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## Section 23. Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

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**Note:** This family reference manual section is meant to serve as a complement to device data sheets. Depending on the device variant, this manual section may not apply to all PIC32 devices.

Please consult the note at the beginning of the “**Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)**” chapter in the current device data sheet to check whether this document supports the device you are using.

Device data sheets and family reference manual sections are available for download from the Microchip Worldwide Web site at: <http://www.microchip.com>

## 23.1 INTRODUCTION

The Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) module is a synchronous serial interface useful for communicating with external peripherals and other microcontroller devices. These peripheral devices may be a serial EEPROM, shift register, display driver, Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC), or an audio codec. The PIC32 family SPI module is compatible with Motorola® SPI and SIOF interfaces. Figure 23-1 shows a block diagram of the SPI module.

Some of the key features of this module are:

- Master and Slave modes support
- Four different clock formats
- Framed SPI protocol support
- Standard and Enhanced Buffering modes (Enhanced buffering mode is not available on all devices)
- User-configurable 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit data width
- SPI receive and transmit buffers are FIFO buffers, which are 4/8/16 deep in Enhanced Buffering mode
- Programmable interrupt event on every 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit data transfer
- Audio Protocol Interface mode

Some PIC32 devices support audio codec serial protocols such as Inter-IC Sound (I<sup>2</sup>S), Left-Justified, Right-Justified, and PCM/DSP modes for 16, 24, and 32-bit audio data. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability of these features.

The SPIx serial interface consists of four pins:

- SDIx: Serial Data Input
- SDOx: Serial Data Output
- SCKx: Shift Clock Input or Output
- SSx: Active-Low Slave Select or Frame Synchronization I/O Pulse

**Table 23-1: SPI Features**

Available SPI Modes	SPI Master	SPI Slave	Frame Master	Frame Slave	8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit Modes	Selectable Clock Pulses and Edges	Selectable Frame Sync Pulses and Edges	Slave Select Pulse
Normal	Yes	Yes	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
Framed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

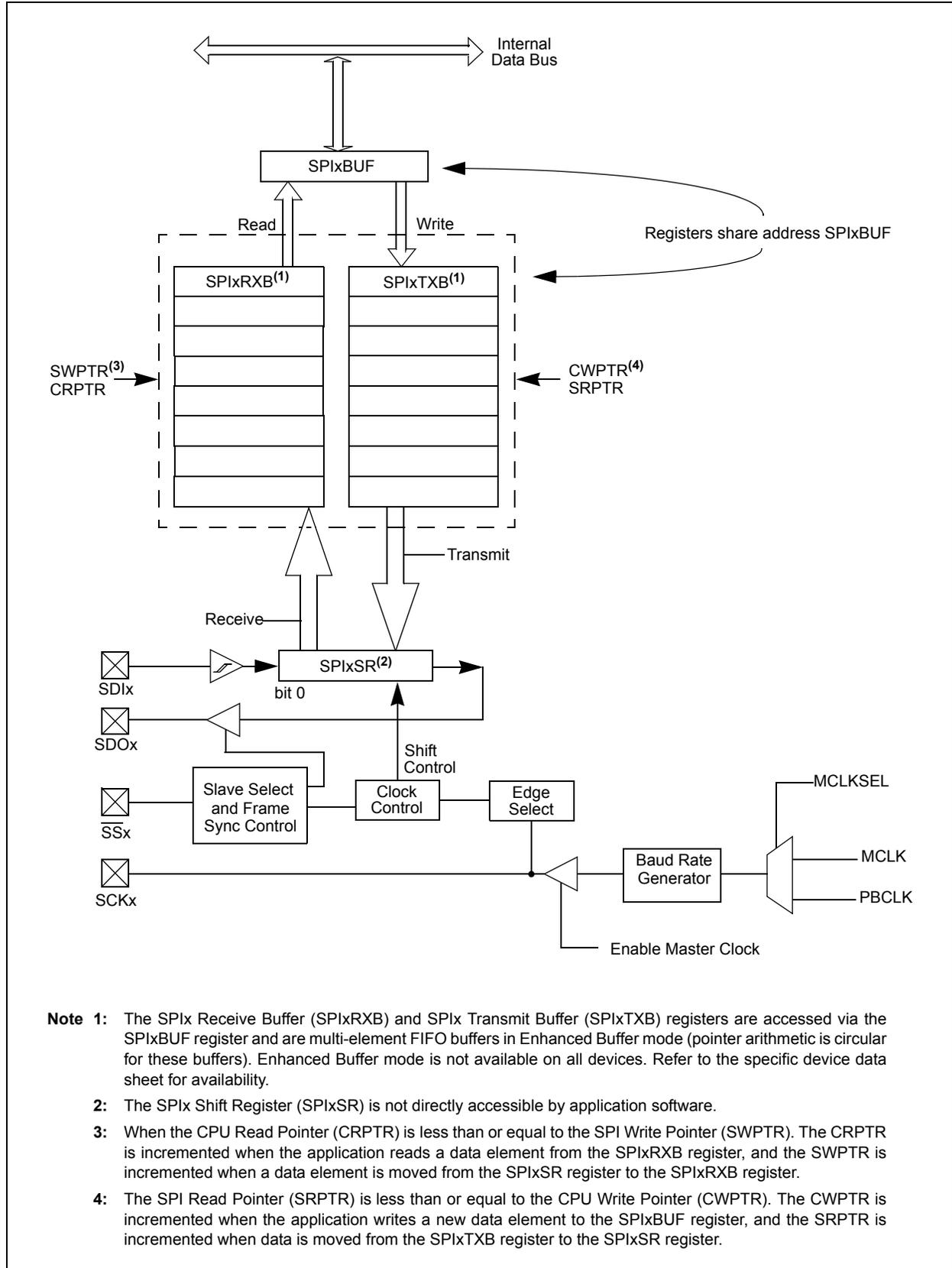
**Table 23-2: SPI Features in Audio Protocol Interface Mode**

Audio Protocol Support	SPI Master	SPI Slave	16/24/32-bit Data Format	32/64-bit Frame	Overflow/Underflow Detection	Mono/Stereo Mode	Master Clock (MCLK) Support
I <sup>2</sup> S, Left-Justified, Right-Justified, PCM/DSP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Note 1:** This feature is not available in all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

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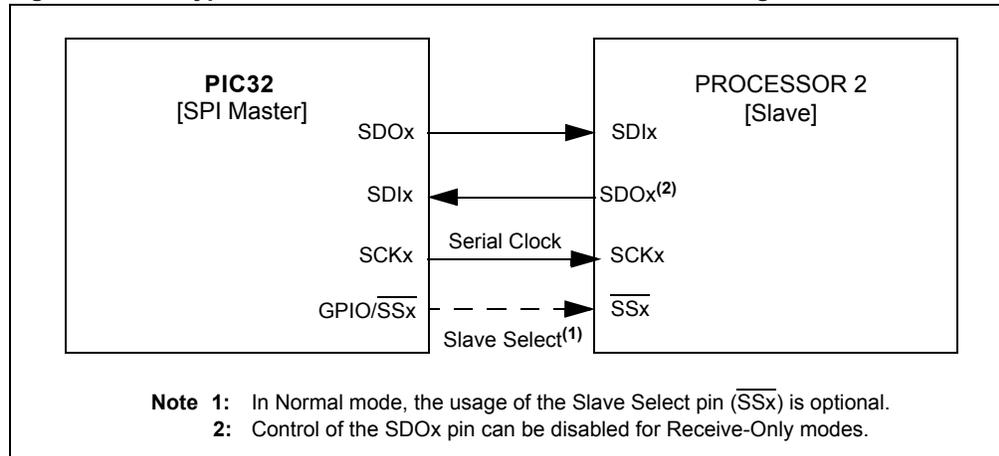
Figure 23-1: SPI Module Block Diagram



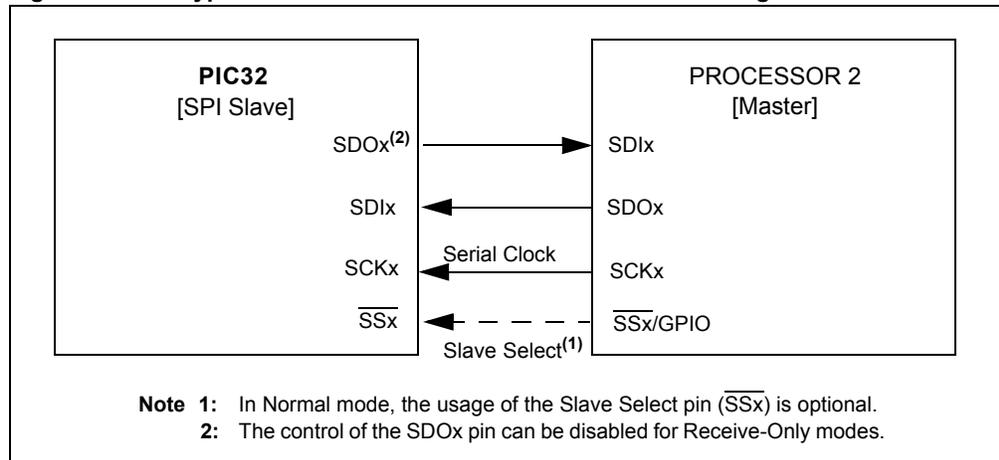
## 23.1.1 Normal Mode SPI Operation

In Normal mode operation, the SPI Master controls the generation of the serial clock. The number of output clock pulses corresponds to the transfer data width: 8, 16, or 32 bits. [Figure 23-2](#) and [Figure 23-3](#) illustrate SPI Master-to-Slave and Slave-to-Master device connections.

**Figure 23-2: Typical SPI Master-to-Slave Device Connection Diagram**



**Figure 23-3: Typical SPI Slave-to-Master Device Connection Diagram**



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### 23.1.2 Framed Mode SPI Operation

In Framed mode operation, the Frame Master controls the generation of the frame synchronization pulse. The SPI clock is still generated by the SPI Master and is continuously running. Figure 23-4 and Figure 23-5 illustrate SPI Frame Master and Frame Slave device connections.

Figure 23-4: Typical SPI Master, Frame Master Connection Diagram

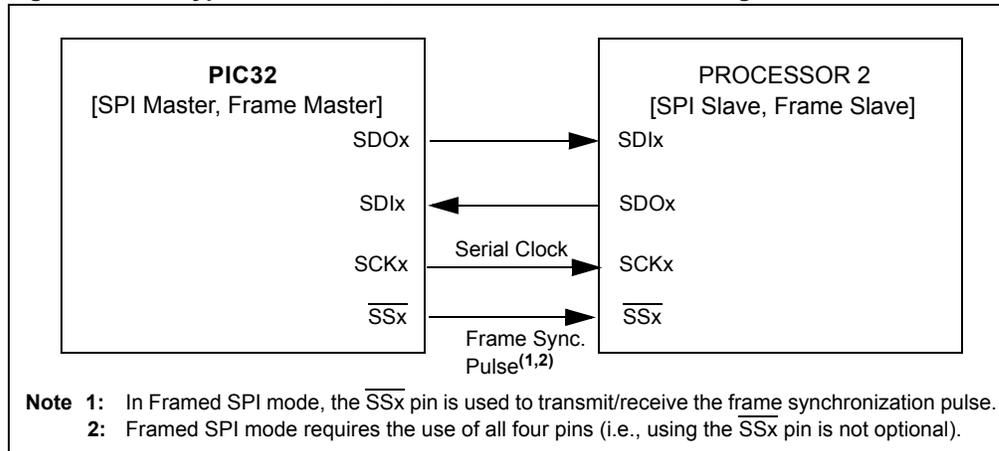
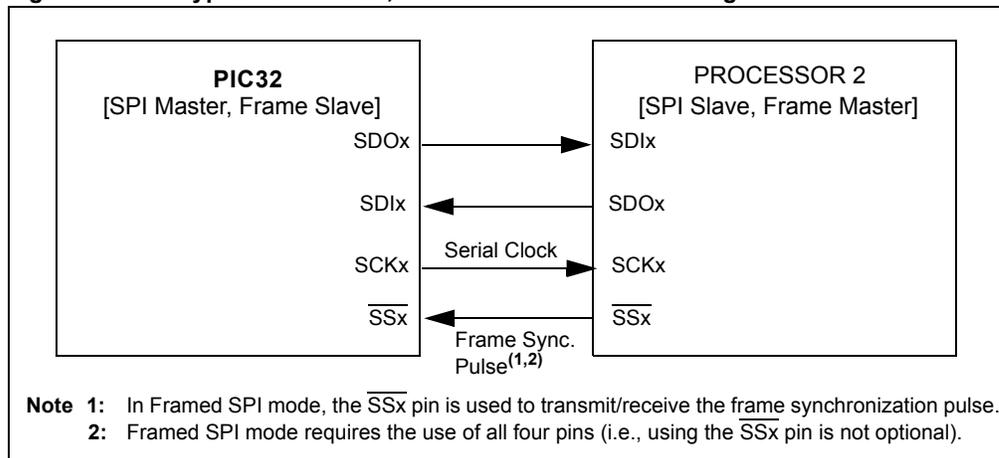


Figure 23-5: Typical SPI Master, Frame Slave Connection Diagram

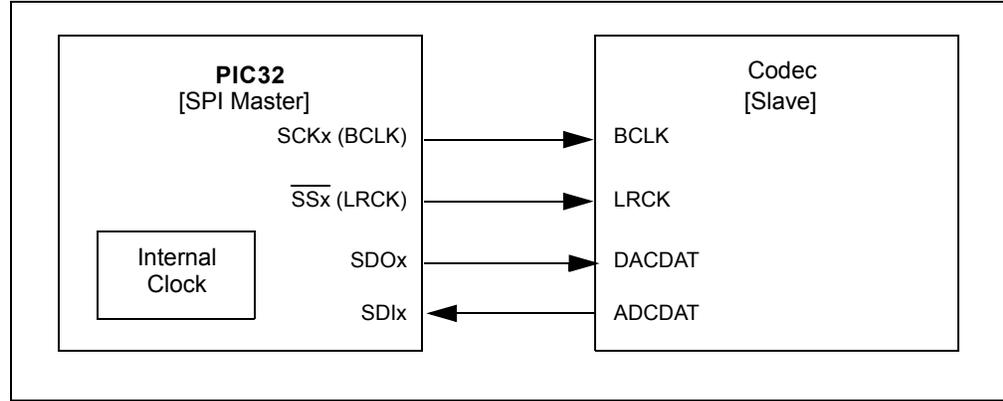


## 23.1.3 Audio Protocol Interface Mode

### 23.1.3.1 SPI IN AUDIO MASTER MODE CONNECTED TO A CODEC SLAVE

Figure 23-6 shows the Bit Clock (BCLK) and Left/Right Channel Clock (LRCK) as generated by the PIC32 SPI module.

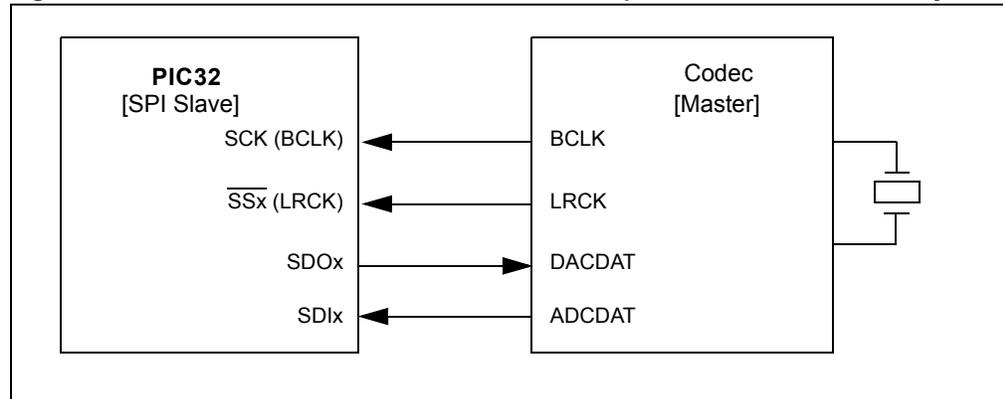
**Figure 23-6: Master Generating its Own Clock – Output BCLK and LRCK**



### 23.1.3.2 SPI IN AUDIO SLAVE MODE CONNECTED TO A CODEC MASTER

Figure 23-7 shows the BCLK and LRCK as generated by the codec master.

**Figure 23-7: Codec Device as Master Generates Required Clock via External Crystal**



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## 23.2 STATUS AND CONTROL REGISTERS

**Note:** Each PIC32 family device variant may have one or more SPI modules. An 'x' used in the names of pins, control/status bits, and registers denotes the particular module. Refer to the specific device data sheets for more details.

The SPI module consists of the following Special Function Registers (SFRs):

- **SPIxCON: SPI Control Register**
- **SPIxCON2: SPI Control Register 2**
- **SPIxSTAT: SPI Status Register**
- **SPIxBUF: SPI Buffer Register**
- **SPIxBRG: SPI Baud Rate Register**

Table 23-3 summarizes all SPI-related registers. Corresponding registers appear after the summary, followed by a detailed description of each register.

**Table 23-3: SPI SFR Summary**

Name	Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
SPIxCON <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>	31:24	FRMEN	FRMSYNC	FRMPOL	MSEN <sup>(4)</sup>	FRMSYPW <sup>(4)</sup>	FRMCNT<2:0> <sup>(4)</sup>		
	23:16	MCLKSEL <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	SPIFE	ENHBUF <sup>(4)</sup>
	15:8	ON	—	SIDL	DISSDO	MODE32	MODE16	SMP	CKE
	7:0	SSEN	CKP	MSTEN	DISSDI <sup>(4)</sup>	STXISEL<1:0> <sup>(4)</sup>		SRXISEL<1:0> <sup>(4)</sup>	
SPIxCON2 <sup>(1,2,3,5)</sup>	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	SPISGNEXT	—	—	FRMERREN	SPIROVEN	SPITUREN	IGNROV	IGNTUR
	7:0	AUDEN	—	—	—	AUDMONO	—	AUDMOD<1:0>	
SPIxSTAT <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>	31:24	—	—	—	RXBUFELM<4:0> <sup>(4)</sup>				
	23:16	—	—	—	TXBUFELM<4:0> <sup>(4)</sup>				
	15:8	—	—	—	FRMERR <sup>(4)</sup>	SPIBUSY	—	—	SPITUR
	7:0	SRMT <sup>(4)</sup>	SPIROV	SPIRBE <sup>(4)</sup>	—	SPITBE	—	SPITBF <sup>(4)</sup>	SPIRBF
SPIxBUF	31:24	DATA<31:24>							
	23:16	DATA<23:16>							
	15:8	DATA<15:8>							
	7:0	DATA<7:0>							
SPIxBRG <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15:8	—	—	—	BRG<12:8> <sup>(6)</sup>				
	7:0	BRG<7:0> <sup>(6)</sup>							

**Legend:** — = unimplemented, read as '0'. Address offset values are shown in hexadecimal.

- Note 1:** This register has an associated Clear register at an offset of 0x4 bytes. These registers have the same name with CLR appended to the end of the register name (e.g., SPIxCONCLR). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.
- 2:** This register has an associated Set register at an offset of 0x8 bytes. These registers have the same name with SET appended to the end of the register name (e.g., SPIxCONSET). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.
- 3:** This register has an associated Invert register at an offset of 0xC bytes. These registers have the same name with INV appended to the end of the register name (e.g., SPIxCONINV). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.
- 4:** This bit is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.
- 5:** This register is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific data sheet for details.
- 6:** Depending on the device, BRG can have up to 13 bits. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.

