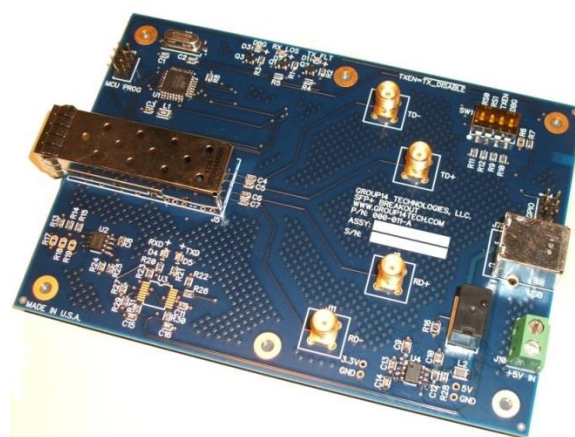## 1 Overview

The SFP+ Breakout is an interface board designed to connect the high speed lines of an SFP or SFP+ module to SMA connectors for test and evaluation. In addition to high speed breakout, the unit can be controlled via a powerful command line interface or GUI which can control all aspects of the SFP+ module per SFF-8472 and SFF-8431. Physical switches and LED status indicators are also available for when a PC is not convenient or available. The device may be powered via its USB connection or with a 5V supply.

2 Features

- SFP & SFP+ MSA Compliant
- >10Gbps signal capable: uses FR-408 Dielectric
- USB control with CLI and GUI support (FTDI USB RS232 transceiver)
- Manual board level control and status
- Fully scriptable CLI
- Windows and Linux Support
- SMA connections to high speed lines
- Autosensing 5V supply power or USB powered

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> ⚠️ **The SFP+ Breakout is a static sensitive device.**
>
> **Exercise caution when handling!** ⚠️

> ⚠️ **Never change power supply source to the**
>
> **external 5V supply while connected to the USB port!** ⚠️

To get up and running with the SFP+ Breakout, the user need only insert an SFP+ module and apply power. Power may come from the USB port (J7) if the USB port supports high current (500mA) mode or alternatively the power may come from a 5V power supply (not included) through J10. The SFP+ Breakout will communicate with the USB controller on power up to verify it is capable of operating in high current mode.

After power is applied, the board may be controlled via switch SW1 as described in 5.4 or through PC based software control per section 6.

Note that the current draw of the SFP+ Breakout is dependent on the user's SFP+ module being tested and will draw approximately 60mA in addition to the SFP+ module power draw.

4 Electrical Description

4.1 Power Supply Requirements

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply power	4	5	5.5	V
Supply current*		60		mA

*Supply current is dependent on SFP+ device used. The board supply current given may be added to the SFP+ module supply requirements

4.2 Temperature Characteristics

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operating Temperature*	0	27	70	C

*Operating temperature is dependent on SFP+ device used.

4.3 High Speed IO

The SFP+ high speed IO (RX+/- and TX+/-) are AC coupled, 50 Ohm single ended lines. The high speed dielectric used (Isola FR-408) ensures data rate compatibility above 10.5Gbps. Connections are 50 ohm SMA.

