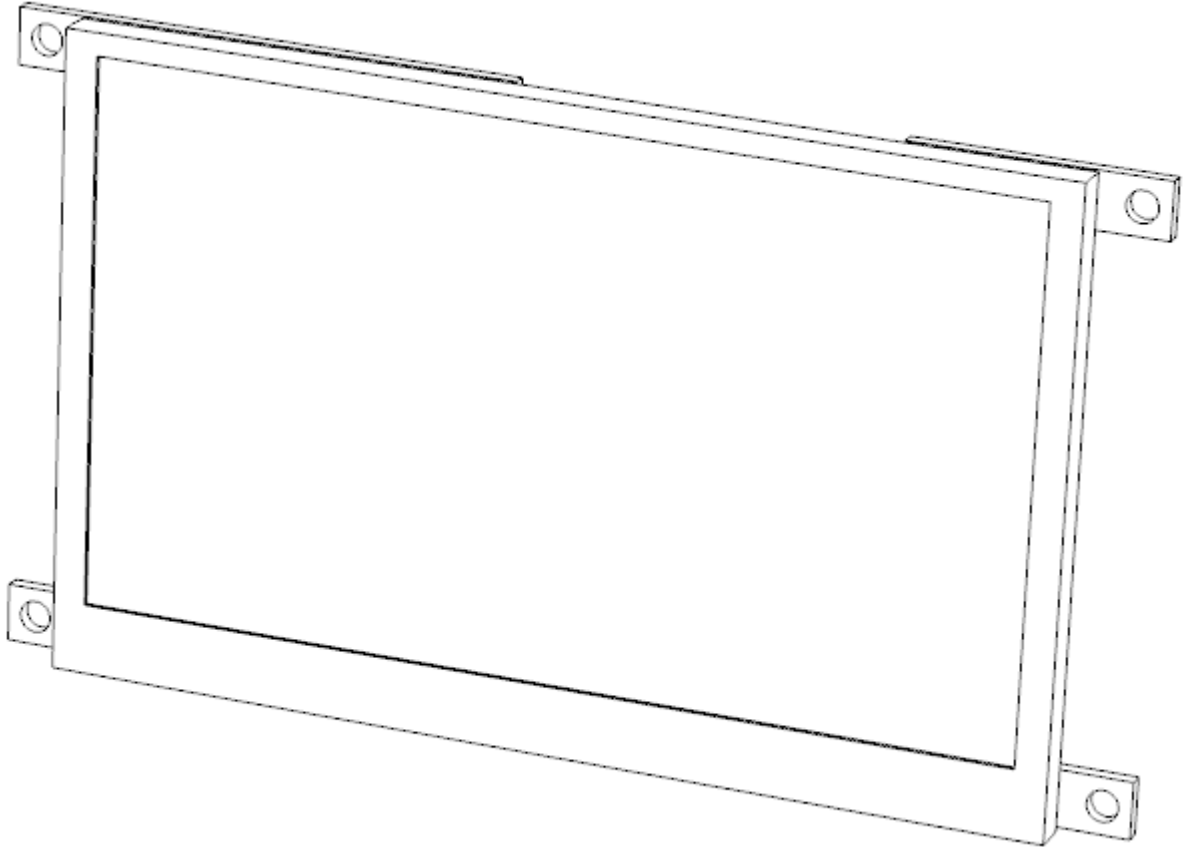


USBD480-WQ43 User Guide



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1. Introduction

Overview

The USBD480-WQ43 is a 4.3" TFT display with USB interface. The controller board provides framebuffer functionality and offers a Hi-Speed USB 2.0 interface for connecting to the host system.

USBD480 provides a quick and easy way to add a display to systems that have USB host ports. The host system can be an embedded device or a PC computer. For best performance a Hi-Speed (480 Mbps) USB host capability is recommended.

It is also possible to use the display as an input user interface with the optional touchscreen.

