// Arduino "bridge" code between host computer and WS2801-based digital // RGB LED pixels (e.g. Adafruit product ID #322). Intended for use // with USB-native boards such as Teensy or Adafruit 32u4 Breakout; // works on normal serial Arduinos, but throughput is severely limited. // LED data is streamed, not buffered, making this suitable for larger // installations (e.g. video wall, etc.) than could otherwise be held // in the Arduino's limited RAM.

// Some effort is put into avoiding buffer underruns (where the output // side becomes starved of data). The WS2801 latch protocol, being // delay-based, could be inadvertently triggered if the USB bus or CPU // is swamped with other tasks. This code buffers incoming serial data // and introduces intentional pauses if there's a threat of the buffer // draining prematurely. The cost of this complexity is somewhat // reduced throughput, the gain is that most visual glitches are // avoided (though ultimately a function of the load on the USB bus and // host CPU, and out of our control).

// LED data and clock lines are connected to the Arduino's SPI output. // On traditional Arduino boards, SPI data out is digital pin 11 and // clock is digital pin 13. On both Teensy and the 32u4 Breakout, // data out is pin B2, clock is B1. LEDs should be externally // powered -- trying to run any more than just a few off the Arduino's // 5V line is generally a Bad Idea. LED ground should also be // connected to Arduino ground.

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#include <SPI.h>

// LED pin for Adafruit 32u4 Breakout Board:

//#define LED_DDR DDRE

- //#define LED_PORT PORTE
- //#define LED_PIN _BV(PORTE6)
- // LED pin for Teensy:
- //#define LED_DDR DDRD
- //#define LED_PORT PORTD
- //#define LED_PIN _BV(PORTD6)

// LED pin for Arduino:

#define LED_DDR DDRB

#define LED_PORT PORTB

#define LED_PIN _BV(PORTB5)

// A 'magic word' (along with LED count & checksum) precedes each block // of LED data; this assists the microcontroller in syncing up with the // host-side software and properly issuing the latch (host I/O is // likely buffered, making usleep() unreliable for latch). You may see // an initial glitchy frame or two until the two come into alignment. // The magic word can be whatever sequence you like, but each character // should be unique, and frequent pixel values like 0 and 255 are // avoided -- fewer false positives. The host software will need to // generate a compatible header: immediately following the magic word // are three bytes: a 16-bit count of the number of LEDs (high byte // first) followed by a simple checksum value (high byte XOR low byte // XOR 0x55). LED data follows, 3 bytes per LED, in order R, G, B, // where 0 = off and 255 = max brightness.

static const uint8_t magic[] = {'A','d','a'};
#define MAGICSIZE sizeof(magic)
#define HEADERSIZE (MAGICSIZE + 3)

#define MODE_HEADER 0

#define MODE_HOLD 1

#define MODE_DATA 2

// If no serial data is received for a while, the LEDs are shut off
// automatically. This avoids the annoying "stuck pixel" look when
// quitting LED display programs on the host computer.

static const unsigned long serialTimeout = 15000; // 15 seconds

void setup()

{

// Dirty trick: the circular buffer for serial data is 256 bytes,

// and the "in" and "out" indices are unsigned 8-bit types -- this

// much simplifies the cases where in/out need to "wrap around" the

// beginning/end of the buffer. Otherwise there'd be a ton of bit-

// masking and/or conditional code every time one of these indices

// needs to change, slowing things down tremendously.

uint8_t

buffer[256],

indexIn = 0,

indexOut = 0,

mode = MODE_HEADER,

hi, lo, chk, i, spiFlag;

int16_t

bytesBuffered = 0,

hold = 0,

c;

int32_t

bytesRemaining;

unsigned long

startTime,

lastByteTime,

lastAckTime,

t;

LED_DDR |= LED_PIN; // Enable output for LED

LED_PORT &= ~LED_PIN; // LED off

Serial.begin(115200); // Teensy/32u4 disregards baud rate; is OK!

