

Evaluation Board for the **AD9520-0, AD9520-1, AD9520-2, AD9520-3, AD9520-4,** and **AD9520-5** Product Series

FEATURES

- Simple power connection using 6 V wall adapter and on-board LDO voltage regulators
- LDOs are easily bypassed for power measurements
- 5 ac-coupled differential LVPECL SMA connectors
- 7 LVPECL differential headers for additional outputs
- SMA connectors for
 - 2 reference inputs
 - Charge pump output
 - Clock distribution input
- USB connection to PC
- Microsoft Windows-based evaluation software with simple graphical user interface
- On-board PLL loop filter
- Easy access to digital I/O and diagnostic signals via I/O header
- Status LEDs for diagnostic signals

APPLICATIONS

- Clocking of analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters up to 2.9 GHz
- Networking and communications line cards
- Test and measurement equipment
- Wireless base stations, controllers
- Clock cleanup/jitter attenuation
- Clock distribution

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The **AD9520** product series from **AD9520-0** to **AD9520-5** are very low noise phase-locked loop (PLL) clock synthesizers featuring an integrated voltage controlled oscillator (VCO), clock dividers, and up to 24 outputs. The **AD9520** product series features automatic holdover and a flexible reference input circuit allowing very smooth reference clock switching. The **AD9520** product family also features the necessary provisions for an external VCXO.

The **AD9520** evaluation board is a compact, easy to use platform for evaluating all features of the **AD9520-0** to **AD9520-5**. This user guide covers all six versions of the **AD9520** product family.

Although the Quick Start Guide to the **AD9520** PLL section applies specifically to the **AD9520-4**, increasing the N (feedback) divider and channel divider increases the VCO frequency to the allowable frequency range of other **AD9520** versions.

For the **AD9520-5**, which lacks the internal VCO, certain portions of this user guide that apply to the internal VCO (such as VCO calibration) can be ignored.

This document covers the **AD9520** family. The **AD9522** family, which is identical to the **AD9520** except that it has low voltage differential signaling (LVDS) outputs, is covered in the **UG-077**.

For convenience, detailed information from the **AD9520** data sheet has been included here. Use this user guide in conjunction with the **AD9520** and **AD9522** data sheets and software documentation available from the Analog Devices, Inc. website.

AD9520 EVALUATION BOARD

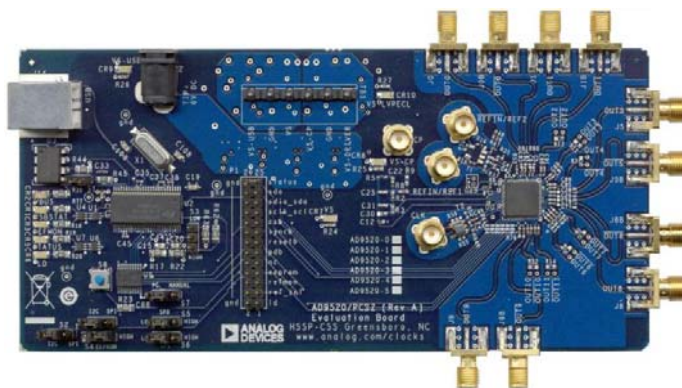


Figure 1.

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EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

The following instructions are for setting up the physical connections to the [AD9520](#) evaluation board.

When connecting the evaluation board to a PC for the first time, the user must install the evaluation software prior to connecting the evaluation board.

POWER AND PC CONNECTIONS

Perform the following steps, in order, to begin using the evaluation board.

1. Install the [AD9520](#) evaluation software. Administrative privileges are required for installation. The 64-bit versions of Windows® are not supported.
2. Connect the wall power supply to the main power connector, labeled P2. The following five LEDs then turn on: CR1 (USBSTAT), CR7 (VS), CR8 (VS-CP), CR9 (VS_USB), and CR10 (VS_LVPECL).
3. Connect the USB cables to the evaluation board and the PC. The LED labeled CR2 (VBUS) on the [AD9520](#) evaluation board illuminates and the CR1 (USBSTAT) LED starts blinking.
4. If the **Found New Hardware Wizard** window automatically appears when the evaluation board is connected, select **Install the software automatically** and click **Next**. The **Found New Hardware Wizard** window may appear twice, and a system restart may be required.

Refer to the Evaluation Board Software section for details on running the [AD9520](#) evaluation board software.

If the USBSTAT LED is not blinking, ensure that

- Jumpers are installed on Position S1 and on the SPI position of S2.
- The jumper on S4 is across the center pin and the minus symbol.
- The USB port on the PC is operational and that the USB cable is not damaged.

SIGNAL CONNECTIONS

To connect signals, connect a signal generator to the J10 SMA connector. By default, the reference inputs on this evaluation board are ac-coupled and terminated with 50 Ω to ground. An amplitude setting of 0 dBm to 6 dBm is acceptable.

To connect a signal to REF2, connect that signal to the J13 SMA connector. DC-coupling is recommended in applications requiring automatic hitless reference switching. There is a possibility that the [AD9520](#) receive buffer can chatter when an ac-coupled clock stops toggling.

Connect an oscilloscope, spectrum analyzer, or other lab equipment to any of the J0 to J9 SMA connectors on the right side of the board.

OUT0 through OUT8 are ac-coupled low voltage positive emitter coupled logic (LVPECL) outputs. OUT9 through OUT11 are dc-coupled and have no output termination. These outputs are intended to allow the user to evaluate the [AD9520](#) output driver in complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) mode. To use OUT9 through OUT11 in LVPECL mode, replace the 0 Ω resistors with 0.1 μ F capacitors, and install 200 Ω pull-down resistors.

BYPASSING THE WALL POWER SUPPLY

To bypass the wall power supply, remove the following ferrite beads (on the backside of the board): F7, F4, F2, and F6. Next, connect a bench power supply to TB1 on the evaluation board. Bypassing is useful for making [AD9520](#) power consumption measurements.

BYPASSING THE PLL (CLOCK DISTRIBUTION ONLY)

To bypass the PLL, connect a signal generator to the SMA connector labeled CLK. By default, this connection is ac-coupled to the CLK pin, and terminated with 50 Ω to ground. Refer to the Evaluation Software Components section for details on running the [AD9520](#) evaluation board software.