Features

- 4.3" 480x272 pixel resolution color TFT LCD
- Optional touchscreen
- Hi-Speed USB interface 480 Mbps
- 16 bit colors (RGB565)
- 8 MB framebuffer memory (available for double buffering etc.) ¹⁾
- Display can be updated at 80-90 full frames per second over USB ²⁾
- USB powered
- User configurable startup image
- Custom versions of the controller board possible for different display panels

Note:

1. For custom applications support for larger framebuffer sizes has been implemented
2. If required by the application it would be possible to increase the speed at the expense of some increased power consumption

2. Physical Characteristics

Item	Specifications	Unit
Display resolution	480 x 272	dot
Screen size	10.9 (4.3" type) diagonal	cm
Active area	95.04(H) x 53.856(V)	mm
Pixel pitch	0.198 x 0.198	mm
Unit outline dimensions ¹⁾	120(W) x 67.2(H) x ___(D)	mm
Weight	90 (Typ.)	g
Backlight type	LED	

Note:

1. Includes mounting tabs

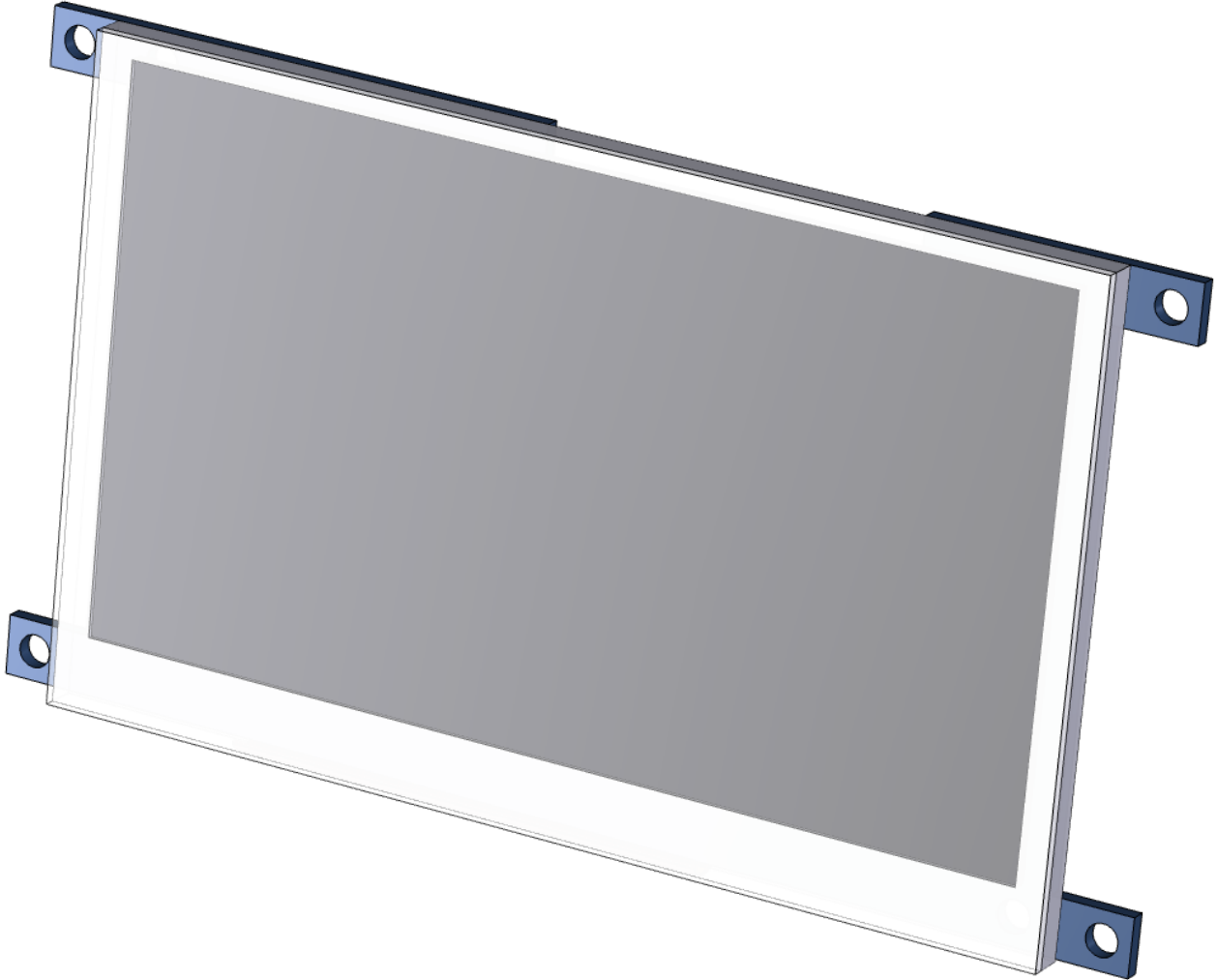
3. Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Supply Voltage	V _{CC}	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
Current Consumption without backlight ¹⁾					mA
Backlight Current Consumption full brightness					mA

Note:

1. Including LCD panel, USB data transfer in progress

4. USB480-WQ43 module



For more details see dimensional drawings in Appendix

5. Pin descriptions

USB connector – J3

The USB connector is used as the communication interface and the power supply for the display module. The connector used is a mini USB B type connector. When connecting the display some care should be taken to use a good quality USB cable.

