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**—— Serial camera module (Data sheet)**

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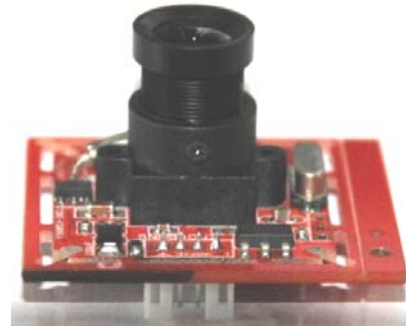
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## Overview

### What is ZM serial camera module —

The ZM 0.3 Mpixel serial JPEG still camera module as Quick Zoom basic product is provided ZM technology with highly integrated, so as to meet a lot of embedded system's acquisition imaging that is JPEG compressed format and it's more convenient data transmission in the low-speed channel condition.



### Image sensor

Adopting the advanced version of OmniVision CMOS VGA colour sensor on-board making overall unit a low powered consumption, and good quality of image. via RS232, RS458, TTL, etc. serial interface attached external host system's UART port etc.

### Connector

its build-in a 4-wire connector, four different colour have correlatively stand for 4 wire function

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Red:    | power line |
| Yellow: | RX line    |
| Green:  | TX line    |
| Black:  | GND line   |

### LED chip

On-board LED chip, once the PCB is provided power or the camera do a snapshot, the LED chip will come a sparkle which indicate operating .

## Features

The ZM 0.3 Mpixel serial JPEG still camera module compact size, low power consumption, more stable operation. 5.0V DC Supply. UART: Up to 115200bps for transferring JPEG images. the advanced OmniVision OV7725 VGA colour sensor JPEG CODEC for different resolutions. with down sampling, clamping and windowing circuits for VGA, QVGA, and with out external DRAM required.

## Applications

- Embedded systems for imaging acquisition and control
- Security and Control systems,
- Remote or public monitoring.
- Retrieved/object detection and recognition.
- Industrial control, vehicle and medical systems.
- Etc.



## Summary Description

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### Pin Description

#### VCC pin 1 (Supply Voltage Input):

Voltage input supply pin 1, this pin must be connected to a regulated voltage. RS232/485, TTL: 4.5V to 6.5V DC range, nominal 5.0V.

#### RX pin 2 (Serial Receive):

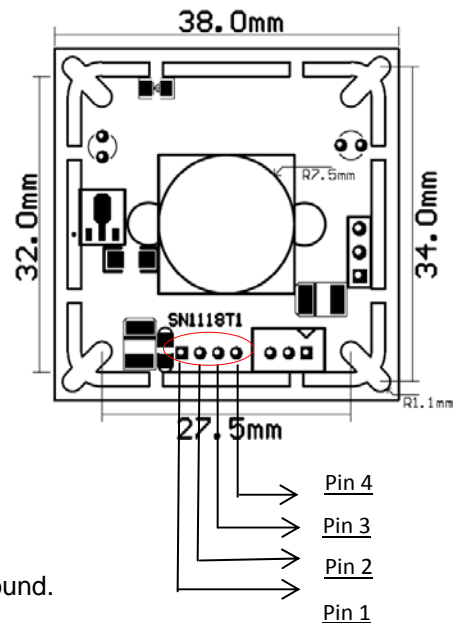
Asynchronous Serial port Receive pin 2, (RX). which connect to host Serial Transmit (Tx) signal. and the host transmits data to the module via this pin.

#### TX pin 3 (Serial Transmit):

Asynchronous Serial port Transmit pin 3, (TX). which connect to host Serial Receive (Rx) signal. and host receives data from the module via this pin.

#### GND pin 4 (Ground):

Module ground pin 4. This pin must be connected to the ground.



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## Communication Protocol details

### — ZM 0.3Mpixel Serial Interface Camera

Notice:

1. This protocol applies to 0.3 Mega pixels, 1.3 Mega pixels and 5.0 Mega pixel Camera;
2. This protocol applies to RS485, RS232 and TTL camera;
3. The camera ID is always "zero" for RS232 and TTL camera.

