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# IIC Master on the MC9RS08KA2

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## 1 Introduction

The IIC (inter-integrated circuit) protocol is a 2-wire serial communication interface implemented in numerous microcontrollers and peripheral devices. Many microcontroller units (MCUs) do not have an IIC module, yet they must communicate with 2-wire or IIC devices. These MCUs are usually “master on IIC.”

This application note describes a method of communicating on an IIC bus by controlling digital input/output (I/O) pins. This “bit banged” method can execute on any Freescale MCU through the standard digital I/O pins; however, this document uses the MC9RS08KA2 as an example.

## 2 IIC Overview

IIC is a 2-wire communications link requiring a clock line (SCL) and a data line (SDA) to communicate. The frequency of the IIC clock can go up to 100kHz for standard mode and up to 400kHz for fast mode.

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An IIC bus has both a master device and a slave device attached to it. A master initiates a transfer, generates a clock signal (SCL), and terminates the transfer. The master device also addresses a slave device. IIC provides a solution for multiple masters on the same bus. This bus also provides some error checking by using acknowledgment bits during byte transfer.

# 3 IIC Master Application

The application presented in this document illustrates a basic example of the IIC specification. It is not intended to implement all the features of an IIC bus. It provides only the basic functionality required to transmit from a master device to a slave device through a 2-wire interface. The advantage of this method is it uses standard digital I/O pins available on any Freescale MCU.

This application provides the following functionality:

- 7-bit addressing mode of IIC slave device
- Single master transmitter
- Serial clock frequency of approximately 160 kHz
- Multiple data bytes within a serial transfer
- Acknowledgment polling of error checking

By controlling two digital pins, a designer can simulate an IIC transfer message. These I/O pins should be open drain. If the I/O pins are high-density complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) and not open drain, some safeguards must be implemented. A series resistor should connect the CMOS output pin and receiver input pin. If the two devices attempt to output conflicting logic levels, this provides some current limiting.

Another consideration is supporting a logic high level for any open-drain receiver pins. You can use a pull-up resistor at the receiver's open drain pin to passively pull up to the supply voltage when the pin is not actively driven low. Carefully choose this pull-up resistor so that when the master pin drives low, a valid VIL level presents to the IIC receiver pin.

Figure 1 illustrates how to connect digital I/O pins between IIC master and slave devices.

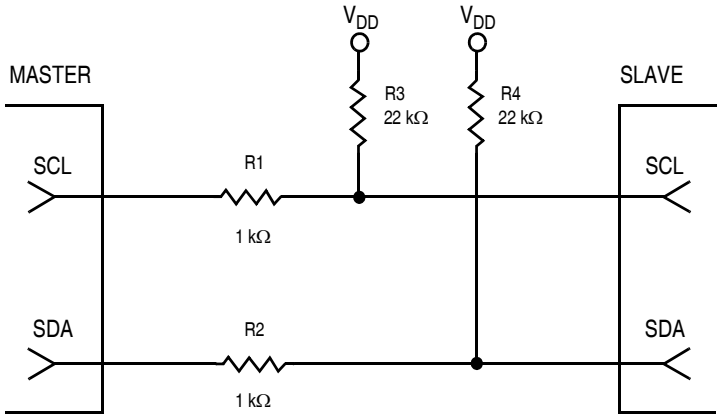


**Figure 1. The IIC Bus Connect**

When the SCL and SDA I/O pins of the master and slave devices are open drain, you can omit the resistors R1 and R2.

Specific stages defined by the states of the SCL and SDA wires compose an IIC transfer. The inactive state of the IIC bus happens while both SCL and SDA lines are in the high logic level. Figure 2 shows the timing between the clock (SCL) and data (SDA) lines under the START and STOP conditions; Figure 3 shows the timing between SCL and SDA lines during the data transfer. Figure 4 shows the timing of the acknowledge impulse sent by the slave device after it receives all eight bits of the transferred byte.