USING AN EXTERNAL VCXO

To use an external VCXO,

1. Install a 0 Ω resistor at R9 and remove R8.
2. Connect a loop filter and the external VCO/VCXO input to J12.
3. Connect the external VCO/VCXO output to the J11 SMA connector (CLK input).

USING I²C SERIAL PORT MODE

To use I²C serial port mode,

1. Move Jumper S2 to the center and left (I²C) pins.
2. Move Jumper W1 to the center and left (I²C) pins.
3. Select the desired I²C address using Jumper S5 and Jumper S6. Note that S5 = S6 = high is reserved for SPI mode.
4. In the evaluation software, click **Configure Serial Port** from the **I/O** menu (see Figure 24).
5. Click **Reset Serial Port**, and then click **Detect Current Configuration**. A dialog box appears and acknowledges the I²C mode and address.

EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE

Use the following instructions to set up the [AD9520](#) evaluation board software.

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

Do not connect the evaluation board until the software installation is complete.

1. The latest evaluation software and documentation can be downloaded from the Analog Devices website.
2. If the software was downloaded, skip to Step 3. If using the CD, insert the [AD9520](#) evaluation software CD. Double-click **My Computer**, and then double-click the **AD9520EV CD** icon. A window opens showing the contents of the CD divided into four sections: **Datasheet**, **Layout**, **Schematic**, and **Software**. The file named **readme.txt** contains a description of the CD contents and may contain additional as well as any last minute instructions or information. Double-click the **Software** folder.
3. Double-click **AD9520Eval_Setup1.1.0.exe**. (Note that the website may have a newer version.) Follow the installation instructions. The default installation location for the evaluation software is **C:\Program Files\Analog Devices\AD9520 Eval Software**.

RUNNING THE SOFTWARE

Power up and connect the evaluation board to the PC. See the Evaluation Board Hardware section for details on the various connectors on the evaluation board.

1. Double-click **AD9520 Eval Software** to run the [AD9520](#) evaluation software. Depending on whether the evaluation board was found by the software, either light blue text appears in a pop-up window indicating that the evaluation board was found, or red text appears indicating that the evaluation board was not found.
2. If the evaluation board is found, click anywhere in the pop-up window with the **Evaluation Software Ready** message, and the main window for the software appears. Proceed to the Evaluation Software Components section for details about running the software.

If the evaluation board is not found, a dialog box appears allowing the user to select which AD9520 evaluation board is connected while the software runs in standalone mode. Standalone mode is useful for viewing and generating register setup files.

See the Evaluation Board Hardware section for instructions to connect the evaluation board. Alternatively, the user can use the software in standalone mode, and specify which version of the [AD9520](#) is used. The standalone mode is useful for verifying register settings for a given PLL setup.

If the evaluation board is connected while the evaluation software is running, the window in Figure 2 appears to prompt the user to load the evaluation board with the evaluation software settings or read the evaluation board with the evaluation software settings.

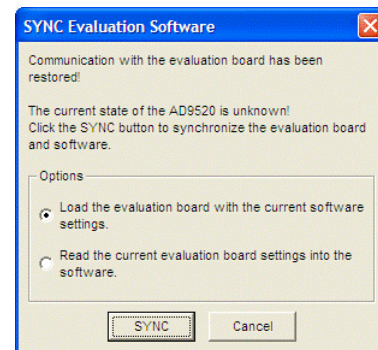


Figure 2. SYNC Evaluation Software Window

If the evaluation board was not automatically detected when it was connected, the user can also click **Select Evaluation Board** from the **I/O** menu (see Figure 24), and select **Ezssp-0**, **Ezssp-1**, or **Ezssp-2**.

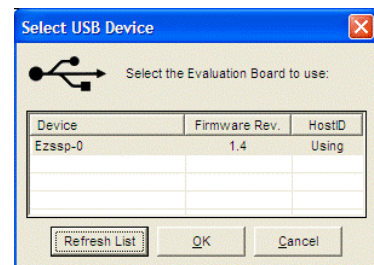


Figure 3. Select USB Device Window

See the Evaluation Software Components section for a description of the evaluation software features, or the Quick Start Guide to the AD9520 PLL section for details on the individual blocks of the [AD9520](#).

QUICK START GUIDE TO THE AD9520 PLL

When the evaluation software is installed, the evaluation board is connected, and the software is loaded, use the following steps to configure and lock the PLL. These steps assume that the input signal is present, the evaluation board has not been modified, and that the PLL loop filter is suitable for the user's application.

This quick start guide covers only simple PLL operation to start the PLL. See the [AD9520](#) data sheet and Evaluation Software Components section for a detailed explanation of the various [AD9520](#) features.

The following case is an example for the [AD9520-4](#) using the values in Table 1.

Table 1. Default Parameter Values

Parameter	Value
Input Frequency	19.44 MHz on REF1
Output Frequency	148.5 MHz
Reference Divider	72
Phase Detector Frequency	270 kHz
Feedback Divider	5500
VCO Frequency	1485 MHz
VCO Divider	2
Channel Divider	5

1. Turn the PLL on by selecting **Normal Op** from the **PLL MODE** box found at the top of the main window (see Figure 8).
2. Enter the intended reference input frequency (in megahertz) in the **REF 1 (MHz)** box at the upper left corner of the main window.
3. Click the triangular buffer symbol immediately to the right of the input reference frequency text boxes (see Figure 4) to open the **Reference Input Control** window shown in Figure 5. Turn the REF1 reference input buffer on by selecting the **Enable REF 1** check box, and then click **OK**.

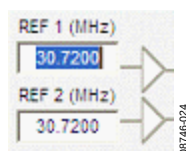


Figure 4. Buffer Symbol

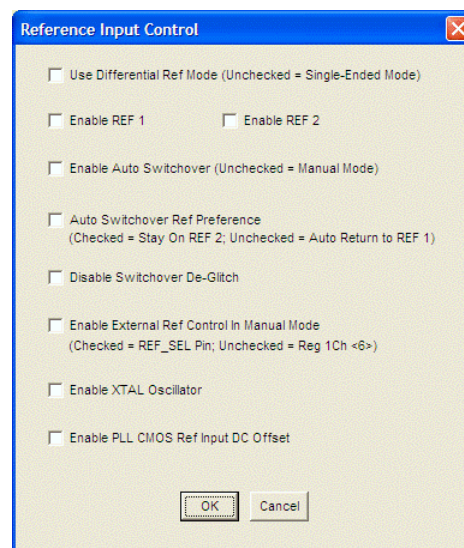


Figure 5. Reference Input Control Window

4. When the window closes, the **WRITE** button under the **REGISTER W/R** section in Figure 8 blinks red. This indicates that there are settings that have not been loaded to the [AD9520](#) evaluation board. Click the blinking red **WRITE** button to load these settings to the evaluation board.
5. Select the VCO as the input to the clock distribution circuitry by clicking the mux symbol that is located immediately to the right of the **VCO (MHz)** box (see Figure 6).

