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Introduction

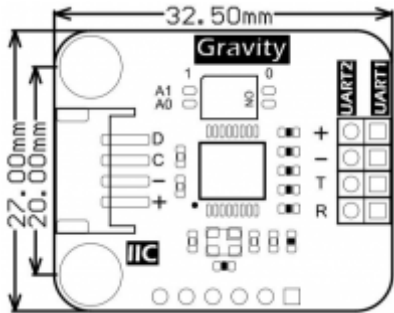
This IIC to Dual UART module offers data transmission rate up to 1Mbps, and each sub UART has independent 256-byte FIFO hardware buffer for transmitting and receiving. The baud rate, word length, and check format of every sub UART can be set independently. The module can provide 2Mbps maximum communication rate. At most four such modules can be connected onto one controller board to expand 8 hardware serial ports. This IIC to dual UART module can be extremely suitable for IoT module, Ultrasonic ranging module and GPS module.

There are usually only 1 or 2 UARTs on Controller boards like Arduino, Raspberry Pi, micro:bit, etc. And one of them must be used in program downloading or debugging. When your application needs to connect several UART devices, you may find that there are not enough UARTs on main-board for connecting. Thus, this module could be a perfect solution for the above situation, or you can use this product in IR receiver module and WS2818 RGB relevant projects with strict timing requirements.

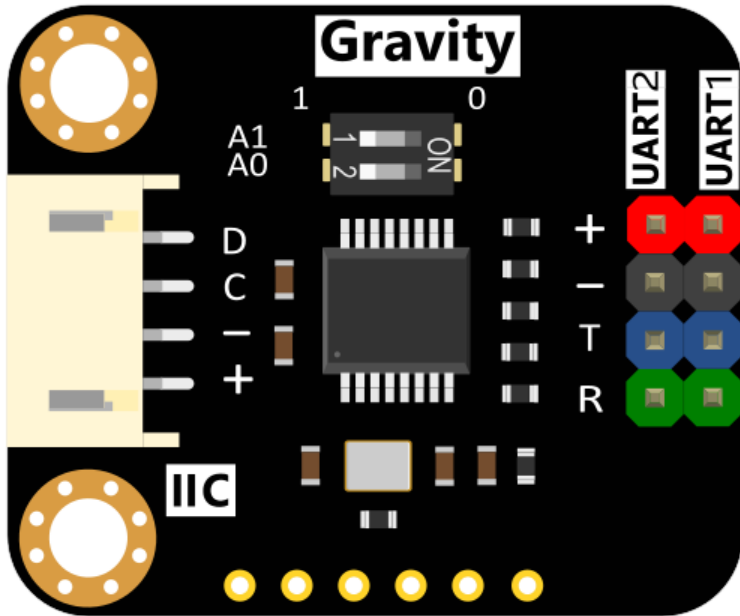
Specification

- Operating Voltage: 3.3V-5V

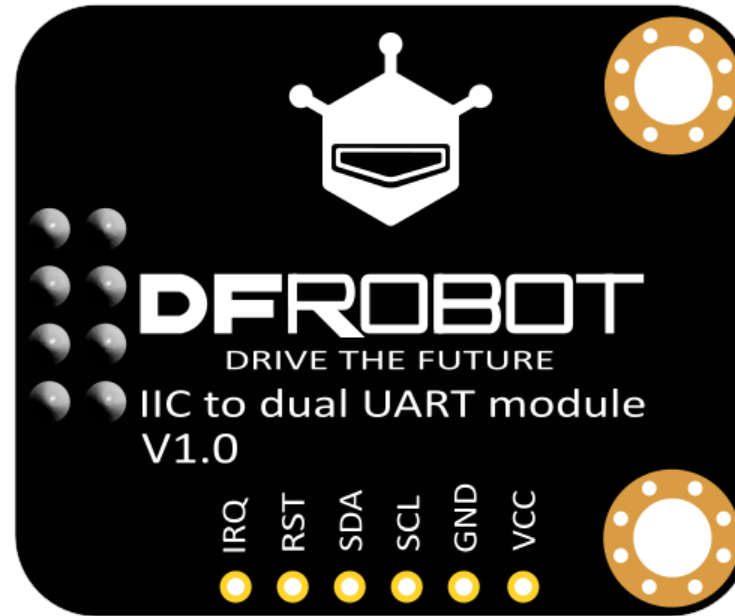
- Operating Current: <math><3\text{mA}</math>
- Communication Port: Gravity-IIC 4Pin
- IIC Address: regulated by transmission protocol, refer to tutorial
- 2 Extended UARTs
- Dimension: 32.5×27mm/1.28×1.1 inches
- Mounting Hole Size: 20mm/0.79"
- Operating Temperature: -40°C~85°C



