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Section 1
Introduction

Congratulations on purchasing Atmel’s AVR® JTAG ICE. The JTAG ICE is a complete tool for On-chip Debugging on all AVR 8-bit microcontrollers with the JTAG interface. The JTAG interface is a 4-wire Test Access Port (TAP) controller that is compliant with the IEEE 1149.1 standard. The IEEE standard was developed to enable a standard way to efficiently test circuit board connectivity (Boundary Scan). Atmel AVR devices have extended this functionality to include full Programming and On-chip Debugging support. The JTAG ICE uses the standard JTAG interface to enable the user to do real-time emulation of the microcontroller while it is running in the target system.

The AVR On-chip Debug protocol (AVROCD) gives the user complete control of the internal resources of the AVR microcontroller. The JTAG ICE provides emulation capability at a fraction of the cost of traditional emulators.

1.1 Features

- AVR Studio® Compatible
- Supports all AVR Devices with JTAG Interface
- Exact Electrical Characteristics
- Emulates all Digital and Analog On-chip Functions
- Break on Change of Program Flow
- Data and Program Memory Breakpoints
- Supports Assembler and HLL Source Level Debugging
- RS-232 Interface to PC for Programming and Control
- Regulated Power Supply for 9-15V DC Power

The JTAG ICE is supported by AVR Studio version 3.52 or higher. For up to date information on this and other AVR tool products please read the document “avrtools.pdf”. The latest version of AVR Studio, “avrtools.pdf” and this user guide can be found in the AVR section of the Atmel web site, www.atmel.com.
1.2 JTAG ICE and the OCD Concept

This chapter will explain the concept of On-chip Debugging (OCD) used by the JTAG ICE and explain how On-chip Debugging differs from other In-circuit Emulator (ICE).

1.2.1 Emulation vs. OCD

An In-circuit Emulator is a device built to emulate the behavior of a single device or a group of devices. For example, if emulating an ATmega323, the emulator hardware tries to imitate the exact behavior of this device. The closer this behavior is to the actual device the better the emulation will be. Figure 1-2 shows a simplified block diagram of this traditional emulator approach.

![Traditional Emulator Block Diagram](image)

The JTAG ICE uses a different approach. The JTAG ICE interfaces the internal On-chip Debug system inside the target AVR, and provides an interface and a method for monitoring and controlling the execution in a physical AVR device through the JTAG IEEE 1149.1 compliant interface.

The way the JTAG ICE works is as follows: In all AVR devices with JTAG interface there is built-in On-chip Debug logic that the JTAG ICE will interface. This OCD logic can be used to control the execution in the device. So while a traditional Emulator emulates device behavior, the JTAG ICE will take control of the device and execute the code in a physical device. Figure 1-3 shows a block diagram of an OCD system.
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Figure 1-3. JTAG ICE Interfacing the Internal AVR OCD System

Exact electrical and timing characteristics are achieved by using the OCD system. On the other hand, a traditional Emulator may provide additional control of the internal resources of the device. Trace buffer is not implemented on the AVR OCD system.

Note: Some restrictions apply. See the “Special Considerations” section for more information.

When debugging code, it is important to be aware of the way the JTAG ICE operates. In the following subsections, some considerations will be explained.

1.2.2 Run Mode

In Run mode, the code execution is completely independent of the JTAG ICE. The JTAG ICE will continuously poll the target AVR to see if a break condition has occurred. When this happens, the OCD system will read out all necessary data Program Counter, I/O registers, EEPROM, General Purpose registers, and SRAM contents, and transmit this to AVR Studio through the JTAG interface. Since the target AVR device operates independently, there is no way of tracing what code has been executed prior to the breakpoint.

1.2.3 Stopped Mode

When a breakpoint is reached, the program execution is halted, but all I/O will continue to run as if a breakpoint did not occurred. For example, assume that a USART transmit was initiated when a breakpoint is reached. Using a traditional ICE, the operation would be halted, and single stepping through the code would give a cycle accurate bit pattern on the TxD pin. When using the JTAG ICE on the AVR, the USART would continue to run at full speed completing the transmission.

1.2.4 Breakpoints

The AVR OCD system distinguishes between two types of breakpoints; software and hardware breakpoints.

