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DAC8 HAL Module Guide

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Introduction

This module guide will enable you to effectively use a module in your own design. Upon completion of this guide, you will be able to add this module to your own design, configure it correctly for the target application and write code, using the included application project code as a reference and efficient starting point. References to more detailed API descriptions and suggestions of other application projects that illustrate more advanced uses of the module are available in the Renesas Synergy Knowledge Base (as described in the References section at the end of this document), and should be valuable resources for creating more complex designs.

The DAC8 HAL module is a high-level API for digital-to-analog conversion applications implemented on r_dac8. The DAC8 HAL module supports an 8-bit D/A converter (DAC8) peripheral on Synergy S128 MCUs.

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1. DAC8 HAL Module Features

- Available on the Synergy S128 MCU
- 8-Bit D/A Converter with three channels
- Left-Justified or Right-Justified Input Data Format
- Synchronization with the Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) module
- Multiple Operation Modes
 - Normal
 - Real-Time (Event Link)
- Charge Pump Control



Figure 1 DAC8 HAL Module Block Diagram

2. DAC8 HAL Module APIs Overview

The DAC8 HAL module defines APIs for opening, closing, starting, stopping and writing to the DAC. The following table lists each of the APIs available with an example call and a short description. A listing of status return values follows the API summary table.

Table 1 DAC8 HAL Module API Summary

| Function Name | Example API Call and Description | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| .open | <pre>g_dac8.p_api->open(g_dac8.p_ctrl, g_dac8.p_cfg)</pre> | |
| | Initial Configuration. | |
| .close | <pre>g_dac8.p_api->close(g_dac8.p_ctrl)</pre> | |
| | Close the D/A Converter. | |
| .write | <pre>g_dac8.p_api->write(g_dac8.p_ctrl, val)</pre> | |
| | Write Sample value to the D/A Converter. | |
| .start | g_dac8.p_api->start(g_dac8.p_ctrl) | |
| | Start the D/A Converter if it has not been started yet. | |
| .stop | g_dac8.p_api->stop(g_dac8.p_ctrl) | |
| | Stop the D/A Converter if the converter is running. | |
| .versionGet | g_dac8.p_api->versionGet(&version) | |
| | Retrieve the API version with the version pointer. | |

Note: Review the SSP User's Manual API References for the associated module. The SSP defines operations, function data structures, typedefs, defines, API data, API structures, and function variables.



3. DAC8 HAL Module Operational Overview

The DAC8 HAL module configures the 8-bit D/A converter (DAC8) to output one of 256 voltage levels between the positive and negative reference voltages. The driver can be configured to accept the 8-bit output data in left-or-right-justified format in a 16-bit input data. The driver supports two modes for the DAC.

- Normal mode D/A output is updated on writes to the data register.
- Real-Time (Event Link) D/A output is updated on an Event Link event. While in this mode, the data register can be written at any time. An Event Link event triggers the start of conversion. For details, see the ELC Interface in the *SSP User's Manual*.

To reduce the noise present in ADC readings, the driver's synchronous anti-interference mode can be configured with the ADC module. This mode reduces conversion noise by disabling the DAC charge while the ADC is sampling. Check the applicable MCU hardware manual to determine whether this feature is supported.

For operation at a low AVCC voltage, the driver can enable or disable the hardware charge pump.

3.1 DAC8 HAL Module Important Operational Notes and Limitations

3.1.1 DAC8 HAL Module Operational Notes

The DAC8 channel output is enabled during dac8_api_t::start() and dac8_api_t::write(), and disabled during dac8_api_t::stop() and dac8_api_t::close().

3.1.2 DAC8 HAL Module Limitations

- DAC8 uses the DAC8 peripheral available on the Synergy S128 MCU.
- DAC8 driver does not configure the output pins for analog output.
- DAC8 driver does not configure the ELC peripheral for real-time mode. You will need to configure the Event Link Controller in addition to enabling real-time mode in the DAC8 module.

