Chapter 6 Parallel Input/Output Control

This section explains software controls related to parallel input/output (I/O) and pin control. The MC9S08SH32 has three parallel I/O ports which include a total of 23 I/O pins and one output-only pin. See Chapter 2, "Pins and Connections," for more information about pin assignments and external hardware considerations of these pins.

Many of these pins are shared with on-chip peripherals such as timer systems, communication systems, or pin interrupts as shown in Table 2-1. The peripheral modules have priority over the general-purpose I/O functions so that when a peripheral is enabled, the I/O functions associated with the shared pins are disabled.

After reset, the shared peripheral functions are disabled and the pins are configured as inputs (PTxDDn = 0). The pin control functions for each pin are configured as follows: slew rate disabled PTxSEn = 0, low drive strength selected (PTxDSn = 0), and internal pull-ups disabled (PTxPEn = 0).

NOTE

Not all general-purpose I/O pins are available on all packages. To avoid extra current drain from floating input pins, the user's reset initialization routine in the application program must either enable on-chip pull-up devices or change the direction of unconnected pins to outputs so the pins do not float.

6.1 Port Data and Data Direction

Reading and writing of parallel I/Os are performed through the port data registers. The direction, either input or output, is controlled through the port data direction registers. The parallel I/O port function for an individual pin is illustrated in the block diagram shown in Figure 6-1.

The data direction control bit (PTxDDn) determines whether the output buffer for the associated pin is enabled, and also controls the source for port data register reads. The input buffer for the associated pin is always enabled unless the pin is enabled as an analog function or is an output-only pin.

When a shared digital function is enabled for a pin, the output buffer is controlled by the shared function. However, the data direction register bit will continue to control the source for reads of the port data register.

When a shared analog function is enabled for a pin, both the input and output buffers are disabled. A value of 0 is read for any port data bit where the bit is an input (PTxDDn = 0) and the input buffer is disabled. In general, whenever a pin is shared with both an alternate digital function and an analog function, the analog function has priority such that if both the digital and analog functions are enabled, the analog function controls the pin.

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It is a good programming practice to write to the port data register before changing the direction of a port pin to become an output. This ensures that the pin will not be driven momentarily with an old data value that happened to be in the port data register.

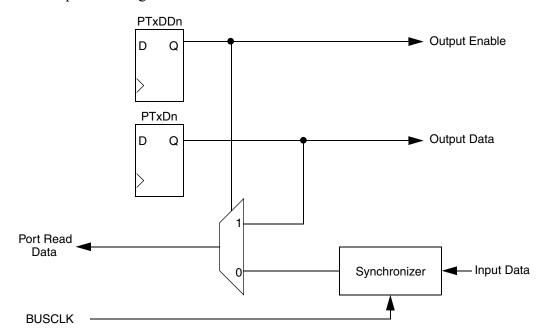


Figure 6-1. Parallel I/O Block Diagram

6.2 Pull-up, Slew Rate, and Drive Strength

Associated with the parallel I/O ports is a set of registers located in the high page register space that operate independently of the parallel I/O registers. These registers are used to control pull-ups, slew rate, and drive strength for the pins.

An internal pull-up device can be enabled for each port pin by setting the corresponding bit in the pull-up enable register (PTxPEn). The pull-up device is disabled if the pin is configured as an output by the parallel I/O control logic or any shared peripheral function regardless of the state of the corresponding pull-up enable register bit. The pull-up device is also disabled if the pin is controlled by an analog function.

Slew rate control can be enabled for each port pin by setting the corresponding bit in the slew rate control register (PTxSEn). When enabled, slew control limits the rate at which an output can transition in order to reduce EMC emissions. Slew rate control has no effect on pins that are configured as inputs.

An output pin can be selected to have high output drive strength by setting the corresponding bit in the drive strength select register (PTxDSn). When high drive is selected, a pin is capable of sourcing and sinking greater current. Even though every I/O pin can be selected as high drive, the user must ensure that the total current source and sink limits for the MCU are not exceeded. Drive strength selection is intended to affect the DC behavior of I/O pins. However, the AC behavior is also affected. High drive allows a pin to drive a greater load with the same switching speed as a low drive enabled pin into a smaller load. Because of this, the EMC emissions may be affected by enabling pins as high drive.

