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Introduction

The SmartFusion™ microcontroller subsystem (MSS) includes a timer hardware block which can be used as two independent 32-bit timers or as a single 64-bit timer in periodic or one-shot mode.

This driver provides a set of functions for controlling the MSS Timer as part of a bare metal system where no operating system is available. This driver can be adapted for use as part of an operating system, but the implementation of the adaptation layer between this driver and the operating system's driver model is outside the scope of this driver.

Features

The MSS Timer driver provides the following features:

- Support for configuring the timer's operating mode
- Support for setting the timer's immediate load value
- Support for setting the timer's background load value
- Support for reading the timer's current value
- Support for enabling, disabling and clearing MSS Timer interrupts

The MSS Timer driver is provided as C source code.

Supported Hardware IP

The MSS Timer bare metal driver can be used with Actel's MSS_TIMER IP version 0.1 or higher, included in the SmartFusion MSS.



Files Provided

The files provided as part of the MSS Timer driver fall into three main categories: documentation, driver source code, and example projects. The driver is distributed via the Actel Firmware Catalog, which provides access to the documentation for the driver, generates the driver's source files into an application project, and generates example projects that illustrate how to use the driver. The Actel Firmware Catalog is available from the Actel website: www.actel.com/products/software/firmwarecat/default.aspx.

Documentation

The Actel Firmware Catalog provides access to these documents for the driver:

- User's guide (this document)
- A copy of the license agreement for the driver source code
- Release notes

Driver Source Code

The Actel Firmware Catalog generates the driver's source code into the *drivers\mss_timer* subdirectory of the selected software project directory. The files making up the driver are detailed below.

mss_timer.h

This header file contains the public application programming interface (API) of the MSS Timer software driver.

This header file also contains the implementation of the MSS Timer software driver.

This file should be included in any C source file that uses the MSS Timer software driver.

Example Code

The Actel Firmware Catalog provides access to example projects illustrating the use of the driver. Each example project is self contained and is targeted at a specific processor and software toolchain combination. The example projects are targeted at the FPGA designs in the hardware development tutorials supplied with Actel's development boards. The tutorial designs can be found on the Actel Development Kit web page (www.actel.com/products/hardware).



Driver Deployment

This driver is intended to be deployed from the Actel Firmware Catalog into a software project by generating the driver's source files into the project directory. The driver uses the SmartFusion Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard – Peripheral Access Layer (CMSIS-PAL) to access MSS hardware registers. You must ensure that the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL is either included in the software toolchain used to build your project or is included in your project. The most up-to-date SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL files can be obtained using the Actel Firmware Catalog.

The following example shows the intended directory structure for a SoftConsole ARM® CortexTM-M3 project targeted at the SmartFusion MSS. This project uses the MSS Timer and MSS watchdog drivers. Both of these drivers rely on SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL for accessing the hardware. The contents of the *drivers* directory result from generating the source files for each driver into the project. The contents of the *CMSIS* directory result from generating the source files for the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL into the project.

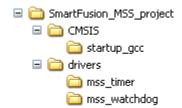


Figure 1 · SmartFusion MSS Project Example



Driver Configuration

The configuration of all features of the MSS Timer is covered by this driver. There are no dependencies on the hardware flow when configuring the SmartFusion MSS Timer.

The base address and register addresses and interrupt number assignment for the MSS Timer block are defined as constants in the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL. You must ensure that the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL is either included in the software tool chain used to build your project or is included in your project.



Application Programming Interface

This section describes the driver's API. The functions and related data structures described in this section are used by the application programmer to control the MSS Timer peripheral from the user's application.

Theory of Operation

The SmartFusion MSS Timer can be used in one of two mutually exclusive modes; either as a single 64-bit timer or as two independent 32-bit timers. The MSS Timer can be used in either periodic mode or one-shot mode.

A timer configured for periodic mode operation will generate an interrupt and reload its down-counter when it reaches zero. The timer will then continue decrementing from its reload value without waiting for the interrupt to be cleared.

A timer configured for one-shot mode will only generate an interrupt once when its down-counter reaches zero. It must be explicitly reloaded to start decrementing again.

The MSS Timer driver functions are grouped into the following categories:

- Initialization and configuration
- Timer control
- Interrupt control

Initialization and Configuration

The MSS Timer driver provides three initialization functions:

- MSS TIM1 init()
- MSS_TIM2_init()
- MSS_TIM64_init()

The MSS Timer driver is initialized through calls to these functions and at least one of them must be called before any other MSS Timer driver functions can be called.

Note: You should use only the MSS_TIM1_init() and MSS_TIM2_init() functions if you intend to use the MSS Timer in 32-bit mode. Use the MSS_TIM64() function if you intend to use the MSS Timer as a single 64-bit timer. The initialization functions take a single parameter specifying the operating mode of the timer being initialized.

