
Section 6. Oscillators

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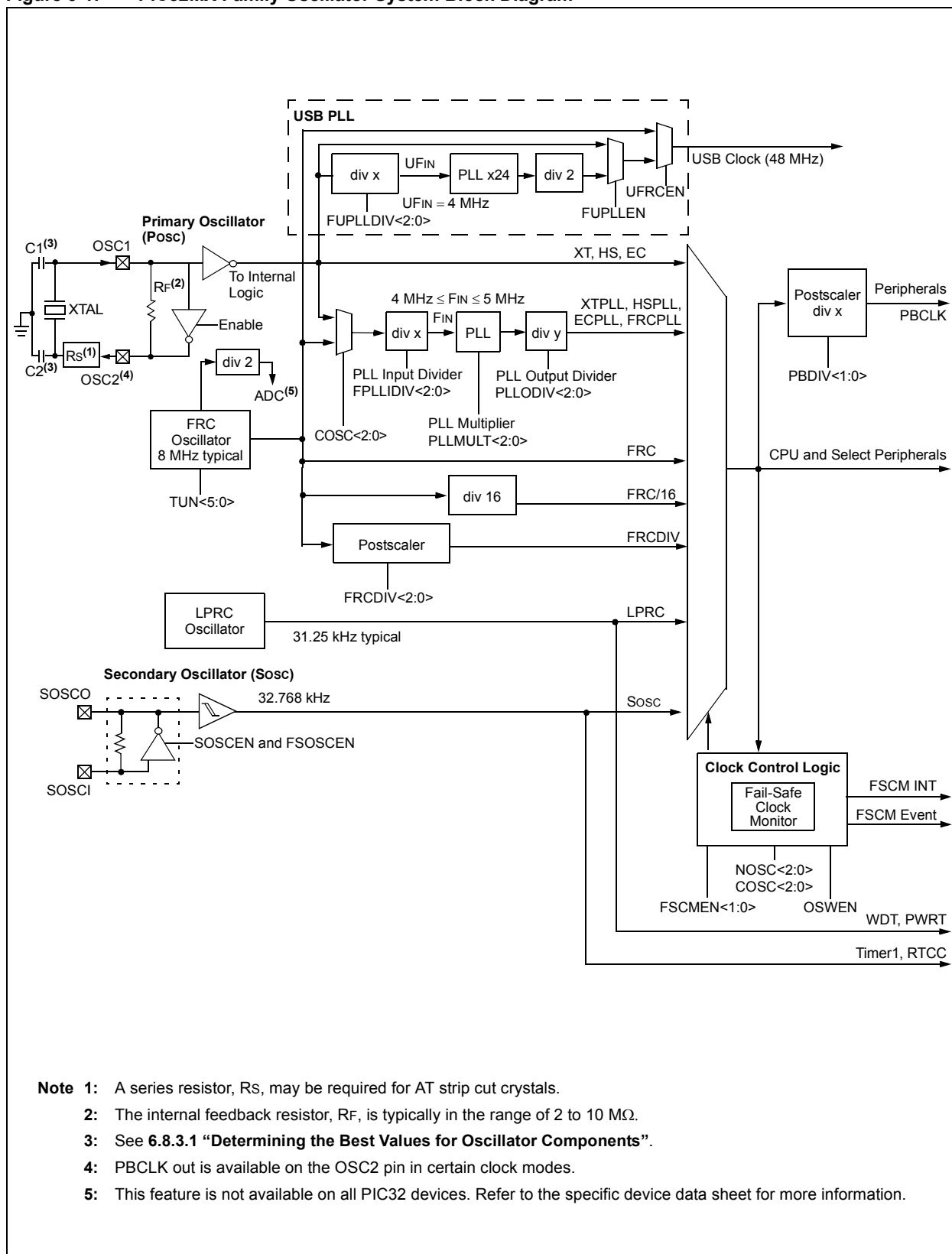
6.1 INTRODUCTION

This section describes the PIC32MX oscillator system and its operation. The PIC32MX oscillator system has the following modules and features:

- Four external and internal oscillator options as clock sources
- On-chip Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) with a user-selectable input divider and multiplier, as well as an output divider, to boost operating frequency on select internal and external oscillator sources
- On-chip user-selectable divisor postscaler on select oscillator sources
- Software-controllable switching between various clock sources
- A Fail-Safe Clock Monitor (FSCM) that detects clock failure and permits safe application recovery or shutdown

A block diagram of the PIC32MX oscillator system is shown in Figure 6-1.

Figure 6-1: PIC32MX Family Oscillator System Block Diagram



6.2 CONTROL REGISTERS

The Oscillator module consists of the following Special Function Registers (SFRs):

- OSCCON: Oscillator Control Register
- OSTUN: Fast Internal RC (FRC) Oscillator Tuning Register

Two Device Configuration Word registers, DEVCFG1 and DEVCFG2, are also available to provide additional configuration settings that are related to the Oscillator module.

Table 6-1 provides a brief summary of the related Oscillator module registers. Table 6-2 provides a summary of the Device Configuration Word registers. Corresponding registers appear after the summaries, followed by a detailed description of each register.

Table 6-1: Oscillators SFR Summary

Name	Address	Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
OSCCON ^(1,2,3)	0x0000	31:24	—	—	PLLODIV<2:0>			FRCDIV<2:0>		
		23:16	—	SOSCRDY	—	PBDIV<1:0>		PLLMULT<2:0>		
		15:8	—	COSC<2:0>			—	NOSC<2:0>		
		7:0	CLKLOCK	ULOCK	SLOCK	SLPEN	CF	UFRGEN	SOSCEN	OSWEN
OSTUN ^(1,2,3)	0x0010	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		23:16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		15:8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		7:0	—	—	TUN<5:0>					

- Note 1:** This register has an associated Clear register at an offset of 0x4 bytes. These registers have the same name, with CLR appended to the end of the register name (e.g., OSCCONCLR). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.
- Note 2:** This register has an associated Set register at an offset of 0x8 bytes. These registers have the same name, with SET appended to the end of the register name (e.g., OSCCONSET). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.
- Note 3:** This register has an associated Invert register at an offset of 0xC bytes. These registers have the same name, with INV appended to the end of the register name (e.g., OSCCONINV). Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.

Table 6-2: Device Configuration Word Register Summary

Name	Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
DEVCFG1 ⁽¹⁾	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	FWDTEN	—	—	FWDTPS<4:0>				
	15:8	FCKSM<1:0>		FPBDIV<1:0>		—	OSCIOFNC	POSCMOD<1:0>	
	7:0	IESO	—	FSOSCEN	—	—	FNOSC<2:0>		
DEVCFG2 ⁽¹⁾	31:24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	23:16	—	—	—	—	—	FPLLODIV<2:0>		
	15:8	FUPLLEN	—	—	—	—	FUPLLDIV<2:0>		
	7:0	—	FPLLMULT<2:0>			—	FPLLDIV<2:0>		

- Note 1:** This Configuration Word is implemented as a volatile memory register and is automatically loaded from the nonvolatile programmed Configuration data mapped in the last four Words (32-bit x 4 Words) of Boot Flash memory. Refer to **Section 32.3.1 “Configuration Bits”** (PIC32MX Family Reference Manual, Section 32. Configuration, DS61124) for more information.

Register 6-1: OSCCON: Oscillator Control Register^(1,2,3,4,5)

r-x	r-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-1
—	—	PLLODIV<2:0>			FRCDIV<2:0>		
bit 31				bit 24			

r-x	R-0	r-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-x
—	SOSCRDY	—	PBDIV<1:0>		PLLMULT<2:0>		
bit 23			bit 16				

r-x	R-0	R-0	R-0	r-x	R/W-x	R/W-x	R/W-x
—	COSC<2:0>			—	NOSC<2:0>		
bit 15				bit 8			

R/W-0	R-0	R-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-x	R/W-0
CLKLOCK	ULOCK	SLOCK	SLPEN	CF	UFRCEEN	SOSCEN	OSWEN
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit W = Writable bit P = Programmable bit r = Reserved bit
 U = Unimplemented bit -n = Bit Value at POR: ('0', '1', x = Unknown)

bit 31-30 **Reserved:** Write '0'; ignore read

bit 29-27 **PLLODIV<2:0>:** Output Divider for PLL

111 = PLL output divided by 256
 110 = PLL output divided by 64
 101 = PLL output divided by 32
 100 = PLL output divided by 16
 011 = PLL output divided by 8
 010 = PLL output divided by 4
 001 = PLL output divided by 2
 000 = PLL output divided by 1

On Reset, these bits are set to the value of the FPLLODIV Configuration bits (DEVCFG2<18:16>).

Note 1: An unlock sequence is required before a write to the OSCCON register can occur. Refer to **6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence”** for more information. There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including the OSCCON register.

2: Refer to Example 6-2 for an unlock sequence example.