6.3 Ganged Output

The MC9S08SH32 Series devices contain a feature that allows for up to eight port pins to be tied together externally to allow higher output current drive. The ganged output drive control register (GNGC) is a write-once register that is used to enabled the ganged output feature and select which port pins will be used as ganged outputs. The GNGEN bit in GNGC enables ganged output. The GNGPS[7:1] bits are used to select which pin will be part of the ganged output.

When GNGEN is set, any pin that is enabled as a ganged output will be automatically configured as an output and follow the data, drive strength and slew rate control of PTC0. The ganged output drive pin mapping is shown in Table 6-1.

NOTE

See the DC characteristics in the electrical section for maximum Port I/O currents allowed for this MCU.

When a pin is enabled as ganged output, this feature will have priority over any digital module. An enabled analog function will have priority over the ganged output pin. See Table 2-1 for information on pin priority.

Table 6-1. Ganged Output Pin Enable

	GNGC Register Bits							
	GNGPS7	GNGPS6	GNGPS5	GNGPS4	GNGPS3	GNGPS2	GNGPS1	GNGEN ¹
Port Pin ²	PTB5	PTB4	PTB3	PTB2	PTC3	PTC2	PTC1	PTC0
Data Direction Control		Pin is automa	atically config	ured as outpu	t when pin is	enabled as ga	anged output.	
Data Control	Control PTCD0 in PTCD controls data value of output							
Drive Strength Control								

Ganged output on PTC3-PTC0 not available on 16-pin packages, however PTC0 control registers are still used to control ganged output.

² When GNGEN = 1, PTC0 is forced to an output, regardless of the value in PTCDD0 in PTCDD.

6.4 Pin Interrupts

Port A[3:0] and port B[3:0] pins can be configured as external interrupt inputs and as an external means of waking the MCU from stop3 or wait low-power modes.

The block diagram for the pin interrupts is shown Figure 6-2.

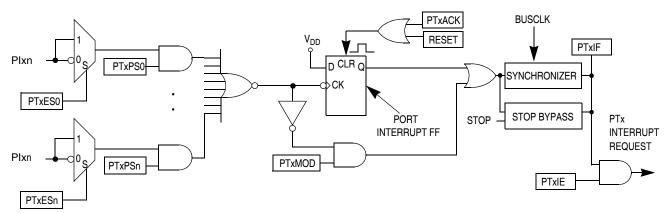


Figure 6-2. Pin Interrupt Block Diagram

Writing to the PTxPSn bits in the port interrupt pin enable register (PTxPS) independently enables or disables each port pin interrupt. Each port can be configured as edge sensitive or edge and level sensitive based on the PTxMOD bit in the port interrupt status and control register (PTxSC). Edge sensitivity can be software programmed to be either falling or rising; the level can be either low or high. The polarity of the edge or edge and level sensitivity is selected using the PTxESn bits in the port interrupt edge select register (PTxES).

Synchronous logic is used to detect edges. Prior to detecting an edge, enabled pin interrupt inputs must be at the deasserted logic level. A falling edge is detected when an enabled port input signal is seen as a logic 1 (the deasserted level) during one bus cycle and then a logic 0 (the asserted level) during the next cycle. A rising edge is detected when the input signal is seen as a logic 0 during one bus cycle and then a logic 1 during the next cycle.

6.4.1 Edge-Only Sensitivity

A valid edge on an enabled pin interrupt sets PTxIF in PTxSC. If PTxIE in PTxSC is set, an interrupt request is presented to the CPU. To clear PTxIF, write a 1 to PTxACK in PTxSC.

NOTE

If a pin is enabled for interrupt on edge-sensitive only, a falling (or rising) edge on the pin does not latch an interrupt request if another pin interrupt is already asserted.

To prevent losing an interrupt request on one pin because another pin is asserted, software can disable the asserted pin interrupt while having the unasserted pin interrupt enabled. The asserted status of a pin is reflected by its associated I/O general purpose data register.

6.4.2 Edge and Level Sensitivity

A valid edge or level on an enabled pin interrupt sets PTxIF in PTxSC. If PTxIE in PTxSC is set, an interrupt request is presented to the CPU. To clear PTxIF, write a 1 to PTxACK in PTxSC provided all enabled pin interrupt inputs are at their de-asserted levels. PTxIF remains set if any enabled pin interrupt is asserted while attempting to clear by writing a 1 to PTxACK.