Pin	Name	Function
1	VBUS	+5 VDC
2	D-	Data -
3	D+	Data +
4	NC	Unconnected
5	GND	Ground

GPIO connector – J4

20 way 0.5 mm pitch FFC/FPC connector.

Pin	Name	Function

6. Getting started

Connecting the display module

The USB connector is used as the communication interface and as the power supply for the display module. The connector used is the common mini USB B type connector. When connecting the display some care should be taken to use a good quality USB cable.

7. Programming interface

Overview

USBD480 is a composite USB device with two interfaces. First interface is for the main display functionality and the second interface is for touchscreen input.

Framebuffer memory addressing

The controller has 8 MB of memory available for storing the image data. The memory size of 4096 x 256 x 16 bits makes for a total of 1048576 different addresses, 16 bits of data per address. One frame requires 480 x 272 x 2 = 261120 bytes of memory. This means that it is possible to store 32 separate full frames of image data to the controller memory. Aligning the start address for each frame to the 512 byte boundaries results in a bit more efficient memory bandwidth use.

Double buffering can be implemented using two alternating frames in the memory. The actual address change for the SET_FRAME_START_ADDRESS command is synchronized with VSYNC in the controller hardware.

It is also possible to implement hardware accelerated vertical scrolling by first filling the controller memory with video data and then just changing the frame start address to scroll the image.

Pixel format

The USBD480 controller uses the RGB565 pixel format. One pixel consists of 16 bits of data – 5 bits red, 6 bits green and 5 bits blue. This results in 65536 different colors.

R4	R3	R2	R1	R0	G5	G4	G3	G2	G1	G0	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0
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Windows API DLL

For Windows there exists a DLL interface that provides an API that can be used for accessing the display. When using the DLL it is not necessary to know the low level details of accessing the USB device. The DLL also automatically detects and uses the available USB driver installed in the system. The currently available options for the USB driver are Libusb or the UMDF USB driver. Two alternative drivers make it possible to support a wider range of Windows versions and with the DLL automatically detecting the driver the user doesn't need to know which one is installed in the system.

The API interface is described in a separate document.

Linux framebuffer driver

When Linux is used one possible way to access the display is to use the USBD480 framebuffer kernel driver. This driver makes the USBD480 display appear as a normal Linux framebuffer device (/dev/fb) which is used by many existing libraries for accessing display hardware. Qt Embedded and SDL included for example. The driver also connects the touchscreen to the Linux input API.

Linux X.Org driver

Direct USB device access

Direct access to the USB device is also possible if it is preferred instead of the existing library or if the platform used doesn't have existing support libraries.

Other interfaces

There are also other libraries and drivers being developed that support using the USBD480 controller. See the website for more details about what is currently available. Also feel free to give feedback if your application would need something different from the currently available offerings.

8. Direct USB command interface

Overview

The display is controlled by sending USB vendor requests to the control endpoint. For image data transfer bulk endpoints are used.

Another option is using the bulk endpoint exclusively for image data transfer and related commands. This is possible using the stream decoder feature.

Vendor requests

SET_ADDRESS	0xC0	
SET_FRAME_START_ADDRESS	0xC4	
GET_DEVICE_DETAILS	0x80	
SET_BRIGHTNESS	0x81	
SET_CONFIG_VALUE	0x82	
GET_CONFIG_VALUE	0x83	
GET_SAVED_CONFIG_VALUE	0x86	
SAVE_CONFIGURATION	0x84	
SET_TOUCH_MODE	0xE2	
SET_STREAM_DECODER	0xC6	

SET_ADDRESS

0xC0

This request sets the write address to the framebuffer.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_ADDRESS	Bits 15 to 0 of the address	Bits 21 to 16 of the address	0	None

