

# **RL78/G23**

# LED burst dimming control using ELCL

## Introduction

This application note describes how to implement the LED burst dimming using the logic and event link controller (ELCL). Burst dimming control is a method that finely control of LED light intensity. It can be applied to control indicators and lighting using LEDs.

# **Target Device**

RL78/G23

When applying the sample program covered in this application note to another microcomputer, modify the program according to the specifications for the target microcomputer and conduct an extensive evaluation of the modified program.

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## 1. Specifications

In this application note, which is described how to implement a LED burst dimming using ELCL.

Burst dimming control is possible by taking the logical AND two PWM outputs (TO01, TO02) with different duty cycle and PWM output (TO05). Assuming constant current control (switching control) of the DC/DC converter, TO05 is set to a higher frequency (100 kHz or higher) than TO01 and TO02.

And TO01 and TO02 are assumed to be PWM output for controlling the overall light intensity, and set to a frequency (~1 kHz) that does not flicker in the human eye. The combination of these two frequencies provides finely tuned dimming control.

Figure 1-1 shows the system configuration for implement a burst dimming of two LEDs at the same time using ELCL.

**Figure 1-1 System Configuration** 

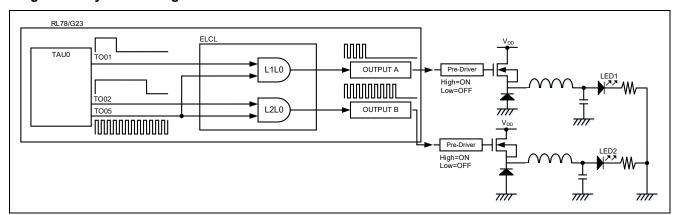
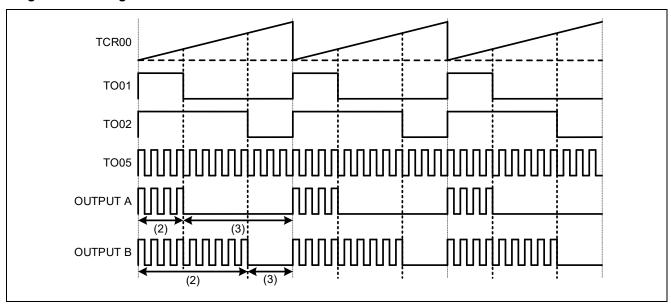


Figure 1-2 shows the timing chart.

- (1) Set TAU01, TAU02 and TAU05 to a PWM output.
- (2) While TO01 is High level, the PWM output from TO05 is enabled and output from OUTPUT A. In a similar way, while TO02 is High level, the output from OUTPUT B is enabled.
- (3) While TO01 is Low level, the output of OUTPUT A is fixed to Low level. In a similar way, the output of OUTPUT B is fixed to Low level while TO02 is Low level.

Figure 1-2 Timing chart



# 2. Conditions for Operation Confirmation Test

The sample code with this application note runs properly under the conditions below.

**Table 2-1 Operation Confirmation Conditions** 

Items	Contents
MCU	RL78/G23 (R7F100GLG)
Operating frequencies	High-speed on-chip oscillator clock: 32MHz
	CPU/peripheral hardware clock: 32MHz
Operating voltage	3.3V
	LVD0 operations (V <sub>LVD0</sub> ): Reset mode
	Rising edge TYP. 1.90V
	Falling edge TYP. 1.86V
Integrated development environment (CS+)	CS+ for CC V8.13.00 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
C compiler (CS+)	CC-RL V1.15 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
Integrated development environment	e <sup>2</sup> studio 2025-04 (25.04.0) from Renesas Electronics Corp.
(e <sup>2</sup> studio)	
C compiler (e <sup>2</sup> studio)	CC-RL V1.15 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
Integrated development environment (IAR)	IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RL78 v5.20.1 from
C compiler (IAR)	IAR Systems
Smart Configurator	V.1.13.0
Board support package (r_bsp)	V.1.90
Emulator	CS+, e <sup>2</sup> studio: COM port
	IAR: E2 Emulator Lite
Board	RL78/G23 Fast Prototyping Board
	(RTK7RLG230CLG000BJ)