6.4.3 Pull-up/Pull-down Resistors

The pin interrupts can be configured to use an internal pull-up/pull-down resistor using the associated I/O port pull-up enable register. If an internal resistor is enabled, the PTxES register is used to select whether the resistor is a pull-up (PTxESn = 0) or a pull-down (PTxESn = 1).

6.4.4 Pin Interrupt Initialization

When a pin interrupt is first enabled, it is possible to get a false interrupt flag. To prevent a false interrupt request during pin interrupt initialization, the user should do the following:

- 1. Mask interrupts by clearing PTxIE in PTxSC.
- 2. Select the pin polarity by setting the appropriate PTxESn bits in PTxES.
- 3. If using internal pull-up/pull-down device, configure the associated pull enable bits in PTxPE.
- 4. Enable the interrupt pins by setting the appropriate PTxPSn bits in PTxPS.
- 5. Write to PTxACK in PTxSC to clear any false interrupts.
- 6. Set PTxIE in PTxSC to enable interrupts.

6.5 Pin Behavior in Stop Modes

Pin behavior following execution of a STOP instruction depends on the stop mode that is entered. An explanation of pin behavior for the various stop modes follows:

- Stop2 mode is a partial power-down mode, whereby I/O latches are maintained in their state as before the STOP instruction was executed. CPU register status and the state of I/O registers should be saved in RAM before the STOP instruction is executed to place the MCU in stop2 mode. Upon recovery from stop2 mode, before accessing any I/O, the user should examine the state of the PPDF bit in the SPMSC2 register. If the PPDF bit is 0, I/O must be initialized as if a power on reset had occurred. If the PPDF bit is 1, I/O data previously stored in RAM, before the STOP instruction was executed, peripherals may require being initialized and restored to their pre-stop condition. The user must then write a 1 to the PPDACK bit in the SPMSC2 register. Access to I/O is now permitted again in the user application program.
- In stop3 mode, all I/O is maintained because internal logic circuity stays powered up. Upon recovery, normal I/O function is available to the user.

6.6 Parallel I/O and Pin Control Registers

This section provides information about the registers associated with the parallel I/O ports. The data and data direction registers are located in page zero of the memory map. The pull up, slew rate, drive strength, and interrupt control registers are located in the high page section of the memory map.

Refer to tables in Chapter 4, "Memory," for the absolute address assignments for all parallel I/O and their pin control registers. This section refers to registers and control bits only by their names. A Freescale Semiconductor-provided equate or header file normally is used to translate these names into the appropriate absolute addresses.

6.6.1 Port A Registers

Port A is controlled by the registers listed below.

The pins PTA4 and PTA5 are unique. PTA4 is output-only, so the control bits for the input function will not have any effect on this pin. PTA5, when configured as an output, is open drain.

NOTE

This PTA5 pin does not contain a clamp diode to V_{DD} and should not be driven above V_{DD} .

When the internal pullup device is enabled on PTA5 when used as an input or open drain output the voltage measured on PTA5 will not be pulled to V_{DD} . The internal gates connected to this pin are pulled to V_{DD} . If the PTA5 pin is required to drive to a V_{DD} level an external pullup should be used.

6.6.1.1 Port A Data Register (PTAD)

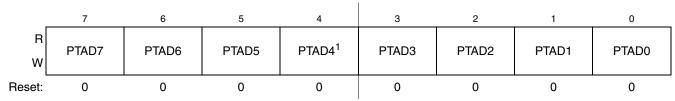


Figure 6-3. Port A Data Register (PTAD)

Table 6-2. PTAD Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:0 PTAD[7:0]	Port A Data Register Bits — For port A pins that are inputs, reads return the logic level on the pin. For port A pins that are configured as outputs, reads return the last value written to this register. Writes are latched into all bits of this register. For port A pins that are configured as outputs, the logic level is driven out the corresponding MCU pin. Reset forces PTAD to all 0s, but these 0s are not driven out the corresponding pins because reset also configures all port pins as high-impedance inputs with pull-ups/pull-downs disabled.

Reads of bit PTAD4 always return the contents of PTAD4, regardless of the value stored in bit PTADD4.

6.6.1.2 Port A Data Direction Register (PTADD)

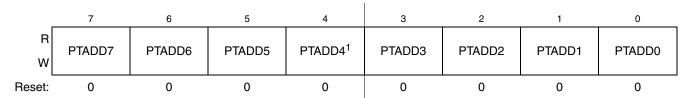


Figure 6-4. Port A Data Direction Register (PTADD)

Table 6-3. PTADD Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:0 PTADD[7:0]	Data Direction for Port A Bits — These read/write bits control the direction of port A pins and what is read for PTAD reads. 1 Output driver enabled for port A bit n and PTAD reads return the contents of PTADn.

