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About This Manual

This manual describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 and contains information concerning their installation, operation, and programming. The PCI-DIO-96 and PCI-6503 are members of the National Instruments PCI Series of expansion boards for PCI bus computers. The PXI-6508 is a member of the National Instruments PXI family of expansion boards for PXI and CompactPCI chassis. These boards are designed for high-performance data acquisition and control for applications in laboratory testing, production testing, and industrial process monitoring and control.

Conventions

The following conventions are used in this manual:

<> Angle brackets that contain numbers separated by an ellipsis represent a range of values associated with a bit or signal name—for example, AO <3..0>.

» The » symbol leads you through nested menu items and dialog box options to a final action. The sequence **File**»*Page Setup*»Options** directs you to pull down the **File** menu, select the **Page Setup** item, and select **Options** from the last dialog box.

This icon to the left of bold italicized text denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.

This icon to the left of bold italicized text denotes a caution, which advises you of precautions to take to avoid injury, data loss, or a system crash.

**bold** Bold text denotes items that you must select or click in the software, such as menu items and dialog box options. Bold text also denotes parameter names.

**italic** Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, a cross-reference, or an introduction to a key concept. Italic text also denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.
About This Manual

Text in this font denotes text or characters that you should enter from the keyboard, sections of code, programming examples, and syntax examples. This font is also used for the proper names of disk drives, paths, directories, programs, subprograms, subroutines, device names, functions, operations, variables, filenames, and extensions.

PPI \( x \)  

PPI \( x \), where the \( x \) is replaced by A, B, C, or D, refers to one of the four programmable peripheral interface (PPI) chips on the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508. The PCI-6503 contains only one PPI, PPI A.

Your DIO board  

Your DIO board refers to either the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, or PCI-6503 board.

Related Documentation

The following National Instruments document contains information that you may find helpful as you read this manual.

- *Field Wiring and Noise Considerations for Analog Signals*—To access this document, go to ni.com/info and enter the info code rdfwin.
- *PCI Local Bus Specification*, Revision 2.1
- National Instruments *PXI Specification*, Revision 1.0
- *PICMG 2.0 R2.1 CompactPCI*
- Software documentation—Examples of software documentation you may have are the LabVIEW or LabWindows™/CVI™ documentation sets and the NI-DAQmx or Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) documentation. After you set up your hardware system, use either the application software or the NI-DAQ documentation to help you write your application. If you have a large and complicated system, it is worthwhile to look through the software documentation before you configure your hardware.
- Accessory installation guides or manuals—If you are using accessory products, read the terminal block and cable assembly installation guides or accessory board user manuals. They explain how to physically connect the relevant pieces of the system. Consult these guides when you are making your connections.
Introduction

This chapter describes the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503; lists what you need to get started, software programming choices, and optional equipment; describes custom cabling options; and explains how to unpack your board.

About Your Board

Thank you for purchasing a National Instruments PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, or PCI-6503 board. The PCI-DIO-96 is a 96-bit, parallel, digital I/O interface for PCI bus computers. The PXI-6508 is a 96-bit, parallel, digital I/O interface for PXI and CompactPCI chassis. The PCI-6503 is a 24-bit, parallel, digital I/O interface for PCI bus computers.

Four 82C55A programmable peripheral interface (PPI) chips control the 96 bits of TTL-compatible digital I/O on the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508. On the PCI-6503, one 82C55A PPI controls the 24 bits of TTL-compatible digital I/O. The 82C55A PPI chips can operate in unidirectional mode, bidirectional mode, or handshaking mode and can generate interrupt requests to your computer. The digital I/O lines are all accessible through a 100-pin female connector on the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508 and a 50-pin male connector on the PCI-6503.

Your DIO board is a completely switchless and jumperless DAQ board. All resource allocation is completed automatically at startup, so you will not need to set interrupt levels or base addresses.

With your DIO board, you can use your computer as a digital I/O system controller for laboratory testing, production testing, and industrial process monitoring and control.

Detailed PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 specifications are in Appendix A, Specifications.
Using PXI with CompactPCI

Using PXI-compatible products with standard CompactPCI products is an important feature provided by the PXI Specification, Revision 1.0. If you use a PXI-compatible plug-in device in a standard CompactPCI chassis you can use the basic plug-in device functions, but the PXI-specific functions will be unavailable.

The CompactPCI specification permits vendors to develop sub-buses that coexist with the basic PCI interface on the CompactPCI bus. Compatible operation is not guaranteed between CompactPCI devices with different sub-buses nor between CompactPCI devices with sub-buses and PXI. The standard implementation for CompactPCI does not include these sub-buses. Your PXI-6508 device works in any standard CompactPCI chassis adhering to the PICMG 2.0 R2.1 CompactPCI core specification.

What You Need to Get Started

To set up and use your PCI-DIO-96/PXI-6508/PCI-6503 board, you will need the following:

- PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, or PCI-6503 board
- One of the following software packages and documentation:
  - LabVIEW
  - LabWindows/CVI
  - NI-DAQmx
  - Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy)
  - Measurement Studio
- Your computer, or PXI or CompactPCI chassis and controller
Optional Equipment

National Instruments offers a variety of products to use with your DIO board, including cables, connector blocks, and other accessories, as follows:

- Cables and cable assemblies
- Connector blocks, 50-pin screw terminals
- SCXI modules and accessories for isolating, amplifying, exciting, and multiplexing signals for relays and analog output. With SCXI you can condition and acquire up to 3,072 channels.
- Low channel count signal conditioning modules, boards, and accessories, including conditioning for strain gauges and RTDs, simultaneous sample and hold, and relays

For more information about optional equipment available from National Instruments, visit ni.com.

Custom Cabling

⚠️ Caution  For compliance with Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) requirements, this product must be operated with shielded cables and accessories. If unshielded cables or accessories are used, the EMC specifications are no longer guaranteed unless all unshielded cables and/or accessories are installed in a shielded enclosure with properly designed and shielded input/output ports.

National Instruments offers cables and accessories for you to prototype your application or to use if you frequently change board interconnections.

If you want to develop your own cable, the mating connector for the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 is a 100-position, right-angle receptacle without board locks. Recommended manufacturer part numbers for this mating connector are as follows:

- AMP Corporation (part number 749879-9)
- Honda Corporation (part number PCS-XE100LFD-HS)
The mating connector for the PCI-6503 is a 50-position, polarized ribbon socket connector with strain relief. National Instruments uses a polarized (keyed) connector to prevent inadvertent upside-down connections. Recommended manufacturer part numbers for this mating connector are as follows:

- Electronic Products Division/3M (part number 3425-7650)
- T&B/Ansley Corporation (part number 622-5041)

Unpacking

Your DIO board is shipped in an antistatic package to prevent electrostatic damage to the board. Electrostatic discharge can damage several components on the board. To avoid such damage in handling the board, take the following precautions:

- Ground yourself via a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object.
- Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of your computer chassis before removing the board from the package.
- Remove the board from the package and inspect the board for loose components or any other sign of damage. Notify National Instruments if the board appears damaged in any way. Do not install a damaged board into your computer.
- Never touch the exposed pins of connectors.
This chapter describes how to install and configure your PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, or PCI-6503 board.

Software Installation

Before installing your DIO device, you must install the software you plan to use with the device.

If you are a register-level programmer, refer to Appendix B, *Register-Level Programming*, of this manual.

Installing NI-DAQ

The *DAQ Getting Started Guide*, which you can download at [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals), offers NI-DAQ users step-by-step instructions for installing software and hardware, configuring channels and tasks, and getting started developing an application.

Installing Other Software

If you are using other software, refer to the installation instructions that accompany your software.

Hardware Installation

The following sections contain general installation instructions for each device. Consult your computer or chassis user manual or technical reference manual for specific instructions about installing new devices in your computer or chassis.

Installing the PCI-DIO-96 or PCI-6503

To install a PCI-DIO-96 or PCI-6503 in any available 5 V PCI expansion slot in your computer, complete the following steps:

1. Turn off and unplug your computer.
2. Remove the top cover or access port to the expansion slots.
3. Remove the expansion slot cover on the back panel of the computer.
4. Touch the metal part inside your computer to discharge any static electricity that might be on your clothes or body.
5. Insert the PCI-DIO-96 or PCI-6503 in a 5 V PCI slot. It may be a tight fit, but do not force the device into place.
6. Screw the mounting bracket of the PCI-DIO-96 or PCI-6503 to the back panel rail of the computer.
7. Visually verify the installation.
8. Replace the top cover of your computer.
9. Plug in and turn on your computer.

### Installing the PXI-6508

To install a PXI-6508 in any available 5 V peripheral slot in your PXI or CompactPCI chassis, complete the following steps:

1. Turn off and unplug your PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
2. Choose an unused PXI or CompactPCI 5 V peripheral slot.
3. Remove the filler panel for the peripheral slot you have chosen.
4. Touch a metal part of your chassis to discharge any static electricity that might be on your clothes or body.
5. Insert the PXI-6508 in the selected 5 V slot. Use the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the device into place.
6. Screw the front panel of the PXI-6508 to the front panel mounting rails of the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
7. Visually verify the installation.
8. Plug in and turn on the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.