Board OverView



TOP



BOTTOM

Silkscreen	Description
D	IIC SDA
C	IIC SCL
-	Negative
+	Positive
-	.

T	Transmit
R	Receive

Tutorial

DIP vs IIC Address

The IIC to dual UART module is a non-standard IIC device with various addresses. IIC address has 7 bits. When running the IIC scanning program, as long as the upper 4 bits are the same as that of the module, and there will be reponse. So you can scan multiple IIC addresses with same upper 4 bits on one module.

Module IIC Configuration:

Bit	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Value	IA1	IA0	1	0	C1	C0	0/1

- The 6th bit: IA1 corresponds with the value of DIP switch A1 on the module.
- The 5th bit: IA0 corresponds with the value of DIP switch A0 on the module.

The relation between DIP switch and IA1/IA0

DIP Switch		IA1 and IA0	
A1	A0	IA1	IA0
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

1	1	1	1
---	---	---	---

- The 4th bit: fixed, 1.
- The 3rd bit: fixed, 0.
- The 2nd and 1st bits: C1/C0 represents the sub UART channel number, for example. 00 for UART1, 01 for UART2.
- The 0 bit: represents the operation object, 0 for register, 1 for FIFO.

Construct Object

When construct IIC to dual UART object, it is required to specify the sub UART(UART1 or UART2) and the value of IA2 and IA0. The constructor is shown below:

```
DFRobot_IIC_Serial(TwoWire &wire = Wire, uint8_t subUartChannel = SUBUART_CHANNEL_1, uint8_t IA1 = 1, uint8_t IA0 = 1);
```

- For operating UART1, pass the parameter SUBUART_CHANNEL_1; for UART2, pass SUBUART_CHANNEL_2;
- If the status of the DIP switch on the module is A1(1),A2(0), then we should pass parameters 1 and 0 to the formal parameter IA1 and IA0.

For example, turn the DIP switch A1 to 1, A0 to 0;

- Construct object, UART1;

```
DFRobot_IIC_Serial iicSerial(Wire, SUBUART_CHANNEL_1, /*IA1=*/1, /*IA0=*/0); //construct object UART1
```

- Construct object, UART2;

```
DFRobot_IIC_Serial iicSerial(Wire, SUBUART_CHANNEL_2, /*IA1=*/1, /*IA0=*/0); //construct object UART2
```

Baud Rate Configuration


Just like other hardware serial ports, the baud rate of the extended UARTs on the module need to be set. For instance, set UART1 to 9600, UART2 to 115200, as shown below:

```
iicSerial1.begin(9600); //init UART1, set baud rate to 9600
iicSerial2.begin(115200); //init UART2, set baud rate to 115200
```

The IIC to dual UART module adopts 14.7456M crystal oscillator, and it supports the following baud rate:

NO.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Baud Rate	2400	4800	57600	7200	9600	14400	19200	28800
Baud Rate	38400	76800	115200	153600	230400	460800	307200	921600

Users can directly the above baud rate or define their own baud rate, such as 12800, etc.

 **NOTE:** Since crystal oscillator and baud rate are closely related, and not all baud rates are supported by the former. So users have to do test on their own when using user-defined baud rate.