6.6.1.3 Port A Pull Enable Register (PTAPE)

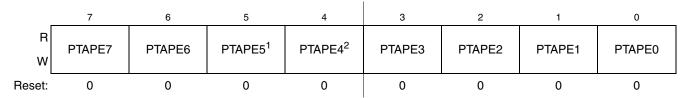


Figure 6-5. Internal Pull Enable for Port A Register (PTAPE)

Table 6-4. PTAPE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description			
7:0 PTAPE[7:0]	Internal Pull Enable for Port A Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the internal pull-up or pull-down device is enabled for the associated PTA pin. For port A pins (except for PTA5) that are configured as outputs, these bits have no effect and the internal pull devices are disabled. 0 Internal pull-up/pull-down device disabled for port A bit n. 1 Internal pull-up/pull-down device enabled for port A bit n.			

NOTE

Pull-down devices only apply when using pin interrupt functions, when corresponding edge select and pin select functions are configured to detect rising edges.

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PTADD4 has no effect on the output-only PTA4 pin.

PTAPE5 can be used to pullup PTA5 when configured as open drain output pin, however pullup will not pull pin all the way to V_{DD} . An external pullup should be used if applications requires PTA5 to be driven to V_{DD} .

PTAPE4 has no effect on the output-only PTA4 pin.

6.6.1.4 Port A Slew Rate Enable Register (PTASE)

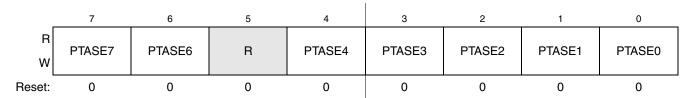


Figure 6-6. Slew Rate Enable for Port A Register (PTASE)

Table 6-5. PTASE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description				
7:6,4:0	Output Slew Rate Enable for Port A Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the output slew rate control is enabled for the associated PTA pin. For port A pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. O Output slew rate control disabled for port A bit n. Output slew rate control enabled for port A bit n.				
5 Reserved	Reserved Bits — These bits are unused on this MCU, writes have no affect and could read as 1s or 0s.				

6.6.1.5 Port A Drive Strength Selection Register (PTADS)

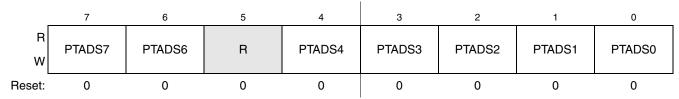


Figure 6-7. Drive Strength Selection for Port A Register (PTADS)

Table 6-6. PTADS Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:6, 4:0 PTADS [7:6, 4:0]	Output Drive Strength Selection for Port A Bits — Each of these control bits selects between low and high output drive for the associated PTA pin. For port A pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. 1 Use the output drive strength selected for port A bit n. 2 High output drive strength selected for port A bit n.
5 Reserved	Reserved Bits — These bits are unused on this MCU, writes have no affect and could read as 1s or 0s.

6.6.1.6 Port A Interrupt Status and Control Register (PTASC)

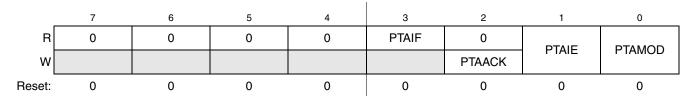


Figure 6-8. Port A Interrupt Status and Control Register (PTASC)

Table 6-7. PTASC Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
3 PTAIF	Port A Interrupt Flag — PTAIF indicates when a port A interrupt is detected. Writes have no effect on PTAIF. 0 No port A interrupt detected. 1 Port A interrupt detected.
2 PTAACK	Port A Interrupt Acknowledge — Writing a 1 to PTAACK is part of the flag clearing mechanism. PTAACK always reads as 0.
1 PTAIE	Port A Interrupt Enable — PTAIE determines whether a port A interrupt is enabled. 0 Port A interrupt request not enabled. 1 Port A interrupt request enabled.
0 PTAMOD	Port A Detection Mode — PTAMOD (along with the PTAES bits) controls the detection mode of the port A interrupt pins. 0 Port A pins detect edges only. 1 Port A pins detect both edges and levels.

