

Creating PCB Elements with Perl

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1 Pcb_9

This document describes a set of Perl routines that can be used to create component footprints for the circuit board layout program **PCB**. These routines reside in a file called `Pcb_<n>.pm` where `<n>` is the current revision number of the package. Only the new format of PCB elements is output. The differences (that I am aware of) between the old and new formats are:

- Dimensions are in hundredths of a mil.
- The argument delimiters are square brackets `[]`
- The element command adds the `mark_x` and `mark_y` parameters
- The pin and pad command add clearance and mask parameters.

Requirements

These routines should run with a standard Perl distribution. The only packages used are `POSIX` and `Carp`.

Usage

These routines are object oriented. A PCB object is created using `new` and all subsequent method calls use this object. `element_begin` starts a new element. `element_output` outputs the element file. `element_add_mark` sets the component centroid. `element_set_text_xy` sets the text position for the reference designator. The names of the methods used to draw elements all start with the string `element_add`. Arguments for the method calls are key-value pairs. The keys are parameter strings defined in `pcb.html`.

To use these routines in a Perl script to create a PCB element:

1. Include the PCB routines `use Pcb_<n>;`
2. Create a PCB object using `new`
3. Begin an element using `element_begin`
4. Add copper to the element using `element_add_pin` or `element_add_pad`
5. Add silkreen elements using `element_add_line`, `element_add_arc`,
6. Mark the centroid using `element_add_mark`. The mark can also be set using parameters of the `element_begin` method.
7. Add the text location for the reference designator using `element_set_text_xy` The text location can also be set using parameters of the `element_begin` method.

8. Output the element to a file using `element_output`

The simple example in [Listing 1](#) creates a quarter watt through-hole resistor. The example in [Listing 3](#) creates a variety of two terminal SMD footprints ranging in size from 0402 to 2512. The example in [Listing 5](#) creates Molex 8624 series header connector footprints. The example in [Listing 6](#) creates TQFN footprints for a variety of Maxim parts. These examples place files in the directory `./tmp`. This can be easily changed by changing the `element_begin` call.

Listing 1: 1/4 Watt Resistor Example

```
1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2005 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
6  # version 0.2 of the No-Fee Software License published by
7  # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Creates a 1/4 Watt resistor
10
11 use strict;
12 use warnings;
13
14 use Pcb_8;
15
16 my $Pcb = Pcb_8 -> new(debug => 1);
17
18 $Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'resistor',
19                      output_file => '025W',
20                      dim    => 'mils');
21
22 # the resistor centroid is at (0,0) and the pins are placed 400 mils
23 # apart
24
25 my $Body_width = 70;           # y direction
26 my $Body_length = 240;        # x direction
27 my @Pins = (-200, 0, 200, 0); # x,y pin centers
28 my $Pin_num = 1;
29
30 while (@Pins) {
31     my ($x, $y) = splice @Pins, 0, 2;
32     $Pcb -> element_add_pin(x => $x, y => $y,
33                            thickness => 55,
34                            drill_hole => 35,
35                            mask => 10,
36                            clearance => 10,
37                            pin_number => $Pin_num++);
38 }
39
40 $Pcb -> element_add_rectangle(width => $Body_width,
41                              length=> $Body_length,
42                              thickness => 10,
43                              x => 0,
44                              y => 0);
45
46 foreach my $sign (-1, 1) {
47     $Pcb -> element_add_line(x1 => $sign * $Body_length / 2,
48                             y1 => 0,
49                             x2 => $sign * ($Body_length / 2 + 30),
50                             y2 => 0,
51                             thickness => 10);
52 }
53
54
55 $Pcb -> element_set_text_xy(x => -$Body_length/2,
56                             y => -$Body_width/2 - 20);
57
58
59 $Pcb -> element_output();
```

2 new

Usage

`Pcb_9->new(<parameter list>)`

Description

Creates an object that is used to make PCB element files. Default parameters for the various element drawing commands can be initialized using a key-value parameter list. The valid keys and default values are in [Table 1](#)

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
<code>line_thickness</code>	10	thickness used in drawing silkscreen lines
<code>arc_thickness</code>	10	thickness used in drawing silkscreen arcs
<code>thickness</code>	10	thickness used in drawing any silkscreen line
<code>pin_flags</code>	0	flags used in creating element pins (See Table 16)
<code>pad_flags</code>	<code>PAD_SQUARE</code>	flags used in creating pads
<code>font_size</code>	50	size in ??? of the silkscreen found
<code>clearance</code>	10	separation of pad from other conductors on the layer .
<code>mask</code>	10	distance between the edge of the solder mask and the copper pad. This definition differs from the PCB definition of mask.
<code>debug</code>	0	debug messages. no messages (0). object methods (1). object methods + internal subroutines (2)

Table 1: Keys for Method new

Example

To create a new object that will display object method debugging messages:

```
my $Pcb = Pcb_9 -> new(debug => 1);
```

3 element_begin

Usage

`Pcb->element_begin(<parameter list>)`

Description

Initializes a new Pcb element. If an element was previously created but not output a call to `element_begin` will remove it. The valid keys and default values are in [Table 2](#)

