
AVR069: AVRISP mkII Communication Protocol

Features

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1 Introduction

This document describes the AVRISP mkII protocol. The firmware is distributed with AVR Studio 4.12 or later. Download the latest AVR Studio from the Atmel web site, <http://www.atmel.com/products/AVR/>.

The definition of all commands, responses, parameters and other defined values can be found in chapter 6.1.

All device specific values can be found in the XML part description files. See chapter 4 for how to find the parameter values for AVRISP mkII.

Figure 1-1. AVRISP mkII



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2 USB Communication

The communication between the AVRISP mkII and the PC is done through its USB interface. The USB interface utilizes two bulk endpoints; one IN and one OUT. The USB descriptors can be found in chapter 6.2.

2.1 Packet Format

The PC sends commands to the AVRISP mkII, which responds with an answer. Each command will generate an answer.

Both commands and answers can be larger than the maximum packet size for the bulk endpoints, so a command or answer can be split into several IN/OUT packets. A *short packet* indicates the end of a command or answer.

The commands and their respective answers are described in chapter 3.

2.2 USB Driver

In order to communicate with the AVRISP mkII, a driver must be installed on the host computer. A driver can be written from scratch or by using a driver development kit.

AVR Studio 4 bundles a USB driver licensed from Jungo (www.jungo.com). By obtaining a license from Jungo, 3rd party software can access the same driver as AVR Studio. The user can then use both AVR Studio and other tools without changing drivers.

Note: Firmware upgrades for AVRISP mkII can only be uploaded with the dedicated upgrade software bundled with AVR Studio. This requires that the driver supplied with AVR Studio to be installed.

3 Commands

This section describes all commands that can be entered to the AVRISP mkII, and all the possible responses that each command can give back to the host.

For all commands, the AVRISP mkII will return an answer with an answer ID that is equal to the command ID. The first byte in a command is always the command ID, the first byte in an answer is always the answer ID.

3.1 General Commands

3.1.1 CMD_SIGN_ON

This command returns a unique signature string for the AVRISP mkII with this implementation of the protocol.

Table 3-1. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_SIGN_ON | Command id |

Table 3-2. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------------|----------|---------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_SIGN_ON | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | This command will always return STATUS_CMD_OK |
| Signature length | 1 byte | 10 | Length of signature string |
| | 10 bytes | "AVRISP_MK2" | The signature string (not null terminated) |

3.1.2 CMD_SET_PARAMETER

The host can set a multitude of parameters in the AVRISP mkII. See the 3.4: Parameters for a description of each parameter. All parameters are one-byte values.

Table 3-3. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|--------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_SET_PARAMETER | Command id |
| Parameter ID | 1 byte | | |
| Value | 1 byte | | |

Table 3-4. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_SET_PARAMETER | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK or STATUS_CMD_FAILED | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

3.1.3 CMD_GET_PARAMETER

The host can also read different parameters from the AVRISP mkII.

Table 3-5. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|--------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_GET_PARAMETER | Command id |
| Parameter ID | 1 byte | | Which parameter to get |

Table 3-6. Answer format if command succeeds

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_GET_PARAMETER | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | A status value indicating success |
| Signature length | 1 byte | | The parameter value |

Table 3-7. Answer format if fails

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_GET_PARAMETER | Answer id |





| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|--------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_FAILED | A status value indicating that the operation failed. |

The only reason for the operation to fail is that an illegal parameter is requested.

3.1.4 CMD_OSCCAL

This command performs a calibration sequence as described in application note AVR053.

Table 3-8. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_OSCCAL | Command id |

Table 3-9. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_OSCCAL | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK or STATUS_CMD_FAILED | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

3.1.5 CMD_LOAD_ADDRESS

This command will load an address into the AVRISP mkII. The next Program Flash, Read Flash, Program EEPROM or Read EEPROM command will operate from the address set with this command. The command is used in all programming modes. All the abovementioned commands will increment an internal address counter, so this command needs only to be sent once.