4.4 Functional Overview

A block diagram of the electrical functions of the SFP+ Breakout is given in Figure 1. Connectors and indicators are described in section 5.
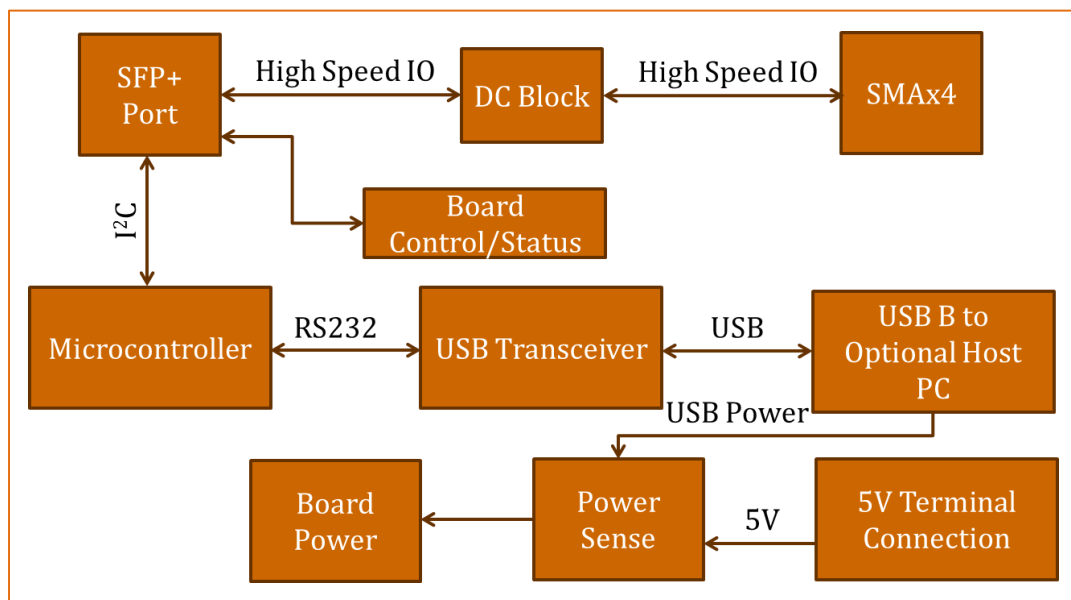

Figure 1 - SFP+ Breakout Block Diagram

5 Physical Description

5.1 Board Size & Locations

The SFP+ Breakout board is a .063" thick PCB measuring 5"x3.5". It has six .120" mounting holes with dimensions as shown in Figure 2. Rubber feet come applied below mounting holes on rear of board by default, however they may be removed with minor pressure if another mounting style is more convenient.
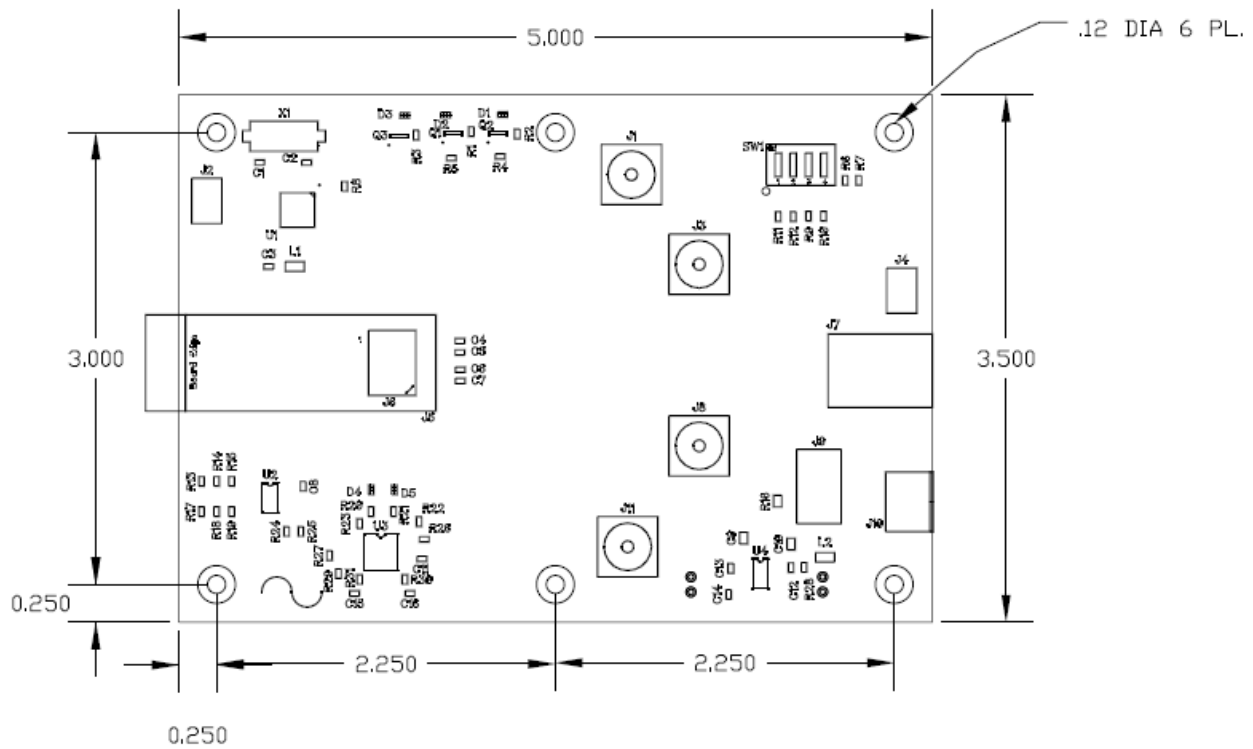

