

Programmable USB Hub Datasheet





Overview

The USBHub2x4 is a 4-port software-programmable USB 2.0 (480Mbps) hub that is designed for demanding industrial environments where advanced control and monitoring of USB ports is required. This is very useful in testing or development environments where standard "always-on" behavior of a consumer-grade USB hub is not desirable.

Software control of the USBHub2x4 is established and maintained over the selected one of the two available host-facing ports.

The USBHub2x4 can be used to enable/disable individual USB ports, measure current or voltage on downstream USB ports, set programmable current limits, set USB charging protocol behavior and otherwise automate USB port behaviors in development and testing.

Typical applications include:

- USB device manufacturing
- USB device validation and development
- Functional testing
- Camera control
- Battery charging
- USB device resets
- USB monitoring
- Sequential firmware load/updates
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Features

- Individually enable/disable any of 4 downstream ports
- Data and power lines can be separately enabled for each downstream port

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- Measure voltage and current on each downstream port
- Set programmable current limits for each downstream port (500mA to 2.5A)
- Automatic or programmed selection for either of 2 host port connections
- All ports support USB link speeds up to 480Mb/s
- Selectively enable USB charging mode behaviors: SDP (Standard Downstream Port) or CDP (Charging Downstream Port) modes¹
- Deliver up to 2.5A per port (in CDP mode)
- Set enumeration delay for discovery of attached downstream devices
- Boost USB upstream and downstream data signal levels
- DIN-rail mountable
- Certified to withstand +/- 30kV ESD strikes (IEC6100-4-2 level 4)

Description

The USBHub2x4 gives engineers advanced flexibility and configurability over USB ports in testing and development applications.

Each downstream USB channel implements separately and independently switched data lines and 2500mA current-limited power lines. USB power and data can be independently disconnected for advanced USB testing applications. Pin interfaces are protected against reverse polarity and over-voltage, and connections are designed to operate from 0°C to 50°C ambient with no external cooling or fans.

Each USBHub2x4 is uniquely addressable and controllable from a host PC via the selected USB host input. Acroname's BrainStem[™] link is then established over the USB input and allows a connection to the on-board controller in the USBHub2x4. USBHub2x4 can be controlled via a host running BrainStem APIs or alternately, it can operate independently by running locally embedded, user-defined programs based on Acroname's BrainStem Reflex language.

¹ See <u>http://www.usb.org/developers/docs/devclass_docs/</u> under the category Battery Charging for full details.





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	26.0	V
V _{supply} current	0.0	14.0	Α
Voltage on V _{bus} inputs	0.0	24.0	V
Voltage on V _{bus} outputs	0.0	6.0	V
Voltage on any USB D+/D- inputs and outputs	-0.3	5.3	V

Table 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Handling Ratings

Parameter	Conditions/Notes	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Ambient Operating Temperature, TA	Non-Condensing	0.0	25.0	50.0	°C
Storage Temperature, TSTG		-10.0	-	85.0	°C
Electrostatic Discharge, V _{ESD}	Exceeds IEC 61000-4-2, level 4, air and contact discharge	0.0	-	±30	kV
Table 2: Handling Ratings					

Recommended Operating Ratings

Values presented apply to the full operating temperature range.

Parameter	Conditions/Notes	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
Input Voltage, V _{supply}		9.0	12	24.0	V
Input Current, I _{supply}		0.15	-	11.0	А
Voltage on V _{bus} inputs and outputs		4.5	5.0	5.5	V

Table 3: Recommended Operating Ratings





Block Diagram



Figure 1: USBHub2x4 Block Diagram



Typical Performance Characteristics

Values presented apply to the full operating temperature range.

