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Interfacing the X9408/X9418 XDCP to 8051 Microcontrollers

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This application note describes the routines for the control of an X9408 or X9418 digitally controllable potentiometer. The X9408/X9418 devices have a variety of different instructions that provide flexibility to the designer. Additionally, the nonvolatile nature of the device allows for stored wiper positions that can be retrieved after power cycles.

The following code implements all of the available X9408/X9418 instructions using a standard bi-directional bus protocol. Although the subroutines occupy about 300 bytes of program memory, designers who won't need to implement all of the instructions can shorten the code by removing any unnecessary routines. However, this will necessitate the reassembly of the code.

For those instructions which program the nonvolatile data registers (XFR_WCR, GXFR_WCR, & WRITE_DR), acknowledge polling has been implemented to determine an early completion of the internal write cycle. Although this is automatically handled by the routines, a word or two regarding the procedure should be informative. After issuing a start condition, the master sends a slave address and receives an acknowledge. It then issues an instruction byte to the X9408/X9418 and again receives an acknowledge. If necessary, it now transmits the data byte and receives a final acknowledge. The master must then initiate a stop condition which will cause the X9408/X9418 to begin an internal write cycle. The X9408/X9418 pins go to high impedance until this internal cycle is complete. The

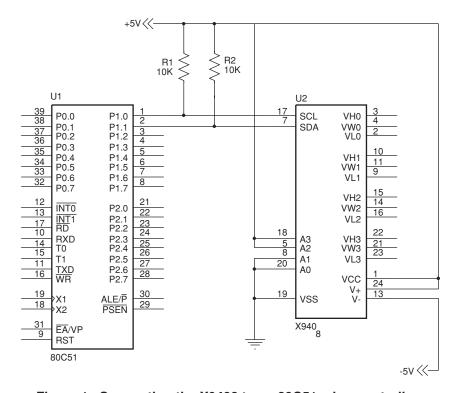


Figure 1. Connecting the X9408 to an 80C51 microcontroller

master can now begin acknowledge polling by successively sending start conditions followed by "dummy" instructions. When the X9408/X9418 finally answers with an acknowledge, the internal write cycle has been completed. The master must then initiate a stop condition. After the next start condition, the X9408/X9418 is ready to receive further instructions.

In the code listing, an assumption was made that the code executes upon a reset of the microcontroller. That is, the code is loaded into low memory, however this can be changed with an ORG assembler directive. Simple MAIN program routines are included in the code listing. These can be modified for different device addresses, different registers and different DCPs within the device.

In this listing, the commands cause an X9408/X9418 (at A3A2A1A0 = 1100 to be accessed.) The listing also includes some instructions that are specific to the Cygnal 80C51 processor. These should be examined and modified, as needed, for the specific 80C51 in the system. The commands issued in the "Main" section of the code are simple assignment and call sequences.

In Figure 1, a representative hardware connection between the X9408 and an 8051 family microcontroller is shown. The pull-up resistors on the SDA and SCL lines are determined by the total capacitance of all of the devices connected to the bus, which is about 18pF.

80C51 MICROCONTROLLER ROUTINES FOR MANIPULATING AN X9408

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FILE NAME: X9408_8051.TXT
TARGET MCU: Cygnal C8051F000

DESCRIPTION:

; This code provides basic 80C51 code for communicating with and ; controlling the X9408 quad digital potentiometer. In this listing ; is code that implements all of the available X9408 instructions. ; The X9408 communicates via a 2-wire bus that is similar, but a little ; different from the I2C bus. This code is very generic and can be ; simplified and shortened by removing any unnecessary routines.

; For those instructions which program the nonvolatile data registers ; (XFR_WCR, GFXR_WCR, and WRITE_DR) this program provides acknowledge ; polling to determine early completion of the internal write cycle. ; Although this is handled automatically by the routines, some background ; might be helpful.

; After issuing a start condition, the master sends a slave address; and receives and acknowledge (ACK). The master then sends an instruction; byte to the X9408 and again receives an ACK. If necessary, the master sends; a data byte and receives a final ACK. The master then initiates a stop; condition to signal the X9408 to begin an internal nonvolatile write; cycle. When the write cycle begins, the I/O pins go to a high impedance state; and remain in this state until the nonvolatile write is complete.

