

# nRF24LU1+

## Single Chip 2.4 GHz Transceiver with USB Microcontroller and Flash Memory

### Product Specification v1.1

#### Key Features

- nRF24L01+ compatible RF transceiver
- Worldwide 2.4 GHz ISM band operation
- Up to 2 Mbps on air data rate
- Enhanced ShockBurst™ hardware link layer
- Air compatible with nRF24LU1, nRF24LE1, nRF24L01+, nRF24L01, nRF2401A, nRF2402, nRF24E1 and nRF24E2
- Low cost external  $\pm 60$  ppm 16 MHz crystal
- Full speed USB 2.0 compliant device controller
- Up to 12 Mbps USB transfer rate
- 2 control, 10 bulk/interrupt and 2 ISO endpoints
- Dedicated 512 bytes endpoint buffer RAM
- Software controlled pull-up resistor for D+
- PLL for full-speed USB operation
- Voltage regulator, 4.0 to 5.25V supply range
- Enhanced 8-bit 8051 compatible microcontroller
- Drop-in compatibility with nRF24LU1
- Reduced instruction cycle time
- 32-bit multiplication-division unit
- 16 or 32 kbytes of on-chip flash memory
- 2 kbytes of on-chip SRAM
- 6 general purpose digital input/output pins
- Hardware SPI slave and master, UART
- 3 16-bit timers/counters
- AES encryption/decryption co-processor
- Supports firmware upgrade over USB
- Supports FS2 hardware debugger
- Compact 32-pin 5x5mm QFN package

#### Applications

- Compact USB dongles for wireless peripherals
- USB dongles for mouse, keyboards and remotes
- USB dongle 3-in-1 desktop bundles
- USB dongle for advanced media center remote controls
- USB dongle for game controllers
- Toys

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## 1 Introduction

The nRF24LU1+ is a unique single chip solution for compact USB dongles. The internal nRF24L01+ 2.4 GHz RF transceiver supports a wide range of applications including PC peripherals, sports accessories and game peripherals.

With an air data rate of 2 Mbps combined with full speed USB, supporting up to 12 Mbps, the nRF24LU1+ meets the stringent performance requirements of applications such as wireless mouse, game controllers and media center remote controls with displays.

The nRF24LU1+ integrates:

- A nRF24L01+ 2.4 GHz RF transceiver
- A full speed USB 2.0 compliant device controller
- An 8-bit microcontroller
- 16 or 32 kbytes of flash memory

All this is packaged on a compact 5x5mm package, low cost external BOM.

With an internal voltage regulator that enables the chip to be powered directly from the USB bus, it does not require an external voltage regulator, saving cost and board space. With a fully integrated RF synthesizer and PLL for the USB no external loop filters, resonators or VCO varactor diodes are required. All that is needed is a low cost  $\pm 60$ ppm 16 MHz crystal, matching circuitry and the antenna.

The main benefits of nRF24LU1+ are:

- Very compact USB dongle
- Low cost external BOM
- No need for an external voltage regulator
- Single low cost  $\pm 60$ ppm 16 MHz crystal
- Flash memory for firmware upgrades

### 1.1 Prerequisites

In order to fully understand the product specification, a good knowledge of electronic and software engineering is necessary.

### 1.2 Writing conventions

This product specification follows a set of typographic rules that makes the document consistent and easy to read. The following writing conventions are used:

- Commands, bit state conditions, and register names are written in *Courier*.
- Pin names and pin signal conditions are written in *Courier bold*.
- Cross references are [underlined and highlighted in blue](#).

## 1.3 Features

Features of the nRF24LU1+ include:

- Fast 8-bit MCU:
  - Intel MCS 51 compliant instruction set
  - Reduced instruction cycle time, up to 12x compared to legacy 8051
  - 32 bit multiplication – division unit
- Memory:
  - 16 or 32 kbytes of on-chip flash memory with security features
  - 2 kbytes of on-chip RAM memory
  - Pre-programmed USB bootloader in the on-chip flash memory.
- 6 programmable digital input/output pins configurable as:
  - GPIO
  - SPI master
  - SPI slave
  - External interrupts
  - Timer inputs
  - Full duplex serial port
  - Debug interface
- High performance 2.4 GHz RF-transceiver
  - True single chip GFSK transceiver
  - Enhanced ShockBurst™ link layer support in HW:
    - Packet assembly/disassembly
    - Address and CRC computation
    - Auto ACK and retransmit
  - On the air data rate 250 kbps, 1 Mbps or 2 Mbps
  - Digital interface (SPI) speed 0-8 Mbps
  - 125 RF channel option, with 79 (2.402 GHz-2.480 GHz) channels within 2.400 - 2.4835 GHz
  - Short switching time enable frequency hopping
  - Fully RF compatible with nRF24LXX
  - RF compatible with nRF2401A, nRF2402, nRF24E1, nRF24E2 in 250 kbps and 1 Mbps mode
- AES encryption/decryption HW-block with 128 bits key length
  - ECB – Electronic Code Book mode
  - CBC – Cipher Block Chaining
  - CFB – Cipher FeedBack mode
  - OFB – Output FeedBack mode
  - CTR – Counter mode
- Full speed USB 2.0 compliant device controller supporting:
  - Data transfer rates up to 12 Mbit/s
  - Control, Interrupt, Bulk and ISO data transfer
  - Endpoint 0 for control
  - 5 input and 5 output Bulk/Interrupt endpoints
  - 1 input and 1 output iso-synchronous endpoints
  - Total 512 bytes of USB buffer endpoint memory sharable between endpoints
  - On-chip USB transceiver PHY
  - On-chip pull-up resistor on D+ line with software controlled disconnect
- Power management function:
  - Low power design supporting fully static stop/ standby/ suspend modes
  - Programmable MCU clock frequency from 64 kHz to 16 MHz
  - On-chip voltage regulators supporting low power mode (supplied from USB power)
  - Watchdog and wakeup functionality running in low power mode

- On-chip oscillator and PLL to obtain full speed USB operation and to reduce the need for external components
- On-chip power on reset generator and brown-out detector
- On-chip support for FS2 and nRFprobe™ HW debugger, supported by Keil development tools.
- Complete firmware platform available:
  - ▶ Hardware abstraction layer (HAL) Functions
  - ▶ USB library Functions
  - ▶ Standard and HID specific USB Requests and Descriptors
  - ▶ nRF24LU1+ Library functions
  - ▶ AES HAL
  - ▶ Application examples
  - ▶ Device Firmware Upgrade

### 1.4 Block diagram

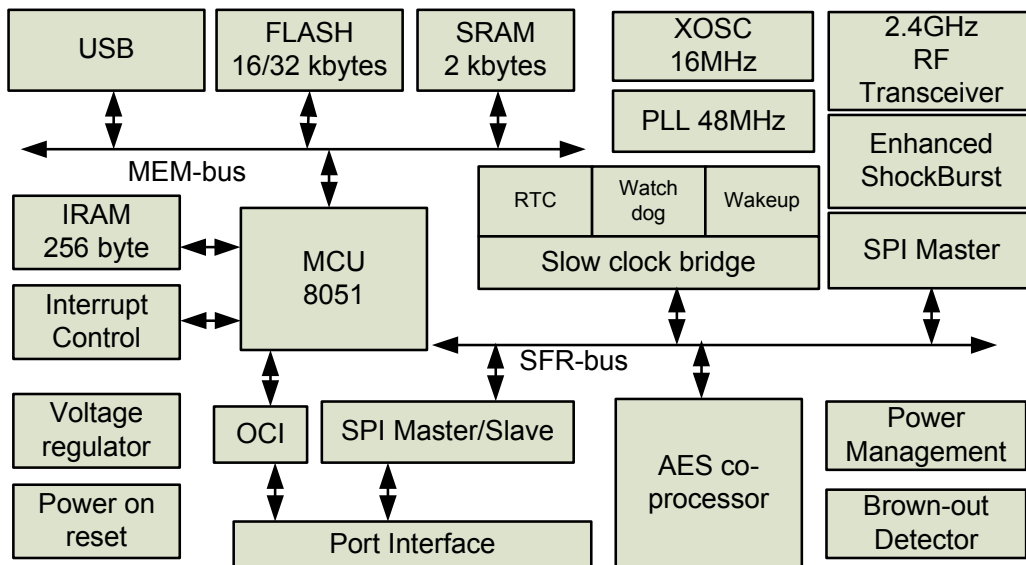


Figure 1. nRF24LU1+ block diagram

To find more information on the block diagram, see [Table 1](#).

| Name                     | Reference   |
|--------------------------|---|
| USB                      | <a href="#">chapter 7 on page 63</a>  |
| FLASH                    | <a href="#">chapter 17 on page 135</a>  |
| SRAM                     | <a href="#">chapter 15 on page 127</a>  |
| 2.4 GHz RF transceiver   | <a href="#">chapter 6 on page 26</a>  |
| XOSC                     | <a href="#">section 24.2 on page 176</a>  |
| Enhanced ShockBurst™     | <a href="#">section 6.4 on page 32</a>  |
| IRAM                     | <a href="#">chapter 16 on page 134</a>  |
| MCU                      | <a href="#">chapter 14 on page 119</a>  |
| RTC, Watchdog and Wakeup | <a href="#">chapter 19 on page 160</a>  |
| SPI Master               | <a href="#">chapter 9 on page 99</a>  |
| Interrupt control        | <a href="#">chapter 21 on page 170</a>  |
| SPI master/slave         | <a href="#">chapter 9 on page 99</a> and <a href="#">chapter 10 on page 101</a> |
| AES co-processor         | <a href="#">chapter 8 on page 94</a>  |
| Power management         | <a href="#">chapter 20 on page 165</a>  |
| Brown-out detector       | <a href="#">section 17.4 on page 139</a>  |

Table 1. Block diagram cross references

## 1.5 Typical system usage

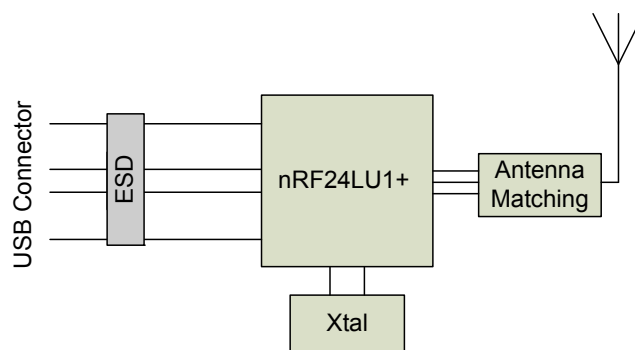


Figure 2. Typical system usage

## 2 Pin Information

### 2.1 Pin Assignments

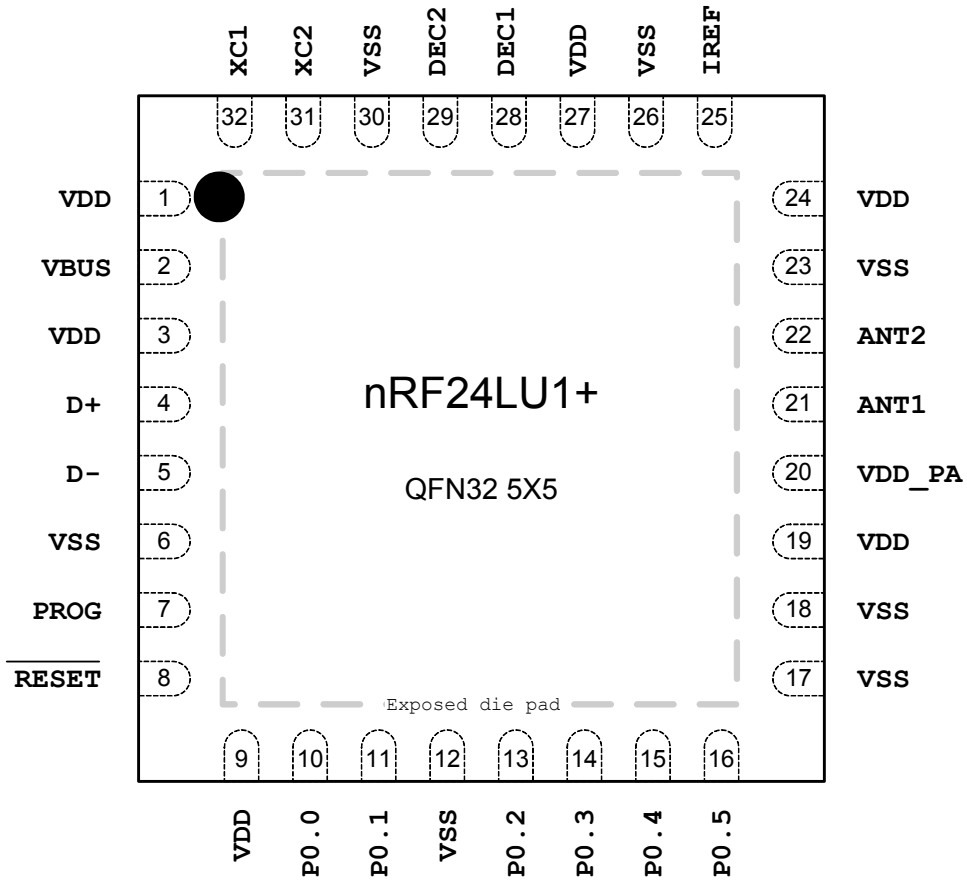


Figure 3. nRF24LU1+ pin assignment (top view) for a QFN32 5x5 mm package.

## 2.2 Pin Functions

| Pin                       | Name            | Type              | Description  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| 21, 22                    | ANT1, ANT2      | RF                | Antenna connection   |
| 5, 4                      | D-, D+          | Digital I/O       | USB data   |
| 28, 29                    | DEC1, DEC2      | Power             | Positive Digital Supply output for de-coupling purposes  |
| 25                        | IREF            | Analog Input      | Reference current output.  |
| 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16    | P0.0 – P0.5     | Digital I/O       | General purpose data Port 0, bit 0 - 5. See <a href="#">Table 99. on page 118</a> for alternative pin functions. |
| 7                         | PROG            | Digital Input     | Enables SPI flash programming  |
| 8                         | RESET           | Digital Input     | Reset for microcontroller, active low  |
| 2                         | VBUS            | Power             | USB power connection   |
| 1, 3, 9, 19, 24, 27       | VDD             | Power             | Alternative power supply pins. The VDD pins must always be connected and de-coupled externally.                  |
| 20                        | VDD_PA          | Power Output      | Power supply (+1.8V) to Power Amplifier  |
| 6, 12, 17, 18, 23, 26, 30 | VSS             | Power             | Ground (0V)  |
| 32, 31                    | XC1, XC2        | Analog Input      | Crystal connection   |
|                           | Exposed die pad | Power/heat relief | Not connected  |

Table 2. nRF24LU1+ pin functions

### 2.2.1 Antenna pins

ANT1 and ANT2 are connections for the external antenna (both receive and transmit).

### 2.2.2 USB pins

D- and D+ are the connections to the USB data lines. External ESD protection is recommended.

### 2.2.3 Power supply pins

VBUS and VSS are the power supply and ground pins. The nRF24LU1+ can operate from a single power supply.

The nRF24LU1+ contains an on-chip regulator that produces +3.3V on the VDD pins, from the VBUS supply line (4.0 – 5.25 V). Alternatively, the VBUS pin can be left open and the VDD pins may be fed from an external 3.3V supply. In this case, the on-chip 3.3V regulator is switched off.

Additional on-chip regulators produce voltages for internal analog and digital functions blocks. External decoupling capacitors are required on DEC1 and DEC2.

VDD\_PA is a 1.8V output that is used to switch on an external RF Power Amplifier.

### 2.2.4 PROG pin

When set high this pin enables external SPI flash programming and Port 0 is configured as a slave SPI port.

The PROG pin needs an external pull-down resistor.

### **2.2.5 Reference current pins**

The `IREF` pin must be connected to an external resistor.

### **2.2.6 Port pins**

`P0.0` – `P0.5` are six general purpose I/O pins. Their functions are described in [chapter 13 on page 116](#).

### **2.2.7 External RESET Pin**

A logic 0 on the RESET pin forces the nRF24LU1+ to a known start-up state.

### **2.2.8 Crystal oscillator pins**

`XC1` and `XC2` are connections to an external crystal.



### 3 Absolute Maximum Ratings


Maximum ratings are the extreme limits that you can expose the nRF24LU1+ to without permanently damaging it. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for prolonged periods of time may affect device reliability.

| Operating conditions   | Minimum | Maximum | Units |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| <b>Supply voltages</b> |         |         |       |
| V <sub>BUS</sub>       | -0.3    | +5.75   | V     |
| V <sub>SS</sub>        |         | 0       | V     |
| V <sub>DD</sub>        | -0.3    | +3.6    | V     |
| <b>Input voltage</b>   |         |         |       |
| V <sub>I</sub>         | -0.3    | +3.6    | V     |
| <b>Temperatures</b>    |         |         |       |
| Operating Temperature  | -40     | +85     | °C    |
| Storage Temperature    | -40     | +125    | °C    |

Table 3. Absolute maximum ratings

**Attention!**  
 Observe precaution for handling  
 Electrostatic Sensitive Device.

HBM (Human Body Model): Class 1C



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## 4 Operating Conditions

| Symbol | Parameter (condition)      | Notes | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| VBUS   | Supply voltage             |       | 4.0  | 5    | 5.25 | V     |
| VDD    | Alternative supply voltage |       | 3.05 | 3.27 | 3.5  | V     |
| TEMP   | Operating Temperature      |       | -40  | +27  | +85  | °C    |

*Table 4. Operating conditions*

## 5 Electrical Specifications

This section contains electrical and timing specifications.

### 5.1 Power consumption and timing characteristics

| Symbol                  | Parameter (condition)                        | Notes | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-------------------------|--|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| I <sub>OP</sub>         | Average supply current in operating mode     | a     |      | 24   |      | mA    |
| I <sub>STANDBY</sub>    | Supply current in standby mode               | b     |      | 480  |      | μA    |
| <b>MCU</b>              |  |       |      |      |      |       |
| I <sub>MCU16MPLL</sub>  | Running @ 16 MHz, generated from PLL         |       |      | 6.3  |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU12MPLL</sub>  | Running @ 12 MHz, generated from PLL         |       |      | 5    |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU8MPLL</sub>   | Running @ 8 MHz, generated from PLL          |       |      | 4    |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU4MPLL</sub>   | Running @ 4 MHz, generated from PLL          |       |      | 3    |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU1.6MPLL</sub> | Running @ 1.6 MHz, generated from PLL        |       |      | 2    |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU4MXO</sub>    | Running @ 4 MHz, generated from XO           |       |      | 2.4  |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU1.6MXO</sub>  | Running @ 1.6 MHz, generated from XO         |       |      | 1.75 |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU.32MXO</sub>  | Running @ 0.32 MHz, generated from XO        |       |      | 1.1  |      | mA    |
| I <sub>MCU64KXO</sub>   | Running @ 0.064 MHz, generated from XO       |       |      | 1    |      | mA    |
| Trst_act                | From RESET to MCU active                     |       |      |      | 2    | ms    |
| Tint_act                | From INTERRUPT to MCU active                 |       |      |      | 300  | μs    |
| Tact_stby               | MCU from active to standby                   | c     |      |      | 32   | μs    |
| <b>RF Transceiver</b>   |  |       |      |      |      |       |
| I <sub>TX</sub>         | RF Transceiver TX current @0dBm output power |       |      | 11.1 |      | mA    |
|                         | RF Transceiver RX current @ 2 Mbps           |       |      | 13.3 |      | mA    |
| I <sub>RX</sub>         | RF Transceiver RX current @ 1 Mbps           |       |      | 12.9 |      | mA    |
| Tstby2a                 | RF Transceiver from standby to active        | c     |      |      | 130  | μs    |
| Trst_radio              | From RESET to RF Transceiver power down      |       |      |      | 50   | ms    |
| <b>USB</b>              |  |       |      |      |      |       |
| I <sub>USB</sub>        | USB active current                           |       |      | 4.4  |      | mA    |
| Tusb_wh                 | USB wakeup from host                         |       |      |      | 500  | μs    |
| Tusb_wmcu               | USB wakeup from MCU                          |       |      |      | 300  | μs    |
| Tusbact_susp            | USB from active to suspend                   | c     |      |      | 32   | μs    |
| <b>PLL</b>              |  |       |      |      |      |       |
| Tplloff_on              | PLL from off to on time                      | c d   |      |      | 250  | μs    |
| Tpllon_off              | PLL from on to off time                      | c d   |      |      | 32   | μs    |

a. MCU running radio receive at 2 Mbps and USB transmit

b. When MCU is in standby, USB is suspended and the RF Transceiver is in standby

c. Measured from start of the software instruction which executes the change of mode, see also [Table 15](#).

d. Only possible when USB is in suspend mode

Table 5. Power consumption and timing characteristics

## 5.2 RF transceiver characteristics

| Symbol  | Parameter (condition)  | Notes | Min. | Typ.      | Max.    | Units |
|---|--|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|
| <b>General RF conditions</b>  |  |       |      |           |         |       |
| $f_{OP}$  | Operating frequency  | a     | 2400 |           | 2525    | MHz   |
| $PLL_{res}$   | PLL Programming resolution   |       |      | 1         |         | MHz   |
| $f_{XTAL}$  | Crystal frequency  |       |      | 16        |         | MHz   |
| $\Delta f_{250}$  | Frequency deviation @ 250 kbps   |       |      | $\pm 160$ |         | kHz   |
| $\Delta f_{1M}$   | Frequency deviation @ 1 Mbps   |       |      | $\pm 160$ |         | kHz   |
| $\Delta f_{2M}$   | Frequency deviation @ 2 Mbps   |       |      | $\pm 320$ |         | kHz   |
| $R_{GFSK}$  | Air data rate  | b     | 250  |           | 2000    | kbps  |
| $F_{CHANNEL\ 1M}$   | Non-overlapping channel spacing @ 250 kbps/1 Mbps)                     | c     |      | 1         |         | MHz   |
| $F_{CHANNEL\ 2M}$   | Non-overlapping channel spacing @ 2 Mbps                               |       |      | 2         |         | MHz   |
| <b>Transmitter operation</b>  |  |       |      |           |         |       |
| $P_{RF}$  | Maximum output power   | d     |      | 0         | +4      | dBm   |
| $P_{RFC}$   | RF power control range   |       | 16   | 18        | 20      | dB    |
| $P_{RFCR}$  | RF power accuracy  |       |      |           | $\pm 4$ | dB    |
| $P_{BW2}$   | 20dB bandwidth for modulated carrier (2 Mbps)                          |       |      | 1800      | 2000    | kHz   |
| $P_{BW1}$   | 20dB bandwidth for modulated carrier (1 Mbps)                          |       |      | 950       | 1100    | kHz   |
| $P_{BW250}$   | 20dB bandwidth for modulated carrier (250 kbps)                        |       |      | 700       | 800     | kHz   |
| $P_{RF1.2}$   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 2 MHz (2 Mbps)         |       |      |           | -20     | dBc   |
| $P_{RF2.2}$   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 4 MHz (2 Mbps)         |       |      |           | -45     | dBc   |
| $P_{RF1.1}$   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 1 MHz (1 Mbps)         |       |      |           | -20     | dBc   |
| $P_{RF2.1}$   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 2 MHz (1 Mbps)         |       |      |           | -40     | dBc   |
| $P_{RF1.250}$   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 1 MHz (250 kbps)       |       |      |           | -25     | dBc   |
| $P_{RF2.250}$   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adjacent Channel Transmit Power 2 MHz (250 kbps)       |       |      |           | -40     | dBc   |
| <b>Receiver operation</b>   |  |       |      |           |         |       |
| $RX_{MAX}$  | Maximum received signal at < 0.1% BER                                  |       |      | 0         |         | dBm   |
| $RX_{SENS}$   | Sensitivity (0.1% BER) @ 2 Mbps  |       |      | -82       |         | dBm   |
| $RX_{SENS}$   | Sensitivity (0.1% BER) @ 1 Mbps  |       |      | -85       |         | dBm   |
| $RX_{SENS}$   | Sensitivity (0.1% BER) @ 250 kbps                                      | e     |      | -94       |         | dBm   |
| <b>RX selectivity according to ETSI EN 300 440-1 V1.3.1 (2001-09) page 27</b> |  |       |      |           |         |       |
| $C/I_{CO}$  | C/I co-channel (2 Mbps)  |       |      | 7         |         | dBc   |
| $C/I_{1ST}$   | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS (Adjacent Channel Selectivity), C/I 2 MHz (2 Mbps) |       |      | 3         |         | dBc   |
| $C/I_{2ND}$   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 4 MHz (2 Mbps)                                |       |      | -17       |         | dBc   |

| Symbol  | Parameter (condition)   | Notes | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|---|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 6 MHz (2 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -21  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 12 MHz (2 Mbps)                 | f     |      | -40  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 36 MHz (2 Mbps)                 |       |      | -48  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>CO</sub>   | C/I co-channel (1 Mbps)   |       |      | 9    |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>1ST</sub>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS, C/I 1 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | 8    |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>2ND</sub>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 2 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -20  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 3 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -30  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 6 MHz (1 Mbps)                  |       |      | -40  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 25 MHz (1 Mbps)                 | f     |      | -47  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>CO</sub>   | C/I co-channel (250 kbps)   |       |      | 12   |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>1ST</sub>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS, C/I 1 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -12  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>2ND</sub>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 2 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -33  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 3 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -38  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 6 MHz (250 kbps)                |       |      | -50  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 25 MHz (250 kbps)               | f     |      | -60  |      | dBc   |
| <b>RX selectivity with nRF24L01 equal modulation on interfering signal (Pin = -67dBm for wanted signal)</b>                   |   |       |      |      |      |       |
| C/I <sub>CO</sub>   | C/I co-channel (2 Mbps) (modulated carrier)                               |       |      | 11   |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>1ST</sub>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS (Adjacent Channel Selectivity), C/I 2 MHz (2 Mbps)    |       |      | 4    |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>2ND</sub>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 4 MHz (2 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -18  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 6 MHz (2 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -24  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 12 MHz (2 Mbps)                 |       |      | -40  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 36 MHz (2 Mbps)                 |       |      | -48  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>CO</sub>   | C/I co-channel (1 Mbps)   |       |      | 12   |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>1ST</sub>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS, C/I 1 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | 8    |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>2ND</sub>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 2 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -21  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 3 MHz (1 Mbps)                                   |       |      | -30  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 6 MHz (1 Mbps)                  |       |      | -40  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 25 MHz (1 Mbps)                 |       |      | -50  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>CO</sub>   | C/I co-channel (250 kbps)   |       |      | 7    |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>1ST</sub>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> ACS, C/I 1 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -12  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>2ND</sub>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ACS, C/I 2 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -34  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>3RD</sub>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACS, C/I 3 MHz (250 kbps)                                 |       |      | -39  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 6 MHz (250 kbps)                |       |      | -50  |      | dBc   |
| C/I <sub>Nth</sub>  | N <sup>th</sup> ACS, C/I f <sub>i</sub> > 25 MHz (250 kbps)               |       |      | -60  |      | dBc   |
| <b>RX intermodulation performance according to Bluetooth specification version 2.0, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2004, page 42</b> |   |       |      |      |      |       |
| P_IM(6)<br>@ 2 Mbps   | Input power of IM interferers at 6 and 12 MHz distance from wanted signal | g     |      | -42  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(8)<br>@ 2Mbps  | Input power of IM interferers at 8 and 16 MHz distance from wanted signal | g     |      | -38  |      | dBm   |

| Symbol                | Parameter (condition)  | Notes | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-----------------------|--|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| P_IM(10)<br>@ 2Mbps   | Input power of IM interferers at 10 and 20 MHz distance from wanted signal | 9     |      | -37  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(3)<br>@ 1Mbps    | Input power of IM interferers at 3 and 6 MHz distance from wanted signal   | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(4)<br>@ 1Mbps    | Input power of IM interferers at 4 and 8 MHz distance from wanted signal   | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(5)<br>@ 1Mbps    | Input power of IM interferers at 5 and 10 MHz distance from wanted signal  | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(3)<br>@ 250 kbps | Input power of IM interferers at 3 and 6 MHz distance from wanted signal   | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(4)<br>@ 250 kbps | Input power of IM interferers at 4 and 8 MHz distance from wanted signal   | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |
| P_IM(5)<br>@ 250 kbps | Input power of IM interferers at 5 and 10 MHz distance from wanted signal  | 9     |      | -36  |      | dBm   |

- a. Usable band is determined by local regulations.
- b. Data rate in each burst on-air.
- c. The minimum channel spacing is 1 MHz.
- d. Antenna load impedance =  $15\Omega + j88\Omega$ .
- e. For 250 kbps sensitivity, frequencies which are integer multiples of 16 MHz (2400, 2416 and so on,) sensitivity is reduced.
- f. Narrow Band (In Band) Blocking measurements:  
0 to  $\pm 40$  MHz; 1 MHz step size  
For Interferer frequency offsets  $n \cdot 2 \cdot f_{xtal}$ , blocking performance is degraded by approximately 5dB compared to adjacent figures.
- g. Wanted signal level at  $P_{in} = -64\text{dBm}$ . Two interferers with equal input power are used. The interferer closest in frequency is unmodulated, the other interferer is modulated equal with the wanted signal. The input power of interferers where the sensitivity equals BER = 0.1% is presented.

Table 6. RF Transceiver specifications

## 5.3 USB interface

The USB interface electrical performance is compliant with the USB specification 2.0.

| Characteristic  | Symbol           | Conditions         | Min. | Typ. | Max  | Unit |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Electrical characteristics</b>                                 |                  |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Input high voltage (driven)                                       | VIH              |                    | 2.0  |      |      | V    |
| Input low voltage   | VIL              |                    |      |      | 0.8  | V    |
| Differential input sensitivity                                    | VDI              | $ (D+) - (D-) $    | 0.2  |      |      | V    |
| Differential common mode range                                    | VCM              | Includes VDI range | 0.8  |      | 2.5  | V    |
| Single ended receiver threshold                                   | VSE              |                    | 0.8  |      | 2.0  | V    |
| Single ended receiver hysteresis                                  | VSEH             |                    |      | 200  |      | mV   |
| Output low voltage  | VOL              |                    | 0    |      | 0.3  | V    |
| Output high voltage   | VOH              |                    | 2.8  |      | 3.6  | V    |
| Differential output signal cross-point voltage                    | VCRS             |                    | 1.3  |      | 2.0  | V    |
| Internal pull-up resistor (Standby mode)                          | R <sub>PU1</sub> |                    | 900  | 1100 | 1575 | Ω    |
| Internal pull-up resistor (Active mode)                           | R <sub>PU2</sub> |                    | 1425 | 2100 | 3090 | Ω    |
| Termination voltage connected to R <sub>PU</sub>                  | VTRM             |                    | 3.05 |      | 3.5  | V    |
| Output driver resistance (does not include the series resistance) | ZDRV             | Steady state drive |      | 15   |      | Ω    |
| <b>Timing characteristics</b>                                     |                  |                    |      |      |      |      |
| Driver rise time  | TFR              | CL=50pF            | 4    |      | 20   | ns   |
| Driver fall time  | TFF              | CL=50pF            | 4    |      | 20   | ns   |
| Rise/fall time matching   | TFRFF            | TRF / TFF          | 90   |      | 111  | %    |
| Transceiver pad capacitance                                       | CIN              | Pad to ground      |      |      | 20   | pF   |

Table 7. USB interface characteristics

## 5.4 Flash memory

| Characteristic | Symbol | Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max | Unit   |
|----------------|--------|------------|------|------|-----|--------|
| Endurance      | Nendur |            | 1000 |      |     | cycles |
| Data retention | Tret   | 25°C       | 100  |      |     | years  |

Table 8. Flash memory characteristics

| Name                   | Size  | Unit  |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Flash memory MainBlock | 32768 | bytes |
| Flash InfoPage         | 512   | bytes |
| Flash page size        | 512   | bytes |

Table 9. Flash memory and page size

## 5.5 Crystal specifications

| Symbol    | Parameter (condition)                 | Notes | Min. | Typ.   | Max. | Units |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|------|--------|------|-------|
| $f_{NOM}$ | Nominal frequency (parallel resonant) |       |      | 16.000 |      | MHz   |
| $f_{TOL}$ | Frequency tolerance                   | a b   |      |        | ±60  | ppm   |
| $C_L$     | Load capacitance                      |       |      | 9      | 16   | pF    |
| $C_0$     | Shunt capacitance                     |       |      | 3      | 7    | pF    |
| ESR       | Equivalent series resistance          |       |      | 50     | 100  | Ω     |
| $P_D$     | Drive level                           |       |      |        | 100  | μW    |

- a. Includes initial accuracy, stability over temperature, aging and frequency pulling due to incorrect load capacitance.
- b. Frequency regulations in certain regions set tighter requirements on frequency tolerance (for example Japan and South Korea max ±50ppm).

Table 10. Crystal specifications

## 5.6 DC Electrical Characteristics

| Symbol           | Parameter (condition)      | Notes | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
|                  | Operating conditions       |       |      |      |      |       |
| V <sub>BUS</sub> | Supply voltage             |       | 4.0  | 5.0  | 5.25 | V     |
| TEMP             | Operating Temperature      |       | -40  | +27  | +85  | °C    |
|                  | On-chip voltage regulators |       |      |      |      |       |
| V <sub>DD</sub>  | Output voltage             | a     | 3.05 | 3.27 | 3.5  | V     |
| I <sub>VDD</sub> | External load current      |       |      |      | 2    | mA    |

- a. Also valid for V<sub>DD</sub> input voltage.

Table 11. DC characteristics

| Symbol          | Parameter (condition)    | Notes | Min.                | Typ. | Max.                | Units |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------|------|---------------------|-------|
| V <sub>IH</sub> | HIGH level input voltage |       | 0.7 V <sub>DD</sub> |      | V <sub>DD</sub>     | V     |
| V <sub>IL</sub> | LOW level input voltage  |       | V <sub>SS</sub>     |      | 0.3 V <sub>DD</sub> | V     |

Table 12. Digital input pin



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| Symbol | Parameter (condition)                      | Notes | Min.    | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--------|--|-------|---------|------|------|-------|
| VOH    | HIGH level output voltage<br>(IOH= -1.0mA) | a     | VDD-0.3 |      | VDD  | V     |
| VOL    | LOW level output voltage<br>(IOL= 1.0mA)   |       | VSS     |      | 0.3  | V     |

- a. When the nRF24LU1+ is supplied from VBUS, there is a limit (IVDD) on the current that can be drawn from VDD by external devices. Current sourced by high outputs are supplied to external devices for this purpose.

*Table 13. Digital output pin*

## 6 RF Transceiver

The nRF24LU1+ uses the same 2.4 GHz GFSK RF transceiver with embedded protocol engine (Enhanced ShockBurst™) that is found in the nRF24L01+ single chip RF Transceiver and in the nRF24LE1 on-chip solution. The RF Transceiver is designed for operation in the world wide ISM frequency band at 2.400 - 2.4835 GHz and is very well suited for ultra low power wireless applications.

The RF Transceiver module is configured and operated through the RF transceiver map. This register map is accessed by the MCU through a dedicated on-chip Serial Peripheral interface (SPI) and is available in all power modes of the RF Transceiver module.

The embedded protocol engine (Enhanced ShockBurst™) enables data packet communication and supports various modes from manual operation to advanced autonomous protocol operation. Data FIFOs in the RF Transceiver module ensure a smooth data flow between the RF Transceiver module and the nRF24LU1+ MCU.

The rest of this chapter is written in the context of the RF Transceiver module as the core and the rest of the nRF24LU1+ as external circuitry to this module.

### 6.1 Features

Features of the RF Transceiver include:

- General
  - Worldwide 2.4GHz ISM band operation
  - Common antenna interface in transmit and receive
  - GFSK modulation
  - 250 kbps, 1 and 2Mbps on air data rate
- Transmitter
  - Programmable output power: 0, -6, -12 or -18dBm
  - 11.1mA at 0dBm output power
- Receiver
  - Integrated channel filters
  - 13.3mA at 2 Mbps
  - -82dBm sensitivity at 2 Mbps
  - -85dBm sensitivity at 1 Mbps
  - -94dBm sensitivity at 250 kbps
- RF Synthesizer
  - Fully integrated synthesizer
  - 1 MHz frequency programming resolution
  - Accepts low cost  $\pm 60$ ppm 16 MHz crystal
  - 1 MHz non-overlapping channel spacing at 1 Mbps
  - 2 MHz non-overlapping channel spacing at 2 Mbps
- Enhanced ShockBurst™
  - 1 to 32 bytes dynamic payload length
  - Automatic packet handling (assembly/disassembly)
  - Automatic packet transaction handling (auto ACK, auto retransmit)
- 6 data pipe MultiCeiver™ for 6:1 star networks

## 6.2 Block diagram

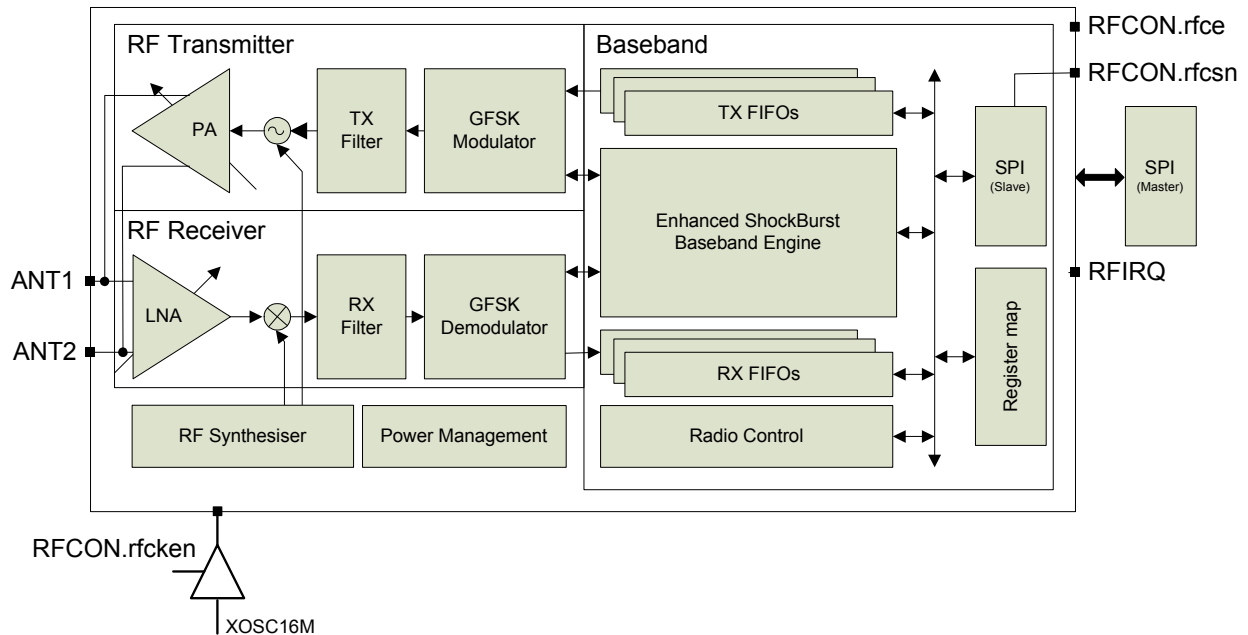


Figure 4. RF Transceiver block diagram

## 6.3 Functional description

This section describes the different operating modes of the RF Transceiver and the parameters used to control it.

The RF Transceiver module has a built-in state machine that controls the transitions between the different operating modes. The state machine is controlled by SFR register `RFCON` and RF transceiver register `CONFIG`, see [section 6.5](#) for details.

### 6.3.1 Operational Modes

You can configure the RF Transceiver to power down, standby, RX and TX mode. This section describes these modes in detail.

#### 6.3.1.1 State diagram

The state diagram ([Figure 5.](#)) shows the operating modes of the RF Transceiver and how they function. At the end of the reset sequence the RF Transceiver enters Power Down mode. When the RF Transceiver enters Power Down mode the MCU can still control the module through the SPI and the `rfcsn` bit in the `RFCON` register.

There are three types of distinct states highlighted in the state diagram:

- **Recommended operating mode:** is a recommended state used during normal operation.
- **Possible operating mode:** is a possible operating state, but is not used during normal operation.
- **Transition state:** is a time limited state used during start up of the oscillator and settling of the PLL.

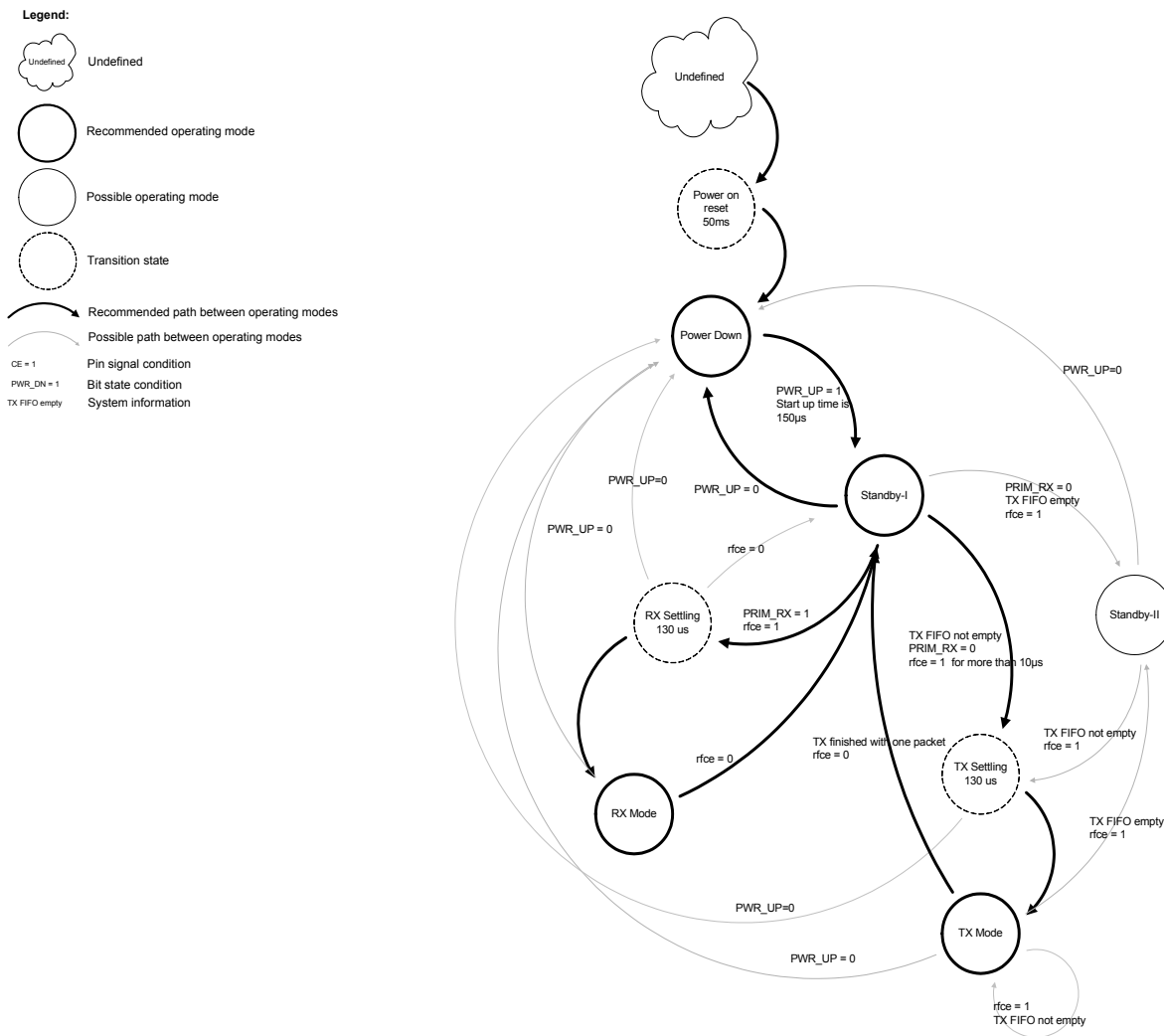


Figure 5. Radio control state diagram

### 6.3.1.2 Power down mode

In power down mode the RF Transceiver is disabled with minimal current consumption. All the register values available from the SPI are maintained and the SPI can be activated. For start up times see [Table 15](#). Power down mode is entered by setting the PWR\_UP bit in the CONFIG register low.

### 6.3.1.3 Standby modes

#### Standby-I mode

By setting the PWR\_UP bit in the CONFIG register to 1, the RF Transceiver enters standby-I mode. Standby-I mode is used to minimize average current consumption while maintaining short start up times. Change to the active mode only happens if the rfce bit is enabled and when it is not enabled, the RF Transceiver returns to standby-I mode from both the TX and RX modes.

### Standby-II mode

In standby-II mode extra clock buffers are active and more current is used compared to standby-I mode. The RF Transceiver enters standby-II mode if the `rfce` bit is held high on a PTX operation with an empty TX FIFO. If a new packet is downloaded to the TX FIFO, the PLL immediately starts and the packet is transmitted after the normal PLL settling delay (130µs).

The register values are maintained and the SPI can be activated during both standby modes. For start up times see [Table 15](#).

#### 6.3.1.4 RX mode

The RX mode is an active mode where the RF Transceiver is used as a receiver. To enter this mode, the RF Transceiver must have the `PWR_UP` bit, `PRIM_RX` bit and the `rfce` bit is set high.

In RX mode the receiver demodulates the signals from the RF channel, constantly presenting the demodulated data to the baseband protocol engine. The baseband protocol engine constantly searches for a valid packet. If a valid packet is found (by a matching address and a valid CRC) the payload of the packet is presented in a vacant slot in the RX FIFOs. If the RX FIFOs are full, the received packet is discarded.

The RF Transceiver remains in RX mode until the MCU configures it to standby-I mode or power down mode. However, if the automatic protocol features (Enhanced ShockBurst™) in the baseband protocol engine are enabled, the RF Transceiver can enter other modes in order to execute the protocol.

In RX mode a Received Power Detector (RPD) signal is available. The RPD is a signal that is set high when a RF signal higher than -64dBm is detected inside the receiving frequency channel. The internal `RPD` signal is filtered before presented to the `RPD` register. The RF signal must be present for at least 40µs before the `RPD` is set high. How to use the RPD is described in [Section 6.3.4 on page 31](#).

#### 6.3.1.5 TX mode

The TX mode is an active mode for transmitting packets. To enter this mode, the RF Transceiver must have the `PWR_UP` bit set high, `PRIM_RX` bit set low, a payload in the TX FIFO and a high pulse on the `rfce` bit for more than 10µs.

The RF Transceiver stays in TX mode until it finishes transmitting a packet. If `rfce` = 0, RF Transceiver returns to standby-I mode. If `rfce` = 1, the status of the TX FIFO determines the next action. If the TX FIFO is not empty the RF Transceiver remains in TX mode and transmits the next packet. If the TX FIFO is empty the RF Transceiver goes into standby-II mode. The RF Transceiver transmitter PLL operates in open loop when in TX mode. It is important never to keep the RF Transceiver in TX mode for more than 4ms at a time. If the Enhanced ShockBurst™ features are enabled, RF Transceiver is never in TX mode longer than 4ms.

### 6.3.1.6 Operational modes configuration

The following table ([Table 14.](#)) describes how to configure the operational modes.

| Mode       | PWR_UP register | PRIM_RX register | rfce                    | FIFO state   |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| RX mode    | 1               | 1                | 1                       | -  |
| TX mode    | 1               | 0                | 1                       | Data in TX FIFO. Will empty all levels in TX FIFO <sup>a</sup> . |
| TX mode    | 1               | 0                | Minimum 10µs high pulse | Data in TX FIFO. Will empty one level in TX FIFO <sup>b</sup> .  |
| Standby-II | 1               | 0                | 1                       | TX FIFO empty  |
| Standby-I  | 1               | -                | 0                       | No ongoing packet transmission                                   |
| Power Down | 0               | -                | -                       | -  |

- If the `rfce` bit is held high the TX FIFO is emptied and all necessary ACK and possible retransmits are carried out. The transmission continues as long as the TX FIFO is refilled. If the TX FIFO is empty when the `rfce` bit is still high, the RF Transceiver enters standby-II mode. In this mode the transmission of a packet is started as soon as the `rfcsn` is set high after an upload (UL) of a packet to TX FIFO.
- This operating mode pulses the `rfce` bit high for at least 10µs. This allows one packet to transmit. This is the normal operating mode. After the packet is transmitted, the RF Transceiver enters standby-I mode.

Table 14. RF Transceiver main modes

### 6.3.1.7 Timing information

The timing information in this section relates to the transitions between modes and the timing for the `rfce` bit. The transition from TX mode to RX mode or vice versa is the same as the transition from the standby modes to TX mode or RX mode (130µs), as described in [Table 15.](#)

| Name      | RF Transceiver   | Max.  | Min. | Comments |
|-----------|--|-------|------|----------|
| Tpd2stby  | Power Down → Standby mode  | 150µs |      |          |
| Tstby2a   | Standby modes → TX/RX mode                                       | 130µs |      |          |
| Thce      | Minimum <code>rfce</code> high                                   |       | 10µs |          |
| Tpece2csn | Delay from <code>rfce</code> pos. edge to <code>rfcsn</code> low |       | 4µs  |          |

Table 15. Operational timing of RF Transceiver

**Note:** If `VDD` is turned off, the register values are lost and you must reconfigure the RF Transceiver before entering the TX or RX modes.

### 6.3.2 Air data rate

The air data rate is the modulated signaling rate the RF Transceiver uses when transmitting and receiving data. It can be 250 kbps, 1 Mbps or 2 Mbps. Using lower air data rate gives better receiver sensitivity than higher air data rate. But, high air data rate gives lower average current consumption and reduced probability of on-air collisions.

The air data rate is set by the `RF_DR` bit in the `RF_SETUP` register. A transmitter and a receiver must be programmed with the same air data rate to communicate with each other.

The RF Transceiver is fully compatible with nRF24L01. For compatibility with nRF2401A, nRF2402, nRF24E1, and nRF24E2 the air data rate must be set to 250 kbps or 1 Mbps.

### 6.3.3 RF channel frequency

The RF channel frequency determines the center of the channel used by the RF Transceiver. The channel occupies a bandwidth of less than 1 MHz at 250 kbps and 1 Mbps and a bandwidth of less than 2 MHz at 2 Mbps. The RF Transceiver can operate on frequencies from 2.400 GHz to 2.525 GHz. The programming resolution of the RF channel frequency setting is 1 MHz.

At 2 Mbps the channel occupies a bandwidth wider than the resolution of the RF channel frequency setting. To ensure non-overlapping channels in 2 Mbps mode, the channel spacing must be 2 MHz or more. At 1 Mbps and 250 kbps the channel bandwidth is the same or lower than the resolution of the RF frequency.

The RF channel frequency is set by the `RF_CH` register according to the following formula:

$$F_0 = 2400 + RF\_CH \text{ MHz}$$

You must program a transmitter and a receiver with the same RF channel frequency to communicate with each other.

### 6.3.4 Received Power Detector measurements

Received Power Detector (RPD), located in register 09, bit 0, triggers at received power levels above -64dBm that are present in the RF channel you receive on. If the received power is less than -64dBm, RDP = 0.

The RPD can be read out at any time while the RF Transceiver is in receive mode. This offers a snapshot of the current received power level in the channel. The RPD is latched whenever a packet is received or when the MCU sets `rfce low`

The status of RPD is correct when RX mode is enabled and after a wait time of  $T_{stby2a} + T_{delay\_AGC} = 130 \mu s + 40 \mu s$ . The RX gain varies over temperature which means that the RPD threshold also varies over temperature. The RPD threshold value is reduced by -5dB at  $T = -40^\circ C$  and increased by +5dB at  $85^\circ C$ .

### 6.3.5 PA control

The PA (Power Amplifier) control is used to set the output power from the RF Transceiver power amplifier. In TX mode PA control has four programmable steps, see [Table 16](#).

The PA control is set by the `RF_PWR` bits in the `RF_SETUP` register.

| SPI RF-SETUP (RF_PWR) | RF output power | DC current consumption |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 11                    | 0dBm            | 11.1mA                 |
| 10                    | -6dBm           | 8.8mA                  |
| 01                    | -12dBm          | 7.3                    |
| 00                    | -18dBm          | 6.8mA                  |

Conditions:  $V_{DD} = 3.0V$ ,  $V_{SS} = 0V$ ,  $T_A = 27^\circ C$ , Load impedance =  $15\Omega + j88\Omega$ .

Table 16. RF output power setting for the RF Transceiver

### 6.3.6 RX/TX control

The RX/TX control is set by `PRIM_RX` bit in the `CONFIG` register and sets the RF Transceiver in transmit/receive.