Requirements

- **Hardware**

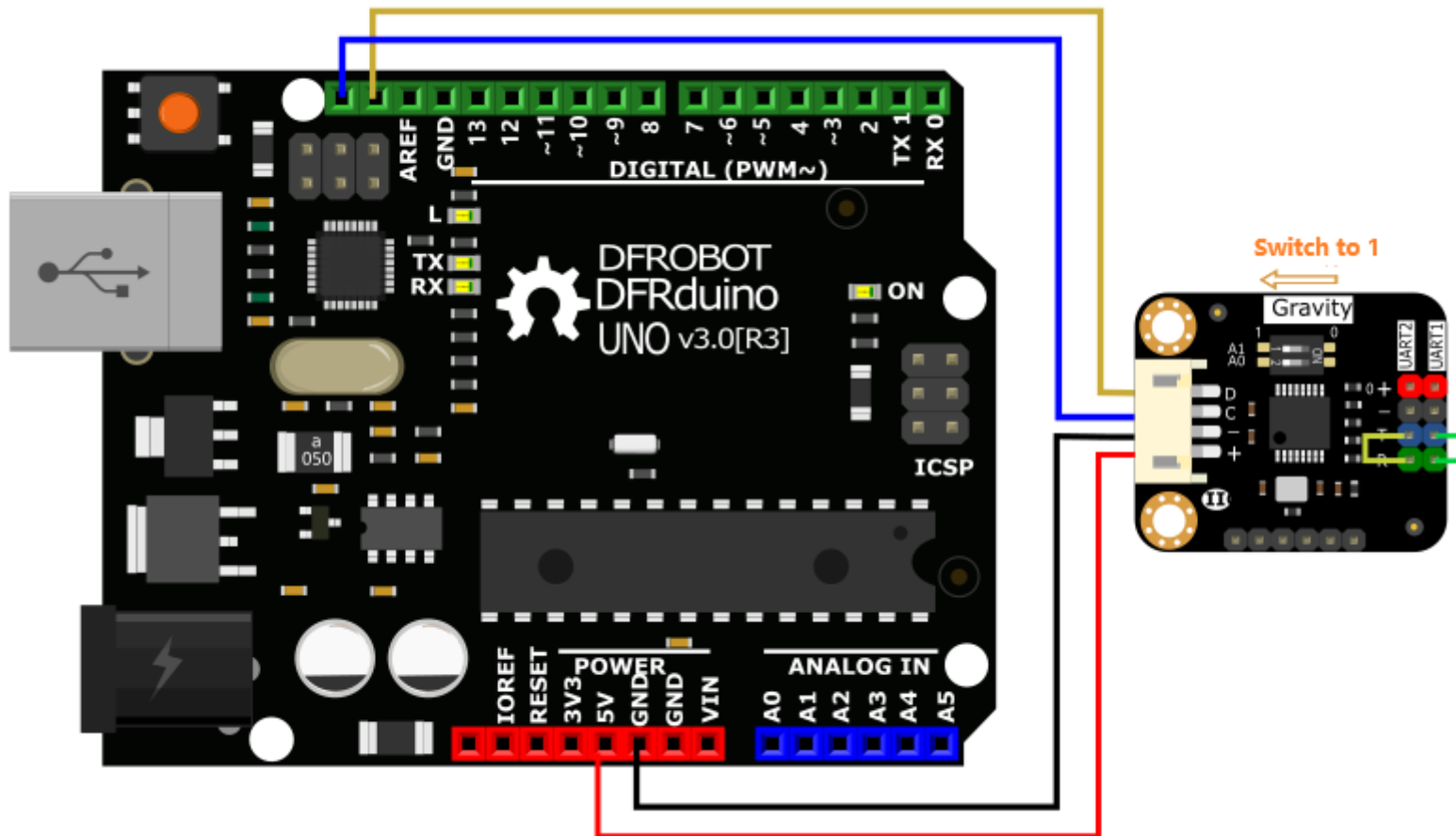
- DFRduino UNO R3 (<https://www.dfrobot.com/product-838.html>) (or similar) x 1
- IIC to dual UART module x1

- **Software**

- Arduino IDE (<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>)
- Download and install the **IIC serial Library and Example Program** (https://github.com/DFRobot/DFRobot_IICSerial) (About how to

install the library? (<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Guide/Libraries#.UxU8mdzF9H0>)

Connection Diagram



NOTE: Before running the program below, check if all the DIP switches of the module is turned to "1". If it is not, switch them to 1, or revise the values passed into the formal parameter IA1 and IA0 of the constructor in the demo below.

