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# National Semiconductor LM75 Digital Temperature Sensor

Using the LM75 with an 8-bit microcontroller  $I^2C$  interface.

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### The LM75

What exactly is the LM75

#### Overview

The LM75 was created by National Semiconductor Corporation to fill a crying need in the PC industry for detecting over temperature conditions in a personal computer. This device has a built-in 9 bit ADC that will convert the analog thermal reference to a digital value usable by the PC. But for this document we are going to explore how to access this device using a Atmel 89C4051 flash microcontroller using the MCS Electronics BASCOM-8051 basic language compiler.

Communication with the LM75 is through the  $I^2C$  interface (created by the Phillips Corporation). This is a 2-wire communications protocol used to communicate serially with various types of devices similarly configured. The LM75, designed as a 'slave' device, can be configured through the  $I^2C$  interface to alert, through various methods, the PC system that an over temperature condition has happened.

At certain times, direct quotations or excerpts of the LM75 Datasheet<sup>1</sup> will be reproduced in this document. The information will be displayed with a gray background, and will contain the page of the LM75 Datasheet. The LM75 Datasheet will, at all times, be the sole authority. If there is a conflict of information, the LM75 Datasheet will be considered the correct source.

#### Scope

It is the intent of this document to show the relative ease to which the LM75 Digital Temperature Sensor can be utilized. This author has reviewed several programs that use different programming languages to interact with the LM75 DTS. Except for the MCS Electronics BASCOM-8051 Basic Compiler, all other high level languages require a large amount of code to perform a simple task (although the compiled object code is as small as can be). BASCOM-8051 is 99% syntax compatible with Microsoft Qbasic, thus anyone who can program using MS Qbasic can program a microcontroller. MCS Electronics BASCOM-8051 Basic Compiler has built-in commands for handling the I<sup>2</sup>C protocol, making the coding process much easier.

The programming examples given in this document will be presented as subroutines that you can use in your project. Appendix A will contain an example program that will read the temperature from the LM75 DTS and display it on a LCD display module.

#### The LM75

The easiest way to think of the LM75 is as a digital thermal alarm clock. You can read the thermal time, set the thermal alarm, and it's thermal snooze button. You can configure the device to switch on a fan or an audible alarm. As seen in the diagram below the LM75 is a fairly simple device.



Figure 1. Block diagram of LM75 device. (extracted from page 1 of the LM75 Datasheet)

The Lm75 has four registers that you can read and write to, depending upon what you want the device to do. Mostly though, you will be reading the temperature. Upon power up the device is set to the default mode:

- Comparator Mode
- T<sub>OS</sub> = 80° C
- $T_{HYST} = 75^{\circ} C$
- O.S. Active Low
- Pointer = "00"

The LM75 registers are accessible through the  $I^2C$  port. This port is comprised of Pin 1 'SDA' (Serial DAta) and Pin 2 'SCL' (Serial CLock). Also, since this device is addressable (you can have up to eight devices on the  $I^2C$  bus), you have three address pins; Pin 7 'A0', Pin 6 'A1', and Pin 5 'A2'. For purposes of simplicity, A0 to A2 are considered tied to

ground. A thorough reading of the LM75 Datasheet will aquatint you with the operational fundamentals of the device.

There are some apparent errors in the LM75 Datasheet. As stated, the errors are only apparent and not actual. The errors, if they are errors, are in the omission of information. The following is how the information should have been presented:

Address word format: (the waveforms in the LM75 Datasheet are correct)

1	0	0	1	A2	A1	A0	R/W	
MSB							LSB	

- The address for a read function would be 1001XXX1
- The address for a write function would be 1001XXX0

This is the correct way to represent the address word.

Many people who read the LM75 Datasheet often make the mistake of thinking that the registers in the LM75 are accessed as a 16-bit word. Not, as the waveforms clearly delineate, as two 8-bit words, in high byte, low byte, order. So most people make the mistake of using the read word or write word I<sup>2</sup>C function when communicating with the LM75. Although the registers are 16-bit, the access method is 8-bit!

#### **Conclusion:**

In the next section, I will be going through each register and, with code, explain how to access and interpret the information.



## Lm75 I/O

**Basic Communications** 

Ten	Temperature														
D15	D14	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
SGN	MSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	LSB	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
MSB							LSB	MSB							LSB
	High Byte								Low Byte						

In the table above is the accurate way to think of the temperature register. Remember that upon power-up the device is in the default mode, (Pointer = '00') read temperature. With this in mind, lets look at the table above.