6.6.1.7 Port A Interrupt Pin Select Register (PTAPS)

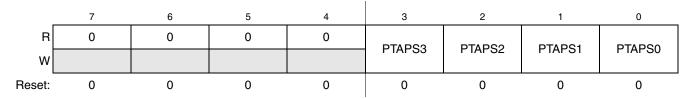


Figure 6-9. Port A Interrupt Pin Select Register (PTAPS)

Table 6-8. PTAPS Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
	Port A Interrupt Pin Selects — Each of the PTAPSn bits enable the corresponding port A interrupt pin. 0 Pin not enabled as interrupt. 1 Pin enabled as interrupt.

6.6.1.8 Port A Interrupt Edge Select Register (PTAES)

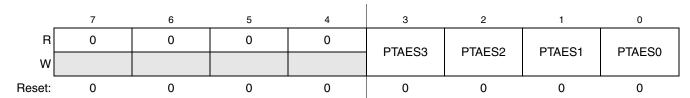


Figure 6-10. Port A Edge Select Register (PTAES)

Table 6-9. PTAES Register Field Descriptions

	Field	Description
F	PTAES[3:0]	 Port A Edge Selects — Each of the PTAESn bits serves a dual purpose by selecting the polarity of the active interrupt edge as well as selecting a pull-up or pull-down device if enabled. 0 A pull-up device is connected to the associated pin and detects falling edge/low level for interrupt generation. 1 A pull-down device is connected to the associated pin and detects rising edge/high level for interrupt generation.

6.6.2 Port B Registers

Port B is controlled by the registers listed below.

6.6.2.1 Port B Data Register (PTBD)

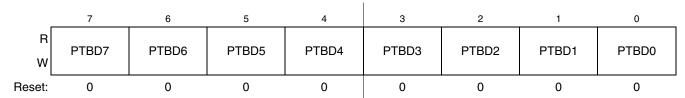


Figure 6-11. Port B Data Register (PTBD)

Table 6-10. PTBD Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTBD[7:0]	Port B Data Register Bits — For port B pins that are inputs, reads return the logic level on the pin. For port B pins that are configured as outputs, reads return the last value written to this register. Writes are latched into all bits of this register. For port B pins that are configured as outputs, the logic level is driven out the corresponding MCU pin. Reset forces PTBD to all 0s, but these 0s are not driven out the corresponding pins because reset also configures all port pins as high-impedance inputs with pull-ups/pull-downs disabled.

6.6.2.2 Port B Data Direction Register (PTBDD)

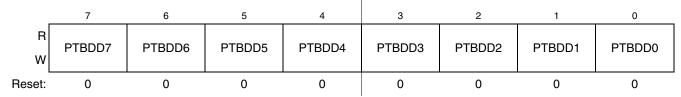


Figure 6-12. Port B Data Direction Register (PTBDD)

Table 6-11. PTBDD Register Field Descriptions

Description			
Data Direction for Port B Bits — These read/write bits control the direction of port B pins and what is read for			
PTBD reads.			
0 Input (output driver disabled) and reads return the pin value.			
1 Output driver enabled for port B bit n and PTBD reads return the contents of PTBDn.			
F 0			

6.6.2.3 Port B Pull Enable Register (PTBPE)

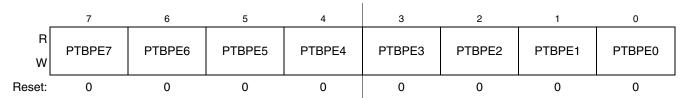


Figure 6-13. Internal Pull Enable for Port B Register (PTBPE)

Table 6-12. PTBPE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description		
7:0	Internal Pull Enable for Port B Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the internal pull-up or pull-down		
PTBPE[7:0]	device is enabled for the associated PTB pin. For port B pins that are configured as outputs, these bits have no		
	effect and the internal pull devices are disabled.		
	Internal pull-up/pull-down device disabled for port B bit n.		
	1 Internal pull-up/pull-down device enabled for port B bit n.		

NOTE

Pull-down devices only apply when using pin interrupt functions, when corresponding edge select and pin select functions are configured to detect rising edges.

