

MTM-EtherStem Datasheet



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Overview

The MTM-EtherStem, part of Acroname's Manufacturing Test Module (MTM) product series, is a ruggedized general purpose automation and IO module for use in MTM-based test systems. The MTM-EtherStem allows MTM system designers to easily and modularly add digital and analog IO to their designs. Access to all available MTM resources can be implemented through an Ethernet connection.

Ideal for reliability and robustness in manufacturing or R&D environments, the analog and digital outputs on the MTM-EtherStem are protected and against over-voltage, shortcircuit and over-current events. The low profile and small footprint of the MTM-EtherStem module makes it ideal for direct integration into test fixtures, thereby eliminating the need for external programmable IO cards or DMMs and their associated cabling.

Built using Acroname's industry-proven and well-adopted BrainStem[®] technology, resources on the MTM-EtherStem are controlled via Acroname's powerful and extensible BrainStem[®] technology and software APIs.

Typical applications include:

- Manufacturing functional testing
- Validation testing
- Automated test development
- Embedded system development

Features

- 1 TCP/IP Ethernet port (100Mb/s)
- 15 overvoltage, short-circuit and over-current protected digital GPIOs
- 3 ADC's (overvoltage and current protected)
- 1 DAC (overvoltage and current protected)
- 1 real-time, user-configurable clock
- 1 user-dedicated I²C 400kHz bus
- 1 BrainStem I²C FM+ (1Mbit/s) bus

Description

As part of Acroname's MTM product series, the MTM-EtherStem is used to implement general purpose control and automation functions in an MTM-based test system and also adds an Ethernet connection to the MTM network. Details on the MTM development platform architecture, BrainStem interface and APIs can be found at www.acroname.com.

The MTM-EtherStem implements an on-board BrainStem controller running a RTOS (Real-Time Operating System), which provides a host connection, independent operating capability, the BrainStem interface and the MTM resources identified in this datasheet (GPIO, analog IO, I2C, etc.).

Within the MTM platform architecture, the MTM-EtherStem module can operate either independently or as a component in a larger network of MTM modules. Each MTM-EtherStem is uniquely addressable and controllable from a host by connecting via the on-board Ethernet connection or through other MTM modules on the local BrainStem bus.

Acroname's BrainStem[™] link is then established over the selected input connection. The BrainStem link allows a connection to the on-board controller and access to the available resources in the MTM-EtherStem. The MTM-EtherStem can then be controlled via a host running BrainStem APIs or it can operate independently by running locally embedded, user-defined programs based on Acroname's BrainStem Reflex language in the RTOS.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The MTM-EtherStem, like all MTM modules, utilizes a PCIe connector interface but is for use strictly in MTM-based systems – it should <u>never</u> be installed in a PCI slot of a host computer directly. Insertion into a PC or non-MTM system could cause damage to the PC.





Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed under ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS can cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum rated conditions for extended periods affects device reliability and may permanently damage the device.

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Input Voltage, V _{supply}	6.0	14.0	V
Input Current, Isupply	0.0	2.0	A
Voltage to any IO pin	-0.5	V _{supply}	V
Voltage to any I2C pin	0.0	5.5	V

Table 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

The MTM system is designed to be used in a system where V_{supply} is the highest voltage connected to all MTM modules. Each module is designed to withstand V_{supply} continuously connected to all IOs, excepting those specified above, including accidental reverse polarity connection between V_{supply} and ground (0V). As with all products, care should be taken to properly match interface voltages and ensure a well-architected current-return path to ground.

Handling Ratings

Parameter	Conditions/Notes	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Ambient Operating Temperature, T _A	Non-Condensing	0.0	25.0	70.0	°C
Storage Temperature, T _{STG}		-10.0	-	85.0	°C
Electrostatic Discharge, V _{ESD}	IEC 61000-4-2, level 4, contact discharge	0.0	-	±8000	V

Table 2: Handling Ratings

Recommended Operating Ratings

Values presented apply to the full operating temperature range.

