Intelligent visibility into embedded systems

Cheetah™
SPI Host Adapter

Key Features

USB to SPI Interface
- 40+ MHz SPI master
- Flash/EEPROM programming
- 3 slave selects
- Pipelined architecture for gapless shifting
- Precise timing and user-insertable delays
- In-system or stand-alone programming

Flash Center™ Software
- Extensible XML-based parts library with built-in support for many SPI Flash memories and EEPROMs
- Gang-programming with multiple Cheetah adapters

Control Center Serial Software
- Simplified transmission of SPI messages
- Automate tasks with XML-batch scripts
- Cheetah GUI functionality

Cheetah API
- Create custom software applications
- Example files included
- Cross-platform support for Windows, Linux, Mac OS X

USB Bus-Powered
- Portable
- Field-deployable
- No extra power adapters needed

Quality
- CE, REACH, RoHS
- Manufacturing: ISO 9001, ISO 13485, AS9100C, ITAR
- One year warranty

With the ever-increasing speed of SPI devices and the pressure to minimize programming time, you need to get the most performance out of your embedded systems interface tools - and the Cheetah™ SPI Host Adapter is expressly designed to enable your competitive edge.

The Cheetah SPI Host Adapter is a fast and powerful USB-to-SPI host adapter, capable of communicating at up to 40+ MHz. It is an ideal tool to develop, debug, and program SPI applications, helping you to focus on core competencies by minimizing debugging and programming time.

Memory
- Program SPI flash chips and EEPROMs at up to 40+ MHz
- Program almost any SPI-based memory with the XML-based parts library in Flash Center

Prototyping
- Emulate a master to quickly create a high-speed SPI embedded system prototype
- Evaluate peripherals such as memory chips and sensors, quickly and easily

Bundling
- Provide end-customers with easy access to your SPI device

Programming Use Case
Program SPI Flash memory quickly and easily using the Cheetah adapter and Flash Center software. Many applications store their BIOS in fast-booting Flash memory. The Cheetah adapter allows engineers to quickly program BIOS updates such as updated versions and fixes to virtually any make of memory, due to the Flash Center’s extensible, XML-based parts library.

Prototyping Use Case
Create SPI prototypes quickly and easily with the Cheetah adapter. As a master, it can emulate an MCU to actively poll high-speed SPI sensors, write and read from on-board flash BIOS, and actively control the bus.
Applications

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Specifications

Software

The Flash Center™ Software and Control Center Serial Software provides quick and easy access to all features of the Cheetah SPI Host Adapter.

Flash Center Software Features
- Quickly and easily program, erase, and verify SPI-based Flash and EEPROMs
- Interface with almost any memory chip with the XML-based parts library

Control Center Serial Software
- Streamlined user interface for configuration of SPI at the click of a button
- SPI messages can be saved and loaded from binary files
- XML-based batch scripting for automating repetitive read and write commands with built-in help system
- Cheetah GUI functionality within SPI Master Mode
- User-insertable delays

Cheetah API and LabVIEW Support
- Create your own custom applications using the flexible, powerful, and well-documented Cheetah API
- 32- and 64-bit support for C/C++, C#, Python, .NET, VB.Net, VB 6
- LabVIEW Instrument drivers

Operating Systems Supported (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows: 7, 8, 8.1, 10
- Linux: Red Hat, SuSE, Ubuntu, Fedora
- Mac OS X: 10.7-10.14

Hardware

Bit Rate
- SPI Master: 0.1 MHz - 40+ MHz
- Host Bus Interface
  - USB 2.0
  - Type B receptacle

Target Bus Interface
- 10-pin ribbon cable
- 1.27 mm (0.05") pitch
- 25.4 mm (1") length

Target Bus Connector
- Type: 2x5 IDC female, 2.54 mm (0.10") pitch
- Pinout: Power Pins: GND (Pins 2, 10), NC/+5V (Pins 4, 6)
  - SPI Pins: SS2 (Pin 1), SS3 (Pin 3), MISO (Pin 5), SCLK (Pin 7), MOSI (Pin 8), SS1 (Pin 9)

DC Characteristics
- Target Power: +5V, 25mA max
- I2C/SPI Signal: 3.3V, 10mA
- Dimensions (W x D x L): 55.6 x 22.2 x 89 mm (2.19" x 0.87" x 3.5")
- Weight: 64 g (0.14 lbs)
- Operating Temperature: 10 to 35 °C (50 to 95 °F)

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