



Communicating with the I²C™ Bus Using the PIC16C5X

INTRODUCTION

The Microchip Technology Inc.'s 24CXX and 85CXX Serial EEPROMs feature a two wire serial interface bus. The bus protocol is I²C compatible. Interface to a serial port with I²C bus protocol in a microcontroller is trivial. This application note is intended for design engineers who want to develop their software programs to communicate a microcontroller with a 2-wire bus Serial EEPROM through a general purpose I/O port.

Unlike the 3-wire bus Serial EEPROMs, the 24CXX/85CXX communicate with any microcontroller only by a serial data I/O line (SDA) and a serial clock (SCL). Chip select is not required. Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy. During such transfer, the data

line (SDA) must remain stable whenever the clock line (SCL) is high. Changes in the data line while the clock line is high are interpreted as a START or STOP condition. A typical transfer format is shown in Figure 1.

After the START condition, a slave address is sent. This address is 7-bits long, the eighth bit is a data direction bit. (R/W - a logical '0' indicates a transmission WRITE, a logical '1' represents a request for data READ. A data transfer is always terminated by a STOP condition generated by the master controller. However, if a master still wishes to communicate on the bus, it can generate another START condition and address another slave without first generating a STOP condition. Various combinations of read/write formats are then possible within such transfer.

FIGURE 1 - TRANSFER FORMAT

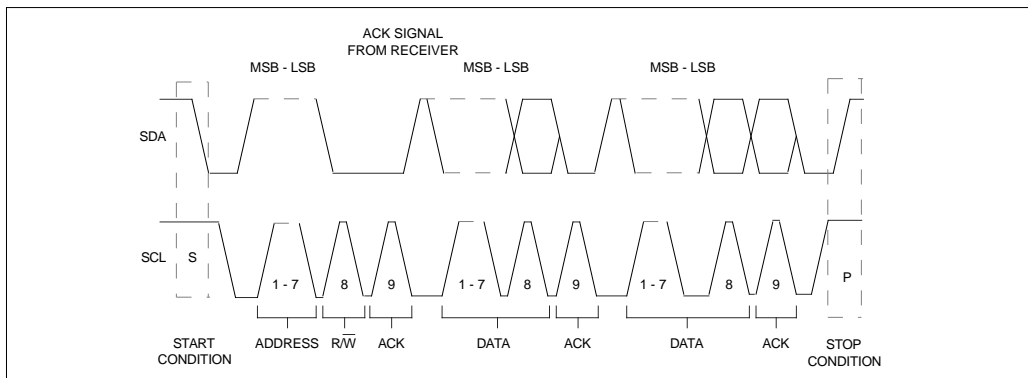
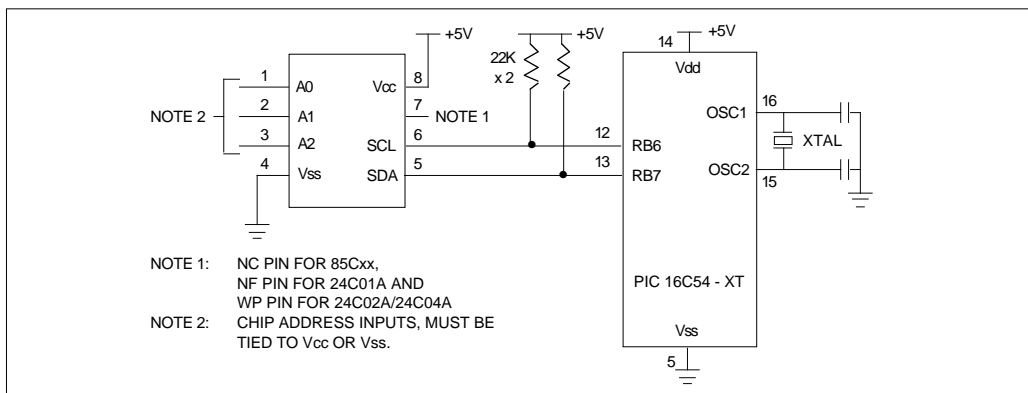


FIGURE 2 - A SIMPLE HARDWARE CONNECTION



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An example program has been provided in Appendix A containing all PIC16C54 routines needed to exercise a 24CXX or 85CXX device. A simple hardware connection is illustrated in Figure 2. A maximum of eight 24C01A/24C02A/85C72/85C82's, or four 24C04A/85C92's can be addressed by a microcontroller on the same two wire bus without additional interfaces. Each device is identified by its Chip Address and will only respond to the correct slave address. A detailed bus flow is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 as shown below describes how the bit stream is set up for READ and WRITE mode in the microcomputer programming software prior to sending it on the two wire serial bus.