### Board Configuration

Your DIO board is completely software configurable. The PCI-DIO-96 and PCI-6503 are fully compliant with the *PCI Local Bus Specification*, Revision 2.1, and the PXI-6508 is fully compliant with the *PXI Specification*, Revision 1.0. Therefore, all board resources are automatically allocated by the PCI system, including the base address and interrupt level. The base address of the board is mapped into PCI memory space. You do not need to perform any configuration steps after the system powers up.
Signal Connections

This chapter describes how to make input and output signal connections to your PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 via the board I/O connector.

⚠️ Caution  Connections that exceed any of the maximum ratings of input or output signals on your DIO board can damage the board and your computer. The description of each signal in this chapter includes information about maximum input ratings. National Instruments is not liable for any damages resulting from signal connections that exceed these maximum ratings.

🔍 Note  For information on adding signal conditioning into your applications and National Instruments signal conditioning devices, go to ni.com/signalconditioning.

I/O Connector (PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508)

The I/O connector for the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 has 100 pins that you can connect to 50-pin accessories with the R1005050 cable.

I/O Connector Pin Assignments

Figure 3-1 shows the pin assignments for the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 digital I/O connector.
Figure 3-1. PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 Connector Pin Assignments
Cable Assembly Connectors

The optional R1005050 cable assembly you can use with the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508 is an assembly of two 50-pin cables and three connectors. Both cables are joined to a single connector on one end and to individual connectors on the free ends. The 100-pin connector that joins the two cables plugs into the I/O connector of the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508. The other two connectors are 50-pin connectors, one of which is connected to pins 1 through 50 and the other connected to pins 51 through 100 of the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 connector. Figure 3-2 shows the pin assignments for each of the 50-pin connectors on the cable assembly.

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Figure 3-2. Cable-Assembly Connector Pinout for the R1005050 Ribbon Cable (PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508)
I/O Connector Signal Descriptions

Table 3-1 lists the signal descriptions for the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 I/O connector pins.

**Table 3-1. Signal Descriptions for PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 I/O Connectors**

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<td>1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15</td>
<td>APC&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port C of PPI A—APC7 is the MSB, APC0 is the LSB.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16</td>
<td>BPC&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port C of PPI B—BPC7 is the MSB, BPC0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31</td>
<td>APB&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port B of PPI A—APB7 is the MSB, APB0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32</td>
<td>BPB&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port B of PPI B—BPB7 is the MSB, BPB0 is the LSB.</td>
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<tr>
<td>33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47</td>
<td>APA&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port A of PPI A—APA7 is the MSB, APA0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48</td>
<td>BPA&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port A of PPI B—BPA7 is the MSB, BPA0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>49, 99</td>
<td>+5 V supply</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>+5 Volts—These pins are fused for up to 1 A total of +4.65 to +5.25 V.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50, 100</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Ground—These pins are connected to the computer ground signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65</td>
<td>CPC&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port C of PPI C—CPC7 is the MSB, CPC0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66</td>
<td>DPC&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port C of PPI D—DPC7 is the MSB, DPC0 is the LSB.</td>
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</table>
### Table 3-1. Signal Descriptions for PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 I/O Connectors (Continued)

<table>
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<th>Pin</th>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Alternate Port ID†</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81</td>
<td>CPB&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port B of PPI C—CPB7 is the MSB, CPB0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82</td>
<td>DPB&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port B of PPI D—DPB7 is the MSB, DPB0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97</td>
<td>CPA&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port A of PPI C—CPA7 is the MSB, CPA0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98</td>
<td>DPA&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Bidirectional data lines for port A of PPI D—DPA7 is the MSB, DPA0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

† This document refers to the ports as A, B, and C and the PPIs (82C55As) as A, B, C, and D. NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), and LabVIEW documentation use numbers to identify each port and PPI. For example, this manual uses PPI A port A to refer to port A of the 82C55A identified as PPI A. NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), LabWindows/CVI, LabVIEW, or other application software documentation, however, refer to this port as 0. The Alternate Port ID column shows the correlation between the different port names.
I/O Connector (PCI-6503)

The PCI-6503 has 50 pins that you can connect to 50-pin accessories with the NB1 cable.

PCI-6503 I/O Connector Pin Descriptions

Figure 3-3 shows the pin assignments for the PCI-6503 digital I/O connector using the NB1 ribbon cable.

![PCI-6503 I/O Connector Pin Assignments](image)

**Figure 3-3.** PCI-6503 I/O Connector Pin Assignments
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Table 3-2 describes the PCI-6503 signals.

Table 3-2. PCI-6503 Signal Descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Alternate Port ID†</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15</td>
<td>PC&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Port C—Bidirectional data lines for port C. PC7 is the MSB, PC0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31</td>
<td>PB&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Port B—Bidirectional data lines for port B. PB7 is the MSB, PB0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47</td>
<td>PA&lt;7..0&gt;</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Port A—Bidirectional data lines for port B. PA7 is the MSB, PA0 is the LSB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>49</td>
<td>+5 V</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>+5 Volts—This pin is fused for up to 1 A at +4.65 to 5.25 V.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All even-numbered pins</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Ground—These signals are connected to the computer ground reference.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

† This document refers to the 82C55 ports as A, B, and C. NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), and LabVIEW documentation use numbers to identify ports. For example, this manual uses port A to refer to the first port of the 82C55A. NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), LabWindows/CVI, LabVIEW, or other application software documentation, however, refer to this port as 0. The Alternate Port ID column shows the correlation between the different port names.

Port C Pin Assignments

The signals assigned to port C vary depending on how the 82C55A is configured. In mode 0—or no handshaking configuration—port C is configured as two 4-bit I/O ports. In modes 1 and 2—or handshaking configuration—port C is used for status and handshaking signals with any leftover lines available for general-purpose I/O. Table 3-3 summarizes the port C signal assignments for each configuration. You can also use ports A and B in different modes; the table does not show every possible combination. Consult Appendix B, Register-Level Programming, for register-level programming information.
Note: Table 3-3 shows both the port C signal assignments and the terminology correlation between different documentation sources. The 82C55A terminology refers to the different 82C55A configurations as modes whereas NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), LabWindows/CVI, and LabVIEW documentation refers to them as handshaking and no handshaking. On the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, these signal assignments are the same for all four 82C55A PPIs. Refer to Table 3-1 for more information.

### Table 3-3. Port C Signal Assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Configuration Terminology</th>
<th>Signal Assignments</th>
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<tr>
<td>APC7, BPC7, CPC7, or DPC7</td>
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<td>APC6, BPC6, CPC6, or DPC6</td>
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<tr>
<td>APC5, BPC5, CPC5, or DPC5</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>APC4, BPC4, CPC4, or DPC4</td>
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<tr>
<td>APC3, BPC3, CPC3, or DPC3</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>APC2, BPC2, CPC2, or DPC2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APC1, BPC1, CPC1, or DPC1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APC0, BPC0, CPC0, or DPC0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode 0 (Basic I/O)</td>
<td>No Handshaking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I/O</td>
<td>I/O</td>
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<td>I/O</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode 1 (Strobed Input)</td>
<td>Handshaking</td>
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<tr>
<td>I/O</td>
<td>I/O</td>
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<tr>
<td>IBF_A</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>STB_A*</td>
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<td>INTRA</td>
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<tr>
<td>STB_B*</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>IBFB_B</td>
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<td>INTR_B</td>
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<td>Mode 1 (Strobed Output)</td>
<td>Handshaking</td>
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<td>OBF_A*</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACK_A*</td>
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<td>I/O</td>
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<td>ACK_B*</td>
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<td>OBF_B*</td>
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<tr>
<td>INTR_B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode 2 (Bidirectional Bus)</td>
<td>Handshaking</td>
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<td>OBF_A*</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACK_A*</td>
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<td>STB_A*</td>
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Notes: Indicates that the signal is active low. Subscripts A and B denote port A or port B handshaking signals.

### Digital I/O Signal Connections

Pins 1 through 48 and, on the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, pins 51 through 98 of the I/O connector are digital I/O signal pins. The following specifications and ratings apply to the digital I/O lines. The maximum input logic high and output logic high voltages assume a $V_{cc}$ supply voltage of 5.0 V.

The absolute maximum voltage rating is $-0.5$ to $+5.5$ V with respect to GND. For more information on the digital I/O signal specifications, refer to Appendix A, Specifications.
Figure 3-4 depicts signal connections for three typical digital I/O applications.

Figure 3-4. Digital I/O Connections Block Diagram

In Figure 3-4, port A of one PPI is configured for digital output, and port B is configured for digital input. Digital input applications include receiving TTL signals and sensing external device states such as the state of the switch in Figure 3-4. Digital output applications include sending TTL signals and driving external devices such as the LED shown in Figure 3-4.
Power Connections

Pin 49 and, on the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, pin 99 of the I/O connector supply +5 V from the computer power supply via a self-resetting fuse. The fuse resets automatically within a few seconds after the overcurrent condition is removed. These pins are referenced to GND and can be used to power external digital circuitry.

Power rating: 1 A at +4.65 to +5.25 V

Caution: Never connect the +5 V power pins directly to ground or to any other voltage source on your DIO board or to any other device. Doing so can damage your DIO board and the computer. National Instruments is not liable for damage resulting from such a connection.

Digital I/O Power-up State Selection

The PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 contain bias resistors that control the state of the digital I/O lines at power up. At power up, each digital I/O line is configured as an input, pulled either high or low by a 100 kΩ bias resistor.

On the PCI-DIO-96, all of the 100 kΩ bias resistors pull up. Therefore, the default power-up state of each line on the PCI-DIO-96 is high.

