

TPS6598x Utilities Tool User's Guide

ABSTRACT

The TPS6598x Utilities Tool is used to interact with the TPS6598x USB Type-C™ and Power Delivery (PD) controller using the host interface of the device and an external Microsoft Windows® based computer. This document provides instructions for installing and executing a set of Python-generated scripts. The interface provides the user a rich variety of functions for both controlling the TPS6598x device and acquiring device information.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The *TPS6598x Utilities Tool* is used to interact with the TPS6598x USB Type-C™ and PD controller using the host interface of the device and an external Microsoft Windows based computer.

The Python scripts can be used in two primary modes: *TPS6598x Utilities Command Line* and *TPS6598x Utilities GUI*. The *Utilities Command Line* allows the user to invoke one of the text-based Python application scripts through a command window. The *Utilities GUI* allows the user to interface with a front-end Python application, which presents the various debugging functions in a convenient format.

The [TPS65981, TPS65982, and TPS65986 Host Interface Technical Reference Manual](#) is implemented through I²C. To communicate with a Windows system, one of three supported USB-to-I²C/SPI adaptors is required. The three explicitly supported options are the Total Phase Aardvark™ USB-to-SPI/I²C adaptor, an FTDI-based adaptor board, and the USB2.0 Low-Speed Endpoint (USB EP) with a USB Type-C to Type-A adaptor cable. For a complete understanding of the behavior of the TPS65982 firmware, refer to the [TPS65981, TPS65982, and TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide](#).

1.2 Hardware Requirements

The required hardware is listed as follows:

NOTE: The hardware and setup is different depending on the adaptor selected. See [Section 5.2](#) for more information on hardware set up.

- Windows-based PC with at least one USB2.0 (or later) port
- TPS6598x-EVM
- Barrel-jack laptop charger power-supply AC adaptor (20 V)
- USB Standard-A to Type-C passive adaptor cable for USB2.0 Low-Speed Endpoint (USB EP) option
Texas Instruments recommends purchasing a quality-brand cable, such as Belkin.
- Total Phase Aardvark USB-to-SPI/I²C Master adaptor + USB B to A cable + jumper wires or LaunchPad™ EVM to Aardvark adaptor (see [Section 5](#))

1.3 Software Requirements

The TPS6598x debugging scripts are implemented using the Python programming language. The Python language was selected because it is highly portable and well supported. Python allows users to update and execute custom application scripts without the need to recompile.

The required software packages, in addition to the TPS6598x debugging utility files, are bundled into a single windows installer. This installer uses a relocatable distribution of Python (based on WinPython) for simplicity of installation. See [Section 1.4](#) for download instructions using the bundled installer.

If the user chooses to not use the bundled installer, the required components can be downloaded separately. For reference, the software components required for running the TPS6598x Utilities Python scripts are listed as follows:

- Python version 2.7.9 (see [Section 4](#) for separate installation instructions)
- Python modules:
 - crcmmod
 - intelhex
 - simplejson
 - cherrypy
 - WinPython distribution (subset)
 - Relocatable WinPython command prompt
 - Relocatable IDLE editor
- Windows driver and dynamic-link library support for one or both of:

- FTDI-based adaptor
- Total Phase Aardvark USB-to-I²C/SPI Master adaptor
- USB endpoint

1.4 Installation Using Bundled Installer

Download the software from TI’s website, located on the [USB PD Landing Page](#) and the [TPS65982 Product Folder](#). Use the following steps to install the software:

- Step 1. Navigate to either of the links provided and click on the *Tools & Software* tab.
- Step 2. Click the *TPS6598x Host Interface Utility Tool* link.
- Step 3. Click the *Get Software* button on the [TPS6598X Host Interface Utility Tool](#) page.
- Step 4. Complete all the requested information for the U.S. Government export approval, review the terms of agreement, and click *Submit* for approval.

NOTE: Incomplete information will not be approved.

- Step 5. If approved, the user will receive an email with a download link. Click the link to *Download* the configuration tool.
- Step 6. Select the appropriate installer (.exe file) for the operating system of the user's computer.
- Step 7. Run the .exe file and follow the onscreen instructions:
 - The installer defaults to placing all files in the user’s *Program Files* directory. The installed files are relocatable and will run from any location. If a user intends to view and modify the Python scripts, the files can be relocated to a more accessible location such as the PC desktop. The installer adds shortcuts on the *Start Menu* and *Desktop* for accessing both the GUI and command line, regardless of location. See [Table 1](#) for folder descriptions.
 - The bundled installer gives the user the opportunity to launch the installers for the FTDI and USB endpoint drivers. Before installation, TI recommends to first uninstall any previous version of these drivers. See [Figure 1](#) for driver installer options.
 - The bundled installer does not install the Aardvark USB-to-I²C/SPI driver. If the user intends to use the Aardvark, see [Section 5.1](#) for Total Phase Aardvark driver and software installation instructions.

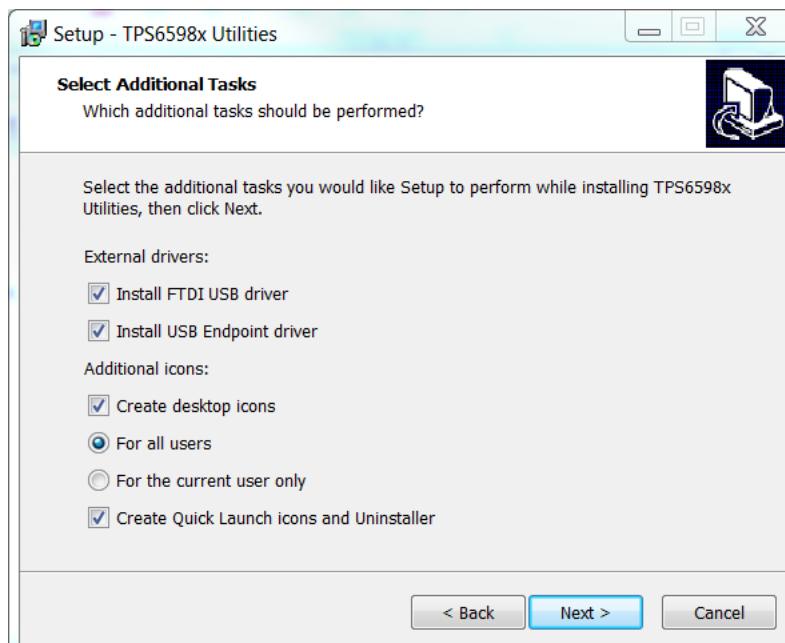


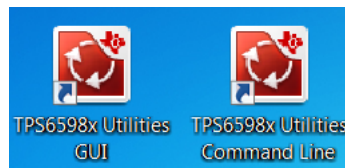
Figure 1. FTDI and USB EP Driver Installation Options

Table 1. TPS6598x Host Interface Python Utility Files

| Folder or File | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| drivers | The Windows USB driver installers for FTDI and USB EP, selectable in the installer (Figure 1). |
| TPS6598x utilities | Primarily comprised of TI-provided Python scripts. The main folder also includes .dll files for Total Phase (see Section 5), .dll files for FTDI. The subfolder html contains the jquery package, which is not TI generated. |
| WinPython-64bit-2.7.10.3 | This is the Python installation used to interpret the TPS6598x utilities Python scripts. |
| readme.txt | Information about the installation of the TPS6598x utilities. |
| uninst000.exe | This file uninstalls the TPS6598x utilities. |

1.5 Features

When installation is complete, two desktop shortcuts are available as shown in Figure 2: *TPS6598x Utilities GUI* and *TPS6598x Utilities Command Line*.


Figure 2. GUI and Command Line Shortcuts

Texas Instruments provides a collection of Python-based scripts for interacting with the TPS6598x device using the host interface accessed through I²C. These scripts can be used in two primary modes:

TPS6598x Utilities Command Line — Gives user the ability to invoke one of the text-based Python application scripts from a command window.

TPS6598x Utilities GUI — Allows the user to interface with a front-end Python application.

The GUI offers a simple, standalone application for viewing and modifying firmware settings through the host interface. The Utilities Command Line and Python scripts allow the user to directly customize behaviors or view examples for performing common tasks. A user seeking a utility for updating firmware will likely find the GUI more useful than the command window. A developer wanting an example for updating firmware, that can be ported to a C-application for an external micro-controller in a custom design, will likely find the scripts more useful.

2 Using the TPS6598x Utilities GUI

2.1 GUI Overview

When opening the TPS6598x Utilities GUI, the user immediately sees the *Welcome* page (see Figure 3). The GUI contains three primary regions: the footer, the page selection pane, and the page display. The footer primarily contains connection status information. The page selection pane, located along the left side of the GUI window, contains buttons that direct the user to pages with various functions. The page display, which represents the majority of the GUI window, shows the page linked to each button within the page selection pane. The location and functionality of each button in the GUI window are listed in Table 2.

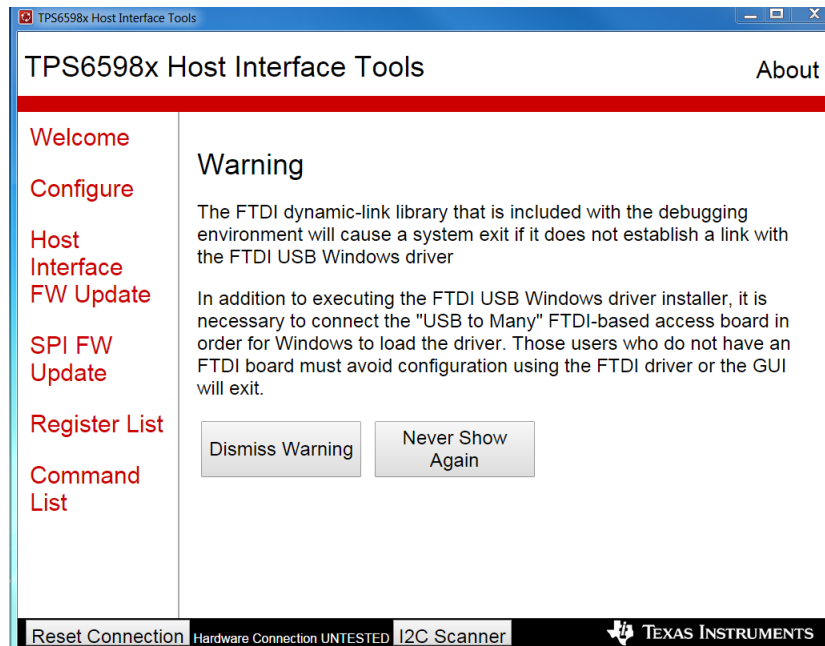


Figure 3. Utilities GUI Application

Table 2. Descriptions of Buttons in GUI Window

| Button | Location | Functionality |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| About | Upper-right corner of window, above red Texas Instruments banner | Details the version and disclaimer information. Contains the forum link to the E2E™ online community. |
| Welcome | Page selection pane | Page display seen when opening GUI. Must click the <i>Dismiss Warning</i> button to see more information. |
| Configure | Page selection pane | Contains functionality to edit configuration settings and test for successful interface. See Section 2.2 for more information. |
| Host Interface FW Update | Page selection pane | Contains functionality to update firmware through I ² C. See Section 2.3.1 for more information. |
| SPI FW Update | Page selection pane | Contains functionality to update firmware through SPI. See Section 2.3.2 for more information. |
| Register List | Page selection pane | Contains functionality to read and write to various registers in the TPS6598x device. See Section 2.4 for more information. |
| Command List | Page selection pane | Contains functionality to execute and read various commands for the TPS6598x device. See Section 2.5 for more information. |
| Reset Connection | Lower-left corner of window in footer | Push this button to test the connection status (located to the right of <i>Reset Connection</i>) ⁽¹⁾ . Connection status possibilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hardware UNTESTED</i>: button has not been pressed. • <i>Hardware DISCONNECTED</i>: last test indicated no connection. • <i>Hardware CONNECTED</i>: last test indicated successful connection. |
| I2C Scanner | Bottom of window in footer | Sweeps through all possible (7-bit) I ² C addresses and returns which ones respond (See Figure 4). User uses returned addresses in the configuration page. Refer to TPS65981 , TPS65982 , and TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide for more information regarding determining I ² C address. |

⁽¹⁾ The user must select *USB-to-I2C/SPI Adaptor* in the *Configure* page before testing connection.