# 4 Basic States

Characteristics of the basic states:

- Falling edge on SDA line while the SCL is held in the high logic level indicates START condition.
- Rising edge on SDA line while the SCL is held in the high logic level indicates STOP condition.
- Data on the SDA line can change only if the SCL line is in the low logic level
- Data on the SDA line is valid and is transferred through the IIC bus between devices when the SCL line is in the high logic level
- Low logic level on the SDA line indicates acknowledge bit (ACK), while the SCL line is the ninth pulse from the byte transfer. The slave device usually generates the ACK bit. The master produces the ACK bit only if the “multiple read function” occurred.

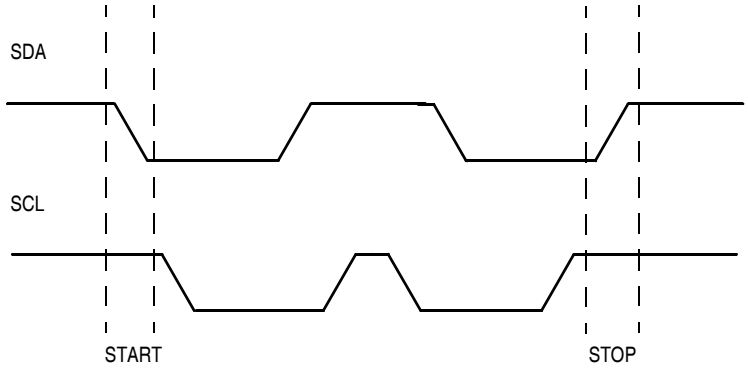


**Figure 2. START and STOP Conditions on IIC Bus**

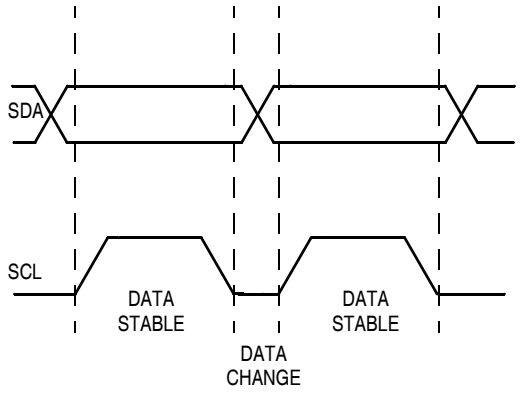


**Figure 3. SCL Versus SDA Timing on IIC Bus**

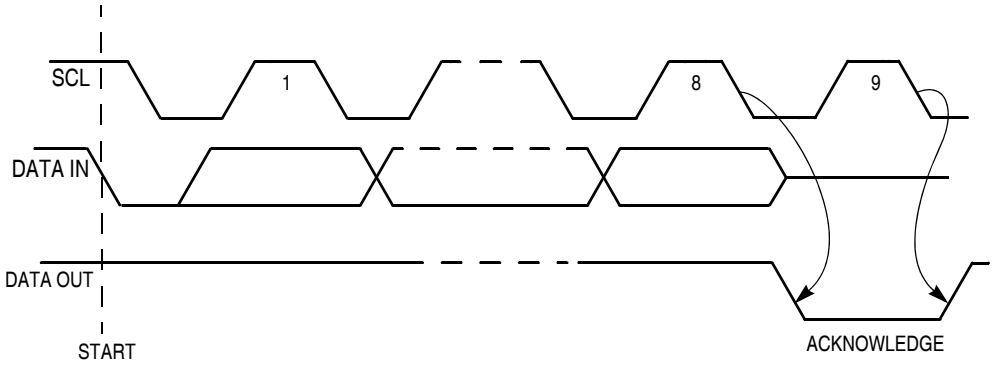


**Figure 4. Acknowledge Bit Timing on IIC Bus**

# 5 IIC Bus Transfer

The START condition (START bit) produced by the master device initiates the data transfer through the IIC bus. The device address byte, with its most significant bit (MSB) first, follows the start bit. The least significant bit (LSB) in the device address byte can be high or low, depending on whether it is a “read” or “write” operation.

With all bytes transferred on the IIC bus, a ninth clock cycle gives an acknowledgment. The SDA line is read during this ninth clock cycle by the master and signifies whether the byte is acknowledged. The receiver drives the SDA line low during the ninth clock cycle if it acknowledges the byte transmission.