The temperature register is 16 bits wide. Only bits D7 through D15 mean anything. The High Byte of the temperature word contains the Sign bit (D15) and the whole value temperature, and the Low Byte contains the fractional temperature (D7). The rest of the bits in the Low Byte have no meaning (D0 to D6).

To read the LM75 temperature will require sending the address and read command to the LM75 and then reading the High Byte and then the Low Byte. In addition, the temperature data is in two's compliment form. This means that when the temperature goes below 0°C the sign bit is set and the data is now a two's compliment of the actual temperature value.

Two's compliment simply means that the information is negated. (Real clear isn't it?) As an example, zero is the compliment of one, and one is the compliment of zero. The compliment of falling down is falling up. Get the picture? The math for it though is a little tricky. In doing the math we loose 1 LSB, so it must be replaced when converting back.

Original	00011001
Compliment	11100111

As seen in the example above the compliment to 00011001 (Hex 19) is 11100111 (Hex E7). But if we negate 11100111 we get 00011000 (Hex 18). But we know that we lost 1 LSB when the conversion was performed, so we just add it back. So 00011000 (Hex 18) +

1 gives us 00011001 (Hex19), the original number. (Believe it or not, this gives first year Computer Science students NIGHTMARES!)

So with the above in mind, lets get to the code! In BASCOM-8051 syntax, you must declare the Subroutines and the variables associated with them.

Declare Sub Readlm75(Lm75addr as Byte)	
Dim Lm75read As Byte	' Read address base
Dim Lm75write As Byte	'Write address base
Dim Lm75addr As Byte	' Lm75 Address
Dim Lm75high As Byte	' Lm75 High Byte
Dim Lm75low As Byte	' Lm75 Low Byte
Dim Lm75sign As Bit	' Lm75 Sign Bit

Now setup the Read and write addresses.

Lm75read = &B10010001 Lm75write = &B10010000

And now the subroutine!

Sub ReadIm75(Lm75Addr)	
Call Setaddr Lm75addr, 0	( Otent the 100 mm and a
l2cstart	' Start the I2C process.
I2cwbyte Lm75read, 8	' Send the LM75 address and read Info.
I2crbyte Lm75high , 8	' Get 8 bits and get ACK from LM75
I2crbyte Lm75low , 9	' Get 8 bits and send NACK to LM75
I2Cstop	' Stop the I2C system
If Lm75high > 127 Then	
Lm75high = Not Lm75high	' Flip the bits Bob!
Incr Lm75high	' Add 1 to the value
Lm75sign = 1	' Yup, we be negative!
End If	
Lm75low = Lm75low And &B10000000	' Mask out the lower 7 bits.
If Lm75Low = &B10000000 Then	
Lm75low = 5	
End If	
Lm75read = &B10010001	' Reset Lm75read
End Sub	

This leaves the variables Lm75high with the whole temperature value, Lm75low with the fractional temperature value, and the Lm75sign bit denoting the polarity of the temperature value.

#### Pointer

<b>P</b> 7	P6	P5	P4	<b>P</b> 3	P2	<b>P1</b>	P0
0	0	0	0	0	0		ister lect

As seen above the Pointer register is 8 bits in length. The Pointer register is used to Point to the register that you would like to read from or write to. The only bits that we need to concern ourselves with are P0 and P1. Bits P2 to P7 are for test purposes only, and a write operation into these registers could damage or destroy the Lm75. So, leave them alone.

The breakdown of the Pointer register is as follows:

P0	<b>P1</b>	Register Pointed To
0	0	Temperature (Read only)(Power-up default)
0	1	Configuration (Read/Write)
1	0	T <sub>HYST</sub> (Read/Write)
1	1	T <sub>os</sub> (Read/Write)

As it is unnecessary to specifically set the pointer before performing a Read/Write operation on a different register as a separate process, I will not create a subroutine to access this register.

#### Configuration

D7	D6	D5	D4 D3		D2	D1	D0
0	0	0	Fau	ult	O.S.	Cmp/Int	Shutdown
			Queue		Polarity		

The Configuration register controls the O.S polarity, whether or not the output is in Comparator or Interrupt mode, fault queue (for noisy environments), and a way to put the device to sleep.

#### **Shutdown Mode:**

To put the device in shutdown mode D0 is set. The device goes into a quiescent but nominally active state and will draw around 1  $\mu$ A. The I<sup>2</sup>C bus remains active and you can still Read/Write the Configuration, T<sub>HYST</sub>, and T<sub>OS</sub> registers. Resetting theis bit will bring the device back up to full operation.