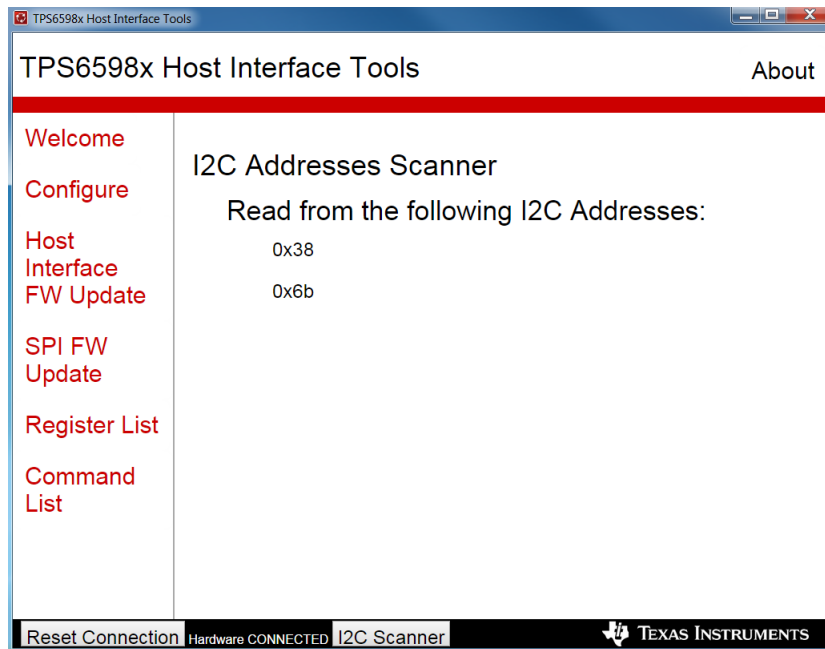


Figure 4. Successful I²C Scan

2.2 Configure

The TPS6598x Utilities Tool can be configured to use the Total Phase Aardvark USB-to-I²C/SPI adaptor, an FTDI-based adaptor, or USB EP (with USB Type-A to Type-C cable). The configuration settings are located in the *Configure* page, which is the second option in the page selection pane (see [Figure 5](#)). Settings for each adaptor option are listed in [Table 3](#).

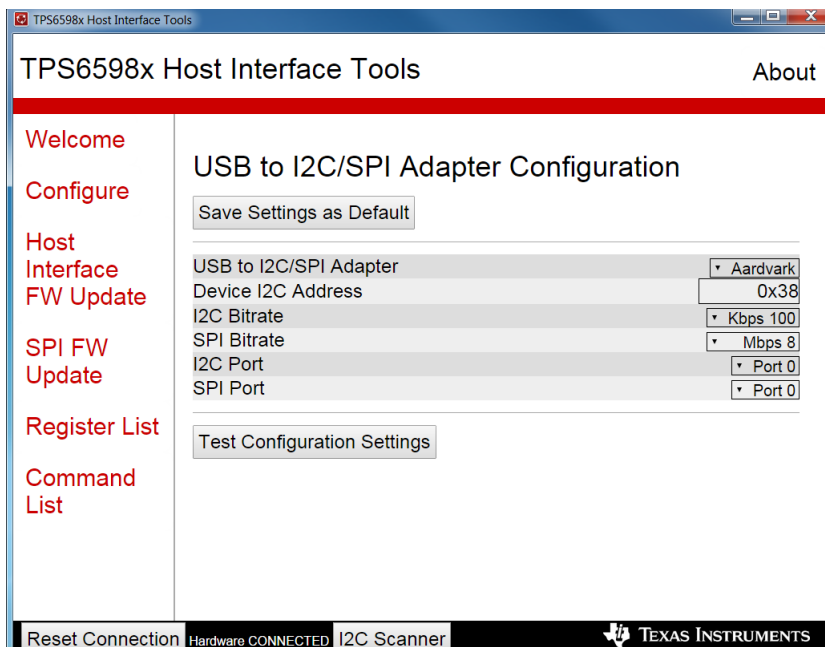


Figure 5. GUI Configuration Page

Table 3. Configuration Settings

| Setting | FTDI | Aardvark | USB EP |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Device I ² C address | 0x38 (Board dependent) | 0x38 (Board dependent) | 0x38 (Board dependent) |
| I ² C bitrate (Kbps) | 400 | 400 | Any Option |
| SPI bitrate (Mbps) | 8 | 8 | Any Option |
| I ² C Port | 1 | 0 | 0 or 1 |
| SPI Port | 0 | 0 | 0 or 1 |

Settings that are changed on the *Configuration* page are effective immediately. However, the settings are not preset during the next session unless the *Save Default Settings* button is clicked. This button actually overwrites the *config.py* file. See [Section 3.1](#) for more detail regarding *config.py* file.

When opening the GUI or changing configuration settings, verify that the configuration settings have resulted in a successful interface. Clicking the *Test Configuration Settings* button can verify a successful interface and read the mode of the TPS6598x device. For more information about modes, refer to the [TPS65981](#), [TPS65982](#), and [TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide](#). Examples of successful configuration tests for each adaptor are shown in [Figure 6](#), [Figure 7](#), and [Figure 8](#).

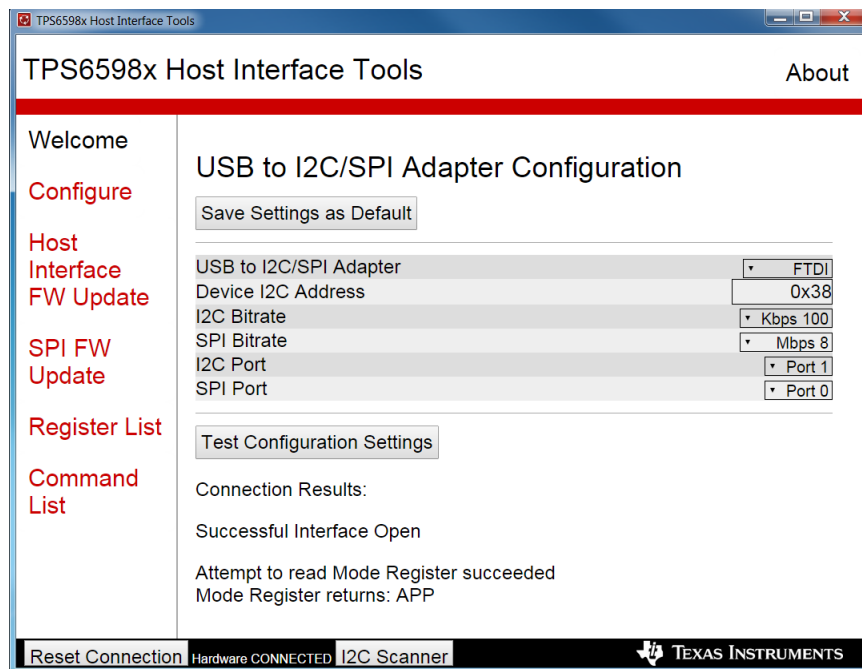


Figure 6. Successful Configuration for FTDI

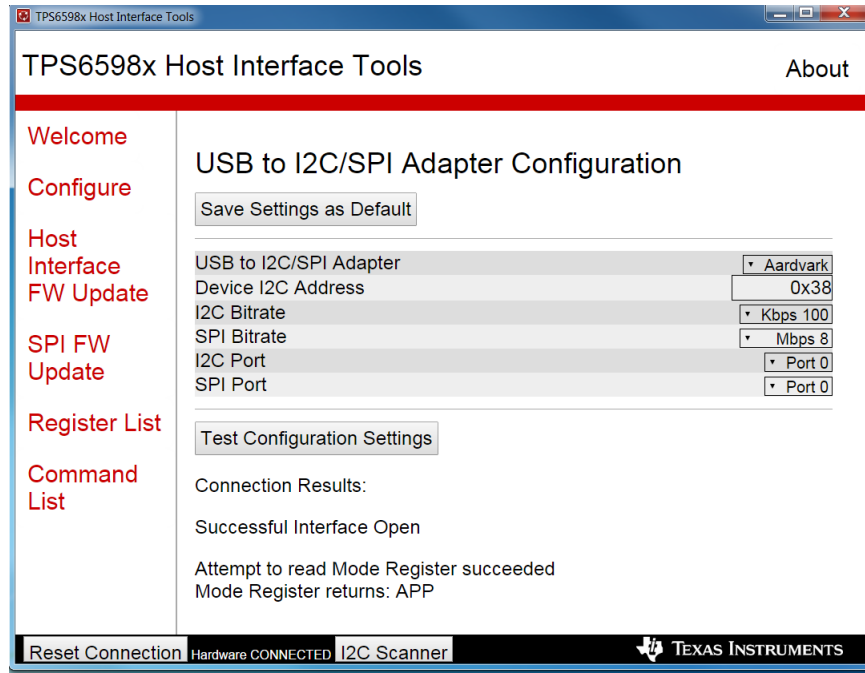
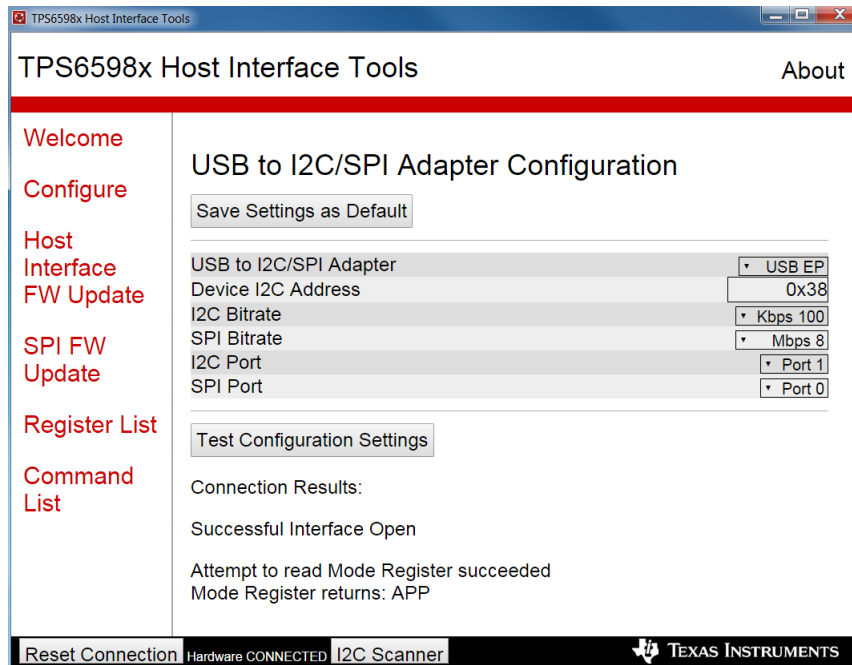


Figure 7. Successful Configuration for Aardvark



To use the USB EP option, the TPS6598x must have firmware that is v. 1.7.5, or later.