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
flags	0	Element flags. See Table 13
description	''	Text description of the footprint
layout_name	''	Reference designator used on the PCB.
value	''	Value of component in the PCB. Leave blank.
mark_x	0	X location of the footprint mark (in mils)
mark_y	0	Y location of the footprint mark (in mils)
text_x	0	X location of the refdes text (in mils)
text_y	0	Y location of the refdes text (in mils)
direction	0	Text direction flags. See Table 14
scale	100	Text scale.
text_flags	0	See Table 15
output_file	'PCB_ELEMENT.TMP'	Element filename
pin_one_square	0	Sets a default value that is used when creating a pin.
dim	'mils'	units default to mils

Table 2: Keys for Method `element_begin`

Example

To begin a 1/4 Watt resistor element with dimension values in mils:

```
$Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'resistor',
                      output_file => '025W',
                      dim    => 'mils');
```

4 element_output

Usage

```
Pcb->element_output( parameter list )
```

Description

`element_output` outputs the element drawing commands to a file. At this time there are no parameters that are valid for the *parameter list*.

5 element_add_line

Usage

```
Pcb->element_add_line( parameter list )
```

Description

Creates a silkscreen line of a specified thickness (**thickness**) between two points (**x1, y1**) and (**x2, y2**).

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x1		X coordinate of the first point.
y1		Y coordinate of the first point.
x2		X coordinate of the second point.
y2		Y coordinate of the second point.
thickness		Width of the line.

Table 3: Keys for Method `element_add_line`

Example

To create a 200mil long silkscreen line that is centered at (0,0) that is 10 mils thick

```
$Pcb -> element_add_line(x1 => -100, y1 => 0,
                        x2 => 100, y2 => 0,
                        thickness => 10);
```

6 element_add_arc

Usage

`Pcb->element_add_arc(⟨parameter list⟩)`

Description

Creates a silkscreen arc with a specified `width` and `length` centered at a point `(x1, y1)`.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
width		horizontal width of the arc
height		vertical length of the arc
start_angle		Starting angle of the arc (degrees)
delta_angle		Angle swept by the arc (degrees)
thickness		line thickness

Table 4: Keys for Method `element_add_arc`

Example

To create a silkscreen circular arc centered at (0,0) with a line thickness of 10 mils, radius of 200 mils that starts at 45° and sweeps for 135°:

```
$Pcb -> element_add_arc(start_angle => 45,
                        delta_angle => 135,
                        x => 0,
                        y => 0,
                        width => 200,
                        height => 200,
                        thickness => 10);
```

For an ellipse set the width and height to unequal values.

7 element_add_pin

Usage

Pcb->element_add_pin(*<parameter list>*)

Description

Adds a pin to an element

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
thickness		width of the copper pad
clearance		separation of pad from other conductors on the layer .
mask		distance between the edge of the solder mask and the copper pad. This definition differs from the PCB definition of mask.
drill_hole		diameter of the hole that is drilled at the center of the pad
name		string
pin_number		The pin number of the component pin that will inserted at this position.
flags		See Table 16

Table 5: Keys for Method element_add_pin

Example

To place a pin with a round pad at (-100,0) with a pad diameter of 55 mils, a drill hole diameter of 35 mils, soldermask clearance of 10 mils, a copper clearance of 9 mils, and a pin number of one:

```
$Pcb -> element_add_pin(x => -100, y => 0,
                        thickness => 55,
                        drill_hole => 35,
                        mask => 10,
                        clearance => 9,
                        pin_number => 1);
```

8 element_add_pad

Usage

Pcb->element_add_pad(*<parameter list>*)

Description

Pads are created by drawing a line, with a specified thickness, between two points. The line is drawn with a square nib and extends beyond each end point by a distance of $\frac{\text{thickness}}{2}$.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x1		X coordinate of the first point.
y1		Y coordinate of the first point.
x2		X coordinate of the second point.
y2		Y coordinate of the second point.
thickness		Width of the line.
clearance		separation of pad from other conductors on the layer .
mask		distance between the edge of the solder mask and the copper pad. This definition differs from the PCB definition of mask.
name		Identification string for the pad
pad_number		The pin number of the component that will reside on the pad.
flags		See Table 17

Table 6: Keys for Method `element_add_line`

Example

To create a pad that is centered at (0,0) that is 100 mils long and 50 mils thick has a soldermask clearance of 10 mils, a copper clearance of 9 mils and is numbered one:

```
$Pcb -> element_add_pad(x1 => -25, y1 => 0,
                       x2 => 25,  y2 => 0,
                       thickness => 50,
                       mask      => 10,
                       clearance => 9,
                       pad_number => 1);
```

9 element_add_pad_rectangle

Usage

```
Pcb->element_add_pad_rectangle( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Create a pad with a specified width and length that is centered at a point (x,y). The length is in x-direction and the width is in the y-direction.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
width		The pad width (y direction)
length		The pad length (x direction)
clearance		separation of pad from other conductors on the layer .
mask		distance between the edge of the solder mask and the copper pad. This definition differs from the PCB definition of mask.
name		Identification string for the pad
pin_number		The pin number of the component pin that will inserted at this position.

Table 7: Keys for Method `element_add_pad_rectangle`

10 element_add_pin_oval

Usage

Pcb->element_add_pin_oval(*<parameter list>*)

Description

Create a pad with a specified width and length that is centered at a point (x,y). The length is in x-direction and the width is in the y-direction. The corners of the pad are rounded.

This is actually a hybrid object consisting of a component side pad, a solder side pad and a pin placed at the same center point.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
width		The pad width (y direction)
length		The pad length (x direction)
drill_hole		diameter of the hole that is drilled at the center of the pad
name		Identification string for the pad
pin_number		The pin number of the component pin that will inserted at this position.

Table 8: Keys for Method element_add_pin_oval

Example

To place a pin with an oval pad at (-100,0) with a pad diameter of 55 mils, a drill hole diameter of 35 mils, soldermask clearance of 10 mils, a copper clearance of 9 mils, and a pin number of one:

```
$Pcb -> element_add_pin_oval(x => -100, y => 0,  
                             thickness => 55,  
                             drill_hole => 35,  
                             mask => 10,  
                             clearance => 9,  
                             pin_number => 1);
```

11 element_add_mark

Usage

Pcb->element_add_mark(*<parameter list>*)

Description

The mark is a positioning hint. element_add_mark places the mark at at a point (x1, y1).

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.

Table 9: Keys for Method element_add_mark

12 element_add_lines

Usage

```
Pcb->element_add_lines( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Draws silkscreen lines using the specified line end points. Lines are drawn from point to point until all the points are connected.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
points		reference to a list containing x,y coordinates for line end points.
thickness		Width of the line.

Table 10: Keys for Method element_add_lines

13 element_add_rectangle

Usage

```
Pcb->element_add_rectangle( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Draws a silkscreen rectangle with a specified **width** and **length** at a point (x1, y1).

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
width		rectangle width (y direction)
length		rectangle length (x direction)
thickness		Width of the line.

Table 11: Keys for Method element_add_rectangle

14 element_set_text_xy

Usage

```
Pcb->element_set_text_xy( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Sets the position of the reference designator text.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
x		X coordinate of the point.
y		Y coordinate of the point.
font_size		

Table 12: Keys for Method element_add_mark

15 element_set

Usage

```
Pcb->element_set( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Sets values in the element hash table. This should be the only method used to set values in the element hash. *<parameter list>* contains key-value pairs.

16 element_get

Usage

```
Pcb->element_get( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Returns a value, from the element hash, for each key specified in *<parameter list>*. If the value is undefined in the element hash then a value from the Pcb object hash is returned. A value of `undef` is returned if neither hash contains a defined value for the key.

This should be the only method used to retrieve values from the element hash. *<parameter list>* contains a list of keys.

17 get

Usage

```
Pcb->get( <parameter list> )
```

Description

Retrieves values from the PCB object hash. This should be the only method used to retrieve values from the PCB object hash. *<parameter list>* contains a list of keys.

18 element_dump

Usage

```
Pcb->element_dump( <parameter list> )
```

Description

A debugging procedure that Prints out the element command drawing commands to STDOUT.

References

- Brorson, S. D., & Meier, S. (2005, January). Footprint creation for the open-source layout program PCB. (Retrieved February 6, 2005, from http://www.brorson.com/gEDA/land_patterns_20050129.pdf)
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19 Change Log

Pcb_9	???	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fixed a dimension scaling bug in <code>element_add_lines</code>. The scaling routine now scales an array of points. This bug was reported by Ben Jackson.2. The scaling routines now accept a dimension suffix which will override the default dimension.
Pcb_8	19-Mar-2007	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Removed the export of <code>element_add_arc</code>. Not necessary (OO).2. Corrected the mask and clearance parameters in the <code>pin</code>, <code>pad</code> and <code>pin_oval</code> procedures.3. Removed the <code>Mark</code> command since the mark data is now in the Element header.4. Exported <code>element_str</code> and added a <code>scale_factor</code> parameter (default value of 100)5. the key to specify dimensional units (<code>input_dim</code>) was changed to <code>dim</code>6. Fixed the dimension scaling problem in <code>add_element_lines</code>7. Corrected the documentation for <code>element_add_pin_oval</code>
Pcb_7	25 March 2005	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. changed the definition of the mask and clearance.2. Fixed the mask and clearance parameters in the <code>pin</code>, <code>pad</code> and <code>pin_oval</code> procedures.
Pcb_6	22 March 2005	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The <code>element_add_rectangle</code> command now uses the <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> parameters. The center of the rectangle was always placed at (0,0)2. The <code>pin_one_square</code> key-value pair was not getting properly tested in the <code>element_add_pin</code> procedure.3. Added the <code>clearance</code> and the <code>mask</code> parameters to <code>element_add_pad_rectangle</code>.
Pcb_5	6 March 2005	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Added the <code>element_add_lines</code> command.2. added the <code>element_add_pin_oval</code> command.3. Modified the debug print messages.4. Fixed constant for octagonal pads.5. Fixed errors in the <code>EXPORT_OK</code> and <code>EXPORT_TAGS</code> declarations.6. Added <code>element_get_names</code>.
Pcb_4	27 February 2005	jcl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Modified the debug strings to output mm and mils.2. Fixed the <code>scale_factor</code> subroutine. <code>scale_factor</code> did not correctly convert from mils to mm. I did not test (or use) the conversion to mm until I modified the debug strings
Pcb_3	7 February 2005	jcl	Initial Release