Parameter	Conditions/Notes	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Input Voltage, V _{supply}		6.0	-	12.0	V
Voltage to any IO pin		0	-	3.3	V
Voltage to any I2C pin		0	-	3.3	V

Table 3: Recommended Operating Ratings





Block Diagram



Figure 1: MTM-EtherStem Block Diagram





Typical Performance Characteristics

Values presented apply to the full operating temperature range.

Parameter	Conditions/Notes	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Base Current Consumption, Isupply	V _{supply} =6V, Not Enumerated	-	82	-	
	V _{supply} =6V, Enumerated	-	83	-	mA
	V _{supply} =12V, Not Enumerated	-	100	-	
Reset Low Threshold		-	1.2	-	V
I2C SDA, SCL Pins		0.0	-	3.3	V
Digital Output Vн		-	3.3	-	V
Digital Input Logic High, V⊮		2.15	-	-	V
Digital Input Logic Low, VIL		-	-	1.1	V
Digital Output Drive Current	Output high; short to GND	-	20.0	30.0	mA
	Output high into 2.97V	-	3.15	-	
Digital Output Sink Current	Output low; short to V _{supply}	-	-20.0	-30.0	mA
Digital Output Short Duration	Output high	-	Infinite	-	hours
Digital Output Overvoltage	V _{supply} on pin	-	Infinite	-	hours
DIO Output Sink Current		-	-	-20.0	mA
DIO Output Source Current	<10% voltage drop (V _{output} >= 2.97V)	-	-	3.15	mA
Digital Sample Rate ¹	Mac OS X	-	700	1000	Hz
	Windows 10	-	1000	1000	
	LINUX – 14.04 LIS Reflex	-	850 8200	1000	
Analog Output Sink Current		-	-	-20.0	mA
Analog Output Source Current	Set at max. output	-	-	19.0	mA
Analog Output Voltage		0.035	-	3.3	V
Digital Input Resistance	Configuration mode set to both Input and High-Z	-	4.25	4.45	MΩ
Digital Input Leakage Current	Configuration mode set to both Input and High-Z	-	110	-	uA
Analog Input Leakage Current		-	110	-	uA
Analog Input Resistance		-	4.25	4.45	MΩ

Table 4: Typical Performance Characteristics

¹ Host dependent, test was done as a single instruction, subsequent instructions may affect performance. Measurements taken using BrainStem Library 2.3.2. The Nyquist frequency should be considered when referring to these values.



20

10

Current (mA)

1

0

20 10

Current (mA) 1

0.0

0.0

1.0

1.0

2.0

2.0

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Pinout Descriptions

WARNING: Acroname's MTM line features a PCIe connector that is common in most desktop computers; however, they are NOT intended nor designed to work in these devices. Do NOT insert this product into any PCIe slot that wasn't specifically designed for this product! Failure to follow this warning WILL result in damage to this product and any device you connect it to.

The MTM edge connector pin assignments are shown in the following table. Please refer to Table 3: Recommended Operating Ratings for appropriate signal levels.

Pins Common to all MTM Modules

Edge Connector Side A	Edge Connector Side A Description	Edge Connector Side B	Edge Connector Side B Description
1	GND	1	Input Voltage, V _{supply}
2	GND	2	Input Voltage, V _{supply}
3	GND	3	Input Voltage, V _{supply}
4	GND	4	Input Voltage, V _{supply}
5	Reset	5	Input Voltage, V _{supply}
6	GND	6	Reserved, Do Not Connect
7	GND	7	Reserved, Do Not Connect
8	I ² C0 SCL	8	GND
9	I ² C0 SDA	9	GND
10	GND	10	Reserved, Do Not Connect
11	GND	11	Reserved, Do Not Connect
12	Module Address Offset 0	12	Module Address Offset 2
13	Module Address Offset 1	13	Module Address Offset 3