1.2.4.1 Software Breakpoints

A software breakpoint is a break instruction placed in Flash memory. When this instruction is executed, it will break the program execution. When placing a breakpoint on an instruction in AVR Studio, this instruction is physically rewritten as a break instruction in the AVR Flash memory. When reaching this instruction the operation is halted. To continue execution a “start” command has to be given from the OCD logic. When starting the execution, the instruction replaced by software break instruction is executed before continuing to execute instructions from the Flash memory.

1.2.4.2 Hardware Breakpoints

In the OCD logic there are 4 registers capable of storing one memory address each. The JTAG ICE uses one of these registers permanently to implement single stepping. The 3 others can be combined to generate valid break conditions. Section 3.2.4 describes in detail the different ways of combining these registers.

Software breakpoint require reprogramming of the entire page, hardware breakpoints are recommended for breakpoints that are often modified.

1.2.5 I/O Registers

JTAG ICE has limitation in viewing the contents in all I/O locations.

When an AVR device reaches a breakpoint, the contents of all I/O registers are read out and presented in AVR Studio. Reading alters the contents in some registers, these registers will not be read (e.g., Reading USART data register, will clear the RXC bit). See
the “Special Considerations” section to find the complete list of registers that not are accessible through the JTAG ICE OCD system.

1.2.6 Single Stepping

Some registers needs to be read or written within a specified number of cycles after a control signal is enabled. The I/O clock and peripherals continue to run at full speed in stopped mode, single stepping through such code will not meet the timing requirements. For example, when single stepping, the I/O clock might have run for millions of cycles. To read or write registers with such timing requirements, the read or write sequence should be performed as a single operation. Run the device at full speed by using a macro, function call or run-to-cursor.

For detailed information about the “JTAG Interface and On-chip Debug System” see the applicable datasheet.

1.3 Device Support

The JTAG ICE supports all AVR 8-bit Microcontrollers with integrated JTAG functionality. Support for new devices will be added through AVR Studio. Latest version of AVR Studio is available from www.atmel.com.

Figure 1-4. Emulating with JTAG ICE

A list of supported devices can be found in the AVR Studio help system. AVR Studio will automatically prompt the user if there is a newer version of the JTAG ICE firmware.
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Getting Started

2.1 Unpacking the System

The box contains the following items:

- JTAG ICE with Flexcable and a JTAG Adapter Card with two 10-pin connectors
- JTAG ICE User Guide
- 9-pin RS232 Cable
- DC Power Cable
- Atmel CD-ROM with Datasheets and Software

*Figure 2-1. Unpacking the JTAG ICE*

2.2 System Requirements

The minimum hardware and software requirements are:

- 486 Processor (Pentium is recommended)
- 16 MB RAM
- 16 MB Free Hard Disk Space
- Windows® 95/98/2000, or Windows NT® 4.0 or Higher
- 115200 Baud RS-232 Port (COM Port)
- 9-15V DC Power Supply, 60 mA Minimum.
2.3 Connecting JTAG ICE

Before starting AVR Studio, the JTAG ICE must be connected to the front-end PC and target board. All connections must be made before starting AVR Studio to ensure correct auto-detection by AVR Studio.

2.3.1 Connecting JTAG ICE to PC

JTAG ICE uses a standard RS-232 port for communication. Connect the RS-232 cable between the JTAG ICE and a free COM port on the PC. AVR Studio will automatically search through the available COM ports and detect supported tools.

If other devices control the COM ports, they must be shut down before starting AVR Studio. AVR Studio cannot gain control of a COM port if other resources have control of the port (e.g., Modem, IrDA, PDA etc.).

2.3.2 Connecting JTAG ICE to Target Board

A minimum of 6 wires are required to connect JTAG ICE to the target board. These signals are TCK, TDO, TDI, TMS, VTref and GND.

Optional lines are: Vsupply and the nSRST. The nTRST signal is not used, and is reserved for compatibility with other equipment.

- Vsupply should be used if target board supplies power to the JTAG ICE.
- nSRST is used to control and monitor the target reset line. However, this is not necessary for emulation. If the application code sets the JTD bit in the MCUCSR, the JTAG interface will be disabled. To enable the JTAG ICE to reprogram the target AVR, it will need to control of the Reset Pin.

The following examples will assume a 6-wire connection between target and JTAG ICE (shown with solid lines in Figure 2-2).