SPI.begin();

SPI.setBitOrder(MSBFIRST);

SPI.setDataMode(SPI_MODE0);

SPI.setClockDivider(SPI_CLOCK_DIV128); // 1 MHz max, else flicker

// Issue test pattern to LEDs on startup. This helps verify that
// wiring between the Arduino and LEDs is correct. Not knowing the
// actual number of LEDs connected, this sets all of them (well, up
// to the first 25,000, so as not to be TOO time consuming) to red,
// green, blue, then off. Once you're confident everything is working
// end-to-end, it's OK to comment this out and reprogram the Arduino.
uint8_t testcolor[] = { 0, 0, 0, 255, 0, 0 };
for(char n=3; n>=0; n--) {
 for(c=0; c<25000; c++) {
 for(i=0; i<3; i++) {
 for(SPDR = testcolor[n + i]; !(SPSR & _BV(SPIF)););
 }
 }
 delay(1); // One millisecond pause = latch
}</pre>

Serial.print("Ada\n"); // Send ACK string to host

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startTime = micros();
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lastByteTime = lastAckTime = millis();

// loop() is avoided as even that small bit of function overhead

// has a measurable impact on this code's overall throughput.

for(;;) {

// Implementation is a simple finite-state machine.

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// Regardless of mode, check for serial input each time:
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t = millis();

if((bytesBuffered < 256) && ((c = Serial.read()) >= 0)) {

buffer[indexIn++] = c;

bytesBuffered++;

lastByteTime = lastAckTime = t; // Reset timeout counters

} else {

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// No data received. If this persists, send an ACK packet
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// to host once every second to alert it to our presence.

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if((t - lastAckTime) > 1000) {
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Serial.print("Ada\n"); // Send ACK string to host

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lastAckTime = t; // Reset counter
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}
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// If no data received for an extended time, turn off all LEDs.

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if((t - lastByteTime) > serialTimeout) {
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for(c=0; c<32767; c++) {
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for(SPDR=0; !(SPSR & _BV(SPIF)););

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}
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delay(1); // One millisecond pause = latch
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lastByteTime = t; // Reset counter
}
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switch(mode) {
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case MODE_HEADER:

// In header-seeking mode. Is there enough data to check?

if(bytesBuffered >= HEADERSIZE) {

// Indeed. Check for a 'magic word' match.

for(i=0; (i<MAGICSIZE) && (buffer[indexOut++] == magic[i++]););</pre>

if(i == MAGICSIZE) {

// Magic word matches. Now how about the checksum?

hi = buffer[indexOut++];

lo = buffer[indexOut++];

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chk = buffer[indexOut++];
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if(chk == (hi ^ lo ^ 0x55)) {
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// Checksum looks valid. Get 16-bit LED count, add 1

// (# LEDs is always > 0) and multiply by 3 for R,G,B.

bytesRemaining = 3L * (256L * (long)hi + (long)lo + 1L);

bytesBuffered -= 3;

spiFlag = 0; // No data out yet

mode = MODE_HOLD; // Proceed to latch wait mode

} else {

// Checksum didn't match; search resumes after magic word.

indexOut -= 3; // Rewind

}

}// else no header match. Resume at first mismatched byte.
bytesBuffered -= i;
}

break;

case MODE_HOLD:

// Ostensibly "waiting for the latch from the prior frame

// to complete" mode, but may also revert to this mode when

// underrun prevention necessitates a delay.

if((micros() - startTime) < hold) break; // Still holding; keep buffering

// Latch/delay complete. Advance to data-issuing mode...

LED_PORT &= ~LED_PIN; // LED off

mode = MODE_DATA; // ...and fall through (no break):

case MODE_DATA:

while(spiFlag && !(SPSR & _BV(SPIF))); // Wait for prior byte

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if(bytesRemaining > 0) {
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if(bytesBuffered > 0) {
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SPDR = buffer[indexOut++]; // Issue next byte

bytesBuffered--;

bytesRemaining--;

spiFlag = 1;

}

// If serial buffer is threatening to underrun, start

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// introducing progressively longer pauses to allow more
    // data to arrive (up to a point).
    if((bytesBuffered < 32) && (bytesRemaining > bytesBuffered)) {
     startTime = micros();
            = 100 + (32 - bytesBuffered) * 10;
     hold
     mode = MODE_HOLD;
       }
   } else {
    // End of data -- issue latch:
    startTime = micros();
    hold = 1000; // Latch duration = 1000 uS
    LED_PORT |= LED_PIN; // LED on
    mode
            = MODE_HEADER; // Begin next header search
   }
  }// end switch
 } // end for(;;)
void loop()
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// Not used. See note in setup() function.

}

{

}