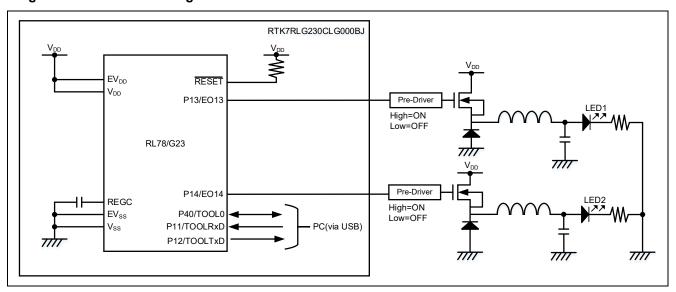
#### 3. Hardware

## 3.1 Example of Hardware Configuration

Figure 3-1 shows an example of the hardware configuration in this application.

LED1 and LED2 connected to P13 and P14 are configured using LEDs external to the board.

Figure 3-1 Hardware Configuration



- Caution 1. This simplified circuit diagram was created to show an overview of connections only.

  When actually designing your circuit, make sure the design includes sufficient pin processing and meets electrical characteristic requirements. (Connect each input-only port to V<sub>DD</sub> or V<sub>SS</sub> through a resistor.)
- Caution 2. Connect the EVss pin to  $V_{SS}$  and the EVDD pin to  $V_{DD}$ .

Caution 3. V<sub>DD</sub> must be held at not lower than the reset release voltage (V<sub>LVD0</sub>) that is specified as LVD.

#### 3.2 Used Pins

Table 3-1 shows list of used pins and assigned functions.

**Table 3-1 List of Pins and Functions** 

Pin name	Input/Output	Function
P13/E013	Output	ELCL output signal (LED1 control <sup>Note</sup> )
P14/EO14	Output	ELCL output signal (LED2 control <sup>Note</sup> )

Note. Please configure outside the RTK7RLG230CLG000BJ.

Caution. In this application note, only the used pins are processed. When actually designing your circuit, make sure the design includes sufficient pin processing and meets electrical characteristic requirements.

#### 4. Software

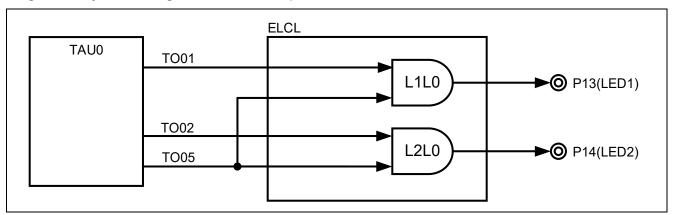
## 4.1 Overview of the sample program

In this sample code, burst dimming control for two LEDs using PWM output from TAU0 and two ELCL module "AND"s. The signals generated by the burst dimming control circuit are output to P13 and P14.

Figure 4-1shows the system configuration of the sample code.

Three PWM output signals (TO01, TO02 and TO05) from TAUA0 are input to ELCL modules. In the ELCL module, link the three PWM output to the two ANDs (L1L0 and L2L0), and the result of the ANDs of the PWM output of TO05 and PWM outputs of TO01 and TO02 is output. It is possible to check the burst dimming control signal by selecting P13 and P14 as the link destination of the ELCL output signal. TO01 and TO02 are set to different duty cycle, and two LEDs with different dimming rates are illuminated.

Figure 4-1 System configuration of the sample code



# 4.2 Folder Configuration

Table 4-1 shows folder configuration of source file and header files using by sample code except the files generated by integrated development environment and the files in the bsp environment.

