

EZ-USB® FX1™/FX2LP™ Boot Options

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AN50963 describes in detail the boot options available in Cypress's EZ-USB® FX1™/FX2LP™ USB 2.0 peripheral controllers. For a complete list of USB Hi-Speed code examples, visit the [Cypress web page](#).

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1 Introduction

Cypress's EZ-USB FX1/FX2LP offers a highly integrated solution for USB 2.0 peripheral devices. It comes with an integrated and high-performance CPU based on the industry-standard 8051 microcontroller. A soft (RAM-based) architecture allows flexible configuration and upgrades.

FX1/FX2LP offers the following boot options:

- I²C boot: Use an I²C EEPROM to download the complete firmware with Vendor ID (VID)/Product ID (PID) or only VID/PID/Device ID (DID) information to FX2LP internal RAM.

Note: You must use a VID assigned to you by the [USB Implementers Forum](#). It is not acceptable to use the Cypress VID and, in particular, the Cypress default VID/PID other than for testing purposes. That rule applies to your firmware VID/PID and EEPROM VID/PID.

- USB boot: Use the Control Center utility provided with the [FX2LP Development Kit](#) (DVK) to download the firmware image into FX2LP internal RAM. After the FX2LP device has enumerated, you can download the firmware to FX2LP from the USB Host. FX2LP can enumerate with the default Cypress VID/PID or with a custom VID/PID. If an I²C EEPROM with only VID/PID information is connected to FX2LP, that VID/PID will be used to enumerate. Then you can use a host application to download the firmware to FX2LP.

- Boot from external parallel memory: The EZ-USB FX2LP/FX1 chip executes the firmware from an external parallel memory connected to the address/data bus. Only 128-pin EZ-USB parts allow you to add off-chip data and program memory—100-pin and 56-pin EZ-USB chips do not support external memory.

The EZ-USB FX2LP device (CY7C68013A/14A/15A/16A) supports both full- and high-speed modes. The EZ-USB FX1 device (CY7C64713) supports only the full-speed mode. The FX1/FX2LP CPU is an enhanced 8051 with fast execution and added features.

Note: In this application note, features described for FX2LP also apply to FX1, unless otherwise noted.

1.1 Bootloader Sequence

After reset, the FX2LP bootloader takes the following steps to select the boot option.

1. If no off-chip memory (either on the I²C bus or on the parallel address/data bus) is connected to the EZ-USB, it enumerates as the default USB Device, with descriptors and VID/PID/DID supplied by hardwired internal logic.
2. If an EEPROM containing custom VID/PID/DID values is attached to the EZ-USB I²C bus, EZ-USB also enumerates as the default USB Device, but it substitutes the VID/PID/DID values from the EEPROM for its internal values.
3. If an EEPROM containing EZ-USB firmware is attached to the I²C bus, the firmware is automatically loaded from the EEPROM into the EZ-USB on-chip RAM. Then the CPU is taken out of reset to execute the bootloaded code.
4. EZ-USB begins executing the firmware from the off-chip memory if the following three conditions are present:
 - Flash, EEPROM, or other memory is attached to the address/data bus (128-pin package only).
 - A properly formatted EEPROM meeting the previous requirements is not present.
 - The EA (External Access) pin is tied high (indicating that EZ-USB starts code execution at 0x0000 from off-chip memory).

ReNumeration is an important concept related to FX2LP boot. After the default USB Device enumerates and the USB Host downloads the firmware and descriptor tables to EZ-USB, it begins executing the downloaded code. This code execution electrically simulates a physical disconnect/connect from the USB Device and causes EZ-USB to enumerate again as a second device, this time taking on the USB personality defined by the downloaded code and descriptors. This patented secondary enumeration process is called “ReNumeration.”

The [EZ-USB Technical Reference Manual](#) (TRM), chapter 3, “Enumeration and ReNumeration,” describes the FX2LP boot sequence in greater detail.

2 I²C Boot

Use an I²C interface to download the firmware or VID/PID/DID information to FX2LP. If an EEPROM containing FX2LP firmware or VID/PID/DID information is attached to the I²C bus, it is automatically loaded from the EEPROM to FX2LP. If it is firmware, it is loaded to on-chip RAM. Then the CPU is taken out of reset to execute the bootloaded code. There are two types of loads through the I²C bus. Refer to the [TRM](#), section 3.2, “EZ-USB Startup Modes,” for more details.

2.1 C0 Load: Loading USB IDs from I²C Device

At power-on reset, if the FX2LP device detects an EEPROM connected to its I²C bus with the value 0xC0 at address 0, EZ-USB automatically copies the VID, PID, and DID from the EEPROM into internal storage. [Table 1](#) shows the format of data for a C0 Load.

Table 1. C0 Load Format

EEPROM Address	Contents
0	0xC0
1	Vendor ID (VID) L
2	Vendor ID (VID) H

EEPROM Address	Contents
3	Product ID (PID) L
4	Product ID (PID) H
5	Device ID(DID) L
6	Device ID(DID) H
7	Configuration Byte

The eighth EEPROM byte contains configuration bits that control the following:

- I²C bus speed: Default is 100 kHz.
- Disconnect state: Default is for EZ-USB to come out of reset connected to USB.

The [TRM](#), section 3.4.2, “Serial EEPROM Present, First Byte is 0xC0,” contains a full description of the configuration bits.

FX2LP then supplies the EEPROM bytes to the host as part of its response to the host’s Get Descriptor-Device request. These six bytes replace only the VID/PID/DID bytes in the default USB Device descriptor. This causes a host driver matched to the VID/PID/DID values in the EEPROM to be loaded by the host OS.