Parameter Conditions/Notes		Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
USB Downstream (V _{bus})		4.5	5.0	5.5	V
USB Downstream Current	I _{LIM} =2.5A	0.0	-	2.5	А
System Efficiency	@12.0V input, nominal 6.5A load ²	84	-	86	%
Current Measurement Range		6.4	-	2500	mA
Current Measurement Resolution		-	9.76	-	mA
Current Measurement Accuracy	ILIM not exceeded		±2		%
V _{bus} Voltage Measurement		0.0	-	5.5	V
V _{bus} Voltage Resolution		-	1.2	-	mV
V _{bus} Output Rise Time	I _{LIM} = 1.0A	-	-	1.0	ms
V _{supply} Measurement Resolution	Resolution		8	-	mV
Selectable Current Limits ILIM	$I_{LIM} = 500mA$ $I_{LIM} = 900mA$ $I_{LIM} = 1000mA$ $I_{LIM} = 1200mA$ $I_{LIM} = 1500mA$ $I_{LIM} = 1800mA$ $I_{LIM} = 2000mA$ $I_{LIM} = 2500mA$	- - - - - - -	480 850 950 1130 1400 1720 1910 2370	500 900 1000 1200 1500 1800 2000 2500	mA
Short Circuit Response Time	Time from detection of short to current limit applied.	-	-	1.5	μs
Short Circuit Detection Time	Circuit Detection Time Time from detection of short to port power switch disconnect.		-	6.0	ms
USB Downstream VBUS Current Supply (SDP mode)	USB 2.0 data lines disabled or no USB host present	-	-	100	mA
USB Downstream VBUS Current Supply (SDP mode)	USB 2.0 data lines enabled and USB host must be present	-	-	500	mA
USB Downstream VBUS Current Supply (CDP mode)	Current USB 2.0 data lines must be		-	1500	mA

Table 4: Electrical Characteristics

² 6.5A selected as representative load based on 4 USB downstream devices running in CDP mode consuming approximately 1.5A each.



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Time (1 msec/division)



Figure 2: Upstream USB Eye diagram through USB Mini-B to host with 0.3m cable. Boost 0% in greyscale; Boost 12% in color.



Figure 3: Upstream USB eye diagram USB Mini-B to host with 3.2m cable. Boost 0% in greyscale; Boost 12% in color.



Figure 4: Downstream USB eye diagram USB A to device. 3.2m cable in greyscale; 0.3m cable in color.





Module Hardware and Software Default Values

The USBHub2X4 leverages a hardware-specific subset of BrainStem Entity implementations. The aUSBHub2x4 h C++ header file includes macro definitions for many parameters specific to the USBHub2x4. Table 5: USBHub2x4 Hardware and Software Default Values provides an overview of these values.

Parameter	Index	Macro Name or Implemented Options	Notes
Module Definitions:			
Module Base Address	6	aUSBHUB2X4_MODULE_ADDRESS	
Router Base Address	6		
Entity Class Definitions:			
timer Entity Quantity	8	aUSBHUB2X4_NUM_TIMERS	
usb Entity Quantity	1	aUSBHUB2X4_NUM_USB	
store Entity Quantity	2	aUSBHUB2X4_NUM_STORES	
system Entity Quantity	1		

Table 5: USBHub2x4 Hardware and Software Default Values³

³ Refer to aUSBHub2x4.h within the BrainStem Development Kit download for actual file.



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Device Drivers

USBHub2x4 leverages operating system user space interfaces that do not require custom drivers for operation on modern operating systems.

Some older operating systems may require the installation of a BrainStem USB driver to enable software control. Installation details on installing USB drivers can be found within the BrainStem Development Kit under the "drivers" folder. For example, Windows 7 the supplied INF to communicate with BrainStem USB devices.

Capabilities and Interfaces

The USBHub2x4 is built on Acroname's BrainStem system, which provides simple high level APIs, a real-time embedded runtime engine and modular expandability. Functionality details unique to the USBHub2x4 are described in the following sections. A complete list of available API functionality specific to USBHub2x4 is listed in Table 10. All shortened code snippets are loosely based on the C++ method calls and meant to be Psuedocode like – Python and Reflex are virtually the same. Please consult the online BrainStem Reference for implementation details⁴.

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.

Serial Number

Every USBHub2x4 is assigned a unique serial number at the factory. This facilitates an arbitrary number of USBHub2x4 devices attached to a host computer. The following method call can retrieve the unique serial number for each device.

stem.system.getSerialNumber(serialNumber)

Module Default Base Address

BrainStems are designed to be able to form a reactive, extensible network. All BrainStem modules come with a default network base address for identification on the

⁴ See BrainStem software API reference at <u>https://acroname.com/reference/</u> for further details about all BrainStem API methods and information.

BrainStem network bus. The default module base address for USBHub2x4 is factory-set as 6, and can be accessed with:

stem.system.getModule(module)

Saving USB 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 USBHub2x4 away from the factory default settings. Saving system settings preserves the settings as the new default. Most changes to system settings require a save and reboot before taking effect. For example, upstream and downstream USB Boost settings will not take effect unless a system save operation is completed, followed by a reset or power cycle. Use the following command to save changes to system settings before reboot:

stem.system.save()

Pressing the reset button two times within 5 seconds will return all settings to factory defaults: all ports' data and power enabled, CDP mode, enumeration delay of 0, 2500mA current limit.