Complete Code 1

Sample Code 1

Write a demo to allow UART1 and UART2 to realize the function of self-transmitting and self-receiving. Connect pinT of UART1 to its pinR, UART2 TX to its RX. UART1 transmit "hello,Serial1", UART2 transmit "123", then receive their own data and print them out.

```

/#!/
 * @file dataTxAndRx.ino
 * @brief Receive and transmit data via UART. Read the data sent by TX pin via pin RX.
 * @n Experiment phenomenon: connect the TX to RX in Sub UART1 and UART2. Read the data sent by Sub UART and print it out.
 *
 * @copyright Copyright (c) 2010 DFRobot Co.Ltd (https://www.dfrobot.com)
 * @licence The MIT License (MIT)
 * @author [Arya](xue.peng@dfrobot.com)
 * @version V1.0
 * @date 2019-07-28
 * @get from https://www.dfrobot.com
 * @url https://github.com/DFRobot/DFRobot_IICSerial
 */
#include <DFRobot_IICSerial.h>
/*DFRobot_IICSerial Constructor
 *Parameter&wire Wire
 *Parameter subUartChannel sub UART channel, for selecting to operate UART1 or UART2
 *@n Available parameter:
     SUBUART_CHANNEL_1  SUBUART_CHANNEL_2
           UART1           UART2
 *Parameter IA1 corresponds with IA1 Level(0 or 1) of DIP switch on the module, and is used for configuring
 * @n the IIC address of the 6th bit value(default: 1).
 *Parameter IA0 corresponds with IA0 Level(0 or 1) of DIP switch on the module, and is used for configuring
 * @n IIC address of the 5th bit value(default: 1).
 * IIC address configuration:
 * 7  6  5  4  3  2  1  0
 * 0  IA1 IA0 1  0  C1  C0  0/1
 *@n IIC address only has 7 bits, while there are 8 bits for one byte, so the extra one bit will be filled as 0.
 *@n The 6th bit corresponds with IA1 Level of DIP switch, can be configured manually.
 *@n The 5th bit corresponds with IA0 Level of DIP switch, can be configured manually.
 *@n The 4th and 3rd bits are fixed value 1 and 0 respectively.

```



```

*On the 4th and 3rd bits are fixed, value 1 and 0 respectively

```

```

*On The values of the 2nd and 1st bits are the sub UART channels, 00 for sub UART 1, 01 for sub UART 2.

```

```

*On The 0 bit represents the operation object: 0 for register, 1 for FIFO cache.

```

```

*/

```

```

DFRobot_IICSerial iicSerial1(Wire, /*subUartChannel =*/SUBUART_CHANNEL_1, /*IA1 = */1, /*IA0 = */1); //Construct UART1

//DFRobot_IICSerial iicSerial1; //Default constructor, UART1, IA1 = 1, IA0 = 1
DFRobot_IICSerial iicSerial2(Wire, /*subUartChannel =*/SUBUART_CHANNEL_2, /*IA1 = */1, /*IA0 = */1); //Construct UART2

```

```

uint8_t flag = 0; //A flag bit, judge whether to print the prompt information of UART1 and UART2.

```

```

//if it is 0, print "UART1 receive data: " or "UART2 receive data: "

```

```

void setup() {

```

```

    Serial.begin(115200);

```

```

    /*begin Init function, set band rate according to the selected crystal frequency.

```

```

begin(long unsigned baud) Call the function, set sub UART band rate.

```

```

default setting->Band rate: baud, data format: IIC_SERIAL_8N1, 8 bits data, no check mode, 1 bit stop bit.

```

```

begin(long unsigned baud, uint8_t format) Use the function to set band rate and data format:

```

```

Parameter supported baud:2400, 4800, 57600, 7200, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 38400,

```

```

        76800, 115200, 153600, 230400, 460800, 307200, 921600

```

```

Parameter available format:

```

```

IIC_SERIAL_8N1 IIC_SERIAL_8N2 IIC_SERIAL_8Z1 IIC_SERIAL_8Z2 IIC_SERIAL_8O1

```

```

IIC_SERIAL_8O2 IIC_SERIAL_8E1 IIC_SERIAL_8E2 IIC_SERIAL_8F1 IIC_SERIAL_8F2

```

```

8 represents the number of data bit, N for no parity, Z for 0 parity, O for Odd parity, E for Even parity,