Pins Specific to MTM-EtherStem

Edge Connector Side A	Edge Connector Side A Description	Edge Connector Side B	Edge Connector Side B Description
14	Reserved, Do Not Connect	14	Reserved, Do Not Connect
15	Reserved, Do Not Connect	15	Reserved, Do Not Connect
16	Reserved, Do Not Connect	16	Reserved, Do Not Connect
17	I ² C1 SCL	17	Reserved, Do Not Connect
18	I ² C1 SDA	18	Digital IO 0
19	Reserved, Do Not Connect	19	Digital IO 1
20	Reserved, Do Not Connect	20	Digital IO 2
21	Reserved, Do Not Connect	21	Digital IO 3
22	Reserved, Do Not Connect	22	Digital IO 4
23	Reserved, Do Not Connect	23	Digital IO 5
24	Analog 0	24	Digital IO 6
25	Analog 1	25	Digital IO 7
26	Reserved, Do Not Connect	26	Digital IO 8
27	Reserved, Do Not Connect	27	Digital IO 9
28	Reserved, Do Not Connect	28	Digital IO 10
29	Reserved, Do Not Connect	29	Digital IO 11
30	Reserved, Do Not Connect	30	Digital IO 12
31	Analog 2	31	Digital IO 13
32	Analog 3	32	Digital IO 14

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Module Hardware and Software Default Values

The MTM-EtherStem module utilizes a subset of BrainStem entity implementations that are specific to the hardware's capabilities. Table 5: MTM-EtherStem Hardware and Software Default Values details the BrainStem API entities and macros used to interface to the MTM-EtherStem module. For C and C++ developers, these macros are defined in aMTMEtherStem.h from the BrainStem development package. For Python development, the module MTMEtherStem class defines the extent of each entity array.

While the BrainStem API entities define the full potential functionality of a given interface, not all features are supported by the MTM-EtherStem module. Table 5: MTM-EtherStem Hardware and Software Default Values defines each of the options implemented with each entity, which varies by entity index. Calling an unsupported entity option will return an appropriate error (e.g.: aErrInvalidEntity, aErrInvalidOption, aErrMode, or aErrUnimplemented) as defined in aError.h for C and C++ and the Result class in Python.

Parameter	Index	Macro Name or Implemented Options	Notes
Module Definitions:			
Module Base Address	6	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_MODULE _ADDRESS	See aMTMEtherStem.h
Entity Class Definitions:			
digital Entity Quantity	15	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_NUM_DIG	
analog Entity Quantity	4	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_NUM_A2D	
i2c Entity Quantity	2	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_NUM_I2C	
clock Entity Quantity	1		
store Entity Quantity	2	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_NUM_STORES	
system Entity Quantity	1		
timer Entity Quantity	8	aMTM_ETHERSTEM_NUM_TIMERS	

 Table 5: MTM-EtherStem Hardware and Software Default Values²

² Refer to aMTMEtherStem.h within the BrainStem Development Kit download for actual file.

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Capabilities and Interfaces

The MTM-EtherStem module software is built on Acroname's BrainStem technology. The module adheres to the BrainStem protocol on I²C and uses BrainStem software APIs. For the most part, functionality that is unique to the MTM-EtherStem is described in the following sections; refer to Table 7: Supported MTM-EtherStem BrainStem Entity API Methods for a complete list of all available API functionality. All shortened code snippets are loosely based on the C++ method calls – Python and Reflex are virtually the same. Please consult the BrainStem Reference for implementation details³.

System Entities

Every BrainStem module includes a single System Entity. The System Entity allows access to configuration settings such as the module address, input voltage, control over the user LED and many more.