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**Register 23-1: SPIxCON: SPI Control Register**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	FRMEN	FRMSYNC	FRMPOL	MSSSEN <sup>(1,2)</sup>	FRMSYPW <sup>(1)</sup>	FRMCNT<2:0> <sup>(1)</sup>		
23:16	R/W-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	MCLKSEL	—	—	—	—	—	SPIFE	ENHBUF <sup>(1)</sup>
15:8	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	ON	—	SIDL	DISSDO	MODE32	MODE16	SMP	CKE
7:0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	SSEN	CKP	MSTEN	DISSDI	STXISEL<1:0> <sup>(1,3)</sup>		SRXISEL<1:0> <sup>(1,3)</sup>	

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit                      W = Writable bit                      U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'  
 -n = Value at POR                      '1' = Bit is set                      '0' = Bit is cleared                      x = Bit is unknown

- bit 31     **FRMEN:** Framed SPI Support bit  
 1 = Framed SPI support is enabled ( $\overline{SSx}$  pin used as FSYNC input/output)  
 0 = Framed SPI support is disabled
- bit 30     **FRMSYNC:** Frame Sync Pulse Direction Control on  $\overline{SSx}$  pin bit (Framed SPI mode only)  
 1 = Frame sync pulse input (Slave mode)  
 0 = Frame sync pulse output (Master mode)
- bit 29     **FRMPOL:** Frame Sync Polarity bit (Framed SPI mode only)  
 1 = Frame pulse is active-high  
 0 = Frame pulse is active-low
- bit 28     **MSSSEN:** Master Mode Slave Select Enable bit<sup>(1,2)</sup>  
 1 = Slave select SPI support enabled. The  $\overline{SS}$  pin is automatically driven during transmission in Master mode. Polarity is determined by the FRMPOL bit  
 0 = Slave select SPI support is disabled
- bit 27     **FRMSYPW:** Frame Sync Pulse Width bit<sup>(1)</sup>  
 1 = Frame sync pulse is one word length wide, as defined by MODE<32,16> bits (SPIxCON<11:10>)  
 0 = Frame sync pulse is one clock wide
- bit 26-24 **FRMCNT<2:0>:** Frame Sync Pulse Counter bits  
 This bit controls the number of data characters transmitted per pulse<sup>(1)</sup>.  
 111 = Reserved; do not use  
 110 = Reserved; do not use  
 101 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every 32 data characters  
 100 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every 16 data characters  
 011 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every 8 data characters  
 010 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every 4 data characters  
 001 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every 2 data characters  
 000 = Generate a frame sync pulse on every data character  
 This bit is only valid in Framed SPI mode (FRMEN = 1).
- bit 23     **MCLKSEL:** Master Clock Select bit<sup>(2)</sup>  
 1 = MCLK is used by the Baud Rate Generator  
 0 = PBCLK is used by the Baud Rate Generator
- bit 22-18 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

**Note 1:** These bits are not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.  
**Note 2:** When FRMEN = 1, the MSSSEN bit is not used.  
**Note 3:** Valid only when enhanced buffers are enabled (ENHBUF = 1).

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### Register 23-1: SPIxCON: SPI Control Register (Continued)

bit 17 **SPIFE**: Frame Sync Pulse Edge Select bit (Framed SPI mode only)  
 1 = Frame synchronization pulse coincides with the first bit clock  
 0 = Frame synchronization pulse precedes the first bit clock

bit 16 **ENHBUF**: Enhanced Buffer Enable bit<sup>(1)</sup>  
 1 = Enhanced Buffer mode is enabled  
 0 = Enhanced Buffer mode is disabled

bit 15 **ON**: SPI Peripheral On bit  
 1 = SPI Peripheral is enabled  
 0 = SPI Peripheral is disabled

When ON = 1, DISSDO and DISSDI are the only other bits that can be modified. When using the 1:1 PBCLK divisor, the user's software should not read or write the peripheral's SFRs in the SYSCLK cycle immediately following the instruction that clears the module's ON bit.

bit 14 **Unimplemented**: Write '0'; ignore read

bit 13 **SIDL**: Stop in Idle Mode bit  
 1 = Discontinue operation when CPU enters in Idle mode  
 0 = Continue operation in Idle mode

bit 12 **DISSDO**: Disable SDOx pin bit  
 1 = SDOx pin is not used by the module (pin is controlled by associated PORT register)  
 0 = SDOx pin is controlled by the module

bit 11-10 **MODE<32,16>**: 32/16-bit Communication Select bits  
 When AUDEN = 1:

MODE32	MODE16	Communication
1	1	24-bit Data, 32-bit FIFO, 32-bit Channel/64-bit Frame
1	0	32-bit Data, 32-bit FIFO, 32-bit Channel/64-bit Frame
0	1	16-bit Data, 16-bit FIFO, 32-bit Channel/64-bit Frame
0	0	16-bit Data, 16-bit FIFO, 16-bit Channel/32-bit Frame

When AUDEN = 0:

MODE32	MODE16	Communication
1	x	32-bit
0	1	16-bit
0	0	8-bit

bit 9 **SMP**: SPI Data Input Sample Phase bit  
**Master mode (MSTEN = 1):**  
 1 = Input data sampled at end of data output time  
 0 = Input data sampled at middle of data output time

**Slave mode (MSTEN = 0):**

SMP value is ignored when SPI is used in Slave mode. The module always uses SMP = 0.

bit 8 **CKE**: SPI Clock Edge Select bit  
 1 = Serial output data changes on transition from active clock state to idle clock state (see CKP bit)  
 0 = Serial output data changes on transition from idle clock state to active clock state (see CKP bit)

The CKE bit is not used in the Framed SPI mode. The user should program this bit to '0' for the Framed SPI mode (FRMEN = 1).

bit 7 **SSEN**: Slave Select Enable (Slave mode) bit  
 1 =  $\overline{SSx}$  pin used for Slave mode  
 0 =  $\overline{SSx}$  pin not used for Slave mode, pin controlled by port function.

bit 6 **CKP**: Clock Polarity Select bit  
 1 = Idle state for clock is a high level; active state is a low level  
 0 = Idle state for clock is a low level; active state is a high level

**Note 1:** These bits are not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

**2:** When FRMEN = 1, the SSEN bit is not used.

**3:** Valid only when enhanced buffers are enabled (ENHBUF = 1).

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## Register 23-1: SPIxCON: SPI Control Register (Continued)

- bit 5     **MSTEN**: Master Mode Enable bit  
          1 = Master mode  
          0 = Slave mode
- bit 4     **DISSDI**: Disable SDI bit  
          1 = SDIx pin is not used by the SPI module (pin is controlled by PORT function)  
          0 = SDIx pin is controlled by the SPI module
- bit 3-2   **STXISEL<1:0>**: SPI Transmit Buffer Empty Interrupt Mode bits<sup>(1,3)</sup>  
          11 = SPIxTXIF is set when the buffer is not full (has one or more empty elements)  
          10 = SPIxTXIF is set when the buffer is empty by one-half or more  
          01 = SPIxTXIF is set when the buffer is completely empty  
          00 = SPIxTXIF is set when the last transfer is shifted out of SPIxSR and transmit operations are complete
- bit 1-0   **SRXISEL<1:0>**: SPI Receive Buffer Full Interrupt Mode bits<sup>(1,3)</sup>  
          11 = SPIxRXIF is set when the buffer is full  
          10 = SPIxRXIF is set when the buffer is full by one-half or more  
          01 = SPIxRXIF is set when the buffer is not empty  
          00 = SPIxRXIF is set when the last word in the receive buffer is read (i.e., buffer is empty)

**Note 1:** These bits are not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

**2:** When FRMEN = 1, the MSSSEN bit is not used.

**3:** Valid only when enhanced buffers are enabled (ENHBUF = 1).

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**Register 23-2: SPIxCON2: SPI Control Register 2**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
15:8	R/W-0 SPISGNEXT	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0 FRMERREN	R/W-1 SPIROVEN	R/W-1 SPITUREN	R/W-0 IGNROV	R/W-0 IGNTUR
7:0	R/W-0 AUDEN <sup>(1,3)</sup>	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0 AUDMONO <sup>(2)</sup>	R/W-0	R/W-0 AUDMOD<1:0> <sup>(2,4)</sup>	R/W-0

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared
		x = Bit is unknown

- bit 31-16 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read
- bit 15 **SPISGNEXT:** Sign Extend Read Data from the RX FIFO bit
  - 1 = Data from RX FIFO is sign extended
  - 0 = Data from RX FIFO is not sign extended
- bit 14-13 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read
- bit 12 **FRMERREN:** Enable Interrupt Events via FRMERR bit
  - 1 = Frame Error overflow generates error interrupts
  - 0 = Frame Error does not generate error interrupts
- bit 11 **SPIROVEN:** Enable Interrupt Events via SPIROV bit
  - 1 = Receive overflow generates error interrupts
  - 0 = Receive overflow does not generate error interrupts
- bit 10 **SPITUREN:** Enable Interrupt Events via SPITUR bit
  - 1 = Transmit Underrun generates error interrupts
  - 0 = Transmit Underrun does not generate error interrupts
- bit 9 **IGNROV:** Ignore Receive Overflow bit (for Audio Data Transmissions)
  - 1 = A ROV is not a critical error; during ROV data in the FIFO is not overwritten by receive data
  - 0 = A ROV is a critical error which stop SPI operation
- bit 8 **IGNTUR:** Ignore Transmit Underrun bit (for Audio Data Transmissions)
  - 1 = A TUR is not a critical error and zeros are transmitted until the SPIxTXB is not empty
  - 0 = A TUR is a critical error which stop SPI operation
- bit 7 **AUDEN:** Enable Audio CODEC Support bit<sup>(1,3)</sup>
  - 1 = Audio protocol enabled
  - 0 = Audio protocol disabled
- bit 6-5 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

- Note 1:** This bit can only be written when the ON bit = 0.
- Note 2:** This bit can only be written when the ON bit = 0, and is only valid for AUDEN = 1.
- Note 3:** When Audio mode is enabled (i.e., AUDEN = 1), the following bits in the SPIxCON register are configured by the module internally:
- The direction of the Bit Clock (BCLK) and Left/Right Channel Clock (LRCK) are selected based on the MSTEN bit
  - FRMEN = 1, FRMCNT = 1, SMP = 0
  - In Slave mode (MSTN = 0, FRMSYNC = 1) and in Master mode MSTN = 1, FRMSYNC = 0
- Note 4:** In I<sup>2</sup>S mode, SPIFE = 0, in Right or Left-Justified mode, SPIFE = 1, except in DSP/PCM mode when FRMSYPW = 0.
- Note 5:** This feature is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

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## Register 23-2: SPIxCON2: SPI Control Register 2 (Continued)

- bit 3     **AUDMONO**: Transmit Audio Data Format bit<sup>(2)</sup>  
          1 = Audio data is mono (Each data word is transmitted on both left and right channels)  
          0 = Audio data is stereo
- bit 2     **Unimplemented**: Write '0'; ignore read
- bit 1-0   **AUDMOD<1:0>**: Audio Protocol Mode bit<sup>(2,4)</sup>  
          11 = PCM/DSP mode  
          10 = Right-Justified mode  
          01 = Left-Justified mode  
          00 = I<sup>2</sup>S mode<sup>(5)</sup>

- Note 1:** This bit can only be written when the ON bit = 0.
- 2:** This bit can only be written when the ON bit = 0, and is only valid for AUDEN = 1.
- 3:** When Audio mode is enabled (i.e., AUDEN = 1), the following bits in the SPIxCON register are configured by the module internally:
- The direction of the Bit Clock (BCLK) and Left/Right Channel Clock (LRCK) are selected based on the MSTEN bit
  - FRMEN = 1, FRMCNT = 1, SMP = 0
  - In Slave mode (MSTN = 0, FRMSYNC = 1) and in Master mode MSTN = 1, FRMSYNC = 0
- 4:** In I<sup>2</sup>S mode, SPIFE = 0, in Right or Left-Justified mode, SPIFE = 1, except in DSP/PCM mode when FRMSYPW = 0.
- 5:** This feature is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

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**Register 23-3: SPIxSTAT: SPI Status Register**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
	—	—	—	RXBUFELM<4:0> <sup>(1)</sup>				
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0	R-0
	—	—	—	TXBUFELM<4:0> <sup>(1)</sup>				
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/C-0, HS	R-0	U-0	U-0	R/C-0, HS
	—	—	—	FRMERR	SPIBUSY	—	—	SPITUR <sup>(1)</sup>
7:0	R-0	R/C-0, HS	R-0	U-0	R-1	U-0	R-0	R-0
	SRMT <sup>(12)</sup>	SPIROV	SPIRBE <sup>(1)</sup>	—	SPITBE	—	SPITBF <sup>(1)</sup>	SPIRBF

<b>Legend:</b>	C = Clearable bit	HS = Set in Hardware
R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
-n = Value at POR	'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared      x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-29 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 28-24 **RXBUFELM<4:0>:** Receive Buffer Element Count bits (valid only when ENHBUF = 1)<sup>(1)</sup>

Number of receive samples contained in the FIFO.

bit 23-21 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 20-16 **TXBUFELM<4:0>:** Transmit Buffer Element Count bits (valid only when ENHBUF = 1)<sup>(1)</sup>

Number of transmit samples remaining in the FIFO.

bit 15-13 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 12 **FRMERR:** SPI Frame Error status bit

- 1 = Frame error detected
- 0 = No Frame error detected

FRMERR is only valid when FRMEN = 1. This bit is only set by hardware. It can be cleared by writing a zero, preferably with the command SPIxSTATCLR = 1<<12. It can also be cleared by disabling and re-enabling the module using the SPIxCON.ON bit.

bit 11 **SPIBUSY:** SPI Activity Status bit

- 1 = SPI peripheral is currently busy with some transactions
- 0 = SPI peripheral is currently idle

bit 10-9 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 8 **SPITUR:** Transmit Under Run bit<sup>(1)</sup>

- 1 = Transmit buffer has encountered an underrun condition
- 0 = Transmit buffer has no underrun condition

This bit is only valid in Framed Sync mode. This bit is only set by hardware. It can be cleared by writing a zero, preferably with the command SPIxSTATCLR = 1<<8. It can also be cleared by disabling and re-enabling the module using the SPIxCON.ON bit.

bit 7 **SRMT:** Shift Register Empty bit (valid only when ENHBUF = 1)<sup>(1)</sup>

- 1 = When SPI module shift register is empty
- 0 = When SPI module shift register is not empty

bit 6 **SPIROV:** Receive Overflow Flag bit

- 1 = A new data is completely received and discarded. The user software has not read the previous data in the SPIxBUF register.
- 0 = No overflow has occurred

This bit is only set by hardware. It can be cleared by writing a zero, preferably with the command SPIxSTATCLR = 1<<6. It can also be cleared by disabling and re-enabling the module using the SPIxCON.ON bit.

**Note 1:** These bits are not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

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## Register 23-3: SPIxSTAT: SPI Status Register (Continued)

bit 5 **SPIRBE:** RX FIFO Empty bit (valid only when ENHBUF = 1)  
1 = RX FIFO is empty (CRPTR = SWPTR)  
0 = RX FIFO is not empty (CRPTR < SWPTR)

bit 4 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 3 **SPIITBE:** SPI Transmit Buffer Empty Status bit<sup>(1)</sup>  
1 = Transmit buffer, SPIxTXB is empty  
0 = Transmit buffer, SPIxTXB is not empty  
Automatically set in hardware when SPI transfers data from SPIxTXB to SPIxSR.  
Automatically cleared in hardware when SPIxBUF is written to, loading SPIxTXB.

bit 2 **Unimplemented:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 1 **SPIITBF:** SPI Transmit Buffer Full Status bit<sup>(1)</sup>  
1 = Transmit not yet started, SPITXB is full  
0 = Transmit buffer is not full

### Standard Buffer Mode:

Automatically set in hardware when the core writes to the SPIBUF location, loading SPITXB.  
Automatically cleared in hardware when the SPI module transfers data from SPITXB to SPIxSR.

### Enhanced Buffer Mode:

Set when there is no available space in the FIFO.

bit 0 **SPIIRBF:** SPI Receive Buffer Full Status bit  
1 = Receive buffer, SPIxRXB is full  
0 = Receive buffer, SPIxRXB is not full

### Standard Buffer Mode:

Automatically set in hardware when the SPI module transfers data from SPIxSR to SPIxRXB.  
Automatically cleared in hardware when SPIxBUF is read from, reading SPIxRXB.

### Enhanced Buffer Mode:

Set when there is no available space in the FIFO.

**Note 1:** These bits are not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.



## 23.3 MODES OF OPERATION

The SPI module offers the following operating modes:

- 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit data transmission modes
- 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit data reception modes
- Master and Slave modes
- Framed SPI modes
- Audio Protocol Interface mode

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| <p><b>Note 1:</b> In Framed SPI mode, these four pins are used: SDIx, SDOx, SCKx, and SSx.</p> <p><b>2:</b> If the Slave Select feature is used, all four pins listed in Note 1 are used.</p> <p><b>3:</b> If Standard SPI is used, but CKE = 1, enabling/using the Slave Select feature is mandatory, and therefore, all four pins listed in Note 1 are used.</p> <p><b>4:</b> If Standard SPI is used, but DISSDO = 1, only two pins are used: SDIx and SCKx; unless Slave Select is also enabled.</p> <p><b>5:</b> In all other cases, three pins are used: SDIx, SDOx, and SCKx.</p> |
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### 23.3.1 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit Operation

The SPI module allows three types of data widths when transmitting and receiving data over an SPI bus. The selection of data width determines the minimum length of SPI data. For example, when the selected data width is 32, all transmission and receptions are performed in 32-bit values. All reads and writes from the CPU are also performed in 32-bit values. Accordingly, the application software should select the appropriate data width to maximize its data throughput.

