NU	30	GND	GND
31	GPIO6	FPGA-NU	32	GPIO12	FPGA-NU
33	GPIO13	FPGA-NU	34	GND	GND
35	GPIO19	FPGA-NU	36	GPIO16	FPGA-NU
37	GPIO26	FPGA-NU	38	GPIO20	FPGA-NU
39	GND	GND	40	GPIO21	FPGA-NU

Signals named FPGA-SPI are used with the standard firmwares host SPI interface. Signals named FPGA-NU are routed to the FPGA but not used by the default interface firmware. RPI 3.3V is not used on the 7C81 but the 7C81 has bypass capacitors on the RPI 3.3V pins to lower the cable AC ground impedance.

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RS-422/RS-485 CONNECTORS

Two RJ-45 connectors are provided for RS-422/RS-485 interfaces. Both RJ-45 jacks, P5 and P6 have the same pin-out. This pin-out is complementary to the pin-out used on all of Mesa's remote serial devices. When used with Mesa devices a straight through CAT 6 cable is required. In addition to providing full duplex RS-422 communication the CAT6 cable provides a small amount of 5V power to some remote devices.

PIN	FUNCTION	DIR	CAT6 568B COLOR
1	TX-	FROM 7C81	ORANGE/WHITE
2	TX+	FROM 7C81	ORANGE
3	RX-	TO 7C81	GREEN/WHITE
4	GND	FROM 7C81	BLUE
5	GND	FROM 7C81	BLUE/WHITE
6	RX+	TO 7C81	GREEN
7	+5V	FROM 7C81	BROWN/WHITE
8	+5V	FROM 7C81	BROWN

Note that actual signal functions depends on FPGA configuration. In addition to Mesa sserial devices, the interface can be used for absolute encoders, and general UART/ serial interfaces.

5V cable power is protected by a PTC device with maximum let through current of approximately 3 Amps. Connectors are protected in pairs with one PTC device used for 2 connectors.

OPERATION

FPGA

The 7C81 use a Xilinx Spartan6 FPGA in a 144 pin TQFP package: XC6SLX9-TQG144.

HOST COMMUNICATION

Standard 7C81 firmware interfaces to the RPI using a SPI interface. This interface is supported by the hm2_rpspi driver.

CLOCK SIGNALS

The 7C81 has a single 50 MHz clock signal from an on card crystal oscillator. The clock a can be multiplied and divided by the FPGAs clock generator block to generate a wide range of internal clock signals.

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LEDS

The 7C81 has four FPGA driven user LEDs (User 0 through user 3 = Green), and three status LEDs (two red and one yellow). The user LEDs can be used for any purpose, and can be helpful as a simple debugging feature. The status LEDs reflect the state of the FPGA's /INIT, DONE pins and 3.3V power. The red /DONE LED lights until the FPGA is configured at power-up. The red /INIT LED lights when the power on reset is asserted, when there has been a CRC error during configuration or when the hostmot2 watchdog has bitten. The yellow PWR leds lights when 3.3V power is present on card. When using Mesa's configurations, the /INIT LED blinks when the fallback configuration has been loaded. The /INIT LED is also illuminated when the hostmot2 watchdog bites so will be illuminated when LinuxCNC exits.

PULL-UP/PULL-DOWN RESISTORS

All I/O pins are provided with pull-up/pull-down resistors to allow connection to open drain, open collector, or OPTO devices. These resistors have a value of 3.3K so have a maximum pull-up current of ~1.07 mA (5V pull-up) or ~.7 mA (3.3V pull-up).

IO LEVELS

The Xilinx FPGAs used on the 7C81 have programmable I/O levels for interfacing with different logic families. The 7C81 does not support use of the I/O standards that require input reference voltages. All standard Mesa configurations use LVTTL levels.

Note that even though the 7C81 can tolerate 5V signal inputs, its outputs will not swing to 5V. The outputs are push pull CMOS that will drive to the output supply rail of 3.3V. This is sufficient for TTL compatibility but may cause problems with some types of loads. For example when driving an LED that has its anode connected to 5V, in such devices as OPTO isolators and I/O module rack SSRs, the 3.3V high level may not completely turn the LED off. To avoid this problem, either drive loads that are ground referred, Use 3.3V as the VCC for VCC referred loads, or use open drain mode.

STARTUP I/O VOLTAGE

After power-up or system reset and before the FPGA is configured, the per connector pull-up or pull-down resistors will pull all I/O signals per connector to a high or low level. If the FPGA is used for motion control or controlling devices that could present a hazard when enabled, external circuitry should be designed so that this initial state results in a safe condition.

HOST INTERFACE

SPI HOST INTERFACE

GENERAL

The SPI host interface is a medium speed real time host interface with a low pin count for microcontrollers and SOC's that have built in SPI interface hardware. The 7C81s SPI interface is a slave interface and uses a SPI frame size of 32 bits for all transactions. The interface supports a SPI clock rate up to 50 MHz.