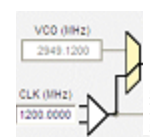


Figure 6. Mux Symbol

6. When the VCO is selected, the border of the **VCO (MHz)** box changes from gray to black. The current VCO frequency is shown in the **VCO (MHz)** box.

7. Program the R (reference) divider by clicking the **R DIVIDER** box at the top of the main window. Set the desired value and click **OK** (see Figure 13).
8. Program the N (feedback) divider by clicking the **N DIVIDER** box at the top of the main window. Set the desired value and click **OK**. For this example, N = 5500 can use 8/9 dual modulus mode with A = 4 and B = 687.
9. Set the charge pump current (1.2 mA in this case) by clicking the **CHARGE PUMP** box in the upper right corner of the main window, and click **OK**.
10. Note that if the desired configuration has the a phase detector frequency above 50 MHz, an antibacklash pulse width of 1.3 ns may work better. This setting is accessed by clicking the **PFD** box to the left of the **CHARGE PUMP** box. However, this setting normally does not need to be modified.
11. Set the VCO divider by clicking the green **VCO** box in the center of the main window immediately to the left of the **Cal VCO** button.
12. Power down unused drivers by clicking the numbered triangular symbol (see Figure 7) on the right side of the main window, and then clicking **Safe Power Down**.

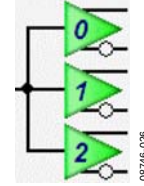


Figure 7. Driver Symbol

13. Set the channel dividers by clicking **DIVIDER 0** through **DIVIDER 3**, and entering the divider ratio.
14. Click the flashing red **WRITE** button under the **REGISTER W/R** section. This loads the desired settings to the [AD9520](#) evaluation board.
15. Click the blinking yellow **Cal VCO** button to open the VCO calibration window. The default VCO divide ratio (16) works for all applications. Click the **Cal VCO** button in the **Calibrate VCO** window to begin calibration (see Figure 19). The PLL is now locked and the lock detect (LD) LED on the left side of the board is on.

EVALUATION SOFTWARE COMPONENTS

MAIN WINDOW

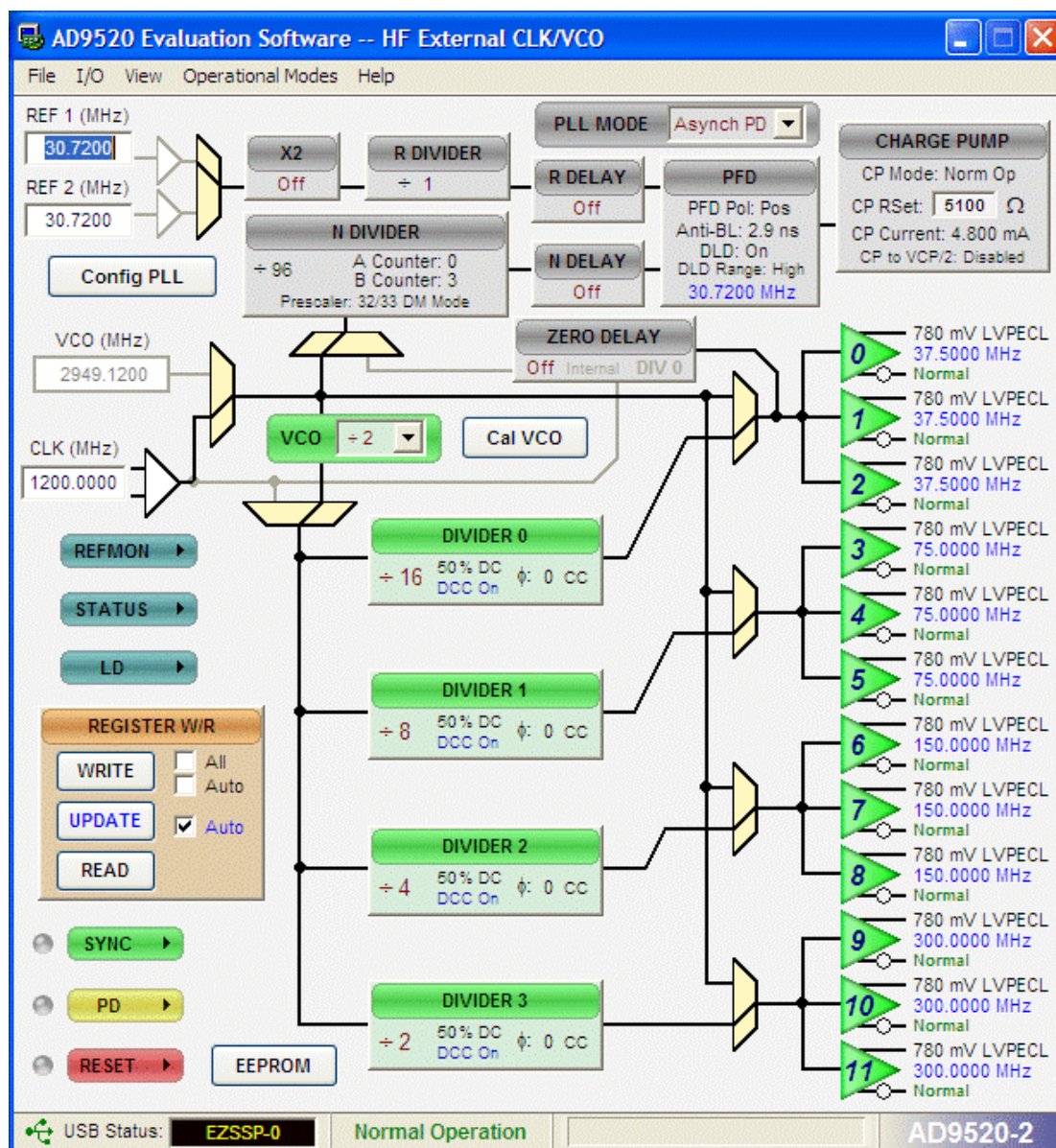


Figure 8. Evaluation Software Main Window

The AD9520 evaluation software is composed of subsections that correspond to the major functional blocks of the AD9520. These subsections are listed in the following sections, and each of these subsections has its own window. From the main window, each functional block can be accessed by clicking that block in the main window.