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## 1. General Description

ZM Serial Camera series has a standard RS232/RS485 interface; it supports RS232 and TTL input/output signals and can connect to PC or any other device with RS232/RS485 interface. The communication speed (baud rate) can be set as 2400 bps, 9600bps, 14400 bps, 19200bps, 38400bps, 57600bps, 115200pbs (default value).

## 2. Data Frame Type

There are three types of data frame transmitting between camera and host, they are: Command Frame, ACK/NAK Frame and Data Frame.

### Structure of command frame:

|                            |                         |                      |                                |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Data Header "U"<br>(1byte) | Command Byte<br>(1byte) | Camera ID<br>(1byte) | Command Content<br>(0—n bytes) | "#"<br>(1byte) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|

Notice: 1. The details of **command byte** advised in chart 1.

2. The length of command content is subject to specific command byte.

3. Camera ID varies from 0 to 33. If the command is 0xff, the firmware performs it immediately.

4. The command frame is used to set the working status of serial camera and start up snapshotting.

### Structure of ACK/NAK frame

ACK

|                            |                                  |                      |                |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Data Header "U"<br>(1byte) | Received Command Byte<br>(1byte) | Camera ID<br>(1byte) | "#"<br>(1byte) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|

An ACK will be sent out by receiver after receiving expected (correct) commands frame.

NAK

|                            |   |                      |                |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Data Header "U"<br>(1byte) | ? | Camera ID<br>(1byte) | "#"<br>(1byte) |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|

A NAK will be sent out by receiver after receiving unexpected command or failing to process incoming command.

### Structure of data frame

|                            |                                 |  |                                 |                        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Data Header "U"<br>(1byte) | Command Byte "F"<br>(1byte)     | Camera ID<br>(1byte)                       | Image Data<br>(Max. 1028bytes ) | Check Code<br>(2bytes) |
|                            |                                 |  | ↓                               |                        |
| Package ID<br>(1byte)      | Package Length<br>(Max. 2bytes) | Connect of Image Data<br>(Max. 1024bytes ) |                                 |                        |

Notice:

(1) All data transmits from LSB;

(2) All package size except the last one equals to the one set by snapshot command, the last one varies for different image.

(3) Check sum equals to the sum of the whole package data except the check sum field( from U to the byte before check sum field)



### 3. Command Instruction

△Chart 1

| Command Byte | Command Content   | Description  | Example   |
|--------------|---|--|---|
| I            | Change the baud rate of camera<br>'0' represents 9600<br>'1' represents 19200<br>'2' represents 38400<br>'3' represents 57600<br>'4' represents 115200<br>'5' represents 2400<br>'6' represents 14400                       | Host issues this command to change the baud rate of camera, and an ACK will be sent out by camera after receiving incoming command.<br><br>Camera will keep using this changed baud rate to communicate with host in the sequent communication processing. | UI 01 3#<br>Hexadecimal representation ( 55 49 01 33 23 )<br>Change the baud rate of no.1(camera ID) camera to 57600, and camera responds "UI 01 # (55 49 01 23)" to host after receiving incoming command  |
| H            | 1Byte : Image(Picture) size<br>1: 160×128 pixel<br>2: 320×240 pixel<br>3: 640×480 pixel<br>4: 1280×1024 pixel<br>(the last one is used for 1.3megapixel camera)<br><br>2Bytes: package size<br>(hexadecimal representation) | Host issues this command for requesting camera to snapshot a picture of specified size and divide it into packages according to directed size, and "UH #" responded by camera after receiving incoming command. )  | UH 0x01 2 0x00 0x02 #<br>Hexadecimal representation ( 55 48 01 32 00 02 23 )<br><br>No.1 ( camera ID ) camera snapshots a picture with size 320x240 and divide it into packages according to the size of 512 bytes  |
| R            | 4Bytes: Snapshot size<br>(hexadecimal representation)<br><br>2Bytes: number of data packages<br>(hexa decimal representation)   | Camera issues this command to report the size of the snapshot and the number of data packages  | UR 0X01 0x00 0x5C 0x00 0x00 0x2E 0x00 #<br>Hexadecimal representation ( 55 58 01 00 5C 00 00 2E 00 23 )<br><br>"00 5C 00 00" these 4bytes represents snapshot size<br><br>"2E 00" these 2bytes represents the number of data packages<br><br>No.1 ( camera ID ) camera reports the picture data size is 23K and the number of data packages is 46 |