; Immediately following the stop condition, the master can begin acknowledge; polling by successively sending start conditions, followed by "dummy"; instructions. When the X9408 finally answers with an acknowledge, the; internal write cycle is completed. The master then issues a stop; condition. After the next start condition, the X9408 is ready to receive; further instructions.



; This code give the flexibility to communicate with up to 16 different X9408

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devices on the same bus. It does this by using a register, named "ADDR BYTE".
 This register is loaded with the specific slave address and address of the
 desired X9408 device. The register can be saved if there is only one X9408
; on the bus, by making ADDR BYTE a constant.
; An 80C51 register is used to identify the particular X9408 register or DCP, or both,
; are used for a particular operation. There are various constants available for
 easy selection of the WCR and DR combination. The contents of the register
; is appended to the specific instruction in the "instr_gen' routine.
; A register is used as a counter for keeping track of the number of bits sent
; in each byte.
; A register is used for the increment/decrement instruction to specify up or
; down movement of the wiper. For each command, the master loads the "PULSES"
; register with a direction bit and 6 bits of count. If the MSB is a 1
; the wiper increments the specified number of tap positions. If the MSB
; is a 0 the wiper decrements the specified number of tap positions.
; A register is used to hold the specific command being executed. This allows
; the instruction to be built up and sent to the X9408.
; In the MAIN section are sample main code segments showing how to use the
; various subroutines.
; This code was tested on a Cygnal 80C51 microcontroller, using the Cygnal
; tools. The specific routines required to set up the Cygnal processor
 are identified and are probably not needed for other standard 8051 devices.
; Since each 8051 may have specific requirements that are not handled in this
; code, the programmer is advised to check the setup needs of the specific
; 80C51 derivation that is being used.
; I/O Definition
            bit p1.0 ; 80C51 pin used AS SCL bit p1.1 ; 80C51 pin used AS SDA
SDA
;-----
; Register Definition
$include (c8051f000.inc); Include regsiter definition file (Cygnal).
TEMP
                    r1
                          ; Scratch register
             eau
                         ; Loop counting register
COUNT
             equ
                    r2
                          ; Bits -> DIR 0 ###### (#=pulses = 0 to 64)
PULSES
             equ
                    r3
                  r4
                          ; Instruction (I.E. 0,4,8,12,16,...)
COMMAND
             equ
             equ r5
                          ; Bits -> 0 0 0 0 R1 R0 P1 P0
                         ; Bits -> 0 1 0 1 A3 A2 A1 A0
ADDR BYTE
             equ r6
           equ
                         ; Bits -> CM DW D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0
DATA BYTE
; Constant Definition
SLAVE ADRO
                    050h
            equ
SLAVE ADR1
                    051h
           equ
SLAVE ADR2
                    052h
            equ
SLAVE_ADR3
                    053h
            equ
SLAVE ADR4
             equ
                    054h
SLAVE ADR5
             equ
                    055h
SLAVE ADR6
                    056h
            equ
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057h
SLAVE ADR7
               equ
SLAVE_ADR8
                      058h
              equ
SLAVE_ADR9
                      059h
              equ
SLAVE ADR10
                      05Ah
              equ
SLAVE ADR11
                      05Bh
               equ
SLAVE ADR12
               equ
                      05Ch
SLAVE_ADR13
                      05Dh
               equ
SLAVE_ADR14
               equ
                      05Eh
SLAVE ADR15
               equ
                      05Fh
WCR 0
                      00h
WCR_1
               equ
                      01h
WCR_2
WCR_3
               equ
                      02h
                      03h
               equ
DR 0
              equ
                      00h
DR_1
                      04h
              equ
DR_2
                      08h
               equ
DR_3
               equ
                      0Ch
DCP0 R0
                      00h
DCP0_R1
                      04h
               equ
DCP0 R2
               equ
                      08h
DCP0 R3
