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Preface

This preface introduces the *Cortex-M1 r0p1 Technical Reference Manual* (TRM). It contains the following sections:

- *About this manual* on page xiv
- *Feedback* on page xix.

About this manual

This is the *Technical Reference Manual* (TRM) for the Cortex-M1 processor.

Product revision status

The *rn*pn identifier indicates the revision status of the product described in this manual, where:

- rn** Identifies the major revision of the product.
- pn** Identifies the minor revision or modification status of the product.

Intended audience

This manual is written to help:

- system designers, system integrators, and verification engineers who want to implement the processor in a *Field-Programmable Gate Array* (FPGA)
- software developers who want to use the processor in a FPGA.

Using this manual

This manual is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1 *Introduction*

Read this chapter for an introduction to the components of the processor and the processor instruction set.

Chapter 2 *Programmer's Model*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor register set, modes of operation, and other information for programming the processor.

Chapter 3 *Memory Map*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor memory map.

Chapter 4 *Exceptions*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor exception model.

Chapter 5 *Clocks and Resets*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor clocking and resets.

Chapter 6 *System Control*

Read this chapter for a description of the registers and programmer's model for system control.

Chapter 7 *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor interrupt processing and control.

Chapter 8 *Debug*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor system debug components, and debugging and testing the processor.

Chapter 9 *Debug Access Port*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor debug access port and the *Serial Wire JTAG Debug Port (SWJ-DP)*.

Chapter 10 *External and Memory Interfaces*

Read this chapter for a description of the processor bus interfaces.

Appendix A *Signal Descriptions*

Read this appendix for a summary of processor signals.

Glossary Read the Glossary for definitions of terms used in this manual.

Conventions

Conventions that this manual can use are described in:

- *Typographical*
- *Timing diagrams* on page xvi
- *Signals* on page xvi
- *Numbering* on page xvii.

Typographical

The typographical conventions are:

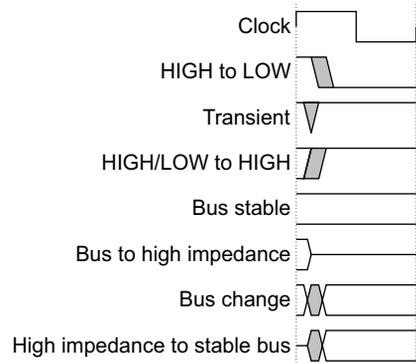
<i>italic</i>	Highlights important notes, introduces special terminology, denotes internal cross-references, and citations.
bold	Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.
monospace	Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.

<code>monospace</code>	Denotes a permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.
<code>monospace italic</code>	Denotes arguments to monospace text where the argument is to be replaced by a specific value.
<code>monospace bold</code>	Denotes language keywords when used outside example code.
<code>< and ></code>	Enclose replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. For example: MRC p15, 0 <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>

Timing diagrams

The figure named *Key to timing diagram conventions* explains the components used in timing diagrams. Variations, when they occur, have clear labels. You must not assume any timing information that is not explicit in the diagrams.

Shaded bus and signal areas are undefined, so the bus or signal can assume any value within the shaded area at that time. The actual level is unimportant and does not affect normal operation.



Key to timing diagram conventions

Signals

The signal conventions are:

- Signal level** The level of an asserted signal depends on whether the signal is active-HIGH or active-LOW. Asserted means:
- HIGH for active-HIGH signals

- LOW for active-LOW signals.

Lower-case n	Denotes an active-LOW signal.
Prefix H	Denotes <i>Advanced High-performance Bus</i> (AHB) signals.
Prefix P	Denotes <i>Advanced Peripheral Bus</i> (APB) signals.

Numbering

The numbering convention is:

<size in bits>'<base><number>

This is a Verilog method of abbreviating constant numbers. For example:

- 'h7B4 is an unsized hexadecimal value.
- 'o7654 is an unsized octal value.
- 8'd9 is an eight-bit wide decimal value of 9.
- 8'h3F is an eight-bit wide hexadecimal value of 0x3F. This is equivalent to b00111111.
- 8'b1111 is an eight-bit wide binary value of b00001111.

Additional reading

This section lists publications by ARM and by third parties.

See <http://infocenter.arm.com/help/index.jsp> for access to ARM documentation.

ARM publications

This manual contains information that is specific to the Cortex-M1 processor. See the following documents for other relevant information:

- *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0419)
- *ARMv6-M Instruction Set Quick Reference Guide* (ARM QRC 0011)
- *ARM AMBA® 3 AHB-Lite Protocol Specification* (ARM IHI 0033)
- *ARM CoreSight™ Components Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0314)
- *ARM Debug Interface v5, Architecture Specification* (ARM IHI 0031)
- *Application Binary Interface for the ARM Architecture (The Base Standard)* (IHI0036)
- *Cortex-M1 Configuration and Sign-off Guide* (ARM DII 0166)
- *Cortex-M1 Integration Manual* (ARM DII 0167).

Other publications

This section lists relevant documents published by third parties:

- IEEE Standard, *Test Access Port and Boundary-Scan Architecture specification* 1149.1-1990 (JTAG).

Feedback

ARM welcomes feedback on the Cortex-M1 processor and its documentation.

Feedback on the processor

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- the product name
- a concise explanation of your comments.

Feedback on this manual

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- the page number(s) to which your comments refer
- a concise explanation of your comments.

ARM also welcomes general suggestions for additions and improvements.

Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter introduces the processor and instruction set. It contains the following sections:

- *About the processor* on page 1-2
- *Components, hierarchy, and implementation* on page 1-4
- *Configurable options* on page 1-10
- *About the architecture* on page 1-11
- *Binary compatibility with Cortex-M3 processor* on page 1-12
- *Product revisions* on page 1-13.

1.1 About the processor

The processor is intended for deeply embedded applications that require a small processor integrated into an FPGA.

The processor incorporates:

- Processor core. This is a low gate count core that features:
 - ARM architecture v6-M. A Thumb® *Instruction Set Architecture* (ISA) that also includes the 32-bit Thumb-2 BL, MRS, MSR, ISB, DSB, and DMB instructions.
 - *Operating System* (OS) extension option. If this option is implemented, functionality within the processor is enabled that is capable of running an operating system. This includes the SVC instruction, a banked stack pointer register, and an integrated system timer.
 - System exception model.
 - Handler and Thread modes.
 - Stack pointers. One stack pointer is always present. If the OS extension option is implemented, two stack pointers are present.
 - Thumb state only.
 - ARM architecture v6-M style BE-8/LE support. Data endianness is configurable. Instructions and system control registers are always little-endian. If your processor has debug, debug resources and debugger accesses are always little-endian.
 - No hardware support for unaligned accesses.
- *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller* (NVIC). The NVIC is closely integrated with the processor to achieve low latency interrupt processing. Features include:
 - the number of external interrupts that you can configure, 1, 8, 16 or 32
 - fixed number of bits of priority, 2 bits, providing four levels of priority
 - processor state automatically saved on interrupt entry and restored on interrupt exit, with no instruction overhead.
- Memory and external AHB-Lite interfaces.
- Optional full debug or reduced debug solutions that feature:
 - debug access to all memory and registers in the system, including the processor register bank when the core is halted
 - Debug Access Port (DAP)
 - *BreakPoint Unit* (BPU) for implementing breakpoints
 - *Data Watchpoint* (DW) unit for implementing watchpoints

- 32-bit hardware multiplier. You can choose either the standard multiplier or a smaller, lower performance multiplier implementation.

1.2 Components, hierarchy, and implementation

This section describes the components, hierarchy, and implementation of the processor with and without debug.

The main blocks of the processor with debug are:

- *Core* on page 1-5
- *NVIC* on page 1-6
- *Bus master* on page 1-6
- *AHB-PPB* on page 1-7
- *Debug* on page 1-7.

Figure 1-1 shows the structure of the processor with debug.

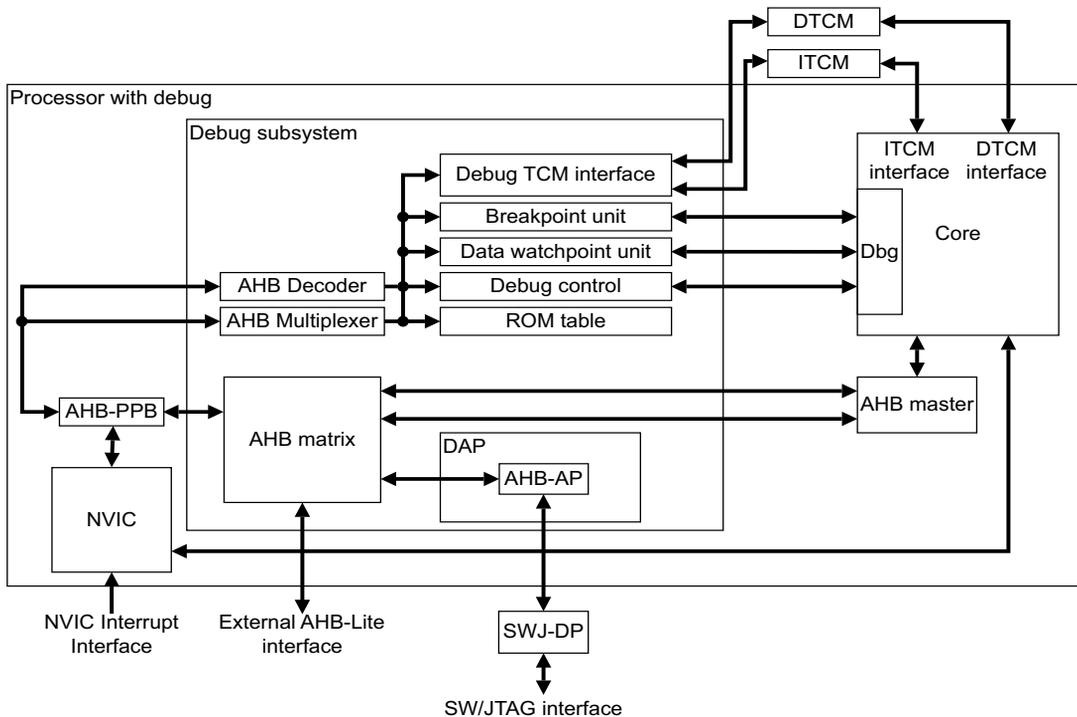


Figure 1-1 Processor with debug block diagram

The main blocks of the processor without debug are:

- *Core* on page 1-5
- *Core memory interface* on page 1-6
- *NVIC* on page 1-6

- *Bus master* on page 1-6
- *AHB-PPB* on page 1-7.

Figure 1-2 shows the structure of the processor without debug.

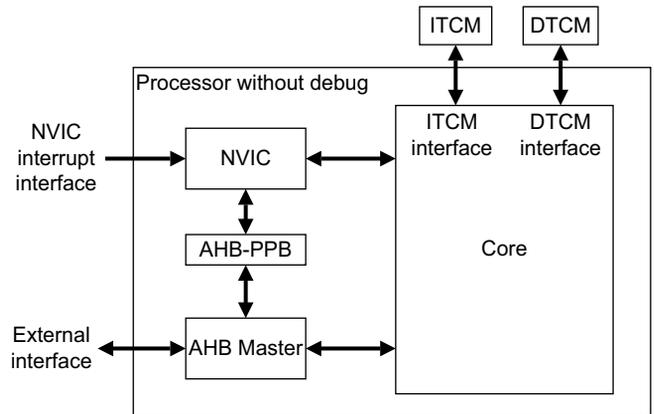


Figure 1-2 Processor block diagram

1.2.1 Core

The core has the following main features:

- 3-stage pipeline
- multiply cycles:
 - three cycles for normal multiplier
 - 33 cycles for small multiplier.
- Thumb state
- Handler and Thread modes
- ISR entry and exit
 - processor state saving and restoration, with no instruction fetch overhead
 - tightly-coupled interface to interrupt controller enabling efficient processing of late-arriving interrupts.
- LE and BE-8 data endianness support.

Registers

The processor contains:

- 13 general purpose 32-bit registers.
- *Link Register* (LR).
- *Program Counter* (PC).
- *Program Status Register*, xPSR.
- Two banked SP registers. Without the OS extension option there is only one SP register present.

1.2.2 Core memory interface

Core access to *Tightly-Coupled Memories* (TCMs) is made exclusively through a dedicated core memory interface.

The core memory interface comprises:

- one core *Instruction Tightly-Coupled Memory* (ITCM) interface to access ITCM
- one core *Data Tightly-Coupled Memory* (DTCM) interface to access DTCM.

Because reads are speculatively fetched from TCMs, Device and Strongly-Ordered memory types are not supported, for example FIFOs in TCM space. You must ensure that any Flash memory in this space is tolerant of extra accesses at all times. The TCM interface does not support wait states.

1.2.3 NVIC

The NVIC is tightly coupled to the processor core. This facilitates low-latency exception processing. The main features include:

- a configurable number of external interrupts, 1, 8, 16, or 32
- a fixed number of bits of priority, 2 bits, providing four levels of configurable priority
- both level and pulse interrupt support
- processor state automatically saved on interrupt entry and restored on interrupt exit, with no instruction overhead.

See Chapter 7 *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller* for more information.

1.2.4 Bus master

The Bus master provides a maximum of two interfaces. One master interface connects the internal *Private Peripheral Bus* (PPB) signals to the AHB PPB. The other master interface connects external bus signals to the AHB port.

1.2.5 AHB-PPB

The *AHB Private Peripheral Bus* (AHB-PPB) is used to access the:

- NVIC
- the debug components when present.

1.2.6 Debug

There are two configurations for debug:

- The full debug configuration has four breakpoint comparators and two watchpoint comparators. This is the default configuration.
- The reduced debug configuration has two breakpoint comparators and one watchpoint comparator.

The Debug components are:

- AHB decoder** Decodes the AHB address lines to create selects for the peripherals in the debug system.
- AHB multiplexer** Combines the debug slave responses for all debug blocks.
- AHB matrix** The AHB Matrix arbitrates between the processor and debug accesses to the internal PPB and the AHB-Lite external interface. See Chapter 10 *External and Memory Interfaces* for more information.
- DAP** The processor contains the *AHB-Access Port* (AHB-AP). The AHB-AP converts the output from an external DP component to an AHB-lite master interface. The AHB-AP master is the highest priority master in the AHB matrix. The Cortex-M1 system supports 3 possible, configuration selectable, external DP implementations:
- A *Serial-Wire JTAG Debug Port* (SWJ-DP) that combines a JTAG Debug Port and a Serial Wire Debug Port and a mechanism that allows switching between Serial Wire and JTAG
 - A *Serial Wire only Debug Port* (SW-DP)
 - A *JTAG only Debug Port* (JTAG-DP).
- See Chapter 8 *Debug* and Chapter 9 *Debug Access Port* for more information.

Debug TCM interface

The debug TCM interface comprises one debug interface to access both ITCM and DTCM. Only one TCM can be accessed at any one time.

If your FPGA supports dual ported memory, you can connect both the debug memory interface and core memory interfaces to TCM without any multiplexing. In this case, debug access and core access to TCM is simultaneous. No logic is in place to guarantee predictable results when there are simultaneous accesses on the core and debug interfaces to the same word of memory. If your FPGA memory cannot handle this case predictably, you must either add your own logic or ensure that debug accesses never conflict with core accesses. For example, a debugger can safely access TCMs when the processor is halted or the system reset signal, **SYSRESETn**, is asserted.

If your FPGA does not support dual ported memory, you must add arbitration logic to connect to both the debug memory interfaces and core memory interfaces.

See Chapter 8 *Debug* for more information.

BreakPoint Unit

The BPU has:

- four instruction address comparators in the full debug configuration
- two instruction address comparators in the reduced debug configuration.

You can individually configure the instruction address comparators to perform a hardware breakpoint. Each comparator can match the address of the instruction being fetched. If there is a match, the BPU ensures that the processor triggers a breakpoint if the instruction that caused the match is executed. Breakpoints are only supported in the code region of the memory map.

See Chapter 8 *Debug* for more information.

Data Watchpoint unit

The DW unit has:

- two address comparators in the full debug configuration
- one address comparator in the reduced debug configuration.

You can configure the comparators individually to match either an instruction address or a data address. Masking support for address matching is also supported.

Watchpoints are semi-precise. This means the processor does not halt on the instruction that generates the match, it permits the next instruction to be executed before halting.

See Chapter 8 *Debug* for more information.

Debug control

A debugger can access the debug control registers through the PPB to halt and step the processor. The debugger can also access processor registers when the processor is halted.

See Chapter 8 *Debug* for more information.

ROM table

The ROM table enables standard debug tools to recognize the processor and the debug peripherals available, and to find the addresses required to access those peripherals.

See Chapter 8 *Debug* for more information.

1.3 Configurable options

The processor comes in one of two forms:

- processor with full debug or reduced debug
- processor without debug.

Table 1-1 shows the features you can configure using parameters and the default for the processors.

Table 1-1 Parameter configurable options

Feature	Configurable option	Default value
Interrupts	External interrupts 1, 8, 16 or 32. 0 is not supported.	8
Data endianness	Little-endian or BE-8 big-endian.	Little-endian
OS extension	Present or absent.	Present
Debug ^a	Full or Reduced debug	Full
Multiplier	Normal or small multiplier.	Normal multiplier

a. Present only if the processor is configured with debug.

Table 1-2 shows the features you can configure by setting processor pin values.

Table 1-2 Pin value configurable options

Feature	Configurable option
Instruction TCM size ^a	0KB (no Instruction TCM), 1KB, 2KB, and powers of 2 to 1MB.
Data TCM size ^a	0KB (no Data TCM), 1KB, 2KB, and powers of 2 to 1MB.
Instruction TCM alias	Upper Alias and/or Lower Alias enabled

a. TCM size might be limited by the memory available on your FPGA. Contact your implementation team for more information.

1.4 About the architecture

This processor is an implementation of the ARM architecture v6-M. For details on the instructions that you can use with this processor, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

For complete descriptions of all instruction sets, see the *ARMv6-M Instruction Set Quick Reference Guide*.

1.5 Binary compatibility with Cortex-M3 processor

The Cortex-M1 processor implements a forward binary compatible subset of the instruction set and features provided by the Cortex-M3 processor. Software, including system level code, can be easily moved from Cortex-M1 processors to Cortex-M3 processors. This provides increased performance and a simple migration path from FPGA to ASIC without the requirement for recompilation.

To ensure a smooth transition, ARM recommends that code designed to operate on both processor architectures obey the following rules and configure the *Configuration Control Register* (CCR) appropriately:

- Use word transfers only to access all registers in the NVIC and *System Control Space* (SCS)
- Treat all unused SCS registers and bit fields on the Cortex-M1 processor as do-not-modify
- As soon as possible after reset, manually configure the following fields in the CCR on the Cortex-M3 processor:
 - STKALIGN bit to one
 - UNALIGN_TRP bit to one
 - Leave all other bits in the CCR register as their original value.

1.6 Product revisions

This section summarizes the differences in functionality between the releases of this processor:

r0p0-r0p1 There are no differences in functionality.

r0p1-r1p0 The following changes are incorporated into this release:

- **DBGRESTART** and **DBGRESTARTED** pins added to enable exit from Halting Debug using the **DBGRESTART/DBGRESTARTED** handshake mechanism.
- ITCM Upper/Lower Alias mechanism added: **CFGITCMEN[1:0]** pins and Alias Enable bits added to new **Auxiliary Control Register** in the *System Control Space* (SCS).
- SWJ-DP removed from the Debug processor. You must now implement the DP at the integration stage.

Chapter 2

Programmer's Model

This chapter describes the processor programmer's model. It contains the following sections:

- *About the programmer's model* on page 2-2
- *Registers* on page 2-4
- *Data types* on page 2-10
- *Memory formats* on page 2-11
- *Instruction set* on page 2-13.

2.1 About the programmer's model

The processor implements a lightweight profile of Thumb-2, which is all instructions as defined in the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*. The processor does not execute ARM instructions.

2.1.1 Privilege

The processor does not support differentiated User and Privileged modes. The processor is always in Privileged mode.

2.1.2 Operating modes

The processor supports two modes of operation:

Thread mode

Is entered on Reset and can be re-entered as a result of an exception return.

Handler mode

Is entered as a result of an exception.

2.1.3 Operating states

The processor can operate in one of two operating states:

Thumb state

This is normal execution running the set of 16-bit and 32-bit halfword aligned Thumb and Thumb-2 instructions.

Debug state

This is the state when in halting debug.

2.1.4 Main stack and process stack access

Out of reset, all code uses the main stack. An exception handler such as SVCcall can change the stack used by Thread mode from the main stack to the process stack by changing the EXC_RETURN value it uses on exit. All exceptions continue to use the main stack. The stack pointer, R13, is a banked register that switches between the main stack and the process stack. Only one stack, the process stack or the main stack, is visible through R13 at any one time.

It is also possible to switch from main stack to process stack while in Thread mode by writing to the Special-Purpose Control Register using the MSR instruction. See *Special-Purpose Control Register* on page 2-9 for more information.

2.2 Registers

The processor has the following 32-bit registers:

- 13 general-purpose registers, R0-R12
- *Stack Pointer* (SP) (SP, R13) and banked register aliases, SP_process and SP_main
- Link Register (LR, R14)
- Program Counter (PC, R15)
- Program status registers, xPSR.