The stop condition, after the write sequence, starts the internal self-timed write cycle which may last up to 6 milliseconds (.7 ms per byte). Acknowledge signal should be monitored during this period.

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FIGURE 3A - SETTING THE INTERNAL WORD ADDRESS OF THE 24CXX/85CXX

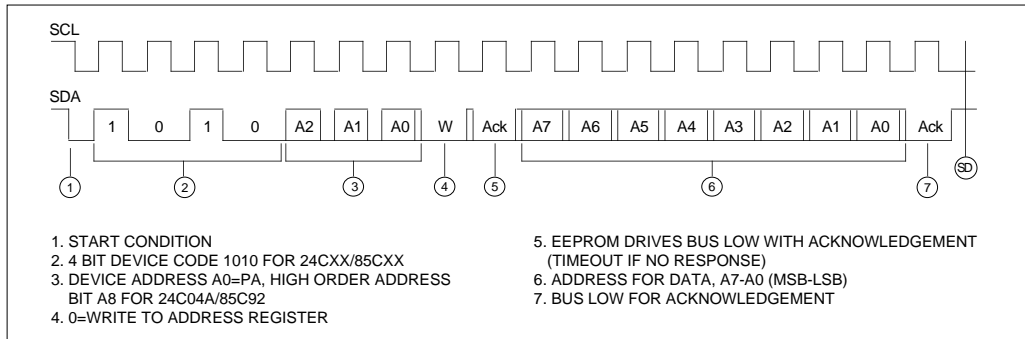


FIGURE 3B - BYTE WRITE SEQUENCE

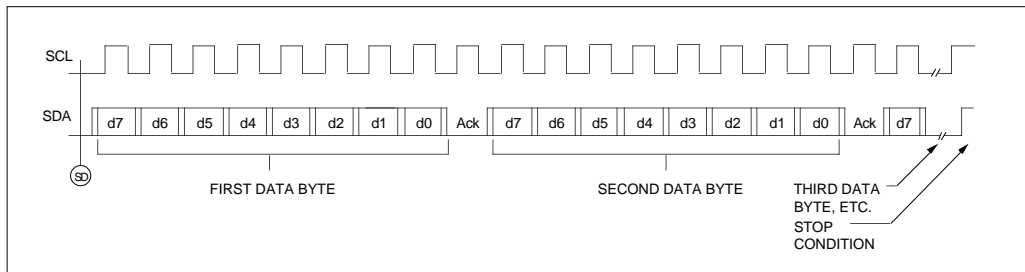
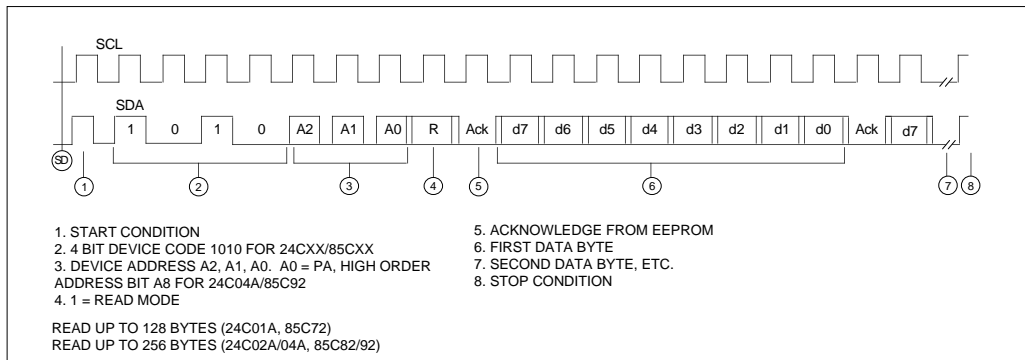


FIGURE 3C - READ MODE SEQUENCE



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Appendix A:

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TWO WIRE/I2C BUS INTERFACE WITH PIC16C5x

