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Type-C USB Connectors with FTDI Products

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This Technical Note shows schematic examples of using Type-C USB connectors with FTDI products.

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1 Introduction

Type-C USB connectors are often associated with USB power delivery specification where power negotiation may result in power being supplied from the host or the device.

Original USB 2.0 FTDI hardware is not designed to include power delivery, as our ICs always get power from the USB Host. These include the following ICs:

- FT232R/FT245R
- FT-X
- FT232H/FT2232H/FT4232H
- FT260
- FT4222H

However, it’s possible to design original USB 2.0 FTDI hardware with Type-C USB connectors and this document shows how it can be implemented.

FTDI’s latest power delivery products are designed with Type-C and power delivery:

- 1 Power Delivery (PD) Port
  - FT232HP Single Channel IC
  - FT2232HP Dual Channel IC
  - FT4232HP Quad Channel IC

- 2 Power Delivery (PD) Ports
  - FT233HP Single Channel IC
  - FT2233HP Dual Channel IC
  - FT4233HP Quad Channel IC

These Hi-Speed USB devices with Type-C/PD 3.0 controller fully support the latest USB Type-C and Power Delivery (PD) standards enabling support for power negotiation with the ability to sink or source current to a USB host device.

This document shows examples of implementing USB Type-C connectors with these products.

More information on USB Type-C is available through the USB organisation: https://www.usb.org/usbc

Note: No guarantees can be provided in this document. This can be used as a guide only. The product designer is responsible for their own design.
2 USB Type-C Plug and Receptacle

This section shows the Type-C plug / receptacle pinout and signal names for reference.

Figure 2.1 shows the USB Type-C receptacle pinout which is usually on the USB Host side, or what a USB Type C cable connects to.

Note that there are signals required for:

- Two pairs of D+ and D- USB data signals
- CC1 and CC2 (Configuration Channel) signals

![Figure 2.1 USB Type-C Receptacle (Front View)]

Figure 2.2 shows the USB Type-C plug pinout which is on the USB Device side. This plug would connect directly to the USB Type C receptacle on the USB Host.

Note that there are signals required for:

- One pair of D+ and D- USB data signals
- CC (Configuration Channel) which corresponds to CC1 on the receptacle

![Figure 2.2 USB Type-C Plug Interface (Front View)]

Figure 2.3 shows how the USB Type-C connectors physically look with the receptacle on the left and the plug on the right.

![Figure 2.3 USB Type-C Connectors]
3 Type-C with Original FTDI Products

This section shows example schematic snippets for implementing Type-C USB connectors (plug and receptacle) with original FTDI products like FT232R and FT-X series.

With these products, the power is always supplied by the USB Host and not by the USB Device. Up to 500mA is available at 5V.

3.1 USB Plug

Figure 3.1 shows a snippet of a design with FT234X and USB Type-C plug connector.

![Figure 3.1 Type-C Plug with FT234X](image)

Figure 3.2 shows visually how the cables with USB plug look. A PCB mounted USB Type-C plug is used in the design.

![Figure 3.2 Type-C Plug Cable](image)
The main signals of interest are:

- VBUS
- GND
- D+/D- (one pair)
- CC

All other signals can be disregarded as they are not required for USB 2.0 products with no power delivery support when using a USB Plug (as opposed to a USB receptacle).

There are some things to note from this schematic snippet:

- The USB Type-C connector is a plug which connects direct to the USB Type-C receptacle on the Host.
- There should only be one D+/D- connection pair (pins A6 & A7) as the host connector should have both connected as per the USB specification.
- The CC (Configuration Channel) pin (A5) is used to configure the connection and send Power Delivery messages. The CC pin is important as this is only a USB 2.0 IC with no power delivery. This must be pulled down to GND through a 5.1K resistor.
- The edge rate control resistors and capacitors on the USB data lines are shown for the FT234X IC. These are different with other FTDI products. See AN_146 USB Hardware Design Guidelines for FTDI ICs for more information.

As you can see, implementing Type-C from an existing USB2.0 design is straightforward and cheap with exception of the connector, which can be expensive in comparison to original USB Type-A connectors.

Figure 3.3 to Figure 3.6 show schematic snippets of Type-C implementation with other FTDI original products. The same principles apply.
Figure 3.4 Type-C Plug with FT231X

Figure 3.5 Type-C Plug with FT232H

Figure 3.6 Type-C Plug with FT232R
3.2 USB Receptacle

Figure 3.7 shows a snippet of a design with FT230X and USB Type-C receptacle connector.

![Figure 3.7 Type-C Receptacle with FT230X](image)

The main signals of interest are:

- VBUS
- GND
- D+/D- (two pairs)
- CC1 and CC2

All other signals can be disregarded as they are not required for USB 2.0 products with no power delivery support when using a USB Plug as opposed to a USB receptacle.