Figure 2-1 shows the processor register set.

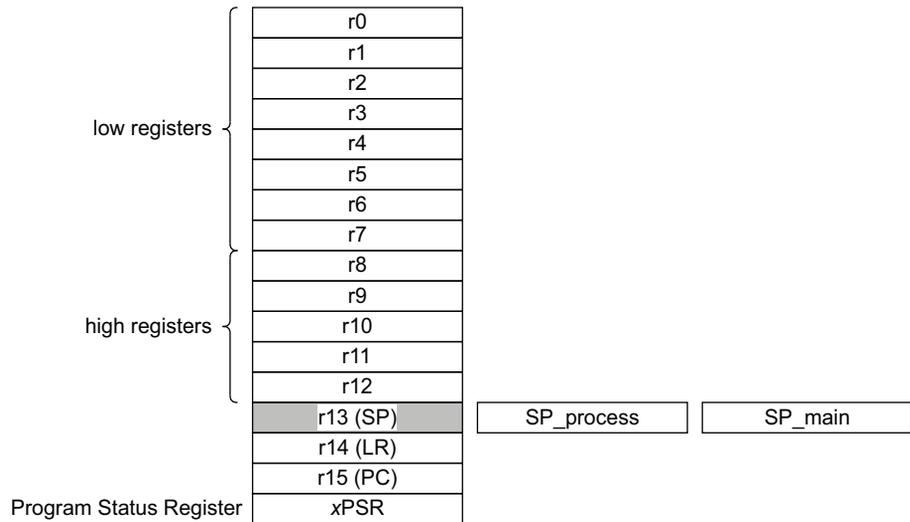


Figure 2-1 Processor register set

2.2.1 General-purpose registers

The general-purpose registers R0-R12 have no special architecturally-defined uses.

Low registers Registers R0-R7 are accessible by all instructions that specify a general-purpose register.

High registers Registers R8-R12 are not accessible by all 16-bit instructions.

The R13, R14, and R15 registers have the following special functions:

Stack pointer Register R13 is used as the *Stack Pointer* (SP). Because the SP ignores writes to bits [1:0], it is autoaligned to a word, four-byte, boundary.

———— **Note** —————

SP[1:0] must be treated as SBZP.

Handler mode always uses SP_main, Thread mode can use either SP_main or SP_process.

Link register Register R14 is the subroutine *Link Register* (LR).
The LR receives the return address from PC when a *Branch and Link* (BL) instruction is executed.

Exception entry use the LR to provide exception return information.

At all other times, you can treat R14 as a general-purpose register.

Program counter Register R15 is the *Program Counter* (PC).
Bit [0] is always 0, so instructions are always aligned to halfword boundaries.

2.2.2 Special-purpose program status registers (xPSR)

This section describes the break down of the processor status register at the system level:

- *Application PSR*
- *Interrupt PSR* on page 2-6
- *Execution PSR* on page 2-7.

They can be accessed as individual registers, a combination of any two from three, or a combination of all three using the MRS and MSR instructions.

Application PSR

The *Application PSR* (APSR) contains the condition code flags. Before entering an exception, the processor saves the condition code flags on the stack. You can access the APSR using the MSR and MRS instructions.

Figure 2-2 on page 2-6 shows the bit assignments of the APSR.

Table 2-2 lists the bit assignments of the IPSR.

Table 2-2 Interrupt Program Status Register bit assignments

Field	Name	Definition
[31:6]	-	Reserved
[5:0]	Exception Number	Number of executing exception: Thread mode = 0 NMI = 2 Hard Fault = 3 <i>SuperVisor Call</i> (SVCall) = 11 PendSV = 14 SysTck = 15 IRQ ₀ = 16 . . . IRQ ₃₁ = 47

Execution PSR

The *Execution PSR* (EPSR) contains the *Thumb state bit* (T-bit).

Figure 2-4 shows the bit assignments of the EPSR.

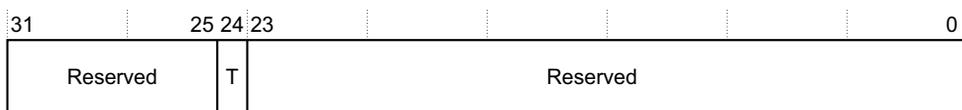


Figure 2-4 Execution Program Status Register bit assignments

Note

Unless the processor is in Debug state, the EPSR is not directly accessible and all fields read as zero using an MRS instruction. MSR instruction writes are ignored.

Table 2-3 lists the bit assignments of the EPSR.

Table 2-3 EPSR bit assignments

Field	Name	Definition
[31:25]	-	Reserved.
[24]	T	The T-bit is set according to the reset vector when the processor comes out of reset. The execution of an instruction with the EPSR T-bit clear causes a Hard Fault. This ensures that attempts to switch to ARM state fail in a predictable way.
[23:0]	-	Reserved.

Saved xPSR bits

On entering an exception, the processor saves the combined information from the three status registers on the stack.

———— **Note** —————

Bit [9] of the stacked xPSR contains the alignment status of the active SP when the exception processing begins.

2.2.3 Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register

Use the Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register for priority boosting.

Figure 2-5 shows the bit assignments of the Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register.

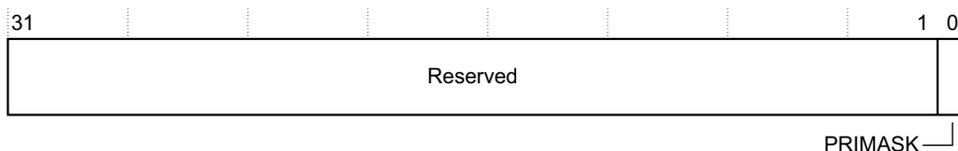


Figure 2-5 Special-purpose Priority Mask Register bit assignments

Table 2-4 lists the bit assignments of the Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register.

Table 2-4 Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register bit assignments

Field	Name	Function
[31:1]	-	Reserved
[0]	PRIMASK	When set, raises execution priority to 0

You can access the Special-Purpose Priority Mask Register using the MSR and MRS instructions. You can also use the CPS instruction to set or clear PRIMASK.

2.2.4 Special-Purpose Control Register

The Special-Purpose Control Register identifies the stack pointers used.

Figure 2-6 shows the bit assignments of the Special-purpose Control Register.

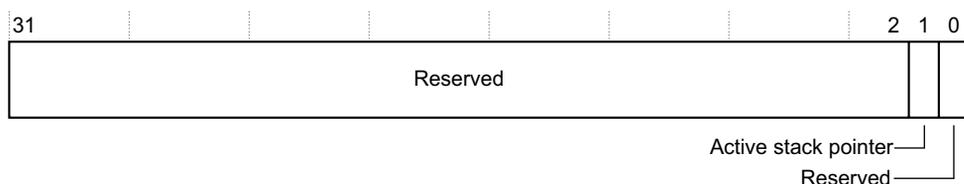


Figure 2-6 Special-Purpose Control Register bit assignments

Table 2-5 lists bit assignments of the Special-Purpose Control Register.

Table 2-5 Special-Purpose Control Register bit assignments

Field	Name	Function
[31:2]	-	Reserved
[1]	Active stack pointer	Defines the stack to use: 0 = SP_main is used for the current stack 1 = For Thread mode, SP_process is used for the current stack ^a .
[0]	-	Reserved

a. Attempts to set this bit from Handler mode are ignored.

For writes from Handler mode occurring as part of an exception return, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

2.3 Data types

The processor supports the following data types:

- 32-bit words
- 16-bit halfwords
- 8-bit bytes.

———— **Note** —————

Unless otherwise stated the core can access all regions of the memory map, including the code region, with all data types. To support this, the system, including memories, must support subword writes without corrupting neighboring bytes in that word.

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2.4 Memory formats

The processor views memory as a linear collection of bytes numbered in ascending order:

- The word at address A consists of the bytes at address A, A+1, A+2, A+3
- The halfword at address A consists of the bytes at address A, A+1
- The halfword at address A+2 consists of the bytes at address A+2, A+3
- The word at address A therefore consists of the halfwords at address A, A+2.

Table 2-6 shows the required mapping for an AHB-Lite interface. Table 2-6 also shows how the slaves use the **HSIZE** and the **HADDR** signals to determine which byte lanes are active on the data buses **HWDATA** and **HRDATA**.

Table 2-6 Required mapping for an AHB-Lite interface

HSIZE	HADDR[1:0]	DATA[31:24]	DATA[23:16]	DATA[15:8]	DATA[7:0]
Word	0	x	x	x	x
Halfword	0	-	-	x	x
Halfword	2	x	x	-	-
Byte	0	-	-	-	x
Byte	1	-	-	x	-
Byte	2	-	x	-	-
Byte	3	x	-	-	-

On the TCM interface, the byte write enables are to be used for writes to ensure the correct byte lanes on the write data bus are written. All TCM reads are performed as word accesses and the processor will select the appropriate byte lanes depending on the requested access size and the address alignment.

———— **Note** —————

These properties are endian-independent.

Endianness affects the numeric significance given to the bytes within the word or halfword, by the master performing the access. For a little-endian access, the byte with the highest address within the word or halfword has the highest numerical significance. For a big-endian access, the byte with the lowest address has the highest numerical significance.

For more details on endianness, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

Accesses to the PPB space are always in little-endian format. The processor correctly interprets PPB data even when configured for big-endian operation.

2.5 Instruction set

The processor supports all ARMv6-M Thumb and Thumb-2 instructions. For information on ARMv6-M Thumb instructions, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*. The processor does not support ARM instructions.

Chapter 3

Memory Map

This chapter describes the processor fixed memory map. It contains the following section:

- *About the memory map* on page 3-2.

3.1 About the memory map

Figure 3-1 shows the fixed memory map.

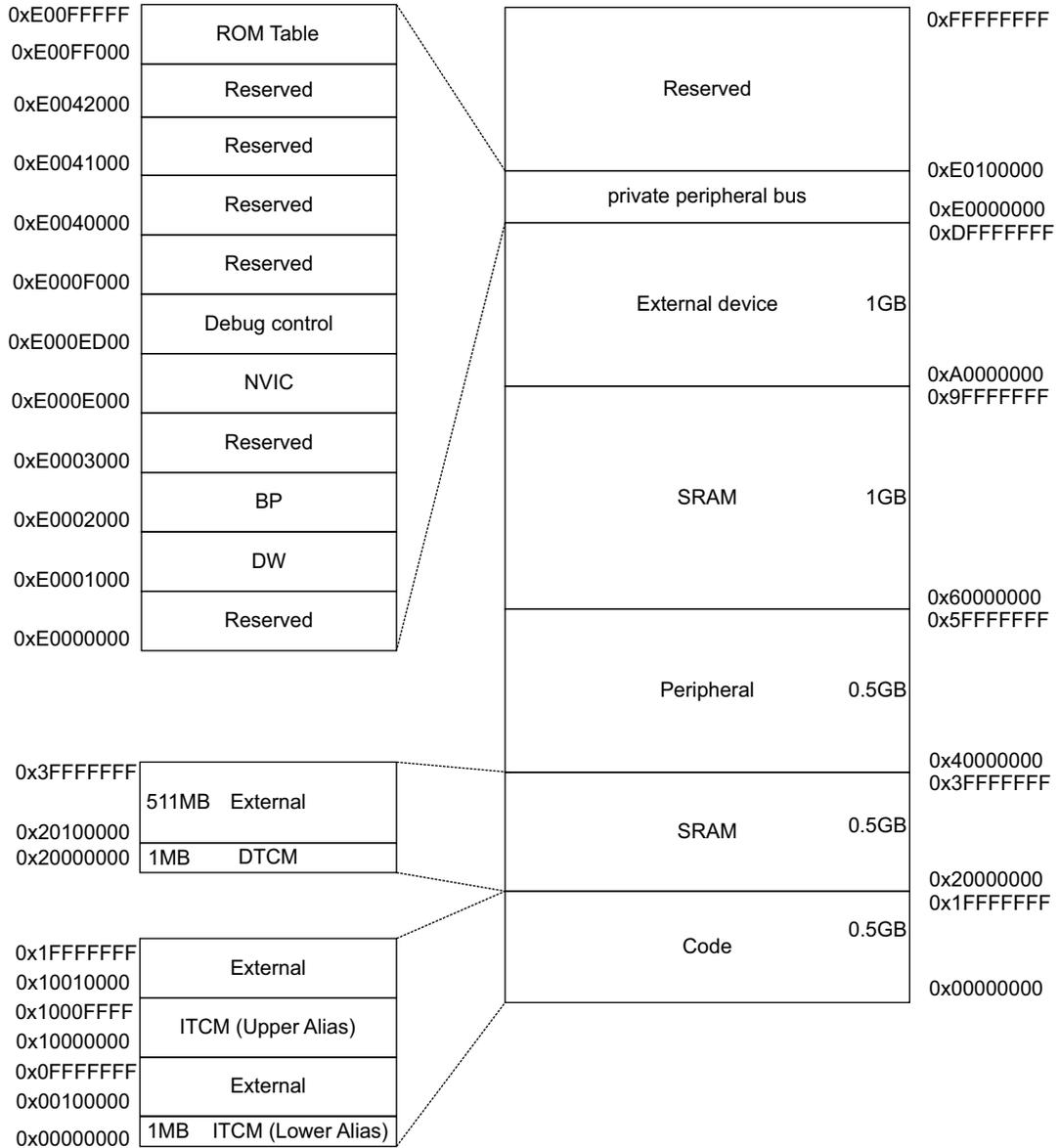


Figure 3-1 Processor memory map

Table 3-1 shows the permissions of the processor memory regions.

Table 3-1 Processor memory regions

Region	Name	Device type	XN ^a	Interface accessed
0x00000000-0x000FFFFFF	Code, ITCM, Lower Alias	Normal	-	If the ITCM Lower Alias is enabled, instruction fetches and data accesses are performed to ITCM. Data accesses include data literal accesses. The region shown here is for the maximum supported size of ITCM. If there is less ITCM, this region ends at a lower address and the next starts at the following address.
0x00100000-0x0FFFFFFF	Code, external	Normal	-	Instruction fetches and data accesses are performed to the external system bus. Data accesses include data literal accesses.
0x10000000-0x100FFFFFF	Code, ITCM, Upper Alias	Normal	-	If the ITCM Upper Alias is enabled, instruction fetches and data accesses are performed to ITCM. Data accesses include data literal accesses. The region shown here is for the maximum supported size of ITCM. If there is less ITCM, this region ends at a lower address and the next starts at the following address.
0x10010000-0x1FFFFFFF	Code, external	Normal	-	Instruction fetches and data accesses are performed to the external system bus. Data accesses include data literal accesses.
0x20000000-0x200FFFFFF	SRAM, DTCM	Normal	XN	Instruction fetches are faulted. Data accesses are performed to DTCM. The region shown here is for the maximum supported size of DTCM. If there is less DTCM, this region ends at a lower address and the next starts at the following address.
0x20100000-0x3FFFFFFF	SRAM, external	Normal	-	Instruction fetches are performed to the external system bus. Data accesses are performed to the external system bus.
0x40000000-0x5FFFFFFF	Peripheral	Device	XN	Data accesses are performed to the external system bus. Instruction accesses are prevented and faulted.
0x60000000-0x9FFFFFFF	SRAM	Normal	-	Instruction and Data accesses are performed to the external system bus.

Table 3-1 Processor memory regions (continued)

Region	Name	Device type	XN ^a	Interface accessed
0xA0000000-0xDFFFFFFF	External Device	Device	XN	Data accesses are performed to the external system bus. Instruction accesses are prevented and faulted.
0xE0000000-0xE00FFFFFF	Private Peripheral Bus	SO	XN	Data accesses are performed over the PPB. Instruction accesses are prevented and faulted.
0xE0100000-0xFFFFFFFF	System	-	XN	System segment. Instruction accesses are prevented and faulted. For data fetches, the region is reserved.

a. Execute Never. A region is marked as XN to prevent instructions being fetched from that region.

See Chapter 10 *External and Memory Interfaces* for a description of the processor bus interfaces. See Chapter 8 *Debug* for information on ROM memory.

Chapter 4

Exceptions

This chapter describes the exception model of the processor. It contains the following sections:

- *About the exception model* on page 4-2
- *Exception types* on page 4-3
- *Exception priority* on page 4-5
- *Stacks* on page 4-7
- *Pre-emption* on page 4-8
- *Exception exit* on page 4-10
- *Late-arrival* on page 4-12
- *Exception control transfer* on page 4-13
- *Activation levels* on page 4-14
- *Lock-up* on page 4-16.

4.1 About the exception model

The processor and the *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller* (NVIC) prioritize and handle all exceptions. All exceptions are handled in Handler mode. Processor state is automatically stored to the stack on an exception and automatically restored from the stack at the end of the exception handler. The following features enable efficient, low latency exception handling:

- Automatic state saving and restoring. The processor pushes state registers on the stack when entering the exception and pops them when exiting the exception with no instruction overhead.

For information on what content is stacked, see *Pre-emption* on page 4-8.

- Automatic reading of the vector table entry that contains the exception handler address.

———— **Note** —————

Vector table entries are ARM or Thumb interworking compatible values.

Bit[0] of the vector value is loaded into the EPSR T-bit on exception entry. Creating a table entry with bit [0] clear generates a Hard Fault on the first instruction of the handler corresponding to this vector.

- Closely-coupled interface between the processor and the NVIC to enable efficient processing of interrupts and processing of late-arriving interrupts with higher priority.
- Configurable number of interrupts, from 1, 8, 16, or 32.
- Two bits of configurable interrupt priority providing four levels.
- Separate stacks for Handler and Thread modes if the *Operating System* (OS) extension is implemented.
- Exception control transfer using the calling conventions of the C/C++ standard *ARM Architecture Procedure Call Standard* (AAPCS). For more information, see the *Application Binary Interface for the ARM Architecture* (*The Base Standard*).
- Priority masking to support critical regions.

———— **Note** —————

The number of interrupts are configured during implementation. Software can choose to enable a subset of the configured number of hardware interrupts.

4.2 Exception types

Various types of exceptions exist in the processor. A fault is an exception that results from an error condition. Faults can be reported synchronously or asynchronously with respect to the instruction that caused them. In general, faults are reported synchronously. Faults caused by writes over the external AHB bus are asynchronous faults. A synchronous fault is always reported with the instruction that caused the fault. An asynchronous fault does not guarantee how it is reported with respect to the instruction that caused the fault.

For more information on exceptions, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

Table 4-1 shows the exception type, position, and priority. Position refers to the word offset of the exception vectors from the start of the vector table, which is always at address $0x0$. The lower numbers shown in the Priority column of the table are higher priority. How the types are activated, synchronously or asynchronously, is also shown. The exact meaning and use of priorities is explained in *Exception priority* on page 4-5.

Table 4-1 Exception types

Position	Exception type	Priority	Description	Activated
-	-	-	Stack top is loaded from first entry of vector table on reset.	-
1	Reset	-3 (highest)	Invoked on power up and warm reset. On first instruction, drops to lowest priority, Thread mode.	Asynchronous
2	Non-maskable Interrupt	-2	This exception type cannot be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> masked or prevented from activation by any other exception pre-empted by any other exception other than Reset. 	Asynchronous
3	Hard Fault	-1	All classes of Fault.	Synchronous or asynchronous
4-10	-	-	Reserved.	-
11	SVC	Configurable	System service call using the SVC instruction.	Synchronous
12-13	-	-	Reserved.	-

Table 4-1 Exception types (continued)

Position	Exception type	Priority	Description	Activated
14	PendSV	Configurable	Pendable request for system service. This is only pended by software.	Asynchronous
15	SysTick	Configurable	System tick timer has fired.	Asynchronous
16-47	External Interrupt	Configurable	Asserted from outside the processor or pended by software.	Asynchronous

4.3 Exception priority

Table 4-2 shows how priority affects when and how the processor takes an exception. It lists the actions an exception can take based on priority.

Table 4-2 Exception scenarios

Scenario	Description
Pre-emption	<p>A pended exception can interrupt the current execution thread if the priority of the pended exception is higher than the current execution priority.</p> <p>When one exception pre-empts another, the exceptions are nested.</p> <p>On exception entry the processor automatically saves processor state, which is pushed on to the stack. The vector corresponding to the exception is fetched. Execution begins at the address pointed to by the vector table value. Execution of the first instruction of the exception starts when the processor state has been saved. The state saving is performed over the ITCM, DTCM, or external AHB-Lite interface depending on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the value of the stack pointer when the processor registered the exception • the size of the TCMs implemented. <p>The vector fetch is performed over the external AHB-Lite interface or the ITCM memory interface depending on the configuration of ITCM size.</p>
Return	<p>When a valid return instruction is executed, the processor pops the stack and returns to a stacked exception or Thread mode.</p> <p>On completion of an exception handler the processor automatically restores the processor state by popping the stack to restore the state prior to the exception.</p>
Late-arriving	<p>A mechanism used by the processor to speed up pre-emption. If a higher priority exception arrives during state saving for a previous pre-emption, the processor switches to handling the higher priority exception instead and initiates the vector fetch for that exception. The state saving is not affected by late arrival, because the state that is saved is the same for both exceptions and the state saving continues uninterrupted. Late arriving exceptions are recognized up to the point where the vector fetch has been initiated. If a high priority exception is recognized too late to be handled as a late arrival, it is pended and subsequently pre-empts the original exception handler.</p>

In the processor exception model, priority determines when and how the processor takes exceptions. You can assign priority levels to interrupts.