2.2 C2 Load: Loading Firmware from I²C Device

At power-on reset, if the FX2LP detects an EEPROM connected to its I²C bus with the value 0xC2 at address 0, it downloads the firmware from the EEPROM. [Table 2](#) shows the EEPROM image format for C2 load. Compared to C0 load, C2 load eliminates the need to download the firmware from the USB Host.

Note: The [TRM](#), section 3.4.3, “Serial EEPROM Present, First Byte is 0xC2,” contains a full description of the configuration bits.

Cypress provides host application utilities, called CyConsole and Control Center. Use either one to program the EEPROM during development. For Linux developers, a host application is available in the [FX3 SDK for Linux](#).

FX2LP interprets the format shown in [Table 2](#); it decodes the format and downloads it to the appropriate memory locations. The Hex2bix utility can be used to generate the EEPROM image for C2 load. For more information on the Hex2bix utility, see the [readme.txt](#) file at C:\Cypress\USB\CY3684_EZ-USB_FX2LP_DVK\1.1\Utilities\Hex2Bix after installing the [FX2LP DVK](#).

Table 2. C2 Load Format

EEPROM Address	Contents
0	0xC2
1	Vendor ID (VID) L
2	Vendor ID (VID) H
3	Product ID (PID) L
4	Product ID (PID) H
5	Device ID(DID) L
6	Device ID(DID) H
7	Configuration Byte
8	Length H
9	Length L
10	Start Address H
11	Start Address L
–	Data Block

EEPROM Address	Contents
–	
–	Length H
–	Length L
–	Start Address H
–	Start Address L
–	Data Block
–	
–	0x80
–	0x01
–	0xE6
–	0x00
Last	00000000

Generally, a double-byte-addressed EEPROM is used for C2 load. The EEPROM address pins (A1, A2, and A0) are connected to 001 to indicate a double-byte-addressed EEPROM.

Note: Although FX2LP can perform C2 load from EEPROMs as large as 64 KB, code can be downloaded only to on-chip RAM (16 KB) by the hardware bootloader. Using a bootloader, the firmware allows you to download to external RAM through a two-stage bootstrap. The Hex2bix utility has the bootloader embedded and can be invoked using the -e option. The -e option is used to create a file for the external RAM in IIC format.

A schematic of the [DVK](#) shows a sample EEPROM connection to FX2LP. The parts used for large and small EEPROMs are the 24LC128-I/P and 24LC00/P, respectively.

2.3 EEPROM Hardware Connection

[Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) show connection diagrams for C0 load and C2 load, respectively.

An external pull-up resistor is required on both the SCL and the SDA lines. The recommended value is 2.2 kΩ. To make the connection, take the following steps:

- Ensure that the pull-up resistor is on the FX2LP side of the connection.
- Enable the SDA pin to be disconnected from FX2LP by adding a switch or jumper. This disables the EEPROM boot so that the EEPROM can be programmed in-system.

For C0 load, use the EEPROM address pins A2, A1, and A0 to indicate that the EEPROM is single-byte addressed (000).

Figure 1. EEPROM Connections for C0 Load

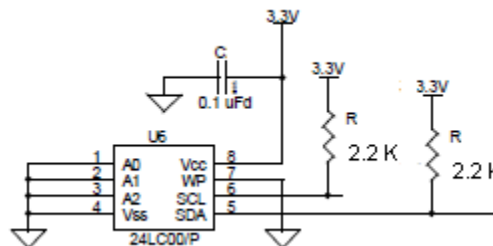
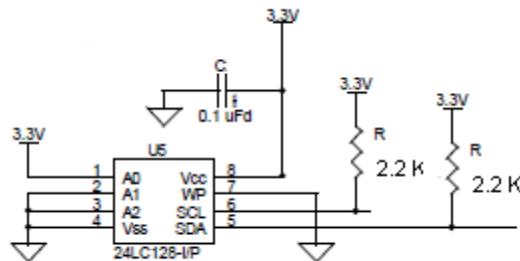


Figure 2. EEPROM Connections for C2 Load



2.4 Programming I²C EEPROM

There are two options for programming the EEPROM. Preprogram it and drop it into the system, or program it in-system using Control Center. The following steps demonstrate how to perform C0 load in the FX2LP DVK using Control Center:

1. Power on the FX2LP DVK board without the EEPROM connected, so that the part can enumerate with the default Cypress VID/PID. The device needs to be bound to *CyUSB3.sys* for access through Control Center. Refer to the “Matching Devices to Driver” section of the [CyUSB3.sys Programmer's Reference](#).
2. After the board enumerates, set switch SW2 on the DVK to “EEPROM” and SW1 to “small EEPROM.”
3. Open Control Center and navigate to the DVK firmware example *Vend_ax* in *C:\Cypress\USB\CY3684_EZ-USB_FX2LP_DVK\1.1\Firmware\Vend_ax* (may vary based on installation) and click Open. This downloads the *Vend_Ax.hex* file into the FX2LP internal RAM. For programming FX2LP using Control Center, refer to the *CyControlCenter.pdf* file at *<install_path>\Cypress\USB\CY3684_EZ-USB_FX2LP_DVK\1.1\Windows Applications\Application Source files\c_sharp* (after installing [SuiteUSB](#)).
4. Select “Control endpoint (0x00),” enter “0xA2” into the **Req Code** field, enter “0x0000” into the **wValue** and **wIndex** fields, select “Out” for **Direction**, and select “Vendor” as the **Req type** and “Device” as the **Target**. Finally, enter the VID/PID combination into the **Data to send (Hex)** field, as shown in [Figure 3](#). [Table 3](#) describes the bytes entered in the **Data to send** field of Control Center.
5. Click **Transfer Data**. A successful EEPROM upload is shown in [Figure 3](#).
6. To check the programmed VID/PID, unplug the device and then plug it back in. This time, the device will enumerate with the programmed VID/PID.

