Documentaion for XPI Power Management Board



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For raspberry PI 4B

Model : XPI Raspberry PI board. Power management for Raspberry PI 4 with 2 different modes to select.

XPI POWER BOARD						
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Preface

Raspberry Pi 4 is a powerful microcomputer that, in my opinion, is underestimated, especially in what it can be used to. There are countless opportunities for smart boxes for everything - without the expensive cost.

Price is very important. When this is so low, it gives developers the opportunity to experiment extensively, without spending hundreds of dollars for a couple of models.

The stability of the Raspberry Pi 4 along with Raspberry Pi OS is impeccable good against Windows and Mac Os - which I use beside at the same time for my other work with computing. The principle is simple: first power the control bord (XPI Powerboard) then the Raspberry Pi 4. The power control board can tell Raspberry Pi ho shutdown and power of the system, and the Raspberry Pi can "tell" the controller board that it will turn itself off. Simple in principle.

The XPI Power Management Board are developed by (C) Morten Steenberg in 2020. The idea was from an old simple similar circuit board with very poor current support and to small transistors to support the load (current). The most circuit I have seen is made for Raspberry Pi Zero – a long time ago... Contact:

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How to connect



XPI Power Management Board - pin configurations.

The PMB (Power Management Board for Raspberry PI 4) has 8 connections you can use.

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- 1. Power button. This button is a 2-wire, this is an normal open circuit and when pushed, closed. This port/pin to the micro controller has an internal pull-up resistor already and only need a cable and a simple push button to operate. The micro controller detect when the button is pushed to ground. See schematic for more info.
- 2. Standard red led. This will light when the system is in standby mode. And only has power to the pmb and all power to the Raspberry PI is off.
- 3. Standard yellow led. This will light when the system is booting/starting/closeing and or is waiting for power off from a halt command in Raspberry Pi or the user has pushed the button (1).
- 4. Standard green led. This light up when the system is up and running normal.
- 5. RPI Connect. This connector has 2 pins. Leftmost from this 2-pin connector (seeing from the led pins) goes to the Raspberry Pi's pin 37 and the second goes to the pin 40 on the Raspberry Pi. **Without this 2-wire cable to Raspberry Pi, this Power Management Board will not work**.
- 6. Power in. Supply 5V and 3 to 5 amp current.
- 7. Power out (relay output). If this circuit-board is used with relay, please support cable here to the USB-C on the Raspberry Pi 4.
- 8. Power out (transistor output). If this circuit-board is used with 2 x 4184 CMOS N-Channel switch transistors, please provide cable here til the USB-C connector on the Raspberry Pi 4.

This version of pmb also have support for 2-wire I2C connections for displays etc in the future. Future bios version will have support for other functions, like a simple "setup" specially what you what to do after a power loss has occured.

Modes of operation

This circuit board support 2 modes of power delivery to Raspberry Pi 4. **Remember you cannot use both at the same time**. You shoud solder R?? if you want to use the pmb with relay or soldier R?? if you want to use the pbm with 2 x N-CHANNEL CMOS AOD4184 switch transistors instead.

What is best, is you to decide. Take concern over temperatures and maximum current load when you select which mode to use for your Raspberry Pi 4. The pbm should handle up to maximum 5 amp continues current. It have been tested with a digital current load of 5 amp and 5 volt in 1 hour without any damages or critical temperatures found.

Firmware

This circuit use an pre-programmed AtMega328 Micro-controller, programmed in C++. The source is not available for public. This use an Interrupt in the code to control the push button, no extra library is used.

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Schematics





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Sample setup



EASY Configuration with PMB and RASPBERRY PI 4. This configuration use RELPWR (You have soldered RELAY). If you solder only (and NOT relay) CMOS SWITCH TRANSISTOR(S) USE TERMINAL QPWR ONLY!

Software configuration of XPI and Raspberry Pi 4

To support this pmb you need to type in 2 lines of code in the config.txt file on Raspberry Pi. If you do not know what this is, can I tell you this is the real configuration file for your Raspberry Pi. Be aware of what you do – don't change other things, if you don't know what you do! You find documentation on raspberrypi.org on config.txt things!

From the rot folder on Raspberry Pi you find a folder with the name *boot*, here you have a file named *config.txt*. There are many ways to edit this file, most prefer nano editor. I like the idle editor (install it via sudo apt install idle). So run *sudo idle /boot/config.txt*. *Or change idle with nano*..

Add thees 2 lines to the bottom of the config.txt file:

dtoverlay=gpio-shutdown,gpio_pin=21,active_low=0,gpio_pull=off dtoverlay=gpio-poweroff,gpio_pin=20 **Finish with control+s to save the file!**

Remember "pin" in config file is not the physical pin on Raspberry Pi, this is GPIO pins. On the physical Raspberry Pi the 2-wire cable to pmd shall go to physical pin 37 and 40 on the Raspberry Pi 4.

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Components list

REL 1.5						
Part number	Shortname	Туре	Value/name			
1	K2	Relay	5V (10A/250V)			
2	D1	Diode	1N4007			
3	D2	Diode	1N4148			
4	D3	Diode	1N4007			
5	R1	Resistor	680			
6	R2	Resistor	680			
7	R3	Resistor	680			
8	R4	Resistor	10K			
9	R5	Resistor	680			
10	R6	Resistor	1K			
11	R7	Resistor	680			
12	R8	NOT IN USE	*			
13	R9	NOT IN USE	*			
14	R10	Resistor	100			
15	R11	Resistor	10K			
16	U1	Microcontroller	ATMEGTA328P-PU			
17	U2	Optocopler	EL817(C)			
18	U3	Voltage regulator 5V	AMS1117-5.0			
19	Q1	Transistor	BC557B			
20	Q2	Transistor	AOD4184A			
21	Q3	Transistor	AOD4184A			
22	X1	Crystal	16MHZ			
23	C1	Capacitor electrolyt	47µf 16 volt			
24	C2	Capacitor electrolyt	47µf 16 volt			
25	C3	Capacitor ceramic	22 pf			
26	C4	Capacitor ceramic	22 pf			
27	C5	Capacitor polyester	100 nf			
28	C6	Capacitor polyester	100 nf			
29	LED1	Lightning diode	5MM GREEN			
30	LED2	Lightning diode	5MM RED			
31	LED3	Lightning diode	5 MM YELLOW			
32	SWITCH	Standard low power push switch button				

NOTE!

Resistors R8 and R9 not in use! You don't need to use K2 if you use Q2 and/or Q3. You don't need to use Q2 and/or Q3 if you use K2.