0001          TITLE "TWO WIRE/I2C BUS INTERFACE WITH PIC16C5x"
0002          ;
0003          LIST          P=16C54
0004          ;
0005          ;*****
0006          ;** Two wire/I2C Bus READ/WRITE Sample Routines
0007          ;** of Microchip's 24CXX/85CXX serial CMOS
0008          ;** EEPROM interfacing to a PIC16C54 8-bit CMOS
0009          ;** single chip microcomputer
0010          ;**
0011          ;** Part use = PIC16C54-XT/JW
0012          ;** Note: 1) All timings are based on a
0013          ;** reference crystal frequency of 2 MHz which
0014          ;** is equivalent to an instruction cycle
0015          ;** time of 2 usec.
0016          ;** 2) Address and literal values are read
0017          ;** in octal unless otherwise specified.
0018          ;** 3) The following sample program is
0019          ;** intended to interface a two wire/I2C
0020          ;** serial EEPROM with a PIC16C54 on a
0021          ;** stand-alone application only.
0022          ;** In the case where the two wire bus is
0023          ;** multiplexing with other circuitry, it is
0024          ;** recommended to check the 24CXX/85CXX in
0025          ;** standby mode to avoid bus contention.
0026          ;**
0027          ;*****
0028          ;-----
0029          ; Files Assignment
0030          ;-----
0031          ;
0032          0002 PC EQU 2 ; Program counter
0033          0004 FSR EQU 4 ; File Select Register
0034          0005 RA EQU 5 ; Port A use to select
0035          ; device address
0036          0006 RB EQU 6 ; RB7 = SDA, RB6 = SCL
0037          ;
0038          0010 STATUS EQU 10 ; Status register
0039          0011 FLAG EQU 11 ; Common flag bits
0040          ; register
0041          0012 EEPROM EQU 12 ; Bit buffer
0042          0013 ERCODE EQU 13 ; Error code (to indicate
0043          ; bus status)
0044          0020 ADDR EQU 20 ; Address register
0045          0021 DATAI EQU 21 ; Stored data input
0046          ; register
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0032      0022      DATAO EQU      22      ; Stored data output
                                           ; register
0033      0023      SLAVE   EQU      23      ; Device address
                                           ; (1010xxx0)
0034      0024      TXBUF   EQU      24      ; TX buffer
0035      0025      RXBUF   EQU      25      ; RX buffer
0036      0026      COUNT   EQU      26      ; Bit counter
0037      ;
0038      0030      TIMER0   EQU      30      ; Delay timer0
0039      0031      TIMER1   EQU      31      ; Delay timer1
0040      ;
0041      ;
0042      ;-----
0043      ;                                     Bit Assignments
0044      ;-----
0045      ;
0046      ;     FLAG Bits
0047      ;
0048      0000      ERROR    EQU      0       ; Error flag
0049      ;
0050      ;     EEPROM Bits
0051      ;
0052      0007      DI       EQU      7       ; EEPROM input
0053      0006      DO       EQU      6       ; EEPROM output
0054      ;
0055      ;     I2C Device Bits
0056      ;
0057      0007      SDA      EQU      7       ; RB7, data in/out
0058      0006      SCL      EQU      6       ; RB6, serial clock
0059      ;
0060      ;     END FILES/BITS EQUATE
0061      ;
0062      ;
0063      ;-----
0064      ;     Two wire/I2C - CPU communication error status table
0065      ;     and subroutine
0066      ;-----
0066      ;     input  : W-reg          = error code
0067      ;     output : ERCODE = error code
0068      ;               FLAG(ERROR)  = 1
0069      ;
0070      ;     code          error status mode
0071      ;     -----
0072      ;     1   :   SCL locked low by device (bus is still
0073      ;           :   busy)
0074      ;     2   :   SDA locked low by device (bus is still
0075      ;           :   busy)
0074      ;     3   :   No acknowledge from device (no
0075      ;           :   handshake)
0075      ;     4   :   SDA bus not released for master to
0075      ;           :   generate STOP bit
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0076      ;-----
0077      ;
0078      ;   Subroutine to identify the status of the serial clock
;         (SCL) and serial data
0079      ;   (SDA) condition according to the error status table. 0080
;         Codes generated are useful for bus/device diagnosis.
0081      ;
0082      ERR
0083      0000   3411   BTFSS   FLAG,ERROR   ; Remain as first error