SPI MODE

The host interface uses the convention that the clock idles low, host data is shifted into the 7C81 on the SPI clock rising edge, and data is shifted out of the 7C81 on the clock falling edge. This matches SPI master setup with CPOL=0 and CPHA=0. The CS pin is active low. To support the highest transfer rates the master should have a "late sample" option.

SPI HEADER

SPI transactions always starts with a 32 bit header which contains the target register address, the read or write command, the number of data elements to be transferred and the address increment bit.

SPI HEADER

A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	I	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X

The first 16 bits ("A" in the table above) are the HostMot2 register address (byte address), MSb first. The next 4 bits ("C") are the command. Currently only 2 commands are supported, read (0xA) and write (0xB). The next bit ("I") is the address increment bit. When this bit is set, the register address is incremented (by 4) after every register read/write access, allowing burst transfers from groups of sequential registers without requiring a new address to be sent. Burst transfers with the increment bit cleared can be used for multiple reads/writes to a single address for FIFO access and similar applications. The next 7 bits ("N") are the burst length for sequential transfers. Valid burst lengths are 1 through 127. The "X" bits are unused.

DATA TRANSFER SEQUENCE

For SPI reads the master sends the header followed by N frames of 32 dummy (0) bits, N being the burst length specified in the SPI header. The read data is returned on each 32 bit frame after the header frame.

On writes, the N frames of write data are sent by the master following the SPI header. The 7C81 returns dummy data when write data is being received.

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SPI HOST INTERFACE

DATA TRANSFER SEQUENCE
Example 1: Read 3 doublewords starting at 0x1000 with increment.

Master asserts /CS

Master sends 0x1000A830	7C81 echos dummy data
Master sends 0x00000000	7C81 echos register data @0x1000
Master sends 0x00000000	7C81 echos register data @0x1004
Master sends 0x00000000	7C81 echos register data @0x1008

Master de-asserts /CS

Example 2: Write 4 doublewords (A,B,C,D) to location 0x600C:

Master asserts /CS

Master sends 0x600CB040	7C81 echos dummy data
Master sends 0x0000000A	7C81 echos dummy data
Master sends 0x0000000B	7C81 echos dummy data
Master sends 0x0000000C	7C81 echos dummy data
Master sends 0x0000000D	7C81 echos dummy data

Master de-asserts /CS

The master may de-assert /CS between frames or leave it asserted without affecting the SPI interface behavior as long as the CS idle time does not exceed the burst timeout value.

BURST TIMEOUT
Because the 7C81's SPI interface supports burst transfers of programmable length, its possible that an aborted or incorrect command could leave the 7C81 in an unknown state. To recover from this condition, the 7C81s SPI interface has a timeout on bursts. The default timeout is 50 uSec. If /CS is de-asserted for 50 usec, the SPI interface will be reset (and any pending burst aborted) so that it expects a SPI header (a new command) as the next frame. A side effect of this timeout is that a burst transfer must never de-assert /CS for longer than 50 uSec during a burst.

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CONFIGURATION

GENERAL

The 7C81 is configured at power up by a SPI FLASH memory. This flash memory is an 16M bit chip that has space for two configuration files. Since all host interface logic on the 7C81 is in the FPGA, a problem with configuration means that SPI access will not be possible. For this reason there is a backup method to recover from FPGA boot failures.

FALLBACK

The backup system is called Fallback. The 7C81 flash memory normally contains two configuration file images, A user image and a fallback image. If the primary user configuration is corrupted, the FPGA will load the fallback configuration so the flash memory image can be repaired remotely without having to resort JTAG programming.

Note that if you program the 7C81 with a valid bitfile for a XC6SLX9 but not designed for a 7C81, you will likely "brick" the card. The only way a bricked card can be recovered is by using JTAG.

FALLBACK INDICATION

Mesa's supplied fallback configurations blink the red INIT LED on the center right hand side of the card if the primary configuration fails and the fallback configuration loaded successfully. If this happens it means the user configuration is corrupted or not a proper configuration for the 7C81s FPGA. This can be fixed by running the configuration utility and re-writing the user configuration**.**

FAILURE TO CONFIGURE

The 7C81 should configure its FPGA within a fraction of a second of power application. If the FPGA card fails to configure, the red /DONE LED CR2 will remain illuminated. If this happens the FPGA must re-programmed via the JTAG connector followed by running mesaflash to update the configuration flash EEPROM.