Figure 2-2 shows which JTAG lines should be connected to the target AVR to ensure correct operation. To avoid drive contention on the lines, place series resistors between the JTAG lines and external circuitry. The value of the resistor should not exceed the maximum ratings and sink or source to much current. See Section 5.4 for a detailed description of the hardware.

**Note:** The JTAG ICE does not support several devices placed into a JTAG Chain. For example, the target AVR must be the only device connected to the JTAG ICE.

**Figure 2-2.** Connecting JTAG ICE to Target Board
2.3.3 Connecting JTAG ICE to STK500

The STK500 does not have a dedicated JTAG interface connector. To connect the JTAG ICE to the STK500 board. The included STK500 JTAG adapter can be used. This adapter supports the ATmega323, ATmega32, and ATmega16. Alternatively, the JTAG Probe must be strapped to the appropriate JTAG Port pins of the target device. Check the target device datasheet for the location of the JTAG pins on the appropriate device. Figure 2-3 shows an example on how the pins should be connected for an ATmega323. Remember to remove the reset jumper on the STK500 if the reset pin is going to be controlled from the JTAG ICE.

Note: The STK501 does have a dedicated JTAG connector.

Figure 2-3. Connecting JTAG ICE to STK500 with ATmega323

2.4 Connecting Power

The JTAG ICE power supply can operate using either an external power supply, or it can be supplied directly from the target board. The power connector works like a switch when choosing between using external or target power. If no external power supply is connected, the board will use the target board as power source. If an external power supply is connected, this will be used instead of the target.

2.4.1 Power from Target Application

When the JTAG ICE is supplied with power from the target VDD some considerations apply:

- Target voltage has to be from 3V to 5.5V.
- Target must be able to supply at least 220 mA @ 3.3V or 120 mA @ 5.5V to the JTAG ICE.

If these requirements cannot be met, an external power supply should be connected to the JTAG ICE.

Table 2-1. Connecting JTAG ICE to STK500 with an ATmega323

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JTAG Probe</th>
<th>STK500</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TCK (Pin 1)</td>
<td>PC2 (Port C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TDO (Pin 3)</td>
<td>PC4 (Port C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TMS (Pin 5)</td>
<td>PC3 (Port C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TDI (Pin 9)</td>
<td>PC5 (Port C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VTref (Pin 4)</td>
<td>VTG</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND (Pin 2)</td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nSRST (Pin 6)</td>
<td>RST (Port E)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Always use an external power supply for the JTAG ICE, if the target power will be cycled during debugging.

Voltage range for the external power supply is shown in Table 2-2.

**Table 2-2.** Voltage Range for the External Power Supply

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Power Requirements</th>
<th>Min</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>Units</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Target VDD Voltage range when supplying the JTAG ICE</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total target VDD Voltage Range</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Target VDD current capability when supplying the JTAG ICE</td>
<td>120 (@5.5V)</td>
<td>220 (@3.3V)</td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>External Power Supply Range DC</td>
<td>9 ( @50 mA)</td>
<td>15 (@60 mA)</td>
<td>VDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>External Power Supply Range AC</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>VAC</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When the JTAG ICE is connected the PC and target board, power may be turned on. The following power up sequence is recommended to ensure proper communication between target AVR, JTAG ICE and AVR Studio.

1. Power up Target board
2. Power up JTAG ICE
3. Start up AVR Studio

If target board is supplying power to JTAG ICE, it will automatically be powered up correctly when powering up the target board.

**Figure 2-4.** Connecting Power

The equipment will not be harmed using a different power up sequence, but communication problems between AVR Studio and the JTAG ICE may occur. If this happens use the recommended power up sequence.
Section 3

Frontend Software

This section will cover all special features and considerations when using On-chip Debugging with AVR Studio and JTAG ICE. General AVR Studio topics are covered in the AVR Studio online help system.

3.1 Installing AVR Studio

AVR Studio with its Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is the ideal software for all AVR development. It has an editor, an assembler and a debugger and is the front-end for all AVR emulators and the JTAG ICE.

To install AVR Studio insert the supplied Atmel CD-ROM in the computer and use your browser to navigate to “Products → AVR 8-bit RISC → Software”. Right click with the mouse on the “AVRstudio3.exe” file and select “save link as”. Select an empty directory and save the file. Execute the “AVRstudio3.exe” file. This is a self-extracting file that will extract all required files to the current directory. Execute the “Setup.exe” file. This file will guide you through the setup process.