4.3.1 Priority levels

The NVIC supports software-assigned priority levels. You can assign a priority level from 0 to 3 to an interrupt by writing to the two-bit IP_N field in an Interrupt Priority Register, see *Interrupt Priority Registers* on page 7-7. Priority level 0 is the highest priority level and priority level 3 is the lowest. For example, if you assign priority level 1 to **IRQ[0]** and priority level 0 to **IRQ[31]**, then **IRQ[31]** has priority over **IRQ[0]**.

———— **Note** ————

Software prioritization does not affect reset, *Non-Maskable Interrupt* (NMI), and Hard Fault. They always have higher priority than the external interrupts.

When multiple exceptions have the same priority number, the pending exception with the lowest exception number takes precedence. For example, if both **IRQ[0]** and **IRQ[1]** are priority level 1, then **IRQ[0]** has precedence over **IRQ[1]**.

An exception is pre-empted if the handler receives an exception that has a higher priority. If the handler receives an interrupt of the same priority the exception is not pre-empted, irrespective of the interrupt number.

For more information on the IP_N fields, see *Interrupt Priority Registers* on page 7-7.

4.4 Stacks

The processor supports two separate stacks:

Process stack

You can configure Thread mode to use either SP_process or SP_main for its *Stack Pointer* (SP).

———— **Note** —————

This is only available if the OS extension option is implemented. Contact your implementation team for information.

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Main stack Handler mode uses the main stack. SP_main is the SP register for the main stack. Thread mode uses SP_main out of reset.

Only one Stack Pointer register, SP_process or SP_main, is visible at any time, using R13.

When a thread is pre-empted, its context is automatically saved onto the stack that was active at the time the exception was recognized.

If an exception pre-empts Thread mode, the context of the pre-empted thread can be stacked using SP_process or SP_main depending on the value of the CONTROL[1] bit.

If an exception pre-empts another exception handler running in Handler mode, the pre-empted context can only be stacked using SP_main because this is the only stack pointer that can be active in Handler mode.

On exception return, the EXC_RETURN value determines which stack is used for the unstacking of context. The EXC_RETURN value loaded into R14 during exception entry points to the same stack that was used to stack the context. If your exception handler code moves the stack, you must ensure that the EXC_RETURN value used for exception return is correctly updated.

All exception handlers must use SP_main for their local variables.

When the OS extension option is implemented:

- you can configure Thread mode to use the process stack
- exception handlers always use SP_main.

———— **Note** —————

MSR and MRS instructions have visibility of both stack pointers.

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4.5 Pre-emption

This section describes the behavior of the processor when it takes an exception.

When the processor takes an exception, it automatically pushes the following eight registers to the stack:

- xPSR
- ReturnAddress()
- *Link Register* (LR)
- R12
- R3
- R2
- R1
- R0.

For information on how ReturnAddress() relates to instruction address, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

The SP is decremented by eight words on the completion of the stack push. Figure 4-1 shows the contents of the stack after an exception pre-empts the current program flow.

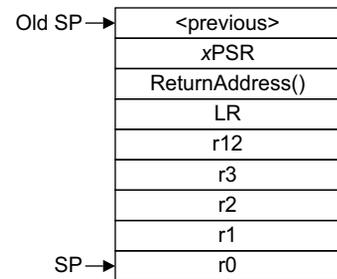


Figure 4-1 Stack contents after a pre-emption

————— **Note** —————

- Figure 4-1 shows the order on the stack.
- Doubleword alignment of the stack pointer is enforced when stacking commences. Bit [2] of the stack pointer is saved as bit [9] of the stacked xPSR.

After returning from the exception, the processor automatically pops the eight registers from the stack. The exception return value, EXC_RETURN, is automatically loaded into the LR on exception entry to enable exception handlers to be written as normal C/C++ functions without the requirement for a veneer. See the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual* for more information.

Table 4-3 describes the steps that the processor takes before it enters an exception.

Table 4-3 Exception entry steps

Action	Description
Push eight registers	Pushes xPSR, ReturnAddress(), LR, R12, R3,R2, R1, and R0 on selected stack.
Read vector table	Reads vector from the appropriate vector table entry: (0x0) + (exception_number *4). The vector table read is done after all eight registers are pushed on to the stack.
Read SP_main from vector table	On Reset only, SP_main is updated from the first entry in the vector table. Other exceptions do not modify SP_main in this manner.
Update LR	The LR is set to the appropriate EXC_RETURN to enable correct return from the exception. EXC_RETURN is one of 16 values as defined in <i>ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual</i> .
Update PC	Updates PC with the read data from the vector table. No other late-arriving exceptions can be processed until the first instruction of the exception starts to execute.
Load pipeline	Pipeline is filled with sequential instructions at the vector address.

4.6 Exception exit

The exception return instruction of a handler loads the PC with the EXC_RETURN value that was present in LR on entry to an exception handler. This indicates to the processor that the exception is complete and the processor initiates the exception exit sequence. See *Returning the processor from an exception* for the instructions that you can use to return from an exception.

When returning from an exception, the processor is either:

- returning to the last stacked exception
- returning to Thread mode if there are no stacked exceptions.

Table 4-4 describes the postamble sequence.

Table 4-4 Exception exit steps

Action	Description
Select SP	Sets CONTROL[1] based on EXC_RETURN.
Pop eight registers	Pops R0, R1, R2, R3, R12, LR, PC, and xPSR from stack selected by EXC_RETURN. The value of xPSR[5:0] loaded off the stack determines the exception number that defines the priority of the thread to be returned to. The value of EXC_RETURN determines which mode is returned to.

4.6.1 Returning the processor from an exception

Exception returns occur when one of the following instructions executed in Handler mode loads a value of 0xFFFFFFFF into the PC:

- POP that includes loading the PC
- BX with any register.

When used in this way, the value written to the PC is intercepted and is referred to as the EXC_RETURN value. Table 4-5 lists the EXC_RETURN[3:0] values with a description of the exception return behavior.

Table 4-5 Exception return behavior

EXC_RETURN[3:0]	Description
0bXXX0	Reserved.
0b0001	Return to Handler mode. Exception return gets state from the main stack. Execution uses SP_Main after return.
0b0011	Reserved.
0b01X1	Reserved.
0b1001	Return to Thread mode. Exception return gets state from the main stack. Execution uses SP_Main after return.
0b1101	Return to Thread mode. Exception return gets state from the process stack. Execution uses SP_Process after return.
0b1X11	Reserved.

If an EXC_RETURN value is loaded into the PC when in Thread mode, or from the vector table, or by any other instruction, the value is treated as an address, not as a special value. This address range is defined to have *Execute Never* (XN) permissions and results in a Hard Fault.

———— **Note** —————

Exception handlers must preserve the value of EXC_RETURN[28:4] or write them as all ones (1s).

4.7 Late-arrival

A late-arriving exception can be handled in preference to a previous exception if the vector fetch has not started and the late-arriving exception has:

- a higher priority than the previous exception
- the same priority but a lower exception number than the previous exception.

A late-arriving exception causes a change of vector address fetch and exception prefetch. State saving is not performed for the late-arriving exception because it has already been performed for the initial exception and so does not have to be repeated. In this case, execution commences at the vector of the late arriving exception while the previous exception remains pending.

If a high priority exception is recognized after the vector fetch of the original exception has started, the late-arriving exception cannot use the context already stacked for the original exception. In this case, the original exception handler is pre-empted and its context is saved onto the stack.

4.8 Exception control transfer

Table 4-6 shows how the processor transfers control to an exception following the rules.

Table 4-6 Transferring to exception processing

Processor activity at recognition of exception	Transfer to exception processing
Instruction	Instruction completes and exception is taken before the next instruction.
Exception entry	<p>This is classified as a late arriving exception. If the new exception is of higher priority or the same priority and lower exception number than the first exception, the core might service the late arriving exception first as a late arrival case. If not, the late arriving exception remains pending and normal pre-emption rules apply.</p> <p>If the late arriving exception arrives early enough in the core stacking phase it is taken as a late arrival. In this case, the core fetches the vector for the late arriving exception instead of the vector for the first exception. Execution begins at the late arriving exception vector and the first exception remains pending.</p> <p>If the late arriving exception arrives too late in the stacking phase it cannot be handled as a late arrival. Instead, the first exception vector is fetched, execution commences at the first exception vector address and the late arriving exception is pending and normal pre-emption rules apply.</p>
Exception postamble	Exception return sequence is completed and execution resumes at the target of the return. Normal pre-emption rules then apply.

4.9 Activation levels

When no exceptions are active, the processor is in Thread mode. When an exception or fault handler is active, the processor enters Handler mode. Table 4-7 lists the stacks and associated active exception and activation levels.

Table 4-7 Stack activation levels

Active exception	Activation level	Stack
None	Thread mode	Main or process
Exception active	Asynchronous pre-emption level	Main
Fault handler active	Asynchronous or Synchronous pre-emption level	Main

Table 4-8 lists the transition rules for all exception types and how they relate to the access rules and stack model.

Table 4-8 Exception transitions

Active exception	Triggering event	Transition type	Stack
Reset	Reset signal	Thread	Main
ISR or NMI ^a	Set-pending software instruction or hardware signal	Asynchronous pre-emption	Main
Hard Fault	Any fault	Synchronous or asynchronous pre-emption	Main
SVC ^b	SVC instruction	Synchronous pre-emption	Main

a. Nonmaskable interrupt.

b. Supervisor Call.

Table 4-9 on page 4-15 lists exception subtype transitions.

Table 4-9 Exception subtype transitions

Intended activation subtype	Triggering event	Activation	Priority effect
Thread	Reset signal	Asynchronous	Immediate, thread is lowest
Interrupt or NMI	Hardware signal or set-pend	Asynchronous	Pre-empt according to priority
SVC	SVC instruction	Synchronous	If the priority programmed for the SVCcall exception is higher than the currently executing priority, the SVCcall exception is taken. If not, the SVC escalates to a HardFault.
PendSV	Software pend request	Asynchronous	Pre-empt according to priority
SysTick	Counter reaches zero or set-pend	Asynchronous	Pre-empt according to priority
HardFault	Any fault	Synchronous or asynchronous ^a	Higher than all except NMI ^b

a. Activation depends on the cause of the fault.

b. If a Hard Fault occurs when the processor is executing an NMI or Hard Fault handler, the processor enters the architectural lock-up state. See *Lock-up* on page 4-16 for more information.

4.10 Lock-up

The processor has a lock-up state that is entered when an unrecoverable condition occurs. The cause of unrecoverable conditions are asynchronous or synchronous faults, including an escalated SVC instruction. For more information on unrecoverable conditions, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

The processor can enter the lock-up state at a priority of -1 or -2. An NMI can be taken and cause the processor to leave the lock-up state if it was at a priority of -1.

A debugger can also cause the processor to exit the lock-up state.

The **LOCKUP** pin from the processor indicates that the processor is in the lock-up state.

Chapter 5

Clocks and Resets

This chapter describes the processor clocking and resets. It contains the following section:

- *About clocks and resets* on page 5-2.

5.1 About clocks and resets

The processor has one functional clock input, **HCLK**, and one functional reset signal, **SYSRESETn**.

If debug is implemented there is also an AHP-AP clock, **DAPCLK**, a debug reset signal, **DBGRESETn**, and an AHB-AP JTAG reset, **DAPRESETn**. **DAPCLK** and **DAPRESETn** relate to the *Debug Access Port* (DAP) logic and the debug reset signal **DBGRESETn** relates to the debug logic clocked by **HCLK**.

Depending on your system requirements, **DAPCLK** can be either tied to **HCLK** or asynchronous to **HCLK**. You might want **DAPCLK** to run at a lower frequency than **HCLK** if, for example, you have other Access Ports in your system that are unable to run at the full **HCLK**. You can, alternatively, use the **DAPCLK** clock enable signal, **DAPCLKEN**, to reduce the effective **DAPCLK** frequency.

The **SYSRESETn** signal resets the entire processor system with the exception of debug, and must be used to reset the external AHB bus. The **DBGRESETn** signal resets all the debug logic in the processor, when present.

The following are not reset:

- the TCMs, when present
- the register file.

Figure 5-1 shows the reset signals for the processor.

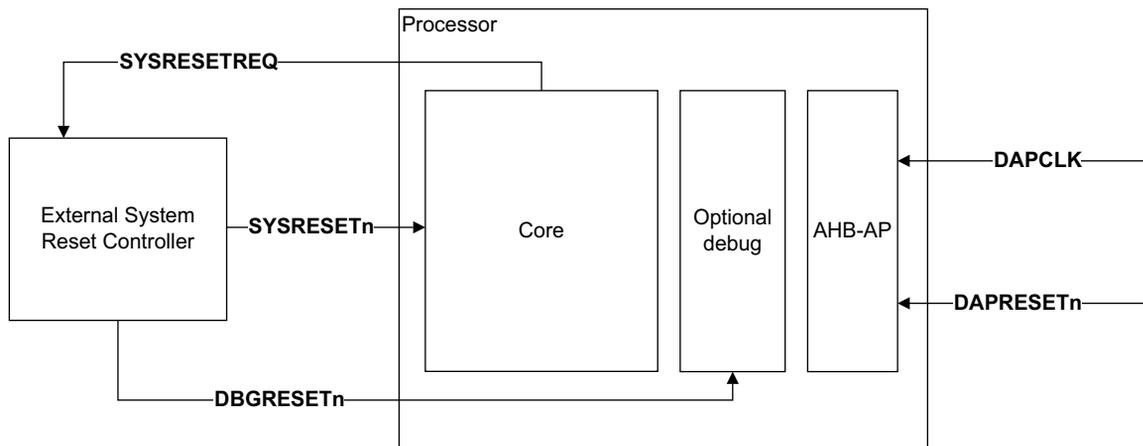


Figure 5-1 Reset signals

Note

Both **DBGRESETn** and **SYSRESETn** must be asserted at power on reset.

Depending on your requirements, you might want to reset the system outside the processor independent of the state of **SYSRESETREQ**. If this is the case, ensure that:

- Any logic required for debug is not reset.
- **SYSRESETREQ** is not connected combinatorially to **SYSRESETn**. **SYSRESETREQ** must be registered to ensure that **SYSRESETn** is driven for the minimum reset time of your FPGA. **SYSRESETREQ** is cleared by **SYSRESETn**.
- **DBGRESETn** is driven at power on reset and not by **SYSRESETREQ** otherwise the debugger cannot maintain a connection when the processor is reset.
- If **DBGRESETn** is driven **SYSRESETn** must also be driven.

Note

If you do not reset the system at the same time as the processor, you must also ensure accesses that might be in progress as reset occurs do not disrupt the system.

You must ensure that **SYSRESETn** and **DBGRESETn** are:

- held LOW for a minimum of 3 cycles
- deasserted synchronously to **HCLK**.

You can stop all of the processor clocks indefinitely without loss of state.

Note

- When the External AHB system and the processor are held in reset by **SYSRESETn**, the debugger can only access the debug portion of the PPB space of the processor and the TCMs. The debugger cannot access external memory space.
 - If **SYSRESETn** is asserted during a DAP access to the external AHB system or to the PPB space, except to debug registers, the results of the access cannot be guaranteed. For example, a read transaction might receive corrupt data and a faulting transaction might not be recognized by the DAP.
 - You must ensure that **DAPRESETn** is held LOW for a minimum of two cycles and deasserted synchronously to **DAPCLK**.
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Chapter 6

System Control

This chapter describes the registers that program the processor. It contains the following sections:

- *About system control* on page 6-2
- *System control register descriptions* on page 6-4.

6.1 About system control

Table 6-1 gives a summary of the system control registers.

Table 6-1 System control registers

Name of register	Type	Address	Reset value	Page
Auxiliary Control Register	R/W	0xE00E008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeros in upper 27 bits the value of CFGITCMEN[1:0] in bits [4:3] pins Zeros in lower 3 bits 	page 6-4
SysTick Control and Status Register	R/W	0xE00E010	0x00000004	page 6-5
SysTick Reload Value Register	R/W	0xE00E014	0x00000000	page 6-7
SysTick Current Value Register	R/W clear	0xE00E018	0x00000000	page 6-7
SysTick Calibration Value Register	RO	0xE00E01C	0x80000000	page 6-8
CPUID Base Register	RO	0xE00ED00	0x411CC210	page 6-8
Interrupt Control State Register	-a	0xE00ED04	0x00000000	page 6-9
Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register	-b	0xE00ED0C	0xFA050000 ^c 0xFA058000 ^d	page 6-12
Configuration and Control Register	R/W	0xE00ED14	0x00000208	page 6-13
System Handler Priority Register 2	R/W	0xE00ED1C	0x00000000	page 6-14
System Handler Priority Register 3	R/W	0xE00ED20	0x00000000	page 6-14
System Handler Control and State Register	R/W	0xE00ED24	0x00000000	page 6-16

a. Access type depends on the individual bit. For more information see Table 6-8 on page 6-10

b. Access type depends on the individual bit. For more information see Table 6-9 on page 6-12

c. Reset value for little-endian.

d. Reset value for BE-8 big-endian.

Note

- All system control registers are only accessible using word transfers. Any attempt to write a halfword or byte causes corruption of register bits.

- If you do not have OS extension implemented the addresses 0xE000E010, 0xE000E014, 0xE000E018, and 0xE000E01C are reserved.
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6.2 System control register descriptions

This section describes how to use the system control registers.

6.2.1 Auxiliary Control Register

Use the Auxiliary Control Register to control the Instruction TCM Upper and Lower Alias Enables.

The register address, access type and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E008

Access Read/write

Reset value Upper 27 bits at 0, the value of **CFGITCMEN[1:0]** pins in bits [4:3], lower 3 bits at 0

Figure 6-1 shows the bit assignments of the Auxiliary Control Register

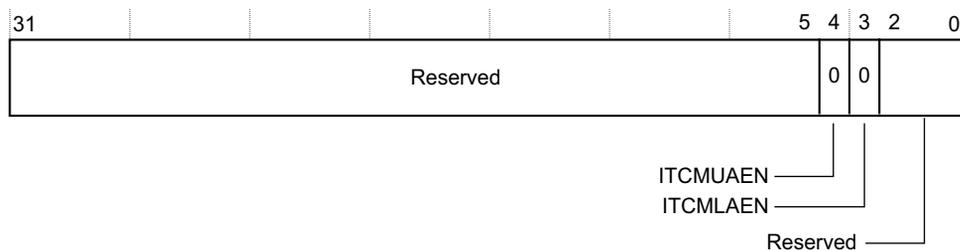


Figure 6-1 Auxiliary Control Register

Table 6-2 lists the bit assignments of the Auxiliary Control Register.

Table 6-2 Auxiliary Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:5]	-	Reserved.
[4]	ITCMUAEN	Instruction TCM Upper Alias Enable.
[3]	ITCMLAEN	Instruction TCM Lower Alias Enable.
[2:0]	-	Reserved.

When the **ITCMLAEN** bit is set, all valid instruction and data accesses to the address region 0x00000000 to (maximum ITCM size) are mapped onto the ITCM interface. When the **ITCMLAEN** bit is clear, these accesses are mapped onto the external AHB-Lite interface.

When the **ITCMUAEN** bit is set, all valid instruction and data accesses to the address region $0x10000000$ to $(0x10000000 + \text{maximum ITCM size})$ are mapped onto the ITCM interface. When the **ITCMUAEN** bit is clear, these accesses are mapped onto the external AHB-Lite interface.

6.2.2 SysTick Control and Status Register

Use the SysTick Control and Status Register to enable the SysTick features.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address $0xE000E010$

Access Read/write

Reset value $0x00000004$

Figure 6-2 shows the bit assignments of the SysTick Control and Status Register.

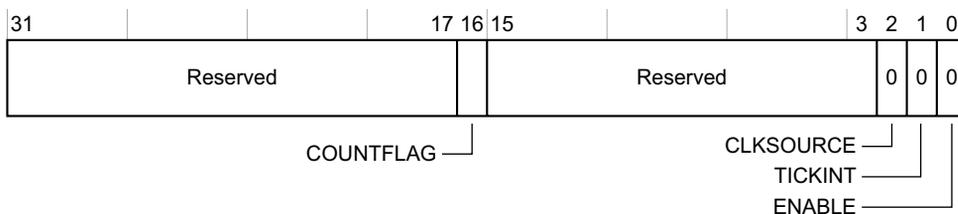


Figure 6-2 SysTick Control and Status Register bit assignments

Table 6-3 lists the bit assignments of the SysTick Control and Status register.

Table 6-3 SysTick Control and Status Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:17]	-	Reserved.
[16]	COUNTFLAG	Returns 1 if timer counted to 0 since last time this was read. Clears on read by application or debugger.
[15:3]	-	Reserved.