Figure 2 – SFP+ Breakout Physical Dimensions & Connections (Dimensions are in Inches)

5.2 Board Connections

Connector	Pin	Description
J10	1	Board 5V in bench power
J10	2	GND
J2	1	Microcontroller programming – MISO
J2	2	Microcontroller programming – SCK
J2	3	Board 3.3V out
J2	4	Microcontroller programming – MOSI
J2	5	Microcontroller programming – Reset#
J2	6	GND
J3	N/A	SFP+ TX+ (AC coupled)
J1	N/A	SFP+ TX- (AC coupled)
J8	N/A	SFP+ RX+ (AC coupled)
J11	N/A	SFP+ RX- (AC coupled)
J4	1	Board 3.3V out
J4	2	Microcontroller GPIO2
J4	3	Microcontroller GPIO1
J4	4	Microcontroller GPIO3
J4	5	Microcontroller GPIO0
J4	6	GND
J7	N/A	PC USB data & power
J6	All	SFP+ connection
J5	All	SFP+ cage (GND)

5.3 Board Indicators

Indicator	Description
D1	SFP+ TX fault
D2	SFP+ Signal detect
D3	Microcontroller debug (reserved)
D4	USB transceiver RS232 RXD
D5	USB transceiver RS232 TXD

5.4 Board Controls

Switch	On Description	Off Description
SW1.1	SFP+ RS0 high	SFP+ RS0 low
SW1.2	SFP+ RS1 high	SFP+ RS1 low
SW1.3	SFP+ Transmit disable low	SFP+ Transmit disable high
SW1.4	Microcontroller Program mode enable	Microcontroller Program mode disable

6 Serial Interface Guide

The SFP+ Breakout Board has two levels of software interface. The lower level text based interface is provided via a serial interface. The higher level GUI interface relies on the serial interface. Section 6 discusses the serial interface.

The serial interface to the SFP+ Breakout Board supplies the user a text based interface to the EEPROMs and GPIO of the SFP/SFP+ module installed in the breakout board.

Serial communication is accomplished via FTDI drivers and a terminal program of your choice. The installation of the FTDI driver is discussed in Sections 6.1. Communication via a terminal program is discussed in Section 6.2. User control is provided by set of command described in Section 6.3.

6.1 Installation

Use of the serial interface to the SFP+ Breakout Board requires installation of the FTDI Virtual COM Port (VCP) driver. Downloads and installation guides are provided on the FTDI website:

> Installation Guides: http://www.ftdichip.com/Support/Documents/InstallGuides.htm
> VCP Downloads: http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm

The driver for the Windows OSes is the Combined Driver Model (CDM). This includes the VCP and D2XX direct driver. This is covered in the FTDI installation guides.

6.1.1 Verifying Installation – Windows 7 Example

Verifying the installation of the FTDI drivers can be done through the Windows Device Manger. Figure 3 shows a portion of the Device Manger listing after plugging in the USB connection of the SFP+ Breakout Board *before* installing the FTDI drivers. The SFP+ Breakout Board is shown as an unknown USB Serial Port device.
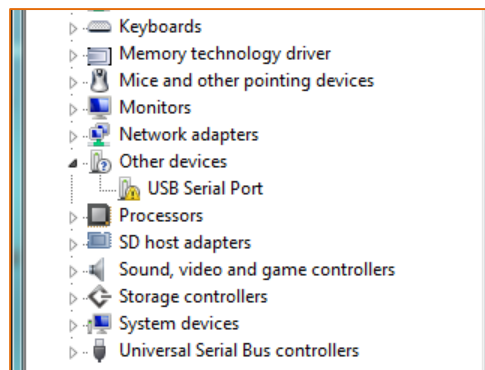