Timer Control

Once initialized, a timer can be controlled using the following functions:

- MSS_TIM1_load_immediate()
- MSS_TIM1_load_background()
- MSS_TIM1_get_current_value()
- MSS_TIM1_start()
- MSS_TIM1_stop()
- MSS_TIM2_load_immediate()
- MSS_TIM2_load_background()
- MSS_TIM2_get_current_value()
- MSS_TIM2_start()
- MSS_TIM2_stop()



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- MSS_TIM64_load_immediate()
- MSS_TIM64_load_background()
- MSS_TIM64_get_current_value()
- MSS_TIM64_start()
- MSS_TIM64_stop()

Interrupt Control

Timer interrupts are controlled using the following functions:

- MSS_TIM1_enable_irq()
- MSS_TIM1_disable_irq()
- MSS_TIM1_clear_irq()
- MSS_TIM2_enable_irq()
- MSS_TIM2_disable_irq()
- MSS_TIM2_clear_irq()
- MSS_TIM64_enable_irq()
- MSS_TIM64_disable_irq()
- MSS_TIM64_clear_irq()

The function prototypes for the timer interrupt handlers are as follows:

- void Timer1_IRQHandler(void)
- void Timer2_IRQHandler(void)

Entries for these interrupt handlers are provided in the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL vector table. To add a Timer 1 interrupt handler, you must implement a *Timer1_IRQHandler()* function as part of your application code. To add a Timer 2 interrupt handler, you must implement a *Timer2_IRQHandler()* function as part of your application code. When using the MSS Timer as a 64-bit timer, you must implement a *Timer1_IRQHandler()* function as part of your application code. The Timer 2 interrupt is not used when the MSS Timer is configured as a 64-bit timer.



Types

timer_mode_t

Prototype

```
typedef enum __mss_timer_mode_t
{
    MSS_TIMER_PERIODIC_MODE = 0,
    MSS_TIMER_ONE_SHOT_MODE = 1
} mss_timer_mode_t;
```

Description

This enumeration is used to select between the two possible timer modes of operation: periodic and one-shot mode. It is used as an argument to the MSS_TIM1_init(), MSS_TIM2_init() and MSS_TIM64_init() functions.

MSS_TIMER_PERIODIC_MODE: In periodic mode the timer generates interrupts at constant intervals. On reaching zero, the timer's counter is reloaded with a value held in a register and begins counting down again.

MSS_TIMER_ONE_SHOT_MODE: The timer generates a single interrupt in this mode. On reaching zero, the timer's counter halts until reprogrammed by the user.

Constant Values

There are no MSS Timer driver specific contant values.

Data Structures

There are no MSS Timer driver-specific data structures.

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Functions

MSS_TIM1_init

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM1_init() function initializes the SmartFusion MSS Timer block for use as a 32-bit timer and selects the operating mode for Timer 1. This function takes the MSS Timer block out of reset in case this has not been done already, stops Timer 1, disables its interrupt, and sets the Timer 1 operating mode.

Note: The SmartFusion MSS Timer block cannot be used both as a 64-bit and 32-bit timer. Calling

MSS_TIM1_init() will overwrite any previous configuration of the MSS Timer as a 64-bit timer.

Parameters

mode

The *mode* parameter specifies whether the timer will operate in periodic or one-shot mode. Allowed values for this parameter are as follows:

- MSS_TIMER_PERIODIC_MODE
- MSS_TIMER_ONE_SHOT_MODE

Return Value



MSS_TIM1_load_immediate

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_load_immediate
(
          uint32_t load_value
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_load_immediate() function loads the value passed by the load_value parameter into the Timer 1 down-counter. The counter will decrement immediately from this value once Timer 1 is enabled. The MSS Timer will generate an interrupt when the counter reaches zero if Timer 1 interrupts are enabled. This function is intended to be used when Timer 1 is configured for one-shot mode to time a single delay.

Parameters

load_value

The load_value parameter specifies the value from which the Timer 1 down-counter will start decrementing.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM1_load_background

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_load_background
(
          uint32_t load_value
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_load_background() function is used to specify the value that will be reloaded into the Timer 1 down-counter the next time the counter reaches zero. This function is typically used when Timer 1 is configured for periodic mode operation to select or change the delay period between the interrupts generated by Timer 1.

Parameters

load_value

The *load_value* parameter specifies the value that will be loaded into the Timer 1 down-counter the next time the down-counter reaches zero. The Timer 1 down-counter will start decrementing from this value after the current count expires.

Return Value

Application Programming Interface

MSS_TIM1_get_current_value

Prototype

Description

The $MSS_TIM1_get_current_value()$ returns the current value of the Timer 1 down-counter.

Return Value

This function returns the 32-bit current value of the Timer 1 down-counter.