When a subwindow closes after clicking OK, the **WRITE** box on the main window (under the **REGISTER W/R** section) may blink red. This indicates that there are settings that have not been loaded to the AD9520 evaluation board. Clicking the blinking red **WRITE** box loads these settings to the evaluation board.

PLL REFERENCE INPUT WINDOW

The **Reference Input Control** window is shown in Figure 10 and is accessed by clicking either of the triangular buffer symbols immediately to the right of the **REF 1 (MHz)** and **REF 2 (MHz)** input reference frequency boxes (see Figure 9).



Figure 9. Buffer Symbol

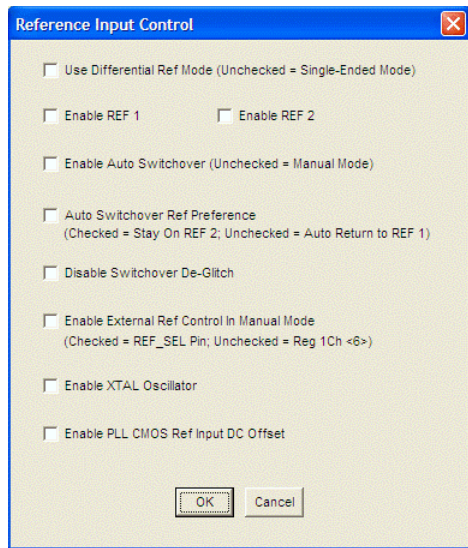


Figure 10. Reference Input Control Window

This window is used to enable the PLL reference inputs, which are powered down by default.

Select **Enable REF 1**, **Enable REF 2**, or both to enable the appropriate reference input and click **OK** when finished. If a differential input is used, select the **Use Differential Ref Mode (Unchecked = Single-Ended Mode)** check box. Note that this mode must not be used simultaneously with **Enable REF 1** or **Enable REF 2**.

The remaining six check boxes control the reference switchover modes. If **Disable Switchover De-Glitch** is activated, the [AD9520](#) maintains the phase relationship between the active input and PLL output during a reference switchover. Otherwise, the [AD9520](#) minimizes the phase disturbance at the output during a reference switchover.

The user must check **Enable XTAL Oscillator** if intending to connect a crystal to the reference input.

Enable PLL CMOS Ref Input DC Offset forces the dc bias point of the single-ended reference input to be different from the switching point, and is useful for preventing an ac-coupled input from chattering when the reference input is lost.

PLL CONFIGURATION WINDOW

The **PLL Configuration** window shown in Figure 11 is opened by clicking the **Config PLL** button on the main screen. The window has three sections: **SyncB Counter Reset Mode**, **PLL Status Registers**, and **Settings**.

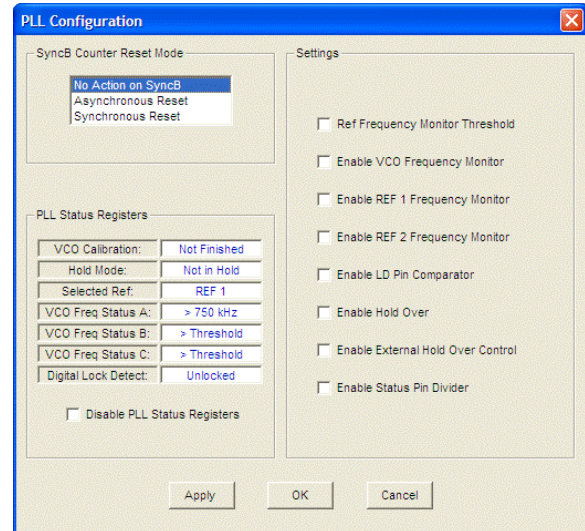


Figure 11. PLL Configuration Window

The **SyncB Counter Reset Mode** section indicates whether the R, A, and B counters are reset when the SYNC pin is activated, and controls Register 0x019, Bits[7:6]. See the [AD9520](#) data sheet for more details.

The **PLL Status Registers** section allows the user to see the current value of the readonly PLL status register, Address 0x01F. This function is useful for ensuring that the [AD9520](#) VCO has finished VCO calibration, and that the PLL is locked.

The **Settings** section controls the various PLL settings such as holdover. The [AD9520](#) data sheet describes these functions in detail.

REFMON, STATUS, AND LD BUTTONS

These three blue buttons (**REFMON**, **STATUS**, and **LD**) allow the user to select which signals appear at the REFMON, STATUS, and LD pins at Connector P1. Connector P1 is located in the center of the evaluation board. The pins in the left column of Connector P1 are ground pins, and the ones in the right column are signal pins.

There are many useful diagnostic signals available at these pins. The R divider output is particularly useful. In the example used in the Quick Start Guide to the [AD9520](#) PLL section, the 80 kHz signal is visible on the STATUS pin to ensure that the reference inputs and R divider are working properly.

Dynamic signals (such as the R divider output) are primarily intended for diagnostics. These diagnostic signals may adversely affect PLL performance in critical applications if left on in normal operation.

REGISTER W/R BOX

The **REGISTER W/R** (write/read) box has three buttons and three check boxes.

The **WRITE** button transfers the values stored in the evaluation software to the evaluation board. It blinks red when register values have changed.

The **READ** button transfers the values stored in the evaluation board to the evaluation software.

The **UPDATE** button issues an I/O update command by writing 0x01 to Register 0x232.

Selecting the **All** check box transfers all of the registers when the **WRITE** button is clicked. When this box is cleared, only the registers whose value has changed are written.

Selecting the **Auto** check box adjacent to the **WRITE** box forces the evaluation software to write the register changes to the evaluation board automatically when they occur.