Two control bits, MODE32 and MODE16 (SPIxCON<11:10>), which are referred to as MODE<32,16>, define the mode of operation. To change the mode of operation on the fly, the SPI module must be idle (i.e., not performing any transactions). If the SPI module is switched off (SPIxCON<15> = 0), the new mode will be available when the module is again switched on.

Additionally, the following items should be noted in this context:

- The MODE<32,16> bits should not be changed when a transaction is in progress
- The first bit to be shifted out from SPIxSR varies with the selected mode of operation:
  - 8-bit mode, bit 7
  - 16-bit mode, bit 15
  - 32-bit mode, bit 31
- In each mode, data is shifted into bit 0 of the SPIxSR
- The number of clock pulses at the SCKx pin are also dependent on the selected mode of operation:
  - 8-bit mode, 8 clocks
  - 16-bit mode, 16 clocks
  - 32-bit mode, 32 clocks

### 23.3.2 Buffer Modes

There are two SPI buffering modes: Standard and Enhanced.

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| <p><b>Note:</b> Enhanced Buffer mode is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.</p> |
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#### 23.3.2.1 STANDARD BUFFER MODE

The SPI Data Receive/Transmit Buffer (SPIxBUF) register is actually two separate internal registers: the Transmit Buffer (SPIxTXB) and the Receive Buffer (SPIxRXB). These two unidirectional registers share the SFR address of SPIxBUF.

When a complete byte/word is received, it is transferred from SPIxSR to SPIxRXB and the SPIxRBF flag is set. If the software reads the SPIxBUF buffer, the SPIxRBF bit is cleared.

As the software writes to SPIxBUF, the data is loaded into the SPIxTXB bit and the SPIxTBF bit is set by hardware. As the data is transmitted out of SPIxSR, the SPIxTBF flag is cleared.

The SPI module double-buffers transmit/receive operations and allow continuous data transfers in the background. Transmission and reception occur simultaneously in SPIxSR.

## 23.3.2.2 ENHANCED BUFFER MODE

The Enhanced Buffer Enable (ENHBUF) bit in the SPI Control (SPIxCON<16>) register can be set to enable the Enhanced Buffer mode.

In Enhanced Buffer mode, two 128-bit FIFO buffers are used for the transmit buffer (SPIxTXB) and the receive buffer (SPIxRXB). SPIxBUF provides access to both the receive and transmit FIFOs and the data transmission and reception in the SPIxSR buffer in this mode is identical to that in Standard Buffer mode. The FIFO depth depends on the data width chosen by the Word/Half-Word Byte Communication Select (MODE<32,16>) bits in the SPI Control (SPIxCON<11:10>) register. If the MODE field selects 32-bit data lengths, the FIFO is 4 deep, if MODE selects 16-bit data lengths, the FIFO is 8 deep, or if MODE selects 8-bit data lengths the FIFO is 16 deep.

The SPITBF status bit is set when all of the elements in the transmit FIFO buffer are full and is cleared if one or more of those elements are empty. The SPIRBF status bit is set when all of the elements in the receive FIFO buffer are full and is cleared if the SPIxBUF buffer is read by the software.

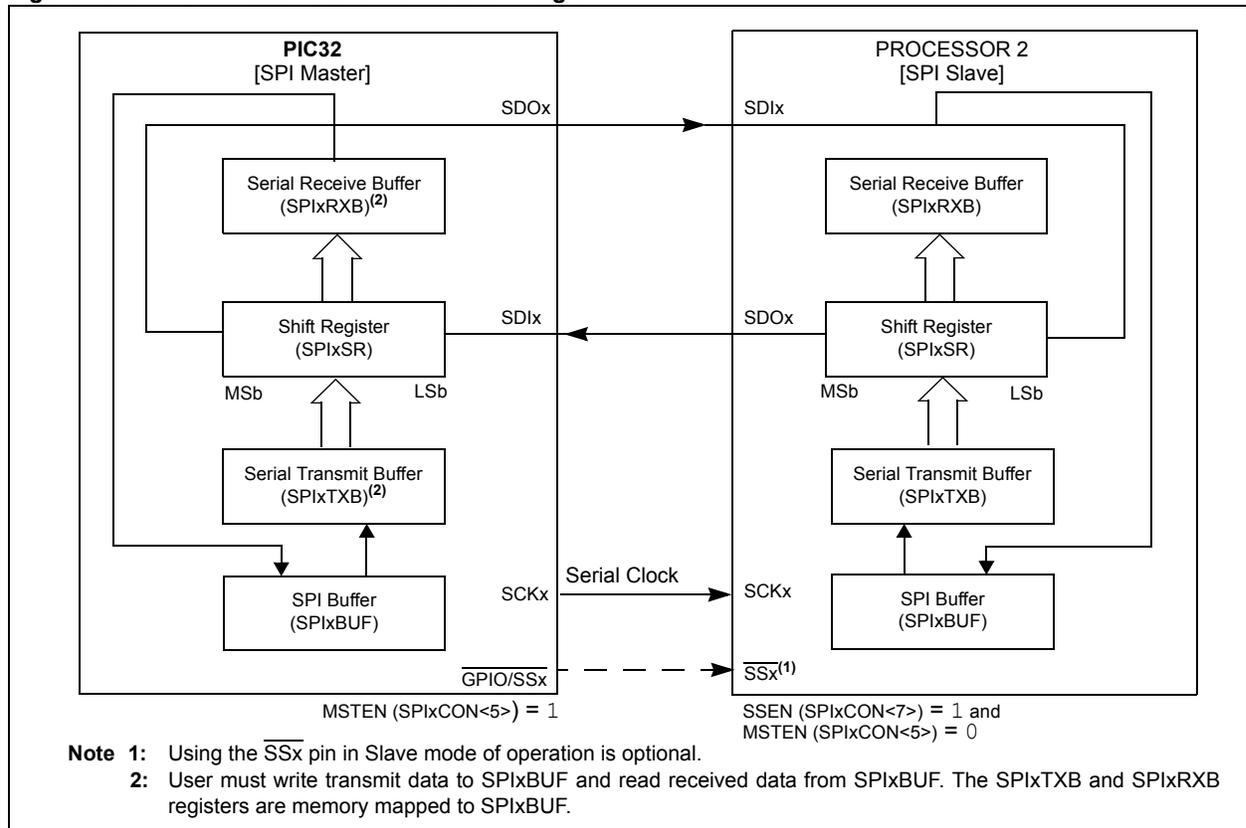
The SPITBE status bit is set if all the elements in the transmit FIFO buffer are empty and is cleared otherwise. The SPIRBE bit is set if all of the elements in the receive FIFO buffer are empty and is cleared otherwise. The Shift Register Empty (SRMT) bit is valid only in Enhanced Buffer mode and is set when the shift register is empty and cleared otherwise.

There is no underrun or overflow protection against reading an empty receive FIFO element or writing a full transmit FIFO element. However, the SPIxSTAT register provides the Transmit Underrun Status bit (SPITUR) and Receive Overflow Status bit (SPIROV), which can be monitored along with the other status bits.

The Receive Buffer Element Count bits (RXBUFELM<4:0>) in the SPI Status (SPIxSTAT<28:24>) register indicate the number of unread elements in the receive FIFO. The Transmit Buffer Element Count bits (TXBUFELM<4:0>) in the SPI Status (SPIxSTAT<20:16>) register indicate the number of elements not transmitted in the transmit FIFO.

## 23.3.3 Master and Slave Modes

**Figure 23-8: SPI Master/Slave Connection Diagram**



## 23.3.3.1 MASTER MODE OPERATION

Perform the following steps to set up the SPI module for the Master mode operation:

1. Disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit.
3. Clear the receive buffer.
4. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
5. If SPI interrupts are not going to be used, skip this step and continue to step 5. Otherwise the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
6. Write the Baud Rate register, SPIxBRG.
7. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
8. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register with MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
9. Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
10. Write the data to be transmitted to the SPIxBUF register. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as data is written to the SPIxBUF register.

**Note:** The SPI device must be turned off prior to changing the mode from Slave to Master. (When using the Slave Select mode, the SSx or another GPIO pin is used to control the slave's SSx input. The pin must be controlled in software.)

In Master mode, the PBCLK is divided and then used as the serial clock. The division is based on the settings in the SPIxBRG register. The serial clock is output via the SCKx pin to slave devices. Clock pulses are only generated when there is data to be transmitted; except when in Framed mode, when clock is generated continuously. For further information, refer to [23.3.7 “SPI Master Mode Clock Frequency”](#).

The Master Mode Slave Select Enable (MSSSEN) bit in the SPI Control register (SPIxCON<28>) can be set to automatically drive the slave select signal (SS) in Master mode. Clearing this bit disables the slave select signal support in Master mode. The FRMPOL bit (SPIxCON<29>) determines the polarity for the slave select signal in Master mode.

**Note:** The MSSSEN bit is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details. This bit should not be set the SPI Framed mode is enabled (i.e., FRMEN = 1).

In devices that do not feature the MSSSEN bit, the Slave Select signal (in non-Framed SPI mode) must be generated by using the SSx pin or another general purpose I/O pin under software control.

The CKP (SPIxCON<6>) and CKE (SPIxCON<8>) bits determine on which edge of the clock data transmission occurs.

**Note:** The user must turn off the SPI device prior to changing the CKE or CKP bits. Otherwise, the behavior of the device is not guaranteed.

Both data to be transmitted and data that is received are written to, or read from, the SPIxBUF register, respectively.

The following progression describes the SPI module operation in Master mode:

1. Once the module is set up for Master mode operation and enabled, data to be transmitted is written to SPIxBUF register. The SPITBE bit (SPIxSTAT<3>) is cleared.
2. The contents of SPIxTXB are moved to the shift register, SPIxSR (see [Figure 23-8](#)), and the SPITBE bit is set by the module.
3. A series of 8/16/32 clock pulses shifts 8/16/32 bits of transmit data from SPIxSR to the SDOx pin and simultaneously shifts the data at the SDIx pin into SPIxSR.

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4. When the transfer is complete, the following events will occur:
  - a) The SPIxRXIF interrupt flag bit is set. SPI interrupts can be enabled by setting the SPIxRXIE interrupt enable bit. The SPIxRXIF flag is not cleared automatically by the hardware.
  - b) Also, when the ongoing transmit and receive operation is completed, the contents of SPIxSR are moved to SPIxRXB.
  - c) The SPIRBF bit (SPIxSTAT<0>) is set by the module, indicating that the receive buffer is full. Once SPIxBUF is read by the user code, the hardware clears the SPIRBF bit. In Enhanced Buffer mode the SPIRBE bit (SPIxSTAT<5>) is set when the SPIxRXB FIFO buffer is completely empty and cleared when not empty.
5. If the SPIRBF bit is set (the receive buffer is full) when the SPI module needs to transfer data from SPIxSR to SPIxRXB, the module will set the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>) indicating an overflow condition.
6. Data to be transmitted can be written to SPIxBUF by the user software at any time, if the SPITBE bit (SPIxSTAT<3>) is set. The write can occur while SPIxSR is shifting out the previously written data, allowing continuous transmission. In Enhanced Buffer mode the SPITBF bit (SPIxSTAT<1>) is set when the SPIxTXB FIFO buffer is completely full and clear when it is not full.

**Note:** The SPIxSR register cannot be written to directly by the user. All writes to the SPIxSR register are performed through the SPIxBUF register.

### Example 23-1: Initialization Code for 16-bit SPI Master Mode

```
/*
The following code example will initialize the SPI1 in Master mode.
It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. If so, the
AD1PCFG and corresponding TRIS registers have to be properly configured.
*/
int rData;

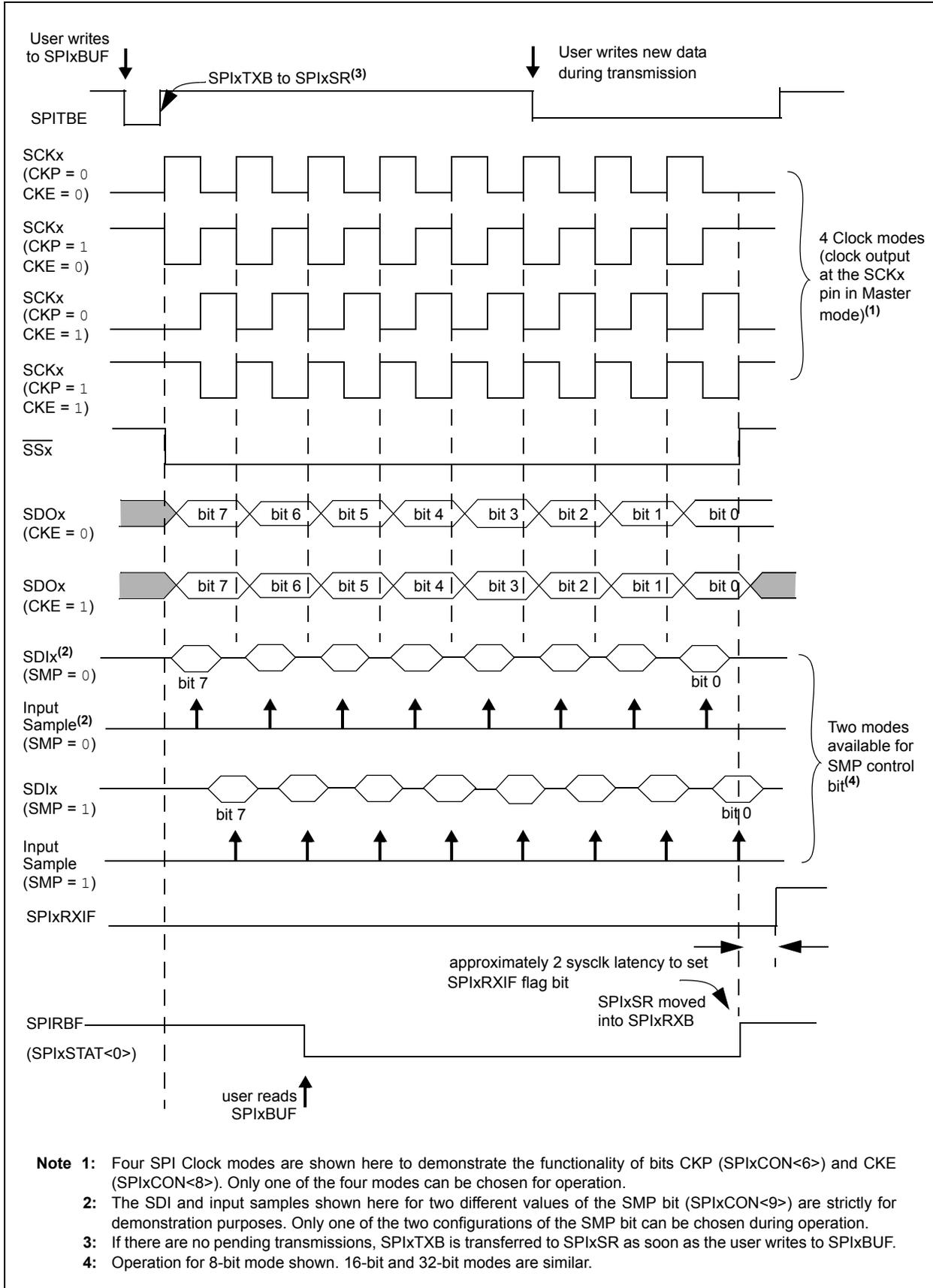
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL=3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1BRG=0x1; // use FPB/4 clock frequency
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON=0x8220; // SPI ON, 8 bits transfer, SMP=1, Master mode

// from now on, the device is ready to transmit and receive data
SPI1BUF='A'; // transmit an A character
```

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**Figure 23-9: SPI Master Mode Operation in 8-bit Mode (MODE32 = 0, MODE16 = 0)**



### 23.3.3.2 SLAVE MODE OPERATION

The following steps are used to set up the SPI module for the Slave mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit.
3. Clear the receive buffer.
4. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
5. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
6. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
7. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register with MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 0.
8. Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
9. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the serial clock.

**Note:** The SPI module must be turned off prior to changing the mode from Master to Slave.

In Slave mode, data is transmitted and received as the external clock pulses appear on the SCKx pin. The CKP bit (SPIxCON<6>) and the CKE bit (SPIxCON<8>) determine on which edge of the clock data transmission occurs.

Both data to be transmitted and data that is received are respectively written into or read from the SPIxBUF register.

The rest of the operation of the module is identical to that in the Master mode including Enhanced Buffer mode.

#### 23.3.3.2.1 Slave Mode Additional Features

The following additional features are provided in the Slave mode:

- Slave Select Synchronization

The  $\overline{SSx}$  pin allows a Synchronous Slave mode. If the SSEN bit (SPIxCON<7>) is set, transmission and reception is enabled in Slave mode only if the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin is driven to a low state. The port output or other peripheral outputs must not be driven in order to allow the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin to function as an input. If the SSEN bit is set and the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin is driven high, the SDOx pin is no longer driven and will tri-state even if the module is in the middle of a transmission. An aborted transmission will be retried the next time the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin is driven low using the data held in the SPIxTXB register. If the SSEN bit is not set, the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin does not affect the module operation in Slave mode.

- SPITBE Status Flag Operation

The SPITBE bit (SPIxSTAT<3>) has a different function in the Slave mode of operation. The following describes the function of SPITBE for various settings of the Slave mode of operation:

- If SSEN (SPIxCON<7>) is cleared, the SPITBE is cleared when SPIxBUF is loaded by the user code. It is set when the module transfers SPIxTXB to SPIxSR. This is similar to the SPITBE bit function in Master mode.
- If SSEN is set, SPITBE is cleared when SPIxBUF is loaded by the user code. However, it is set only when the SPIx module completes data transmission. A transmission will be aborted when the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin goes high and may be retried at a later time. So, each data Word is held in SPIxTXB until all bits are transmitted to the receiver.