MSS_TIM1_start

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_start
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_start() function enables Timer 1 and starts its down-counter decrementing from the load_value specified in previous calls to the MSS_TIM1_load_immediate() or MSS_TIM1_load_background() functions.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value



MSS_TIM1_stop

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_stop
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_stop() function disables Timer 1 and stops its down-counter decrementing.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM1_enable_irq

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM1_enable_irq() function is used to enable interrupt generation for Timer 1. This function also enables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller. The Timer1_IRQHandler() function will be called when a Timer 1 interrupt occurs.

Note: A *Timer1_IRQHandler()* default implementation is defined, with weak linkage, in the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL. You must provide your own implementation of the *Timer1_IRQHandler()* function, which will override the default implementation, to suit your application.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

MSS_TIM1_disable_irq

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_disable_irq
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_disable_irq() function is used to disable interrupt generation for Timer 1. This function also disables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM1_clear_irq

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM1_clear_irq
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM1_clear_irq() function is used to clear a pending interrupt from Timer 1. This function also clears the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Note: You must call the MSS_TIM1_clear_irq() function as part of your implementation of the Timer1_IRQHandler() Timer 1 interrupt service routine (ISR) in order to prevent the same interrupt event retriggering a call to the ISR.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value



MSS_TIM2_init

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM2_init() function initializes the SmartFusion MSS Timer block for use as a 32-bit timer and selects the operating mode for Timer 2. This function takes the MSS Timer block out of reset in case this has not been done already, stops Timer 2, disables its interrupt and sets the Timer 2 operating mode.

Note: The SmartFusion MSS Timer block cannot be used both as a 64-bit and 32-bit timer. Calling

MSS_TIM2_init() will overwrite any previous configuration of the MSS Timer as a 64-bit timer.

Parameters

mode

The *mode* parameter specifies whether the timer will operate in periodic or one-shot mode. Allowed values for this parameter are as follows:

- MSS_TIMER_PERIODIC_MODE
- MSS_TIMER_ONE_SHOT_MODE

Return Value

MSS_TIM2_load_immediate

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_load_immediate
(
          uint32_t load_value
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_load_immediate() function loads the value passed by the load_value parameter into the Timer 2 down-counter. The counter will decrement immediately from this value once Timer 2 is enabled. The MSS Timer will generate an interrupt when the counter reaches zero if Timer 2 interrupts are enabled. This function is intended to be used when Timer 2 is configured for one-shot mode to time a single delay.

Parameters

load_value

The load_value parameter specifies the value from which the Timer 2 down-counter will start decrementing.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM2_load_background

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_load_background
(
          uint32_t load_value
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_load_background() function is used to specify the value that will be reloaded into the Timer 2 down-counter the next time the counter reaches zero. This function is typically used when Timer 2 is configured for periodic mode operation to select or change the delay period between the interrupts generated by Timer 2.

Parameters

load_value

The *load_value* parameter specifies the value that will be loaded into the Timer 2 down-counter the next time the down-counter reaches zero. The Timer 2 down-counter will start decrementing from this value after the current count expires.

Return Value



MSS_TIM2_get_current_value

Prototype

Description

The $MSS_TIM2_get_current_value()$ returns the current value of the Timer 2 down-counter.

Return Value

This function returns the 32-bit current value of the Timer 2 down-counter.

MSS_TIM2_start

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_start
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_start() function enables Timer 2 and starts its down-counter decrementing from the load_value specified in previous calls to the MSS_TIM2_load_immediate() or MSS_TIM2_load_background() functions.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

MSS_TIM2_stop

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_stop
(
     void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_stop() function disables Timer 2 and stops its down-counter decrementing.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM2_enable_irq

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM2_enable_irq() function is used to enable interrupt generation for Timer 2. This function also enables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller. The Timer2_IRQHandler() function will be called when a Timer 2 interrupt occurs.

Note: A *Timer2_IRQHandler()* default implementation is defined, with weak linkage, in the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL. You must provide your own implementation of the *Timer2_IRQHandler()* function, which will override the default implementation, to suit your application.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value



MSS_TIM2_disable_irq

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_disable_irq
(
         void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_disable_irq() function is used to disable interrupt generation for Timer 2. This function also disables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM2_clear_irq

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM2_clear_irq
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM2_clear_irq() function is used to clear a pending interrupt from Timer 2. This function also clears the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Note: You must call the MSS_TIM2_clear_irq() function as part of your implementation of the Timer2_IRQHandler() Timer 2 interrupt service routine (ISR) in order to prevent the same interrupt event retriggering a call to the ISR.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

Application Programming Interface

MSS_TIM64_init

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM64_init
(
          mss_timer_mode_t mode
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM64_init() function initializes the SmartFusion MSS Timer block for use as a single 64-bit timer and selects the operating mode of the timer. This function takes the MSS Timer block out of reset in case this has not been done already, stops the timer, disables its interrupts, and sets the timer's operating mode.