Another way of doing a C0 load is with the small EEPROM option. Open Control Center, follow steps 1 and 2, click the **Program FX2** tab, and then select “small EEPROM.” Browse to the IIC file, which contains the VID/PID information, and **Open** it.

Figure 3. EEPROM Program

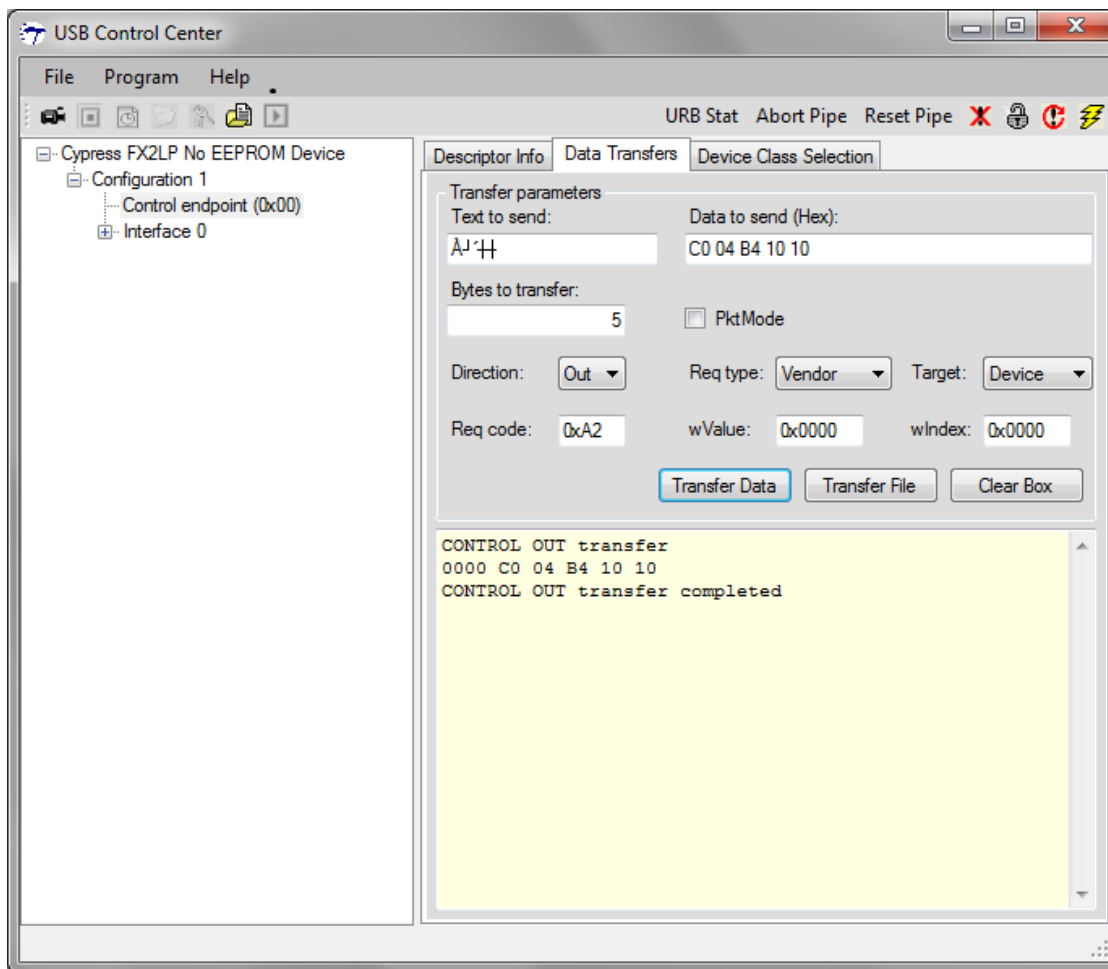


Table 3. C0 Load Bytes

Byte Number	Parameter	Comment
Byte 0	C0	Indicates valid small EEPROM
Byte 1	VID L	Lower byte of VID
Byte 2	VID H	Upper byte of VID
Byte 3	PID L	Lower byte of PID
Byte 4	PID H	Upper byte of PID