**Note:** Slave Select cannot be used when operating in Frame mode.

## Example 23-2: Initialization Code for 16-bit SPI Slave Mode

```

/*
  The following code example will initialize the SPI1 in Slave mode.
  It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. If so, the
  AD1PCFG and corresponding TRIS registers have to be properly configured.
*/
int    rData;

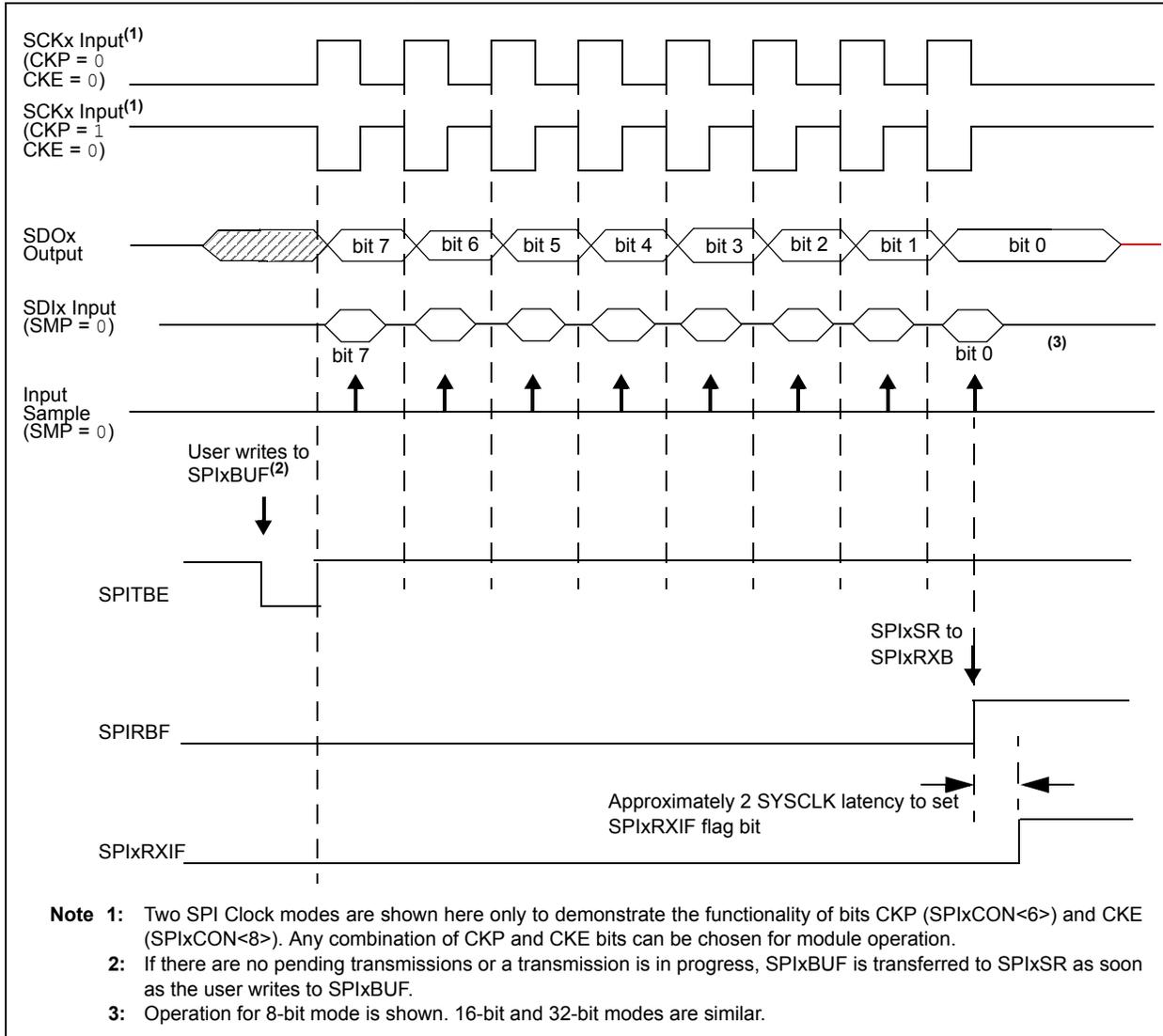
IEC0CLR=0x03800000;    // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0;           // Stops and resets the SPI1.
rData=SPI1BUF;         // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000;   // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000;   // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000;   // Set IPL=3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000;   // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1STATCLR=0x40;     // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON=0x8000;       // SPI ON, 8 bits transfer, Slave mode

// from now on, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

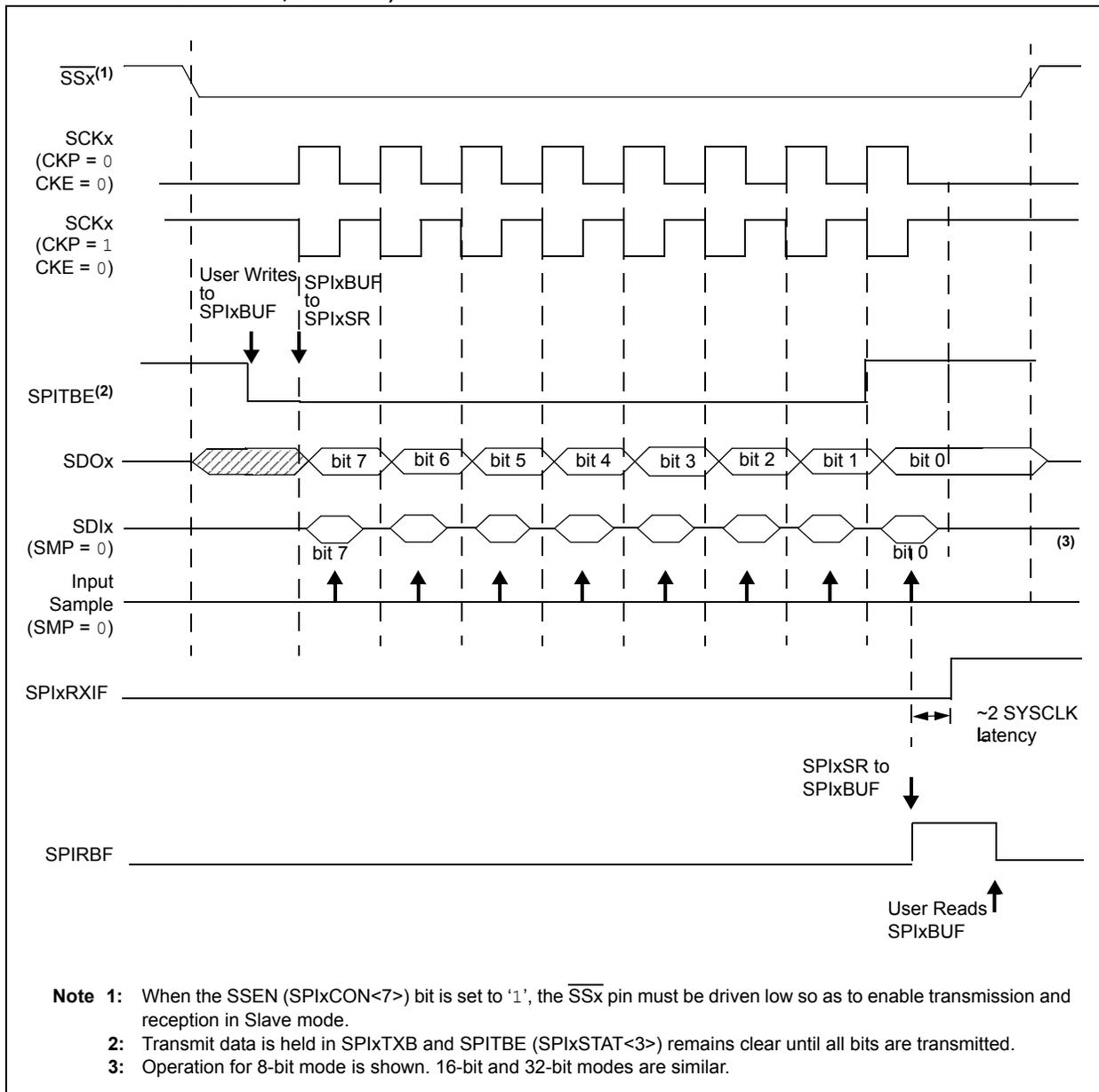
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**Figure 23-10: SPI Slave Mode Operation in 8-bit Mode with Slave Select Pin Disabled (MODE32 = 0, MODE16 = 0, SSEN = 0)**



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Figure 23-11: SPI Slave Mode Operation in 8-bit Mode with Slave Select Pin Enabled (MODE32 = 0, MODE16 = 0, SSEN = 1)



## 23.3.4 SPI Error Handling

When a new data word has been shifted into shift register SPIxSR and the previous contents of receive register SPIxRXB have not been read by the user software, the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>) will be set. The module will not transfer the received data from SPIxSR to the SPIxRXB. Further data reception is disabled until the SPIROV bit is cleared. The SPIROV bit is not cleared automatically by the module and must be cleared by the user software.

## 23.3.5 SPI Receive-Only Operation

Setting the DISSDO control bit (SPIxCON<12>) disables transmission at the SDOx pin. This allows the SPIx module to be configured for a Receive-Only mode of operation. The SDOx pin will be controlled by the respective port function if the DISSDO bit is set.

The DISSDO function is applicable to all SPI operating modes.

## 23.3.6 Framed SPI Modes

The module supports a very basic framed SPI protocol while operating in either Master or Slave modes. The following features are provided in the SPI module to support Framed SPI modes:

- The FRMEN control bit (SPIxCON<31>) enables Framed SPI mode and causes the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin to be used as a frame synchronization pulse input or output pin. The state of SSEN (SPIxCON<7>) is ignored.
- The FRMSYNC control bit (SPIxCON<30>) determines whether the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin is an input or an output (i.e., whether the module receives or generates the frame synchronization pulse)
- The FRMPOL control bit (SPIxCON<29>) determines the frame synchronization pulse polarity for a single SPI clock cycle.
- The FRMSYPW control bit (SPIxCON<27>) can be set to configure the width of the frame synchronization pulse to one character wide

<b>Note:</b> The FRMSYPW bit is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.
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- The FRMCNT<2:0> control bits (SPIxCON<26:24>) can be set to configure the number of data characters transmitted per frame synchronization pulse

The following Framed SPI modes are supported by the SPI module:

- Frame Master mode

The SPI module generates the frame synchronization pulse and provides this pulse to other devices at the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin

- Frame Slave mode

The SPI module uses a frame synchronization pulse received at the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin.

The Framed SPI modes are supported in conjunction with the Master and Slave modes. Therefore, the following Framed SPI Configurations are available:

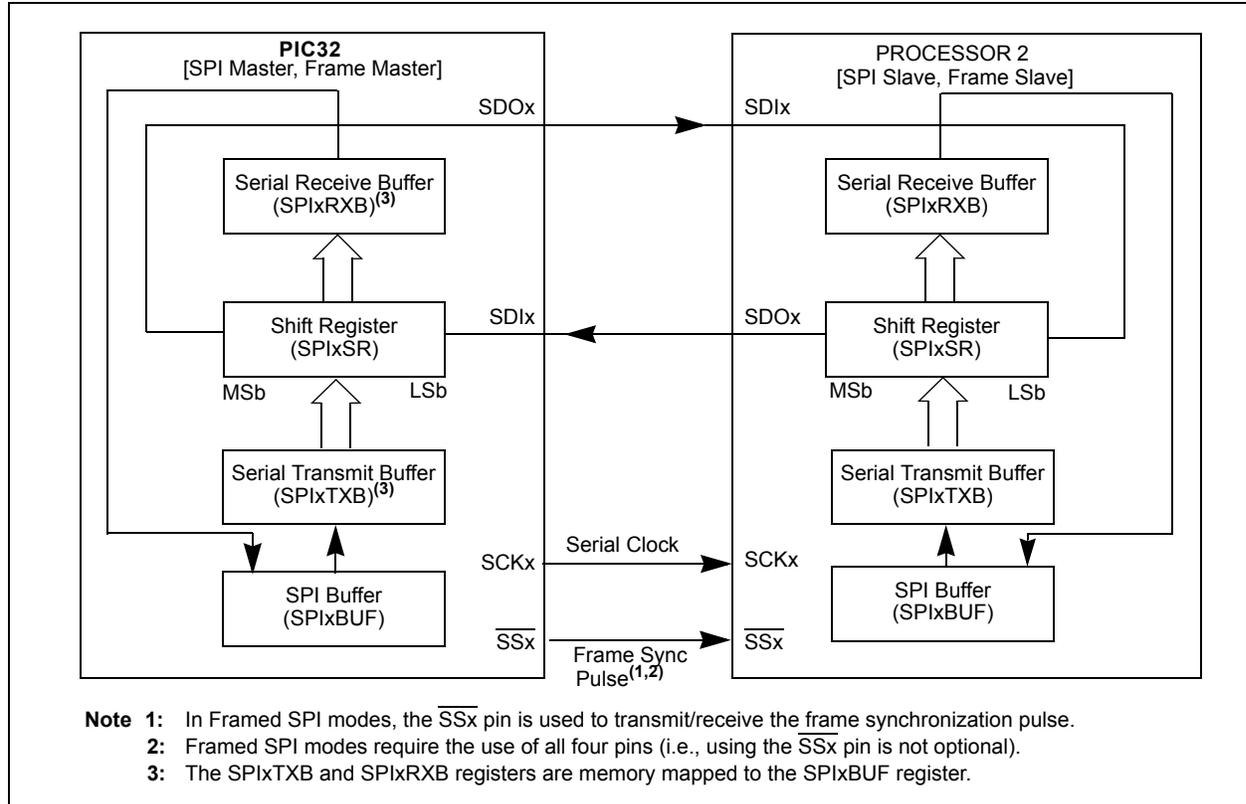
- SPI Master mode and Frame Master mode
- SPI Master mode and Frame Slave mode
- SPI Slave mode and Frame Master mode
- SPI Slave mode and Frame Slave mode

These four modes determine whether or not the SPIx module generates the serial clock and the frame synchronization pulse.

The ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) can be configured to use the Standard Buffering mode or Enhanced Buffering mode in Framed SPI mode.

In addition, the SPI module can be used to interface to external audio DAC/ADC and codec devices in Framed SPI mode.

**Figure 23-12: SPI Master, Frame Master Connection Diagram**



### 23.3.6.1 SCKx IN FRAMED SPI MODES

When FRMEN (SPIxCON<31>) = 1 and MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1, the SCKx pin becomes an output and the SPI clock at SCKx becomes a free-running clock.

When FRMEN = 1 and MSTEN = 0, the SCKx pin becomes an input. The source clock provided to the SCKx pin is assumed to be a free-running clock.

The polarity of the clock is selected by the CKP bit (SPIxCON<6>). The CKE bit (SPIxCON<8>) is not used for the Framed SPI modes.

When CKP xor CKE = 0, the frame sync pulse output and the SDOx data output change on the rising edge of the clock pulses at the SCKx pin. Input data is sampled at the SDIx input pin on the falling edge of the serial clock.

When CKP xor CKE = 1, the frame sync pulse output and the SDOx data output change on the falling edge of the clock pulses at the SCKx pin. Input data is sampled at the SDIx input pin on the rising edge of the serial clock.

### 23.3.6.2 SPI BUFFERS IN FRAMED SPI MODES

When FRMSYNC (SPIxCON<30>) = 0, the SPIx module is in the Frame Master mode of operation. In this mode, the frame sync pulse is initiated by the module when the user software writes the transmit data to SPIxBUF location (thus writing the SPIxTXB register with transmit data). At the end of the frame sync pulse, SPIxTXB is transferred to SPIxSR and data transmission/reception begins.

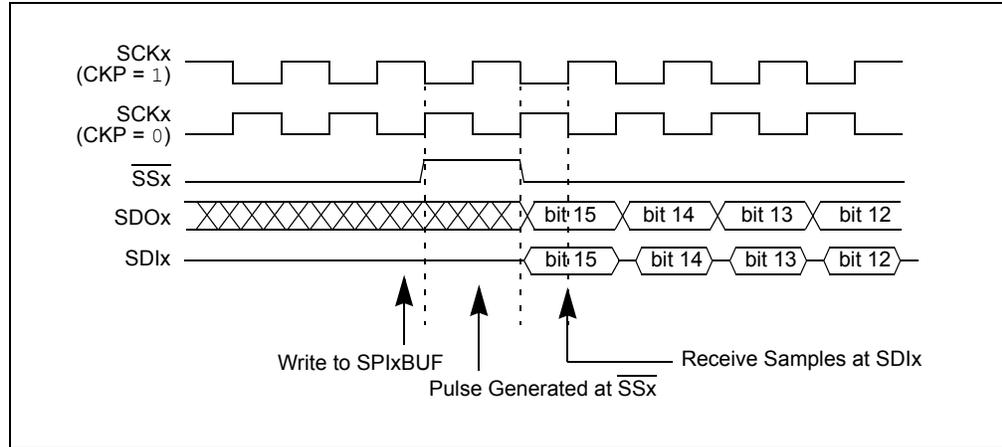
When FRMSYNC = 1, the module is in Frame Slave mode. In this mode, the frame sync pulse is generated by an external source. When the module samples the frame sync pulse, it will transfer the contents of the SPIxTXB register to SPIxSR, and data transmission/reception begins. The user must make sure that the correct data is loaded into the SPIxBUF for transmission before the frame sync pulse is received.

**Note:** Receiving a frame sync pulse will start a transmission, regardless of whether or not data was written to SPIxBUF. If a write was not performed, zeros will be transmitted.

## 23.3.6.3 SPI MASTER MODE AND FRAME MASTER MODE

This Framed SPI mode is enabled by setting the MSTEN bit (SPIxCON<5>) and the FRMEN bit (SPIxCON<31>) to '1', and the FRMSYNC bit (SPIxCON<30>) to '0'. In this mode, the serial clock will be output continuously at the SCKx pin, regardless of whether the module is transmitting. When SPIxBUF is written, the SSx pin will be driven active, high or low depending on the FRMPOL bit (SPIxCON<29>), on the next transmit edge of the SCKx clock. The SSx pin will be high for one SCKx clock cycle. The module will start transmitting data on the next transmit edge of the SCKx, as shown in Figure 23-13. A connection diagram indicating signal directions for this operating mode is shown in Figure 23-13.

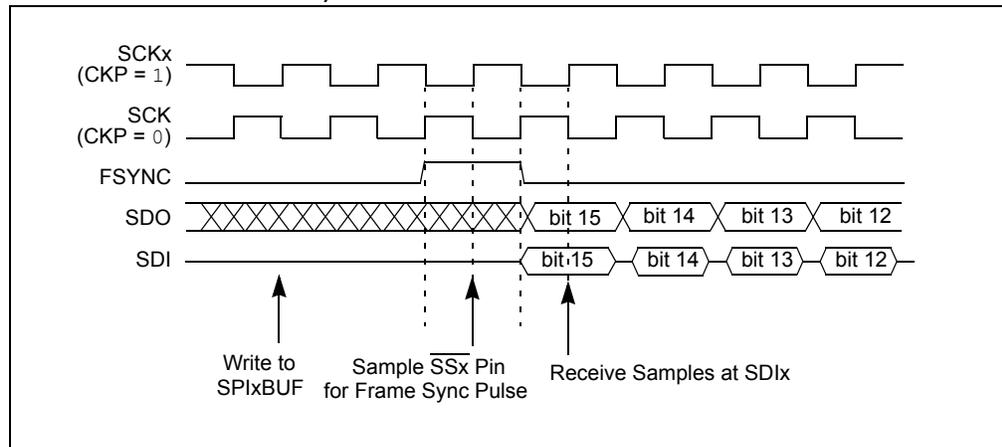
**Figure 23-13: SPI Master, Frame Master (MODE32 = 0, MODE16 = 1, SPIFE = 0, FRMPOL = 1)**



## 23.3.6.4 SPI MASTER MODE AND FRAME SLAVE MODE

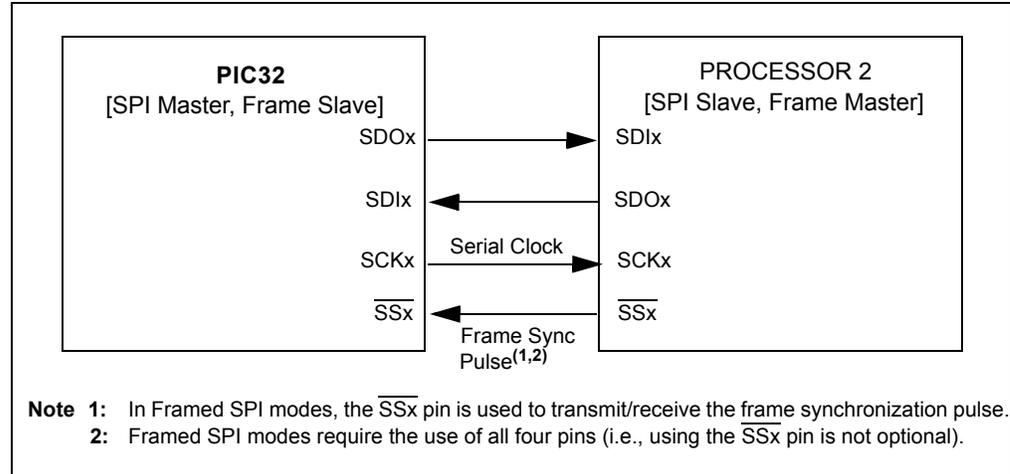
This Framed SPI mode is enabled by setting the MSTEN bit (SPIxCON<5>), the FRMEN bit (SPIxCON<31>), and the FRMSYNC bit (SPIxCON<30>) to '1'. The SSx pin is an input, and it is sampled on the sample edge of the SPI clock. When it is sampled active, high or low depending on the FRMPOL bit (SPIxCON<29>), data will be transmitted on the subsequent transmit edge of the SPI clock, as shown in Figure 23-14. The interrupt flag SPIxIF is set when the transmission is complete. The user must make sure that the correct data is loaded into SPIxBUF for transmission before the signal is received at the SSx pin. A connection diagram indicating signal directions for this operating mode is shown in Figure 23-15.

**Figure 23-14: SPI Master, Frame Slave (MODE32 = 0, MODE16 = 1, SPIFE = 0, FRMPOL = 1)**



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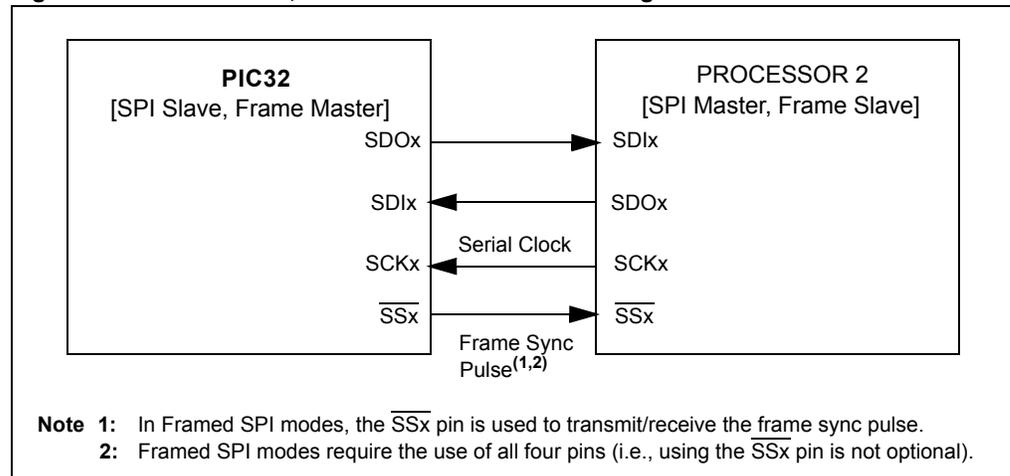
Figure 23-15: SPI Master, Frame Slave Connection Diagram



### 23.3.6.5 SPI SLAVE MODE AND FRAME MASTER MODE

This Framed SPI mode is enabled by setting the MSTEN bit (SPIxCON<5>) to '0', the FRMEN bit (SPIxCON<31>) to '1', and the FRMSYNC bit (SPIxCON<30>) to '0'. The input SPI clock will be continuous in Slave mode. The  $\overline{SSx}$  pin will be an output when bit FRMSYNC is low. Therefore, when SPIBUF is written, the module will drive the  $\overline{SSx}$  pin active, high or low depending on the FRMPOL bit (SPIxCON<29>), on the next transmit edge of the SPI clock. The  $\overline{SSx}$  pin will be driven high for one SPI clock cycle. Data transmission will start on the next SPI clock transmit edge. A connection diagram indicating signal directions for this operating mode is shown in Figure 23-16.

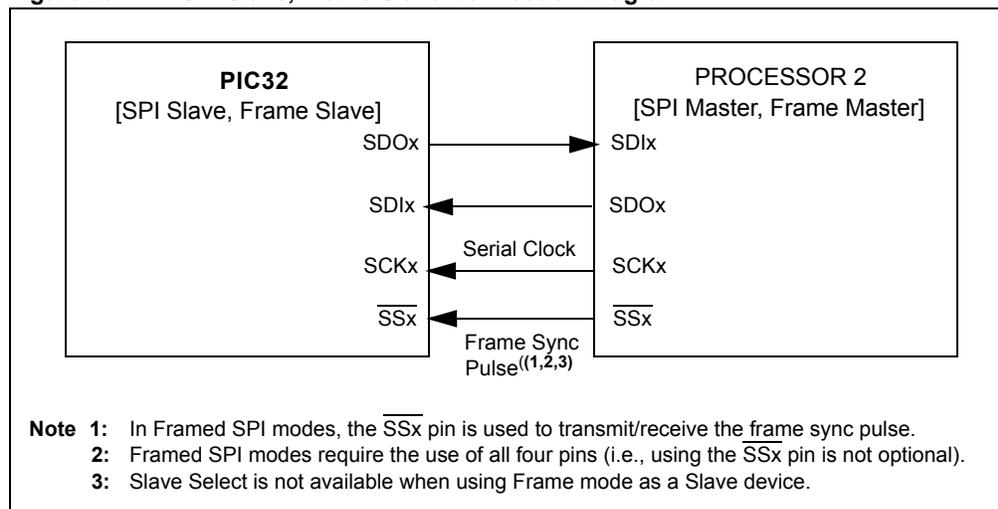
Figure 23-16: SPI Slave, Frame Master Connection Diagram



## 23.3.6.6 SPI SLAVE MODE AND FRAME SLAVE MODE

This Framed SPI mode is enabled by setting the MSTEN bit (SPIxCON<5>) to '0', the FRMEN bit (SPIxCON<31>) to '1', and the FRMSYNC bit (SPIxCON<30>) to '1'. Therefore, both the SCKx and  $\overline{SSx}$  pins will be inputs. The  $\overline{SSx}$  pin will be sampled on the sample edge of the SPI clock. When  $\overline{SSx}$  is sampled active, high or low depending on the FRMPOL bit (SPIxCON<29>), data will be transmitted on the next transmit edge of SCKx. A connection diagram indicating signal directions for this operating mode is shown in [Figure 23-17](#).

**Figure 23-17: SPI Slave, Frame Slave Connection Diagram**



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### 23.3.7 SPI Master Mode Clock Frequency

The SPI module allows flexibility in baud rate generation through the 9-bit SPIxBRG register. SPIxBRG is readable and writable, and determines the baud rate. The peripheral clock PBCLK provided to the SPI module is a divider function of the CPU core clock. This clock is divided based on the value loaded into SPIxBRG. The SCKx clock obtained by dividing PBCLK is of 50% duty cycle and it is provided to the external devices via the SCKx pin.

**Note:** The SCKx clock is not free running for non-framed SPI modes. It will only run for 8, 16, or 32 pulses when SPIxBUF is loaded with data. It will however, be continuous for Framed modes.

Equation 23-1 defines the SCKx clock frequency as a function of SPIxBRG settings.

Equation 23-1:

$$F_{SCK} = \frac{F_{PB}}{2 \cdot (SPIxBRG + 1)}$$

Therefore, the maximum baud rate possible is  $F_{PB}/2$  ( $SPIxBRG = 0$ ), and the minimum baud rate possible is  $F_{PB}/1024$ .

Some sample SPI clock frequencies (in kHz) are shown in Table 23-4.

Table 23-4: Sample SCKx Frequencies

SPIxBRG Setting	0	15	31	63	85	127	255	511
$F_{PB} = 80$ MHz	40.00 MHz	2.5 MHz	1.25 kHz	625 kHz	465.11 kHz	312.5 kHz	156.25 kHz	78.13 kHz
