# APPLICATION NOTE

The ZL\_PMBus API Programmer's Guide

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### ZL\_PMBus API Overview

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The ZL\_PMBus API enables you to write applications using the Zilker Labs PMBus Interface. The Zilker Labs PMBus Interface is a USB-to-PMBus converter available on evaluation boards such as the ZL2005EV-1 Rev. 5. A block diagram showing how data flows from your computer to a PMBus device is shown in Figure 1 below. PMBus traffic tests and GUI interfaces are some of the possible applications that can benefit from the ZL\_PMBus API.



Figure 1. Data Flow Diagram of the Zilker Labs PMBus Interface

A typical application using the ZL\_PMBus API is structured as follows. The top-level application will need to link ZL\_PMBus.dll either internally using ZL\_PMBus.lib and ZL\_PMBus.h, or externally using Microsoft Dynamic-Link Library Functions. After linking, functions available in the ZL\_PMBus API can be called. It should be noted that applications using the ZL\_PMBus API must include the FTDI FTD2XX driver (FTD2XX.dll). This is because the Zilker Labs PMBus interface uses an FT232BQ USB-to-UART converter. We chose to do this such that the MCU responsible for performing PMBus transmissions can be re-used for standalone applications.



Figure 2. Hierarchy of Application and Driver Calls



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### **Function Reference**

Below is an explanation of all the functions currently in the ZL\_PMBus API. This includes the function parameters, return values, and usage conditions.

### ZL\_DLLVersion

Gets the version of the ZL\_PMBUS dll you are linking to.

ZL\_VERSION **ZL\_DLLVersion** ( void )

#### Parameters

None.

#### **Return Values**

The ZL\_VERSION structure, which stores numbers for both the major and minor revision. (see "ZL\_PMBus Structures, Types, and Values" on page 21 for more details)



### **ZL\_FWVersion**

Gets the version of firmware running on the MCU. NOTE: This command works only on firmware revisions 02 and greater.

#### **Parameters**

deviceHandleThe handle of the device we want to retrive it's firmware version from.\*versionThe firmware version, in the format of ZL\_FW\_VERSION, which is a structure that<br/>contains a 3-byte long version string called versionStr.

#### **Return Values**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

```
ZL_HANDLE myHandle; ZL_STATUS myStatus;
ZL_FW_VERSION fwversion;
int i;
myStatus = ZL_FWVersion( myHandle, &fwversion );
if( myStatus == ZL_PMBUS_OK)
{
  printf("Firmware version: ");
  for(i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    printf("%c", fwversion.versionStr[i] );
  printf("\n");
}
else {
  printf("Error in reading firmware version \n");
}
```



### ZL\_DeviceScan

Returns a listing of all Zilker Labs PMBus Interfaces attached to the computer. The list is composed of the serial numbers for each device, such that one can choose to open a specific device from the list using ZL\_OpenDeviceBySerial.

#### Parameters

*numDevices	Pointer that returns the number of devices attached to the computer
*deviceSerials	Pointer to an array of ZL_SERIAL structures
*deviceName	C-String pointer to the name of the devices we are trying to scan

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### Comments

Because ZL\_DeviceScan requires a pointer to the list of serials the function will return, one must allocate enough space to include the list of serials in the first place. We recommend calling ZL\_NumberOfDevices first to see how many devices are attached, then use the return data from the prior function to allocate memory for the list. This method is shown in the example below



```
// Allocate space for device serials
deviceSerials = (ZL SERIAL*)malloc(sizeof(ZL SERIAL) *
                                               numDevices);
// Generate List of detected devices
myStatus = ZL DeviceScan( &numDevices,
                           deviceSerials,
                           "Zilker Labs PMBus Interface" );
// Print List of devices
printf("Devices Found: \n");
for( i = 0; i < numDevices; i++ ) {</pre>
 printf("%s\n", deviceSerials[i].numStr);
}
// Open first device from list
myStatus = ZL OpenDeviceBySerial( &myHandle,
                                   &deviceSerials[0] );
if(myStatus) { //Error in opening device
 printf("\nError in opening device \"%s\". \n",
            deviceSerials[0].numStr );
}
else {
               //Device Successfully opened
  printf("\nDevice \"%s\" Successfully Opened\n",
         deviceSerials[0].numStr );
}
```

```
// Close device
myStatus = ZL_CloseDevice( myHandle );
```



### ZL\_DetectDevice

This function is used to see if a device handle is still open, and is typically used to report an error if an invalid handle is passed, or to realize that a device needs to be re-opened.

