# 02-1 Pulse Width Modulation - bone

Controlling an output pin without using the CPU


## Outline

- Pin Mux
- PWM

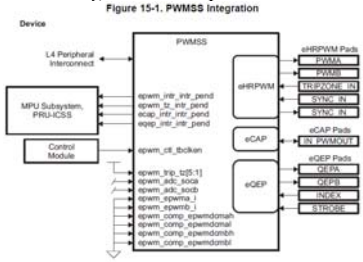
## Pulse Width Modulation

- Using the CPU to toggle an IO pin is a poor use of the CPU
- A 0.5 GHz processor can only toggle at about
  - 100 Hz using the shell, or
  - _____ using a C program
- Many applications could use such a signal
  - at a higher frequency
  - without using so much of the CPU
- Use PWM hardware

## PWM Hardware

- The AM335x has a Pulse Width Modulation SubSystem (PWMSS)
- Discussed in Section 17 of the TRM.
- 2 to 4 PWM signals can be produced.

Figure 15-1. PWMSS Integration

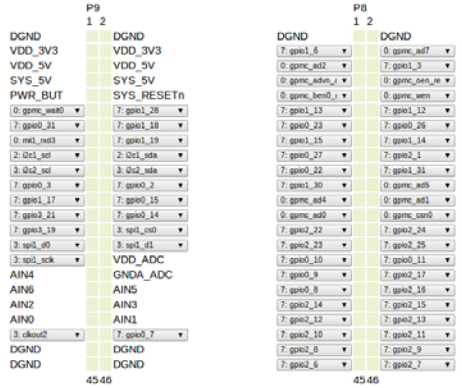



## Pin MUXing

- **Problem:** AM335x has more internal lines than hardware IO pins.
- **Solution:** IO pins run though a MUX which selects which internal lines appear on IO pins
- A pin can have 1 from as many as 8 lines assigned to it

## Bone default Mux Settings

(http://bone/pinMux.html)



## Controlling the Mux

- Currently there is no clean way to control the mux from user space
- However there is a debug interface

```
beagle$ cd /sys/kernel/debug/omap_mux
beagle$ ls
ain0            gpmc_ad2        lcd_data3       mii1_txd2
ain1            gpmc_ad3        lcd_data4       mii1_txd3
ain2            gpmc_ad4        lcd_data5       mii1_txen
ain3            gpmc_ad5        lcd_data6       mmc0_clk
ain4            gpmc_ad6        lcd_data7       mmc0_cmd
ain5            gpmc_ad7        lcd_data8       mmc0_dat0
ain6            gpmc_ad8        lcd_data9       mmc0_dat1
ain7            gpmc_ad9        lcd_hsync       mmc0_dat2
…
```

```
beagle$ mkdir debugfs
beagle$ mount -t debugfs none debugfs
```

## Where's PWM

```
beagle$ grep ehrpwm *
gpmc_a0:signals: gpmc_a0 | gmii2_txen | rgmii2_tctl |
rmii2_txen | gpmc_a16 | pr1_mii_mt1_clk |
ehrpwm1_tripzone_input | gpio1_16
gpmc_a1:signals: gpmc_a1 | gmii2_rxdv | rgmii2_rctl |
mmc2_dat0 | gpmc_a17 | pr1_mii1_txd3 | ehrpwm0_synco |
gpio1_17
gpmc_a2:signals: gpmc_a2 | gmii2_txd3 | rgmii2_td3 |
mmc2_dat1 | gpmc_a18 | pr1_mii1_txd2 | ehrpwm1A | gpio1_18
```

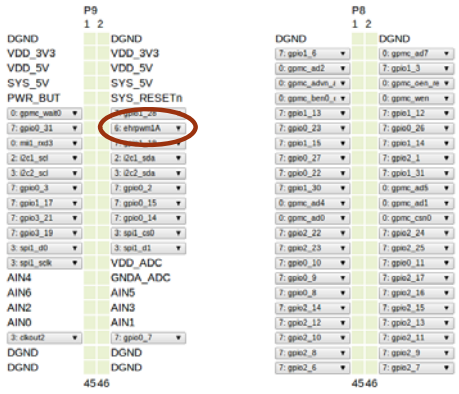
- **ehrpwm1A** shows up in the file **gpmc_a2**

```
beagle$ cat gpmc_a2
name: gpmc_a2.gpio1_18 (0x44e10848/0x848 = 0x0027), b NA, t NA
mode: OMAP_PIN_INPUT_PULLDOWN | OMAP_MUX_MODE7
signals: gpmc_a2 | gmii2_txd3 | rgmii2_td3 | mmc2_dat1 |
gpmc_a18 | pr1_mii1_txd2 | ehrpwm1A | gpio1_18
```

## Switch to PWM

```
beagle$ echo 6 > gpmc_a2
beagle$ cat gpmc_a2
name: gpmc_a2.ehrpwm1A (0x44e10848/0x848 = 0x0006), b NA, t NA
mode: OMAP_PIN_OUTPUT | OMAP_MUX_MODE6
signals: gpmc_a2 | gmii2_txd3 | rgmii2_td3 | mmc2_dat1 |
gpmc_a18 | pr1_mii1_txd2 | ehrpwm1A | gpio1_18
```

## Refresh bone:pinMux.html




## Turn on the PWM

- PWM is controlled from /sys/class/pwm

```
beagle$ cd /sys/class/pwm
beagle$ ls -F
ecap.0@  ecap.2@      ehrpwm.0:1@  ehrpwm.1:1@  ehrpwm.2:1@
ecap.1@  ehrpwm.0:0@  ehrpwm.1:0@  ehrpwm.2:0@
```

- We are using ehrpwm1A which maps to ehrpwm.1:0

```
beagle$ cd /sys/class/pwm/ehrpwm.1\:0
beagle$ ls
device    duty_percent  period_ns  power    run        tick_hz
duty_ns   period_freq   polarity   request  subsystem  uevent
beagle$ echo 1 > request
beagle$ echo 1 > run
beagle$ echo 10 > period_freq
beagle$ echo 25 > duty_percent
```

## Exercise 13

- Do the PWM exercise
- Plan some time to come to lab and use the 'scope to measure how fast the PWM can run