;         ; encountered
0084      0001   0053   MOVWF   ERCODE      ; Save error code
0085      0002   2411   BSF     FLAG,ERROR   ; Set error flag
0086      0003   4000   RETLW   0
0087      ;
0088      ;-----
0089      ;       START bus communication routine
0090      ;-----
0091      ;       input   : none
0092      ;       output  : initialize bus communication
0093      ;-----
0094      ;
0095      ;   Generate START bit (SCL is high while SDA goes from
;   high to low transition) and check status of the
0096      ;   serial clock.
0097      BSTART
0098      0004   6077   MOVLW   B'00111111' ; Put SCL, SDA line in
;         ; output state
0099      0005   0006   TRIS    RB
0100      0006   2706   BSF     RB,SCL      ; Set clock high
0101      0007   6001   MOVLW   1          ; Ready error status
;         ; code 1
0102      0010   3706   BTFSS   RB,SCL     ; Locked?
0103      0011   4400   CALL    ERR        ; SCL locked low by device
0104      0012   2346   BCF     RB,SDA     ; SDA goes low during SCL
;         ; high
0105      0013   0000   NOP
;         ; Timing adjustment
0106      0014   0000   NOP
0107      0015   0000   NOP
0108      0016   2306   BCF     RB,SCL     ; Start clock train
0109      0017   4000   RETLW   0
0110      ;
0111      ;END SUB
0113      ;
0114      ;-----
0115      ;       STOP bus communication routine
0116      ;-----
0117      ;   Input : None
0118      ;   Output      : Bus communication, STOP condition
0119      ;-----
0120      ;
0121      ;   Generate STOP bit (SDA goes from low to high during
;   SCL high state)
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0122             ; and check bus conditions.
0123             ;
0124             BSTOP
0125     0020     2346     BCF     RB,SDA     ; Return SDA to low
0126     0021     0000     NOP
0127     0022     0000     NOP
0128     0023     2706     BSF     RB,SCL     ; Set SCL high
0129     0024     6001     MOVLW    1         ; Ready error code 1
0130     0025     3706     BTFSS   RB,SCL     ; High?
0131     0026     4400     CALL    ERR        ; No, SCL locked low by
                                ; device
0132     0027     2746     BSF     RB,SDA     ; SDA goes from low to
                                ; high during SCL high
0133     0030     6004     MOVLW    4         ; Ready error code 4
0134     0031     3746     BTFSS   RB,SDA     ; High?
0135     0032     4400     CALL    ERR        ; No, SDA bus not release
                                ; for STOP
0136     0033     4000     RETLW    0
0137             ;
0138             ;END SUB
0139             ;
0040             ;-----
0141             ; Serial data send from PIC16CXX to serial EEPROM,
                                ; bit-by-bit subroutine
0142             ;-----
0143             ; Input : None
0144             ; Output      : To (DI) of serial EEPROM device
00145             ;-----
0146             ;
0147             BITIN
0148     0034     6277     MOVLW    B'10111111' ; Force SDA line as input
0149     0035     0006     TRIS    RB
0150     0036     2746     BSF     RB,SDA     ; Set SDA for input
0151     0037     2352     BCF     EEPROM,DI
0152     0040     2706     BSF     RB,SCL     ; Clock high
0153     0041     6001     MOVLW    1
0154     0042     3306     BTFSC   RB,SCL     ; Skip if SCL is high
0155     0043     5047     GOTO    BIT1
0156     0044     3411     BTFSS   FLAG,ERROR ; Remain as first error
                                ; encountered
0157     0045     0053     MOVWF   ERCODE     ; Save error code
0158     0046     2411     BSF     FLAG,ERROR ; Set error flag
0159             BIT1
0160     0047     3346     BTFSC   RB,SDA     ; Read SDA pin
0161     0050     2752     BSF     EEPROM,DI   ; DI = 1
0162     0051     0000     NOP                ; Delay
0163     0052     2306     BCF     RB,SCL     ; Return SCL to low
0164     0053     4000     RETLW    0
0165             ;
0166             ;END SUB
0168             ;
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0169          ;-----
0170          ; Serial data receive from serial EEPROM to PIC16CXX,
          ; bit-by-bit subroutine
          ;-----
0171
0172          ; Input : EEPROM file
0173          ; Output      : From (DO) of serial EEPROM device
          ;                to PIC
0174          ;-----