Table 6-3 SysTick Control and Status Register bit assignments (continued)

Bits	Field	Function
[2]	CLKSOURCE	Always reads as one: 1 = processor clock. Indicates that SysTick uses the processor clock, HCLK .
[1]	TICKINT	1 = counting down to zero pends the SysTick handler. 0 = counting down to zero does not pend the SysTick handler. Software can use COUNTFLAG to determine if the SysTick handler has ever counted to zero.
[0]	ENABLE	1 = counter operates in a multi-shot way. That is, counter loads with the Reload value and then begins counting down. On reaching 0, it sets the COUNTFLAG to 1 and optionally pends the SysTick handler, based on TICKINT. It then loads the Reload value again and begins counting. 0 = counter disabled.

6.2.3 SysTick Reload Value Register

Use the SysTick Reload Value Register to specify the start value to load into the SysTick Current Value Register when the counter reaches 0. It can be any value in range `0x00000001-0x00FFFFFF`. A start value of 0 is possible, but has no effect because the SysTick interrupt and COUNTFLAG are activated when counting from 1 to 0.

The RELOAD value can be calculated according to its use. For example:

- A multi-shot timer has a SysTick interrupt RELOAD of $N-1$ to generate a timer period of N processor clock cycles. For example, if the SysTick interrupt is required every 100 clock pulses, 99 must be written into RELOAD.
- A single shot timer has a SysTick interrupt RELOAD of N to deliver a single SysTick interrupt after a delay of N processor clock cycles. For example, if a SysTick interrupt is next required after 400 clock pulses, you must write 400 into RELOAD.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address `0xE000E014`
Access Read/write
Reset value `0x00000000`

Figure 6-3 on page 6-7 shows the bit assignments of the SysTick Reload Value Register.

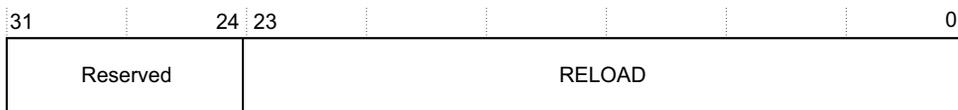


Figure 6-3 SysTick Reload Value Register bit assignments

Table 6-4 lists the bit assignments of the SysTick Reload Value Register.

Table 6-4 SysTick Reload Value Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:24]	-	Reserved
[23:0]	RELOAD	Value to load into the SysTick Current Value Register when the counter reaches 0

6.2.4 SysTick Current Value Register

Use the SysTick Current Value Register to find the current value in the register.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E018

Access Read/write clear

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 6-4 shows the bit assignments of the SysTick Current Value Register.



Figure 6-4 SysTick Current Value Register bit assignments

Table 6-5 lists the bit assignments of the SysTick Current Value Register.

Table 6-5 SysTick Current Value Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:24]	-	Reserved.
[23:0]	CURRENT	Reads return the current value of the SysTick counter. This register is write-clear. Writing to it with any value clears the register to 0. Clearing this register also clears the COUNTFLAG bit of the SysTick Control and Status Register.

6.2.5 SysTick Calibration Value Register

Use the SysTick Calibration Value Register to enable software to scale to any required speed using divide and multiply.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E01C

Access Read-only

Reset value 0x80000000

Figure 6-5 shows the bit assignments of the SysTick Calibration Value Register.

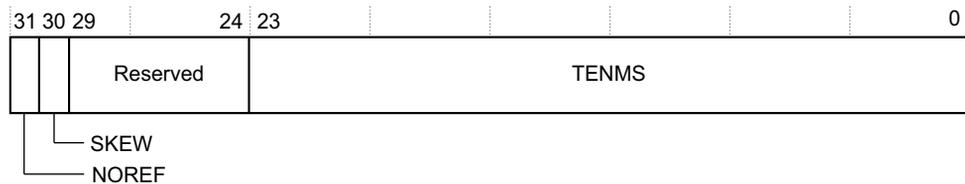


Figure 6-5 SysTick Calibration Value Register bit assignments

Table 6-6 lists the bit assignments of the SysTick Calibration Value Register.

Table 6-6 SysTick Calibration Value Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31]	NOREF	Reads as one. Indicates that no separate reference clock is provided.
[30]	SKEW	Reads as zero. Calibration value for the 10ms inexact timing is not known because TENMS is not known. This can affect its suitability as a software real time clock.
[29:24]	-	Reserved.
[23:0]	TENMS	Reads as zero. Indicates calibration value is not known.

6.2.6 CPU ID Base Register

Read the CPU ID Base Register to determine:

- the ID number of the processor core
- the version number of the processor core
- the implementation details of the processor core.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED00

Access Read-only

Reset value 0x410CC210

Figure 6-6 shows the bit assignments of the CPUID Base Register.

31	24	23	20	19	16	15	4	3	0
IMPLEMENTER			VARIANT		Constant		PARTNO		REVISION

Figure 6-6 CPUID Base Register bit assignments

Table 6-7 lists the bit assignments of the CPUID Base Register.

Table 6-7 CPUID Base Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:24]	IMPLEMENTER	Implementor code: 0x41 = ARM
[23:20]	VARIANT	Implementation defined variant number: 0x0 for r0p0 and r0p1 0x1 for r1p0.
[19:16]	Constant	Reads as 0xC
[15:4]	PARTNO	Number of processor within family: 0xC21
[3:0]	REVISION	Implementation defined revision number: 0x0 = r0p0, r1p0 0x1 = r0p1

6.2.7 Interrupt Control State Register

Use the Interrupt Control State Register to:

- set a pending *Non-Maskable Interrupt* (NMI)
- set or clear a pending PendSV
- set or clear a pending SysTick
- check for pending exceptions
- check the vector number of the highest priority pended exception
- check the vector number of the active exception.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED04.

Access Access type depends on the individual bit. For more information see Table 6-8.

Reset value 0x00000000.

Figure 6-7 shows the bit assignments of the Interrupt Control State Register.

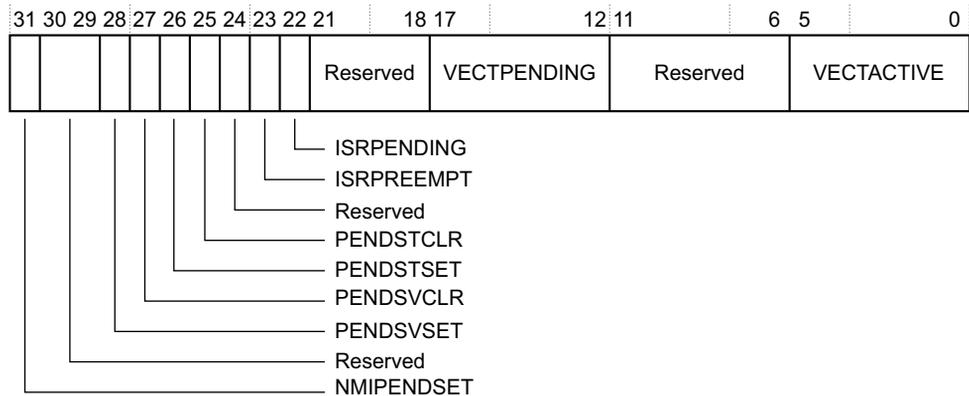


Figure 6-7 Interrupt Control State Register bit assignments

Table 6-8 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Control State Register.

Table 6-8 Interrupt Control State Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Type	Function
[31]	NMIPENDSET	R/W	On writes: 1 = set pending NMI 0 = no effect. NMIPENDSET pends and activates an NMI. Because NMI is the highest-priority interrupt, it takes effect as soon as it registers unless the processor is at a priority of -2. On reads, this bit returns the pending state of NMI.
[30:29]	-	-	Reserved.
[28]	PENDSVSET ^a	R/W	On writes: 1 = set pending PendSV 0 = no effect. On reads this bit returns the pending state of PendSV.

Table 6-8 Interrupt Control State Register bit assignments (continued)

Bits	Field	Type	Function
[27]	PENDSVCLR ^a	WO	On writes: 1 = clear pending PendSV 0 = no effect.
[26]	PENDSTSET ^a	R/W	On writes: 1 = set pending SysTick 0 = no effect. On reads this bit returns the pending state of SysTick.
[25]	PENDSTCLR ^a	WO	On writes: 1 = clear pending SysTick 0 = no effect.
[24]	-	-	Reserved.
[23]	ISRPREEMPT ^b	RO	You must only use this at debug time. It indicates that a pending interrupt becomes active in the next running cycle. If C_MASKINTS is clear in the Debug Halting Control and Status Register, the interrupt is serviced: 1 = a pending exception is serviced on exit from the debug halt state 0 = a pending exception is not serviced.
[22]	ISRPENDING ^b	RO	External interrupt pending flag, where: 1 = interrupt pending 0 = interrupt not pending.
[21:18]	-	-	Reserved.
[17:12]	VECTPENDING ^a	RO	Indicates the exception number for the highest priority pending exception: 0 = no pending exceptions Non zero = The pending state includes the effect of memory-mapped enable and mask registers. It does not include the PRIMASK special-purpose register qualifier.
[11:6]	-	-	Reserved.
[5:0]	VECTACTIVE ^c	RO	Active exception number field: 0 = Thread mode Non zero = the exception number ^c of the currently active exception. Reset clears the VECTACTIVE field.

a. OS Extension only, otherwise Reserved.

b. Debug Extension only, otherwise it is Reserved.

c. This is the same value as IPSR bits [5:0].

6.2.8 Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register

Use the Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register to:

- determine data endianness
- clear all active state information from debug halt mode
- request a system reset.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED0C.

Access Access type depends on the individual bit. For more information see Table 6-9.

Reset value 0xFA050000 is the reset value for little-endian.

0xFA058000 is the reset value for BE-8 big-endian.

Figure 6-8 shows the bit assignments of the Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register.

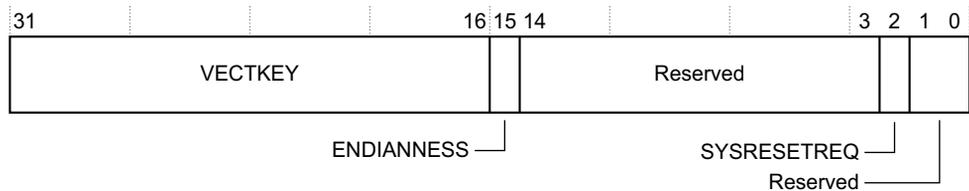


Figure 6-8 Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register bit assignments

Table 6-9 lists the bit assignments of the Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register.

Table 6-9 Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Type	Function
[31:16]	VECTKEY	WO	Register key. To write to other parts of this register, you must ensure 0x5FA is written into the VECTKEY field.
[15]	ENDIANNESS	RO	Data endianness bit. The read value depends on the endian configuration implemented: 0 = little-endian 1 = BE-8 big-endian.
[14:3]	-	-	Reserved.

Table 6-9 Application Interrupt and Reset Control Register bit assignments (continued)

Bits	Field	Type	Function
[2]	SYSRESETREQ	WO	Writing 1 to this bit causes the SYSRESETREQ signal to the outer system to be asserted to request a reset. The intention is to force a large system reset of all major components except for debug. The C_HALT bit in the DHCSR is cleared as a result of the system reset requested. The debugger does not lose contact with the device.
[1]	VECTCLRACTIVE	WO	Clears all active state information for fixed and configurable exceptions. This bit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is self-clearing can only be set by the DAP when the processor is halted. When this bit is set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clears all active exception status of the processor forces a return to Thread mode forces an IPSR of 0. A debugger must re-initialize the stack.
[0]	-	-	Reserved.

6.2.9 Configuration and Control Register

The Configuration and Control Register permanently enables stack alignment and causes unaligned accesses to result in a Hard Fault.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED14

Access Read-only

Reset value 0x00000208

Figure 6-9 shows the bit assignments of the Configuration and Control Register.

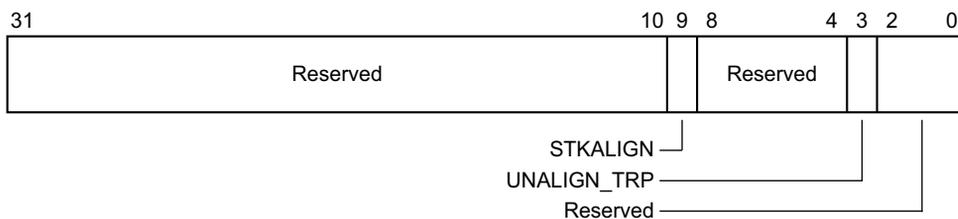
**Figure 6-9 Configuration and Control Register bit assignments**

Table 6-10 lists the bit assignments of the Configuration and Control Register.

Table 6-10 Configuration and Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:10]	-	Reserved.
[9]	STKALIGN	Always set to 1. On exception entry, all exceptions are entered with 8-byte stack alignment and the context to restore it is saved. The SP is restored on the associated exception return.
[8:4]	-	Reserved.
[3]	UNALIGN_TRP	Indicates that all unaligned accesses results in a Hard Fault. Trap for unaligned access is fixed at 1.
[2:0]	-	Reserved.

6.2.10 System handler priority registers

System handlers are a special class of exception handler that can have their priority set to any of the priority levels.

There are two system handler priority registers for prioritizing the following system handlers:

- SVCcall, see *System Handler Priority Register 2*
- SysTick, see *System Handler Priority Register 3* on page 6-15
- PendSV, see *System Handler Priority Register 3* on page 6-15.

PendSV and SVCcall are permanently enabled. You can enable or disable SysTick by writing to the SysTick Control and Status Register.

System Handler Priority Register 2

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED1C

Access Read/write

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 6-10 on page 6-15 shows the bit assignments of the System Handler Priority Register 2.

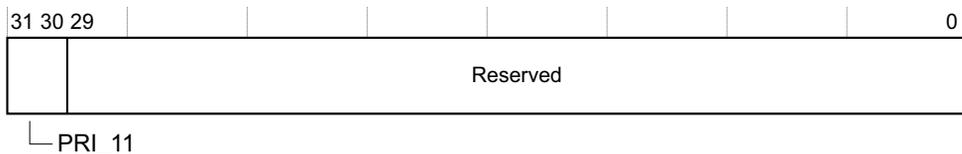


Figure 6-10 System Handler Priority Register 2 bit assignments

Table 6-11 lists the bit assignments for the System Handler Priority Register 2.

Table 6-11 System Handler Priority Register 2 bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:30]	PRI_11	Priority of system handler 11, SVCcall
[29:0]	-	Reserved

System Handler Priority Register 3

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED20

Access Read/write

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 6-11 shows the bit assignments of the System Handler Priority Register 3.

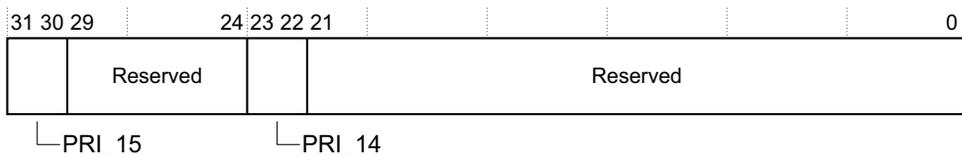


Figure 6-11 System Handler Priority Register 3 bit assignments

Table 6-12 lists the bit assignments of the System Handler Priority Registers.

Table 6-12 System Handler Priority Register 3 bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:30]	PRI_15	Priority of system handler 15, SysTick
[29:24]	-	Reserved
[23:22]	PRI_14	Priority of system handler 14, PendSV
[21:0]	-	Reserved

6.2.11 System Handler Control and State Register

Use the System Handler Control and State Register to read or write the pending status of SVCcall.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED24

Access Read/write

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 6-12 shows the bit assignments of the System Handler and State Control Register.

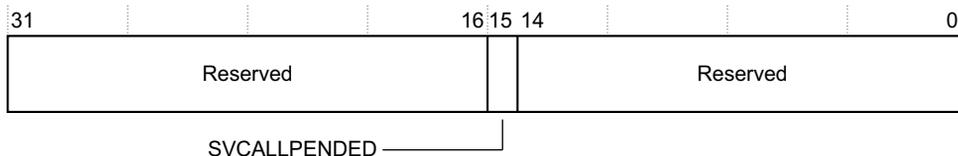


Figure 6-12 System Handler Control and State Register bit assignments

Table 6-13 lists the bit assignments of the System Handler Control Register.

Table 6-13 System Handler Control and State Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:16]	-	Reserved.
[15]	SVCALLPENDEDED	Reads as 1 if SVCAll is pended. If written to: 1 = Set pending SVCAll 0 = Clear pending SVCAll
[14:0]	-	Reserved.

Note

This register is only accessible as part of debug and not through the processor memory map.

Chapter 7

Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller

This chapter describes the *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller* (NVIC). It contains the following sections:

- *About the NVIC* on page 7-2
- *NVIC programmer's model* on page 7-3
- *Level versus pulse interrupts* on page 7-9
- *Resampling level interrupts* on page 7-10
- *Interrupts as general purpose input* on page 7-11.

7.1 About the NVIC

The NVIC supports interrupts that can be re-prioritized. The NVIC and the core of the processor are closely coupled, which enables low latency interrupt processing and efficient processing of late arriving interrupts.

All NVIC registers are only accessible using word transfers. Any attempt to write a halfword or byte individually causes corruption of the register bits.

NVIC registers are always little-endian.

Processor accesses are correctly handled regardless of the endian configuration of the processor.

DAP accesses must be interpreted as little-endian.

Processor exception handling is described in Chapter 4 *Exceptions*.

7.2 NVIC programmer's model

This section describes the NVIC registers. It contains the following:

- *NVIC register map*
- *NVIC register descriptions.*

7.2.1 NVIC register map

Table 7-1 gives a summary of the NVIC registers.

Table 7-1 NVIC registers

Name of register	Type	Address	Reset value	Page
Interrupt Set Enable Register	R/W	0XE000E100	0x00000000	page 7-3
Interrupt Clear Enable Register	R/W	0XE000E180	0x00000000	page 7-4
Interrupt Set Pending Register	R/W	0XE000E200	0x00000000	page 7-5
Interrupt Clear Pending Register	R/W	0XE000E280	0x00000000	page 7-6
Priority 0 Register	R/W	0XE000E400	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 1 Register	R/W	0XE000E404	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 2 Register	R/W	0XE000E408	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 3 Register	R/W	0XE000E40C	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 4 Register	R/W	0XE000E410	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 5 Register	R/W	0XE000E414	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 6 Register	R/W	0XE000E418	0x00000000	page 7-7
Priority 7 Register	R/W	0XE000E41C	0x00000000	page 7-7

7.2.2 NVIC register descriptions

The sections that follow describe how to use the NVIC registers.

Interrupt Set-Enable Register

Use the Interrupt Set-Enable Register to:

- enable interrupts
- determine which interrupts are currently enabled.

Each bit in the register corresponds to one of 32 interrupts. Setting a bit in the Interrupt Set-Enable Register enables the corresponding interrupt.

When the enable bit of a pending interrupt is set, the processor activates the interrupt based on its priority. When the enable bit is clear, asserting the interrupt signal pends the interrupt, but it is not possible to activate the interrupt, regardless of its priority. Therefore, a disabled interrupt can serve as a latched general-purpose bit. You can read it and clear it without invoking an interrupt.

Clear the enable state by writing a 1 to the corresponding bit in the Interrupt Clear-Enable Register (see *Interrupt Clear-Enable Register*). This also clears the corresponding bit in the Interrupt Set-Enable Register (see *Interrupt Set-Enable Register* on page 7-3).

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E100
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

Table 7-2 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Set-Enable Register.

Table 7-2 Interrupt Set-Enable Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:0]	SETENA	<p>Interrupt set enable bits. For writes: 1 = enable interrupt 0 = no effect.</p> <p>For reads: 1 = interrupt enabled 0 = interrupt disabled</p> <p>Writing 0 to a SETENA bit has no effect. Reading the bit returns its current enable state. Reset clears the SETENA fields.</p>

Interrupt Clear-Enable Register

Use the Interrupt Clear-Enable Registers to:

- disable interrupts
- determine which interrupts are currently enabled.

Each bit in the register corresponds to one of the 32 interrupts. Setting an Interrupt Clear-Enable Register bit disables the corresponding interrupt.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E180
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

———— **Note** —————

Writing a 1 to a Clear-Enable Register bit does not affect currently active interrupts. It only prevents new activations.

Table 7-3 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Clear-Enable Register.

Table 7-3 Interrupt Clear-Enable Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:0]	CLRENA	<p>Interrupt clear-enable bits.</p> <p>For writes:</p> <p>1 = disable interrupt</p> <p>0 = no effect.</p> <p>For reads:</p> <p>1 = interrupt enabled</p> <p>0 = interrupt disabled.</p> <p>Writing 0 to a CLRENA bit has no effect. Reading the bit returns its current enable state.</p> <p>Reset clears the CLRENA field.</p>

Interrupt Set-Pending Register

Use the Interrupt Set-Pending Register to:

- force interrupts into the pending state
- determine which interrupts are currently pending.

Each bit in the register corresponds to one of the 32 interrupts. Setting an Interrupt Set-Pending Register bit pending the corresponding interrupt. Writing a 0 to a pending bit has no effect on the pending state of the corresponding interrupt.

Clear an interrupt pending bit by writing a 1 to the corresponding bit in the Interrupt Clear-Pending Register (see *Interrupt Clear-Pending Register* on page 7-6).