Figure 8. Successful Configuration for USB EP

2.3 Firmware Update

The TPS6598x Utilities GUI provides two mechanisms for performing a firmware (FW) update: the host interface FW update and a SPI FW update. Both updates are accessed by clicking the corresponding button on the page selection pane. The host interface FW update mechanism uses the FLxx 4CC commands through the I²C host interface to reprogram the system SPI flash using the TPS6598x device. The SPI FW update mechanism uses the SPI bus to directly program the SPI flash. [Table 4](#) summarizes which adaptors can be used to perform each type of flash update.

Table 4. Adaptor and Firmware Update Compatibility

| Update | Aardvark | FTDI | USB EP |
|--------------------------|----------|------|--------|
| Host interface FW update | √ | √ | √ |
| SPI FW update | √ | √ | x |

2.3.1 Host Interface FW Update (Aardvark, FTDI, or EP)

To use the host interface update, a valid application image must already be loaded onto the TPS6598x device, and a live I²C connection must be made. Upon selecting the *Host Interface FW Update* page from the left-hand pane, the *I2C (Host Interface) Region 0/1 Flash Update* page appears which displays the offset of the high-region and low-region images, the inputs for selecting which region to overwrite, and a button to upload a file (see [Figure 9](#)). A low-region file is a raw application file with a preappended 4K boot header. For more information on boot regions and the low region files, refer to the [TPS65981](#), [TPS65982](#), and [TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide](#).

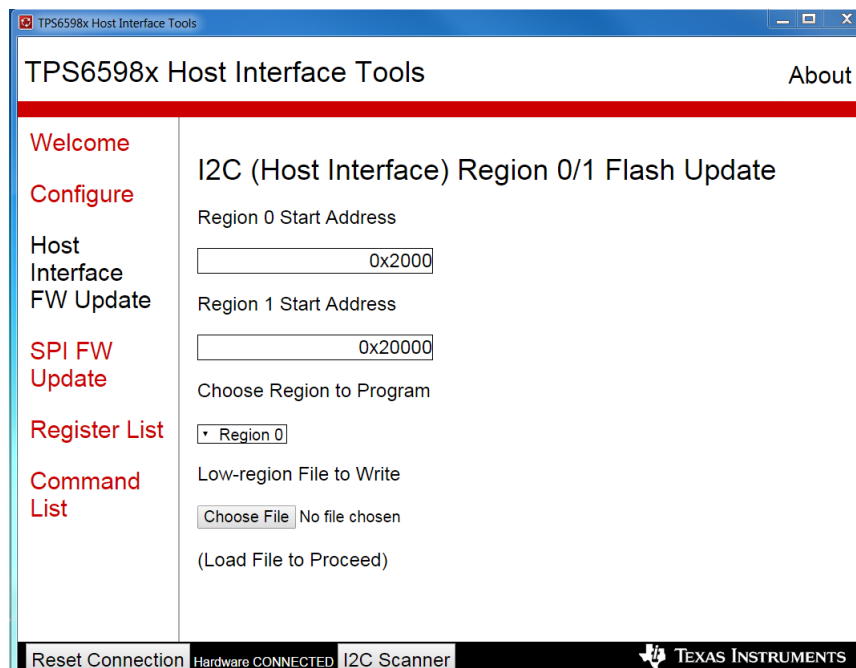


Figure 9. Host Interface FW Update Page

Click the *Choose File* button to browse and select a low-region binary image (.bin file only), which was created using the TPS6598x Configuration GUI (see [TPS6598x Application-Customization Tool User Guide](#)). After a valid file is loaded, the *Program the Region* button is available. Click this button to begin the firmware update. During the flash update, the user is unable to navigate away from the page. To move to another page, the user must click the *Abort Flash Update* button or wait for the flash update to conclude. Upon successful completion of the flash update, the page in [Figure 10](#) is displayed in the page display.

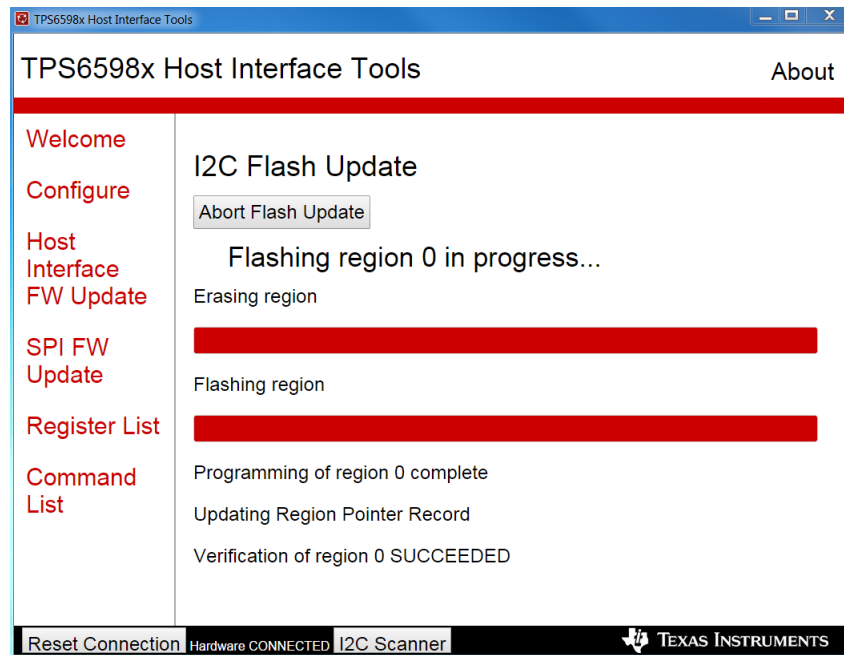


Figure 10. Successful Host Interface Flash Update Using USB EP

2.3.2 SPI FW Update (FTDI or Aardvark)

The *SPI FW Update* page allows the user to directly program a SPI flash image using the SPI bus. Upon selecting the *SPI FW Update* page in the left-hand pane, the *SPI (Direct Flash) Full Flash Update* page appears which allows the user to select and program a full flash image (see Figure 11). This image is written onto the SPI flash at offset 0; therefore, it must be a bootable image with high boot regions, low boot regions, and boot headers. For more information on bootable flash images, refer to the [TPS65981](#), [TPS65982](#), and [TPS65986 Firmware User's Guide](#).

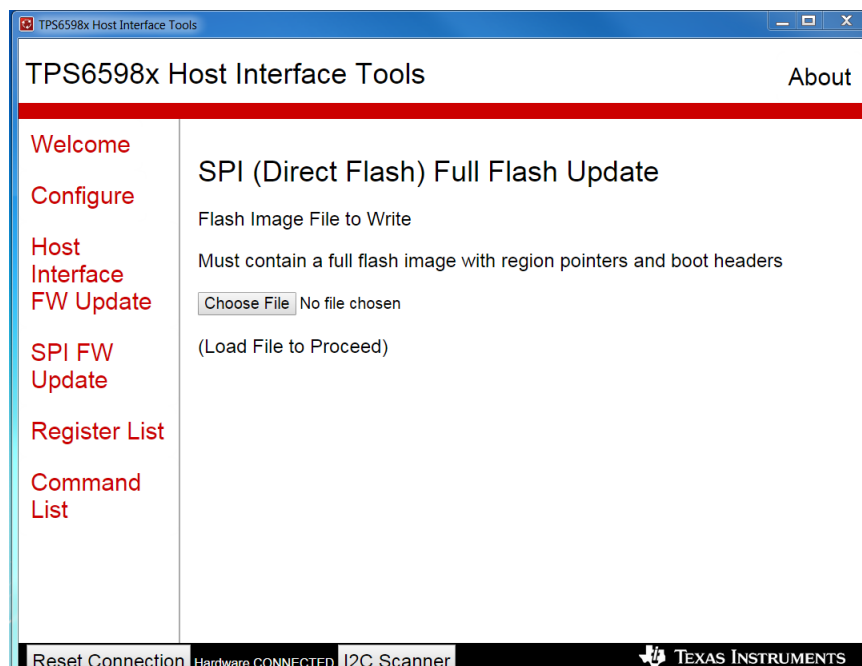


Figure 11. SPI Flash Update Selection

Click the *Choose File* button to browse and select a full flash image (.bin file only), which was created using the TPS6598x Configuration GUI (see the [TPS6598x Application-Customization Tool User Guide](#)). After a valid file is loaded, the *Program Flash Image* button is available. Click this button to begin the firmware update. During the flash update, the user is unable to navigate away from the page. To move to another page, the user must click the *Abort Flash Update* button or wait for the flash update to conclude. Upon successful completion of the flash update, the page in [Figure 12](#) is displayed in the page display.

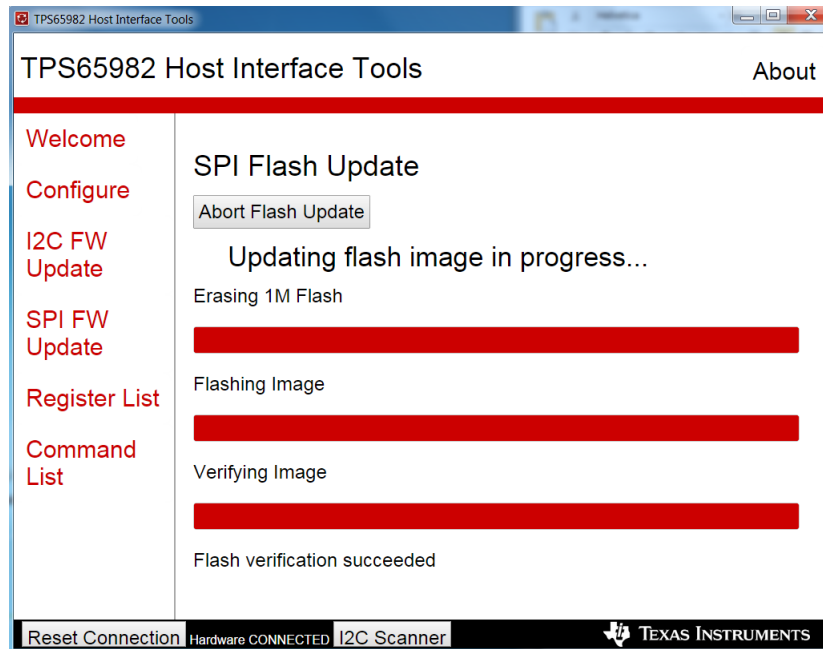


Figure 12. Successful SPI Flash Update

2.4 Register List

The *Register List* page of the TPS6598x Utilities GUI allows the user to access the virtual registers of a TPS6598x device through an I²C connection to the host interface of the device. Upon selecting the *Register List* page in the left-hand pane, the set of buttons is displayed in the page display. This page includes one button for each available virtual register as shown in [Figure 13](#).