## 6.4 Enhanced ShockBurst™

Enhanced ShockBurst™ is a packet based data link layer that features automatic packet assembly and timing, automatic acknowledgement and retransmissions of packets. Enhanced ShockBurst™ enables the implementation of ultra low power and high performance communication. The Enhanced ShockBurst™ features enable significant improvements of power efficiency for bi-directional and uni-directional systems, without adding complexity on the host controller side.

### 6.4.1 Features

The main features of Enhanced ShockBurst™ are:

- 1 to 32 bytes dynamic payload length
- Automatic packet handling
- Auto packet transaction handling
  - Auto Acknowledgement
  - Auto retransmit
- 6 data pipe MultiCeiver™ for 1:6 star networks

### 6.4.2 Enhanced ShockBurst™ overview

Enhanced ShockBurst™ uses ShockBurst™ for automatic packet handling and timing. During transmit, ShockBurst™ assembles the packet and clocks the bits in the data packet for transmission. During receive, ShockBurst™ constantly searches for a valid address in the demodulated signal. When ShockBurst™ finds a valid address, it processes the rest of the packet and validates it by CRC. If the packet is valid the payload is moved into a vacant slot in the RX FIFOs. All high speed bit handling and timing is controlled by ShockBurst™.

Enhanced ShockBurst™ features automatic packet transaction handling for the easy implementation of a reliable bi-directional data link. An Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet transaction is a packet exchange between two transceivers, with one transceiver acting as the Primary Receiver (PRX) and the other transceiver acting as the Primary Transmitter (PTX). An Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet transaction is always initiated by a packet transmission from the PTX, the transaction is complete when the PTX has received an



acknowledgment packet (ACK packet) from the PRX. The PRX can attach user data to the ACK packet enabling a bi-directional data link.

The automatic packet transaction handling works as follows:

1. You begin the transaction by transmitting a data packet from the PTX to the PRX. Enhanced ShockBurst™ automatically sets the PTX in receive mode to wait for the ACK packet.
2. If the packet is received by the PRX, Enhanced ShockBurst™ automatically assembles and transmits an acknowledgment packet (ACK packet) to the PTX before returning to receive mode.
3. If the PTX does not receive the ACK packet immediately, Enhanced ShockBurst™ automatically retransmits the original data packet after a programmable delay and sets the PTX in receive mode to wait for the ACK packet.

In Enhanced ShockBurst™ it is possible to configure parameters such as the maximum number of retransmits and the delay from one transmission to the next retransmission. All automatic handling is done without the involvement of the MCU.

### 6.4.3 Enhanced Shockburst™ packet format

The format of the Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet is described in this section. The Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet contains a preamble field, address field, packet control field, payload field and a CRC field. [Figure 6](#). shows the packet format with MSB to the left.



*Figure 6. An Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet with payload (0-32 bytes)*

#### 6.4.3.1 Preamble

The preamble is a bit sequence used to synchronize the receivers demodulator to the incoming bit stream. The preamble is one byte long and is either 01010101 or 10101010. If the first bit in the address is 1 the preamble is automatically set to 10101010 and if the first bit is 0 the preamble is automatically set to 01010101. This is done to ensure there are enough transitions in the preamble to stabilize the receiver.

#### 6.4.3.2 Address

This is the address for the receiver. An address ensures that the correct packet is detected by the receiver. The address field can be configured to be 3, 4 or, 5 bytes long with the  $\Delta W$  register.

**Note:** Addresses where the level shifts only one time (that is, 000FFFFFFFF) can often be detected in noise and can give a false detection, which may give a raised Packet-Error-Rate. Addresses as a continuation of the preamble (hi-low toggling) raises the Packet-Error-Rate.

### 6.4.3.3 Packet Control Field

[Figure 7.](#) shows the format of the 9-bit packet control field, MSB to the left.



*Figure 7. Packet control field*

The packet control field contains a 6-bit payload length field, a 2-bit PID (Packet Identity) field and a 1-bit NO\_ACK flag.

#### **Payload length**

This 6-bit field specifies the length of the payload in bytes. The length of the payload can be from 0 to 32 bytes.

Coding: 000000 = 0 byte (only used in empty ACK packets.) 100000 = 32 byte, 100001 = Don't care.

This field is only used if the Dynamic Payload Length function is enabled.

#### **PID (Packet identification)**

The 2-bit PID field is used to detect if the received packet is new or retransmitted. PID prevents the PRX operation from presenting the same payload more than once to the MCU. The PID field is incremented at the TX side for each new packet received through the SPI. The PID and CRC fields (see [section 6.4.3.5 on page 35](#)) are used by the PRX operation to determine if a packet is retransmitted or new. When several data packets are lost on the link, the PID fields may become equal to the last received PID. If a packet has the same PID as the previous packet, the RF Transceiver compares the CRC sums from both packets. If the CRC sums are also equal, the last received packet is considered a copy of the previously received packet and discarded.

#### **No Acknowledgment flag (NO\_ACK)**

The Selective Auto Acknowledgement feature controls the NO\_ACK flag.

This flag is only used when the auto acknowledgement feature is used. Setting the flag high, tells the receiver that the packet is not to be auto acknowledged.

### 6.4.3.4 Payload

The payload is the user defined content of the packet. It can be 0 to 32 bytes wide and is transmitted on-air when it is uploaded (unmodified) to the device.

Enhanced ShockBurst™ provides two alternatives for handling payload lengths; static and dynamic.

The default is static payload length. With static payload length all packets between a transmitter and a receiver have the same length. Static payload length is set by the RX\_PW\_Px registers on the receiver side. The payload length on the transmitter side is set by the number of bytes clocked into the TX\_FIFO and must equal the value in the RX\_PW\_Px register on the receiver side.

Dynamic Payload Length (DPL) is an alternative to static payload length. DPL enables the transmitter to send packets with variable payload length to the receiver. This means that for a system with different payload lengths it is not necessary to scale the packet length to the longest payload.

With the DPL feature the nRF24LU1+ can decode the payload length of the received packet automatically instead of using the `RX_PW_Px` registers. The MCU can read the length of the received payload by using the `R_RX_PL_WID` command.

**Note:** Always check if the packet width reported is 32 bytes or shorter when using the `R_RX_PL_WID` command. If its width is longer than 32 bytes then the packet contains errors and must be discarded. Discard the packet by using the `Flush_RX` command.

In order to enable DPL the `EN_DPL` bit in the `FEATURE` register must be enabled. In RX mode the `DYNPD` register must be set. A PTX that transmits to a PRX with DPL enabled must have the `DPL_P0` bit in `DYNPD` set.

#### 6.4.3.5 CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check)

The CRC is the error detection mechanism in the packet. It may either be 1 or 2 bytes and is calculated over the address, Packet Control Field and Payload.

The polynomial for 1 byte CRC is  $X^8 + X^2 + X + 1$ . Initial value 0xFF.

The polynomial for 2 byte CRC is  $X^{16} + X^{12} + X^5 + 1$ . Initial value 0xFFFF.

No packet is accepted by Enhanced ShockBurst™ if the CRC fails.

### 6.4.4 Automatic packet assembly

The automatic packet assembly assembles the preamble, address, packet control field, payload and CRC to make a complete packet before it is transmitted.

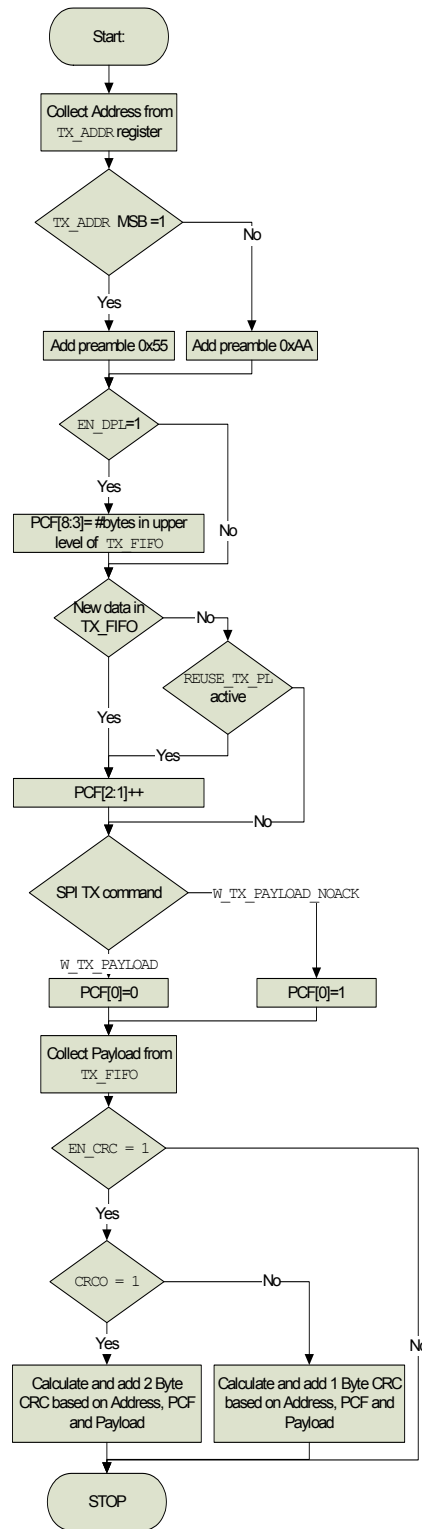


Figure 8. Automatic packet assembly

### 6.4.5 Automatic packet disassembly

After the packet is validated, Enhanced ShockBurst™ disassembles the packet and loads the payload into the RX FIFO, and asserts the RX\_DR IRQ.

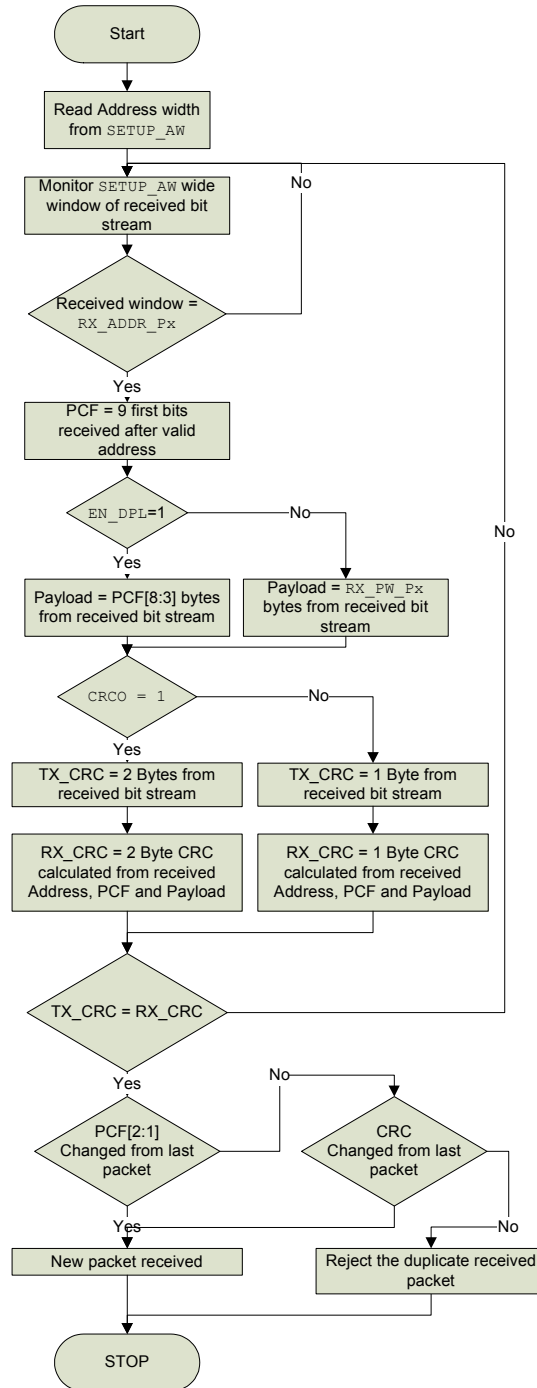


Figure 9. Automatic packet disassembly

## 6.4.6 Automatic packet transaction handling

Enhanced ShockBurst™ features two functions for automatic packet transaction handling; auto acknowledgement and auto re-transmit.

### 6.4.6.1 Auto Acknowledgement

Auto acknowledgement is a function that automatically transmits an ACK packet to the PTX after it has received and validated a packet. The auto acknowledgement function reduces the load of the system MCU and reduces average current consumption. The Auto Acknowledgement feature is enabled by setting the `EN_AA` register.

**Note:** If the received packet has the `NO_ACK` flag set, auto acknowledgement is not executed.

An ACK packet can contain an optional payload from PRX to PTX. In order to use this feature, the Dynamic Payload Length (DPL) feature must be enabled. The MCU on the PRX side has to upload the payload by clocking it into the TX FIFO by using the `W_ACK_PAYLOAD` command. The payload is pending in the TX FIFO (PRX) until a new packet is received from the PTX. The RF Transceiver can have three ACK packet payloads pending in the TX FIFO (PRX) at the same time.

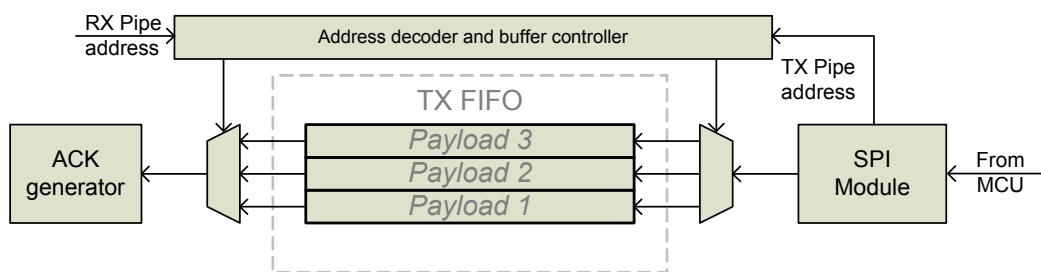


Figure 10. TX FIFO (PRX) with pending payloads

Figure 10. shows how the TX FIFO (PRX) is operated when handling pending ACK packet payloads. From the MCU the payload is clocked in with the `W_ACK_PAYLOAD` command. The address decoder and buffer controller ensure that the payload is stored in a vacant slot in the TX FIFO (PRX). When a packet is received, the address decoder and buffer controller are notified with the PTX address. This ensures that the right payload is presented to the ACK generator.

If the TX FIFO (PRX) contains more than one payload to a PTX, payloads are handled using the first in – first out principle. The TX FIFO (PRX) is blocked if all pending payloads are addressed to a PTX where the link is lost. In this case, the MCU can flush the TX FIFO (PRX) by using the `FLUSH_TX` command.

In order to enable Auto Acknowledgement with payload the `EN_ACK_PAY` bit in the `FEATURE` register must be set.

### 6.4.6.2 Auto Retransmission (ART)

The auto retransmission is a function that retransmits a packet if an ACK packet is not received. It is used in an auto acknowledgement system on the PTX. When a packet is not acknowledged, you can set the number of times it is allowed to retransmit by setting the `ARC` bits in the `SETUP_RETR` register. PTX enters RX mode and waits a time period for an ACK packet each time a packet is transmitted. The amount of time the PTX is in RX mode is based on the following conditions:

- Auto Retransmit Delay (ARD) elapsed.
- No address match within 250µs.
- After received packet (CRC correct or not) if address match within 250µs.

The RF Transceiver asserts the TX\_DS IRQ when the ACK packet is received.

The RF Transceiver enters standby-I mode if there is no more untransmitted data in the TX FIFO and the rfcce bit in the RFCON register is low. If the ACK packet is not received, the RF Transceiver goes back to TX mode after a delay defined by ARD and retransmits the data. This continues until acknowledgment is received, or the maximum number of retransmits is reached.

Two packet loss counters are incremented each time a packet is lost, ARC\_CNT and PLOS\_CNT in the OBSERVE\_TX register. The ARC\_CNT counts the number of retransmissions for the current transaction. You reset ARC\_CNT by initiating a new transaction. The PLOS\_CNT counts the total number of retransmissions since the last channel change. You reset PLOS\_CNT by writing to the RF\_CH register. It is possible to use the information in the OBSERVE\_TX register to make an overall assessment of the channel quality.

The ARD defines the time from the end of a transmitted packet to when a retransmit starts on the PTX. ARD is set in SETUP\_RETR register in steps of 250µs. A retransmit is made if no ACK packet is received by the PTX.

There is a restriction on the length of ARD when using ACK packets with payload. The ARD time must never be shorter than the sum of the startup time and the time on-air for the ACK packet.

- For 2 Mbps data rate and 5 byte address; 15 byte is maximum ACK packet payload length for ARD=250 µs (reset value).
- For 1 Mbps data rate and 5 byte address; 5 byte is maximum ACK packet payload length for ARD=250 µs (reset value).

ARD=500µs is long enough for any ACK payload length in 1 or 2 Mbps mode.

- For 250 kbps data rate and 5byte address the following values apply:

| ARD     | ACK packet size (in bytes) |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 1500 µs | All ACK payload sizes      |
| 1250 µs | ≤ 24                       |
| 1000 µs | ≤ 16                       |
| 750 µs  | ≤ 8                        |
| 500 µs  | Empty ACK with no payload  |

Table 17. Maximum ACK payload length for different retransmit delays at 250 kbps

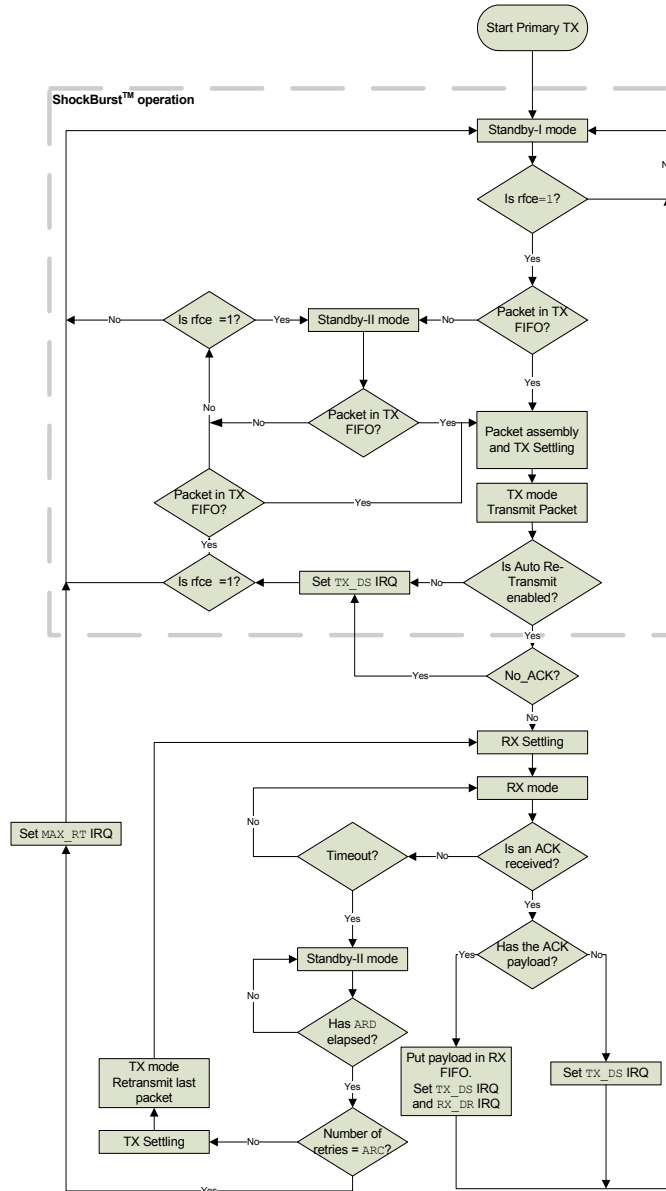
As an alternative to Auto Retransmit it is possible to manually set the RF Transceiver to retransmit a packet a number of times. This is done by the REUSE\_TX\_PL command. The MCU must initiate each transmission of the packet with a pulse on the CE pin when this command is used.

### 6.4.7 Enhanced ShockBurst™ flowcharts

This section contains flowcharts outlining PTX and PRX operation in Enhanced ShockBurst™.

#### 6.4.7.1 PTX operation

The flowchart in [Figure 11](#). outlines how a RF Transceiver configured as a PTX behaves after entering standby-I mode.



**Note:** ShockBurst™ operation is outlined with a dashed square.

Figure 11. PTX operations in Enhanced ShockBurst™



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Activate PTX mode by setting the `rfce` bit in the `RFCON` register high. If there is a packet present in the TX FIFO the RF Transceiver enters TX mode and transmits the packet. If Auto Retransmit is enabled, the state machine checks if the `NO_ACK` flag is set. If it is not set, the RF Transceiver enters RX mode to receive an ACK packet. If the received ACK packet is empty, only the `TX_DS` IRQ is asserted. If the ACK packet contains a payload, both `TX_DS` IRQ and `RX_DR` IRQ are asserted simultaneously before the RF Transceiver returns to standby-I mode.

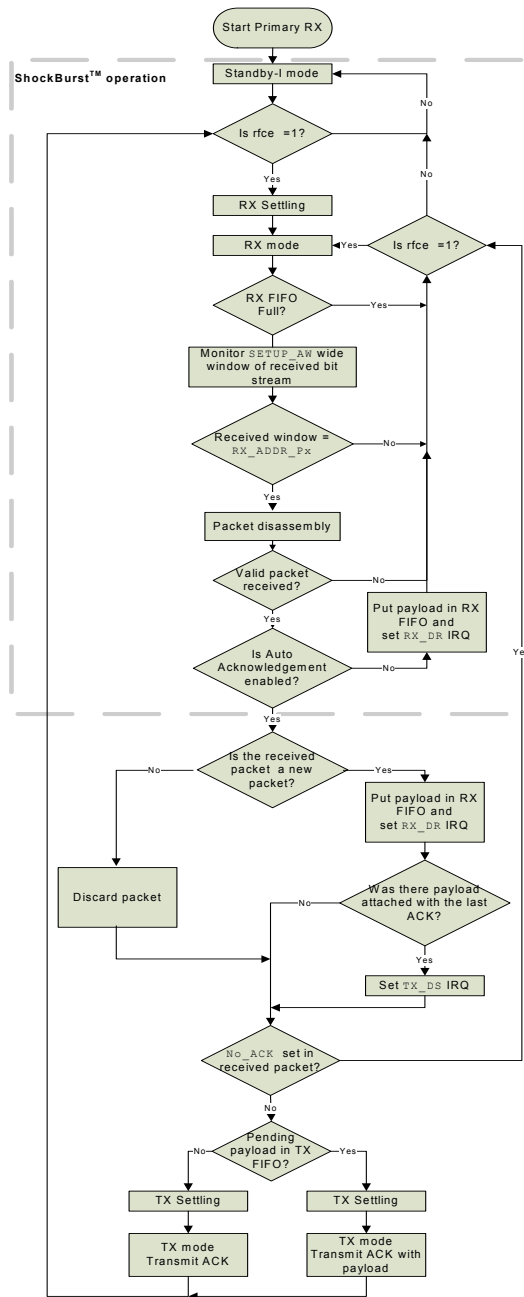
If the ACK packet is not received before timeout occurs, the RF Transceiver returns to standby-II mode. It stays in standby-II mode until the ARD has elapsed. If the number of retransmits has not reached the ARC, the RF Transceiver enters TX mode and transmits the last packet once more.

While executing the Auto Retransmit feature, the number of retransmits can reach the maximum number defined in `ARC`. If this happens, the RF Transceiver asserts the `MAX_RT` IRQ and returns to standby-I mode.

If the `rfce` bit in the `RFCON` register is high and the TX FIFO is empty, the RF Transceiver enters Standby-II mode.

6.4.7.2 PRX operation

The flowchart in [Figure 12](#) outlines how a RF Transceiver configured as a PRX behaves after entering standby-I mode.



**Note:** ShockBurst™ operation is outlined with a dashed square.

Figure 12. PRX operations in Enhanced ShockBurst™

Activate PRX mode by setting the `rfce` bit in the `RFCON` register high. The RF Transceiver enters RX mode and starts searching for packets. If a packet is received and Auto Acknowledgement is enabled, the RF Transceiver decides if the packet is new or a copy of a previously received packet. If the packet is new

the payload is made available in the RX FIFO and the `RX_DR` IRQ is asserted. If the last received packet from the transmitter is acknowledged with an ACK packet with payload, the `TX_DS` IRQ indicates that the PTX received the ACK packet with payload. If the `NO_ACK` flag is not set in the received packet, the PRX enters TX mode. If there is a pending payload in the TX FIFO it is attached to the ACK packet. After the ACK packet is transmitted, the RF Transceiver returns to RX mode.

A copy of a previously received packet might be received if the ACK packet is lost. In this case, the PRX discards the received packet and transmits an ACK packet before it returns to RX mode.

#### 6.4.8 MultiCeiver™

MultiCeiver™ is a feature used in RX mode that contains a set of six parallel data pipes with unique addresses. A data pipe is a logical channel in the physical RF channel. Each data pipe has its own physical address (data pipe address) decoding in the RF Transceiver.

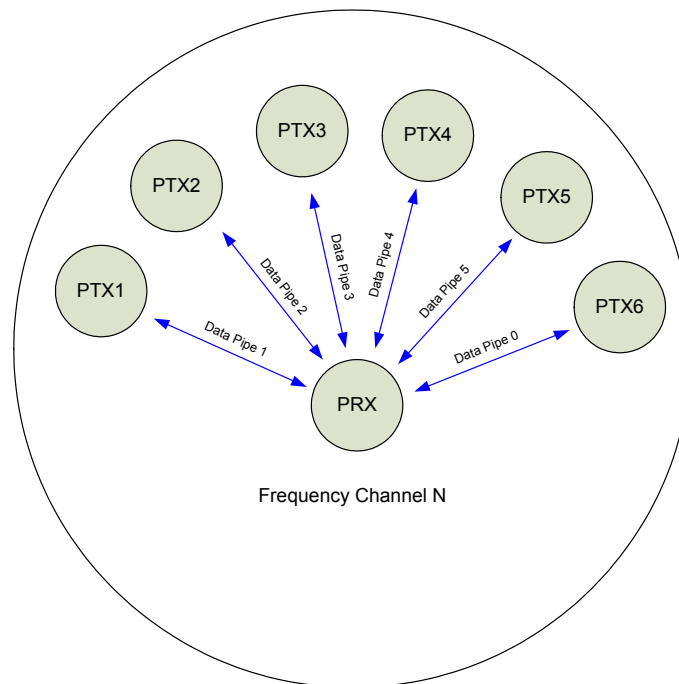


Figure 13. PRX using MultiCeiver™

The RF Transceiver configured as PRX (primary receiver) can receive data addressed to six different data pipes in one frequency channel as shown in [Figure 13](#). Each data pipe has its own unique address and can be configured for individual behavior.

Up to six RF Transceivers configured as PTX can communicate with one RF Transceiver configured as PRX. All data pipe addresses are searched for simultaneously. Only one data pipe can receive a packet at a time. All data pipes can perform Enhanced ShockBurst™ functionality.

The following settings are common to all data pipes:

- CRC enabled/disabled (CRC always enabled when Enhanced ShockBurst™ is enabled)
- CRC encoding scheme
- RX address width
- Frequency channel
- Air data rate
- LNA gain

The data pipes are enabled with the bits in the EN\_RXADDR register. By default only data pipe 0 and 1 are enabled. Each data pipe address is configured in the RX\_ADDR\_PX registers.

**Note:** Always ensure that none of the data pipes have the same address.

Each pipe can have up to a 5 byte configurable address. Data pipe 0 has a unique 5 byte address. Data pipes 1-5 share the four most significant address bytes. The LSByte must be unique for all six pipes. [Figure 14](#) is an example of how data pipes 0-5 are addressed.

|                          | Byte 4 | Byte 3 | Byte 2 | Byte 1 | Byte 0 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Data pipe 0 (RX_ADDR_P0) | 0xE7   | 0xD3   | 0xF0   | 0x35   | 0x77   |
| Data pipe 1 (RX_ADDR_P1) | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   |
|                          | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      |        |
| Data pipe 2 (RX_ADDR_P2) | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC3   |
|                          | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      |        |
| Data pipe 3 (RX_ADDR_P3) | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC4   |
|                          | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      |        |
| Data pipe 4 (RX_ADDR_P4) | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC5   |
|                          | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      | ↓      |        |
| Data pipe 5 (RX_ADDR_P5) | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC2   | 0xC6   |

Figure 14. Addressing data pipes 0-5

The PRX, using MultiCeiver™ and Enhanced ShockBurst™, receives packets from more than one PTX. To ensure that the ACK packet from the PRX is transmitted to the correct PTX, the PRX takes the data pipe address where it received the packet and uses it as the TX address when transmitting the ACK packet. [Figure 15](#) is an example of an address configuration for the PRX and PTX. On the PRX the RX\_ADDR\_Pn, defined as the pipe address, must be unique. On the PTX the TX\_ADDR must be the same as the RX\_ADDR\_P0 and as the pipe address for the designated pipe.

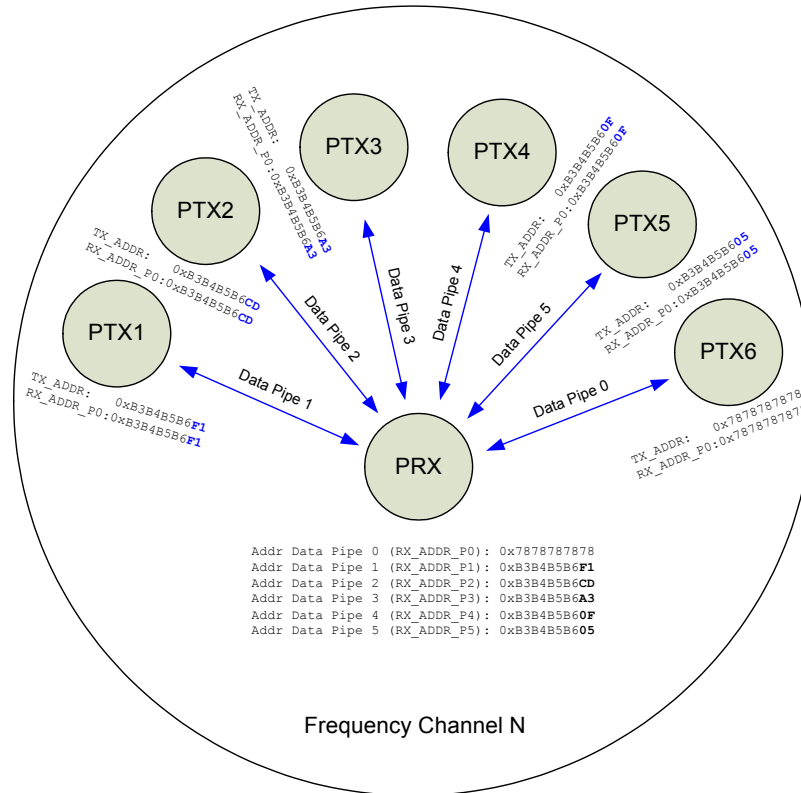


Figure 15. Example of data pipe addressing in MultiCeiver™

Only when a data pipe receives a complete packet can other data pipes begin to receive data. When multiple PTXs are transmitting to a PRX, the ARD can be used to skew the auto retransmission so that they only block each other once.

### 6.4.9 Enhanced ShockBurst™ timing

This section describes the timing sequence of Enhanced ShockBurst™ and how all modes are initiated and operated. The Enhanced ShockBurst™ timing is controlled through the Data and Control interface. The RF Transceiver can be set to static modes or autonomous modes where the internal state machine

controls the events. Each autonomous mode/sequence ends with a RFIHQ interrupt. All the interrupts are indicated as IRQ events in the timing diagrams.

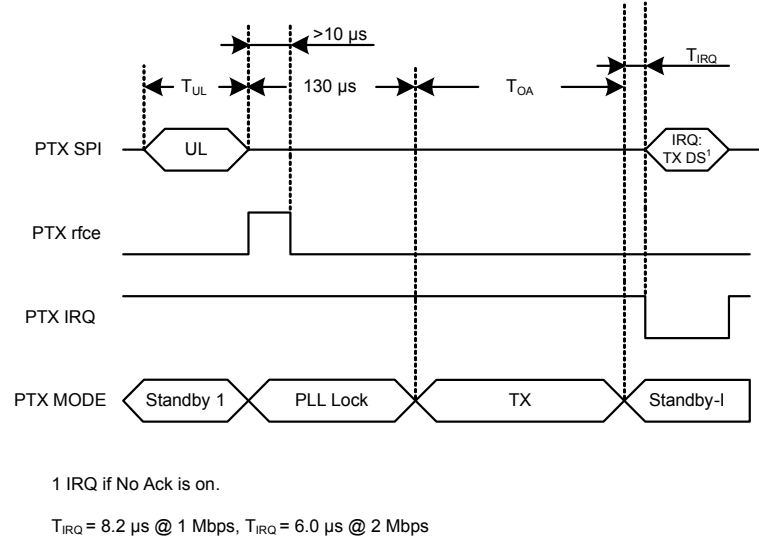


Figure 16. Transmitting one packet with NO\_ACK on

The following equations calculate various timing measurements:

| Symbol    | Description                      | Equation   |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| $T_{OA}$  | Time on-air                      | $T_{OA} = \frac{\text{packet length}}{\text{air data rate}} = \frac{8 \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{byte}} \right] \cdot \left( 1 \left[ \text{byte} \right]_{\text{preamble}} + 3,4 \text{ or } 5 \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{address}} + N \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{payload}} + 1 \text{ or } 2 \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{CRC}} \right) + 9 \left[ \text{bit} \right]_{\text{packet control field}}}{\text{air data rate} \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{s}} \right]}$  |
| $T_{ACK}$ | Time on-air Ack                  | $T_{ACK} = \frac{\text{packet length}}{\text{air data rate}} = \frac{8 \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{byte}} \right] \cdot \left( 1 \left[ \text{byte} \right]_{\text{preamble}} + 3,4 \text{ or } 5 \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{address}} + N \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{payload}} + 1 \text{ or } 2 \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{CRC}} \right) + 9 \left[ \text{bit} \right]_{\text{packet control field}}}{\text{air data rate} \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{s}} \right]}$ |
| $T_{UL}$  | Time Upload                      | $T_{UL} = \frac{\text{payload length}}{\text{SPI data rate}} = \frac{8 \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{byte}} \right] \cdot N \left[ \text{bytes} \right]_{\text{payload}}}{\text{SPI data rate} \left[ \frac{\text{bit}}{\text{s}} \right]}$   |
| $T_{ESB}$ | Time Enhanced Shock-Burst™ cycle | $T_{ESB} = T_{UL} + 2 \cdot T_{stby2a} + T_{OA} + T_{ACK} + T_{IRQ}$   |

Table 18. Timing equations

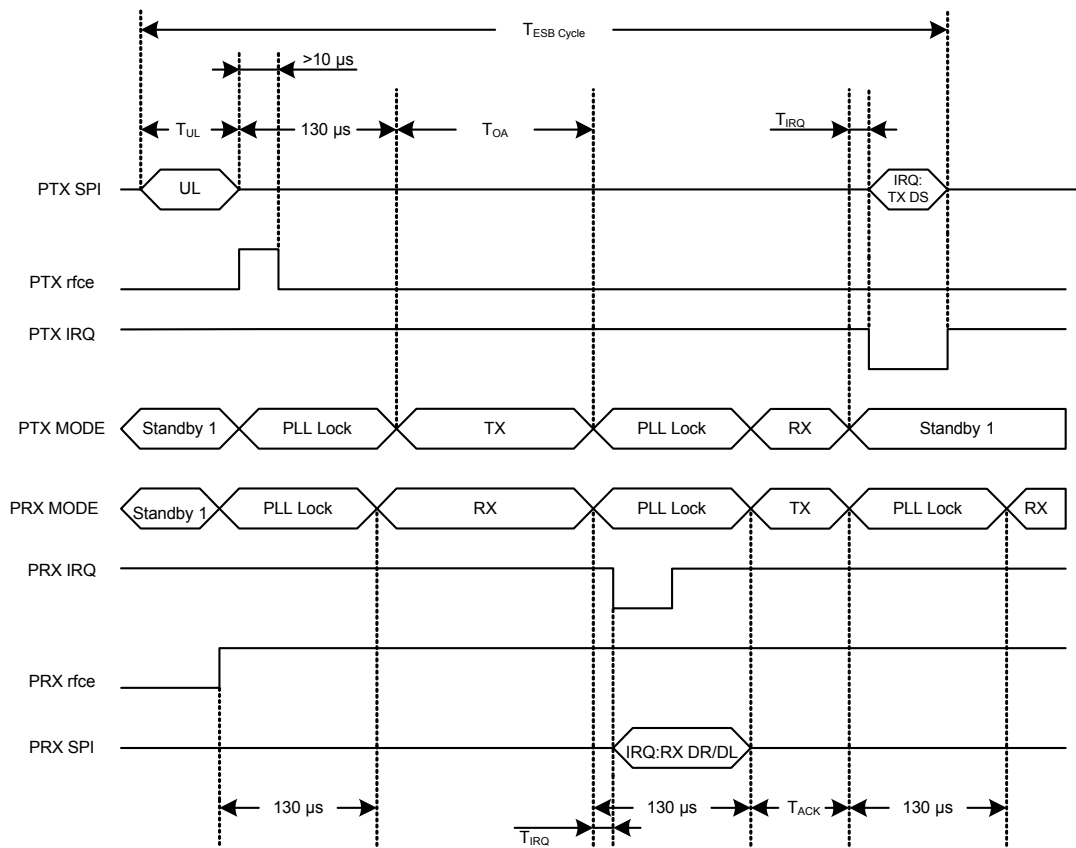


Figure 17. Timing of Enhanced ShockBurst™ for one packet upload (2 Mbps)

In [Figure 17](#), the transmission and acknowledgement of a packet is shown. The PRX operation activates RX mode ( $rfce=1$ ), and the PTX operation is activated in TX mode ( $rfce=1$  for minimum  $10\ \mu s$ ). After  $130\ \mu s$  the transmission starts and finishes after the elapse of  $T_{OA}$ .

When the transmission ends the PTX operation automatically switches to RX mode to wait for the ACK packet from the PRX operation. When the PRX operation receives the packet it sets the interrupt for the host MCU and switches to TX mode to send an ACK. After the PTX operation receives the ACK packet it sets the interrupt to the MCU and clears the packet from the TX FIFO.

In [Figure 18](#), the PTX timing of a packet transmission is shown when the first ACK packet is lost. To see the complete transmission when the ACK packet fails see [Figure 21](#).

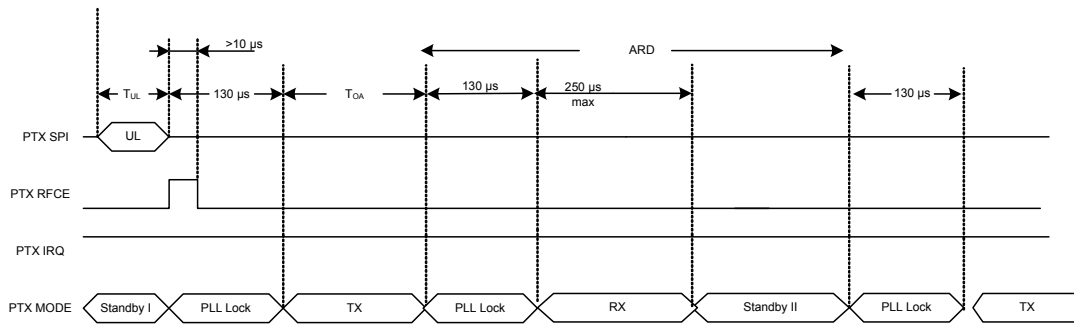


Figure 18. Timing of Enhanced ShockBurst™ when the first ACK packet is lost (2 Mbps)

#### 6.4.10 Enhanced ShockBurst™ transaction diagram

This section describes several scenarios for the Enhanced ShockBurst™ automatic transaction handling. The call outs in this section's figures indicate the IRQs and other events. For MCU activity the event may be placed at a different timeframe.

**Note:** The figures in this section indicate the earliest possible download (DL) of the packet to the MCU and the latest possible upload (UL) of payload to the transmitter.



### 6.4.10.1 Single transaction with ACK packet and interrupts

In [Figure 19](#), the basic auto acknowledgement is shown. After the packet is transmitted by the PTX and received by the PRX the ACK packet is transmitted from the PRX to the PTX. The `RX_DR` IRQ is asserted after the packet is received by the PRX, whereas the `TX_DS` IRQ is asserted when the packet is acknowledged and the ACK packet is received by the PTX.

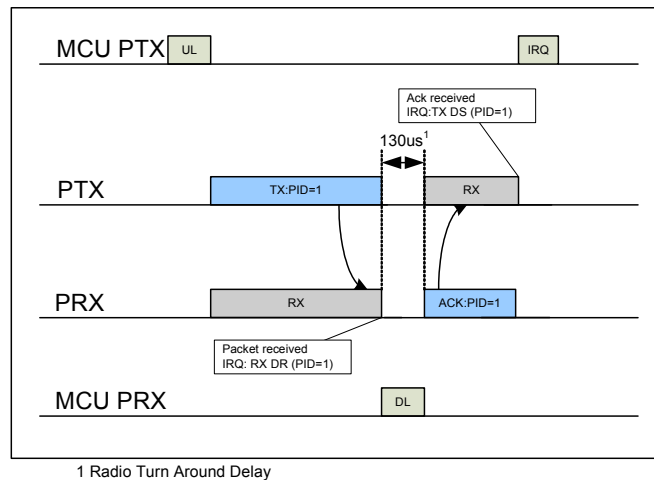


Figure 19. TX/RX cycles with ACK and the according interrupts

### 6.4.10.2 Single transaction with a lost packet

[Figure 20](#) is a scenario where a retransmission is needed due to loss of the first packet transmit. After the packet is transmitted, the PTX enters RX mode to receive the ACK packet. After the first transmission, the PTX waits a specified time for the ACK packet, if it is not in the specific time slot the PTX retransmits the packet as shown in [Figure 20](#).

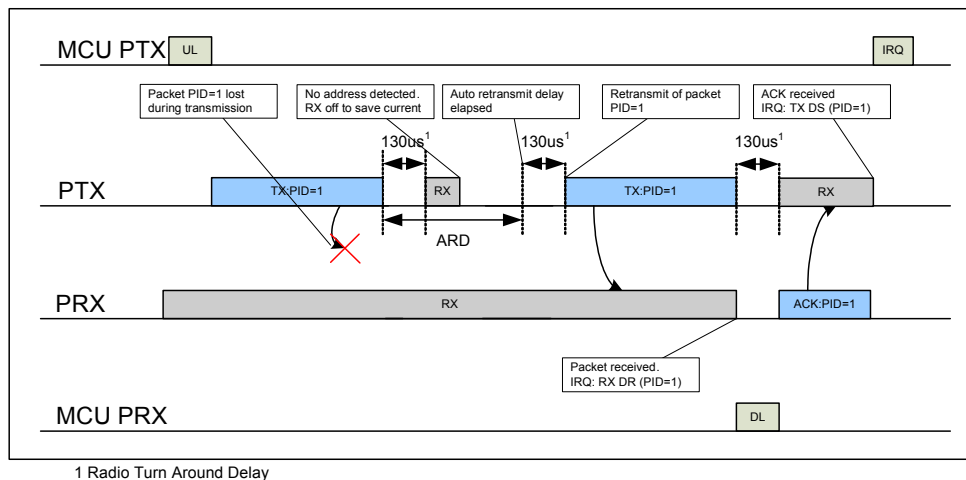


Figure 20. TX/RX cycles with ACK and the according interrupts when the first packet transmit fails

When an address is detected the PTX stays in RX mode until the packet is received. When the retransmitted packet is received by the PRX (see [Figure 20.](#) ), the `RX_DR` IRQ is asserted and an ACK is transmitted back to the PTX. When the ACK is received by the PTX, the `TX_DS` IRQ is asserted.

### 6.4.10.3 Single transaction with a lost ACK packet

[Figure 21.](#) is a scenario where a retransmission is needed after a loss of the ACK packet. The corresponding interrupts are also indicated.

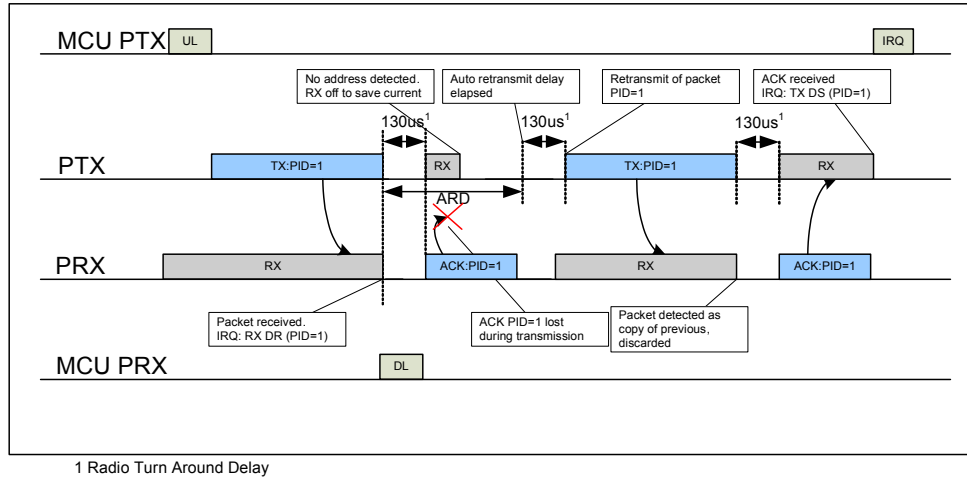


Figure 21. TX/RX cycles with ACK and the according interrupts when the ACK packet fails

### 6.4.10.4 Single transaction with ACK payload packet

[Figure 22.](#) is a scenario of the basic auto acknowledgement with payload. After the packet is transmitted by the PTX and received by the PRX the ACK packet with payload is transmitted from the PRX to the PTX. The `RX_DR` IRQ is asserted after the packet is received by the PRX, whereas on the PTX side the `TX_DS` IRQ is asserted when the ACK packet is received by the PTX. On the PRX side, the `TX_DS` IRQ for the ACK packet payload is asserted after a new packet from PTX is received. The position of the IRQ in [Figure 22.](#) shows where the MCU can respond to the interrupt.

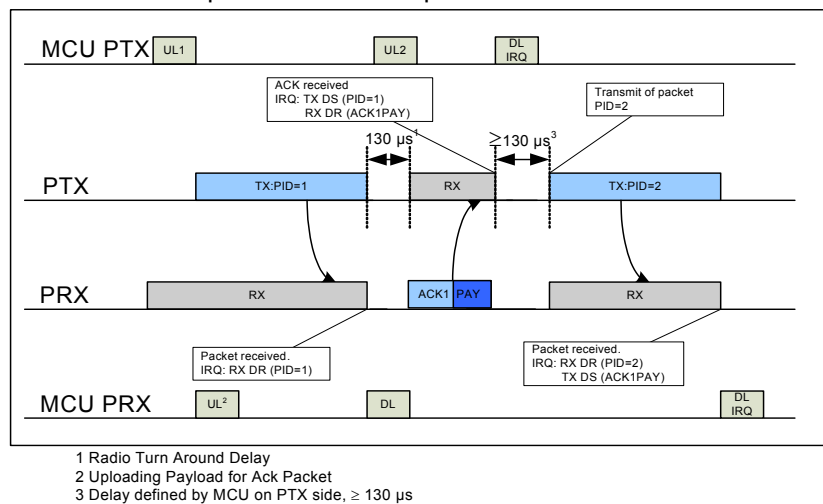


Figure 22. TX/RX cycles with ACK Payload and the according interrupts

### 6.4.10.5 Single transaction with ACK payload packet and lost packet

Figure 23 is a scenario where the first packet is lost and a retransmission is needed before the RX\_DR IRQ on the PRX side is asserted. For the PTX both the TX\_DS and RX\_DR IRQ are asserted after the ACK packet is received. After the second packet (PID=2) is received on the PRX side both the RX\_DR (PID=2) and TX\_DS (ACK packet payload) IRQ are asserted.

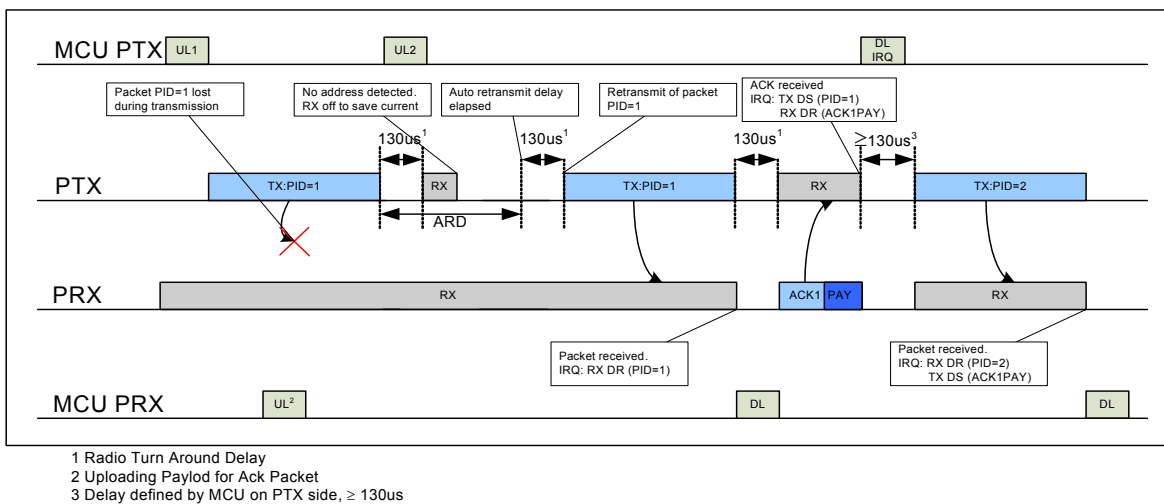


Figure 23. TX/RX cycles and the according interrupts when the packet transmission fails

### 6.4.10.6 Two transactions with ACK payload packet and the first ACK packet lost

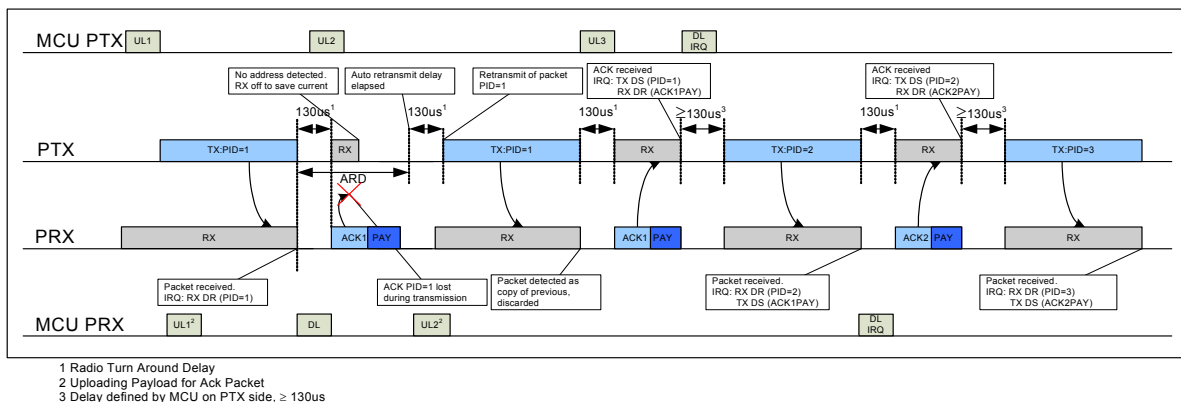


Figure 24. TX/RX cycles with ACK Payload and the according interrupts when the ACK packet fails

In Figure 24, the ACK packet is lost and a retransmission is needed before the TX\_DS IRQ is asserted, but the RX\_DR IRQ is asserted immediately. The retransmission of the packet (PID=1) results in a discarded packet. For the PTX both the TX\_DS and RX\_DR IRQ are asserted after the second transmission of ACK, which is received. After the second packet (PID=2) is received on the PRX both the RX\_DR (PID=2) and TX\_DS (ACK1PAY) IRQ is asserted. The callouts explain the different events and interrupts.