———— **Note** —————

Writing to the Interrupt Set-Pending Register has no effect on an interrupt that is already pending.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E200
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

Table 7-4 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Set-Pending Register.

Table 7-4 Interrupt Set-Pending Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:0]	SETPEND	Interrupt set-pending bits. For writes: 1 = pend interrupt 0 = no effect. For reads: 1 = interrupt is pending 0 = interrupt is not pending.

Interrupt Clear-Pending Register

Use the Interrupt Clear-Pending Register to:

- clear pending interrupts
- determine which interrupts are currently pending.

Each bit in the register corresponds to one of the 32 interrupts. Setting an Interrupt Clear-Pending Register bit clears the pending state of the corresponding interrupt.

———— Note ————

Writing to the Interrupt Clear-Pending Register has no effect on an interrupt that is active unless it is also pending.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E280
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

Table 7-5 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Clear-Pending Registers.

Table 7-5 Interrupt Clear-Pending Registers bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:0]	CLRPEND	Interrupt clear-pending bits. For writes: 1 = clear interrupt pending bit 0 = no effect. For reads: 1 = interrupt is pending 0 = interrupt is not pending.

Interrupt Priority Registers

Use the Interrupt Priority Registers to assign a priority from 0 to 3 to each of the available interrupts. 0 is the highest priority and 3 is the lowest.

The two bits of priority are stored in bits [7:6] of each byte.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000E400-0xE000E41C

Access Read/write

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 7-1 on page 7-8 shows the bit assignments of Interrupt Priority Registers 0-7.

	31	30	29	24	23	22	21	16	15	14	13	8	7	6	5	0
E000E400	IP_3				IP_2				IP_1				IP_0			
E000E404	IP_7				IP_6				IP_5				IP_4			
E000E408	IP_11				IP_10				IP_9				IP_8			
E000E40C	IP_15				IP_14				IP_13				IP_12			
E000E410	IP_19		Reserved		IP_18		Reserved		IP_17		Reserved		IP_16		Reserved	
E000E414	IP_23				IP_22				IP_21				IP_20			
E000E418	IP_27				IP_26				IP_25				IP_24			
E000E41C	IP_31				IP_30				IP_29				IP_28			

Figure 7-1 Interrupt Priority Registers 0-7 bit assignments

Figure 7-1 shows fields for 32 interrupts using Interrupt Priority Registers 0-7. If your implementation uses fewer interrupts, all unused registers are Reserved.

Table 7-6 lists the bit assignments of the Interrupt Priority Registers.

Table 7-6 Interrupt Priority Registers 0-31 bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[7:6]	IP _{<i>n</i>}	Priority of interrupt <i>n</i>

7.3 Level versus pulse interrupts

The processor supports both level and pulse interrupts. A level interrupt is held asserted until it is cleared by the ISR accessing the device. A pulse interrupt is a variant of an edge model. The interrupt signal is sampled synchronously on the rising edge of the processor clock. The processor recognizes a pulse when the input is observed LOW and then HIGH on two consecutive rising edges of the processor clock.

For level interrupts, if the signal is not deasserted before the return from the interrupt routine, the interrupt re-pends and re-activates. This is particularly useful for FIFO and buffer-based devices because it ensures that they drain either by a single ISR or by repeated invocations, with no extra work. This means that the device holds the interrupt signal asserted until the device is empty.

A pulse interrupt must be asserted for at least one processor clock cycle to enable the NVIC to observe it.

A pulse interrupt can be reasserted during the ISR so that the interrupt can be pended and active at the same time. The application design must ensure that a second pulse does not arrive before the interrupt caused by the first pulse is activated. If the second pulse arrives before the interrupt is activated, the second pulse has no effect because it is already pended. When the ISR is activated, the pend bit is cleared. If the interrupt asserts again when the ISR is activated, the NVIC latches the pend bit again.

Pulse interrupts are mainly used for external signals and for rate or repeat signals.

7.4 Resampling level interrupts

An ISR can detect that no more interrupts occur during interrupt processing to avoid the overhead of ISR exit and entry. This information is available in the set and clear pending registers, see Interrupt *Interrupt Set-Pending Register* on page 7-5 and Interrupt *Interrupt Clear-Pending Register* on page 7-6.

For Pulse interrupts, a bit that is set to 1 indicates that another interrupt has arrived since the ISR started.

If the level interrupt is guaranteed to have been cleared and then asserted, the status bit read from the Interrupt Pending Registers is set to 1, as for pulse interrupts.

For level interrupts, where the line might remain HIGH continuously from ISR entry, write 1 to the appropriate bit of the:

- Interrupt Set-Pending Register
- Interrupt Clear-Pending Register.

The Interrupt Clear-Pending Register is not cleared if the interrupt line is HIGH, and can be read again to determine the status.

7.5 Interrupts as general purpose input

You can use an unused interrupt line as a general purpose input. To use the interrupt line as a general purpose input ensure the interrupt is disabled. See *Interrupt Clear-Enable Register* on page 7-4.

You can use the *Interrupt Clear-Pending Register* on page 7-6 to check if the input is HIGH since it was last accessed.

To check the current status, write 1 to the appropriate bit of Interrupt Clear-Pending Register. The value on the status bit is cleared if the interrupt line is LOW and the Interrupt Clear-Pending Register can be read again to determine the status.

Chapter 8

Debug

This chapter describes the debug system and how to use it. It contains the following sections:

- *About debug* on page 8-2
- *Debug control* on page 8-5
- *ROM table* on page 8-13
- *BPU* on page 8-16
- *DW unit* on page 8-19
- *Debug TCM interface* on page 8-24
- *Examples of debug register halt, access, and step* on page 8-25
- *Data address watchpoint matching* on page 8-28
- *Semiprecise watchpoints* on page 8-29.

8.1 About debug

There are two configurations for debug:

- The full debug configuration has four breakpoint comparators and two watchpoint comparators. This is the default configuration.
- The reduced debug configuration has two breakpoint comparators and one watchpoint comparator.

Debug facilitates:

- core halt
- core stepping
- core register access while halted
- read/write to:
 - TCMs
 - AHB address space
 - internal *Private Peripheral Bus* (PPB)
- breakpoints
- watchpoints.

The main debug components are:

- debug control registers to access and control debugging of the core
- *BreakPoint Unit* (BPU) to implement breakpoints
- *Data Watchpoint* (DW) unit to implement watchpoints
- debug memory interfaces to access ITCM and DTCM
- ROM table.

All the debug components exist on the internal PPB, 0xE000ED30 - 0xE000EEFF. Access to the debug components is only possible when the debug extension is present.

Even when debug is present, you can only access the debug components from the debug port. Accesses from software are reserved.

Debug control and data access occurs through the *Advanced High-performance Bus-Access Port* (AHB-AP). This interface is driven by an external DP component. See Chapter 9 *Debug Access Port* for information on the AHB-AP and implementation options for the external DP component, typically a configurable SWJ-DP. Access includes:

- The AHB-PPB. Through this bus, the debugger can access debug, including:
 - debug control
 - DW unit

- BPU unit
 - the ROM Table
 - TCMs if configured.
- The AHB address space. The AHB slaves in the debug system always expect 32-bit AHB transfers. If a byte or halfword access is created from the DAP, the transfer is extended to a 32-bit access and all 32 bits in the register are accessed.

The DAP must interpret all accesses as little-endian.

Figure 1-1 on page 1-4 shows the structure of the debug system, indicating how the AHB-AP can access each of the system components and external buses.

Table 8-1 shows a summary of the core debug registers.

Table 8-1 Core debug registers summary

Name	Reset value	Type	Address	Description
DFSR	0x0	R/W	0xE000ED30	See <i>Debug Fault Status Register</i> on page 8-5
DHCSR	0x0	R/W	0xE000EDF0	See <i>Debug Halting Control and Status Register</i> on page 8-7
DCRSR	0x0	WO	0xE000EDF4	See <i>Debug Core Register Selector Register</i> on page 8-10
DCRDR	0x0	R/W	0xE000EDF8	See <i>Debug Core Register Data Register</i> on page 8-11
DEMCR	0x0	R/W	0xE000EDFC	See <i>Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register</i> on page 8-11

Table 8-2 shows a summary of the Breakpoint registers.

Table 8-2 BPU register summary

Name	Reset value	Type	Address	Description
BPU_CTRL	0x0	R/W	0xE0002000	See <i>Breakpoint Control Register</i> on page 8-16
BPU_COMP0	0x0	R/W	0xE0002008	See <i>Breakpoint Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-17
BPU_COMP1	0x0	R/W	0xE000200C	See <i>Breakpoint Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-17
BPU_COMP2	0x0	R/W	0xE0002010	See <i>Breakpoint Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-17
BPU_COMP3	0x0	R/W	0xE0002014	See <i>Breakpoint Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-17

Table 8-3 shows a summary of the DW registers.

Table 8-3 DW register summary

Name	Reset value	Type	Address	Description
DW_CTRL	0x0	R/W	0xE0001000	See <i>DW Control Register</i> on page 8-19
DW_COMP0	-	R/W	0xE0001020	See <i>DW Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-20
DW_MASK0	-	R/W	0xE0001024	See <i>DW Mask Registers</i> on page 8-21
DW_FUNCTION0	0x00	R/W	0xE0001028	See <i>DW Function Registers</i> on page 8-22
DW_COMP1	-	R/W	0xE0001030	See <i>DW Comparator Registers</i> on page 8-20
DW_MASK1	-	R/W	0xE0001034	See <i>DW Mask Registers</i> on page 8-21
DW_FUNCTION1	0x00	R/W	0xE0001038	See <i>DW Function Registers</i> on page 8-22

8.2 Debug control

This section describes how to access and control core debug to test the core. It contains the following sections:

- *Debug Fault Status Register*
- *Debug Halting Control and Status Register* on page 8-7
- *Debug Core Register Selector Register* on page 8-10
- *Debug Core Register Data Register* on page 8-11
- *Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register* on page 8-11.

Note

The processor cannot access the debug control register on the PPB. Accesses are Reserved if the processor attempts to access debug control. Debug control is accessed through the DAP.

8.2.1 Debug Fault Status Register

Use the *Debug Fault Status Register* (DSFR) to monitor:

- external debug requests
- vector catches
- data watchpoint match
- BKPT instruction execution and BPU comparator matches
- halt requests.

Multiple flags in the Debug Fault Status Register can be set when multiple debug conditions occur. The register is sticky read/write clear. This means that it can be read normally. Writing a 1 to a bit clears that bit.

C_DEBUGEN must be set before any bits in the DFSR are updated.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000ED30
Access Read/write-one-to-clear
Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 8-1 on page 8-6 shows the bit assignments of the Debug Fault Status Register.

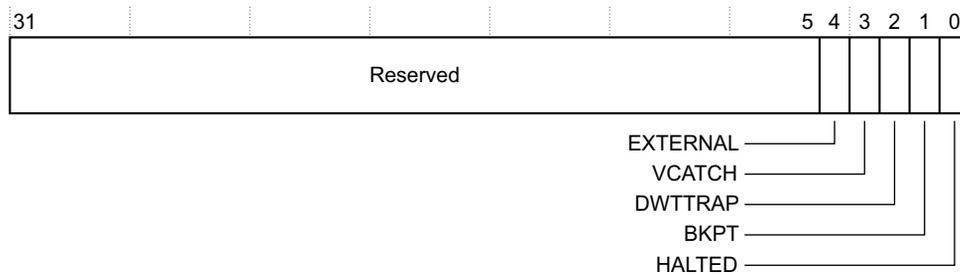


Figure 8-1 Debug Fault Status Register bit assignments

Table 8-4 lists the bit assignments of the Debug Fault Status Register.

Table 8-4 Debug Fault Status Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:5]	-	Reserved.
[4]	EXTERNAL	External debug request flag: 1 = EDBGRQ has halted the core 0 = no EDBGRQ external debug request occurred. The processor stops on next instruction boundary.
[3]	VCATCH	Vector catch flag: 1 = vector catch occurred 0 = no vector catch occurred. When the VCATCH flag is set, a flag in the Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register is also set to indicate the type of vector catch.

Table 8-4 Debug Fault Status Register bit assignments (continued)

Bits	Field	Function
[2]	DWTRAP	<i>Data Watchpoint (DW) flag:</i> 1 = DW match 0 = no DW match. The processor stops at the current instruction or at the next instruction.
[1]	BKPT	<i>BKPT flag:</i> 1 = BKPT instruction or hardware breakpoint match 0 = no BKPT instruction or hardware breakpoint match. The BKPT flag is set by the execution of the BKPT instruction or on an instruction whose address triggered the breakpoint comparator match. When the processor has halted, the return PC points to the address of the breakpointed instruction.
[0]	HALTED	<i>Halt request flag:</i> 1 = halt requested by DAP access to C_HALT or halted with C_STEP asserted 0 = no halt request.

EXTERNAL, VCATCH, DWTRAP, BKPT, and HALTED are not set unless the event is caught. If C_DEBUGEN is enabled, these events halt the processor and cause it to enter Debug state.

8.2.2 Debug Halting Control and Status Register

The purpose of the *Debug Halting Control and Status Register (DHCSR)* is to:

- provide status information about the state of the processor
- enable core debug
- halt and step the processor.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE00EDF0

Access Read/write

Reset value 0x20000000

Figure 8-2 on page 8-8 shows the bit assignments of the Debug Halting Control and Status Register.

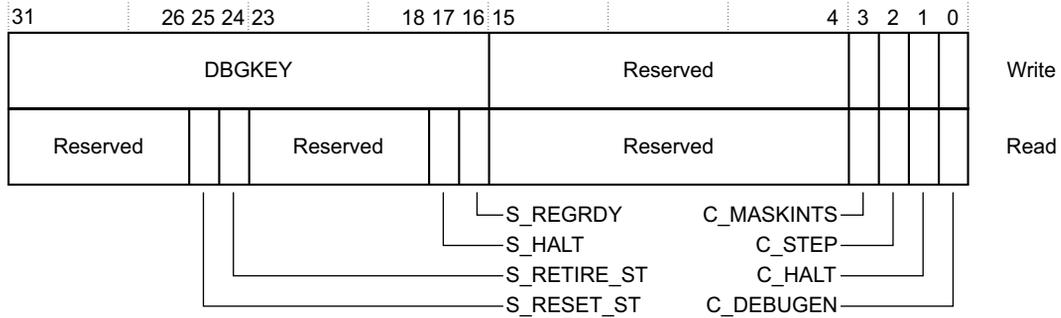


Figure 8-2 Debug Halting Control and Status Register bit assignments

Table 8-5 lists the bit assignments of the Debug ID Register.

Table 8-5 Debug Halting Control and Status Register

Bits ^a	Type	Field	Function
[31:16]	WO	DBGKEY ^b	Debug Key. 0xA05F must be written whenever this register is written. Reads back as status bits [25:16]. If not written as Key, the write operation is ignored and no bits are written into the register.
[31:26]	-	-	Reserved.
[25]	RO	S_RESET_ST	Indicates that the core has been reset, or is now being reset, since the last time this bit was read. This a sticky bit that clears on read. So, reading twice and getting 1 then 0 means it was reset in the past. Reading twice and getting 1 both times means that it is currently reset and held in reset.
[24]	RO	S_RETIRE_ST	Indicates that an instruction has completed since last read. This is a sticky bit that clears on read. You can use this to determine if the core is stalled on a load/store or fetch.
[23:18]	-	-	Reserved.
[17]	RO	S_HALT	The core is halted in debug state when S_HALT is set.
[16]	RO	S_REGRDY	Register Read/Write to the Debug Core Register Selector Register is available. Set when the core is halted and there is no core register access in progress.
[15:4]	-	-	Reserved.
[3]	R/W	C_MASKINTS	When this bit is set and debug is enabled, external interrupts, SysTick, and PendSV are masked. This bit does not affect NMI, Hard Fault or SVCcall. When C_DEBUGEN = 0, this bit has no effect.

Table 8-5 Debug Halting Control and Status Register (continued)

Bits ^a	Type	Field	Function
[2]	R/W	C_STEP	Steps the core in halted debug. When C_DEBUGEN = 0, this bit has no effect.
[1]	R/W	C_HALT	Halts the core. This bit is set automatically when the core halts, for example, on a breakpoint. This bit clears on core reset. When C_DEBUGEN = 0, this bit has no effect.
[0]	R/W	C_DEBUGEN	Enables or disable debug: 1 = debug enabled 0 = debug disabled.

- a. Bits [3], [2], [0] are reset by **DBGRESETn**. Bits [25], [24], [17], [16], [1] are reset by **SYSRESETn**.
b. Writes to this register with the wrong value in DBGKEY are ignored.

S_RETIRE_ST, S_HALT, S_REGRDY, and C_HALT always clear on a system reset. S_RESET_ST is always set on a system reset.

To halt on a reset, the following bits must be enabled:

- bit [0], VC_CORERESSET, of the Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register
- bit [0], C_DEBUGEN, of the Debug Halting Control and Status Register.

When C_DEBUGEN is cleared it is recommended that you clear C_MASKINTS, C_STEP, and C_HALT in the same access.

You can only clear C_HALT from the debugger.

The following events can set C_HALT:

- Debugger write
- Watchpoint hit
- BKPT instruction or breakpoint hit
- C_STEP set and the processor has stepped an instruction
- EDBGRRQ set
- reset vector catch
- hard fault vector catch.

———— **Note** —————

- Only word accesses to the DHCSR are permitted.
- Non-word accesses are treated as if they were word accesses. If a byte or halfword access is created from the DAP, the transfer is extended to a 32-bit access and all 32 bits in the register are accessed.

8.2.3 Debug Core Register Selector Register

The purpose of the *Debug Core Register Selector Register* (DCRSR) is to select the processor register to transfer data to or from.

The register is 17 bits wide. The address and access type are:

Address 0xE000EDF4

Access Write-only

Figure 8-3 shows the bit assignments of the Debug Core Register Selector Register.

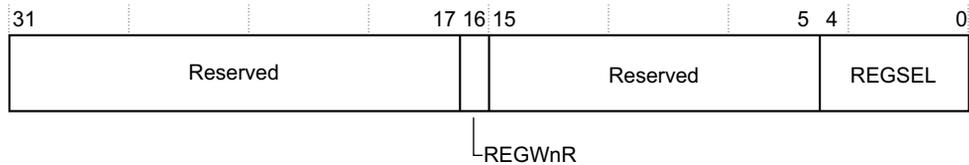


Figure 8-3 Debug Core Register Selector Register bit assignments

Table 8-6 lists the bit assignments of the Debug Core Selector Register.

Table 8-6 Debug Core Register Selector Register

Bits	Type	Field	Function
[31:17]	-	-	Reserved
[16]	WO	REGWnR	Write = 1 Read = 0
[15:5]	-	-	Reserved
[4:0]	WO	REGSEL	5b00000 = R0 5b00001 = R1 ... 5b01100 = R12 0b01101 = the current SP 0b01110 = LR 5b01111 = DebugReturnAddress() ^a 5b10000 = xPSR flags, execution number, and state information 5b10001 = MSP (Main SP) 5b10010 = PSP (Process SP) 0b10100 = {{6{1'b0}}, CONTROL[1], {24{1'b0}}, PRIMASK[0]} All unused values are reserved.

- a. This is the address of the next instruction to be executed. Bit [0] of `DebugReturnAddress()` is Reserved. Bit [0] does not affect the EPSR T-bit, which is accessed independently through the xPSR register selection. Modifying the T-bit in the EPSR has no effect on bit [0] of the `DebugReturnAddress()` so that the T-bit and `DebugReturnAddress()` might be modified in either order when changing between Thumb and ARM state while halted.

This write-only register generates a request to the core to transfer data to or from Debug Core Register Data Register and the selected register. Until this core transaction is complete, bit [16], `S_REGRDY`, of the `DHCSR` is 0. You must ensure that `S_REGRDY` is HIGH before writing to the `DCRSR`.

Note

- Writes to this register when `C_DEBUGEN=0` are ignored.
 - Writes other than word accesses are not permitted.
 - Writes with `REGSEL` other than as indicated are not permitted.
 - Reads from this register are not permitted.
 - Writes to the `IPSR` are ignored.
 - Bit[1] of the `CONTROL` register can only be set if the OS extension is present and the processor is in Thread mode.
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8.2.4 Debug Core Register Data Register

The purpose of the *Debug Core Register Data Register* (`DCRDR`) is to hold data read from or written to core registers.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE00EDF8
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

This is the data value written to the register selected by the Debug Register Selector Register.

8.2.5 Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register

The purpose of the *Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register* (`DEMCR`) is:

- Global enable for the DW unit.
- Vector catching. That is, causes debug entry on execution of a specified vector.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE00EDFC
Access Read/write

Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 8-4 shows the bit assignments of the Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register.

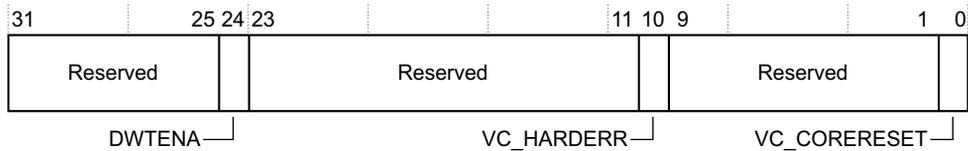


Figure 8-4 Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register bit assignments

Table 8-7 lists the bit assignments of the Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register.