Figure 3 - SFP+ Breakout Board Before FTDI Driver Installation

Figure 4 shows a protion of the Device Manger listing *after* the installation of the FTDI drivers while the SFP+ Breakout Board is connected to the host PC. The SFP+ Breakout Board is shown under the *Ports (COM & LPT)* listing as a USB Serial Port device with an assigned COM port.

Using the Windows Device Manager is also the suggested method to determine the COM port assigned to the SFP+ Breakout Board (COM4 in Figure 4).
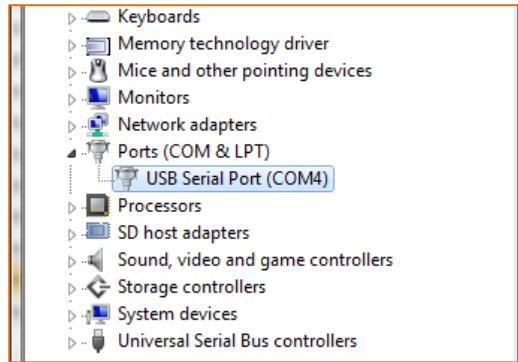
Figure 4 - SFP+ Breakout Board After FTDI Driver Installation

6.2 Serial Communication

Serial communication utilizes the values in Table 1, below.

Table 1 - Serial Communication Parameters

Parameter	Value
Speed	230400 (baud)
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Flow Control	None

In Windows, the COM port of the SFP+ Breakout Board is determined by examining the Device Manger, as shown in the previous section.

Communication has been tested with Putty[1] and Termite[2] on Windows OS and Minicom on Linux OS.

6.3 Serial Interface Commands

Commands for use with the breakout board via the serial interface are given next.

6.3.1 Overview

Given next is a quick overview of topics common to the set of serial interface commands.

Syntax Convention

The syntax of each command is given in the following sections. The convention used to define the command syntax is as follows:

```
cmd                  command, text is literal text required
<parameter>          parameter, text is descriptive of value required
[<parameter>]        optional parameter
```

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[1] http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/
[2] http://www.compuphase.com/software_termite.htm

TWI Addresses

Several of the serial interface commands require a Two Wire Interface (TWI) address. Valid address and the corresponding device on the SFP+ Breakout Board are listed in Table 2.

Table 2 - TWI Addresses

Addresses	Device
0xA0	SFP Interface
0xA2	SFP Diagnostics
0xAE	Board PROM

Toggle Value

Many serial interface commands accept a toggle or tri-state toggle value. These values are used to set or display the current state of a corresponding signal.

Toggle values are either 0 or 1. The meaning is command dependent.

Tri-state values are only used for signals with a hardware switch on the SFP+ Breakout Board (i.e. RS0, RS1, and Transmit Enable/Disabled). Tri-state toggle values are either 0, 1, or 2.

Supplying 0 or 1 to command requiring a tri-state toggle sets the corresponding signal to 0 or 1, independent of the current hardware switch state. Supplying a 2 to a command requiring a tri-state toggle set the corresponding signal to be controlled by the hardware switch state.

All values displayed by commands are either 0 or 1, never 2. If the hardware switch currently controls the signal state, the current signal state is still displayed.

6.3.2   About

Syntax
```
about
```

Description
Display version information of the embedded software.

6.3.3   Help

Syntax
```
help
```

Description
Display a list of available commands.

6.3.4   Module Absent

Syntax
```
mabs
```

Description
Display 0 if the module absent, 1 if the module is present

6.3.5 Power

Syntax
```
pwr
```

Description
Display error status of the low-dropout (LDO) regulator on the breakout board. Error occurs when the output voltage is out-of-tolerance. Error is active low (0 on error, 1 for proper operation).

