

M16C

Firmware Requirements for In-Circuit Debugger

1.0 Abstract

The USB-Monitor is a low cost, compact interface that has two functions for Renesas' M16C Flash microcontrollers: 1) an in-circuit debugger tool with KD30 Debugger, and 2) an in-system programmer with FoUSB (Flash-over-USB™) Flash Programmer. The following article introduces the target MCU resources used when the USB-Monitor is used for in-circuit debugging.

2.0 Introduction

When used with KD30, the USB-Monitor provides an easy-to-use in-circuit debugging environment during application development. In addition, when used with the FoUSB Flash Programmer, it also provides an in-system programming interface to the target Renesas M16C Flash MCU.

The USB-Monitor, by taking advantage of Universal Serial Bus (USB), provides plug-and-play connectivity and fast data transfers between the computer and the M16C target board. The USB-Monitor is powered by Renesas' M37641 full speed USB Flash MCU, which also makes it upgradeable to support future Renesas M16C MCUs. Powering the USB-Monitor is user selectable: USB Bus powered or Target powered. When used in bus-powered mode, the USB bus supplies power to the USB-Monitor and target board. When in target-powered mode, USB bus power is disconnected and the USB-Monitor sources power from the M16C target board. Renesas recommends to use Target Power Mode and NOT USB Bus Power Mode when connected to non-Renesas SKP target boards. If you plan to use the USB-Monitor to supply power to non-SKP boards, please contact Renesas representative for details and assistance.

Aside from a standalone kit (RTA-FoUSB-MON), the USB-Monitor comes included with the following Renesas Starter Kits:

- MSV30102-SKP
- MSV30262-SKP
- MSV30245-SKP
- M16C System Evaluation Kit

PC with Windows™ 98, 2000, Me,
or XP and available USB port



Figure 1 USB-Monitor System Connectivity

3.0 Target MCU Resources Used by USB-Monitor for In-Circuit Debugging

This section describes the M16C MCU resources used by the USB-Monitor for in-circuit debugging (with the KD30 Debugger). These resources are NOT used when the USB-Monitor is used for programming (with the FoUSB Programmer). See references for details on how to connect the hardware for in-circuit debugging or in-system programming support.

When used as debug interface, the USB-Monitor downloads a small program, called a ROM Monitor or MCU Monitor Image (MMI), to the target M16C MCU to establish communications used for program debugging operations. This ROM Monitor is downloaded to the target when KD30 application is started.

It is important to note that the operation of the USB-Monitor is transparent to the user. There is no special software processing required to be able to use it as long as the user understands the exceptions and follows the rules described below.

Note: These resources are ONLY used when the USB-Monitor is used for in-circuit debugging. Only the MCU pin resources are used when the USB-Monitor is used for in-system programming.

3.1 ROM

The ROM monitor code is located in the M16C memory space starts at address 0FF900H to 0FFE80H. KD30 will display a message on any attempt to overwrite specified ROM location.

Rules on ROM usage are described below.

- User memory allocated to the ROM monitor should not be used. Any attempt to use this area by the user code will be ignored.
- The special page vector table is mapped from 0FFE00H to 0FFFDBH. It is suggested that, if special page jumps are used, the special page numbers start with the minimum value of 20 and increases to a maximum of 127 to accommodate future monitor size increases.

3.2 RAM

The ROM monitor utilizes 128 bytes of RAM memory located at the top of MCU RAM area. For example, on an

M30624 MCU, there is 20Kbytes of RAM located from 00400H to 053FFH. In this case, the monitor will be using the addresses from 05380H to 053FFH. In addition, the monitor also uses 4 bytes (max) of RAM on the interrupt stack.

3.3 Interrupts

For all MCU's that do NOT support DBC interrupt, the ROM monitor requires that the receive interrupt vector for the monitor/boot UART MUST point to the communications entry point of the monitor, which is 0FF900H. In addition, the monitor reserves the following hardware interrupt vectors for its own use:

- BREAK vector (0FFFE4H)
- ADDRESS MATCH vector (0FFFE8H)
- SINGLE STEP vector (0FFFECH)
- DBC vector (0FFFF4H)

The user code download process will properly load values into these locations. User code that globally disables interrupts for long periods of time (>1 second), may interfere with the proper operation of the monitor.

Note: For MCU's that do NOT have DBC interrupts, always ensure that the global interrupt is enabled in the startup files. Communications between USB-Monitor and M16C MCU ROM Monitor will fail when the global interrupt is not set or disabled for long periods (>1s). This is the primary cause of communication errors while using the KD30 Debugger.

Table 1 M16C MCU Support Summary

M16C MCU	Boot UART/SIO	DBC Irq Support	Breakpoints
M30100F3	UART0	No	2
M30245FC	UART1	No	2
M30262F8	UART1	Yes	6
M3062GF8N	UART1	No	2
M30620FCA	UART1	No	2
M30624FGA	UART1	No	2
M30626FGP	UART1	Yes	8
M306V7FG	UART0	No	2

3.4 Peripherals

The ROM monitor uses the serial port associated with the boot mode of the MCU for communication with the USB-Monitor. Connect the SCLK, TxD, RxD signals from the 10-pin header to this serial port. For example, in the case of M30624 MCU, the monitor uses UART1 as the boot UART.