```

```

F for 1 parity, 1 or 2 for the number of stop bit. Default IIC_SERIAL_8N1

```

```

*/

```

```

iicSerial1.begin(/*baud = */115200); /*UART1 init*/

```

```

//iicSerial1.begin(/*baud = */115200, /*format = */IIC_SERIAL_8N1);

```

```

iicSerial2.begin(/*baud = */115200); /*UART2 init*/

```

```

Serial.println("\n+-----+");

```

```

Serial.println("| Connected UART1's TX pin to RX pin.      |"); //Connect pin TX and RX of UART1

```

```

Serial.println("| Connected UART2's TX pin to RX pin.      |"); //Connect pin TX and RX of UART2

```

```

Serial.println("| UART1 send a String: \"hello, Serial1!\"   |"); //UART1 transmit a string "hello, Serial1!"

```

```

Serial.println("| UART2 send a number: 123                 |"); //UART2 transmit numbers 123

```

```

Serial.println("+-----+");

```

```

iicSerial1.println("hello, Serial1!"); //UART1 transmit string:"hello, Serial1!"

```

```

iicSerial2.write(123); //UART2 transmit:123

```

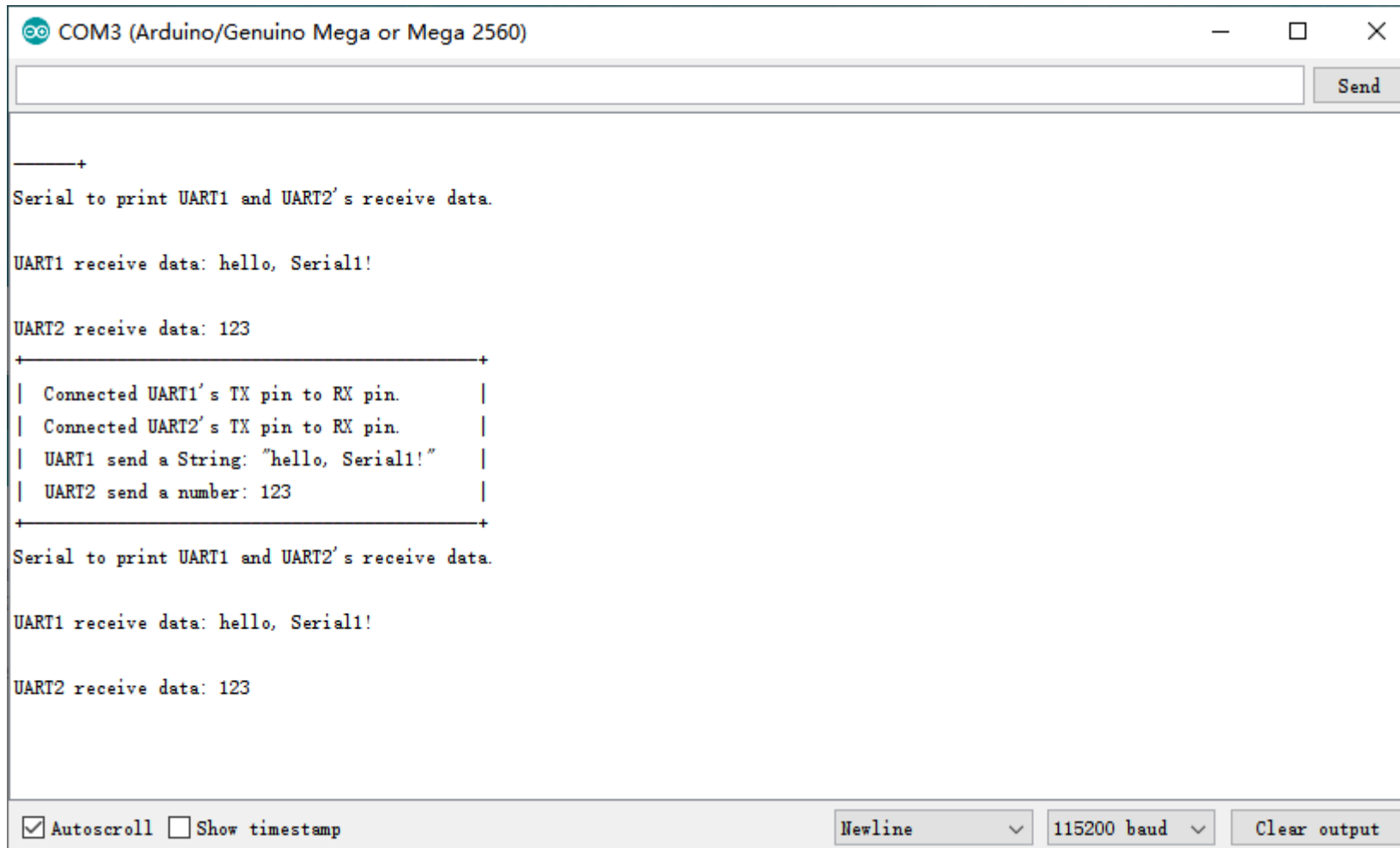
```
Serial.println("Serial to print UAR11 and UAR12's receive data."); //print the data received by UAR11 and UAR12
}

void loop() {
  char c;

  if(iicSerial1.available()){ /*available return the number of byte in UART1 receive buffer, none- return 0*/
    flag = 0;
    while(iicSerial1.available()){
      if(flag == 0){
        Serial.print("\nUART1 receive data: ");
        flag = 1;
      }
      c = iicSerial1.read(); /*Read data of UART1 receive buffer */
      Serial.print(c);
    }
  }
  if(iicSerial2.available()){
    flag = 0;
    while(iicSerial2.available()){
      if(flag == 0){
        Serial.print("\nUART2 receive data: ");
        flag = 1;
      }
      Serial.print(iicSerial2.read()); /*Read and print the data of Sub UART2 receive buffer*/
    }
  }
  delay(1000);
}
```