Note: The SmartFusion MSS Timer block cannot be used both as a 64-bit and 32-bit timer. Calling

MSS_TIM64_init() will overwrite any previous configuration of the MSS Timer as a 32-bit timer.

mode

The *mode* parameter specifies whether the timer will operate in periodic or one-shot mode. Allowed values for this parameter are as follows:

- MSS_TIMER_PERIODIC_MODE
- MSS_TIMER_ONE_SHOT_MODE

Return Value



MSS_TIM64_load_immediate

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM64_load_immediate
(
          uint32_t load_value_u,
          uint32_t load_value_l
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM64_load_immediate() function loads the values passed by the load_value_u and load_value_l parameters into the 64-bit timer down-counter. The counter will decrement immediately from the concatenated 64-bit value once the 64-bit timer is enabled. The MSS Timer will generate an interrupt when the counter reaches zero if 64-bit timer interrupts are enabled. This function is intended to be used when the 64-bit timer is configured for one-shot mode to time a single delay.

Parameters

load_value_u

The *load_value_u* parameter specifies the upper 32 bits of the 64-bit timer load value from which the 64-bit timer down-counter will start decrementing.

load_value_l

The *load_value_l* parameter specifies the lower 32 bits of the 64-bit timer load value from which the 64-bit timer down-counter will start decrementing.

Return Value

MSS_TIM64_load_background

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM64_load_background() function is used to specify the 64-bit value that will be reloaded into the 64-bit timer down-counter the next time the counter reaches zero. This function is typically used when the 64-bit timer is configured for periodic mode operation to select or change the delay period between the interrupts generated by the 64-bit timer.

Parameters

load_value_u

The *load_value_u* parameter specifies the upper 32 bits of the 64-bit timer load value. The concatenated 64-bit value formed from *load_value_u* and *load_value_l* will be loaded into the 64-bit timer down-counter the next time the down-counter reaches zero. The 64-bit timer down-counter will start decrementing from the concatenated 64-bit value after the current count expires.

load_value_l

The *load_value_l* parameter specifies the lower 32 bits of the 64-bit timer load value. The concatenated 64-bit value formed from *load_value_u* and *load_value_l* will be loaded into the 64-bit timer down-counter the next time the down-counter reaches zero. The 64-bit timer down-counter will start decrementing from the concatenated 64-bit value after the current count expires.

Return Value



MSS_TIM64_get_current_value

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM64_get_current_value
(
          uint32_t * load_value_u,
          uint32_t * load_value_l
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM64_get_current_value() is used to read the current value of the 64-bit timer down-counter.

Parameters

load_value_u

The *load_value_u* parameter is a pointer to a 32-bit variable where the upper 32 bits of the current value of the 64-bit timer down-counter will be copied.

load_value_l

The *load_value_l* parameter is a pointer to a 32-bit variable where the lower 32 bits of the current value of the 64-bit timer down-counter will be copied.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

Example

```
uint32_t current_value_u = 0;
uint32_t current_value_l = 0;
MSS_TIM64_get_current_value( &current_value_u, &current_value_l );
```

MSS_TIM64_start

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM64_start() function enables the 64-bit timer and starts its down-counter decrementing from the load_value specified in previous calls to the MSS_TIM64_load_immediate() or MSS_TIM64_load_background() functions.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

MSS_TIM64_stop

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM64_stop
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM64_stop() function disables the 64-bit timer and stops its down-counter decrementing.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM64_enable_irq

Prototype

```
void
MSS_TIM64_enable_irq
(
          void
);
```

Description

The MSS_TIM64_enable_irq() function is used to enable interrupt generation for the 64-bit timer. This function also enables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller. The Timer1_IRQHandler() function will be called when a 64-bit timer interrupt occurs.

Note: A *Timer1_IRQHandler()* default implementation is defined, with weak linkage, in the SmartFusion CMSIS-PAL. You must provide your own implementation of the *Timer1_IRQHandler()* function, which will override the default implementation, to suit your application.

Note: The MSS_TIM64_enable_irq() function enables and uses Timer 1 interrupts for the 64-bit timer. Timer 2 interrupts remain disabled.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value



MSS_TIM64_disable_irq

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM64_disable_irq() function is used to disable interrupt generation for the 64-bit timer. This function also disables the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value

This function does not return a value.

MSS_TIM64_clear_irq

Prototype

Description

The MSS_TIM64_clear_irq() function is used to clear a pending interrupt from the 64-bit timer. This function also clears the interrupt in the Cortex-M3 interrupt controller.

Note: You must call the MSS_TIM64_clear_irq() function as part of your implementation of the Timer1_IRQHandler() 64-bit timer interrupt service routine (ISR) in order to prevent the same interrupt event retriggering a call to the ISR.

Parameters

This function has no parameters.

Return Value



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