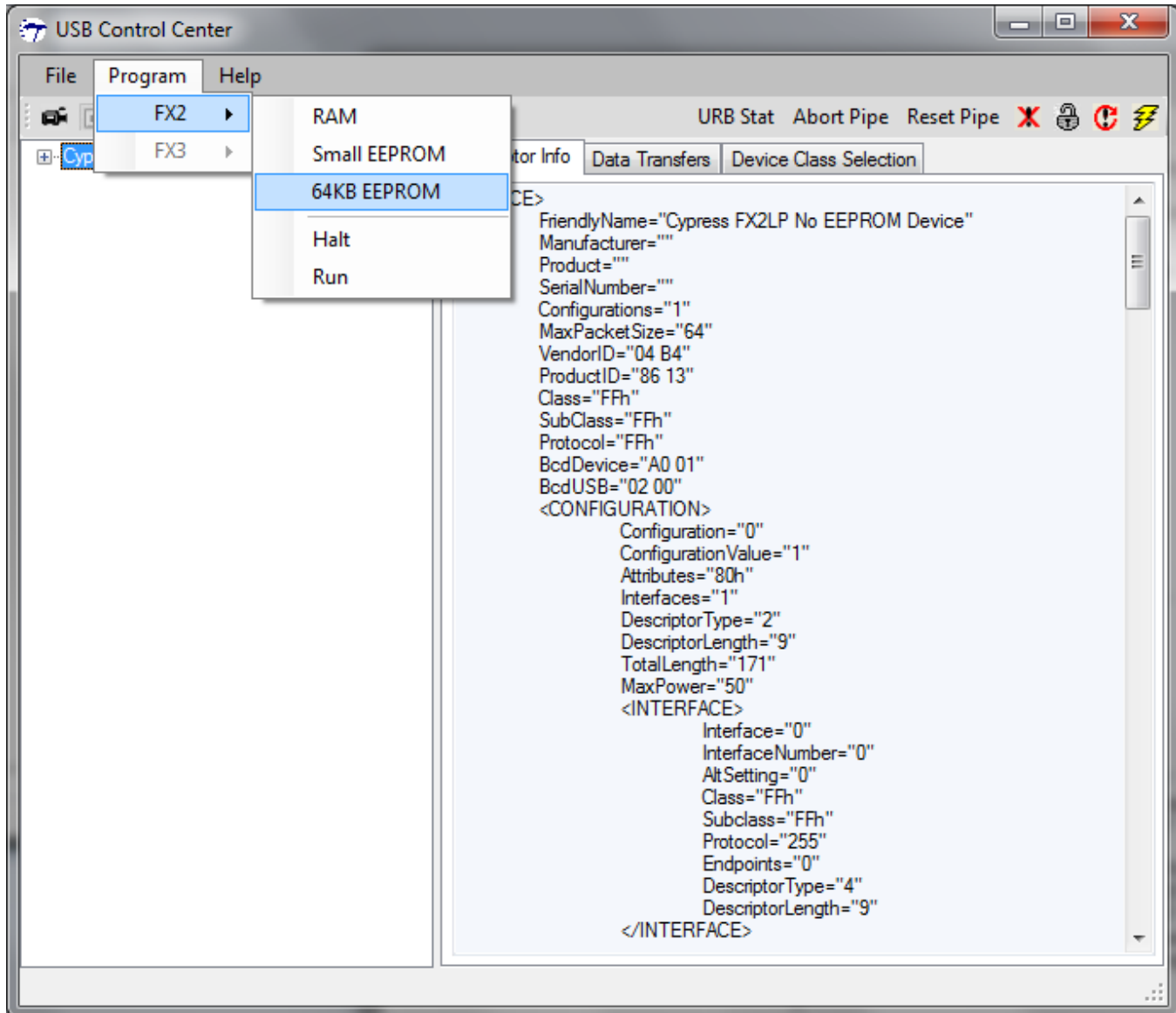
The following steps demonstrate how to perform a C2 load in the FX2LP DVK using Control Center:

1. On the FX2LP DVK board, select “SW2-NO EEPROM” and connect a USB A-to-B cable from the J1 connector on the board to a Windows PC USB Host controller port. The EZ-USB device enumerates with the default VID/PID.
2. Before programming the EEPROM image file (.iic), select “SW2-EEPROM” and “SW1-LARGE EEPROM” as switch settings to select the large EEPROM U5 onboard.
3. Open the Control Center PC application from Windows: **Start > All Programs > Cypress > Cypress USBSuite > Control Center** (see Figure 4). Observe that EZ-USB FX2LP is listed as “Cypress FX2LP No EEPROM Device.”

4. Choose **Program > FX2 > 64KB EEPROM** in the EZ-USB interface window and browse to the project folder, as shown in Figure 4. Select the image *bulkloop.iic* at *C:\Cypress\USB\CY3684_EZ-USB_FX2LP_DVK\1.1\Firmware\Bulkloop* or the corresponding installation path.
5. Press RESET button S1. The device will enumerate with the new VID/PID and will prompt the driver. To access the device through Control Center for testing bulk loop operation, it needs to be bound to *CyUSB3.sys*.

Note: Cypress has migrated from *CyUSB.sys* to *CyUSB3.sys* for FX1/FX2. Cypress has stopped supporting *CyUSB.sys*.

Figure 4. C2 Load



3 USB Boot

A host application can use vendor commands to download the firmware to FX2LP. The USB endpoint zero protocol provides a mechanism for vendor-specific requests. Bits 6:5 of the bmRequestType field are set to “10” for a vendor request.

FX2LP provides native support for the 0xA0 vendor request to write/read the FX2LP internal memory. The host application can use the 0xA0 vendor request to download the firmware to FX2LP. In the 0xA0 vendor request, the wValue field specifies the address of the memory location to be accessed. The data phase of the 0xA0 vendor request is used to send the data to write the memory. The A0 vendor request format is shown in Table 4. For more details, refer to the TRM, section 3.8, “EZ-USB Vendor Request for Firmware Load.”