Table 3-10. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|---------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_LOAD_ADDRESS | Command id |
| Address | 4 bytes | | The address, four bytes, MSB first |

For word-addressed memories (program flash), the Address parameter is the word address.

If bit 31 is set, this indicates that the following read/write operation will be performed on a memory that is larger than 64KBytes. This is an indication to AVRISP mkII that a *load extended address* must be executed. See datasheet for devices with memories larger than 64KBytes.

Table 3-11. Answer format.

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_LOAD_ADDRESS | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | This command will always return STATUS_CMD_OK |

3.1.6 CMD_FIRMWARE_UPGRADE

When the host is trying to connect to the programmer, it checks the firmware version. A firmware upgrade is initiated if a newer version is available on the PC.

The AVRISP mkII can “reboot” into upgrade mode by using this command.

Table 3-12. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|--------------|---------|----------------------|---|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_FIRMWARE_UPGRADE | Command id |
| Parameter ID | 9 bytes | "fwupgrade" | String to enable upgrade mode (not null terminated) |

Table 3-13. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_FIRMWARE_UPGRADE | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK or STATUS_CMD_FAILED | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

If the status returned is STATUS_CMD_OK, the AVRISP mkII will disconnect and enter upgrade mode.

3.1.7 CMD_RESET_PROTECTION

This command resets the short circuit protection system after a short circuit state has been returned by the PARAM_STATUS_TGT_CONN.

Table 3-14. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|----------------------|-------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_RESET_PROTECTION | Command id |

Table 3-15. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|----------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_RESET_PROTECTION | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | This command will always return STATUS_CMD_OK |

3.2 ISP Programming Commands

These commands handles FLASH, EEPROM, fuse bytes, lock bits, signature and oscillator calibration programming in ISP mode.

3.2.1 CMD_ENTER_PROGMODE_ISP

This command will make the target device enter programming mode.

XML path: /AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS/STK500_2/IspEnterProgMode/

Table 3-16. Command form

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-------|------|-------|-------------|
|-------|------|-------|-------------|





| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_ENTER_PROG_MODE_ISP | Command id |
| timeout | 1 byte | XML: timeout | Command time-out (in ms) |
| stabDelay | 1 byte | XML: stabDelay | Delay (in ms) used for pin stabilization |
| cmdexeDelay | 1 byte | XML: cmdexeDelay | Delay (in ms) in connection with the EnterProgMode command execution |
| synchLoops | 1 byte | XML: synchLoops | Number of synchronization loops |
| byteDelay | 1 byte | XML: byteDelay | Delay (in ms) between each byte in the EnterProgMode command. |
| pollValue ⁽¹⁾ | 1 byte | XML: pollValue | Poll value: 0x53 for AVR, 0x69 for AT89xx |
| pollIndex | 1 byte | XML: pollIndex | Start address, received byte: 0 = no polling, 3 = AVR, 4 = AT89xx |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Command Byte # 1 to be transmitted |
| cmd2 | 1 byte | | Command Byte # 2 to be transmitted |
| cmd3 | 1 byte | | Command Byte # 3 to be transmitted |
| cmd4 | 1 byte | | Command Byte # 4 to be transmitted |

Note: 1. The pollValue parameter indicates after which of the transmitted bytes on the SPI interface to store the return byte, as the SPI interface is implemented as a ring buffer (one byte out, one byte in)

Table 3-17. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|---|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_ENTER_PROG_MODE_ISP | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_TOUT, STATUS_CMD_OK or STATUS_CMD_FAILED | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

3.2.2 CMD_LEAVE_PROGMODE_ISP

This command will make AVRISP mkII leave programming mode. The device will be put into normal operating mode.

XML path: /AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS/AVRISP mkII_2/IspLeaveProgMode/

Table 3-18. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_LEAVE_PROGMODE_ISP | Command id |
| preDelay | 1 byte | XML: preDelay | Pre-delay (in ms) |
| postDelay | 1 byte | XML: postDelay | Post-delay (in ms) |

Table 3-19. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-------|------|-------|-------------|
|-------|------|-------|-------------|

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|------------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_LEAVE_PROGMODE_ISP | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | This command will always return STATUS_CMD_OK |

3.2.3 CMD_CHIP_ERASE_ISP

This command will perform a chip erase on the target device.