3: This register has an associated Clear register (OSCCONCLR) at an offset of 0x4 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.

4: This register has an associated Set register (OSCCONSET) at an offset of 0x8 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.

5: This register has an associated Invert register (OSCCONINV) at an offset of 0xC bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.

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Register 6-1: OSCCON: Oscillator Control Register^(1,2,3,4,5) (Continued)

bit 26-24	FRCDIV<2:0> : Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator Clock Divider bits 111 = FRC divided by 256 110 = FRC divided by 64 101 = FRC divided by 32 100 = FRC divided by 16 011 = FRC divided by 8 010 = FRC divided by 4 001 = FRC divided by 2 (default setting) 000 = FRC divided by 1
bit 23	Reserved : Write '0'; ignore read
bit 22	SOSCRDY : Secondary Oscillator (SOSC) Ready Indicator bit 1 = Indicates that the Secondary Oscillator is running and is stable 0 = Secondary Oscillator is still warming up or is turned off
bit 21	Reserved : Write '0'; ignore read
bit 20-19	PBDIV<1:0> : Peripheral Bus Clock (PBCLK) Divisor bits 11 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 8 (default) 10 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 4 01 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 2 00 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 1 On Reset, these bits are set to the value of the FPBDIV Configuration bits (DEVCFG1<13:12>).
bit 18-16	PLLMULT<2:0> : Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Multiplier bits 111 = Clock is multiplied by 24 110 = Clock is multiplied by 21 101 = Clock is multiplied by 20 100 = Clock is multiplied by 19 011 = Clock is multiplied by 18 010 = Clock is multiplied by 17 001 = Clock is multiplied by 16 000 = Clock is multiplied by 15 On Reset, these bits are set to the value of the FPLLMULT Configuration bits (DEVCFG2<6:4>).
bit 15	Reserved : Write '0'; ignore read

Note 1: An unlock sequence is required before a write to the OSCCON register can occur. Refer to **6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence”** for more information. There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including the OSCCON register.

- 2: Refer to Example 6-2 for an unlock sequence example.
- 3: This register has an associated Clear register (OSCCONCLR) at an offset of 0x4 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.
- 4: This register has an associated Set register (OSCCONSET) at an offset of 0x8 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.
- 5: This register has an associated Invert register (OSCCONINV) at an offset of 0xC bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.

Register 6-1: OSCCON: Oscillator Control Register^(1,2,3,4,5) (Continued)

bit 14-12	COSC<2:0>: Current Oscillator Selection bits 111 = Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator divided by OSCCON<FRCDIV> bits 110 = Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator divided by 16 101 = Internal Low-Power RC (LPRC) Oscillator 100 = Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) 011 = Primary Oscillator (Posc) with PLL module (XTPLL, HSPLL or ECPLL) 010 = Primary Oscillator (Posc) (XT, HS or EC) 001 = Internal Fast RC Oscillator with PLL module via Postscaler (FRCPLL) 000 = Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator On Reset, these bits are set to the value of the FNOSC Configuration bits (DEVCFG1<2:0>).
bit 11	Reserved: Write '0'; ignore read
bit 10-8	NOOSC<2:0>: New Oscillator Selection bits 111 = Internal Fast RC Oscillator (FRC) divided by OSCCON<FRCDIV> bits 110 = Internal Fast RC Oscillator (FRC) divided by 16 101 = Internal Low-Power RC (LPRC) Oscillator 100 = Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) 011 = Primary Oscillator with PLL module (XTPLL, HSPLL or ECPLL) 010 = Primary Oscillator (XT, HS or EC) 001 = Internal Fast Internal RC Oscillator with PLL module via Postscaler (FRCPLL) 000 = Internal Fast Internal RC Oscillator (FRC) On Reset, these bits are set to the value of the FNOSC Configuration bits (DEVCFG1<2:0>).
bit 7	CLKLOCK: Clock Selection Lock Enable bit <u>If FSCM is enabled (FCKSM1 = 1):</u> 1 = Clock and PLL selections are locked 0 = Clock and PLL selections are not locked and may be modified <u>If FSCM is disabled (FCKSM1 = 0):</u> Clock and PLL selections are never locked and may be modified.
bit 6	ULOCK: USB PLL Lock Status bit 1 = Indicates that the USB PLL module is in lock or USB PLL module start-up timer is satisfied 0 = Indicates that the USB PLL module is out of lock or USB PLL module start-up timer is in progress or USB PLL is disabled
bit 5	SLOCK: PLL Lock Status bit 1 = PLL module is in lock or PLL module start-up timer is satisfied 0 = PLL module is out of lock, PLL start-up timer is running or PLL is disabled
bit 4	SLPEN: Sleep Mode Enable bit 1 = Device will enter Sleep mode when a WAIT instruction is executed 0 = Device will enter Idle mode when a WAIT instruction is executed

Note 1: An unlock sequence is required before a write to the OSCCON register can occur. Refer to **6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence”** for more information. There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including the OSCCON register.

2: Refer to Example 6-2 for an unlock sequence example.

3: This register has an associated Clear register (OSCCONCLR) at an offset of 0x4 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.

4: This register has an associated Set register (OSCCONSET) at an offset of 0x8 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.

5: This register has an associated Invert register (OSCCONINV) at an offset of 0xC bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.

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Register 6-1: OSCCON: Oscillator Control Register^(1,2,3,4,5) (Continued)

bit 3	CF: Clock Fail Detect bit 1 = FSCM has detected a clock failure 0 = No clock failure has been detected
bit 2	UFRGEN: USB FRC Clock Enable bit 1 = Enable FRC as the clock source for the USB clock source 0 = Use the Primary Oscillator or USB PLL as the USB clock source
bit 1	SOSCEN: 32.768 kHz Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) Enable bit 1 = Enable Secondary Oscillator 0 = Disable Secondary Oscillator On Reset, this bit is set to the value of the FSOSCEN Configuration bit (DEVCFG1<5>).
bit 0	OSWEN: Oscillator Switch Enable bit 1 = Initiate an oscillator switch to selection specified by NOSC2:NOSC0 bits 0 = Oscillator switch is complete

Note 1: An unlock sequence is required before a write to the OSCCON register can occur. Refer to **6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence”** for more information. There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including the OSCCON register.

2: Refer to Example 6-2 for an unlock sequence example.

3: This register has an associated Clear register (OSCCONCLR) at an offset of 0x4 bytes. Writing a ‘1’ to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.

4: This register has an associated Set register (OSCCONSET) at an offset of 0x8 bytes. Writing a ‘1’ to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.

5: This register has an associated Invert register (OSCCONINV) at an offset of 0xC bytes. Writing a ‘1’ to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.

Register 6-2: OSCTUN: FRC Tuning Register^(1,2,3,4,5)

r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
bit 31				bit 24			

r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
bit 23				bit 16			

r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X	r-X
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
bit 15				bit 8			

r-X	r-X	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
—	—	TUN<5:0>					
bit 7		bit 0					

Legend:

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

P = Programmable bit

r = Reserved bit

U = Unimplemented bit

-n = Bit Value at POR: ('0', '1', x = Unknown)

bit 31-6 **Reserved:** Write '0'; ignore readbit 5-0 **TUN<5:0>:** FRC Oscillator Tuning bits

100000 = Minimum frequency

100000 = Minimum frequency

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111111 =

000000 = Center frequency. Oscillator runs at calibrated frequency

000001 =

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011110 =

011111 = Maximum frequency

Note 1: Refer to **6.3.1.3 “Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator”** for further details.

- 2: This register has an associated Clear register (OSCTUNCLR) at an offset of 0x4 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Clear register will clear valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Clear register should be ignored.
- 3: This register has an associated Set register (OSCTUNSET) at an offset of 0x8 bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Set register will set valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Set register should be ignored.
- 4: This register has an associated Invert register (OSCTUNINV) at an offset of 0xC bytes. Writing a '1' to any bit position in the Invert register will invert valid bits in the associated register. Reads from the Invert register should be ignored.
- 5: An unlock sequence is required before a write to OSCTUN register can occur. Refer to **6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence”** for more information.