               equ
                      0Ch
DCP1 R0
               equ
                      01h
DCP1_R1
                      05h
               equ
DCP1_R2
DCP1_R3
               equ
                      09h
                      0Dh
               equ
DCP2 R0
               equ
                      02h
DCP2_R1
DCP2_R2
DCP2_R3
                      06h
               equ
                      0Ah
               equ
               equ
                      0Eh
DCP3 R0
               equ
                      03h
DCP3_R1
                      07h
               equ
DCP3 R2
               equ
                      0Bh
DCP3 R3
               equ
                      0Fh
READWCR
                      0
               equ
WRITEWCR
               equ
READDR
                      8
               equ
WRITEDR
               equ
                      12
XFRDR
               equ
XFRWCR
                      20
               equ
GXFRDR
               equ
                      24
GXFRWCR
               equ
                      28
INCDECWIPER equ
; INTERNAL RAM
STACK TOP
                      060H ; Stack top
; RESET and INTERRUPT VECTORS
           cseg AT 0
           ljmp main
                                   ; Locate a jump to the start of code at
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CODE SEGMENT
Code Seg segment CODE
                 Code_Seg
         rseg
                                  Switch to this code segment.
         using
                                  Specify register bank for the following
                                  program code.
 NAME: execute
 FUNCTION: Determines which X9408 instruction is issued,
             then executes
 INPUTS: COMMAND
; OUTPUTS: none
 CALLS: read_wcr, read_dr, write_wcr, write_dr, xfr_dr,
             xfr_wcr, gxfr_dr, gxfr_wcr, inc_wiper
; AFFECTED: DPTR, A
execute:
             dptr,#first
                          ; Get Base Address
             a,COMMAND
                          ; Jump Offset
             @a+dptr
                           ; Jump to instruction handler
       jmp
first:
      call
            read wcr
                           ; COMMAND #0
      call
             write wcr
                           ; COMMAND #4
      ret
      call
            read dr
                           ; COMMAND #8
      ret
      call
            write dr
                           ; COMMAND #12
      ret
      call
            xfr dr
                           ; COMMAND #16
      ret
      call
            xfr_wcr
                           ; COMMAND #20
      ret
      call
            gxfr dr
                           ; COMMAND #24
      ret
             gxfr wcr
                           ; COMMAND #28
      call
      ret.
      call
             inc wiper
                           ; COMMAND #32
 The following routines handle each X9408 instruction.
 These are called by the "execute" routine.
 read wcrReads a WCR and returns its value in DATA BYTE
; write wcrWrites the value in DATA BYTE to a WCR
; read drReads a Data Register and returns its value in DATA BYTE
; write drWrites the value in DATA BYTE to a data register
; xfr_drTransfers the value in a data register to its WCR
; xfr_wcrTransfers the value in a WCR to one of its data registers
; gxfr drGlobal transfer of data registers to WCRs
; gxfr wcrGlobal transfer of WCRs to Data Registers
; inc_wiperSingle Step Increment/Decrement of wiper position for WCR
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; FUNCTION: Appends bits R1, R0, P1, P0 to the appropriate
       Instruction code and passes the instruction byte to the
       Instruction Generator.
 INPUTS: ID
 OUTPUTS: NONE
; CALLS: instr gen
; AFFECTED: ID,A,DPTR
read wcr:
              a,ID
                            ; Get bits x x P1 P0
      mov
       orl
              a,#090h
                            ; Append to read WCR instruction code
                            ; Save the result
       mov
              ID,a
              dptr,#case1
                           ; Jump to the base addr for this instruciton
      mov
       call
              instr gen
      ret
write_wcr:
              a,ID
                            ; Get bits x x P1 P0
      mov
                          ; Append to Write WCR instruction code
              a,#0A0h
       orl
                            ; Save the result
       mov
              ID,a
       mov
              dptr,#case2
                            ; Jump to the base addr for this instruction
       call
              instr gen
       ret
read dr:
                            ; Get bits R1 R0 P1 P0
              a,ID
       mov
              a,#0B0h
                            ; Append to Read DR instruction code
       orl
              ID,a
                            ; Save the result
       mov
              dptr,#case1
                           ; Jump to the base addr for this instruction
       call
              instr gen
write dr:
              a,ID
                            ; Get bits R1 R0 P1 P0
              a,#0C0h
                            ; Append to Write DR instruction code
       orl
       mov
              ID, a
                            ; Save the result
              dptr,#case3
      mov
                           ; Jump to the base addr for this instruction
              instr_gen
       call
       ret
xfr dr:
              a,ID
                            ; Get bits R1 R0 P1 P0
       mov
       orl
              a,#0D0h
                            ; Append to the XFR DR instruction code
              ID, a
                            ; Save the result
              dptr,#case4
                           ; Jump to the addr for this instruction
      mov
       call
              instr gen
       ret
xfr wcr:
                          ; Get bits R1 R0 P1 P0
       mov
              a,ID
              a,#0E0h
                         ; Append to the XFR WCR instruction code
       orl
       mov
                         ; Save the result
              \mbox{dptr,\#case5} ; Jump to the addr for this instruction
       mov
       call
              instr gen
      ret
gxfr dr:
                            ; Get bits R1 R0 x x
      mov
              a,ID
              a,#010h
                            ; Append to the GXFR DR instruction code
                            ; Save the result
              ID, a
      MOV
              dptr,#case4
                           ; Jump to the addr for this instruction
       mov
              instr_gen
       call
       ret
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gxfr wcr:
             a,ID
                           ; Get bits R1 R0 x x
      mov
                           ; Append to the GXFR WCR instruction code
             a,#080h
       orl
                           ; Save the result
       mov
             dptr,#case5
                           ; Jump to the addr for this instruction
      mov
             instr gen
inc wiper:
             a,ID
                           ; Get bits x x P1 P0
      mov
              a,#020h
                           ; Append to the Incr Wiper instruction code
                           ; Save the result
             ID,a
      mov
      mov
             dptr,#case6
                          ; Jump to the addr for this instruction
       call
             instr gen
      ret.
 NAME: instr_gen (Instruction generator)
 FUNCTION: Issues appropriate I2C protocol for each X9408 instruction
; INPUTS: ADDR BYTE, ID, PULSES, DPTR, DATA BYTE
; OUTPUTS: DATA_BYTE
; CALLS: start cond, stop cond, send byte, send bit, get byte, polling
; AFFECTED: DATA BYTE, A, COUNT
instr gen:
                           ; Issue an I2C start condition
       call
              start cond
             a, ADDR BYTE
                           ; Send X9408 slave/address byte
      MOV
             send byte
                           ; if NACK, end...
             stop_gen
       jс
                           ; Send X9408 instruction byte
       mov
             a,ID
              send byte
       call
                           ; if NACK, end...
       jс
             stop_gen
       clr
                           ; Reset offset before jump
              @a +dptr
                           ; Jump to various instruction cases
       jmp
case6:
             a, PULSES
                           ; A <- Bits DIR X D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0
      mov
              a,#00111111b; A <- Bits 0 0 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0
             COUNT, a
                           ; Save as the number of pulses
      mov
       mov
             a, PULSES
              a,#10000000b; A <- Bits DIR 0 0 0 0 0 0
       anl
wiper lp:
       call
                          ; Send the bit (a single pulse)
              send bit
             COUNT, wiper lp; Continue until all pulses are sent
case4:
              stop gen
                           ; If program gets here, then it is done
case2:
       mov
              a,DATA BYTE
                           ; Send X9408 data byte
             send byte
       call
             stop gen