There are some things to note from this schematic snippet:

- The USB Type-C connector is a receptacle. A USB Type C cable is needed to connect to the USB Host.
- There are two D+/D- pairs connected (pins A6, A7, B6 & B7).
- The CC1 and CC2 (Configuration Channel) pins (A5 & B5) are both pulled down to GND through a 5.1K resistor.
- The edge rate control resistors and capacitors on the USB data lines are shown for the FT230X IC. These are different with other FTDI products. See AN_146 USB Hardware Design Guidelines for FTDI ICs for more information.

As you can see, implementing Type-C receptacle from an existing USB2.0 design is straightforward and cheap with exception of the connector (and USB type C cable), which can be expensive in comparison to original USB Type-A connectors.
4 Type-C (Receptacle) with FT23xHP/FT223xHP/FT423xHP Power Delivery Products

The FT23xHP/FT223xHP/FT423xHP products offer the same functionality as the original FT232H/FT2232H/FT4232H products. They can be used for UART, bit bang, I2C/SPI via MPSSE, etc. The ‘HP’ variants offer additional power delivery functionality. This allows for control of power direction which can be either supplied from the USB Host or the USB device.

The original FT232H/FT2232H/FT4232H products only had the ability to get power from the USB Host (5V at 500mA max).

If your device requires more than 5V at 500mA to be supplied over USB, or if your device currently has its own power supply of up to 20V at 3A which you want to eliminate, you could consider the ‘HP’ products. The ICs support 5V at 3A, 9V at 3A, 12V at 3A, 15V at 3A and 20V at 3A as sink or source. These profiles are configurable through the external EEPROM.

These products fully support the latest USB Type-C and Power Delivery standards enabling support for power negotiation with the ability to sink or source current to a USB host device. The dual PD port controllers support 2 Type-C ports, with PD1 configurable as a power sink or dual role, and PD2 functioning as power sink, suitable in charging through applications. For Single PD port versions, the controller supports 1 Type-C port with Power Delivery sink function.

Table 4.1 shows a summary of all the HP products.

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Table 4.1 HP Product Summary

PD port 1 (which also carries the USB data communication) can switch between the roles of sinking power from the host to power the peripheral and sourcing power to charge the host computer.

PD port 2 is a power sink and can be used to connect an external power source or charger. This can provide power to the peripheral board as well as charging the host via PD port 1.

Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2 show schematic snippets of the Type-C USB Connectors for PD Port 1 and PD Port 2 on the FT233HP. The same principles apply to the FT23xHP and FT423xHP ICs.

This design uses USB Type-C receptacles (not plug) so note the following points:

- There are two connection pairs for the D+ and D- signals
- The CC1 and CC2 signals are connected to the corresponding CC signals on the FT233HP IC.
- On the PD Port 2, the USB data lines are not connected as this is a power sink only.
Figure 4.1 Type-C Receptacle with FT233HP PD Port 1

Figure 4.2 Type-C Receptacle with FT233HP PD Port 2

Reference schematics for the HP product evaluation modules can be found at the following link: https://ftdichip.com/product-category/products/modules/?series_products=66
5 Existing Hardware with Type-C Connectors

Our sister company Connective Peripherals have some USB Type-C cables available which use original FTDI products. These include:

- USB TYPE C High Speed MPSSE
  - Implemented with FT232H
- USB TYPE C High Speed UART
  - Implemented with FT232H
- USB TYPE C Full Speed UART
  - Implemented with FT232R and FT234X
- USB TYPE C Full Speed RS232
  - Implemented with FT230X and FT231X

More information on these products can be found at the following link:
https://connectiveperipherals.com/collections/usb-type-c-cables

FTDI also have FT23xHP/FT223xHP/FT423xHP power delivery modules with USB Type-C connectors available for test, evaluation and reference:
6 Conclusion

This Technical Note has shown examples of how to implement USB Type-C connectors with original FTDI products (e.g., FT232R, FT-X and FT232H). This implementation is straightforward and provides future compatibility as more and more Host PCs have Type-C included on the hardware.

The ‘HP’ power delivery product implementation was also covered. The CC signals are connected to the corresponding signals on the HP ICs which are used for power delivery configuration.
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Document References

All FTDI ICs

Full Speed USB ICs (e.g., FT232R, FT-X, FT260, etc.)

FT23xHP/FT223xHP/FT423xHP ICs

FT232H/FT2232H/FT4232H ICs

High Speed USB Evaluation Modules

Connective Peripherals USB Type-C Cables

AN_146 USB Hardware Design Guidelines for FTDI ICs

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<td>EEPROM</td>
<td>Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory</td>
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