#### Parameters

deviceHandle	The device handle you are testing
*deviceName	The device name associated with the handle you are testing

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if the device handle still exists, otherwise a defined error code is returned.



### ZL\_NumberOfDevices

Returns the number of devices currently attached to the computer.

#### Parameters

*numDevices	The returned number of attached devices
*deviceName	C-String pointer to the name of the devices we are trying to scan

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### Example

ZL\_STATUS myStatus; unsigned long numDevices;

```
printf("%d devices found.\n", numDevices);
```



### ZL\_OpenDeviceByName

Opens the first device found that matches the provided device name.

#### Parameters

*deviceHandle	Pointer to the opened device handle.
*deviceName	C-String pointer to the name of the device we are
	trying to open.

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### Example

ZL\_HANDLE myHandle; ZL STATUS myStatus;



### ZL\_OpenDeviceBySerial

Opens the device found with a matching serial number. This function is typically used after calling ZL\_DeviceScan.

#### Parameters

\*deviceHandle Pointer to the opened device handle. \*deviceSerial Pointer to the ZL\_SERIAL structure containing the serial number of the device we want to open.

### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

### Example

See Pages 4-5.



### ZL\_CloseDevice

Closes the device associated with the provided handle.

ZL\_STATUS ZL\_CloseDevice( const ZL\_HANDLE deviceHandle )

#### **Parameters**

deviceHandle The device handle we are trying to close.

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### Example

See Pages 4-5.



### ZL\_PMBUS\_Write

Performs a PMBus transmission in the form of a Quick Command, Send Byte, Write Byte, Write Word, or Block Write transfer.

#### **Parameters**

deviceHandle	The device handle we will use to perform the transmission.	
numDevices	The number of devices we will be addressing. This should always be passed 1 unless a	
	group command is being performed.	
*pmTrans	Pointer to the PMBUS_RW_TRANSFER structure, which includes the PMBus device	
-	address, transfer type, command byte(s), and data we want to send.	

#### **Return Values**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### **Example (Quick Command)**

ZL\_STATUS myStatus; PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;

//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Quick Command Write transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE\_PMBUS\_QUICKCMD\_WRITE;

#### Example (Send Byte)

```
//PMBus Command
const unsigned char restore user all = 0x16;
```

ZL\_STATUS myStatus; PMBUS\_RW\_TRANSFER pmTrans;

```
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Send Byte transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE_PMBUS_SEND_BYTE;
```



#### Example (Write Byte)

```
const unsigned char operation = 0x01; //PMBus Command Definition
ZL_STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS_RW_TRANSFER pmTrans;
```

```
&pmTrans );
```

#### **Example (Write Word)**



Example (Block Write – Writing an arbitrary sequence )

```
const unsigned char ZL2005 pid taps = 0xD5; //PMBus Command
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Write Byte transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE PMBUS BLOCK WRITE;
pmTrans.cmdLength = 1;
pmTrans.cmdBytes[0] = ZL2005 pid taps;
pmTrans.paramLength = 9;
// Write PID TAPS A=1634, B=-2799, C=1227
pmTrans.paramBytes[0] = 0x40; //Coefficient A -
                              // mantissa, low-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[1] = 0xCC; //Coefficient A -
                              // mantissa, high-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[2] = 0x7B; //Coefficient A -
                              // exponent + sign
pmTrans.paramBytes[3] = 0xF0; //Coefficient B -
                              // mantissa, low-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[4] = 0xAE; //Coefficient B -
                              // mantissa, high-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[5] = 0xFC; //Coefficient B -
                              // exponent + sign
pmTrans.paramBytes[6] = 0x60; //Coefficient C -
                              // mantissa, low-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[7] = 0x99; //Coefficient C -
                              // mantissa, high-byte
pmTrans.paramBytes[8] = 0x7B; //Coefficient C -
                              // exponent + sign
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Write( deviceHandle,
                           1, //numDevices
                           &pmTrans );
```



