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Future Technology Devices International Ltd. FT230X (USB to BASIC UART IC)



The FT230X is a USB to serial UART • interface with optimised pin count for smaller PCB designs and the following advanced features:

- Single chip USB to asynchronous serial data transfer interface.
- Entire USB protocol handled on the chip. No USB specific firmware programming required.
- Fully integrated 2048 byte multi-timeprogrammable (MTP) memory, storing device descriptors and CBUS I/O configuration.
- Fully integrated clock generation with no external crystal required plus optional clock output selection enabling a glue-less interface to external MCU or FPGA.
- Data transfer rates from 300 baud to 3 Mbaud (RS422, RS485, and RS232) at TTL levels.
- 512 byte receive buffer and 512 byte transmit buffer utilising buffer smoothing technology to allow for high data throughput.
- FTDI's royalty-free Virtual Com Port (VCP) and Direct (D2XX) drivers eliminate the requirement for USB driver development in most cases.
- Configurable CBUS I/O pins.
- Transmit and receive LED drive signals.
- UART interface support for 7 or 8 data bits, 1 or 2 stop bits and odd / even / mark / space / no parity
- Synchronous and asynchronous bit bang interface options with RD# and WR# strobes.

- USB Battery Charger Detection. Allows for USB peripheral devices to detect the presence of a higher power source to enable improved charging.
- Device supplied pre-programmed with unique USB serial number.
- USB Power Configurations; supports bus- powered, self-powered and bus-powered with power switching
- Integrated +3.3V level converter for USB I/O.
- True 3.3V CMOS drive output and TTL input; operates down to 1V8 with external pull ups. Tolerant of 5V input
- Configurable I/O pin output drive strength;
 4 mA (min) and 16 mA (max).
- Integrated power-on-reset circuit.
- Fully integrated AVCC supply filtering no external filtering required.
- UART signal inversion option.
- + 5V Single Supply Operation.
- Internal 3V3/1V8 LDO regulators
- Low operating and USB suspend current;
 8mA (active-typ) and 125uA (suspend-typ).
- UHCI/OHCI/EHCI host controller compatible.
- USB 2.0 Full Speed compatible.
- Extended operating temperature range; -40 to 85°C.
- Available in compact Pb-free 16 pin SSOP and 16 pin QFN packages (both RoHS compliant).

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1 Typical Applications

- USB to RS232/RS422/RS485 Converters
- Upgrading Legacy Peripherals to USB
- Utilising USB to add system modularity
- Incorporate USB interface to enable PC transfers for development system communication
- Cellular and Cordless Phone USB data transfer cables and interfaces
- Interfacing MCU/PLD/FPGA based designs to add USB connectivity
- USB Audio and Low Bandwidth Video data transfer
- USB Smart Card Readers
- USB Instrumentation

- USB Industrial Control
- USB MP3 Player Interface
- USB FLASH Card Reader and Writers
- Set Top Box PC USB interface
- USB Digital Camera Interface
- USB Hardware Modems
- USB Wireless Modems
- USB Bar Code Readers
- USB dongle implementations for Software/ Hardware Encryption and Wireless Modules
- Detection of dedicated charging port for battery charging at higher supply currents.

1.1 Driver Support

Royalty free VIRTUAL COM PORT (VCP) DRIVERS for...

- Windows 10 32,64 bit
- Windows 8/8.1 32,64-bit
- Windows 7 32, 64-bit
- Windows Vista and Vista 64-bit
- Windows XP and XP 64-bit
- Server 2003, XP and Server 2008/2012
- Windows XP Embedded
- Windows CE 4.2-5.2, 6.0, 7.0, 2013
- Mac OS-X
- Linux 3.2 and greater
- Android

Royalty free D2XX *Direct* Drivers (USB Drivers + DLL S/W Interface)

- Windows 10 32,64 bit
- Windows 8/8.1 32,64-bit
- Windows 7 32,64-bit
- Windows Vista and Vista 64-bit
- Windows XP and XP 64-bit
- Server 2003, XP and Server 2008/2012
- Windows XP Embedded
- Windows CE 4.2-5.2, 6.0, 7.0, 2013
- Mac OS-X
- Linux 2.6 and greater
- Android

The drivers listed above are all available to download for free from FTDI website (www.ftdichip.com). Various 3rd party drivers are also available for other operating systems - see FTDI website (www.ftdichip.com) for details.

For driver installation, please refer to http://www.ftdichip.com/Documents/InstallGuides.htm

1.2 Part Numbers

Part Number	Package
FT230XQ-xxxx	16 Pin QFN
FT230XS-xxxx	16 Pin SSOP

Note: Packing codes for x is:

- R: Taped and Reel, (SSOP is 3,000pcs per reel, QFN is 5,000pcs per reel).
- U: Tube packing, 100pcs per tube (SSOP only)
- T: Tray packing, 490pcs per tray (QFN only)

For example: FT230XQ-R is 5,000pcs taped and reel packing