Note: AVR Studio version 3.51 or later is required for JTAG ICE support.

The latest release of AVR Studio can be found in the AVR section of the Atmel website, www.atmel.com.

3.2 On-chip Debugging with JTAG ICE

It is assumed that the reader has general knowledge of how to use the AVR Studio software. For more information on general use of AVR Studio, please look in the interactive help system supplied with AVR Studio. This section covers JTAG ICE specific topics only.

3.2.1 Connecting System

Figure 2-4 explains how to connect the system for proper communication between target board, JTAG ICE and AVR Studio.

3.2.2 Starting Software

When the system is correctly connected and powered up, AVR Studio should be launched. Open a project and AVR Studio will search the COM ports for the JTAG ICE. Note that AVR Studio searches through the COM ports in a sequential manner. If other Atmel tools are connected to COM ports, make sure that these are switched off, or disconnected, as AVR studio will look for supported AVR tools, and connect to the first tool it finds.

Note: Make sure no other devices or applications have control of the selected COM port.
The JTAG ICE will then detect if there is power on the target board. If there is power the JTAG ICE will read the JTAG ID (Identification Number) on the target AVR. If the JTAG ICE fails to read the JTAG ID it could be that:

1. The target AVR is not connected to the JTAG ICE.
   Solution: Verify that the JTAG ICE is correctly connected to the target AVR.

2. The JTAG Interface fuse is not enabled on the target AVR.
   Solution: Use another interface (e.g., ISP) to verify that the JTAG fuse set enables.

3. The JTAG Interface fuse is enabled, but the existing application on the target AVR has set the JTD (JTAG Disable) bit in the MCUCSR register.
   Solution: Hold the target AVR in Reset will prevent the JTD bit from being set by the application code. If the Reset line on the target AVR is connected to the JTAG ICE, the JTAG ICE can hold the Reset line during the reprogramming as long as the Hold Reset option is selected.

When the JTAG ID is read successfully, the JTAG ICE will read the lock bit settings. If the lock bits are set the JTAG ICE has to do a Chip Erase on the target AVR before proceeding.

The JTAG ICE will then automatically enable the On-chip Debug fuse on the target AVR. Note that the JTAG ICE will automatically disable the OCD fuse, when the debugging session is finished and the project is closed.

AVR Studio will then present the dialog in Figure 3-1.

Figure 3-1. Options Dialog Shown Prior to the Chip Erase and Programming of the Target AVR

To ensure proper communication between the JTAG ICE and the target AVR, the OCD communication frequency from the JTAG ICE must be equal or less than 1/4 of the target AVR frequency.

There is also an option to change the actual state of the "preserve eeprom bit" setting on the target AVR before the JTAG ICE executes a Chip Erase.

After executing a Chip Erase on the target AVR, the JTAG ICE will release the Reset line if it had previously tied it down.

The code will then be downloaded into the flash. Note that for speed optimization, the flash programming is not verified at this stage.

Based on the JTAG ID from the target AVR, AVR Studio will configure the correct I/O view and settings accordingly.

3.2.3 On-chip Debugger Options
To access the On-chip Debugger Options while debugging use the menu option: Options → On-chip Debugger Options.
3.2.3.1 Run Timers in Stopped Mode

This mode allows the timers to continue running at their normal speed when single stepping through the code. When this box is not checked, the timers will be increased cycle accurate to the stepping through the code.

Press “Connection Options” to enter On-chip Debugger Connection Options.

3.2.3.2 OCD communication frequency

It is important that the OCD communication frequency is set to be maximum 1/4 of the frequency of the target AVR. If the JTAG ICE communicates at a higher speed, than the target AVR; communication will fail. If the user specifies an OCD frequency that is too low, communication will work, but unnecessary delays are introduced.

There is also an option to change the actual state of the preserve EEPROM bit setting on the target AVR.

3.2.4 Hardware Breakpoints

JTAG ICE has a unique breakpoint system that supports breakpoints.

JTAG ICE has a limited number of hardware breakpoints. The 3 general-purpose hardware breakpoints are available. In addition there is a special “break on change of program flow” option, which can be enabled.