Table 4. A0 Vendor Request Format

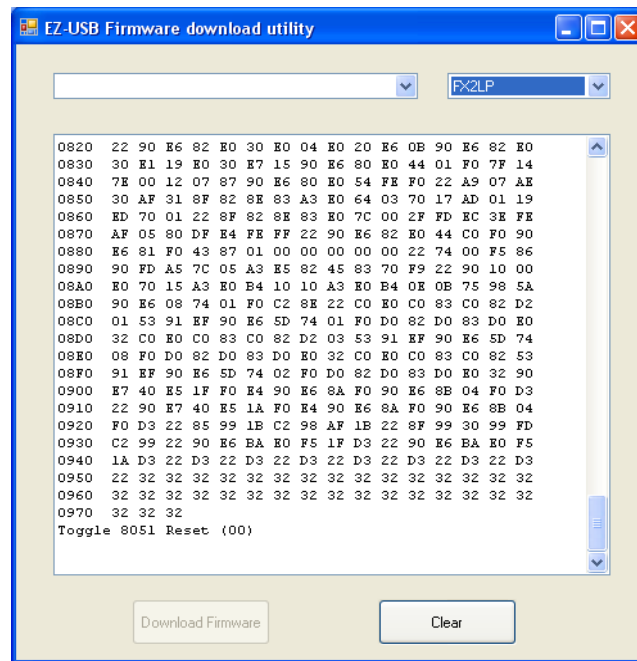
Byte	Field	Value	Meaning	EZ-USB Response
0	bmRequest	0x40	Vendor Request, OUT	None required
1	bRequest	0xA0	'Firmware Load'	
2	wValueL	AddrL	Starting Address	
3	wValueH	AddrH		
4	wIndexL	0x00		
5	wIndexH	0x00		
6	wLenghtL	LenL	Number of Bytes	
7	wLengthH	LenH		

4 Example Host Application GUI

Attached to this application note is a *CyAPI.lib* (VC++)–based host application, “EZ-USB Firmware download utility,” developed using Visual Studio 2008. It demonstrates firmware download using the 0xA0 vendor request. This host application includes a drop-down list populated with the USB Devices connected to *CyUSB3.sys*. It can be used to select the FX2LP device to which the firmware can be downloaded. Click the **Download Firmware** button to download the firmware to the FX2LP device and the **Clear** button to clear the text box. The values downloaded to the device are updated in the text box of the host application. Figure 5 shows the firmware download host application GUI.

Note: This utility has been tested successfully on the Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8.1 operating systems.

Figure 5. Firmware Download Host Application



Note: This example host application works only with the CyUSB3.sys driver.

4.1 Implementing EZ-USB Firmware Download Utility

The host application that comes with this application note demonstrates firmware download to FX2LP from the USB Host. This method eliminates the need to store the firmware on a large EEPROM, enabling you to use a smaller, less expensive EEPROM.

In this case, the host first holds the CPU in reset and uses the EZ-USB default USB Device to download the firmware. Then the host takes the CPU out of reset so that it can execute the downloaded code. Firmware download to FX2LP is done using A0 vendor commands. The host must write to the CPUCS register to put the CPU in or take it out of reset. Use the 8051RES bit (bit 0) of the CPUCS register of FX2LP to reset or run the 8051. The USB Host can write to this bit through the 0xA0 vendor request. The host writes '1' to reset the 8051 and '0' to run the 8051.

The 0xA0 firmware load request may be used even after ReNumeration, but the request is valid only while the 8051 is held in reset.

If the application implements vendor-specific USB requests and the firmware load feature is not required, then do not use the bRequest value 0xA0 for your custom requests. To avoid future incompatibilities, vendor requests 0xA0 to 0xAF are reserved by Cypress.

Keil µVision2 is used to develop the firmware for FX2LP. It outputs the firmware in the Intel hex format (<http://microsym.com/editor/assets/intelhex.pdf>). This firmware file is parsed to obtain the firmware image, which is downloaded to FX2LP. The EZ-USB Firmware download utility parses the firmware file and downloads the firmware image to FX2LP.

Note: Because of the difference in address of CPUCS (0x1F92 for AN21xx, FX, FX1 and 0xE600 for FX2LP) and register addresses () between the AN21xx, FX and FX1, and FX2LP series of chips, the Vend_ax firmware to be used differs between the two. The host application demonstrates firmware download to AN21xx and FX as well to expose the Vend_ax firmware in an easily usable ArrayList format. [AN45471 – Create Your Own USB Vendor Commands Using FX2LP](#) provides more details on vendor commands and how to test the ones included in Vend_ax, which defines several vendor commands.

4.2 Algorithm

A 0xA0 vendor request can access only the internal memory of FX2LP. When part of the firmware resides in external memory, then you need a method to access external memory. The Vend_ax example, which is part of the DVK, is used for this purpose. You can find it at `C:\Cypress\USB\CY3684_EZ-USB_FX2LP_DVK\1.1\Firmware\Vend_ax` (location may vary based on installation) after installing the DVK. This firmware implements the 0xA3 vendor request for read/write to the FX2LP external memory. This vendor request can access internal memory as well.

4.3 Standard Intel Hex Format

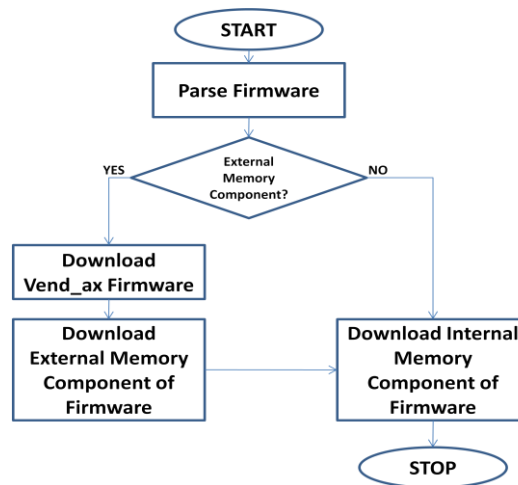
Each line in a hex file has the same basic structure and is called a “record.” Each record has six parts, as follows:

- **Start code:** One character, an ASCII colon ‘:’
- **Byte count:** Two hex digits, a number of bytes (hex digit pairs) in the data field
- **Address:** Four hex digits, a 16-bit address of the beginning of the memory position for the data
- **Record type:** Two hex digits, 00 to 05, defining the type of data field
- **Data:** A sequence of n bytes of the data themselves, represented by $2n$ hex digits
- **Checksum:** Two hex digits, the least significant byte of the two's complement of the sum of the values of all fields except fields 1 and 6 (start code “:” byte and two hex digits of the checksum)

Note: For more details on the hex file format, read the [specification](#).