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Register 6-3: DEVCFG1: Device Configuration Word 1

r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
bit 31							bit 24

R/P-1	r-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
FWDTEN	—	—	FWDTPS<4:0>				
bit 23							bit 16

R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
FCKSM<1:0>		FPBDIV<1:0>		—	OSCIOFNC	POSCMOD<1:0>	
bit 15				bit 8			

R/P-1	r-1	R/P-1	r-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
IESO	—	FSOSCEN	—	—	FNOSC<2:0>		
bit 7							bit 0

Legend:

R = Readable bit W = Writable bit P = Programmable bit r = Reserved bit
U = Unimplemented bit -n = Bit Value at POR: ('0', '1', x = Unknown)

bit 31-24 **Reserved:** Write '1'; ignore read

bit 23 **FWDTEN:** Watchdog Timer (WDT) Enable bit
1 = WDT is enabled and cannot be disabled by software
0 = WDT is not enabled. It can be enabled in software

bit 22-21 **Reserved:** Write '1'; ignore read

bit 20-16 **FWDTPS<4:0>:** Watchdog Timer (WDT) Postscaler Select bits

10100 = 1:1048576
10011 = 1:524288
10010 = 1:262144
10001 = 1:131072
10000 = 1:65536
01111 = 1:32768
01110 = 1:16384
01101 = 1:8192
01100 = 1:4096
01011 = 1:2048
01010 = 1:1024
01001 = 1:512
01000 = 1:256
00111 = 1:128
00110 = 1:64
00101 = 1:32
00100 = 1:16
00011 = 1:8
00010 = 1:4
00001 = 1:2
00000 = 1:1

All other combinations (not shown) result in operation = 10100

Register 6-3: DEVCFG1: Device Configuration Word 1 (Continued)

bit 15-14	FCKSM<1:0> : Clock Switching and Monitor Selection Configuration bits 1x = Clock switching and FSCM are disabled 01 = Clock switching is enabled, FSCM is disabled 00 = Clock switching and FSCM are enabled
bit 13-12	FPBDIV<1:0> : Peripheral Bus Clock Divisor Default Value bits 11 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 8 10 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 4 01 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 2 00 = PBCLK is SYSCLK divided by 1
bit 11	Reserved : Write '1'; ignore read
bit 10	OSCIOFNC : CLKO (Clock-Out) Enable Configuration bit 1 = CLKO output signal active on the OSCO pin Primary Oscillator (Posc) must be disabled, or configured for External Clock (EC) mode, for the CLKO to be active (POSCMOD<1:0> = 11 or = 00) 0 = CLKO output signal disabled
bit 9-8	POSCMOD<1:0> : Primary Oscillator (Posc) Configuration bits 11 = Primary Oscillator disabled 10 = HS mode 01 = XT mode 00 = EC mode
bit 7	IESO : Internal External Switch Over bit 1 = Internal External Switch Over mode enabled. (Two-Speed Start-up enabled) 0 = Internal External Switch Over mode disabled. (Two-Speed Start-up disabled)
bit 6	Reserved : Write '1'; ignore read
bit 5	FSOSCEN : Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) Enable bit 1 = Enable Secondary Oscillator 0 = Disable Secondary Oscillator
bit 4-3	Reserved : Write '1'; ignore read
bit 2-0	FNOSC<2:0> : Oscillator Selection bits 111 = Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator with divide-by-N (FRCDIV) 110 = Reserved; do not use 101 = Low-Power RC (LPRC) Oscillator 100 = Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) 011 = Primary Oscillator (Posc) with PLL Module (XT + PLL, HS + PLL, or EC + PLL) 010 = Primary Oscillator (Posc) (XT, HS, or EC) 001 = Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator with divide-by-N with PLL Module (FRCDIV + PLL) 000 = Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator

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Register 6-4: DEVCFG2: Device Configuration Word 2

r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
bit 31				bit 24			

r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
—	—	—	—	—	FPLLODIV<2:0>		
bit 23					bit 16		

R/P-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
FUPLLEN	—	—	—	—	FUPLLDIV<2:0>		
bit 15					bit 8		

r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	r-1	R/P-1	R/P-1	R/P-1
—	FPLLMULT<2:0>			—	FPLLDIV<2:0>		
bit 7				bit 0			

Legend:

R = Readable bit W = Writable bit P = Programmable bit r = Reserved bit
U = Unimplemented bit -n = Bit Value at POR: ('0', '1', x = Unknown)

- bit 31-19 **Reserved:** Write '1'; ignore read
- bit 18-16 **FPLL0DIV<2:0>:** Default Postscaler for PLL bits
111 = PLL output divided by 256
110 = PLL output divided by 64
101 = PLL output divided by 32
100 = PLL output divided by 16
011 = PLL output divided by 8
010 = PLL output divided by 4
001 = PLL output divided by 2
000 = PLL output divided by 1 (default setting)
- bit 15 **FUPLLEN:** USB PLL Enable bit
1 = Enable USB PLL
0 = Disable and bypass USB PLL
- bit 14-11 **Reserved:** Write '1'; ignore read
- bit 10-8 **FUPLLDIV<2:0>:** PLL Input Divider bits
111 = 12x divider
110 = 10x divider
101 = 6x divider
100 = 5x divider
011 = 4x divider
010 = 3x divider
001 = 2x divider
000 = 1x divider
- bit 7 **Reserved:** Write '1'; ignore read

Register 6-4: DEVCFG2: Device Configuration Word 2 (Continued)bit 6-4 **FPLLMULT<2:0>**: Initial PLL Multiplier Value bits

111 = 24x multiplier

110 = 21x multiplier

101 = 20x multiplier

100 = 19x multiplier

011 = 18x multiplier

010 = 17x multiplier

001 = 16x multiplier

000 = 15x multiplier

bit 3 **Reserved**: Write '1'; ignore readbit 2-0 **FPLLIDIV<2:0>**: PLL Input Divider Value bits

111 = Divide by 12

110 = Divide by 10

101 = Divide by 6

100 = Divide by 5

011 = Divide by 4

010 = Divide by 3

001 = Divide by 2

000 = Divide by 1

6.3 OPERATION: CLOCK GENERATION AND CLOCK SOURCES

The PIC32MX family of devices has multiple internal clocks that are derived from internal or external clock sources. Some of these clock sources have Phase-Locked Loops (PLLs), a programmable output divider, or an input divider, to scale the input frequency to suit the application. The clock source can be changed on-the-fly by software. The oscillator control register is locked by hardware, it must be unlocked by a series of writes before software can perform a clock switch.

There are three main clocks in a PIC32MX device:

- System Clock (SYSCLK), used by the CPU and some peripherals
- Peripheral Bus Clock (PBCLK), used by most peripherals
- USB Clock (USBCLK), used by the USB peripheral

The PIC32MX clocks are derived from one of the following sources:

- Primary Oscillator (Posc) on the OSC1 and OSC2 pins
- Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) on the SOSCI and SOSCO pins
- Internal Fast RC (FRC) Oscillator
- Internal Low-Power RC (LPRC) Oscillator

Each of the clock sources has unique configurable options, such as a PLL, an input divider and/or output divider, which are detailed in their respective sections.

There are up to four internal clocks depending on the specific device. The clocks are derived from the currently selected oscillator source.

Note: Clock sources for peripherals that use external clocks, such as the RTC and Timer1, are covered in their respective sections.
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6.3.1 System Clock (SYSCLK) Generation

The SYSCLK is primarily used by the CPU and select peripherals such as DMA, Interrupt Controller and Prefetch Cache. The SYSCLK is derived from one of the four clock sources:

- Posc
- Sosc
- Internal FRC Oscillator
- LPRC Oscillator

Some of the clock sources have specific clock multipliers and/or divider options.

No clock scaling is applied, other than the user-specified values.

The SYSCLK source is selected by the device configuration and can be changed by software during operation. The ability to switch clock sources during operation allows the application to reduce power consumption by reducing the clock speed.

Refer to Table 6-3 for a list of SYSCLK sources.

Table 6-3: Clock Selection Configuration Bit Values

Oscillator Mode	Oscillator Source	POSCMOD<1:0>	FNOSC<2:0>	Notes
FRC Oscillator with Postscaler (FRCDIV)	Internal	xx	111	1, 2
FRC Oscillator divided by 16 (FRCDIV16)	Internal	xx	110	1
LPRC Oscillator	Internal	xx	101	1
Sosc (Timer1/RTCC)	Secondary	xx	100	1
Posc in HS mode with PLL Module (HSPLL)	Primary	10	011	3
Posc in XT mode with PLL Module (XTPLL)	Primary	01	011	3
Posc in EC mode with PLL Module (ECPLL)	Primary	00	011	3
Posc in HS mode	Primary	10	010	—
Posc in XT mode	Primary	01	010	—
Posc in EC mode	Primary	00	010	—
Internal FRC Oscillator with PLL Module (FRCPLL)	Internal	10	001	1
Internal FRC Oscillator	Internal	xx	000	1

- Note 1:** OSC2 pin function, as PBCLK out or digital I/O, is determined by the OSCIOFNC Configuration bit (DEVCFG1<9>). When the pin is not required by the oscillator mode, it may be configured for one of these options.
- 2:** Default oscillator mode for an unprogrammed (erased) device.
- 3:** When using the PLL modes, the input divider must be chosen such that the resulting frequency applied to the PLL is in the range of 4-5 MHz.

6.3.1.1 PRIMARY OSCILLATOR (Posc)

The Primary Oscillator (Posc) has six operating modes, as summarized in Table 6-4. High Speed (HS), External Resonator (XT), or External Clock (EC) mode can be combined with a PLL module to form High Speed PLL (HSPLL), External Resonator PLL (XTPLL), or External Clock PLL (ECPLL). Figures 6-2, 6-3 and 6-4 show various configurations of the Posc.