$F_{PB} = 72$ MHz	36.00 MHz	2.25 MHz	1.13 kHz	562.5 kHz	418.60 kHz	281.25 kHz	140.63 kHz	70.31 kHz
$F_{PB} = 60$ MHz	30.00 MHz	1.88 MHz	937.5 kHz	468.75 kHz	348.83 kHz	234.38 kHz	117.19 kHz	58.59 kHz
$F_{PB} = 50$ MHz	25.00 MHz	1.56 MHz	781.25 kHz	390.63 kHz	290.7 kHz	195.31 kHz	97.66 kHz	48.83 kHz
$F_{PB} = 40$ MHz	20.00 MHz	1.25 MHz	625.00 kHz	312.50 kHz	232.56 kHz	156.25 kHz	78.13 kHz	39.06 kHz
$F_{PB} = 25$ MHz	12.50 MHz	781.25 kHz	390.63 kHz	195.31 kHz	145.35 kHz	97.66 kHz	48.83 kHz	24.41 kHz
$F_{PB} = 20$ MHz	10.00 MHz	625.00 kHz	312.50 kHz	156.25 kHz	116.28 kHz	78.13 kHz	39.06 kHz	19.53 kHz
$F_{PB} = 10$ MHz	5.00 MHz	312.50 kHz	156.25 kHz	78.13 kHz	58.14 kHz	39.06 kHz	19.53 kHz	9.77 kHz

**Note:** Not all clock rates are supported. For further information, refer to the SPI timing specifications in the “Electrical Characteristics” chapter of the specific device data sheet.

## 23.4 AUDIO PROTOCOL INTERFACE MODE

The SPI module can be interfaced to most codec devices available today to provide PIC32 microcontroller-based audio solutions. The SPI module provides support to the audio protocol functionality via four standard I/O pins. The four pins that make up the audio protocol interface modes are:

- SDIx: Serial Data Input for receiving sample digital audio data (ADCDAT)
- SDOx: Serial Data Output for transmitting digital audio data (DACDAT)
- SCKx: Serial Clock, also known as bit clock (BCLK)
- SSx: Left/Right Channel Clock (LRCK)

BCLK provides the clock required to drive the data out or into the module, while LRCK provides the synchronization of the frame based on the protocol mode selected.

In some codecs, Serial Clock (SCK) refers to the Baud/Bit Clock (BCLK). Throughout this section, the signal SSx is referred to as LRCK to be consistent with codec naming conventions. The SPI module has the ability to function in Audio Protocol Master and Audio Protocol Slave modes. In Master mode, the module generates both the BCLK on the SCKx pin and the LRCK on the SSx pin. In certain devices, while in Slave mode, the module receives these two clocks from its I<sup>2</sup>S partner, which is operating in Master mode.

While in Master mode, the SPI module has the ability to generate its own clock internally via the Master Clock (MCLK) from various internal sources such as primary clock, PBCLK, USB clock, FRC and other internal sources. In addition, the SPI module has the ability to provide the MCLK to the codec device, which is a common requirement.

To start the Audio Protocol mode, first disable the peripheral by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>) = 0. Next, set the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) = 1, and then re-enable the peripheral by setting the ON bit = 1.

When configured in Master mode, the leading edge of SCK and the LRCK are driven out within one SCK period of starting the audio protocol. Serial data is shifted in or out with timings determined by the protocol mode set by the AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>). If the transmit FIFO is empty, zeros are transmitted.

In Slave mode, the peripheral drives zeros out SDO, but does not transmit the contents of the transmit FIFO until it sees the leading edge of the LRCK, after which time starts receiving data (provided SDI has not been disabled). It will continue to transmit zeros as long as the transmit FIFO is empty.

While in Slave or Master mode, the SPI module does not generate an underrun on the TX FIFO after start-up. This allows software to set up the SPI, set up the DMA, turn on the SPI's audio protocol, and then turn on the DMA without getting an error.

After the first write to the TX FIFO (SPIxBUF), the SPI enables underrun detection and generation. To keep the RX FIFO empty until the DMA is enabled, set DISSDI = 1 (SPIxCON<4>). After enabling the DMA, set DISSDI = 0 to start receiving.

### 23.4.1 Master Mode

To configure the PIC32 device in Audio Protocol Master mode, set both the MSTEN bit (SPIxCON<5>) and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) to '1'.

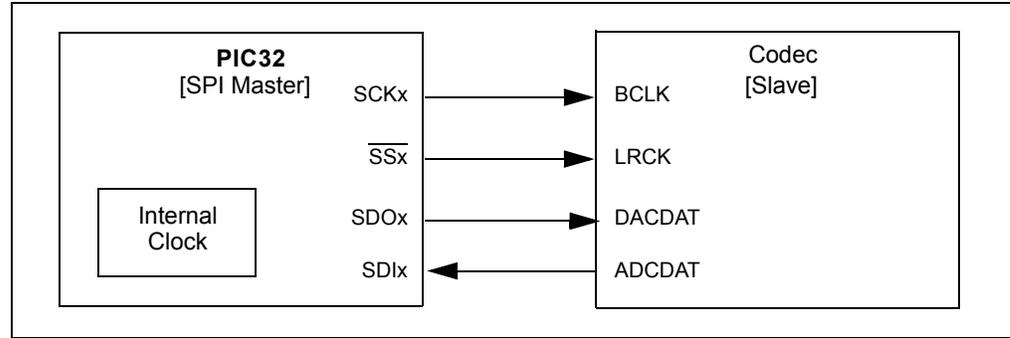
A few characteristics in Master mode are:

- This mode enables the device to generate SCK and LRCK pulses as long as the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>) = 1
- The SPI module generates LRCK and SCK continuously in all the cases, regardless of the transmit data while in Master mode
- The SPI module drives the leading edge of LRCK and SCK within 1 SCK period and the serial data shifts in and out continuously even when the TX FIFO is empty

Figure 23-18 shows a typical interface between master and slave while in Master mode.

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**Figure 23-18: Master Generating its Own Clock – Output BCLK and LRCK**



## 23.4.2 Slave Mode

The SPI module can be configured in audio protocol slave mode by setting the MSTEN bit = 0 (SPIxCON<5>) and the AUDEN bit = 1 (SPIxCON2<7>)

A few characteristics in Slave mode are:

- This mode enables the device to receive SCK and LRCK pulses as long as the ON bit = 1 (SPIxCON<15>)
- The SPI module drives zeros out of SDO, but does not shift data out or in (SDI) until the module receives the LRCK (i.e., the edge that precedes the left channel)
- Once the module receives the leading edge of LRCK, it starts receiving data if DISSDI = 0 (SPIxCON<4>) and the serial data shifts out continuously even when the TX FIFO is empty

Figure 23-19 shows the interface between a SPI module in Audio Slave Interface mode to a codec master device.

**Figure 23-19: Codec Device as Master Generates Required Clock via External Crystal**

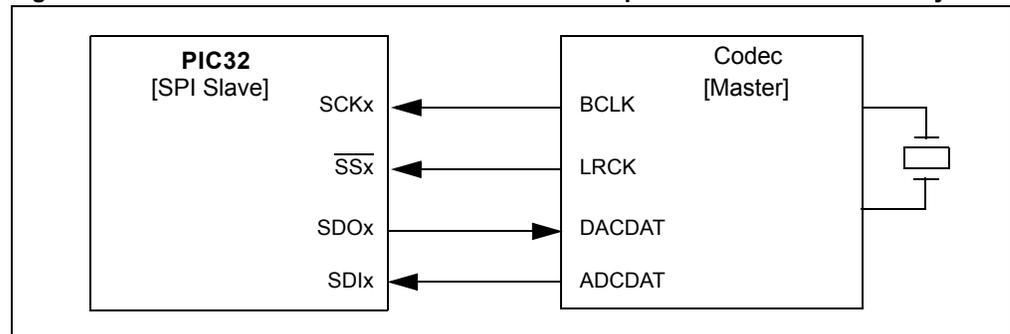
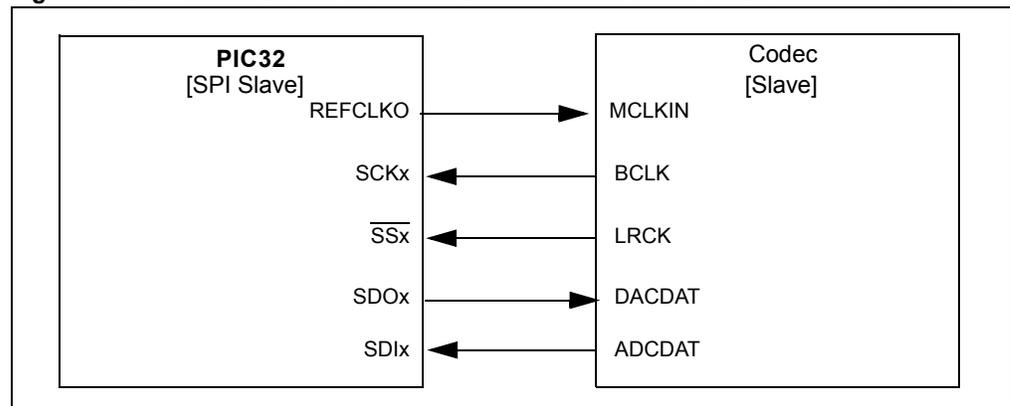


Figure 23-20 shows the interface between a SPI module in Audio Slave Interface mode to a codec master device, in this the master clock is being derived from SPI reference clock out function.

**Figure 23-20: Codec Device as Master Derives MCLK from PIC32 Reference Clock Out**



## 23.4.3 Audio Data Length and Frame Length

While codec devices may generate audio data samples of various word lengths of 8/16/20/24/32, the PIC32 SPI module supports transmit/receive audio data lengths of 16, 24, and 32.

**Note:** Actual sample data can be any length, with a maximum of 32 bits, and the data must be packed in one of three (16/24/32) formats.

Table 23-5 illustrates how the MODE<32,16> bits (SPIxCON<11:10>) control the maximum allowable sample length and frame length (LRCK period on SSx).

**Table 23-5: Audio Data Length versus LRCK Period**

SPIxCON<11:10>		Data Length (bits)	FIFO Width (bits)	Left/Right Channel Sample Length (bits)	Enhanced Buffer FIFO Depth (samples)	LRCK Period Frame Length (bits)
MODE32	MODE16					
0	0	16	16	≤16	8	32
0	1	16	16	≤32	8	64
1	1	24	32	≤32	4	64
1	0	32	32	≤32	4	64

The parameters of the MODE<32,16> bits (SPIxCON<11:10>) have the following behavior:

- Controls Left/Right channel data length, frame length
- In 16-bit Sample mode, 32/64-bit frame length is supported
- In 24/32-bit Sample mode, 64-bit frame length is supported
- Defines FIFO width and depth (e.g., 24-bit data has a 32 bit wide and 4 location deep FIFO)
- If the written data is greater than the data selected, the upper bytes are ignored
- If the written data is less than the data selected, the FIFO pointers change on the write to the Most Significant Byte (MSB) of the selected length

If this data is written to the transmit FIFO in more than one write, the write order must be from least significant to most significant.

For example, assuming that audio data is 24 bits per sample with 8 bits available at a time. According to Table 23-5, the FIFO width is 32 bits per sample. Therefore, the 8 Most Significant bits (MSBs), bits 31:24, in each FIFO sample are ignored.

Bits 15:8 and 7:0 can be written to the SPIxBUF register in any order; however, bits 23:16 must be written last, as writing the Most Significant bit (MSb), bit 24, triggers a change in the pointers of the transmit buffer.

Data written to unused bytes is ignored. Also, transactions that are only to unused bytes are also ignored. Therefore, a byte write to address offset 0x0023 is completely ignored and does not cause a FIFO push if the data is less than 32 bits wide.

## 23.4.4 Frame Error/LRCK Errors

The SPI module provides detection of frame/LRCK errors for debugging. The frame/LRCK error occurs when the LRCK edge that is defining a channel start happens before the correct number of bits (as defined by MODE<32,16>).

The SPI module immediately sets the FRMERR bit (SPIxSTAT<12>), pushes data in from SPIxSR register into the SPIxRXB register, and pops data from the SPIxTXB register into the SPIxSR register. The module can be configured to detect frame/LRCK-related errors by setting the FRMERREN bit (SPIxCON2<12>).

**Note:** In Audio Protocol mode, both the BCLK (on the SCKx pin) and the LRCK (on the SSx pin) are free running, meaning they are continuous. Normally, the LRCK is a fixed number of BCLKs long. In all cases, the SPI module will realign to the new frame edge and will set the FRMERR bit. If operating in a non-PCM mode, the SPI module will also push the abbreviated data onto the FIFO when the frame is too short.

## 23.4.5 Audio Protocol Modes

The SPI module supports four audio protocol modes and can be operated in any one of these modes:

- I<sup>2</sup>S mode (not available on all devices; refer to the specific device data sheet for availability)
- Left-Justified mode
- Right-Justified mode
- PCM/DSP mode

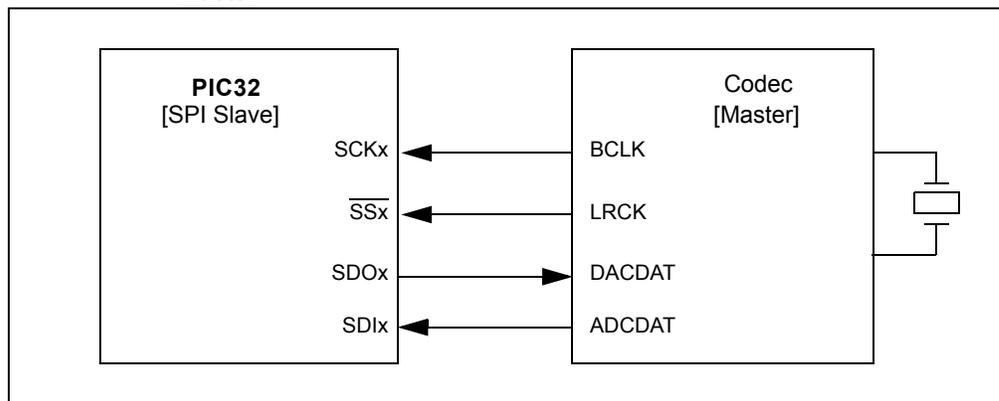
These audio protocol modes can be enabled by configuring the AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>). These modes enable communication to different types of codecs and control the edge relationships of LRCK and SDI/SDO with respect to SCK.

With respect to data transmit, in all of the protocol modes, the MSB is first transmitted followed by MSB-1, and so on, until the Least Significant Byte (LSB) transmits. The length of the data is discussed in [23.4.3 “Audio Data Length and Frame Length”](#). If there are SCK periods left over after the LSb is transmitted, zeros are sent to fill up the frame.

When in Slave mode, the relationship between the BCLK (on the SCKx pin) and the period (or frame length) of the LRCK (on the SSx pin) is far less constrained than that of Master mode. In Master mode, the frame length equals 32 or 64 BCLKs depending on the MODE<32,16> bit (SPIxCON<11:10>) settings. However, in Slave mode, the frame length can be greater than or equal to 32 or 64 BCLKs, but the FRMERR bit (SPIxSTAT<12>) will be set if the frame LRCK edge arrives early.

[Figure 23-21](#) illustrates the general interface between the codec device and the SPI module in audio mode.

**Figure 23-21: SPI Module in Audio Slave Mode – BCLK and WS or LRCK Generated by Master**



## 23.4.5.1 I<sup>2</sup>S MODE

**Note:** This feature is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for availability.

The Inter-IC Sound (I<sup>2</sup>S) protocol enables transmission of two channels of digital audio data over a single serial interface. The I<sup>2</sup>S protocol defines a 3-wire interface that handles the stereo data using the WS/LRCK line. The I<sup>2</sup>S specification defines a half-duplex interface that supports transmit or receive, but not both at the same time. With both SDO and SDI available, full-duplex operation is supported by this peripheral, as shown in Figure 23-22.

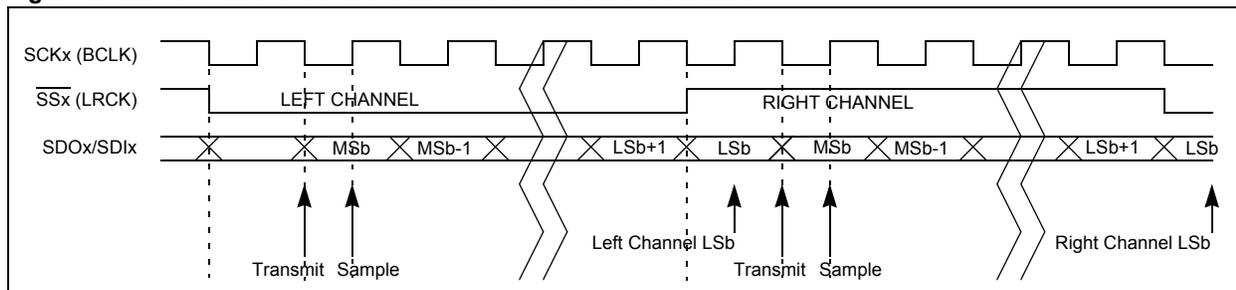
