

Simple Reset Circuits for the ST62

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INTRODUCTION

The following circuit schematics show examples of reset circuits for the ST62xx microcontrollers. These circuits range from a very simple solution, which is only efficient at power down, to a circuit providing power up and power down monitoring with a delay at power on. When used with the watchdog Timer and a software implementation, an efficient and reliable reset of the ST62 can be made.

The second part of this note presents a program which takes advantage of the presence of a watchdog inside the ST62 microcontroller to prevent a loss of functions in case of bad or noisy reset input signal.

1 HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATIONS

The RESET signal should not go high if the voltage supply is outside the microcontroller frequency/voltage range

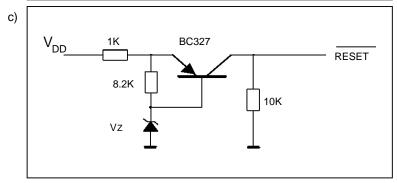
- a) V_{DD} RESET C
- Simple and cost effective, but is active only at power on.
- Needs a delay between two successive power-on cycles to discharge C.
- b)

 VDD

 BC327

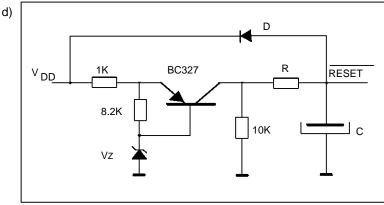
 RESET

 10K
- Reset signal is held low at both Power on and Power off for security.
- Monitored voltage:



- Similar to b), but with slightly more precise voltage switching.
- Monitored voltage:

$$V_s = V_z$$



- Reset signal is held active at both Power on and Power off.
- Delay at Power on and Power off determined by the time constant of RC.
- Monitored voltage:

$$V_s = V_z$$

With the internal configuration of the ST62 I/O pins, the diode d can be externally suppressed.

Software implementation

To prevent a loss of function from a bad or noisy reset input, a software loop lasting approximately 20ms can be implemented immediately after the reset. In this loop, within the first few instructions, the Watchdog Timer is activated with a short time-out delay.

If, during this loop, the ST62 program gets lost due to an incorrect reset, the Watchdog will time-out and provide a further clean reset. This will continue until the program exits the delay with correct operation.

EXAMPLE RESET ROUTINE

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<Software>
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```
start
            ldi wdt,10000011b ; start watchdog for 384uS
            ldi count,0
     n1
            ldi
                 wdt,10000011b
            ldi
                 a,0
     n2
            inc
                 а
                                    i 19 \times 16.25 uS = 338 uS
            cpi
                 a,19
            jrc
                n2
      inc
           count
     ld
           a,count
                                    i = 59 \times 338us = 19.9mS
      cpi
           a,59
      jrc
           n1
; program starts here
; CAUTION, watchdog is now activated forever
     ldi
           wdt,11111111b
      . . .
      . . .
      . . .
     ldi
           wdt,11111111b
      . . .
      . . .
           wdt,11111111b
     ldi
      . . .
      . . .
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