6.3.6 Rate Select 0

Syntax
```
rs0 [<tri-state toggle>]
```

Description
If no value is given, the command displays the current value of the SFP/SFP+ RS0 rate select pin (0 or 1).

If a tri-state toggle value is given, values of 0 or 1 are used to assign a value to RS0. A value of 2 is used to set the microcontrollers output to hi-z, allowing the hardware switch to select the value of the RS0 pin.

6.3.7 Rate Select 1

Syntax
```
rs1 [<tri-state toggle>]
```

Description
If no value is given, the command displays the current value of the SFP+ RS1 rate select pin (0 or 1).

If a tri-state toggle value is given, values of 0 or 1 are used to assign a value to RS1. A value of 2 is used to set the microcontrollers output to hi-z, allowing the hardware switch to select the value of the RS1 pin.

The `rs1` command cannot be used to set the value of the RS1 pin while in SFP operation mode (versus SFP+ operation mode). *Setting the RS1 pin high with a SFP module installed can cause damage to the microcontroller installed on the breakout board.* See 6.3.9 for more information.

6.3.8   Receiver Loss of Signal

Syntax
```
rxlos
```

Description
Display the value of the SFP/SFP+ module LOS pin. The LOS pin is set by the module to 0 during proper operation and 1 on error.

6.3.9   SFP/SFP+ Operation Mode Select

Syntax
```
sfp+ [<toggle>]
```

Description
The breakout board maintains a user controlled state for determining if the board is in SFP or SFP+ operation mode. A state of 0 indicates SFP operation mode. A state of 1 indicates SFP+ operation mode. On power up, the board defaults to SFP operation mode.

In SFP operation mode, the user is unable to use the `rs1` command to set the value of the RS1 pin. This is done to prevent damage to the microcontroller on the breakout board. SFP modules do not have a RS1 pin. The corresponding pin on the SFP module may be wired to ground. Setting the RS1 pin high could result in damage to the microcontroller.

In SFP+ operation mode, the user is able to use the `rs1` command to set the value of the RS1 pin.

If a toggle value is not given to the `sfp+` command, the current SFP/SFP+ stat value will be displayed.

6.3.10   Status

Syntax
```
status
```

Description
Display a human readable list of the current state of several. Below is an example output.

```
RS0: 1
RS1: 1
Rx-LOS: 0
Tx-Disabled: 0
Tx-Fail: 0
Module-Absent: 0
LDO-Error#: 1
SFP+: 1
```

6.3.11 TWI Dump

Syntax
```
twidmp <device addr> <byte addr> <byte count - 1>
```

Description
Dump the selected memory contents from a two-wire-interface memory location. Each line of the memory dump is in the following format: `<byte addr> <value>`. Notice that the byte count given in the command is subtracted by one.

Example
The following example is a dump of the first eight bytes of the "Two-write interface ID: Data Fields" of a SFP+ module.

```
:> twidmp 0xa0 0 7
0x00 0x03
0x01 0x04
0x02 0x07
0x03 0x10
0x04 0x00
0x05 0x00
0x06 0x00
0x07 0x20
```

6.3.12 TWI Force Dump

Syntax
```
twifdmp <device addr> <byte addr> <byte count - 1>
```

Description
New to version 1.1.105.

Dump the selected memory contents from a two-wire-interface memory location. Each line of the memory dump is in the following format: `<byte addr> <value>`. Notice that the byte count given in the command is subtracted by one. The device address and byte address is not validated.

6.3.13 TWI Read

Syntax
```
twird <device addr> <byte addr>
```

Description
Read a single byte value from a two-wire-interface memory location.

Example
Read the Encoding field (byte 11) from the "Two-write interface ID: Data Fields" of a SFP+ module.

```
:> twird 0xA0 11
0x0B 0x06
```

6.3.14 TWI Force Read

Syntax
```
twifrd <device addr> <byte addr>
```

Description
New to version 1.1.105.

Read a single byte value from a two-wire-interface memory location. The device address and byte address is not validated.

6.3.15 TWI Rate Select

Syntax
```
twisel [<rate index>]
```

Description
New to firmware version 1.3.

If no value is given, the current selection is displayed.