20 Element Flags

The element flag field determines the state of an element. The bit values are:

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
<code>ELEMENT_NAME_HIDDEN</code>	<code>0x10</code>	bit 4: the element name is hidden
<code>ELEMENT_SELECTED</code>	<code>0x40</code>	bit 6: element has been selected
<code>ELEMENT_SOLDER_SIDE</code>	<code>0x80</code>	bit 7: element is located on the solder side

Table 13: Element Flags

21 Text Flags

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
TEXT_DIRECTION_0	0	Horizontal
TEXT_DIRECTION_90	1	90 degrees counter-clockwise
TEXT_DIRECTION_180	2	180 degrees counter-clockwise
TEXT_DIRECTION_270	3	270 degrees counter-clockwise

Table 14: Text Direction Flags

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
TEXT_SELECTED	0x40	bit 6: the text has been selected
TEXT_ON_SOLDER_SIDE	0x80	bit 7: the text is on the solder (back) side of the board
TEXT_ON_SILKSCREEN	0x400	bit 10: the text is on the silkscreen layer

Table 15: Text Flags

22 Pin Flags

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
PIN_MASK	0xFFFF	
PIN_ALWAYS_SET	0x0001	bit 0: always set bit 1: always clear
PIN_CONNECTED	0x0004	bit 2: set if pin was found during a connection search
PIN_MOUNTING_HOLE	0x0008	bit 3: set if pin is only a mounting hole (no copper annulus)
PIN_DISPLAY_NAME	0x0020	bit 5: display the pins name
PIN_SELECTED	0x0040	bit 6: pin has been selected
PIN_SQUARE	0x0100	bit 8: pin is drawn as a square
PIN_OCTAGONAL	0x0800	bit 12: set if pin is drawn with an octagonal shape
PIN_ROUND	0x0000	
PIN_SHAPE_MASK	0xEEFF	

Table 16: Pin Flags

23 Pad Flags

Parameter Name	Default Value	Notes
PAD_CONNECTED	0x0004	bit 2: set if pad was found during a connection search
PAD_DISPLAY_NAME	0x0020	bit 5: display the pads name
PAD_SELECTED	0x0040	bit 6: pad has been selected
PAD_SOLDER_SIDE	0x0080	bit 7: pad is located on the solder side
PAD_SQUARE	0x0100	
PAD_ROUNDED	0x0800	bit 11: pad has rounded corners

Table 17: Pad Flags

24 Examples

Listing 2: TO220 Pads

```
1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2007 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
6  # version 0.2 of the No-Fee Software License published by
7  # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Places three rounded pads with holes spaced 100 mils.
10
11 use strict;
12 use warnings;
13
14 use Pcb_8;
15
16 my $Pcb = Pcb_8 -> new(debug => 1);
17
18 $Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'TO220-pads',
19                       output_file =>
20                          "tmp/" . 'TO220-pads',
21                       dim    => 'mils');
22
23 my $pin_num = 1;
24 my @pos = (-100, 0, 0, 0, 100, 0);
25
26 while (@pos) {
27     my ($x, $y) = splice @pos, 0, 2;
28     $Pcb -> element_add_pin_oval(x => $x,
29                                 y => $y,
30                                 width => 80,
31                                 length => 66,
32                                 name => '',
33                                 pin_number => $pin_num++,
34                                 clearance => 10,
35                                 drill_hole => 46,
36                                 mask => 10);
37 }
38
39
40 $Pcb -> element_output();
```

Listing 3: SMD Element Creation Example

```

1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2005 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
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7  # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Creates the PCB elements specified in the DATA section. The
10 # footprints are for the SMD packages 0402, 0603, 0805, 1206, 1210,
11 # 2010, 2512, 0402, 0504, 0603, 0805, 1206, 1210, 1812, 1825
12
13 use strict;
14 use warnings;
15
16 use Pcb_9;
17
18 my $Pcb = Pcb_9 -> new(debug => 1);
19
20 my @Fields = qw(land_pattern_length land_row_distance
21                land_width           land_length
22                land_row_centers     grid);
23
24 while (<DATA>) {
25     s/\#.*//; # Remove comments
26     s/^\s*//; # Remove leading spaces
27     s/\s*$//; # Remove trailing spaces
28     next unless length; # Skip empty lines
29     my ($type, @values) = split /\s*\s*/;
30
31     # hash for each footprint
32
33     my %f = map { $_ => shift(@values) } @Fields;
34
35     $Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'SMD',
36                          output_file => "tmp/$type",
37                          dim      => 'mm');
38
39     my $x = -${f{land_row_centers}} / 2;
40     foreach my $pin_num (1..2) {
41         $Pcb -> element_add_pad_rectangle(width => ${f{land_width}},
42                                         length=> ${f{land_length}},
43                                         x => $x,
44                                         y => 0,
45                                         name => 'input',
46                                         mask => 0.254,
47                                         clearance => 0.254,
48                                         pin_number => $pin_num);
49         $x += ${f{land_row_centers}};
50     }
51
52     # Draw a silkscreen rectangle around the component. A silkscreen
53     # specification that all PCB vendors should be able to meet is
54     # 10mil line width and 10mil spacing. The silkscreen line width
55     # defaults to 10mils. To achieve the proper spacing we add
56     # 30mils (0.762mm) to the maximum extents of the copper pads
57     # (10mils on either side of the copper and 2*5 mils for the
58     # silkscreen line).
59
60     my $length = ${f{land_pattern_length}} + 0.762;
61     my $width  = ${f{land_width}} + 0.762;
62
63     $Pcb -> element_add_rectangle(width => $width,
64                                  length=> $length,
65                                  x => 0,
66                                  y => 0);
67
68     # Place the refdes slightly (0.5mm) above the upper left corner of
69     # the outline rectangle.
70
71     $Pcb -> element_set_text_xy(x => -$length/2,
72                                y => -$width/2 - 0.5);