Saving Entity Settings

Some entities can be configured and saved to non-volatile memory. This allows a user to modify the startup and operational behavior for the MTM-EtherStem away from the factory default settings. Saving system settings preserves the settings to become the new default. Most changes to system settings require a save and reboot before taking effect. Use the following command to save changes to system settings before reboot:

stem.system.save()

Saved Configurations					
Software Offset	I2C Rate				
Router Address	Boot Slot				
Heartbeat Rate					

Store Entities

Every BrainStem module includes several Store entities and on-board memory slots to load Reflex files (for details on Reflex, see BrainStem Reference online <u>http://acroname.com/entities/index.html</u>). One Reflex file can be stored per slot. Store[0] refers to the internal memory, with 12 available slots, and store[1] refers to RAM, with 1 available slot.

Digital Entities

The MTM-EtherStem has fifteen (15) digital input/outputs (DIO) controlled by the digital entity. Each DIO is

controllable via software and is independently current limited for both source and sink currents.

All DIO are input and output capable.

stem.digital[0].setConfiguration(mode)
stem.digital[0].getConfiguration(mode)

The *mode* parameter is an integer that correlates to the following:

- 0 (digitalConfigurationInput)
- 1 (digitalConfigurationOutput)
- 2 (digitalConfigurationRCServoInput)
- 3 (digitalConfigurationRCServoOutput)
- 4 (digitalConfigurationHiZ)

If a digital pin is configured as an output, setting the digital logic level:

stem.digital[0].setState(level)

If a digital pin is configured as an input, reading the digital logic level:

stem.digital[0].getState(level)

If a digital pin is configured in HighZ mode its internal circuitry has been disconnected to create a high impedance. There are no functions that can act on this configuration.

Configuring a digital pin as an RCServo input or output requires the use of the RCServo Entity.

Digital	Input	Output	HighZ	RCServo
DIO0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Input
DIO 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Input
DIO 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Input
DIO 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Input
DIO 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Output
DIO 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Output
DIO 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Output
DIO 7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Output
DIO 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
DIO 9	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
DIO 10	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
DIO 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
DIO 12	Yes	Yes	Yes	None

DIO 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
DIO 14	Yes	Yes	Yes	None

Table 6: Digital IO pin configurations

Analog Entities

The MTM-EtherStem has three (3) analog inputs (ADC) and one (1) analog output (DAC) all controlled by the analog entity. Each analog is controllable via software and is independently current limited for both source and sink currents.

The analog inputs are connected to a 12-bit ADC, and return a value between 0 and 65535, corresponding to a range of 0-3.3V. The analog output is connected to a 10-bit DAC and takes a set value between 0 and 65535, corresponding to a voltage range of 0-3.3V.

For the analog output (analog[3]), setting the DAC value:

stem.analog[0].setValue(value)

For the analog inputs (analog[0-3]), reading the ADC value:

stem.analog[0].getValue(value)

The MTM-EtherStem ADC's also have the ability of being captured in bulk based on a user defined sample rate. See "Calculating the actual Bulk Capture Sample Rate" for additional information.

I²C Entities

The MTM-EtherStem includes access to two separate I²C busses: one operating at a set 1Mbit/s rate, and the other at 400kbits/s.

NOTE: The 1Mbit/s bus, while user-accessible, is also used for primary BrainStem communication so there may be other, non-user-initiated traffic as well, particularly with linked BrainStem units.

The maximum data size for individual read and write operations on an I²C bus through the BrainStem API is 20 bytes. Sending more than 20 bytes of information has to be done as an iterated sequence. For example, sending 2 bytes (0xBEEF) through the I²C bus to a device with an address 0x42 would be written:

stem.i2c.write(0x42, 2, 0xBEEF)

Reading 2 bytes of data from a device with an address 0x42 would be written:

stem.i2c.read(0x42, 2, buffer)

Where buffer would be a char array in C++.

Each I²C bus also includes 330Ω pull-up resistors on the SDA and SCL lines which should allow for reliable bus communication upto 1Mbps (FastMode+).