**Table 4-1 Folder configuration** 

Folder/File configuration  ¥r01an6566_elcl_ dimming <dir> Note2</dir>		Outline	Created by Smart configurator
		Root folder of this sample code	
¥s	src <dir></dir>	Folder for program source	
	main.c	Sample code source file	
	main.h	Sample code header file	
	¥smc_gen <dir></dir>	Folder created by Smart Configurator √	
	¥Config_TAU0_0 <dir></dir>	Folder for TAU00 program	<b>V</b>
	Config_TAU0_0.c	Source file for TAU00	√
	Config_TAU0_0.h	Header file for TAU00	V
	Config_TAU0_0_user.c	Interrupt source file for TAU00	√Note ¹
	¥Config_TAU0_4 <dir></dir>	Folder for TAU04 program	V
	Config_TAU0_4.c	Source file for TAU04	<b>√</b>
	Config_TAU0_4.h	Header file for TAU04	V
	Config_TAU0_4_user.c	Interrupt source file for TAU04	√Note ¹
	¥Config_PORT <dir></dir>	Folder for PORT program	<b>√</b>
	Config_PORT.c	Source file for PORT	<b>√</b>
	Config_PORT.h	Header file for PORT	V
	Config_PORT_user.c	Interrupt source file for PORT	√Note ¹
	¥Config_ELCL <dir></dir>	Folder for ELCL program	<b>√</b>
	Config_ELCL.c	Source file for ELCL	<b>√</b>
	Config_ELCL.h	Header file for ELCL	<b>√</b>
	Config_ELCL_user.c	Interrupt source file for ELCL	√Note <sup>1</sup>
	¥general <dir></dir>	Folder for initialize or common program	<b>√</b>
	¥r_bsp <dir></dir>	Folder for BSP program	<b>√</b>
	¥r_config <dir></dir>	Folder for program	V

Note. <DIR> means directory.

Note 1. Not used in this sample code.

Note 2. The IAR version of the sample code contains buildinfo.ipcf. For the ipcf file, refer to "RL78 Smart Configurator User Guide: IAR (R20AN0581)"

# 4.3 Option Byte Settings

Table 4-2 shows the option byte settings.

**Table 4-2 Option Byte Settings** 

Address	Setting Value	Contents
000C0H/040C0H	1110 1111B (EFH)	Operation of Watchdog timer is stopped (counting is stopped after reset)
000C1H/040C1H	1111 1110B (FEH)	LVD0 operating mode: reset mode Detection voltage: Rising edge 1.90V Falling edge 1.86V
000C2H/040C2H	1110 1000B (E8H)	Flash operating mode: HS mode High-speed on-chip oscillator clock: 32MHz
000C3H/040C3H	1000 0101B (85H)	On-chip debugging is enabled

## 4.4 Constants

Constants are not used in this sample code.

#### 4.5 Variables

Global variables are not used in this sample code.

#### 4.6 Functions

Table 4-3 shows the functions used in the sample code. However, the unchanged functions generated by the Smart Configurator are excluded.

**Table 4-3 Functions** 

Function name	Outline	Source file
main	Main process	main.c

# 4.7 Function Specifications

This part describes function specifications of the sample code.

## [Function name] main

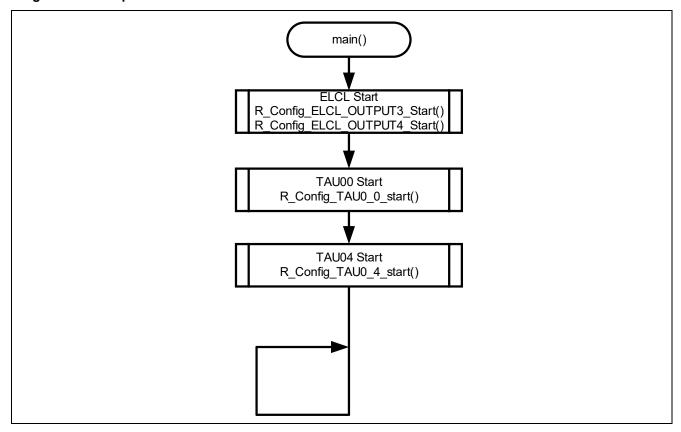
Outline	Main process
Header	r_smc_entry.h
Declaration	void main (void);
Description	This function starts ELCL output and starts the operation of TAU0 channel 0, 1, 2, 4 and 5.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

# 4.8 Flow Charts

## 4.8.1 Main Process

Figure 4-2 shows flowchart of main process

Figure 4-2 Main process



## 5. Application example

In addition to the sample code, this application note contains the following Smart Configurator configuration files