On the PXI-6508 and PCI-6503, you can select the direction of the 100 kΩ bias resistors. Set jumper W1 to high to configure the resistors as pull-up resistors. Set jumper W1 to low to configure the resistors as pull-down resistors.

You can change individual lines from pulled up to pulled down—or, on the PXI-6508 and PCI-6503, from pulled down to pulled up—by adding your own external resistors. This section describes the procedure.

High DIO Power-up State

If you select the pulled-high mode, each DIO line is pulled to Vcc (approximately +5 VDC) with a 100 kΩ resistor. To pull a specific line low, connect between that line and ground a pull-down resistor (Rd) whose value will give you a maximum of 0.4 VDC. The DIO lines provide a maximum of 2.5 mA at 3.7 V in the high state. Using the largest possible resistor ensures that you do not use more current than necessary to perform the pull-down task.
However, ensure the resistor value is not so large that leakage current from the DIO line along with the current from the 100 kΩ pull-up resistor drives the voltage at the resistor above a TTL low level of 0.4 VDC.

Example:

By default, all DIO lines are pulled high at power up. To pull one channel low, complete the following steps:

1. Install a load (R_L). Remember that the smaller the resistance, the greater the current consumption and the lower the voltage.

2. Using the following formula, calculate the largest possible load to maintain a logic low level of 0.4 V and supply the maximum driving current:

   \[ V = I \times R_L \Rightarrow R_L = \frac{V}{I} \]

   where \( V = 0.4 \text{ V} \); Voltage across \( R_L \)

   \( I = 46 \mu\text{A} + 10 \mu\text{A} \); 4.6 V across the 100 kΩ pull-up resistor and 10 μA maximum leakage current (except lines PC0 and PC3)

   therefore \( R_L = 7.1 \text{ kΩ} \); 0.4 V/56 μA

This resistor value, 7.1 kΩ, provides a maximum of 0.4 V on the DIO line at power up. You can substitute smaller resistor values to lower the voltage or to provide a margin for \( V_{cc} \) variations and other factors. However, smaller values draw more current, leaving less drive current for other circuitry connected to this line. The 7.1 kΩ resistor reduces the amount of logic high source current by 0.4 mA with a 2.8 V output.

The maximum leakage current on most lines is 10 μA. The maximum leakage current on the PC(0) and PC(3) lines is 20 μA.
Low DIO Power-up State (PXI-6508, PCI-6503 Only)

If you select pulled-low mode, each DIO line will be pulled to GND (0 VDC) using a 100 kΩ resistor. If you want to pull a specific line high, connect a pull-up resistor that will give you a minimum of 2.8 VDC. The DIO lines are capable of sinking a maximum of 2.5 mA at 0.4 V in the low state. Using the largest possible resistance value ensures that you do not use more current than necessary to perform the pull-up task.

Also, ensure the pull-up resistor value is not so large that leakage current from the DIO line along with the current from the 100 kΩ pull-down resistor brings the voltage at the resistor below a TTL high level of 2.8 VDC.

![Figure 3-6. DIO Channel Configured for Low DIO Power-up State with External Load](image)

Example:

Set jumper W1 to low, which means all DIO lines are pulled low at power up. To pull one channel high, complete the following steps:

1. Install a load (R_L). Remember that the smaller the resistance, the greater the current consumption and the higher the voltage.
2. Using the following formula, calculate the largest possible load to maintain a logic high level of 2.8 V and supply the maximum sink current:

   \[ V = I \times R_L \implies R_L = \frac{V}{I} \]

   where  
   \[ V = 2.2 \text{ V}; \text{ Voltage across } R_L \]
   \[ I = 28 \mu A + 10 \mu A; \text { 2.8 V across the 100 kΩ pull-up resistor and 10 μA maximum leakage current (except lines PC0 and PC3)} \]

   therefore  
   \[ R_L = 5.7 \text{ kΩ}; \text{ 2.2 V}/38 \mu A \]
This resistor value, 5.7 kΩ, provides a maximum of 2.8 V on the DIO line at power up. You can substitute smaller resistor values to lower the voltage drop or to provide a margin for V_{CC} variations and other factors. However, smaller values draw more current, leaving less sink current for other circuitry connected to this line. The 5.7 kΩ resistor reduces the amount of a logic low sink current by 0.8 mA with a 0.4 V output.
This chapter contains a functional overview of the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 and explains the operation of each functional unit.

Functional Overview

The block diagram in Figure 4-1 illustrates the key functional components of your DIO board.
Figure 4-1. PCI-DIO-96/PXI-6508 Block Diagram

Note: Current revisions of the NI PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 no longer support the OKI 82C53 programmable interval timer. If you are using a PCI-DIO-96 revision G or earlier or PXI-6508 revision D or earlier, refer to Appendix B, Register-Level Programming, for more information about using the 82C53.
PCI Interface Circuitry

Your DIO board uses the PCI MITE ASIC to communicate with the PCI bus. The PCI MITE ASIC was designed by National Instruments specifically for data acquisition. The PCI MITE is fully compliant with *PCI Local Bus Specification*, Revision 2.1.

The base memory address and interrupt level for the board are stored inside the PCI MITE at power on. You do not need to set any switches or jumpers.

82C55A Programmable Peripheral Interface

The 82C55A PPI chip is the heart of your DIO board. The PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 contain four PPIs. The PCI-6503 contains one PPI. Each of these chips has 24 programmable I/O pins that represent three 8-bit ports: PA, PB, and PC. Each port can be programmed as an input or output port. The 82C55A has three modes of operation: simple I/O (mode 0), strobed I/O (mode 1), and bidirectional I/O (mode 2). In modes 1 and 2, the three ports are divided into two groups: group A and group B. Each group has eight data bits, plus control and status bits from port C (PC). Modes 1 and 2 use handshaking signals from the computer to synchronize data transfers. Refer to Appendix B, *Register-Level Programming*, for more detailed information.

Different revisions of the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 use different 82C55A chips from Intersil Corporation or OKI Semiconductor. For the most recent data sheet for the Intersil CMS82C55A or CS82C55A, visit [www.intersil.com](http://www.intersil.com). For the most recent data sheet for the OKI MSM82C55A, visit [www2.okisemi.com](http://www2.okisemi.com).

Table 4-1 describes the 82C55A used in the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503.

<table>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Bus Hold†</th>
<th>PCI-DIO-96</th>
<th>PXI-6508</th>
<th>PCI-6503</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>Intersil CMS82C55A</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Revision K or later</td>
<td>Revision G or later</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intersil CS82C55A</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>182920H-01</td>
<td>184836E-01</td>
<td>185183E-01</td>
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<tr>
<td>OKI MSM82C55A</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>182920J-01, revision G or earlier</td>
<td>184836F-01, revision D or earlier</td>
<td>185183F-01, revision D or earlier</td>
</tr>
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</table>

† Indicates whether the chip has the bus hold feature on the port pins.
Timing Specifications

This section lists the timing specifications for handshaking with your DIO board. The handshaking lines STB* and IBF synchronize input transfers. The handshaking lines OBF* and ACK* synchronize output transfers.

Table 4-2 describes signals appearing in the handshaking diagrams.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STB*</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Strobe Input—A low signal on this handshaking line loads data into the input latch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IBF</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Input Buffer Full—A high signal on this handshaking line indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch. A low signal indicates the board is ready for more data. This is an input acknowledge signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACK*</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Acknowledge Input—A low signal on this handshaking line indicates that the data written to the port has been accepted. This signal is a response from the external device indicating that it has received the data from your DIO board.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OBF*</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Output Buffer Full—A low signal on this handshaking line indicates that data has been written to the port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTR</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Interrupt Request—This signal becomes high when the 82C55A requests service during a data transfer. The appropriate interrupt enable bits must be set to generate this signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RD*</td>
<td>Internal</td>
<td>Read—This signal is the read signal generated from the control lines of the computer I/O expansion bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WR*</td>
<td>Internal</td>
<td>Write—This signal is the write signal generated from the control lines of the computer I/O expansion bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA</td>
<td>Bidirectional</td>
<td>Data Lines at the Specified Port—For output mode, this signal indicates the availability of data on the data line. For input mode, this signal indicates when the data on the data lines should be valid.</td>
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Mode 1 Input Timing

Figure 4-2 shows the timing specifications for an input transfer in mode 1.

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
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<th>Maximum‡</th>
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<tr>
<td>T1</td>
<td>STB* Pulse Width</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T2</td>
<td>STB* = 0 to IBF = 1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T3</td>
<td>Data before STB* = 1</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T4</td>
<td>STB* = 1 to INTR = 1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T5</td>
<td>Data after STB* = 1</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T6</td>
<td>RD* = 0 to INTR = 0</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T7</td>
<td>RD* = 1 to IBF = 0</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
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† All timing values are in nanoseconds.

Figure 4-2. Timing Specifications for Mode 1 Input Transfer
## Mode 1 Output Timing

Figure 4-3 shows the timing specifications for an output transfer in mode 1.

![Diagram of Mode 1 Output Timing](image)

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>T1</td>
<td>WR* = 0 to INTR = 0</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T2</td>
<td>WR* = 1 to Output</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T3</td>
<td>WR* = 1 to OBF* = 0</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T4</td>
<td>ACK* = 0 to OBF* = 1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T5</td>
<td>ACK* Pulse Width</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T6</td>
<td>ACK* = 1 to INTR = 1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

† All timing values are in nanoseconds.

