
How to use STSW-DIGAFEV1DRV and a STM32 to control the TSC1641 through I2C

Introduction

This technical note gives the basic information to utilize the [STSW-DIGAFEV1DRV](#) software library to control and use the [TSC1641](#).

The [TSC1641](#) is a high precision current, voltage, power, and temperature monitoring analog front-end (AFE).

It monitors current in a shunt resistor and load voltage up to 60 V in a synchronized way. The current measurement can be high-side, low-side, and bidirectional.

The device integrates a high precision 16-bit dual channel ADC with a programmable conversion time from 128 μ s to 32.7 ms. Moreover, the [TSC1641](#) allows the assertion of several alerts on the voltage, current, power, and temperature signals. Additionally, for best performance, the device's parameters and thresholds can be correctly set using the specific registers.

The [TSC1641](#) supports I2C and MIPI I3C protocols.

This document describes how to communicate with the [TSC1641](#) thanks to I2C.

1 Glossary

Table 1. Glossary

Acronym	Description
I2C	Inter-integrated circuit. Two-wire communication protocol for connecting multiple devices, allowing data exchange and control within electronic systems
SCL	Clock line
SDA	Data line
NACK	NACK stands for "Not acknowledged" in I2C communication. It is a response from the receiver device indicating that it has not acknowledged the data sent to it by the controller device
Rshunt	Shunt resistor used for current sensing
STM32	A family of 32-bit microcontrollers developed by STMicroelectronics. They are based on the Arm Cortex®-M processor architecture and are widely used in a variety of applications

2 I2C configuration of your microcontroller

2.1 TSC1641 characteristics

The TSC1641 supports standard mode, fast mode, and fast mode plus (1 MHz).

The supported voltage is 3.3 V.

Up to four devices can be connected to the bus thanks to two address pins: A0 and A1.

Table 2. TSC1641 characteristics

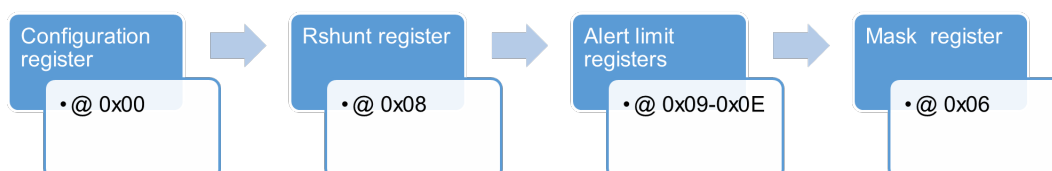
A1	A0	Target address (binary)	Target address (hexa)
GND	GND	10000000	40
GND	VS	10000001	41
VS	GND	10000010	42
VS	VS	10000011	43

For best performance, be sure to limit the bus capacitance if you use several I2C devices on the same bus.

3 Standard process of configuration

The standard process of configuration is the following:

Figure 1. Process to configure the TSC1641



3.1 Configuration register

The configuration register (@ 0x00(h)) permits to configure several characteristics of the device.

The configuration must be entered in a **Configuration** structure. This structure is located in the header file.

Figure 2. Configuration structure

```

81 // Definition of parameters in the configuration register :
82 typedef struct Configuration Configuration;
83 struct Configuration{
84     uint8_t TSC1641_RESET ;
85     uint8_t TSC1641_CT ;
86     uint8_t TSC1641_TEMP ;
87     uint8_t TSC1641_MODE ;
88 } ;
  
```

Figure 3. Configuration register

Bit n°	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	RST								CT3	CT2	CT1	CT0	TEMP	M2	M1	M0
POR value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1

Table 3. Links between variable and configuration register bits

Name	Bits of the configuration register
uint8_t TSC1641_RESET	Bit 15
uint8_t TSC1641_CT	Bits 7-6-5-4
uint8_t TSC1641_TEMP	Bit 3
uint8_t TSC1641_MODE	Bits 2-1-0

Please refer to the datasheet or the application note AN5998 “Learning to use the TSC1641” to select the appropriate value to write in the registers.