The 3 general-purpose hardware breakpoints can be used as:
- 3 general-purpose breakpoints
- 2 general-purpose breakpoints and 1 data breakpoint
- 1 general-purpose breakpoint and 2 data breakpoints
- 1 general-purpose breakpoint and 1 masked SRAM breakpoint
- 1 general-purpose breakpoint and 1 masked Flash breakpoint

Break on change of program flow can be enabled or disabled regardless of which other breakpoint options are used.

AVR Studio will track modes, and will give a warning if too many breakpoints are set.

**Note:** The JTAG documentation states that 4 breakpoints are available. One breakpoint is permanently reserved for single-step, giving the user 3 breakpoints for general use.

3.2.5 Software Breakpoints

Some AVR devices support break instructions. Using break instructions means that the actual instruction is replaced by a break instruction in the Flash memory during debugging. By using break instructions an unlimited number of breakpoints can be used. Since the actual instruction is replaced by a break instruction, the flash page has to be reprogrammed when adding or removing a breakpoint.

The break instructions are slower than hardware breakpoints

Three different options regarding breakpoints are available:
- Automatic, but prefer hardware breakpoints
- Only use hardware breakpoints
- Only use break instructions
Note: Software breakpoints will not work on the ATmega128 if it is set to operate in ATmega103 compatibility mode. That is because the ATmega103 does not support the SPM Instruction.

3.2.5.1 Breakpoint Option 1

In “automatic, but prefer hardware breakpoints mode”, AVR Studio will analyze the breakpoints, and try to place the hardware breakpoints and the Break Instructions in an optimum manner.

3.2.5.2 Breakpoint Option 2

Using the “only use hardware breakpoints” option, only the 3 general purpose breakpoints are available. This is the default mode, and the only available mode for devices without break instruction support in JTAG ICE.

3.2.5.3 Breakpoint Option 3

The “only use break instructions” mode forces AVR Studio to only use break instructions. No hardware breakpoints will be used.

Note: It is recommended to use one of the two other.

3.2.6 General-purpose Breakpoints

A general-purpose breakpoint can be placed anywhere in program code. The JTAG ICE supports source level debugging, and breakpoints can be placed on any assembly or HLL statement in the code. The AVR will break before executing the “break” instruction.

3.2.6.1 Data Memory Breakpoints

The data memory breakpoints can be set to one of three modes; Data memory Read, Data memory Write or Data memory Read or Write. Data breakpoints will work in I/O memory, and SRAM only. It is not possible to set breakpoints in the Register file.

In order to use variable names (e.g., PORTB), the object file needs to include symbolic information. Using symbolic variables is possible if using a C-compiler, or an assembler that includes symbolic information (e.g., EWBAVR, ICCAVR, IAR Assembler). The assembler provided with AVR Studio does not provide symbolic information.

When using Data breakpoints, the AVR will break after executing the instruction causing the break condition.

Figure 3-3. Data Breakpoints

3.2.6.2 Masked Breakpoint

When masked breakpoints are enabled the user must specify the Address base and Address mask. The two registers are bit wise ANDed together to generate valid break conditions. This value is compared to the masked Program Counter or Data Address to see if a valid break condition is present.
By setting a bit position in the mask to zero, that bit position will be don’t care and will generate a valid break regardless if that bit position in the PC or data address is high or low.

By setting a bit position in the mask to one, that bit position will be “locked” so that the corresponding bit position in the PC or data address must be at the same logic level as the bit position in the base address. Figure 3-5 shows the block diagram of how this is implemented.

Figure 3-5. Masked Breakpoints Block Diagram
Consider the following examples:

### Table 3-1. Break Vector Examples

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Address Base</th>
<th>Address Mask</th>
<th>Break Vectors</th>
<th># Break Vectors</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>1111 1111 1111 1111</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>$2^3 = 1$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>1111 1101 1111 1111</td>
<td>1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>$2^1 = 2$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>1111 0000 1111 1111</td>
<td>1010 xxxx 0101 0101</td>
<td>$2^4 = 16$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>1x1x 1x1x x0x0 x0x0</td>
<td>$2^8 = 256$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>1010 1010 0101 0101</td>
<td>0000 0000 0000 0000</td>
<td>xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx</td>
<td>$2^{16} = 65536$</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** $x = \text{don't cares}$

#### 3.2.6.2.1 Example 1
Setting all high in the Mask, will result that only the base address will generate a valid break vector. Only valid Break vector is:

1010 1010 0101 0101

#### 3.2.6.2.2 Example 2
Setting bit 9 in the Mask to zero will give two valid break vectors:

1010 1000 0101 0101
1010 1010 0101 0101

#### 3.2.6.2.3 Example 3
Setting all bits in the mask to zero means that all addresses are valid break vectors, and will thus single step the AVR one instruction at the time.