RC Servo Entities

The MTM-EtherStem board is equipped with 4 RC servo inputs and 4 RC servo outputs. The RC Servo entity is an overload of the Digital Entity and thus requires proper configuration before this entity can be enabled. For example, enabling RC servo input mode for a digital pin 0 is done with:

```
stem.digital[0].setConfiguration(digitalCo
nfigurationRCServoInput)
```

With the RC servo entity, digital output pins generate pulsed signal based on the RC Servo standard consisting of a period lasting 20ms and high pulse time between 1-2ms. The high time corresponds to a specific position determined by the specific servo being used. RC servo inputs, measure this high time and return the corresponding position for a servo.

When operating as an RC servo input, enabling the functionality and reading the position is done with:

```
stem.RCServo[0].setEnable(bool)
stem.RCServo[0].getPosition(position)
```

When operating as an RC servo output enabling the functionality and setting the position is done with:

```
stem.RCServo[4].setEnable(bool)
stem.RCServo[4].setPosition(position)
```

Clock Entities

The MTM-EtherStem includes a real-time, userconfigurable clock entity tracking a time object consisting of year, month, day-of-the-month, hour, minute and second. These values can be set independently:

stem.clock.setYear(year)
stem.clock.setSecond(second)

They can also be read independently:

```
stem.clock.getYear(year)
stem.clock.getSecond(second)
```


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MTM-EtherStem Supported Entity Methods Summary

Detailed entity class descriptions can be found in the BrainStem Reference (<u>http://acroname.com/entities/index.html</u>). A summary of MTM-EtherStem class options are shown below. Note that when using Entity classes with a single index (aka, 0), the index parameter can be dropped. For example:

Entity Class	Entity Option	Variable(s) Notes
digital[0-14]	setConfiguration	
	getConfiguration	
	setState	
	getState	
rcservo[0-7]	setEnable	
	getEnable	
	setPosition	Index 4-7 only
	getPosition	
	setReverse	Index 4-7 only
	getReverse	
i2c[0-1]	write	
	read	
analog[0-2]	getValue	
	getVoltage	
	setBulkCaptureSampleRate	
	getBulkCaptureSampleRate	
	setBulkCaptureNumberOfSamples	
	getBulkCaptureNumberOfSamples	
	initiateBulkCapture	
	getBulkCaptureState	
analog[3]	setValue	
clock[0]	setYear	
	getYear	
	setMonth	
	getMonth	
	setDay	
	getDay	
	setHour	
	getHour	
	setMinute	

stem.system[0].setLED(1) \rightarrow stem.system.setLED(1)

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	getMinute	
	setSecond	
	getSecond	
store[0-2]	getSlotState	
	loadSlot	
	unloadSlot	
	slotEnable	
	slotDisable	
	slotCapacity	
	slotSize	
<pre>system[0]</pre>	save	
	reset	
	setLED	
	getLED	
	setBootSlot	
	getBootSlot	
	getInputVoltage	
	getVersion	
	getModuleBaseAddress	
	getModuleSoftwareOffset	
	setModuleSoftwareOffset	
	getModuleHardwareOffset	
	setHBInterval	
	getHBInterval	
	getRouterAddressSetting	
	getModule	
	getSerialNumber	
	setRouter	
	getRouter	
	getModel	
	routeToMe	
timer[0-8]	getExpiration	
	setExpiration	
	getMode	
	setMode	
mux[1]	getChannelState	

Table 7: Supported MTM-EtherStem BrainStem Entity API Methods³

³ See BrainStem software API reference at <u>https://acroname.com/reference/</u> for further details about all BrainStem API methods and information.

LED Indicators

The MTM-EtherStem board has a number of LED indicators to assist with MTM system development, debugging, and monitoring. These LEDs are shown in the diagrams below.

Edge Connector Interface

All MTM products are designed with an edge connector interface that requires a compatible edgeboard connector on the carrier PCB. Acroname recommends the through-hole PCI-Express (PCIe) Vertical Connector. The connectors can be combined with an optional retention clip, as shown below.