r01an6566\_elcl\_dimming.scfg

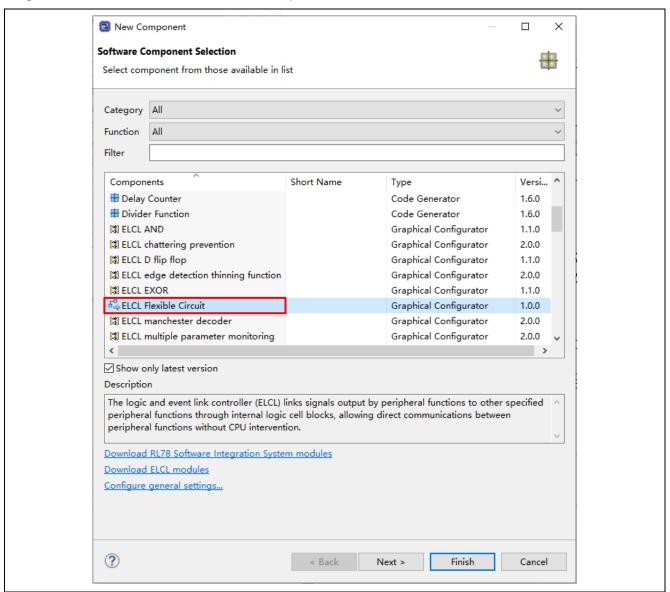
The following is a description of the file and examples of settings and notes for use.

## 5.1 Setting up the ELCL components

To use the ELCL component, the procedure is shown below.

- 1. Start the Smart Configurator.
- 2. Click on the "Components" tag, and then click "Add component".
- 3. When the "New Component" window shown in Figure 5-1opens, select "ELCL Flexible Circuit" component and Click "Finish".

Figure 5-1 Add "ELCL Flexible Circuit" component



# 5.2 r01an6566\_elcl\_dimming.scfg

This is the Smart Configurator configuration file used in the sample code. It contains all the features configured in the Smart Configurator. The sample code settings are as follows.

**Table 5-1 Parameters of Smart Configurator** 

Tag name	Component	Contents
Clocks	-	Operation mod: High-speed main mode 2.4 (V) ~ 5.5 (V)
		EV <sub>DD</sub> setting: 1.8V≦EV <sub>DD0</sub> <5.5V
		High-speed on-chip oscillator: 32MHz
		fihp: 32MHz
		fclk: 32000kHz (High-speed on-chip oscillator)
		fsxp: 32.768kHz (Low-speed on-chip oscillator)
System	-	On-chip debug operation setting: COM port Note
		Pseudo-RRM/DMM function setting: Used
		Start/Stop function setting: Unused
		Trace function setting: Used
		Security ID setting: Use security ID
		Security ID: 0x000000000000000000
		Security ID authentication failure setting: Do not erase flash
		memory data
Components	r_bsp	Start up select : Enable (use BSP startup)
		Control of invalid memory access detection : Disable
		RAM guard space (GRAM0-1) : Disabled
		Guard of control registers of port function (GPORT) : Disabled
		Guard of registers of interrupt function (GINT) : Disabled
		Guard of control registers of clock control function, voltage detector, and RAM parity error detection function (GCSC): Disabled
		Data flash access control (DFLEN) : Disables
		Initialization of peripheral functions by Code Generator/Smart Configurator : Enable
		API functions disable : Enable
		Parameter check enable : Enable
		Setting for starting the high-speed on-chip oscillator at the times of
		release from STOP mode and of transitions to SNOOZE mode :
		High-speed
		Enable user warm start callback (PRE) : Unused
		Enable user warm start callback (POST) : Unused
		Watchdog Timer refresh enable : Unused
	Config_LVD0	Operation mode setting: Reset mode
		Voltage detection setting: Reset generation level (V <sub>LVD0</sub> ): 1.86 (V)

Note. When using IAR, use the following settings.

On-chip debug operation setting: Use emulator

Emulator setting: E2 Emulator Lite

**Table 5-2 Parameters of Smart Configurator** 

Tag name	Component	Contents
Components	Config_TAU0_0	Components: PWM Output
		Resource: TAU0_0
		Operation clock: CK00
		Clock source: fclk/26
		Cycle value: 50µs
		Interrupt setting: unused
		(slave1)
		Duty value: 20%
		Initial output value: 1
		Output level: Active-high
		Output setting: The timer output is only to be used for input to the
		ELCL and not for the TO01 pin
		Interrupt setting: unused
		(slave2)
		Duty value: 70%
		Initial output value: 0
		Output level: Active-high
		Output setting: The timer output is only to be used for input to the
		ELCL and not for the TO02 pin
		Interrupt setting: unused
	Config_TAU0_4	Components: PWM Outout
		Resource: TAU0_4
		Operation clock: CK01
		Cycle value: fclk
		Cycle value: 2µs
		Interrupt setting: unused
		(slave5)
		Duty value: 50%
		Initial output value: 0
		Output level: Active-high
		Output setting: The timer output is only to be used for input to the ELCL and not for the TO05 pin
		Interrupt setting: unused
	Config_PORT	Components: Ports
	- 51g 51(1	Port selection: PORT1
		P13: Out (Output ELCL output signal)
		P14: Out (Output ELCL output signal)