#### Example (Block Write – Writing an ASCII string)



### ZL\_PMBUS\_Read

Performs a PMBus transmission in the form of a Receive Byte, Read Byte, Read Word, or Block Read transfer type.

#### **Parameters**

deviceHandleThe device handle we will use to perform the transmission.\*pmTransPointer to the PMBUS\_RW\_TRANSFER structure, which includes the PMBus device<br/>address, transfer type, command byte(s), and stores the data we will receive.

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

#### Example (Receive Byte)

```
#define ALERT RESPONSE ADDRESS
                                0x0C
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for Receive Byte transmission
pmTrans.address = ALERT RESPONSE ADDRESS;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE PMBUS RECV BYTE;
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Read( deviceHandle,
                          &pmTrans );
if (myStatus) { //Exit if error occured
 printf("Error in Receive Byte Example.\n");
 printf("(This is likely due to no faults\
           present on any devices) \n\n");
  return;
}
//Otherwise, Print byte contents
printf("Receive Byte Contents: %#02x,\
        meaning a device at address %#02x has a fault.\n",
        pmTrans.paramBytes[0],
        (pmTrans.paramBytes[0]>>1) & ~(0x80) );
```



#### Example (Read Byte)

```
const unsigned char operation = 0x01; //PMBus Command
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Read Byte transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE_PMBUS_READ_BYTE;
pmTrans.cmdLength = 1;
pmTrans.cmdBytes[0] = operation;
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Read( deviceHandle,
                          &pmTrans );
if (myStatus) { //Exit if error occured
 printf("Error in Read Byte Example.\n\n");
  return;
}
//Otherwise, Print byte contents
printf("Read Byte Contents: %#02x.\n",
       pmTrans.paramBytes[0]);
```



#### Example (Read Word)

```
const unsigned char vout command = 0x21; //PMBus Command
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Read Word transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE PMBUS READ WORD;
pmTrans.cmdLength = 1;
pmTrans.cmdBytes[0] = vout command;
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Read( deviceHandle,
                          &pmTrans );
if (myStatus) { //Exit if error occured
  printf("Error in Read Word Example.\n\n");
  return;
}
//Otherwise, Print byte contents
//NOTE: I print the second byte first since
11
        the data for VOUT COMMAND is sent and received
11
        in little-endian.
printf("Read Word Contents: %#02x%02x.\n",
       pmTrans.paramBytes[1], pmTrans.paramBytes[0]);
```



Example (Block Read of Arbitrary bytes)

```
const unsigned char ZL2005 pid taps = 0xD5; //PMBus Command
const unsigned char ZL2005 pid taps length = 9;
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Read Word transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE PMBUS BLOCK READ;
pmTrans.cmdLength = 1;
pmTrans.cmdBytes[0] = ZL2005 pid taps;
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Read( deviceHandle,
                          &pmTrans );
if (myStatus) { //Exit if error occured
  printf("Error in Block Read Example.\n\n");
  return;
}
else if (pmTrans.paramLength != ZL2005 pid taps length) {
  printf("Invalid parameter length returned.\n\n");
  return;
}
//Print out pid taps coefficients
printf("Block Read Demo One - PID TAPS readout:\n");
printf(" Coefficient A: %#02x%02x%02x\n",
          pmTrans.paramBytes[6],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[7],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[8] );
printf("
          Coefficient B: %#02x%02x%02x\n",
          pmTrans.paramBytes[3],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[4],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[5] );
printf("
          Coefficient C: %#02x%02x%02x\n",
          pmTrans.paramBytes[0],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[1],
          pmTrans.paramBytes[2] );
```