![Figure 4-3. Timing Specifications for Mode 1 Output Transfer](image)


# Mode 2 Bidirectional Timing

Figure 4-4 shows the timing specifications for bidirectional transfers in mode 2.

![Timing Diagram](image)

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Minimum†</th>
<th>Maximum†</th>
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<td>WR* = 1 to OBF* = 0</td>
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<td>T2</td>
<td>Data before STB* = 1</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>T3</td>
<td>STB* Pulse Width</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>T4</td>
<td>STB* = 0 to IBF = 1</td>
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<td>150</td>
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<td>T5</td>
<td>Data after STB* = 1</td>
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<td>T6</td>
<td>ACK* = 0 to OBF* = 1</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>T7</td>
<td>ACK* Pulse Width</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>T8</td>
<td>ACK* = 0 to Output</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>T9</td>
<td>ACK* = 1 to Output Float</td>
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<td>250</td>
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<td>T10</td>
<td>RD* = 1 to IBF = 0</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>150</td>
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† All timing values are in nanoseconds.

Figure 4-4. Timing Specifications for Mode 2 Bidirectional Transfer
Specifications

This appendix lists the specifications for the PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503. These specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

Digital I/O

Number of channels
- PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 ............. 96 I/O
- PCI-6503 ......................................... 24 I/O

Compatibility ......................................... TTL

Power on state
- PCI-DIO-96 .................................... Inputs (high-Z), pulled up through 100 kΩ
- PXI-6508, PCI-6503 ....................... Inputs (high-Z), pulled up or down through 100 kΩ (jumper selectable)

Handshaking........................................... Input, output, or bidirectional

Data transfers ......................................... Interrupts, programmed I/O

Digital Logic Levels

Input Signals
The maximum input logic high and output logic high voltages assume a \( V_{cc} \) supply voltage of 5.0 V. Given a \( V_{cc} \) supply voltage of 5.0 V, the absolute maximum voltage rating for each I/O line is −0.5 V to 5.5 V with respect to GND.
### Output Signals

Pin 49 (at +5 V) ................................................. 1.0 A max

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<th>Level</th>
<th>Min</th>
<th>Max</th>
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<tr>
<td>Input logic high voltage</td>
<td>2.2 V</td>
<td>5.3 V</td>
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<td>Input logic low voltage</td>
<td>−0.3 V</td>
<td>0.8 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input high current (V_{in} = 5 V, resistors set to pull-up(^1))</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>10 μA(^2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input high current (V_{in} = 5 V, resistors set to pull-down(^1))</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>75 μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input logic low current (V_{in} = 0 V, resistors set to pull-up(^1))</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>−75 μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input logic low current (V_{in} = 0 V, resistors set to pull-down(^1))</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>−10 μA(^2)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\) The PCI-DIO-96 bias resistors are always set to pull-up. On the PXI-6508 and PCI-6503, use jumper W1 to select pull-up or pull-down.

\(^2\) Exception: Lines PC3 and PC0 are 20 μA.

**Caution** Drawing more than the typical 2.5 mA current (<2 kΩ load at 5 V output) can cause serious damage to the device 82C55 PPI. The 82C55 PPI is intended for use as a logic device, and should not be used as current driver for LEDs, SSRs, mechanical relays, and so on, which can have low impedance loads and/or require high current drive. If you require higher current drive, consider using the NI PCI/PXI-6509 5V/TTL 96-line Industrial DIO board with 24 mA current driver, using an NI PCI/PXI-651x high-current drive Industrial DIO board, or using external circuitry such as Darlington Arrays to increase the current drive of digital output lines. For more information about the breakdown levels of your device and for a link to the 82C55 data sheets, refer to ni.com/info and enter the info code 82c55.
Transfer Rates

Max with NI-DAQ software .................. 50 kbytes/s
Constant sustainable rate (typ).......... 1 to 10 kbytes/s

Transfer rates are a function of the speed with which your program reads data from or writes data to the board, and therefore vary with your system, software, and application. The following primary factors control your DIO board transfer rates:

- Computer system performance
- Programming environment (register-level programming or NI-DAQ)
- Programming language and code efficiency
- Execution mode (foreground or background, with background execution typically using interrupts)
- Other operations in progress
- Application

For example, you can obtain higher transfer rates in a handshaking or data-transfer application, requiring an average rate, than in a pattern generation, data acquisition, or waveform generation application, requiring a constant sustainable rate.

The maximum rate shown was obtained using a 233 MHz Pentium computer running Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) and LabWindows/CVI software, with interrupt-based execution, and with no other high-speed operations in progress.

Bus Interface

Type ..................................................... Slave

Power Requirement

Power consumption.......................... 400 mA at +5 VDC (±5%)
Power available at I/O connector........... +4.65 to +5.25 V fused at 1 A
Appendix A Specifications

Physical

Dimensions
- PCI-DIO-96 ..................................... $13.7 \times 10.7$ cm ($5.4 \times 4.2$ in.)
- PXI-6508 ......................................... $17.5 \times 10.7$ cm ($6.9 \times 4.2$ in.)
- PCI-6503 .......................................... $12.2 \times 9.5$ cm ($4.8 \times 3.7$ in.)

Weight
- PCI-DIO-96 ..................................... 101 g (3.6 oz)
- PXI-6508 ......................................... 148 g (5.2 oz)
- PCI-6503 .......................................... 55 g (1.9 oz)

I/O connector
- PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 .............. 100-pin female 0.050 series D-type
- PCI-6503 .......................................... 50-pin male ribbon-cable connector

Environment

If you need to clean the module, use a soft, non-metallic brush.

Operating temperature .................. 0 to 55 °C

Storage temperature ...................... –20 to 70 °C

Relative humidity ......................... 5% to 90%, noncondensing

Maximum altitude .......................... 2,000 meters

Pollution Degree ............................ 2

Indoor use only.
Shock and Vibration

Functional shock (PXI-6508).................. MIL-T-28800 E Class 3
(per Section 4.5.5.4.1); half-sine
shock pulse, 11 ms duration,
30 g peak, 30 shocks per face

Operational random vibration
(PXI-6508) ............................................. 5 to 500 Hz, 0.31 grms, 3 axes

Nonoperational random vibration
(PXI-6508) ............................................. 5 to 500 Hz, 2.5 grms, 3 axes

Note Random vibration profiles were developed in accordance with MIL-T-28800E and MIL-STD-810E Method 514. Test levels exceed those recommended in MIL-STD-810E for Category 1 (Basic Transportation, Figures 514.4-1 through 514.4-3).

Safety

The PCI-DIO-96/PXI-6508/PCI-6503 meets the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the Online Product Certification section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326 (IEC 61326): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

Note For the standards applied to assess the EMC of this product, refer to the Online Product Certification section.

Note For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling.
CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

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Register-Level Programming

This appendix describes in detail the address and function of each PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 register, contains instructions on how to operate DIO board circuitry, and provides examples of the programming steps necessary to execute an operation.

**Note** Current revisions of the NI PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 no longer support the OKI 82C53 programmable interval timer. If you are using a PCI-DIO-96 revision G or earlier or PXI-6508 revision D or earlier, refer to the information in this appendix.

**Note** If you plan to use a programming software package such as LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, NI-DAQmx, or Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) with your DIO board, you need not read this appendix.

While it is possible to program your DAQ device at the register level, National Instruments strongly recommends using NI-DAQmx, Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), or driver software and application development software such as LabVIEW, Measurement Studio for Visual Studio .NET, or LabWindows/CVI to program your NI PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 device for improved productivity. NI-DAQmx and Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) software provides easier programming with the same flexibility as register-level programming.

NI-DAQmx and Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) driver software will not work for your programming needs in some cases, however. For example, if you are programming your 82C53 for hardware-timed interrupts or you are programming your DAQ device in an OS that is unsupported in NI-DAQmx or Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), NI-DAQmx Base software could be used as an alternative. If your OS is also unsupported in NI-DAQmx Base, you would then need to program your device using this appendix.

The NI Measurement Hardware Driver Development Kit (MHDDK) provides register-level programming examples and a bus interface for many operating systems. The MHDDK is a good starting point for developing a custom driver. You will also need the register map in this appendix. Note that some advanced functionalities such as interrupts are only covered in the examples in this appendix and not in the MHDDK examples. To access this document, go to ni.com/info and enter the info code mhddk.
82C53 Programmable Interval Timer
(PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508 Only)

The PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 contain an 82C53 programmable interval timer for use by register-level programmers only. The 82C53 programmable interval timer can generate timed interrupt requests to your computer. The 82C53 has three 16-bit counters, which can each be used in one of six different modes. The PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 can use two of the counters to generate interrupt requests; the third counter is not used and is not accessible. Refer to the Programming Considerations for the 82C53 section for more detailed information.

Interrupt Control Circuitry

Two software-controlled registers determine which devices, if any, generate interrupts. Each of the 82C55A devices has two interrupt lines, PC3 and PC0, connected to the interrupt circuitry. On the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, the 82C53 device has two of its three counter outputs connected to the interrupt circuitry. Any of these 10 signals can interrupt the computer if the interrupt circuitry is enabled and the corresponding enable bit is set. Refer to the Programming Considerations for the 82C53 section for more information. Normally, the handshaking circuitry controls PC3 and PC0 of the 82C55A devices; however, you can configure either of these two lines for input and then use them as external interrupts. An interrupt occurs on the signal line low-to-high transition.