Figure 4. Several values to enter in the configuration register

```

46  /*-----configuration register-----*/
47  /*reset bit*/
48  #define TSC1641_rst_On          0x01  /*RST off*/
49  #define TSC1641_rst_Off        0x00  /*RST on */
50
51  /*conversion time*/
52  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_128      0x00  /*conversion time of 128µs*/
53  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_256      0x01
54  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_512      0x02
55  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_1024     0x03
56  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_2048     0x04
57  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_4096     0x05
58  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_8192     0x06
59  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_16384    0x07
60  #define TSC1641_Conf_CT_32768    0x08  /*conversion time of 32ms*/
61
62  /*temperature sensor*/
63  #define TSC1641_Temp_Off         0x00  /*Temperature sensor off*/
64  #define TSC1641_Temp_On         0x01  /*Temperature sensor on */
65
66  /*mode*/
67  #define TSC1641_Mode_ShutDown    0x00  /*mode shutdown          */
68  #define TSC1641_Mode_Vsh_Trig    0x01  /*mode trigger Vshunt only  */
69  #define TSC1641_Mode_Vload_Trig  0x02  /*mode trigger Vload only   */
70  #define TSC1641_Mode_Vshload_Trig 0x03  /*mode trigger Vshunt and Vload*/
71  #define TSC1641_Mode_Idle        0x04  /*mode Idle                 */
72  #define TSC1641_Mode_VshCont     0x05  /*mode continuous Vshunt only */
73  #define TSC1641_Mode_VloadCont   0x06  /*mode continuous Vload only  */
74  #define TSC1641_Mode_VshloadCont 0x07  /*mode continuous Vshunt and Vload*/

```

The header file contains several values that help to configure the TSC1641.

Then, use the `TSC1641_SetConf(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2c1, Configuration *CONF1)` to write the desired value in the configuration register.

Figure 5. Example of configuration

```

/* Example of Configuration*/
Configuration config;
Configuration *pConfig = &config;
pConfig->TSC1641_RESET = TSC1641_rst_Off; /*reset bit to 0*/
pConfig->TSC1641_CT = TSC1641_Conf_CT_32768; /* conversion time of 32ms*/
pConfig->TSC1641_TEMP = TSC1641_Temp_On; /* Temperature sensor is on*/
pConfig->TSC1641_MODE = TSC1641_Mode_VshloadCont; /* Mode continuous Vshunt and Vload*/
TSC1641_SetConf(&hi2c1, pConfig); /* write the config in the configuration register*/

```

Table 4. Configuration register (@ 0x00) filled by the TSC1641 SetConf() function

Bit n°	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	RST								CT3	CT2	CT1	CT0	TEMP	M2	M1	M0
Value written	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

3.2 Rshunt register

The shunt resistor value is defined in the header file.

Figure 6. Shunt resistor value

```
19 /*-----Shunt value-----*/
20 // In this example, Rshunt LSB is 5pOhm so Rshunt of 5mOhm = 0d1000 0x01f4
21 #define TSC1641_RShunt_Val 0x01f4
```

The LSB is 5μΩ. Hence the value to enter is:

$$Value_{toWrite} = \frac{R_{Shunt_{val}}}{R_{Shunt_{LSB}}}$$

In this example, the shunt resistor value is 5mΩ.

$$Value_{toWrite} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-3}}{5 \cdot 10^{-6}} = 1000(d) = 0x01f4(h)$$

Once the value defined, the value has to be written in the Rshunt register (@ 0x08) with the TSC1641_SetRShunt(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2c1) function.

Figure 7. Use of the SetRshunt function

```
TSC1641_SetRShunt(&hi2c1);
```

3.3 Alert limit registers

The TSC1641 has several configurable alerts.

Table 5. Table with all the limit registers

Name	Description	address
SOL alert limit register	Shunt voltage over limit	09h
SUL alert limit register	Shunt voltage under limit	0Ah
LOL alert limit register	Load voltage over limit	0Bh
LUL alert limit register	Load voltage under limit	0Ch
POL alert limit register	Power over limit	0Dh
TOL alert limit register	Temperature over limit	0Eh

For more information regarding these alerts, please refer to the Datasheet or the application note AN5998 “Learning to use the TSC1641”.

In the header file all the registers are already defined to simplify the programming.

Figure 8. Threshold registers

```
37 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntOV 0x09 //Alert threshold. LSB=2.5pV
38 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntUV 0x0A //Alert threshold. LSB=2.5pV
39 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadOV 0x0B //Alert threshold. LSB=2mV
40 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadUV 0x0C //Alert threshold. LSB=2mV
41 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_PowerOL 0x0D //Alert threshold. LSB=2.5mW. Works only if VLOAD>0
42 #define TSC1641_RegAdd_TempOL 0x0E //Alert threshold. LSB=0.5°C
```

Table 6. Defined constants with register addresses

Name	Name in the header file	Address	Comments
SOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntOV	09h	LSB=2.5μV
SUL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntUV	0Ah	LSB=2.5μV
LOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadOV	0Bh	LSB=2mV
LUL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadUV	0Ch	LSB=2mV
POL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_PowerOL	0Dh	LSB=25mW. Works only if VLOAD>0
TOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_TempOL	0Eh	LSB=0.5°C

The limits are set in the **Limit** structure.