XML path: /AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS/STK500_2/IspChipErase/

Table 3-20. Command form

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|--------------------|--|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_CHIP_ERASE_ISP | Command id |
| eraseDelay | 1 byte | XML: eraseDelay | Delay (in ms) to ensure that the erase of the device is finished |
| pollMethod | 1 byte | XML: pollMethod | Poll method, 0 = use delay= use RDY/BSY command |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Chip erase command byte #1 |
| cmd2 | 1 byte | | Chip erase command byte #2 |
| cmd3 | 1 byte | | Chip erase command byte #3 |
| cmd4 | 1 byte | | Chip erase command byte #4 |

Table 3-21. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_CHIP_ERASE_ISP | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK or STATUS_CMD_TOUT | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

3.2.4 CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP

This command will program data into the FLASH memory of the target device if it succeeds.

XML path: /AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS/STK500_2/IspProgramFlash/

Table 3-22. Command form

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|-----------------------|--|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP | Command id |
| NumBytes | 2 byte | | Total number of bytes to program, MSB first |
| mode | 1 byte | XML: mode * | Mode byte* |
| delay | 1 byte | XML: delay | Delay, used for different types of programming termination, according to mode byte |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Command 1 (Load Page, Write Program Memory) |





| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-------|---------|---------------|--|
| cmd2 | 1 byte | | Command 2 (Write Program Memory Page) |
| cmd3 | 1 byte | | Command 3 (Read Program Memory) |
| poll1 | 1 byte | XML: pollVal1 | Poll Value #1 |
| poll2 | 1 byte | XML: pollVal2 | Poll Value #2 (not used for flash programming) |
| Data | N bytes | | N data |

*Mode byte

The *mode* parameter is essential for how this command works. The bits in the mode byte have the following meanings:

| Bit # | Description | Mode |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Word/Page Mode (0 = word, 1 = page) | |
| 1 | Timed delay | |
| 2 | Value polling | Word Mode |
| 3 | RDY/BSY polling | |
| 4 | Timed delay | |
| 5 | Value polling | |
| 6 | RDY/BSY polling | Page Mode |
| 7 | Write page | |

The *Word/Page Mode* bit selects if the device supports page programming or not.

The command bytes are different for word and page mode. In word mode, the ISP commands *Write Program Memory* and *Read Program Memory* are used. In page mode, *Load Page*, *Write Program Memory Page* and *Read Program Memory* are used. The read instruction is used if *Value Polling* is specified in the mode bit. The Low/High byte selection bit (3rd bit in the Load Page, Write Program Memory commands) is handled by AVRISP mkII, so leave this bit cleared.

According to the mode, different termination methods are selected – *Timed delay*, *Value polling* or *RDY/BSY polling*.

For paged operation, the *Write page* bit decides if a *Write Program Memory Page* command should be issued after the data has been loaded into the page buffer. For devices with page size bigger than what can be transferred to AVRISP mkII in one command, several *CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP* commands must be issued. In such a case, only the last command should have the Write Page mode bit set.

NOTE: Only bit 0-6 are set in the XML file, because bit 7 is not constant and must be controlled by the PC software.

When *value polling* is used to determine when a programming operation is complete, *poll1* must be supplied. This value indicates which value will be read from the device until the programmed value is read. This indicates end of programming. *poll2* is used only for EEPROM programming.

Table 3-23. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|---|---|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP | Answer id |
| Status | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK, STATUS_CMD_TOUT or STATUS_RDY_BSY_TOUT | A status value indicating the result of the operation |

3.2.5 CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP

This command will read data from the FLASH memory of the target device if it succeeds.