6.4.10.7 Two transactions where max retransmissions is reached

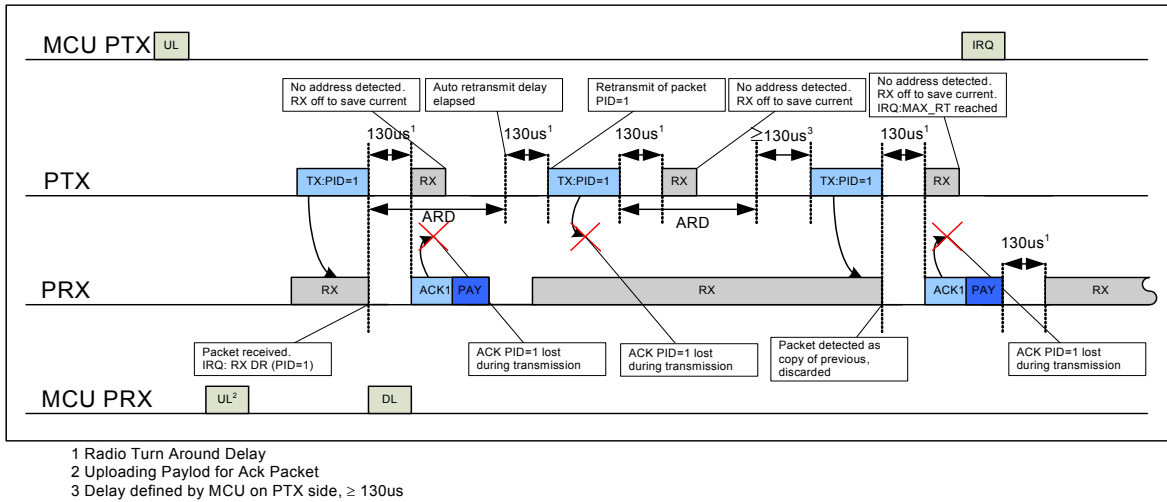


Figure 25. TX/RX cycles with ACK Payload and the according interrupts when the transmission fails. ARC is set to 2.

MAX\_RT IRQ is asserted if the auto retransmit counter (ARC\_CNT) exceeds the programmed maximum limit (ARC). In Figure 25, the packet transmission ends with a MAX\_RT IRQ. The payload in TX FIFO is NOT removed and the MCU decides the next step in the protocol. A toggle of the rfce bit in the RCON register starts a new transmitting sequence of the same packet. The payload can be removed from the TX FIFO using the FLUSH\_TX command.

6.4.11 Compatibility with ShockBurst™

You must disable Enhanced ShockBurst™ for backward compatibility with the nRF2401A, nRF2402, nRF24E1 and, nRF24E2. Set the register EN\_AA = 0x00 and ARC = 0 to disable Enhanced ShockBurst™. In addition, the RF Transceiver air data rate must be set to 1 Mbps or 250 kbps.

6.4.11.1 ShockBurst™ packet format

The ShockBurst™ packet format is described in this chapter. Figure 26. shows the packet format with MSB to the left.

|                 |                  |                     |              |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Preamble 1 byte | Address 3-5 byte | Payload 1 - 32 byte | CRC 1-2 byte |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|

Figure 26. A ShockBurst™ packet compatible with nRF2401/nRF2402/nRF24E1/nRF24E2 devices.

The ShockBurst™ packet format has a preamble, address, payload and CRC field that are the same as the Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet format described in section 6.4.3 on page 33.

The differences between the ShockBurst™ packet and the Enhanced ShockBurst™ packet are:

- The 9-bit Packet Control Field is not present in the ShockBurst™ packet format.
- The CRC is optional in the ShockBurst™ packet format and is controlled by the `EN_CRC` bit in the `CONFIG` register.

## 6.5 Data and control interface

The data and control interface gives you access to all the features in the RF Transceiver. Compared to the standalone nRF24L01+ chip, SFR registers are used instead of port pins, so that the SFR `RCON` bits `rfcsn`, `rfce` and `rfcken` control the `CSN`, `CE` and `CKEN` pins of the standalone component.

### 6.5.1 SFR registers

The MCU uses an internal SPI to communicate with the RF Transceiver. This SPI is controlled by the SFR registers shown in the tables below.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | R/W | Function              |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------|
| 0xE5    | 0x00        |     | data | RW  | SPI data input/output |

Table 19. RFDAT register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name  | R/W | Function  |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------|-----|---|
| 0xE6    | 0x00        | 7:5 | -     |     | Must be zero  |
|         |             | 4   | ss    | RW  | SPI enable:<br>0: disable, 1: enable  |
|         |             | 3:0 | rfctl | RW  | Divider factor from MCU clock (Cclk) to SPI clock frequency<br>000X: 1/2 of Cclk frequency<br>0010: 1/4 of Cclk frequency<br>0011: 1/8 of Cclk frequency<br>0100: 1/16 of Cclk frequency<br>0101: 1/32 of Cclk frequency<br>other: 1/64 of Cclk frequency |

Table 20. RFCTL register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name   | R/W | Function                          |
|---------|-------------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 0x90    | 0x02        | 7:3 | -      |     | Reserved                          |
|         |             | 2   | rfcken | RW  | RF Clock Enable (16 MHz)          |
|         |             | 1   | rfcsn  | RW  | RF SPI CSN 0: enabled 1: disabled |
|         |             | 0   | rfce   | RW  | RF CE 1: enabled 0: disabled      |

Table 21. RFCON register

## 6.5.2 SPI operation

This section describes the SPI commands and timing.

### 6.5.2.1 SPI commands

The SPI commands are shown in [Table 22](#). Every new command must be started by writing 0 to rfcsn in the RFCON register.

The SPI command is transferred to RF Transceiver by writing the command to the RFDAT register. After the first transfer the RF Transceiver's STATUS register can be read from RFDAT when the transfer is completed.

The serial shifting SPI commands is in the following format:

<Command word: MSBit to LSBit (one byte)>

<Data bytes: LSByte to MSByte, MSBit in each byte first>

| Command name             | Command word (binary) | # Data bytes            | Operation  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| R_REGISTER               | 000A AAAA             | 1 to 5<br>LSByte first  | Read command and status registers. AAAAA = 5 bit Register Map Address  |
| W_REGISTER               | 001A AAAA             | 1 to 5<br>LSByte first  | Write command and status registers. AAAAA = 5 bit Register Map Address<br>Executable in power down or standby modes only.  |
| R_RX_PAYLOAD             | 0110 0001             | 1 to 32<br>LSByte first | Read RX-payload: 1 – 32 bytes. A read operation always starts at byte 0. Payload is deleted from FIFO after it is read. Used in RX mode.   |
| W_TX_PAYLOAD             | 1010 0000             | 1 to 32<br>LSByte first | Write TX-payload: 1 – 32 bytes. A write operation always starts at byte 0 used in TX payload.  |
| FLUSH_TX                 | 1110 0001             | 0                       | Flush TX FIFO, used in TX mode   |
| FLUSH_RX                 | 1110 0010             | 0                       | Flush RX FIFO, used in RX mode<br>Should not be executed during transmission of acknowledge, that is, acknowledge package will not be completed.   |
| REUSE_TX_PL              | 1110 0011             | 0                       | Used for a PTX operation<br>Reuse last transmitted payload.<br>TX payload reuse is active until W_TX_PAYLOAD or FLUSH TX is executed. TX payload reuse must not be activated or deactivated during package transmission. |
| R_RX_PL_WID <sup>a</sup> | 0110 0000             | 1                       | Read RX payload width for the top R_RX_PAYLOAD in the RX FIFO.<br><br><b>Note:</b> Flush RX FIFO if the read value is larger than 32 bytes.  |

| Command name               | Command word (binary) | # Data bytes            | Operation   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| W_ACK_PAYLOAD <sup>a</sup> | 1010 1PPP             | 1 to 32<br>LSByte first | Used in RX mode.<br>Write Payload to be transmitted together with ACK packet on PIPE PPP. (PPP valid in the range from 000 to 101). Maximum three ACK packet payloads can be pending. Payloads with same PPP are handled using first in - first out principle. Write payload: 1– 32 bytes. A write operation always starts at byte 0. |
| W_TX_PAYLOAD_NO_ACK        | 1011 0000             | 1 to 32<br>LSByte first | Used in TX mode. Disables AUTOACK on this specific packet.  |
| NOP                        | 1111 1111             | 0                       | No Operation. Might be used to read the STATUS register   |

a. The bits in the FEATURE register shown in [Table 23](#). have to be set.

Table 22. Command set for the RF Transceiver SPI

The W\_REGISTER and R\_REGISTER commands operate on single or multi-byte registers. When accessing multi-byte registers read or write to the MSBit of LSByte first. You can terminate the writing before all bytes in a multi-byte register are written, leaving the unwritten MSByte(s) unchanged. For example, the LSByte of RX\_ADDR\_P0 can be modified by writing only one byte to the RX\_ADDR\_P0 register. The content of the status register is always read to MISO after a high to low transition on CSN.

**Note:** The 3-bit pipe information in the STATUS register is updated during the RFIRQ high to low transition. The pipe information is unreliable if the STATUS register is read during an RFIRQ high to low transition.

### 6.5.3 Data FIFO

The data FIFOs store transmitted payloads (TX FIFO) or received payloads that are ready to be clocked out (RX FIFO). The FIFOs are accessible in both PTX mode and PRX mode.

The following FIFOs are present in the RF Transceiver:

- TX three level, 32 byte FIFO
- RX three level, 32 byte FIFO

Both FIFOs have a controller and are accessible through the SPI by using dedicated SPI commands. A TX FIFO in PRX can store payloads for ACK packets to three different PTX operations. If the TX FIFO contains more than one payload to a pipe, payloads are handled using the first in - first out principle. The TX FIFO in a PRX is blocked if all pending payloads are addressed to pipes where the link to the PTX is lost. In this case, the MCU can flush the TX FIFO using the FLUSH\_TX command.

The RX FIFO in PRX can contain payloads from up to three different PTX operations and a TX FIFO in PTX can have up to three payloads stored.

You can write to the TX FIFO using these three commands; W\_TX\_PAYLOAD and W\_TX\_PAYLOAD\_NO\_ACK in PTX mode and W\_ACK\_PAYLOAD in PRX mode. All three commands provide access to the TX\_PLD register.

The RX FIFO can be read by the command R\_RX\_PAYLOAD in PTX and PRX mode. This command provides access to the RX\_PLD register.

The payload in TX FIFO in a PTX is not removed if the MAX\_RT IRQ is asserted.

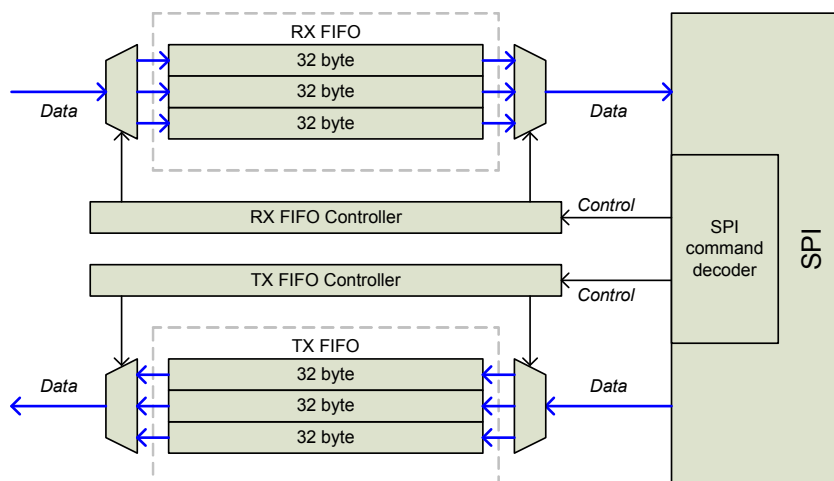


Figure 27. FIFO (RX and TX) block diagram

You can read if the TX and RX FIFO are full or empty in the FIFO\_STATUS register. TX\_REUSE (also available in the FIFO\_STATUS register) is set by the SPI command REUSE\_TX\_PL, and is reset by the SPI commands W\_TX\_PAYLOAD or FLUSH\_TX.

### 6.5.4 Interrupt

The RF Transceiver can send interrupts to the MCU. The interrupt (RFIRQ) is activated when TX\_DS, RX\_DR or MAX\_RT are set high by the state machine in the STATUS register. RFIRQ is deactivated when the MCU writes '1' to the interrupt source bit in the STATUS register. The interrupt mask in the CONFIG register is used to select the IRQ sources that are allowed to activate RFIRQ. By setting one of the mask bits high, the corresponding interrupt source is disabled. By default all interrupt sources are enabled.

**Note:** The 3-bit pipe information in the STATUS register is updated during the RFIRQ high to low transition. The pipe information is unreliable if the STATUS register is read during a RFIRQ high to low transition.



## 6.6 Register map

You can configure and control the radio (using read and write commands) by accessing the register map through the SPI.

### 6.6.1 Register map table

All undefined bits in the table below are redundant. They are read out as '0'.

**Note:** Addresses 18 to 1B are reserved for test purposes, altering them makes the chip malfunction.

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic                         | Bit | Reset Value | Type | Description  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------|------|--|
| 00            | CONFIG                           |     |             |      | Configuration Register   |
|               | Reserved                         | 7   | 0           | R/W  | Only '0' allowed   |
|               | MASK_RX_DR                       | 6   | 0           | R/W  | Mask interrupt caused by RX_DR<br>1: Interrupt not reflected on the RFIRQ<br>0: Reflect RX_DR as active low on RFIRQ           |
|               | MASK_TX_DS                       | 5   | 0           | R/W  | Mask interrupt caused by TX_DS<br>1: Interrupt not reflected on the RFIRQ<br>0: Reflect TX_DS as active low interrupt on RFIRQ |
|               | MASK_MAX_RT                      | 4   | 0           | R/W  | Mask interrupt caused by MAX_RT<br>1: Interrupt not reflected on RFIRQ<br>0: Reflect MAX_RT as active low on RFIRQ             |
|               | EN_CRC                           | 3   | 1           | R/W  | Enable CRC. Forced high if one of the bits in the EN_AA is high  |
|               | CRCO                             | 2   | 0           | R/W  | CRC encoding scheme<br>'0' - 1 byte<br>'1' - 2 bytes   |
|               | PWR_UP                           | 1   | 0           | R/W  | 1: POWER UP, 0:POWER DOWN  |
|               | PRIM_RX                          | 0   | 0           | R/W  | RX/TX control<br>1: PRX, 0: PTX  |
| 01            | EN_AA<br>Enhanced<br>ShockBurst™ |     |             |      | Enable 'Auto Acknowledgment' Function Disable this functionality to be compatible with nRF2401.                                |
|               | Reserved                         | 7:6 | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | ENAA_P5                          | 5   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 5  |
|               | ENAA_P4                          | 4   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 4  |
|               | ENAA_P3                          | 3   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 3  |
|               | ENAA_P2                          | 2   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 2  |
|               | ENAA_P1                          | 1   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 1  |
|               | ENAA_P0                          | 0   | 1           | R/W  | Enable auto acknowledgement data pipe 0  |
| 02            | EN_RXADDR                        |     |             |      | Enabled RX Addresses   |
|               | Reserved                         | 7:6 | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | ERX_P5                           | 5   | 0           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 5.  |
|               | ERX_P4                           | 4   | 0           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 4.  |
|               | ERX_P3                           | 3   | 0           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 3.  |
|               | ERX_P2                           | 2   | 0           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 2.  |
|               | ERX_P1                           | 1   | 1           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 1.  |
|               | ERX_P0                           | 0   | 1           | R/W  | Enable data pipe 0.  |

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic         | Bit | Reset Value | Type | Description  |
|---------------|------------------|-----|-------------|------|--|
| 03            | SETUP_AW         |     |             |      | Setup of Address Widths (common for all data pipes)  |
|               | Reserved         | 7:2 | 000000      | R/W  | Only '000000' allowed  |
|               | AW               | 1:0 | 11          | R/W  | RX/TX Address field width<br>'00' - Illegal<br>'01' - 3 bytes<br>'10' - 4 bytes<br>'11' - 5 bytes<br>LSByte is used if address width is below 5 bytes  |
| 04            | SETUP_RETR       |     |             |      | Setup of Automatic Retransmission  |
|               | ARD <sup>a</sup> | 7:4 | 0000        | R/W  | Auto Retransmit Delay<br>'0000' - Wait 250 µs<br>'0001' - Wait 500 µs<br>'0010' - Wait 750 µs<br>.....<br>'1111' - Wait 4000 µs<br>(Delay defined from end of transmission to start of next transmission) <sup>b</sup> |
|               | ARC              | 3:0 | 0011        | R/W  | Auto Retransmit Count<br>'0000' - Re-Transmit disabled<br>'0001' - Up to 1 Re-Transmit on fail of AA<br>.....<br>'1111' - Up to 15 Re-Transmit on fail of AA   |
| 05            | RF_CH            |     |             |      | RF Channel   |
|               | Reserved         | 7   | 0           | R/W  | Only '0' allowed   |
|               | RF_CH            | 6:0 | 0000010     | R/W  | Sets the frequency channel the RF Transceiver operates on  |
| 06            | RF_SETUP         |     |             |      | RF Setup Register  |
|               | CONT_WAVE        | 7   | 0           | R/W  | Enables continuous carrier transmit when high.   |
|               | Reserved         | 6   | 0           | R/W  | Only '0' allowed   |
|               | RF_DR_LOW        | 5   | 0           | R/W  | Set RF Data Rate to 250 kbps. See RF_DR_HIGH for encoding.   |
|               | PLL_LOCK         | 4   | 0           | R/W  | Force PLL lock signal. Only used in test   |
|               | RF_DR_HIGH       | 3   | 1           | R/W  | Select between the high speed data rates. This bit is don't care if RF_DR_LOW is set.<br>Encoding:<br>RF_DR_LOW, RF_DR_HIGH:<br>'00' - 1 Mbps<br>'01' - 2 Mbps<br>'10' - 250 kbps<br>'11' - Reserved                   |
|               | RF_PWR           | 2:1 | 11          | R/W  | Set RF output power in TX mode<br>'00' - -18dBm<br>'01' - -12dBm<br>'10' - -6dBm<br>'11' - 0dBm  |

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic   | Bit  | Reset Value  | Type | Description   |
|---------------|------------|------|--------------|------|---|
|               | Obsolete   | 0    |              |      | Don't care  |
| 07            | STATUS     |      |              |      | Status Register (In parallel to the SPI command word applied on the <b>MOSI</b> pin, the <b>STATUS</b> register is shifted serially out on the <b>MISO</b> pin)   |
|               | Reserved   | 7    | 0            | R/W  | Only '0' allowed  |
|               | RX_DR      | 6    | 0            | R/W  | Data Ready RX FIFO interrupt. Asserted when new data arrives RX FIFO <sup>c</sup> . Write 1 to clear bit.   |
|               | TX_DS      | 5    | 0            | R/W  | Data Sent TX FIFO interrupt. Asserted when packet transmitted on TX. If <b>AUTO_ACK</b> is activated, this bit is set high only when <b>ACK</b> is received. Write 1 to clear bit.  |
|               | MAX_RT     | 4    | 0            | R/W  | Maximum number of TX retransmits interrupt Write 1 to clear bit. If <b>MAX_RT</b> is asserted it must be cleared to enable further communication.   |
|               | RX_P_NO    | 3:1  | 111          | R    | Data pipe number for the payload available for reading from <b>RX_FIFO</b><br>000-101: Data Pipe Number<br>110: Not Used<br>111: RX FIFO Empty  |
|               | TX_FULL    | 0    | 0            | R    | TX FIFO full flag.<br>1: TX FIFO full.<br>0: Available locations in TX FIFO.  |
| 08            | OBSERVE_TX |      |              |      | Transmit observe register   |
|               | PLOS_CNT   | 7:4  | 0            | R    | Count lost packets. The counter is overflow protected to 15, and discontinues at max until reset. The counter is reset by writing to <b>RF_CH</b> .   |
|               | ARC_CNT    | 3:0  | 0            | R    | Count retransmitted packets. The counter is reset when transmission of a new packet starts.   |
| 09            | RPD        |      |              |      |   |
|               | Reserved   | 7:1  | 000000       | R    |   |
|               | RPD        | 0    | 0            | R    | Received Power Detector. This register is called CD (Carrier Detect) in the nRF24L01. The name is different in the RF Transceiver due to the different input power level threshold for this bit. See section <a href="#">6.3.4 on page 31</a> . |
| 0A            | RX_ADDR_P0 | 39:0 | 0xE7E7E7E7E7 | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 0. 5 Bytes maximum length. (LSByte is written first. Write the number of bytes defined by <b>SETUP_AW</b> )   |
| 0B            | RX_ADDR_P1 | 39:0 | 0xC2C2C2C2C2 | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 1. 5 Bytes maximum length. (LSByte is written first. Write the number of bytes defined by <b>SETUP_AW</b> )   |
| 0C            | RX_ADDR_P2 | 7:0  | 0xC3         | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 2. Only LSB. MSBytes are equal to <b>RX_ADDR_P1</b> 39:8  |
| 0D            | RX_ADDR_P3 | 7:0  | 0xC4         | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 3. Only LSB. MSBytes are equal to <b>RX_ADDR_P1</b> 39:8  |

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic   | Bit  | Reset Value | Type | Description  |
|---------------|------------|------|-------------|------|--|
| 0E            | RX_ADDR_P4 | 7:0  | 0xC5        | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 4. Only LSB. MSBytes are equal to RX_ADDR_P139:8   |
| 0F            | RX_ADDR_P5 | 7:0  | 0xC6        | R/W  | Receive address data pipe 5. Only LSB. MSBytes are equal to RX_ADDR_P139:8   |
| 10            | TX_ADDR    | 39:0 | 0xE7E7E7E7  | R/W  | Transmit address. Used for a PTX operation only. (LSByte is written first)<br>Set RX_ADDR_P0 equal to this address to handle automatic acknowledge if this is a PTX operation with Enhanced ShockBurst™ enabled. |
| 11            | RX_PW_P0   |      |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved   | 7:6  | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_PW_P0   | 5:0  | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 0 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 12            | RX_PW_P1   |      |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved   | 7:6  | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_PW_P1   | 5:0  | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 1 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 13            | RX_PW_P2   |      |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved   | 7:6  | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_PW_P2   | 5:0  | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 2 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 14            | RX_PW_P3   |      |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved   | 7:6  | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_PW_P3   | 5:0  | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 3 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 15            | RX_PW_P4   |      |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved   | 7:6  | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic    | Bit   | Reset Value | Type | Description  |
|---------------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|--|
|               | RX_PW_P4    | 5:0   | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 4 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 16            | RX_PW_P5    |       |             |      |  |
|               | Reserved    | 7:6   | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_PW_P5    | 5:0   | 0           | R/W  | Number of bytes in RX payload in data pipe 5 (1 to 32 bytes).<br>0 Pipe not used<br>1 = 1 byte<br>...<br>32 = 32 bytes   |
| 17            | FIFO_STATUS |       |             |      | FIFO Status Register   |
|               | Reserved    | 7     | 0           | R/W  | Only '0' allowed   |
|               | TX_REUSE    | 6     | 0           | R    | Used for a PTX operation<br>Pulse the <i>rfce</i> high for at least 10µs to Reuse last transmitted payload. TX payload reuse is active until <i>W_TX_PAYLOAD</i> or <i>FLUSH_TX</i> is executed.<br><i>TX_REUSE</i> is set by the SPI command <i>REUSE_TX_PL</i> , and is reset by the SPI commands <i>W_TX_PAYLOAD</i> or <i>FLUSH_TX</i> |
|               | TX_FULL     | 5     | 0           | R    | TX FIFO full flag. 1: TX FIFO full. 0: Available locations in TX FIFO.   |
|               | TX_EMPTY    | 4     | 1           | R    | TX FIFO empty flag.<br>1: TX FIFO empty.<br>0: Data in TX FIFO.  |
|               | Reserved    | 3:2   | 00          | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | RX_FULL     | 1     | 0           | R    | RX FIFO full flag.<br>1: RX FIFO full.<br>0: Available locations in RX FIFO.   |
|               | RX_EMPTY    | 0     | 1           | R    | RX FIFO empty flag.<br>1: RX FIFO empty.<br>0: Data in RX FIFO.  |
| N/A           | ACK_PLD     | 255:0 | X           | W    | Written by separate SPI command<br>ACK packet payload to data pipe number PPP given in SPI command.<br>Used in RX mode only.<br>Maximum three ACK packet payloads can be pending. Payloads with same PPP are handled first in first out.   |
| N/A           | TX_PLD      | 255:0 | X           | W    | Written by separate SPI command TX data payload register 1 - 32 bytes.<br>This register is implemented as a FIFO with three levels.<br>Used in TX mode only.   |

| Address (Hex) | Mnemonic                | Bit   | Reset Value | Type | Description  |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------|--|
| N/A           | RX_PLD                  | 255:0 | X           | R    | Read by separate SPI command. RX data payload register. 1 - 32 bytes. This register is implemented as a FIFO with three levels. All RX channels share the same FIFO. |
| <b>1C</b>     |                         |       |             |      |  |
|               | DYNPD                   |       |             |      | Enable dynamic payload length  |
|               | Reserved                | 7:6   | 0           | R/W  | Only '00' allowed  |
|               | DPL_P5                  | 5     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 5. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P5)   |
|               | DPL_P4                  | 4     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 4. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P4)   |
|               | DPL_P3                  | 3     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 3. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P3)   |
|               | DPL_P2                  | 2     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 2. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P2)   |
|               | DPL_P1                  | 1     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 1. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P1)   |
|               | DPL_P0                  | 0     | 0           | R/W  | Enable dynamic payload length data pipe 0. (Requires EN_DPL and ENAA_P0)   |
| <b>1D</b>     |                         |       |             |      |  |
|               | FEATURE                 |       |             | R/W  | Feature Register   |
|               | Reserved                | 7:3   | 0           | R/W  | Only '00000' allowed   |
|               | EN_DPL                  | 2     | 0           | R/W  | Enables Dynamic Payload Length   |
|               | EN_ACK_PAY <sup>d</sup> | 1     | 0           | R/W  | Enables Payload with ACK   |
|               | EN_DYN_ACK              | 0     | 0           | R/W  | Enables the W_TX_PAYLOAD_NOACK command   |

- a. Please take care when setting this parameter. If the ACK payload is more than 15 byte in 2 Mbps mode the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more, if the ACK payload is more than 5 byte in 1 Mbps mode the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more. In 250 kbps mode (even when the payload is not in ACK) the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more.
- b. This is the time the PTX is waiting for an ACK packet before a retransmit is made. The PTX is in RX mode for a minimum of 250  $\mu$ s, but it stays in RX mode to the end of the packet if that is longer than 250  $\mu$ s. Then it goes to standby-I mode for the rest of the specified ARD. After the ARD it goes to TX mode and then retransmits the packet.
- c. The RX\_DR IRQ is asserted by a new packet arrival event. The procedure for handling this interrupt should be: 1) read payload through SPI, 2) clear RX\_DR IRQ, 3) read FIFO\_STATUS to check if there are more payloads available in RX FIFO, 4) if there are more data in RX FIFO, repeat from step 1).
- d. If ACK packet payload is activated, ACK packets have dynamic payload lengths and the Dynamic Payload Length feature should be enabled for pipe 0 on the PTX and PRX. This is to ensure that they receive the ACK packets with payloads. If the ACK payload is more than 15 byte in 2 Mbps mode the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more, and if the ACK payload is more than 5 byte in 1 Mbps mode the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more. In 250 kbps mode (even when the payload is not in ACK) the ARD must be 500  $\mu$ s or more.

Table 23. Register map of the RF Transceiver

## 7 USB Interface

The USB device controller provides a full speed USB function interface that meets the 1.1 and 2.0 revision of the USB specification. It handles byte transfers autonomously and bridges the USB interface to a simple read/write parallel interface.

### 7.1 Features

- Serial Interface Engine
  - ▶ Supports full speed devices
  - ▶ Extraction of clock and data signals in internal DPLL
  - ▶ NRZI decoding/encoding
  - ▶ Bit stuffing/stripping
  - ▶ CRC checking/generation
  - ▶ On-chip transceiver
  - ▶ On-chip pull-up resistor on D+ with software controlled disconnect
- 2 control, 10 bulk/interrupt and 2 ISO endpoints
  - ▶ Supports control transfers by endpoint #0
  - ▶ Supports bulk, interrupt on endpoint #1 - #5 (in/out)
  - ▶ Support double buffering for isochronous endpoint #8 (in/out)
  - ▶ Programmable double buffering for bulk and interrupt endpoints
- Automatic data retry mechanism
- Data toggle synchronization mechanism
- Suspend and resume power management functions
- Remote Wakeup function
- Flexible endpoint buffers RAM
  - ▶ 512 bytes buffer total
  - ▶ Up to 64 bytes buffer size for endpoint 0-5
  - ▶ Up to 128bytes buffer size for endpoint 8

The endpoint set up allows for five different applications (for example, Mouse, Keyboard, Remote Control, Gamepad and Joystick) to use both input and output data transfer on separate endpoints.

The nRF24LU1+ supports a total of 14 endpoints. EP0 IN/OUT supports input and output control data transfer, EP1-5 IN/OUT supports input and output bulk and interrupt data transfer. In addition, EP8 IN/OUT can be configured for input and output isynchronous data transfer. These two endpoints share memory buffer area with EP0-5. This sharing is controlled by nRF24LU1+ firmware.

7.2 Block diagram

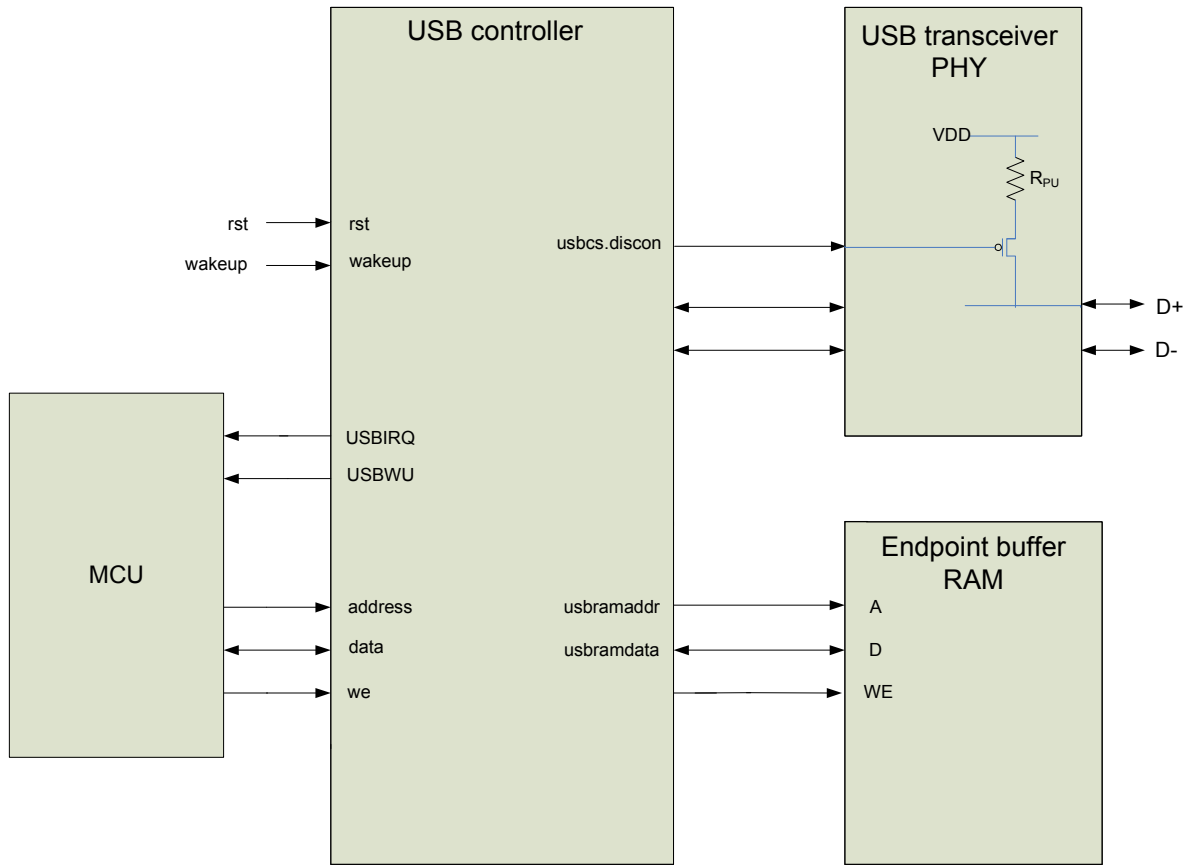


Figure 28. USB block diagram



### 7.3 Functional description

The USB module is designed to serve as a Full Speed (FS) USB device as defined in the Universal Serial Bus Specification Rev 2.0. It is controlled both with SFR registers and XDATA mapped registers. There are two SFR registers, USBCON and USBSLP, and the rest of the registers are XDATA mapped registers.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name      | R/W | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|---|
| 0xA0    | 0x00        | 7   | swrst     | RW  | 1: reset USB  |
|         |             | 6   | wu        | RW  | 1: wakeup USB, must be cleared before setting USBSLP.                                   |
|         |             | 5   | suspend   | R   | 1: USB is suspended. This bit acknowledges USBSLP=1, after a delay of up to 32 $\mu$ s. |
|         |             | 4:0 | ivec[6:2] | R   | Interrupt vector ivec, see <a href="#">Table 34. on page 84</a>                         |

Table 24. USBCON register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name  | R/W | Description                                      |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------|-----|--|
| 0xD9    | 0x00        | 7:1 | -     | -   | Not used   |
|         |             | 0   | Sleep | WO  | 1: Disable USB clock, bit automatically cleared. |

Set wu=1 in USBCON to enable USB clock

Table 25. USBSLP register

The other USB registers and buffer RAM are accessible through a 2k “window” in XDATA space using the MOVX instruction.

**Note:** Undefined addresses should not be written or read.

**Note:** Key to abbreviations used in [Table 27. on page 70](#):

- ▶u - unchanged value after reset
- ▶x - unknown

| Hex address            | Name    | Hex hard reset | USB reset | bit 7 | bit 6 | bit 5 | bit 4 | bit 3 | bit 2 | bit 1 | bit 0 |
|------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C440-C47F <sup>a</sup> | out5buf | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C480-C4BF              | in5buf  | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C4C0-C4FF              | out4buf | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C500-C53F              | in4buf  | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C540-C57F              | out3buf | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C580-C5BF              | in3buf  | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C5C0-C5FF              | out2buf | x              | x         | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |

| Hex address | Name      | Hex hard reset | USB reset    | bit 7 | bit 6 | bit 5  | bit 4  | bit 3  | bit 2  | bit 1  | bit 0   |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| C600-C63F   | in2buf    | x              | x            | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C640-C67F   | out1buf   | x              | x            | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C680-C6BF   | in1buf    | x              | x            | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C6C0-C6FF   | out0buf   | x              | x            | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C700-C73F   | in0buf    | x              | x            | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C760        | out8data  | x              | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C768        | in8data   | x              | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7    | d6    | d5     | d4     | d3     | d2     | d1     | d0      |
| C770        | out8bch   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | bc9    | bc8     |
| C771        | out8bcl   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | bc7   | bc6   | bc5    | bc4    | bc3    | bc2    | bc1    | bc0     |
| C781        | bout1addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C782        | bout2addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C783        | bout3addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C784        | bout4addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C785        | bout5addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C788        | binstaddr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr9 | addr8 | addr7  | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2   |
| C789        | bin1addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C78A        | bin2addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C78B        | bin3addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C78C        | bin4addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C78D        | bin5addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | addr8 | addr7 | addr6  | addr5  | addr4  | addr3  | addr2  | addr1   |
| C7A0        | isoerr    | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | iso8err |
| C7A2        | zbcout    | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | ep8     |
| C7A8        | ivec      | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | iv4   | iv3    | iv2    | iv1    | iv0    | 0      | 0       |
| C7A9        | in_irq    | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | in5ir  | in4ir  | in3ir  | in2ir  | in1ir  | in0ir   |
| C7AA        | out_irq   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | out5ir | out4ir | out3ir | out2ir | out1ir | out0ir  |

| Hex address | Name    | Hex hard reset | USB reset    | bit 7 | bit 6 | bit 5   | bit 4   | bit 3   | bit 2   | bit 1   | bit 0    |
|-------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| C7AB        | usbirq  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | ibnir   | uresir  | suspir  | sutokir | sofir   | sudavir  |
| C7AC        | in_ien  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | in5ien  | in4ien  | in3ien  | in2ien  | in1ien  | in0ien   |
| C7AD        | out_ien | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | out5ien | out4ien | out3ien | out2ien | out1ien | out0ien  |
| C7AE        | usbien  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | ibnie   | uresie  | suspie  | sutokie | sofie   | sudavie  |
| C7AF        | usbbav  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | aven     |
| C7B4        | ep0cs   | 08             | uuuu<br>u0uu | 0     | 0     | chgset  | dstall  | outbsy  | inbsy   | hsnak   | ep0stall |
| C7B5        | in0bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7B6        | in1cs   | 00             | uuuu<br>uu00 | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | in1bsy  | in1stl   |
| C7B7        | in1bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7B8        | in2cs   | 00             | uuuu<br>uu00 | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | in2bsy  | in2stl   |
| C7B9        | in2bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7BA        | in3cs   | 00             | uuuu<br>uu00 | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | in3bsy  | in3stl   |
| C7BB        | in3bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7BC        | in4cs   | 00             | uuuu<br>uu00 | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | in4bsy  | in4stl   |
| C7BD        | in4bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7BE        | in5cs   | 00             | uuuu<br>uu00 | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | in5bsy  | in5stl   |
| C7BF        | in5bc   | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7C5        | out0bc  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7C6        | out1cs  | 02             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | out1bsy | out1stl  |
| C7C7        | out1bc  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7C8        | out2cs  | 02             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | out2bsy | out2stl  |
| C7C9        | out2bc  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7CA        | out3cs  | 02             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | out3bsy | out3stl  |
| C7CB        | out3bc  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | bc6   | bc5     | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1     | bc0      |
| C7CC        | out4cs  | 02             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | out4bsy | out4stl  |

| Hex address | Name                | Hex hard reset | USB reset    | bit 7        | bit 6  | bit 5       | bit 4   | bit 3   | bit 2   | bit 1       | bit 0         |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| C7CD        | out4bc              | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | bc6    | bc5         | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1         | bc0           |
| C7CE        | out5cs              | 02             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | out5bs<br>y | out5stl       |
| C7CF        | out5bc              | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | bc6    | bc5         | bc4     | bc3     | bc2     | bc1         | bc0           |
| C7D6        | usbcs               | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | wakesr<br>c  | 0      | sofgen      | 0       | discon  | 0       | forcej      | sigr-<br>sume |
| C7D7        | togctl <sup>b</sup> | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | q            | s      | r           | io      | 0       | ep2     | ep1         | ep0           |
| C7D8        | usbfrml             | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | fc7          | fc6    | fc5         | fc4     | fc3     | fc2     | fc1         | fc0           |
| C7D9        | usbfrmh             | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | 0           | 0       | 0       | fc10    | fc9         | fc8           |
| C7DB        | fnaddr              | 00             | 0000<br>0000 | 0            | fa6    | fa5         | fa4     | fa3     | fa2     | fa1         | fa0           |
| C7DD        | usbpair             | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | isosend<br>0 | 0      | 0           | pr4out  | pr2out  | 0       | pr4in       | pr2in         |
| C7DE        | inbulkval           | 57             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | in5val      | in4val  | in3val  | in2val  | in1val      | 1             |
| C7DF        | outbulkval          | 55             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | out5va<br>l | out4val | out3val | out2val | out1va<br>l | 1             |
| C7E0        | inisoval            | 07             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0           | in8val        |
| C7E1        | outisoval           | 07             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | 0      | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0           | out8val       |
| C7E2        | isostaddr           | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | addr10 | addr9       | addr8   | addr7   | addr6   | addr5       | addr4         |
| C7E3        | isosize             | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | 0            | size10 | size9       | size8   | size7   | size6   | size5       | size4         |
| C7E8        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |
| C7E9        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |
| C7EA        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |
| C7EB        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |
| C7EC        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |
| C7ED        | setupbuf            | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7           | d6     | d5          | d4      | d3      | d2      | d1          | d0            |

| Hex address | Name     | Hex hard reset | USB reset    | bit 7 | bit 6 | bit 5 | bit 4 | bit 3 | bit 2 | bit 1 | bit 0 |
|-------------|----------|----------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C7EE        | setupbuf | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C7EF        | setupbuf | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | d7    | d6    | d5    | d4    | d3    | d2    | d1    | d0    |
| C7F0        | out8addr | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | a9    | a8    | a7    | a6    | a5    | a4    | 0     | 0     |
| C7F8        | in8addr  | 00             | uuuuu<br>uuu | a9    | a8    | a7    | a6    | a5    | a4    | 0     | 0     |

- The addresses for outxbuf and inxbuf are indirect addresses which are mapped according to the endpoint definitions given in register boutxaddr and binxaddr.
- See also [section 7.5.4](#)

**Note:** Key to abbreviations used in the table:

- ▶ U - unchanged value after reset
- ▶ Un - unknown

*Table 26. USB buffer and register map*

## 7.4 Control endpoints

Each USB device is allocated by endpoint numbers. The endpoint 0 (EP0) is reserved for control transfers. Using USB requests, the host uses EP0 for device configuration.

The device processes the `SET_ADDRESS` request and sets the address in the `fnaddr` register. Firmware interrupts this request as configured in the `usbien` register.

All other USB device requests must be processed by firmware.

### 7.4.1 Control endpoint 0 implementation

Every USB device must have the endpoint 0, it is the special control endpoint.

## 7.4.2 Endpoint 0 registers

| Register name          | Bit name             | Bit description                    |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| usbien(0)              | sudavie              | Setup data valid interrupt enable  |
| usbien(2)              | sutokie              | Setup token interrupt enable       |
| usbirq(0)              | sudavir              | Setup data valid interrupt request |
| usbirq(2)              | sutokir              | Setup token interrupt request      |
| setupdat0<br>setupdat7 | Setup Data<br>Buffer | 8 bytes setup data packet          |
| in_irq(0)              | in0ir                | IN 0 endpoint interrupt request    |
| out_irq(0)             | out0ir               | OUT 0 endpoint interrupt request   |
| in_ien(0)              | in0ien               | IN 0 endpoint interrupt enable     |
| out_ien(0)             | out0ien              | OUT 0 endpoint interrupt enable    |
| ep0cs(0)               | ep0stall             | Endpoint 0 STALL bit               |
| ep0cs(1)               | hsnak                | Handshake NAK                      |
| ep0cs(2)               | inbsy                | IN 0 buffer busy flag              |
| ep0cs(3)               | outbsy               | OUT 0 buffer busy flag             |
| ep0cs(4)               | dstall               | Send STALL in the data stage       |
| ep0cs(5)               | chgset               | Setup Buffer content was changed   |
| in0bc                  | Register             | IN 0 byte counter                  |
| out0bc                 | Register             | OUT 0 byte counter                 |

Table 27. Endpoint 0 Register

### 7.4.3 Control transfer examples

A control transfer consists of two or three stages:

- Setup stage
- Data stage (optional)
- Status stage

#### 7.4.3.1 Control write transfer example

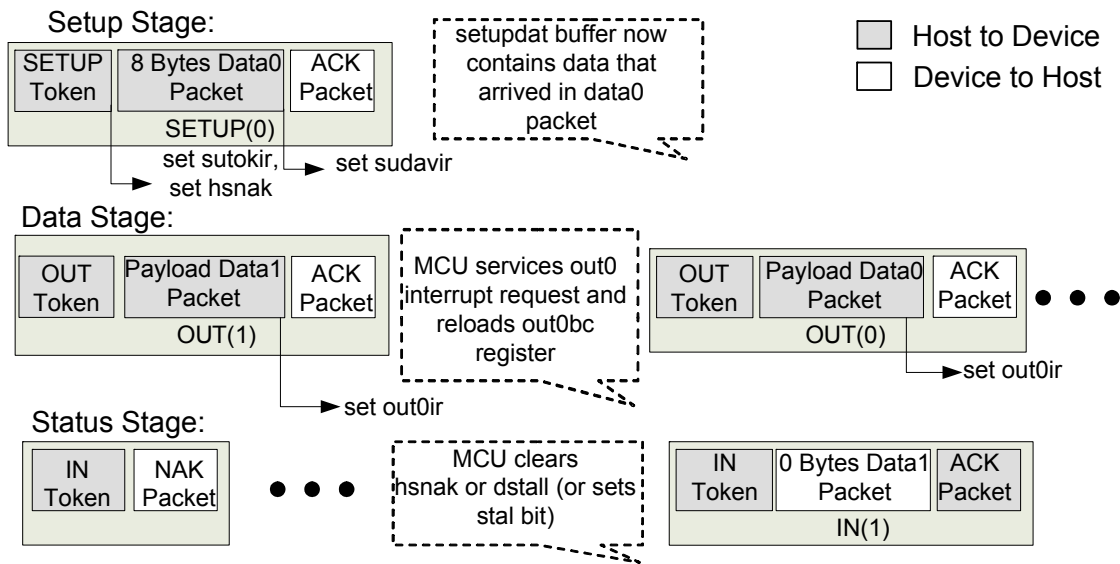


Figure 29. Control Write Transfer

After receiving the SETUP token, the USB controller sets the `hsnak` and `sutokir` bits. If an 8-byte data packet is received correctly, the USB controller sets the `sudavir` bit. Setting `sutokir` and (or) `sudavir` bits generates the appropriate interrupts. The data stage consists of one or more OUT bulk-like transactions.

The USB controller generates the OUT 0 interrupt request by setting the `out0ir` bit after each correct OUT transaction during the data stage. `out0bc` register contains the number of data bytes received in the last OUT transaction. The MCU services the interrupt request and then prepares the endpoint for the next transaction by reloading the `out0bc` register with any value (setting `outbsy` bit). The status stage of a control transfer is the last operation in the sequence.

The MCU clears the `hsnak` bit (by writing 1 to it) to instruct the USB controller to ACK the status stage. The USB controller sends a STALL handshake when both `hsnak` and `stal` bits are set.

### 7.4.3.2 Control read transfer example

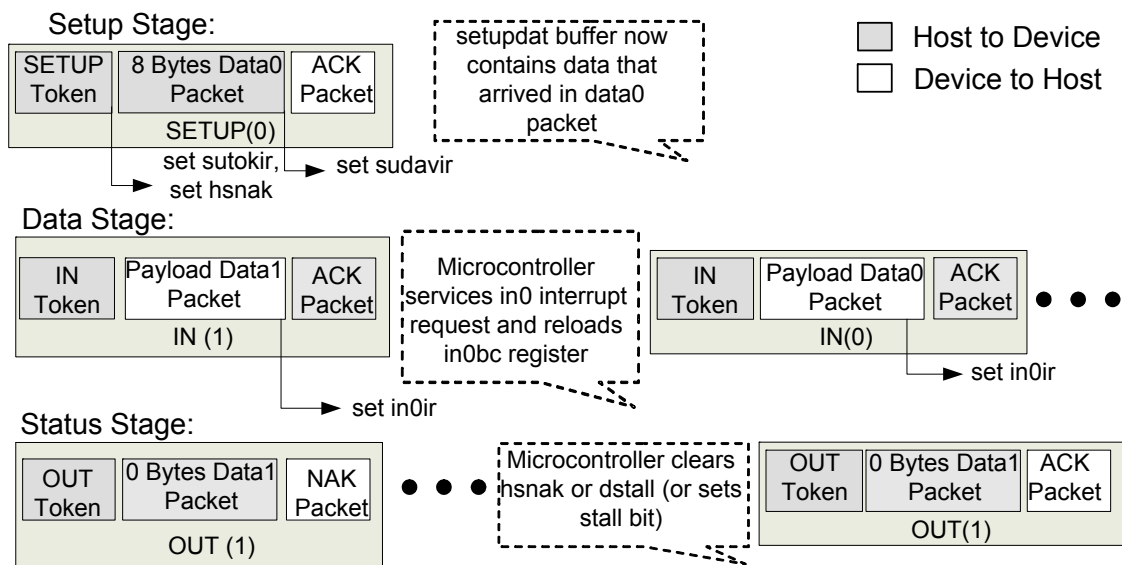


Figure 30. Control Read Transfer

Control read transfer is similar to control write transfer with the only difference in the data stage. During the data stage of control read transfers, the USB controller generates the IN 0 interrupt request by setting in0ir bit. This is done after each acknowledge by the host data packet. The MCU loads new data into the IN 0 buffer and then reloads the in0bc register with a valid number of loaded data. Reloading the in0bc register causes the inbsy bit to set and arms the endpoint for the next IN transaction.

The status stage of a control transfer is the last operation in the sequence. The MCU clears the hsnak bit (by writing 1 to it) to instruct the USB controller to ACK the status stage. The USB controller sends the STALL handshake when both hsnak and stall bits are set.

### 7.4.3.3 No-data control transfer example

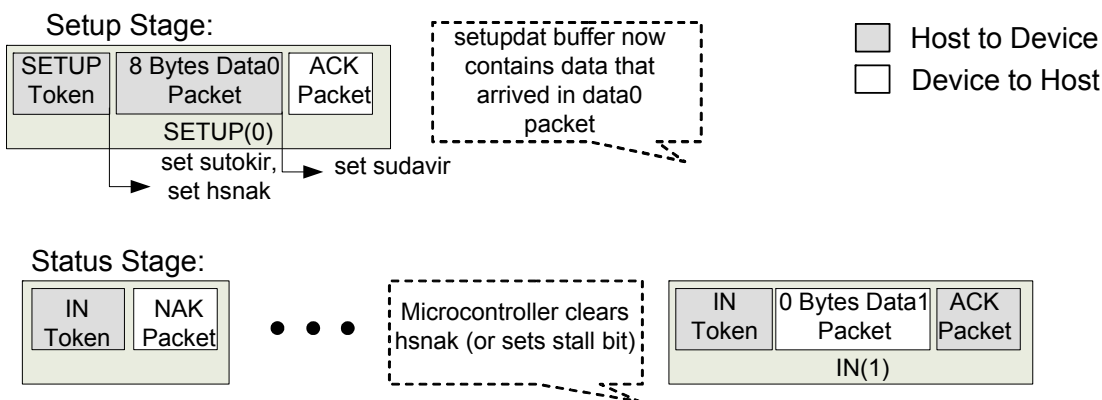


Figure 31. No-data Control Transfer



Some control transfers do not have a data stage. In this case the status stage consists of the IN data packet. The MCU clears the hsnak bit (by writing 1 to it) to instruct the USB controller to ACK (acknowledge) the status stage.

## 7.5 Bulk/Interrupt endpoints

Each USB transaction is formed as a token packet, optional data packet and, optional handshake packet.

Data transfers consist of two or three phases:

- Token packet
- Data packet
- Handshake packet (optional)

Only control, bulk and, interrupt transfers have their own handshake phase.

Isochronous transfers do not contain a handshake phase. Data is transferred during the data packet phase. Two PID types are available for this: DATA0 and DATA1.

### 7.5.1 Bulk/Interrupt endpoints implementation

The USB controller has 1 to 5 bulk IN endpoints and 1 to 5 bulk OUT endpoints.

### 7.5.2 Bulk/Interrupt endpoints registers

| Register name | Bit name | Bit description                                      |
|---------------|----------|--|
| inbulkval(x)  | Inxval   | IN x endpoint valid (x = endpoint number)            |
| usbpair       | Register | Endpoint pairing register                            |
| in_ien(x)     | Inxien   | IN x endpoint interrupt enable (x = endpoint number) |
| inxbuf        | Buffer   | Endpoint x buffer (x = endpoint number)              |
| inxbc         | Register | IN x byte count register (x = endpoint number)       |
| inxcs(0)      | inxstl   | IN x endpoint stall bit (x = endpoint number)        |
| inxcs(1)      | inxbsy   | IN x endpoint busy bit (x = endpoint number)         |
| in_irq(x)     | inxir    | IN x endpoint interrupt request                      |

Table 28. Bulk/Interrupt IN endpoints registers

| Register name  | Bit name | Bit description                                       |
|----------------|----------|---|
| out-bulkval(x) | Outxval  | OUT x endpoint valid (x = endpoint number)            |
| usbpair        | Register | Endpoint pairing register                             |
| out_ien(x)     | Outxien  | OUT x endpoint interrupt enable (x = endpoint number) |
| outxbuf        | Buffer   | Endpoint x buffer (x = endpoint number)               |
| outxbc         | Register | OUT x byte count register (x = endpoint number)       |
| outxcs(0)      | Outxstl  | OUT x endpoint stall bit (x = endpoint number)        |
| outxcs(1)      | Outxbsy  | OUT x endpoint busy bit (x = endpoint number)         |
| out_irq(x)     | Outxir   | OUT x endpoint interrupt request                      |

Table 29. Bulk OUT endpoints registers

### 7.5.3 Bulk and interrupt endpoints initialization

The MCU sets the appropriate valid bits in the in(out)bulkval register to enable bulk IN (OUT) endpoints for normal operation.

#### 7.5.3.1 Bulk and interrupt transfers

##### a) IN transfers

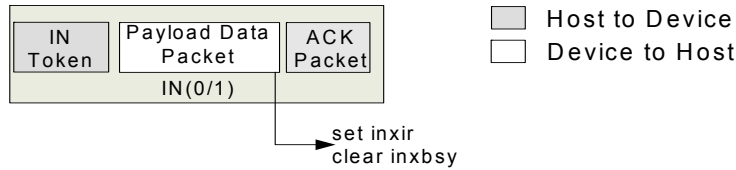


Figure 32. Bulk IN transfer

The host issues an IN token to receive bulk data. If the inxbsy bit is set, the USB controller responds by returning a data packet. If the host receives a valid data packet, it responds with an ACK handshake.