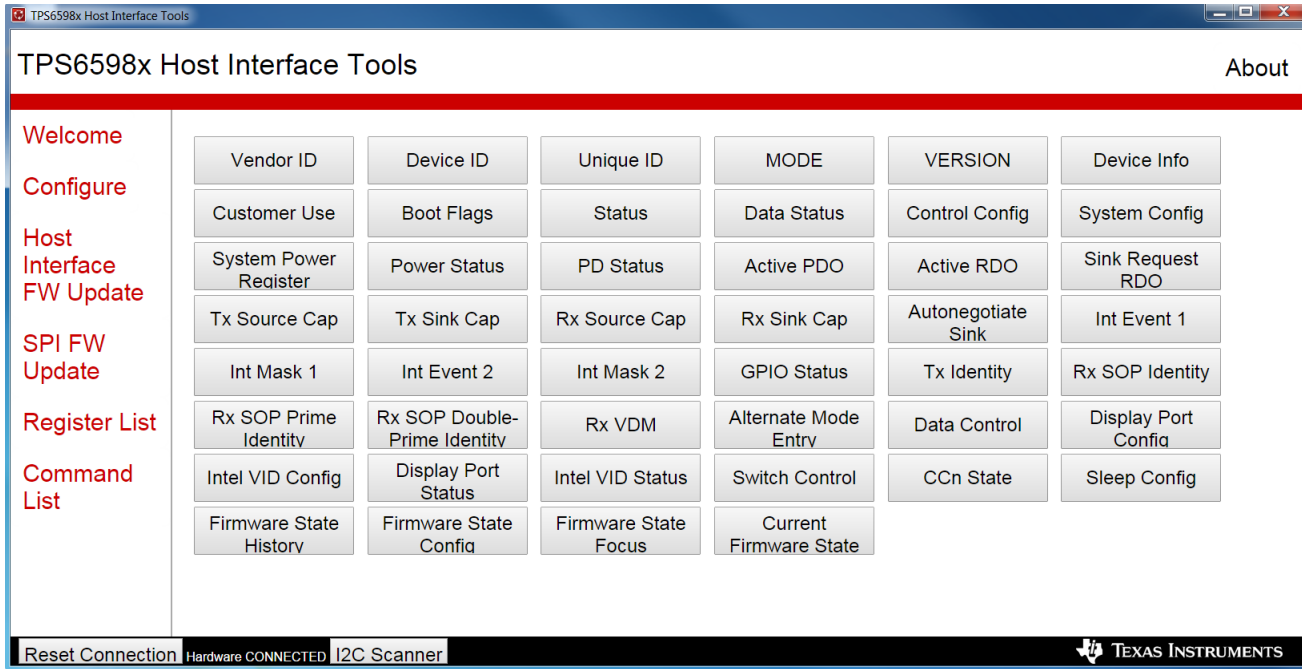


Figure 13. Register Selection List

When the user selects one of the registers from the button list, the TPS6598x Utilities GUI loads a page that displays the name and I²C address of the register. Each field in the register is listed in a readable translation, if applicable. Two types of fields are present: read-only and read-write. Read-write fields can be modified and, when clicked, show a button called *Write Register* which can be executed after a register field is modified using the appropriate user input (check-box, combo box, text box, etc). Read-Only fields are display-only, show a *Re-Read Register* button, and display the most recently read value for each field in a decoded format (true/false, enabled/disabled, decimal conversions, interpreted text, etc).

The selected register (read-write and read-only) is read automatically when pressing the button displaying the register's name. On each register page, a *Re-read Register* button and *Clear Status* button is available. The *Re-read Register* button manually re-reads the register at any time. The *Clear Status* button clears the register read status, which is located below the mentioned buttons.

A *Write Register* button is available for certain registers. The *Write Register* button must be pressed for manual changes to be written to the device.

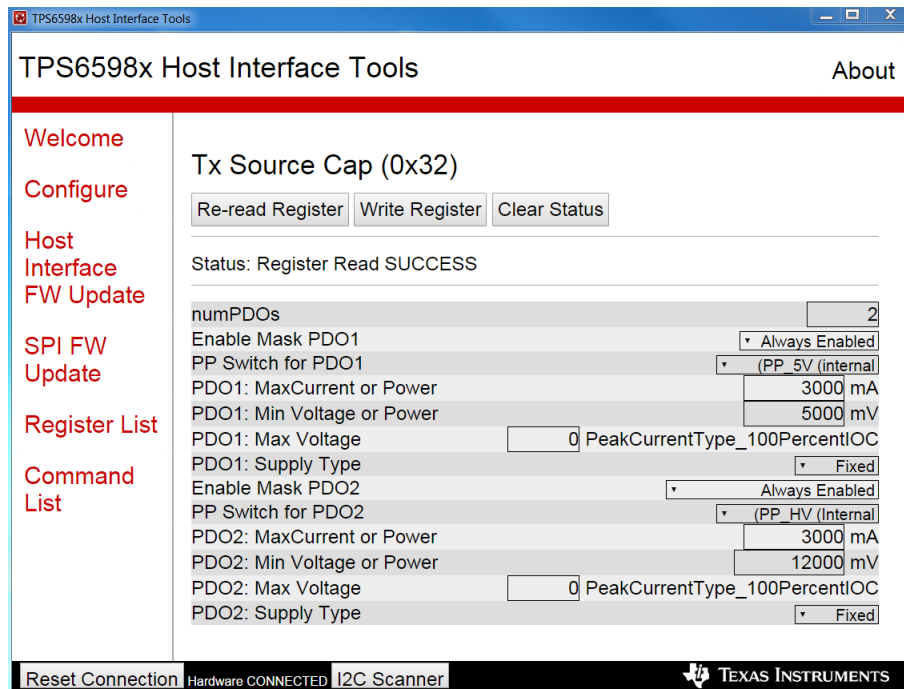


Figure 14. Register Read-Write Page

NOTE: Writing to the virtual registers at run-time is writing to RAM (volatile memory). Essentially, when the TPS6598x device is disconnected from power, it returns to the original firmware. To permanently change the settings, use the host interface FW update or SPI FW update mechanism to flash (non-volatile memory) the TPS6598x-EVM.

2.5 Command List

The *Command List* page contains a list of 4CC Commands that can be sent from the external controller (Aardvark, for example) to the TPS6598x by using the ASCII code as defined by the [TPS65981](#), [TPS65982](#), and [TPS65986 Host Interface Technical Reference Manual](#). Each command allows the user to send these commands and, if applicable, display the return value. Upon selecting the *Command List* page in the left-hand pane, the set of buttons is displayed in the page display. This page includes one button for each available command as shown in [Figure 15](#).

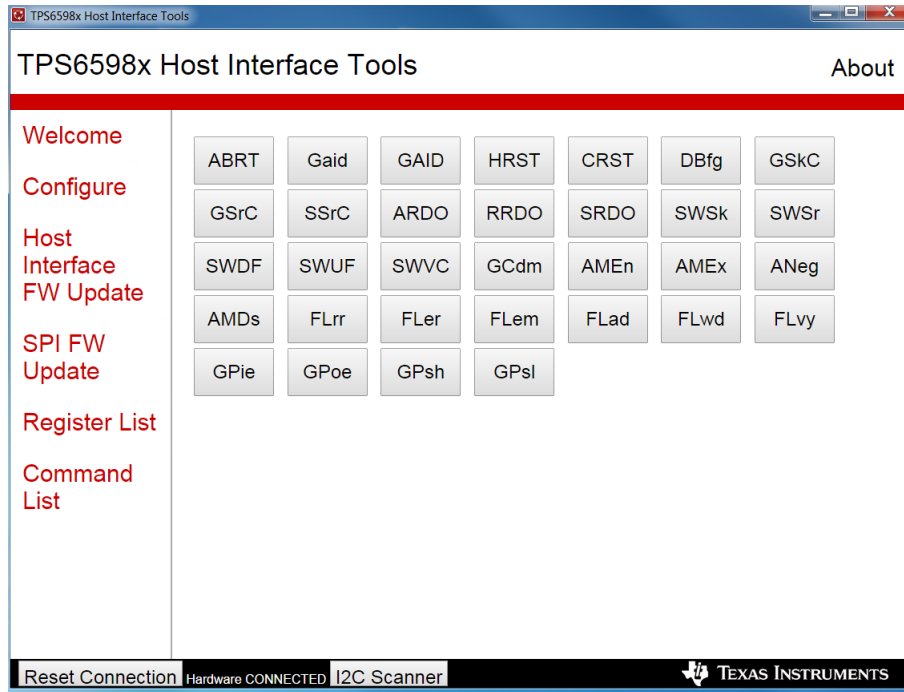


Figure 15. Command List

When a command is selected from the button list, a page is loaded that displays the name of the command and each of the input variables (see [Figure 16](#)). Set the input variables and click the *Execute Function* button to send the command.

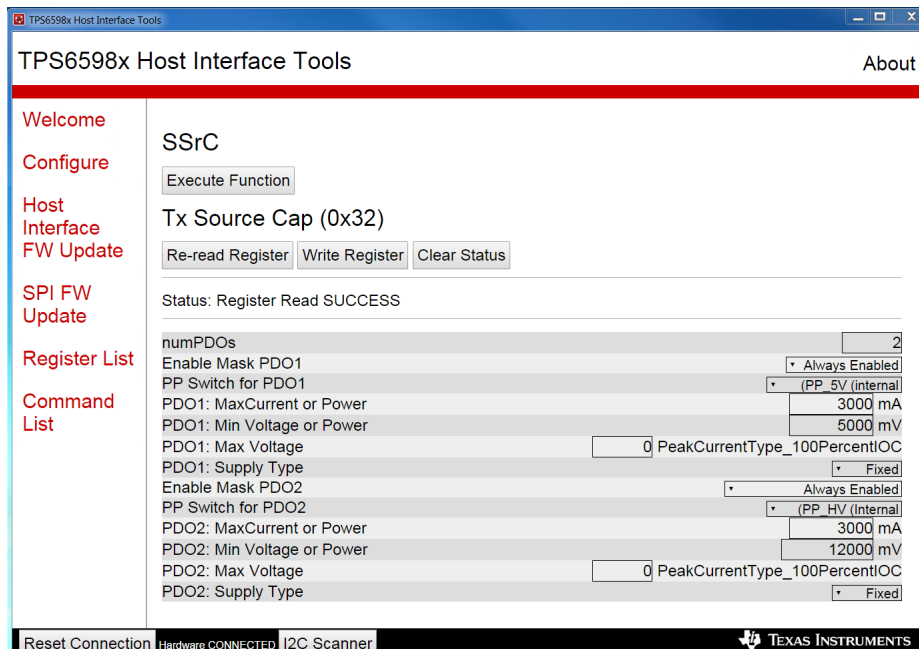


Figure 16. Execute Function Page

3 Using the TPS6598x Utilities Python Scripts

TI provides a collection of Python-based scripts for interacting with the TPS6598x using the host interface accessed through I²C. By opening the TPS6598x Utilities Command Line, one of the text-based Python application scripts is invoked by typing the corresponding filename. The primary advantage to accessing the scripts through the command line is the ability to modify scripts for a custom application. The scripts can also serve as templates for developing host interface access through an external micro-controller on custom hardware.