Saved Configurations			
Software Offset	I2C Rate		
Router Address	Port Enumeration Delay		
Boot Slot	Downstream Boost		
Port Mode (SDP, CDP) – each port	Current Limit – per port		
Upstream Boost	Port state (data and power)		

Table 6: Saved Parameters

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USB Entity

The usb entity provide a mechanism to control all functionality for the upstream and downstream USB ports.

USB Downstream Channels

Downstream USB channels can be manipulated through the usb entity command to enable and disable USB data and V_{bus} lines, measure current, measure V_{bus} voltage, boost data line signals, and measure temperature.

Manipulating Hi-Speed data and V_{bus} lines simultaneously for a single port can be done by calling the following methods with channel in [0-3] being the port index:

stem.usb.setPortEnable(channel)

stem.usb.setPortDisable(channel)

Manipulating data lines while not affecting the V_{bus} lines simultaneously for a single port can be done by calling the following method with channel [0-3]:

stem.usb.setDataEnable(channel)

```
stem.usb.setDataDisable(channel)
```

Manipulating just the USB 2.0 Hi-Speed data lines for a single port can be done by calling the following method with channel [0-3]:

```
stem.usb.setHiSpeedDataEnable(channel)
```

stem.usb.setHiSpeedDataDisable(channel)

Manipulating just the USB V_{bus} line for a single port can be done by calling the following method with channel [0-3]:

```
stem.usb.setPowerEnable(channel)
```

stem.usb.setPowerDisable(channel)

To affect multiple ports and lines simultaneously, see usb.setHubMode() later in this section.

The USB V_{bus} voltage, as well as the current consumed on V_{bus} , can be read for each channel by calling the following methods with channel [0-3], where the second variable passed into the method is the location for the measurement result:

```
stem.usb.getPortVoltage(channel,\muV)
```

```
stem.usb.getPortCurrent(channel,\muA)
```

Current-limit trip point settings can be accessed for each port by calling the following methods with channel [0-3], where the second variable passed into the method is either the set value or the write location of the result:

stem.usb.getPortCurrentLimit(channel,µA)

```
stem.usb.setPortCurrentLimit(channel,µA)
```

The enumeration state and speed of each downstream port can be read with

stem.usb.getDownstreamDataSpeed(ch,speed)

with ch in [0-3] and speed values retuned as:

- 0 N/A (device not enumerated)
- 1 Hi-Speed device

USB Downstream Operational Mode

The USB port operational mode controls the behavior of each downstream port's charging behavior. Each port can be setup to support different modes in the USB Battery Charge Specification 1.2 (BC1.2). Standard Downstream Port (SDP) mode will cause BC1.2 compliant or older USB devices to consume 500mA or less. Configuring a port as a Charging Downstream Port (CDP) will cause the hub signal to downstream devices that devices may consume up to 5A, the maximum allowed by BC1.2. If there is no upstream USB host connected to the hub, downstream ports set to CDP will behave as Dedicated Charging Ports (DCP).

The actual current consumed by the device is controlled by the downstream device and not the USBHub2x4. Devices which are not compliant with BC1.2 or the previous USB power specifications may draw more current than specified above.

The operational mode is set or read by calling the methods:

stem.usb.setPortMode(channel,mode)

stem.usb.getPortMode(channel,mode)

Available options for Downstream Operational Mode are:

- 0 Standard Downstream Port (SDP)
- 1 Charging Downstream Port (CDP)

USB Downstream Enumeration Delay

Once a USB device is detected by the USBHub2x4 it is possible to delay its connection to an upstream host computer and subsequent enumeration on the USB bus. The enumeration delay can mitigate or eliminate host kernel instabilities by forcing devices to enumerate in slow succession, allowing a focus on validation of drivers and software. The enumeration delay is configured in milliseconds, representing the time delay between enabling each successive downstream port from 0 to 3. Enumeration delay is applied when the hub powers on or when a new upstream connection is made.

stem.usb.setEnumerationDelay(delay)

stem.usb.getEnumerationDelay(delay)

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USB Boost Mode

Boost mode increases the drive strength of the USB 2.0 Hi-Speed data signals (power signals are not changed). Boosting the data signal drive strength may help to overcome connectivity issues when using long cables or connecting through relays, "pogo" pins or other adverse conditions. This setting is applied after a system.save() call and reset or power cycle of the hub. The system setting is persistent until changed or the hub is hard reset. After a hard reset, the default value of 0% boost is restored. A hard reset is done by pressing the "Reset" button on the back of the hub two times within 5 seconds while the hub is powered.