Table 8-7 Debug Exception and Monitor Control Register

Bits	Field	Function
[31:25]	-	Reserved.
[24]	DWTENA	Global enable or disable for the DW unit: 1 = DW unit enabled. 0 = DW unit disabled. Watchpoints cannot halt the core. The DW PCSR reads as 0xFFFFFFFF.
[23:11]	-	Reserved.
[10]	VC_HARDERR	Debug trap on a Hard Fault.
[9:1]	-	Reserved.
[0]	VC_CORERESET	Reset Vector Catch. Halt running system if SYSRESETn is asserted.

VC_CORERESET and VC_HARDERR are ignored when C_DEBUGEN is LOW.

This register manages exception behavior under debug.

Debug entry caused by a vector catch is only guaranteed to occur before the execution of the first instruction of the trapped exception handler. However, another higher priority exception can be taken. For example, if the VC_HARDERR bit is set, the processor is able to:

1. Take a Hard Fault exception.
2. Take an NMI exception before the first instruction in the Hard Fault handler.
3. Enter debug state on the first instruction in the NMI handler.

8.3 ROM table

Table 8-8 shows the memory-mapped registers in ROM memory and the general format of the component ID and peripheral ID registers. For more information on the ROM table, see the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual*.

Table 8-8 ROM memory

Address	Value	Name	Bits	Description
0xE00FF000	0xFFFF0F03	SCS	[31:0]	Points to the <i>System Control Space</i> (SCS) at 0xE000E000. This includes core debug control registers.
0xE00FF004	0xFFFF0203	DW	[31:0]	Points to the DW unit at 0xE0001000.
0xE00FF008	0xFFFF0303	BPU	[31:0]	Points to the BPU at 0xE0002000.
0xE00FF00C	0x00000000	end	[31:0]	Marks of end of table. Because adding more debug components is not permitted, this value is fixed.
0xE00FF0CC	0x00000001	MEMTYPE	[7:0]	System memory map is always accessible from the DAP. Always set to 0x1.
0xE00FFFD0	0x00000004	Peripheral ID4	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:4]	Indicates the size of the ROM table: 0x0 = 4KB ROM table.
			[3:0]	JEP106 continuation code: 0x4
0xE00FFFD4	0x00000000	Peripheral ID5	-	Reserved.
0xE00FFFD8	0x00000000	Peripheral ID6	-	
0xE00FFFD4	0x00000000	Peripheral ID7	-	
0xE00FFFE0	0x00000070	Peripheral ID0	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:0]	Contains bits [7:0] of the part number: 0x70.
0xE00FFFE4	0x000000B4	Peripheral ID1	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:4]	Contains bits [3:0] of the JEP106 ID code: 0xB.
			[3:0]	Contains bits [11:8] of the part number 0x4.

Table 8-8 ROM memory (continued)

Address	Value	Name	Bits	Description
0xE00FFE8	0x0000002B	Peripheral ID2	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:4]	Indicates the revision: 0x0 = r0p0 0x1 = r0p1 0x2 = r1p0.
			[3]	Indicates JEDEC assigned ID fields: 0x1.
			[2:0]	Contains bits [6:4] of the JEP106 ID code: 0x3.
0xE00FFEC	0x00000000	Peripheral ID3	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:4]	Indicates minor revision field RevAnd.
			[3:0]	Indicates block unmodified: 0x0.
0xE00FFF0	0x0000000D	Component ID0	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:0]	Preamble ^a .
0xE00FFF4	0x00000010	Component ID1	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:4]	Indicates component class: 0x1 = ROM table.
			[3:0]	Preamble ^a .
0xE00FFF8	0x00000005	Component ID2	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:0]	Preamble ^a .
0xE00FFFC	0x000000B1	Component ID3	[31:8]	Reserved.
			[7:0]	Preamble ^a .

a. Preamble enables a debugger to detect the presence of the ROM table.

———— **Note** ————

The complete:

- JEP106 continuation code is 0x4
- JEP106 ID code for ARM is 0x3B

- The Cortex-M1 processor part number is 0x470.
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8.4 BPU

The BPU implements:

- four instruction comparators in the full debug configuration
- two instruction comparators in the reduced debug configuration.

You can configure each instruction comparator to provide a hardware breakpoint.

The registers that provide BPU operations are:

- *Breakpoint Control Register*
- *Breakpoint Comparator Registers* on page 8-17.

A BP comparator register matching the address of the second half word of a 32-bit instruction generates the breakpoint.

8.4.1 Breakpoint Control Register

Use the Breakpoint Control Register to enable the Breakpoint block.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0002000

Access Read/write

Reset value Bit [0] (ENABLE) is reset to b0.

Figure 8-5 shows the bit assignments of the Breakpoint Control Register.

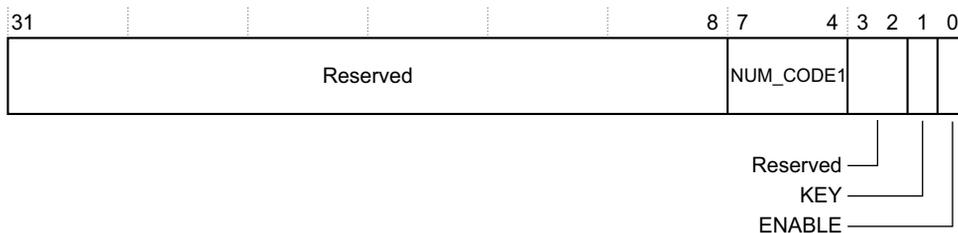


Figure 8-5 Breakpoint Control Register bit assignments

Table 8-9 lists the bit assignments of the Breakpoint Control Register.

Table 8-9 Breakpoint Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Type	Function
[31:8]	-	RO	Reserved.
[7:4]	NUM_CODE1	RO	Number of comparators. This read-only field and contains either: b0100 = four instruction comparators in use b0010 = two instruction comparators in use.
[3:2]	-	RO	Reserved.
[1]	KEY	WO	Key field. To write to the Breakpoint Control Register, you must write a 1 to this write-only bit. This bit is reads as zero.
[0]	ENABLE	R/W	Breakpoint unit enable bit: 1 = Breakpoint unit enabled 0 = Breakpoint unit disabled. DBGRESETn clears the ENABLE bit.

8.4.2 Breakpoint Comparator Registers

Use the Breakpoint Comparator Registers to store the values to compare with the instruction address.

In the full debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0002008, 0xE000200C, 0xE0002010, and 0xE0002014

Access Read/write

Reset value Bit [0] (ENABLE) is reset to b0.

In the reduced debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0002008, 0xE000200C

Access Read/write

Reset value Bit [0] (ENABLE) is reset to b0.

Figure 8-6 on page 8-18 shows the bit assignments of the Breakpoint Comparator Registers.

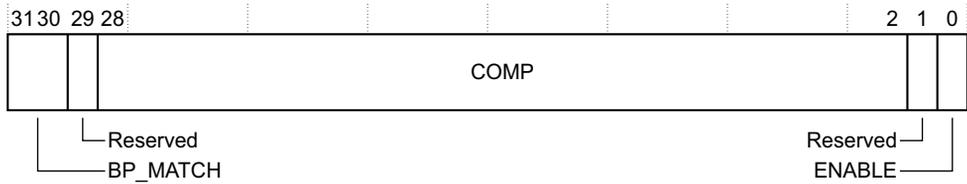


Figure 8-6 Breakpoint Comparator Registers bit assignments

Table 8-10 lists the bit assignments of the Breakpoint Comparator Registers.

Table 8-10 Breakpoint Comparator Registers bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:30]	BP_MATCH	This field selects what happens when the COMP address is matched. It is interpreted as: b00 = no breakpoint matching b01 = set breakpoint on lower halfword, upper is unaffected b10 = set breakpoint on upper halfword, lower is unaffected b11 = set breakpoint on both lower and upper halfwords.
[29]	-	Reserved.
[28:2]	COMP	Comparison address. Although it is architecturally Unpredictable whether breakpoint matches on the address of the second halfword of a 32-bit instruction to generate a debug event, in this processor it is predictable and a debug event is generated.
[1]	-	Reserved.
[0]	ENABLE	Compare enable for Breakpoint Comparator Register <i>n</i> : 1 = Breakpoint Comparator Register <i>n</i> compare enabled 0 = Breakpoint Comparator Register <i>n</i> compare disabled. The ENABLE bit of BPU_CTRL must also be set to enable comparisons. DBGRESETn clears the ENABLE bit.

8.5 DW unit

The DW unit implements:

- two comparators in the full debug configuration
- one comparator in the reduced debug configuration.

Each set of comparators contains:

- a comparator register, see *DW Comparator Registers* on page 8-20
- a mask register, see *DW Mask Registers* on page 8-21
- a function register, see *DW Function Registers* on page 8-22

You can configure each set of a comparators as a:

- PC hardware watchpoint
- data address watchpoint.

You can also read sampled PC values from the DW unit.

———— **Note** —————

The information in this section is for both the full and reduced debug configuration unless otherwise stated.

8.5.1 DW Control Register

Use the DW Control Register to check how many comparators are available.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001000

Access Read-only

Reset value 0x20000000

Figure 8-7 shows the bit assignments of the DW Control Register.



Figure 8-7 DW Control Register bit assignments

Table 8-11 lists the bit assignments of the DW Control Register.

Table 8-11 DW Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:28]	NUMCOMP	Number of comparators field. This read-only field contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b0010 to indicate two comparators in the full debug configuration • b0001 to indicate one comparator in the reduced debug configuration.
[27:0]	-	Reserved.

8.5.2 DW Program Counter Sample Register

Use the *DW Program Counter Sample Register* (DWPCSR) to enable coarse-grained software profiling using a debug agent, without changing the currently executing code.

If the core is not in debug state, the value returned is the instruction address of a recently executed instruction.

If the core is in debug state, the value returned is 0xFFFFFFFF.

———— Note ————

When polling this register the timing of what is running on the core might differ when compared to not polling if the core makes accesses to the PPB. This is because the core and the DAP share access to the PPB, where the DAP has higher priority.

The register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE000101C
Access Read-only
Reset value 0x00000000

Table 8-12 lists the bit assignments of the DW PCSR.

Table 8-12 Control Register bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:0]	EIASAMPLE	Execution instruction address sample, or 0xFFFFFFFF if the core is halted or DWTENA is LOW

8.5.3 DW Comparator Registers

Use the DW Comparator Registers to write the values that trigger watchpoint events.

In the full debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001020, 0xE0001030
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

In the reduced debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001020
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

Table 8-13 describes the field of DW Comparator Registers.

Table 8-13 DW Comparator Registers bit assignments

Field	Name	Definition
[31:0]	COMP	DW_COMP to compare against PC or the data address as given by DW_FUNCTION Register. DW_COMP is always masked using the DW Mask Register value before a compare is done.

8.5.4 DW Mask Registers

Use the DW Mask Registers to apply a mask to data addresses when matching against COMP.

In the full debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001024, 0xE0001034
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

In the reduced debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001024
Access Read/write
Reset value 0x00000000

Figure 8-8 shows the bit assignments of DW Mask Registers.

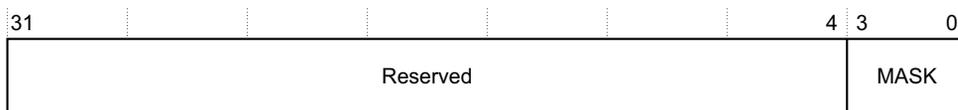


Figure 8-8 DW Mask Registers 0-1 format

Table 8-14 lists the bit assignments of DW Mask Registers 0-1.

Table 8-14 DW Mask Registers bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:5]	-	Reserved.
[4:0]	MASK	Mask on data address when matching against COMP. This is the size of the ignore mask. So, $\sim 0 \ll \text{MASK}$ forms the mask against the address to use. That is, DW matching is performed as: $(\text{ADDR} \& (\sim 0 \ll \text{MASK})) == (\text{COMP} \& (\sim 0 \ll \text{MASK}))$ For word accesses the two least significant bits are not compared. For halfword accesses the least significant bit is not compared. For PC matches the least significant bit is not compared.

8.5.5 DW Function Registers

Use the DW Function Registers to control the operation of the comparator. Each comparator can match against either the PC or the data address and halt the core. This function is in conjunction with DW_COMP.

In the full debug configuration the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001028, 0xE0001038

Access Read/write

Address 0x00000000

In the reduced debug configuration the register the register address, access type, and reset value are:

Address 0xE0001028

Access Read/write

Address 0x00000000

Figure 8-9 shows the bit assignments of DW Function Registers 0-1.

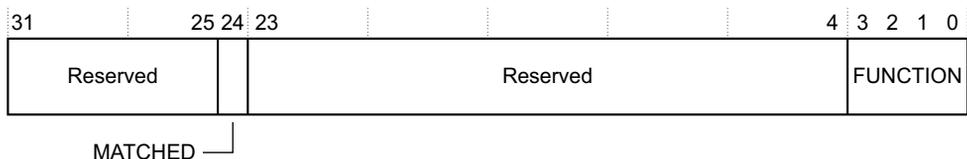


Figure 8-9 DW Function Registers bit assignments

Table 8-15 lists the bit assignments of DW Function Registers 0-1.

Table 8-15 DW Function Registers bit assignments

Bits	Field	Function
[31:25]	-	Reserved.
[24]	MATCHED	This bit is set when the comparator matches this bit is cleared on read.
[23:4]	-	Reserved.
[3:0]	FUNCTION	See Table 8-16 for FUNCTION settings.

You can use the mask and compare address to specify a watchpoint.

Table 8-16 describes the function settings of the DW Function Registers.

Table 8-16 Settings for DW Function Registers

Value	Function
b0000	Disabled
b0001-b0011	Reserved
b0100	Watchpoint on PC match
b0101	Watchpoint on read address
b0110	Watchpoint on write address
b0111	Watchpoint on read or write address
b1000-b1111	Reserved

8.6 Debug TCM interface

The Debug TCM interface comprises a DTCM and an ITCM interface.

The static signals **CFGITCMSZ[3:0]** and **CFGDTCMSZ[3:0]** indicate the size of ITCM and DTCM:

- ITCM address range is from **0x00000000** to the size specified by **CFGITCMSZ[3:0]**
- DTCM address range is from **0x20000000** to the size specified by **CFGDTCMSZ[3:0]**.

If an AHB access from the AHB-AP is:

- inside the configured TCM range the access is to the appropriate TCM
- outside the configured TCM range the access is to the external interface as appropriate.

———— **Note** —————

Unless the core is halted or held in reset by **SYSRESETn**, any debug access to the TCM memory might conflict with core operation.

8.7 Examples of debug register halt, access, and step

This section provides example sequences that you can use to perform debug register access, halt, step, and exit.

8.7.1 Debug halt example

This is an example of a debug halt. If you want to halt the processor, perform the following:

1. Write `0xA05F0003` to the Debug Halting Control and Status Register. This enables debug and halts the core.
2. Wait for the `S_HALT` bit of the `DHCSR` to be set. This indicates that the core is halted.

8.7.2 Debug read register access example

This is an example of a debug read register access. If you want to halt the processor and read a value from one of the core registers, perform the following:

1. Write `0xA05F0003` to the Debug Halting Control and Status Register. This enables debug and halts the core.
2. Wait for the `S_HALT` bit of the Debug Halting Control and Status Register to be set. This indicates that the core is halted.
3. Write the register number that you want to read into the Debug Core Register Selector Register and set bit [16] to 0 simultaneously.
4. Wait for the `S_REGRDY` bit in the `DHCSR` to set. This indicates the core has completed the read master.
5. Read the `DCRDR`. This returns the required core register.

8.7.3 Debug write register access example

This is an example of a debug register access. If you want to halt the processor and write a value into one of the registers, perform the following:

1. Write `0xA05F0003` to the Debug Halting Control and Status register. This enables debug and halts the core.
2. Wait for the `S_HALT` bit of the Debug Halting Control and Status Register to be set. This indicates that the core is halted.
3. Write the value that you want to be written to the `DCRDR`.

4. Write the register number that you want to write to into the Debug Core Register Selector Register and set bit [16] to 0 simultaneously.
5. Wait for the S_REGRDY bit in the DCRSR to be set. This indicates the core has completed the write transfer.

8.7.4 Debug step example

This is an example of a debug step. If you want to step the processor, perform the following:

1. Write 0xA05F0003 to the Debug Halting Control and Status Register. This enables debug and halts the core.
2. Wait for S_HALT to be set one in the DHCSR to indicate that the core is halted.
3. Write 0xA05F0005 to the Debug Halting Control and Status Register. This clears C_HALT and sets C_STEP to one.
4. The core exits debug state, executes one instruction and returns to halted debug state.
5. The core remains halted in debug state.

If more single steps are required repeat steps 3-5.

———— **Note** —————

When entering debug halt step, you can set C_DEBUGEN, C_HALT and C_STEP in one write instruction.

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8.7.5 Breakpoint debug entry example

This is an example of a hardware PC breakpoint using the BPU. If you want to halt the processor with a breakpoint, perform the following:

1. Write 0xA05F0001 to the DHCSR to set C_DEBUGEN to enable debug.
2. Set the value in BU_COMP0 register to the address of the instruction that you want to set as a breakpoint to break the execution flow.
3. Use BU_CTRL to enable the breakpoint.
4. C_HALT is set by the hardware when the hardware breakpoint matches.
5. Read S_HALT to ensure the core is halted.

8.7.6 Exiting core debug

You can exit Halting debug by:

- clearing the **C_DEBUGEN** and **C_HALT** bits in the Debug Halting Control and Status Register.
- using the **DBGRESTART/DBGRESTARTED** handshake interface.
See the *ARMv6-M Architecture Reference Manual* for more details.

8.8 Data address watchpoint matching

You can use the COMP field of the DW Comparator Registers and the MASK field of the DW Mask Registers to match with the data address. For Example:

- A COMP address of 0x27 with a MASK value of 2 matches a:
 - word access at 0x24
 - halfword access at 0x24 or 0x26
 - byte access at 0x24, 0x25, 0x26, or 0x27.
- A COMP address of 0x27 with a MASK value of 1 matches a:
 - word access at 0x24
 - halfword access at 0x26
 - byte access at 0x26 or 0x27.
- A COMP address of 0x27 with a MASK value of 0 matches a:
 - word access at 0x24
 - halfword access at 0x26
 - byte access at 0x27.

For information on the Comparator Registers and DW Mask Registers, see *DW Comparator Registers* on page 8-20 and *DW Mask Registers* on page 8-21.

8.9 Semiprecise watchpoints

The processor watchpoints are described as semiprecise. When the processor triggers a watchpoint, it executes one more instruction after the one that triggered the watchpoint, before entering debug state. The number of extra instructions is constant, independent of bus or instruction cycle times. If another debug event causes the processor to enter debug state earlier, for example as a result of a breakpoint, the processor enters debug state with more than one flag set in the DFSR. See *Debug Fault Status Register* on page 8-5 for more information.

———— **Note** —————

The instruction executed can include an exception return sequence or any number of exception entry sequences.

Chapter 9

Debug Access Port

This chapter describes the processor *Debug Access Port* (DAP). It contains:

- *About the DAP* on page 9-2
- *Debug access* on page 9-3
- *AHB-AP* on page 9-5.

9.1 About the DAP

When debug is implemented, the processor also contains an *Advanced High-performance Bus Access Port* (AHB-AP) interface for debug accesses.

External DP components access this AHB-AP interface. The Cortex-M1 system supports three possible DP implementations:

- *Serial Wire JTAG Debug Port* (SWJ-DP). This is a standard CoreSight debug port that combines JTAG-DP and the *Serial Wire Debug Port* (SW-DP) and allows switching between Serial Wire and JTAG.
- Only SW-DP, through configuration options.
- Only JTAG-DP, through configuration options

The DP and AP together are referred to as the Debug Access Port (DAP).

Figure 9-1 shows the DAP configuration.

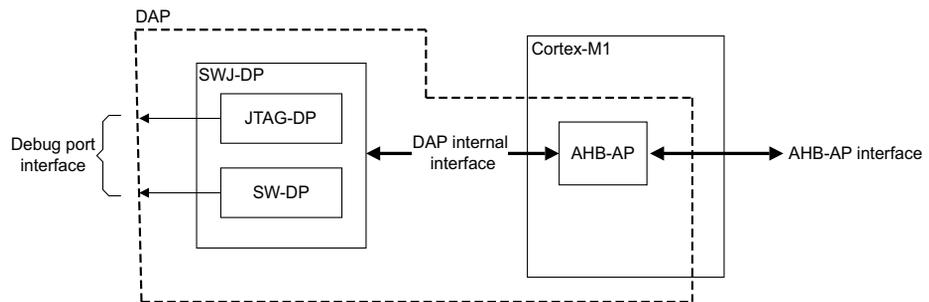


Figure 9-1 DAP configuration

For additional information about the DP components, see the *CoreSight Components Technical Reference Manual*.

For more information on the AHB-AP, see *AHB-AP* on page 9-5.

———— **Note** ————

If your implementation of the DAP does not include both JTAG-DP and SW-DP, you cannot switch between them.