See the latest SSP Release Notes for any additional limitations to operating this module.

4. Including the DAC8 HAL Module in an Application

This section describes how to include the DAC8 HAL module in an application using the SSP configurator.

Note: It is assumed you are familiar with creating a project, adding threads, adding a stack to a thread and configuring a block within the stack. If you are unfamiliar with any of these tasks, see the *SSP User's Manual* to learn how to manage each of these important steps in creating SSP-based applications.

To add the DAC8 Driver to an application, use the stacks selection sequence in the following table. (The default name for the DAC8 is g_dac8_0. This name can be changed in the associated Properties window.)

Table 2 DAC8 HAL Module Selection Sequence

| Resource | ISDE Tab | Stacks Selection Sequence |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| g_dac8_0 DAC Driver on r_dac8 | Threads | New Stack > Driver > Analog > DAC Driver on r_dac8 |

When the DAC8 HAL module on DAC is added to the thread stack as shown in the following figure, the configurator automatically adds any needed lower-level drivers. Modules with a Gray band are individual modules that stand alone.

| New Thread Stacks 🛛 🙀 | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| g_dac8_0 DAC8 Driver on r_dac8 | |
| | |

Figure 2 DAC8 HAL Module Stack



5. Configuring the DAC8 HAL Module

The DAC8 HAL module must be configured for the desired operation. The SSP configuration window automatically identifies (by highlighting the block in red) any required configuration selections, such as interrupts or operating modes, which must be configured for lower-level modules for successful operation. Only those properties that can be changed without causing conflicts are available for modification. Other properties are 'locked' and are not available for changes, and are identified with a lock icon for the 'locked' property in the Properties window in the ISDE. This approach simplifies the configuration process and makes it much less error-prone than previous 'manual' approaches to configuration. The available configuration settings and defaults for all the user-accessible properties are given in the **Properties** tab within the SSP configurator and are shown in the following tables for easy reference.

One of the properties most often identified as requiring a change is the interrupt priority; this configuration setting is available within the Properties window of the associated module. Simply select the indicated module and then view the Properties window. The interrupt settings are often toward the bottom of the properties list, so scroll down until they become available. Also note that the interrupt priorities listed in the Properties window in the ISDE includes an indication as to the validity of the setting based on the targeted MCU (CM4 or CM0+). This level of detail is not included in the following configuration properties tables, but is easily visible with the ISDE when configuring interrupt priority levels.

Note: You may want to open your ISDE, create the module and explore the property settings in parallel with looking over the following configuration table settings. This helps to orient you and can be a useful 'hands-on' approach to learning the ins and outs of developing with SSP.

| ISDE Property | Value | Description |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Parameter Checking | BSP, Enabled, Disabled (Default: BSP) | Enable or disable the parameter error checking. |
| Name | g_dac8_0 | Module name |
| Channel | 0 | Channel selection- three channels are supported. |
| Synchronize with ADC | Enabled, Disabled (Default: Disabled) | Choose whether to sync with the ADC module |
| Data Format | Right Justified, Left Justified (Default: Right Justified) | Data format selection |
| DAC Mode | Normal Mode, Real- time (Event Link) Mode (Default: Normal Mode) | DAC mode selection |
| Charge Pump Enabled (Requires MOCO active) | Enabled, Disabled (Default: Enabled) | Enable or disable the charge pump |

Table 3 Configuration Settings for the DAC8 HAL Module on r_dac

Note: The example values and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S128 MCU. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

In some cases, settings other than the defaults for module properties can be desirable. For example, it might be useful to enable the output amplifier in some applications.

5.1 DAC8 HAL Module Clock Configuration

The DAC8 HAL module does not require any specific clock configuration.

5.2 DAC8 HAL Module Pin Configuration

To use the DAC8 HAL module, the port pins for the channels receiving the analog input must be set as analog pins in the pin configurator. The following table illustrates the method for selecting the pins within the SSP configuration window and the subsequent table illustrates an example selection for the DAC pins.