Figure 6 shows the algorithm used to download the firmware to FX2LP through the host application.

Figure 6. Firmware Download Algorithm



4.4 Functions in EZ-USB Firmware Download Utility

This application demonstrates firmware download to FX2LP from the USB Host. It is based on *CyAPI.lib*, which is part of [SuiteUSB 3.4 – USB Development Tools for Visual Studio](#). *CyUSB.dll*, the C# counterpart of *CyAPI.lib*, includes a `LoadRAM()` API, which can be used to download the firmware to FX2LP.

The host application has two drop-down lists: the device list and the target device list. The device list identifies the USB Devices connected to *CyUSB3.sys* and is used to select the target device. The target device list is used to select whether the target device is FX2LP or FX/ANXX. It also includes a text box and two buttons. The text box displays the data being downloaded to the device. One of the two buttons is used for firmware download; the other is used to clear the text box.

These are the functions in the host application:

- **WndProc(message %m):** This user-defined function processes messages sent to a window.

- **CPU_Reset(bool ON):** This function resets or runs the FX2LP CPU based on a Boolean input. If input is true, then the CPU is placed in Reset; if input is false, the CPU is allowed to run.
- **GetDevice():** This function populates the Device_List drop-down list with the devices bound to CyUSB.sys and gets a handle on them.
- **Error(String^ err):** This function is used to print error messages.
- **InitVendAX(bool FX2LP):** This function is used to initialize an array (VendAX) that contains the Vend_ax firmware. A Boolean input to this function specifies whether the firmware contains an external memory component. The VendAX array is used to download the Vend_ax firmware to FX2LP.
- **Firmware_Download(String^ file):** This function uses the path of the firmware file as input to parse and downloads the firmware to FX2LP. When "VendAX" is passed as input, this function downloads the Vend_ax firmware to FX2LP. If the firmware has an external memory component, then this function is called recursively for downloading the Vend_ax firmware. The FX2LP internal RAM is 16 KB. It is 8 KB for the predecessors of FX2LP (AN21xx, FX, and so on). Because 0xA3 can access internal and external memory, the host application uses 0x2000 as the start location of external memory to simplify the algorithm.

4.5 Automated Firmware Download Using the Script File

Control Center can create scripts that can automatically download the firmware to FX2LP/FX1. The INF file binds the BootloaderVID/PID to the script file that contains the recorded sequence for downloading the firmware. Upon enumeration, this firmware is downloaded to the device using the script file. The device then enumerates with the VID/PID contained in the downloaded firmware. The advantage of this method is that it eliminates the need to store the firmware on a large EEPROM. Therefore, a smaller and less expensive EEPROM can be used. It also automates firmware download from USB. The script feature is supported only by the Cypress-provided CyUSB3.sys driver.

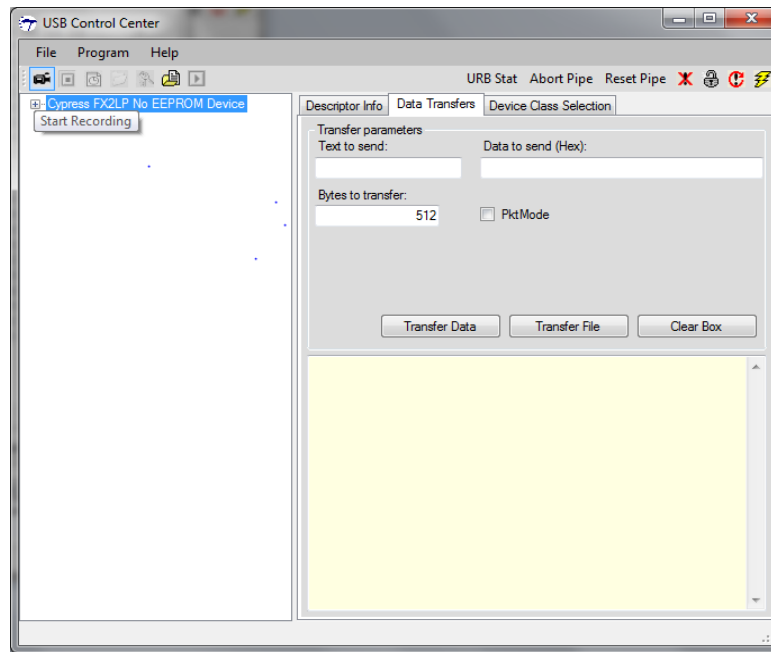
Note The VID/PID value used in the downloaded firmware should be different from that of the bootloader VID/PID. Otherwise, a recursive download of the firmware will occur.

4.6 Creating the Script File

After you have working firmware, create the script to download the firmware using the FX2LP DVK:

1. Disconnect the SDA line from the FX2LP (SW2 to "No EEPROM" position).
2. Connect your board to the computer using a USB cable.
3. Allow the board to enumerate with its default settings. It must appear as "Cypress FX2LP No EEPROM Device" (VID/PID 0x04B4/0x8613) for FX2LP and "Cypress EZ-USB FX1 No EEPROM Device" (VID/PID 0x04B4/0x6473) for FX1 in Device Manager. The procedure for binding the driver to the device is available in section 7.2.4, "Binding Cypress USB Driver for the Downloaded Firmware Image," of the [EZ-USB DVK User Guide](#), which is part of the DVK documentation.
4. Open Control Center.
5. Click the "Record" button in the top left corner of Control Center, as shown in [Figure 7](#).