Expected Result

Serial print the following information.



Sample Code 2

Transmit a string "ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB" via UART2. Receive, analyze and revise the string. Delete the "A" in the string and print out the parsed data. (The connection is the same as the image above.)

```

/#!/
 * @file cmdAnalysis.ino
 * @brief Analyze UART command, save and print (example: UART2, connect UART2's RX and TX together)
 * @n Transmit a random string via UART: "ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB"
 * @n Receive the string, remove the char "A" of the string, and then print out the new string.
 *
 * @copyright Copyright (c) 2010 DFRobot Co.Ltd (https://www.dfrobot.com)
 * @licence The MIT License (MIT)
 * @author [Arya](xue.peng@dfrobot.com)
 * @version V1.0
 * @date 2019-07-28
 * @get from https://www.dfrobot.com
 * @url https://github.com/DFRobot/DFRobot_IICSerial
 */
#include <DFRobot_IICSerial.h>
/*DFRobot_IICSerial Constructor
 *Parameter &wire Wire
 *Parameter subUartChannel sub UART channel, for selecting to operate UART1 or UART2
 *@n Available parameter:
     SUBUART_CHANNEL_1  SUBUART_CHANNEL_2
           UART1           UART2
 *Parameter IA1 corresponds with IA1 Level(0 or 1) of DIP switch on the module, and is used for configuring
 * @n the IIC address of the 6th bit value(default: 1).
 *Parameter IA0 corresponds with IA0 Level(0 or 1) of DIP switch on the module, and is used for configuring
 * @n IIC address of the 5th bit value(default: 1).
 * IIC address configuration:
 * 7  6  5  4  3  2  1  0
 * 0  IA1 IA0 1  0  C1  C0  0/1
 *@n IIC address only has 7 bits, while there are 8 bits for one byte, so the extra one bit will be filled as 0.
 *@n The 6th bit corresponds with IA1 Level of DIP switch, can be configured manually.
 *@n The 5th bit corresponds with IA0 Level of DIP switch, can be configured manually.

```

*@n The 5th bit corresponds with IAO level of DIP switch, can be configured manually.

*@n The 4th and 3rd bits are fixed, value 1 and 0 respectively

*@n The values of the 2nd and 1st bits are the sub UART channels, 00 for sub UART 1, 01 for sub UART 2.

*@n The 0 bit represents the operation object: 0 for register, 1 for FIFO cache.