Refer to the Programming Considerations for the 82C53 section for more detailed information concerning interrupts.
The block diagram in Figure B-1 illustrates the interrupt control circuitry.

Figure B-1. Interrupt Control Circuitry Block Diagram
Register Map and Description

This section describes in detail the address and function of each PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 register.

Introduction

The three 8-bit ports of the 82C55A are divided into two groups of 12 signals: group A and group B. One 8-bit control word selects the mode of operation for each group. The group A control bits configure port A (A<7..0>) and the upper 4 bits (nibble) of port C (C<7..4>). The group B control bits configure port B (B<7..0>) and the lower nibble of port C (C<3..0>). These configuration bits are defined in the Register Description for the 82C55A section. When differentiation is required between the four 82C55A PPI devices on the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, they are referenced as PPI A, PPI B, PPI C, and PPI D.

On the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, the three 16-bit counters of the 82C53 are accessed through individual data ports and controlled by one 8-bit control word. The control word selects how the counter data ports are accessed and what mode the counter uses. The Register Description for the 82C53 (PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508 Only) section contains definitions for these configuration bits.

In addition to the 82C55A and 82C53 devices, there are two registers that select which onboard signals are capable of generating interrupts. There are two interrupt signals from each of the 82C55A devices and two interrupt signals from the 82C53 device. Individual enable bits select which of these 10 signals can generate interrupts. Also, a master enable signal determines whether the board can actually send a request to the computer. The Register Description for the Interrupt Control Registers section contains definitions for the configuration bits for these registers.
Register Map

Table B-1 lists the address map for your DIO board. The PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 use all of the registers. The PCI-6503 uses a subset of the registers, as indicated in the table.

Table B-1. Register Address Map

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Register Name</th>
<th>Offset Address (Hex)</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Present on the PCI-6503</th>
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<td><strong>82C55A Register Group</strong></td>
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<td>PPI A</td>
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<td>PORTA Register</td>
<td>00</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Read-and-write</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>PORTB Register</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Read-and-write</td>
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<td>PORTC Register</td>
<td>02</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
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<td>Configuration Register</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
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<td><strong>82C55A Register Group (Continued)</strong></td>
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<td>Read-and-write</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>PORTC Register</td>
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<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Read-and-write</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Configuration Register</td>
<td>0B</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Write-only</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>PPI D</td>
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<td>Read-and-write</td>
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<td>0D</td>
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<td>Counter 0</td>
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<td>Counter 1</td>
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<td>Register 2</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Write-only</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
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<td>Interrupt Clear Register</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>8-bit</td>
<td>Write-only</td>
<td>No</td>
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Register Descriptions

The following sections contain the register descriptions for the devices used on your DIO board. The register description bits labeled with an X indicate reserved bits. Always write a 0 to these bits.

Register Description Format

This section discusses each of the DIO board registers in the order shown in Table B-1. Each register group is introduced, followed by a detailed bit description of each register. Individual register descriptions give the address (in hexadecimal), type, data size, and bit map of the register, followed by a description of each bit.

The register bit map shows a diagram of the register with the MSB (bit 7) shown on the left, and the LSB (bit 0) shown on the right. A rectangle with the bit name inside represents each bit.

The bit map for the Interrupt Clear Register states not applicable, no bits used. The data is ignored when you write to this register; therefore, any bit pattern is sufficient.

Register Description for the 82C55A

Figure B-2 shows the two control word formats used to completely program the 82C55A. The control word flag (bit 7) determines which control word format is being programmed. When the control word flag is 1, bits 6 through 0 select the I/O characteristics of the 82C55A ports. These bits also select the mode in which the ports are operating; that is, mode 0, mode 1, or mode 2. When the control word flag is 0, bits 3 through 0 select the bit set/reset format of port C.
Figure B-2. Control Word Formats for the 82C55A
Table B-2 shows the control words for setting or resetting each bit in port C. Notice that programming the set/reset option for the bits of port C clears bit 7 of the control word.

**Table B-2. Port C Set/Reset Control Words**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit Number</th>
<th>Bit Set Control Word</th>
<th>Bit Reset Control Word</th>
<th>Bit Set or Reset in Port C</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0xxx0001</td>
<td>0xxx0000</td>
<td>xxxxxxxxb</td>
</tr>
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<td>1</td>
<td>0xxx0011</td>
<td>0xxx0010</td>
<td>xxxxxxxbx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0xxx0101</td>
<td>0xxx0100</td>
<td>xxxxxxxbxx</td>
</tr>
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<td>3</td>
<td>0xxx0111</td>
<td>0xxx0110</td>
<td>xxxxbxxxx</td>
</tr>
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<td>4</td>
<td>0xxx1001</td>
<td>0xxx1000</td>
<td>xxxbxxxxx</td>
</tr>
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<td>5</td>
<td>0xxx1011</td>
<td>0xxx1010</td>
<td>xxbxxxxxx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>0xxx1101</td>
<td>0xxx1100</td>
<td>xxbxxxxxx</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>0xxx1111</td>
<td>0xxx1110</td>
<td>bxxxxxxxx</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Register Description for the 82C53 (PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508 Only)

Figure B-3 shows the control word format used to program the 82C53. Bits 7 and 6 of the control word select the counter to be programmed. Bits 5 and 4 select the mode by which the count data is written to and read from the selected counter. Bits 3, 2, and 1 select the mode for the selected counter. Bit 0 selects whether the counter counts in binary or BCD format. After writing to the Configuration Register to configure a counter, you can read or write the counter itself eight bits at a time, as controlled by the access mode.

Figure B-3. Control Word Format for the 82C53
Register Description for the Interrupt Control Registers

There are two interrupt control registers on your DIO board. One of these registers has individual enable bits for the two interrupt lines from each of the 82C55A devices. The other register has a master interrupt enable bit and two bits for the timed interrupt circuitry. Of the latter two bits, one bit enables counter interrupts, while the other selects counter 0 or counter 1. This appendix lists the bit maps and signal definitions.

Interrupt Control Register 1

Address: Base address + 14 (hex)
Type: Write-only
Word Size: 8-bit

Bit Map (PCI-DIO-96/PXI-6508):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>7–2</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>Reserved on the PCI-6503.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>DIRQ1</td>
<td>PPI D Port B Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI D sends an interrupt, INTRB, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI D does not send the interrupt INTRB to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>DIRQ0</td>
<td>PPI D Port A Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI D sends an interrupt, INTRA, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI D does not send the interrupt INTRA to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Appendix B  Register-Level Programming — Interrupt Control Register 1

5  CIRQ1  PPI C Port B Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI C sends an interrupt, INTRB, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI C does not send the interrupt INTRB to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.

4  CIRQ0  PPI C Port A Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI C sends an interrupt, INTRA, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI C does not send the interrupt INTRA to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.

3  BIRQ1  PPI B Port B Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI B sends an interrupt, INTRB, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI B does not send the interrupt INTRB to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.

2  BIRQ0  PPI B Port A Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI B sends an interrupt, INTRA, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI B does not send the interrupt INTRA to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.

1  AIRQ1  PPI A Port B Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI A sends an interrupt, INTRB, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI A does not send the interrupt INTRB to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.

0  AIRQ0  PPI A Port A Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit and the INTEN bit in Interrupt Control Register 2 are both set, PPI A sends an interrupt, INTRA, to the computer. If this bit is cleared, PPI A does not send the interrupt INTRA to the computer, regardless of the setting of INTEN.
## Interrupt Control Register 2

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<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>7–3</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>INTEN</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit is set, the DIO board can interrupt the computer. If this bit is cleared, the DIO board cannot generate interrupts to the computer, regardless of the status of the bits in Interrupt Control Register 2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1–0</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>Reserved on the PCI-6503.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>CTRIRQ</td>
<td>Counter Interrupt Enable Bit—If this bit is set, the 82C53 counter outputs can interrupt the computer. If this bit is cleared, the counter outputs have no effect. To avoid a spurious interrupt, keep INTEN low when you set CTRIRQ; that is, set CTRIRQ before setting INTEN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>CTR1</td>
<td>Counter Select Bit—If this bit is set, the output from counter 1 of the 82C53 is connected to the interrupt request circuitry. In this mode, counter 0 of the 82C53 acts as a frequency scaler for counter 1, which generates the interrupt. If CTR1 is cleared, the output from counter 0 of the 82C53 is connected to the interrupt request circuitry. In this mode, counter 0 generates the interrupt. For more information, refer to the Interrupt Programming Example section for the 82C53 in this appendix.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Interrupt Clear Register (PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508 Only)

The interrupt clear register has no bits associated with it. Use this register to reset the state of the interrupt request signal once the interrupt routine has been entered. To clear the interrupt, perform an 8-bit write to this register address; the data is irrelevant.

Address: Base address + 16 (hex)
Type: Write-only
Word Size: 8-bit

Bit Map:

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<tr>
<th>7</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>0</th>
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<td>X</td>
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<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Bit Name Description
7–0 X Don’t care bit.
Programming

This section contains instructions on how to operate your DIO board circuitry, and examples of the programming steps necessary to execute an operation. If you are not using NI-DAQ, you must first initialize your board.

Programming your DIO board involves writing to and reading from registers on the board. The Register Map and Description section contains a listing of these registers. For additional programming examples, including initialization, refer to the Measurement Hardware Driver Development Kit (MHDDK) examples. To access the MHDDK, go to ni.com/info and enter the info code mhddk.