6.6.2.4 Port B Slew Rate Enable Register (PTBSE)

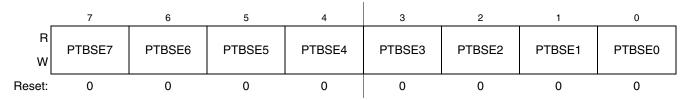


Figure 6-14. Slew Rate Enable for Port B Register (PTBSE)

Table 6-13. PTBSE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:0 PTBSE[7:0]	Output Slew Rate Enable for Port B Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the output slew rate control is enabled for the associated PTB pin. For port B pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. Output slew rate control disabled for port B bit n. Output slew rate control enabled for port B bit n.

6.6.2.5 Port B Drive Strength Selection Register (PTBDS)

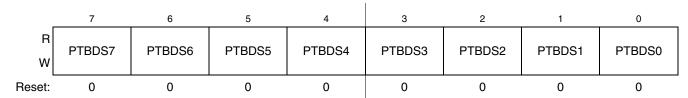


Figure 6-15. Drive Strength Selection for Port B Register (PTBDS)

Table 6-14. PTBDS Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTBDS[7:0]	Output Drive Strength Selection for Port B Bits — Each of these control bits selects between low and high output drive for the associated PTB pin. For port B pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. 1 Low output drive strength selected for port B bit n. 2 High output drive strength selected for port B bit n.

6.6.2.6 Port B Interrupt Status and Control Register (PTBSC)

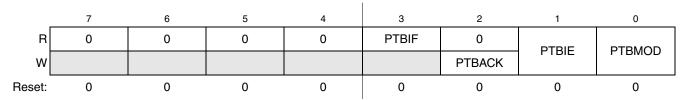


Figure 6-16. Port B Interrupt Status and Control Register (PTBSC)

Table 6-15. PTBSC Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
3 PTBIF	Port B Interrupt Flag — PTBIF indicates when a Port B interrupt is detected. Writes have no effect on PTBIF. 0 No Port B interrupt detected. 1 Port B interrupt detected.
2 PTBACK	Port B Interrupt Acknowledge — Writing a 1 to PTBACK is part of the flag clearing mechanism. PTBACK always reads as 0.
1 PTBIE	Port B Interrupt Enable — PTBIE determines whether a port B interrupt is enabled. 0 Port B interrupt request not enabled. 1 Port B interrupt request enabled.
0 PTBMOD	Port B Detection Mode — PTBMOD (along with the PTBES bits) controls the detection mode of the port B interrupt pins. 0 Port B pins detect edges only. 1 Port B pins detect both edges and levels.

6.6.2.7 Port B Interrupt Pin Select Register (PTBPS)

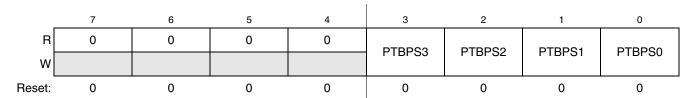


Figure 6-17. Port B Interrupt Pin Select Register (PTBPS)

Table 6-16. PTBPS Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
	Port B Interrupt Pin Selects — Each of the PTBPSn bits enable the corresponding port B interrupt pin. 0 Pin not enabled as interrupt. 1 Pin enabled as interrupt.

6.6.2.8 Port B Interrupt Edge Select Register (PTBES)

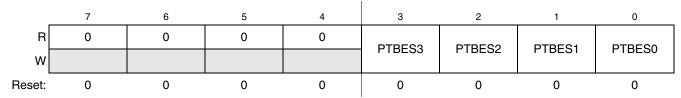


Figure 6-18. Port B Edge Select Register (PTBES)

Table 6-17. PTBES Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
3:0 PTBES[3:0]	Port B Edge Selects — Each of the PTBESn bits serves a dual purpose by selecting the polarity of the active interrupt edge as well as selecting a pull-up or pull-down device if enabled. O A pull-up device is connected to the associated pin and detects falling edge/low level for interrupt generation. A pull-down device is connected to the associated pin and detects rising edge/high level for interrupt generation.

6.6.3 Port C Registers

Port C is controlled by the registers listed below.

6.6.3.1 Port C Data Register (PTCD)

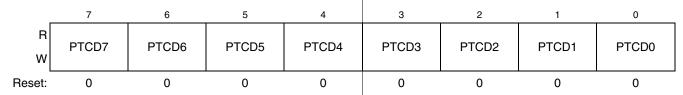


Figure 6-19. Port C Data Register (PTCD)

Table 6-18. PTCD Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTCD[7:0]	Port C Data Register Bits — For port C pins that are inputs, reads return the logic level on the pin. For port C pins that are configured as outputs, reads return the last value written to this register. Writes are latched into all bits of this register. For port C pins that are configured as outputs, the logic level is driven out the corresponding MCU pin. Reset forces PTCD to all 0s, but these 0s are not driven out the corresponding pins because reset also configures all port pins as high-impedance inputs with pull-ups disabled.