The control logic will cause a break if the PC or Data address matches a valid break vector. The AVR will cause a break after executing the instruction on the address causing the break condition.

#### 3.2.6.3 Enable Break on Branch/Skip
The “Enable break on branch/skip” is independent of the 3 general-purpose breakpoints.

**Figure 3-6.** Enable Break on Branch/Skip

A change of program memory flow is as any deviation from a linear flow, for example, when executing interrupts, jumps, branches, calls or skip instructions.

A break on change of flow will break after executing the instruction causing the change of flow.
3.2.7  The Processor Window

The Cycle Counter, Time Elapsed, Frequency and StopWatch functionality is not available when using the JTAG ICE. This is a direct result of the nature of the implementation of the On-chip Debug functionality.

3.3  Programming with JTAG ICE

In addition to using the JTAG ICE as an On-chip Debugger, it can also be used as a programmer. The JTAG programming interface is an extension to the familiar STK500 software. Activate the menu option Tools → STK500 to open the programming interface. AVR Studio will search the COM ports for the JTAG ICE. Note that AVR Studio searches through the COM ports in a sequential manner. If other Atmel tools are connected to COM ports, make sure that these are switched off, or disconnected, as AVR studio will look for supported AVR tools, and connect to the first tool it finds.

Make sure no other device or application controls the selected COM port, and that there are no active debugging sessions using the JTAG ICE.

**Caution:** If you disable the JTAG Enable fuse you will not be able to communicate with the target AVR with the JTAG ICE.

To ensure correct programming when using the JTAG interface, the user must perform a Chip Erase before programming the Flash or EEPROM. Remember to disable the “Preserve EEPROM” fuse if you intend to reprogram the EEPROM.

The DOS version of the STK500 does not support the JTAG ICE.

For more information on general use of the programming interface, please look in the interactive help system supplied with AVR Studio.

The JTAG programming user interface is similar to the STK500 programming software, but displays JTAG ICE in the header if the JTAG ICE is detected.

*Figure 3-7.* The JTAG Programming Interface
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**Special Considerations**

When using the JTAG ICE some special considerations should be noted.

#### 4.1 I/O Peripherals

All I/O peripherals will continue to run even though the program execution is stopped by a breakpoint. Example: If a breakpoint is reached during a UART transmission, the transmission will be completed and corresponding bits set. The transmit complete (TXC) flag will be set and will be available on the next single step of the code even though it normally would happen later in an actual device.

All I/O modules will continue to run in stopped mode with the following two exceptions:

- Timer/Counters
- Watchdog Timer

#### 4.1.1 Timer/Counters in Stopped Mode

From the On-chip Debugging options menu the user can decide if the Timer/Counters should continue to run in stopped mode, or if they should be stopped.

#### 4.1.2 Watchdog Timer

The watchdog timer will be halted in stopped mode. This avoids an unintentional AVR reset during stopped mode.

#### 4.2 Single Stepping

The I/O continues to run in stopped mode, avoid timing even though the program execution is stopped.

Example:

```
OUT PORTB, 0xAA
IN TEMP, PINB
```

Code would not read back 0xAA because of latching the data out to the physical pin and then latching it back to the PIN register. A NOP instruction must be placed between the OUT and the IN instruction to ensure that the correct value is present in the PIN register. In the JTAG ICE, however, single stepping through this code will always give 0xAA in the PIN register since the I/O is not stopped but continue to run at full speed giving plenty of time to latch the data both out to the pin and back again.

#### 4.3 Software Breakpoints

Some devices have break instruction support included in the OCD. When using break instructions the following should be noted:

A software breakpoint replaces the original instruction with a break instruction, the Flash page must be reprogrammed every time a software breakpoint is removed or added. This introduces wear on the Flash, and additional delay starting the On-chip Debugging.
### Special Considerations

**Tip:** For debugging sessions that require frequent changing of breakpoint positions avoid using software break instruction, use hardware breakpoints. This will increase the speed and the life of the device.