**Table 5-3 Parameters of Smart Configurator** 

Tag name	Component	Contents
	Config_ELCL	Components: ELCL Flexible Circuit
		(Detail setting: Input)
		Output from TAU0 channel 1
		Output from TAU0 channel 2
		Output from TAU0 channel 5
		(Detail setting: L1L0, AND)
		Input 0: Output from TAU0 channel 1
		Input 1: Output from TAU0 channel 5
		Output: SAU0 ch1 fSCK/TAU0 ch0 input/P13
		(Detail setting: L2L0, AND)
		Input 0: Output from TAU0 channel 2
		Input 1: Output from TAU0 channel5
		Output: SAU0 ch0 receive/TAU0 ch1 input/P14
		(Detail setting: Output)
		Output of signal 3: SAU0 ch1 fSCK/TAU0 ch0 input/P13
		Output of signal 4: SAU0 ch0 receive/TAU0 ch1 input/P14

#### **5.2.1 Clocks**

Set the clock used in the sample code.

#### 5.2.2 System

Set the on-chip debug of the sample code.

"Control of on-chip debug operation" and "Security ID authentication failure setting" affect "On-chip debugging is enabled" in "Table 4-2 Option Byte Settings". Note that changing the settings.

#### 5.2.3 r\_bsp

Set the startup of the sample code.

## 5.2.4 Config\_LVD0

Set the power management of the sample code.

Affects "Setting of LVD0" in "Table 4-2 Option Byte Settings". Note that changing the settings.

### 5.2.5 Config TAU0 0

Set the TAU00 in the sample code.

In the sample code, two PWM outputs with different duty cycle are used for dimming control. The LED brightness can be controlled by changing the duty cycle for each channel.

Interrupt is not used.

#### 5.2.6 Config\_TAU0\_4

Set the TAU04 in the sample code.

In the sample code, PWM output with a duty cycle of 50% is used as a LED drive signal.

Interrupt is not used.

### 5.2.7 Config PORT

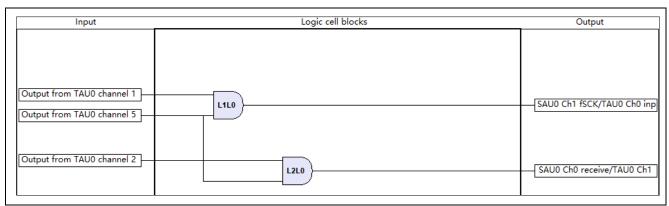
Set the port in the sample code.

In the sample code, P13 and P14 set as ELCL output signal and connected to LED1 and LED2.

# 5.2.8 Config\_ELCL

Set up ELCL circuit as Figure 5-2 ELCL\_Config setting in the sample code.

Figure 5-2 ELCL\_Config setting



## 6. Sample Code

Sample code can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

#### 7. Reference

RL78/G23 User's Manual: Hardware (R01UH0896E)

RL78 Family User's Manual: Software (R01US0015E)

RL78 Smart Configurator User's Guide: CS+ (R20AN0580E)

RL78 Smart Configurator User's Guide: e<sup>2</sup> studio (R20AN0579E)

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# **Revision History**

		Descript	on
Rev.	Date	Page	Summary
1.00	Sep.26.22	-	First edition
2.00	Jul.22.25	-	Update to use Smart Configurator "ELCL Flexible Circuit" component to make application design instead of using "ELCL AND" component.
			- Deleted Config_AND configuration created by "ELCL AND" component
			- Added Config_ELCL configuration created by "ELCL Flexible Circuit" component
			- Added Config_PORT configuration and setting item using for ELCL output
		5	Updated Table 2-1 Operation Confirmation Conditions

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