When opening the TPS6598x Utilities Command Line, a window similar to Figure 17 is displayed. Using this command window as it has been configured to use the relocatable Python distribution that is installed with the bundled installer is important.

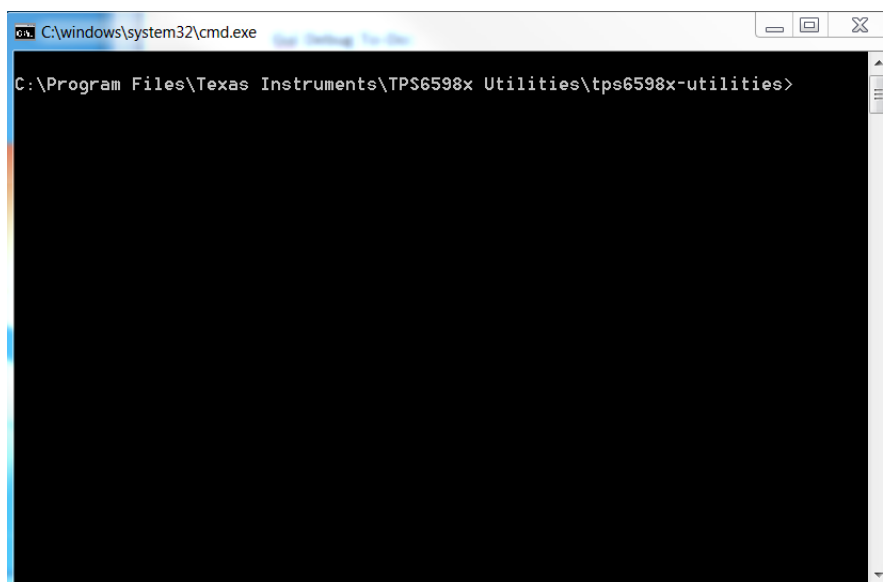


Figure 17. Command Window

The bundled installer places the base Python scripts of the TPS6598x utilities in the following directory:

C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\TPS6598x-utilities

Some Python scripts are callable in the TPS6598x Utilities Command Line, while some are intended to be only edited in the Python IDLE program or a third-party Python integrated development environment (IDE). [Table 5](#) lists descriptions of the included Python scripts and other files. Because the Utility Command Line is using a relocatable Python script, the scripts must be called in the following format:

> python <Insert Python Script> | more

NOTE: The > symbol should not be typed and indicates the command prompt. The | more portion of the command is not required, but it is recommended because of the length of most scripts which allows the user to press the *Spacebar* button on the keyboard to forward view the scripts one screen at a time.

Table 5. TPS6598x Host Interface Python Utility Files

| File | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| aardvark.dll | The dynamic-link library used to interact with the Total Phase Aardvark adaptor. See Section 5 for installation instructions. |
| aardvark_py.py | This file contains low-level Python functions for interacting with the Total Phase Aardvark. It is not meant to be called. See Section 5 for installation instructions. |
| aardvark_rw.py | This file builds upon aardvark_py.py to provide basic read and write commands using I ² C. It is not meant to be called. |
| aardvark_spi.py | This file builds upon aardvark_py.py to provide basic read and write commands using SPI. It is not meant to be called. |

Table 5. TPS6598x Host Interface Python Utility Files (continued)

| File | Description |
|--|--|
| alternate_modes.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the 4CC function definitions in hi_functions.py. It reports support for Intel, Display Port, and TI SVIDs and attempts to enter any alternate modes from supported SVIDs in this list. |
| config.py | This file is used to configure the communication layer to use either FTDI or Aardvark drivers. It is not meant to be called. |
| debug_trace.py | This file builds upon the register class definitions of register_class.py to define the trace registers of the host interface. It is not meant to be called (use pd_trace.py for an example of using these registers). |
| device_rw.py | This file provides functions for accessing device registers through the hw_interface abstraction layer. It is not meant to be called directly. |
| flash_update_image_spi.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the flash programming 4cc function definitions defined in hi_functions.py. It is used to update the SPI flash attached to TPS6598x using the host interface and a full flash binary image. |
| flash_update_region_0.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the flash programming 4cc function definitions defined in hi_functions.py. It is used to update region 0 of the SPI flash attached to TPS6598x using the host interface and an application binary. |
| flash_update_region_1.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the flash programming 4cc function definitions defined in hi_functions.py. It is used to update region 0 of the SPI flash attached to TPS6598x using the host interface and an application binary. |
| ftdi.py | This file is the counterpart to aardvark_rw.py and provides functions for accessing the I ² C capabilities of FTDI-based boards. It is not meant to be called. |
| ftdi_spi.py | This file is the counterpart to aardvark_spi.py and works alongside ftdi.py to provide SPI access via FTDI-based boards. It is not meant to be called. |
| function_class.py | This file defines an object class for the host interface 4CC commands of the TPS6598x devices. This class is used to abstract these functions for presentation in the GUI (see gui.py). |
| gui.py | This file defines the front-end for the utilities GUI. While it is provided as source code, it is provided as a tool as opposed to an example, and it is not expected that many users will examine or modify this file. |
| hi_functions.py | This file defines a number of Python functions to call corresponding 4cc host interface functions over the TPS6598x I ² C interface. It is not meant to be called. |
| hw_interface.py | This file helps adapt the scripts to a different hardware interface. |
| intrusive_PD_example.py ⁽¹⁾ | This script provides an example of using the TPS6598x host interface to operate the device in intrusive mode. Intrusive mode disables many of the automatic responses of the TPS6598x device, providing an external micro-controller a larger degree of freedom in the decision making of exposing and accepting power contracts and alternate modes |
| libMPSSSE.dll | This dynamic-link library contains the low-level functions for accessing an FTDI-based debugging board. It is accessed by ftdi.py and ftdi_spi.py. |
| pd_trace.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the register definitions of debug_trace.py. It is used to read and display a circular buffer of 64 PD status change messages maintained by the TPS6598x for debugging purposes. |
| pdst_dump.py | This file uses the TPS6598x host interface to dump a detailed, low-level trace of the internal state machine. Neither the commands used by this script nor the output are documented. Customers should use "pd_trace.py" to achieve similar functionality when debugging, but in some cases, TI support personnel may request the output of this script to aid in debugging systems. |
| read_registers.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file builds upon the register definitions of register_definitions.py. It is used to read and display the basic (non-trace) registers of the TPS6598x host interface. |
| register_class.py | This file defines an object class for the virtual registers of the TPS6598x host interface and various interaction methods for reading, writing, and displaying the contents of these registers. It is not meant to be called. |
| register_definitions.py | This file builds upon the register class definitions of register_class.py to define the basic registers of the host interface. It is not meant to be called (see read_registers.py for an example of using these registers). |
| send_commands.py ⁽¹⁾ | This file allows the user to perform various commands including PD swaps, GPIO enables / disable, Alternate Mode, and register read / write. |
| set_dp_cap.py ⁽¹⁾ | This script provides an example for updating the display port capabilities of a system dynamically using the host interface. |
| set_sleep_level.py | This script provides an example for updating the low power mode (sleep) configuration of a system dynamically using the host interface. |
| set_sourcesink_cap.py ⁽¹⁾ | This script provides an example for updating the power source and sink capabilities of a system dynamically using the host interface. |
| usbep.py | This file is the counterpart to aardvark_rw.py and ftdi.py and provides functions for accessing the TPS6598x device using the USB2.0 endpoint host interface. |
| version.py | This file contains the version of the current utilities release. |

⁽¹⁾ Callable Scripts

3.1 Configure USB to I²C/SPI Adaptor With config.py Script

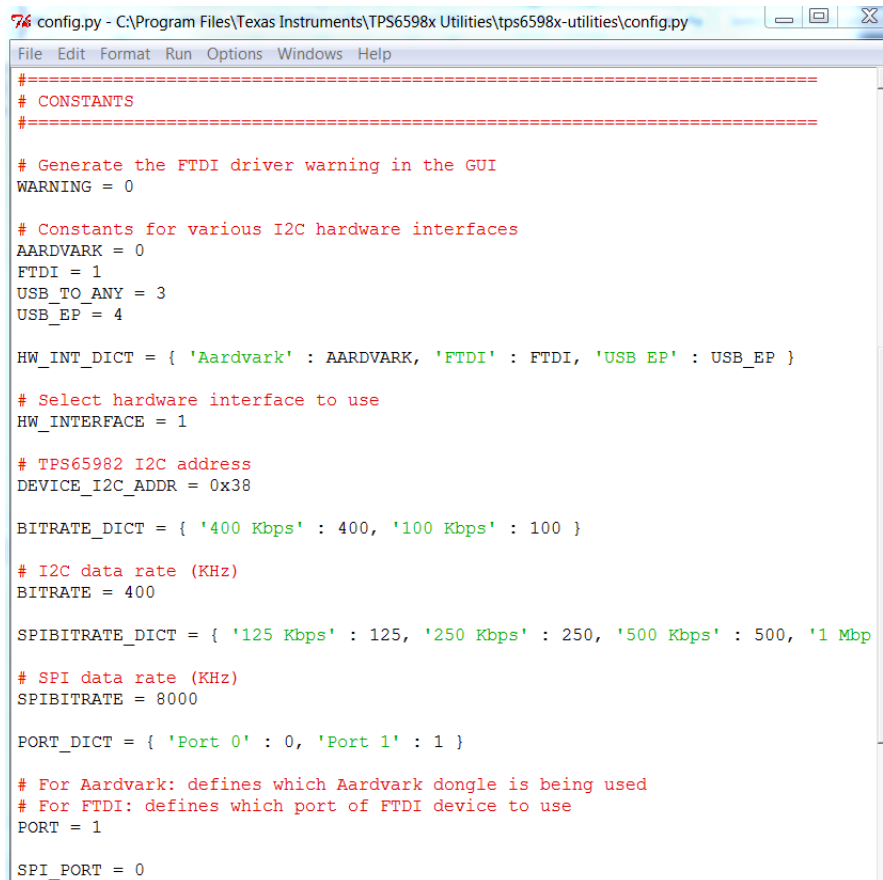
When initially using the TPS6598x Utilities Tool, check the system configuration as set in the *config.py* file. The contents of this file can be modified using either the *Configure* page of the GUI or the IDLE Python Editor included in the bundled installer at:

C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\WinPython-64bit-2.7.10.3

The configuration file is easily accessed in IDLE with the following method:

- Step 1. Locate the folder containing the Python scripts (bundled installer places scripts in C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\TPS6598x-utilities)
- Step 2. Locate the *config.py* file, right-click the file, and select *Edit with IDLE*.