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<th>Target AVR Reset and Power Down during Debugging</th>
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<td>If JTAG ICE loses power during a debug session, the adapter resets and communication will fail. If the AVR in the target system has an intentional or unintentional power disconnected or is put in a sleep mode like Power-down, AVR Studio will not show the new state until one of the run commands are executed. AVR Studio will then be updated with the current status information.</td>
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<th>4.5</th>
<th>JTAG Relevant Fuse Settings</th>
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<td>There are 2 fuses that must be set for the JTAG ICE to function correctly. This is the JTAG enable fuse and the OCD enable fuse. These fuses are enabled by default when shipped from the factory. If the JTAG Enable fuse is unintentionally disabled, the user can enable the fuse by using one of the other programming interfaces (e.g., ISP). <strong>Note:</strong> AVR Studio will automatically enable the OCD fuse each time a debug session is started and disable it when it is closed.</td>
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<th>Use AVR Studio 3.52 or Higher</th>
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<td>AVR Studio 3.52 or higher is needed to use the JTAG ICE.</td>
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<th>The Message Window</th>
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<td>Tip: The Message window may give important information about what AVR Studio and the JTAG ICE are doing.</td>
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<th>4.8</th>
<th>JTAG ICE Does not Support Devices in a JTAG Chain</th>
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<td>It is not possible to run the JTAG ICE if the target AVR device is connected in a JTAG chain. To ensure correct operation, the JTAG chain should not include other JTAG devices.</td>
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<th>Accessing I/O Registers</th>
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|     | Changes made in AVR Studio on I/O registers will not be physically updated onto the target AVR until performing a Single Step or Run command. When debugging certain I/O registers, caution must be taken not to effect the intended operation of the ADC, UART, and SPI.
  - When debugging the AVR, a conversion result can be lost if reading the ADCL and ADCH through the ACD interface while another conversion is in progress.
  - When debugging the UART, data can be lost when reading the UART data register or charging BAUD rate while UART transmission is in progress.
  - If the SPI status register is changes during a debug session, SPI data may be lost. |

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<th>Alternative JTAG Pin Functions when Using the JTAG Interface</th>
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<td>If the JTAG interface is enabled, the JTAG pins cannot be used for alternative pin functions. They will remain dedicated JTAG pins until either the JTAG interface is disabled by setting the JTAG disable JTD bit in the MCUCSR from the program code, or by clearing the JTAG Enable fuse with a programmer.</td>
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<th>Verifying the Flash</th>
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<td>When debugging with the JTAG ICE the Flash memory will be frequently reprogrammed. Note that for speed optimization JTAG ICE does not automatically verify the success of each programming attempt unless specified.</td>
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Section 5

Hardware Description

5.1 General Board Description

A schematic view of the JTAG ICE is shown in Figure 5-1. This section will give a closer look at the hardware and how it is implemented. Information about how to use the JTAG ICE can be found in Section 3.

Figure 5-1 shows the block diagram of the JTAG ICE. It can be divided into five main modules:

- Communication Module
- Control Module
- Level Converter Module
- Power Supply
- JTAG Adapter

In the following sub-sections the different modules will be explained.

**Figure 5-1. JTAG ICE Block Schematic**

5.2 Communication Module

The JTAG ICE uses a standard RS-232 port for communication with AVR Studio. Figure 5-2 shows the block schematics for the communication module on the JTAG ICE.
5.3 Control Module

The Control Module is responsible for converting the instructions from the front-end software to valid AVROCD instructions for the AVR JTAG Interface. In addition, it monitors and sets up a number of control signals. The block schematic for this module is shown in Figure 5-3.

5.3.1 Status Leds

The JTAG ICE includes three status LEDs as shown in Table 5-1.

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<th>LED</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Indicates Target Power</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>JTAG ICE Power indicator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Indicates data communication over the JTAG interface</td>
</tr>
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Note: When running from external power (9 - 15VDC), both red and green LEDs light.

5.4 Level Converters

The purpose of the Level Converters is to provide successful communication with target boards running at voltages different than the JTAG ICE itself. The target converter is designed to support target voltages from 1.8V to 6.0V.

The JTAG ICE can use an external power supply, or take power directly from the target board. When voltage is taken from the target, valid voltage range is from 3.3V to 5.5V. For Power Supply details, please read the power supply section of this user guide.

The signals between the JTAG ICE board and the target board can be divided in three groups; output signals, input signals, and bi-directional signals.