```

```

73
74     $Pcb -> element_output();
75
76 }
77
78
79 __DATA__
80
81 # type    package name
82 # Z      overall length of land pattern
83 # G      distance between land rows
84 # X      land width
85 # Y      land length
86 # C      center-to-center spacing between land rows
87 # Grid   number of 0.5mm by 0.5mm elements
88
89 # type      Z          G          X          Y          C          Grid
90
91 0402      2.20      0.40      0.70      0.90      1.30      2x6
92 0504      2.40      0.40      1.30      1.00      1.40      4x6
93 0603      2.80      0.60      1.00      1.10      1.70      4x6
94 0805      3.20      0.60      1.50      1.30      1.90      4x8
95 1206      4.40      1.20      1.80      1.60      2.80      4x10
96 1210      4.40      1.20      2.70      1.60      2.80      6x10
97 1812      5.80      2.00      3.40      1.90      3.90      8x12
98 1825      5.80      2.00      6.80      1.90      3.90      14x12
99 2010      6.20      2.60      2.70      1.80      4.40      6x14
100 2512      7.40      3.80      3.20      1.80      5.60      8x16

```

Listing 4: Header Connector Creation Example 1

```

1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2005 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
6 # version 0.2 of the No-Fee Software License published by
7 # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Creates the PCB elements for Molex 8624 header connectors
10
11 use strict;
12 use warnings;
13
14 use Pcb_8;
15
16 my $Pcb = Pcb_8 -> new(debug => 1);
17
18 my @Fields = qw(circuits body_length pin_row_length);
19
20 my @Def; # definitions that are common to all components
21
22 while (<DATA>) {
23     s/\#.*//; # Remove comments
24     s/^\s*//; # Remove leading spaces
25     s/\s*$//; # Remove trailing spaces
26     next unless length; # Skip empty lines
27
28     # Lines that contain an '=' are global definitions.
29
30     push(@Def, $1, $2), next if /(\S+)\s*=\s*(\S.*)/;
31
32     my @values = split /\s*\s*/;
33
34     # hash for each footprint
35
36     my %f = ( @Def,
37              map { $_ => shift(@values) } @Fields);
38
39     $Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'TH',
40                          output_file =>
41                          "tmp/" . &package_name($f{circuits}, $f{pin_rows}),
42                          dim => 'mils',
43                          pin_one_square => 1);
44
45     my $pin_num = 1;
46     my $pins_per_row = $f{circuits} / 2;
47
48     # lower left corner is pin one
49
50     my $x = -$f{pin_spacing} * ($pins_per_row - 1) / 2;
51     my $y = $f{row_spacing} / 2;
52
53     # These header connectors consist of two rows of pins. With pin
54 # one in the lower left corner we will place pins from left to
55 # right until half the pins are placed. At the halfway point we
56 # will shift to the top row and place pins from right to left.
57
58     while ($pin_num <= $f{circuits}) {
59         $Pcb -> element_add_pin(x => $x, y => $y,
60                                thickness => 66,
61                                drill_hole => 46,
62                                mask => 10,
63                                clearance => 10,
64                                pin_number => $pin_num);
65
66         # If this is the last pin in the row then
67 # update the y value otherwise update the x
68 # value. If we are past the halfway point move
69 # left (-) instead of right (+).
70
71         $y *= -1;
72         $x += $f{pin_spacing} if $y > 0;

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73     $pin_num++;
74 }
75
76 $Pcb -> element_add_rectangle(width => ${body_width},
77                               length=> ${body_length},
78                               x => 0,
79                               y => 0);
80
81
82 $Pcb -> element_set_text_xy(x => -${body_length}/2,
83                             y => -${body_width}/2 - 20);
84
85
86 $Pcb -> element_output();
87 }
88
89 sub package_name ($$) {
90     my ($circuits, $rows) = @_;
91     sprintf("CON_HDR-254P-%iC-%iR-%iN__Molex_8624-Series",
92            $circuits/$rows,
93            $rows,
94            $circuits);
95 }
96
97 __DATA__
98
99 body_width = 200
100 pin_spacing = 100
101 row_spacing = 100
102 pin_diameter = 35
103 pin_rows = 2
104
105 # circuits    body_length    pin_row_length
106
107 4      190      100
108 6      290      200
109 8      390      300
110 10     490      400
111 12     590      500
112 14     690      600
113 16     790      700
114 18     890      800
115 20     990      900
116 22     1090     1000
117 24     1190     1100
118 26     1290     1200
119 28     1390     1300
120
121 30     1490     1400
122 32     1590     1500
123 34     1690     1600
124 36     1790     1700
125 38     1890     1800
126 40     1990     1900
127 42     2090     2000
128 44     2190     2100
129 46     2290     2200
130 48     2390     2300
131 50     2490     2400
132 52     2590     2500
133 54     2690     2600
134
135 56     2790     2700
136 58     2890     2800
137 60     2990     2900
138 62     3090     3000
139 64     3190     3100
140 66     3290     3200
141 68     3390     3300
142 70     3490     3400
143 72     3590     3500
144 74     3690     3600
145 76     3790     3700

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146	78	3890	3800
147	80	3990	3900

Listing 5: Header Connector Creation Example 2