Selecting *Edit with IDLE* opens the IDLE window with the *config.py* contents (see Figure 18). The configuration settings can be directly edited in this window. If saved, the settings will become the new default on the GUI.



```

config.py - C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\tps6598x-utilities\config.py
File Edit Format Run Options Windows Help

# =====
# CONSTANTS
# =====

# Generate the FTDI driver warning in the GUI
WARNING = 0

# Constants for various I2C hardware interfaces
AARDVARK = 0
FTDI = 1
USB_TO_ANY = 3
USB_EP = 4

HW_INT_DICT = { 'Aardvark' : AARDVARK, 'FTDI' : FTDI, 'USB EP' : USB_EP }

# Select hardware interface to use
HW_INTERFACE = 1

# TPS65982 I2C address
DEVICE_I2C_ADDR = 0x38

BITRATE_DICT = { '400 Kbps' : 400, '100 Kbps' : 100 }

# I2C data rate (KHz)
BITRATE = 400

SPIBITRATE_DICT = { '125 Kbps' : 125, '250 Kbps' : 250, '500 Kbps' : 500, '1 Mbp' : 1000 }

# SPI data rate (KHz)
SPIBITRATE = 8000

PORT_DICT = { 'Port 0' : 0, 'Port 1' : 1 }

# For Aardvark: defines which Aardvark dongle is being used
# For FTDI: defines which port of FTDI device to use
PORT = 1

SPI_PORT = 0

```

Figure 18. Example *config.py* Settings in Python IDLE Program

The I²C address that is specified in the *config.py* file is board dependent. The TPS6598x evaluation modules (EVMs) from TI use the I²C address of 0x38. The I²C Scanner tool in the TPS6598x Utilities GUI scans through all possible addresses and reports successful connections. Details regarding the method used, to determine the I²C address for a given device, are specified in the [TPS65981](#), [TPS65982](#), and [TPS65986 Firmware](#).

3.2 Execute the read_registers.py Script

Invoke callable scripts in the TPS6598x Utilities Command Line using the Python command as follows:

```
> python read_registers.py | more
```

Upon execution of the previous command, output similar to that in [Figure 19](#) is displayed.

NOTE: [Figure 19](#) is only a partial output because of the use of *| more* in the command.

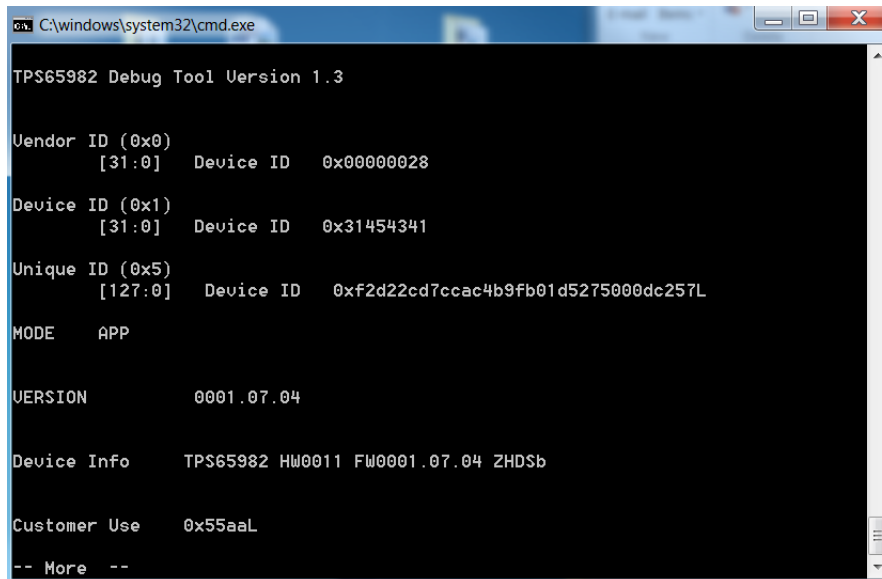


Figure 19. Execution of read_registers.py Script (Partial)

Users can also consider redirecting the output of the script into a text file by typing the > redirection symbol followed by the file path for the text file. The following is an example of the syntax:

```
> python read_registers.py > C:\User\Desktop\outfile.txt
```

Some users will notice that the *read_registers.py* script can be executed from the command line without prepending the Python command. When a file name, such as *read_registers.py*, is typed at the command line, Windows executes the default program handler for the file extension, which may or may not be the Python command parser for the *.py* extension on a given system.

3.3 FW Update With flash_update_image.py and flash_update_region_0.py Scripts

Three flash programming scripts are available which program the SPI flash attached to the TPS6598x using the TPS6598x host interface. The files are the following:

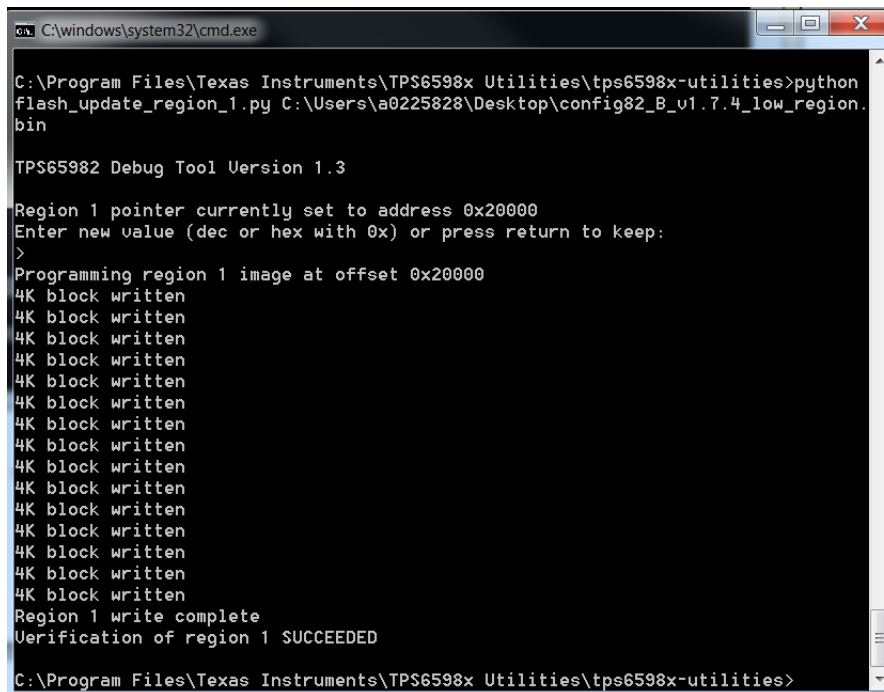
- flash_update_image_spi.py
- flash_update_region_0.py
- flash_update_region_1.py

The TPS6598x bootloader specifies two regions in which an application image may reside. These regions provide redundancy in case the flash is corrupted through a field update or another mechanism. The device first attempts to boot from region 0. If the first boot fails, the device attempts to boot from region 1.

The *flash_update_image_spi.py* script reprograms the entire flash using a full-flash image. This image is written into flash offset 0. To use this utility, the flash image programmed must contain region records as well as boot headers for the images in each region. The full-flash script requires a filename argument as shown in the following:

```
> python flash_update_image_spi.py <Insert Binary File>
```

For example:



```

C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\tps6598x-utilities>python
flash_update_region_1.py C:\Users\A0225828\Desktop\config82_B_v1.7.4_low_region.
bin

TPS65982 Debug Tool Version 1.3

Region 1 pointer currently set to address 0x20000
Enter new value (dec or hex with 0x) or press return to keep:
>
Programming region 1 image at offset 0x20000
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
4K block written
Region 1 write complete
Verification of region 1 SUCCEEDED

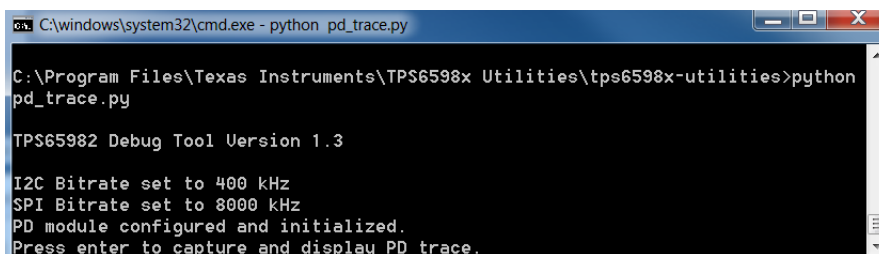
C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\tps6598x-utilities>
    
```

Figure 22. Execution of *flash_update_region_1.py* Script

3.4 Test the *pd_trace.py* Script

The *pd_trace.py* script uses the trace registers defined in the *debug_trace.py* script to read a circular buffer of the PD state transitions that are captured on the TPS6598x device when connected to a device through the Type-C cable.

Before the script can read this data, it must configure the trace module and initialize the circular buffer to 0xFF, the circular buffer marker. After the buffer is initialized, the script prompts the user to plug in the Type-C cable to initiate PD negotiation as shown in [Figure 23](#).



```

C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe - python pd_trace.py
C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\tps6598x-utilities>python
pd_trace.py

TPS65982 Debug Tool Version 1.3

I2C Bitrate set to 400 kHz
SPI Bitrate set to 8000 kHz
PD module configured and initialized.
Press enter to capture and display PD trace.
    
```

Figure 23. Partial Execution of *pd_trace.py* Script

The script is paused at this point (see [Figure 23](#)). Before continuing, attach the Type-C cable (with the other device attached) to begin PD negotiation. When negotiation is complete (1 s or 2 s), press the *Enter* button on the keyboard to continue. The PD state transitions populate in the command window as shown in [Figure 24](#).

```

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
TPS65982 Debug Tool Version 1.3
I2C Bitrate set to 400 kHz
SPI Bitrate set to 8000 kHz
PD module configured and initialized.
Press enter to capture and display PD trace
Firmware State Focus (0x7d)
[7:0] 0 PEState_DFP2PLUS_UDM_Identity_NoKed
[15:8] 1 PEState_Source_Ready
[23:16] 2 PEState_DFP_UDM_Mode_Entry_Request
[31:24] 3 PEState_DFP_UDM_Mode_Entry_NoKed
[39:32] 4 PEState_Source_Ready
[47:40] 5 PEState_DFP_UDM_Status_Update
[55:48] 6 PEState_Source_Ready
[63:56] 7 PEState_DFP_UDM_Config_Request
[71:64] 8 PEState_DFP_UDM_Config_NoKed
[79:72] 9 PEState_Source_Ready
[87:80] 10 PEState_CableTypeDetect
[95:88] 11 PEState_LaunchPolicyEngine
[103:96] 12 PEState_Enable_UCONN
[111:104] 13 PEState_Enable_UBUS
[119:112] 14 PEState_Source_Startup
[127:120] 15 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_Request
[135:128] 16 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_NoKed
[143:136] 17 PEState_Source_Startup_Continue
[151:144] 18 PEState_Source_SendCapabilities
[159:152] 19 PEState_Source_Discovery
[167:160] 20 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[175:168] 21 PEState_Source_Ready
[183:176] 22 PEState_DFP_UDM_Mode_Entry_Request
[191:184] 23 PEState_DFP_UDM_Mode_Entry_NoKed
[199:192] 24 PEState_Source_Ready
[207:200] 25 PEState_DFP_UDM_Status_Update
[215:208] 26 PEState_Source_Ready
[223:216] 27 PEState_DFP_UDM_Config_Request
[231:224] 28 PEState_DFP_UDM_Config_NoKed
[239:232] 29 PEState_Source_Ready
[247:240] 30 PEState_CableTypeDetect
[255:248] 31 PEState_LaunchPolicyEngine
[263:256] 32 PEState_Enable_UCONN
[271:264] 33 PEState_Enable_UBUS
[279:272] 34 PEState_Source_Startup
[287:280] 35 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_Request
[295:288] 36 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_NoKed
[303:296] 37 PEState_Source_Startup_Continue
[311:304] 38 PEState_Source_SendCapabilities
[319:312] 39 PEState_Source_Discovery
[327:320] 40 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_Request
[335:328] 41 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_NoKed
[343:336] 42 PEState_Source_Startup_Continue
[351:344] 43 PEState_Source_SendCapabilities
[359:352] 44 PEState_Source_Discovery
[367:360] 45 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_Request
[375:368] 46 PEState_SRC2PLUS_UDM_Identity_NoKed
[383:376] 47 PEState_Source_Startup_Continue
[391:384] 48 PEState_Source_SendCapabilities
[399:392] 49 PEState_Source_NegotiateCapability
[407:400] 50 PEState_Source_TransitionSupply_Accept
[415:408] 51 PEState_Source_TransitionSupply
[423:416] 52 PEState_Source_TransitionSupply_SetInArmsNew
[431:424] 53 PEState_Source_TransitionSupply_PS_RDV
[439:432] 54 PEState_Source_Ready
[447:440] 55 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[455:448] 56 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[463:456] 57 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[471:464] 58 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[479:472] 59 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[487:480] 60 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[495:488] 61 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[503:496] 62 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)
[511:504] 63 0xFF (Circular Buffer Entry Point)