Figure 9. limit structure

```

120 // Definition of alert thresholds :
121 typedef struct Limit Limit;
122 struct Limit{
123     uint16_t VSHUNT_OV_LIM ; // Vsunt Over voltage limit value
124     uint16_t VSHUNT_UV_LIM ; // Vshunt Under voltage limit value
125     uint16_t VLOAD_OV_LIM ; // Vload Over voltage limit value
126     uint16_t VLOAD_UV_LIM ; // Vload Under voltage limit value
127     uint16_t POWER_OV_LIM ; // Power over limit value
128     uint16_t TEMP_OV_LIM ; // Temperature over limit value
129 } ;

```

In the following example, all the thresholds are set with different values:

Table 7. Values to write in the limit registers

Name	Name in the header file	Value (SI)	Value to write (hexadecimal)
SOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntOV	10 mv	0x0FA0
SUL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VshuntUV	5mv	0x07D0
LOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadOV	30V	0x3A98
LUL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_VloadUV	15V	0x1D4C
POL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_PowerOL	200W	0x1F40
TOL alert limit register	TSC1641_RegAdd_TempOL	70°C	0x008C

Figure 10. Values written in the limit structure

```

// limit for each threshold
Limit limit;
Limit *pLimit = &limit;
pLimit->VSHUNT_OV_LIM = 0x0FA0;
pLimit->VSHUNT_UV_LIM = 0x07D0;
pLimit->VLOAD_OV_LIM = 0x3A98;
pLimit->VLOAD_UV_LIM = 0x1D4C;
pLimit->POWER_OV_LIM = 0x1F40;
pLimit->TEMP_OV_LIM = 0x008C;
TSC1641_SetLimits(&hi2c1, pLimit); // function to write in the limit registers

```

At the end, the `TSC1641_SetLimits(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2c1, Limit* LIMIT)` is called to write all the values in the several registers.

Note: It is not mandatory to write in all the limit registers. It is possible to only write the limits to use.

3.4 Mask register

The last step is to activate the desired alerts. To do this, bits has to be set to 1 in the Mask register (@0x06)
In the header file a Flag structure is described. It includes all the possible flags.

Figure 11. Structure gathering the activable alerts in the TSC1641

```

105 // Definition of the parameters in alert register :
106 typedef struct Flag Flag;
107 struct Flag{
108     uint8_t TSC1641_OVF ;    // Math Overflow Flag
109     uint8_t TSC1641_SATF ;    // Measurement saturation Flag
110     uint8_t TSC1641_SOF ;    // Shunt Voltage Over voltage
111     uint8_t TSC1641_SUF ;    // Shunt Voltage Under voltage
112     uint8_t TSC1641_LOF ;    // Load Voltage Over voltage
113     uint8_t TSC1641_LUF ;    // Load Voltage Under voltage
114     uint8_t TSC1641_POF ;    // Power Over Limit
115     uint8_t TSC1641_TOF ;    // Temperature Over Limit
116     uint8_t TSC1641_CVRF ;    // Conversion ready alert enable
117 } ;

```

In the following example, the alerts and parameters described in Table 8. Alerts activated or not for this example are activated by writing in the Mask register.

Table 8. Alerts activated or not for this example

Variable	To activate
TSC1641_SOL	yes
TSC1641_SUL	no
TSC1641_LOL	yes
TSC1641_LUL	no
TSC1641_POL	yes
TSC1641_TOL	no
TSC1641_CVNR	yes
TSC1641_APOL	no
TSC1641_ALEN	yes

The desired alerts and parameters are selected in a Flag structure, then this structure is given as a parameter for the `TSC1641_SetAlerts(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2c1, Alert* ALERT1)`. The way to use the structure and the function is described in Figure 12. Process to write the mask register.