PCI Local Bus

The PCI-DIO-96, PXI-6508, and PCI-6503 are fully compatible with the PCI Local Bus Specification, Revision 2.1, from the PCI Special Interest Group (SIG). The PXI-6508 is fully compliant with the National Instruments PXI Specification, Revision 1.0. All three boards use the PCI Local Bus to move data. The PCI Local Bus is a high performance, 32-bit bus with multiplexed address and data lines. The PCI system arbitrates and assigns resources through software, freeing you from manually setting switches and jumpers. Bus-related resources must be configured before you attempt to execute a register-level program. This entails assigning a base address and interrupt channel to your DIO board.

Programming Examples

The programming examples in this section demonstrate the programming steps needed to perform several different operations. The instructions are language independent; that is, they tell you to read or write a given register or to detect if a given bit is set or cleared, without presenting the actual code. The information given is not intended to be used without proper modification in a practical solution.

Before you can implement any of the examples into a real application, you must know the base memory address for your board. To generate and process any interrupts, you must write and install an applicable interrupt service routine.

Note In this appendix, all numbers preceded by 0x are hexadecimal.
Appendix B  Register-Level Programming — Programming

Table B-3 contains common terms used in the programming examples.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Port A</td>
<td>Address of PPI A Port A Register (Base Address + 0x00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port B</td>
<td>Address of PPI A Port B Register (Base Address + 0x01)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port C</td>
<td>Address of PPI A Port C Register (Base Address + 0x02)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8255Cfg</td>
<td>Address of PPI A Configuration Register (Base Address + 0x03)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ctr0</td>
<td>Address of 82C53 Counter 0 Register (Base Address + 0x10)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ctr1</td>
<td>Address of 82C53 Counter 1 Register (Base Address + 0x11)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CntrCfg</td>
<td>Address of 82C53 Configuration Register (Base Address + 0x13)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IREG1</td>
<td>Address of Interrupt Control Register 1 (Base Address + 0x14)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IREG2</td>
<td>Address of Interrupt Control Register 2 (Base Address + 0x15)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Write (address, data)</td>
<td>Generic function call for a memory space Write of data to address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Read (address)</td>
<td>Generic function call for a memory space Read from address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CWrite (offset, data)</td>
<td>PCI configuration space write of data to PCI configuration space offset</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PCI Initialization**

To program at the register level without NI-DAQmx or Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy), you must know the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508 base memory address and, if using interrupts, install an interrupt handler. This manual does not discuss writing an interrupt handler. In order for the board to operate properly, you must configure the PCI MITE ASIC. NI-DAQmx or Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) usually performs this function, but if you are not using NI-DAQ, then you must configure the PCI MITE ASIC.

The following sections explain how to configure the PCI MITE ASIC. You must implement the references made to PCI BIOS\(^1\) calls.

To configure the PCI MITE chip, you must first write an algorithm that finds and stores all configuration information about the board. To do this, use PCI BIOS calls to search PCI configuration space for the National Instruments vendor ID (0x1093) and PCI-DIO-96 device ID (0x0160), PXI-6508 device ID (0x13c0), or PCI-6503 device ID (0x17d0). If a board is found, the algorithm can store all the board’s configuration information into a data structure.

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\(^1\) To obtain more information on PCI BIOS calls from the PCI SIG, go to www.pcisig.com.
Base Address Register 0 (BAR0) corresponds to the base address of the PCI MITE, while Base Address Register 1 (BAR1) is the base address of the board registers. The size of each of these windows is 4 KB. Both addresses will most likely be mapped above 1 MB in the memory map. This means that you must know how to perform memory cycles to extended memory to communicate with the board. The memory map provides information to re-map the board under 1 MB, which simplifies communication with the board. To accomplish this, use PCI BIOS read and write calls. Use the pseudocode in this section to re-map the board below 1 MB. If you choose not to re-map the board, you must still perform steps 4 and 5. All values in this example are 32 bits.

1. Write the address to which you want to re-map the PCI MITE to PCI configuration space offset 0x10 (BAR0).
2. Write the value 0x0000aeae to offset 0x340 from the new PCI MITE address.
3. Write the address to which you want to re-map the board (other than the PCI MITE) to PCI configuration space offset 0x14 (BAR1).
4. Create the window data value by masking the new board address:
   \[
   \text{window data value} = ((0xffffff00 \text{ and new board address}) \text{ or } (0x00000080))
   \]
   If you are not remapping the board, then the new board address is the value in BAR1.
5. Write the window data value to offset 0xc0 from the new PCI MITE address.
   If you are not remapping the board, then the new PCI MITE address is the value in BAR0.

The following pseudocode re-maps the PCI MITE to memory address 0xd0000 and the board to memory address 0xd1000.

```
CWrite(0x10, 0x000d0000)
Write(0xd0340, 0x0000aeae)
CWrite(0x14, 0x000d1000)
Write(0xd0c00c0, 0x000d1080)
```

In this example, the new base address for the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508 is now 0xd1000. It is important that the memory range to which you re-map the board is not being used by another device or system resource. You can exclude this memory from use with a memory manager.
Programming Considerations for the 82C55A

Modes of Operation

The following list contains the three basic modes of operation for the 82C55A. Ports A and B can operate in different modes.

- **Mode 0—Basic I/O**—This mode is used for simple input and output operations for each port. No handshaking is required; a specified port simply writes to or reads from data. Mode 0 has the following features:
  - Two 8-bit ports (A and B) and two 4-bit ports (upper and lower nibbles of port C).
  - Any port can be input or output.
  - Outputs are latched, but inputs are not latched.

- **Mode 1—Strobed I/O**—This mode transfers data that is synchronized by handshaking signals. Ports A and B use the eight lines of port C to generate or receive the handshake signals. This mode divides the ports into two groups (group A and group B) and includes the following features:
  - Each group contains one 8-bit data port (port A or port B) and one 3-bit control/data port (upper or lower portion of port C).
  - The 8-bit data ports can be either input or output; both are latched.
  - The 3-bit ports are used for control and status of the 8-bit data ports.
  - Interrupt generation and enable/disable functions are available.

- **Mode 2—Bidirectional bus**—This mode is used for communication over a bidirectional 8-bit bus. Handshaking signals are used in a manner similar to mode 1. Mode 2 is available for use in group A only (port A and the upper portion of port C). Other features of this mode include the following:
  - One 8-bit bidirectional port (port A) and a 5-bit control/status port (port C).
  - Latched inputs and outputs.
  - Interrupt generation and enable/disable functions.

The 82C55A also has a single bit set/reset feature for port C, which is programmed by the 8-bit control word. Any of the eight bits of port C can be set or reset with one control word. This feature generates control signals for port A and port B when these ports are operating in mode 1 or mode 2.
## Mode 0—Basic I/O

Use mode 0 for simple I/O functions (no handshaking) for each of the three ports and assign each port as an input or an output port. Table B-4 shows the 16 possible I/O configurations. Notice that programming the mode of operation for each port sets bit 7 of the control word.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Control Word Bit 76543210</th>
<th>Group A</th>
<th>Group B</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>10000000</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
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<td>1</td>
<td>10000001</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>10000010</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>10000011</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
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<td>4</td>
<td>10001000</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>10011011</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Input</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

† Upper nibble of port C
‡ Lower nibble of port C
Mode 0 Basic I/O Programming Example

The following example shows how to configure PPI A for mode 0 input and output.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0x80)  Set mode 0—ports A, B, and C are outputs
Write (PortA, Data)     Write data to port A
Write (PortB, Data)     Write data to port B
Write (PortC, Data)     Write data to port C

Write (8255Cnfg, 0x90)  Set mode 0—port A is Input; ports B and C are outputs
Write (PortB, Data)     Write data to port B
Read (PortA)            Read data from port A

Mode 1—Strobed Input

Note: For mode 1 examples, you must configure the don’t care bits appropriately in the control word if you want to use the other ports in combination with the example.

In mode 1, the digital I/O bits are divided into two groups: group A and group B. Each of these groups contains one 8-bit port and one 3-bit control/data port. The 8-bit port can be either an input or an output port, and the 3-bit port is used for control and status information for the 8-bit port. Handshaking signals in the 3-bit port synchronize the transfer of data.

Figure B-4 shows the control word written to the Configuration Register to configure port A for input in mode 1. You can use bits PC6 and PC7 of port C as extra input or output lines.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>D7</th>
<th>D6</th>
<th>D5</th>
<th>D4</th>
<th>D3</th>
<th>D2</th>
<th>D1</th>
<th>D0</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1/0</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Port C bits PC6 and PC7
1 = Input
0 = Output

Figure B-4. Control Word to Configure Port A for Mode 1 Input
Figure B-5 shows the control word written to the Configuration Register to configure port B for input in mode 1. Notice that port B does not have extra input or output lines left from port C when ports A and B are both enabled for handshaking.