```

Figure 24. Completed Execution of pd_trace.py Script

4 Installation of Python

As discussed in [Section 1.3](#), Python and the required components can be downloaded separately. Go to the python.org [2.7 Release Download Page](#) to download the Python .msi file. Make sure to select the correct download file for the correct PC operating system. Total Phase, the maker of the Aardvark adaptor, recommends using **Python version 2.7**.

NOTE: Python version 2.7 is not the latest version of Python.

This procedure is tested for a 64-bit x86 platform. The "*Windows X86-64 MSI Installer (2.7)*" option was selected to download the *Python-2.7.amd64.msi* file.

Follow the prompts of the .msi file installer to instal Python.

Use the following steps to add the Python executable to the Windows path variable:

- Step 1. From the *Windows Start Menu*, select the *Control Panel*.
- Step 2. From the *Control Panel* window, click the *System* icon (see [Figure 25](#)).

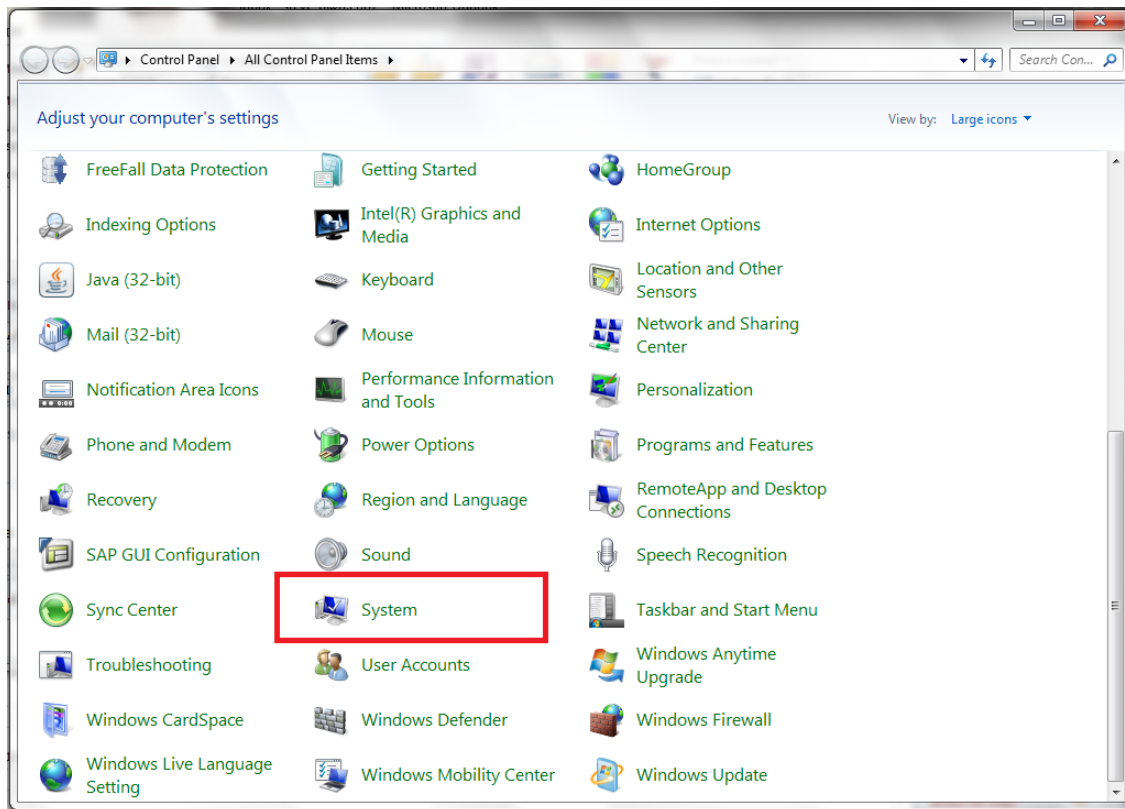


Figure 25. Windows® Control Panel Window

- Step 3. From the *System* window, select the *Advanced system settings* option from the left-hand navigation pane.
- Step 4. In the *System Properties* window, click the *Environment Variables* button on the *Advanced* tab (see [Figure 26](#)).

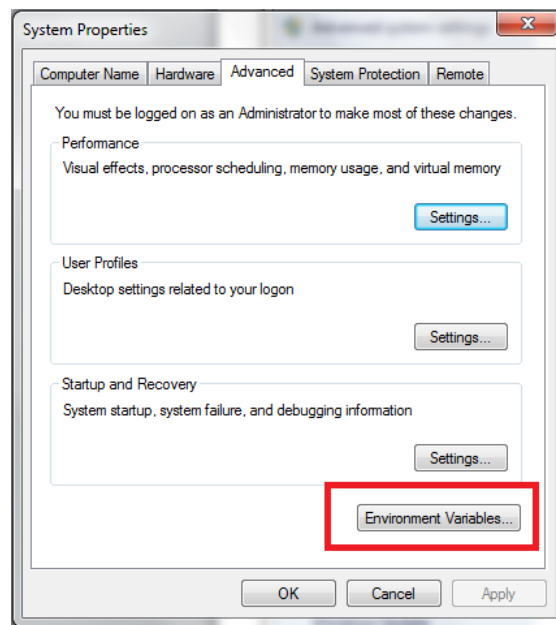


Figure 26. System Properties Window

- Step 5. In the *Environment Variables* window, select *Path* in the *System variables* section.
- Step 6. Click the *Edit...* button.
- Step 7. Add the following in the *Variable value:* field: *C:\Python27\;C:\Python27\scripts* (see [Figure 27](#)).

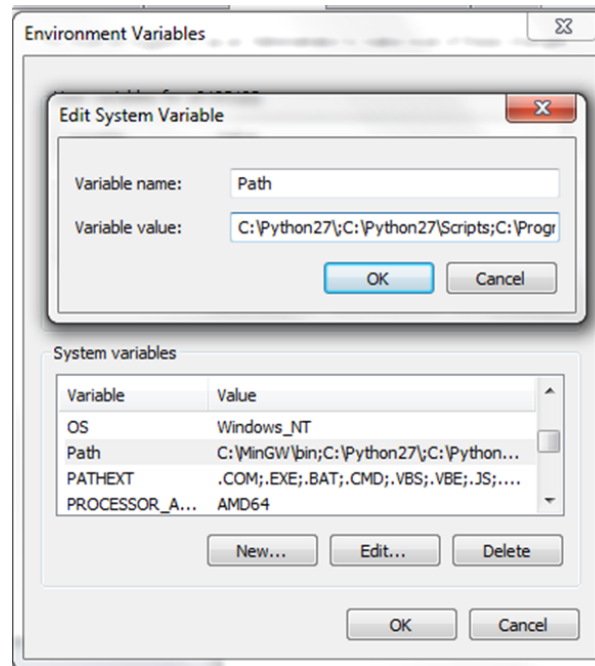


Figure 27. Editing the Path

- Step 8. Click the *OK* button in the *Environment Variables* window to save the changes.
- Step 9. Click the *Apply* button in the *System Properties* window and then click the *OK* button.

5 Using the Aardvark

5.1 Software and Driver Installation

As discussed in [Section 1.3](#), the Aardvark driver and associated software are not included in the bundled installer. Use the following steps to install the software and driver:

- Step 1. Go to the *Total Phase USB Drivers* website (www.totalphase.com/products/usb-drivers-windows) to download the Aardvark driver.
- Step 2. Click the *USB Drivers – Windows v2.12* link and fill out the requested registration information if an account has not been created.
- Step 3. Install the Aardvark drivers using the .exe which is downloaded from the [Total Phase website](#) by following these steps:
 - (a) Extract the .zip file to obtain the Total PhaseUSB-v2.12.exe file.

NOTE: The file must execute the installer with administrative privileges.

- (b) In Windows 7, right click the .exe file and select *Run as Administrator* from the menu.
 - (c) Follow the instructions in the installer window to complete the installation.
- Step 4. Go to the *Total Phase Aardvark Software* website (www.totalphase.com/products/aardvark-software-api).
- Step 5. Click the *Aardvark Software API v5.15 (Windows 64-bit)* link to download the aardvark-api-windows-x86_64-v5.15.zip file.
- Step 6. De-archive the Aardvark Software API to open the *aardvark-api-windows-x86_64-v5.15* folder.
- Step 7. Search in this folder for the *Python* folder. Place the *aardvark.dll* and *aardvark_py.py* files into the *Configuration Tool Python* scripts folder (C:\Program Files\Texas Instruments\TPS6598x Utilities\TPS6598x-utilities).