Figure 12. Process to write the mask register

```

109 // Alerts to activate
110 Alert alert;
111 Alert *pAlert = &alert;
112 pAlert->TSC1641_SOL = TSC1641_Alert_On;
113 pAlert->TSC1641_SUL = TSC1641_Alert_Off;
114 pAlert->TSC1641_LOL = TSC1641_Alert_On;
115 pAlert->TSC1641_LUL = TSC1641_Alert_Off;
116 pAlert->TSC1641_POL = TSC1641_Alert_On;
117 pAlert->TSC1641_TOL = TSC1641_Alert_Off;
118 pAlert->TSC1641_CVNR = TSC1641_Alert_On;
119 pAlert->TSC1641_APOL = TSC1641_Alert_Off;
120 pAlert->TSC1641_ALEN = TSC1641_Alert_On;
121 TSC1641_SetAlerts(&hi2c1, pAlert); // write the value in the Mask register

```

At the end of the process, the Mask register is the following:

Table 9. Mask register value

Bit n°	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Name	SOL	SUL	LOL	LUL	POL	TOL	CVNR								APOL	ALEN
Value written	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	1

4 Collect of data

4.1 Read of sensed data

The *STSW-DIGAFEV1DRV* software has several functions to read the values sensed or computed by the TSC1641.

Figure 13. Functions to read the sensed or calculated data

```
137 void TSC1641_GetShuntVal(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2cl, uint8_t Data[]);
138 void TSC1641_GetVloadVal(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2cl, uint8_t Data[]);
139 void TSC1641_GetCurrentVal(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2cl, uint8_t Data[]);
140 void TSC1641_GetPowerVal(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2cl, uint8_t Data[]);
141 void TSC1641_GetTempVal(I2C_HandleTypeDef *hi2cl, uint8_t Data[]);
```

They work all in the same way. They read the adequate register (@ 0x01 to 0x05 according to the desired value) and store the data in a uint8_t table.

Table 10. Register map of sensed/calculated data

Pointer address (hex)	Register name
01h	Shunt voltage register
02h	Load voltage register
03h	DC power register
04h	Current register
05h	Temperature register

For example, these two lines are the only needed to read the shunt value and the shunt voltage is stored in the two bytes variable Data_shunt:

Figure 14. Shunt value example

```
uint8_t Data_shunt[2];
TSC1641_GetShuntVal(&hi2cl, Data_shunt);
```

4.2 Get the alerts

As mentioned in the [Section 3.4: Mask register](#), the TSC1641 has several activable alerts.

4.2.1 Read the flag register

The alert states, the saturation flag and the math overflow flag are accessible by reading the Flag register (@0x07).

Figure 15. Function to read the flag register

```
TSC1641_GetAlert(&hi2cl, pFlag);
```

The state of each flag is stored in a flag structure.

Figure 16. Flag structure

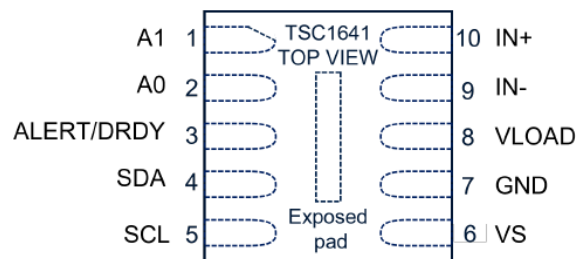
```

105 // Definition of the parameters in alert register :
106 typedef struct Flag Flag;
107 struct Flag{
108     uint8_t TSC1641_OVF ;    // Math Overflow Flag
109     uint8_t TSC1641_SATF ;    // Measurement saturation Flag
110     uint8_t TSC1641_SOF ;    // Shunt Voltage Over voltage
111     uint8_t TSC1641_SUF ;    // Shunt Voltage Under voltage
112     uint8_t TSC1641_LOF ;    // Load Voltage Over voltage
113     uint8_t TSC1641_LUF ;    // Load Voltage Under voltage
114     uint8_t TSC1641_POF ;    // Power Over Limit
115     uint8_t TSC1641_TOF ;    // Temperature Over Limit
116     uint8_t TSC1641_CVRF ;    // Conversion ready alert enable
117 } ;
118

```

4.2.2 Be informed via the pin alert

As in the figure below, an ALERT/Data Ready pin is accessible on pin 3:

Figure 17. TSC1641 pinout


According to the chosen polarity defined in the Alert structure, the TSC1641 ALERT/DRDY will be to the one logic or the zero logic when a flag is risen.

To detect the rising flag, the STM32 can use an interruption.

Figure 18. Example of an interrupt

```

344 /* USER CODE BEGIN 4 */
345 /* Interruption */
346 void HAL_GPIO_EXTI_Callback(uint16_t GPIO_Pin)
347 {
348     HAL_GPIO_TogglePin(LD2_GPIO_Port, LD2_Pin);
349 }
350

```

In this example the LED 2 is toggled when an alert is triggered.

Revision history

Table 11. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
16-Feb-2024	1	Initial release.

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