Table 6-4: Primary Oscillator Operating Modes

Oscillator Mode	Description
HS	High-speed crystal
XT	Resonator, crystal or resonator
EC	External clock input
HSPLL	Crystal, PLL enabled
XTPLL	Crystal resonator, PLL enabled
ECPLL	External clock input, PLL enabled

Note: The clock applied to the CPU, after applicable prescalers, postscalers, and PLL multipliers, must not exceed the maximum allowable processor frequency.

Figure 6-2: Crystal or Ceramic Resonator Operation (XT, XTPLL, HS, or HSPLL Oscillator Mode)

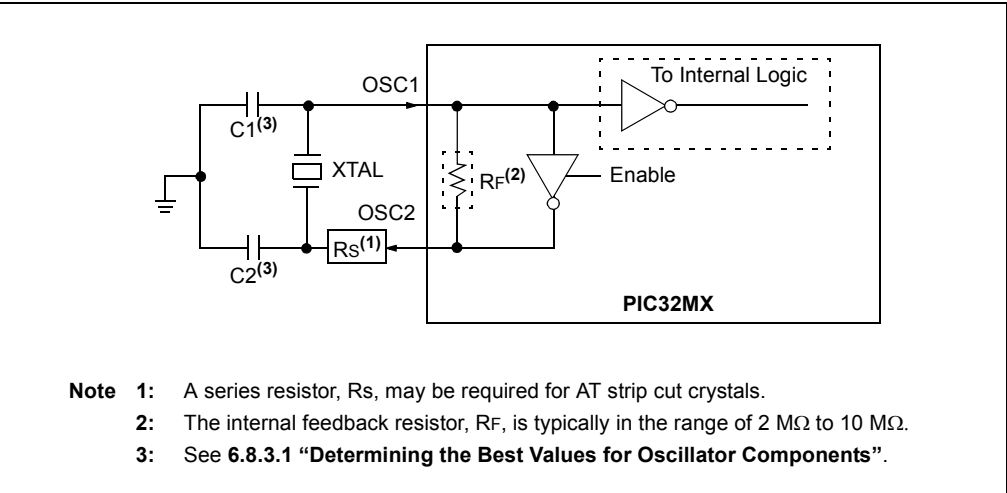


Figure 6-3: External Clock Input Operation with Clock-Out (EC, ECPLL Mode)

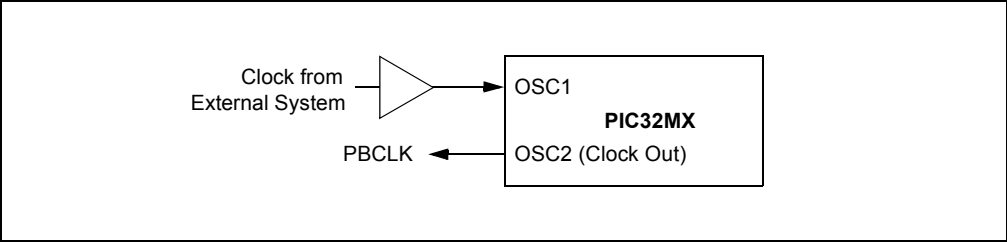
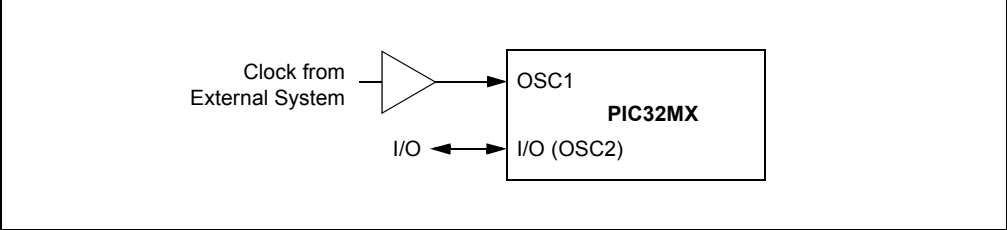


Figure 6-4: External Clock Input Operation with No Clock-Out (EC, ECPLL Mode)



The Posc is connected to the OSC1 and OSC2 pins in this device family. The Posc can be configured for an external clock input, or an external crystal or resonator.

The XT, XTPLL, HS, and HSPLL modes are external crystal or resonator controller oscillator modes. The XT and HS modes are functionally very similar. The primary difference is the gain of the internal inverter of the oscillator circuit (see Figure 6.3.1.1.1). The XT mode is a medium power, medium frequency mode and has medium inverter gain. HS mode is higher power and provides the highest oscillator frequencies and has the highest inverter gain. OSC2 provides crystal/resonator feedback in both XT and HS Oscillator modes and hence is not available for use as a input or output in these modes. The XTPLL and HSPLL modes have a Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) with a user-selectable input divider and multiplier, and an output divider, to provide a wide range of output frequencies. The oscillator circuit will consume more current when the PLL is enabled.

The External Clock modes, EC and ECPLL, allow the system clock to be derived from an external clock source. The EC/ECPLL modes configure the OSC1 pin as a high-impedance input that can be driven by a CMOS driver. The external clock can be used to drive the system clock directly (EC) or the ECPLL module with prescaler and postscaler can be used to change the input clock frequency (ECPLL). The External Clock mode also disables the internal feedback buffer allowing the OSC2 pin to be used for other functions. In the External Clock mode, the OSC2 pin can be used as an additional device I/O pin (see Figure 6-4) or a PBCLK output pin (see Figure 6-3).

Note: When using the PLL modes, the input divider must be chosen such that the resulting frequency applied to the PLL is in the range of 4 MHz to 5 MHz.

6.3.1.1.1 Primary Oscillator (Posc) Configuration

To configure the Posc, perform the following steps:

1. Select the Posc as the default oscillator in the device Configuration register DEVCFG1 by setting FNOSC<2:0> = 010 (without PLL) or to '011' (with PLL).
2. Select the desired mode: HS, XT, or EC, using POSCMOD<1:0> in DEVCFG1.
3. If the PLL is to be used:
 - a) Select the appropriate Configuration bits for the PLL input divider to scale the input frequency to be between 4 MHz and 5 MHz using FPLLIDIV<2:0> in DEVCFG2.
 - b) Select the desired PLL multiplier ratio using FPLLMULT<2:0> in DEVCFG2.
 - c) At runtime, select the desired PLL output divider using PLLDIV (OSCCON<29:27>) to provide the desired clock frequency. The default value is set by DEVCFG1.

Note: Refer to the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 32. "Configuration"** (DS61124) for detailed information on the DEVCFG1 and DEVCFG2 registers.

6.3.1.1.2 Oscillator Start-up Timer (OST)

In order to ensure that a crystal oscillator (or ceramic resonator) has started and stabilized, an Oscillator Start-up Timer (OST) is provided. The OST is a simple 10-bit counter that counts 1024 TOSC cycles before releasing the oscillator clock to the rest of the system. This time-out period is designated as TOST. The amplitude of the oscillator signal must reach the VIL and VIH thresholds for the oscillator pins before the OST can begin to count cycles.

The TOST interval is required every time the oscillator has to restart (i.e., on a Power-on Reset (POR), Brown-out Reset (BOR) or a wake-up from Sleep mode). The OST is applied to the XT and HS modes for the Posc, as well as the Sosc (see **6.3.1.2 "Secondary Oscillator (Sosc)"**).

Note: The oscillator start-up timer is disabled when Posc is configured for EC or ECPLL mode.

6.3.1.1.3 System Clock Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)

The system clock PLL provides a user-configurable input divider and multiplier, and output divider, which can be used with the XT, HS and EC P_{osc} modes and with the Internal FRC Oscillator mode to create a variety of clock frequencies from a single clock source.

The input divider, multiplier, and output divider control initial value bits are contained in the DEVCFG2 Device Configuration register. The multiplier and output divider bits are also contained in the OSCCON register. As part of a device Reset, values from the device configuration register DEVCFG2 are copied to the OSCCON register. This allows the user to preset the input divider to provide the appropriate input frequency to the PLL and set an initial PLL multiplier when programming the device. At runtime, the multiplier and output divider can be changed by software to scale the clock frequency to suit the application. The PLL input divider cannot be changed at run time. This is to prevent applying an input frequency outside the specified limits to the PLL.

To configure the PLL, the following steps are required:

1. Calculate the PLL input divider, PLL multiplier, and PLL output divider values.
2. Set the PLL input divider and the initial PLL multiplier value in the DEVCFG2 register when programming the part.
3. At runtime, the PLL multiplier and PLL output divider can be changed to suit the application.

Combinations of the PLL input divider, multiplier, and output divider provide a combined multiplier of approximately 0.006 to 24 times the input frequency. For reliable operation, the output of the PLL module must not exceed the maximum clock frequency of the device. The PLL input divider value should be chosen to limit the input frequency to the PLL to the range of 4 MHz to 5 MHz.