case1:
                           ; Receive X9408 Data Byte
       call
              get byte
       jmp
             stop_gen
case3:
              a,DATA BYTE
                           ; Send X9408 Data Byte
       call
             send byte
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stop cond
                             ; Issue a stop condition
                             ; Begin Acknowledge Polling
       call polling
              stop_gen
case5:
       call stop_cond ; Issue a stop condition
call polling ; Begin Acknowledge Polling
stop gen:
              stop_cond ; I2C Transmission Over!
       call
 NAME: send byte
; FUNCTION: Sends 8 bits (from MSB to LSB) to SDA and reads 1 bit from SDA
; INPUTS: A
; OUTPUTS: NONE
; CALLS: send_bit, get_bit
; AFFECTED: COUNT, TEMP, A
send byte:
              COUNT,#8 ; Set loop for 8 repetitions TEMP,a ; store as shifted byte (no shift)
bit loop:
              a,TEMP
                            ; Retrieve last saved shifted byte
              a,#10000000b; Mask for MSB (Most Significant Bit)
             send bit
                        ; Place this bit on SDA
next bit:
              a,TEMP
a ; Retrieve last saved shifted byte
a ; Rotate all bits 1 position left
TEMP,a ; Store this updated shifted byte
       rl
             COUNT, bit_loop
       djnz
              SDA ; let SDA go high after 8th bit
                          ; When all 8 bits done, read SDA line
       call
              clock
                             ; (ACKnowledge pulse)
 NAME: send bit.
; FUNCTION: Places a bit on SDA and initiates a clock pulse on SCL
; INPUTS: A
; OUTPUTS: NONE
 CALLS: clock
; AFFECTED: SDA
send bit:
              clr
                           ; If Not, pull SDA HIGH
sent zero:
      call clock ; Initiate a clock pulse
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FUNCTION: Issues a LOW-HIGH-LOW clock pulse of sufficient duration
       & reads SDA during the high phase, just in case its needed
 INPUTS: NONE
; OUTPUTS: C
; CALLS: NONE
; AFFECTED: SCL, C
clock:
                       ; Let SDA Set-up
      setb SCL
                          ; Pull SCL HIGH and hold
       nop
       nop
      nop
                        ; Move SDA bit into carry flag
      clr
                           ; Pull SCL LOW
      ret
 NAME: get_byte
 FUNCTION: Receives 8 bits from SDA (MSB to LSB) and sends 1 bit to SDA
 INPUTS: NONE
; OUTPUTS: DATA_BYTE
; CALLS: clock, send bit
; AFFECTED: COUNT, SDA, A, DATA BYTE
get byte:
           SDA ; Receiver shouldn't drive SDA low COUNT,#8 ; Set Loop count to 8 repetitions
       setb SDA
get loop:
                           ; Clock in the current bit
       rlc
                           ; Reconstruct byte using left shifts
             COUNT, get loop
       djnz
             DATA_BYTE,a ; Store retrieved Byte for user
      mov
                           ; A <- LOW (Sending a 0)
      clr
                          ; Send an acknowledge
       call
             send bit
      ret
; NAME: start cond (Start Condition)
; FUNCTION: Issues an I2C bus start condition
; INPUTS: NONE
 OUTPUTS: NONE
; CALLS: NONE
; AFFECTED: SDA, SCL
start_cond:
             SDA
                           ; Pull SDA HIGH and allow set-up
       setb SCL
                           ; Pull SCL HIGH and hold
       nop
       nop
       nop
       nop
             SDA
                           ;Pull SDA LOW (SCL=HIGH) and hold
       clr
       nop
       nop
       nop
       nop
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SCL
                           ;Complete clock pulse
      ret
 NAME: stop_cond (Stop condition)
 FUNCTION: Issues an I2C bus stop condition
 INPUTS: NONE
 OUTPUTS: NONE
; CALLS: NONE
; AFFECTED: SDA, SCL
stop_cond:
      clr
                          ; Pull SDA LOW and hold
      setb
             SCL
                           ; Pull SCL HIGH and hold
      nop
      nop
      nop
      nop
             SDA
                           ; Pull SDA HIGH (SCL=HIGH)
      setb
 NAME: ack_send (Send Acknowledge)
 FUNCTION: Sends an acknowledge bit to complete SDA line data reads
 INPUTS: NONE
; OUTPUTS: NONE
; CALLS: send bit
; AFFECTED: A
                         ; A <- LOW (Sending a 0)
      clr
            SEND BIT
                          ; Send the bit!
      call
      ret
;-----
 NAME: polling (Acknowledge polling for XFR WCR, WRITE DR, GXFR WCR)
 FUNCTION: Sends dummy commands to X9408 during an internal write cycle
      so that the end of the cycle is marked by an acknowledge
; INPUTS: ADDR BYTE