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EEPROM LAYOUT

The EEPROM used on the 7C81 for configuration storage is the M25P16. The M25P16 is a 16 M bit (2 M byte) EEPROM with 32 64K byte sectors. Configuration files are stored on sector boundaries to allow individual configuration file erasing and updating. Standard EEPROM sector layout is as follows:

0x000000	BOOT BLOCK
0x010000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 0
0x020000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 1
0x030000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 2
0x040000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 3
0x050000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 4
0x060000	FALLBACK CONFIGURATION BLOCK 5
0x070000	UNUSED/FREE
0x080000	UNUSED/FREE
0x090000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0A0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0B0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0C0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0D0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0E0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x0F0000	UNUSED/FREE

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EEPROM LAYOUT

0x100000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 0
0x110000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 1
0x120000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 2
0x130000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 3
0x140000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 4
0x150000	USER CONFIGURATION BLOCK 5
0x160000	UNUSED/FREE
0x170000	UNUSED/FREE
0x180000	UNUSED/FREE
0x190000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1A0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1B0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1C0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1D0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1E0000	UNUSED/FREE
0x1F0000	UNUSED/FREE

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BITFILE FORMAT

The configuration utilities expects standard FPGA bitfiles without any multiboot features enabled. If multiboot FPGA files are loaded they will likely cause a configuration failure. In addition for fallback to work, the -g next_config_register_write:disable, -g reset_on_error:enable and -g CRC:enable bitgen options must be set.

MESAFLASH

The Linux utility program mesaflash is provided to write configuration files to the 7C81 EEPROM via the SPI interface.

If mesaflash is run with a –help command line argument it will print usage information.

The following examples assume the host SPI interface device is /dev/spidev0.0

```
mesaflash --device 7C81 –spi --addr /dev/spidev0.0  --write FPGAFILE.BIT
```

Writes a standard bitfile FPGAFILE.BIT to the user area of the EEPROM.

```
mesaflash --device 7C81 --spi --addr /dev/spidev0.00 --verify FPGAFILE.BIT
```

Verifies the user EEPROM configuration against the bit file FPGAFILE.BIT.

```
mesaflash --device 7C81 –spi--addr /dev/spidev0.0 --fallback --write FB.BIT
```

Writes the FB.BIT fallback configuration to the fallback area of the EEPROM.

SUPPLIED CONFIGURATIONS

HOSTMOT2

All supplied configurations are part of the HostMot2 motion control firmware set. All HostMot2 firmware is open source and easily extendible to support new interfaces or different sets of interfaces embedded in one configuration. The configurations listed here are just example configurations. For a complete list check the /configs/hostmot2 directory of the 7c81.zip archive. Custom configurations can be built on request. For detailed register level information on Hostmot2 firmware modules, see the regmap file in the hostmot2 source code directory.

5ABOBX3

The 5ABOBX3 configuration is a 12 axis (4 per connector) configuration for 3 of the common 5 Axis "Mach 3" BOBs. Due to space limitations, the serial expansion ports are unused. Encoders are available on all BOB connectors as are PWM generators for the BOBs analog spindle speed interface.

5ABOBX2

The 5ABOBX2 configuration is a 8 axis (4 per connector) configuration for 2 of the common 5 Axis "Mach 3" BOBs. Both RS-422/RS-485 serial ports are used as Sserial I/O expansion. Encoders are available on both BOB connectors as are PWM generators for the BOBs analog spindle speed interface. The last parallel expansion connector may be used for GPIO

G540X2

The G540X2 configuration is a 8 axis (4 per connector) configuration for 2 G540 intergrate 4 axis step motor drives. Both RS-422/RS-485 serial ports are used as Sserial I/O expansion. Encoders are available on both G540 connectors as are PWM generators for the G540s analog spindle speed interface. The last parallel expansion connector may be used for GPIO.

PIN FILES

Each of the configurations has an associated file with file name extension .pin that describes the FPGA functions included in the configuration and the I/O pinout. These are plain text files that can be printed or viewed with any text editor.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

POWER	MIN	MAX	NOTES:
5V POWER SUPPLY	4.5V	5.5V	P5 supplied 5V
5V POWER CONSUMPTION:	----	5A	Depends on FPGA configuration and external load
			Typical current drain with no load is 200 mA
MAX 5V CURRENT TO I/O CONNS	---	2000 mA	Each (PTC Limit)
INPUT VOLTAGE	-0.5V	+7V	Absolute maximum
OUTPUT VOLTAGE HIGH (pullup)	3.3V	5V	no load
OUTPUT VOLTAGE HIGH (pulldown)	2.7V	3.3V	no load
OUTPUT VOLTAGE HIGH (pullup)	2.5V	3.3V	1 K load to GND
OUTPUT VOLTAGE LOW (pullup)	0V	0.3V	300 Ohm load to 5V
RS-422/RS-485 DATA RATE	—	10 Mbits/s	
TEMPERATURE RANGE -C version	0 ^{o}C	+70 ^{o}C	
TEMPERATURE RANGE -I version	-40 ^{o}C	+85 ^{o}C	

REFERENCE INFORMATION

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