#### **Comparator/Interrupt Mode:**

With D1 = 0 the device is in comparator mode. When the temperature goes above the  $T_{OS}$  value, the O.S. will go low. When the temperature falls below the  $T_{HYST}$  value then the O.S. goes high. This assumes that the Polarity bit is low. With D1=1, the device is in Interrupt mode. When the temperature goes above the  $T_{OS}$  value, the O.S. will start

pulsing low. To reset the Interrupt the temperature must be below  $T_{OS}$  and any device read function will then reset the Interrupt.

#### **O.S. Polarity:**

With D2=0 (default) the O.S. output is Active Low, when D2=1 then O.S. output is Active High.

#### Fault Queue:

D4	D3	Number of Faults
0	0	1 (default)
0	1	2
1	0	4
1	1	6

As the temperature nears the TOS level, any noise will cause the device to false trigger. The Fault Queue allows you to determine how many times a false trigger happens before the device triggers for real.

Now for the code!

Sub Getconfig(Im75addr)	
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2	
I2cstart	
I2cwbyte Lm75write	' Send write address
I2cwbyte &B00000001, 8	'Set Pointer to point to Configuration register
I2cstart	'Restart I2C
I2cwbyte Lm75read	' Send read address
I2crbyte Lm75config , 9	'Read the config register
I2cstop	
Resetpointer	' Reset the pointer to '00'
End Sub	
Sub Setconfig(Im75addr)	
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1	
	' Start I2C
I2cvbyte Lm75write	' Send write address
I2cwbyte &B00000001 , 8	' Set Pointer to point to Configuration register
I2cwbyte Lm75config	' Send the Lm75config byte to write
I2cstop	Gend the Lini Sconing byte to white
Resetpointer	' Reset the pointer to '00'
End Sub	

### $T_{os}$ and $T_{HYST}$

D15	D14	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
SGN	MSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	LSB	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
MSB							LSB	MSB							LSB
	High Byte										Low	Byte			

#### T<sub>OS</sub> Register

D15	D14	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
SGN	MSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	LSB	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
MSB							LSB	MSB							LSB
	High Byte								Low Byte						

T<sub>HYST</sub> Register

The  $T_{OS}$  and  $T_{HYST}$  registers are exactly like the Temperature register except that you can write to them. Everything that pertains to the temperature register pertains to the  $T_{OS}$  and  $T_{HYST}$  registers.

On power-up the TOS register contains &B010100000000000 (Hex 5000) or 80°C. And the THYST register contains &B010010110000000 (Hex 4800) or 75°C. The following four subroutines will show how to set and get data on these registers.

Sub Gettos(Im75addr)	
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2	
I2cstart	
I2cwbyte Lm75write	' Send write address
I2cwbyte &B00000011, 8	' Set Pointer to Tos
I2cstart	
I2cwbyte Lm75read	' Send read address
I2crbyte Lm75toshi , 8	' Read Tos high byte
I2crbyte Lm75toslo , 9	' Read Tos low byte
I2cstop	
Resetpointer	' Reset the pointer to '00'
End Sub	
Sub Settos(Im75addr)	
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1	
I2cstart	
I2cwbyte Lm75write	' Send write address
I2cwbyte &B00000011	' Set Pointer to Tos
I2cwbyte Lm75toshi	' Send Tos high byte
I2cwbyte Lm75toslo	' Send Tos low byte
I2cstop	

Resetpointer End Sub	' Reset the pointer to '00'		
Sub Getthyst(Im75addr)			
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2			
I2cstart			
I2cwbyte Lm75write	' Send write address		
I2cwbyte &B00000010 , 8	' Set pointer to Thyst		
I2cstart			
I2cwbyte Lm75read	' Send read address		
I2crbyte Lm75thysthi, 8	' Read Thyst high byte		
I2crbyte Lm75thystlo, 9	' Read Thyst low byte		
I2cstop			
Resetpointer	' Reset the pointer to '00'		
End Sub			
Sub Setthyst(Im75addr)			
Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1			
I2cstart			
I2cwbyte Lm75write	'Send write address		
I2cwbyte &B0000010	' Set pointer to Thyst		
I2cwbyte Lm75thysthi	' Send Thyst high byte		
I2cwbyte Lm75thystlo	' Send Thyst low byte		
I2cstop			
Resetpointer	' Reset the pointer to '00'		
End Sub			

#### **Conclusion:**

Well, that's it! Not as hard as you were thinking was it. Using the  $I^2C$  interface code in BASCOM-8051 makes accessing and controlling the LM75 a snap.