- Data Transmit and Clocking:
  - The transmitter shifts the audio sample data's MSb on the first falling edge of SCK after an LRCK transition
  - The receiver samples the MSB on the second rising edge of SCK
  - The left channel data shifts out while LRCK is low and right channel data is shifted out while LRCK is high
  - The data in the left and right channel consists of a single frame
- Required Configuration Settings:
 

To set the module to I<sup>2</sup>S mode, the following bits must be set:

  - AUDMOD<1:0> = 00 (SPIxCON2<1:0>)
  - FRMPOL = 0 (SPIxCON<29>)
  - CKP = 1 (SPIxCON<6>)

Setting these bits enables the SDO and LRCK ( $\overline{SSx}$ ) transitions to occur on the falling edge of SCK (BCLK) and sampling of SDI to occur on the rising edge of SCK. Refer to the diagrams shown in Figure 23-22.

**Figure 23-22: I<sup>2</sup>S with 16-bit Data/Channel or 32-bit Data/Channel**



### 23.4.5.1.1 I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Slave Mode of Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Slave mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Clear the receive buffer.
5. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
6. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
7. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
8. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON2 register.
  - a) AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) = 00
  - b) AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) = 1
9. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 0
  - b) CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 1
  - c) MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - d) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
10. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the BCLK and LRCK.

#### Example 23-3: I<sup>2</sup>S Slave Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in I2S Slave mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000080; // I2S Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1CON =0x00008040; // Slave mode, SPI ON, CKP = 1, 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

## 23.4.5.1.2 I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Master Mode of Operation

A typical application could be to play PCM data (8 kHz sample frequency, 16-bit data, 32-bit frame size) when interfaced to a codec slave device. In this case, the SPI module is initialized to generate BCLK @ 256 kbps. Assuming a 40 MHz peripheral bus clock,  $F_{PB} = 40e6$ , the baud rate would be determined using [Equation 23-2](#).

### Equation 23-2:

$$\text{Baud Rate} = \frac{F_{PB}}{2 \cdot (\text{SPIxBRG} + 1)}$$

Solving for the value of  $\text{SPIxBRG}$  is shown in [Equation 23-3](#).

### Equation 23-3:

$$\text{SPIxBRG} = \frac{F_{PB}}{2(\text{Baud Rate})} - 1$$

The *Baud Rate* is now equal to 256e3. [Equation 23-4](#) shows the resulting calculation.

### Equation 23-4:

$$\text{SPIxBRG} = \frac{40e6}{2(256e3)} - 1 = 77.125$$

If the result of [Equation 23-4](#) is rounded to the nearest integer,  $\text{SPIxBRG}$  is now equal to 77; therefore, the effective Baud Rate is that of [Equation 23-5](#).

### Equation 23-5:

$$\frac{40e6}{2 \cdot (77 + 1)} = \frac{40e6}{156} = 256410.25 \text{ bits per second}$$

The result is 0.16% too fast; however, this is well within most system tolerances (0.16% is exactly 1/625). On certain devices, this error can be removed using the REFOTRIM register to provide a master clock output at the exact frequency needed.

The following steps can be used to set up the SPI module for operation in I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Master mode:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Reset the baud rate register, SPIxBRG.
5. Clear the receive buffer.
6. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
7. If using interrupts, perform these additional steps:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
8. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
9. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '00' for I<sup>2</sup>S mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
10. Set the SPIxBRG baud rate register to 0x4D (to generate approximately 256 kbps sample rate, with PBCLK @ 40 MHz).

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11. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
  - b) CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 1.
  - c) MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - d) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
12. Transmission (and reception) will start immediately after the ON bit is set.

### Example 23-4: I<sup>2</sup>S Master Mode, 256 kbps BCLK, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in I2S Master mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
SPI1BRG=0; // Reset Baud rate register
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000080; // I2S Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1BRG =0x4D; // (to generate 256 kbps sample rate, PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
SPI1CON =0x00008060; // Master mode, SPI ON, CKP = 1, 16-bit audio channel
// data, 32 bits per frame

// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

## 23.4.5.2 LEFT-JUSTIFIED MODE

The Left-Justified mode is similar to I<sup>2</sup>S mode; however, in this mode, the SPI shifts the audio data's MSb on the first SCK edge that is coincident with an LRCK transition. On the receiver side, the SPI module samples the MSb on the next SCK edge.

In general, a codec using justified protocols defaults to transmitting data on the rising edge of SCK and receiving data on the falling edge of SCK.

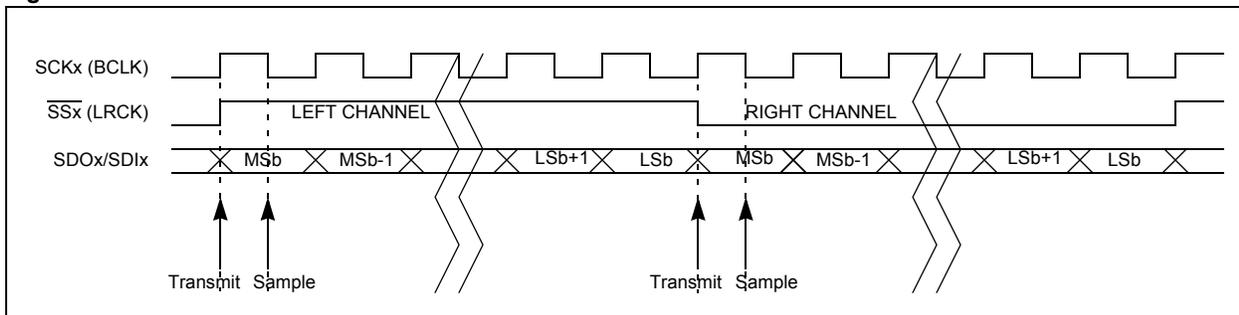
- Required configuration settings

To set the module to Left-Justified mode, the following bits must be set

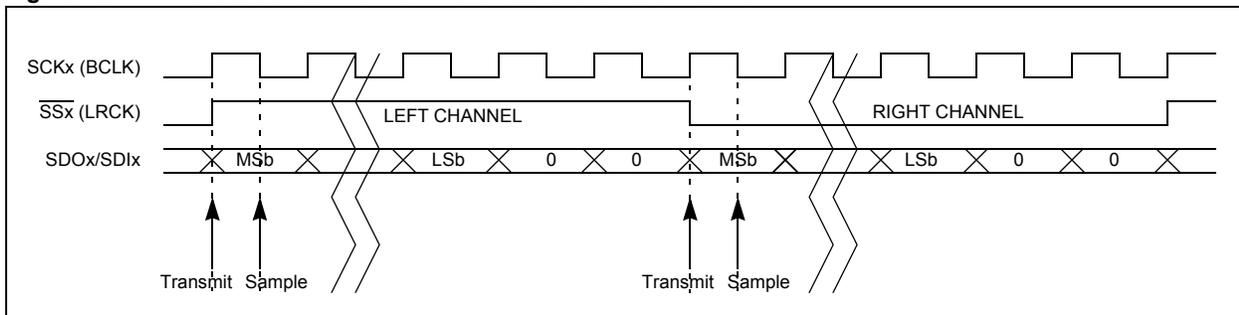
- AUDMOD<1:0> = 01 (SPIxCON2<1:0>)
- FRMPOL = 1 (SPIxCON<29>)
- CKP = 0 (SPIxCON<6>)

This enables the SDO and LRCK transitions to occur on the rising edge of SCK. Refer to the sample waveform diagrams shown in [Figure 23-23](#) and [Figure 23-24](#) for 16, 24, 32-bit audio data transfers.

**Figure 23-23: Left-Justified with 16-bit Data/Channel or 32-bit Data/Channel**



**Figure 23-24: Left-Justified with 16/24-bit Data and 32-bit Channel**



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### 23.4.5.2.1 Left-Justified Audio Slave Mode Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the Left-Justified Audio Slave mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Clear the receive buffer.
5. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
6. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
7. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
8. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '01' for Left-Justified mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
9. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to Slave mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 0.
  - b) Set clock polarity, CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 0.
  - c) Set frame polarity, FRMPOL (SPIxCON<29>) = 1.
  - d) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data
  - e) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
10. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the BCLK and LRCK.

#### Example 23-5: Left-Justified Slave Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in Left-Justified Slave mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000081; // Left-Justified Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1CON =0x20008000; // Slave mode, SPI ON, CKP = 0, FRMPOL = 1,
// 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

## 23.4.5.2.2 Left-Justified Audio Master Mode Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the Left-Justified Audio Master mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Reset the baud rate register, SPIxBRG.
5. Clear the receive buffer.
6. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
7. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
8. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
9. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '01' for Left-Justified and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
10. Set the SPIxBRG baud rate register to 0x4D (to generate approximately 256 kbps sample rate, with PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
11. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to Master mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
  - b) Set clock polarity, CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 0.
  - c) Set frame polarity, FRMPOL (SPIxCON<29>) = 1.
  - d) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - e) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
12. Transmission (and reception) will start immediately after the ON bit is set.

### Example 23-6: Left-Justified Master Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in Left-Justified Master mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000;    // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0;           // Stops and resets the SPI1
SPI1CON2 = 0;          // Reset audio settings
SPI1BRG = 0;
rData=SPI1BUF;         // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000;   // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000;   // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000;   // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000;   // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40;     // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000081;  // Left-Justified Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1BRG =0x4D;        // (to generate 256 kbps sample rate, PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
SPI1CON =0x20008040;  // Master mode, SPI ON, CKP = 0, FRMPOL = 1, MSTEN = 1
                        // 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame

// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

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### 23.4.5.3 RIGHT-JUSTIFIED MODE

In Right-Justified mode, the SPI module shifts the audio sample data's MSb after aligning the data to the last clock cycle. The bits preceding the audio sample data can be driven to logic level 0 by setting the DISSDO bit (SPIxCON<12>) to '0'. When DISSDO = 0, the module ignores the unused bit slot.

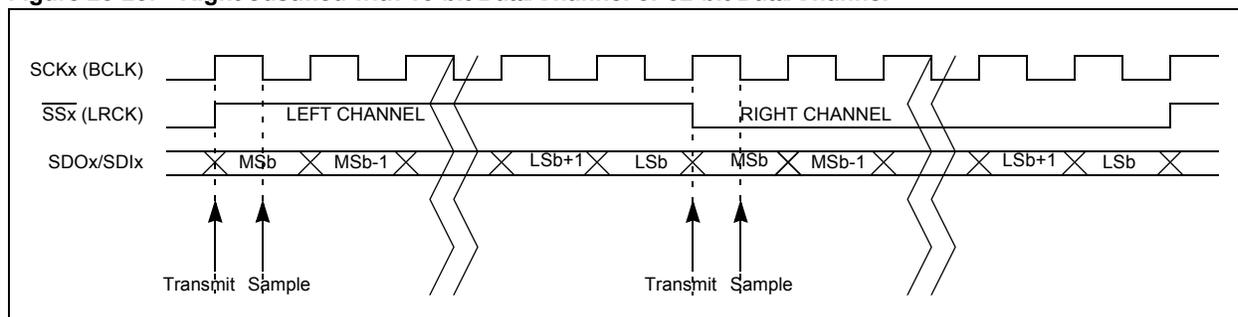
- Required configuration:

To set the module to Right-Justified mode, the following bits must be set:

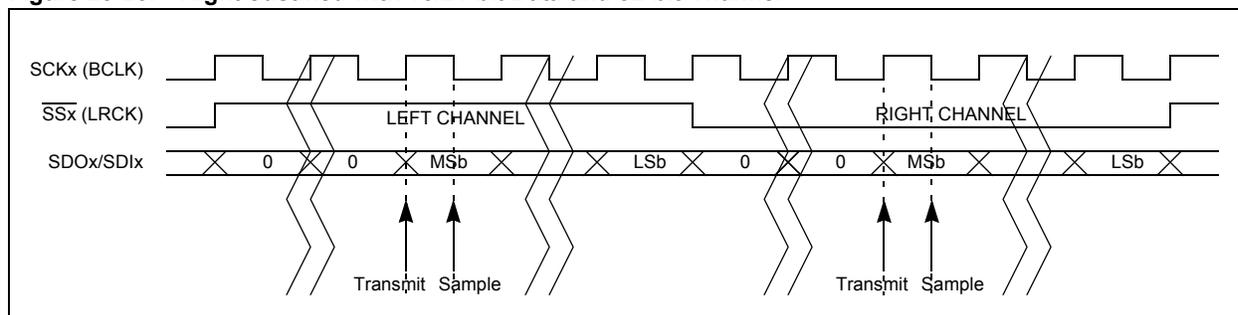
- AUDMOD<1:0> (SPIxCON2<1:0>) = 10
- FRMPOL (SPIxCON<29>) = 1
- CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 0

This enables the SDO and LRCK transitions to occur on the rising edge of SCK after the LSb being aligned to the last clock cycle. Refer to the sample waveform diagrams shown in [Figure 23-25](#) and [Figure 23-26](#) for 16, 24, 32-bit audio data transfers.

**Figure 23-25: Right-Justified with 16-bit Data/Channel or 32-bit Data/Channel**



**Figure 23-26: Right-Justified with 16/24-bit Data and 32-bit Channel**



## 23.4.5.3.1 Right-Justified Audio Slave Mode Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the Right-Justified Audio Slave mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Clear the receive buffer.
5. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
6. If using interrupts, perform the following steps:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
7. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
8. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '10' for Right-Justified mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
9. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to slave mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 0.
  - b) Set clock polarity, CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 0.
  - c) Set frame polarity, FRMPOL (SPIxCON<29>) = 1.
  - d) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - e) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
10. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the BCLK and LRCK.

### Example 23-7: Right-Justified Slave Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in Right-Justified Slave mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON=0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2=0; // Reset audio settings
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000082; // Right-Justified Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1CON=0x20008000; // Slave mode, SPI ON, CKP = 0, FRMPOL = 1,
// 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// DISSDO = 0, transmit unused bit slots with logic level 0
// DISSDI = 0, receiver to ignore the unused bit slots

// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

### 23.4.5.3.2 Right-Justified Audio Master Mode Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the Right-Justified Audio Master mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Reset the baud rate register, SPIxBRG.
5. Clear the receive buffer.
6. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
7. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
8. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
9. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '10' for Right-Justified mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
10. Set the SPIxBRG baud rate register to 0x4D (to generate approximately 256 kbps sample rate, with PBCLK @ 40 MHz).
11. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to master mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
  - b) Set clock polarity, CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 0.
  - c) Set frame polarity, FRMPOL (SPIxCON<29>) = 1.
  - d) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - e) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
12. Transmission (and reception) will start immediately after the ON bit is set.

#### Example 23-8: Right-Justified Master Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in Right-Justified Master mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
SPI1BRG=0;
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL=3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000082; // Right-Justified Mode, AUDEN =1, AUDMON=0
SPI1BRG =0x4D; // (to generate 256 kbps sample rate, PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
SPI1CON =0x20008020; // Master mode, SPI ON, CKP = 0, FRMPOL = 1, MSTN = 1
// 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// DISSDO = 0, transmit unused bit slots with logic level 0
// DISSDI = 0, receiver to ignore the unused bit slots
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

## 23.4.5.4 PCM/DSP MODE

The PCM/DSP protocol mode is available for communication with some codecs and certain DSP devices. This mode modifies the behavior of LRCK and audio data spacing. In PCM/DSP mode, the LRCK can be a single bit wide (i.e., 1 SCK) or as wide as the audio data (16, 24, 32 bits). The audio data is packed in the frame with the left channel data immediately followed by the right channel data. The frame length is still either 32 or 64 clocks when this device is the master.

In PCM/DSP mode, the transmitter drives the audio data's (left channel) MSb on the first or second transmit edge (see the SPIFE bit (SPIxCON<17>)) of SCK (after an LRCK transition). Immediately after the (left channel) LSb, the transmitter drives the (right channel) MSb.

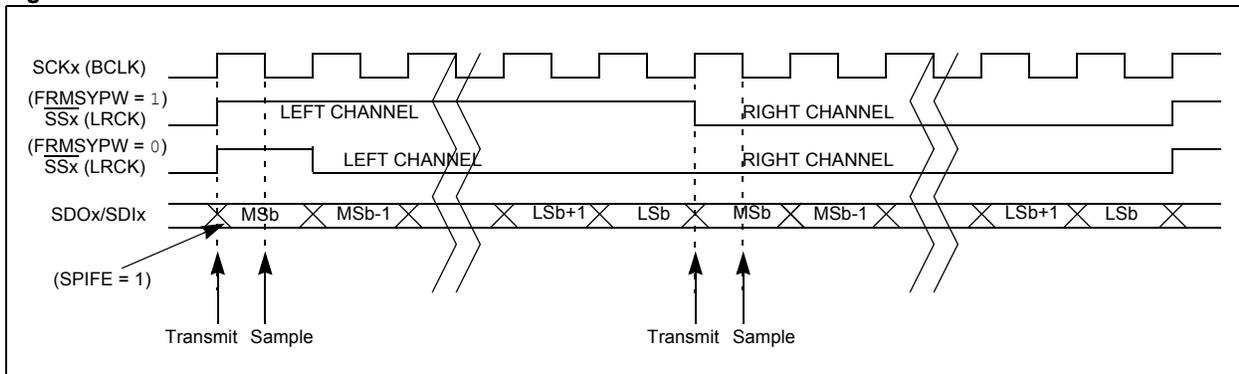
- Required configuration settings:

To set the module to Left-Justified mode, the following bit must be set:

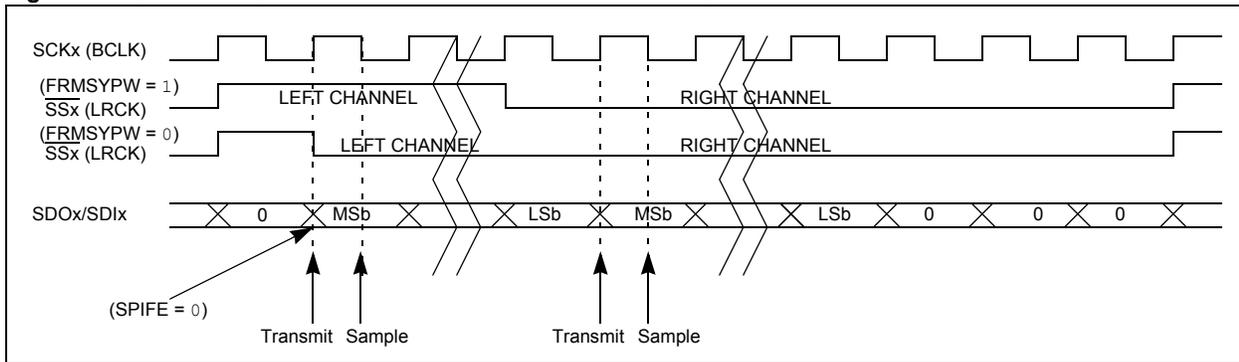
- AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) = 11

Refer to the sample waveform diagrams shown in [Figure 23-27](#) and [Figure 23-28](#) for 16, 24, 32-bit audio data transfers.

**Figure 23-27: PCM/DSP with 16-bit Data/Channel or 32-bit Data/Channel**



**Figure 23-28: PCM/DSP with 16/24-bit Data and 32-bit Channel**



## Section 23. Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

### 23.4.5.4.1 PCM/DSP Audio Slave Mode of Operation

Use following steps to set up the SPI module for the PCM/DSP Audio Slave mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Clear the receive buffer.
5. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
6. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
7. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
8. Write the desired setting in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '11' for DSP/PCM mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable Audio protocol
9. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to slave mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 0.
  - b) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - c) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
10. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the BCLK and LRCK.

#### Example 23-9: PCM/DSP Slave Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in PCM/DSP Slave Mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000083; // PCM/DSP Slave Mode, AUDEN = 1, AUDMON = 0
SPI1CON =0x00008000; // Slave mode, SPI ON, FRMSYPW = 0
// 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

## 23.4.5.4.2 PCM/DSP Audio Master Mode of Operation

Use the following steps to set up the SPI module for the PCM/DSP Audio Master mode of operation:

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register SPI, CON2.
4. Reset the baud rate register, SPIxBRG.
5. Clear the receive buffer.
6. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
7. If using interrupts, perform the following steps:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
8. Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
9. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '11' for DSP/PCM mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
10. Set the SPIxBRG baud rate register to 0x4D (to generate approximately 256 kbps sample rate, with PBCLK @ 40 MHz).
11. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register:
  - a) Set to Master mode, MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
  - b) Set MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - c) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
12. Transmission (and reception) will start immediately after the ON bit is set.

### Example 23-10: PCM/DSP Master Mode, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in PCM/DSP Master Mode. */
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL=3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts
SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000083; // PCM/DSP Master Mode, AUDEN =1, AUDMON=0
SPI1BRG =0x4D; // (to generate 256 kbps sample rate, PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
SPI1CON =0x00008020; // Master mode, SPI ON, FRMSYPW = 0
// 16-bit audio data, 32 bits per frame
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

# Section 23. Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

## 23.4.6 Audio Protocol Mode Features

### 23.4.6.1 BCLK/SCK AND LRCK GENERATION

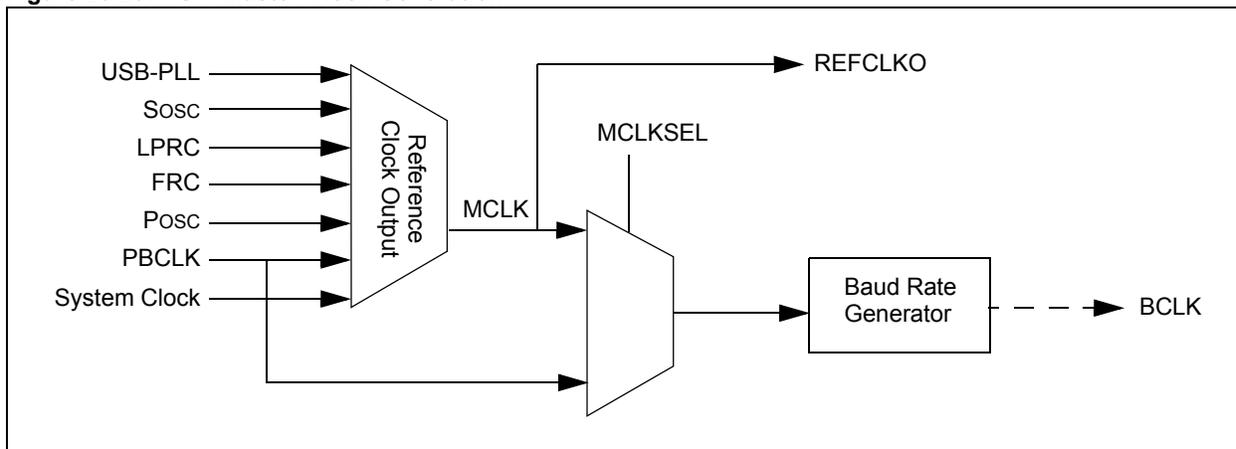
BCLK and LRCK generation is a key requirement in Master mode. The frame frequency of SCK and LRCK is defined by the MODE<32,16> bits (SPIxCON<11:10>). When the frame is 64 bits, SCK is 64 times the frequency of LRCK. Similarly, when the frame is 32 bits, SCK is 32 times the frequency of LRCK. The frequency of SCK must be derived from the toggling rate of LRCK and the frame size.

For example, to sample a 16-bit channel data at 8 kHz with PBCLK = 36.864 MHz, set the SPIxBRG register to '0x47' to generate an 8 kHz LRCK.

### 23.4.6.2 MASTER MODE CLOCKING AND MCLK

The SPI module as a master has the ability to generate BCLK and LRCK by internally generating using PBCLK (MCLKSEL = 0). The SPI module can generate the clock for external codec devices using the reference output REFCLKO function (see Figure 23-29), although some codecs may have the ability to generate their own MCLK from a crystal to provide accurate audio sample rates. Figure 23-30 shows that the REFCLKO clock can be used as MCLKIN by the codec.

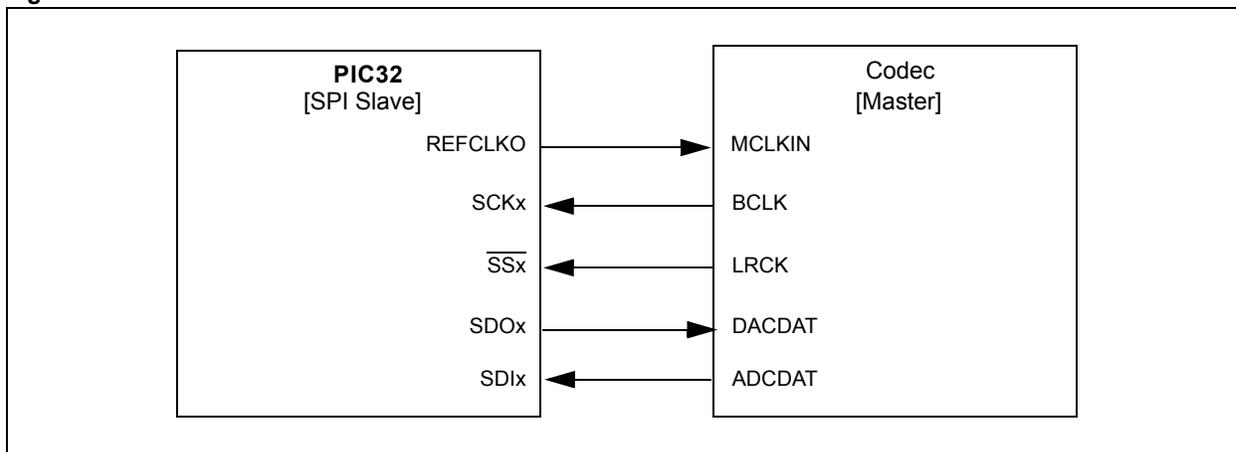
Figure 23-29: SPI Master Clock Generation



For more information on reference clock output interface refer to the specific device data sheet.

Figure 23-30 shows the interface between a SPI slave and a codec master, deriving the clock from the MCLK input interface.

Figure 23-30: SPI Slave and Codec Master – Clock Derived from MCLK



## 23.4.6.2.1 I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Master Mode of Operation Using REFCLKO

The following steps can be used to set up the SPI module for the I<sup>2</sup>S Audio Master mode of operation with MCLK enabled. The SPI module is initialized to generate BCLK @ 256 kbps and MCLK is derived from PBCLK using the reference oscillator output configuration register. A typical application could be to play PCM data (8 kHz sample frequency, 16-bit data, 32-bit frame) when interfaced to a codec slave device.

1. If using interrupts, disable the SPI interrupts in the respective IECx register.
2. Stop and reset the SPI module by clearing the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
3. Reset the SPI audio configuration register, SPIxCON2.
4. Reset the reference oscillator controller register, REFOCON.
5. Reset the baud rate register, SPIxBRG.
6. Clear the receive buffer.
7. Clear the ENHBUF bit (SPIxCON<16>) if using Standard Buffer mode or set the bit if using Enhanced Buffer mode.
8. If using interrupts, the following additional steps are performed:
  - a) Clear the SPIx interrupt flags/events in the respective IFSx register.
  - b) Write the SPIx interrupt priority and subpriority bits in the respective IPCx register.
  - c) Set the SPIx interrupt enable bits in the respective IECx register.
  - d) Clear the SPIROV bit (SPIxSTAT<6>).
9. Write the desired settings in the SPIxCON2 register. The AUDMOD<1:0> bits (SPIxCON2<1:0>) must be set to '00' for I<sup>2</sup>S mode and the AUDEN bit (SPIxCON2<7>) must be set to '1' to enable the audio protocol.
10. Set the reference oscillator controller register, REFOCON:
  - a) RODIV<14:0> (REFOCON<30:16>) = 0.
  - b) ON (REFOCON<15>) = 1, reference oscillator enabled.
  - c) OE (REFOCON<4>) = 1, output enabled.
11. Set the SPIxBRG baud rate register to 0x4D (to generate approximately 256 kbps sample rate, with PBCLK @ 40 MHz).
12. Write the desired settings to the SPIxCON register with
  - a) MSTEN (SPIxCON<5>) = 1.
  - b) CKP (SPIxCON<6>) = 1.
  - c) MODE<32,16> (SPIxCON<11:10>) = 0 for 16-bit audio channel data.
  - d) MCLKSEL (SPIxCON<23>) = 1, master mode.
  - e) Enable SPI operation by setting the ON bit (SPIxCON<15>).
13. Transmission (and reception) will start as soon as the master provides the BCLK and LRCK.

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### Example 23-11: I<sup>2</sup>S Master Mode, 256 kbps BCLK, 16-bit Channel Data, 32-bit Frame