Any number of data bytes can follow the address byte, each composed of eight data bits and a ninth acknowledge bit. To end a transfer, a STOP condition imposes on the IIC bus. A rising edge on SDA, while SCL line is held high, indicates the Stop condition.

**NOTE:**

To avoid unwanted conditions, the software must transition the SDA pin only while the SCK line is held low.

This application requires some software overhead, but is somewhat interruptible as the IIC bus is completely synchronous. A more automated timing source, such as a free-running counter or real-time interrupt, could create an implementation that requires less software overhead.

# Appendix A

The code shows how a MC9RS08KA2 microcontroller can connect to an IIC peripheral. The software continuously sends a write command, ramping the digital value from $00 to $FF and back down again.Using the DEMO9RS08KA2 board, the SCL signal is approximately 160kHz.

```
;*****************************************************************************
;       RS08IICMaster.ASM
;*****************************************************************************
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;*****************************************************************
;
; Description: User Code for MC9RS08KA2
;                 Bit Bashed IIC Master for MC9RS08KA2
;                 Tested on DEMO9RS08KA2
; ------------------------------------------------------------------
;
; Engineer        :        Inga Harris
; Date                     :        21/06/06
;
; Notes:
; ******************************************************************
; * THIS CODE IS ONLY INTENDED AS AN EXAMPLE OF CODE FOR THE          *
; * CODEWARRIOR COMPILER AND HAS ONLY BEEN GIVEN A MIMIMUM            *
; * LEVEL OF TEST. IT IS PROVIDED 'AS SEEN' WITH NO GUARANTEES        *
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;*****************************************************************
; Macro to manage nested Subroutine entry code
;*****************************************************************
ENTRY_CODE: MACRO
```

```
 SHA
 STA pcBUFFER+(2*(\1))
 SHA
 SLA
 STA pcBUFFER+(2*(\1))+1
 SLA
 ENDM

;*****************************************************************
; Macro to manage nested Subroutine exit code
;*****************************************************************
EXIT_CODE: MACRO
 SHA; this line can be removed if Accumulator contents are no longer needed
 LDA pcBUFFER+2*(\1)
 SHA
 SLA; this line can be removed if Accumulator contents are no longer needed
 LDA pcBUFFER+2*(\1)+1
 SLA
 ENDM

; Include derivative-specific definitions
            INCLUDE 'derivative.inc'

; export symbols
             XDEF _Startup, main
    ; we export both '_Startup' and 'main' as symbols. Either can
    ; be referenced in the linker.prm file

MAXlevel        EQU   1       ; Nesting depth for subroutine macro
PTAPE2          EQU   2       ; Pull Up Resistor bit location for RESET pin
CLKST           EQU   2       ; Bit Location of Clock mode status bit in
                              ; ICS Status and Control Register

;*****************************************************************
; Emulated IIC lines on Port A
; Need a clock (SCL) and data (SDA)
;*****************************************************************
SCL EQU 0                  ; Bit Location of Serial Clock Pin in PortA
SDA EQU 4                  ; Bit Location of Serial Data Pin in PortA

;*****************************************************************
; Variables to be held in RAM
;*****************************************************************
_RAMStart:
BitCounter  RMB 1            ; Used to count bits in a Tx
Value       RMB 1            ; Used to store data value
Direction   RMB 1            ; Indicates increment(1) or decrement(0)
pcBUFFER    DS.W MAXlevel    ; Buffer for return address of nested subroutine macro

;*****************************************************************
; Start of program code
;*****************************************************************
_Startup:
main:
  JSR L0_init
  ; use following lines if using reset default settings
  ;mov #HIGH_6_13(SOPT), PAGESEL
```

```
  ;mov #$00, MAP_ADDR_6(SOPT) ; disable COP

  ; initialise variables
  CLR BitCounter
  CLR Value
  CLR Direction             ; count down

  ;Set up parallel ports
  LDA #$11                  ; PTA0 and PTA4
  STA PTAD                  ; as high
  STA PTADD                 ; and outputs

  ;set up interrupt for Wait instruction
  BSET KBISC_KBIE,KBISC     ; enable KBI
  BSET KBIPE_KBIPE1,KBIPE   ; on pin 7, SW0, falling edge


;*****************************************************************
; Loop to ramp up and down the data value sent
;*****************************************************************
DataLoop:
  WAIT                      ; Wait command for debugging purposes
  ;to allow user to see the code working a KBI on SW0 is used
  ;for each loop itteration
  BSET KBISC_KBACK,KBISC    ; clear flag
  LDA Direction             ; inc or dec
  BEQ GoUp

  ;GoDown:
    LDA Value
    BNE GoDown2             ; decrement
    CLR Direction           ; change direction if needed
    BRA SendIICStartBit

    GoDown2:
      DEC Value             ; decrement data value
      BRA SendIICStartBit

  GoUp:
    LDA Value
    CMP #$FF                ; increment
    BNE GoUp2
    INC Direction           ; change direction if needed
    BRA SendIICStartBit

    GoUp2:
      INC Value             ; increment data value
      BRA SendIICStartBit