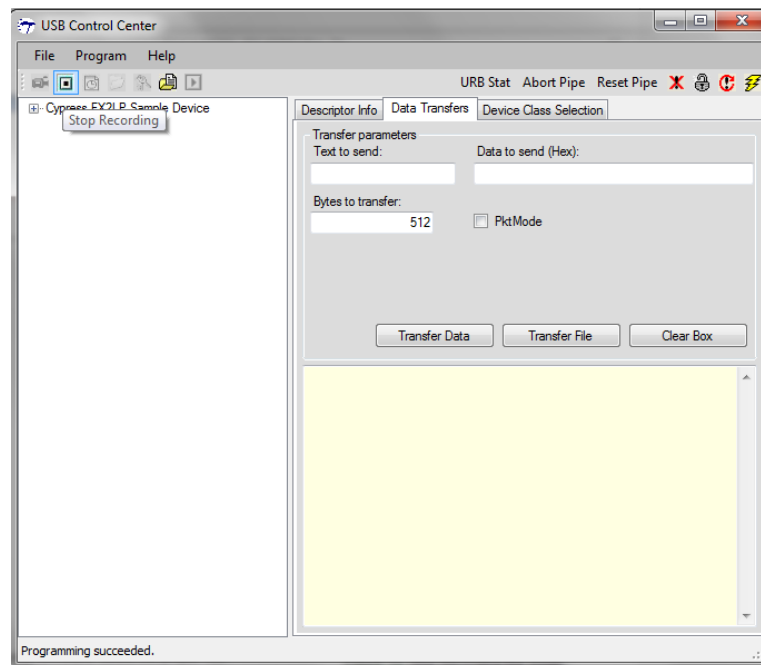
Figure 7. Start Recording the Script



6. Choose **Program > FX2 > RAM** and select the firmware (hex file) for which the script is to be generated.
7. Once the program is successfully loaded into RAM, click the “Stop recording” button adjacent to the “Start recording button,” shown in Figure 8. Save the script with an *.spt* extension.
8. Name your file “*MyDevice.spt*” and save it. The script is now created.

Note: Sometimes script generation will fail because of an error generated by Control Center. If this occurs, close and open Control Center in admin mode and repeat the steps to create the script.

Figure 8. Stop Recording the Script



4.7 Creating an INF File

To use the script created previously to download the firmware, you must create an INF file. This file recognizes the default VID/PID of the device. Then it loads the firmware onto the device using the script file. A sample INF file for demonstration is included as part of the application note project attachment. Detailed steps to create an INF file for the script-based firmware download are available in Part II of the [CyUSB3.sys Programmer's Reference](#).

1. Start with the example INF file *cyusb3.inf* that comes with this application note. This file is commented upon and set up to run the script as easily as possible.
2. Open *cyusb3.inf* with a text editor, such as Notepad.
3. In *cyusb3.inf*, replace the 04B4/8613 VID/PID, which is the FX2LP standard bootloader VID/PID, with the default VID/PID.
4. Replace the 04B4/1004 VID/PID, which is the bulk loop firmware VID/PID, with the VID/PID from your firmware.
5. Near the bottom of the INF file, in the "strings" section, ensure that the VIDs/PIDs shown match the entries for the default case (usually bootloader 04b4/8613) and the VID/PID the device will enumerate with after firmware download. Place some meaningful text between the quotation marks.
6. Save the new INF file. The INF file attached to this application note includes a digital signature. Note that any changes made to the INF file will invalidate the digital signature in the catalog file. You will have to get the INF file certified. Or to use it without a signature, you will need to disable the driver signature enforcement feature in Windows 8 and 8.1. Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP will give you a warning but allow binding without disabling the driver signature.

4.8 Firmware Download Using the Script File

1. After the script, INF file, and board are ready, download the firmware to the FX2LP device using the script.
2. Ensure that the script, driver files, and INF file are in the same folder.
3. Connect the board to the host and bind it to the driver provided in the "Drivers" folder of the application note attachment.
4. Different INF files are provided for Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 8.1 (32 bit and 64 bit) with this application note in the "Drivers" folder. Choose the INF file that corresponds to your OS.

The files that come with this application note download the bulk loop firmware into FX2LP using the script. These files are available in separate folders based on the OS and CPU architectures. The default VID/PID to be used for experimenting with these files is 0x04B4/0x8613. The firmware VID/PID is 0x04B4/0x1004.

5 Boot from External Parallel Memory

You can connect a parallel memory externally on the EZ-USB address/data bus. The firmware is not loaded in the EZ-USB internal RAM; instead, it is run directly from the external parallel memory. This memory can be flash, EEPROM, or any other parallel memory.

Note: Only 128-pin packages have an external address/data bus. Therefore, this application is limited to these parts: CY7C68013A-128AXC, CY7C68014A-128AXC, CY7C64713-128AXC, and CY7C64714-128AXC.

To meet the requirements of this mode, you need to make some modifications to the firmware and development boards.

5.1 Boot Requirements

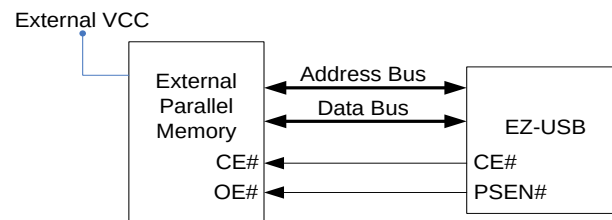
1. The code memory for this mode must be in the external parallel memory. If the EA input pin is set to logic HIGH on power-on reset, the memory map of EZ-USB FX2LP is modified so that the entire external 64-KB memory is mapped as code space, and the complete internal memory (main RAM) is used as data space.