*/

```
DFRobot_IICSerial iicSerial2(Wire, /*subUartChannel =*/SUBUART_CHANNEL_2, /*IA1 = */1,/*IA0 = */1);//Construct Sub UART2
```

```
char rx_buffer[256];//Define a receive buffer to store the data received by UART2
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
  Serial.begin(115200);
```

```
  /*begin Init function, set band rate according to the selected crystal frequency.
```

```
  begin(long unsigned baud) Call the function, set sub UART band rate.
```

```
  default setting->Band rate: baud, data format: IIC_SERIAL_8N1, 8 bits data, no check mode, 1 bit stop bit.
```

```
  begin(long unsigned baud, uint8_t format) Use the function to set band rate and data format:
```

```
  Parameter supported baud: 2400, 4800, 57600, 7200, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 38400,
    76800, 115200, 153600, 230400, 460800, 307200, 921600
```

```
  Parameter available format:
```

```
  IIC_SERIAL_8N1 IIC_SERIAL_8N2 IIC_SERIAL_8Z1 IIC_SERIAL_8Z2 IIC_SERIAL_8O1
```

```
  IIC_SERIAL_8O2 IIC_SERIAL_8E1 IIC_SERIAL_8E2 IIC_SERIAL_8F1 IIC_SERIAL_8F2
```

```
  8 represents the number of data bit, N for no parity, Z for 0 parity, O for Odd parity, E for Even parity,
  F for 1 parity, 1 or 2 for the number of stop bit. Default IIC_SERIAL_8N1
```

```
  */
```

```
  iicSerial2.begin(/*baud = */115200);/*UART2 init*/
```

```
  //iicSerial2.begin(/*baud = */115200, /*format = */IIC_SERIAL_8N1);
```

```
  Serial.println("\n+-----+");
```

```
  Serial.println("| connected UART2's TX pin to RX pin. |");
```

```
  Serial.println("| Analysis string and eliminate a char of a string. |");
```

```
  Serial.println("| Original string: ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB |");
```

```
  Serial.println("| Eliminate char: A |");
```

```
  Serial.println("| Original string: BCDEFSGHJUUEEB |");
```

```
  Serial.println("| Print the parsed string. |");
```

```
  Serial.println("+-----+");
```

```
  Serial.println("Please Send to the string by UART2's TX.");
```