After receiving a valid ACK handshake from the host, the USB controller sets the inxir bit and clears the inxbsy bit. Setting the inxir bit generates an interrupt request for IN x endpoint (x = appropriate number of endpoint).

The MCU services the interrupt request. During a service interrupt request the MCU loads new data into the inxbuf buffer and then reloads the inxbr register with a valid number of data bytes to set the inxbsy bit. IN x endpoint is armed for the next transfer when the inxbsy bit is set.

When the inxbsy bit is not set, the USB controller returns NAK handshake for each IN token from the host. When the inxstl bit is set, the USB controller returns the STALL handshake.

| Errors in IN token | Inxbsy | Inxstl | USB controller to host response |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| NO                 | 1      | 0      | Inxbr bytes data packet         |
| NO                 | 0      | 1      | STALL                           |
| NO                 | 0      | 0      | NAK                             |
| NO                 | 1      | 1      | STALL                           |
| YES                | -      | -      | No response                     |

Table 30. The USB controller response for IN Token

b) OUT transfers

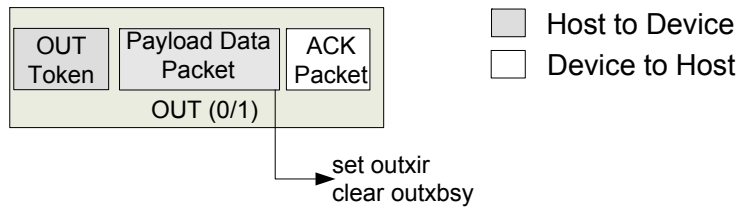


Figure 33. Bulk OUT transfer

When the host wants to transmit bulk data, it issues an OUT Token packet followed by a data packet. An ACK handshake is returned to the host and the outxir bit is set when the USB controller receives an error free OUT, data packets and, the outxbsy bit is set. Setting the outxir bit generates an interrupt request for the OUT x endpoint (x = appropriate number of endpoints).

The MCU services the OUT x interrupt request. The received data packet is available in the outxbuf buffer. After servicing an interrupt request, the MCU reloads the outxbsc register with any value to set the outxbsy bit. When the outxbsy bit is set the OUT x endpoint is armed for the next OUT transfer.

A NAK handshake is returned to the host when the USB controller receives data packets and an error free OUT but the outxbsy bit is not set.

A STALL handshake is returned to the host when the USB controller receives an error free OUT and data packets and the outxstl bit is set. The USB controller does not return a handshake if any transmission error occurs during an OUT token or data phase.

| Errors in OUT token or in data packet | outxbsy | outxstl | USB controller to host response |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| NO                                    | 0       | 0       | NAK                             |
| NO                                    | 0       | 1       | STALL                           |
| NO                                    | 1       | 0       | ACK                             |
| NO                                    | 1       | 1       | STALL                           |
| YES                                   | -       | -       | No response                     |

Table 31. The USB controller response for OUT transfers

### 7.5.4 Data packet synchronization

Data packet synchronization is achieved through the use of the data sequence toggle bits and the DATA0/DATA1 PIDs. The USB controller automatically toggles DATA0/DATA1 PIDs every bulk transfer.

The MCU can directly set or clear data toggle bits using the togctl register. The MCU clears the toggle bits when the host issues Clear Feature, Set Interface or, selects alternate settings.

To write a toggle bit the MCU performs the following sequence:

- Write to togctl register “000d0eee” value to select endpoint “eee” (“eee” – binary value). Endpoint direction bit “d”: “d”=’0’ – OUT endpoint; “d”=’1’ – IN endpoint.
- Clear or set toggle bit by writing to togctl register “0srd0eee” value. “sr”=’10’ – setting toggle bit; “sr”=’01’ – clearing toggle bit.

## 7.5.5 Endpoint pairing

To enable double buffering the MCU sets the appropriate bits in the `usbpair` register to '1' (see [section 15.1 on page 128](#)).

When double buffering is enabled, the MCU may access one buffer of the pair while the USB host accesses the other. When an endpoint is paired, the MCU uses only an even numbered endpoint of the pair.

For example, if the `usbpair(0)` bit is set, that means that the IN 2 and the IN 3 endpoints are paired. The MCU should not access `in3buf` data buffer, `in3val` bit, `in3bc` register, `in3ir` bit, `in3ien` bit, or `in3cs` registers.

### 7.5.5.1 Paired IN endpoint status

When both endpoint buffers of the pair are filled and armed, the `inxbusy` bit is set to '1' by the USB controller and the MCU does not load new data into the `inxbuf` buffer.

When one or both buffers of the pair are empty (unarmed), the `inxbusy` bit is set to '0' by the USB controller and the MCU may fill `inxbuf` with new data and reload the `inxbc` register to arm the endpoint for transmission. Clearing the `inxbusy` bit (write a '1') causes both of the paired endpoints to unarm. An interrupt request is generated after each data packet is correctly sent, independent of the `inxbusy` bit.

### 7.5.5.2 Paired OUT endpoint status

When the MCU pairs OUT endpoints by setting bit in the `usbpair` register, it also reloads twice the `outxbc` register to arm paired OUT endpoints.

When both endpoint buffers of the pair are empty and no data is available for the MCU, the `outxbusy` bit is set to '1' by the USB controller.

When one or both of the buffers contain valid data, the `outxbusy` bit is reset to '0' by the USB controller. Clearing the `outxbusy` bit (write a '1') causes both of the paired endpoints to unarm. An interrupt request is generated after each data packet is correctly received, independent of `outxbusy` bit or `dstall`. To receive an interrupt you must arm the endpoint by setting `outxbc` to a non-zero value.

## 7.6 Isochronous endpoints

Isochronous (ISO) transactions have a token and a data phase, but no handshake phase. ISO transactions do not support a handshake phase or retry capability and they do not support a data toggle synchronization mechanism.

Isochronous transmission is double buffered. An ISO FIFO swap occurs for every start of frame packet.

### 7.6.1 Isochronous endpoints implementation

The USB controller contains one IN endpoint and one isochronous OUT endpoint (Endpoint 8 IN/OUT).

## 7.6.2 Isochronous endpoints registers

| Register name | Bit name | Bit description   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| inisoval      | in8val   | IN 8 endpoint valid   |
| in8addr       | register | IN 8 endpoint address register                              |
| usbpair(7)    | isosend0 | ISO endpoints send a zero length data packet if it is empty |
| usbien(1)     | sofie    | Start of Frame interrupt enable                             |
| in8data       | register | IN 8 endpoint data register                                 |
| usbirq(1)     | sofir    | Start of Frame interrupt request                            |

Table 32. ISO IN endpoint registers

| Register name | Bit name | Bit description                   |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| outisoval     | out8val  | OUT 8 endpoint valid              |
| out8addr      | register | OUT 8 endpoint address register   |
| usbien(1)     | sofie    | Start of Frame interrupt enable   |
| out8data      | register | OUT 8 endpoint data register      |
| usbirq(1)     | sofir    | Start of Frame interrupt request  |
| out8bch       | register | Received byte count register high |
| out8bcl       | register | Received byte count register low  |
| isoerr        | iso8err  | OUT 8 endpoint CRC error          |

Table 33. ISO OUT endpoint registers

## 7.6.3 ISO endpoints initialization

The MCU performs the following steps to enable isochronous IN (OUT) endpoints for normal operation:

- Sets the appropriate valid bits into the in(out)isoval register.
- Sets the endpoint's FIFO size by loading the start address into the in(out)8addr register.
- Sets the isosend0 bit into the usbpair register - for IN endpoints only.
- Enables the start of frame interrupt by setting the sofie bit in the usbien register.

## 7.6.4 ISO transfers

The MCU serves all the ISO endpoints in response to a start of frame interrupt request.

### 7.6.4.1 ISO IN transfers

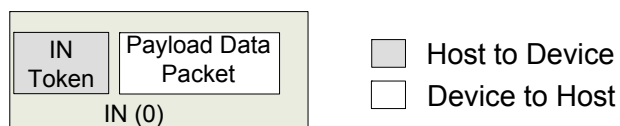


Figure 34. ISO IN transfer

The MCU loads new data into the ISO IN endpoint buffer(s) at every start of frame interrupt request. The ISO IN endpoint is accessed through the in8data register. The USB controller keeps track of the number of bytes that the MCU loads and sends loaded data during the next frame.

When the host wants to receive ISO data, it issues an IN token for a specific endpoint. If the IN buffer the host selected contains data, the USB controller responds by returning a data packet.

If the buffer is empty the USB controller behavior depends on the isosend0 bit:

- If the isosend0 bit is set, the USB controller responds with a zero byte length data packet.
- If the isosend0 bit is not set, USB controller does not respond.

### 7.6.4.2 ISO OUT transfers

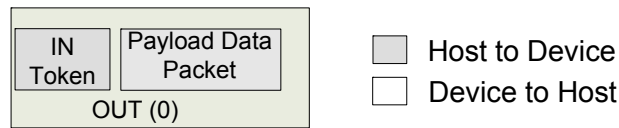


Figure 35. ISO OUT transfer

With every start of frame interrupt request the MCU reads data that was sent by the host in the previous frame. Out8bch and out8bcl registers contain the number of transferred bytes. Data is accessible through the out8data register. The USB controller sets the iso8err bit when the ISO data packet is corrupted.

## 7.7 Memory configuration

### 7.7.1 On-chip memory map

All endpoint buffers are located in a single 512 byte memory block. Bulk OUT buffers block start at address 0. You can program localization of the Bulk IN buffers using binstaddr register. If the host sends a packet which is larger than the configured buffer size, the USB controller will not NAK or STALL.

You can program start of ISO buffers using isostaddr register. Additionally, program size of the ISO buffers using isosize register.

**Note:** All ISO endpoints are double buffered.

[Figure 36](#) shows on-chip memory organization. See [Appendix A on page 184](#) for various USB memory configurations.

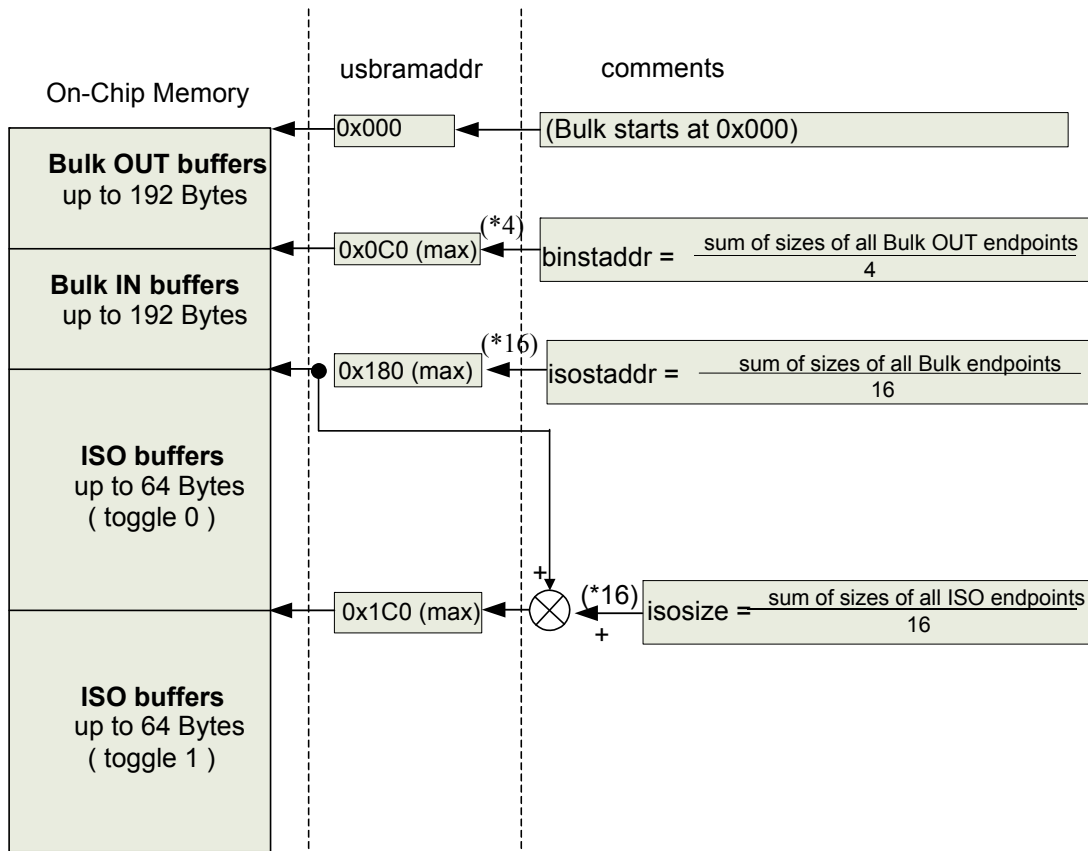


Figure 36. On-chip memory map

### 7.7.2 Setting ISO FIFO size

128 byte ISO buffers memory may be distributed over the two endpoint addresses: EP8 IN and EP8 OUT. The MCU initializes the endpoint FIFO sizes by setting the starting address for each FIFO. The first FIFO starting address is 0x000. The size of an isochronous endpoint FIFO is determined by subtracting consecutive values of FIFO 8 starting addresses.

**Note:** Only the six most significant bits can be written by the MCU (see [Figure 37. on page 79](#)).

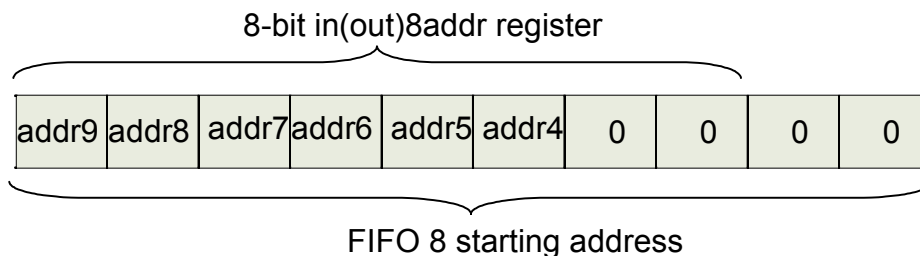


Figure 37. FIFO 8 starting address

The LSB values of the in(out)8addr register are always zero, that is, the smallest size of FIFO buffer for each ISO endpoints is 16 bytes.

### 7.7.3 Setting Bulk OUT size

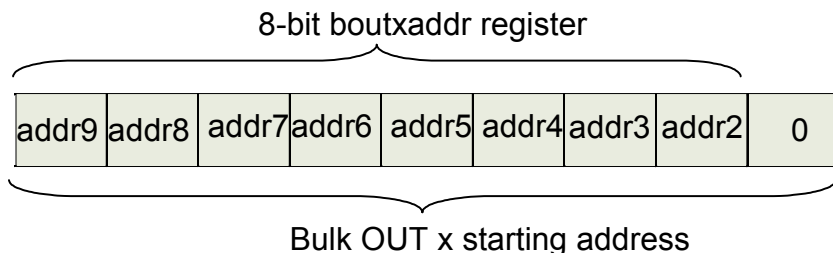


Figure 38. Bulk OUT x starting address

Bulk OUT buffers memory can be distributed over the 6 bulk OUT endpoints. Size of each Bulk OUT endpoint should be programmed using boutxaddr registers. When OUT x endpoint is not used the boutxaddr for this endpoint should be set to 0x000.

The first starting address (EP0 OUT) is 0x000. The size of a bulk OUT endpoint is determined by subtracting consecutive values of bulk OUT x starting addresses. The size of Bulk OUT buffer is a multiple of two bytes.

Here is an example initialization of the boutxaddr registers:

```
const uint8_t EP0OUTSTARTADDR = 0; // start address for EP0 OUT
bout1addr = EP0OUTSTARTADDR + (EP0OUT_SIZE/2);
bout2addr = bout1addr + (EP1OUT_SIZE/2);
bout3addr = bout2addr + (EP2OUT_SIZE/2);
bout4addr = bout3addr + (EP3OUT_SIZE/2);
bout5addr = bout4addr + (EP4OUT_SIZE/2);
binstaddr = (bout5addr + (EP5OUT_SIZE/2))/2; // beginning of
Bulk IN buffers
```

### 7.7.4 Setting Bulk IN size

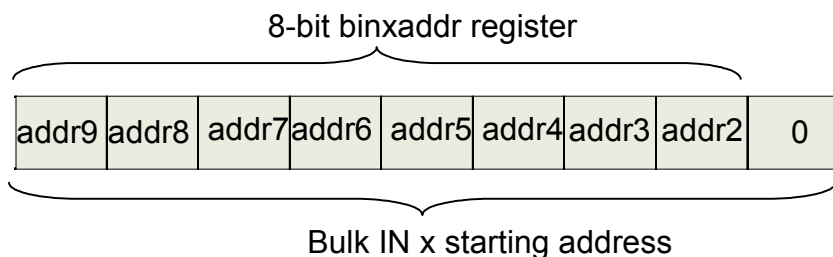


Figure 39. Bulk IN x starting address

Bulk IN buffers memory can be distributed over the 6 bulk IN endpoints. Size of each bulk IN endpoint is programmed using binxaddr registers.



When IN x endpoint does not exist (or is not used) the binxaddr for it should be set to 0x000. The first starting address (EP0 IN) is 0x000. The size of a Bulk IN endpoint is determined by subtracting consecutive values of Bulk IN x starting addresses. The size of Bulk IN buffer is a multiple of two bytes.

Here is an example initialization of the binxaddr registers:

```
const unsigned char EP0INSTARTADDR = 0; // start address for EP0 IN
bin1addr = EP0INSTARTADDR + (EP0IN_SIZE/2);
bin2addr = bin1addr + (EP1IN_SIZE/2);
bin3addr = bin2addr + (EP2IN_SIZE/2);
bin4addr = bin3addr + (EP3IN_SIZE/2);
bin5addr = bin4addr + (EP4IN_SIZE/2);
isostaddr = (bin5addr + (EP5IN_SIZE/2))/8 + binstaddr/4; // beginning of the ISO buffers
```

## 7.8 The USB controller interrupts

The USB controller provides the two following interrupt signals for MCUs:

- USBWU
- USBIRQ

The USB controller generates interrupts by setting the USBWU or USBIRQ signal high and then setting it low. This interrupt request pulse is detected by the MCU as an edge triggered interrupt.

### 7.8.1 Wakeup interrupt request

When the USB controller is suspended by the host, it can be resumed in two ways:

- By the MCU setting the wakeup bit 6 of USBCON SFR register.
- By receiving a resume request from the host.

After resuming, the USB controller generates a wakeup interrupt request by setting the USBWU signal high.

### 7.8.2 USB interrupt request

The USB interrupt request is provided through the USBIRQ signal and includes:

- 12 bulk endpoint interrupts
- Start of frame interrupt (sofir)
- Suspend interrupt (suspir)
- USB reset interrupt (uresir)
- Setup token interrupt (sutokir)
- Setup data valid interrupt (sudavir)

[Figure 40. on page 83](#) shows all the interrupt sources and their natural priority.

After servicing the USB controller interrupt, the MCU clears the individual interrupt request flag in the USB registers. If any other USB interrupts are pending, the act of clearing the interrupt request flag causes the USB controller to generate another pulse for the highest priority pending interrupt. If more than one interrupt is pending, each is serviced in the priority order.

The sequence of clearing the interrupt requests is important. The MCU first clears the main interrupt request flag (USBIRQ) and then each individual interrupt request in the USB controller register (usbirq).

Clearing the interrupt source immediately generates an interrupt pulse for the next pending interrupt. The interrupt may be lost when the MCU clears the main interrupt request flag after clearing the individual interrupt source.

**Note:** There is a difference between the interrupt USBIRQ, which is defined in [Table 138.](#), and the register usbirq described in [Table 44.](#)

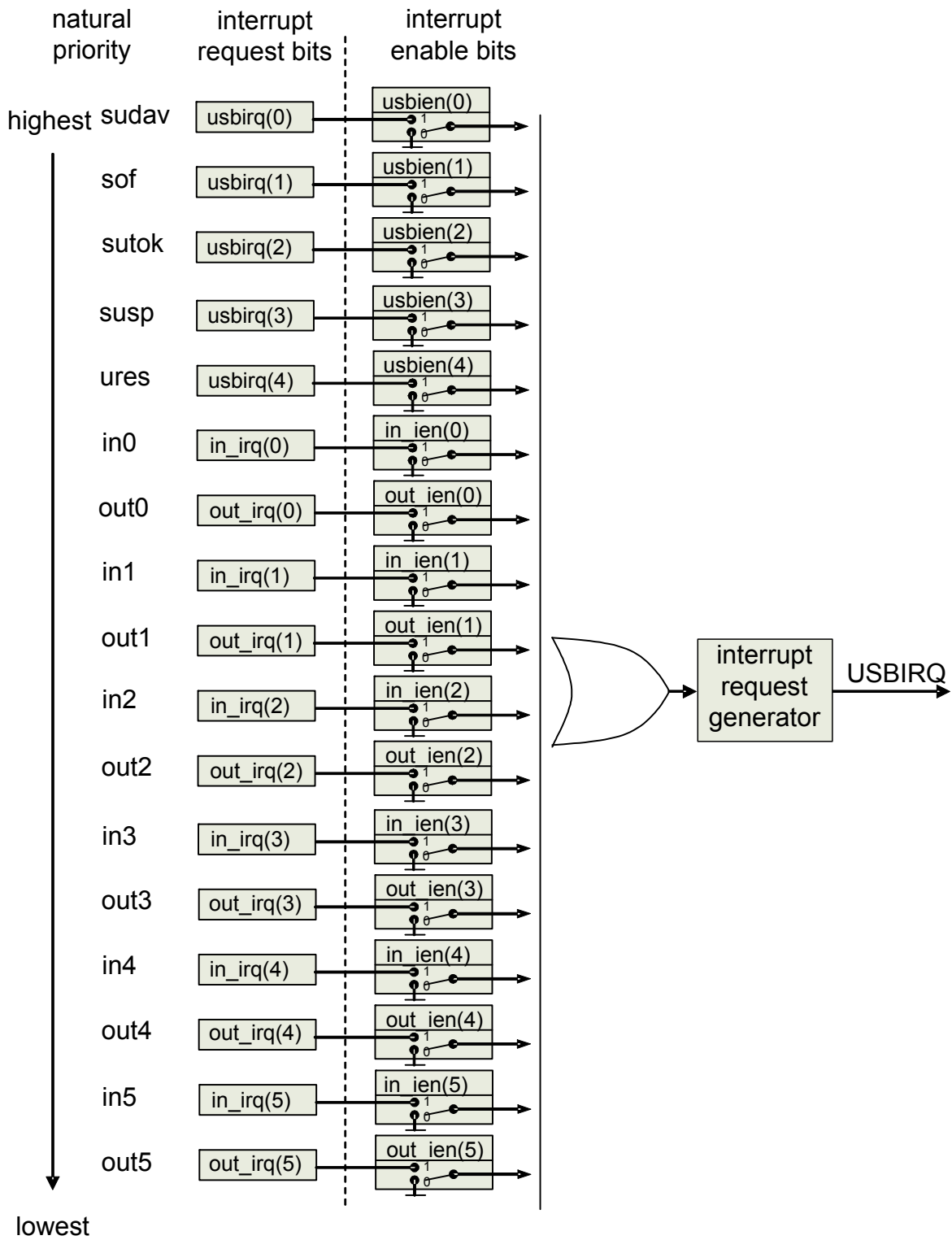


Figure 40. The USB controller interrupt sources

### 7.8.3 USB interrupt vectors

The USB controller prioritizes the USB interrupts if two or more occur simultaneously. The vector of the active interrupt is available in the ivec register. [Table 34](#). shows the contents of the ivec register for the USB interrupts.

| Source of interrupt | Register bit | Contents of ivec register |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| sudav               | usbirq(0)    | 0x00                      |
| sof                 | usbirq(1)    | 0x04                      |
| sutok               | usbirq(2)    | 0x08                      |
| suspend             | usbirq(3)    | 0x0C                      |
| usbreset            | usbirq(4)    | 0x10                      |
| ep0in               | In_irq(0)    | 0x18                      |
| ep0out              | out07irq(0)  | 0x1C                      |
| ep1in               | In_irq(1)    | 0x20                      |
| ep1out              | out07irq(1)  | 0x24                      |
| ep2in               | In_irq(2)    | 0x28                      |
| ep2out              | out07irq(2)  | 0x2C                      |
| ep3in               | In_irq(3)    | 0x30                      |
| ep3out              | out07irq(3)  | 0x34                      |
| ep4in               | In_irq(4)    | 0x38                      |
| ep4out              | out07irq(4)  | 0x3C                      |
| ep5in               | In_irq(5)    | 0x40                      |
| ep5out              | out07irq(5)  | 0x44                      |

Table 34. Interrupt vectors

## 7.9 The USB controller registers

The microprocessor interfaces with the USB controller logic through the following registers and RAM buffers.

### 7.9.1 Bulk IN data buffers (inxbuf)

Six 32 byte bulk IN buffers are in RAM memory.

| Address       | Name   | Function                      |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 0xC700-0xC73F | in0buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 0 IN buffer |
| 0xC680-0xC6BF | in1buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 1 IN buffer |
| 0xC600-0xC63F | in2buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 2 IN buffer |
| 0xC580-0xC5BF | in3buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 3 IN buffer |
| 0xC500-0xC53F | in4buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 4 IN buffer |
| 0xC480-0xC4BF | in5buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 5 IN buffer |

**Note:** The sum of all endpoints (IN+OUT+ISO) must be less or equal to 512.

Table 35. Bulk IN endpoints memory locations

## 7.9.2 Bulk OUT data buffers (outxbuf)

Six 32 byte bulk OUT buffers are in RAM memory.

| Address       | Name    | Function                       |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 0xC6C0-0xC6FF | out0buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 0 OUT buffer |
| 0xC640-0xC67F | out1buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 1 OUT buffer |
| 0xC5C0-0xC5FF | out2buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 2 OUT buffer |
| 0xC540-0xC57F | out3buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 3 OUT buffer |
| 0xC4C0-0xC4FF | out4buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 4 OUT buffer |
| 0xC440-0xC47F | out5buf | Max 64 bytes bulk 5 OUT buffer |

**Note:** The sum of all endpoints (IN+OUT+ISO) must be less or equal to 512.

Table 36. Bulk OUT endpoints memory locations

## 7.9.3 Isochronous OUT endpoint data FIFO (out8dat)

| Address | Name     | Function                              |
|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 0xC760  | out8data | ISO OUT endpoint 8 data FIFO register |

Table 37. The out8dat register

## 7.9.4 Isochronous IN endpoint data FIFOs (in8dat)

| Address | Name    | Function                             |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 0xC768  | in8data | ISO IN endpoint 8 FIFO data register |

Table 38. The in8dat register

## 7.9.5 Isochronous data bytes counter (out8bch/out8bcl)

| Address | Name    | Function                             |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 0xC770  | out8bch | ISO OUT endpoint 8 data counter high |
| 0xC771  | out8bcl | ISO OUT endpoint 8 data counter low  |

Table 39. The outxbch/bcl register

## 7.9.6 Isochronous transfer error register (isoerr)

| Address | MSB |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB     |
|---------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| 0xC7A0  | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | iso8err |

Table 40. The isoerr register

The isoerr register is updated at every Start Of Frame. The iso8err bits indicate that an error occurred during the receiving of ISO OUT 8 endpoint data packet.

iso8err bit = 1 means that a CRC error occurred, but received data is available in the out8data register.

### 7.9.7 The zero byte count for ISO OUT endpoints (zbcout)

| Address | MSB |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB |
|---------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 0xC7A2  | -   | - | - | - | - | - | - | ep8 |

Table 41. The zbcout register

The ep8 bit is set to '1' when zero-byte ISO OUT data packet is received for OUT 8 endpoint in the previous frame.

### 7.9.8 Endpoints 0 to 5 IN interrupt request register (in\_irq)

| Address | MSB |   |       |       |       |       |       | LSB   |
|---------|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0xC7A9  | -   | - | in5ir | in4ir | in3ir | in2ir | in1ir | in0ir |

Table 42. The in\_irq register

in<sub>x</sub>ir is set to '1' when IN packet transmits and ACK receives from the host. Firmware sets in<sub>x</sub>ir to '1' to clear interrupt.

### 7.9.9 Endpoints 0 to 5 OUT interrupt request register (out\_irq)

| Address | MSB |   |        |        |        |        |        | LSB    |
|---------|-----|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0xC7AA  | -   | - | out5ir | out4ir | out3ir | out2ir | out1ir | out0ir |

Table 43. The out\_irq register

out<sub>x</sub>ir is set to '1' when OUT packet is received error free. Firmware sets out<sub>x</sub>ir to '1' to clear interrupt.

### 7.9.10 The USB interrupt request register (usbirq)

| Address | Bit | Name    | Function   |
|---------|-----|---------|--|
| 0xC7AB  | 7:5 |         | Must be zero   |
|         | 4   | uresir  | USB reset interrupt request<br>1: a USB bus reset is detected                  |
|         | 3   | suspir  | USB suspend interrupt request<br>1: USB SUSPEND signaling detected             |
|         | 2   | sutokir | SETUP token interrupt request<br>1: SETUP token detected                       |
|         | 1   | sofir   | Start of frame interrupt request<br>1: SOF packet received                     |
|         | 0   | sudavir | SETUP data valid interrupt request<br>1: error free SETUP data packet received |

Table 44. The usbirq bit functions

Firmware clears an interrupt request by writing '1' to the corresponding request bit.

### 7.9.11 Endpoint 0 to 5 IN interrupt enables (in\_ien)

| Address | MSB |   |        |        |        |        |        | LSB    |
|---------|-----|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0xC7AC  | -   | - | in5ien | in4ien | in3ien | in2ien | in1ien | in0ien |

Table 45. The in\_ien register

Firmware sets inxien to '1' to enable interrupt.

### 7.9.12 Endpoint 0 to 5 OUT interrupt enables (out\_ien)

| Address | MSB |   |         |         |         |         |         | LSB     |
|---------|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 0xC7AD  | -   | - | out5ien | out4ien | out3ien | out2ien | out1ien | out0ien |

Table 46. The out\_ien register

Firmware sets outxien to '1' to enable interrupt.

### 7.9.13 USB interrupt enable (usbien)

| Address | Bit | Name    | Function                          |
|---------|-----|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 0xC7AE  | 7:5 | -       | Must be zero                      |
|         | 4   | uresie  | USB reset interrupt enable        |
|         | 3   | suspie  | USB suspend interrupt enable      |
|         | 2   | sutokie | SETUP token interrupt enable      |
|         | 1   | sofie   | Start of frame interrupt enable   |
|         | 0   | sudavie | SETUP data valid interrupt enable |

Table 47. The usbien register

**7.9.14 Endpoint 0 control and status register (ep0cs)**

| Address | Bit | Name     | Function   |
|---------|-----|----------|--|
| 0xC7B4  | 7:6 | -        | Must be zero   |
|         | 5   | chgset   | Setup Buffer content was changed.<br>Chgset=1 - setup buffer was changed.<br>Chgset=0 - setup buffer was not changed.<br>The MCU clears the chgset bit by writing a '1' to it.<br>The chgset bit is automatically set when USB controller receives setup data packet.  |
|         | 4   | dstall   | Send STALL in the data stage.<br>If dstall bit is set to '1', the USB controller sends a STALL handshake for any IN or OUT token in the data stage. When dstall is set and USB controller sends STALL in the data stage, the ep0stall is automatically set to '1' and USB controller sends STALL handshake also in the status stage. dstall is automatically cleared when a SETUP token arrives. The MCU sets this bit by writing '1' to it.<br>The MCU should set dstall bit after last successful transaction in the data stage. When there were not excessive transactions in the data stage and the next transaction is in the correct status stage the USB controller will answer based on hsnak and ep0stall settings. |
|         | 3   | outbsy   | OUT0 endpoint busy bit. Outbsy is a read only bit that is automatically cleared when a SETUP token arrives. The MCU sets this bit by writing a dummy value to the out0bc register.<br>1: USB controller controls the OUT 0 endpoint buffer.<br>0: the MCU controls of the OUT 0 endpoint buffer.   |
|         | 2   | inbsy    | IN0 endpoint busy bit. inbsy is a read only bit that is automatically cleared when a SETUP token arrives. The MCU sets this bit by reloading the in0bc register.<br>1: USB controller controls the IN 0 endpoint buffer.<br>0: the MCU controls the IN 0 endpoint buffer.  |
|         | 1   | hsnak    | If hsnak bit is set to '1', the USB controller responds with a NAK handshake for every packet in the status stage. hsnak bit is automatically set when a SETUP token arrives. The MCU clears the hsnak bit by writing a '1' to it.   |
|         | 0   | ep0stall | Endpoint 0 stall.<br>1: the USB controller sends a STALL handshake for any IN or OUT token. This is done in the data or handshake phases of the CONTROL transfer. Ep0stall is automatically cleared when a SETUP token arrives. The MCU sets this bit by writing '1' to it.  |

Table 48. ep0cs register



### 7.9.15 Endpoint 0 to 5 IN byte count registers (inxbc)

| Address | Name  | Function                          |
|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 0xC7B5  | in0bc | IN 0 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7B7  | in1bc | IN 1 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7B9  | in2bc | IN 2 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7BB  | in3bc | IN 3 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7BD  | in4bc | IN 4 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7BF  | in5bc | IN 5 endpoint byte count register |

Table 49. Endpoint 0 to 5 IN byte count register locations

After loading the IN x endpoint buffer, the MCU writes to the inxbc register with the number of loaded bytes. Writing to the inxbc register causes the arming of IN x endpoint by setting the inxbsy bit to '1'.

When the host sends IN token for IN x endpoint and inxbsy bit is set, the USB controller responds with an inxbc size data packet.

### 7.9.16 Endpoint 1 to 5 IN control and status registers (inxcs)

| Address | Name  | Function                                  |
|---------|-------|---|
| 0xC7B6  | in1cs | IN 1 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7B8  | in2cs | IN 2 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7BA  | in3cs | IN 3 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7BC  | in4cs | IN 4 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7BE  | in5cs | IN 5 endpoint control and status register |

Table 50. Endpoint 1 to 5 IN control and status register locations

| Bit | Symbol | Function   |
|-----|--------|--|
| 7:2 | -      | Not used.  |
| 1   | inxbsy | IN x endpoint busy bit.<br>1: the USB controller takes control of the IN x endpoint buffer.<br>0: the MCU takes control of the IN x endpoint buffer.<br>When the host sends an IN token for IN x endpoint and the inxbsy bit is set, the USB controller responds with inxbc size data packet and clears the inxbsy bit.<br>0: the IN x endpoint is empty and ready for loading by the MCU.<br>1: the MCU does not access the IN x endpoint buffer.<br>A '1' to '0' transition of the inxbsy bit generates an interrupt request for the IN x endpoint. The MCU sets the inxbsy bit by reloading the inxbc register. |
| 0   | inxstl | IN x endpoint stall bit.<br>1: the USB controller returns a STALL handshake for all requests to the endpoint x.  |

Table 51. The inxcs register description

### 7.9.17 Endpoint 0 to 5 OUT byte count registers (outxbc)

| Address | Name   | Function                           |
|---------|--------|------------------------------------|
| 0xC7C5  | out0bc | OUT 0 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7C7  | out1bc | OUT 1 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7C9  | out2bc | OUT 2 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7CB  | out3bc | OUT 3 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7CD  | out4bc | OUT 4 endpoint byte count register |
| 0xC7CF  | out5bc | OUT 5 endpoint byte count register |

Table 52. Endpoint 0 to 5 OUT byte count register locations

The outxbc register contains the number of bytes sent during the last OUT transfer from the host to an OUT x endpoint. The outxbc is a read only register that is updated by the USB controller.

### 7.9.18 Endpoint 1 to 5 OUT control and status registers (outxcs)

| Address | Name   | Function                                   |
|---------|--------|--|
| 0xC7C6  | out1cs | OUT 1 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7C8  | out2cs | OUT 2 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7CA  | out3cs | OUT 3 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7CC  | out4cs | OUT 4 endpoint control and status register |
| 0xC7CE  | out5cs | OUT 5 endpoint control and status register |

Table 53. Endpoint 1 to 5 OUT control and status register locations

| Bit | Symbol  | Function   |
|-----|---------|--|
|     | -       | Not used   |
| 1   | outxbsy | OUT x endpoint busy bit.<br>1: the USB controller takes control of the OUT x endpoint buffer.<br>0: the MCU takes control of the OUT x endpoint buffer.<br>When the host sends an OUT token for an OUT x endpoint and the outxbsy bit is set, the USB controller receives an OUT data packet and clears the outxbsy bit. If outxbsy='1', the OUT x endpoint is empty and ready to receive the next data packet from the host. When outxbsy='1', the MCU does not read the OUT x endpoint buffer. A '1' to '0' transition of the outxbsy bit generates an interrupt request for the OUT x endpoint. The MCU sets the outxbsy bit by reloading the outxbc register with a dummy value. |
| 0   | outxstl | OUT x endpoint stall bit.<br>If outxstl='1', the USB controller returns a STALL handshake for all requests to the endpoint x.  |

Table 54. The outxcs register description

### 7.9.19 USB control and status register (usbcs)

| Address | Bit | Name     | Function   |
|---------|-----|----------|--|
| 0xC7D6  | 7   | wakesrc  | Wakeup source. This bit indicates that a wakeup pin resumed the USB controller. The MCU resets this bit by writing a '1' to it.  |
|         | 6   | -        | Not used.  |
|         | 5   | sofgen   | Sofgen= 1 - internal SOF timer is used to generate SOF interrupt in case when SOF issued by USB host was missed.<br>Sofgen= 0 - internal SOF timer is disabled.<br>Default value (after reset) is '0'.   |
|         | 4   | -        | Not used.  |
|         | 3   | discon   | 1: Disconnect the 1.5 kohm internal pull-up resistor on D+ line, 0: Normal   |
|         | 2   | -        | Not used.  |
|         | 1   | forcej   | Forcej should be used only in the suspend state. The MCU should set forcej bit to drive J state on the USB lines and then clear forcej and set sigrsume to drive resume-K state on the USB lines. Forcing J state between idle and K state can be done to raise the crossover voltage and eliminate any false SE0. |
|         | 0   | sigrsume | Signal remote device resume. If the MCU sets this bit to '1', the USB controller sets K state on the USB.  |

Table 55. The usbcs bit functions

### 7.9.20 Data toggle control register (togctl)

| Address | Bit | Name | Function   |
|---------|-----|------|--|
| 0xC7D7  | 7   | q    | Data toggle value q='1' means that data toggle for endpoint selected by ep2,ep1,ep0 and io bits is set to DATA1. q='0' means that data toggle for endpoint selected by ep2,ep1,ep0 and io bits is set to DATA0. Before reading this bit, the MCU writes the ep2, ep1, ep0 and io bits. |
|         | 6   | s    | Set data toggle to DATA1. Writing '1' to this bit when endpoint is selected (ep2, ep1, ep0, io bits) causes setting the data toggle to DATA1.  |
|         | 5   | r    | Reset data toggle to DATA0. Write '1' to this bit when endpoint is selected (ep2, ep1, ep0, io bits) causes setting data toggle to DATA0.  |
|         | 4   | io   | Select IN or OUT endpoint io='1' selects IN endpoint, io='0' selects OUT endpoint.   |
|         | 3   | -    | Not used.  |
|         | 2   | ep2  | Select number of endpoint. Valid values are 0 to 5 (000 – 101).  |
|         | 1   | ep1  |  |
|         | 0   | ep0  |  |

Table 56. The togctl bit functions

### 7.9.21 USB frame count low (usbframe1/usbframeh)

| Address | Name      | Function             |
|---------|-----------|----------------------|
| 0xC7D8  | usbframe1 | USB frame count low  |
| 0xC7D9  | usbframeh | USB frame count high |

Table 57. USB frame count low (usbframe1/usbframeh)

The USB controller copies the frame count into the `usbframe1` and `usbframeh` registers at every SOF (Start Of Frame). These registers are read only.

**Note:** Frame count wraps from 3fff to 0x000.

### 7.9.22 Function address register (fnaddr)

| Address | Name   | Function                     |
|---------|--------|------------------------------|
| 0xC7DB  | fnaddr | USB function address (1-127) |

Table 58. Function address register (fnaddr)

The USB controller copies the “function address” which was sent by the host into the `fnaddr` register. The USB controller responds only with its assigned address. The `fnaddr` is a read only register.

### 7.9.23 USB endpoint pairing register (usbpair)

| Address | Bit | Name   | Function   |
|---------|-----|--------|--|
| 0xC7DD  | 7   | isose0 | ISO endpoints send zero length data packet. If the USB controller receives IN token for the isochronous endpoint and IN endpoint FIFO is empty, the USB controller response depends on the <code>isose0</code> bit. If <code>isose0</code> =’1’, the USB controller sends a zero length data packet. If <code>isose0</code> =’0’, the USB controller does not respond. |
|         | 6:5 |        | Not used.  |
|         | 4   | pr4out | 1: Pair bulk OUT 4 and bulk OUT 5 endpoints.   |
|         | 3   | pr2out | 1: Pair bulk OUT 2 and bulk OUT 3 endpoints.   |
|         | 2   | pr6in  | 1: Pair bulk IN 6 and bulk IN 7 endpoints.   |
|         | 1   | pr4in  | 1: Pair bulk IN 4 and bulk IN 5 endpoints.   |
|         | 0   | pr2in  | 1: Pair bulk IN 2 and bulk IN 3 endpoints.   |

Table 59. The `usbpair` bit functions

### 7.9.24 Endpoints 0 to 5 IN valid bits (Inbulkval)

| Address | MSB |   |        |        |        |        |        | LSB |
|---------|-----|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| 0xC7DE  | 0   | 0 | in5val | in4val | in3val | in2val | in1val | 1   |

Table 60. The `inbulkval` register

If `inxval`=’1’, the IN x endpoint is active. When `inxval`=’0’, the IN x endpoint is inactive and the USB controller does not respond if IN x endpoint is addressed.

### 7.9.25 Endpoints 0 to 5 OUT valid bits (outbulkval)

| Address | MSB |   |         |         |         |         |         | LSB |
|---------|-----|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| 0xC7DF  | 0   | 0 | out5val | out4val | out3val | out2val | out1val | 1   |

Table 61. The outbulkval register

If outxval='1', the OUT x endpoint is active. When outxval='0', the OUT x endpoint is inactive and the USB controller does not respond if OUT x endpoint is addressed.

### 7.9.26 Isochronous IN endpoint valid bits (inisoval)

| Address | MSB |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB    |
|---------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| 0xC7E0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | in8val |

Table 62. The inisoval register

If in8val='1', the IN 8 endpoint is active. When in8val='0', the IN 8 endpoint is inactive and the USB controller does not respond if IN 8 endpoint is addressed.

### 7.9.27 Isochronous OUT endpoint valid bits (outisoval)

| Address | MSB |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB     |
|---------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| 0xC7E1  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | out8val |

Table 63. The outisoval register

If out8val='1', the OUT 8 endpoint is active. When out8val='0', the OUT 8 endpoint is inactive and the USB controller does not respond if OUT 8 endpoint is addressed.

### 7.9.28 SETUP data buffer (setupbuf)

| Address       | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |    | LSB |
|---------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 0xC7E8-0xC7EF | D7  | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0  |

Table 64. The setupbuf buffer

The setupbuf contains the 8 bytes of the SETUP data packet from the latest CONTROL transfer.

### 7.9.29 ISO OUT endpoint start address (out8addr)

| Address | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   | LSB |
|---------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| 0xC7F0  | A9  | A8 | A7 | A6 | A5 | A4 | 0 | 0   |

Table 65. The out8addr start address

### 7.9.30 ISO IN endpoint start address (in8addr)

| Address | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   | LSB |
|---------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| 0xC7F8  | A9  | A8 | A7 | A6 | A5 | A4 | 0 | 0   |

Table 66. The in8addr start address

## 8 Encryption/Decryption Unit

The nRF24LU1+ has dedicated HW for data encryption or decryption according to the AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) algorithm. An AES encryption/decryption consists of the transformation of a 128-bit block into an encrypted 128-bit block.

### 8.1 Features

The AES block supports both encryption and decryption in ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB and CTR modes using a 128-bit key and optionally a 128-bit initialization vector.

#### 8.1.1 ECB – Electronic Code Book

ECB is the most basic AES encryption/decryption mode. In encryption E the plaintext on DI is converted to a ciphertext on DO. In decryption D the ciphertext on DI is converted to plaintext on DO. ECB must use the last expanded key to decrypt. Decryption reverses encryption operations and is identical to the encryption function.

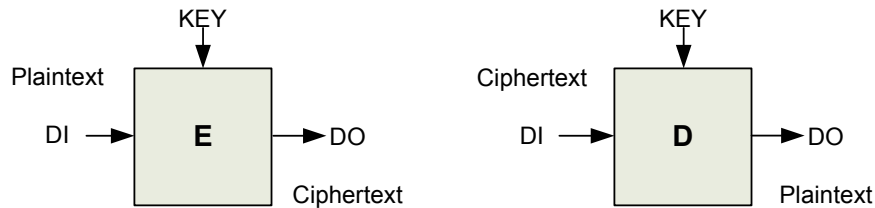


Figure 41. ECB – Electronic Code Book

#### 8.1.2 CBC – Cipher Block Chaining

CBC adds a feedback mechanism to a block cipher. The result of the previous encryption operation is XOR'ed with incoming data. An initialization vector IV is used for the first iteration. CBC must use the last expanded key to decrypt. Decryption reverses encryption operations and is identical to the encryption function.

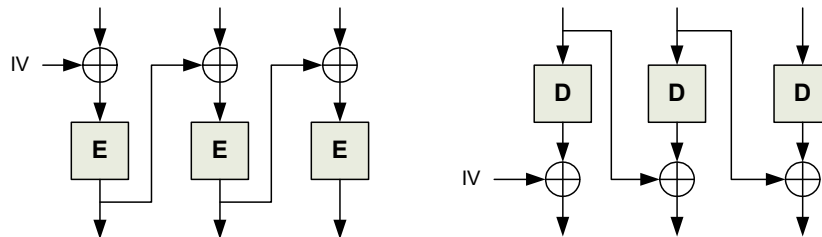


Figure 42. CBC – Cipher Block Chaining mode

### 8.1.3 CFB – Cipher FeedBack

In CFB the output of an encryption operation is fed back to the input of the AES block. An initialization vector IV is used for the first iteration. Input data is encrypted by XORing it with the output of the encryption module. Decryption reverses encryption operations and is identical to the encryption function.

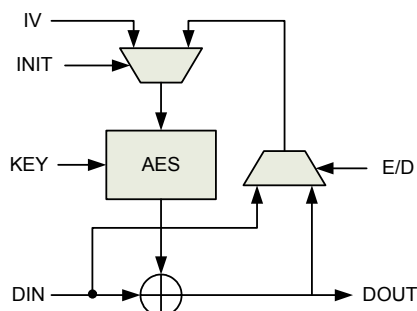


Figure 43. CFB – Cipher FeedBack mode

### 8.1.4 OFB – Output FeedBack mode

In OFB the output of an encryption operation is fed back to the input of the AES core. An initialization vector IV is used for the first iteration. Input data is encrypted by XORing it with the output of the encryption module. Decryption reverses encryption operations and is identical to the encryption function.

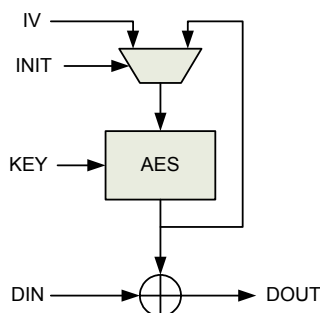


Figure 44. OFB – Output FeedBack mode

### 8.1.5 CTR – Counter mode

In CTR the output of a counter is the input of the AES core. When entering CTR mode, an initialization vector IV is used to initialize the counter. Input data is encrypted by XORing it with the output of the encryption module. Decryption reverses encryption operations and is identical to the encryption function.

**Note:** The counter cannot be reinitialized without changing mode.

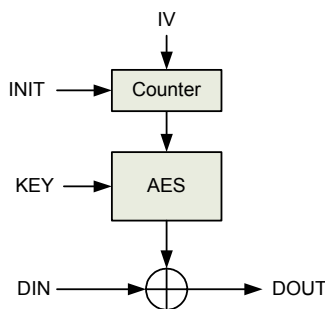


Figure 45. CTR – Counter mode

## 8.2 Functional description

The MCU initializes the AES block with key (AESKIN) and optionally the initialization vector (AESIV). Then the MCU loads a 128-bit block into AESD, selects mode and starts the operation with AESCS.

When the result is ready, the AESIRQ is asserted and the MCU reads out the AESD register. Alternatively, the AESCS[0] can be polled instead of using interrupts.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|--|
| 0xE8    | 0x00        | 7:5 | -    | Not used   |
|         |             | 4:2 | mode | Type of AES encryption/decryption<br>000: CBC, 001: CFB, 010: OFB, 011: CTR, 100: ECB  |
|         |             | 1   | decr | 0: Encrypt, 1: Decrypt   |
|         |             | 0   | go   | Set by SW to '1' to start operation. SW can poll this signal to check if AES block is busy. Automatically reset by HW when operation is completed. An encrypt or decrypt operation takes about 45 Cclk cycles. |

Table 67. AESCS register

The AESKIN, AESIV and AESD are 128-bit registers. In order to update or read one of these registers, 16 consecutive write (or read) operations to a single register are required.

The order of writing (or reading) to update a register in nRF24LU1+ begins with the last (16th) operation and works back to the first.



AES data sets are normally organized in two dimensional arrays (ai,j):

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| a0,0 | a0,1 | a0,2 | a0,3 |
| a1,0 | a1,1 | a1,2 | a1,3 |
| a2,0 | a2,1 | a2,2 | a2,3 |
| a3,0 | a3,1 | a3,2 | a3,3 |

Table 68. A two dimensional array

The array position to write to is decided by `AESIA1` which contains two 4 bit pointers for the `AESKIN` register and the `AESIV` register. These pointers are incremented by each read/write to `AESKIN` or `AESIV`. After 16 reads/writes, the pointers wrap around to the starting value.

The relation of the byte pointer address `n` and the position in the AES array (ai,j) is given by the following definition:

$$i = n \text{ mod } 4; \quad j = [n / 4]; \quad n = 15 - i - 4 * j$$

The relationship between the byte pointer address and the AES array position in nRF24LU1+ is shown in [Table 69](#). below:

|        |        |       |       |
|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| n = 15 | n = 11 | n = 7 | n = 3 |
| n = 14 | n = 10 | n = 6 | n = 2 |
| n = 13 | n = 9  | n = 5 | n = 1 |
| n = 12 | n = 8  | n = 4 | n = 0 |

Table 69. Relation between the byte pointer address and AES data array

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Description |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| 0xF1    | 0x00        | 7:0 | RW  | AESKIN      |
| 0xF2    | 0x00        | 7:0 | RW  | AESIV       |
| 0xF3    | 0x00        | 7:0 | RW  | AESD        |

Table 70. AESKIN, AESIV and AESD registers

A partial update can be done by using the `AESIA1` or `AESIA2` registers (see [Table 71](#). and [Table 72](#).).

By setting `AESIA1` a single byte or a smaller block can be updated.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name   | Description                 |
|---------|-------------|-----|--------|-----------------------------|
| 0xF5    | 0x00        | 7:4 | ia_kin | AESKIN byte pointer address |
|         |             | 3:0 | ia_iv  | AESIV byte pointer address  |

Table 71. AESIA1 register

The AESIA2 works like AESIA1, but only contains a 4-bit pointer for AESD.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name    | Description               |
|---------|-------------|-----|---------|---------------------------|
| 0xF6    | 0x00        | 7:4 | -       | not used                  |
|         |             | 3:0 | ia_data | AESD byte pointer address |

*Table 72. AESIA2 register*

## 9 SPI master

The system features a simple single buffered SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) master working in mode 0, that is, capture MISO in rising SCK, and changing MOSI on falling SCK.

The SPI bus (MMISO, MSCK and MMOSI) are available at the programmable digital I/O. The SPI hardware does not generate any chip select signal. Another programmable digital I/O must be used to act as chip selects for one or more external SPI devices, see [Table 98. on page 117](#) for details.