Selecting the **Auto** check box adjacent to the **UPDATE** box forces the evaluation software to issue an I/O update command whenever registers are written to the [AD9520](#).

SYNC, PD (POWER DOWN), AND RESET BUTTONS

The **SYNC**, **PD**, and **RESET** buttons allow the user to control the SYNC, PD, and RESET pins on the [AD9520](#).

Each button has three options: **Strobe**, **Latch**, and **Release**. **Strobe** activates the pin, and then releases it. **Latch** holds the pin active until the **Release** command is issued.

EEPROM CONTROL WINDOW

The **EEPROM Control** window shown in Figure 12 is accessed by clicking the **EEPROM** button near the lower left corner of the main window.

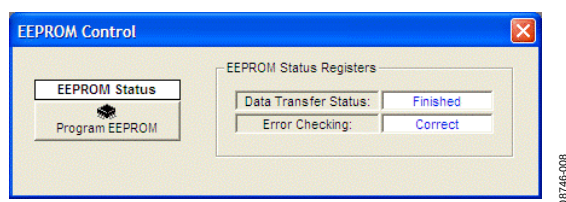


Figure 12. **EEPROM Control** Window

To store the current register settings of the [AD9520](#) to the EEPROM, click the **Program EEPROM** button (see Figure 12). Check the **EEPROM Status Registers** section on the right side of the window to verify that the operation is successful.

To load the values stored in the EEPROM, ensure that the EEPROM pin is pulled high and reset the [AD9520](#).

The EEPROM pin is pulled high by placing the S4 EEPROM jumper (located in the lower left corner of the evaluation board) across the center and right (high) pin.

The user can reset the [AD9520](#) by clicking the red **RESET** button in the lower left corner of the main window, and selecting **Strobe ResetB**.

REFERENCE (R) DIVIDER WINDOW

The R divider window shown in Figure 13 is accessed by clicking the **R DIVIDER** box in the main window. It allows the user to set the reference divider. If this box is colored gray, the PLL is off. To turn the PLL on, click the **PLL MODE** box at the top of the main window, and select **Norm Op**.

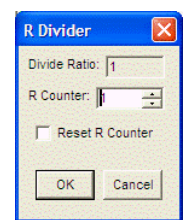


Figure 13. **Reference Divider** Window

This window has a check box for holding the R divider in reset. When the R divider is held in reset, the PLL loop is opened. Therefore, this feature is seldom used.

The reference input path also has a reference multiply-by-2 (labeled **X2** in the main window) check box that controls the reference clock doubler. This frequency doubler can be used to double the phase detector frequency of the PLL, and is described in detail in the [AD9520](#) data sheet.

FEEDBACK (N) DIVIDER WINDOW

The **N Divider** window shown in Figure 14 is accessed by clicking the **N DIVIDER** box. It allows the user to set the feedback divider. If this box is colored gray, the PLL is off. To turn the PLL on, click the **PLL MODE** box at the top of the main window and select **Norm Op**.

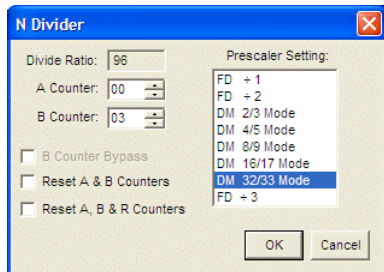


Figure 14. **N Divider** Window

The various modes of the N divider are described in detail in the [AD9520](#) data sheet. For most applications, the 8/9 or 16/17 dual modulus modes are used. For applications requiring a divider value larger than 131119, the 32/33 mode is provided. Different applications require different settings, and the user can experiment with the different settings.

The evaluation software has internal checking to ensure that invalid settings are not programmed. For example, the B counter must always be larger than the A counter. Another restriction is that 8/9 dual modulus mode cannot be used for VCO frequencies greater than 2400 MHz. In cases where a feedback divider restriction cannot be resolved, the user may need to adjust the R (reference) divider to allow a different feedback divider value. For example, it is not possible to use the internal VCO and a feedback divider of 30. However, the R divider can be doubled, which allows a feedback divider of 60.

The feedback divider window has a check box for holding the N divider in reset. When the N divider is held in reset, the PLL is open. Therefore, this feature is seldom used.

R AND N DELAY WINDOW

The N delay window shown in Figure 15 is accessed by clicking the **N DELAY** box on the main window. The **R DELAY** box is identical to the **N DELAY** box. These delay settings, which are most often used in zero delay mode, allow the user to vary the static phase offset of the PLL.

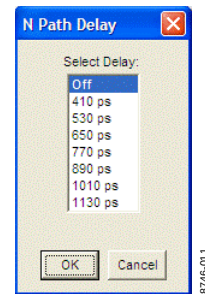


Figure 15. **N Delay** Window

PHASE FREQUENCY DETECTOR (PFD) WINDOW

The **Phase Frequency Detector (PFD)** window shown in Figure 16 is accessed by clicking the **PFD** box in the main window.

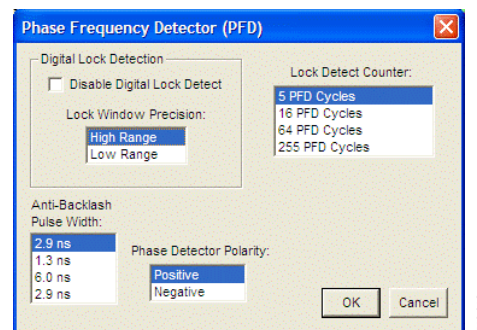


Figure 16. **Phase Frequency Detector** Window

The features accessible in this window are described in detail in the [AD9520](#) data sheet. The most commonly used settings are **Anti-Backlash Pulse Width** and **Lock Detect Counter**.

For phase detector frequencies greater than 50 MHz, the PLL may work better with the 1.3 ns antibacklash pulse width setting.

Setting the **Lock Detect Counter** to values greater than 5 PFD cycles can be useful in applications where the loop bandwidth is low and the lock detect counter chatters during acquisition.

CHARGE PUMP SETUP WINDOW

The **Charge Pump Setup** window shown in Figure 17 is accessed by clicking the **CHARGE PUMP** box in the main window.