Appendix A contains the full core code file, along with a schematic of a circuit that will work with the code. All you need to do now is complete the program to read and write to the LM75.



### LM75 Core Code

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' Program Name	: Lm75Full.bas						
' Program Date	: October 15,1999						
' Program Written By	y : M. Akers Enterprises						
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' Program Purpose	' Program Purpose : This program will demonstrate how to interface to,						
' and communicate With The National Semiconductor LM75							
,	Digital '	Temperature Sensor.					
' Target Processor	: Atmel 890	252					
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' Programmer							
		Initial creation of program.					
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' Define the processor	-	goes here!)					
\$regfile = "8052.DA	AT"						
' Define all meta-com	mands that mus	t beinserted before all other commands.					
' Define all subroutin	nes						
Declare Sub Readlm	75(lm75addr As	Byte)					
Declare Sub Getcon:	fig(lm75addr A	s Byte)					
Declare Sub Setcon:	Eig(lm75addr A	s Byte)					
Declare Sub Gettos	(lm75addr As B	yte)					
Declare Sub Settos	(lm75addr As B	yte)					
Declare Sub Gethys	t(lm75addr As 1	Byte)					
Declare Sub Sethys	t(lm75addr As 1	Byte)					
Declare Sub Setadd	r(lm75addr As 🛛	Byte , Flagrw As Byte)					
Declare Sub Resetpo	pinter()						
Declare Sub Val2ter	mp(lm75tmphi A	s Byte , Lm75tmplo As Byte , Lm75tmpsign As Bit)					
' Define all variables	s and constants	5					
Dim Lm75read As By	te	' Read address base					
Dim Lm75write As By	yte	' Write address base					
Dim Lm75addr As By	te	' Lm75 Address					
Dim Lm75high As By	te	' Lm75 Temperature High Byte					
Dim Lm75low As Byte	e	' Lm75 Temperature Low Byte					
Dim Lm75sign As Bit		' Lm75 Temperature Low Byte ' Lm75 Temperature Sign Bit					
-		' Lm75 Configuration					
-	Yim Lm75config As Byte     ' Lm75 Configuration       Yim Lm75toshi As Byte     ' Lm75 Tos high byte						
Dim Lm75toslo As B		' Lm/5 Tos high byte ' Lm75 Tos low byte					
Dim Lm75tossign As		' Lm75 Tos sign bit					
Dim Lm75thysthi As		' Lm75 Thyst high byte					
Dim Lm75thystlo As	_	' Lm75 Thyst low byte					
Dim Lm75thystsign A	-	' Lm75 Thyst sign bit					
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Dim Flagrw As Byte
                                                ' Read/Write Flag
   Dim Lm75tmphi As Byte
                                                ' Lm75 Temp hi byte
   Dim Lm75tmplo As Byte
                                                ' Lm75 Temp lo byte
   Dim Lm75tmpsign As Bit
                                                ' Lm75 Temp sign bit
' Define all Configurations and Pin assignments
   Config Sda = P1.0
   Config Scl = P1.1
  Config I2cdelay = 1
  Config Lcd = 40 * 4
   Config Lcdpin , Db4 = P1.4 , Db5 = P1.5 , Db6 = P1.6 , Db7 = P1.7 , E = P1.3 , Rs = P1.2
' Initialize variables as needed.
  Lm75read = &B10010001
   Lm75write = &B10010000
' Program start.
Start:
Goto Start
'Program end.
' Begin subroutine section.
Sub Readlm75(lm75addr)
  Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 0
   I2cstart
                                                ' Start the I2C process.
  I2cwbyte Lm75read
                                                ' Send the LM75 address and read Info.
  I2crbyte Lm75high , 8
                                                ' Get 8 bits and get ACK from LM75
  I2crbyte Lm75low , 9
                                                ' Get 8 bits and send NACK to LM75
                                                ' Stop the I2C system
  I2cstop
   Call Val2temp Lm75high , Lm75low , Lm75sign ' Convert the value (if needed)
  Lm75high = Lm75tmphi
   Lm75low = Lm75tmplo
  Lm75sign = Lm75tmpsign
  Lm75read = &B10010001
                                                ' Reset Lm75read
End Sub
Sub Getconfig(lm75addr)
  Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2
  T2cstart
   I2cwbyte Lm75write
                                                ' Send write address
   I2cwbyte &B0000001 , 8
                                                ' Set pointer register to point
                                                ' at the configuration register.
   I2cstart
                                                ' Restart I2C
   I2cwbyte Lm75read
                                                ' Send read address
   I2crbyte Lm75config , 9
                                                ' Read the config register
   I2cstop
   Resetpointer
                                                ' Reset the pointer to '00'
End Sub
Sub Setconfig(lm75addr)
  Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1
   I2cstart
                                                ' Start I2C
  I2cwbyte Lm75write
                                                ' Send write address
   I2cwbyte &B0000001 , 8
                                                ' Set Pointer to point to Config register
   I2cwbyte Lm75config
                                                ' Send the Lm75config byte to write
   I2cstop
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Resetpointer ' Reset the pointer to '00' End Sub Sub Gettos(lm75addr) Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2 I2cstart ' Send write address I2cwbyte Lm75write I2cwbyte &B00000011 , 8 ' Set Pointer to Tos I2cstart I2cwbyte Lm75read ' Send read address I2crbyte Lm75toshi , 8 ' Read Tos high byte I2crbyte Lm75toslo , 9 ' Read Tos low byte I2cstop Resetpointer ' Reset the pointer to '00' End Sub Sub Settos(lm75addr) Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1 I2cstart I2cwbyte Lm75write ' Send write address ' Set Pointer to Tos I2cwbyte &B00000011 I2cwbyte Lm75toshi ' Send Tos high byte I2cwbyte Lm75toslo ' Send Tos low byte I2cstop Resetpointer ' Reset the pointer to '00' End Sub Sub Getthyst(lm75addr) Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 2 I2cstart ' Send write address I2cwbyte Lm75write I2cwbyte &B00000010 , 8 ' Set pointer to Thyst I2cstart I2cwbyte Lm75read ' Send read address ' Read Thyst high byte I2crbyte Lm75thysthi , 8 I2crbyte Lm75thystlo , 9 ' Read Thyst low byte I2cstop Resetpointer ' Reset the pointer to '00' End Sub Sub Setthyst(lm75addr) Call Setaddr Lm75addr , 1 I2cstart I2cwbyte Lm75write ' Send write address I2cwbyte &B0000010 ' Set pointer to Thyst I2cwbyte Lm75thysthi ' Send Thyst high byte I2cwbyte Lm75thystlo ' Send Thyst low byte I2cstop Resetpointer ' Reset the pointer to '00' End Sub Sub Setaddr(lm75addr , Flagrw) If Lm75addr <> 0 Then Lm75addr = Lm75addr \* 2' Shift the address 1 bit left Select Case Flagrw ' Add the offset to the read address Case 0 : Lm75read = Lm75read + Lm75addr Case 1 : Lm75write = Lm75write + Lm75addr ' Add the offset to the write address Case 2 :