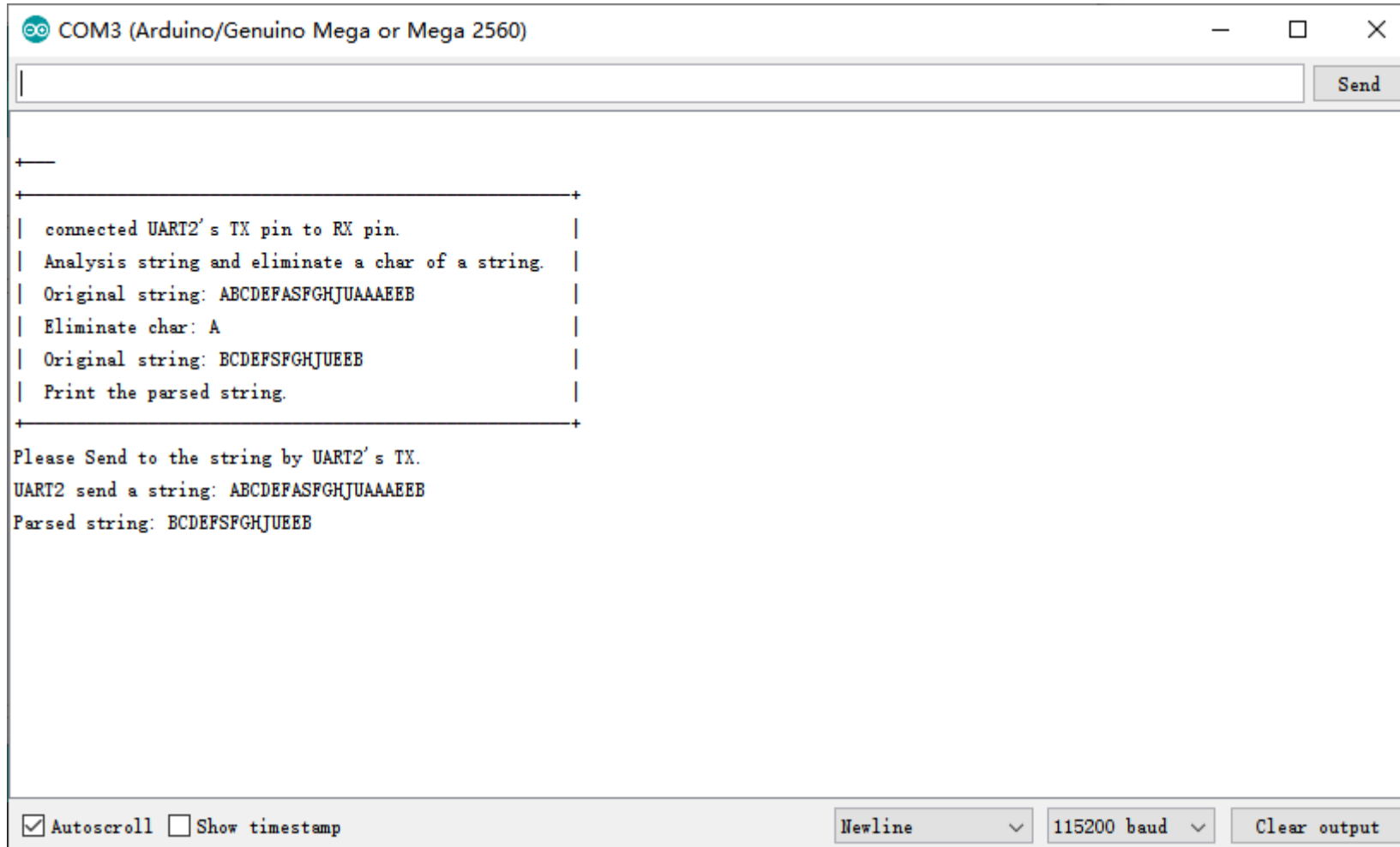
```
  Serial.println("UART2 send a string: ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB");
```

```
  iicSerial2.println("ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB");//UART2 transmit string "ABCDEFASFGHJUAAAEEB"
```

```
}
```

```
void loop() {
  int n = iicSerial2.available();//Read the number of bytes in UART2
  int i = 0;
  if(n){
    while(iicSerial2.available()){
      if((char)iicSerial2.peek() != 'A'){//Use peek function to read the character without deleting the data in buffer
        rx_buffer[i++] = iicSerial2.read();//Use read function to read character and delete the data in buffer.
        if((i > (sizeof(rx_buffer) - 1)))
          break;
      }else{
        iicSerial2.read();//Put read function here to remove a char "A" in buffer.
      }
    }
    Serial.print("Parsed string: ");
    for(int j = 0; j < i; j++){
      Serial.print(rx_buffer[j]);
    }
    Serial.println();
  }
  delay(1000);
}
```

Expected Result



The screenshot shows the serial monitor window for COM3 (Arduino/Genuino Mega or Mega 2560). The window contains the following text:

```
+-----+
| connected UART2's TX pin to RX pin. |
| Analysis string and eliminate a char of a string. |
| Original string: ABCDEFASFGHJUAAEEB |
| Eliminate char: A |
| Original string: BCDEFSFGHJUEEB |
| Print the parsed string. |
+-----+

Please Send to the string by UART2's TX.
UART2 send a string: ABCDEFASFGHJUAAEEB
Parsed string: BCDEFSFGHJUEEB
```

At the bottom of the window, there are controls for the serial monitor:

- Autoscroll
- Show timestamp
- Newline (dropdown menu)
- 115200 baud (dropdown menu)
- Clear output

FAQ

1. The module does not work when everything is fine, what should I do?

Check whether all the DIP switches are at the position of "1", when it still does not work after you switched them to 1 already, reset the module by connecting the pinSRT to pin-(negative) for 3s or you can try powering off the module and restart the program.

For any questions, advice or cool ideas to share, please visit the **DFRobot Forum** (<https://www.dfrobot.com/forum>)

More Documents

- Schematics Diagram (<https://dfimg.dfrobot.com/nobody/wiki/3646cb26e392103672637b458d4995a3.pdf>)
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