```

1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2005 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
6 # version 0.2 of the No-Fee Software License published by
7 # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Creates the PCB elements for Molex 8624 header connectors
10
11 use strict;
12 use warnings;
13
14 use Pcb_8;
15
16 my $Pcb = Pcb_8 -> new(debug => 0);
17
18 my @Fields = qw(circuits body_length pin_row_length);
19
20 my @Def; # definitions that are common to all components
21
22 while (<DATA>) {
23     s/\#.*//; # Remove comments
24     s/^\s*//; # Remove leading spaces
25     s/\s*$//; # Remove trailing spaces
26     next unless length; # Skip empty lines
27
28     # Lines that contain an '=' are global definitions.
29
30     push(@Def, $1, $2), next if /(\S+)\s*=\s*(\S.*)/;
31
32     my @values = split /\s*\s*/;
33
34     # hash for each footprint
35
36     my %f = ( @Def,
37              map { $_ => shift(@values) } @Fields);
38
39     $Pcb -> element_begin(description => 'TH',
40                          output_file =>
41                          "tmp/" . &package_name($f{circuits}, $f{pin_rows}),
42                          dim => 'mils',
43                          pin_one_square => 1);
44
45     my $pin_num = 1;
46     my $pins_per_row = $f{circuits} / 2;
47
48     # lower left corner is pin one
49
50     my $x0 = -$f{pin_spacing} * ($pins_per_row - 1) / 2;
51     my $y0 = $f{row_spacing} / 2;
52
53     my $x = $x0;
54     my $y = $y0;
55
56     # These header connectors consist of two rows of pins. With pin
57 # one in the lower left corner we will place pins from left to
58 # right until half the pins are placed. At the halfway point we
59 # will shift to the top row and place pins from right to left.
60
61     while ($pin_num <= $f{circuits}) {
62         $Pcb -> element_add_pin(x => $x, y => $y,
63                               thickness => $f{pad_thickness},
64                               drill_hole => $f{drill_hole},
65                               mask => 10,
66                               clearance => 10,
67                               pin_number => $pin_num);
68
69         # Header connectors usually have pins numbered from left to
70 # right with odd numbers on the bottom and even numbers on the
71 # top. Since this example program could be used for connectors
72 # other than headers three pin-numbering options are provided.

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73
74     # header - two rows of pins. numbers increase from left to right.
75     #         odd numbered pins on the bottom, even on the top.
76
77     # dip    - two rows of pins. starting in the lower left corner
78     #         numbers increase left to right along the bottom row
79     #         and right to left along the top row.
80
81     # power  - two rows of pins. numbers increase from left to right
82     #         starting on the bottom row and then continue left to right
83     #         along the top row.
84
85     if ({pin_numbering_scheme} eq 'header') {
86         $y *= -1;
87         $x += ${pin_spacing} if $y > 0;
88     } elsif ({pin_numbering_scheme} eq 'dip') {
89         if ($pin_num == $pins_per_row) {
90             $y -= ${row_spacing};
91         } else {
92             $x += $pin_num > $pins_per_row
93                 ? -${pin_spacing}
94                 : ${pin_spacing};
95         }
96     } elsif ({pin_numbering_scheme} eq 'power') {
97         if ($pin_num == $pins_per_row) {
98             $y -= ${row_spacing};
99             $x = $x0;
100        } else {
101            $x += ${pin_spacing}
102        }
103    } else {
104        die "unknown pin numbering scheme  ${pin_numbering_scheme} ";
105    }
106    $pin_num++;
107 }
108
109 $Pcb -> element_add_rectangle(width => ${body_width},
110                             length=> ${body_length},
111                             x => 0,
112                             y => 0);
113
114
115 $Pcb -> element_set_text_xy(x => -${body_length}/2,
116                             y => -${body_width}/2 - 20);
117
118
119 $Pcb -> element_output();
120 }
121
122 sub package_name ($$) {
123     my ($circuits, $rows) = @_;
124     sprintf("CON_HDR-254P-%iC-%iR-%iN__Molex_8624-Series",
125            $circuits/$rows,
126            $rows,
127            $circuits);
128 }
129
130 __DATA__
131
132 pad_thickness = 66
133 drill_hole = 46
134 pin_numbering_scheme = header
135 body_width = 200
136 pin_spacing = 100
137 row_spacing = 100
138 pin_diameter = 35
139 pin_rows = 2
140
141 # circuits    body_length    pin_row_length
142
143 4      190      100
144 6      290      200
145 8      390      300