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Lm75read = Lm75read + Lm75addr
                                             ' Add the offset to read and write address
           Lm75write = Lm75write + Lm75addr
         Case Else
     End Select
  End If
End Sub
Sub Resetpointer()
' Only call this routine from within a subroutine that has called Setaddr()!
  I2cstart
  I2cwbyte Lm75write
                                               ' Send write address
  I2cwbyte &B00000000 , 9
                                               ' Set pointer to '00'
  I2cstop
  Lm75read = &B10010001
  Lm75write = &B10010000
End Sub
Sub Val2temp(lm75tmphi , Lm75tmplo , Lm75tmpsign)
' This routine will convert the hi and lo bytes into a temperature value
  If Lm75tmphi > 127 Then
     Lm75tmphi = Not Lm75tmphi
     Incr Lm75tmphi
     Lm75tmpsign = 1
  End If
  Lm75tmplo = Lm75tmplo And &B10000000
  If Lm75tmplo = &B10000000 Then
     Lm75tmplo = 5
  End If
End Sub
Sub Temp2val(lm75tmphi , Lm75tmplo , Lm75tmpsign)
' This routine will convert a temperature value into the prober hi and lo byte values.
  If Lm75tmpsign = 1 Then
     Lm75tmphi = Not Lm75tmphi
     Incr Lm75tmphi
  End If
  If Lm75tmplo <> 0 Then
     Lm75tmplo = &B1000000
  End If
End Sub
' Insert include files here.
' End of subroutines and actual end of program.
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