Table 4Pin Selection Sequence for the DAC8 Driver on r_dac8

| Resource | ISDE Tab | Pin Selection Sequence |
|----------|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| DAC122 | Pins | Select Peripherals > Analog:DAC12 > DAC122 |



Table 5 Pin Configuration Settings for the DAC8 Driver on r_dac8

| Property | Value | Description |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Module Name | DAC122 | DAC peripheral module |
| Operation Mode | Enabled, Disabled (Default: Enabled) | DAC peripheral operation mode |
| DA | None, P011, P004 (Default: None) | DAC output pin |

Note: The example values illustrate a project using the Synergy S128 MCU. Other Synergy MCUs and Synergy Kits may have pin configuration settings that differ in availability.

6. Using the DAC8 HAL Module in an Application

The typical steps in using the DAC8 HAL module in an application are:

- 1. Initialize the DAC8 HAL module using the open API.
- 2. Write a value using the write API.
- 3. Start a conversion using the start API.
- 4. Continue writing values as needed using the write API.
- 5. Stop conversion using the stop API.
- 6. Use the close API to power down the peripheral.

The following figure shows common steps in a typical operational flow:



Figure 3 Typical DAC8 HAL Module Application Flow Diagram

7. The DAC8 HAL Module Application Project

The application project associated with this module guide demonstrates the typical steps the preceding figure shows in an example application. You may want to import and open the application project within the ISDE and view the configuration settings for the DAC8 HAL module. You can also read over the code in dac_hal.c., which is used to illustrate the DAC8 HAL module APIs in a complete design.



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The application project demonstrates the typical use of the DAC8 HAL module APIs. The application project main part initializes the DAC and ADC HAL drivers and generates the square-like output with a constant value added. The result is continuously scanned by the ADC driver and these results are printed on the debug console using the common semi-hosting function. The following table identifies the target versions for the associated software and hardware used by the application project.

| Table 6 Software and Hardware Resources Used by the Application Project | Table 6 | Software and Hardware Re | esources Used by the | Application Project |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|

| Resource | Revision | Description |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| e ² studio | 6.2.1R20180620-1239 or later | Integrated Solution Development Environment |
| SSP | 1.5.0 or later | Synergy Software Platform |
| IAR EW for Synergy | 8.23.1 or later | IAR Embedded Workbench [®] for Renesas Synergy™ |
| SSC | 6.2.1R20180629 | Synergy Standalone Configurator |
| DK-S128 | v1.0 | Starter Kit |

The following figure provides a simple flow diagram of the application project.



Figure 4

DAC8 HAL Module Application Project Flow Diagram

The dac_hal.c file is located in the project once it has been imported into the ISDE. You can open this file within the ISDE and follow along with the description provided to help identify key uses of APIs.

The first section of dac_hal.c has the header files which reference the DAC instance structure, CMSIS DSP library, and macro constant definitions. Then there is a code section which allows semi-hosting to display results using printf(). The next section is the function for getting current output value. It computes value of the square function. The returned value varies between the minimum (0) and the maximum (255) in DAC unit steps to generate square waveform.

The last section is the entry function for the main program control section. The DAC and ADC drivers are initialized using the open API. Next, the ADC driver is configured for continuous scanning and the scanning process is started. Inside the infinite while loop, the current output value to generate a square wave is computed and written using the write API. If it succeeds, the DAC8 conversion is started. After a one-hundred milliseconds delay, the value from the ADC is read. When the read operation completes successfully, the result is printed using semi-hosting. During any API calls, if the status return code is non-zero, it indicates an error has occurred and the interior while loop traps on the error, else the while loop functions are repeated.