The JTAG ICE hardware supports more signals than are currently in use. This is done for compatibility reasons with existing and future equipment. In this user guide only the signals routed to the JTAG Adapter will be described. Signals in brackets [name] are implemented, but not used. Signal directions will be given as seen from the Control
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Module. For example, TDI, which is the “Test Data Input” signal will be described as an output since the direction of this signal is from the Control Module to the JTAG Device. A description of implemented and used signals can be found in the JTAG Adapter section. The level converters use a buffer which limits the source and sink currents. The buffer is used in both outputs and inputs. The datasheet on the buffer, 74HC2440, can be found at www.philips.com.

5.4.1 Outputs

The JTAG ICE has implemented the following data output signals: TMS, TDI, TCK, [DBGRQ]. These signal are transmitted through the circuitry shown in Figure 5-4.

*Figure 5-4. Level Converter Output*

![Level Converter Output Diagram](image)

In addition, the nTRST output is implemented. Since this is a slow-changing signal, it is not sent through a pulse shaper line driver like the rest of the outputs. This output will act as an open collector output seen from the target. The block diagram is shown in Figure 5-5.

*Figure 5-5. nTRST Open Collector Output*

![nTRST Open Collector Output Diagram](image)

5.4.2 Inputs

The JTAG ICE has implemented the following data input signal: TDO, [DBGACK, RTCK]. These signals are received through the circuitry shown in Figure 5-6.

*Figure 5-6. Level Converter Input*

![Level Converter Input Diagram](image)

5.4.3 Bi-directional Signals

The only implemented bi-directional signal is the nSRST. This is an open collector output seen from the target. This pin is also an input so that the Control Module may observe a reset initiated on the target. The block diagram for the bi-directional I/O is shown in Figure 5-7.
5.5 Power Supply
The JTAG ICE power supply is implemented as shown in Figure 5-8. For details on considerations when drawing power from the target application, or using an external power supply see Section 2.4.

5.6 JTAG Adapter
The JTAG Adapter is pictured in Figure 5-9. The 2-wire Flexcable connects the JTAG Adapter to the JTAG ICE. The JTAG Adapter has two 10-pin connectors that have identical pinout and signals. Use the one that best fits the target board. Only one of the connectors should be connected at any given time.
Figure 5-10 shows the JTAG connectors as seen from above. The signal is fully described in Table 5-2.

**Table 5-2. JTAG Signals**

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<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Signal</th>
<th>I/O</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>TCK</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Test Clock, clock signal from JTAG ICE to target JTAG port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>TDO</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Test Data Output, data signal from target JTAG port to JTAG ICE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>VT_{ref}</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Target voltage. VDD from target used to control logic-level converter and target power LED indicator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>TMS</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Test Mode Select, mode select signal from JTAG ICE to target JTAG port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>nSRST</td>
<td>Out-/In-put</td>
<td>Open collector output from adapter to the target system reset. This pin is also an input to the adapter so that a reset initiated on the target may be reported to the JTAG ICE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Vsupply</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Supply voltage to the adapter, this connector can be used to supply the adapter with power from a regulated power supply 3 - 5VDC (normally target VDD). This supply voltage input is automatically disconnected when an external power supply is connected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>nTRST</td>
<td>NC(Output)</td>
<td>Not connected, reserved for compatibility with other equipment (JTAG port reset).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>TDI</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Test Data Input, data signal from JTAG ICE to target JTAG port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>Ground.</td>
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Section 6
Technical Specifications

System Unit
Physical Dimensions ........................................... 32 x 115 x 140 mm (H x W x D)
Weight ................................................................. 180 g

Operating Conditions
Target Board Voltage ............................................. 2.7V - 5.5V
Target Frequency Range ....................................... higher than 8 kHz
Max current @ 5.5V target voltage ............................ 150 mA
Max current @ 3.0V target voltage ............................ 250 mA

Connections
Serial Connector .................................................. 9-pin D-SUB Female
Serial Communications Speed ................................. 115200 bits/s
For Technical support, please contact avr@atmel.com. When requesting technical support for JTAG ICE, please include the following information:

- Version number of AVR Studio. This can be found in the AVR Studio help menu.
- Firmware and Hardware version of the JTAG ICE. (Help → about → Info)
- PC processor type and speed
- PC operating system and version
- What target AVR device is used (complete part number)
- A detailed description of the problem