; OUTPUTS: NON\overline{E}
 CALLS: start_cond, send_byte
 AFFECTED: C
polling:
             START_COND ; Re-establish I2C protocol a,ADDR_BYTE ; Attempt to send a dummy command
      call START COND
again:
      call
             SEND BYTE
                         ; If C=1, then there was no ACK
             POLLING
      jс
      ret
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PUT MAIN PROGRAM HERE...
 Below are sample main programs calling the various command routines
main:
             SP, #STACK TOP; Initialize stack pointer
  The following section is required for the Cygnal processor. This could
 change for different versions of the 80C51.
 Disable the WDT. (IRQs not enabled at this point.)
 If interrupts were enabled, they would need to be explicitly disabled
; so that the 2nd move to WDTCN occurs no more than four clock
; cycles after the first move to WDTCN.
       clr
                           ; Disable interupts
             WDTCN, #0DEh; Cygnal processor specific
       mov
             WDTCN, #0ADh; Cygnal processor specific
; Enable the Port I/O Crossbar
       mov
             XBR2, #40h
                            ; Cygnal processor specific (enable weak pull ups)
             PRT1CF, #00h; Cygnal processor specific
      mov
                            ; Set no ports as push-pull (this processor
                            ; operates from 3.3V, but the X9408 operates from
                            ; 5V, so the 8051 outputs must be pulled up to 5V
                            ; with external resistors.)
 The following are sample code segments for use in the main program...
 The potentiometer was A0-A3 pins were set to address OCh.
write 2 wcr:
             ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
             ID, #WCR_2; Specify WCR for DCP#2
      mov
             COMMAND, #WRITEWCR; Write to WCR
       mov
       mov
             DATA_BYTE, #43; Set wiper position to tap 43
      call
             execute
read_from_wcr:
             ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
      mov
       mov
              ID, #WCR 2 ; Specify WCR for DCP#2
              COMMAND, #READWCR; Read WCR
      mov
       call
                         ; WCR value is in DATA BYTE
write 2 dr:
             ADDR_BYTE, #SLAVE_ADR12; Load Slave address byte
      mov
             ID, #DCP2 R1; Specify DR#1 for DCP#2
      mov
             COMMAND, #WRITEDR; Write to DR
             DATA_BYTE, #21; Set data value to 21
      MOV
             execute
      call
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read from dr:
       mov
              ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
              ID, #DCP2 R1; Specify DR#1 for DCP#2
       mov
              COMMAND, #READDR; Read DR
       mov
       call
                           ; DR value is in DATA BYTE
              execute
mov_dr_2_wcr:
       mov
              ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
       mov
              ID, #DCP2 R1; Specify DR#1 to WCR of DCP#2
              COMMAND, #XFRDR; Transfer DR to WCR
       mov
       call
              execute
mov_wcr_2 dr:
              ADDR_BYTE, #SLAVE_ADR12; Load Slave address byte
       mov
              ID, #DCP2 R1; Specify WCR to DR#1 of DCP#2
       mov
       mov
              COMMAND, #XFRWCR; Transfer WCRto DR
       call
              execute
global dr 2 wcr:
              ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
       mov
              ID, #DR 1
                           ; Specify DR#1 to WCR
              COMMAND, #GXFRDR; Transfer DR to WCR
       mov
       call
              execute
global_wcr_2_dr:
              ADDR_BYTE, #SLAVE_ADR12; Load Slave address byte
       mov
              ID, \overline{\#}DR_1
                         ; Specify WCR to DR#1 of DCP#2
       mov
       mov
              COMMAND, #GXFRWCR; Transfer WCRto DR
              execute
       call
decr wiper:
              ADDR BYTE, #SLAVE ADR12; Load Slave address byte
       mov
              ID, #WCR 2 ; Select DCP#2
       mov
              PULSES, #0Fh; Decrement DCP#2 for 16 pulses
       mov
       mov
              COMMAND, #INCDECWIPER; INC wiper
       call
incr wiper:
              ADDR_BYTE, #SLAVE_ADR12; Load Slave address byte
      mov
              ID, #WCR_2 ; Select DCP#2
       mov
              PULSES, #8Fh; Increment DCP#2 for 16 pulses
       mov
              COMMAND, #INCDECWIPER; DEC wiper
       mov
       call
              execute
       END
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