SET_FRAME_START_ADDRESS

0xC4

This request sets the start address of the visible frame.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_FRAME_START_ADDRESS	Bits 15 to 0 of the address	Bits 21 to 16 of the address	0	None

GET_DEVICE_DETAILS

0x80

This request gets the device information structure.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
GET_DEVICE_DETAILS	0	0	0	Device information

The device returns 64 bytes and of those the following are currently defined

Bytes	Data
0-19	Device name
20-21	Display width in pixels
22-23	Display height in pixels
24-25	Version
26-35	Serial number

SET_BRIGHTNESS

0x81

This request sets the display backlight brightness.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_BRIGHTNESS	Brightness	0	0	None

Brightness accepts values from 0 to 255.
Internally uses 128 PWM levels.

SET_CONFIG_VALUE

0x82

This request sets a configuration parameter value.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_CONFIG_VALUE	Parameter ID	0	1	Value

Configuration parameters

Parameter	ID	Notes
TOUCH_MODE	2	Default value is 0 (touch disabled)
TOUCH_DEBOUNCE_VALUE	3	How many samples are required for state change
TOUCH_SKIP_SAMPLES	4	How many samples to skip when pen goes down
TOUCH_PRESSURE_LIMIT_LO	5	Filters reported samples based on pressure. Low limit
TOUCH_PRESSURE_LIMIT_HI	6	Filters reported samples based on pressure. High limit
BACKLIGHT_BRIGHTNESS	20	Backlight brightness
USB_ENUMERATION_MODE	22	Enumerate touch interface as HID or custom

For more information about the different parameters see Configuration parameters section starting from page 14.

GET_CONFIG_VALUE

0x83

This request gets a configuration parameter value.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
GET_CONFIG_VALUE	Parameter ID	0	1	Value

Gets the current configuration parameter value being used.

GET_SAVED_CONFIG_VALUE

0x86

This request gets a configuration parameter saved as a default value.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
GET_SAVED_CONFIG_VALUE	Parameter ID	0	1	Value

Gets the configuration parameter value from non-volatile memory that is saved as the default value to be loaded on power up.

SAVE_CONFIGURATION

0x84

This request saves the configuration parameters.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SAVE_CONFIGURATION	0x8877	0	0	None

Saves the current configuration parameters to non-volatile memory so that they are automatically loaded on the next power up.

SET_TOUCH_MODE

0xE2

This request sets the touchscreen operating mode.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_TOUCH_MODE	Mode	0	0	None

Sets the touchscreen operation mode.

	Mode	Notes
0	Touchscreen disabled	(default)
1	Filtered output	Reports sent only when pen is down
2	Raw output	Raw touchscreen samples without any filtering
3	Scaling to screen coordinates	Approximate and not too accurate for now
4	Simple filter	Reports sent only when pen is down

TOUCH_DEBOUNCE_VALUE applies to modes 1 and 4

TOUCH_SKIP_SAMPLES applies to mode 1

TOUCH_PRESSURE_LIMIT applies to modes 1, 3 and 4

SET_STREAM_DECODER

0xC6

This request sets the stream decoder mode.

bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
SET_STREAM_DECODER	Mode	0	0	None

Sets the stream decoder mode.

Value	Mode	Notes
0x00	Disable stream decoder	(default)
0x06	Enable stream decoder	Needs to be used before sending stream decoder commands.

Configuration parameters

Configuration parameters can be changed with the SET_CONFIG_VALUE request and the currently used parameter can be read with the GET_CONFIG_VALUE request. The currently used parameters can be saved as new defaults to be loaded on power up using the SAVE_CONFIGURATION request.

TOUCH_MODE

2

Default mode is 0 (Touchscreen disabled). It is recommended for each software to set the mode it expects to use during initialisation and not assume any specific touchscreen sampling mode to be enabled. This setting is saved with SAVE_CONFIGURATION request so the user may have set any mode to be the power on setting.

	Mode	Notes
0	Touchscreen disabled	(default)
1	Filtered output	Reports sent only when pen is down
2	Raw output	Raw touchscreen samples without any filtering
3	Scaling to screen coordinates	Approximate and not too accurate for now
4	Simple filter	Reports sent only when pen is down

Equivalent functionality to using SET_CONFIG_VALUE request with TOUCH_MODE parameter can be achieved using the SET_TOUCH_MODE request.

