



# Exceptions and Interrupts

Lecture 3



# Exceptions and Interrupts

used by RP2040

- Exceptions
- Interrupts
- Boot



# Exceptions

for the ARM Cortex-M0+ processor



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  - Section 8.2 - *Exception types on Cortex-M0 and Cortex-M0+*



# Processor Exceptions

what happens if something does not work as required





# ARM Cortex-M0+ Exceptions

what happens if something does not work as required





# Exception (HardFault) Handling

ARM Cortex-M0+ has one **actual exception**, *HardFault*



- the exception table of RP2040 at address 0x1000\_0100 (start of the boot area + 4 bytes)
- the processor generates a *Reset* exception when it starts



# Interrupts

for ARM Cortex-M0+





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  - Section 8.1 - *What are Exceptions and Interrupts*
  - Section 8.3 - *Brief Overview of the NVIC*
  - Section 8.4 - *Definition of Exception Priority Levels*
  - Section 8.5 - *Vector Table*
  - Section 8.6 - *Exception Sequence Overview*
- Chapter 11 - *Fault Handling*
  - Section 11.1 - *Fault Exception Overview*
  - Section 11.2 - *What Can Cause a Fault*
  - Section 11.7 - *Lockup*



# ARM Cortex-M0+ Interrupts

some hardware device notifies the MCU





# Interrupt Handling

ARM Cortex-M0+



*IRQ*      Interrupt Request

*ISR*      Interrupt Service Routine

- the interrupt vector (table) of RP2040 starts at address 0x1000\_0040 (after the exceptions table with 15 interrupts)
- ARM Cortex-M0+ has a maximum of 32 interrupt requests (IRQs)



```
graph LR
    Fetch[Fetch Next Instruction] --> HPIRQ{Higher Priority IRQ?}
    HPIRQ -- No --> Execute[Execute Instruction]
    Execute --> ReturnISR{Return from ISR?}
    ReturnISR -- No --> HPIRQ
    ReturnISR -- Yes --> IRQ{IRQ?}
    IRQ -- No --> Restore[Restore/Pop State]
    IRQ -- Yes --> JumpISR[Jump to ISR]
    PowerUp[PowerUp] -- Reset Exception --> JumpISR
    JumpISR --> HPIRQ
    HPIRQ -- Yes --> SaveState[Save/Push State]
    SaveState --> HPIRQ
    HPIRQ -- Is HardFault --> InHardFault{In HardFault or NMI ISR?}
    InHardFault -- Yes --> Lockup[Lockup or Reset]
    InHardFault -- No --> Fetch
```

The flowchart illustrates the Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) process. It begins with a 'Fetch Next Instruction' step, leading to a decision diamond 'Higher Priority IRQ?'. If the answer is 'No', the process proceeds to 'Execute Instruction', then to another decision diamond 'Return from ISR?'. If 'Return from ISR?' is 'No', it loops back to 'Higher Priority IRQ?'. If 'Yes', it leads to a decision diamond 'IRQ?'. If 'IRQ?' is 'No', it goes to 'Restore/Pop State' and then to the 'Higher Priority IRQ?' diamond. If 'IRQ?' is 'Yes', it leads to 'Jump to ISR'. A 'PowerUp' event (green box) can also trigger 'Reset Exception' to 'Jump to ISR'. From 'Jump to ISR', the process goes to the 'Higher Priority IRQ?' diamond. If 'Higher Priority IRQ?' is 'Yes', it leads to 'Save/Push State' and then back to the 'Higher Priority IRQ?' diamond. If 'Higher Priority IRQ?' is 'No', it leads to a decision diamond 'Is HardFault?'. If 'Is HardFault?' is 'Yes', it leads to 'In HardFault or NMI ISR?'. If 'In HardFault or NMI ISR?' is 'Yes', it leads to 'Lockup or Reset' (red box). If 'No', it loops back to 'Fetch Next Instruction'.

- | IRQ | Interrupt Source | IRQ | Interrupt Source | IRQ | Interrupt Source | IRQ | Interrupt Source |
|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|
| 0   | TIMER_IRQ_0      | 6   | XIP_IRQ          | 12  | DMA_IRQ_1        | 18  | SPI0_IRQ         |
| 1   | TIMER_IRQ_1      | 7   | PI00_IRQ_0       | 13  | IO_IRQ_BANK0     | 19  | SPI1_IRQ         |
| 2   | TIMER_IRQ_2      | 8   | PI00_IRQ_1       | 14  | IO_IRQ_QSPI      | 20  | UART0_IRQ        |
| 3   | TIMER_IRQ_3      | 9   | PI01_IRQ_0       | 15  | SIO_IRQ_PROC0    | 21  | UART1_IRQ        |
| 4   | PWM_IRQ_WRAP     | 10  | PI01_IRQ_1       | 16  | SIO_IRQ_PROC1    | 22  | ADC_IRQ_FIFO     |
| 5   | USBCTRL_IRQ      | 11  | DMA_IRQ_0        | 17  | CLOCKS_IRQ       | 23  | I2C0_IRQ         |