Note: It is assumed that you are familiar with using printf() with the debug console in the Synergy Software Package. If you are unfamiliar with the debug console, See "*How do I Use Printf() with the Debug Console in the Synergy Software Package*" Knowledge Base article, available in the References section at the end of this document. Alternatively, you can see results using the watch variables in the debug mode. A few key properties are configured in this application project to support the required operations, as well as the physical properties of the target board and MCU. The properties with the values set for this specific project are listed in the following tables. You can also open the application project and view these settings in the Properties window as a hands-on exercise.

| Table 7 | DAC8 HAL Module Configuration Settings for the Application Project |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|

| ISDE Property | Value Set |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Parameter Checking | Default (BSP) |
| Name | g_dac8_0 |
| Channel | 2 |
| Synchronize with ADC | Disabled |
| Data Format | Right Justified |
| DAC Mode | Normal Mode |
| Charge Pump Enabled (Requires MOCO active) | Disabled |

Table 8 ADC HAL Module Configuration Settings for the Application Project

| ISDE Property | Value Set |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Parameter Checking | BSP |
| Name | g_adc0 |
| Unit | 0 |
| Resolution | 14-Bit (S3A7/S124 only) |
| | S128 supports 14-bit ADC |
| Alignment | Right |
| Clear after read | On |
| Mode | Continuous Scan |
| Channel Scan Mask: Channel 0 | Used in Normal/Group A |
| Channel Scan Mask: Channel 1-27 | Unused |
| Channel Scan Mask: Temperature Sensor | Unused |
| Channel Scan Mask: Voltage Sensor | Unused |
| Normal/Group A Trigger | Software |
| Group B Trigger (Valid only in Group Scan Mode) | ELC Event |
| Group Priority (Valid only in Group Scan Mode) | Group A cannot interrupt Group B |
| Add/Average Count | Disabled |
| Addition/Averaging Mask: Channel 0-27 | Disabled |
| Addition/Averaging Mask: Temperature Sensor | Disabled |
| Addition/Averaging Mask: Voltage Sensor | Disabled |
| Sample and Hold Mask: Channel 0-2 | Disabled |
| Sample Hold States (Applies only to the 3 | 24 |
| channels selected) | |
| Callback | NULL |
| Scan End Interrupt Priority | Disabled |
| Scan End Group B Interrupt Priority | Disabled |

Use the following procedure to configure the analog pins for DAC and ADC modules:

- 1. Click on the **Pins** tab in Synergy Configurator.
- 2. Delete g_bsp_pin_cfg in the Generate data window.
- 3. Uncheck the Generate data box. The Generate data field becomes grayed out.
- 4. Hit Generate Project Content.
- 5. Click the drop-down arrow for the pin configuration.
- 6. Change the pin configuration setting from S128-DK.pincfg to R7FS128783A01CFM.pincfg.
- 7. Check Generate data and the input g_bsp_pin_cfg in the empty field.
- 8. Hit Generate Project Content.
- 9. Browse to Peripherals -> Analog DAC12 -> DAC122.

10. Change operation mode to Enable and select pin P004.



11. Browse to Peripherals -> Analog ADC -> ADC0.

12. Change operation mode to Custom and select pin P000 for AN00.

| Select pin configuration | | Select pin configuration | | Select pin configuration | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| S128-DK.pinclg | ✓ ☑Generate data: <u>g_bsp_pin_</u> cfg | S128-DK.pincfg v | Generate data: | R7FS128783401CFM.pinclg $$ | Generate data: g_bsp_pin_cfg |
| Pin Selection | Pin Configuration | Pin Selection | Pin Configuration | Pin Selection | Fin Configuration |
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| > v Ports > v Peripherals > Other Pins | | Ports Peripherals Other Pins | | > Ports Periphenals Other Pins | |

Figure 5 Steps to Configure Analog Pins for DAC8 and ADC

In addition, a hardware connection between ADC and DAC pins is needed. The ADC driver is configured to use channel 0 (P000 pin). The DAC driver outputs the written values to channel 2 (P004). Switch SW2 is connected to P004: Disable switch SW2 by turning OFF pin 2 (SW2) in the DIP switch (SW5).