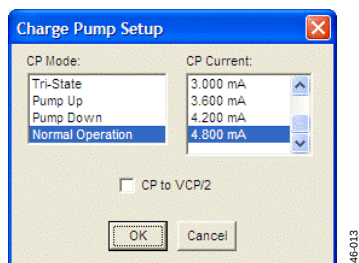


Figure 17. **Charge Pump Setup** Window

This window is most often used to vary the charge pump current.

The window also has a check box for setting the charge pump voltage to $V_{CP}/2$, which is useful for debugging the PLL and isolating the output driver section of the [AD9520](#) from the PLL section.

ZERO DELAY WINDOW

The **Zero Delay** window shown in Figure 18 is accessed by clicking the **ZERO DELAY** box in the main window.

When internal zero delay mode is selected, the window shrinks because only Divider 0 can operate in the internal zero delay mode.

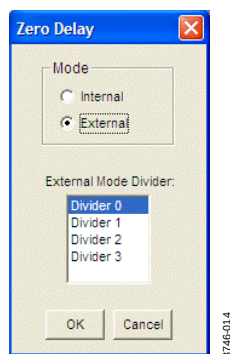


Figure 18. **Zero Delay** Window

VCO CALIBRATION WINDOW

The **Calibrate VCO** window shown in Figure 19 is accessed by clicking the **Cal VCO** button in the main window.

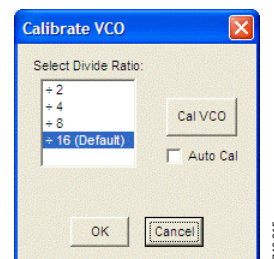


Figure 19. **Calibrate VCO** Window

A valid reference input signal must be present to complete VCO calibration, and the VCO must be recalibrated any time the VCO frequency changes by more than 40 MHz.

A VCO divider of 16 is suitable for all applications. However, for applications where the phase detector frequency is <12 MHz, using a smaller VCO calibration divider reduces calibration time. Refer to the [AD9520](#) data sheet for more details.

CHANNEL DIVIDER WINDOW

The channel divider window shown in Figure 20 is accessed by clicking the appropriate channel divider. It is usually sufficient to change only the divide ratio because the evaluation software and the [AD9520](#) duty cycle correction feature ensure that the output duty cycle remains very close to 50%.

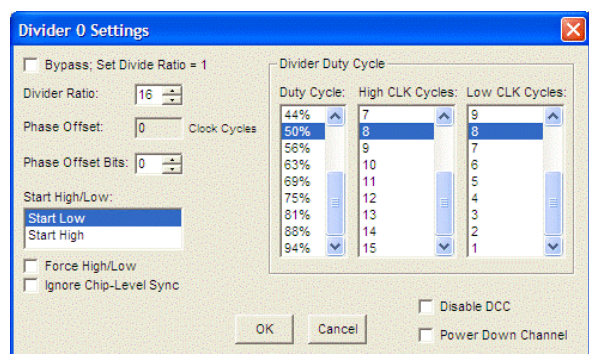


Figure 20. **Channel Divider** Window

The user can also vary the phase offset by changing the **Phase Offset Bits** setting. However, for the new phase to take effect, the **SYNC** signal must be toggled via the **SYNC** button in the lower left corner of the main window.

OUTPUT DRIVER WINDOW

The output driver window shown in Figure 22 is accessed by clicking any of the numbered triangular output driver symbols on the right side of the main window (see Figure 21).

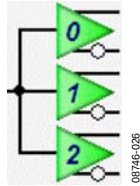


Figure 21. Driver Symbol

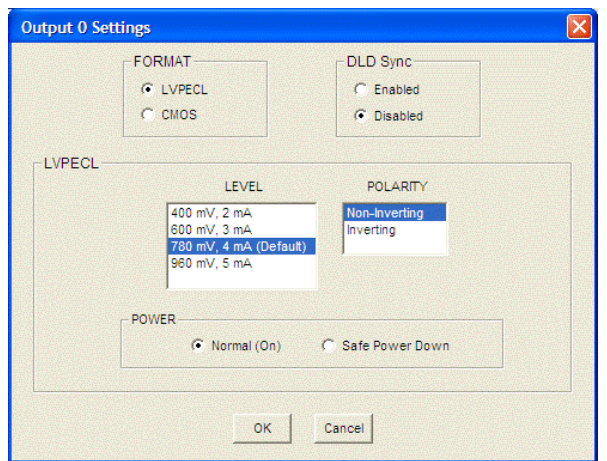


Figure 22. Output Driver Window

It is important to power down unused outputs on the evaluation board because they can be a major source of unwanted spurs.

LVPECL and CMOS outputs have different termination requirements, and OUT9 through OUT11 have been terminated differently from OUT0 through OUT8.

OUT0 through OUT8 are ac-coupled with 200 Ω pull-down resistors on each output. This termination scheme is ideal for LVPECL drivers. However, this scheme degrades the CMOS driver performance. Improved CMOS driver performance is achieved by removing the 200 Ω pull-down resistors.

OUT9 through OUT11 have no termination resistors, and are ideally configured for CMOS operation. If the user wants to use these drivers in LVPECL mode, pull-down resistors must be added to the board. If the user wants to put 50 Ω termination at the SMA connectors of OUT9 through OUT11, add series decoupling capacitors so that the termination on OUT9 through OUT11 is identical to OUT0 through OUT8.

DEBUG WINDOW

The **Debug** window shown in Figure 23 is accessed by clicking the **Debug** option from the **View** menu.

The **Serial I/O** section of this window is a convenient way to read and write registers directly.

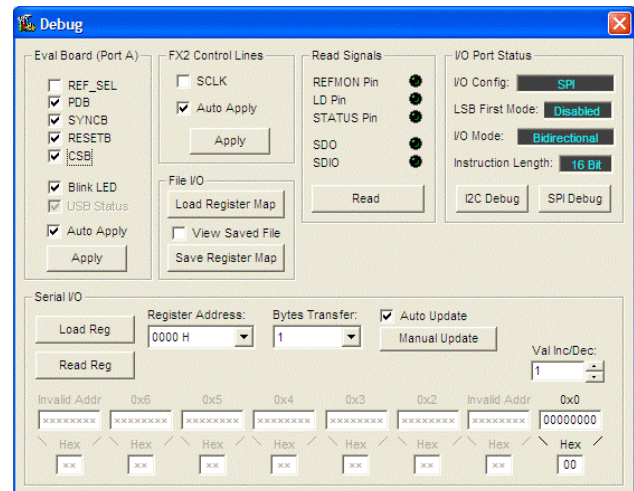


Figure 23. Debug Window

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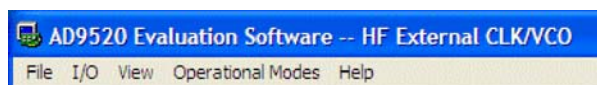


Figure 24. Menu Bar

MENU BAR

File Menu

The file menu has the following options.