0175          ;
0176          BITOUT
0177          0054      6077      MOVLW      B'00111111' ; Set SDA, SCL as outputs
0178          0055      0006      TRIS       RB
0179          0056      3712      BTFSS      EEPROM,DO
0180          0057      5070      GOTO       BIT0
0181          0060      2746      BSF        RB,SDA      ; Output bit 0
0182          0061      6002      MOVLW      2
0183          0062      3346      BTFSC      RB,SDA      ; Check for error code 2
0184          0063      5074      GOTO       CLK1
0185          0064      3411      BTFSS      FLAG,ERROR ; Remain as first error
          ; encountered
0186          0065      0053      MOVWF      ERCODE      ; Save error code
0187          0066      2411      BSF        FLAG,ERROR ; Set error flag
0188          0067      5074      GOTO       CLK1      ; SDA locked low by device
0189          ;
0190          BIT0
0191          0070      2346      BCF        RB,SDA      ; Output bit 0
0192          0071      0000      NOP
          ; Delay
0193          0072      0000      NOP
0194          0073      0000      NOP
0195          CLK1
0196          0074      2706      BSF        RB,SCL
0197          0075      6001      MOVLW      1          ; Error code 1
0198          0076      3306      BTFSC      RB,SCL      ; SCL locked low?
0199          0077      5103      GOTO       BIT2      ; No.
0200          0100      3411      BTFSS      FLAG,ERROR ; Yes.
0201          0101      0053      MOVWF      ERCODE      ; Save error code
0202          0102      2411      BSF        FLAG,ERROR ; Set error flag
0203          BIT2
0204          0103      0000      NOP
0205          0104      0000      NOP
0206          0105      2306      BCF        RB,SCL      ; Return SCL to low
0207          0106      4000      RETLW     0
0208          ;
0209          ;END SUB
0211          ;
0212          ;
0213          ;-----
0214          ; RECEIVE DATA subroutine
0215          ;-----
0216          ; Input      : None
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0217             ;      Output   :  RXBUF = Receive 8-bit data
0218             ;-----
0219             ;
0220             RX
0221     0107     6010     MOVLW     .8           ; 8 bits of data
0222     0110     0066     MOVWF     COUNT
0223     0111     0165     CLRWF     RXBUF
0224             ;
0225             RXLP
0226     0112     1565     RLF       RXBUF       ; Shift data to buffer
0227     0113     SKPC
0228     0113     3403 +   BTFSS     3,0
0228     0114     2025     BCF       RXBUF,0     ; carry -> f(0)
0229     0115             SKPNC
0230     0115     3003 +   BTFSC     3,0
0230     0116     2425     BSF       RXBUF,0
0231     0117     4434     CALL      BITIN
0232     0120     3352     BTFSC     EEPROM,DI
0233     0121     2425     BSF       RXBUF,0     ; Input bit =1
0234     0122     1366     DECFSZ    COUNT       ; 8 bits?
0235     0123     5112     GOTO      RXLP
0236     0124     2712     BSF       EEPROM,DO   ; Set acknowledge bit = 1
0237     0125     4454     CALL      BITOUT      ; to STOP further input
0238     0126     4000     RETLW     0
0239             ;
0240             ;END SUB
0241             ;
0242             ;-----
0243             ;  TRANSMIT DATA subroutine
0244             ;-----
0245             ;  Input      :  TXBUF
0246             ;  Output    :  Data X'mitted to EEPROM device
0247             ;-----
0248             ;
0249             TX
0250     0127     6010     MOVLW     .8
0251     0130     0066     MOVWF     COUNT
0252             ;
0253             TXLP
0254     0131     2312     BCF       EEPROM,DO   ; Shift data bit out.
0255     0132     3364     BTFSC     TXBUF,7     ; If shifted bit=0, data
                                ; bit = 0
0256     0133     2712     BSF       EEPROM,DO   ; Otherwise data bit = 1
0257     0134     4454     CALL      BITOUT      ; Serial data out
0258     0135     1564     RLF       TXBUF      ; Rotate TXBUF left
0259     0136             SKPC                   ; f(6) -> f(7)
0260     0136     3403 +   BTFSS     3,0
0260     0137     2024     BCF       TXBUF,0     ; f(7) -> carry
0261     0140             SKPNC                   ; carry -> f(0)
0262     0140     3003 +   BTFSC     3,0
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0262      0141      2424      BSF      TXBUF,0