9.2 Debug access

The SWJ-DP and AHB-AP enables access to the debug system and core components of the processor over the AHB matrix. The access to the memory map from the DAP is the same as that made by data accesses from the core, although this is restricted to always be little-endian. The PPB, TCMs and external AHB interface are accessible.

9.2.1 Debug access during core reset

To enable access to the debug modules at all times, all processor debug logic is reset by the **DBGRESETn** signal instead of the **SYSRESETn** signal. The debug interface and debug access logic are accessible when **SYSRESETn** is asserted.

When **SYSRESETn** is asserted:

- debug writes to non-debug components, including the core registers, have no effect
- debug reads from non-debug components, including the core registers, return unpredictable data.
- accesses from the DAP to the system AHB bus through the AHB Matrix complete, but the returned read data is unpredictable.

9.2.2 Debug access while core running

Arbitration between the core and debug is so that DAP accesses always have priority. This means that polling for an event using the DAP is always possible, but might change the precise cycle timing of core accesses.

9.2.3 Debug access to TCMs

Caution

- Only use a debugger to write to TCMs when the core is halted.
 - Although a debugger can perform debug accesses to TCM when the core is running, some FPGA RAM implementations might have unpredictable results when a read and write occur simultaneously to the same location. If this is the case, you must ensure logic is included to prevent accesses occurring simultaneously.
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The core of the processor has a single address for each TCM for both reads and writes to enable a non-debug processor to use single-ported RAMs. You can use dual-port RAMs for TCMs to enable programming before the core of the processor is removed from reset and to facilitate debug removal.

For information on TCM sizes, see Table 10-3 on page 10-7.

9.3 AHB-AP

This section describes the *AHB Access Port* (AHB-AP), for access to a system AHB bus through an AHB-Lite master. It acts as a slave to the DAP internal bus, driven by only a single debug port, typically an external SWJ-DP, at any one time. Figure 9-2 shows the internal structure of the AHB-AP.

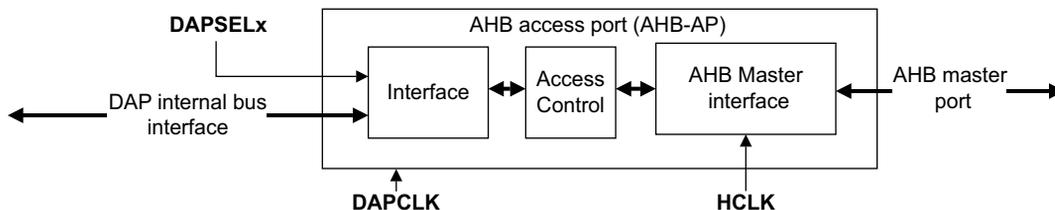


Figure 9-2 AHB access port internal structure.

The AHB-AP has two interfaces:

- An internal DAP bus interface that connects to the SWJ-DP
- An AHB master port for connection through the matrix to the external AHB-Lite interface and the PPB.

9.3.1 AHB-Lite master ports

The AHB-Lite master port supports AHB in AMBA v2.0. The AHB-Lite master port does not support:

- BURST and SEQ
- Exclusive accesses
- Unaligned transfers.

Table 9-1 shows the other AHB-AP ports.

Table 9-1 Other AHB-AP ports

Name	Type	Description
DBGEN	Input	Enables AHB-AP transfers if HIGH
SPIDEN	Input ^a	Permits secure transfers to take place on the AHB-AP
nCDBGPWRDN	Input ^b	Indicates that the debug infrastructure is powered down
nCSOCPWRDN	Input ^b	Indicates that the system AHB interface is powered down

a. Tied LOW.

b. Tied HIGH.

9.3.2 AHB-AP programmer's model

This section describes the registers used to program the AHB-AP:

- *AHB-AP register summary*
- *AHB access port register descriptions.*

AHB-AP register summary

Table 9-2 shows the AHB access port registers.

Table 9-2 AHB access port registers

Offset	Type	Width	Reset value	Name
0x00	R/W	32	0x43800042	Control/Status Word, CSW
0x04	R/W	32	0x00000000	Transfer Address, TAR
0x08	-	-	-	Reserved SBZ
0x0C	R/W	32	-	Data Read/Write, DRW
0x10	R/W	32	-	Banked Data 0, BD0
0x14	R/W	32	-	Banked Data 1, BD1
0x18	R/W	32	-	Banked Data 2, BD2
0x1C	R/W	32	-	Banked Data 3, BD3
0x20-0xF7	-	-	-	Reserved SBZ
0xF8	RO	32	0xE00FF000	Debug ROM table
0xFC	RO	32	0x44770001	Identification Register, IDR

AHB access port register descriptions

The section describes the AHB access port registers:

- *AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register, CSW, 0x00* on page 9-7
- *AHB-AP Transfer Address Register, TAR, 0x04* on page 9-8
- *AHB-AP Data Read/Write Register, DRW, 0x0C* on page 9-9
- *AHB-AP Banked Data Registers, BD0-BD03, 0x10-0x1C* on page 9-9
- *ROM Address Register, ROM, 0xF8* on page 9-10
- *AHB-AP Identification Register, IDR, 0xFC* on page 9-10.

AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register, CSW, 0x00

This is the control word used to configure and control transfers through the AHB interface.

Figure 9-3 shows the Control/Status Word Register bit assignments.

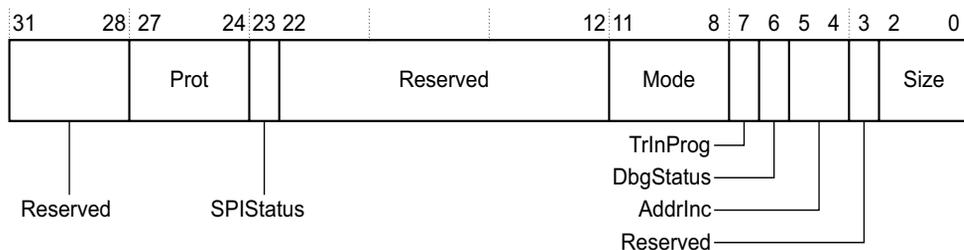


Figure 9-3 AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register bit assignments

Table 9-3 lists the bit assignments.

Table 9-3 AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[31]	-	-	Reserved SBZ.
[30]	-	-	Reserved SB0.
[29:28]	-	-	Reserved SBZ.
[27:24]	R/W	Prot	Specifies the protection signal encoding to be output on HPROT[3:0] . Reset value is noncacheable, non-bufferable, data access, privileged = b0011.
[23]	RO	SPIStatus	Indicates the status of the SPIDEN port. Always reads as b1.
[22:12]	-	-	Reserved SBZ.
[11:8]	R/W	Mode	Specifies the mode of operation: b0000 = Normal download/upload model b0001-b1111 = Reserved SBZ. Reset value = b0000.
[7]	RO	TrInProg	Transfer in progress. This field indicates if a transfer is currently in progress on the AHB master port.
[6]	RO	DbgStatus	Indicates the status of the DBGGEN port. Always reads as b1 = AHB transfers permitted.

Table 9-3 AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register bit assignments (continued)

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[5:4]	R/W	AddrInc	<p>Auto address increment and packing mode on Read or Write data access. Only increments if the current transaction completes without an Error Response. Does not increment if the transaction completes with an Error Response or the transaction is aborted.</p> <p>Auto address incrementing and packed transfers are not performed on access to Banked Data registers 0x10-0x1C. The status of these bits is ignored in these cases.</p> <p>Increments and wraps within a 1KB address boundary, for example, for word incrementing from 0x1400-0x17FC. If the start is at 0x14A0, then the counter increments to 0x17FC, wraps to 0x1400, then continues incrementing to 0x149C.</p> <p>b00 = auto increment off b01 = increment, single. Single transfer from corresponding byte lane. b10 = increment, packed Word = same effect as single increment. Byte/Halfword. Packs four 8-bit transfers or two 16-bit transfers into a 32-bit DAP transfer. Multiple transactions are carried out on the AHB interface. b11 = Reserved SBZ, no transfer. Size of address increment is defined by the Size field, bits [2:0]. Reset value = b00.</p>
[3]	-	-	Reserved SBZ, R/W = b0
[2:0]	R/W	Size	<p>Size of the data access to perform:</p> <p>b000 = 8 bits b001 = 16 bits b010 = 32 bits b011-b111 = Reserved SBZ. Reset value = b010.</p>

AHB-AP Transfer Address Register, TAR, 0x04

Table 9-4 shows the AHB-AP Transfer Address Register bit assignments.

Table 9-4 AHB-AP Transfer Address Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[31:0]	R/W	Address	<p>Address of the current transfer. Unaligned address values with respect to the Size field of the Control/Status Word Register are unsupported.</p> <p>Reset value is 0x00000000.</p>

AHB-AP Data Read/Write Register, DRW, 0x0C

Table 9-5 shows the AHB-AP Data Read/Write Register bit assignments.

Table 9-5 AHB-AP Data Read/Write Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[31:0]	R/W	Data	Write mode: Data value to write for the current transfer. Read mode: Data value read from the current transfer.

AHB-AP Banked Data Registers, BD0-BD03, 0x10-0x1C

BD0-BD3 provide a mechanism for directly mapping through DAP accesses to AHB transfers without having to rewrite the *Transfer Address Register* (TAR) within a four-location boundary. BD0 reads/writes from TA. BD1 reads/writes from TA+4. Table 9-6 shows the AHB-AP Banked Data Register bit assignments.

Table 9-6 Banked Data Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[31:0]	R/W	Data	<p>If DAPADDR[7:4] = 0x0001, so accessing AHB-AP registers in the range 0x10-0x1C, the derived HADDR[31:0] is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write mode: Data value to write for the current transfer to external address TAR[31:4] + DAPADDR[3:2] + 2'b00. Read mode: Data value read from the current transfer from external address TAR[31:4] + DAPADDR[3:2] + 2'b00. <p>Auto address incrementing is not performed on DAP accesses to BD0-BD3. Banked transfers are only supported for word transfers. Non-word banked transfers are reserved and Unpredictable. Transfer size is currently ignored for banked transfers.</p>

ROM Address Register, ROM, 0xF8

Table 9-7 shows the ROM Address Register bit assignments.

Table 9-7 ROM Address Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name	Function
[31:0]	RO	Debug AHB ROM Address	Base address of a ROM table. The ROM provides a look-up table for system components. Set to 0xE00FF000 in the AHB-AP in the initial release.

AHB-AP Identification Register, IDR, 0xFC

The register reset value is 0x44770001.

Figure 9-4 shows the AHB-AP Identification Register bit assignments.

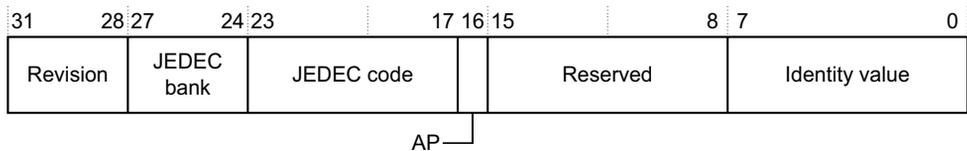


Figure 9-4 AHB-AP Identification Register bit assignments

Table 9-8 shows the AHB-AP Identification Register bit assignments.

Table 9-8 AHB-AP Identification Register bit assignments

Bits	Type	Name
[31:28]	RO	Revision. Reset value is 0x2 for AHB-AP.
[27:24]	RO	JEDEC bank ^a . Reset value is 0x4.
[23:17]	RO	JEDEC code. Reset value is 0x3B.
[16]	RO	ARM AP. Reset value is b1.
[15:8]	-	Reserved SBZ.
[7:0]	RO	Identity value. Reset value is 0x01 for AHB-AP.

a. Using JEDEC bank 0x0 with a JEDEC code of 0x00 is reserved for use by ARM.

9.3.3 AHB-AP clocks and resets

The AHB-AP has two clock domains:

DAPCLK Drives the DAP bus interface and access control for register read and writes. **DAPCLK** must be driven by a constant clock. When started, it must not be stopped or altered while the DAP is in use.

DAPCLK can be connected to **HCLK** or can be asynchronous to **HCLK**, if there are other APs in the SoC that cannot operate at full **HCLK**.

HCLK AHB clock domain driving AHB interface.

DAPRESETn

Initializes the state of all registers in the AHB-AP.

9.3.4 Supported AHB protocol features

The AHB-Lite master port supports AHB in AMBA v2.0.

HPROT encodings

HPROT[3:0] is provided as an external port and is programmed from the Prot field in the CSW register with the following conditions:

- **HPROT[3:0]** programming is supported.
- Exclusive access is not supported, so **HRESP[2]** is not supported.

See *AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register, CSW, 0x00* on page 9-7 for values of the Prot field.

HRESP

HRESP[0] is the only RESPONSE signal required by the AHB-AP:

- AHB-Lite devices do not support SPLIT and RETRY and so **HRESP[1]** is not required.
- **HRESP[2]** is not supported in the AHB-AP.

AHB-AP transfer types and bursts

The AHB-AP cannot initiate a new AHB transfer every clock cycle (unpacked) because of the additional cycles required to serial scan in the new address or data value through a debug port. The AHB-AP supports two **HTRANS** transfer types, IDLE and NONSEQ.

- When a transfer is in progress, it is of type NONSEQ.
- When no transfer is in progress and the AHB-AP is still granted the bus then the transfer is of type IDLE.

The only unpacked **HBURST** encoding supported is SINGLE. Packed 8-bit transfers or 16-bit transfers are treated as individual NONSEQ, SINGLE transfers at the AHB-Lite interface. This ensures that there are no issues with boundary wrapping, to avoid additional AHB-AP complexity.

9.3.5 Packed transfers

The DAP internal interface is a 32-bit data bus. 8-bit or 16-bit transfers can be formed on AHB according to the Size field in the Control/Status Word Register at 0x00. The AddrInc field in the Control/Status Word Register enables optimized use of the DAP internal bus to reduce the number of accesses from the tools to the DAP. It indicates if the entire data word is to be used to pack more than one transfer. Address incrementing is automatically enabled if packet transfers are initiated so that multiple transfers are carried out at the sequential addresses. The size of the address increment is based on the size of the transfer.

See *AHB-AP Control/Status Word Register, CSW, 0x00* on page 9-7 for values of the AddrInc field and *AHB-AP Data Read/Write Register, DRW, 0x0C* on page 9-9 for Data Read/Write Register bit values.

Examples of the transactions are:

- For an unpacked 16-bit write to an address base of 0x2 (CSW[2:0]=b001, CSW[5:4]=b01), **HWDATA[31:16]** is written from bits [31:16] in the Data Read/Write Register.
- For an unpacked 8-bit read to an address base of 0x1, (CSW[2:0]=b000, CSW[5:4]=b01), **HRDATA[31:16]** and **HRDATA[7:0]** are zeroed and **HRDATA[15:8]** contains read data.
- For a packed byte write at a base address 0x2, (CSW[2:0]=b000, CSW[5:4]=b10), four write transfers are initiated, the order of data being sent is:
 - **HWDATA[23:16]**, from DRW[23:16], to **HADDR[31:0]=0x2**
 - **HWDATA[31:24]**, from DRW[31:24], to **HADDR[31:0]=0x3**

- **HWDATA[7:0]**, from DRW[7:0], to **HADDR[31:0]=0x4**
- **HWDATA[15:8]**, from DRW[15:8], to **HADDR[31:0]=0x5**
- For a packed halfword reading at a base address of 0x2, (CSW[2:0]=b001, CSW[5:4]=b10), two read transfers are initiated:
 - **HRDATA[31:16]** is stored into DRW[31:16] from **HADDR[31:0]=0x2**
 - **HRDATA[15:0]** is stored into DRW[15:0] from **HADDR[31:0]=0x4**

If the current transfer is aborted or the current transfer receives an ERROR response, the AHB-AP does not complete the following packed transfers.

Chapter 10

External and Memory Interfaces

This chapter describes the processor external and memory interfaces. It contains the following sections:

- *About bus interfaces* on page 10-2
- *External interface* on page 10-3
- *Write buffer* on page 10-4
- *Memory attributes* on page 10-5
- *Memory interfaces* on page 10-6.

10.1 About bus interfaces

The processor contains two bus interfaces:

- external interface
- memory interfaces.

———— **Note** —————

The processor contains an internal PPB for accesses to the *Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC)*, *Data Watchpoint (DW)* unit, and *BreakPoint Unit (BPU)*.

10.2 External interface

This is an AHB-Lite bus interface. See *External AHB-Lite interface* on page A-5 for descriptions of the AHB-lite bus signals.

Processor accesses and debug accesses to external AHB peripherals are implemented over this bus. Because processor AHB access to zero wait state slaves typically take two cycles longer than TCM accesses, instructions and data must be contained in TCM where possible. If on-chip FPGA memory is used for the processor, highest performance is possible if this is TCM memory, rather than SRAM mapped onto the AHB interface.

Processor accesses and debug accesses share the external interface. Debug accesses take priority over processor accesses.

Timing of processor accesses might be changed by the presence of debug accesses. Giving highest priority to debug means that debug cannot be locked-out by a continuously executing stream of core instructions. Because debug accesses tend to be infrequent, debug accesses do not have a major impact on processor accesses.

Any vendor specific components can populate this bus.

If an external AHB peripheral incorrectly deadlocks the AHB bus, the debugger might not be able to halt or access the core registers. Contact your implementation team for FPGA probing tools to debug the system external to the core.

Unaligned accesses to this bus are not supported.

10.3 Write buffer

To prevent bus wait cycles from stalling the processor during data stores, stores to the external interfaces go through a one-entry write buffer. If the write buffer is full, subsequent accesses to the bus stall until the write buffer has drained.

DMB and DSB instructions wait for the write buffer to drain before completing.

10.4 Memory attributes

Table 10-1 shows encoding for **HPROT[3:0]**.

Table 10-1 HPROT[3:0] encoding

HPROT[3]	HPROT[2]	HPROT[1]	HPROT[0]	Description
0	0	0	0	Invalid
0	0	0	1	Invalid
0	0	1	0	Instruction fetch
0	0	1	1	Data fetch
0	1	X	X	Invalid
1	X	X	X	Invalid

10.5 Memory interfaces

The processor has two memory interfaces:

- ITCM
- DTCM.

See *Memory interfaces* on page A-6 for descriptions of the ITCM and DTCM interface signals.

The processor does not support wait states for the memory interfaces.

———— **Note** ————

This section describes the ITCM interface. This description also applies to the DTCM interface.

Table 10-2 shows the **ITCMBYTEWR** value for different sizes of write accesses.

Table 10-2 Byte-write size

ITCMBYTEWR value	Size of write
4'b1111	Word
4'b0011 or 4'b1100	Halfword
4'b0001, 4'b0010, 4'b0100 or 4'b1000	Byte

Figure 10-1 shows the write signal timings for the ITCM interface.

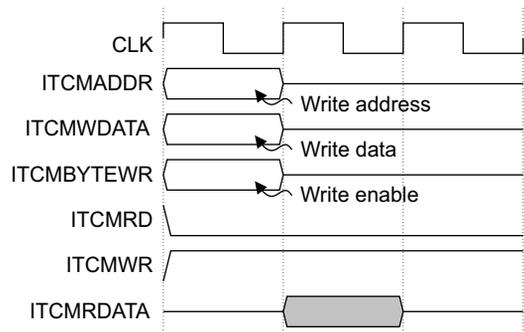


Figure 10-1 ITCM write signal timings

For writes, the write address, write data, and control signals are driven on the same cycle. The write enable signals ensure individual bytes within a word are written without corrupting the other bytes in the same word. For example, if **ITCMBYTEWR[1]** is asserted, bits **ITCMBYTEWR[15:8]** are written in to byte 1 of the word at address **ITCMADDR**.

Figure 10-1 on page 10-6 shows the read signal timings for the ITCM interface.

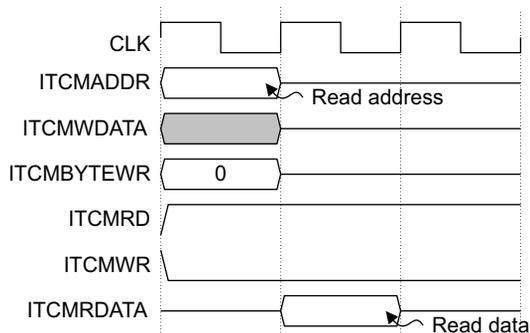


Figure 10-2 ITCM read signal timings

Table 10-3 shows the TCM sizes that are defined through input pins. These sizes are factored into both the core and debug address decoders.

Table 10-3 Instruction and Data TCM sizes

CFGITCMSIZE or CFGDTCMSIZE	TCM size
4'h0	0KB
4'h1	1KB
4'h2	2KB
4'h3	4KB
4'h4	8KB
4'h5	16KB
4'h6	32KB
4'h7	64KB
4'h8	128KB

Table 10-3 Instruction and Data TCM sizes (continued)

CFGITCMSZE or CFGDTCMSZE	TCM size
4'h9	256KB
4'hA	512KB
4'hB	1MB

If you use other values than those that Table 10-3 on page 10-7 shows, the effects are Unpredictable.