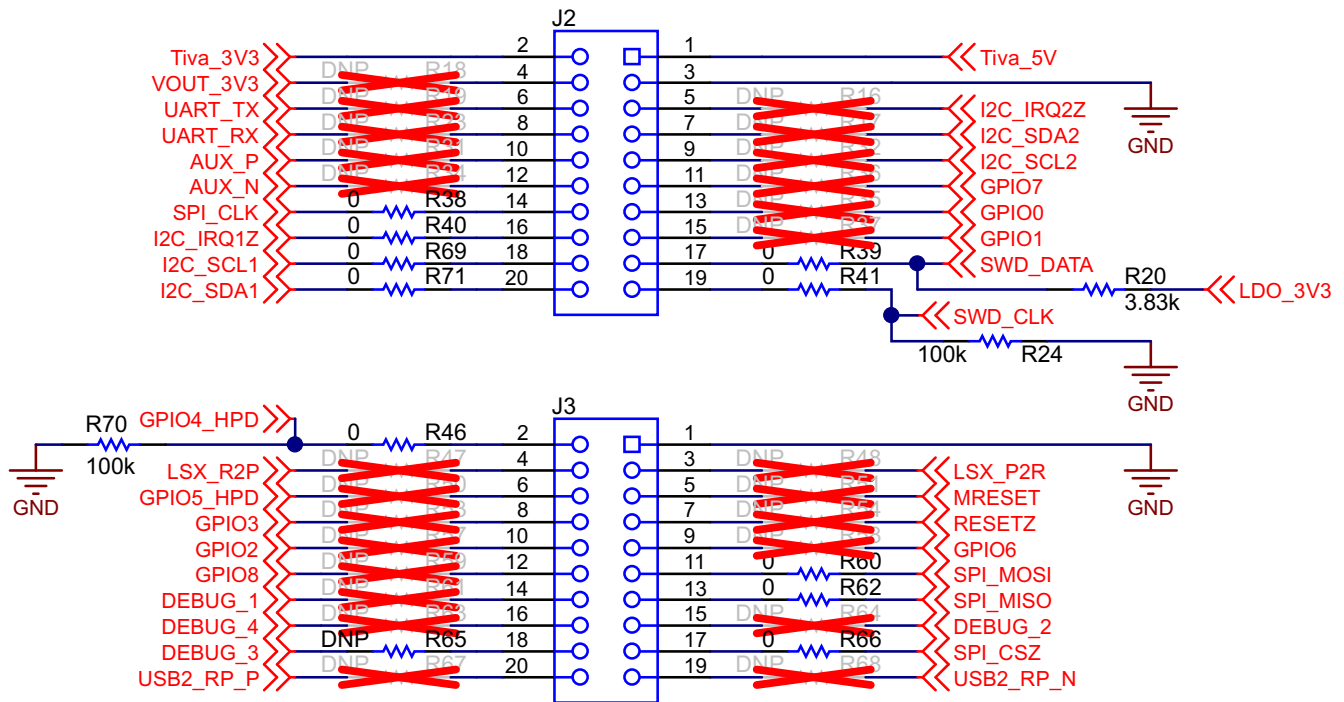
NOTE: The rest of the downloaded files are not required for the Aardvark to function.

5.2 Connecting Aardvark to TPS6598x-EVM

5.2.1 Direct Connection

The Aardvark connector has an I²C line that must be physically connected to the I²C1 of the TPS6598x device. Refer to the Aardvark User's Guide (www.totalphase.com/support/articles/200468316) for the pin connections and descriptions of the Aardvark connector.

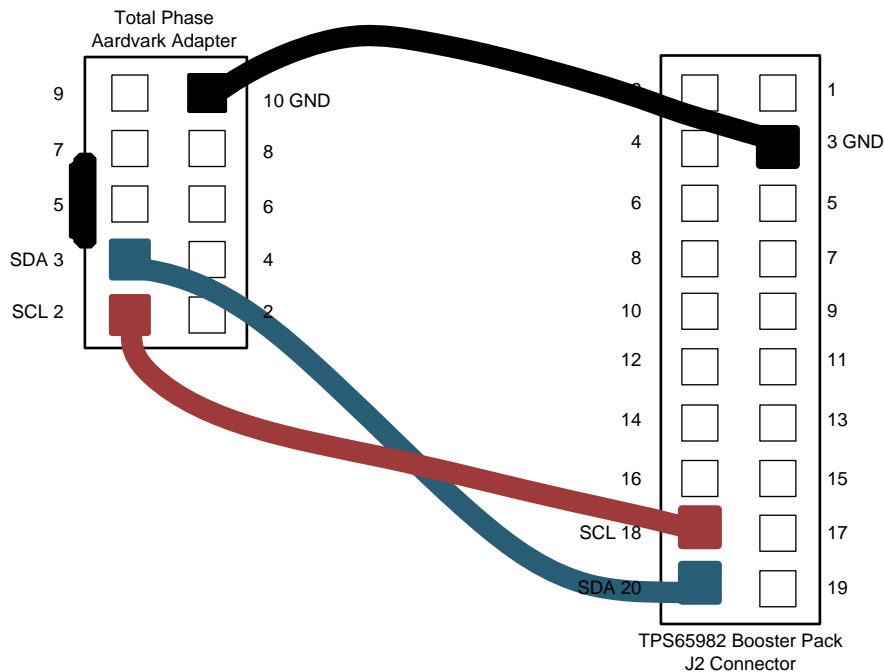
[Figure 28](#) is from the design files of the TPS6598x-EVM and shows the pin-out of the J2 connector for I²C (pins 16, 18, 20) and the J3 connector for SPI (not discussed in this document) and an alternate ground (GND) pin. [Figure 28](#) shows the position of the three I²C lines required on the Total Phase Aardvark adaptor: serial clock (SCL), serial data (SDA), and ground (GND). For more details and the full schematic of the TPS65982-EVM, refer to the [TPS65982-EVM User's Guide](#).



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Figure 28. Texas Instruments TPS6598x Booster Pack J2 and J3 Pin Connections for I²C and SPI

Figure 29 shows the wiring diagram to wire the I²C lines of the Aardvark connector into the J2 connector of the TPS6598x-EVM. The wiring diagram represents the connections for using the I²C port 1; however, the host interface also recognizes commands sent over I²C port 2.



the position of the pins is shown as looking down at the board from above.

Figure 29. Aardvark to Booster Pack Wiring Diagram

Figure 30 shows an Aardvark adaptor wired into the TPS6598x Booster Pack. Notice that the orientation of the TPS6598x board and the Aardvark connector match the diagram in Figure 29.

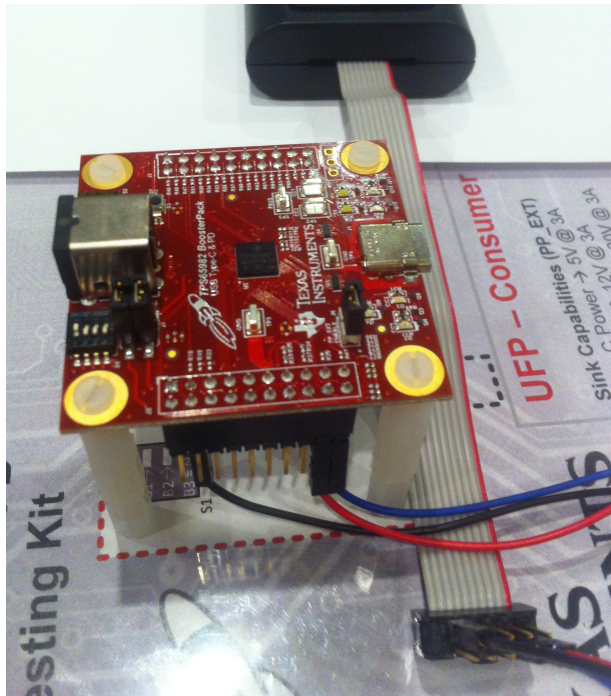


Figure 30. Correctly-Wired System

5.2.2 Aardvark Using LaunchPad EVM to Aardvark Adaptor PCB

The Aardvark can also be connected the standard 10-pin male header connection on a LaunchPad EVM to Aardvark adaptor PCB. See Figure 31 for the location of the connector.

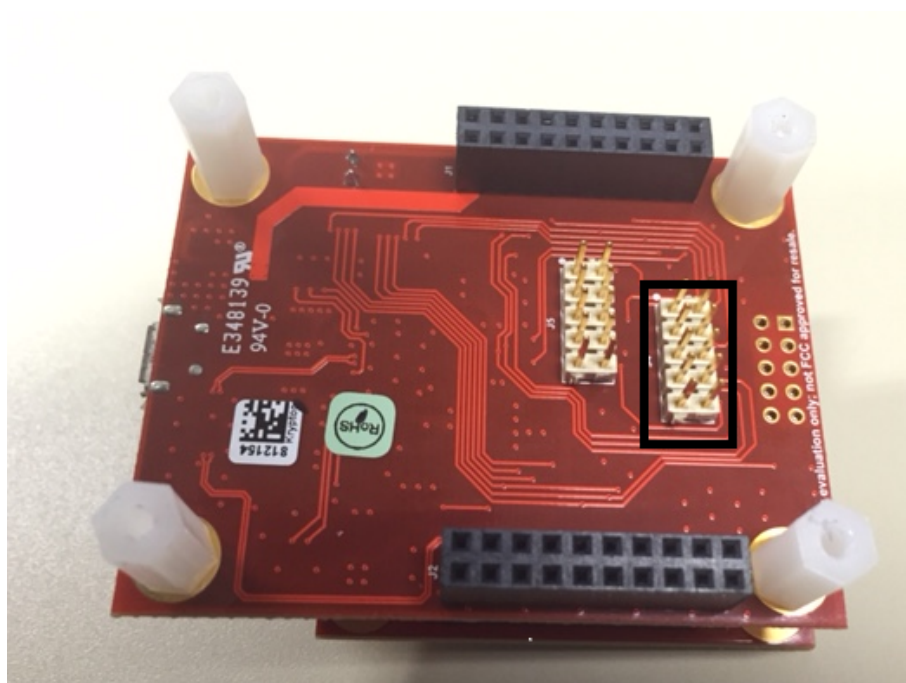


Figure 31. Aardvark 10-pin Header on LaunchPad EVM to Aardvark Adaptor PCB

This feature offers the ability to directly connect the Aardvark connector, as shown in [Figure 32](#).

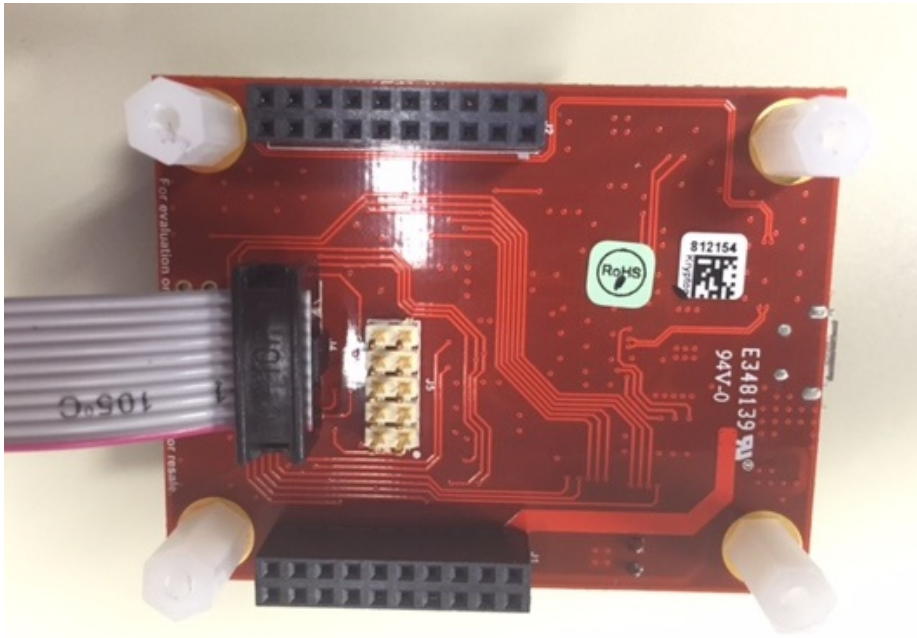


Figure 32. Aardvark 10-pin Header Attached to LaunchPad EVM to Aardvark Adaptor PCB

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