|   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| E | 2bytes: package ID<br>(hexadecimal representation)   | Host issues this command to camera for getting the package with desired package ID   | U E 0X01 0x2E 0x00 #<br>Hexadecimal representation<br>( 55 45 01 2E 00 23)<br><br>Get the package with package ID 46 from No. 1 camera  |
| F | 2bytes: package ID<br>(hexadecimal representation)<br><br>2Bytes:Package Size<br>(hexadecimal representation, without including the fields of package ID and check sum)<br><br>n Bytes : Image Data<br><br>2Byte: Check Sum (the sum of the whole package data except the check sum field)   | Camera transmits the data of specified package to host   | UF 0X01 0x2E 0x00 0x00 0x02<br>.....Data Content.....<br>0x1E 0x13<br>Hexadecimal representation<br>(55 46 01 2E 00 00 02+image data+check sum)<br><br>No.1 camera transmits the package with package ID 46, package size is 512 and check sum is 1E13. |
| D | 1Byte: The changed camera ID<br>(hexadecimal representation)   | Host issues this command to change the ID No. of camera  | UD 0x01 0x02 #<br>Change the ID No. of camera from 1 to 2<br><br>UD 0xFF 0x02 #<br>All the ID no. will be changed to 2 after cameras receiving this command   |
| Q | Set the compression ratio of camera, it can vary from 20 to 250 (this command is not suitable for 0.3megapixel camera, only available for 1.3 & 5.0 mega pixel camera)<br><br>Note:<br>1. Defaulted compression rate is 150 or 160<br>2. Higher compression rate means smaller size picture, but the picture quality is not as good as the one captured under lower compression rate | Set the compression rate:<br>For example:<br>Host issues command:<br>UQ 01 30#<br><br>Camera responds:<br>UQ 01#, it means the compression rate is set success | UQ 01 30#(55 51 01 30 23)<br>Change the compression rate of No.1 camera to 30<br><br>Camera responds<br>(ACK command):<br>UQ 01 #(55 51 01 23)  |

**Notice: All letters are capitalized, and command can be represented as hexadecimal.**



## 5. Receiving Data Rule

Judging the received data frame correct or not, just need to check its length.

E.g.

“R” data frame: 10 bytes:

1byte ('U') + 1byte ('R') + 1byte(Camera ID No.) + 4bytes (Image Size) +  
2bytes(Quantity of sub-package) + 1byte('#');

“E” command frame: 6 bytes:

1byte ('U') + 1byte ('E') + 1byte (Camera ID No.) + 2bytes (Package ID) + 1byte ('#');

“F” command frame: 9+N bytes, “N” means the quantity of byte of image data

1byte ('U') + 1byte('F') + 1byte(Camera ID No.) + 2bytes (package ID) +  
2bytes (size of valid data in this package) + N bytes(content of image data in this package)  
+ 2bytes (check sum field);