![Figure B-5. Control Word to Configure Port B for Mode 1 Input](image)

During a mode 1 data read transfer, read port C to obtain the status of the handshaking lines and interrupt signals. Refer to the Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Input (Ports A and B) section, the Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Output (Ports A and B) section, and the Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Bidirectional Data Path (Port A Only) section for detailed definitions.
Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Input (Ports A and B)

Address:  
Base address + 02 (hex) for PPI A  
Base address + 06 (hex) for PPI B  
Base address + 0A (hex) for PPI C  
Base address + 0E (hex) for PPI D

Type:  
Read and write

Word Size:  
8-bit

Bit Map:

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<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7–6</td>
<td>I/O</td>
<td>Input/Output—These bits can be used for general-purpose I/O when port A is in mode 1 input. If these bits are configured for output, the port C bit set/reset function must be used to manipulate them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>IBFA</td>
<td>Input Buffer Full for Port A—A high setting indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch for port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEA</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port A—Setting this bit enables the INTRA flag from port A of the 82C55A. Control INTEA by setting/resetting PC4.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>INTRA</td>
<td>Interrupt Request Status for Port A—This status flag, which operates only when INTEA is high, indicates that port A has acquired data and is ready to be read. If you have enabled interrupts (by setting INTEA in the appropriate bit in Interrupt Control Register 2), this status flag also indicates that an interrupt request is pending for port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>INTEB</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port B—Setting this bit enables the INTRB flag from port B of the 82C55A. Control INTEB by setting/resetting PC2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>IBFB</td>
<td>Input Buffer Full for Port B—A high setting indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch for port B.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
0 INTRB Interrupt Request Status for Port B—Interrupt Request Status for Port B. This status flag, which operates only when INTEA is high, indicates that port B has acquired data and is ready to be read. If you have enabled interrupts (by setting INTEN and the appropriate bit in Interrupt Control Register 2), this status flag also indicates that an interrupt request is pending for port B.

At the digital I/O connector, port C has the pin assignments shown in Figure B-6 when in mode 1 input. Notice that the status of STBA* and the status of STBB* are not included in the port C status word.

![Figure B-6. Port C Pin Assignments on I/O Connector when Port C Configured for Mode 1 Input](image_url)

**Mode 1 Strobed Input Programming Example**

The following example shows how to configure PPI A for mode 1 input.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0xB0) Set mode 1—port A is an input
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x09) Set PC4 to enable the INTRA status flag
Loop until the INTRA (PC3) and IBFA (PC5) status flags are set, indicating that the 82C55A is ready for a transfer and that the input buffer is full
Read (PortA) Read data from port A
Mode 1—Strobed Output

Note For mode 1 examples, you must configure the don’t care bits appropriately in the control word if you want to use the other ports in combination with the example.

Figure B-7 shows the control word written to the Configuration Register to configure port A for output in mode 1. You can use bits PC4 and PC5 of port C as extra input or output lines.

Figure B-8 shows the control word written to the Configuration Register to configure port B for output in mode 1. Notice that port B does not have extra input or output lines left from port C when ports A and B are both configured for handshaking.

During a mode 1 data write transfer, you can obtain the status of the handshaking lines and interrupt signals by reading port C. Notice that the bit definitions are different for a write and a read transfer.
# Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Output (Ports A and B)

**Address:**
- Base address + 02 (hex) for PPI A
- Base address + 06 (hex) for PPI B
- Base address + 0A (hex) for PPI C
- Base address + 0E (hex) for PPI D

**Type:** Read and write

**Word Size:** 8-bit

**Bit Map:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>OBFA*</td>
<td>Output Buffer Full for Port A—A low setting indicates that the CPU has written data to port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>INTEA</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port A—Setting this bit enables the INTRA flag from port A of the 82C55A. Control this bit by setting/resetting PC6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5–4</td>
<td>I/O</td>
<td>Input/Output—These bits can be used for general-purpose I/O when port A is in mode 1 output. If these bits are configured for output, you must use the port C bit set/reset function to manipulate them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>INTRA</td>
<td>Interrupt Request Status for Port A—This status flag, which operates only when INTEA is high, indicates that port A has acquired data and is ready to be read. If you have enabled interrupts (by setting INTEN and the appropriate bit in Interrupt Control Register 2), this status flag also indicates that an interrupt request is pending for port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>INTEB</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port B—Setting this bit enables the INTRB flag from port B of the 82C55A. Control this bit by setting/resetting PC2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>OBFB*</td>
<td>Output Buffer Full for Port B—A low setting indicates that the CPU has written data to port B.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Appendix B  Register-Level Programming — Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Output (Ports A and B)

0 INTRB Interrupt Request Status for Port B—This status flag, which operates only when INTEA is high, indicates that port B has acquired data and is ready to be read. If you have enabled interrupts (by setting INTEN and the appropriate bit in Interrupt Control Register 2), this status flag also indicates that an interrupt request is pending for port B.

At the digital I/O connector, port C has the pin assignments shown in Figure B-9 when in mode 1 output. Notice that the status of ACKA* and ACKB* are not included when port C is read.

Figure B-9. Port C Pin Assignments on I/O Connector when Port C Configured for Mode 1 Output

Mode 1 Strobed Output Programming Example

The following example shows how to configure PPI A for mode 1 output.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0xA0) Set mode 1—port A is an output
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x0D) Set PC6 to enable the INTRA status flag
Loop until the INTRA (PC3) and OBFA* (PC7) status flags are set, indicating that the 82C55A is ready for a transfer and that the output buffer is not full
Write (PortA, Data) Write data to port A
Mode 2—Bidirectional Bus

Note For mode 2 examples, you must configure the don’t care bits appropriately in the control word if you want to use the other ports in combination with the example.

Mode 2 has an 8-bit bus that can transfer both input and output data without changing the configuration. The data transfers are synchronized with handshaking lines in port C. This mode uses only port A; however, port B can be used in either mode 0 or mode 1 while port A is configured for mode 2.

Figure B-10 shows the control word written to the Configuration Register to configure port A as a bidirectional data bus in mode 2. If port B is configured for mode 0, you can use PC2, PC1, and PC0 of port C as extra input or output lines.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure B-10.** Control Word to Configure Port A as Mode 2 Bidirectional Data Bus

During a mode 2 data transfer, you can obtain the status of the handshaking lines and interrupt signals by reading port C. The following sections show the port C status-word bit definitions for a mode 2 transfer.
## Port C Status-Word Bit Definitions for Bidirectional Data Path (Port A Only)

**Address:**
- Base address + 02 (hex) for PPI A
- Base address + 06 (hex) for PPI B
- Base address + 0A (hex) for PPI C
- Base address + 0E (hex) for PPI D

**Type:** Read and write

**Word Size:** 8-bit

**Bit Map:**

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<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>OBFA*</td>
<td>Output Buffer Full for Port A—A low setting indicates that the CPU has written data to port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>INTE1</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port A Output Interrupts—Setting this bit enables the INTRA flag from port A of the 82C55A for output. Control this bit by setting/resetting PC6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>IBFA</td>
<td>Input Buffer Full for Port A—A high setting indicates that data has been loaded into the input latch of port A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTE2</td>
<td>Interrupt Enable Bit for Port A Input Interrupts—Setting this bit enables the INTRA flag from port A of the 82C55A for input. Control this bit by setting/resetting PC4.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>INTRA</td>
<td>Interrupt Request Status for Port A—This status flag, which operates only when INTE1 or INTE2 is high, indicates that port A is ready to be read or written; check the IBF and OBFA* flags to determine which. If you have enabled interrupts (by setting INTEN and the appropriate bit in Interrupt Control Register 2), the INTRA status flag also indicates that an interrupt request is pending for port A.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2–0</td>
<td>I/O</td>
<td>Input/Output—Use these bits for general-purpose I/O lines if group B is configured for mode 0. If group B is configured for mode 1, refer to the bit explanations shown in the preceding mode 1 sections.</td>
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</table>
Figure B-11 shows the port C pin assignments on the digital I/O connector when port C is configured for mode 2. Notice that the port C status word does not include the status of STBA* or the status of ACKA*.

![Port C Pin Assignments](image)

# The three port C lines associated with group B function based on the mode selected for group B; that is, if group B is configured for mode 0, PC<2..0> function as general-purpose I/O, but if group B is configured for mode 1 input or output, PC<2..0> function as handshaking lines as shown in the preceding mode 1 sections.

Figure B-11. Port C Pin Assignments on I/O Connector when Port C is Configured for Mode 2

**Mode 2 Bidirectional Bus Programming Example**

The following example shows how to configure PPI A for mode 2 input and output.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0xC0) Set mode 2—port A is bidirectional
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x09) Set PC4 to enable the INTRA status flag for input
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x0D) Set PC6 to enable the INTRA status flag for output
Loop until the INTRA (PC3) status flag is set, indicating the 82C55 is ready for a transfer
If IBFA (PC5) is set, read (PortA) If input buffer is full, read data
If OBFA* (PC7) is set, write (PortA, data) If output buffer is not full, write data
Interrupt Handling

You must set the INTEN bit of Interrupt Control Register 2 to enable interrupts. Clear this bit first to disable unwanted interrupts. After all sources of interrupts have been disabled or placed in an inactive state, you can set INTEN. You must set INTEN before you generate an interrupt for proper operation.

To interrupt the computer using one of the 82C55A devices, program the selected 82C55A for the I/O mode desired. In mode 1, set either the INTEA or the INTEB bit to enable interrupts from port A or port B, respectively. In mode 2, set either INTE1 or INTE2 for interrupts on output or input transfers, respectively. The INTE1 and INTE2 interrupt outputs are cascaded into a single interrupt output for port A. After you enable interrupts from the 82C55A, set the appropriate enable bit for the selected 82C55A; for example, if you select both mode 2 interrupts for PPI C, set CIRQ0 to interrupt the computer.

To interrupt the computer using one of the 82C55A counter outputs on the PCI-DIO-96 or PXI-6508, program the counters as described in the Interrupt Programming Example section.