To set the TWI bus speed, provide an index as shown in Table 3. Rates are approximate. The default bus speed on startup is 400 KHz (conforming to SFF-8431, Table 22).

800 KHz bus speed is not supported. This bus speed is faster than officially supported by the components of the SFP+ Breakout board.

Table 3 - TWI Rate Selection

Index	Bus Speed (KHz)
0	100
1	400
2	800

6.3.16 TWI Write

Syntax
```
twiwr <device addr> <byte addr> <byte value>
```

Description
Write a single byte value to a two-wire-interface memory location. Can only write to "safe" addresses as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 - TWI Writable Addresses

Addresses	Device	Writable Byte Addresses
0xA0	SFP Interface	none
0xA2	SFP Diagnostics	128 to 247
0xAE	Board PROM	0 to 255

6.3.17 TWI Force Write

Syntax
```
twifwr <device addr> <byte addr> <byte value>
```

Description
New to version 1.1.104.

Write a single byte value to a two-wire-interface memory location. Will write to any device and byte address. Care must be taken by the user when using this command.

6.3.18 Transmit Disabled

Syntax
```
txd [<tri-state toggle>]
```

Description
If no value is given, display the value of the SFP/SFP+ module transmitter disable pin.

If a tri-state toggle value is given, values of 0 or 1 are used to assign a value to transmitter disable pin. A value of 2 is used to set the microcontrollers output to hi-z, allowing the hardware switch to select the value of the transmitter disable pin.

The pin is set to 0 to enable the transmitter and is set to 1 to disable the transmitter.

6.3.19 Transmit Fault

Syntax
```
txf
```

Description
Display the value of the SFP/SFP+ module transmitter fault pin. The module sets the pin to 0 during normal operation and 1 to indicate an error.

7   GUI Software Guide

The user can interact with SFP+ Breakout Board through the SPF+ Breakout GUI. The SFP+ Breakout GUI is a portable Java application and has been tested on Windows 7 and Linux (Ubuntu 12.04).

The advantage of the SFP+ Breakout GUI versus the serial interface discussed in Section 6 is the automatic decoding of the SFP+ Digital Diagnostic EEPROMs. This development is based on SFF-8472, Specification for Diagnostic Monitoring Interface for Optical Transceivers, Rev 11.0, September 14, 2010[3]. Questions concerning the meaning of the many fields of the GUI not answered by this document can be answered by consulting this reference.

7.1   Installation and Startup

7.1.1   Installation

The SFP+ Breakout GUI is a Java application. The application is distributed as a JAR file without an installer. Simply place the distributed folder containing the JAR file and the related dependencies in the location of your choice.

7.1.2   Dependencies

Java Runtime Environment

The SFP+ Breakout GUI application was built and tested using Oracle Java version 1.7[4]. The Oracle Java runtime environment (JRE 7) must be installed on your system for proper operation.

FTDI Virtual COM Port Driver

The SFP+ Breakout GUI runs over the serial communication described in Section 6. As such, the GUI requires the installation of the FTDI Virtual COM port driver. The driver installation is described in Section 6.1.

RxTx Java Library

The application depends on the RxTx Java Library[5] for serial communication. The RxTx Java library relies on a native library (i.e. librxtxSerial.dll or librxtxSerial.so). The proper RxTx native library must be available for the Java Runtime Environment to load for proper operation of the SFP+ Breakout GUI. This setup is handled by the startup scripts described in the following section.

7.1.3   Startup

To ease in the process of starting the SFP+ Breakout GUI due to the RxTx library requirements, four startup scripts are provided to start the application. The proper startup script is selected based on your Operating System (Windows or Linux) and your installed Java Runtime Version (32-bit or 64-bit). Run "`java –version`" at your terminal to check the installed Java Runtime on your system.

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[3] ftp://ftp.seagate.com/sff/SFF-8472.PDF
[4] http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html
[5] http://rxtx.qbang.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

7.1.4   Common Errors

32 vs. 64 Bit Error

On 64-bit operating systems, a 32-bit Java Runtime may be installed. Ensure you select the correct startup script. The SFP+ Breakout GUI application will throw a java.lang.UnsatisfiedLinkError exception on the first attempt to use access the serial ports if the incorrect startup script is used.