#### **Example (Block Read of ASCII Characters)**

```
//PMBus Command
const unsigned char ZL2005 device id = 0xE4;
ZL STATUS myStatus;
PMBUS RW TRANSFER pmTrans;
unsigned char i;
//Setup PMBus transfer struct for a Read Word transmission
pmTrans.address = 0x20;
pmTrans.transferType = TTYPE PMBUS BLOCK READ;
pmTrans.cmdLength = 1;
pmTrans.cmdBytes[0] = ZL2005_device_id;
myStatus = ZL PMBUS Read( deviceHandle,
                           &pmTrans );
if(myStatus) { //Exit if error occured
 printf("Error in Block Read Example.\n\n");
  return;
}
//print non null-terminated ASCII string
printf("Block Read Output: ");
for(i = 0; i < pmTrans.paramLength; i++) {</pre>
 printf("%c", pmTrans.paramBytes[i]);
}
```



### ZL\_PMBUS\_SetPEC

Enables or disables Packet Error Checking (PEC) on the device. NOTE: This command works only on firmware revisions 03 and greater.

#### **Parameters**

deviceHandle	The device handle we will use to enable/disable PEC.
PECFlagIn	Flag which takes on the definitions of either PEC_ENABLE or PEC_DISABLE

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

```
ZL_HANDLE myHandle;
ZL_STATUS myStatus;
myStatus = ZL_PMBUS_SetPEC( myHandle, PEC_ENABLE );
if( myStatus == ZL_PMBUS_OK )
{
   printf("Set pec\n");
}
else
{
   printf("Error in setting pec.\n");
}
```



### ZL\_PMBUS\_GetPEC

Tells whether Packet Error Checking (PEC) is enabled/disabled. NOTE: This command works only on firmware revisions 03 and greater.

#### Parameters

deviceHandleThe device handle we will use to enable/disable PEC.\*PECFlagOutPointer to unsigned character that returns with either PEC\_ENABLE or<br/>PEC\_DISABLE

#### **Return Value**

ZL\_STATUS is 0 (ZL\_PMBUS\_OK) if successful, otherwise a defined error code is returned.

```
ZL_HANDLE myHandle;
ZL_STATUS myStatus;
unsigned char pecEnable;
myStatus = ZL_PMBUS_GetPEC( myHandle, &pecEnable ) == 0
if( myStatus == ZL_PMBUS_OK )
{
  printf("Pec set to: %d\n", pecEnable);
}
else {
  printf("Error in reading pec.\n");
}
```



### ZL\_PMBus Structures, Types, and Values

The ZL\_PMBus API makes use of a few special structures to make it easy to send and receive the data you need. Below is a list of the structures and a description of how they work.

### PMBUS\_RW\_TRANSFER

The PMBUS\_RW\_TRANSFER is a structure used with the ZL\_PMBUS\_Write and ZL\_PMBUS\_Read commands. It contains the transfer type, address, command byte(s), and parameter byte(s) that will be used to communicate with the device.

```
typedef struct PMBusRWStruct {
   unsigned char transferType;
   unsigned char address;
   unsigned char cmdLength;
   unsigned char cmdBytes[2];
   unsigned char paramLength;
   unsigned char paramBytes[256];
} PMBUS RW TRANSFER;
```

The transferType variable should be set to one of the predefined transfer types found in ZL\_PMBus.h. The transfer types are also listed below:

```
// Transfer Types used by ZL PMBUS Write
#define TTYPE PMBUS QUICKCMD READ
                                       1
#define TTYPE PMBUS QUICKCMD WRITE
                                       2
#define TTYPE PMBUS SEND BYTE
                                       4
#define TTYPE PMBUS WRITE BYTE
                                       7
#define TTYPE PMBUS WRITE WORD
                                       8
#define TTYPE PMBUS BLOCK WRITE
                                       10
// Transfer Types used by ZL PMBUS Read
#define TTYPE PMBUS RECV BYTE
                                       3
#define TTYPE PMBUS READ BYTE
                                       5
#define TTYPE PMBUS READ WORD
                                       6
#define TTYPE PMBUS BLOCK READ
                                       11
// Transfer Types used with ZL PMBUS ProcessCall
#define TTYPE PMBUS PROC CALL
                                       9
#define TTYPE PMBUS BLKWR BLKRD PROC
                                       12
```