Due to the time required for the PLL to provide a stable output, the SLOCK Status bit (OSCCON<5>) is provided. When the clock input to the PLL is changed, this bit is driven low ('0'). After the PLL has achieved a lock or the PLL start-up timer has expired, the bit is set. The bit will be set upon the expiration of the timer even if the PLL has not achieved a lock.

Table 6-5: Net Multiplier Output for Selected PLL and Output Divider Values

Multiplier	Output Divider	Net Multiplication Factor	PLLODIV <2:0>	PLLMULT <2:0>
15	1	15	000	000
16	1	16	000	001
17	1	17	000	010
18	1	18	000	011
19	1	19	000	100
20	1	20	000	101
21	1	21	000	110
24	1	24	000	111
15	2	7.5	001	000
16	2	8	001	001
17	2	8.5	001	010
18	2	9	001	011
19	2	9.5	001	100
20	2	10	001	101
21	2	10.5	001	110
24	2	12	001	111
15	4	3.75	010	000
16	4	4	010	001
17	4	4.25	010	010
18	4	4.5	010	011
19	4	4.75	010	100
20	4	5	010	101
21	4	5.25	010	110
24	4	6	010	111
15	8	1.875	011	000
16	8	2	011	001
17	8	2.125	011	010
18	8	2.250	011	011
19	8	2.375	011	100
20	8	2.5	011	101
21	8	2.625	011	110
24	8	3	011	111

Multiplier	Postscaler	Net Multiplication Factor	PLLODIV <2:0>	PLLMULT <2:0>
15	16	.938	100	000
16	16	1	100	001
17	16	1.063	100	010
18	16	1.125	100	011
19	16	1.188	100	100
20	16	1.250	100	101
21	16	1.313	100	110
24	16	1.5	100	111
15	32	.4688	101	000
16	32	.5	101	001
17	32	.5313	101	010
18	32	.5625	101	011
19	32	.5938	101	100
20	32	.6250	101	101
21	32	.6563	101	110
24	32	.7500	101	111
15	64	.234	110	000
16	64	.250	110	001
17	64	.266	110	010
18	64	.281	110	011
19	64	.297	110	100
20	64	.313	110	101
21	64	.328	110	110
24	64	.375	110	111
15	256	.05859	111	000
16	256	.06250	111	001
17	256	.06641	111	010
18	256	.07031	111	011
19	256	.07422	111	100
20	256	.07813	111	101
21	256	.08203	111	110
24	256	.09375	111	111

Example 6-1: PLL Multiplier and Divider Calculations

Given: Desired clock rate is 80 MHz from an 8 MHz crystal.
The input frequency to the PLL must be ≥ 4 MHz and ≤ 5 MHz.

From the FPLLDIV field in the DEVCFG2 register description, an input divisor of 2 is available: $8/2 = 4$ MHz.
This fulfills the PLL input requirement.

The desired net multiplier is $80/4 = 20$ MHz.
Locate the row in Table 6-5 that corresponds to a net multiplier value of 20.
From the table, the PLL multiplier value is 20 and the output divider value is 1.

6.3.1.1.4 USB PLL Lock Status

The ULOCK bit (OSCCON<6>) is a read-only Status bit that indicates the lock status of the USB PLL. It is automatically set after the typical time delay for the PLL to achieve lock, also designated as TLOCK. If the PLL does not stabilize properly during start-up, ULOCK may not reflect the actual status of PLL lock, nor does it detect when the PLL loses lock during normal operation.

The ULOCK bit is cleared at a POR. It remains clear when any clock source not using the PLL is selected.

Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” section in the specific device data sheet for further information on the PLL lock interval.

6.3.1.1.5 Primary Oscillator Start-up from Sleep Mode

To ensure reliable wake-up from Sleep, care must be taken to properly design the Primary Oscillator circuit. This is because the load capacitors have both partially charged to some quiescent value and phase differential at wake-up is minimal. Thus, more time is required to achieve stable oscillation. Remember also that low voltage, high temperatures and the lower frequency clock modes also impose limitations on loop gain, which in turn, affects start-up.

Each of the following factors increases the start-up time:

- Low-frequency design (with a Low Gain Clock mode)
- Quiet environment (such as a battery operated device)
- Operating in a shielded box (away from the noisy RF area)
- Low voltage
- High temperature
- Wake-up from Sleep mode

6.3.1.2 SECONDARY OSCILLATOR (Sosc)

The Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) is designed specifically for low-power operation with an external 32.768 kHz crystal. The oscillator is located on the SOSCO and SOSCI device pins and serves as a secondary crystal clock source for low-power operation. It can also drive Timer1 and/or the Real-Time Clock and Calendar (RTCC) module for Real-Time Clock (RTC) applications.

6.3.1.2.1 Enabling the Sosc

The Sosc is hardware enabled by the FSOSCEN Configuration bit (DEVCFG1<5>). The software can control the Sosc by modifying the SOSCEN bit (OSCCON<1>). Setting SOSCEN enables the oscillator; the SOSCO and SOSCI pins are controlled by the oscillator and cannot be used for port I/O or other functions.

<p>Note: An unlock sequence is required before a write to OSCCON can occur. Refer to 6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence” for more information.</p>
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The Sosc requires a warm-up period before it can be used as a clock source. When the oscillator is enabled, a warm-up counter increments to 1024. When the counter expires the SOSCRDY bit (OSCCON<22>) is set to ‘1’. Refer to **6.3.1.1.2 “Oscillator Start-up Timer (OST)”**.

6.3.1.2.2 Sosc Continuous Operation

The Sosc is always enabled when SOSCEN bit (OSCCON<1>) is set. Leaving the oscillator running at all times allows a fast switch to the 32 kHz system clock for lower power operation. Returning to the faster main oscillator will still require an oscillator start-up time if it is a crystal type source and/or uses the PLL (see 6.3.1.1.2 “Oscillator Start-up Timer (OST)”).

In addition, the oscillator will need to remain running at all times for Real-Time Clock applications and may be required for Timer1. Refer to the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 14. “Timers”** (DS61105) and **Section 29. “Real-Time Clock and Calendar”** (DS61125) for further details.

Example 6-2: Enabling the Sosc

```
SYSKEY = 0x0;           // ensure OSCCON is locked
SYSKEY = 0xAA996655;    // Write Key1 to SYSKEY
SYSKEY = 0x556699AA;    // Write Key2 to SYSKEY
                        // OSCCON is now unlocked
                        // make the desired change
OSCCONSET = 2;          // enable Secondary Oscillator
                        // Relock the SYSKEY
SYSKEY = 0x0;           // Write any value other than Key1 or Key2
                        // OSCCON is relocked
```

6.3.1.3 INTERNAL FAST RC (FRC) OSCILLATOR

The FRC Oscillator is a fast (8 MHz nominal), user-trimmable, internal RC oscillator with a user-selectable input divider, PLL multiplier, and output divider. Refer to the specific device data sheet for more information about the FRC Oscillator.

6.3.1.3.1 FRC Postscaler Mode (FRCDIV)

Users are not limited to the nominal 8 MHz FRC output if they want to use the fast internal oscillator as a clock source. An additional FRC mode, FRCDIV, implements a selectable output divider that allows the choice of a lower clock frequency from seven different options, plus the direct 8 MHz output. The output divider is configured using the FRCDIV<2:0> bits (OSCCON<26:24>). Assuming a nominal 8 MHz output, available lower frequency options range from 4 MHz (divide-by-2) to 31 kHz (divide-by-256). The range of frequencies allows users the ability to save power at any time in an application by simply changing the FRCDIV bits. The FRCDIV mode is selected whenever the COSC bits (OSCCON<14:12>) are ‘111’.

6.3.1.3.2 FRC Oscillator with PLL Mode (FRCPLL)

The output of the FRC may also be combined with a user-selectable PLL multiplier and output divider to produce a SYSCLK across a wide range of frequencies. The FRC PLL mode is selected whenever the COSC bits (OSCCON<14:12>) are ‘001’. In this mode, the PLL input divider is forced to ‘2’ to provide a 4 MHz input to the PLL. The desired PLL multiplier and output divider values can be chosen to provide the desired device frequency.

6.3.1.3.3 Oscillator Tune Register (OSCTUN)

The FRC Oscillator Tuning register OSCTUN allows the user to fine tune the FRC Oscillator over a range of approximately $\pm 12\%$ (typical). Each bit increment or decrement changes the factory calibrated frequency of the FRC Oscillator by a fixed amount. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” section of the specific device data sheet for additional information on the available tuning range.

Note: An unlock sequence is required before a write to OSCTUN register can occur. Refer to 6.3.6.2 “Oscillator Switching Sequence” for more information.