### 9.1 Block diagram

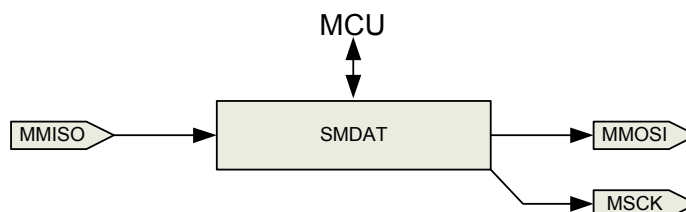


Figure 46. Master SPI block diagram

### 9.2 Functional description

The SPI hardware is controlled by SFR registers SMDAT and SMCTRL.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function              |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| 0xB2    | 0x00        |     | R/W | SPI data input/output |

Table 73. SMDAT register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function   |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0xB3    | 0x00        | 7:5 | -   | Not used   |
|         |             | 4   | RW  | 00: disable, 01: enable  |
|         |             | 3:0 | RW  | Divider factor from MCU clock (Cclk) to SPI clock frequency<br>0000: 1/2 of Cclk frequency<br>0001: 1/2 of Cclk frequency<br>0010: 1/4 of Cclk frequency<br>0011: 1/8 of Cclk frequency<br>0100: 1/16 of Cclk frequency<br>0101: 1/32 of Cclk frequency<br>0110: 1/64 of Cclk frequency<br>other: 1/64 of Cclk frequency |

Table 74. SMCTRL register.

### 9.3 SPI operation

A sequence of 8 pulses is started on MSCK every time you write to the SMDAT register. Also, the 8 bits of SMDAT register are clocked out on MMOSI with MSB clocking out first. Simultaneously, 8 bits from MMISO are clocked into SMDAT register. Output data is shifted on the negative edge of MSCK, and input data is read on the positive edge of MSCK. This is illustrated in [Figure 47](#).

When the 8 bits from MMISO are finished, MSDONE interrupt goes active, and the 8 bits from MMISO can be read from SMDAT register. The interrupt bit must be cleared, by writing to SMDAT register again, before starting another SPI transaction.

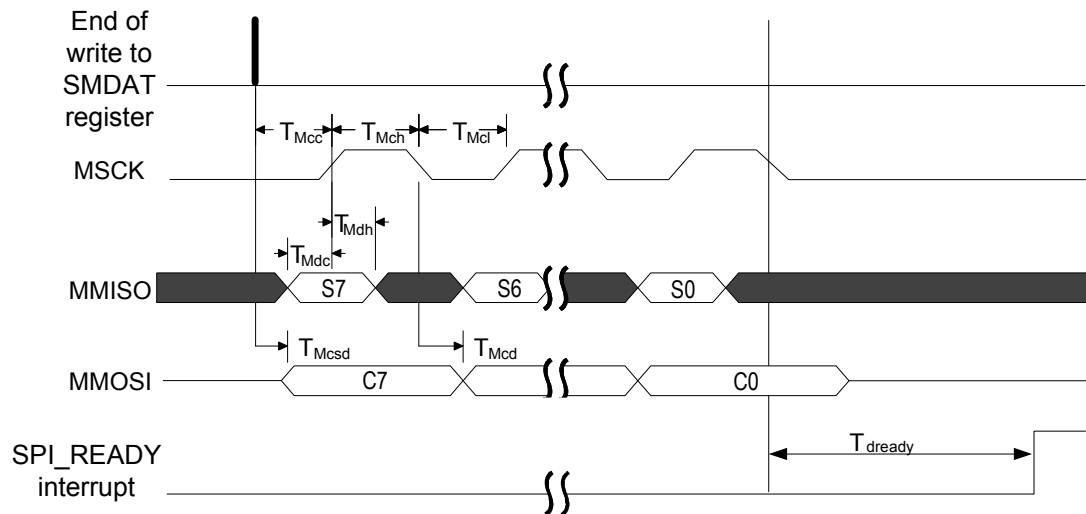


Figure 47. Master SPI timing

| Value                          | Description   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| $T_{Msck} = T_{Mch} + T_{Mcl}$ | SCK cycle time, as defined by SMCTRL register.  |
| $T_{Mcc}$                      | Time from writing to SMDAT register to first MSCK pulse, $T_{Msck} / 2$ .               |
| $T_{Mcd}$                      | Delay from negative edge of MSCK to new MMOSI output data, may vary from -10ns to 10ns. |
| $T_{Mdc}$                      | MMISO setup time to positive edge of MSCK, $T_{Mdc} > 45ns$ .                           |
| $T_{Mdh}$                      | MMISO hold time to positive edge of MSCK, $T_{Mdh} > 0ns$ .                             |
| $T_{dready}$                   | Time from last MSCK pulse to MSDONE interrupt goes active. 7 MCU clock cycles.          |

Conditions: Output load= 10pF, MMISO rise/fall time=5ns.

Table 75. Master SPI timing values

Minimum time between two consecutive SPI transactions is:  $8.5 T_{Msck} + T_{dready} + T_{sw}$  where  $T_{sw}$  is the time taken by the software to process MSDONE interrupt and write to SMDAT register.

## 10 SPI slave

The system features a simple single buffered SPI (Serial Programmable Interface) slave working in mode 0, that is, capturing SMOSI on rising SSCK, and changing SMISO in falling SSCK.

The slave SPI monitors the `SCSN`, `SMOSI` and `SSCK` pins, and controls the `SMISO` pin. They are available on `P0.3` to `P0.0`, see [chapter 13 on page 116](#) for details. The SPI slave may also be used for flash programming when `PROG=1`, see [section 17.7](#).

### 10.1 Block diagram

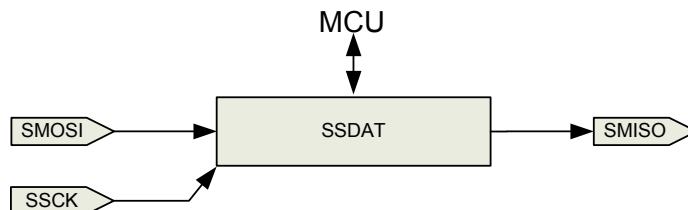


Figure 48. Slave SPI block diagram

### 10.2 Functional description

The following registers control the slave SPI.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function                                 |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0xBC    | 0x00        | 7:6 | -   | Not used                                 |
|         |             | 5   | RW  | 1: Disable interrupt when SCSN goes high |
|         |             | 4   | RW  | 1: Disable interrupt when SCSN goes low  |
|         |             | 3   | RW  | 1: Disable slave SPI interrupts          |
|         |             | 2:1 | -   | Not used                                 |
|         |             | 0   | RW  | 1: Enable slave SPI                      |

Table 76. SSSCONF register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function   |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0xBE    | 0x00        | 7:3 | -   | Not used   |
|         |             | 2   | R   | 1: Interrupt caused by positive edge of SCSN                   |
|         |             | 1   | R   | 1: Interrupt caused by negative edge of SCSN                   |
|         |             | 0   | R   | 1: Interrupt caused by data-byte sent or received <sup>a</sup> |

- a. If SPI is polled (no interrupts), then `IRCON.2` (see [chapter 22.4.4 on page 174](#)) should be polled, since reading `SSSTAT` clears the status-flags.

Table 77. SSSTAT register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function      |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| 0xBD    | 0x00        |     | RW  | Data register |

Table 78. SSDAT register

### 10.3 SPI timing

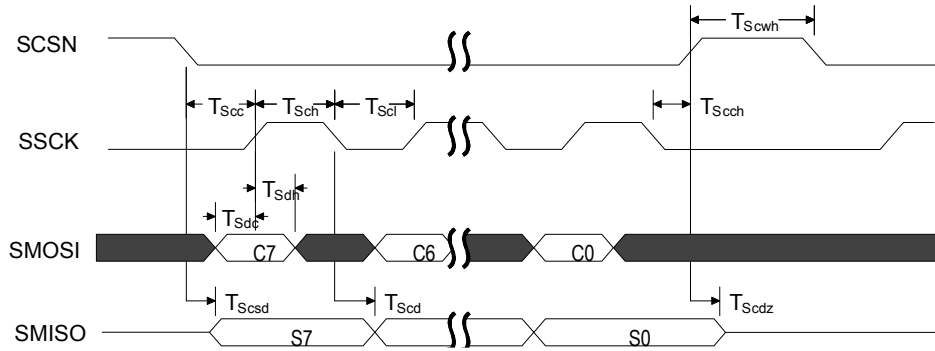


Figure 49. SPI NOP timing diagram)

| Parameter            | Symbol     | Min. | Max | Units |
|----------------------|------------|------|-----|-------|
| SMOSI to SSCK Setup  | $T_{Sdc}$  | 5    |     | ns    |
| SSCK to SMOSI Hold   | $T_{Sdh}$  | 2    |     | ns    |
| SCSN to SMISO Active | $T_{Scsd}$ |      | 35  | ns    |
| SSCK to SMISO Valid  | $T_{Scd}$  |      | 42  | ns    |
| SSCK Low Time        | $T_{Scl}$  | 50   |     | ns    |
| SSCK High Time       | $T_{Sch}$  | 50   |     | ns    |
| SSCK Frequency       | $F_{SSCK}$ | 0    | 8   | MHz   |
| SCSN to SSCK Setup   | $T_{Scc}$  | 8    |     | ns    |
| SSCK to SCSN Hold    | $T_{Scch}$ | 2    |     | ns    |
| SCSN inactive time   | $T_{Scwh}$ | 130  |     | ns    |
| SCSN to SMISO High Z | $T_{Scdz}$ |      | 25  | ns    |

Conditions: SMISO load= 10pF, SSCK rise/fall time=2ns, other inputs rise/fall time=5ns.

Table 79. SPI timing parameters

## 11 Timer/Counters

The nRF24LU1+ contains a set of counters used for timing up important system events.

### 11.1 Features

nRF24LU1+ includes the following set of timers/counters:

- Three 16-bit timers/counters (Timer 0, Timer 1 and Timer 2) which can operate as either a timer with a clock rate based on the MCU clock, or as an event counter clocked by signals from the programmable digital I/O.
- In addition there is a RTC2 wakeup timer which is described in [section 19.3.3 on page 161](#).

### 11.2 Block diagram

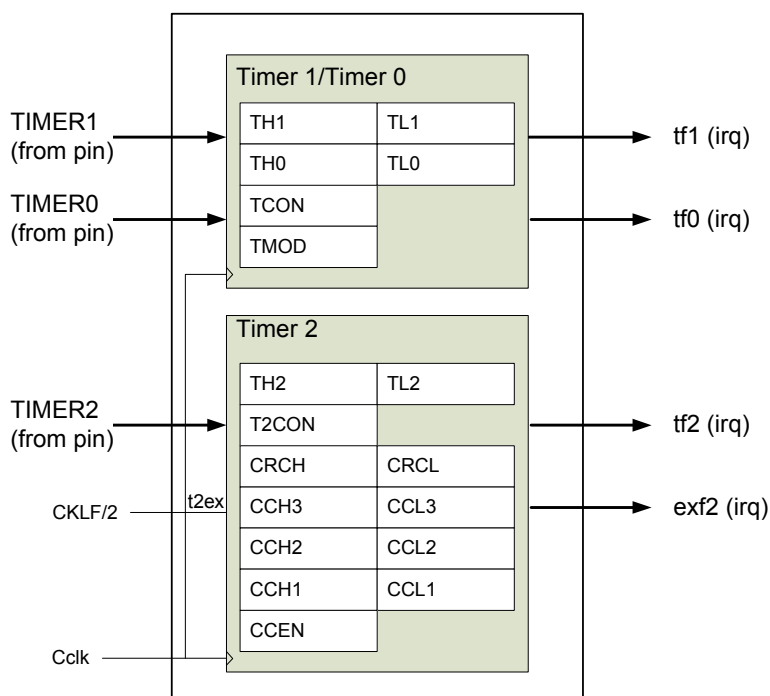


Figure 50. Block diagram of timers/counters

### 11.3 Functional description

#### 11.3.1 Timer 0 and Timer 1

In timer mode, Timer 0/1 is incremented every 12 clock cycles.

In the counter mode, the Timers 1 and 0 are incremented when the falling edge is detected at the corresponding input pin T0 for Timer 0, or T1 for Timer 1.

**Note:** Timer input pins T0, T1, and T2 must be configured as described in section 13.2 on page 118.

Since it takes two clock cycles to recognize a 1-to-0 event, the maximum input count rate is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the oscillator frequency. There are no restrictions on the duty cycle, however to ensure proper recognition of 0 or 1 state, an input should be stable for at least 1 clock cycle.

Timer 0 and Timer 1 status and control are in TCON and TMOD register. The actual 16-bit Timer 0 value is in TH0 (8 msb) and TL0 (8 lsb), while Timer 1 use TH1 and TL1.

Four operating modes can be selected for Timer 0 and Timer 1. Two Special Function Registers, TMOD and TCON, are used to select the appropriate mode.

### 11.3.1.1 Mode 0 and Mode 1

In mode 0, Timer 0 and Timer 1 are configured as 13-bit registers (TL0/TL1 = 5 bits, TH0/TH1 = 8 bits). The upper three bits of TL0/TL1 are unchanged and should be ignored. In mode 1 Timer 0 and Timer 1 are configured as 16-bit registers.

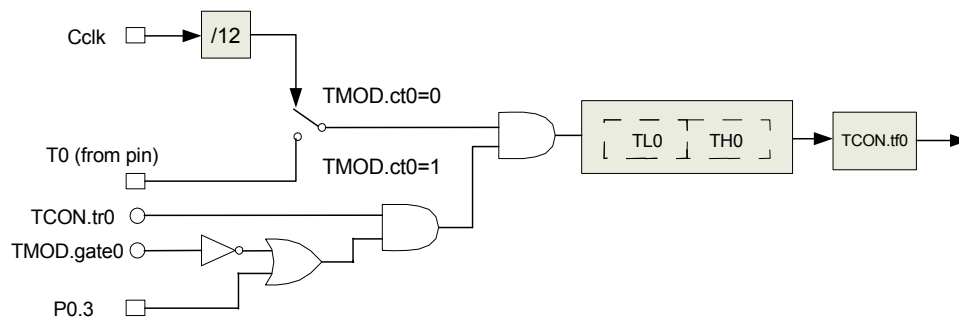


Figure 51. Timer 0 in mode 0 and 1

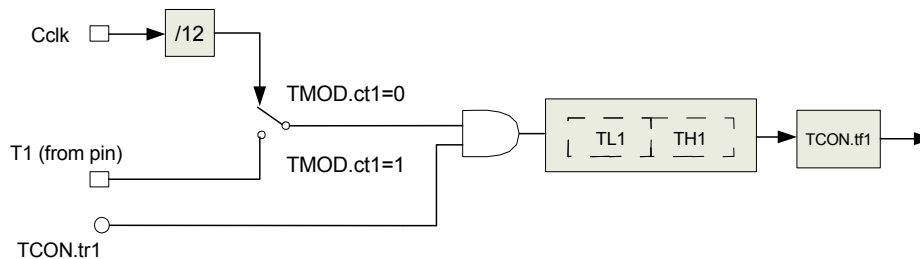


Figure 52. Timer 1 in mode 0 and 1



11.3.1.2 Mode 2

In this mode, Timer 0 and Timer 1 are configured as 8-bit registers with auto reload.

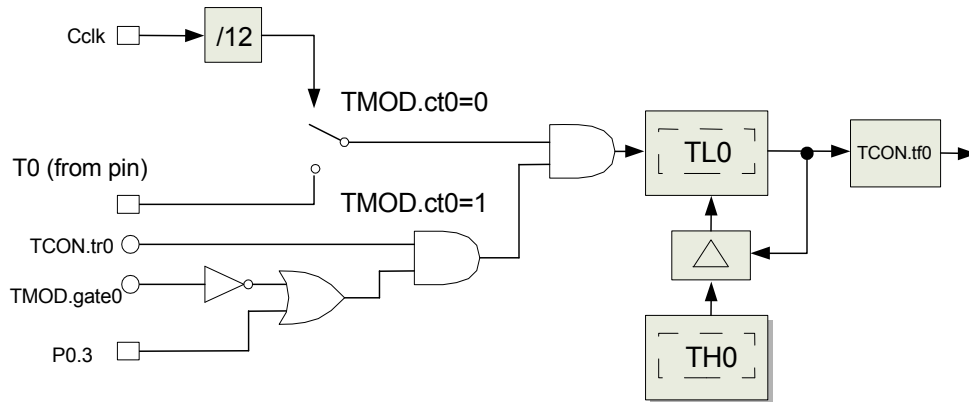


Figure 53. Timer 0 in mode 2

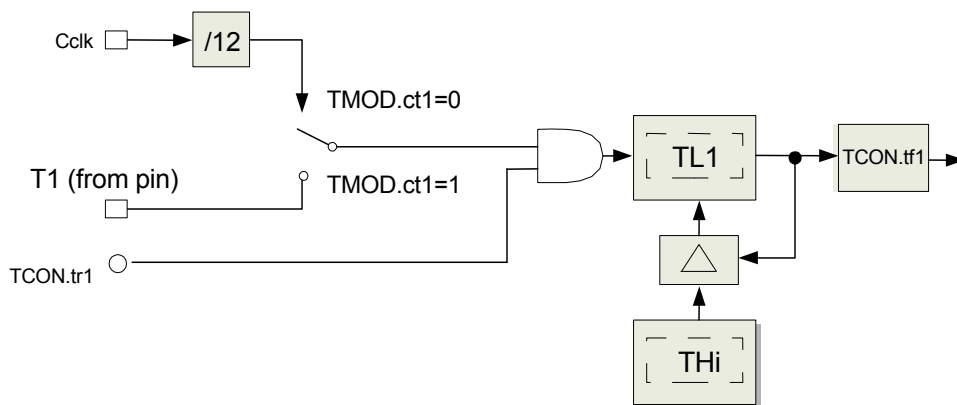


Figure 54. Timer 1 in mode 2

11.3.1.3 Mode 3

In mode 3 Timer 0 and Timer 1 are configured as one 8-bit timer/counter and one 8-bit timer, but timer 1 in this mode holds its count. When Timer 0 works in mode 3 Timer 1 can still be used in other modes by the serial port as a baud rate generator, or as an application not requiring an interrupt from Timer 1.

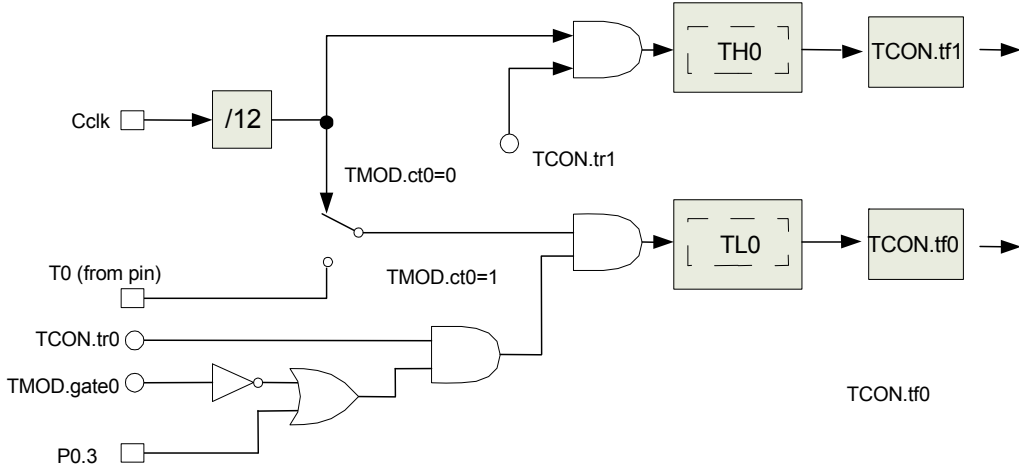


Figure 55. Timer 0 in mode 3

11.3.2 Timer 2

Timer 2 is controlled by T2CON while the value is in TH2 and TL2. Timer 2 also has four capture and one compare/reload registers which can read a value without pausing or reload a new 16-bit value when Timer 2 reaches zero, see [chapter 11.4.7 on page 111](#) and [chapter 11.4.8 on page 111](#).

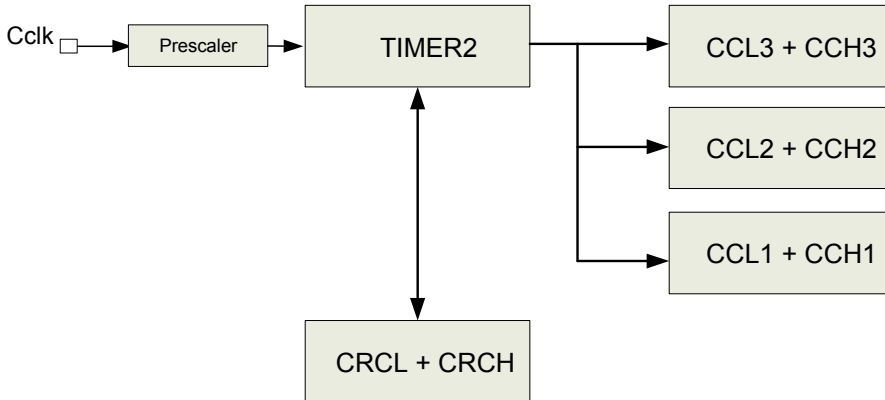


Figure 56. Timer 2 block diagram

### 11.3.2.1 Timer 2 description

Timer 2 can operate as a timer, event counter, or gated timer.

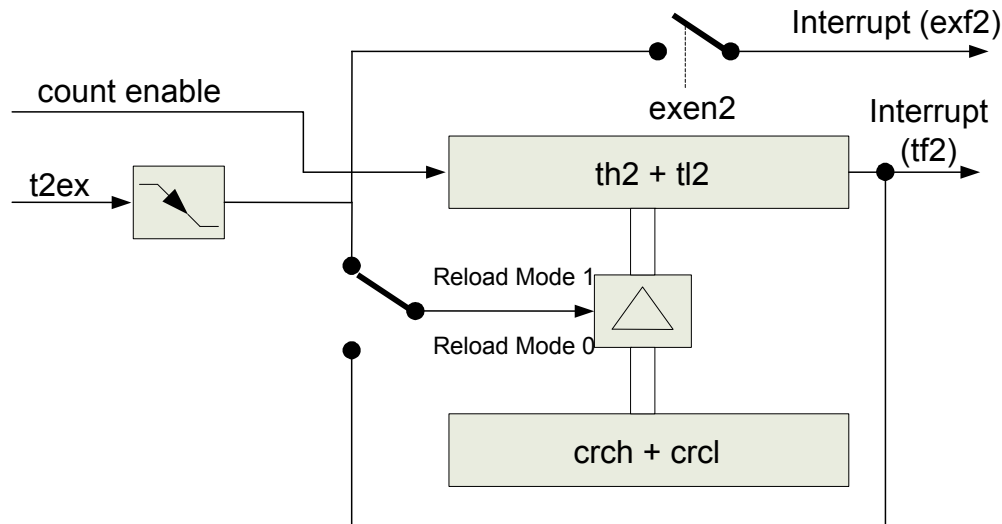


Figure 57. Timer 2 in Reload Mode

### 11.3.2.2 Timer mode

Timer mode is invoked by setting the  $t2i0=1$  and  $t2i1=0$  in the T2CON register. In this mode, the count rate is derived from the clk input.

Timer 2 is incremented every 12 or 24 clock cycles depending on the 2:1 prescaler. The prescaler mode is selected by bit  $t2ps$  of T2CON register. When  $t2ps=0$ , the timer counts up every 12 clock cycles, otherwise every 24 cycles.

### 11.3.2.3 Event counter mode

This mode is invoked by setting the  $t2i0=0$  and  $t2i1=1$  in the T2CON register.

In this mode, Timer 2 is incremented when external signal T2 (P0.5) (see [section 13.2 on page 118](#) for more information on T2) changes its value from 1 to 0. The T2 input is sampled at every rising edge of the clock. Timer 2 is incremented in the cycle following the one in which the transition was detected. The maximum count rate is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the clock frequency.

### 11.3.2.4 Gated timer mode

This mode is invoked by setting the  $t2i0=1$  and  $t2i1=1$  in the T2CON register.

In this mode, Timer 2 is incremented every 12 or 24 clock cycles (depending on T2CON  $t2ps$  flag). Additionally, it is gated by the external signal T2 (P0.5). When  $T2=0$ , Timer 2 is stopped.

### 11.3.2.5 Timer 2 reload

A 16-bit reload from the CRC register can be done in two modes:

- Reload Mode 0: Reload signal is generated by Timer 2 overflow (auto reload).
- Reload Mode 1: Reload signal is generated by negative transition at t2ex.

**Note:** t2ex is connected to an internal clock signal which is half frequency of CKLF (see [section 19.3.1 on page 161](#)).

## 11.4 SFR registers

### 11.4.1 Timer/Counter control register – TCON

TCON register reflects the current status of MCU Timer 0 and Timer 1 and it is used to control the operation of these modules.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Auto clear | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|------------|--|
| 0x88    | 0x00        | 7   | tf1  | Yes        | Timer 1 overflow flag. Set by hardware when Timer1 overflows.    |
|         |             | 6   | tr1  | No         | Timer 1 Run control. If cleared, Timer 1 stops.                  |
|         |             | 5   | tf0  | Yes        | Timer 0 overflow flag. Set by hardware when Timer 0 overflows.   |
|         |             | 4   | tr0  | No         | Timer 0 Run control. If cleared, Timer 0 stops.                  |
|         |             | 3   | ie1  | Yes        | External interrupt 1 flag. Set by hardware.                      |
|         |             | 2   | it1  | No         | External interrupt 1 type control. 1: falling edge, 0: low level |
|         |             | 1   | ie0  | Yes        | External interrupt 0 flag. Set by hardware.                      |
|         |             | 0   | it0  | No         | External interrupt 0 type control. 1: falling edge, 0: low level |

Table 80. TCON register

The tf0, tf1 (timer 0 and timer 1 overflow flags), ie0 and ie1 (external interrupt 0 and 1 flags) are automatically cleared by hardware when the corresponding service routine is called.

### 11.4.2 Timer mode register - TMOD

TMOD register is used for configuration of Timer 0 and Timer1.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name     | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|----------|--|
| 0x89    | 0x00        | 7   | reserved | Must be 0  |
|         |             | 6   | ct1      | Timer 1 counter/timer select. 1: Counter, 0: Timer   |
|         |             | 5-4 | mode1    | Timer 1 mode<br>00 – Mode 0: 13-bit counter/timer<br>01 – Mode 1: 16-bit counter/timer<br>10 – Mode 2: 8-bit auto-reload timer<br>11 – Mode 3: Timer 1 stopped           |
|         |             | 3   | gate0    | Timer 0 gate control   |
|         |             | 2   | ct0      | Timer 0 counter/timer select. 1: Counter, 0: Timer   |
|         |             | 1-0 | mode0    | Timer 0 mode<br>00 – Mode 0: 13-bit counter/timer<br>01 – Mode 1: 16-bit counter/timer<br>10 – Mode 2: 8-bit auto-reload timer<br>11 – Mode 3: two 8-bit timers/counters |

Table 81. TMOD register

### 11.4.3 Timer0 – TH0, TL0

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0x8A    | TL0           |
| 0x8C    | TH0           |

Table 82. Timer 0 register (TH0:TL0)

These registers reflect the state of Timer 0. TH0 holds higher byte and TL0 holds lower byte. Timer 0 can be configured to operate as either a timer or a counter.

### 11.4.4 Timer1 – TH1, TL1

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0x8B    | TL1           |
| 0x8D    | TH1           |

Table 83. Timer 1 register (TH1:TL1)

These registers reflect the state of Timer 1. TH1 holds higher byte and TL1 holds lower byte. Timer 1 can be configured to operate as either timer or counter.

### 11.4.5 Timer 2 control register – T2CON

T2CON register reflects the current status of Timer 2 and is used to control the Timer 2 operation.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|---|
| 0xC8    | 0x00        | 7   | t2ps | Prescaler select. 0: timer 2 is clocked with 1/12 of the Cclk frequency. 1: timer 2 is clocked with 1/24 of the Cclk frequency. |
|         |             | 6   | i3fr | INT3 edge select. 0: falling edge, 1: rising edge   |
|         |             | 5   | i2fr | INT2 edge select: 0: falling edge, 1: rising edge   |
|         |             | 4:3 | t2r  | Timer 2 reload mode. 0X – reload disabled, 10 – Mode 0, 11 – Mode 1   |
|         |             | 2   | t2cm | Timer 2 compare mode. 0: Mode 0, 1: Mode 1  |
|         |             | 1-0 | t2i  | Timer 2 input select. 00: stopped, 01: f/12 or f/24, 10: falling edge of t2, 11: f/12 or f/24 gated by t2.                      |

Table 84. T2CON register

### 11.4.6 Timer 2 – TH2, TL2

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0xCC    | TL2           |
| 0xCD    | TH2           |

Table 85. Timer 2 (TH2:TL2)

The TL2 and TH2 registers reflect the state of Timer 2. TH2 holds higher byte and TL2 holds lower byte. Timer 2 can be configured to operate in compare, capture or, reload modes.

### 11.4.7 Compare/Capture enable register – CCEN

The CCEN register serves as a configuration register for the Compare/Capture Unit associated with the Timer 2.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name  | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------|---|
| 0xC1    | 0x00        | 7:6 | coca3 | compare/capture mode for CC3 register<br>00: compare/capture disabled<br>01: reserved<br>10: reserved<br>11: capture on write operation into register CCL3        |
|         |             | 5:4 | coca2 | compare/capture mode for CC2 register<br>00: compare/capture disabled<br>01: reserved<br>10: reserved<br>11: capture on write operation into register CCL2        |
|         |             | 3:2 | coca1 | compare/capture mode for CC1 register<br>00: compare/capture disabled<br>01: reserved<br>10: reserved<br>11: capture on write operation into register CCL1        |
|         |             | 1:0 | coca0 | compare/capture mode for CRC register<br>00: compare/capture disabled<br>01: reserved<br>10: compare enabled<br>11: capture on write operation into register CRCL |

Table 86. CCEN register

### 11.4.8 Capture registers – CC1, CC2, CC3

The Compare/Capture registers (CC1, CC2, CC3) are 16-bit registers used by the Compare/Capture Unit associated with the Timer 2. CCHn holds higher byte and CCLn holds lower byte of the CCn register.

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0xC2    | CCL1          |
| 0xC3    | CCH1          |
| 0xC4    | CCL2          |
| 0xC5    | CCH2          |
| 0xC6    | CCL3          |
| 0xC7    | CCH3          |

Table 87. Capture Registers - CC1, CC2 and CC3

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**11.4.9 Compare/Reload/Capture register – CRCH, CRCL**

| Address | Reset value | Register name |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 0xCA    | 0x00        | CRCL          |
| 0xCB    | 0x00        | CRCH          |

*Table 88. Compare/Reload/Capture register - CRCH, CRCL*

CRC (Compare/Reload/Capture) register is a 16-bit wide register used by the Compare/Capture Unit associated with Timer 2. CRCH holds higher byte and CRCL holds lower byte.



## 12 Serial Port (UART)

The MCU system is configured with one serial port that is identical in operation to the standard 8051 serial port (Serial interface 0). The two serial port signals RXD and TXD are available at the programmable digital I/O. See [Chapter 13 on page 116](#).

The serial port (UART) derives its clock from the MCU clock; Cclk. See [chapter 20.4.1 on page 167](#) for more information.

### 12.1 Features

- Synchronous mode, fixed baud rate
- 8-bit UART mode, variable baud rate
- 9-bit UART mode, variable baud rate
- 9-bit UART mode, fixed baud rate
- Additional baud rate generator

### 12.2 Block diagram

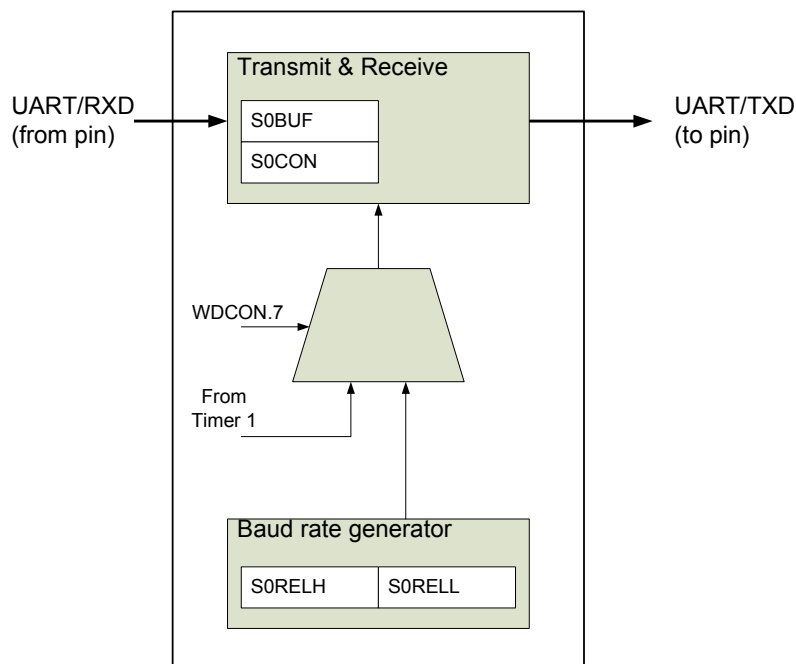


Figure 58. Block diagram of serial port

### 12.3 Functional description

The serial port is controlled by `S0CON`, while the actual data transferred is read or written in the `S0BUF` register. Transmission speed (baud rate) is selected using the `S0RELL`, `S0RELH` and `WDCON` registers.

## 12.4 SFR registers

### 12.4.1 Serial Port 0 control register – S0CON

The S0CON register controls the function of Serial Port 0.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name        | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------------|--|
| 0x98    | 0x00        | 7:6 | sm0:<br>sm1 | Serial Port 0 mode select<br>0 0: Mode 0 – Shift register at baud rate Cclk / 12<br>0 1: Mode 1 – 8-bit UART. Baud rate see <a href="#">Figure 59. on page 114</a><br>1 0: Mode 2 – 9-bit UART at baud rate Cclk /32 or Cclk/64 <sup>a</sup><br>1 1: Mode 3 – 9 bit UART. Baud rate see <a href="#">Figure 59. on page 114</a> |
|         |             | 5   | sm20        | Multiprocessor communication enable  |
|         |             | 4   | ren0        | Serial reception enable: 1: Enable Serial Port 0.  |
|         |             | 3   | tb80        | Transmitter bit 8. This bit is used while transmitting data through Serial Port 0 in Modes 2 and 3. The state of this bit corresponds with the state of the 9th transmitted bit (for example, parity check or multi-processor communication). It is controlled by software.  |
|         |             | 2   | rb80        | Received bit 8. This bit is used while receiving data through Serial Port 0 in Modes 2 and 3. It reflects the state of the 9th received bit.   |
|         |             | 1   | ti0         | Transmit interrupt flag. It indicates completion of a serial transmission at Serial Port 0. It is set by hardware at the end of bit 8 in mode 0 or at the beginning of a stop bit in other modes. It must be cleared by software.  |
|         |             | 0   | ri0         | Receive interrupt flag. It is set by hardware after completion of a serial reception at Serial Port 0. It is set by hardware at the end of bit 8 in mode 0 or in the middle of a stop bit in other modes. It must be cleared by software.  |

a. If smod = 0 baud rate is Cclk/64, if smod = 1 then baud rate is Cclk/32.

Table 89. S0CON register

The baud rate for Mode 1 or Mode 3 is:

for  $bd (wdcon.7) = 0$ :

$$baud\ rate = \frac{2^{smod} * Cclk}{32} * (Timer\ 1\ overflow\ rate)$$

for  $bd (wdcon.7) = 1$ :

$$baud\ rate = \frac{2^{smod} * Cclk}{64 * (2^{10} - s0rel)}$$

Figure 59. Equation of baud rate settings for Serial Port 0

Below is an explanation of some of the values used in [Figure 59](#) :

| Value         | Definition  |
|---------------|---|
| sm0d (PCON.7) | Serial Port 0 baud rate select flag   |
| s0rel         | The contents of S0REL registers (s0relh, s0rell) see <a href="#">chapter 12.4.3 on page 115</a> . |
| bd (wdcon.7)  | The MSB of WDCON register see <a href="#">chapter 12.4.4 on page 115</a>                          |

Table 90. Values of S0CON equation

## 12.4.2 Serial port 0 data buffer – S0BUF

| Address | Reset value | Register name |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 0x99    | 0x00        | S0BUF         |

Table 91. S0BUF register

Writing data to the S0BUF register sets data in serial output buffer and starts the transmission through Serial Port 0. Reading from the S0BUF reads data from the serial receive buffer.

## 12.4.3 Serial port 0 reload register – S0RELLH, S0RELL

Serial Port 0 Reload register is used for Serial Port 0 baud rate generation. Only 10 bits are used, 8 bits from the S0RELL, and 2 bits from the S0RELH.

| Address | Reset value | Register name |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 0xAA    | 0xD9        | S0RELL        |
| 0xBA    | 0x03        | S0RELH        |

Table 92. S0RELL/S0RELH register

## 12.4.4 Serial Port 0 baud rate select register - WDCON

The MSB of this register is used by Serial Port 0 for baud rate generation

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|--|
| 0xD8    | 0x00        | 7   | bd   | Serial Port 0 baud rate select (in modes 1 and 3)<br>When 1, additional internal baud rate generator is used, otherwise Timer 1 overflow is used. <sup>a</sup> |
|         |             | 6-0 |      | Not used   |

Table 93. WDCON register

a. It is not recommended to use Timer1 overflow as baud generator.

## 13 Input/Output port (GPIO)

Six general purpose I/O lines are available on the nRF24LU1+. These can be used for general I/O with selectable direction for each bit, or these lines can be used for specialized functions.

### 13.1 Normal IO

When `PROG=0`, the GPIO pins are controlled by the registers `P0ALT`, `P0DIR` and `P0EXP`, when `PROG=1` the GPIO pins are configured as a slave SPI port, see pins `SCSN`, `SMISO`, `SMOSI`, `SSCK` below. The `P0ALT` register selects between the default and the alternate functions for each of the six port pins when `P0EXP=0`. If `P0ALT=0` then the default function is selected, port data is set with the `P0` register, and pin direction is set with `P0DIR` register.

| Address | Reset value | bit 7 | bit 6 | bit 5 | bit 4 | bit 3 | bit 2 | bit 1 | bit 0 |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0x80    | 0xFF        | -     | -     | D5    | D4    | D3    | D2    | D1    | D0    |

Table 94. P0 register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description                         |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 0x94    | 0xFF        | 7:6 | Not used                            |
|         |             | 5:0 | 0: P0.x is output, 1: P0.x is input |

Table 95. P0DIR register

The `P0ALT` and `P0EXP` registers are used to select alternate or expanded functions, see [Table 98. on page 117](#) for details.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|--|
| 0x95    | 0x00        | 7:6 | Not used   |
|         |             | 5:0 | 1: Alternate function, 0: General I/O, see <a href="#">Table 99. on page 118</a> |

Table 96. P0ALT register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|---|
| 0xC9    | 0x00        | 7:6 | Controls P0.5   |
|         |             | 5:4 | Controls P0.4   |
|         |             | 3:2 | Not used  |
|         |             | 1:0 | Controls P0.3-P0.0, see <a href="#">Table 99. on page 118</a> for details |

Table 97. P0EXP register

The relationship between the `P0EXP` and `P0ALT` registers is shown in [Table 98. on page 117](#).

| Pin  | Normal           |                     | Expanded 1        | Expanded 2 | Expanded 3 |
|------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
|      | Default function | Alternate           |                   |            |            |
|      | P0EXP[7:6]       |                     |                   |            |            |
|      | 00               |                     | 01                | 10         | 11         |
|      | P0ALT[5]         |                     | P0ALT[5]          |            |            |
|      | 0                | 1                   | x                 |            |            |
| P0.5 | D5               | T0 (timer0 input)   | T2 (timer2 input) |            |            |
|      | P0EXP[5:4]       |                     |                   |            |            |
|      | 00               |                     | 01                | 10         | 11         |
|      | P0ALT[4]         |                     | P0ALT[4]          |            |            |
|      | 0                | 1                   | x                 |            |            |
| P0.4 | D4               |                     | T1 (timer1 input) |            |            |
|      | P0EXP[1:0]       |                     |                   |            |            |
|      | 00               |                     | 01                | 10         | 11         |
|      | P0ALT[3-0]       |                     | P0ALT[3-0]        |            |            |
|      | 0                | 1                   | x                 |            |            |
| P0.3 | D3               | INT0 (interrupt)    | P0.3 <sup>a</sup> | SCSN       |            |
| P0.2 | D2               | TXD (UART)          | MMISO             | SMISO      |            |
| P0.1 | D1               | RXD (UART)          | MMOSI             | SMOSI      |            |
| P0.0 | D0               | GTIMER <sup>b</sup> | MSCK              | SSCK       |            |

- a. Configured as output, typically used for Master SPI, see [chapter 9 on page 99](#).
- b. GTIMER is an RTC output controlled by WGTIMER, see [chapter 19.3.6 on page 162](#).

Table 98. Port functions

## 13.2 Expanded IO

The combined effect of the P0ALT and P0EXP register is shown in [Table 99. on page 118](#). The content of both P0ALT and P0EXP is shown in binary. An 'X' in Table 104 means that the bit can both be '0' or '1'.

| P0ALT    | P0EXP    | P0.5            | P0.4            | P0.3              | P0.2   | P0.1   | P0.0                |
|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| 00000000 | 00000000 | D5              | D4              | D3                | D2     | D1     | D0                  |
| 001XXXXX | 00XXXXXX | T0 <sup>a</sup> |                 |                   |        |        |                     |
| 001XXXXX | 01XXXXXX | T2 <sup>b</sup> |                 |                   |        |        |                     |
| 00X1XXXX | XX00XXXX |                 |                 |                   |        |        |                     |
| 00X1XXXX | XX01XXXX |                 | T1 <sup>c</sup> |                   |        |        |                     |
| 00X1XXXX | XX11XXXX |                 |                 |                   |        |        |                     |
| 00XX1XXX | XXXXXX00 |                 |                 | INT0 <sup>d</sup> |        |        |                     |
| 00XX1XXX | XXXXXX01 |                 |                 | MCSN              |        |        |                     |
| 00XX1XXX | XXXXXX10 |                 |                 | SCSN              |        |        |                     |
| 00XX1XXX | XXXXXX11 |                 |                 | OCITDO            |        |        |                     |
| 00XXX1XX | XXXXXX00 |                 |                 |                   | TXD    |        |                     |
| 00XXX1XX | XXXXXX01 |                 |                 |                   | MMISO  |        |                     |
| 00XXX1XX | XXXXXX10 |                 |                 |                   | SMISO  |        |                     |
| 00XXX1XX | XXXXXX11 |                 |                 |                   | OCITDI |        |                     |
| 00XXXX1X | XXXXXX00 |                 |                 |                   |        | RXD    |                     |
| 00XXXX1X | XXXXXX01 |                 |                 |                   |        | MMOSI  |                     |
| 00XXXX1X | XXXXXX10 |                 |                 |                   |        | SMOSI  |                     |
| 00XXXX1X | XXXXXX11 |                 |                 |                   |        | OCITMS |                     |
| 00XXXXX1 | XXXXXX00 |                 |                 |                   |        |        | GTIMER <sup>e</sup> |
| 00XXXXX1 | XXXXXX01 |                 |                 |                   |        |        | MSCK                |
| 00XXXXX1 | XXXXXX10 |                 |                 |                   |        |        | SSCK                |
| 00XXXXX1 | XXXXXX11 |                 |                 |                   |        |        | OCITCK              |

- a. Timer0 input
- b. Timer2 input
- c. Timer1 input
- d. Interrupt input INT0
- e. GTIMER is an RTC output controlled by WGTIMER, see [chapter 19.3.6 on page 162](#).

Table 99. Alternative functions of Port 0

## 14 MCU

The nRF24LU1+ contains a fast 8-bit MCU, which executes the normal 8051 instruction set.

The architecture eliminates redundant bus states and implements parallel execution of fetch and execution phases. Most of the one-byte instructions are performed in one single cycle. The MCU uses 1 clock per cycle. This leads to a performance improvement rate of 8.0 (in terms of MIPS) with respect to legacy 8051 devices.

The original 8051 had a 12-clock architecture. A machine cycle needed 12 clocks and most instructions were either one or two machine cycles. Except for MUL and DIV instructions, the 8051 used either 12 or 24 clocks for each instruction. Each cycle in the 8051 also used two memory fetches. In many cases, the second fetch was a dummy, and extra clocks were wasted.

[Table 100](#) shows the speed advantage compared to a legacy 8051. A speed advantage of 12 implies that the instruction is executed twelve times faster. The average speed advantage is 8.0. However, the real speed improvement seen in any system depends on the instruction mix.

| Speed advantage | Number of instructions | Number of opcodes |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 24              | 1                      | 1                 |
| 12              | 27                     | 83                |
| 9.6             | 2                      | 2                 |
| 8               | 16                     | 38                |
| 6               | 44                     | 89                |
| 4.8             | 1                      | 2                 |
| 4               | 18                     | 31                |
| 3               | 2                      | 9                 |
| Average: 8.0    | Sum: 111               | Sum: 255          |

*Table 100. Speed advantage summary*

### 14.1 Features

- Control Unit
  - ▶ 8-bit Instruction decoder
  - ▶ Reduced instruction cycle time (up to 12 times in respect to standard 80C51)
- Arithmetic-Logic Unit
  - ▶ 8-bit arithmetic and logical operations
  - ▶ Boolean manipulations
  - ▶ 8 x 8 bit multiplication and 8 / 8 bit division
- Multiplication-Division Unit
  - ▶ 16 x 16 bit multiplication
  - ▶ 32 / 16 bit and 16 / 16 bit division
  - ▶ 32-bit normalization
  - ▶ 32-bit L/R shifting
- Three 16-bit Timers/Counters
  - ▶ 80C51-like Timer 0 & 1
  - ▶ 80515-like Timer 2
- Compare/Capture Unit, dedicated to Timer 2
  - ▶ Four 16-bit Compare registers used for Pulse Width Modulation
  - ▶ Four external Capture inputs used for Pulse Width Measuring
  - ▶ 16-bit Reload register used for Pulse Generation

- Full Duplex Serial Interfaces
  - Serial 0 (80C51-like)
  - Synchronous mode, fixed baud rate
  - 8-bit UART mode, variable baud rate
  - 9-bit UART mode, fixed baud rate
  - 9-bit UART mode, variable baud rate
  - Baud Rate Generator
- Interrupt Controller
  - Four Priority Levels with 13 interrupt sources
- Memory interface
  - addresses up to 64 kB of External Program/Data Memory
  - Dual Data Pointer for fast data block transfer
- Hardware support for software debug

## 14.2 Block diagram

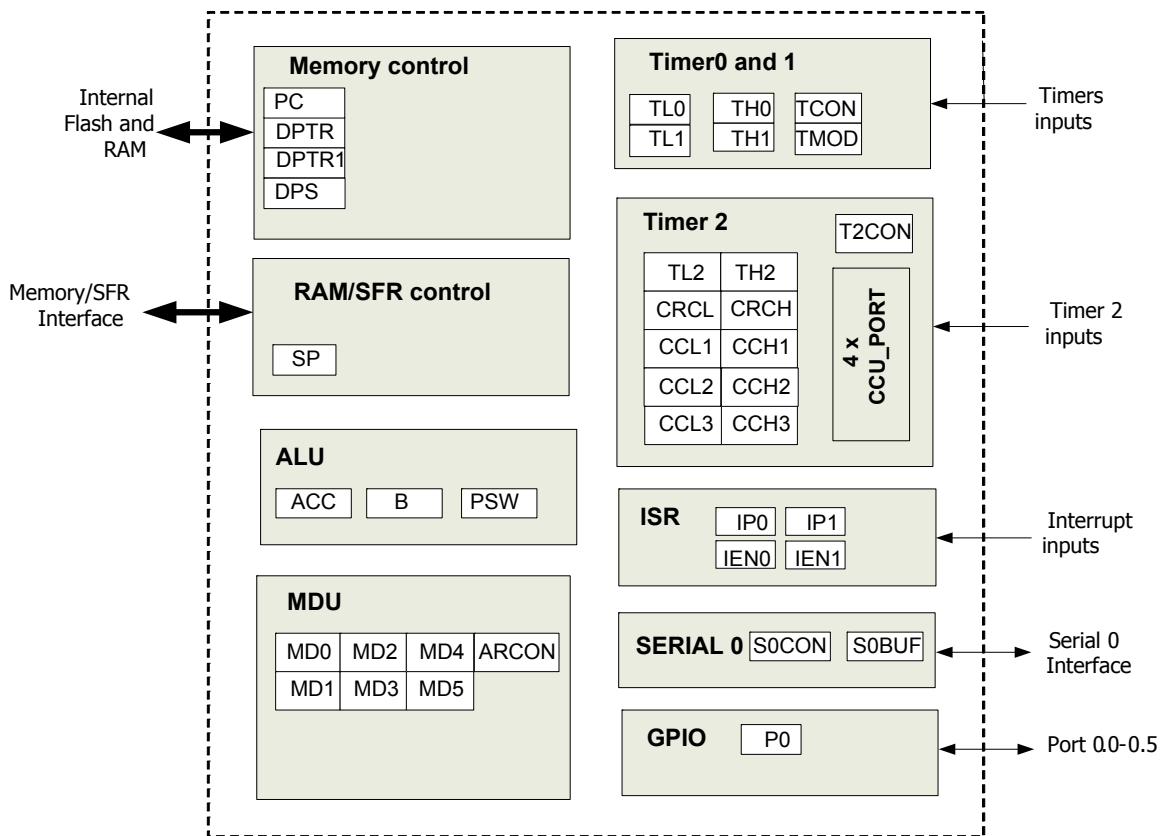


Figure 60. MCU block diagram



### 14.3 Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

The Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) provides 8-bit division, 8-bit multiplication, and 8-bit addition with or without carry. The ALU also provides 8-bit subtraction with borrow and some bitwise logic operations, that is, logical AND, OR, Exclusive OR or NOT.

All operations are unsigned integer operations. Additionally, the ALU can increment or decrement 8-bit registers. For accumulator only, it can rotate left or right through carry or not, swap nibbles, clear or complement bits and perform a decimal adjustment.

The ALU is handled by three registers, which are memory mapped as special function registers. Operands for operations may come from accumulator ACC, register B or from outside of the unit. The result may be stored in accumulator ACC or may be driven outside of the unit. The control register, that contains flags such as carry, overflow or parity, is the PSW (Program Status Word) register.

The nRF24LU1+ also contains an on-chip co-processor MDU (Multiplication Division Unit). This unit enables 32-bit division, 16-bit multiplication, shift and normalize operations, see [chapter 18 on page 156](#) for details.