TOUCH_DEBOUNCE_VALUE

3

0 – 255

This parameter defines how many samples are required until a change of pen state is recognised.

The parameter applies to touch modes 1 and 4.

TOUCH_SKIP_SAMPLES

4

0 – 255

This parameter defines how many of the initial samples are discarded when a pen down event is recognised. This can be useful to discard the very first samples when the pressure is low and the position sampled is not yet accurate.

The parameter applies to touch mode 1.

TOUCH_PRESSURE_LIMIT_LO **5**

0 – 255

Default 30

This parameter can be used to fine tune the touchscreen pressure filtering.

TOUCH_PRESSURE_LIMIT_HI **6**

0 – 255

Default 120

This parameter can be used to fine tune the touchscreen pressure filtering.

BACKLIGHT_BRIGHTNESS **20**

0 – 255

Default 255

This parameter sets the backlight brightness.

USB_ENUMERATION_MODE **22**

0 or 1

Default 0

This parameter defines if the touchscreen device enumerates as a HID device or a vendor specific device.

0 = enumerate as a HID device

1 = enumerate as a vendor specific device

See chapter 9 for more information about the touchscreen interface.

Bulk endpoint

For actual image data bulk out endpoint 2 is used. Image data is in RGB565 format.

Stream decoder

Stream decoder is a feature that allows controlling the basic display functionality using just the bulk endpoint for data transfer. Using the stream decoder avoids a potential synchronisation issue in case separate endpoints were used for data transfer and address control. Using a single endpoint also provides a small performance boost.

Always use the SET_STREAM_DECODER request to enable the stream decoder before sending stream decoder commands to the device or the commands will be interpreted as image data.

0x5B41	WRITE	
0x5B42	FRAMEBASE	
0x5B43	WRAPLENGTH	

WRITE

0x5B41

Command structure

	DATA - 16 bits	Notes
1	0x5B41	Command identifier
2	ADDR LO	Address bits 15 to 0
3	ADDR HI	Address bits 21 to 16
4	DATA LEN LO	Data length bits 15 to 0
5	DATA LEN HI	Data length bits 21 to 16
6	Data	Data 0
	Data	..
	Data	Data n

Data length is in pixels (2 bytes of image data per pixel). Data length value is the actual data length - 1. Data length of 0 means 1 pixel of data. Minimum of one pixel of image data needs to be always provided.

After DATALEN number of pixels have been processed the following data will be discarded until the next command is recognised from the data stream.

FRAMEBASE

0x5B42

Sets the base address for the visible frame in the framebuffer. The address change is synchronised with the display refresh VSYNC.

Command structure

	DATA - 16 bits	Notes
1	0x5B42	Command identifier
2	ADDR LO	Address bits 15 to 0
3	ADDR HI	Address bits 21 to 16

WRAPLENGTH

0x5B43

This command can be used to update partial screen areas without having to send the full frame data. When writing data to the framebuffer the write automatically wraps to the next row after WRAPLENGTH number of pixels.

Command structure

	DATA - 16 bits	Notes
1	0x5B43	Command identifier
2	WRAPLENGTH	

Wrap length value is actual length - 1. Value of 479 means the full screen width. 0 is 1 pixel wide. Default value is 479.

When working with the framebuffer addresses it is good to remember that one address points to a 16 bit word. So two bytes of image data per address/pixel.

9. Touchscreen interface

Second interface of the composite USB device.

The default for the touchscreen interface is to enumerate as a HID device but it can be also set to enumerate as a vendor specific device. This can be helpful in some situations to prevent the system HID driver automatically claiming the interface and allowing to use custom drivers more easily.

Endpoint 1 is used as an interrupt endpoint to receive the touch reports. One report is 16 bytes in size.

16 byte touch report

Byte(s)	Content	Notes
[0][1]	X	12 bit x sample LSB first
[2][3]	Y	12 bit y sample
[4][5]	Z1	12 bit z1 sample
[6][7]	Z2	12 bit z2 sample
[8]	pen	0=pen down, 1=pen up
[9]	pressure	firmware calculated pressure value
[10]-[15]	reserved	

10. Appendix A – Dimensional drawings

See:

http://www.lcdinfo.com/usbd480/documentation/USBD480-WQ43_dimensions.pdf

11. Document revision history

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