6.3.1.4 INTERNAL LOW-POWER RC (LPRC) OSCILLATOR

The LPRC Oscillator is separate from the FRC. It oscillates at a nominal frequency of 31.25 kHz. The LPRC Oscillator is the clock source for the Power-up Timer (PWRT), Watchdog Timer (WDT), Fail-Safe Clock Monitor (FSCM) and Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) reference circuits. It may also be used to provide a low-frequency clock source option for the device in those applications where power consumption is critical, and timing accuracy is not required.

6.3.1.4.1 Enabling the LPRC Oscillator

Since it serves the PWRT clock source, the LPRC Oscillator is enabled at a POR whenever the on-board voltage regulator is enabled. After the PWRT expires, the LPRC Oscillator will remain on if any one of the following is true:

- The Fail-Safe Clock Monitor is enabled
- The WDT is enabled
- The LPRC Oscillator is selected as the system clock (COSC2:COSC0 = 100)

If none of the above is true, the LPRC will shut off after the PWRT expires.

6.3.2 Peripheral Bus Clock (PBCLK) Generation

The PBCLK is derived from the System Clock (SYSCLK) divided by PBDIV<1:0> (OSCCON<20:19>). The PBCLK Divisor bits PBDIV<1:0> allow postscalers of 1:1, 1:2, 1:4, and 1:8. Refer to the individual peripheral module section(s) for information regarding which bus a specific peripheral uses.

Note: When the PBDIV divisor is set to a ratio of 1:1, the SYSCLK and PBCLK are equivalent in frequency. The PBCLK frequency is never greater than the processor clock frequency.

The effect of changing the PBCLK frequency on individual peripherals should be taken into account when selecting or changing the PBDIV value.

Performing back-to-back operations on PBCLK peripheral registers when the PB divisor is not set at 1:1 will cause the CPU to stall for a number of cycles. This stall occurs to prevent an operation from occurring before the previous one has completed. The length of the stall is determined by the ratio of the CPU and PBCLK and synchronizing time between the two busses.

Changing the PBCLK frequency has no effect on the SYSCLK peripherals operation.

Note: The peripheral bus frequency can be changed on the fly by writing a new value to the PBDIV bits in the OSCCON register. A state machine is used to control the changing of the PB frequency. This state machine requires up to 60 CPU clocks to perform a switch and be ready to receive a new PBDIV value. If a new value is written to the PBDIV bits before the state machine has completed the operation, the new value will be ignored and the PBDIV bits will reflect the previous value. Rewriting the current value to the PBDIV bits is ignored and has no effect.

6.3.3 USB Clock (USBCLK) Generation

The USBCLK can be derived from the 8 MHz internal FRC Oscillator, 48 MHz Posc, or the 96 MHz PLL from the Posc. For normal operation, the USB module requires exact 48 MHz clock. When using 96 MHz PLL, the output is internally divided to obtain 48 MHz clock. The FRC clock source is used to detect USB activity and bring USB module out of Suspend mode. Once USB module is out of Suspend mode, it must use a 48 MHz clock to perform the USB transactions. The internal FRC Oscillator is not used for normal USB module operation.

6.3.3.1 USB CLOCK PHASE-LOCKED LOOP (UPLL)

The USB Clock Phase-Locked Loop (UPLL) provides a user-configurable input divider, which can be used with the XT, HS, and EC Primary Oscillator modes to create a variety of clock frequencies from a clock source. The actual source must be able to provide a stable clock as required by the USB specifications.

The UPLL Enable and Input Divider bits are contained in the DEVCFG2 register. The input to the UPLL must be limited to 4 MHz only. An appropriate input divider must be selected to ensure that the UPLL input is 4 MHz.

To configure the UPLL, the following steps are required:

1. Enable the USB PLL by setting the FUPPLEN bit in the DEVCFG2 register.
2. Based on the source clock, calculate the UPLL input divider value so that the PLL input is 4 MHz.
3. Set the USB PLL Input Divider (FUPLLIDIV) bits in the DEVCFG2 register when programming the part.

Note: Refer to the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 32. “Configuration”** (DS61124) for detailed information on the DEVCFG2 register.

6.3.3.2 PLL LOCK STATUS

The PLL Lock Status indicates the lock status of the PLL. It is set automatically after a typical time delay for the PLL to achieve lock, also designated as TLOCK. If the PLL does not stabilize properly during start-up, SLOCK may not reflect the actual status of the PLL lock, nor does it detect when the PLL loses lock during normal operation. The SLOCK bit is cleared at a POR and on clock switches when the PLL is selected as a destination clock source. It remains clear when any clock source not using the PLL is selected. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” section in the specific device data sheet for further information on the PLL lock interval.

6.3.3.3 USB PLL LOCK STATUS

The ULOCK bit (OSCCON<6>) is a read-only Status bit that indicates the lock status of the USB PLL. It is automatically set after the typical time delay for the PLL to achieve lock, also designated as TULOCK. If the PLL does not stabilize properly during start-up, ULOCK may not reflect the actual status of PLL lock, nor does it detect when the PLL loses lock during normal operation.

The ULOCK bit is cleared at a POR. It remains clear when any clock source that is not using the PLL is selected.

Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” section in the specific device data sheet for further information on the USB PLL lock interval.

6.3.3.4 USING INTERNAL FRC OSCILLATOR WITH USB

The internal 8 MHz FRC Oscillator is available as a clock source to detect any USB activity during USB Suspend mode and bring the module out of the Suspend mode. To enable FRC for USB usage, the UFRocen bit (OSCCON<2>) must be set to ‘1’ before putting the USB module in Suspend mode.

6.3.4 Two-Speed Start-up

Two-Speed Start-up mode can be used to reduce the device start-up latency when using all external crystal Posc modes including PLL. Two-Speed Start-up uses the FRC clock as the SYSCLK source until the Primary Oscillator (Posc) has stabilized. After the user selected oscillator has stabilized, the clock source will switch to Posc. This allows the CPU to begin running code, at a lower speed, while the oscillator is stabilizing. When the Posc has met the start-up criteria, an automatic clock switch occurs to switch to Posc. This mode is enabled by the Device Configuration bits FCKSM<1:0> (DEVCFG1<15:14>). Two-Speed Start-up operates after a POR or on exit from Sleep. Software can determine the oscillator source currently in use by reading the COSC<2:0> bits in the OSCCON register.

Note: The Watchdog Timer (WDT), if enabled, will continue to count at the same rate regardless of the SYSCLK frequency. Care must be taken to service the WDT during Two-Speed Start-up, taking into account the change in SYSCLK.

6.3.5 Fail-Safe Clock Monitor (FSCM) Operation

The Fail-Safe Clock Monitor (FSCM) is designed to allow continued device operation if the current oscillator fails. It is intended for use with the Primary Oscillator (Posc) and automatically switches to the FRC Oscillator if a Posc failure is detected. The switch to the Fast Internal RC Oscillator (FRC) allows continued device operation and the ability to retry the Posc or to execute code appropriate for a clock failure.

The FSCM mode is controlled by the FCKSM<1:0> bits in the DEVCFG1 register. Any of the Posc modes can be used with FSCM.

When a clock failure is detected with FSCM enabled and the FSCM Interrupt Enable (FSCMIE) bit (IEC1<14>) set, the clock source will be switched from the Posc to the FRC. An oscillator fail interrupt will be generated, with the CF bit (OSCCON<3>) set. This interrupt has a user-settable Priority bits FSCMIP<2:0> (IPC8<12:10>) and Subpriority bits FSCMIS<1:0> (IPC8<9:8>). The clock source will remain in FRC until a device Reset or a clock switch is performed. Failure to enable the FSCM interrupt will not inhibit the actual clock switch.

The FSCM module takes the following actions when switching to the FRC Oscillator:

1. The COSC bits (OSCCON<14:12>) are loaded with '000'.
2. The CF bit (OSCCON<3>) is set to indicate the clock failure.
3. The OSWEN control bit (OSCCON<0>) is cleared to cancel any pending clock switches.

To enable the FSCM, the following steps should be performed:

1. Enable the FSCM in the DEVCFG1 register by configuring the FCKSM<1:0> bits:
 - 01 = Clock Switching is enabled, FSCM is disabled
 - 00 = Clock Switching and FSCM are enabled
2. Select the desired mode HS, XT, or EC using FNOSC<2:0> in DEVCFG1.
3. Select the Posc as the default oscillator in the device configuration DEVCFG1 by configuring FNOSC<2:0> = 010 without PLL or '011' with PLL.

If the PLL is to be used:

1. Select the appropriate Configuration bits for the PLL input divider to scale the input frequency to be between 4 MHz and 5 MHz using FPLLIDIV<2:0> (DEVCFG2<2:0>).
2. Select the desired PLL multiplier using FPLLMULT<2:0> (DEVCFG2<6:4>).
3. Select the desired PLL output divider using FPLLODIV<2:0> (DEVCFG2<18:16>).