### 14.4 Instruction set summary

All instructions are binary code compatible and perform the same functions as they do within the legacy 8051 processor. The following tables give a summary of instruction cycles of the MCU core.

| Mnemonic      | Description   | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|---------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| ADD A,Rn      | Add register to accumulator                                     | 0x28-0x2F | 1     | 1      |
| ADD A,direct  | Add directly addressed data to accumulator                      | 0x25      | 2     | 2      |
| ADD A,@Ri     | Add indirectly addressed data to accumulator                    | 0x26-0x27 | 1     | 2      |
| ADD A,#data   | Add immediate data to accumulator                               | 0x24      | 2     | 2      |
| ADDC A,Rn     | Add register to accumulator with carry                          | 0x38-0x3F | 1     | 1      |
| ADDC A,direct | Add directly addressed data to accumulator with carry           | 0x35      | 2     | 2      |
| ADDC A,@Ri    | Add indirectly addressed data to accumulator with carry         | 0x36-0x37 | 1     | 2      |
| ADDC A,#data  | Add immediate data to accumulator with carry                    | 0x34      | 2     | 2      |
| SUBB A,Rn     | Subtract register from accumulator with borrow                  | 0x98-0x9F | 1     | 1      |
| SUBB A,direct | Subtract directly addressed data from accumulator with borrow   | 0x95      | 2     | 2      |
| SUBB A,@Ri    | Subtract indirectly addressed data from accumulator with borrow | 0x96-0x97 | 1     | 2      |
| SUBB A,#data  | Subtract immediate data from accumulator with borrow            | 0x94      | 2     | 2      |
| INC A         | Increment accumulator   | 0x04      | 1     | 1      |
| INC Rn        | Increment register  | 0x08-0x0F | 1     | 2      |
| INC direct    | Increment directly addressed location                           | 0x05      | 2     | 3      |
| INC @Ri       | Increment indirectly addressed location                         | 0x06-0x07 | 1     | 3      |
| INC DPTR      | Increment data pointer  | 0xA3      | 1     | 1      |
| DEC A         | Decrement accumulator   | 0x14      | 1     | 1      |
| DEC Rn        | Decrement register  | 0x18-0x1F | 1     | 2      |
| DEC direct    | Decrement directly addressed location                           | 0x15      | 2     | 3      |
| DEC @Ri       | Decrement indirectly addressed location                         | 0x16-0x17 | 1     | 3      |
| MUL AB        | Multiply A and B  | 0xA4      | 1     | 5      |
| DIV           | Divide A by B   | 0x84      | 1     | 5      |
| DA A          | Decimal adjust accumulator                                      | 0xD4      | 1     | 1      |

Table 101. Arithmetic operations

| Mnemonic         | Description  | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------|
| ANL A, Rn        | AND register to accumulator                                | 0x58-0x5F | 1     | 1      |
| ANL A,direct     | AND directly addressed data to accumulator                 | 0x55      | 2     | 2      |
| ANL A,@Ri        | AND indirectly addressed data to accumulator               | 0x56-0x57 | 1     | 2      |
| ANL A,#data      | AND immediate data to accumulator                          | 0x54      | 2     | 2      |
| ANL direct,A     | AND accumulator to directly addressed location             | 0x52      | 2     | 3      |
| ANL direct,#data | AND immediate data to directly addressed location          | 0x53      | 3     | 4      |
| ORL A,Rn         | OR register to accumulator                                 | 0x48-0x4F | 1     | 1      |
| ORL A,direct     | OR directly addressed data to accumulator                  | 0x45      | 2     | 2      |
| ORL A,@Ri        | OR indirectly addressed data to accumulator                | 0x46-0x47 | 1     | 2      |
| ORL A,#data      | OR immediate data to accumulator                           | 0x44      | 2     | 2      |
| ORL direct,A     | OR accumulator to directly addressed location              | 0x42      | 2     | 3      |
| ORL direct,#data | OR immediate data to directly addressed location           | 0x43      | 3     | 4      |
| XRL A,Rn         | Exclusive OR register to accumulator                       | 0x68-0x6F | 1     | 1      |
| XRL A, direct    | Exclusive OR indirectly addressed data to accumulator      | 0x66-0x67 | 2     | 2      |
| XRL A,@Ri        | Exclusive OR indirectly addressed data to accumulator      | 0x66-0x67 | 2     | 2      |
| XRL A,#data      | Exclusive OR immediate data to accumulator                 | 0x64      | 2     | 2      |
| XRL direct,A     | Exclusive OR accumulator to directly addressed location    | 0x62      | 2     | 3      |
| XRL direct,#data | Exclusive OR immediate data to directly addressed location | 0x63      | 3     | 4      |
| CLR A            | Clear accumulator  | 0xE4      | 1     | 1      |
| CPL A            | Complement accumulator                                     | 0xF4      | 1     | 1      |
| RL A             | Rotate accumulator left                                    | 0x23      | 1     | 1      |
| RLC A            | Rotate accumulator left through carry                      | 0x33      | 1     | 1      |
| RR A             | Rotate accumulator right                                   | 0x03      | 1     | 1      |
| RRC A            | Rotate accumulator right through carry                     | 0x13      | 1     | 1      |
| SWAP A           | Swap nibbles within the accumulator                        | 0xC4      | 1     | 1      |

Table 102. Logic operations

| Mnemonic            | Description   | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|---------------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| MOV A,Rn            | Move register to accumulator                                  | 0xE8-0xEF | 1     | 1      |
| MOV A,direct        | Move directly addressed data to accumulator                   | 0xE5      | 2     | 2      |
| MOV A,@Ri           | Move indirectly addressed data to accumulator                 | 0xE6-0xE7 | 1     | 2      |
| MOV A,#data         | Move immediate data to accumulator                            | 0x74      | 2     | 2      |
| MOV Rn,A            | Move accumulator to register                                  | 0xF8-0xFF | 1     | 2      |
| MOV Rn,direct       | Move directly addressed data to register                      | 0xA8-0xAF | 2     | 4      |
| MOV Rn,#data        | Move immediate data to register                               | 0x78-0x7F | 2     | 2      |
| MOV direct,A        | Move accumulator to direct                                    | 0xF5      | 2     | 3      |
| MOV direct,Rn       | Move register to direct                                       | 0x88-0x8F | 2     | 3      |
| MOV direct1,direct2 | Move directly addressed data to directly addressed location   | 0x85      | 3     | 4      |
| MOV direct,@Ri      | Move indirectly addressed data to directly addressed location | 0x86-0x87 | 2     | 4      |

| Mnemonic         | Description   | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|------------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| MOV direct,#data | Move immediate data to directly addressed location            | 0x75      | 3     | 3      |
| MOV @Ri,A        | Move accumulator to indirectly addressed location             | 0xF6-0xF7 | 1     | 3      |
| MOV @Ri,direct   | Move directly addressed data to indirectly addressed location | 0xA6-0xA7 | 2     | 5      |
| MOV @Ri,#data    | Move immediate data to indirectly addressed location          | 0x76-0x77 | 2     | 3      |
| MOV DPTR,#data16 | Load data pointer with a 16-bit immediate                     | 0x90      | 3     | 3      |
| MOVC A,@A+DPTR   | Load accumulator with a code byte relative to DPTR            | 0x93      | 1     | 3      |
| MOVC A,@A+PC     | Load accumulator with a code byte relative to PC              | 0x83      | 1     | 3      |
| MOVX A,@Ri       | Move <sup>a</sup> external RAM (8-bit addr) to accumulator    | 0xE2-0xE3 | 1     | 4      |
| MOVX A,@DPTR     | Move <sup>a</sup> external RAM (16-bit addr) to accumulator   | 0xE0      | 1     | 4      |
| MOVX @Ri,A       | Move <sup>a</sup> accumulator to external RAM (8-bit addr)    | 0xF2-0xF3 | 1     | 5      |
| MOVX @DPTR,A     | Move <sup>a</sup> accumulator to external RAM (16-bit addr)   | 0xF0      | 1     | 5      |
| PUSH direct      | Push directly addressed data onto stack                       | 0xC0      | 2     | 4      |
| POP direct       | Pop directly addressed location from stack                    | 0xD0      | 2     | 3      |
| XCH A,Rn         | Exchange register with accumulator                            | 0xC8-0xCF | 1     | 2      |
| XCH A,direct     | Exchange directly addressed location with accumulator         | 0xC5      | 2     | 3      |
| XCH A,@Ri        | Exchange indirect RAM with accumulator                        | 0xC6-0xC7 | 1     | 3      |
| XCHD A,@Ri       | Exchange low-order nibbles of indirect and accumulator        | 0xD6-0xD7 | 1     | 3      |

a. The MOVX instructions perform one of two actions depending on the state of pmw bit (pcon.4).

Table 103. Data transfer operations

| Mnemonic     | Description                               | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|--------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| ACALL addr11 | Absolute subroutine call                  | xxx10001b | 2     | 6      |
| LCALL addr16 | Long subroutine call                      | 0x12      | 3     | 6      |
| RET          | Return from subroutine                    | 0x22      | 1     | 4      |
| RETI         | Return from interrupt                     | 0x32      | 1     | 4      |
| AJMP addr11  | Absolute jump                             | xxx00001b | 2     | 3      |
| LJMP addr16  | Long jump                                 | 0x02      | 3     | 4      |
| SJMP rel     | Short jump (relative address)             | 0x80      | 2     | 3      |
| JMP @A+DPTR  | Jump indirect relative to the DPTR        | 0x73      | 1     | 2      |
| JZ rel       | Jump if accumulator is zero               | 0x60      | 2     | 3      |
| JNZ rel      | Jump if accumulator is not zero           | 0x70      | 2     | 3      |
| JC rel       | Jump if carry flag is set                 | 0x40      | 2     | 3      |
| JNC rel      | Jump if carry flag is not set             | 0x50      | 2     | 3      |
| JB bit, rel  | Jump if directly addressed bit is set     | 0x20      | 3     | 4      |
| JNB bit, rel | Jump if directly addressed bit is not set | 0x30      | 3     | 4      |

| Mnemonic             | Description  | Code      | Bytes | Cycles |
|----------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------|
| JBC bit, rel         | Jump if directly addressed bit is set and clear bit                      | 0x10      | 3     | 4      |
| CJNE A, direct, rel  | Compare directly addressed data to accumulator and jump if not equal     | 0xB5      | 3     | 4      |
| CJNE A,#data,rel     | Compare immediate data to accumulator and jump if not equal              | 0xB4      | 3     | 4      |
| CJNE Rn, #data, rel  | Compare immediate data to register and jump if not equal                 | 0xB8-0xBF | 3     | 4      |
| CJNE @Ri, #data, rel | Compare immediate data to indirect addressed value and jump if not equal | 0xB6-B7   | 3     | 4      |
| DJNZ Rn, rel         | Decrement register and jump if not zero                                  | 0xD8-DF   | 2     | 3      |
| DJNZ direct, rel     | Decrement directly addressed location and jump if not zero               | 0xD5      | 3     | 4      |
| NOP                  | No operation   | 0x00      | 1     | 1      |

Table 104. Program branches

| Mnemonic   | Description                                       | Code | Bytes | Cycles |
|------------|---|------|-------|--------|
| CLR C      | Clear carry flag                                  | 0xC3 | 1     | 1      |
| CLR bit    | Clear directly addressed bit                      | 0xC2 | 2     | 3      |
| SETB C     | Set carry flag                                    | 0xD3 | 1     | 1      |
| SETB bit   | Set directly addressed bit                        | 0xD2 | 2     | 3      |
| CPL C      | Complement carry flag                             | 0xB3 | 1     | 1      |
| CPL bit    | Complement directly addressed bit                 | 0xB2 | 2     | 3      |
| ANL C,bit  | AND directly addressed bit to carry flag          | 0x82 | 2     | 2      |
| ANL C,/bit | AND complement of directly addressed bit to carry | 0xB0 | 2     | 2      |
| ORL C,bit  | OR directly addressed bit to carry flag           | 0x72 | 2     | 2      |
| ORL C,/bit | OR complement of directly addressed bit to carry  | 0xA0 | 2     | 2      |
| MOV C,bit  | Move directly addressed bit to carry flag         | 0xA2 | 2     | 2      |
| MOV bit,C  | Move carry flag to directly addressed bit         | 0x92 | 2     | 3      |

Table 105. Boolean manipulation

## 14.5 Opcode map

| Opcode | Mnemonic      | Opcode | Mnemonic          | Opcode | Mnemonic           |
|--------|---------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 00H    | NOP           | 56H    | ANL A,@R0         | ACH    | MOV R4,direct      |
| 01H    | AJMP addr11   | 57H    | ANL A,@R1         | ADH    | MOV R5,direct      |
| 02H    | JUMP addr16   | 58H    | ANL A,R0          | AFH    | MOV R6,direct      |
| 03H    | RRA           | 59H    | ANL A,R1          | AFH    | MOV R7,direct      |
| 04H    | INCA          | 5AH    | ANL A,R2          | B0H    | ANL C,/bit         |
| 05H    | INC direct    | 5BH    | ANL A,R3          | B1H    | ACALL addr11       |
| 06H    | INC @R0       | 5CH    | ANL A,R4          | B2H    | CPL bit            |
| 07H    | INC @R1       | 5DH    | ANL A,R5          | B3H    | CPLC               |
| 08H    | INC R0        | 5EH    | ANL A,R6          | B4H    | CJNE A,#data,rel   |
| 09H    | INC R1        | 5FH    | ANL A,R7          | B5H    | CJNE A,direct,rel  |
| 0AH    | INC R2        | 60H    | JZ rel            | B6H    | CJNE @R0,#data,rel |
| 0BH    | INC R3        | 61H    | AJMP addr11       | B7H    | CJNE @R1,#data,rel |
| 0CH    | INC R4        | 62H    | XRL direct,A      | B8H    | CJNE R0,#data,rel  |
| 0DH    | INC R5        | 63H    | XRL direct,#data  | B9H    | CJNE R1,#data,rel  |
| 0EH    | INC R6        | 64H    | XRL A,#data       | BAH    | CJNE R2,#data,rel  |
| 0FH    | INC R7        | 65H    | XRL A,direct      | BBH    | CJNE R3,#data,rel  |
| 10H    | JBC bit,rel   | 66H    | XRLA,@R0          | BCH    | CJNE R4,#data,rel  |
| 11H    | ACALL addr11  | 67H    | XRL A,@R1         | BDH    | CJNE R5,#data,rel  |
| 12H    | LCALL add r16 | 68H    | XRL A,R0          | BEH    | CJNE R6,#data,rel  |
| 13H    | RRC A         | 69H    | XRL A,R1          | BFH    | CJNE R7,#data,rel  |
| 14H    | DEC A         | 6AH    | XRL A,R2          | C0H    | PUSH direct        |
| 15H    | DEC direct    | 6BH    | XRL A,R3          | C1H    | AJMP addr11        |
| 16H    | DEC @R0       | 6CH    | XRL A,R4          | C2H    | CLR bit            |
| 17H    | DEC @R1       | 6DH    | XRL A,R5          | C3H    | CLR C              |
| 18H    | DEC R0        | 6EH    | XRL A,R6          | C4H    | SWAP A             |
| 19H    | DEC R1        | 6FH    | XRL A,R7          | C5H    | XCH A,direct       |
| 1AH    | DEC R2        | 70H    | JNZ rel           | C6H    | XCH A,@R0          |
| 1BH    | DECR3         | 71H    | ACALL addr11      | C7H    | XCH A,@R1          |
| 1CH    | DECR4         | 72H    | ORL C,bit         | C8H    | XCH A,R0           |
| 1DH    | DECR5         | 73H    | JMP @A+DPTR       | C9H    | XCH A,R1           |
| 1EH    | DECR6         | 74H    | MOV A,#data       | CAH    | XCH A,R2           |
| 1FH    | DECR7         | 75H    | MOV direct,#data  | CBH    | XCHA,R3            |
| 20H    | JB bit,rel    | 76H    | MOV @R0,#data     | CCH    | XCH A,R4           |
| 21H    | AJMP addr11   | 77H    | MOV @R1,#data     | CDH    | XCH A,R5           |
| 22H    | RET           | 78H    | MOV R0,#data      | CEH    | XCH A,R6           |
| 23H    | RL A          | 79H    | MOV R1,#data      | CFH    | XCHA,R7            |
| 24H    | ADD A,#data   | 7AH    | MOV R2,#data      | D0H    | POP direct         |
| 25H    | ADD A,direct  | 7BH    | MOV R3,#data      | D1H    | ACALL addr11       |
| 26H    | ADD A,@R0     | 7CH    | MOV R4,#data      | D2H    | SETB bit           |
| 27H    | ADD A,@R1     | 7DH    | MOV R5,#data      | D3H    | SETB C             |
| 28H    | ADD A,R0      | 7EH    | MOV R6,#data      | D4H    | DAA                |
| 29H    | ADD A,R1      | 7FH    | MOV R7,#data      | D5H    | DJNZ direct,rel    |
| 2AH    | ADD A,R2      | 80H    | SJMP rel          | D6H    | XCHDA,@R0          |
| 2BH    | ADD A,R3      | 81H    | AJMP addr11       | D7H    | XCHD A,@R1         |
| 2CH    | ADD A,R4      | 82H    | ANL C,bit         | D8H    | DJNZ R0,rel        |
| 2DH    | ADD A,R5      | 83H    | MOVC A,@A+PC      | D9H    | DJNZ R1,rel        |
| 2EH    | ADD A,R6      | 84H    | DIV AB            | DAH    | DJNZ R2,rel        |
| 2FH    | ADD A,R7      | 85H    | MOV direct,direct | DBH    | DJNZ R3,rel        |
| 30H    | JNB bit,rel   | 86H    | MOV direct,@R0    | DCH    | DJNZ R4,rel        |
| 31H    | ACALL addr11  | 87H    | MOV direct,@R1    | DDH    | DJNZ R5,rel        |

| Opcode | Mnemonic          | Opcode | Mnemonic          | Opcode | Mnemonic      |
|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|---------------|
| 32H    | RETI              | 88H    | MOV direct,R0     | DFH    | DJNZ R6,rel   |
| 33H    | RLC A             | 89H    | MOV direct,R1     | DFH    | DJNZ R7,rel   |
| 34H    | ADDC A,#data      | 8AH    | MOV direct,R2     | F0H    | MOVX A,@DPTR  |
| 35H    | ADDC A, direct    | 8BH    | MOV direct,R3     | F1H    | AJMP addr11   |
| 36H    | ADDC A,@R0        | 8CH    | MOV direct,R4     | E2H    | MOVX A,@R0    |
| 37H    | ADDC A,@R1        | 8DH    | MOV direct, R5    | F3H    | MOVX A,@R1    |
| 38H    | ADDC A,R0         | 8EH    | MOV direct,R6     | E4H    | CLR A         |
| 39H    | ADDC A,R1         | 8FH    | MOV direct,R7     | F5H    | MOVA, direct  |
| 3AH    | ADDC A,R2         | 90H    | MOV DPTR, #data16 | E6H    | MOVA,@R0      |
| 3BH    | ADDC A,R3         | 91H    | ACALL addr11      | F7H    | MOV A,@R1     |
| 3CH    | ADDC A,R4         | 92H    | MOV bit, C        | E8H    | MOV A,R0      |
| 3DH    | ADDC A,R5         | 93H    | MOVCA,@A+DPTR     | F9H    | MOV A,R1      |
| 3EH    | ADDC A,R6         | 94H    | SUBB A, #data     | EAH    | MOV A,R2      |
| 3FH    | ADDC A,R7         | 95H    | SUBB A, direct    | FRH    | MOV A,R3      |
| 40H    | JC rel            | 96H    | SUBB A,@R0        | ECH    | MOV A,R4      |
| 41H    | AJMP addr11       | 97H    | SUBB A,@R1        | FDH    | MOV A,R5      |
| 42H    | ORL direct, A     | 98H    | SUBB A, R0        | EEH    | MOV A,R6      |
| 43H    | ORL direct, #data | 99H    | SUBB A,R1         | EFH    | MOV A,R7      |
| 44H    | ORL A, #data      | 9AH    | SUBB A,R2         | F0H    | MOVX @DPTR,A  |
| 45H    | ORL A, direct     | 9BH    | SUBB A,R3         | F1H    | ACALL addr11  |
| 46H    | ORL A,@R0         | 9CH    | SUBB A,R4         | F2H    | MOVX @R0,A    |
| 47H    | ORL A,@R1         | 9DH    | SUBB A,R5         | F3H    | MOVX @R1,A    |
| 48H    | ORL A,R0          | 9EH    | SUBB A,R6         | F4H    | CPL A         |
| 49H    | ORL A,R1          | 9FH    | SUBB A,R7         | F5H    | MOV direct, A |
| 4AH    | ORL A,R2          | A0H    | ORL C,/bit        | F6H    | MOV @R0,A     |
| 4BH    | ORLA,R3           | A1H    | AJMP addr11       | F7H    | MOV @R1,A     |
| 4CH    | ORL A,R4          | A2H    | MOV C, bit        | F8H    | MOV R0,A      |
| 4DH    | ORL A,R5          | A3H    | INC DPTR          | F9H    | MOV R1,A      |
| 4EH    | ORL A,R6          | A4H    | MUL AB            | FAH    | MOV R2,A      |
| 4FH    | ORLA,R7           | A5H    | Debug             | FBH    | MOV R3,A      |
| 50H    | JNC rel           | A6H    | MOV @R0,direct    | FCH    | MOV R4,A      |
| 51H    | ACALL addr11      | A7H    | MOV @R1,direct    | FDH    | MOV R5,A      |
| 52H    | ANL direct, A     | A8H    | MOV R0,direct     | FEH    | MOV R6,A      |
| 53H    | ANL direct, #data | A9H    | MOV R1,direct     | FFH    | MOV R7,A      |
| 54H    | ANL A, #data      | AAH    | MOV R2,direct     |        |               |
| 55H    | ANL A, direct     | ABH    | MOV R3,direct     |        |               |

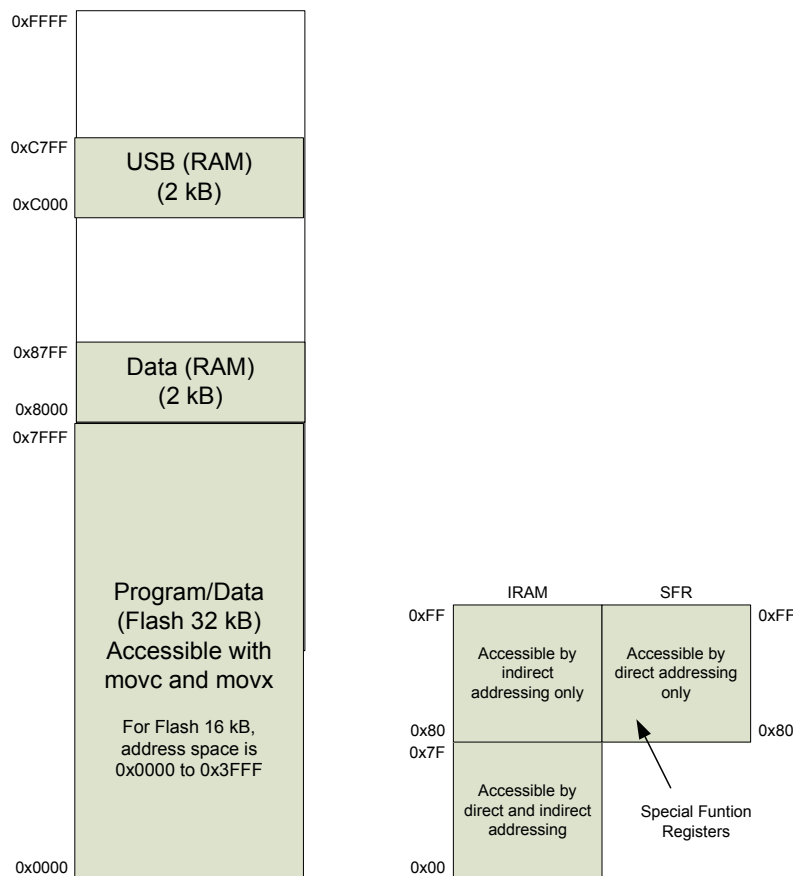
Table 106. Opcode map

## 15 Memory and I/O organization

The MCU has a 64 kbytes address space for code and data, an area of 256 byte for internal data (IRAM), and an area of 128 byte for Special Function Registers (SFR).

The nRF24LU1+ has 16 or 32 kbytes of flash program memory, 2 kbytes of SRAM data memory and a dedicated internal RAM of 256 byte for MCU internal data, see [Figure 61](#). To allow erase and write flash operations, the MCU must run the sequence described in [section 17.5.1](#).

In addition, an area of 2 kbytes is reserved for the USB buffer RAM and the USB configuration registers.



**Note:** In a program running in a protected flash area, movc may not be used to access addresses 0x00 to 0x03.

Figure 61. nRF24LU1+ memory map



## 15.1 Special function registers

### 15.1.1 Special function registers locations

The map of Special Function Registers is shown in [Table 107](#).

| Address   | X000                   | X001                   | X010                   | X011                   | X100                   | X101                   | X110                   | X111                  |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0xF8-0xFF | <a href="#">FSR</a>    | <a href="#">FPCR</a>   | <a href="#">FCR</a>    |                        |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 0xF0-0xF7 | <a href="#">B</a>      | <a href="#">AESKIN</a> | <a href="#">AESIV</a>  | <a href="#">AESD</a>   |                        | <a href="#">AESIA1</a> | <a href="#">AESIA2</a> |                       |
| 0xE8-0xEF | <a href="#">AESCS</a>  | <a href="#">MD0</a>    | <a href="#">MD1</a>    | <a href="#">MD2</a>    | <a href="#">MD3</a>    | <a href="#">MD4</a>    | <a href="#">MD5</a>    | <a href="#">ARCON</a> |
| 0xE0-0xE7 | <a href="#">ACC</a>    |                        |                        |                        |                        | <a href="#">RFDAT</a>  | <a href="#">RFCTL</a>  |                       |
| 0xD8-0xDF | <a href="#">WDCON</a>  | <a href="#">USBSLP</a> |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 0xD0-0xD7 | <a href="#">PSW</a>    |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 0xC8-0xCF | <a href="#">T2CON</a>  | <a href="#">P0EXP</a>  | <a href="#">CRCL</a>   | <a href="#">CRCH</a>   | <a href="#">TL2</a>    | <a href="#">TH2</a>    |                        |                       |
| 0xC0-0xC7 | <a href="#">IRCON</a>  | <a href="#">CCEN</a>   | <a href="#">CCL1</a>   | <a href="#">4CCH1</a>  | <a href="#">CCL2</a>   | <a href="#">CCH2</a>   | <a href="#">CCL3</a>   | <a href="#">CCH3</a>  |
| 0xB8-0xBF | <a href="#">IEN1</a>   | <a href="#">IP1</a>    | <a href="#">S0RELH</a> |                        | <a href="#">SSCONF</a> | <a href="#">SSDAT</a>  | <a href="#">SSSTAT</a> |                       |
| 0xB0-0xB7 |                        | <a href="#">RSTRES</a> | <a href="#">SMDAT</a>  | <a href="#">SMCTRL</a> |                        | <a href="#">TICKDV</a> |                        |                       |
| 0xA8-0xAF | <a href="#">IEN0</a>   | <a href="#">IP0</a>    | <a href="#">S0RELL</a> | <a href="#">REGXH</a>  | <a href="#">REGXL</a>  | <a href="#">REGXC</a>  |                        |                       |
| 0xA0-0xA7 | <a href="#">USBCON</a> |                        |                        | <a href="#">CLKCTL</a> | <a href="#">PWRDWN</a> | <a href="#">WUCONF</a> | <a href="#">INTEXP</a> |                       |
| 0x98-0x9F | <a href="#">S0CON</a>  | <a href="#">S0BUF</a>  |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 0x90-0x97 | <a href="#">RFCON</a>  |                        | <a href="#">DPS</a>    |                        | <a href="#">P0DIR</a>  | <a href="#">P0ALT</a>  |                        |                       |
| 0x88-0x8F | <a href="#">TCON</a>   | <a href="#">TMOD</a>   | <a href="#">TL0</a>    | <a href="#">TL1</a>    | <a href="#">TH0</a>    | <a href="#">TH1</a>    | <a href="#">CKCON</a>  |                       |
| 0x80-0x87 | <a href="#">P0</a>     | <a href="#">SP</a>     | <a href="#">DPL</a>    | <a href="#">DPH</a>    | <a href="#">DPL1</a>   | <a href="#">DPH1</a>   |                        | <a href="#">PCON</a>  |

Table 107. Special Function Registers locations

**Note:** Undefined locations are reserved and must not be read or written.

The registers in the X000 column in [Table 107](#) above are both byte and bit addressable. The other registers are only byte addressable.



### 15.1.2 Special function registers reset values

| Register name | Address | Reset value | More information                           | Description                                     |
|---------------|---------|-------------|--|---|
| ACC           | 0xE0    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.3 on page 131</a> | Accumulator                                     |
| AESCS         | 0xE8    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Command/Status                              |
| AESD          | 0xF3    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Data In/Out                                 |
| AESIA1        | 0xF5    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Indirect Address register 1                 |
| AESIA2        | 0xF6    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Indirect Address register 2                 |
| AESIV         | 0xF2    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Initialization Vector                       |
| AESKIN        | 0xF1    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 8.2 on page 96</a>     | AES Key In                                      |
| ARCON         | 0xEF    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Arithmetic Control register                     |
| B             | 0xF0    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.4 on page 131</a> | B register                                      |
| CCEN          | 0xC1    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.7 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture Enable register                 |
| CCH1          | 0xC3    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 1, high byte           |
| CCH2          | 0xC5    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 2, high byte           |
| CCH3          | 0xC7    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 3, high byte           |
| CCL1          | 0xC2    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 1, low byte            |
| CCL2          | 0xC4    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 2, low byte            |
| CCL3          | 0xC6    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.8 on page 111</a> | Compare/Capture register 3, low byte            |
| CKCON         | 0x8E    | 0x01        | <a href="#">Section 16.1 on page 134</a>   | Memory cycle control                            |
| CLKCTL        | 0xA3    | 0x80        | <a href="#">Section 20.4.1 on page 167</a> |   |
| CRCH          | 0xCB    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.9 on page 112</a> | Compare/Reload/Capture register, high byte      |
| CRCL          | 0xCA    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.9 on page 112</a> | Compare/Reload/Capture register, low byte       |
| DPH           | 0x83    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.7 on page 132</a> | Data Pointer High                               |
| DPL           | 0x82    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.7 on page 132</a> | Data Pointer Low                                |
| DPS           | 0x92    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.9 on page 133</a> | Data Pointer Select register                    |
| FCR           | 0xFA    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 17.3.6 on page 139</a> | Flash Command register                          |
| FPCR          | 0xF9    | NA          | <a href="#">Section 17.3.6 on page 139</a> | Flash Protect Configuration register            |
| FSR           | 0xF8    | NA          | <a href="#">Section 17.3.6 on page 139</a> | Flash Status register                           |
| IEN0          | 0xA8    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.1 on page 172</a> | Interrupt Enable register 0                     |
| IEN1          | 0xB8    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.2 on page 173</a> | Interrupt Priority register / Enable register 1 |
| INTEXP        | 0xA6    | 0x01        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.2 on page 173</a> |   |

| Register name | Address | Reset value | More information                           | Description  |
|---------------|---------|-------------|--|--|
| IP0           | 0xA9    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.3 on page 173</a> | Interrupt Priority register 0                      |
| IP1           | 0xB9    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.3 on page 173</a> | Interrupt Priority register 1                      |
| IRCON         | 0xC0    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 22.4.4 on page 174</a> | Interrupt Request Control register                 |
| MD0           | 0xE9    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 0                 |
| MD1           | 0xEA    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 1                 |
| MD2           | 0xEB    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 2                 |
| MD3           | 0xEC    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 3                 |
| MD4           | 0xED    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 4                 |
| MD5           | 0xEE    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 18.3 on page 156</a>   | Multiplication/Division register 5                 |
| P0            | 0x80    | 0xFF        | <a href="#">Section 13.1 on page 116</a>   | Port 0 (only P0.0 – P0.5 available externally)     |
| POALT         | 0x95    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 13.1 on page 116</a>   | GPIO port functions                                |
| PODIR         | 0x94    | 0xFF        | <a href="#">Section 13.1 on page 116</a>   | GPIO pin direction control                         |
| POEXP         | 0xC9    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 13.1 on page 116</a>   |  |
| PCON          | 0x87    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 20.4.5 on page 169</a> | Power Control                                      |
| PSW           | 0xD0    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.5 on page 132</a> | Program Status Word                                |
| PWRDWN        | 0xA4    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 20.4.2 on page 168</a> |  |
| REGXC         | 0xAD    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 19.3.6 on page 162</a> | Control register for watchdog and wakeup functions |
| REGXH         | 0xAB    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 19.3.6 on page 162</a> | High byte of 16-bit watchdog/wakeup register       |
| REGXL         | 0xAC    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 19.3.6 on page 162</a> | Low byte of 16-bit watchdog/wakeup register        |
| RFCON         | 0x90    | 0x02        | <a href="#">Section 6.5.1 on page 53</a>   | RF Transceiver configuration register              |
| RFCTL         | 0xE6    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 6.5.1 on page 53</a>   | RF Transceiver control register                    |
| RFDAT         | 0xE5    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 6.5.1 on page 53</a>   | RF data register                                   |
| RSTRES        | 0xB1    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 20.4.3 on page 168</a> |  |
| S0BUF         | 0x99    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 12.4.2 on page 115</a> | Serial Port 0, Data Buffer                         |
| S0CON         | 0x98    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 12.4.1 on page 114</a> | Serial Port 0, Control register                    |
| S0RELH        | 0xBA    | 0x03        | <a href="#">Section 12.4.3 on page 115</a> | Serial Port 0, Reload register, high byte          |
| S0RELL        | 0xAA    | 0xD9        | <a href="#">Section 12.4.3 on page 115</a> | Serial Port 0, Reload register, low byte           |
| SMCTRL        | 0xB3    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 9.2 on page 99</a>     | SPI Master Control register                        |
| SMDAT         | 0xB2    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 9.2 on page 99</a>     | SPI Master data register                           |
| SP            | 0x81    | 0x07        | <a href="#">Section 15.1.6 on page 132</a> | Stack Pointer                                      |
| SSCONF        | 0xBC    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 10.2 on page 101</a>   | SPI Slave configuration                            |
| SSDAT         | 0xBD    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 10.2 on page 101</a>   | SPI Slave Data register                            |
| SSSTAT        | 0xBE    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 10.2 on page 101</a>   | SPI Slave Status register                          |
| T2CON         | 0xC8    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.5 on page 110</a> | Timer 2 Control register                           |

| Register name | Address | Reset value | More information                           | Description   |
|---------------|---------|-------------|--|---|
| TCON          | 0x88    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.1 on page 108</a> | Timer/Counter Control register                                  |
| TH0           | 0x8C    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.3 on page 109</a> | Timer 0, high byte  |
| TH1           | 0x8D    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.4 on page 109</a> | Timer 1, high byte  |
| TH2           | 0xCD    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.6 on page 110</a> | Timer 2, high byte  |
| TICKDV        | 0xB5    | 0x03        | <a href="#">Section 19.3.2 on page 161</a> | Divider for watchdog and wakeup functions                       |
| TL0           | 0x8A    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.3 on page 109</a> | Timer 0, low byte   |
| TL1           | 0x8B    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.4 on page 109</a> | Timer 1, low byte   |
| TL2           | 0xCC    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.6 on page 110</a> | Timer 2, low byte   |
| TMOD          | 0x89    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 11.4.2 on page 109</a> | Timer Mode register   |
| USBCON        | 0xA0    | 0xFF        | <a href="#">Section 7.3 on page 65</a>     | USB configuration/status register                               |
| USBSLP        | 0xD9    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 7.3 on page 65</a>     | USB sleep   |
| WDCON         | 0xD8    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 12.4.4 on page 115</a> | Serial Port 0 Baud Rate Select register (only wdcon.7 bit used) |
| WUCONF        | 0xA5    | 0x00        | <a href="#">Section 20.4.4 on page 168</a> | Wakeup configuration register                                   |

Table 108. Special Function Registers reset values

### 15.1.3 Accumulator - ACC

Accumulator is used by most of the MCU instructions to hold the operand and to store the result of an operation.

**Note:** The mnemonics for accumulator specific instructions refer to accumulator as A, not ACC.

| Address | Reset value | bit7  | bit6  | bit5  | bit4  | bit3  | bit2  | bit1  | bit0  |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0xE0    | 0x00        | acc.7 | acc.6 | acc.5 | acc.4 | acc.3 | acc.2 | acc.1 | acc.0 |

Table 109. ACC register

### 15.1.4 B register – B

The B register is used during multiplying and division instructions. It can also be used as a scratch-pad register to hold temporary data.

| Address | Reset value | bit7 | bit6 | bit5 | bit4 | bit3 | bit2 | bit1 | bit0 |
|---------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0xF0    | 0x00        | b.7  | b.6  | b.5  | b.4  | b.3  | b.2  | b.1  | b.0  |

Table 110. B register

### 15.1.5 Program Status Word register - PSW

The PSW register contains status bits that reflect the current state of the MCU.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|---|
| 0xD0    | 0x00        | 7   | cy   | Carry flag: Carry bit in arithmetic operations and accumulator for Boolean operations.          |
|         |             | 6   | ac   | Auxiliary Carry flag: Set if there is a carry-out from 3rd bit of Accumulator in BCD operations |
|         |             | 5   | f0   | General purpose flag 0  |
|         |             | 4-3 | rs   | Register bank select, bank 0..3 (0x00-0x07, 0x08-0x0f, 0x10-0x17, 0x18-0x1f)                    |
|         |             | 2   | ov   | Overflow flag: Set if overflow in Accumulator during arithmetic operations                      |
|         |             | 1   | f1   | General purpose flag 1  |
|         |             | 0   | p    | Parity flag: Set if odd number of '1' in ACC.   |

Table 111. PSW register

**Note:** The Parity bit can only be modified by hardware in the ACC register state.

### 15.1.6 Stack Pointer – SP

This register points to the top of the stack in internal data memory space. It is used to store the return address of a program before executing an interrupt routine or subprograms. The SP register is incremented before executing PUSH or CALL instruction and it is decremented after executing POP or RET(I) instruction (it always points to the top of the stack).

| Address | Reset value | Register name |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 0x81    | 0x07        | SP            |

Table 112. SP register

### 15.1.7 Data Pointer – DPH, DPL

| Address | Reset value | Register name |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 0x82    | 0x00        | DPL           |
| 0x83    | 0x00        | DPH           |

Table 113. Data Pointer register (DPH:DPL)

The Data Pointer registers can be accessed through DPL and DPH. The actual data pointer is selected by DPS register.

The Data Pointer registers are intended to hold a 16-bit address in the indirect addressing mode used by MOVX (move external memory), MOVC (move program memory) or JMP (computed branch) instructions. They may be manipulated as 16-bit register or as two separate 8-bit registers. DPH holds a higher byte and DPL holds a lower byte of an indirect address.

These registers are used to access external code or data space (for example, MOVC A, @A+DPTR or MOV A, @DPTR).

### 15.1.8 Data Pointer 1 – DPH1, DPL1

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0x84    | DPL1          |
| 0x85    | DPH1          |

Table 114. Data Pointer 1 register (DPH1:DPL1)

The Data Pointer register 1 can be accessed through DPL1 and DPH1. The actual data pointer is selected by DPS register.

These registers are intended to hold a 16-bit address in the indirect addressing mode used by MOVX (move external memory), MOVC (move program memory) or JMP (computed branch) instructions. They can be manipulated as a 16-bit register or as two separate 8-bit registers. DPH1 holds a higher byte and DPL1 holds a lower byte of an indirect address.

These registers are used to access external code or data space (for example, MOVC A,@A+DPTR or MOV A,@DPTR respectively).

The Data Pointer 1 is an extension to the standard 8051 architecture to speed up block data transfers.

### 15.1.9 Data Pointer Select register – DPS

The MCU contains two Data Pointer registers. Both Data Pointer registers can be used as 16-bits address source for indirect addressing. The DPS register serves for selecting the active data pointer register.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|---|
| 0x92    | 0x00        | 7:1 | -    | Not used  |
|         |             | 0   | dps  | Data Pointer Select. 0: select DPH:DPL, 1: select DPH1:DPL1 |

Table 115. DPS register

## 16 Random Access Memory (RAM)

The nRF24LU1+ contains two separate RAM blocks. These blocks are used to save temporary data or programs.

The RAM blocks are 256x8 IRAM bits and 2048x8 bits.

**Note:** The information in these blocks is lost when power to the device is removed.

As described in [chapter 15 on page 127](#), the RAM resides in different maps, that is, different instructions are used to access them.

The smallest RAM-block (256 bytes) resides in the “internal” RAM-area, called IRAM, and contains scratch-pad data, subroutine stacks, register files, and so on.

**Note:** The lower 128 bytes can be addressed direct or indirectly, while the upper 128 bytes can only be accessed using indirect addressing.

The largest RAM (2048 bytes) resides in the XDATA space and is a fixed block located from address 0x8000 to 0x87FF. This block is used for data or program code.

### 16.1 Cycle control

The MCU has a programmable SFR register that controls timing to on-chip memory. Since this memory is fast, the default values are recommended.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|--|
| 0x8E    | 0x01        | 7   | Not used   |
|         |             | 6-4 | Program memory wait state control<br>000: No wait-states (default at power-up)<br>Other values are reserved and should not be used |
|         |             | 3   | Not used   |
|         |             | 2-0 | External data memory stretch control.<br>001: One stretch cycle (default)<br>Other values are reserved and should not be used      |

Table 116. CKCON register

## 17 Flash Memory

This section describes the operation of the embedded flash memory. The MCU can read and write the memory and perform erase page operations. You can configure and program the flash memory through an external SPI slave interface and you can also configure it to inhibit readback or modification of the memory content. You can also program the flash memory through the USB by using the USB bootloader.

### 17.1 Features

- 16 or 32 kB Flash memory
- Page size 512 bytes
- 32 or 64 pages of MainBlock + 1 InfoPage
- Endurance minimum 1000 write/erase cycles
- Direct SPI programmable
- Read and write accessible from MCU
- Configurable MCU write and erase protection
- Configurable SPI readback protection
- HW support for FW upgrade

### 17.2 Block diagram

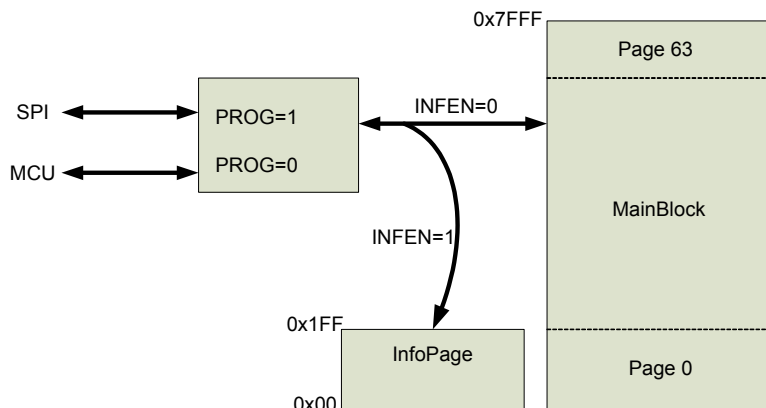


Figure 62. Flash memory block diagram

### 17.3 Functional description

#### 17.3.1 Flash memory configuration

The flash memory is divided into two blocks, the MainBlock and the information block (one InfoPage).

At the chip interface the flash behaves as an SPI programmable flash memory. All configuration and setup of the behavior during normal mode (that is, when MCU is active and running) is defined through the SPI

and the configuration data is stored in the InfoPage. During the chip reset/start-up sequence the configuration data is read and stored in a set of registers that control flash memory behavior.

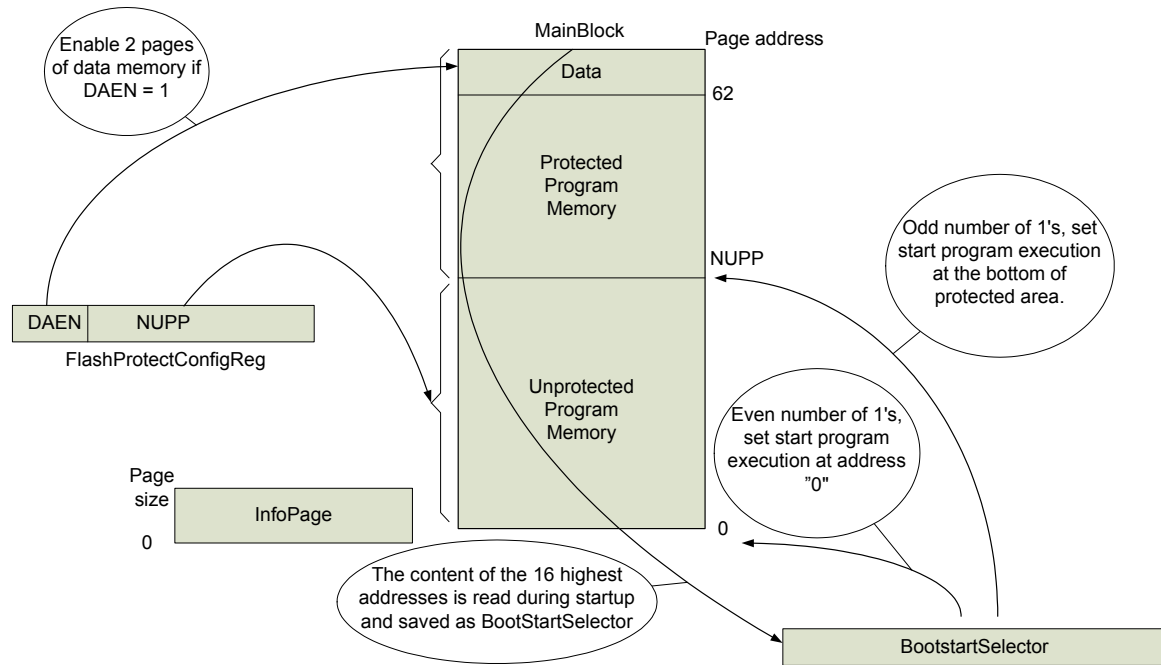


Figure 63. Flash memory organization

The MainBlock of flash memory can be configured through the SPI ([Figure 63.](#)) in the following ways:

- Unprotected program memory; can be read, written and erased through the SPI and by the MCU. With no configuration the whole MainBlock is unprotected memory.
- Protected program memory; can be read, written and erased through the SPI but only read by the MCU. Any number of pages can be configured as protected memory.
- Data memory; can be read, written and erased through the SPI and by the MCU. Two data pages 62 and 63 may be enabled. If enabled, the number of protected pages is reduced by two.

You can program the InfoPage through the SPI only, because the MCU has only read access to the InfoPage, except for byte 0x23, which is writable from the MCU, see [Table 117.](#)

**Note:** You can write to a flash byte twice between each erase. A page (or full) erase sets the value of all erased bytes to 0xFF. A write to a flash byte only programs the 0-bits of the byte, leaving the 1-bits as they are (after the erase). Thus for the second write, only the remaining 1-bits can be programmed. This results in an "and" function of the first and second write. Example: Writing 0x46 and 0x27 to the same byte (without erase in between) will result in a stored value 0x06.



### 17.3.2 InfoPage content

The content of the InfoPage is given in [Table 117](#), below. The InfoPage is erased at factory so that all bytes, except `CHIPID`, initially have the value `0xFF`.

| InfoPage data   | Size      | Address | Comment   |
|---|-----------|---------|---|
| Reserved  | 11 bytes  | 0x00    | Reserved.   |
| CHIPID  | 5 bytes   | 0x0B    | ID number for each individual device. The ID is generated by a pseudo random process. No ID will violate the rules specified in <a href="#">section 6.4.3.2</a>   |
| Reserved  | 16 bytes  | 0x10    | Reserved.   |
| Page address for start of protected area (that is, number of unprotected pages) | 1 byte    | 0x20    | Read out during reset/start-up sequence of the chip to register <code>FPCR.NUPP</code><br>Byte value:<br>0xFF: all pages are unprotected<br>Other value: page address   |
| Enable flash data memory  | 1 byte    | 0x21    | Read out during reset/start-up sequence of the chip.<br>Byte value:<br>0xFF: no data memory, <code>FPCR.DAEN=0</code><br>Other value: data memory exists, <code>FPCR.DAEN=1</code>  |
| Readback blocking byte for InfoPage   | 1 byte    | 0x22    | Read out during reset/start-up sequence of chip.<br>Byte value:<br>0xFF: <code>FSR.RDISIP=0</code><br>Other value: <code>FSR.RDISIP=1</code>  |
| Readback blocking byte for MainBlock  | 1 byte    | 0x23    | Read out during reset/start-up sequence of chip.<br>Byte value:<br>0xFF: <code>FSR.RDISMB=0</code><br>Other value: <code>FSR.RDISMB=1</code><br><b>Note:</b> This byte may be written (to <code>0x00</code> ) by the MCU, but the InfoPage cannot be erased by the MCU. |
| Enable debug  | 1 byte    | 0x24    | Read out during reset/start-up sequence of chip.<br>Byte value:<br>0xFF: <code>FSR.DBG=0</code><br>Other value: <code>FSR.DBG=1</code> if <code>FSR.RDISMB=0</code> , enables HW debug. See <a href="#">chapter 23 on page 175</a>                                      |
| Reserved  | 219 bytes | 0x25    | Reserved.   |
| For user data   | 256 bytes | 0x100   | Free to use.  |

**Note:** The InfoPage can only be erased if `FSR.RDISMB=0`. See also [section 17.7.4.1 on page 154](#).

Table 117. InfoPage content

### 17.3.3 Protected pages and data pages

The flash memory can be split into unprotected, protected and data areas. When you protect an area of flash memory it becomes read only for the MCU, but it can still be read, written and erased through the SPI interface. The protected area of the flash memory is safe from illegal erase/write operations from the MCU and can typically be used for firmware upgrade functions, see [section 17.5.2 on page 141](#).

The flash MainBlock consists of 32 or 64 pages each 512 bytes long. The factory configuration `FPCR.NUPP` (Number of Unprotected Pages)=`0xFF` leaves all pages unprotected, that is, the MCU can erase and write to any page. `FPCR.DAEN=1` reserves the two highest pages (62-63) as data pages. The `FPCR.NUPP` value is the page number of the first protected page, see [Figure 62. on page 135](#). For exam-

ple, `FPCR.NUPP=12` and `FPCR.DAEN=1` gives 12 unprotected pages (0-11) and 50 protected pages (12-61) and two data pages (62-63), see [Figure 63. on page 136](#).

If you have a protected and unprotected area, the value of the 16 topmost flash memory addresses decide from which area the MCU will start code execution. During the reset/start up sequence these 16 bytes are read automatically. If there is an even number of logic 1 databits in the 16 topmost addresses of the flash memory, `FSR.STP = 0`, otherwise `FSR.STP = 1`. The factory configuration of `FSR.STP=0` starts the code execution at address 0x0000 which is the beginning of the unprotected area. If `FSR.STP=1`, the code execution starts from the beginning of the protected area.

To use this "start from protected" feature, data pages must be enabled (`FPCR.DAEN=1`), which will allow MCU programming access to the highest page (63).

### 17.3.4 16 kB Flash memory size option

nRF24LU1+ has two flash memory size options, 32 k bytes and 16 k bytes, see also [chapter 27.1.1 on page 181](#).

For the 16 kB Flash version the data pages, if configured, always reside in pages 62-63.

Any MCU program, with a size less than 16 kB, running on a 32 kB Flash version, will run unmodified in a 16 kB Flash version. Likewise any MCU program running on a 16 kB Flash version will run unmodified on a 32 kB Flash version.

#### Example configurations

| FPCR.NUPP | FPCR.DAEN | Flash memory size | Description   |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| 255       | 0         | 32 kB             | All memory unprotected (pages 0-63)                             |
| 20        | 0         | 32 kB             | NA because FSR.STP cannot be set                                |
| 0         | 0         | 32 kB             | All memory protected (pages 0-63)                               |
| 255       | 1         | 32 kB             | Pages 0-61 unprotected, data pages 62-63                        |
| 40        | 1         | 32 kB             | Pages 0-39 unprotected, pages 40-61 protected, data pages 62-63 |
| 20        | 1         | 32 kB             | Pages 0-19 unprotected, pages 20-61 protected, data pages 62-63 |
| 0         | 1         | 32 kB             | Pages 0-61 protected, data pages 62-63                          |
|           |           |                   |   |
| 255       | 0         | 16 kB             | All memory unprotected (pages 0-31)                             |
| 20        | 0         | 16 kB             | NA because FSR.STP cannot be set                                |
| 0         | 0         | 16 kB             | All memory protected (pages 0-31)                               |
| 255       | 1         | 16 kB             | Pages 0-29 unprotected, data pages 62-63                        |
| 40        | 1         | 16 kB             | Illegal (values >29 and < 64 are illegal)                       |
| 20        | 1         | 16 kB             | Pages 0-19 unprotected, pages 20-29 protected, data pages 62-63 |
| 0         | 1         | 16 kB             | Pages 0-29 protected, data pages 62-63                          |

Table 118. Example of Flash configurations for 32 kB and 16 kB size

### 17.3.5 Software compatibility with nRF24LU1

nRF24LU1 programs with no protected flash memory configured (`FPCR.NUPP=0xFF`) can be ported unchanged to nRF24LU1+.

For nRF24LU1 programs with protected flash memory configured ( $FPCR.NUPP < 30$ ), the addresses of the data pages must be changed. This is because the data pages in nRF24LU1 reside in pages 30-31 while the data pages in nRF24LU1+ reside in pages 62-63. This means that all addresses for write or erase of the data pages in nRF24LU1 must be translated from pages 30-31 to pages 62-63 to run on nRF24LU1+. However, this address translation is not required if no protected memory is configured.

