Introducing the BT822

Today, Bridgetek is thrilled to announce the launch of the BT822, the 5th Generation Embedded Video Engine (EVE) device, which continues to revolutionize the use of color touch displays.

New Challenges

Over the past decade, expectations for user interfaces have increased significantly, with the evolution of the EVE product line allowing designers to embrace the latest trends. Some of the most recent challenges include:

- Using larger and higher-resolution displays
- Demanding more complex graphical content
- Increased use of assets such as high-resolution images, animation and video
- Integration of external video/imaging into the user interface
- Increased use of touch to replace mechanical buttons and controls

Why a 5th Generation EVE – BT822 – Matters

To support the latest demands, the BT822 features a redesigned architecture which also boasts significant enhancements and new features that allow designers to meet and exceed the modern user interface expectations. One key objective was also to retain the characteristics which made EVE popular originally.

This new generation offers enhanced display resolution up to 1920×1200 via LVDS output, a new Frame Buffer architecture, an LVDS video input with real-time image processing engine, support for SD/MMC storage options and enhanced touch engine.





Core Innovations in the BT822

• LVDS Interface

The BT822 features a Low Voltage Differential Signaling (LVDS) display output, replacing the RGB output on earlier EVE generations. This supports larger displays directly without RGB-LVDS conversion ICs, reducing component count. Resolutions of up to 1920×1200 at 60 frames per second are supported, with the screen rotation feature offering both portrait and landscape orientations via a simple command.

• Frame Buffer

The BT822 introduces a frame buffer, enhancing previous EVE devices by supporting larger displays, higher resolutions, and more complex user interfaces. Unlike earlier

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models that rendered displays line by line, the BT822 uses its 1Gb internal DRAM to render complex graphics efficiently. It retains the same programming interface with 16KB of Display List RAM, double that of previous generations, allowing for more on-screen content.



PanL PD100 Display Screen 10.1" showing vibrant colours and graphics with UI-friendly icons (BRT Systems PanL Smart Living)

Real-Time High-Resolution LVDS Input

Many applications in fields like medical, security, automotive, and instrumentation use video data with separate controls and displays. Combining video data with on-screen controls on a large touch-enabled display can be complex and often requires a higher-end MCU. The BT822 simplifies this with its LVDS video input, supporting resolutions up to 1920 x 1200, allowing direct integration of video feeds into the user interface without adding workload to the host MCU. It also features real-time video pre-processing for applications like Picture-in-Picture and reducing image distortion from fish-eye lenses. Additionally, the BT822 supports larger displays directly with its LVDS output, eliminating the need for RGB-LVDS conversion ICs, and offers resolutions up to 1920×1200 at 60 fps with screen rotation for both portrait and landscape orientations.



Bridgetek EVE 5th Generation HMI Mock-up for Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle with Live Video Streaming



The BT822 features direct video input with real-time pre-processing making it ideal for Door Entry applications

• Enhanced Asset Storage

The BT822 supports a wider range of storage options, including SD cards, and QSPI NOR/NAND Flash. This allows designers to use more graphical assets like highresolution images, animations, and full-screen video playback. Designers can create a more immersive user experience and enhance usability without being restricted by the storage available on the host MCU. This is complemented by enhanced image format support including hardware decoders for PNG and JPG images, as well as built-in ASTC support introduced in the BT81x series for high-quality images with smaller file sizes. The EVE Asset Builder tools make it easy to convert assets for use in EVE and offer programming via USB-SPI.

• Enhanced Touch Engine

The BT822 improves touch support for various resistive and capacitive touch panels, including those for rugged environments like vandal-proof glass and water splash tolerance. It features an auto-discovery function for easier configuration and retains touch tagging to reduce the host MCU's workload. Designers can assign tag numbers to on-screen objects, and the touch engine reports the tag number back to the MCU. Other features include 5-point multi-touch support for gestures and touch calibration with a single command.

Other New/Enhanced Features

• Audio – Stereo Output and I²S

The BT822 adds stereo audio output and I²S support, offering greater audio quality and interfacing options for applications using audio. Combined with the built-in sound effects and audio playback available across EVE generations, this makes the BT822 well suited for applications such as intercom systems for door entry, playing audio from an SD card, and audio accompanying a video feed.

Watchdog Timer

The BT822 features a Watchdog Timer (WDT) that allows recovery via a system reset if the host is unable to periodically reset the WDT, enhancing application robustness.

Summary of Benefits by Industry and the type of Core Innovations the BT822 delivers for your product design

Core Innovations of the 5th Generation EVE with Industry needs

| Industry | Key Benefits of BT822 5th Generation EVE |
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| Medical | LVDS Input: Video Input with real-time image processing capabilities for medical devices with overlaid touch controls. Frame Buffer: Comprehensive patient monitoring with large numbers of data points in one display. |
| Automotive | LVDS Input: Built-in video Processing Engine with real-time image enhancement capabilities. Watchdog Timer: Resets EVE to restore display functionality if the MCU fails to acknowledge the watchdog. |
| Digital Signage & Large Displays | LVDS Interface: Supports larger displays (up to 1920x1200 at 60 fps) directly without RGB-LVDS conversion ICs, reducing component count. Frame Buffer: 16bit Embedded DRAM for rendering complex graphics on larger displays, minimizing component count and PCB real estate |
| Home Automation | Frame Buffer: Create more complex user interfaces and richer graphics. Enhanced Touch Engine: Multi-touch support and touch tagging features for intuitive user controls. |
| Security & Surveillance | LVDS Input: Real-Time High-Resolution LVDS Input (up to 1920x1200) simplifies integration of video data with on-screen controls Enhanced Touch Engine: Supports a wider range of resistive and capacitive touch panels, including those for rugged environments. Features auto-discovery, touch tagging, and multi-touch support. |
| Vending & Retail | Enhanced Asset Storage: SD cards and QSPI NOR/NAND Flash for offloading graphical assets from MCU Flash. Enhanced Touch Engine: Supports resistive and capacitive touch panels with easy touch implementation. |
| Audio-Visual Systems | Enhanced Audio Engine: New stereo audio output and I2S support for greater audio quality and interfacing options. Enhanced Asset Storage:Stream large video and audio assets from SD cards and QSPI NOR/NAND Flash attached directly to the BT822. |

Conclusion

The BT822, as the 5th Generation Embedded Video Engine (EVE), is designed to not only meet the current demands of the industry but also to anticipate future needs, ensuring that our clients remain at the forefront of the rapidly evolving world of graphics controllers. Developed based on extensive customer feedback and market trends, the BT822 brings the same trusted advantages of earlier EVE generations, now enhanced with more powerful features to align with the latest technological advancements and the high expectations of product designers and users.

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