JRE Version Error

The SFP+ Breakout GUI application will throw a java.lang.UnsupportedClassVersionError when attempting to launch the application on a system with an earlier version of the Java Runtime Environment installed. The SFP+ Breakout GUI depends on Oracle JRE 7.

7.2   Usage

The following sections describe the usage of the SFP+ Breakout GUI. This includes three dialogs, multiple tab panels, toolbars, and a status bar.

7.2.1   Connecting

Connecting to the SFP+ Breakout GUI to a SFP+ Breakout Board is a two-step process. First, the correct COM port is set by using the Connection Options Dialog (Figure 5). The dialog is accessed by the Connection → Port Select menu item. The drop down menu is automatically populated with all active COM ports on your computer. The correct COM port will not be available until the SFP+ Breakout Board is connected to your computer.
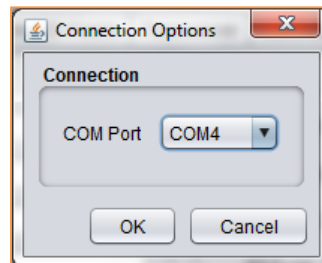
Figure 5 – Connection Options Dialog

After selecting the correct COM port, the connection to the SFP+ Breakout Board is controlled by the Connection → Connect and Connection → Disconnect menu items.

Attempts to access the Connection Options Dialog without properly referencing the native RxTx library will result in the application throwing a java.lang.UnsatisfiedLinkError exception. Use the correct startup script to prevent this issue.

7.2.2   Refresh Rates Dialog

While the SFP+ Breakout GUI is connected to the SFP+ Breakout Board, real time diagnostics (e.g. temperature) and bit fields (e.g. RS0) are updated at a regular interval. This interval can be altered by the user using the Refresh Rates Dialog (Figure 6). The dialog is accessed by the Settings → Refresh Rates dialog.
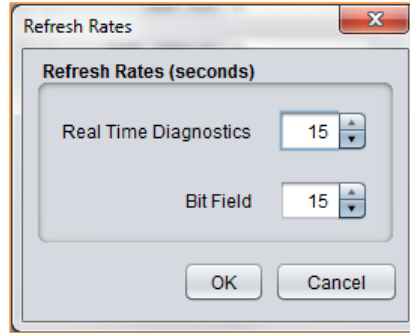
Figure 6 - Refresh Rates Dialog

7.2.3 About

The About Dialog is accessed by Help → About menu item. The dialog reports the version number of the SFP+ Breakout GUI. If an error in the SFP+ Breakout GUI needs to be reported, please include this version number.

Figure 7 - About Dialog

7.2.4 Tab Panels

Base ID Fields

The Base ID Fields Tab contains the many of the values listed as Base ID Fields by Table 3.1 of SFF-8472. This includes basic identification, link length, and vendor identification information.

The Base ID Fields Tab does not include transceiver compatibility information. This information is given on the Transceiver Tab.

Figure 8 - Base ID Fields Tab

Extended ID Fields

The Extended ID Fields Tab contains the many of the values listed as Extended ID Fields by Table 3.1 of SFF-8472. This includes extended identification, optional options implemented, optional diagnostics monitoring implemented, and enhanced options implemented.

Figure 9 - Extended ID Fields Tab

The Extended ID Fields Tab does not include the vendor serial number. This value can be found on the Base ID Fields Tab with the other vendor identification information.

Transceiver

The Transceiver Tab lists the decoded bit fields of the Transceiver Codes described by Table 3.5 of SFF-8472. The bit fields define the electronic or optical interfaces that are supported by the transceiver.

Figure 10 - Transceiver Tab

Calibration

The Calibration Tab lists the decoded values of the Calibration Constants for External Calibration Option described by Table 3.16 of SFF-8472. The values are only used for externally calibrated devices.. The values for an internally calibrated device are shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11 - Calibration Tab

Threshold

The Threshold Tab lists the decoded values of the Diagnostic Flag Alarm and Warning Thresholds described by Table 3.15 of SFF-8472. Warning and alarm threshold values are given for temperature, voltage, bias, transmit power, and received power.