MTM Product	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number	Description
MTM-Relay	Amphenol FCI	10018784-10203TLF	PCI-Express 164-position vertical
	Samtec	PCIE-164-02-F-D-TH	connector
MTM-IO-Serial	Amphenol FCI	10018784-10202TLF	PCI-Express 98-position vertical
	Samtec	PCIE-098-02-F-D-TH	connector
MTM-PM-1	Amphenol FCI	10018784-10201TLF	PCI-Express 64-position vertical
	Samtec	PCIE-064-02-F-D-TH	connector
MTM-USBStem	Amphenol FCI	10018784-10201TLF	PCI-Express 64-position vertical
	Samtec	PCIE-064-02-F-D-TH	connector
MTM-EtherStem	Amphenol FCI	10018784-10201TLF	PCI-Express 64-position vertical
	Samtec	PCIE-064-02-F-D-TH	connector
All Models	Amphenol FCI	10042618-003LF	PCI-Express Retention Clip (optional)

Table 8: PCI-Express Edge Connectors for MTM Products

Figure 3: PCIe Vertical Connector with optional Retention Clip

MTM Edge Connector Specifications	Description	
Contact Finish	Gold	
Card Thickness	0.0625" [1.59mm]	
Number of Rows	2	
Number of Positions	Variable (see Table 8: PCI-Express Edge Connectors for MTM Products)	
Pitch	0.039" (1.00mm)	

Table 9: MTM Edge Connector Specifications

Amphenol FCI Drawings and Layout: http://portal.fciconnect.com/Comergent//fci/drawing/10018784.pdf

Amphenol FCI Product Specification: http://portal.fciconnect.com/res/en/pdffiles/Specs/gs-12-233.pdf

Samtec Product Catalog: http://suddendocs.samtec.com/catalog_english/pcie.pdf

Mechanical

Dimensions are shown in inches [mm]. 3D CAD models are available through the MTM-EtherStem product page's Downloads section.

Figure 4: MTM-EtherStem Mechanical

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Module Address Hardware Offset Configuration

A hardware offset is one of two ways to modify the module's address on the BrainStem network. Using hardware offset pins is useful when more than one of the same type of module is installed on a single BrainStem network. Applying a different hardware offset to each module of the same type in one network allows for all the modules to seamlessly and automatically configure the network for inter-module communication. Further, modules can be simply swapped in and out of the network without needing to pre-configure a module's address before being added to a network. Finally, when a system has more than one of the same type of module in a network, the module address hardware offset can be used to determine the module's physical location and thus its interconnection and intended function. For detailed information on BrainStem networking see the reference guide.

Each hardware offset pin can be left floating or pulled to ground with a $1k\Omega$ resistor or shorted to ground. Pin states are only read when the module boots, either from a power cycle, hardware or software reset. The hardware offset pins are treated as an inverted binary number which is multiplied by 2 and added the to the module's base address. The hardware offset calculation is detailed in the following table.

HW Offset Pin			Address	Module Base	Final Module	
0	1	2	3	Offset	Address	Address
NC	NC	NC	NC	0	4	4
1	NC	NC	NC	2	4	6
NC	1	NC	NC	4	4	8
NC	NC	1	NC	8	4	12
NC	NC	NC	1	16	4	20
1	NC	NC	1	4+16	4	24

Calculating the actual Bulk Capture Sample Rate

Step 1: Calculate Clock Divisor

Cd = Clock Divisor (This value must be rounded up to the nearest whole number

Cf = Clock Frequency = 96,000,000 Hz

n = Number of cycles required for Analog conversion = 65.

Rf = Requested Frequency in Hz

Cd = Cf / (n * Rf)

Step 2: Calculate Actual Bulk Capture Sample Rate

Sr = Sample Rate

Cf = Clock Frequency = 96,000,000 Hz

n = Number of cycles required for Analog conversion = 65.

Cd = Clock Divisor (Calculated in Step 1)

Sr = Cf / (n * Cd)

Document Revision History

All major documentation changes will be marked with a dated revision code

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1.0	October 2015	JTD	Initial Revision
1.1	April 206	JTD	Corrected typographical errors
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