```
/* The following code example will initialize the SPI1 Module in I2S Slave mode.
/* It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. */

unsigned int rData;
IEC0CLR=0x03800000; // disable all interrupts
SPI1CON = 0; // Stops and resets the SPI1.
SPI1CON2 = 0; // Reset audio settings
REFOCON = 0x0; // Reset reference oscillator register
SPI1BRG=0; // Reset Baud rate register
rData=SPI1BUF; // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000; // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000; // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000; // Set IPL = 3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000; // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1STATCLR=0x40; // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON2=0x00000080; // I2S Mode, AUDEN =1, AUDMON=0
SPI1BRG =0x4D; // (to generate 256 kbps sample rate, PBCLK @ 40 MHz)
REFOCON = 0x8001; // ON = 1, ROSEL = 1 for PBCLK
SPI1CON =0x00808060; // MCLKSEL = 1, MSTEN = 1, ON = 1, CKP = 1, 16-bit audio channel
// data, 32-bits per frame
// from here, the device is ready to receive and transmit data

/* Note: A few of bits related to frame settings are not required to be set in the SPI1CON */
/* register during audio mode operation. Please refer to the notes in the SPIxCON2 register.*/
```

**Note:** The use of a reference clock output to generate MCLK for the codec may not be a perfect choice. Driving a clock out to an I/O pad induces jitter that may degrade audio fidelity of the codec. The best solution is for the codec to use a crystal and be the master I<sup>2</sup>S/Audio device.

#### 23.4.7 Mono Mode versus Stereo Mode

The SPI module enables the audio data transmission in Mono or Stereo mode by setting the AUDMONO bit (SPIxCON2<3>). When the AUDMONO bit is set to '0' (Stereo mode), the shift register uses each FIFO location once, which gives each channel a unique stream of data for stereo data. When the AUDMONO bit is set to '1' (Mono mode), the shift register uses each FIFO location twice, to give each channel the same mono stream of audio data.

**Note:** Receive data is not affected by AUDMONO bit settings.

#### 23.4.8 Streaming Data Support and Error Handling

Most of audio streaming applications transmit or receive data continuously. This is required to keep the channel active during the period of operation, and guarantees best possible accuracy. Due to streaming audio, the data feeds could be bursty or packet loss can occur causing the module to encounter situations like underrun. The software needs to be involved to recover from an underrun.

The Ignore Transmit Underrun (IGNTUR) bit (SPIxCON2<8>), when set to a '1', ignores an underrun condition. This is helpful for cases when software does not care or does not need to know about underrun conditions. When an underrun is encountered, the SPI module sets the SPITUR bit (SPIxSTAT<8>) when SPITUREN = 1 (SPIxCON2<10>), and remains in an error state until the software clears the state or the ON bit = 0 (SPIxCON<15>).

During the underrun condition, the SPI module loads the SPIxSR register with zeros instead of data from the SPIxTXB register, and the module continues to transmit zeros. When the error condition is cleared (i.e., when the SPIxTXB register is not empty), the SPI module loads the audio data from the transmit buffer into the SPIxSR register on the next LRCK frame boundary and software must make sure that the left and right audio data is always transferred to the FIFO in pairs.

The Ignore Receive Overflow (IGNROV) bit (SPIxCON2<9>), when set to a '1', ignores a receive overflow condition. This is useful when there is a general performance problem in the system that software must handle properly. An alternate method to handle the receive overflow is by setting the DISSDI bit = 1 (SPIxCON<4>) when the system does not need to receive audio data. Changing the DISSDI bit on-the-fly and the receive shift register starts a receive on the leading LRCK edge.

## 23.5 INTERRUPTS

The SPI module has the ability to generate interrupts reflecting the events that occur during the data communication. The following types of interrupts can be generated:

- Receive data available interrupts are signalled by SPI1RXIF and SPI2RXIF. This event occurs when there is new data assembled in the SPIxBUF receive buffer.
- Transmit buffer empty interrupts are signalled by SPI1TXIF and SPI2TXIF. This event occurs when there is space available in the SPIxBUF transmit buffer and new data can be written.
- Error interrupts are signalled by SPI1EIF and SPI2EIF. This event occurs when there is an overflow condition for the SPIxBUF receive buffer (i.e., new receive data assembled but the previous one not read), when there is an underrun of the transmit buffer, or when a FRMERR event occurs.

All of these interrupt flags, which must be cleared in software, are located in the IFSx registers. Refer to the specific device data sheet for more information.

To enable the SPI interrupts, use the respective SPI interrupt enable bits, SPIxRXIE, SPIxTXIE, and SPIxFIE, in the corresponding IECx registers.

The interrupt priority level bits and interrupt subpriority level bits must be also be configured using the SPIxIP and SPIxIS bits in the corresponding IPCx registers.

When using Enhanced Buffer mode, the SPI Transmit Buffer Empty Interrupt Mode bits (STXISEL<1:0>) in the SPI Control (SPIxCON<3:2>) register can be used to configure the operation of the transmit buffer empty interrupts when the buffer is not full, empty by one-half or more, completely empty, or when the last transfer is shifted out.

Similarly, when using Enhanced Buffer mode, the SPI Receive Buffer Full Interrupt Mode bits (SRXISEL<1:0>) in the SPI Control (SPIxCON<1:0>) register can be used to configure the generation of receive buffer full interrupts when the buffer is full, full by one-half or more, is not empty, or when the last word is read.

<b>Note:</b> Enhanced Buffer mode is not available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for details.
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Refer to **Section 8. “Interrupts”** (DS61108) for further details.

### 23.5.1 Interrupt Configuration

Each SPI module has three dedicated interrupt flag bits: SPIxEIF, SPIxRXIF, and SPIxTXIF, and corresponding interrupt enable/mask bits SPIxEIE, SPIxRXIE, and SPIxTXIE. These bits are used to determine the source of an interrupt, and to enable or disable an individual interrupt source. Note that all the interrupt sources for a specific SPI module share one interrupt vector. Each SPI module can have its own priority level independent of other SPI modules.

SPIxTXIF is set when the SPI transmit buffer is empty and another character can be written to the SPIxBUF register. SPIxRXIF is set when there is a received character available in SPIxBUF. SPIxEIF is set when a Receive Overflow condition occurs.

Note that the SPIxTXIF, SPIxRXIF, and SPIxEIF bits will be set without regard to the state of the corresponding enable bit. The interrupt flag bits can be polled by software if desired.

The SPIxEIE, SPIxTXIE, SPIxRXIE bits are used to define the behavior of the Interrupt Controller when a corresponding SPIxEIF, SPIxTXIF, or SPIxRXIF bit is set. When the corresponding interrupt enable bit is clear, the Interrupt Controller does not generate a CPU interrupt for the event. If the interrupt enable bit is set, the Interrupt Controller will generate an interrupt to the CPU when the corresponding interrupt flag bit is set (subject to the priority and subpriority as outlined below).

It is the responsibility of the user's software routine that services a particular interrupt to clear the appropriate interrupt flag bit before the service routine is complete.

The priority of each SPI module can be set independently with the SPIxIP<2:0> bits. This priority defines the priority group to which the interrupt source will be assigned. The priority groups range from a value of 7 (the highest priority), to a value of 0 (which does not generate an interrupt). An interrupt being serviced will be preempted by an interrupt in a higher priority group. The individual sources of error interrupts are controlled by the FRMERRREN, SPIROVEN, and SPITUREN bits in the SPIxCON2 register.

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The subpriority bits allow setting the priority of an interrupt source within a priority group. The values of the subpriority SPIxIS<1:0> range from 3 (the highest priority) to 0, the lowest priority. An interrupt within the same priority group but having a higher subpriority value will not preempt a lower subpriority interrupt that is in progress.

The priority group and subpriority bits allow more than one interrupt source to share the same priority and subpriority. If simultaneous interrupts occur in this configuration the natural order of the interrupt sources within a Priority/subpriority group pair determine the interrupt generated. The natural priority is based on the vector numbers of the interrupt sources. The lower the vector number the higher the natural priority of the interrupt. Any interrupts that were overridden by natural order will then generate their respective interrupts based on Priority, subpriority, and natural order, after the interrupt flag for the current interrupt is cleared.

After an enabled interrupt is generated, the CPU will jump to the vector assigned to that interrupt. The vector number for the interrupt is the same as the natural order number. The CPU will then begin executing code at the vector address. The user's code at this vector address should perform any application-specific operations required, and clear interrupt flags SPIxEIF, SPIxTXIF, or SPIxRXIF, and then exit. Refer to the vector address table details in the **Section 8. "Interrupts"** (DS61108) for more information on interrupts.

### Example 23-12: SPI Initialization with Interrupts Enabled Code Example

```
/*
The following code example illustrates an SPI1 interrupt configuration.
When the SPI1 interrupt is generated, the cpu will jump to the vector assigned to SPI1
interrupt.
It assumes that none of the SPI1 input pins are shared with an analog input. If so, the
AD1PCFG and corresponding TRIS registers have to be properly configured.
*/

int rData;

IEC0CLR=0x03800000;           // disable all SPI interrupts
SPI1CON = 0;                  // Stops and resets the SPI1.
rData=SPI1BUF;                // clears the receive buffer
IFS0CLR=0x03800000;          // clear any existing event
IPC5CLR=0x1f000000;           // clear the priority
IPC5SET=0x0d000000;           // Set IPL=3, Subpriority 1
IEC0SET=0x03800000;          // Enable RX, TX and Error interrupts

SPI1BRG=0x1;                  // use FFB/4 clock frequency
SPI1STATCLR=0x40;             // clear the Overflow
SPI1CON=0x8220;               // SPI ON, 8 bits transfer, SMP=1, Master mode
```

### Example 23-13: SPI1 ISR Code Example

```
/*
The following code example demonstrates a simple interrupt service routine for SPI1
interrupts. The user's code at this vector should perform any application specific operations
and must clear the SPI1 interrupt flags before exiting.
*/

void __ISR(_SPI_1_VECTOR, ipl3)__SPI1Interrupt(void)
{
    // ... perform application specific operations in response to the
    // interrupt

    IFS0CLR = 0x03800000;      // Be sure to clear the SPI1 interrupt flags
                                // before exiting the service routine.
}
```

For devices with Enhanced Buffering mode, the user application should clear the interrupt request flag after servicing the interrupt condition.

If an SPI interrupt has occurred, the ISR should read the SPI Data Buffer (SPIxBUF) register, and then clear the SPI interrupt flag, as shown in [Example 23-14](#).

## Example 23-14: SPI1 ISR Code Example for Devices with Enhanced Buffering Mode

```
/*
   The following code example demonstrates a simple interrupt service routine for SPI1
   interrupts. The user's code at this vector should perform any application specific operations
   and must clear the SPI1 interrupt flags before exiting.
*/

void __ISR(_SPI_1_VECTOR, IPL3) __SPI1Interrupt(void)
{
    int Data;                // Read SPI data buffer
    Data = SPI1BUF;

    // ... perform application specific operations in response to the
    // interrupt

    IFSOCLR = 0x03800000;    // Be sure to clear the SPI1 interrupt flags
                             // before exiting the service routine.
}
```

**Note:** The SPI1 ISR code examples show MPLAB® C32 C compiler specific syntax. Refer to your compiler manual regarding support for ISRs.

## 23.6 OPERATION IN POWER-SAVING AND DEBUG MODES

### 23.6.1 Sleep Mode

When the device enters Sleep mode, the system clock is disabled. The exact SPI module operation during Sleep mode depends on the current mode of operation. The following subsections describe mode-specific behavior.

#### 23.6.1.1 MASTER MODE IN SLEEP MODE

The following items should be noted in Sleep mode:

- The Baud Rate Generator is stopped and may be reset (check the device data sheet).
- On-going transmission and reception sequences are aborted. The module may not resume aborted sequences when Sleep mode is exited. (Again, check the device data sheet.)
- Once in Sleep mode, the module will not transmit or receive any new data

**Note:** To prevent unintentional abort of transmit and receive sequences, you may need to wait for the current transmission to be completed before activating Sleep mode.

#### 23.6.1.2 SLAVE MODE IN SLEEP MODE

In the Slave mode, the SPI module operates from the SCK provided by an external SPI Master. Since the clock pulses at SCKx are externally provided for Slave mode, the module will continue to function in Sleep mode. It will complete any transactions during the transition into Sleep. On completion of a transaction, the SPIRBF flag is set. Consequently, bit SPIxRXIF will be set. If SPI interrupts are enabled (SPIxRXIE = 1) and the SPI interrupt priority level is greater than the present CPU priority level, the device will wake from Sleep mode and the code execution will resume at the SPIx interrupt vector location. If the SPI interrupt priority level is lower than or equal to the present CPU priority level, the CPU will remain in Idle mode.

The module is not reset on entering Sleep mode if it is operating as a slave device. Register contents are not affected when the SPIx module is going into or coming out of Sleep mode.

### 23.6.2 Idle Mode

When the device enters Idle mode, the system clock sources remain functional.

#### 23.6.2.1 MASTER MODE IN IDLE MODE

Bit SIDL (SPIxCON<13>) selects whether the module will stop or continue functioning in Idle mode.

- If SIDL = 1, the module will discontinue operation in Idle mode. The module will perform the same procedures when stopped in Idle mode that it does for Sleep mode.
- If SIDL = 0, the module will continue operation in Idle mode

#### 23.6.2.2 SLAVE MODE IN IDLE MODE

The module will continue operation in Idle mode irrespective of the SIDL setting. The behavior is identical to the one in Sleep mode.

### 23.6.3 Debug Mode

#### 23.6.3.1 OPERATION OF SPIxBUF

##### 23.6.3.1.1 Reads During Debug Mode

During Debug mode, SPIxBUF can be read; but the read operation does not affect any Status bits. For example, if the SPIRBF bit (SPIxSTAT<0>) is set when Debug mode is entered, it will remain set on EXIT From Debug mode, even though the SPIxBUF register was read in Debug mode.

## 23.7 EFFECTS OF VARIOUS RESETS

### 23.7.1 Device Reset

All SPI registers are forced to their Reset states upon a device Reset. When the asynchronous Reset input goes active, the SPI logic:

- Resets all bits in SPIxCON and SPIxSTAT
- Resets the transmit and receive buffers (SPIxBUF) to the empty state
- Resets the Baud Rate Generator

### 23.7.2 Power-on Reset

All SPI registers are forced to their reset states when a Power-on Reset occurs.

### 23.7.3 Watchdog Timer Reset

All SPI registers are forced to their reset states when a Watchdog Timer Reset occurs.

## 23.8 PERIPHERALS USING SPI MODULES

There are no other peripherals using the SPI module.

### 23.9 RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the PIC32 device family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the SPI module are:

Title	Application Note #
Interfacing Microchip's MCP41XXX/MCP42XXX Digital Potentiometers to a PIC <sup>®</sup> Microcontroller	AN746
Interfacing Microchip's MCP3201 Analog-to-Digital Converter to the PIC <sup>®</sup> Microcontroller	AN719

**Note:** Please visit the Microchip web site ([www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com)) for additional application notes and code examples for the PIC32 family of devices.

## 23.10 REVISION HISTORY

### Revision A (July 2007)

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This revision includes the following changes:

- Minor changes to the text and formatting have been incorporated through the document
- Updated register introductions in **23.2 "Status and Control Registers"**
- Register Summary (Table 23-2)
  - Removed references to the Clear, Set, Invert, IFS0, IFS1, IEC0, IEC1, IPC5, and IPC7 registers
  - Added the Address Offset column
  - Added Notes 1, 2, and 3, which describe the Clear, Set, and Invert registers
  - Added these bits: MSSSEN, FRMSYPW, FRMCNT<2:0>, ENHBUF, STXISEL<1:0>, SRXISEL<1:0>, RXBUFELM<4:0>, SPITUR, SRMT, SPIRBE, AND SPITBF
- Removed the IFS0, IFS1, IEC0, IEC1, IPC5, and IPC7 registers
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  - SPIxCON
  - SPIxSTAT
  - SPIxBRG
- Added SPIxBRG settings for 60, 72, and 80 MHz in the Sample SCKx Frequencies table (see Table 23-3)
- Removed SPI Interrupt Vectors for Various Offsets table (Table 23-4)
- Added **23.3.2 "Buffer Modes"**
- Added a paragraph that provides details on the MSSSEN bit in **23.3.3.1 "Master Mode Operation"**
- Added two bullets that provide details on the FRMSYPW and FRMCNT bits in **23.3.6 "Framed SPI Modes"**
- Added two paragraphs that provide details on the STXISEL<1:0> and SRXISEL<1:0> bits in **23.4 "Interrupts"**
- Added a paragraph on SPI1 ISR for devices with Enhanced Buffering mode after Example 23-4 in **23.4.1 "Interrupt Configuration"**
- Added SPI1 ISR Code Example for Devices With Enhanced Buffering mode (see Example 23-5).
- Removed **23.8 "I/O Pin Control"**

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This revision includes the following updates:

- Added a note box that references companion documentation and updated the SPI module feature list (see [23.1 “Introduction”](#))
- Added SPI Features in Audio Protocol Interface Mode (see [Table 23-2](#))
- Updated the SPI Module Block Diagram (see [Figure 23-1](#))
- The following updates were made to the SPI Control register (see [Register 23-1](#))
  - Added Note 5
  - Updated the Note for bits 26-24 (FRMCNT<2:0>)
  - Updated the definitions for bits 3-2 (STXISEL<2:0>)
  - Replaced all occurrences of SPI\_TBE\_EVENT and SPI\_RBF\_EVENT with SPIxTXIF and SPIxRXIF, respectively
  - Updated the bit values for the MODE32 and MODE16 bits (SPIxCON<11:10>)
- Added the SPIxCON2 register and the MCLKSEL, DISSDI and FRMERR bits (see [Table 23-3](#), [Register 23-1](#), and [Register 23-2](#))
- Added note references to the CLR, SET, and INV registers to the SPI Status register (see [Table 23-3](#) and [Register 23-3](#))
- Updated the bit value definitions for the SRMT bit in the SPI Status register (see bit 7 in [Register 23-3](#))
- Added a note box referencing pin usage to [23.3 “Modes of Operation”](#)
- Updated the Sample SCKx Frequencies (see [Table 23-4](#))
- Swapped sub-steps b) and c) in the Master mode operation sequence (see [23.3.3.1 “Master Mode Operation”](#))
- Added a new paragraph on the MSSEN bit after the second note box in [23.3.3.1 “Master Mode Operation”](#). In addition, the text in the second note box was updated.
- Added a new paragraph on the MSSEN bit
- Added the SSx pin to the SPI Master Mode Operation in 8-bit Mode timing diagram (see [Figure 23-7](#))
- Swapped sub-steps b) and c) in the Slave mode operation sequence (see [23.3.3.2 “Slave Mode Operation”](#))
- Added a new paragraph that references additional interface options just before [Figure 23-12](#) (see [23.3.6 “Framed SPI Modes”](#))
- Added section [23.4 “Audio Protocol Interface Mode”](#)
- Updated the bit name and register references in the bulleted items of [23.5 “Interrupts”](#)
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- The section 23.9 “Design Tips” was removed
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- All Untested Code watermarks were removed from the code examples
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