Note: Refer to the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 32. "Configuration"** (DS61124) for detailed information on the DEVCFG1 and DEVCFG2 registers.

If an FSCM interrupt is desired when a FSCM event occurs, the following steps should be performed during start-up code:

1. Clear the FSCM Interrupt bit FSCMIF (IFS1<14>).
2. Set the Interrupt Priority bits FSCMIP<2:0> (IPC8<12:10>) and the Subpriority bits FSCMIS<1:0> (IPC8<9:8>).
3. Set the FSCM Interrupt Enable bit FSCMIE (IEC1<14>).

Note: The Watchdog Timer (WDT), if enabled, will continue to count at the same rate regardless of the SYSClk frequency. Care must be taken to service the WDT after a Fail-Safe Clock Monitor event, taking into account the change in SYSClk.

6.3.5.1 FSCM DELAY

On a POR, BOR, or wake from Sleep mode event, a nominal delay (TFSCM) may be inserted before the FSCM begins to monitor the system clock source. The purpose of the FSCM delay is to provide time for the oscillator and/or PLL to stabilize when the Power-up Timer (PWRT) is not utilized. The FSCM delay will be generated after the internal System Reset signal, SYSRST, has been released. Refer to **Section 7. "Resets"** (DS61118) for FSCM delay timing information.

The TFSCM interval is applied whenever the FSCM is enabled and the HS, HSPLL, XT, XTPLL, or Secondary Oscillator modes are selected as the system clock.

Note: Please refer to the **"Electrical Characteristics"** section of the specific device data sheet for TFSCM specification values.

6.3.5.2 FSCM AND SLOW OSCILLATOR START-UP

If the chosen device oscillator has a slow start-up time coming out of POR, BOR or Sleep mode, it is possible that the FSCM delay will expire before the oscillator has started. In this case, the FSCM will initiate a clock failure trap. As this happens, the COSC bits (OSCCON<14:12>) are loaded with the FRC Oscillator selection. This will effectively shut off the original oscillator that was trying to start. Software can detect a clock failure using an Interrupt Service Routine (SFR) or by polling the clock fail interrupt flag, FSCMIF (IFS1<14>).

6.3.5.3 FSCM AND WDT

The FSCM and the WDT both use the LPRC Oscillator as their time base. In the event of a clock failure, the WDT is unaffected and continues to run.

6.3.6 Clock Switching Operation

With few limitations, applications are free to switch between any of the four clock sources (POSC, SOSC, FRC, and LPRC) under software control and at any time. To limit the possible side effects that could result from this flexibility, PIC32MX devices have a safeguard lock built into the switch process.

- Note 1:** Primary Oscillator mode has three different submodes (XT, HS, and EC) which are determined by the POSCMOD Configuration bits in DEVCFG1. While an application can switch to and from Primary Oscillator mode in software, it cannot switch between the different primary submodes without reprogramming the device.
- 2:** The device will not permit direct switching between PLL clock sources. The user should not change the PLL multiplier values or postscaler values when running from the affected PLL source. To perform either of the above clock switching functions, the clock switch should be performed in two steps. The clock source should first be switched to a non-PLL source, such as FRC, and then switched to the desired source. This requirement only applies to PLL-based clock sources.

6.3.6.1 ENABLING CLOCK SWITCHING

To enable clock switching, the FCKSM1 Configuration bit (DEVCFG1<15>) must be programmed to '0'. See the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 32. "Configuration"** (DS61124) for further details. If the FCKSM1 Configuration bit is unprogrammed (= 1), the clock switching function and Fail-Safe Clock Monitor function are disabled. This is the default setting.

The NOSC Control bits (OSCCON<10:8>) do not control the clock selection when clock switching is disabled. However, the COSC bits (OSCCON<14:12>) will reflect the clock source selected by the FNOSC Configuration bits.

The OSWEN Control bit (OSCCON<0>) has no effect when clock switching is disabled. It is held at '0' at all times.

6.3.6.2 OSCILLATOR SWITCHING SEQUENCE

At a minimum, performing a clock switch requires the following sequence:

1. If desired, read the COSC<2:0> bits (OSCCON<14:12>) to determine the current oscillator source.
2. Perform the unlock sequence to allow a write to the OSCCON register. The unlock sequence has critical timing requirements and should be performed with interrupts and DMA disabled.
3. Write the appropriate value to the NOSC<2:0> control bits (OSCCON<10:8>) for the new oscillator source.
4. Set the OSWEN bit (OSCCON<0>) to initiate the oscillator switch.
5. Optionally, perform the lock sequence to lock the OSCCON. The lock sequence must be performed separately from any other operation.

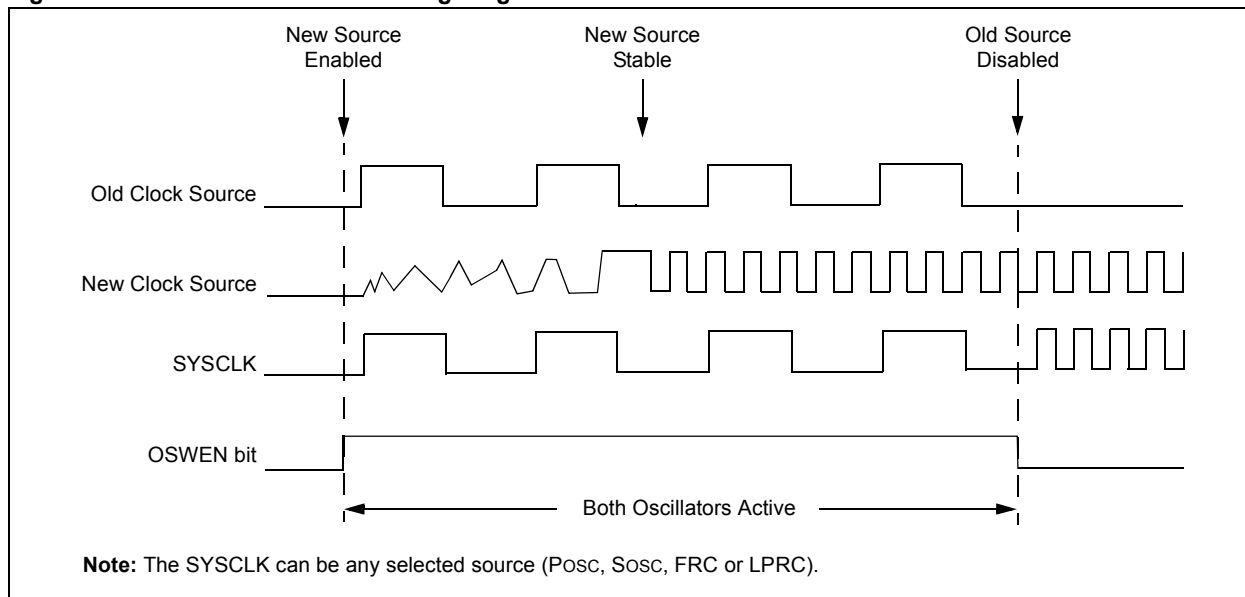
Once the basic sequence is completed, the system clock hardware responds automatically as follows:

1. The clock switching hardware compares the COSC<2:0> Status bits with the new value of the NOSC control bits. If they are the same, then the clock switch is a redundant operation. In this case, the OSWEN bit is cleared automatically and the clock switch is aborted.
2. The new oscillator is turned on by the hardware if it is not currently running. If a crystal oscillator must be turned on, the hardware will wait until the Oscillator Start-up timer (OST) expires. If the new source is using the PLL, then the hardware waits until a PLL lock is detected (SLOCK = 1).
3. The hardware clears the OSWEN bit to indicate a successful clock transition. In addition, the NOSC bit values are transferred to the COSC Status bits.
4. The old clock source is turned off at this time if the clock is not being used by any modules.

The transition timing between the clock sources is shown in Figure 6-5.

Note: The processor will continue to execute code throughout the clock switching sequence. Timing-sensitive code should not be executed during this time.

Figure 6-5: Clock Transition Timing Diagram



The following is a recommended code sequence for a clock switch:

1. Disable interrupts and DMA prior to the system unlock sequence.
2. Execute the system unlock sequence by writing the Key values of 0xAA996655 and 0x556699AA to the SYSKEY register in two back-to-back Assembly or 'C' instructions.
3. Write the new oscillator source value to the NOSC control bits.
4. Set the OSWEN bit in the OSCCON register to initiate the clock switch.
5. Write a non-key value (such as, 0x33333333) to the SYSKEY register to perform a lock. Continue to execute code that is not clock-sensitive (optional).
6. Check to see if the OSWEN bit is '0'. If it is, the switch was successful. Loop until the bit is '0'.
7. Re-enable interrupts and DMA.

Note: There are no timing requirements for the steps other than the initial back-to-back writing of the Key values to perform the unlock sequence.