Figure 6 Connecting ADC Input Pin (P00) and DAC output pin (P004)

8. Customizing the DAC8 HAL Module for a Target Application

Some configuration settings are normally changed by the developer from those shown in the application project. You can easily change the channel, or enable the output amplifier for the DAC, and configure the DAC to operate in Normal mode or ELC mode. For example, The DAC application project uses channel 2 (P004), which needs to be connected to the ADC input pin (P000 for channel 0), and you can change this setting.

9. Running the DAC8 HAL Module Application Project

To run the DAC8 HAL Module application project and to see it executed on a target kit, you can import it into your ISDE, compile and run debug. Refer to the *Renesas Synergy*TM *Project Import Guide* for instructions on importing the project into e^2 studio or IAR embedded workbench and building/running the application.

To implement the DAC8 HAL Module application in a new project, follow the steps for defining, configuring, autogenerating files, adding code, compiling and debugging on the target kit. Following these steps is a hands-on approach that can help make the development process with SSP more practical.

Note: The following steps are in sufficient detail for someone experienced with the basic flow through the Synergy development process. If these steps are not familiar, review the first few chapters of the *SSP User's Manual* for a description of how to accomplish these steps.

To create and run the DAC8 application project, use the following steps:

- 1. Create a new Renesas Synergy project for the S7G2-SK called DAC_HAL_MG_AP.
- 2. Select the Threads tab.



- 3. Add the DAC driver to the HAL/Common thread.
- 4. Add the ADC driver to the HAL/Common thread.
- 5. Configure the blocks according to the preceding tables.
- 6. Click Generate Project Content.
- 7. Add the code from the supplied project file "hal_entry.c", "dac_hal.h" and "dac_hal.c" or copy over generated "hal_entry.c", "dac_hal.h" and "dac_hal.c" files.
- 8. Connect ADC input pin (P000) with DAC output pin (P004).
- 9. Connect to the host PC using the USB cable (use J12 DEBUG_USB connector).
- 10. Start to debug the application.
- 11. Probe at point P004 to get a square wave waveform.



Figure 7 Square Wave at P004

| DAC output | ut (number of stens): 0 3DC | input (number of steps): 63 | |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16255 | |
| DAC outp | ut(number of steps): 0 ADC | input (number of steps): 66 | |
| DAC outp | ut(number of steps): 255 | ADC input (number of steps): 16250 | |
| DAC outp | ut(number of steps): 0 ADC | input (number of steps): 74 | |
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16257 | |
| | | I input (number of steps): 70 | |
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16254 | |
| | | C input (number of steps); 66 | |
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16256 | |
| | | input (number of steps): 70 | |
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16251 | |
| | | input (number of steps): 65 | |
| | | ADC input (number of steps): 16249 | |
| | | Cinput (number of steps): 72 | |
| DAC outp | ut(number of steps); 255 | ADC input (number of steps): 16251 | |

Figure 8 Example Output from DAC HAL Module Application Project

10. DAC8 HAL Module Conclusion

This module guide has provided all the background information needed to select, add, configure and use the module in an example project. Many of these steps were time consuming and error-prone activities in previous generations of embedded systems. The Renesas Synergy[™] Platform makes these steps much less time consuming and removes the common errors, like conflicting configuration settings or the incorrect selection of lower-level drivers. The use of high-level APIs as demonstrated in the application project illustrates additional development-time savings by allowing work to begin at a high level and avoiding the time required in older development environments to use, or, in some cases, create, lower-level drivers.

11. DAC8 HAL Module Next Steps

After you have mastered a simple DAC8 module project, you may want to review a more complex example. Other application projects and application notes that demonstrate DAC8 HAL use can be found as described in the References section at the end of this document.

You may find that the Audio Playback Framework is a better fit for your target application. The Audio Playback Framework is a higher level framework and can use DAC or I^2S as an output.



12. DAC8 HAL Module Reference Information

SSP User Manual: Available in html format in the SSP distribution package and as a pdf from the Synergy Gallery.

Links to all the most up-to-date r_dac8 module reference materials and resources are available on the Synergy Knowledge Base: <u>https://en-</u>

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