Load Setup

Clicking **Load Setup** loads a previously saved **AD9520** setup file (.stp). A setup file is a text file that contains the **AD9520** register setup file, plus any evaluation board settings. Note that the user must still perform a VCO calibration.

Save Setup

Clicking **Save Setup** saves an **AD9520** setup file (.stp). A setup file is a text file that contains the **AD9520** register setup file, plus any evaluation board settings.

Generate Binary File

Click this menu option to generate binary setup files that can be used by EEPROM programmers.

Exit

Click **Exit** to exit the evaluation software. No checking is performed to ensure that the existing setup is saved.

I/O Menu

The I/O menu includes the following options.

Select Evaluation Board

The **AD9520** evaluation system allows one PC to control multiple evaluation boards. This window allows the user to select which evaluation board the software is controlling. Click **Refresh List** to detect a recently connected evaluation board (see Figure 25).

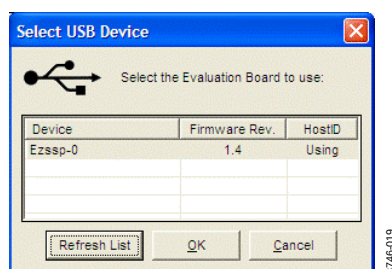


Figure 25. Select USB Device Window

Configure Serial Port

The **I/O Interface** window allows the user to control how the USB controller interacts with the **AD9520** serial port (see Figure 26).

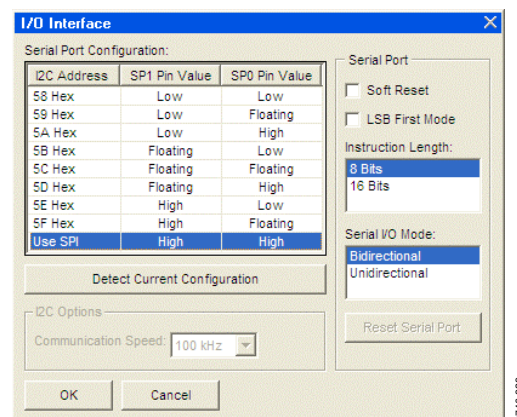


Figure 26. I/O Interface Window

If using I²C mode, this window allows the user to select which address to use. Note that it must correspond to the S5 and S6 jumper settings on the evaluation board. The user can also click **Detect Current Configuration** to discover which I²C address is active (see Figure 26).

However, if attempting to program an **AD9520** on a remote board via a header cable from Connector P1, the I²C address of the on-board **AD9520** must not match the I²C address of the remote **AD9520** that the user is attempting to program.

View Menu

The **View** menu includes the following options.

Debug

This window (see Figure 23) allows the user to write and read registers directly, as well as force the various configuration pins high and low.

Options

This window allows the selection of Windows® XP visual styles.

Operational Modes Menu

This menu allows the user to select any of the three operational modes in the **AD9520** data sheet.

Help Menu

Clicking **Help** opens the **About AD9520** window, which contains information such as revision number, region information, and contact information.

AD9520 PLL LOOP FILTER

The AD9520 PLL requires an external loop filter whose components are tailored for different applications. The third-order passive configuration shown in Figure 27 usually offers the best performance for many applications and is the one found on the evaluation board.

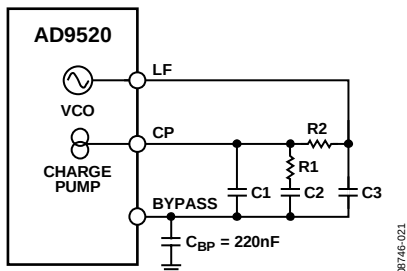


Figure 27. PLL Loop Filter

The default loop filter on the AD9520 evaluation board is optimized for reference clock cleanup. It has a flat transfer function with peaking <0.1 dB and loop bandwidths from 0.5 kHz to 10 kHz. In most of these applications, the phase detector is run at 1 MHz or less.

In the example in the Quick Start Guide to the AD9520 PLL section, the default loop filter shown in Table 2 results in a PLL with a loop bandwidth of 2.2 kHz, 80° of phase margin, and 0.05 dB of peaking. The charge pump current for this example is 1.2 mA.

For clock generation applications in which the reference clock is relatively low jitter, the high loop bandwidth (BW) loop filter shown in Table 2 is a better choice. Typical phase detector frequencies for these applications are 10 MHz to 100 MHz, and typical loop bandwidths for this loop filter are 50 kHz to 500 kHz, depending on the configuration.

These recommendations are not a substitute for using ADIsimCLK™ to determine the best loop filter for a given application. ADIsimCLK is a free program that can help with the design and exploration of the capabilities and features of the AD9520, including the design of the PLL loop filter. The Analog Devices website has a sample ADIsimCLK file that includes the AD9520 default loop filter titled:

AD9520EvalBoardExample_148p5MHz.clk.

ADIsimCLK Version 1.3 includes specific support for the AD9520. However, the AD9516, AD9520, and AD9522 share the same loop dynamics. Therefore, ADIsimCLK Version 1.2 can also be used for modeling the AD9520 loop filter by selecting the corresponding version of the AD9516. ADIsimCLK is available at www.analog.com/clocks.

Table 2 shows the correspondence between the components shown in Figure 27 and those on the evaluation board, as well as the default values.