Boost mode can be applied to both the upstream and downstream USB ports with the follow methods:

stem.usb.getDownstreamBoostMode(setting)

stem.usb.setDownstreamBoostMode(setting)

stem.usb.getUpstreamBoostMode(setting)

stem.usb.setUpstreamBoostMode(setting)

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

- 0 normal drive strength
- 1 4% increased drive strength
- 2 8% increased drive strength
- 3 12% increased drive strength

USB Hub Upstream Channels

The USBHub2x4 is perfect for environments where multiple devices need to be shared or switched between two host computers using two host (upstream) connections via USB mini-B connectors. The upstream connection can be automatically detected or specifically selected using the following methods:

stem.usb.getUpstreamMode(mode)

```
stem.usb.setUpstreamMode(mode)
```

The mode parameter can be defined as the following:

- 0 select upstream port 0
 (usbUpstreamModePort0)
- 1 select upstream port 1
 - (usbUpstreamModePort1)
- 2 automatically detect upstream port (usbUpstreamModeAuto)

Predefined C++ macros for these can be found in aProtocoldef.h, and Python's built-in help interface.

The default operational mode is to auto detect which upstream USB port is selected. Automatic detection uses

the presence of V_{bus} on the USB type-B upstream connector to determine presence of a host. i.e. if a host is connected to the Up0 port, then channel 0 will be selected as the upstream USB connection (see Figure 3 for more detail).

Note that in the USBHub2x4, the BrainStem API and control communication path is only available through the actively selected upstream port.

USB Hub Upstream State

The USBHub2x4 can provide status information on which upstream port is actively selected as data path to the downstream ports:

stem.usb.getUpstreamState()

This command returns a 32-bit value which indicates:

- 0 upstream port 0 is actively selected
- 1 upstream port 1 is actively selected
- 2 no upstream port selected

USB Hub Operational Mode

In addition to targeting individual downstream USB ports, a bit-mapped hub state interface is also available. This interface allows the reading or setting of all USB downstream ports in one functional call.

stem.usb.getHubMode(mode)

stem.usb.setHubMode(mode)

The value mode is 32-bit word, defined as the following:

Bit	Hub Operational Mode Result Bitwise Description
0	USB Channel 0 USB Hi-Speed Data Enabled
1	USB Channel 0 USB V _{bus} Enabled
2	USB Channel 1 USB Hi-Speed Data Enabled
3	USB Channel 1 USB V _{bus} Enabled
4	USB Channel 2 USB Hi-Speed Data Enabled
5	USB Channel 2 USB V _{bus} Enabled
6	USB Channel 3 USB Hi-Speed Data Enabled
7	USB Channel 3 USB V _{bus} Enabled
8:31	Reserved

Table 7: Hub Operational Mode Result Bitwise Description





USB Port State

Each downstream port reports information regarding its operating state represented in bit-packed results from:

stem.usb.getPortState(channel,state)

where *channel* can be [0-3], and the value *status* is 32-bit word, defined as the following:

Bit	Port State: Result Bitwise Description
0	USB VBUS Enabled
1	USB2 Data Enabled
2	Reserved
3	Reserved
4:10	Reserved
11	Reserved
12	Reserved
13:18	Reserved
19	USB Error Flag
20	USB2 Boost Enabled
23	Device Attached
24:31	Reserved

Table 8: Port State: Result Bitwise Description

USB Port Error Status Mapping

Error states for all downstream ports are bit-packed in 32bit words available from:

```
stem.usb.getPortError(channel)
```

where channel is [0-3].

Errors can be cleared on each individual channel by calling the following method:

stem.usb.clearPortErrorStatus(channel)

Calling this command clears the port-related error bit flags (see Table 9) in the port error state. Global bits for hub errors cannot be cleared by this command.

Details about the port error status 32-bit word are as follows:

Bit	Port Error Status (channel) Result Bitwise Description
0	USB port current limit exceeded
1	USB port back-drive condition detected
2	Reserved
3	Hub overtemperature condition
4:31	Reserved

Table 9: Port Error Status Result Bitwise Description

USB System Temperature

The temperature of the USB subsystem in the USBHub2x4 can be measured with:

stem.temperature(0).getTemperature(μ C)

where temperature is in micro-degress Celcius.