Note: Setting EA=1 puts EZ-USB in a Harvard architecture configuration, compared with the other Von Neumann architecture configurations of EZ-USB.

2. EZ-USB first tries to boot from the serial EEPROM on the I²C bus. It checks for 0xC0 and 0xC2 as first bytes to determine which boot method to use. To avoid a serial EEPROM bootstrap, there should be no serial EEPROM on the I²C bus. If an external serial EEPROM is connected, the first byte must not have the values 0xC0 or 0xC2.

3. Satisfying these two requirements ensures that EZ-USB looks for firmware in the external memory on the address/data bus and starts executing code from address 0x0000 on power-on reset if the jumper setting on the FX2LP DVK is MM0=IN and MM1=OUT. Refer to section 4.8, "Memory Maps," of the [EZ-USB DVK User Guide](#) for details on the memory map on the FX2LP DVK.
4. The WinBond W27C512-45Z parallel EEPROM used for testing has an access time of 45 ns. For more information on the W27C512-45Z, see the [W27C512 datasheet](#). A possible replacement part is the Atmel AT27C512R. For more information, see the [AT27C512R datasheet](#). Figure 9 shows the connection details. Make certain that the chip has sufficient power; some chips may require more power than that which the DVK supports.¹

Figure 9. Connection Details for External Parallel Memory



The external parallel memory should have the following characteristics:

- Fast enough access time to enable EZ-USB to read code. See the FX2LP datasheet for details on access time tACC1.
 - The raw binary image of the firmware should be loaded on the external parallel memory from location 0x0000 without any start bytes, unlike the IIC file image that goes on the serial EEPROM. The hex file generated by the Keil software is in the Intel hex format. It cannot be loaded directly. Convert it to the raw binary file format before loading it on the external parallel memory, unless the programmer utility does it automatically. The ALL-100 programmer has been tested successfully for programming the WinBond W27C512-45Z parallel EEPROM on the FX2LP DVK. Its software package has a utility to convert the Intel hex file into a raw hex file. The IIC file generated by the hex2bix utility inserts the start byte in the firmware image; it should not be used to load on the external parallel memory.
5. The setup data pointer can access only the internal memory locations from 0x0000 to 0x3FFF and 0xE000 to 0xE1FF. If the firmware uses SUDPTRH:L for pointing to the descriptors for enumeration, the descriptors must be stored in the internal data space. In this boot method, the descriptors are stored with the firmware in the code memory that is completely external to EZ-USB. Therefore, the descriptors should be unconditionally copied from the external memory to the internal memory at startup.

5.2 Firmware Modifications

You can modify any firmware based on the EZ-USB framework as part of the [CY3684 DVK](#) contents to run from external parallel memory. As explained in the section [Boot Requirements](#), make sure that the descriptors are unconditionally copied into the EZ-USB internal memory (main RAM). The modifications in the EZ-USB framework follow.

1. In *fw.c*, there is a descriptor setup section after TD_Init() in the main function. In this section, remove the condition "if ((WORD)&DeviceDscr & 0xC000)", and whatever code (mostly descriptor copying) resides in this if condition is carried out unconditionally. It ensures that the standard USB descriptor (Device/Configuration Descriptors) values are always copied into the internal memory (main RAM).
2. Change the line that copies these standard USB descriptors from external memory to internal memory to let the compiler know that the descriptors stored in the external memory are actually in code memory: Change "`**((BYTE xdata *)IntDescrAddr+i) = *((BYTE xdata *)ExtDescrAddr+i);`" to "`**((BYTE xdata *)IntDescrAddr+i) = *((BYTE code *)ExtDescrAddr+i);`".

¹ Cypress has not tested the Atmel AT27C512R. The AT27C512R is a possible replacement part based only on datasheet review. This is an OTP part. Reprogrammable parts with slower access times work with FX2LP running at 24 MHz.

3. Include class-specific descriptors in the external-to-internal copying for applications in which class-specific descriptors are defined. For the HID KB example, three descriptor pointers—pHIDDscr, pReportDscr, and pReportDscrEnd—are now updated in the main function. Updated offsets are applied to them and in the main function. Their re-evaluation in the DR_GetDescriptor function (function in *periph.c*) is removed.

5.3 Hardware Modifications

The most necessary hardware modification is to set the EA pin to logic 1. However, when using the DVK boards, certain hardware connections must be modified to run EZ-USB from the external parallel memory. These modifications apply to both the [CY3686 DVK](#) and [CY4611B DVK](#).

5.3.1 Board Modifications

1. The DVK boards come with a SRAM (U3 on CY3686 and U4 on CY4611B) on the address/data bus. To prevent bus contention, remove or disable this chip. Setting SRAM chip enable (Pin 5, RAMCE#) to logic 1 disables the chip.
2. The control signals to the SRAM are routed through the GAL22LV10C chip (U2), which translates the external parallel memory access signals before sending signals out to the SRAM. Remove GAL22LV10C from the socket or reprogram it to prevent these signals from going through the chip.
3. Make sure that the serial EEPROM on the I²C bus is disconnected or disabled. To disable it, set SW2 to “No EEPROM” on CY3686 and remove jumper J22 on CY4611B.

6 Summary

This document described the boot options available in FX1/FX2LP, their significance, advantages, and disadvantages. Using this information, you will be able to choose the best boot option to use for your end application.

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