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146	10	490	400
147	12	590	500
148	14	690	600
149	16	790	700
150	18	890	800
151	20	990	900
152	22	1090	1000
153	24	1190	1100
154	26	1290	1200
155	28	1390	1300
156			
157	30	1490	1400
158	32	1590	1500
159	34	1690	1600
160	36	1790	1700
161	38	1890	1800
162	40	1990	1900
163	42	2090	2000
164	44	2190	2100
165	46	2290	2200
166	48	2390	2300
167	50	2490	2400
168	52	2590	2500
169	54	2690	2600
170			
171	56	2790	2700
172	58	2890	2800
173	60	2990	2900
174	62	3090	3000
175	64	3190	3100
176	66	3290	3200
177	68	3390	3300
178	70	3490	3400
179	72	3590	3500
180	74	3690	3600
181	76	3790	3700
182	78	3890	3800
183	80	3990	3900

Listing 6: TQFN Element Creation Example

```

1  #!/usr/bin/perl
2
3  # Copyright (C) 2005 John C. Luciani Jr.
4
5  # This program may be distributed or modified under the terms of
6 # version 0.2 of the No-Fee Software License published by
7 # John C. Luciani Jr.
8
9  # Creates Maxim TQFN style packages.
10
11 # Data is from the Maxim 21-0140 Rev G and Maxim 21-10159 Rev A
12 # specifications.
13
14 # The TQFN (thin quad flat no-lead) packages have solder terminations
15 # on four sides and a thermal pad in the center. The two denser
16 # packages (T3255-2 and T4055-1) require smaller pads on the corner
17 # terminations.
18
19 use strict;
20 use warnings;
21 use Carp;
22
23 use Pcb_8; # routines to create PCB elements (packages)
24
25 my $Pcb = Pcb_8 -> new(debug => 0);
26
27 # The specifications to generate these symbols is in the __DATA__
28 # section of this file. Each line can be either blank, contain a global
29 # definition or contain a package data record.
30
31 # Global definitions are saved in @Def.
32 # The field names for the package data record are in @Fields.
33
34 my @Def; # Global definitions saved as key-value pairs.
35 my @Fields = qw(package_code
36                 pin_count
37                 pad_spacing
38                 pad_width
39                 pad_length
40                 corner_pad_length
41                 thermal_pad_width
42                 thermal_pad_length);
43
44 # Read the __DATA__ section and output a PCB footprint everytime a
45 # package data record is read.
46
47 while (<DATA>) {
48     last if /^__END__$/;
49     s/\#.*//; # Remove comments
50     s/^\s*//; # Remove leading spaces
51     s/\s*$//; # Remove trailing spaces
52     next unless length; # Skip empty lines
53
54     # Lines that contain an '=' are global definitions. The key (lhs)
55     # and value (rhs) are pushed onto @Def.
56
57     push(@Def, $1, $2), next if /(\S+)\s*=\s*(\S.*)/;
58
59     # A line with non-zero length that is not a global definition is a
60     # package data record. We split the package record and create a
61     # hash %p that contains key-value pairs for all of the global
62     # definitions and the current record.
63
64     my @values = split /\s*\s*/;
65     my %p = ( @Def,
66              map { $_ => shift(@values) } @Fields);
67
68     # Create a simple id using the package name, package code and pin
69     # count and then start a new element.
70
71     $p{id} = join('-', map { $p{$_} } qw(package_name package_code pin_count));
72     $Pcb -> element_begin(description => $p{id},

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73         output_file => "tmp/${p{id}}",
74         dim      => 'mm');
75 print "${p{id}}\n";
76
77 # Create a few convenient specifications from data in the package
78 # data record hash. The conventions for these packages is part
79 # centroid at (0,0) and pin one is in the lower left corner.
80
81 # Corner pads on some of the parts are shorter. This condition is
82 # handled by creating a new pad length and some pad center
83 # offsets.
84
85 ${p{num_pads_per_side}} = ${p{pin_count}} / 4; # leads on four sides
86 ${p{corner_pad_length}} = ${p{pad_length}} if ${p{corner_pad_length}} eq '';
87
88 my $row_center = (${p{body_width_max}} - ${p{pad_length}}) / 2;
89 my $row_end    = (${p{num_pads_per_side}} - 1) * ${p{pad_spacing}} / 2;
90 my $corner_offset = (${p{pad_length}} - ${p{corner_pad_length}}) / 2;
91
92 # @xy contains the starting locations for a row of pads.
93 # @inc contains increment values for x and y and offsets for the
94 # the corner pads. for each row of pads either x or y is incremented.
95
96 my @xy = (x => -$row_center, y => -$row_end,
97          x => -$row_end,   y => $row_center,
98          x => $row_center, y => $row_end,
99          x => $row_end,    y => -$row_center);
100
101 my @inc = (yinc => ${p{pad_spacing}}, xoffset => -$corner_offset,
102          xinc => ${p{pad_spacing}}, yoffset => $corner_offset,
103          yinc => -$p{pad_spacing}, xoffset => $corner_offset,
104          xinc => -p{pad_spacing}, yoffset => -$corner_offset);
105
106 # create the rows of pads
107
108 &set_pin_num(1);
109
110 while (@xy) {
111     my %xy = (splice(@inc, 0, 4),
112             map { $_ => ${p{$_}} } qw(pad_spacing pad_width pad_length));