XML path: /AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS/ STK500_2/IspReadFlash/

Table 3-24. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|---------|--------------------|--|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP | Command id |
| NumBytes | 2 bytes | XML: blockSize | Total number of bytes to read, MSB first |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Read Program Memory command byte #1. Low/High byte selection bit (3rd bit) is handled in the FIRMWARE. |

Table 3-25. Answer format if the command is executed

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|---------|--------------------|--|
| ANSWER ID | 1 byte | CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP | Answer id |
| STATUS1 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | Indicates success. Will always read OK |
| DATA | N bytes | | The data read from the device |
| STATUS2 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | A status value indicating the result of the operation. Will always read OK |

Table 3-26. Answer format if the command was not executed

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ANSWER ID | 1 byte | CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP | Answer id |
| STATUS | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_FAILED | Indicates failure |

3.2.6 CMD_PROGRAM_EEPROM_ISP

See the CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP command.

3.2.7 CMD_READ_EEPROM_ISP

See the CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP command.

3.2.8 CMD_PROGRAM_FUSE_ISP

This command programs the fuses of the target device.





Table 3-27. Command form

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_PROGRAM_FUSE_ISP | Command id |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #1 |
| cmd2 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #2 |
| cmd3 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #3 |
| cmd4 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #4 |

Note: cmd1, cmd2, cmd3 and cmd4 are the four bytes of the low-level program fuse ISP command.

Table 3-28. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_PROGRAM_FUSE_ISP | Answer id |
| Status1 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | Will always read OK |
| Status2 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | Will always read OK |

3.2.9 CMD_READ_FUSE_ISP

This command reads the fuses of the target device.

Table 3-29. Command form

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_READ_FUSE_ISP | Command id |
| RetAddr | 1 byte | XML: pollIndex | Return address |
| cmd1 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #1 |
| cmd2 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #2 |
| cmd3 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #3 |
| cmd4 | 1 byte | | Command Byte #4 |

Note: RetAddr indicates after which of the transmitted bytes on the SPI interface to store the return byte, as the SPI interface is implemented as a ring buffer (one byte out, one byte in)

Table 3-30. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_READ_FUSE_ISP | Answer id |
| Status1 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | A status value indicating the result of the operation, always OK |
| data | 1 byte | | The fuse byte read from the device |
| Status2 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | A status value indicating the result of the operation, always OK |

3.2.10 CMD_PROGRAM_LOCK_ISP

See CMD_PROGRAM_FUSE. This command is basically the same as the program fuse command, only that ISP commands for programming the lock byte must be supplied.

3.2.11 CMD_READ_LOCK_ISP

See CMD_READ_FUSE. This command is basically the same as the read fuse command, only that ISP commands for reading the lock byte must be supplied.

3.2.12 CMD_READ_SIGNATURE_ISP

See CMD_READ_FUSE. This command is basically the same as the read fuse command, only that ISP commands for reading one of the signature bytes must be supplied.

3.2.13 CMD_READ_OSCCAL_ISP

See CMD_READ_FUSE. This command is basically the same as the read fuse command, only that ISP commands for reading the OSCCAL byte must be supplied.

3.2.14 CMD_SPI_MULTI

This is a generic command that can be used to execute any of the ISP commands. The command writes a number of bytes to the SPI bus, and returns a number of bytes.

Table 3-31. Command format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Command ID | 1 byte | CMD_SPI_MULTI | Command ID |
| NumTx | 1 byte | 0-255 | Number of bytes to transmit |
| NumRx | 1 byte | 0-255 | Number of bytes to receive |
| RxStartAddr | 1 byte | | Start address of returned data. Specifies on what transmitted byte the response is to be stored and returned. |
| TxDATA | 0-255 bytes | | The data to be transmitted. The size is specified by NumTx |

Note:

If the number of bytes to receive is greater than number of bytes to transmit, then the firmware will pad with the necessary 0x00 bytes. This is in order to save time-consuming transfer from PC to the programmer.

Table 3-32. Answer format

| Field | Size | Value | Description |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Answer ID | 1 byte | CMD_SPI_MULTI | Answer id |
| Status1 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | Will always read OK |
| data | 0-255 bytes | | The data read from the ISP bus as indicated in the command |
| Status2 | 1 byte | STATUS_CMD_OK | Will always read OK |





3.3 Return Values

This section describes all possible return values and their meaning in detail.