6.6.3.2 Port C Data Direction Register (PTCDD)

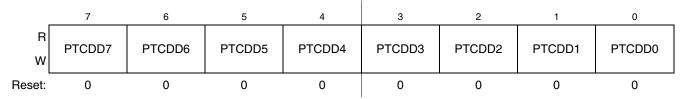


Figure 6-20. Port C Data Direction Register (PTCDD)

Table 6-19. PTCDD Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:0	Data Direction for Port C Bits — These read/write bits control the direction of port C pins and what is read for
PTCDD[7:0]	PTCD reads.
	0 Input (output driver disabled) and reads return the pin value.
	1 Output driver enabled for port C bit n and PTCD reads return the contents of PTCDn.
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6.6.3.3 Port C Pull Enable Register (PTCPE)

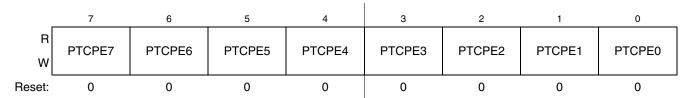


Figure 6-21. Internal Pull Enable for Port C Register (PTCPE)

Table 6-20. PTCPE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTCPE[7:0]	Internal Pull Enable for Port C Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the internal pull-up device is enabled for the associated PTC pin. For port C pins that are configured as outputs, these bits have no effect and the internal pull devices are disabled. 0 Internal pull-up device disabled for port C bit n. 1 Internal pull-up device enabled for port C bit n.

6.6.3.4 Port C Slew Rate Enable Register (PTCSE)

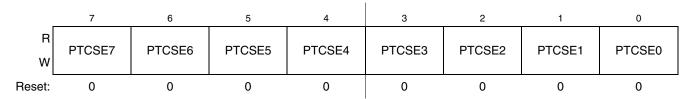


Figure 6-22. Slew Rate Enable for Port C Register (PTCSE)

Table 6-21. PTCSE Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTCSE[7:0]	Output Slew Rate Enable for Port C Bits — Each of these control bits determines if the output slew rate control is enabled for the associated PTC pin. For port C pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. Output slew rate control disabled for port C bit n. Output slew rate control enabled for port C bit n.

6.6.3.5 Port C Drive Strength Selection Register (PTCDS)

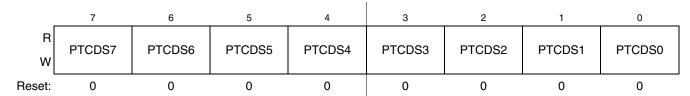


Figure 6-23. Drive Strength Selection for Port C Register (PTCDS)

Table 6-22. PTCDS Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
PTCDS[7:0]	Output Drive Strength Selection for Port C Bits — Each of these control bits selects between low and high output drive for the associated PTC pin. For port C pins that are configured as inputs, these bits have no effect. 1 Use the control bit is selected for port C bit in. 2 District Drive Strength selected for port C bit in.

6.6.3.6 Ganged Output Drive Control Register (GNGC)

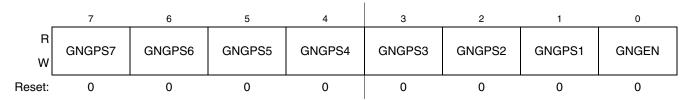


Figure 6-24. Ganged Output Drive Control Register (GNGC)

Table 6-23. GNGC Register Field Descriptions

Field	Description
7:1 GNGP[7:1]	Ganged Output Pin Select Bits— These write-once control bits selects whether the associated pin (see Table 6-1for pins available) is enabled for ganged output. When GNGEN = 1, all enabled ganged output pins will be controlled by the data, drive strength and slew rate settings for PTCO. O Associated pin is not part of the ganged output drive. 1 Associated pin is part of the ganged output drive. Requires GNGEN = 1.
0 GNGEN	Ganged Output Drive Enable Bit— This write-once control bit selects whether the ganged output drive feature is enabled. O Ganged output drive disabled. Ganged output drive enabled. PTC0 forced to output regardless of the value of PTCDD0 in PTCDD.