For MCU's that do NOT support DBC, ensure that the interrupt vector for this serial port/UART is set to FF900h. Avoid byte-writes to the (boot UART/SIO) port, including direction register, associated with the SIO when the other half of the port is used as General Purpose I/O (GPIO) pins. Byte-writes to the port and direction register

may prevent the monitor program from functioning properly. Use read-modify-write instructions instead.

If possible, avoid using this serial port for other applications in the firmware when USB-Monitor will be used for development.

3.5 Real-Time Capability

Please be aware that while the ROM monitor is in its “STOP”ed state, the hardware peripherals will continue to run. Therefore, interrupts may not be serviced properly. Also, the watchdog timer will not be serviced and will likely timeout if active.

Note: While the ROM monitor is in its “RUN”ning state, there is no overhead on the application code, UNLESS a RAM monitor window is open in KD30. This window requires periodic communication with the MCU. This communication suspends normal application operation while servicing the request (approximately 2000 BCLK cycles for each 16 bytes of data displayed in the window are used per window update). The user must determine whether or not, this behavior is acceptable.

3.6 Software Summary and Precautions

- Ensure that global interrupt is set in the startup file and not disabled for long periods (>1s).
- Do NOT use the RAM or ROM memory as specified in sections 3.1 ROM and 3.2 RAM.
- Avoid byte-writes to the port and direction register to avoid interfering with monitor operation associated with the boot SIO/UART. Use bit manipulations.
- Do NOT change boot UART configuration.
- Ensure that the boot SIO/UART vector is properly setup to point to FF900H for those M16C MCU's that don't have DBC interrupt.
- Do NOT attempt to debug watchdog, WAIT mode, or STOP mode.
- Do NOT execute a 'STEP' operation after a write to PRC2 SFR.

4.0 Conclusion

The USB-Monitor is an easy-to-use interface for setting up an M16C MCU development environment to support in-circuit debugging. It does not require a lot of resources from the target board. Correct hardware connectivity will guarantee proper operation.

5.0 Reference

Most of the information used to make this application note can be found on the USB-Monitor's Users Manual. For detailed information about the USB-Monitor such as application software, driver installation, troubleshooting, etc., please refer to the Users Manual.

If unsure or to verify your hardware setup, contact your Renesas representative for assistance.

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User's Manual

- RTA-FoUSB-MON User's Manual
- Target Setup for FoUSB Programmer App Note
- Target Setup for In-Circuit Debugger App Note

6.0 Software Code–Startup File Examples for USB-Monitor Support for Debugging Operations (MCU with NO DBC support)

Following is a simple program written for Renesas' NC30 compiler to illustrate how to set up Pulse Output Mode on timer A0. 6. Software Code – Startup File Examples for USB-Monitor Support for Debugging Operations (MCU with NO DBC support)

A startup file (ncrt0.a30) example for the M16C/10 (M30102) MCU with global interrupt enabled, and highlighted, is shown below. For M16C MCU's with DBC interrupt, the global interrupt need not be enabled unless the application requires the use of maskable interrupts.

```

;***** ;
;   C COMPILER for M16C/10 with USB-Monitor support.
;   Copyright 2003 Renesas Technology America, Inc.
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;
;   ncrt0.a30 : NC30 startup program for M16C/10 devices.
;
;   This program is applicable when using the basic I/O library
;
;   $Id: ncrt0.a30, v 1.12 2000/05/18 06:44:37 simomura Exp $
;
;   This startup program is setup for use with the USB-Monitor.
;   Source code ROM area is from 0xFA000 to 0xFF800 (22.5K bytes).
;   Available ram memory is from 0x400 0x770 (880 bytes).
;   Heap memory area is zeroed out. If using standard libraries
;   heap memory area will have to be specified.
;   UART0 is used by the USB-MONITOR, and is not available for application.
;   Modified for use in Mini 10 Board development.
;*****
;
;
;   ldc    #data_SE_top, sb      ; set sb (stack base) register
;   ldintb #VECTOR_ADR
;   fset   i                    ;enabling interrupts. Do NOT disable
;                                   ;interrupt when using USB-Monitor

;=====
; NEAR area initialize.
;-----
;   N_BCOPY      data_NOI_top,data_NO_top,data_NO

;
;

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An example of a sect30.inc file for the M16C/10, where the SIO/UART receive interrupt vector points to the ROM monitor (FF900h), is shown highlighted below. For M16C MCU's with DBC interrupt, the vector declaration is not required.

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*****  
;  
;  
; C Compiler for M16C/10  
; Copyright 2003 Renesas Technology America, Inc.  
; All Rights Reserved.  
;  
; Written by T.Aoyama  
;  
; sect30.inc : section definition  
; This program is applicable when using the basic I/O library  
;  
; $Id: sect30.inc, v 1.9 2000/06/20 09:07:11 simomura Exp $  
;  
*****  
:  
:  
.lword dummy_int ; Software INT #15  
.lword dummy_int ; Software INT #16  
.lword dummy_int ; uart0 transmit(for user)(vector 17)  
.lword 0FF900h ; uart0 receive(for user)(vector 18) For USB  
; Monitor - DO NOT CHANGE!!  
.lword dummy_int ; uart1 transmit(for user)(vector 19)  
.lword dummy_int ; uart1 receive (vector 20)  
.lword dummy_int ; Timer1 Interrupt (vector 21)  
.lword dummy_int ; TimerX Interrupt (vector 22)  
:  
:
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