3.3.1 Success

Table 3-33. Success

| Value | Meaning |
|---------------|---------------------|
| STATUS_CMD_OK | Command executed OK |

3.3.2 Warnings

All warnings have MSB set to 1 and MSB-1 set to 0.

Table 3-34. Success

| Value | Meaning |
|--------------------------|---|
| STATUS_CMD_TOUT | Command timed out |
| STATUS_RDY_BSY_TOUT | Sampling of the RDY/nBSY pin timed out |
| STATUS_SET_PARAM_MISSING | The 'Set Device Parameters' have not been executed in advance of this command |

3.3.3 Errors

All errors have MSB and MSB-1 set to 1.

Table 3-35. Success

| Value | Meaning |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| STATUS_CMD_FAILED | Command failed |
| STATUS_CMD_UNKNOWN | Unknown command |

3.4 Parameters

The following parameters can be read and/or written by the CMD_GET_PARAM and CMD_SET_PARAM commands.

Table 3-36. Success

| Value | Meaning | R/W |
|-------------------------|--|-----|
| PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_LOW | Firmware build number, high byte | R |
| PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_HIGH | Firmware build number, low byte | R |
| PARAM_HW_VER | Hardware version | R |
| PARAM_SW_MAJOR | Firmware version number, major byte | R |
| PARAM_SW_MINOR | Firmware version number, minor byte | R |
| PARAM_VTARGET | Target Voltage | R |
| PARAM_SCK_DURATION | ISP SCK duration | R/W |
| PARAM_RESET_POLARITY | Active low or active high RESET handling | W |
| PARAM_STATUS_TGT_CONN | Status of target connection | R |
| PARAM_DISCHARGEDELAY | Delay with higher resistance of reset line | W |

3.4.1 PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_LOW

The PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_LOW and PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_HIGH together return a number that is incremented for each build of the firmware. This number is mainly for ATMEL internal use.

3.4.2 PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_HIGH

See PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_LOW.

3.4.3 PARAM_HW_VER

Returns a hardware revision number.

3.4.4 PARAM_SW_MAJOR

The PARAM_SW_MAJOR and PARAM_SW_MINOR returns the firmware version.

3.4.5 PARAM_SW_MINOR

See PARAM_SW_MAJOR.

3.4.6 PARAM_VTARGET

The parameter value is voltage in volts x10, i.e. a parameter value of 42 (decimal) corresponds to 4.2V.

3.4.7 PARAM_SCK_DURATION

When using the ISP programming interface, the ISP clock frequency must not exceed what the target device supports. (The maximum ISP clock frequency depends on the device system clock, internal clock division etc.)

The AVRISP mkII supports ISP frequencies from 51 Hz up to 8.0 MHz. The value for PARAM_SCK_DURATION can be found using the algorithm shown in chapter 6.3.

3.4.8 PARAM_RESET_POLARITY

The AVRISP mkII can program both AT90 (AVR) family and AT89 (8051) family of microcontrollers. They have different RESET pin polarity. The AVR has active low reset, while the AT89 has active high.

This parameter sets the polarity of the reset signal. Set the parameter to 1 when programming AVRs, and 0 when programming AT89 controllers.

NOTE: AVRISP mkII stores this parameter in EEPROM, so they are available the next time power is applied to the programmers.

3.4.9 PARAM_STATUS_TGT_CONN

This parameter returns the status of the target connection. Each bit has a separate status. See table below:

Table 3-37. Success

| Bit value | Status |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 0x00 | STATUS_ISP_READY |
| 0x01 | STATUS_CONN_FAIL_MOSI |
| 0x02 | STATUS_CONN_FAIL_RST |





| Bit value | Status |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 0x04 | STATUS_CONN_FAIL_SCK |
| 0x10 | STATUS_TGT_NOT_DETECTED |
| 0x20 | STATUS_TGT_REVERSE_INSERTED |
| 0x00 | STATUS_ISP_READY |

The corresponding bit will be set '1' to indicate an error.