You can use external signals to generate interrupts when port A or port B is in mode 0 and the low nibble of port C is configured for input. If port A is in mode 0, use PC3 to generate an interrupt; if port B is in mode 0, use PC0 to generate an interrupt. After you have configured the selected 82C55A, you must set the corresponding interrupt enable bit in Interrupt Control Register 1. If you are using PC3, set $x$IRQ0; if you are using PC0, set $x$IRQ1, where $x$ is the letter corresponding to the PPI you want to generate interrupts (A–D). When the external signal becomes logic high, an interrupt request occurs. To disable the external interrupt, ensure that the interrupt service routine that you have written acknowledges the interrupt. On the PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508, ensure that the interrupt service routine also writes the interrupt clear register.

Interrupt Programming Examples for the 82C55A

The following examples show the process required to enable interrupts for several different operating modes. You must write and install an interrupt service routine in order to process the interrupt and gain any useful knowledge from it. You should clear all interrupt sources and interrupt enable bits first to disable unwanted interrupts.

Mode 1 Strobed Input Programming Example

The following example shows how to set up interrupts for mode 1 input for port A.

- **Write (8255Cnfg, 0xB0)**  
  Set mode 1—port A is an input
- **Write (8255Cnfg, 0x09)**  
  Set PC4 to enable interrupts from the 82C55A
- **Write (IREG2, 0x04)**  
  Set INTEN bit
- **Write (IREG1, 0x01)**  
  Set AIRQ0 to enable PPI A, port A interrupts
Mode 1 Strobed Output Programming Example

The following example shows how to set up interrupts for mode 1 output for port A.

Write(8255Cnfg, 0xA0) Set mode 1—port A is an output
Write(8255Cnfg, 0x0D) Set PC6 to enable interrupts from 82C55A
Write(IREG2, 0x04) Set INTEN bit
Write(IREG1, 0x01) Set AIRQ0 to enable PPI A, port A interrupts

Mode 2 Bidirectional Bus Programming Example

The following example shows how to set up interrupts for mode 2 output transfers.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0xC0) Set mode 2—port A is bidirectional
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x0D) Set PC6 to enable interrupt from 82C55A
Write (IREG2, 0x04) Set INTEN bit
Write (IREG1, 0x01) Set AIRQ0 to enable PPI A, port A interrupts

The following example shows how to set up interrupts for mode 2 input transfers.

Write (8255Cnfg, 0xC0) Set mode 2—port A is bidirectional
Write (8255Cnfg, 0x09) Set PC4 to enable interrupt from 82C55A
Write (IREG2, 0x04) Set INTEN bit
Write (IREG1, 0x01) Set AIRQ0 to enable PPI A, port A interrupts

Programming Considerations for the 82C53

The PCI-DIO-96 and PXI-6508 contain an 82C53 programmable interval timer. The following section contains a general overview and configuration information for the 82C53.

General Information

The 82C53 contains three counter/timers, each of which can operate in one of six different modes. However, only counter 0 and counter 1 are configured for operation; counter 2 is not connected, nor is it available on the external I/O connector. In addition, the counter gates are wired in such a way (tied to logic high) that modes 1 and 5 are unusable; the recommended counter mode is mode 2.

The source for counter 0 is a 2 MHz clock. If you use counter 0 to interrupt the computer, configure the counter for rate generation, or mode 2. If you use counter 1 to interrupt the computer, counter 0 is a frequency scale that feeds the source input for counter 1. In this case, configure both counters for rate generation, or mode 2.
To determine the time between pulses generated by counter 0, multiply the load value by 500 ns (1/(2 MHz)). To determine the time between pulses generated by counter 1, multiply the load value by the time between pulses of counter 0. The following section shows a sample configuration procedure.

**Interrupt Programming Example**

The following example shows how to set up counter 0 to generate interrupts:

```plaintext
Write(IREG1, 0x00) Disable all 82C55A interrupts
Write(IREG2, 0x00) Disable counter interrupts
Write(CntrCnfg, 0x34) Set counter 0 to mode 2
Write(IREG2, 0x02) Enable counter interrupts and select the output from counter 0 before enabling board interrupts
Write(IREG2, 0x06) Enable board interrupts
Write(Ctr0, Data0) Send the least significant byte of the counter data to counter 0
Write(Ctr0, Data1) Send the most significant byte of the counter data to counter 0
```

The counter begins counting as soon as the most significant byte is written. When you are ready to exit your program, disable the counter and interrupts as shown below.

```plaintext
Write(Cnfg, 0x30) Turn off counter 0
Write(IREG2, 0x00) Disable all PCI-DIO-96/PXI-6508 interrupts
```

**Note** In order for any of the interrupts to be processed, you must write and install an interrupt service routine. Failure to do so could cause the system to fail upon the interrupt generation.
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<td>µ</td>
<td>micro</td>
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<td>m</td>
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<td>M</td>
<td>mega</td>
<td>$10^6$</td>
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Numbers/Symbols

- ° degrees
- > greater than
- ≥ greater than or equal to
- < less than
- – negative of, or minus
- Ω ohms
- / per
- % percent
- ± plus or minus
- + positive of, or plus
- +5 V +5 Volts signal

A

A amperes

ACK* acknowledge input signal
Glossary

AIRQ0  PPI A port A interrupt enable bit
AIRQ1  PPI A port B interrupt enable bit
ANSI   American National Standards Institute
APA    PPI A port A
APB    PPI A port B
APC    PPI A port C
ASIC   Application Specific Integrated Circuit
AWG    American Wire Gauge

B

BCD    binary coded decimal
BIRQ0  PPI B port A interrupt enable bit
BIRQ1  PPI B port B interrupt enable bit
BPA    PPI B port A
BPB    PPI B port B
BPC    PPI B port C

C

C      Celsius
CIRQ0  PPI C port A interrupt enable bit
CIRQ1  PPI C port B interrupt enable bit
cm     centimeters
CompactPCI refers to the core specification defined by the PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturer’s Group (PICMG)
CPA    PPI C port A
Glossary

CPB        PPI C port B
CPC        PPI C port C
CTR1       counter select bit
CTRIRQ     counter interrupt enable bit

D

DAQ        a system that uses the personal computer to collect, measure, and generate electrical signals
DI         digital input
DIO        digital input/output
DIRQ0      PPI D port A interrupt enable bit
DIRQ1      PPI D port B interrupt enable bit
DMA        direct memory access—a method by which data can be transferred to/from computer memory from/to a device or memory on the bus while the processor does something else. DMA is the fastest method of transferring data to/from computer memory.
DO         digital output
DPA        PPI D port A
DPB        PPI D port B
DPC        PPI D port C

F

ft         feet

G

GND        ground signal
**Glossary**

**H**

hex  
hexadecimal

**I**

I/O  
input/output

IBF  
input buffer full signal

in.  
inches

INTE1  
port A output interrupt enable bit

INTE2  
port A input interrupt enable bit

INTEA  
port A interrupt enable bit

INTEB  
port B interrupt enable bit

INTEN  
interrupt enable bit

INTRA  
port A interrupt request status

INTRB  
port B interrupt request status

**L**

LED  
light-emitting diode

LSB  
least significant bit

**M**

m  
meters

max  
maximum

MB  
megabytes of memory

min.  
minutes
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<td><strong>min</strong></td>
<td>minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>MSB</strong></td>
<td>most significant bit</td>
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<td><strong>O</strong></td>
<td>output buffer full signal</td>
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<td><strong>PA, PB, PC &lt;0..7&gt;</strong></td>
<td>port A, B, or C 0 through 7 lines</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>PCI</strong></td>
<td>Peripheral Component Interconnect—a high-performance expansion bus architecture originally developed by Intel to replace ISA and EISA. It is achieving widespread acceptance as a standard for PCs and workstations; it offers a theoretical maximum transfer rate of 132 Mbytes/s.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>port</strong></td>
<td>a digital port, consisting of four or eight lines of digital input and/or output</td>
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<td><strong>PPI</strong></td>
<td>programmable peripheral interface</td>
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<td><strong>PXI</strong></td>
<td>PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation. PXI is an open specification that builds off the CompactPCI specification by adding instrumentation-specific features.</td>
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<td><strong>RD</strong></td>
<td>read signal</td>
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<td><strong>S</strong></td>
<td>samples</td>
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<td><strong>s</strong></td>
<td>seconds</td>
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<td><strong>SCXI</strong></td>
<td>Signal Conditioning eXtensions for Instrumentation—the National Instruments product line for conditioning low-level signals within an external chassis near sensors so only high-level signals are sent to DAQ boards in the noisy PC environment</td>
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<td>signal conditioning</td>
<td>the manipulation of signals to prepare them for digitizing</td>
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<td>STB</td>
<td>strobe input signal</td>
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<td><strong>T</strong></td>
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<td>TTL</td>
<td>transistor-transistor logic</td>
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<td>typ</td>
<td>typical</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>V</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>V</td>
<td>volts</td>
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<td>$V_{cc}$</td>
<td>supply voltage; for example, the voltage a computer supplies to its plug-in devices</td>
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<tr>
<td>VDC</td>
<td>volts direct current</td>
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<td>VI</td>
<td>virtual instrument—a combination of hardware and/or software elements, typically used with a PC, that has the functionality of a classic standalone instrument</td>
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<td>$V_{in}$</td>
<td>input voltage</td>
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<td>watts</td>
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<td>WRT*</td>
<td>write signal</td>
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