### 17.3.6 SFR registers for flash memory operations

| Addr | Reset value                                      | Bit | Name   | RW                   | Function  |
|------|--|-----|--------|----------------------|---|
| 0xF8 | Read from Flash, see <a href="#">Table 117</a> . | 7   | DBG    | RW                   | FSR – Flash Status Register<br>1: Enable HW debugger, 0: Disable HW debugger, if RDISMB = 0, DBG may be set (to one) by the MCU/SFR write, but it will return back to reset value after a subsequent reset.   |
|      | Read from Flash                                  | 6   | STP    | R                    | 1: Start from protected program memory, 0: start from address 0   |
|      | 0  | 5   | WEN    | RW                   | Flash write (or erase) enable. 1: enable  |
|      | 0  | 4   | RDYN   | R                    | Flash interface ready. 0: ready   |
|      | 0  | 3   | INFEN  | RW                   | InfoPage enable. 1: enable  |
|      | Read from Flash, see <a href="#">Table 117</a> . | 2   | RDISMB | R                    | SPI read-back disable of MainBlock. 1: read back disable and also inhibits page erase and MainBlock write. Writable by SPI command RDISMB and is cleared automatically by the ERASE_ALL command. Can also be written indirectly by MCU as described in <a href="#">Table 117</a> on page 137. |
|      | Read from Flash                                  | 1   | RDISIP | R                    | SPI read-back disable of InfoPage. 1: read back disable. Only writable by SPI command RDISIP and is cleared automatically if InfoPage is erased.  |
| 0    | 0  | -   |        | Reserved, read as 0. |   |
| 0xF9 | N/A  | 7   | DAEN   | R                    | FPCR – Flash Protect Configuration Register<br>1: The two upper flash pages reserved as data memory, 0: no data memory enabled.<br><b>Note:</b> NUPP < 0xFF reserves the 16 highest bytes of the flash MainBlock.   |
|      |  | 6:0 | NUPP   | R                    |   |
| 0xFA | 0x00   | 7:0 | EPA    | RW                   | FCR – Flash Command Register<br>Byte value < 64:<br>Erase page address, otherwise used for secure MCU flash write, see <a href="#">section 17.5.1 on page 140</a> .   |

Table 119. FSR, FPCR and FCR registers

## 17.4 Brown-out

There is an on-chip power-fail detector, see [chapter 21 on page 170](#), which ensures that any flash memory program or erase access will be ignored when the 'Power Fail' signal (see [Figure 83](#).) is active. Both the micro controller and the flash memory still function according to specification, and any write operation that was started will be completed. Flash erase operations will be aborted. If the supply voltage drops further, that is when the signal "Reset" (see [Figure 83](#).) is active, the chip will be reset. If the power supply rises again before reaching the reset threshold, there will be no reset, and there is no status indication to show

that this has happened.

To ensure proper programming of the flash in the cases where power supply may be unreliable, the user should take the following precautions:

- Make sure there is no partial erase.
  - ▶ If the device is reset during an erase cycle, always assume that the erase was unsuccessful.
  - ▶ If there is no reset, make sure that the erase duration is longer than 20 ms. A sample firmware code for such a check may be found in nRFG SDK.
- Make sure the data read back from the flash is identical to what is written to flash. The mechanism above will guarantee that the data is safely stored to flash if the value does compare. If the compare fails, the write has been ignored due to a power supply event.
- Using the VBUS supply, the time from “Power Fail” to “Reset” is longer than one flash byte write operation (around 46  $\mu$ s), as this is assured by the 10 $\mu$ F capacitor on the VBUS pin. If using the VDD supply, make sure that this requirement is met by sufficient reservoir on the supply.

## 17.5 Flash programming from the MCU

This section describes how you can write and erase the flash memory using the MCU. Note that all flash write and erase operations require that  $C_{clk} \geq 12$  MHz, see [Table 133. on page 167](#).

### 17.5.1 MCU write and erase of the MainBlock

When a flash write is initiated, the MCU is halted for 740 clock cycles (46 $\mu$ s @16 MHz) for each byte written. When a page erase is initiated, the MCU can be halted for up to 360,000 clock cycles (22.5 ms @16 MHz). During this time the MCU does not respond to any interrupts. Firmware must assure that page erase does not interfere with normal operation of the nRF24LU1+.

The MCU can perform erase page and write operations to the unprotected part and the data part of the flash MainBlock. To prevent unwanted/harmful erase and write operations a security mechanism is implemented.

To allow erase and write flash operations the MCU must run the following sequence:

1. Write 0xAA to the `FCR` register. This starts an internal 7 bit down counter. The counter counts down from 127 to 0.
2. Before the count down period has expired (8  $\mu$ s @16 MHz), write 0x55 to the `FCR`. This restarts the internal 7 bit down counter. Then the counter again counts down from 127 to 0. In the count down period (8  $\mu$ s) the `FSR.WEN` bit is writeable from the MCU.
3. Set `FSR.WEN` high before count down period has expired.
4. The flash is now open for erase and write from the MCU until `FSR.WEN` is set low again. `FSR.WEN` can be set low directly (no security mechanism applies).
5. To erase a page, write page address (range 0-63) to the `FCR` register. Bytes are written individually (there is no auto increment) to the flash using the specific memory address. When the programming code executes from the flash, any erase or write operation is self timed and the MCU stops until the operation is finished. If the programming code executes from the XDATA RAM the code must wait until the operation has finished. This can be done either by polling the `FSR.RDYN` bit to go low or by a wait loop. Do not set `FSR.WEN` low before the write or erase operation is finished. Memory address is identical to the flash address, see [Chapter 15 on page 127](#) for memory mapping.

## 17.5.2 Hardware support for firmware upgrade

If the `FSR.STP` bit is high the MCU starts a program execution from the lowest address in the protected part of the flash memory (`FPCR.NUPP<<9`). If the `FSR.STP` bit is low (as it is in a normal case) the MCU starts an execution from address “0” of the flash memory.

The `FSR.STP` bit can only be set indirectly by programming one of the 16 last bytes of flash MainBlock. Upon the next Reset these 16 bytes will be read, and if the data area is enabled (`FPCR.DAEN = 1`) and the content of the 16 highest addresses of the flash memory (MainBlock) have an odd number of 1's then `FSR.STP` is set high. Otherwise, `FSR.STP` is set low. If the data area is not enabled (`FPCR.DAEN = 0`) `FSR.STP` is always low. This mechanism may be used to obtain a safe upgrade for the unprotected area of the flash.

There is only one set of interrupt vectors (see [Table 138.](#)) and they always point to the first page of flash memory, regardless of whether the page is defined as protected or unprotected memory. So, if a program is placed in the protected part of flash memory starting at a higher page, the corresponding interrupt vectors still point to the unprotected part of the memory. Unless the implications of this are clearly understood, it is recommended not to use interrupt in programs intended to run from the protected area.

Here is an example of this mechanism in use:

- The application is running in an unprotected area and the program doing the upgrade resides in a protected area.
- You must configure flash with `FPCR.DAEN=1` to allow firmware control over the `FSR.STP` bit.
- The host initiates a firmware upgrade over the USB interface.
- Set `FSR.WEN` as described in section [17.5.1 on page 140.](#)
- A bit in one of the 16 highest addressed bytes is programmed to 0.
- You can now restart the system. The system restarts from the protected area.
- You can now perform erase and write operations safely in the unprotected area, that is, you can update the unprotected area through the USB interface.  
In case of a power failure or a restart, the MCU starts an execution in the protected area.
- When the upgrade is finished a new bit in one of the 16 highest addressed bytes is programmed to 0 which gives an even number of 1s in these bytes, implying `FSR.STP=0`, after next reset.
- You can now restart the system, and it restarts from the unprotected area.

**Note:** For program in protected area, see the restriction for `movc` in [Figure 61. on page 127](#)

## 17.6 Flash programming through USB

The nRF24LU1+ bootloader allows you to program the nRF24LU1+ through the USB interface. The bootloader is pre-programmed into the nRF24LU1+ flash memory and automatically starts when power is applied. After start-up the bootloader copies the flash programming code to the internal SRAM from where the complete flash memory can be programmed. The bootloader occupies the topmost 2K bytes (KB) of the flash and is not deleted unless the user program extends into this area. If the program is larger than 30KB the bootloader is overwritten and lost. In addition to the topmost 2KB of the flash, the bootloader also uses the 3 byte reset vector at address 0. If your application needs to re-execute the bootloader; you must restore the reset vector so that the bootloader executes after power on reset.

### 17.6.1 Flash Layout

The 32 kB flash is divided into 64 pages of 512 bytes each. Since the maximum USB packet size in nRF24LU1+ is 64 bytes the bootloader divides each flash page into 8 blocks of 64 bytes each as shown in the following figure:

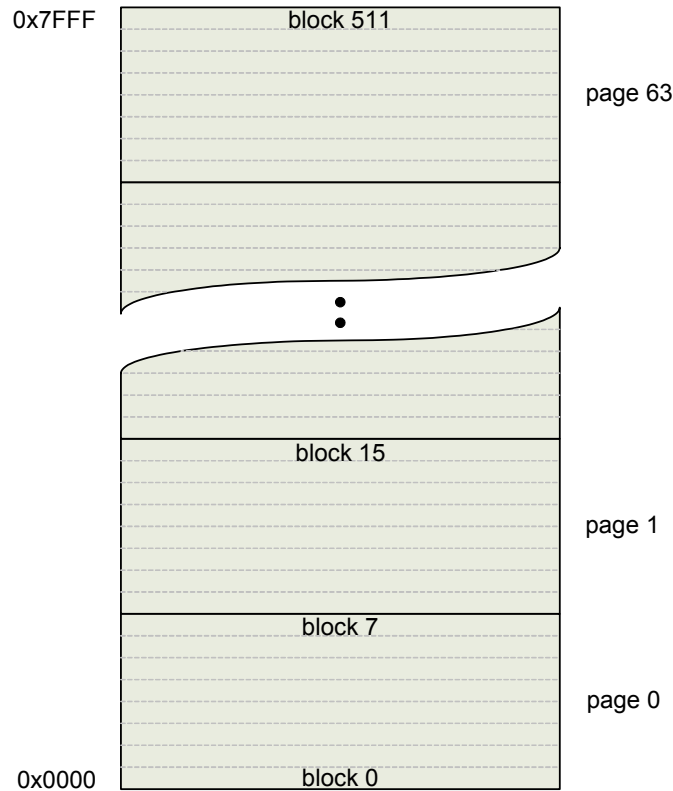


Figure 64. Relation between address, pages and blocks

## 17.6.2 USB Protocol

nRF24LU1+ begins enumerating when connected to a USB host and is available to the operating system. A driver, or application, communicating with the bootloader must use the following parameters:

| USB parameters               | Value  |
|------------------------------|--------|
| VID (Vendor Identification)  | 0x1915 |
| PID (Product Identification) | 0x0101 |
| IN endpoint address          | 0x81   |
| OUT endpoint address         | 0x01   |

Table 120. Driver/application USB parameters for communication with bootloader

The USB host communicates with the bootloader by writing commands to the IN endpoint. All USB commands to the bootloader start with a 1 byte identifier (cmd id) and return a packet. If the command takes parameters, the parameters are written as one or two bytes after the one byte identifier, for example, command 0x02 takes the parameter pn. Each command returns a value that must be read from the OUT endpoint.

17.6.2.1 Firmware Version (cmd id 0x01)



Figure 65. Command 0x01

This command returns firmware information of the bootloader. **hb** is the major version number and **lb** is the minor version number.

17.6.2.2 Flash Write Init (cmd 0x02)

This command is sent to the bootloader to start writing a flash page to the page indicated by the parameter **pn**. After this command is completed the host must send the 8 blocks that constitutes the page. This is done by sending 64 byte packets to the USB IN endpoint with the contents of the block. The bootloader responds with a one-byte packet (containing 0x00) after each packet has been sent.

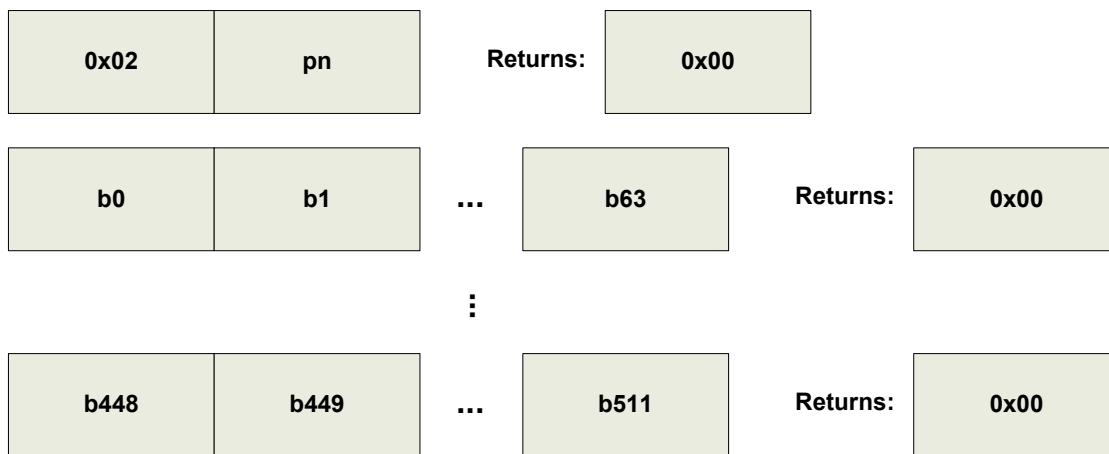


Figure 66. Command 0x02

17.6.2.3 Read Flash (cmd 0x03)

This command is sent by the host to read one of the 64 byte flash blocks. The block is indicated by the parameter **bn** (bits 0-7 only. Bit 8 is set by cmd 6 below). If the flash MainBlock readback disable is effective this command returns 0x00 in all bytes in the flash page containing the block is used (programmed) and 0xff if it is empty.



Figure 67. Command 0x03



### 17.6.2.4 Flash Page Erase (cmd 0x04)

This command is used mainly for debugging purposes since the Flash Page Write command above automatically erases the page if needed prior to programming. Using this command erases page **pn**.



Figure 68. Command 0x04

### 17.6.2.5 Turn on flash MainBlock readback disable (cmd 0x05)



Figure 69. Command 0x05

This command returns 0x00 if successful or 0x01 if the bootloader failed to turn on flash MainBlock readback disable. The device must be reset for the readback disable to be effective.

### 17.6.2.6 Select flash half (cmd 0x06)



Figure 70. Command 0x06

This command is used to select which flash half command 0x03 works against (bit 8 of the block number). When **n** = 0 the lower 16 kB flash is selected and when **n** = 1 the upper 16 kB is selected. The reason for having this command is to make sure the interface and commands for the nRF24LU1 bootloader are the same on the nRF24LU1+.



## 17.7 Flash programming through SPI

The on-chip flash is designed to interface a standard SPI device for programming. The interface uses an 8 bit instruction register and a set of instructions/commands to program and configure the flash memory. Note that all flash write and erase operations require that  $Cclk \geq 12$  MHz, see [Table 133. on page 167](#).

### 17.7.1 SPI commands

To allow access through the SPI the external `PROG` pin must be set high during all flash operation commands. After activation of the `PROG` pin you must wait at least 1.5 ms before you input the first flash command. When the `PROG` pin is set, the `GPIO` pins are automatically configured as slave SPI (see [chapter 13 on page 116](#)). Further description of SPI slave is found in [chapter 10 on page 101](#)). Before each flash write or erase command, `FSR.WEN` must be set, because this bit is automatically cleared after any write or erase command. The value of `FSR.INFEN` always decides if access goes to the flash MainBlock or the InfoPage.

| Command    | Command format | Address                | Number of databytes | Command operation  |
|------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| WREN       | 0x06           | NA                     | 0                   | Set flash write enable, <code>FSR.WEN</code>   |
| WRDIS      | 0x04           | NA                     | 0                   | Reset flash write enable, <code>FSR.WEN</code>   |
| RDSR       | 0x05           | NA                     | 1 (or more)         | Read Flash Status Register ( <code>FSR</code> )  |
| WRSR       | 0x01           | NA                     | 1                   | Write Flash Status Register ( <code>FSR</code> ). Only bits 5 and 3 ( <code>WEN</code> and <code>INFEN</code> ) are writable by this command.  |
| READ       | 0x03           | Start address, 2 bytes | 1-32768             | Read data from flash   |
| PROGRAM    | 0x02           | Start address, 2 bytes | 1-256               | Write data to flash  |
| ERASE PAGE | 0x52           | page number, 1 byte    | 0                   | Erase addressed flash page   |
| ERASE ALL  | 0x62           | NA                     | 0                   | Erase all pages of flash MainBlock   |
| RDFPCR     | 0x89           | NA                     | 1                   | Read Flash Protect Configuration Register ( <code>FPCR</code> )  |
| RDISIP     | 0x84           | NA                     | 0                   | Set flash InfoPage read-back disable, <code>FSR.RDISIP</code> , and write 0x00 to InfoPage byte 0x22.  |
| RDISMB     | 0x85           | NA                     | 0                   | Set flash MainBlock read-back disable, <code>FSR.RDISMB</code> and write 0x00 to InfoPage byte 0x23.   |
| ENDEBUG    | 0x86           | NA                     | 0                   | Write 0x00 to InfoPage byte 0x24, and after next reset, the HW debugger will be enabled, see <a href="#">chapter 23 on page 175</a> for details, and <code>FSR.DBG</code> will be set. |

Table 121. Flash SPI operation commands

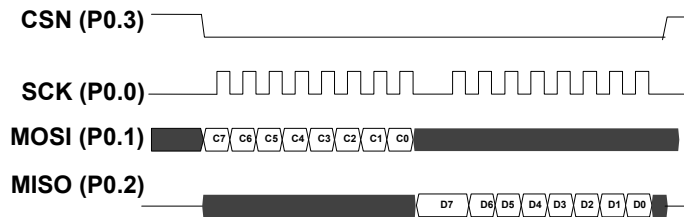


Figure 71. SPI read command without address

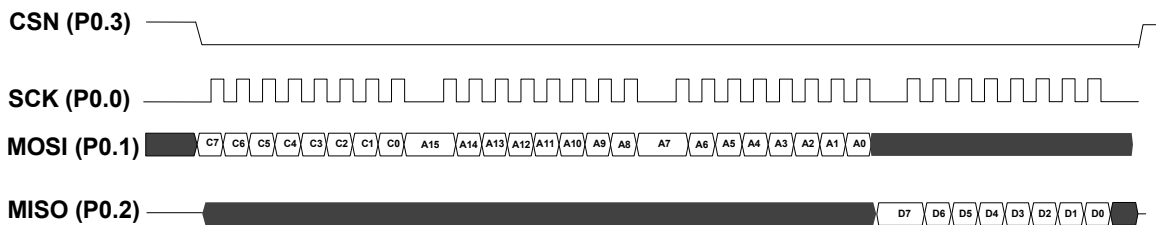


Figure 72. SPI flash read operation, shown with 1 databyte

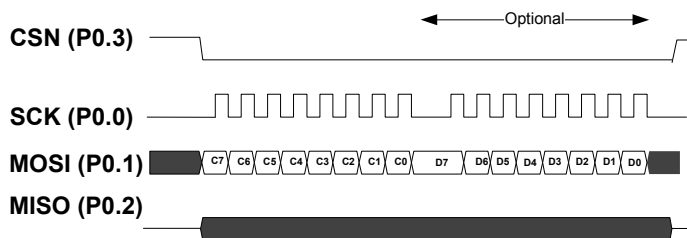


Figure 73. SPI write command without address

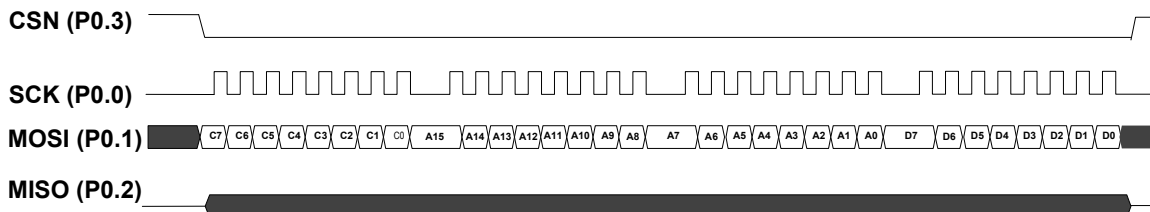


Figure 74. SPI flash write operation, shown with 1 databyte

An SPI command always starts with the external master sending a command byte to the flash slave, followed by a variable number of address and data bytes. The number of address and data bytes are specific to each command, as shown in Table 121. on page 145. In [Figure 71.](#) to [Figure 74.](#) Cn is the SPI command bit, An is the address bit and Dn is the data bit (note: MSBit in each byte first). After CSN is deactivated, a flash write or erase command requires the chip to do the flash programming or erase, and this will take some time to complete therefore, it is advised not to issue a new command until the specified amount of time has elapsed. Alternatively, you can repeatedly issue RDSR commands until the `FSR.RDYN` bit reads back as 0.

#### 17.7.1.1 WREN/WRDIS

SPI command WREN sets the flash write enable bit `FSR.WEN`, and SPI command WRDIS resets `FSR.WEN`. This bit enables all SPI write and erase operations to the flash memory. The device powers up in write disable state and will automatically return to write disable state after any SPI flash write or erase command. Each SPI flash write and erase instruction must therefore be preceded by a WREN command. Both WREN and WRDIS are 1-byte commands with no data.

#### 17.7.1.2 RDSR

The SPI command RDSR reads out the content of the flash status register FSR, and consists of 1-command byte and 1-data byte as shown in [Figure 71.](#) on page 146. By keeping the CSN line active after the first data byte, FSR will be repeatedly re-read until CSN is set inactive.

#### 17.7.1.3 WRSR

The SPI command WRSR writes to the flash status register FSR, and consists of a 1-command byte and 1-data byte as shown in [Figure 73.](#) on page 146.

#### 17.7.1.4 READ

The SPI command READ reads out the content of the flash memory, starting from the given address. If `FSR.INFEN=0`, flash MainBlock will be read. If `FSR.INFEN=1`, flash InfoPage will be read. The following sequence is required:

1. The CSN line is activated (that is, pulled low) to enable/ activate the SPI slave.
2. The READ command is transmitted through the MOSI line followed by the two byte address to the byte to be read as shown in [Figure 72.](#) on page 146.
3. The addressed data byte is shifted out on the MISO line.

If the CSN line is kept active after the first byte is read out the read command can be extended, the address is auto incremented and data continues to be shifted out. The internal address counter rolls over when the highest address is reached, allowing the complete memory to be read in one continuous read command.

A readback of the flash content is only possible if the respective read disable bit `FSR.RDISMB` or `FSR.RDISIP` is not set.

#### 17.7.1.5 PROGRAM

The SPI command PROGRAM writes to (or programs) the flash memory, starting from the given address. If `FSR.INFEN=0`, flash MainBlock will be written to. If `FSR.INFEN=1`, flash InfoPage will be written to. The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `PROGRAM` command is sent on the MOSI line followed by the two-byte address (address of the first byte) and the data to be programmed/ written, as shown in Figure 74. on page 146.
4. The on-chip driven program sequence is started when you set the CSN pin high/ deactivated.
5. Programming `n` bytes takes  $(n + 1) * 365$  clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During the program sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

The CSN line can be kept active to write up to 256 bytes (with address auto increment) in one `PROGRAM` command. The first byte can be anywhere in a page. Normally, a byte can not be reprogrammed without erasing the whole page, see also the [Note: on page 136](#).

**Note:** `FSR.RDISMB = 1` inhibits the write to flash MainBlock.

The device returns to write disable after completion of a `PROGRAM` command.

#### 17.7.1.6 ERASE PAGE

The SPI command `ERASE PAGE` erases 1 addressed page in the flash memory, so that the content of the page will be `0xFF`. If `FSR.INFEN=0`, a page in flash MainBlock will be erased. If `FSR.INFEN=1`, flash InfoPage will be erased. The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `ERASE PAGE` command is sent on the MOSI line followed by the page number (0-63) to be erased.
4. The on-chip driven erase sequence is started when the CSN pin is set high.
5. Erasing a page takes about 360000 clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During the erase sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

**Note:** `FSR.RDISMB = 1` inhibits page erase of both flash MainBlock and the InfoPage. The device returns to write disable after completion of an `ERASE PAGE` command.

#### 17.7.1.7 ERASE ALL

The SPI command `ERASE ALL` erases all content of the flash MainBlock memory to value `0xFF`. The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `ERASE ALL` command is sent on the MOSI line.
4. The on-chip driven erase sequence is started when the CSN pin is set high.
5. `ERASE_ALL` takes about 360000 clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During the erase sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

The `ERASE_ALL` command cannot be used to erase the flash InfoPage, but is always allowed to erase flash MainBlock. The device returns to write disable after completion of an `ERASE ALL` command.

#### 17.7.1.8 RDFPCR

The SPI command `RDFPCR` reads out the content of the flash project configuration register `FPCR`, and consists of 1 command byte and 1 data byte as shown in Figure 71. on page 146.

### 17.7.1.9 RDISIP

Flash InfoPage readback disables and writes 0x00 to byte 0x22 in flash InfoPage. The command disables all read access to the flash InfoPage from the external SPI interface. This is a single byte command with no data. The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `RDISIP` command is sent on the MOSI line.
4. The on-chip driven program sequence is started when the CSN pin is high/deactivated.
5. The program sequence takes 730 clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During this sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

The device returns to write disable after completion of an `RDISIP` command. `FSR.RDISIP` can only be cleared by erasing flash InfoPage with an `ERASE PAGE` command, which is only allowed if `FSR.RDISMB=0`.

### 17.7.1.10 RDISMB

Flash MainBlock readback disables and writes 0x00 to byte 0x23 in flash InfoPage. The command disables all read, write and page erase access to the flash MainBlock from any external interface (SPI or HW debugger). It also prevents erase of flash InfoPage and enabling of HW debugger. This will protect the content of the flash MainBlock from being read out over the external SPI or HW debugger interface. This is a single byte command with no data. The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `RDISMB` command is sent on the MOSI line.
4. The on-chip driven program sequence is started when the CSN pin is high/deactivated.
5. The program sequence takes 730 clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During this sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

The device returns to write disable after completion of an `RDISMB` command. The only way to clear `FSR.RDISMB` is to erase the whole flash MainBlock with an `ERASE ALL` command, and thereafter do an `ERASE PAGE` of the flash InfoPage to set the value of byte 0x23 to 0xFF.

### 17.7.1.11 ENDEBUB

The SPI command `ENDEBUB` writes 0x00 to the flash InfoPage byte 0x24, and after the next reset `FSR.DBG` is set and the HW Debugger is enabled. To clear `FSR[7]` first erase the flash InfoPage, and then perform a reset. This is a single byte command with no data. This command is only allowed if `FSR.DBG=0`, and is ignored otherwise.

The following sequence is required:

1. Enable the device for writing (set `FSR.WEN`) using the `WREN` or `WRSR` command.
2. The CSN line is pulled low to enable the SPI slave.
3. The `ENDEBUB` command is sent on the MOSI line.
4. The on-chip driven program sequence is started when the CSN pin is high/deactivated.
5. The program sequence takes 730 clock cycles (XC1) after CSN is deactivated. During this sequence all SPI commands are ignored except the `RDSR` command.

FSR.DBG may be set (only when FSR.RDISMB=0) without involving the flash InfoPage, by the following sequence:

MCU writes a "1" to FSR.DBG. The HW debugger is then temporarily enabled until next reset, when the flash InfoPage value takes control.

**Note:** There is no SPI command for directly setting or clearing FSR.DBG.

The device returns to write disable after completion of an ENDEBUG command.

### 17.7.1.12 SPI Readback disable

A mechanism to prevent readback over the external SPI interface is implemented. Two bytes of the InfoPage are reserved for this. The InfoPage and MainBlock each have their own readback disable signal, FSR.RDISIP and FSR.RDISMB. The InfoPage content is checked whenever the chip is started or restarted. If byte 0x22 of InfoPage=0xFF, FSR.RDISIP=0, otherwise FSR.RDISIP=1. If byte 0x23 of InfoPage=0xFF, FSR.RDISMB=0, otherwise FSR.RDISMB=1.

The InfoPage bytes may be written once, (by using command SPI commands RDISIP or RDISMB) which enables the readback disable function. The InfoPage byte 0x23 (RDISMB) is also writable by MCU. Until the flash memory is erased again, the readback function cannot be enabled. FSR.RDISMB=1 inhibits page erase and write to flash (both MainBlock and InfoPage), but erase all is always allowed, as it is the only way to clear FSR.RDISMB.

## 17.7.2 Standalone programming requirements

When programming the nRF24LU1+ in a standalone flash/EEPROM/MCU programmer, an adapter board (or socket assembly) with capacitors and resistors and possibly an oscillator are required. The following table describes how the device pins are used:

| Signal | Pins                      | Disposition                                | Further information          |
|--------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| VDD    | 1, 3, 9, 19, 24, 27       | Connect together to supply and decouple    | See <a href="#">17.7.2.2</a> |
| VBUS   | 3                         | Open                                       | See <a href="#">17.7.2.2</a> |
| D+     | 4                         | Leave open                                 |                              |
| D-     | 5                         | Leave open                                 |                              |
| VSS    | 6, 12, 17, 18, 23, 26, 30 | Connect to ground net (plane)              | See <a href="#">17.7.2.2</a> |
| PROG   | 7                         | Connect to pin electronics or strap to VDD | See <a href="#">2.2.2</a>    |
| RESET  | 8                         | Connect to pin electronics or strap to VDD | See <a href="#">2.2.7</a>    |
| SCK    | 10                        | Connect to pin electronics (nRF24LU1+ in)  | See <a href="#">17.7.1</a>   |
| MOSI   | 11                        | Connect to pin electronics (nRF24LU1+ in)  | See <a href="#">17.7.1</a>   |
| MISO   | 13                        | Connect to pin electronics (nRF24LU1+ out) | See <a href="#">17.7.1</a>   |
| CSN    | 14                        | Connect to pin electronics (nRF24LU1+ in)  | See <a href="#">17.7.1</a>   |
| P0.4   | 15                        | Leave open                                 |                              |
| P0.5   | 16                        | Leave open                                 |                              |
| VDD_PA | 20                        | Leave open                                 |                              |

| Signal | Pins | Disposition                             | Further information          |
|--------|------|---|------------------------------|
| ANT1   | 21   | Leave open                              |                              |
| ANT2   | 22   | Leave open                              |                              |
| IREF   | 25   | Leave open                              |                              |
| DEC1   | 28   | Leave open                              |                              |
| DEC2   | 29   | Decouple to VSS                         | See <a href="#">17.7.2.2</a> |
| XC2    | 31   | leave open (optionally connect to XTAL) | See <a href="#">17.7.2.1</a> |
| XC1    | 32   | Connect to clock source                 | See <a href="#">17.7.2.1</a> |

Table 122. Device pins

### 17.7.2.1 Clock requirements

The XC1 requires a clock between 9 MHz and 16 MHz during the entire programming sequence. The programming speed is directly proportional to the speed of the clock so, we recommend a clock speed of 16 MHz +/- 60ppm. The clock source can be a crystal between `xc1` and `xc2` or an external clock source connected to the `xc1` pin:

- From an oscillator module on the adapter board or a pin driver in the programmer.
  - ▶ Required amplitude is at least 0.5V p-p, maximum 3.3V p-p.
  - ▶ Waveform is sine or square.
  - ▶ Required duty cycle is 40% to 60% (V/2 in the sine case).

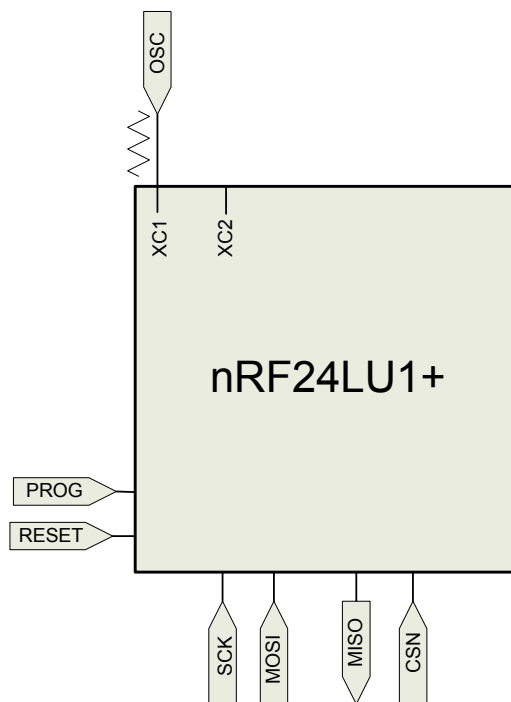


Figure 75. External clock source

- From a crystal between XC1 (pin 32) and XC2 (pin 31)

- ▶ See [chapter 24 on page 176](#) for oscillator circuitry details.
- ▶ Make sure the socket solution does not add significant parasitic to the circuit.

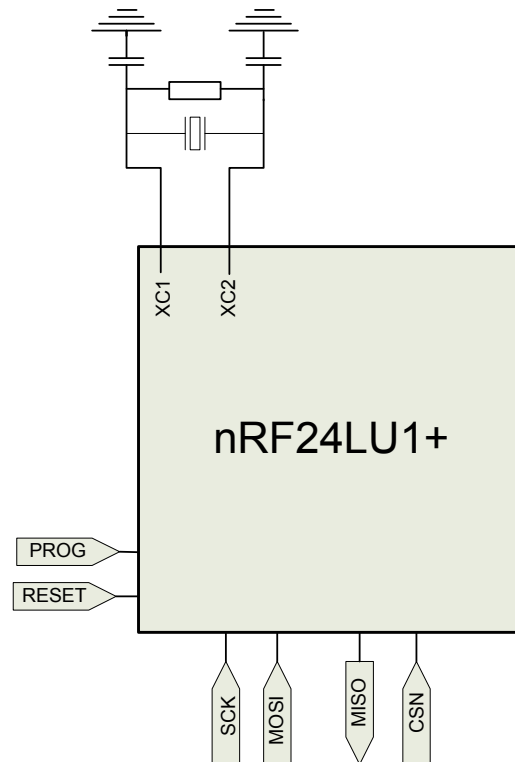


Figure 76. Clock source from a crystal between XC1 and XC2 pins

### 17.7.2.2 Power supply requirements

All VSS pins should be well connected to the adapter board, preferably using a ground plan. All VDD pins should be connected together and decoupled with at least three capacitors (two 10nF capacitors and one 100nF capacitor), to VSS. The  $\overline{DEC2}$  pin should be decoupled with 33nF to VSS.

Using 3.3V supply (preferred)

Leave the  $\overline{VBUS}$  pin open and connect a 3.3V +/- 5% power supply to the VDD pins.

### 17.7.2.3 Signal pin requirements

#### SPI Port

The pins  $\overline{CSN}$ ,  $\overline{SCK}$  and  $\overline{MOSI}$  must be driven by programmer pin electronics. All write operations to the FLASH are controlled by these three signals. The pin  $\overline{MISO}$  is an output of the nRF24LU1+ that must be read to validate flash contents, and can be read to check status during write or erase operations.



The clock frequency of the SPI port is not correlated to the XC1 clock (it does not need to be synchronous). The SPI data signals have no defined relation to the XC1 clock (can be any phase). For more information see [chapter 5 on page 19](#).

### Control pins PROG and RESET

If power on sequence is clean (that is, nRF24LU1+ is well seated when power is ramped and power ramp is monotonous), the program and reset signals may be strapped to VDD. However, if possible, these signals should be controlled by pin drivers so that they are independent of power ramp quality.

### 17.7.3 In circuit programming over SPI

You can program a finished PCB with nRF24LU1+ that has all parts mounted. There are similar requirements to a standalone programmer with the following exceptions:

- All pins must be connected according to application requirements.
- **PROG** pin needs a pull-down on the PCB.
- **PROG** pin should be under control of the programmer over the edge of the PCB or through a pogo pin.
- **RESET** pin needs a pull-up on the PCB.
- **RESET** pin should be under control of the programmer over the edge of the PCB or through a pogo pin (to restart device after programming if required).
- The SPI input pins (**CSN**, **SCK**, **MOSI**) should be under control of the programmer over the edge of the PCB or through a pogo pin.
- The SPI output pin (**MISO**) should be readable by programmer over the edge of the PCB or through a pogo pin.
- The applications use of the SPI port pins should not conflict with the use of these pins as a SPI port.
- nRF24LU1+ can be powered effectively by a 5V connected to VBUS (over USB plug or pogo pin) or by a 3.3V +/- 5% connected to VDD over the edge of the PCB or through a pogo pin.

### 17.7.4 SPI programming sequences

The details of SPI timing are described in [section 10.3 on page 102](#). With limit track length (and other loading on **MISO**) it is possible to operate the SPI up to 8 MHz. Reducing that to 4 MHz (or even 2 MHz) does not significantly impact the overall programming time.

The sequences of command and data in an SPI command are found in [Figure 72. on page 146](#) and [Figure 74. on page 146](#). In these figures only 1 byte of data is shown. Typically for read and write data transfers the block should be as long as possible (64 to 256 data bytes gives the best performance).

The typical production line sequence of commands is:

1. Pulse **RESET** pin low and return to high.
2. Pull **PROG** pin high and wait for 2ms.
3. Issue **WREN** command
4. Issue **ERASE\_ALL** command
5. Wait for the **ERASE\_ALL** command to finish (this takes 360,000 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of **CSN**).
6. Repeat the following 128 times for 32 kB flash memory, (64 times for 16 kB):
  - ▶ Issue **WREN** command
  - ▶ Issue **PROGRAM** command followed by the next address and then the next 256 data bytes.
  - ▶ Wait until the **PROGRAM** command is finished (this is 256 + 1 times 365 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of **CSN**).

7. Repeat the following 128 times for 32 kB flash memory:
  - ▶ Issue `READ` command followed by next address then read out 256 bytes on `MISO`
  - ▶ Compare read bytes against expected

The following are optional steps that update the InfoPage fields:

8. Issue `WFSR` to set `FSR.INFEN` bit to 1.

IF "Page address for start of protected area" is specified (not equal to 0xFF):

9. Issue SPI command `WREN`
10. Issue SPI command `PROGRAM` with address 0x0020 followed by the offset byte
11. Wait until `PROGRAM` command is finished

IF "Enable flash data memory" is specified:

12. Issue SPI command `WREN`
13. Issue SPI command `PROGRAM` with address 0x0021 followed by a byte that is not 0xFF
14. Wait until `PROGRAM` command has completed (this is 365 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of `CSN`).

IF "Readback blocking for MainBlock" is specified:

15. Issue SPI command `RDISMB`
16. Wait until `PROGRAM` command has completed (this is 365 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of `CSN`).

IF "Readback blocking for InfoPage" is specified:

17. Issue SPI command `RDISIP`
18. Wait until `PROGRAM` command has completed (This is 365 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of `CSN`).

**Note:** The completion of the `ERASE_ALL` and/or the `PROGRAM` command may be ensured by waiting the specified amount of time, or alternatively repeatedly issuing `RDSR` commands until the `FSR.RDYN` bit reads back as 0.

#### 17.7.4.1 Erasing and programming the InfoPage

Our devices have all user defined fields of the InfoPage pre-erased. The above programming sequence does not erase the InfoPage. If InfoPage needs to be erased due to re-programming of a part, the following steps must be added:

1. Issue `WFSR` to set `FSR.INFEN` bit to 1 and `FSR.WEN` bit to 1
2. Issue `ERASE_PAGE 0`

**Note:** To avoid losing the `CHIP_ID` (at address 0x0B to 0x0F), these bytes should be saved before erasing, and programmed back afterwards.

3. Wait until `ERASE_PAGE` command is finished (this will be 360,000 clock cycles (XC1) after the positive edge of `CSN`).

The InfoPage is now erased and ready for programming. If the flash MainBlock is read protected (`FSR.RDISMB=1`), the InfoPage can only be erased if the MainBlock has been erased. This means that

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step 1 of this sequence must come after step 5 (ERASE\_ALL) in the programming sequence in [section 17.7.4 on page 153](#).

**Note:** The completion of the ERASE\_PAGE and/or the PROGRAM command may be ensured by waiting the specified amount of time, or alternatively repeatedly issuing RDSR commands until the FSR.RDYN bit reads back as 0.

## 18 MDU – Multiply Divide Unit

The MDU – Multiplication Division Unit, is an on-chip arithmetic co-processor which enables the MCU to perform additional extended arithmetic operations like 32-bit division, 16-bit multiplication, shift and, normalize operations.

### 18.1 Features

The MDU is controlled by the SFR registers MD0 .. MD5 and ARCON.

### 18.2 Block diagram

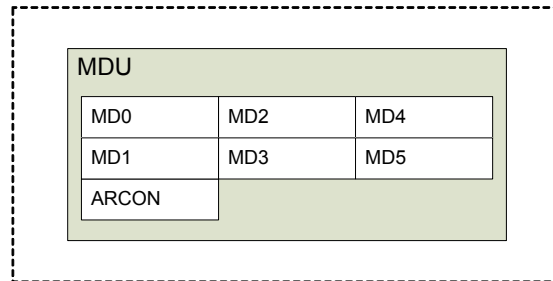


Figure 77. Block diagram of MDU

### 18.3 Functional description

All operations are unsigned integer operations. The MDU is handled by seven registers, which are memory mapped as Special Function Registers. The arithmetic unit allows concurrent operations to be performed independent of the MCU's activity.

Operands and results are stored in MD0..MD5 registers. The module is controlled by the ARCON register. Any calculation of the MDU overwrites its operands.

The MDU does not allow reentrant code and cannot be used in multiple threads of the main and interrupt routines at the same time. Use the NOMDU\_R515 directive to disable MDU operation in possible conflicting functions.

### 18.4 SFR registers

The MD0 .. MD5 are registers used in the MDU operation.

| Address | Register name |
|---------|---------------|
| 0xE9    | MD0           |
| 0xEA    | MD1           |
| 0xEB    | MD2           |
| 0xEC    | MD3           |
| 0xED    | MD4           |
| 0xEE    | MD5           |

Table 123. Multiplication/Division registers MD0..MD5

The ARCON register controls the operation of MDU and informs you about its current state.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|--|
| 0xEF    | 0x00        | 7   | mdef | MDU Error flag MDEF. Indicates an improperly performed operation (when one of the arithmetic operations has been restarted or interrupted by a new operation).   |
|         |             | 6   | mdov | MDU Overflow flag MDOV. Overflow occurrence in the MDU operation.  |
|         |             | 5   | slr  | Shift direction, 0: shift left, 1: shift right.  |
|         |             | 4-0 | sc   | Shift counter. When set to '0's, normalize operation is selected. After normalization, the "sc.0" ... "sc.4" contains the number of normalizing shifts performed. Shift operation is selected when at least one of these bits is set high. The number of shifts performed is determined by the number written to "sc.4" .., "sc.0", where "sc.4" is the MSB. |

Table 124. ARCON register

The operation of the MDU consists of the following phases:

### 18.4.1 Loading the MDx registers

The type of calculation the MDU has to perform is selected in accordance with the order in which the MDx registers are written.

| Operation   | 32 bit/16 bit |          | 16 bit / 16 bit |          | 16 bit x 16 bit |           | Shift/normalize |        |
|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| first write | MD0 (lsb)     | Dividend | MD0 (lsb)       | Dividend | MD0 (lsb)       | Num1      | MD0 (lsb)       | Number |
|             | MD1           |          |                 |          | MD1 (msb)       | MD4 (lsb) |                 |        |
| last write  | MD2           | Divisor  | MD4 (lsb)       | Divisor  | MD1 (msb)       | Num1      | ARCON           |        |
|             | MD3 (msb)     |          |                 |          | MD5 (msb)       | MD5 (msb) |                 |        |

Table 125. MDU registers write sequence

1. Write MD0 to start any operation.
2. Write operations, as shown in [Table 125](#), to determine appropriate MDU operation.
3. Write (to MD5 or ARCON) starts selected operation.

The SFR Control detects some of the above sequences and passes control to the MDU. When a write access occurs to MD2 or MD3 between write accesses to MD0 and finally to MD5, then a 32/16 bit division is selected.

When a write access to MD4 or MD1 occurs before writing to MD5, then a 16/16 bit division or 16x16 bit multiplication is selected. Writing to MD4 selects 16/16 bit division and writing to MD1 selects 16x16 bit multiplication, that is, Num1 x Num2.

### 18.4.2 Executing calculation

During executing operation, the MDU works on its own in parallel with the MCU.

| Operation            | Number of clock cycles          |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Division 32bit/16bit | 17 clock cycles                 |                                 |
| Division 16bit/16bit | 9 clock cycles                  |                                 |
| Multiplication       | 11 clock cycles                 |                                 |
| Shift                | min. 3 clock cycles (sc = 01h)  | max 18 clock cycles (sc = 1Fh)  |
| Normalize            | min. 4 clock cycles (sc <- 01h) | max 19 clock cycles (sc <- 1Fh) |

Table 126. MDU operations execution times

### 18.4.3 Reading the result from the MDx registers

| Operation  | 32 bit/16 bit |           | 16 bit / 16 bit |           | 16 bit x 16 bit |         | Shift/normalize |        |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| first read | MD0 (lsb)     | Quotient  | MD0 (lsb)       | Quotient  | MD0 (lsb)       | Product | MD0 (lsb)       | Number |
|            | MD1           |           | MD1 (msb)       |           | MD1             |         | MD1             |        |
|            | MD2           |           |                 |           | MD2             |         | MD2             |        |
|            | MD3 (msb)     |           |                 |           |                 |         |                 |        |
| last read  | MD4 (lsb)     | Remainder | MD4 (lsb)       | Remainder | MD3 (msb)       |         | MD3 (msb)       |        |
|            | MD5 (msb)     |           | MD5 (msb)       |           |                 |         |                 |        |

Table 127. MDU registers read sequence

The Read out sequence of the first MDx registers is not critical but the last read (from MD5 - division and MD3 - multiplication, shift or normalize) determines the end of a whole calculation (end of phase three).

### 18.4.4 Normalizing

All leading zeroes of 32-bit integer variable stored in the MD0 .. MD3 registers are removed by shift left operations. The whole operation is completed when the MSB (Most Significant Bit) of MD3 register contains a '1'. After normalizing, bits ARCON.4 (msb) .. ARCON.0 (lsb) contain the number of shift left operations that were done.

### 18.4.5 Shifting

In shift operation, 32-bit integer variable stored in the MD0 ... MD3 registers (the latter contains the most significant byte) is shifted left or right by a specified number of bits. The slr bit (ARCON.5) defines the shift direction and bits ARCON.4 ... ARCON.0 specify the shift count (which must not be 0). During shift operation, zeroes come into the left end of MD3 for shifting right or they come in the right end of the MD0 for shifting left.

### 18.4.6 The mdef flag

The mdef error flag (see [Table 124. on page 157](#)) indicates an improperly performed operation (when one of the arithmetic operations is restarted or interrupted by a new operation). The error flag mechanism is automatically enabled with the first write operation to MD0 and disabled with the final read instruction from MD3 (multiplication or shift/norm) or MD5 (division) in phase three.

The error flag is set when:

- If you write to MD0 .. MD5 and/or ARCON during phase two of MDU operation (restart or calculations interrupting).
- If any of the MDx registers are read during phase two of MDU operation when the error flag mechanism is enabled. In this case, the error flag is set but the calculation is not interrupted.

The error flag is reset only after read access to the ARCON register. The error flag is read only.

## 18.4.7 The mdov flag

The mdov overflow flag (see [Table 124. on page 157](#)) is set when one of the following conditions occurs:

- division by zero.
- multiplication with a result greater than 0000 FFFFh.
- start of normalizing if the most significant bit of MD3 is set (“md3.7” = ‘1’).

Any operation of the MDU that does not match the above conditions clears the overflow flag.

**Note:** The overflow flag is exclusively controlled by hardware, it cannot be written.

## 19 Watchdog and wakeup functions

In order to achieve the lowest possible average current consumption, the processor clock can be stopped under firmware control. Operation can be resumed (wakeup) on external events like toggling of GPIO pins or from the internal RTC wakeup timer, USB or, the RF-module, see [chapter 20 on page 165](#) for details.

In addition, a programmable watchdog timer can be enabled to reset the system if the software hangs.

### 19.1 Features

- 32 kHz operation
- Programmable 8-bit resolution
- 16-bit range Watchdog
- Watchdog disabled (reset) only by a system reset
- 24-bit range wakeup timer
- Timer is a possible interrupt source
- Timer reload can be signalled on GPIO

### 19.2 Block diagram

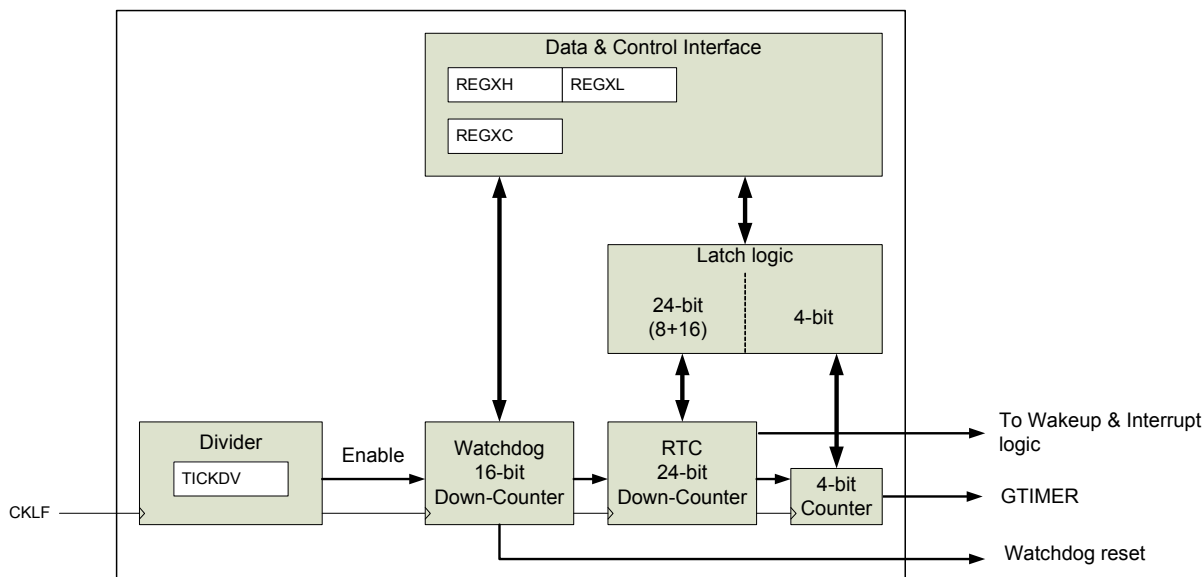


Figure 78. Watchdog and wakeup functions block diagram



## 19.3 Functional description

### 19.3.1 The Low Frequency Clock (CKLF)

CKLF frequency  $f_{CKLF}$  is 32000 Hz (derived from the crystal oscillator<sup>1</sup> and is used for wakeup functions and the Watchdog. This clock is always running.

### 19.3.2 Tick calibration

The tick is an interval (in CKLF periods) that determines the resolution of the watchdog and the RTC wakeup timer. By default the tick is set to 125  $\mu$ s (4 CKLF cycles). The programmable range is from 31.25  $\mu$ s to 8 ms. The tick is as accurate as the 32 kHz source.

The tick is controlled by the TICKDV register.

| Addr | Reset value | bit | R/W | Function  |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|---|
| 0xB5 | 0x03        | 7:0 | RW  | Divider that is used in generating tick from CKLF frequency.<br>Ttick = (1 + TICKDV) / $f_{CKLF}$ |

Table 128. TICKDV register

### 19.3.3 RTC wakeup timer

The RTC is a simple 24 bit down counter that produces an optional interrupt and reloads automatically when the count reaches zero. This process is initially disabled, and is enabled with the first write to the lower 16 bit of the timer latch (WRTCLAT). Writing the lower 16 bits of the timer latch is always followed by a reload of the counter. Only write the upper 8 bit of the timer latch when the timer is disabled, see [Table 130. on page 164](#).

The RTC counter may be disabled again by writing a disable opcode to the control register (WRTCDIS). Both the latch and the counter value may be read by giving the respective codes in the control register, see the description in [Table 129. on page 163](#) and [Table 130. on page 164](#).

The RTC counter is used for a wakeup sometime in the future (a relative time wakeup call). If 'N' is written to the counter, the first wakeup happens between 'N+1' and 'N+2' "tick" from the completion of the write. From then on a new wakeup is issued every "N+1" "tick" until the unit is disabled or another value is written to the latch.

The wakeup timer is one of the sources that can generate a WU interrupt (see [Table 140. on page 173](#)) to the MCU. You may poll the flag or enable the interrupt. If the MCU is in a power down or standby state, the wakeup forces the device to exit power down or standby regardless of the state of the interrupt enable.

The MCU system does not provide any "absolute time functions". Absolute time functions can be handled in software since the RAM is continuously powered even when in sleep mode.

<sup>1</sup>.  $f_{CKLF}$  is 1/500 of oscillator frequency.

### 19.3.4 Programmable GPIO wakeup function

All pins in port 0 can be used as wakeup signals for the MCU system. The device can be programmed to react on rising, falling or, both edges of each pin individually. Additionally, each pin is equipped with a programmable filter that is used for glitch suppression.

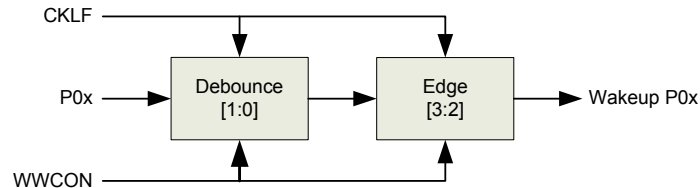


Figure 79. Wakeup filter, each pin for GPIO wakeup function

The debounce logic acts as a low pass filter. The input has to be stable for the number of clock pulses that are given (in WGTIMER) to appear on the output. Edge triggers on positive, negative, or both edges. The edge delay is 2 clock cycles. Please see [Table 130. on page 164](#) and [Table 131. on page 164](#) for filter configuration.