That is, if a line is short-circuited, if target is not detected or the plug is inserted with a reverse orientation.

If the value 0x00 is returned it means the connection is ok.

If any *_CONN_FAIL_* bit is set, the command CMD_RESET_PROTECTION must be issued.

The parameter should be checked before starting a programming sequence to check if target connection is correct.

It should also be checked after a programming sequence if the command failed to check if the operation failed because of a short circuit.

A short circuit can only be detected after the command Enter Progmode has been issued, because the control circuits of the AVRISP mkII is isolated via switches when the AVRISP mkII is in idle mode.

3.4.10 PARAM_DISCHARGEDELAY

This parameter sets a time period for which the reset line has a higher resistance for each time it is toggled.

The purpose is to reduce the maximum current caused by the discharge/recharge of a decoupling capacitor connected to the reset pin.

When the reset is toggled a resistor of 510ohm will be switched in, which reduces the peak current to an acceptable level for the internal components of the AVRISP mkII.

The delay should be set to: $t > 510\text{ohm} \times C$

If no capacitor is connected this parameter could be set to 0.

4 XML Parameter Values

The AVRISP mkII firmware uses parameters extensively for its programming algorithms. All AVR devices have their own set of parameters. They can be found in part description files installed with AVR Studio. The part description files are XML files and can be found in the folder

`... \Atmel\AVR Tools\PartDescriptionFiles\`

Figure 4-1. XML file example: ATmega2561.xml

| Structure | Values |
|------------------|--|
| AVRPART | [CORE:MEMORY:ADMIN:INTERRUPT...] |
| MODULE_LIST | |
| CORE | |
| MEMORY | |
| ADMIN | |
| INTERRUPT_VECTOR | |
| FUSE | |
| LOCKBIT | |
| PACKAGE | |
| POWER | |
| PROGVOLT | |
| PROGRAMMING | |
| IO_MODULE | |
| ICE_SETTINGS | [ICE50:JTAGICEmkII:SIMULATOR:S... |
| MODULE_LIST | |
| ICE50 | |
| JTAGICEmkII | |
| SIMULATOR | |
| STK500_2 | |
| IspEnterProgMode | timeout stabDelay cmdexeDelay synchLoops byteDelay pollIndex pollValue |
| IspLeaveProgMode | |
| IspChipErase | |
| IspProgramFlash | |
| TcnProgramEeprom | |

Open the XML file in an XML editor/viewer (e.g XML Notepad or Internet Explorer). All device specific values for AVRISP mkII are located under STK500_2 node. For parameters for e.g. the CMD_ENTER_PROGMODE_ISP command, look at the node

```
/AVRPART/ICE_SETTINGS_STK500_2/IspEnterProgMode
```

5 Command Sequence Example

This chapter contains examples of how to connect to the AVRISP mkII from the PC Frontend and how to read signature from a device.

See chapter 3 for a description of the commands and parameters.

5.1 Connect

The sequence of commands and parameters sent from AVR Studio to the AVRISP mkII in order to connect is listed below.

- CMD_SIGN_ON
- CMD_GET_PARAMETER, PARAM_HW_VER





- CMD_GET_PARAMETER, PARAM_SW_MAJOR
- CMD_GET_PARAMETER, PARAM_SW_MINOR

5.2 Read Signature

The sequence of commands and parameters sent from AVR Studio to the AVRISP mkII in order to read the device signature through ISP is listed below. Note that one already has to be connected to do this.

- CMD_SET_PARAMETER, PARAM_RESET_POLARITY
- CMD_GET_PARAMETER, PARAM_STATUS_TGT_CONN
- CMD_ENTER_PROGMODE_ISP
- CMD_READ_SIGNATURE_ISP
- CMD_READ_SIGNATURE_ISP
- CMD_READ_SIGNATURE_ISP
- CMD_LEAVE_PROGMODE_ISP