Figure 12 - Threshold Tab

The fields of the threshold tab currently do not support externally calibrated devices.

Raw Data

The Raw Data tab has two tables. The tables list the data of the Digital Diagnostic Memory Map described in SFF-8372.

Figure 13- Raw Data Tab

7.2.5   Real Time Diagnostics Toolbar

The Real Time Diagnostics Toolbar is located at the top of the SFP+ Breakout GUI. The toolbar displays temperature, Vcc voltage, Tx Bias, Tx Power, and Rx Power. The display currently only supports internally calibrated diagnostic data values.
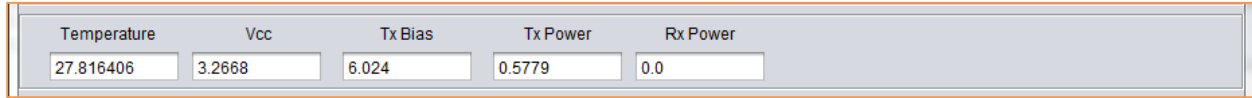
Temperature	Vcc	Tx Bias	Tx Power	Rx Power
27.816406	3.2668	6.024	0.5779	0.0

Figure 14 - Real Time Diagnostics Toolbar

The refresh rate of the diagnostics data values is controlled by the user using the Refresh Rates Dialog (see Section 7.2.2).

The fields of the Real Time Diagnostics Toolbar currently do not support externally calibrated devices.

7.2.6   Bit Status and Control Toolbar

The Bit Status and Control Toolbar is located at the top of the SFP+ Breakout GUI.

RX_LOS MOD_ABS TX_FAULT   ⦿ S/W Control ◯ H/W Control   ☑ RS0 ☑ RS1   ☐ TX Disabled ☑ SFP+
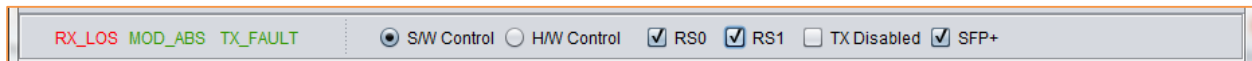
Figure 15 - Bit Status and Control Toolbar

Bit status is given on the left for RX_LOS, MOD_ABS, and TX_FAULT signals. These signals are red when active, green when non-active, and gray when the GUI is not connected to a SFP+ Breakout Board.

Bit control is given on the right for rate select (RS0 and RS1), Tx Disabled, and SFP+. If HW Control is selected, the status of the RS0, RS1, and Tx Disabled bits is controlled by the switches on the SFP+ Breakout Board (SW1[1-3]). If SW Control is selected, the status of the RS0, RS1, and Tx Disabled bits is controlled by the GUI checkboxes. Control of RS1 is disabled until the user confirms the module installed is an SFP+ module by selecting the SFP+ checkbox.

The refresh rate of the all bit values is controlled by the user using the Refresh Rates Dialog (see Section 7.2.2).

7.2.7   Status Bar

The Status Bar is located at the bottom of the SFP+ Breakout GUI. It includes information about the current selected COM port, connection status, and current refresh rates.
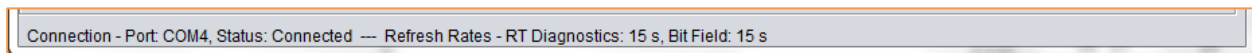
Connection - Port: COM4, Status: Connected --- Refresh Rates - RT Diagnostics: 15 s, Bit Field: 15 s

Figure 16 - Status Bar

8 Ordering Information

- SFP+ Breakout part number: *SFP2SMA*
- Sales phone: (937) 985-4140
- Sales email: contactus@group14tech.com
- Website: http://www.group14tech.com

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10 Revision History

Date	Revision	Description
2012-06-19	DS101.0	Initial release
2013-06-06	DS101.1	Added twifwr command documentation.
2013-08-09	DS101.2	Added new "force" commands.
2014-03-26	DS101.3	Added new TWI Rate Select command.