;*****************************************************************
; Main Loop to send the message
; Start Bit + Address + Command + Data + Stop Bit + Wait for Ack
;*****************************************************************
SendIICStartBit:            ; Send Start Condition
  BCLR  SDA,PTAD
  JSR   IICBitDelay         ; Start Condition is defined as a falling egde
  BCLR  SCL,PTAD            ; on SDA while SCL is high
```

```
SendAddress:
  LDA #$78                  ; Arbitrary Slave Device address (7bit)
  ASLA                      ; Align address
  JSR L0_IICTxByte          ; send the 8 Bit Address

  LDA #$00                  ; Command Byte for Slave Device
  JSR L0_IICTxByte          ; Send the 8-bit Command

  LDA Value                 ; Send value to Slave Device
  JSR L0_IICTxByte          ; Send the Value

  JSR IICStopBit            ; Send Stop Condition

  JSR IICBitDelay           ; Wait a Bit
  BRA DataLoop              ; Repeat with next Value

;*****************************************************************************************
; Peripheral Initialization
;*****************************************************************************************
L0_init:
  ENTRY_CODE 0
;CONFIGURES SYSTEM CONTROL
  MODE:         EQU 0                 ; MODE=0 Background Mode, MODE=1 Run Mode
  IFNE  MODE
    mov #HIGH_6_13(SOPT), PAGESEL
    mov #$01, MAP_ADDR_6(SOPT)        ; Disables COP and enables RESET (PTA2) pin
   mov #$38, PTADD             ; Configures PTA3, PTA4 and PTA5 as output
  ELSE
    mov #HIGH_6_13(SOPT), PAGESEL
 mov #$03, MAP_ADDR_6(SOPT)   ; Disables COP and enables BKGD (PTA3) and RESET (PTA2) pins
    mov #$30, PTADD                   ; Configures PTA4 and PTA5 as output
  ENDIF

;CONFIGURES CLOCK (FEI Operation Mode)
    mov #HIGH_6_13(NV_ICSTRM),PAGESEL
    lda MAP_ADDR_6(NV_ICSTRM)
          sta ICSTRM                                                        ; Sets
trimming value
          clr ICSC1                   ; Selects FLL as clock source and disables it in stop mode
           clr ICSC2                        ; ICSOUT = DCO output frequency
wait_clock:
    brset CLKST,ICSSC,wait_clock      ; Waits until FLL is engaged

;CONFIGURES TIMER
    mov #$70, MTIMSC                  ; Enables interrupt, stops and resets timer counter
    mov #$05, MTIMCLK                 ; Selects fBUS as reference clock (8 MHz)
                          ; with prescaler = 32 (increments timer counter every 4 us)
;CONFIGURES ACMP
    clr ACMPSC                        ; Selects analog comparator between ACMP+ and ACMP-
                  ; Comparation in output falling edge (ACMP+ < ACMP-)
;CONFIGURES I/O CONTROL PORT
    mov #HIGH_6_13(PTAPE), PAGESEL
    bset PTAPE2, MAP_ADDR_6(PTAPE)    ; Enables pullup in RESET (PTA2) pin
    clr PTAD                          ; Clears PTA port
    EXIT_CODE 0
    rts
```

```
;*****************************************************************
; IICTxByte
; Transmit the byte in A to the SDA pin
; A not restored on return
; Must be careful to change SDA values only when SCL is low
; otherwise a stop or start could be implied
;*****************************************************************
L0_IICTxByte:
  ENTRY_CODE 0
  ;initialise variable
  LDX   #$08
  STX   BitCounter

IICNextBit:
  ROLA                    ; Shift MSB in to carry
  BCC   SendLow           ; Send Low or high bit

SendHigh:
  BSET  SDA,PTAD          ; Set the data bit value
  JSR   IICSetUpDelay     ; Give some time for data setup
  BSET  SCL,PTAD          ; Clock it in
  JSR   IICBitDelay       ; Wait
  BRA   IICTxCont         ; Continue

SendLow:
  BCLR  SDA,PTAD          ; Set the data bit value
  JSR   IICSetUpDelay     ; Give some time for data setup
  BSET  SCL,PTAD          ; Clock it in
  JSR   IICBitDelay       ; Wait

IICTxCont:
  BCLR  SCL,PTAD          ; Restore Clock to Low State
  DEC   BitCounter        ; Decrement the bit counter
  BEQ   IICAckPoll        ; Last Bit?
  BRA   IICNextBit

IICAckPoll:
  BSET  SDA,PTAD
  BCLR  SDA,PTADD         ; set SDA as input
  JSR   IICSetUpDelay
  BSET  SCL,PTAD          ; Clock the line to get Ack
  JSR   IICBitDelay
  BRCLR SDA,PTAD,IICAck   ; Look for Ack from Slave device
  BSR   IICNoAck
IICAck:
  BCLR  SCL,PTAD          ; Restore clock line
  BSET  SDA,PTADD         ; SDA back as output
  EXIT_CODE 0
  RTS

;*****************************************************************
; No Ack received from slave device
; Some error action can be performed here
; For this example we just restore the bus
;*****************************************************************
IICNoAck:
```

```
  BCLR  SCL,PTAD          ; Restore clock line
  BSET  SDA,PTADD         ; SDA back as output
  RTS

;*****************************************************************
; A Stop Bit is defined as a rising edge on SDA While SCL is high
;*****************************************************************
IICStopBit:
  BCLR  SDA,PTAD
  BSET  SCL,PTAD
  BSET  SDA,PTAD
  RTS

;*****************************************************************
; Provide some data set up time to allow SDA to stabilise in slave
; device. Completely arbitrary.
;*****************************************************************
IICSetUpDelay:
  NOP
  NOP
  RTS

;*****************************************************************
; Provide time to allow bit to stabilise in slave
; device. Completely arbitrary.
;*****************************************************************
IICBitDelay:
  NOP
  NOP
  NOP
  NOP
  NOP
  RTS
```