6 Appendix

6.1 Commands and parameters

```
// *** [ General command constants ] ***

#define CMD_SIGN_ON          0x01
#define CMD_SET_PARAMETER     0x02
#define CMD_GET_PARAMETER     0x03
#define CMD_OSCCAL            0x05
#define CMD_LOAD_ADDRESS       0x06
#define CMD_FIRMWARE_UPGRADE   0x07
#define CMD_RESET_PROTECTION    0x0A

// *** [ ISP command constants ] ***

#define CMD_ENTER PROGMEM_ISP 0x10
#define CMD_LEAVE PROGMEM_ISP 0x11
#define CMD_CHIP_ERASE_ISP    0x12
#define CMD_PROGRAM_FLASH_ISP 0x13
#define CMD_READ_FLASH_ISP     0x14
#define CMD_PROGRAM EEPROM_ISP 0x15
#define CMD_READ EEPROM_ISP    0x16
#define CMD_PROGRAM FUSE_ISP   0x17
#define CMD_READ FUSE_ISP      0x18
#define CMD_PROGRAM LOCK_ISP   0x19
#define CMD_READ LOCK_ISP      0x1A
#define CMD_READ SIGNATURE_ISP 0x1B
#define CMD_READ OSCCAL_ISP    0x1C
#define CMD_SPI_MULTI           0x1D

// *** [ Status constants ] ***
// Success
#define STATUS_CMD_OK          0x00

// Warnings
#define STATUS_CMD_TOUT         0x80
#define STATUS_RDY_BSY_TOUT     0x81
#define STATUS_SET_PARAM_MISSING 0x82

// Errors
#define STATUS_CMD_FAILED        0xC0
```





```
#define STATUS_CMD_UNKNOWN          0xC9

// *** [ Parameter constants ] ***
#define PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_LOW      0x80
#define PARAM_BUILD_NUMBER_HIGH     0x81
#define PARAM_HW_VER                0x90
#define PARAM_SW_MAJOR               0x91
#define PARAM_SW_MINOR               0x92
#define PARAM_VTARGET                0x94
#define PARAM_SCK_DURATION           0x98
#define PARAM_RESET_POLARITY         0x9E
#define PARAM_STATUS_TGT_CONN        0xA1
#define PARAM_DISCHARGEDELAY         0xA4

// Status
#define STATUS_ISP_READY             0x00
#define STATUS_CONN_FAIL_MOSI        0x01
#define STATUS_CONN_FAIL_RST          0x02
#define STATUS_CONN_FAIL_SCK          0x04
#define STATUS_TGT_NOT_DETECTED      0x10
#define STATUS_TGT_REVERSE_INSERTED   0x20
```

6.2 USB Descriptors

Table 6-1. Device Descriptor

| Name | Value | Hex |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| bLength | Valid | 0x12 |
| bDescriptorType | DEVICE | 0x01 |
| bcdUSB | 1.1 | 0x0110 |
| bDeviceClass | Vendor-specific | 0xFF |
| bDeviceSubClass | Vendor-specific | 0x00 |
| bDeviceProtocol | None | 0x00 |
| bMaxPacketSize0 | 16 | 0x10 |
| idVendor | Atmel Corporation | 0x03EB |
| idProduct | 0x2104 | 0x2104 |
| bcdDevice | 2.0 | 0x0200 |
| iManufacturer | 1 | 0x01 |
| iProduct | 2 "AVRISP mkII" | 0x02 |
| iSerialNumber | 3 | 0x03 |
| bNumConfigurations | 1 | 0x01 |

Table 6-2. Configuration descriptor

| Name | Value | Hex |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| bLength | Valid | 0x09 |
| bDescriptorType | CONFIGURATION | 0x02 |
| wTotalLength | 32 bytes | 0x0020 |
| bNumInterface | 1 | 0x01 |
| bConfigurationValue | 1 | 0x01 |
| iConfiguration | 0 | 0x00 |
| bmAttributes. Reserved | Zero | 0x00 |
| bmAttributes. RemoteWakeup | Not supported | 0x0 |
| bmAttributes. SelfPowered | Yes | 0x1 |
| bmAttributes. Reserved7 | One | 0x1 |
| bMaxPower | 200 mA | 0x64 |

