The Embedded Newsletter

The USB Multilink Universal FX Interface

This On-Chip-Debugging cable supports most Freescale chips and with suitable software can be used for Flash Programming and Debugging embedded target systems. If you are unfamiliar with the use of "On-Chip-Debugging" we have a short tutorial.

CPUs supported are :-

Coldfire V1, V1+, V2-4 683xx/CPU32 HC16 DSC and PX

Qorivvva MPC 55xx – 57xx (AKA Nexus) HCS08 RS08

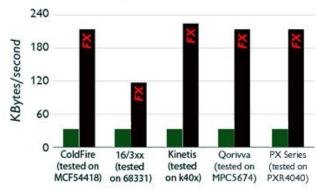
Kinetis (JTAG and SWD) HC(S)12(X) S12Z

The units: include ribbon cables for all supported architecture.

- Have fast, hassle-free USB 2.0 communications interfaces.
- Draw their power directly from the USB port no external power supply needed.
- Multi-voltage support for targets ranging from 1.6 to 5.25 Volts.
- Auto-frequency detection for HC(S)12(X), HCS08 + trimming capabilities for HCS08 devices.
- Generates programming voltage on RESET line for RS08 devices.

For more details follow this link





Aside from supporting a wider range of chips a major attraction of the Universal FX is its high speed. For Synchronous architectures such as the Kinetis, Qorivva, ColdFire V2-V4, 683xx, HC16, PX and DSC the communications can run at 4 to 10 times faster than the older Multilink interfaces. (Green bar on graph shows download speed of USB Multilink)

Special offer available until 31st Dec 2014 ----- free upgrade of your copy of PROGxx to the latest release, which will support the FX, with purchase of each FX.

Development Tools supporting the Universal FX

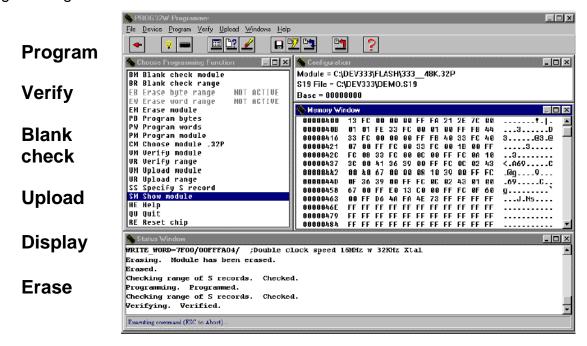
P&E provides a standalone programming utilities (PROGxx) which avoids paying for a Compiler seat if all that is required is device Programming. For Freescale chip families support is provided by the CodeWarrior C package for both chip programming and C debugging. This is also available for the Cyclone Units (more details on the next page). Some chips such as the Kinetis are also supported by a number of other compilers (IAR &Keil) and there is a GDB server allowing Kinetis applications to be developed using the Kinetis Development Studio and the Atollic and Cosmic C debugging environments

Flash Programming Software

An interactive flash programming software package that allows you to program/reprogram both internal and external flash devices in-circuit, via a P&E interface cable. Perfect for development, production line programming, or field firmware upgrades. P&Es products contains our entire library of setup files for this processor, and includes both interactive and command-line versions for use in development and production.

To see which Flash devices P&E support follow this link.

Flash programming functions are:



The Cyclone Range of Flash programmers.....

Recommended for high volume production applications

Cyclone Pro HC08, HCS08, HC12(S,X,Z), ColdFire v1

Cyclone Max Kinetis, ColdFire V2-4, Qorivva, PPC5xx/8xx

Cyclone ARM Cortex – Kinetis, STM32, NXP, TI/Stellaris



Cyclone STM STM32, STM8, PC56 Cyclone Renesas R8C, M16C, M32C H8 & tiny

- Interactive programming packages are provided for each of the CPUs supported by the Cyclone for on chip or off chip memory.
- Or you can link the unit to a PC, download multiple target programs to the Cyclones memory and then disconnecting it from the PC when it becomes a manually controlled, standalone flash programmer
- Or they can be driven by a PC via the Ethernet, USB or Serial port by automated commands either using command line instructions or from a C program using the dll provided.
- For the **Cyclone Max** and **Cyclone Pro** if using CodeWarrior or a number of other leading C compilers support for code debugging is integrated into the C Debugging environment.

A Software Development Kit is available that allows multiple Cyclones to be driven by a single CPU for economical operation in large production environments and an SD card can provide additional storage on the Cyclone if required.