# Appendix B

The code also allows an introduction on how to write nested subroutines with the stack-less RS08 core using macros and careful “level control.” A quick tutorial on the necessity of this and how it works appears in a little more detail than in the RS08QRUG.

The RS08 core has no stack and therefore has lost the ability to inherently cope with nested subroutine calls. The addition of the Shadow Program Counter (SPC) enables software to overcome this issue.

**Table 1. Subroutine Command**

| | HC(S)08 | RS08 |
|---|---|---|
| BSR Function<br>JSR Function | Push current PC on to stack<br>Load PC with address of function | Store PC in SPC<br>Load address of function into PC |
| RTS | Pull return address from stack and set PC | Copy SPC to PC |

Negligible difference occurs in calling a subroutine on HC(S)08 and RS08, but the lack of stack causes problems when calling a subroutine from a subroutine. (See Figure 5)

When calling a subroutine, the PC saves to the SPC before the jump to subroutine executes. On returning from a subroutine the PC loads from the saved return address on the SPC. However, when calling a subroutine from a subroutine, the current PC stores in the SPC overwriting the PC, that would have returned the program to the initial entry point. This means that the CPU can no longer go back to the main program as illustrated in the first program-flow diagram. By using a macro and a clear subroutine level system in your software to manage subroutine nesting, this issue overcomes as shown in the second program-flow diagram.