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2	TIMER_IRQ_2	8	PI00_IRQ_1	14	IO_IRQ_QSPI	20	UART0_IRQ
3	TIMER_IRQ_3	9	PI01_IRQ_0	15	SIO_IRQ_PROC0	21	UART1_IRQ
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# Boot

of the RP2040



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  - Section 2.7 - *Boot sequence*
  - Section 2.8 - *Bootrom*
    - Subsection 2.8.1 - *Processor Controlled Boot Sequence*



# Boot

how the ARM Cortex-M0+ starts



- the *start\_address* for RP2040 is 0x1000\_0100
- RP2040 has another boot loader that it loads from 0x1000\_0000



# Boot

## The RP2040 boot process



\* drawing is not at scale, code and data are significantly greater than the interrupt vector

The internal boot loader cannot be overwritten and assures that bricking the device is difficult.





# Set Fault Handler

bare metal, pac or embassy-rs

```
// defined by the cortex-m-rt crate
pub struct ExceptionFrame {
    r0: u32,
    r1: u32,
    r2: u32,
    r3: u32,
    r12: u32,
    lr: u32,
    pc: u32,
    xpsr: u32,
}
```

`HardFault` never returns

```
1  #[exception]
2  unsafe fn HardFault(_frame: &ExceptionFrame) -> ! {
3      panic!("HardFault {:?}", frame);
4  }
```



# Set SysTick Handler

bare metal, PAC or embassy-rs

```
1  #[exception]
2  unsafe fn SysTick() {
3      // execute at a fixed interval
4  }
```



# Set Interrupt Handlers

bare metal, PAC

*embassy-rs already defined the interrupts as it needs them*

IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source
0	TIMER_IRQ_0	6	XIP_IRQ	12	DMA_IRQ_1	18	SPI0_IRQ	24	I2C1_IRQ
1	TIMER_IRQ_1	7	PIO0_IRQ_0	13	IO_IRQ_BANK0	19	SPI1_IRQ	25	RTC_IRQ
2	TIMER_IRQ_2	8	PIO0_IRQ_1	14	IO_IRQ_QSPI	20	UART0_IRQ		
3	TIMER_IRQ_3	9	PIO1_IRQ_0	15	SIO_IRQ_PROC0	21	UART1_IRQ		
4	PWM_IRQ_WRAP	10	PIO1_IRQ_1	16	SIO_IRQ_PROC1	22	ADC_IRQ_FIFO		
5	USBCTRL_IRQ	11	DMA_IRQ_0	17	CLOCKS_IRQ	23	I2C0_IRQ		

```
1  #[interrupt]
2  unsafe fn IO_IRQ_BANK0 {
3      // so some work when a pin interrupt triggers
4  }
```



# Use interrupts in embassy-rs

embassy-rs registers interrupt handlers and exposes a high level API

IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source	IRQ	Interrupt Source
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1	TIMER_IRQ_1	7	PI0B_IRQ_0	13	IO_IRQ_BANK0	19	SPI1_IRQ	25	RTC_IRQ
2	TIMER_IRQ_2	8	PI0B_IRQ_1	14	IO_IRQ_QSPI	20	UART0_IRQ		
3	TIMER_IRQ_3	9	PI01_IRQ_0	15	SIO_IRQ_PROC0	21	UART1_IRQ		
4	PWM_IRQ_WRAP	10	PI01_IRQ_1	16	SIO_IRQ_PROC1	22	ADC_IRQ_FIFO		
5	USBCtrl_IRQ	11	DMA_IRQ_0	17	CLOCKS_IRQ	23	I2C0_IRQ		

```
1  #[embassy_executor::main]
2  async fn main(_spawner: Spawner) {
3      let p = embassy_rp::init(Default::default());
4      let mut button = Input::new(p.PIN_20, Pull::None);
5
6      loop {
7          info!("Waiting for the button press");
8
9          // waits for interrupt (sent by button)
10         // IO_IRQ_BANK0
11         button.wait_for_high().await;
12
13         info!("Button was pressed");
14     }
15 }
```



# Conclusion

we discussed about

- Exceptions
- Interrupts
- How the RP2040 boots and loads the software