### 19.3.5 Watchdog

The watchdog is activated on the first write to its control register REGXC. It cannot be disabled by any other means than a reset.

The watchdog register is loaded by writing a 16-bit value (number of ticks) to the two 8-bit data registers (REGXH and REGXL) and then writing the correct opcode to the control register. The watchdog counts down towards 0 and when 0 is reached the complete MCU is reset.

To avoid the reset, the software must regularly load new values into the watchdog register.

### 19.3.6 Programming interface to watchdog and wakeup functions

[Figure 80. on page 163](#) shows how the blocks that are always active are connected to the MCU.

RTC timer GPIO wakeup and Watchdog are controlled through three SFRs. The three registers, REGXH, REGXL and, REGXC, are used to interface the blocks running on the slow CKLF clock. The 16-bit register REGXH:REGXL can be written or read as two bytes from the MCU.

Typical sequences are:

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Write: Write REGXH, Write REGXL, Write REGXC
Read: Write REGXC, Read REGXH, Read REGXL
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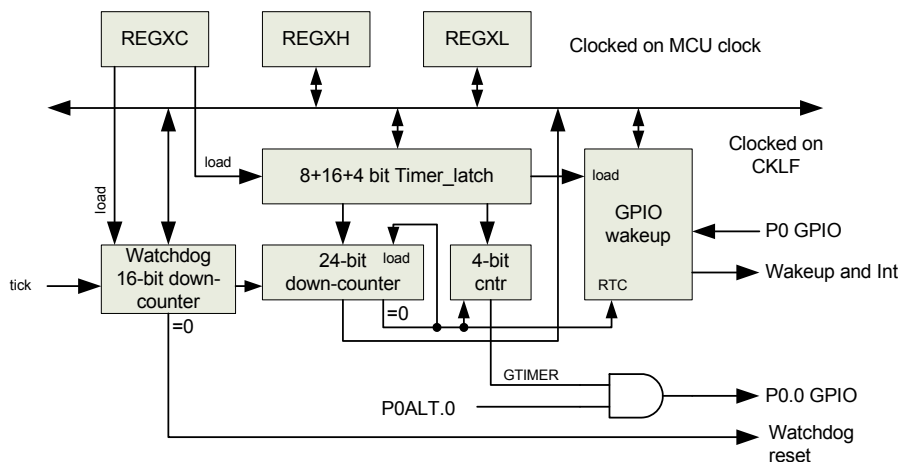


Figure 80. Block diagram of wakeup and watchdog functions

Table 129. on page 163 describes the functions of the SFR registers that control those blocks, and Table 130. on page 164 explains the contents of the individual control registers for watchdog and wakeup functions.

| Addr | Reset value | bit | R/W | Init | Name  | Function  |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|------|-------|---|
| 0xAB | 0x00        | 7:0 | RW  | 0x00 | REGXH | Most significant byte of 16-bit data register   |
| 0xAC | 0x00        | 7:0 | RW  | 0x00 | REGXL | Least significant byte of 16-bit data register  |
| 0xAD | 0x00        | 7:5 | -   | 0x00 | REGXC | Control register for 16 bit data register   |
|      |             | 4   | R   |      |       | Not used  |
|      |             | 3   | RW  |      |       | Status of last REGXC write access 0: finished, 1: not finished  |
|      |             | 2:0 | RW  |      |       | 0: read, 1: write; see R/W column in Table 130. on page 164. Indirect address, see the far left column in Table 130. on page 164. |

Table 129. REGXH, REGXL and REGXC registers

| Indirect Address | Data register Bit | R/W <sup>a</sup> | Name    | Function                            |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 000              | 15:0              | R                | RWD     | Watchdog register (count)           |
|                  | 15:0              | W                | WWD     | Watchdog register (count)           |
| 001              | 15:8              | R                | RGTIMER | MSB part of RTC counter             |
|                  | 7:0               | R                |         | MSB part of RTC latch               |
|                  | 15:12             | -                | WGTIMER | Not used                            |
|                  | 11:8              | W                |         | GTIMER latch                        |
|                  | 7:0               | W                |         | MSB part of RTC latch               |
| 010              | 15:0              | R                | RRTCLAT | Least significant part of RTC latch |
|                  | 15:0              | W                | WRTCLAT | Least significant part of RTC latch |
| 011              | 15:0              | R                | RRTC    | RTC counter value                   |
|                  | -                 | W                | WRTCDIS | Disable RTC (data not used)         |

| Indirect Address | Data register Bit | R/W <sup>a</sup> | Name   | Function  |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|---|
| 100              | 15:9              | -                | RWSTA0 | Not used<br>Wakeup status for RTC timer<br>Wakeup status for pins P05-P00. RWSTA0 is automatically cleared after read.  |
|                  | 8                 | R                |        |   |
| 100              | 5:0               | R                | WWCON0 | Edge selection of P03<br>Debounce filter for P03<br>Edge selection of P02<br>Debounce filter for P02<br>Edge selection of P01<br>Debounce filter for P01<br>Edge selection of P00<br>Debounce filter for P00, see <a href="#">Table 131. on page 164.</a> |
|                  | 15:14             | W                |        |   |
|                  | 13:12             | W                |        |   |
|                  | 11:10             | W                |        |   |
|                  | 9:8               | W                |        |   |
|                  | 7:6               | W                |        |   |
|                  | 5:4               | W                |        |   |
|                  | 3:2               | W                |        |   |
| 1:0              | W                 |                  |        |   |
| 101              | 15:9              | -                | RWSTA1 | Identical to RWSTA0 above   |
|                  | 8                 | R                |        |   |
| 101              | 7:0               | R                | WWCON1 | Not used<br>Edge selection of P05<br>Debounce filter for P05<br>Edge selection of P04<br>Debounce filter for P04, see <a href="#">Table 131. on page 164.</a>   |
|                  | 15:8              | -                |        |   |
|                  | 7:6               | W                |        |   |
|                  | 5:4               | W                |        |   |
|                  | 3:2               | W                |        |   |
| 1:0              | W                 |                  |        |   |
| 110              | 15:0              | -                | -      | Reserved, do not use  |
| 111              | 15:0              | -                | -      | Reserved, do not use  |

a. REGXC bit-3 selects between R(ead) and W(rite) operation

Table 130. Indirect addresses and functions

| Debounce filter selection |                        | Edge selection |                           |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Code                      | Number of clock pulses | Code           | positive/negative trigger |
| 00                        | 0                      | 00             | Off                       |
| 01                        | 2                      | 01             | Positive                  |
| 10                        | 8                      | 10             | Negative                  |
| 11                        | 64                     | 11             | Both                      |

Table 131. GPIO wakeup filter configuration, WWCON

## 20 Power management

The nRF24LU1+ Power Management function controls the power dissipation through the administration of modes of operation and by controlling clock frequencies.

### 20.1 Features

- Supports low power modes for MCU, RF Tranceiver, USB and 48 MHz PLL
- Programmable MCU clock frequency from 64 kHz to 16 MHz
- Multi-source MCU wakeup
- Watchdog and wakeup functionality running in low power mode

### 20.2 Block diagram

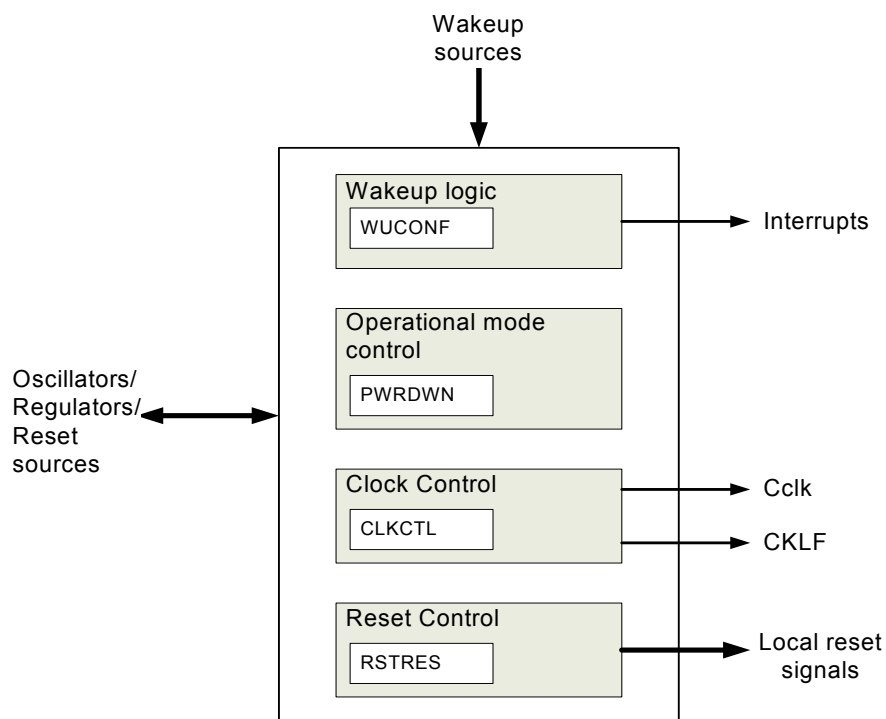


Figure 81. Power management block diagram

## 20.3 Modes of operation

There are four main power consuming functions on the chip. These can be controlled on and off in different ways depending on the required functionality after the start-up/reset sequence is ended.

These functions are:

- MCU
  - states of operation: active and standby
  - active at the end of the reset sequence
  - Set to standby by software (write `PWRDWN` register = 0x01)
  - Set to active by wakeup sources:
    - Interrupt from USB
    - Interrupt from RF Transceiver
    - Interrupt from external pin
    - Interrupt from on-chip RTC
- RF Transceiver
  - states of operation: **power down**, **standby** and **active** (TX or RX)
  - pwrdsn at the end of the reset sequence
  - Set to **standby**, **active** or **power down** by software, see [section 6.3.1 on page 27](#)
- USB
  - states of operation: active and suspend
  - active at the end of the reset sequence
  - Set to suspend by software (write `USBSLP` register = 0x01)
  - Set to active by software or by wakeup from USB host (through the USB bus)
- PLL
  - states of operation: on and off
  - on at the end of the reset sequence
  - Set to on or off by hardware with one exception:
    - if the USB is in suspend the PLL may be controlled by software (Enable PLL, bit 7 in the `CLKCTL` register)

[Table 132. on page 166](#) summarizes the available modes of operation after the reset sequence is ended:

- `PROG` is an external pin on the nRF24LU1+.
- RF Transceiver, USB, MCU and PLL represent the functions defined above.

| PROG | RF Transceiver | USB     | MCU     | PLL      | Comment                        |
|------|----------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | -              | -       | -       | -        | Flash programming mode via SPI |
| 0    | standby        | suspend | standby | OFF      |                                |
| 0    | standby        | suspend | active  | software |                                |
| 0    | standby        | active  | standby | ON       |                                |
| 0    | standby        | active  | active  | ON       |                                |
| 0    | active         | suspend | standby | OFF      |                                |
| 0    | active         | suspend | active  | software |                                |
| 0    | active         | active  | standby | ON       |                                |
| 0    | active         | active  | active  | ON       |                                |

Table 132. nRF24LU1+ modes of operation

In nRF24LU1+ the 16 MHz oscillator is always running. An internal PLL can be enabled that multiplies the 16 MHz by three to get an internal 48 MHz clock. This clock is required for USB operation.

The internal 32.000 kHz clock (CKLF) is generated from the 16 MHz oscillator.

To save power when the USB is suspended, the PLL can be turned off, and the clock frequency to the MCU can be reduced. This reduces power consumption, but also reduces performance.

To further reduce power, the MCU clock can be stopped using the `PWRDWN` register. In the `PCON` register stop and idle modes can be selected, but since their effect on power consumption is minor use `PWRDWN`.

The following various internal and external events can resume the MCU clock:

- Interrupt from RF Transceiver, `rfirq`
- Interrupt from USB
- Interrupt from RTC timer or GPIO-pins (see [chapter 19 on page 160](#))

The `WUCONF` register controls how these events are handled.

## 20.4 Functional description

### 20.4.1 Clock control – CLKCTL

| Addr | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function   |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0xA3 | 0x80        | 7   | RW  | Enable PLL, 1: PLL on, 0: PLL off  |
|      |             | 6:4 | RW  | Set Cclk (MCU clock) frequency when PLL is ON<br>000: 16 MHz<br>001: 12 MHz<br>010: 8 MHz<br>011: 4 MHz<br>100: 1.6 MHz<br>Other combinations: reserved. |
|      |             | 3:2 | -   | Not used   |
|      |             | 1:0 | RW  | Set Cclk (MCU clock) frequency when PLL is OFF<br>00: 4 MHz<br>01: 1.6 MHz<br>10: 320 kHz<br>11: 64 kHz  |

Table 133. CLKCTL register

## 20.4.2 Power down control – PWRDWN

| Addr | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function                                       |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0xA4 | 0x00        | 7:4 | -   | Not used                                       |
|      |             | 3   | R   | Read CKLF clock (32 kHz clock, always running) |
|      |             | 2:0 | W   | Set MCU to standby if different from 000       |

**Note:** Any pending interrupt flags in IRCON must be cleared before setting MCU to standby.

Table 134. PWRDWN register

## 20.4.3 Reset result – RSTRES

The following three reset sources initiate the same reset/start-up sequence:

- Reset from the on-chip reset generator.
- Reset from pin.
- Reset generated from the on-chip watchdog function.

The RSTRES register stores the reset cause:

| Addr | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function                           |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|
| 0xB1 | 0x00        | 7:1 | -   | Not used                           |
|      |             | 0   | R   | Reset cause, 1: Watchdog, 0: other |

Table 135. RSTRES register

## 20.4.4 Wakeup configuration register – WUCONF

| Addr | Reset value | Bit | R/W | Function  |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|---|
| 0xA5 | 0x00        | 7:6 | RW  | 00: Enable wakeup on RFIRQ, if IEN1.1=1<br>01: Reserved, not used<br>10: Enable wakeup on RFIRQ, regardless of IEN1.1<br>11: Ignore RFIRQ     |
|      |             | 5:4 | RW  | 00: Enable wakeup on WU, if IEN1.5=1 <sup>a</sup><br>01: Reserved, not used<br>10: Enable wakeup on WU, regardless of IEN1.5<br>11: Ignore WU |
|      |             | 3:2 | RW  | 00: Enable wakeup on USBIRQ, if IEN1.4=1<br>01: Reserved, not used<br>10: Enable wakeup on USBIRQ, regardless of IEN1.4<br>11: Ignore USBIRQ  |
|      |             | 1:0 | RW  | 00: Enable wakeup on USBWU, if IEN1.3=1<br>01: Reserved, not used<br>10: Enable wakeup on USBWU, regardless of IEN1.3<br>11: Ignore USBWU     |

a. WU is generated as described in [sections 19.3.3 and 19.3.4](#)

**Note:** IRCON flag will be set upon wakeup, even if interrupt is not enabled in IEN1.

Table 136. WUCONF register



### 20.4.5 Power control register - PCON

The PCON register is used to control the Power Down Modes (IDLE, STOP), the Program Memory Write Mode and Serial Port 0 baud rate doubler.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Name | Description  |
|---------|-------------|-----|------|--|
| 0x87    | 0x00        | 7   | smod | Serial Port 0 baud rate select, see <a href="#">Table 89. on page 114</a> (baud rate doubler). |
|         |             | 6   | gf3  | General purpose flag 3   |
|         |             | 5   | gf2  | General purpose flag 2   |
|         |             | 4   | pmw  | Program memory write mode. Setting this bit enables the program memory write mode.             |
|         |             | 3   | gf1  | General purpose flag 1   |
|         |             | 2   | gf0  | General purpose flag 0   |
|         |             | 1   | stop | Stop mode control. Setting this bit activates the Stop Mode. Always read as 0.                 |
|         |             | 0   | idle | Idle mode control. Setting this bit activates the Idle Mode. Always read as 0.                 |

Table 137. PCON register

## 21 Power supply supervisor

The power supply supervisor initializes the system at power-on, provides an early warning of impending power failure, and puts the system in reset state if the supply voltage is too low for safe operation.

### 21.1 Features

- Power-on reset
- Brown-out reset
- Early power-fail warning with some hardware protection of data in flash memory

### 21.2 Functional description

#### 21.2.1 Power-on reset

A Power-on reset generator initializes the system at power-on. The system is held in reset state until VDD has reached around 2.7V or higher.

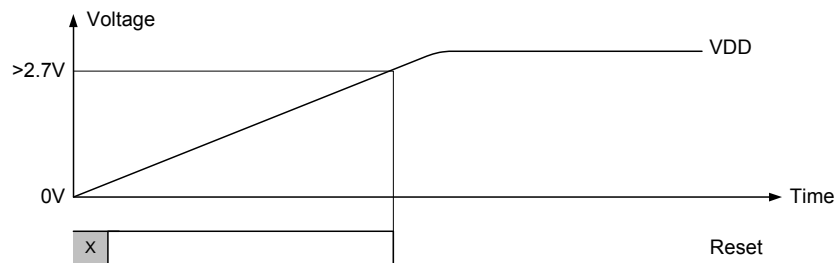


Figure 82. Power-on reset

#### 21.2.2 Brown-out detection

If supply VBUS or VDD drops below around 2.7V (which is outside the operational specification), a power-fail detection signal goes active. If the supply goes below around 1.8V, a brown-out reset signal goes on and the chip is reset. The supply must rise above approximately 2.7V again before the reset signal is released. The power-fail signal is used to prevent flash memory write or erase at low voltage, see section 17.4 on page 139.

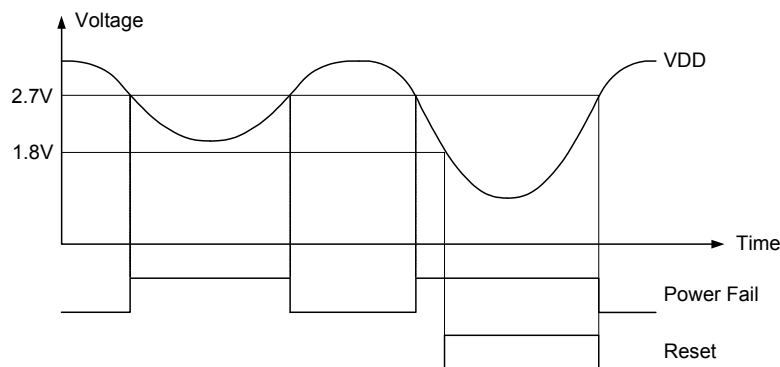


Figure 83. Brown-out detection

## 22 Interrupts

nRF24LU1+ has an advanced interrupt controller with 15 sources, as shown in [Figure 84](#). The unit manages dynamic program sequencing based upon important real-time events as signalled from timers, the RF Transceiver, the USB interface or pin activity.

### 22.1 Features

- Interrupt controller with 15 sources and 4 priority levels
- Interrupt request flags available
- Interrupt from pin with selectable polarity

### 22.2 Block diagram

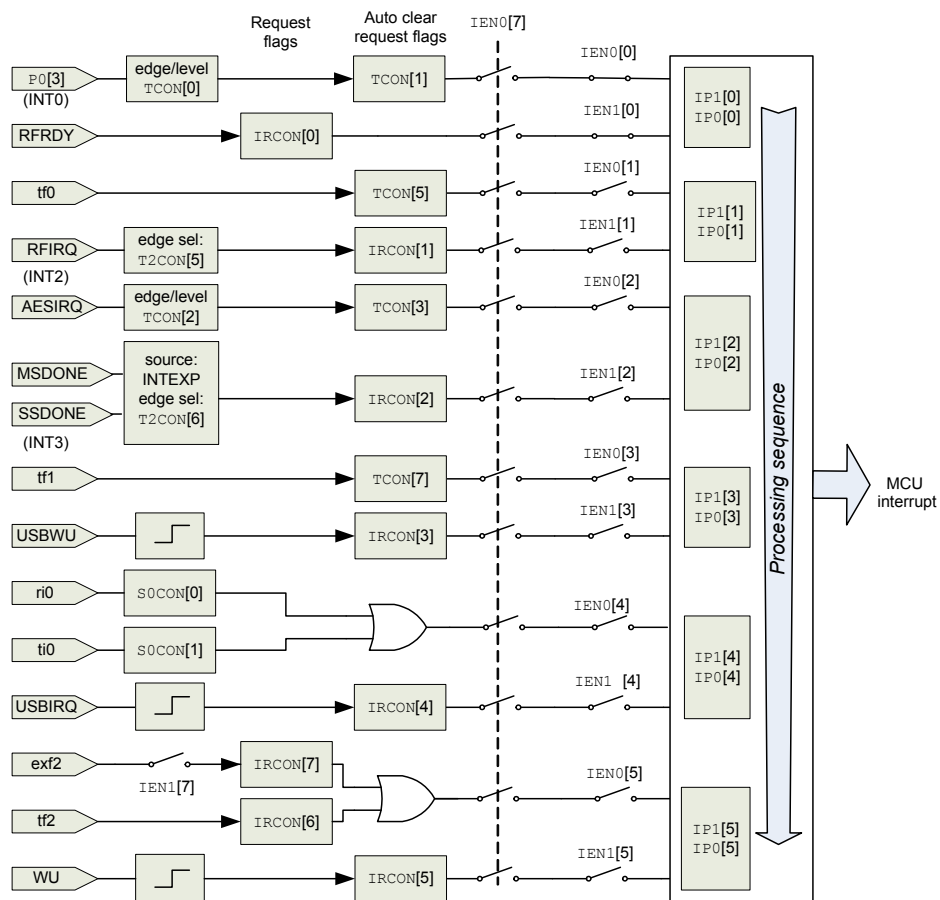


Figure 84. nRF24LU1+ interrupt structure

## 22.3 Functional description

When an enabled interrupt occurs, the MCU vectors to the address of the interrupt service routine (ISR) associated with that interrupt, as listed in [Table 138. on page 172](#). The MCU executes the ISR to completion unless another interrupt of higher priority occurs.

| Source | Vector | Polarity  | Description                       |
|--------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| P0.3   | 0x0003 | low/fall  | External pin P0.3                 |
| tf0    | 0x000B | high      | Timer 0 interrupt                 |
| AESIRQ | 0x0013 | low/fall  | AES ready interrupt               |
| tf1    | 0x001B | high      | Timer 1 interrupt                 |
| ri0    | 0x0023 | high      | Serial channel receive interrupt  |
| ti0    | 0x0023 | high      | Serial channel transmit interrupt |
| tf2    | 0x002B | high      | Timer 2 interrupt                 |
| exf2   | 0x002B | High      | Timer 2 external event (pin P0.5) |
| RFRDY  | 0x0043 | high      | RF SPI ready                      |
| RFIRQ  | 0x004B | fall/rise | RF IRQ                            |
| MSDONE | 0x0053 | fall/rise | Master SPI transaction completed  |
| SSDONE | 0x0053 | fall/rise | Slave SPI transaction completed   |
| USBWU  | 0x005B | rise      | USB wakeup interrupt              |
| USBIRQ | 0x0063 | rise      | USB interrupt                     |
| WU     | 0x006B | rise      | Internal Wakeup interrupt         |

Table 138. nRF24LU1+ interrupt sources

## 22.4 SFR registers

Various SFR registers are used to control and prioritize between different interrupts.

The `IRCON`, `SCON`, `IP0`, `IP1`, `IEN0`, `IEN1` and `INTEXP` are described in this section. In addition, a description of the `TCON` and `T2CON` registers is found in [chapter 11 on page 103](#).

### 22.4.1 Interrupt enable 0 register – IEN0

The `IEN0` register is responsible for global interrupt system enabling/disabling as well as Timer0, 1 and 2, Port 0 and Serial Port individual interrupts enabling/disabling.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|---|
| 0xA8    | 0x00        | 7   | 1: Enable interrupts. 0: all interrupts are disabled. |
|         |             | 6   | Not used.   |
|         |             | 5   | 1: Enable Timer2 interrupt.                           |
|         |             | 4   | 1: Enable Serial Port interrupt.                      |
|         |             | 3   | 1: Enable Timer1 overflow interrupt                   |
|         |             | 2   | 1: Enable pin P0.4 interrupt.                         |
|         |             | 1   | 1: Enable Timer0 overflow interrupt.                  |
|         |             | 0   | 1: Enable pin P0.3 interrupt.                         |

Table 139. IEN0 register

## 22.4.2 Interrupt enable 1 register – IEN1

The IEN1 register is responsible for RF, SPI, USB and Timer 2 interrupts.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description                                   |
|---------|-------------|-----|---|
| 0xB8    | 0x00        | 7   | 1: Enable Timer2 external reload interrupt    |
|         |             | 6   | Not used                                      |
|         |             | 5   | 1: Wakeup interrupt enable                    |
|         |             | 4   | 1: USB interrupt enable                       |
|         |             | 3   | 1: USB wakeup interrupt enable                |
|         |             | 2   | 1: Master or Slave SPI ready interrupt enable |
|         |             | 1   | 1: RF interrupt enable                        |
|         |             | 0   | 1: RF SPI ready enable                        |

Table 140. IEN1 register

Master SPI and Slave SPI share the same interrupt line.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Function                       |
|---------|-------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 0xA6    | 0x01        | 7:2 | Not used                       |
|         |             | 1   | 1: Enable Master SPI interrupt |
|         |             | 0   | 1: Enable Slave SPI interrupt  |

Table 141. INTEXP register.

## 22.4.3 Interrupt priority registers – IP0, IP1

The 14 interrupt sources are grouped into six priority groups. For each of the groups, one of four priority levels can be selected. It is achieved by setting appropriate values in IP0 and IP1 registers.

The contents of the Interrupt Priority Registers define the priority levels for each interrupt source according to the tables below.

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|---|
| 0xA9    | 0x00        | 7:6 | Not used.   |
|         |             | 5:0 | Interrupt priority. Each bit together with corresponding bit from IP1 register specifies the priority level of the respective interrupt priority group. |

Table 142. IP0 register

| Address | Reset value | Bit | Description   |
|---------|-------------|-----|---|
| 0xB9    | 0x00        | 7:6 | Not used.   |
|         |             | 5:0 | Interrupt priority. Each bit together with corresponding bit from IP0 register specifies the priority level of the respective interrupt priority group. |

Table 143. IP1 register

| Group | Interrupt bits | Priority groups     |                      |               |
|-------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 0     | ip1.0, ip0.0   | P0.3 interrupt      | RF interrupt         |               |
| 1     | ip1.1, ip0.1   | Timer 0 interrupt   | RF SPI interrupt     |               |
| 2     | ip1.2, ip0.2   | P0.4 interrupt      | Master SPI           | Slave SPI     |
| 3     | ip1.3, ip0.3   | Timer 1 interrupt   | USB wakeup           |               |
| 4     | ip1.4, ip0.4   | Serial port receive | Serial port transmit | USB interrupt |
| 5     | ip1.5, ip0.5   | Timer 2 interrupt   | Wakeup interrupt     |               |

Table 144. Priority groups

| ip1.x | ip0.x | Priority level    |
|-------|-------|-------------------|
| 0     | 0     | Level 0 (lowest)  |
| 0     | 1     | Level 1           |
| 1     | 0     | Level 2           |
| 1     | 1     | Level 3 (highest) |

Table 145. Priority levels (x is the number of priority group)

#### 22.4.4 Interrupt request control registers – IRCON

The IRCON register contains Timer 2, SPI, RF, USB and wakeup interrupt request flags.

| Address | Reset value | Flag         | Bit | Auto clear <sup>a</sup> | Description                        |
|---------|-------------|--------------|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0xC0    | 0x00        | exf2         | 7   | -                       | Timer 2 external reload flag       |
|         |             | tf2          | 6   | -                       | Timer 2 overflow flag              |
|         |             | WU           | 5   | Yes                     | Wakeup interrupt flag              |
|         |             | USBIRQ       | 4   | Yes                     | USB interrupt flag                 |
|         |             | USBWU        | 3   | Yes                     | USB wakeup interrupt flag          |
|         |             | M- or S-DONE | 2   | Yes                     | Master or Slave SPI interrupt flag |
|         |             | RFIRQ        | 1   | Yes                     | RF interrupt flag                  |
|         |             | RFRDY        | 0   | -                       | RF SPI interrupt flag              |

a. Auto clear means that the flag is cleared by hardware automatically when the corresponding service routine is vectored.

Table 146. IRCON register

## 23 HW debugger support

The nRF24LU1+ has the following on-chip hardware debug support for a JTAG debugger:

- nRFProbe hardware debugger from Nordic Semiconductor.
- System Navigator from First Silicon Solutions ([www.fs2.com](http://www.fs2.com)).

These debug modules are available on device pins OCITO, OCTMS, OCITDO, OCITDI, OCITCK when enabled in the flash InfoPage. The HW debug features can be interfaced through USB to a PC and utilized in the Keil Integrated Development Environment (IDE) by running nRFProbe found in the nRFgo development kits or dedicated HW from First Silicon Solutions.

### 23.1 Features

- Read/write all processor registers, SFR, program and data memory.
- Go/halt processor run control.
- Single step by assembly and C source instruction.
- Four independent HW execution breakpoints.
- Driver software for Keil  $\mu$ Vision debugger interface.

The features listed below are for the Keil  $\mu$ Vision debugger only:

- Load binary, Intel Hex or OMF51 file formats.
- Symbolic debug.
- Load symbols, including code, variables and variable types.
- Support C and assembly source code.
- Source window can display C source and mixed mode.
- Source window provides execution control; go, halt; goto cursor; step over/into call.
- Source window can set or clear software and hardware breakpoints.

### 23.2 Functional description

The JTAG debug interface is enabled by writing (through the flash SPI slave interface) to address 0x24 in the InfoPage. Any byte value other than 0xFF enables debug. The Flash Status Register (FSR bit 7, [17.3.6 on page 139](#)) shows the current status of the interface.

The GPIO allocated in debug mode is summarized in [Table 147](#).

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| OCITO  | P0.4 |
| OCITDO | P0.3 |
| OCITDI | P0.2 |
| OCITMS | P0.1 |
| OCITCK | P0.0 |

*Table 147. HW debug physical interface for nRF24LU1+*

**Note:** A pull-up on OCITCK is required for the MCU to run (in debug mode) without the system navigator cable plugged in.

A separate "Trigger Out" is available on the OCITO pin. This output can be activated when certain address and data combinations occur.

## 24 Peripheral information

This chapter describes peripheral circuitry and PCB layout requirements that are important for achieving optimum RF performance from the nRF24LU1+.

### 24.1 Antenna output

The ANT1 and ANT2 output pins provide a balanced RF output to the antenna. The pins must have a DC path to VDD\_PA, either through a RF choke or through the center point in a balanced dipole antenna. A load of  $15\ \Omega + j88\ \Omega$  is recommended for maximum output power (0dBm). Lower load impedance (for instance  $50\ \Omega$ ) can be obtained by fitting a simple matching network between the load and ANT1 and ANT2. A recommended matching network for  $50\ \Omega$  load impedance is illustrated in [Chapter 25 on page 178](#).

### 24.2 Crystal oscillator

A crystal being used with the nRF24LU1+ must fulfil the specifications given in [Table 10. on page 24](#).

You must use a crystal with a low load capacitance specification to achieve a crystal oscillator solution with low power consumption and fast start-up time. A lower C0 also gives lower current consumption and faster start-up time, but may increase the cost of the crystal. Typically  $C_0 = 1.5\text{pF}$  at a crystal specified for  $C_{0\text{max}} = 7.0\text{pF}$ .

The crystal load capacitance, CL, is given by:

$$C_L = \frac{C_1 \cdot C_2'}{C_1 + C_2'}, \text{ where } C_1' = C_1 + \text{CPCB1} + \text{CI1} \text{ and } C_2' = C_2 + \text{CPCB2} + \text{CI2}$$

C1 and C2 are SMD capacitors as shown in the application schematics, see [Chapter 25 on page 178](#). CPCB1 and CPCB2 are the layout parasitic on the circuit board. CI1 and CI2 are the capacitance seen into the XC1 and XC2 pins respectively; the value is typically 1pF for each of these pins.

### 24.3 PCB layout and decoupling guidelines

A well designed PCB is necessary to achieve good RF performance. A poor layout can lead to loss of performance or functionality. A fully qualified RF-layout for the nRF24LU1+ and its surrounding components, including matching networks, can be downloaded from [www.nordicsemi.no](http://www.nordicsemi.no).

A PCB with a minimum of two layers including a ground plane is recommended for optimum performance. The nRF24LU1+ DC supply voltage should be decoupled as close as possible to the VDD pins with high performance RF capacitors. See the schematics layout in [Chapter 25 on page 178](#) for recommended decoupling capacitor values. The nRF24LU1+ supply voltage should be filtered and routed separately from the supply voltages of any digital circuitry.

Long power supply lines on the PCB should be avoided. All device grounds, VDD connections and VDD bypass capacitors must be connected as close as possible to the nRF24LU1+ IC. For a PCB with a top-side RF ground plane, the VSS pins should be connected directly to the ground plane. For a PCB with a bottom ground plane, the best technique is to have via holes as close as possible to the VSS pads. A minimum of one via hole should be used for each VSS pin.

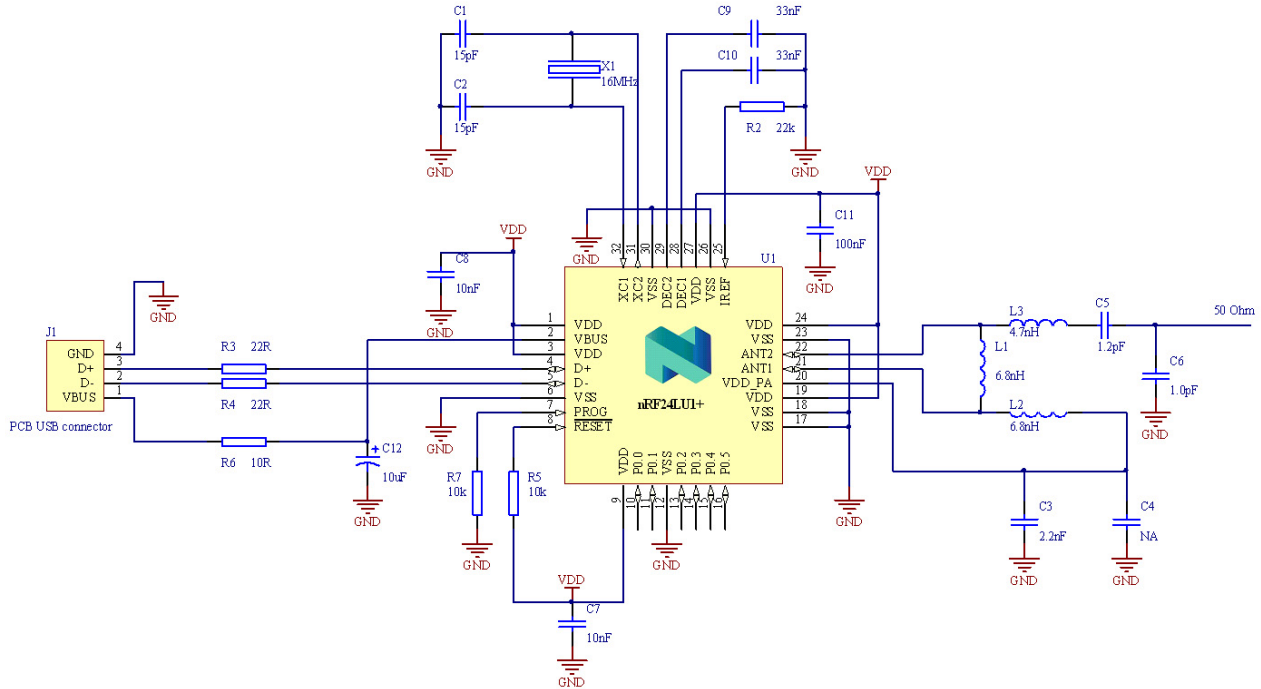


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Full swing digital data or control signals should not be routed close to the crystal or the power supply lines. The exposed die attach pad is a ground pad connected to the IC substrate die ground and is intentionally not used in our layouts. It is recommended to keep it unconnected.

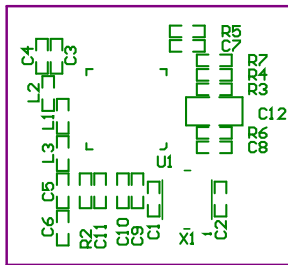
## 25 Application example

### 25.1 Schematics



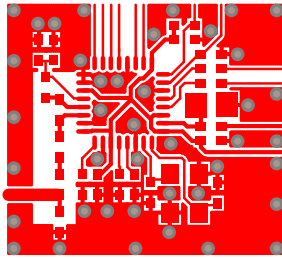
### 25.2 Layout

A double sided FR-4 board of 1.6 mm thickness is used. This PCB has a ground plane on the bottom layer. There are ground areas on the component side of the board to ensure sufficient grounding of critical components. A large number of via holes connect the top layer to ground areas to the bottom layer ground plane.

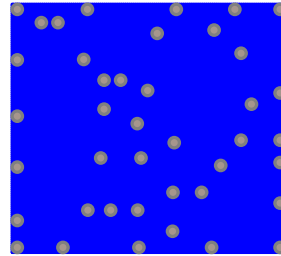


Top silk screen

No components  
in bottom layer



Top view



Bottom view

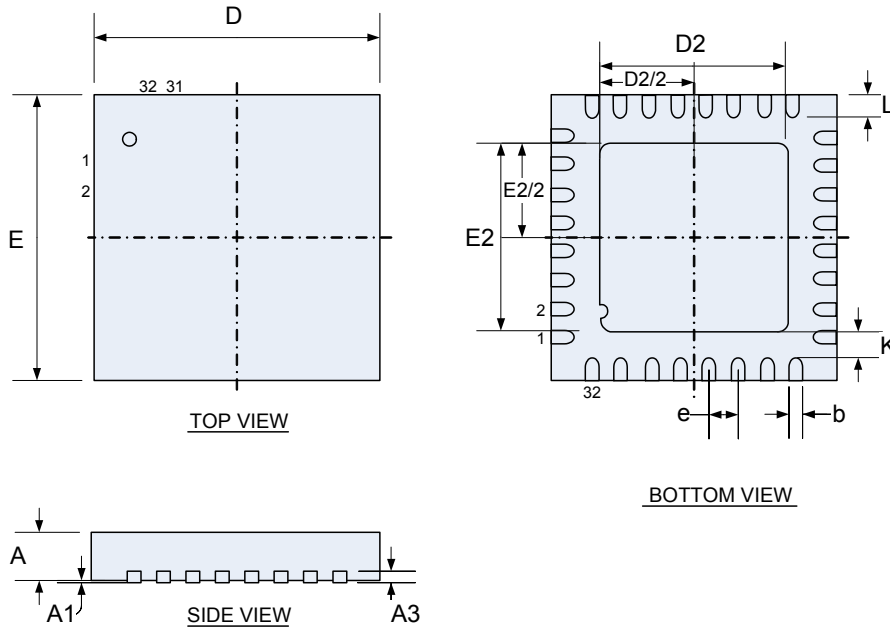
### 25.3 Bill Of Materials (BOM)

| Designator | Value       | Footprint  | Comment                 |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| C1         | 15pF        | 0402       | NP0 +/-2%               |
| C2         | 15pF        | 0402       | NP0 +/-2%               |
| C3         | 2.2nF       | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C4         | Not mounted | 0402       |                         |
| C5         | 1.2pF       | 0402       | NP0 +/-0.1pF            |
| C6         | 1.0pF       | 0402       | NP0 +/-0.1pF            |
| C7         | 10nF        | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C8         | 10nF        | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C9         | 33nF        | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C10        | 33nF        | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C11        | 100nF       | 0402       | X7R +/-10%              |
| C12        | 10uF        | 0805       | X5R +/-10%              |
| L1         | 6.8nH       | 0402       | Chip inductor +/-5%     |
| L2         | 6.8nH       | 0402       | Chip inductor +/-5%     |
| L3         | 4.7nH       | 0402       | Chip inductor +/-5%     |
| R2         | 22k         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| R3         | 22R         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| R4         | 22R         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| R5         | 10k         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| R6         | 10R         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| R7         | 10k         | 0402       | 1%                      |
| U1         | nRF24LU1+   | QFN32L/5x5 | nRF24LU1+               |
| X1         | 16 MHz      | BT-XTAL    | 16 MHz, CL=9pF +/-60ppm |

Table 148. Bill Of Materials

## 26 Mechanical specifications

nRF24LU1+ is packaged in a QFN32 5 x 5 x 0.85 mm, 0.5 mm pitch.



| Package | A    | A1   | A3   | b    | D, E     | D2, E2 | e   | K    | L    |      |
|---------|------|------|------|------|----------|--------|-----|------|------|------|
| QFN32   | 0.80 | 0.00 |      | 0.18 | <b>5</b> | 3.20   | 0.5 | 0.20 | 0.35 | Min. |
|         | 0.85 | 0.02 | 0.20 | 0.23 |          | 3.30   |     |      | 0.40 | Typ. |
|         | 0.90 | 0.05 |      | 0.30 |          | 3.40   |     |      | 0.45 | Max  |

Table 149. QFN32 dimensions in mm (Bold dimension denotes BSC)

## 27 Ordering information

### 27.1 Package marking

nRF24LU1P-F32 option:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| n | R | F |   | B | X |
| 2 | 4 | L | U | 1 | P |
| Y | Y | W | W | L | L |

nRF24LU1P-F16 option:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| n | R | F |   | B | X |
| L | U | 1 | P | 1 | 6 |
| Y | Y | W | W | L | L |

#### 27.1.1 Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Definition  |
|--------------|---|
| LU1P16       | Product number, F16 option  |
| 24LU1P       | Product number, F32 option  |
| B            | Build Code, that is, unique code for production sites, package type and, test platform. |
| X            | "X" grade, that is, Engineering Samples (optional).                                     |
| YY           | Two digit Year number   |
| WW           | Two digit week number   |
| LL           | Two letter wafer lot number code  |

Table 150. Abbreviations

27.2 Product options

27.2.1 RF silicon

| Ordering code           | Flash memory size | Package                             | Container  | MOQ <sup>a</sup> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| nRF24LU1P-F32Q32-T      | 32 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | Tray       | 490              |
| nRF24LU1P-F32Q32-R7     | 32 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | 7" reel    | 1500             |
| nRF24LU1P-F32Q32-R      | 32 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | 13" reel   | 4000             |
| nRF24LU1P-F32Q32-SAMPLE | 32 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | Sample box | 5                |
| nRF24LU1P-F16Q32-T      | 16 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | Tray       | 490              |
| nRF24LU1P-F16Q32-R7     | 16 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | 7" reel    | 1500             |
| nRF24LU1P-F16Q32-R      | 16 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | 13" reel   | 4000             |
| nRF24LU1P-F16Q32-SAMPLE | 16 kB             | 5x5mm 32-pin QFN, lead free (green) | Sample box | 5                |

a. Minimum Order Quantity

Table 151. nRF24LU1+ RF silicon options

27.2.2 Development tools

| Type Number         | Description  |
|---------------------|--|
| nRF24LU1P-FxxQ32-DK | nRF24LU1+ Development kit  |
| nRF6700             | nRFgo Starter Kit  |
| nRF6704             | nRFgo nRF24LU1P Flash/OTP Programming Adapter Kit (requires nRFgo Starter Kit) |

Table 152. nRF24LU1+ solution options

## 28 Glossary of terms

| Term    | Description                     |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| ACC     | Accumulator                     |
| ACK     | Acknowledgement                 |
| ART     | Auto Re-Transmit                |
| BSC     | Basic Spacing between Centers   |
| Cclk    | MCU Clock                       |
| CRC     | Cyclic Redundancy Check         |
| CSN     | Chip Select NOT                 |
| DPS     | Data Pointer Select register    |
| ESB     | Enhanced ShockBurst™            |
| FCR     | Flash Command Register          |
| FPCR    | Flash Protect Config Register   |
| FSR     | Flash Status Register           |
| GFSK    | Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying |
| HAL     | Hardware Abstraction Layer      |
| HID     | Human Interface Device          |
| IRQ     | Interrupt Request               |
| ISM     | Industrial-Scientific-Medical   |
| LNA     | Low Noise Amplifier             |
| LSB     | Least Significant Bit           |
| LSByte  | Least Significant Byte          |
| MCU     | Microcontroller                 |
| Mbps    | Megabit(s) per second           |
| MISO    | Master In Slave Out             |
| MoQ     | Minimum Order Quantity          |
| MOSI    | Master Out Slave In             |
| MSB     | Most Significant Bit            |
| MSByte  | Most Significant Byte           |
| PCB     | Printed Circuit Board           |
| PER     | Packet Error Rate               |
| PID     | Packet Identity Bits            |
| PLD     | Payload                         |
| PRX     | Primary RX                      |
| PSW     | Program Status Word Register    |
| PTX     | Primary TX                      |
| pwrdown | Power Down                      |
| PWR_UP  | Power Up                        |
| RAM     | Random Access Memory            |
| RDSR    | Read Status Register            |
| rfce    | Radio transceiver chip enable   |
| RX      | Receive                         |
| RX_DR   | Receive Data Ready              |
| SDK     | Software Development Kit        |
| SP      | Stack Pointer                   |
| SPI     | Serial Peripheral Interface     |
| TX      | Transmit                        |
| TX_DS   | Transmit Data Sent              |
| USB     | Universal Serial Bus            |
| WO      | Write Only                      |

Table 153. Glossary

## Appendix A - (USB memory configurations)

The USB buffer memory has a total size of 512 bytes. Bulk/control buffer size can be 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 or, 64 bytes, while ISO buffers (if used) must be multiples of 16 bytes.

Some example configurations are given below.

### Configuration 1

Endpoint 0-5 Bulk/control IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes.

Endpoint 8 ISO IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes (with double buffering).

Total buffer area: 448 bytes.

| Register  | Value (hex) | Calculation                  | Comment                   |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| bout1addr | 0x10        | (ep0 out size)/2             | Start addr. of bulk 1 OUT |
| bout2addr | 0x20        | bout1addr + (ep1 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 2 OUT |
| bout3addr | 0x30        | bout2addr + (ep2 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 3 OUT |
| bout4addr | 0x40        | bout3addr + (ep3 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 4 OUT |
| bout5addr | 0x50        | bout4addr + (ep4 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 5 OUT |
| binstaddr | 0x30        | (bulk out size)/4            | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin1addr  | 0x10        | (ep0 in size)/2              | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin2addr  | 0x20        | bin1addr + (ep1 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 2 IN  |
| bin3addr  | 0x30        | bin2addr + (ep2 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 3 IN  |
| bin4addr  | 0x40        | bin3addr + (ep3 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 4 IN  |
| bin5addr  | 0x50        | bin4addr + (ep4 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 5 IN  |
| isostaddr | 0x18        | (bulk size)/16               | Start addr. of iso        |
| out8addr  | 0x00        | 0                            | Start addr. of iso OUT    |
| in8addr   | 0x08        | (ep8 out size)/4             | Start addr. of iso IN     |
| isosize   | 0x04        | (iso size)/16                |                           |

Table 154. Configuration 1

### Configuration 2

Endpoint 0-2 bulk/control IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes

Endpoint 3-4 bulk IN/OUT, each of size 16 bytes

Endpoint 8 ISO IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes (with double buffering).

Total buffer area: 320 bytes

| Register  | value (hex) | Calculation                  | Comment                   |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| bout1addr | 0x10        | (ep0 out size)/2             | Start addr. of bulk 1 OUT |
| bout2addr | 0x20        | bout1addr + (ep1 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 2 OUT |
| bout3addr | 0x30        | bout2addr + (ep2 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 3 OUT |
| bout4addr | 0x38        | bout3addr + (ep3 out size)/2 | Start addr. of bulk 4 OUT |
| binstaddr | 0x20        | (bulk out size)/4            | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin1addr  | 0x10        | (ep0 in size)/2              | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin2addr  | 0x20        | bin1addr + (ep1 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 2 IN  |



| Register  | value (hex) | Calculation                                | Comment                  |
|-----------|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| bin3addr  | 0x30        | $\text{bin2addr} + (\text{ep2 in size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 3 IN |
| bin4addr  | 0x40        | $\text{bin3addr} + (\text{ep3 in size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 4 IN |
| isostaddr | 0x10        | $(\text{bulk size})/16$                    | Start addr. of iso       |
| out8addr  | 0x00        | 0  | Start addr. of iso OUT   |
| in8addr   | 0x08        | $(\text{ep8 out size})/4$                  | Start addr. of iso IN    |
| isosize   | 0x04        | $(\text{iso size})/16$                     |                          |

Table 155. Configuration 2

Unused bout5addr and bin5addr shall be 0x00.

### Configuration 3

Endpoint 0-3 bulk IN/OUT, each of size 16 bytes

Endpoint 4-5 bulk IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes

Endpoint 8 iso IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes (with double buffering)

Total buffer area: 320 bytes.

| Register  | Value (h) | Calculation                                  | Comment                   |
|-----------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| bout1addr | 0x08      | $(\text{ep0 out size})/2$                    | Start addr. of bulk 1 OUT |
| bout2addr | 0x10      | $\text{bout1addr} + (\text{ep1 out size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 2 OUT |
| bout3addr | 0x18      | $\text{bout2addr} + (\text{ep2 out size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 3 OUT |
| bout4addr | 0x20      | $\text{bout3addr} + (\text{ep3 out size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 4 OUT |
| bout5addr | 0x30      | $\text{bout4addr} + (\text{ep4 out size})/2$ | Start addr. of bulk 5 OUT |
| binstaddr | 0x20      | $(\text{bulk out size})/4$                   | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin1addr  | 0x08      | $(\text{ep0 in size})/2$                     | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin2addr  | 0x10      | $\text{bin1addr} + (\text{ep1 in size})/2$   | Start addr. of bulk 2 IN  |
| bin3addr  | 0x18      | $\text{bin2addr} + (\text{ep2 in size})/2$   | Start addr. of bulk 3 IN  |
| bin4addr  | 0x20      | $\text{bin3addr} + (\text{ep3 in size})/2$   | Start addr. of bulk 4 IN  |
| bin5addr  | 0x30      | $\text{bin4addr} + (\text{ep4 in size})/2$   | Start addr. of bulk 5 IN  |
| isostaddr | 0x10      | $(\text{bulk size})/16$                      | Start addr. of iso        |
| out8addr  | 0x00      | 0  | Start addr. of iso OUT    |
| in8addr   | 0x08      | $(\text{ep8 out size})/4$                    | Start addr. of iso IN     |
| isosize   | 0x04      | $(\text{iso size})/16$                       |                           |

Table 156. Configuration 3

## Configuration 4

Endpoint 0-1 bulk/control IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes

Endpoint 8 ISO IN/OUT, each of size 32 bytes (with double buffering).

Total buffer area: 192 bytes.

| Register  | Value (h) | Calculation       | Comment                   |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| bout1addr | 0x10      | (ep0 out size)/2  | Start addr. of bulk 1 OUT |
| binstaddr | 0x10      | (bulk out size)/4 | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| bin1addr  | 0x10      | (ep0 in size)/2   | Start addr. of bulk 1 IN  |
| isostaddr | 0x08      | (bulk size)/16    | Start addr. of iso        |
| out8addr  | 0x00      | 0                 | Start addr. of iso OUT    |
| in8addr   | 0x08      | (ep8 out size)/4  | Start addr. of iso IN     |
| isosize   | 0x04      | (iso size)/16     |                           |

*Table 157. Configuration 4*

Unused bout2addr to bout5addr and bin2addr to bin5addr shall be 0x00.

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## Appendix B - Configuration for compatibility with nRF24XX

How to setup the radio module in nRF24LU1+ to receive from an nRF2401/nRF2402/nRF24E1/nRF24E2/nRF24LE1:

1. Use the same CRC configuration as the nRF2401/nRF2402/nRF24E1/nRF24E2/nRF24LE1.
2. Set the `PWR_UP` and `PRIM_RX` bit to 1.
3. Disable auto acknowledgement on the addressed data pipe.
4. Use the same address width as the PTX device.
5. Use the same frequency channel as the PTX device.
6. Select data rate 1 Mbps on both nRF24LU1+ and nRF2401/nRF2402/nRF24E1/nRF24E2/nRF24LE1.
7. Set correct payload width on the addressed data pipe.
8. Set `rfce` high.

How to setup the radio module in nRF24LU1+ to transmit to an nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1:

1. Use the same CRC configuration as the nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1.
2. Set the `PRIM_RX` bit to 0.
3. Set the Auto Retransmit Count to 0 to disable the auto retransmit functionality.
4. Use the same address width as the nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1.
5. Use the same frequency channel as the nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1.
6. Select data rate 1 Mbps on both nRF24LU1+ and nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1.
7. Set `PWR_UP` high.
8. Clock in a payload that has the same length as the nRF2401/nRF24E1/nRF24LE1 is configured to receive.
9. Pulse `rfce` to transmit the packet.

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