Appendix A

Signal Descriptions

This appendix lists the processor interfaces and the interface signals. Full description of an interface or signal is given where the interfaces or signals differ from those described in the appropriate interface specification. It contains the following sections:

- *Clocks and Resets* on page A-2
- *Miscellaneous* on page A-3
- *Interrupt interface* on page A-4
- *External AHB-Lite interface* on page A-5
- *Memory interfaces* on page A-6
- *AHB-AP interface* on page A-9.

A.1 Clocks and Resets

Table A-1 lists the clock and reset signals.

Table A-1 Reset signals

Name	Direction	Description
HCLK	Input	Main processor clock.
DAPCLK^a	Input	AHB-AP clock. Can be connected to HCLK or can be asynchronous to HCLK if there are other APs in the SoC that cannot operate at full HCLK .
DBGRESETn^a	Input	Reset for debug logic.
SYSRESETn	Input	System reset. Resets processor and non-debug portion of NVIC. Debug components are not reset by SYSRESETn .
DAPRESETn^a	Input	AHB-AP reset, DAPCLK domain

a. Only present if the processor is configured with debug.

A.2 Miscellaneous

Table A-2 lists the miscellaneous signals.

Table A-2 Miscellaneous signals

Name	Direction	Description
LOCKUP	Output	Indicates that the core is locked up.
HALTED ^a	Output	Indicates halting debug mode. HALTED remains asserted while the core is in debug.
SYSRESETREQ	Output	Requests that the system reset controller resets the core. It is cleared on reset. Do not connect this line directly to the reset input, use a flop to hold the reset LOW for a cycle.
EDBGRQ ^a	Input	External debug request.
DBGRESTART ^a	Input	External restart request. If you are not using this signal to connect to a CTI, tie this input LOW. Contact ARM for connection information if you are using this signal to connect to a CTI.
DBGRESTARTED ^a	Output	Handshake for DBGRESTART . If you are not using this signal to connect to a CTI, leave unconnected. Contact ARM for connection information if you are using this signal to connect to a CTI.

a. Only present if the processor is configured with debug.

A.3 Interrupt interface

Table A-3 lists the signals of the external interrupt interface.

Table A-3 Interrupt interface

Name	Direction	Description
IRQ[31:0]	Input	External interrupt signals
NMI	Input	Non-maskable interrupt

A.4 External AHB-Lite interface

Table A-4 lists the signals of the external AHB-Lite interface.

Table A-4 External AHB-Lite interface

Name	Direction	Description
HADDR[31:0]	Output	For more information, see the <i>AMBA 3 AHB-Lite Protocol Specification</i>
HBURST[2:0]	Output	
HPROT[3:0]	Output	
HRDATA[31:0]	Input	
HREADY	Input	
HRESP	Input	
HSIZE[2:0]	Output	
HTRANS[1:0]	Output	
HWDATA[31:0]	Output	
HWRITE	Output	

A.5 Memory interfaces

Table A-5 lists the signals of the ITCM interface.

Table A-5 ITCM interface

Name	Direction	Description
ITCMEN	Output	Enable to memory. Either ITCMRD or ITCMWR is also set.
ITCMRD	Output	Read Enable to memory, set only if ITCMEN is set.
ITCMWR	Output	Write Enable, set if and only if ITCMBYTEWR is non zero, and only if ITCMEN is set.
ITCMBYTEWR[3:0]	Output	Write Enables for each byte, if any of these are set, ITCMWR is also set.
ITCMADDR[19:2]	Output	Address to read from or write to.
ITCMWDATA[31:0]	Output	Data to be written to ITCM. Only bytes that ITCMBYTEWR is set for are valid.
ITCMRDATA[31:0]	Input	Data read from the ITCMADDR . All reads are 32 bit.
CFGITCMSZ[3:0]	Input	Size encoded onto 4 bits. Tie off at synthesis time to optimize logic for speed, or wire to a static value at run time to permit more flexibility.
CFGITCMEN[1:0]	Input	ITCM Alias Enables. Sets the value written into the Upper and Lower ITCM Alias Enable bits in the Auxiliary Control Register on reset. CFGITCMEN[1] sets the Upper Alias Enable bit and CFGITCMEN[0] sets the Lower Alias Enable bit. The value on these pins must be held constant for at least 2 cycles before SYSRESETn is deasserted.

Table A-6 lists the signals of the DTCM interface.

Table A-6 DTCM interface

Name	Direction	Description
DTCMEN	Output	Enable to memory. Either DTCMRD or DTCMWR is also set.
DTCMRD	Output	Read Enable to memory, set only if DTCMEN is set.
DTCMWR	Output	Write Enable, set if and only if DTCMBYTEWR is non zero, and only if DTCMEN is set.
DTCMBYTEWR[3:0]	Output	Write Enables for each byte. If any of these are set, DTCMWR is also set.
DTCMADDR[19:2]	Output	Address to read from or write to.

Table A-6 DTCM interface (continued)

Name	Direction	Description
DTCMWDATA[31:0]	Output	Data to be written to DTCM. Only bytes that DTCMBYTEWR is set for are valid.
DTCMRDATA[31:0]	Input	Data read from the DTCMADDR . All reads are 32-bit.
CFGDTCMSZ[3:0]	Input	Size encoded onto 4 bits. Tie off at synthesis time to optimize logic for speed, or wire to a static value at run time to permit more flexibility.

Table A-7 lists the signals of the Debug ITCM interface.

Table A-7 Debug ITCM interface

Name	Direction	Description
DBGITCMEN	Output	Enable to memory. Either DBGITCMRD or DBGITCMWR is also set.
DBGITCMRD	Output	Read Enable to memory, set only if DBGITCMEN is set.
DBGITCMWR	Output	Write Enable, set if and only if DBGITCMBYTEWR is non zero, and only if DBGITCMEN is set.
DBGITCMBYTEWR[3:0]	Output	Write Enables for each byte, if any of these are set, DBGITCMWR is also set.
DBGITCMADDR[19:2]	Output	Address to read from or write to.
DBGITCMWDATA[31:0]	Output	Data to be written to ITCM. Only bytes that DBGITCMBYTEWR is set for are valid.
DBGITCMRDATA[31:0]	Input	Data read from the DBGITCMADDR . All reads are 32 bit.

Table A-8 lists the signals of the Debug DTCM interface.

Table A-8 Debug DTCM interface

Name	Direction	Description
DBGDTCMEN	Output	Enable to memory. Either DBGDTCMRD or DBGDTCMWR is also set.
DBGDTCMRD	Output	Read Enable to memory, set only if DBGDTCMEN is set.
DBGDTCMWR	Output	Write Enable, set if and only if DBGDTCMBYTEWR is non zero, and only if DBGDTCMEN is set.

Table A-8 Debug DTCM interface (continued)

Name	Direction	Description
DBGDTCMBYTEWR[3:0]	Output	Write Enables for each byte. If any of these are set, DBGDTCMWR is also set.
DBGDTCMADDR[19:2]	Output	Address to read from or write to.
DBGDTCMWDATA[31:0]	Output	Data to be written to DTCM. Only bytes that DBGDTCMBYTEWR is set for are valid.
DBGDTCMRDATA[31:0]	Input	Data read from the DBGDTCMADDR . All reads are 32-bit.

A.6 AHB-AP interface

Table A-9 lists the signals of the AHB-AP interface.

Table A-9 AHB-AP interface

Name	Direction	Description
DAPRDATA[31:0]	Output	The read bus is driven by the selected AHB-AP during read cycles when DAPWRITE is LOW.
DAPREADY	Output	The AHB-AP uses this signal to extend a DAP transfer.
DAPSLVERR	Output	The error response is because of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master port produced an error response, or transfer not initiated because of DAPEN preventing a transfer. • Access to AP register not accepted after a DAPABORT operation.
DAPCLKEN	Input	DAP clock enable (power saving).
DBGEN	Input	AHB-AP enable.
DAPADDR[31:0]	Input	DAP address bus.
DAPSEL	Input	Select signal generated from the DAP decoder to each AP. This signal indicates that the slave device is selected, and a data transfer is required. There is a DAPSEL signal for each slave. The signal is not generated by the driving DP. The decoder monitors the address bus and asserts the relevant DAPSEL .
DAPENABLE	Input	This signal indicates the second and subsequent cycles of a DAP transfer from DP to AHB-AP.
DAPWRITE	Input	When HIGH indicates a DAP write access from DP to AHB-AP. When LOW indicates a read access.
DAPWDATA[31:0]	Input	The write bus is driven by the DP block during write cycles when DAPWRITE is HIGH.
DAPABORT	Input	Aborts the current transfer. The AHB-AP returns DAPREADY HIGH without affecting the state of the transfer in progress in the AHB Master Port.

Glossary

This glossary describes some of the terms used in technical documents from ARM Limited.

Abort A mechanism that indicates to a core that the attempted memory access is invalid or not allowed or that the data returned by the memory access is invalid. An abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid or protected instruction or data memory.

See also Data Abort, External Abort and Prefetch Abort.

Addressing modes Various mechanisms, shared by many different instructions, for generating values used by the instructions.

Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB)

A bus protocol with a fixed pipeline between address/control and data phases. It only supports a subset of the functionality provided by the AMBA AXI protocol. The full AMBA AHB protocol specification includes a number of features that are not commonly required for master and slave IP developments and ARM Limited recommends only a subset of the protocol is usually used. This subset is defined as the AMBA AHB-Lite protocol.

See also Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture and AHB-Lite.

Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA)

A family of protocol specifications that describe a strategy for the interconnect. AMBA is the ARM open standard for on-chip buses. It is an on-chip bus specification that details a strategy for the interconnection and management of functional blocks that make up a *System-on-Chip* (SoC). It aids in the development of embedded processors with one or more CPUs or signal processors and multiple peripherals. AMBA complements a reusable design methodology by defining a common backbone for SoC modules.

Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB)

A simpler bus protocol than AXI and AHB. It is designed for use with ancillary or general-purpose peripherals such as timers, interrupt controllers, UARTs, and I/O ports. Connection to the main system bus is through a system-to-peripheral bus bridge that helps to reduce system power consumption.

AHB *See* Advanced High-performance Bus.

AHB Access Port (AHB-AP)

An optional component of the DAP that provides an AHB interface to a SoC.

AHB-AP *See* AHB Access Port.

AHB-Lite A subset of the full AMBA AHB protocol specification. It provides all of the basic functions required by the majority of AMBA AHB slave and master designs, particularly when used with a multi-layer AMBA interconnect. In most cases, the extra facilities provided by a full AMBA AHB interface are implemented more efficiently by using an AMBA AXI protocol interface.

Aligned A data item stored at an address that is divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be aligned. Aligned words and halfwords have addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively. The terms word-aligned and halfword-aligned therefore stipulate addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively.

AMBA *See* Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture.

APB *See* Advanced Peripheral Bus.

Architecture The organization of hardware and/or software that characterizes a processor and its attached components, and enables devices with similar characteristics to be grouped together when describing their behavior, for example, Harvard architecture, instruction set architecture, ARMv6-M architecture.

ARM instruction An instruction of the ARM *Instruction Set Architecture* (ISA). These cannot be executed by the processor.

ARM state The processor state in which the processor executes the instructions of the ARM ISA. The processor only operates in Thumb state, never in ARM state.

- Base register** A register specified by a load or store instruction that is used to hold the base value for the instruction's address calculation. Depending on the instruction and its addressing mode, an offset can be added to or subtracted from the base register value to form the address that is sent to memory.
- Base register write-back** Updating the contents of the base register used in an instruction target address calculation so that the modified address is changed to the next higher or lower sequential address in memory. This means that it is not necessary to fetch the target address for successive instruction transfers and enables faster burst accesses to sequential memory.
- Beat** Alternative word for an individual data transfer within a burst. For example, an INCR4 burst comprises four beats.
- BE-8** Big-endian view of memory in a byte-invariant system.
See also LE, Byte-invariant and Word-invariant.
- Big-endian** Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of decreasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.
See also Little-endian and Endianness.
- Big-endian memory** Memory in which:
- a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the most significant byte or halfword within the word at that address
 - a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the most significant byte within the halfword at that address.
- See also* Little-endian memory.
- Breakpoint** A breakpoint is a mechanism provided by debuggers to identify an instruction at which program execution is to be halted. Breakpoints are inserted by the programmer to enable inspection of register contents, memory locations, variable values at fixed points in the program execution to test that the program is operating correctly. Breakpoints can be removed after the program is successfully tested.
See also Watchpoint.

- Burst** A group of transfers to consecutive addresses. Because the addresses are consecutive, there is no requirement to supply an address for any of the transfers after the first one. This increases the speed at which the group of transfers can occur. Bursts over AMBA are controlled using signals to indicate the length of the burst and how the addresses are incremented.
- See also* Beat.
- Byte** An 8-bit data item.
- Byte-invariant** In a byte-invariant system, the address of each byte of memory remains unchanged when switching between little-endian and big-endian operation. When a data item larger than a byte is loaded from or stored to memory, the bytes making up that data item are arranged into the correct order depending on the endianness of the memory access. The ARM architecture supports byte-invariant systems in ARMv6 and later versions.
- See also* Word-invariant.
- Cold reset** Also known as power-on reset.
- See also* Warm reset.
- Context** The environment that each process operates in for a multitasking operating system.
- Core** A core is that part of a processor that contains the ALU, the datapath, the general-purpose registers, the Program Counter, and the instruction decode and control circuitry.
- Core reset** *See* Warm reset.
- Data Abort** An indication from a memory system to the core of an attempt to access an illegal data memory location. An exception must be taken if the processor attempts to use the data that caused the abort.
- See also* Abort.
- Debug Access Port (DAP)** A TAP block that acts as an AMBA, AHB or AHB-Lite, master for access to a system bus. The DAP is the term used to encompass a set of modular blocks that support system wide debug. The DAP is a modular component, intended to be extendable to support optional access to multiple systems such as memory mapped AHB and APB through a single debug interface.
- Debugger** A debugging system that includes a program, used to detect, locate, and correct software faults, together with custom hardware that supports software debugging.

Endianness	Byte ordering. The scheme that determines the order that successive bytes of a data word are stored in memory. An aspect of the system's memory mapping. <i>See also</i> Little-endian and Big-endian
Exception	An error or event which can cause the processor to suspend the currently executing instruction stream and execute a specific exception handler or interrupt service routine. The exception could be an external interrupt or NMI, or it could be a fault or error event that is considered serious enough to require that program execution is interrupted. Examples include attempting to perform an invalid memory access, external interrupts, and undefined instructions. When an exception occurs, normal program flow is interrupted and execution is resumed at the corresponding exception vector. This contains the first instruction of the interrupt service routine to deal with the exception.
Exception handler	<i>See</i> Interrupt service routine.
Exception vector	<i>See</i> Interrupt vector.
Halfword	A 16-bit data item.
Halt mode	One of two mutually exclusive debug modes. In halt mode all processor execution halts when a breakpoint or watchpoint is encountered. All processor state, coprocessor state, memory and input/output locations can be examined and altered by the JTAG interface. <i>See also</i> Monitor debug-mode.
Host	A computer that provides data and other services to another computer. Especially, a computer providing debugging services to a target being debugged.
Implementation-defined	The behavior is not architecturally defined, but is defined and documented by individual implementations.
Internal PPB	<i>See</i> Private Peripheral Bus.
Interrupt service routine	A program that control of the processor is passed to when an interrupt occurs.
Interrupt vector	One of a number of fixed addresses in low memory that contains the first instruction of the corresponding interrupt service routine.
Joint Test Action Group (JTAG)	The name of the organization that developed standard IEEE 1149.1. This standard defines a boundary-scan architecture used for in-circuit testing of integrated circuit devices. It is commonly known by the initials JTAG.
JTAG	<i>See</i> Joint Test Action Group.

JTAG Debug Port (JTAG-DP)

An optional external interface for the DAP that provides a standard JTAG interface for debug access.

JTAG-DP

See JTAG Debug Port.

LE

Little endian view of memory in both byte-invariant and word-invariant systems. *See* also Byte-invariant, Word-invariant.

Little-endian

Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of increasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.

See also Big-endian and Endianness.

Little-endian memory

Memory in which:

- a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the least significant byte or halfword within the word at that address
- a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the least significant byte within the halfword at that address.

See also Big-endian memory.

Load/store architecture

A processor architecture where data-processing operations only operate on register contents, not directly on memory contents.

Macrocell

A complex logic block with a defined interface and behavior. A typical VLSI system comprises several macrocells (such as a processor, an ETM, and a memory block) plus application-specific logic.

Monitor debug-mode

One of two mutually exclusive debug modes. In Monitor debug-mode the processor enables a software abort handler provided by the debug monitor or operating system debug task. When a breakpoint or watchpoint is encountered, this enables vital system interrupts to continue to be serviced while normal program execution is suspended.

See also Halt mode.

Multi-layer

An interconnect scheme similar to a cross-bar switch. Each master on the interconnect has a direct link to each slave, The link is not shared with other masters. This enables each master to process transfers in parallel with other masters. Contention only occurs in a multi-layer interconnect at a payload destination, typically the slave.

Power-on reset

See Cold reset.

PPB

See Private Peripheral Bus.

Prefetching	In pipelined processors, the process of fetching instructions from memory to fill up the pipeline before the preceding instructions have finished executing. Prefetching an instruction does not mean that the instruction has to be executed.
Prefetch Abort	An indication from a memory system to the core that an instruction has been fetched from an illegal memory location. An exception must be taken if the processor attempts to execute the instruction. A Prefetch Abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid instruction memory. <i>See also</i> Data Abort, Abort.
Private Peripheral Bus	Memory space at 0xE0000000 to 0xE00FFFFF.
Processor	A processor is the circuitry in a computer system required to process data using the computer instructions. It is an abbreviation of microprocessor. A clock source, power supplies, and main memory are also required to create a minimum complete working computer system.
RealView ICE	A system for debugging embedded processor cores using a JTAG interface.
Reserved	A field in a control register or instruction format is reserved if the field is to be defined by the implementation, or produces Unpredictable results if the contents of the field are not zero. These fields are reserved for use in future extensions of the architecture or are implementation-specific. All reserved bits not used by the implementation must be written as 0 and read as 0.
SBO	<i>See</i> Should Be One.
SBZ	<i>See</i> Should Be Zero.
Scan chain	A scan chain is made up of serially-connected devices that implement boundary scan technology using a standard JTAG TAP interface. Each device contains at least one TAP controller containing shift registers that form the chain connected between TDI and TDO , through which test data is shifted. Processors can contain several shift registers to enable you to access selected parts of the device.
Should Be One (SBO)	Should be written as 1 (or all 1s for bit fields) by software. Writing a 0 produces Unpredictable results.
Should Be Zero (SBZ)	Should be written as 0 (or all 0s for bit fields) by software. Writing a 1 produces Unpredictable results.
Serial-Wire JTAG Debug Port	A standard debug port that combines JTAG-DP and SW-DP.
SWJ-DP	<i>See</i> Serial-Wire JTAG Debug Port.

System memory map Address space at 0x00000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF.

TAP *See* Test access port.

Test Access Port (TAP)

The collection of four mandatory and one optional terminals that form the input/output and control interface to a JTAG boundary-scan architecture. The mandatory terminals are **TDI**, **TDO**, **TMS**, and **TCK**. The optional terminal is **nTRST**. This signal is mandatory in ARM cores because it is used to reset the debug logic.

Thread Control Block (TCB)

A data structure used by an operating system kernel to maintain information specific to a single thread of execution.

Thumb instruction A halfword that specifies an operation for an ARM processor in Thumb state to perform. Thumb instructions must be halfword-aligned.

Thumb state A processor that is executing Thumb (16-bit) halfword aligned instructions is operating in Thumb state.

Unaligned A data item stored at an address that is not divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be unaligned. For example, a word stored at an address that is not divisible by four.

Unpredictable For reads, the data returned when reading from this location is unpredictable. It can have any value. For writes, writing to this location causes unpredictable behavior, or an unpredictable change in device configuration. Unpredictable instructions must not halt or hang the processor, or any part of the system.

Warm reset Also known as a core reset. Initializes the majority of the processor excluding the debug controller and debug logic. This type of reset is useful if you are using the debugging features of a processor.

Watchpoint A watchpoint is a mechanism provided by debuggers to halt program execution when the data contained by a particular memory address is changed. Watchpoints are inserted by the programmer to enable inspection of register contents, memory locations, and variable values when memory is written to test that the program is operating correctly. Watchpoints are removed after the program is successfully tested. *See also* Breakpoint.

Word A 32-bit data item.

Word-invariant In a word-invariant system, the address of each byte of memory changes when switching between little-endian and big-endian operation, in such a way that the byte with address A in one endianness has address A EOR 3 in the other endianness. As a result, each aligned word of memory always consists of the same four bytes of memory in the same order, regardless of endianness. The change of endianness occurs because of the change to the byte addresses, not because the bytes are rearranged. The ARM

architecture supports word-invariant systems in ARMv3 and later versions. When word-invariant support is selected, the behavior of load or store instructions that are given unaligned addresses is instruction-specific, and is in general not the expected behavior for an unaligned access. It is recommended that word-invariant systems use the endianness that produces the desired byte addresses at all times, apart possibly from very early in their reset handlers before they have set up the endianness, and that this early part of the reset handler must use only aligned word memory accesses.

See also Byte-invariant.

Write buffer

A pipeline stage for buffering write data to prevent bus stalls from stalling the processor.