Table 2. AD9520 Evaluation Board Default Loop Filter Values

ADIsimCLK	Evaluation Board Location	Clock Cleanup (Default)	High Loop BW
C1	C25	1500 pF	62 pF
R1	R5	2.1 kΩ	820 Ω
C2	C22	4.7 μF	240 nF
R2	R2	3 kΩ	390 Ω
C3	C31	2200 pF	33 pF

USING THE EVALUATION BOARD TO PROGRAM AN AD9520 ON A USER BOARD

This guide shows how to use an [AD9520](#) evaluation board to program an [AD9520](#) on the board designed by the user board via the I²C interface. It assumes that the user has access to the I²C pins via a header on the target board, and knows the assigned address of the target I²C device.

1. Move Jumper S2 to the center and left (I²C) pins.
2. Move Jumper W1 to the center and left (I²C) pins.
3. Select the desired I²C address for the [AD9520](#) evaluation board using Jumper S5 and Jumper S6. Note that the S5 = S6 = high setting is reserved for SPI mode. Also, this I²C address must not conflict with the I²C address of the target [AD9520](#).
4. Attach a jumper cable from SDIO_SDA pin of Header P1 of the evaluation board to the SDA pin on the target board.
5. Repeat Step 4 for both the SCLK_SCL pin and GND pin of the [AD9520](#) evaluation board to the SCL pin and ground pin of the target board, respectively. On the evaluation software, select **Configure Serial Port** from the I/O menu. This window is shown in Figure 28.

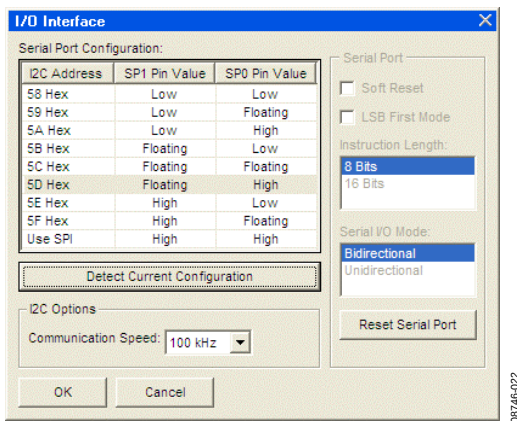


Figure 28. Evaluation Software Serial Port Configuration

6. Click **Reset Serial Port** and then click **Detect Current Configuration**. A dialog box appears and acknowledges the I²C mode and address. The evaluation software starts at I²C Address 0x058 and stops at the first valid I²C address that it finds. If the target I²C address is different from the one automatically selected, select the I²C address of the target [AD9520](#) from the list, and click **OK**.
7. From the **View** menu on the menu bar (see Figure 24), click **Debug**. Click the **I2C Debug** button. The window shown in Figure 29 appears.

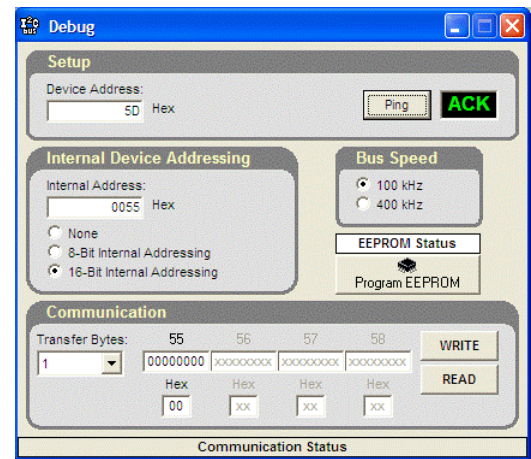


Figure 29. Evaluation Software I²C Debug Window

8. Enter the I²C address set by Jumper S5 and Jumper S6 on the [AD9520](#) evaluation board, and click **Ping**. The user sees a green **ACK** message as shown in Figure 29.
 - a. Repeat this step for the I²C address of the target [AD9520](#). If **ACK** is returned for both addresses, the remote [AD9520](#) is ready to be programmed.
 - b. If the ping test fails, double check the cabling between the boards, as well as the I²C addresses of the target [AD9520](#). Ensure that the I²C address of the [AD9520](#) on the evaluation board is different from the target [AD9520](#). Also, disconnect the jumper cable, and ensure that I²C mode is working properly on the [AD9520](#) evaluation board.
9. Proceed to program the target [AD9520](#) with the desired settings. When finished, click the **EEPROM** button on the main window to access the EEPROM window, and then click **Program EEPROM** to write the settings to the EEPROM.

AD9520 BINARY FILE GENERATION

The AD9520 evaluation software can be used to generate binary setup files that can be used by EEPROM programmers, such as those made by BPM Microsystems.

Clicking **Generate Binary File** from the **File** menu prompts the user to enter a file name. The .bin extension is assumed. There is no facility for loading a .bin file into the software.

The binary file format is such that Byte Offset 0 in the binary file contains the value for Register 0x000.

CHECKSUM GENERATION

Both 8-bit and 16-bit checksums are supported. The device checksum is calculated using Address 0x00 through Address 0x232. The data pattern checksum uses Address 0x00 through Address 0xB03.

The 8-bit checksum is an 8-bit sum of the byte range described previously, whereas the 16-bit checksum forms a 16-bit word in which the MSB is the odd register addresses, and the LSB is the even numbered registers. For example, Register 0x000 and Register 0x001 are paired together prior to the summation process.

The checksum values are also stored in the .stp files generated by the evaluation software.

AVOIDING CHECKSUM MISMATCHES

It is possible to have differences in the setup and binary files that may cause checksum mismatches. These scenarios are outlined as follows.

The evaluation software automatically sets the VCO calibration now bit (Register 0x018, Bit 0) in the .bin file if the PLL is turned on. If the VCO calibration now bit is not set, the AD9520 is unable to lock the PLL after automatically loading the register values from the EEPROM without further user intervention. Register 0x018, Bit 0 is not normally set in the register setup (.stp) file because the user normally initiates VCO calibration manually while running the evaluation software. To avoid a checksum mismatch, it is recommended that the user manually set the VCO calibration now bit in the setup file if the PLL is enabled.

Register 0x01F is a read-only status register whose value can change in between the writing of the setup (.stp) file and the binary (.bin) file. This situation is likely to occur if the reference input frequency monitors are enabled and the reference inputs are left floating. To prevent this, the user must avoid leaving the reference inputs floating, or disconnect the evaluation board while saving the setup and corresponding binary file.

I²C refers to a communications protocol originally developed by Philips Semiconductors (now NXP Semiconductors).



ESD Caution

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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