USBHub2x4 Supported Entity Methods Summary

Detailed entity class descriptions can be found in the BrainStem Reference (<u>https://acroname.com/reference/entities/index.html</u>). A summary of USBHub2x4 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:

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

Entity Class	Entity Option	Variable(s) Notes
store[0-1]	getSlotState	
	loadSlot	
	unloadSlot	
	slotEnable	
	slotDisable	
	slotCapacity	
	slotSize	
system[0]	save	
	reset	
	setLED	
	getLED	
	setSleep	
	setBootSlot	
	getBootSlot	
	getInputVoltage	
	getInputCurrent	
	getVersion	
	setHBInterval	
	getHBInterval	
	getModule	
	getSerialNumber	
	getModel	
<pre>temperature[0]</pre>	getTemperature	
timer[0-8]	getExpiration	
	setExpiration	
	getMode	
	setMode	
usb[0]	setPortEnable	Channels 0-3
[*]	setPortDisable	Channels 0-3
	setDataEnable	Channels 0-3
	setDataDisable	Channels 0-3
	setHiSpeedDataEnable	Channels 0-3



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setHiSpeedDataDisable	Channels 0-3
setPowerEnable	Channels 0-3
setPowerDisable	Channels 0-3
getPortVoltage	Channels 0-3
getPortCurrent	Channels 0-3
getPortCurrentLimit	Channels 0-3
setPortCurrentLimit	Channels 0-3
setPortMode	Channels 0-3
getPortMode	Channels 0-3
getDownstreamDataSpeed	Channels 0-3
getHubMode	
setHubMode	
getPortState	Channels 0-3
getPortError	
getEnumerationDelay	
setEnumerationDelay	
clearPortErrorStatus	
getUpstreamMode	
setUpstreamMode	
getUpstreamState	
getUpstreamBoostMode	
setUpstreamBoostMode	
getDownstreamBoostMode	
setDownstreamBoostMode	

Table 10: Supported USBHub2x4 BrainStem Entity API Methods5

⁵ See BrainStem software API reference at <u>https://acroname.com/reference/</u> for further details about all BrainStem API methods and information.



LED Indicators

Built into the board are a number of LED indicators to assist in system troubleshooting using the USBHub2X4.





The BrainStem Link LED will illuminate when the BrainStem USB interface is created on a host computer.

The Heartbeat indicator informs the user when communication is occurring with the BrainStem module, including a periodic heartbeat signal and response. Additional details on Heartbeats can be found in the BrainStem Terminology section of the Reference Manual.

The Logic Power indicator shows that a 3.3V voltage regulation system is up and running properly.

The User LED is a software controllable indicator accessed via the System BrainStem Entity. Detailed information can

be found in the System Entity section of the reference manual.

Each downstream USB connection has LED indicators for status and power. The red LED labeled USB Channel X Power indicates an error on USB power (VBUS). Additionally, a green LED, labeled USB Channel X Status, indicates whether the downstream device has enumerated on the host computer.

The Hub Status indicator illuminates when the USB hub communicates with a host computer.





Using Multiple Hosts with USBHub2x4

The two upstream-facing host ports can be connected to two different host computers. Due to limitations of USB specification and architecture, only one host computer can access downstream USB ports at any time. Through the BrainStem APIs, the upstream port used can be specifically selected, or the system can automatically select the upstream port.

The BrainStem controller connection is available only through the actively selected host port. Because of this, it is important to keep in mind that when a host upstream connection is changed, the software connection to the BrainStem module should follow the upstream connection appropriately.



Figure 6: Determining connection used for BrainStem communications





Dimensions are shown in inches [mm]. 3D CAD models are available through the USBHub2x4 product page's Downloads section







DIN Rail Mounting

DIN rail mounting provisions have been designed into the USBHub2x4 case. Holes for a DIN rail clip/adapter are provided to allow mounting of the USBHub2x4 to standard DIN rails. Mounting clip hardware is available separately in a kit from Acroname: part number C31-DINM-1. The diagrams below illustrate USBHub2x4 mounted in two orientations:



Figure 8: USBHub2X4 DIN Rail Mount





Input Power Connections

The USBHub2x4 can be powered through the DC barrel-jack on the front of the unit.

The DC barrel-jack is a standard 5.5mm outside diameter, 2.5mm inside diameter, 9.5mm mating length connector. Many manufacturers make compatible mating plug connectors; one example is the DC barrel plug from CUI: part number PP3-002B (https://www.cui.com/product/resource/pp3-002b.pdf).





FCC Compliance Statement

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This device complies with part 15 of FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions; (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.





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

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