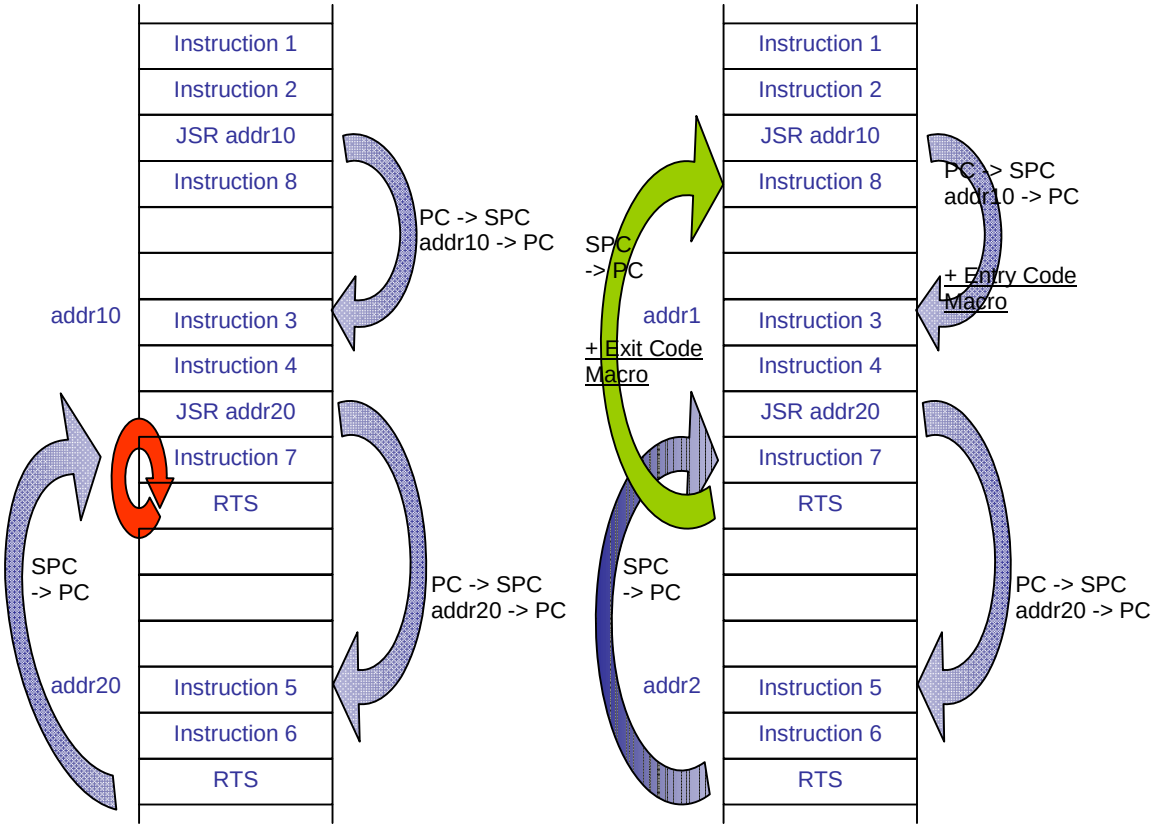


**Figure 5. Nested Subroutine on RS08**

Assembly - Macro Code

```
;*****************************************************************
; Macro to manage nested Subroutine entry code
;*****************************************************************
ENTRY_CODE: MACRO
  SHA
  STA pcBUFFER+(2*(\1))
  SHA
  SLA
  STA pcBUFFER+(2*(\1))+1
  SLA
  ENDM
```

```
;*********************************************************************
; Macro to manage nested Subroutine exit code
;*********************************************************************
EXIT_CODE: MACRO
  SHA  ; this line can be removed if Accumulator contents are no longer needed
  LDA pcBUFFER+2*(\1)
  SHA
  SLA  ; this line can be removed if Accumulator contents are no longer needed
  LDA pcBUFFER+2*(\1)+1
  SLA
  ENDM
```

The macro swaps the high-byte and then low-byte of the SPC with the accumulator. If the accumulator contents are not needed in the exit macro, you can skip this step. The macro then stores (entry) or loads (exit) the accumulator value into or from the pcBUFFER located in RAM in the position governed by the subroutine level. The SPC returns to its original state with another swap command.