Table 6-3. Interface descriptor

| Name | Value | Hex |
|---------------------|-----------------|------|
| bLength | Valid | 0x09 |
| bDescriptorType | INTERFACE | 0x04 |
| blInterfaceNumber | 0 | 0x00 |
| bAlternateSetting | 0 | 0x00 |
| bNumEndpoints | 2 | 0x02 |
| blInterfaceClass | Vendor-specific | 0xFF |
| blInterfaceSubClass | Vendor-specific | 0x00 |
| blInterfaceProtocol | None | 0x00 |
| ilInterface | 0 | 0x00 |

Table 6-4. Endpoint descriptor IN

| Name | Value | Hex |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| bLength | Valid | 0x07 |
| bDescriptorType | ENDPOINT | 0x05 |
| bEndpointAddress | 2 IN | 0x82 |
| bmAttributes. TransferType | Bulk | 0x2 |
| bmAttributes. Reserved | Zero | 0x00 |
| wMaxPacketSize | 64 bytes | 0x0040 |
| blInterval | Ignored for Bulk endpoints | 0x0A |

Table 6-5. Endpoint descriptor OUT

| Name | Value | Hex |
|-----------------|----------|------|
| bLength | Valid | 0x07 |
| bDescriptorType | ENDPOINT | 0x05 |





| Name | Value | Hex |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| bEndpointAddress | 2 OUT | 0x02 |
| bmAttributes. TransferType | Bulk | 0x2 |
| bmAttributes. Reserved | Zero | 0x00 |
| wMaxPacketSize | 64 bytes | 0x0040 |
| blInterval | Ignored for Bulk endpoints | 0x0A |

6.3 Setting SCK Frequency

The AVRISP mkII supports the SCK frequencies shown in `avrismkIIfreqs` below. Use the `CalcSckDur()` algorithm to find the `PARAM_SCK_DURATION` value for a given frequency:

```
// frequencies for AVRISP mkII ISP programming
double avrismkIIfreqs[] = {
    8000000, 4000000, 2000000, 1000000, 500000, 250000, 125000,
    96386, 89888, 84211, 79208, 74767, 70797, 67227, 64000,
    61069, 58395, 55945, 51613, 49690, 47905, 46243, 43244,
    41885, 39409, 38278, 36200, 34335, 32654, 31129, 29740,
    28470, 27304, 25724, 24768, 23461, 22285, 21221, 20254,
    19371, 18562, 17583, 16914, 16097, 15356, 14520, 13914,
    13224, 12599, 12031, 11511, 10944, 10431, 9963, 9468,
    9081, 8612, 8239, 7851, 7498, 7137, 6809, 6478, 6178,
    5879, 5607, 5359, 5093, 4870, 4633, 4418, 4209, 4019,
    3823, 3645, 3474, 3310, 3161, 3011, 2869, 2734, 2611,
    2484, 2369, 2257, 2152, 2052, 1956, 1866, 1779, 1695,
    1615, 1539, 1468, 1398, 1333, 1271, 1212, 1155, 1101,
    1049, 1000, 953, 909, 866, 826, 787, 750, 715, 682,
    650, 619, 590, 563, 536, 511, 487, 465, 443, 422,
    402, 384, 366, 349, 332, 317, 302, 288, 274, 261,
    249, 238, 226, 216, 206, 196, 187, 178, 170, 162,
    154, 147, 140, 134, 128, 122, 116, 111, 105, 100,
    95.4, 90.9, 86.6, 82.6, 78.7, 75.0, 71.5, 68.2,
    65.0, 61.9, 59.0, 56.3, 53.6, 51.1
};

UCHAR CalcSckDur(long sckFrequency)
{
    UCHAR paramSckDuration;

    // Default to slowest value
    paramSckDuration = (UCHAR)sizeof(avrismkIIfreqs)-1;

    // Find first frequency that is less than the requested
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(avrismkIIfreqs); i++)
    {
```

```
    if (avrismkIIIfreqs[i] <= sckFrequency)
    {
        paramSckDuration = i;
        break;
    }
}

return paramSckDuration;
}
```





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