0263      0142      1366      DECFSZ   COUNT      ; 8 bits done?
0264      0143      5131      GOTO    TXLP      ; No.
0265      0144      4434      CALL    BITIN     ; Read acknowledge bit
0266      0145      6003      MOVLW   3
0267      0146      3352      BTFSC   EEPROM,DI ; Check for
                                ; acknowledgement
0268      0147      4400      CALL    ERR      ; No acknowledgement from
                                ; device
0269      0150      4000      RETLW   0
0270      ;
0271      ;END SUB
0273      ;
0274      ;-----
0275      ;   BYTE-WRITE, write one byte to EEPROM device
0276      ;-----
0277      ;   Input   :   DATAO = data to be written
0278      ;                   ADDR = destination address
0279      ;                   SLAVE = device address (1010xxx0)
0280      ;   Output  :   Data written to EEPROM device
0281      ;-----
0282      ;
0283      0200      ;   ORG      200      ; The location for BYTE-
                                ; WRITE routine can be
0284      ;                   ; assigned anywhere
                                ; between (377- 777)
                                ; octal.
0285      ;   WRBYTE
0286      0200      1023      MOVF    SLAVE,W   ; Get SLAVE address
0287      0201      0064      MOVWF   TXBUF     ; to TX buffer
0288      0202      4404      CALL    BSTART   ; Generate START bit
0289      0203      4527      CALL    TX      ; Output SLAVE address
0290      0204      1020      MOVF    ADDR,W   ; Get WORD address
0291      0205      0064      MOVWF   TXBUF     ; into buffer
0292      0206      4527      CALL    TX      ; Output WORD address
0293      0207      1022      MOVF    DATAO,W ; Move DATA
0294      0210      0064      MOVWF   TXBUF     ; into buffer
0295      0211      4527      CALL    TX      ; Output DATA and detect
                                ; acknowledgement
0296      0212      4420      CALL    BSTOP   ; Generate STOP bit
0297      ;
0298      ;
0299      ;
0300      ;-----
0301      ;   BYTE-READ, read one byte from serial EEPROM
                                ; device
0302      ;-----
0303      ;   Input   :   ADDR = source address
0304      ;                   SLAVE = device address (1010xxx0)
0305      ;   Output  :   DATAI = data read from serial
                                ; EEPROM
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0306          ;-----
0307          ;
0308      0300          ORG      300          ; The location for BYTE-
                                          ; READ routine can be
                                          ; assigned anywhere
0309          ;                                          ; between (377-777) octal.
0310          RDBYTE
0311      0300      1023      MOVF      SLAVE,W          ; Move SLAVE address
0312      0301      0064      MOVWF     TXBUF          ; into buffer (R/W = 0)
0313      0302      4404      CALL      BSTART          ; Generate START bit
0314      0303      4527      CALL      TX              ; Output SLAVE address.
                                          ; Check ACK.
0315      0304      1020      MOVF      ADDR,W          ; Get WORD address
0316      0305      0064      MOVWF     TXBUF
0317      0306      4527      CALL      TX              ; Output WORD address.
                                          ; Check ACK.
0318      0307      4404      CALL      BSTART          ; START READ (if only one
                                          ; device
0319      0310      1023      MOVF      SLAVE,W          ; is connected to the I2C
                                          ; bus)
0320      0311      0064      MOVWF     TXBUF
0321      0312      2424      BSF       TXBUF,0          ; Specify READ mode
                                          ; (R/W = 1)
0322      0313      4527      CALL      TX              ; Output SLAVE address
0323      0314      4507      CALL      RX              ; READ in data and
                                          ; acknowledge
0324      0315      4420      CALL      BSTOP          ; Generate STOP bit
0325      0316      1065      MOVF      RXBUF          ; Save data from buffer
0326      0317      0061      MOVWF     DATAI          ; to DATAI file.
0327          ;
0328          ;
0329          ;
0330          END

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