| | Acc | SPC H SPC L | pcBUFFER | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Level 0 | $XX | $YY $ZZ | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SHA | $YY | $XX $ZZ | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*0) | $YY | $XX $ZZ | $YY | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SHA | $XX | $YY $ZZ | $YY | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SLA | $ZZ | $YY $XX | $YY | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*0)+1 | $ZZ | $YY $XX | $YY | $ZZ | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SLA | $XX | $YY $ZZ | $YY | $ZZ | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| Level 1 | $xx | $xx $zz | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SHA | $yy | $xx $zz | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*1) | $yy | $xx $zz | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SHA | $xx | $yy $zz | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SLA | $zz | $yy $xx | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*1)+1 | $zz | $yy $xx | $YY | $ZZ | $yy | $zz | $00 | $00 |
| SLA | $xx | $yy $zz | $YY | $ZZ | $yy | $zz | $00 | $00 |
| Level 2 | $AA | $BB $CC | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| SHA | $BB | $AA $CC | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*2) | $BB | $AA $CC | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $BB | $00 |
| SHA | $AA | $BB $CC | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $BB | $00 |
| SLA | $CC | $BB $AA | $YY | $00 | $yy | $00 | $BB | $00 |
| STA pcBUFFER+(2*2)+1 | $CC | $BB $AA | $YY | $ZZ | $yy | $zz | $BB | $CC |
| SLA | $AA | $BB $CC | $YY | $ZZ | $yy | $zz | $BB | $CC |

**Figure 6. Entry Code Macro**

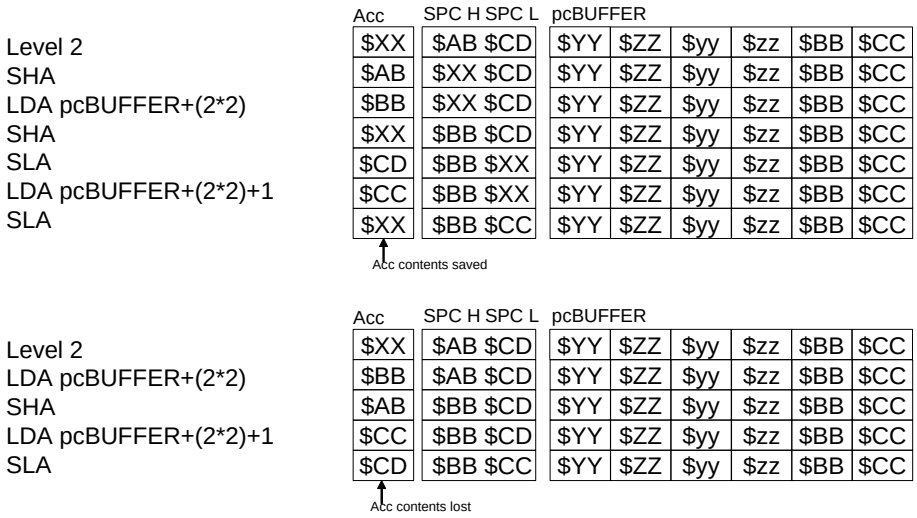


**Figure 7. Exit Code Macro**

Example of subroutine using the macro

```
L0_IICTxByte:
  ENTRY_CODE 0
  ;initialise variable
  LDX   #$08
  STX   BitCounter

IICNextBit:
  ROLA                    ; Shift MSB in to carry
  BCC   SendLow           ; Send Low or high bit
         .
         .
         .
         .
         .
         .
  BSR   IICNoAck
IICAck:
  BCLR  SCL,PTAD          ; Restore clock line
  BSET  SDA,PTADD         ; SDA back as output
  EXIT_CODE 0
  RTS
```

Label the subroutine with the level so you can manage the level rules easily;

- Main program can call level 0,1,2…n
  - Level 0 can call level 1,2…n
  - Level 1 can call level 2,3…n
- Subroutines which do not call other subroutines do not need to use level macro
- Calling subroutines at same level would destroy the link

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