113
114     &draw_row_of_pads(splice(@xy, 0, 4),
115                    %xy,
116                    pad_length => ${p{corner_pad_length}},
117                    num_pads => 1);
118
119     # no offsets for pads that aren't on the corners
120
121     &draw_row_of_pads(%xy,
122                    xoffset => 0,
123                    yoffset => 0,
124                    num_pads => ${p{num_pads_per_side}} - 2);
125
126     &draw_row_of_pads(%xy,
127                    pad_length => ${p{corner_pad_length}},
128                    num_pads => 1);
129 }
130
131 # Add the thermal pad
132
133 $Pcb -> element_add_pad_rectangle(x => 0,
134                                y => 0,
135                                length => ${p{thermal_pad_length}},
136                                width  => ${p{thermal_pad_width}},
137                                name  => '',
138                                pin_number => ${p{pin_count}} + 1);
139
140 # add the pin one dot
141
142 my $dot_pos = $row_center + 0.254; # ${p{pad_length}} / 2;
143
144 $Pcb -> element_add_arc(x => -$dot_pos,
145                       y => -$dot_pos,

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146         width => $p{pad_width} / 2,
147         height=> $p{pad_width} / 2,
148         start_angle => 0,
149         delta_angle => 360,
150         thickness => 0.254); # 10 mil lines
151
152     # draw a silkscreen rectangle around the package body.
153
154     $Pcb -> element_add_rectangle(x => 0,
155                                 y => 0,
156                                 width => $p{body_width_max} + 1,
157                                 length=> $p{body_length_max} + 1);
158
159     # Set the position of the reference designator to the upper left corner
160
161     $Pcb -> element_set_text_xy(x => -$p{body_length_max} / 2 - 1,
162                                y => -$p{body_width_max} / 2 - 1);
163
164     # Set the centroid mark and output the element
165
166     $Pcb -> element_output;
167
168 }
169
170 # $v{x}          current x location
171 # $v{y}          current y location
172 # $v{pin_num}   current pin number
173
174 my %v; # values for draw_row_of_pads
175
176 sub set_pin_num ($) {
177     $v{pin_num} = shift;
178 }
179
180 sub draw_row_of_pads {
181     my %p = (xoffset => 0,
182              yoffset => 0,
183              @_);
184
185     foreach (qw(pin_num x y)) {
186         $v{$_} = $p{$_} if defined $p{$_};
187     }
188
189     # swap pad length and width for horizontal rows
190
191     ($p{pad_width}, $p{pad_length}) = ($p{pad_length}, $p{pad_width})
192     if defined $p{xinc};
193
194     foreach (1..$p{num_pads}) {
195         $Pcb -> element_add_pad_rectangle(x      => $v{x} + $p{xoffset},
196                                           y      => $v{y} + $p{yoffset},
197                                           width => $p{pad_width},
198                                           length => $p{pad_length},
199                                           name  => '',
200                                           pin_number => $v{pin_num}++);
201         $v{x} += $p{xinc} if defined $p{xinc};
202         $v{y} += $p{yinc} if defined $p{yinc};
203     }
204 }
205
206
207
208
209 1;
210
211
212
213 __DATA__
214 body_width_min = 4.9 # E
215 body_width     = 5.0 # E
216 body_width_max = 5.1 # E
217 body_length_min = 4.9 # D
218 body_length    = 5.0 # D

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219 body_length_max = 5.1 # D
220
221 component_type    = ic
222 package_name      = TQFN-Maxim-5x5
223
224 # Final pad_length = pad_lenth + body_width_max - body_width_min
225
226 # T1655-1 e (nom) b, L, E2, D2 (max)
227 # T2055-2 e (nom) b (max) L, E2, D2 (nom)
228 # T2055-5 e (nom) b (max) L (min) E2, D2 (nom)
229
230 # T2855-1 e (nom) b (max) L (min) E2, D2 (nom)
231 # T2855-2 e (nom) b (max) L (min) E2, D2 (max)
232
233 # T3255-2 e (nom) b (max) L (max) E2, D2 (max)
234 # T4055-1 e (nom) b (min) L (nom) E2, D2 (min)
235
236
237 #
238 # T1655-1 16 0.8 0.35 0.5 0.5 3.2 3.2
239 # T2055-2 20 0.65 0.35 0.55 3.10 3.10
240 # T2055-5 20 0.65 0.35 0.45 3.25 3.25
241
242 # T2855-1 28 0.50 0.30 0.45 3.25 3.25
243 # T2855-2 28 0.50 0.30 0.45 2.8 2.8
244
245
246 # T3255-2 32 0.50 0.30 0.5 0.25 3.2 3.2
247 # T4055-1 40 0.40 0.2 0.5 0.25 3.2 3.2
248
249 # Style (adapted from the Perl Cookbook, First Edition, Recipe 12.4)
250
251 # 1. Names of functions and local variables are all lowercase.
252 # 2. The program's persistent variables (either file lexicals
253 #    or package globals) are capitalized.
254 # 3. Identifiers with multiple words have each of these
255 #    separated by an underscore to make it easier to read.
256 # 4. Constants are all uppercase.
257 # 5. If the arrow operator (->) is followed by either a
258 #    method name or a variable containing a method name then
259 #    there is a space before and after the operator.

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