## 6. Communication Processing between Camera and Host

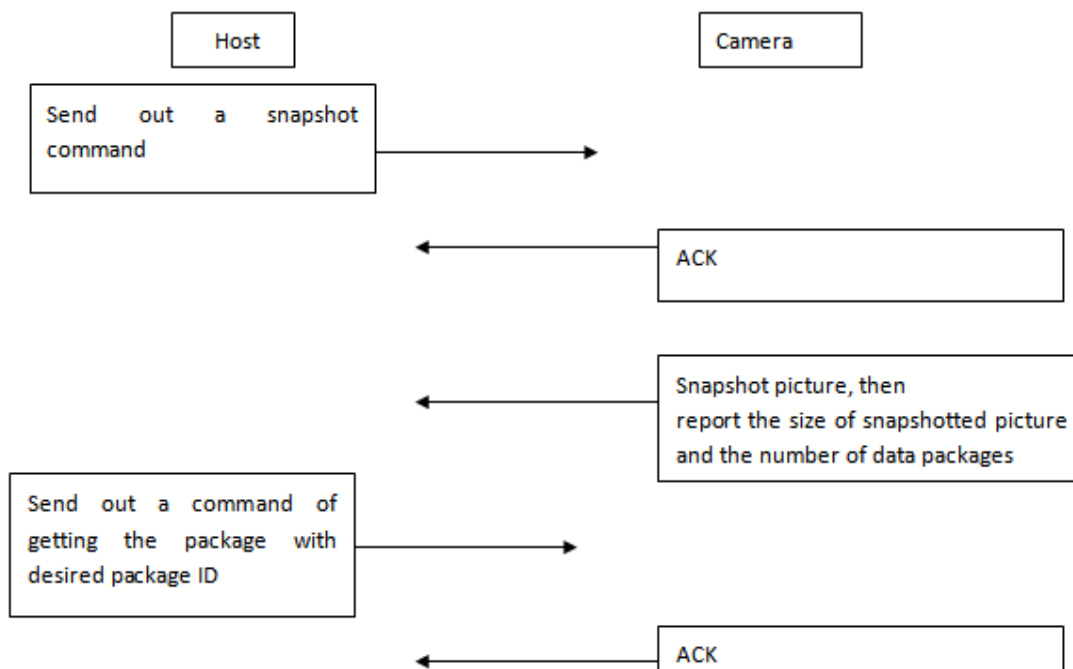
**Notice for communication of 0.3 Mega pixels Camera:**

1. The camera should be initialed after power on, and it takes about 2S to complete the initialization.
2. The consumed time of snapshotting: it takes  $T_p$  to snapshot a picture after camera receiving the snapshot command. The min. of  $T_p$  is 200ms is that when takes a white-black picture.

**Notice for communication of 1.3 Mega pixels Camera:**

1. The camera should be initialed after power on, and it takes about 16S-30S to complete the initialization.
2. The consumed time of snapshotting: it takes  $T_p$  to snapshot a picture after camera receiving the snapshot command. The min. of  $T_p$  is 150ms, if the current picture size is not the expected one which will be snapshotted, the configuration of camera should be reset, and then, the  $T_p$  is about 3s.

**Snapshot a single picture ( snapshot a picture of specified size )**









```
E6ED14515914145145001451450067EB480E9539F61FCC566D94132F877308CB3B17EA38C1F7FA569EB4C069536
7BE00FCC553824F2BC2523E718864C7D7271557B442C72167034BA836D1911C65DBD8703FA8A76A134912208D
B05B3938AB5A3286BAB894A6E0A00FBD8EA7FF00AD5775482D255791A3C4D818393FFEAABBD40EA58D37505
9ED0DC344864023DC79F9B8C7D076ED5D4D725E1CB6173A7C60270010ED9E9F313FD2BAC1850173CE2A256B21
585A28A2A464738DD0B0AE4EEFA0FF76BB0EA2B9900F4 //check sum
```

Host sends out:

```
UE 0x01 0x06 0x00 # ( 55 45 01 06 00 23 ) // Request to get the data of the last package(the sixth package)
```

ACK from camera:

```
UE 0x01 # ( 55 45 01 23 )
```

And then camera transmits the data of the sixth package:

//UF the sixth package 116bytes

```
( the last package is not full of 512bytes, the actual size is 1801 )
554606001801693484D20026909A696A4C93484422A1B9E262C380DC8A941A528B201B8E00AAB8342DC6A97B7
9FEBEE1DC7A741F9557DCCDD4D5B48ADD4648DC7D2A749E341F2C23FEFAA134B61599452091FEEA1356134D9
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BA8192E6973516EA50690C97349BA9A3EB4A0501617752649A705A784A03423C5382D481453B02815C88253C2
629F8A3140AE3714B4B8A5E2810DC518A7710188 //Check Sum
```

**All data is transmitted to host according to the above way.**



## PC test Demo

1. Select Picture Size, 160x120, 320x240, 640x480 optional for 0.3Megapixel camera, 160x120, 320x240, 640x480, 1280x1024 optional for 1.3Megapixel camera

2. Select Serial Port

3. Select Baud Rate

4. Click "Open Port"

5. Select Datasheet, Please select the last one

6. Enter ID No. if necessary

7. Click this button to capture a single picture

8. Click this button to capture several pictures continuously

9. Click this button to stop capturing picture

10. Picture will display in this window after click the button "Snapshot" and "Snapshot Continuously"