The address variable is passed as just the lower 7 bytes of an address byte in a PMBus transmission. This means that for an address of 0x20 in PMBUS\_RW\_TRANSFER, 0x40 or 0x41 will be sent in an Address+Write or Address+Read, respectively. The address is shifted left in the MCU code.



The cmdLength variable describes how many command bytes need to be sent. This value is typically 1 unless you are doing an extended command transfer, in which case it should be 2.

The cmdBytes array holds the command byte to be sent as well as an extended command byte. The bytes must be put in the array in the order that they are sent. This means that for non-extended command transmissions the command byte must be placed in cmdByte[0].

The paramLength variable is used to either describe the number of bytes to be sent, or to read the number of bytes that were received.

The paramBytes array holds the parameter bytes we want to send, but can also contain the parameter bytes we received. Parameter bytes should be put in the order they are sent.

### ZL\_HANDLE

The ZL\_HANDLE type is a pointer that points to the instance of the FTDI USB-UART converter attached to the computer.

## **ZL\_STATUS**

ZL\_STATUS is a signed long variable that is typically used to return whether a command was successful or not. DLL Versions 0.4 and greater include the following status codes:

#### API-Wide Error Codes

ZL PMBUS OK	0 // No Error
ZL PMBUS ERR GENERIC	-1
ZL PMBUS ERR DEVHANDLE	-2
ZL PMBUS ERR TRANS DATA INV	-3
ZL PMBUS ERR TRANS DATA UNDERRUN	-4
ZL PMBUS ERR TRANS DATA OVERRUN	-5
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_TRANS_TIMEOUT	-6
Error codes related to sending PM	Bus data
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_START	-100
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_REP_START	-101
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_ADR	-102
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_REP_ADR	-103
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_CMD	-104
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_PARAMLEN	-105
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_PARAM	-106
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_PEC	-107
ZL_PMBUS_ERR_SEND_STOP	-108



```
Error codes related to receiving PMBus data

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_RECV_PARAMLEN -140

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_RECV_PARAM -141

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_RECV_PEC -142

PMBus-specific user input errors

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_BAD_TTYPE -170

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_BAD_CMDLEN -171

ZL_PMBUS_ERR_NUMDEVICES_IS_ZERO -172
```

More information on these error codes can be found in the ZL\_PMBus.h API header file.

### **ZL\_VERSION**

ZL\_VERSION is a structure that contains the major and minor release numbers. The version of the dll you are linking to can be found via the ZL\_DLLVersion command.

```
typedef struct revision {
   long major;
   long minor;
} ZL VERSION;
```

### ZL\_FW\_VERSION

ZL\_FW\_VERSION is a structure that contains the firmware version. The version of firmware your MCU is using can be found via the ZL\_FWVersion command.

```
typedef struct fwRevision {
    char versionStr[3];
} ZL_FW_VERSION;
```

### ZL\_SERIAL

ZL\_SERIAL contains a C-String buffer that holds a series of ASCII characters that serve as each device's serial number. The serial numbers retrieved via ZL\_DeviceScan are stored in a small EEPROM used by the FTDI USB-UART converter.



# **Revision History**

Date	Rev. #	
5/25/06	2.0	Initial Release
6/6/07	3.0	Added ZL_FWVersion, ZL_SetPEC, & ZL_GetPEC. Added ZL_STATUS Error Codes
5/01/09	AN2018.0	Assigned file number AN2018 to app note as this will be the first release with an Intersil file number. Replaced header and footer with Intersil header and footer. Updated disclaimer information to read "Intersil and it's subsidiaries including Zilker Labs, Inc." No changes to application note content.



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