The unlock sequence unlocks all registers that are secured by the lock function. It is recommended that amount of time the system is unlock is kept to a minimum. The core sequence for unlocking the OSCCON register and initiating a clock switch is shown in Example 6-3.

6.3.6.3 CLOCK SWITCHING CONSIDERATIONS

When incorporating clock switching into an application, users should be mindful of the following issues when designing their code.

- The SYSLOCK unlock sequence is timing critical. The two key values must be written back-to-back with no in-between peripheral register access. Prevent unintended peripheral register accesses by disabling all interrupts and DMA transfers.
- The system will not relock automatically. Perform the relock sequence as soon as possible after the clock switch.
- The unlock sequence unlocks other registers such as the those related to Real-Time Clock control.
- If the destination clock source is a crystal oscillator, the clock switch time is dictated by the oscillator start-up time.
- If the new clock source does not start, or is not present, the OSWEN bit remains set.
- A clock switch to a different frequency affects the clocks to peripherals. Peripherals may require reconfiguration to continue operation at the same rate as they did before the clock switch occurred.
- If the new clock source uses the PLL, a clock switch does not occur until lock has been achieved.
- If the WDT is used, care must be taken to ensure it can be serviced in a timely manner at the new clock rate.

Note 1: When the Fail-Safe Clock Monitor is enabled, the application should not attempt to switch to a clock that has a frequency lower than 100 kHz. Clock switching in these instances may generate a false oscillator fail event and result in a switch to the Internal Fast RC (FRC) oscillator.

2: The device will not permit direct switching between PLL clock sources. The user should not change the PLL multiplier values or postscaler values when running from the affected PLL source. To perform either of the above clock switching functions, the clock switch should be performed in two steps. The clock source should first be switched to a non-PLL source, such as FRC; and then, switched to the desired source. This requirement only applies to PLL-based clock sources.

6.3.6.4 ABORTING A CLOCK SWITCH

In the event the clock switch did not complete, the clock switch logic can be reset by clearing the OSWEN bit (OSCCON<0>). This will abandon the clock switch process, stop and reset the OST (if applicable) and stop the PLL (if applicable).

A clock switch procedure can be aborted at any time. A clock switch that is already in progress can also be aborted by performing a second clock switch.

Example 6-3: Performing a Clock Switch

```
// note: clock switching must be enabled in the device
// configuration
SYSKEY = 0x0; // write invalid key to force lock
SYSKEY = 0xAA996655; // Write Key1 to SYSKEY
SYSKEY = 0x556699AA; // Write Key2 to SYSKEY
// OSCCON is now unlocked
// make the desired change
OSCCONCLR = 7 << 8; // clear the clock select bits
OSCCONSET = 7 << 8; // set the new clock source to FRCDIV
OSCCONSET = 1; // request clock switch
// Relock the SYSKEY
SYSKEY = 0x0; // Write any value other than Key1 or Key2
// OSCCON is relocked
```

6.3.6.5 ENTERING SLEEP MODE DURING A CLOCK SWITCH

If, during a clock switch operation, the device enters Sleep mode, the clock switch operation is not aborted. If the clock switch does not complete before the device enters Sleep mode, the device will perform the switch when it exits Sleep. Then the `WAIT` instruction executes normally.

6.3.7 Real-Time Clock Oscillator

To provide accurate timekeeping, the Real-Time Clock and Calendar (RTCC) requires a precise time base. To achieve this, the Sosc is used as the time base for the RTCC. The Sosc uses an external 32.768 kHz crystal connected to the Sosci and SOSCO pins.

6.3.7.1 Sosc CONTROL

The Sosc can be used by modules other than the RTCC, therefore, the Sosc is controlled by a combination of software and hardware. Setting the SOSCEN bit (OSCCON<1>) to '1' enables the Sosc. The Sosc is disabled when it is not being used by the CPU module and the SOSCEN bit is '0'. If the Sosc is being used as SYSCLK, such as after a clock switch, it cannot be disabled by writing to the SOSCEN bit. If the Sosc is enabled by the SOSCEN bit, it will continue to operate when the device is in Sleep. To prevent inadvertent clock changes, the OSCCON register is locked. It must be unlocked prior to software enabling or disabling the Sosc.

Note: If the RTCC is to be used when the CPU clock source is to be switched between Sosc and another clock source, the SOSCEN bit should be set to '1' in software. Failure to set the bit will cause the Sosc to be disabled when the CPU is switched to another clock source.

Due to the start-up time for an external crystal, the user should wait for stable SOCSC oscillator output before enabling the RTCC. This typically requires a 32 ms delay between enabling the Sosc and enabling the RTCC. The actual time required will depend on the crystal in use and the application.

There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including OSCCON.

6.3.8 Timer1 External Oscillator

The Timer1 module has the ability to use the Sosc as a clock source to increment Timer1. The Sosc is designed to use an external 32.768 kHz crystal connected to the Sosci and SOSCO pins.

6.3.8.1 Sosc CONTROL

The Sosc can be used by modules other than Timer1, therefore, the Sosc is controlled by a combination of software and hardware. Setting the SOSCEN bit (OSCCON<1>) to '1' enables the Sosc. The Sosc is disabled when it is not being used by the CPU module and the SOSCEN bit is '0'. If the Sosc is being used as SYSCLK, such as after a clock switch, it cannot be disabled by writing to the SOSCEN bit. If the Sosc is enabled by the SOSCEN bit, it will continue to operate when the device is in Sleep. To prevent inadvertent clock changes the OSCCON register is locked. It must be unlocked prior to software enabling or disabling the Sosc.

Note: If the TIMER1 is to be used when the CPU clock source is to be switched between Sosc and another clock source, the SOSCEN bit should be set to '1' in software. Failure to set the bit will cause the Sosc to be disabled when the CPU is switched to another clock source.

Due to the start-up time for an external crystal the user should wait for stable SOCSC oscillator output before attempting to use Timer1 for accurate measurements. This typically requires a 10 ms delay between enabling the Sosc and use of Timer1. The actual time required will depend on the crystal in use and the application.

There are numerous system and peripheral registers that are protected from inadvertent writes by the SYSREG lock. Performing a lock or unlock affects all registers protected by SYSREG including the OSCCON register.

6.4 INTERRUPTS

The only interrupt generated by the Oscillator module is the FSCM event interrupt. When the FSCM mode is enabled and the corresponding interrupts have been configured, a FSCM event will generate an interrupt. This interrupt has both priority and subpriorities that must be configured.

6.4.1 Interrupt Operation

The FSCM has a dedicated Interrupt bit, FSCMIF (IFS1<14>), and a corresponding Interrupt Enable/Mask bit, FSCMIE (IEC1<14>). These bits are used to determine the source of an interrupt and to enable or disable an individual interrupt source. The priority level of the FSCM can be set independently of other interrupt sources.

The FSCMIF bit is set when a FSCM detects a Posc clock failure. The FSCMIF bit will then be set without regard to the state of the corresponding FSCMIE bit. The FSCMIF bit can be polled by software if desired.

The FSCMIE bit controls the interrupt generation. If the FSCMIE bit is set, the CPU will be interrupted whenever an FSCM event occurs (subject to the priority and subpriority as outlined below). The FSCMIF bit will be set regardless of interrupt priority.

It is the responsibility of the routine that services a particular interrupt to clear the appropriate Interrupt Flag bit before the service routine is complete.

The priority of the FSCM interrupt can be set independently via the FSCMIP<2:0> bits (IPC8<20:18>). This priority defines the priority group that interrupt source will be assigned to. The priority groups range from a value of 7, the highest priority, to a value of 0, which does not generate an interrupt. An interrupt being serviced will be preempted by an interrupt in a higher priority group.

The subpriority bits allow setting the priority of a interrupt source within a priority group. The values of the subpriority bits, FSCMIS<1:0> (IPC8<8:9>), range from 3, the highest priority, to 0 the lowest priority. An interrupt with the same priority group but having a higher subpriority value will preempt a lower subpriority interrupt that is in progress.

The priority group and subpriority bits allow more than one interrupt source to share the same priority and subpriority. If simultaneous interrupts occur in this configuration, the natural order of the interrupt sources within a priority/subgroup pair determine the interrupt generated. The natural priority is based on the vector numbers of the interrupt sources. The lower the vector number the higher the natural priority of the interrupt. Any interrupts that were overridden by natural order will then generate their respective interrupts based on priority, subpriority, and natural order after the interrupt flag for the current interrupt is cleared.

After an enabled interrupt is generated, the CPU will jump to the vector assigned to that interrupt (refer to Table 6-6). The vector number for the interrupt is the same as the natural order number. The IRQ number is not always the same as the vector number due to some interrupts sharing a single vector. The CPU will then begin executing code at the vector address. The users code at this vector address should perform an operations required, such as reloading the duty cycle, clear the interrupt flag, and then exit. Refer to **Section 8. "Interrupts"** (DS61108) for the vector address table details and for more information on interrupts.

Table 6-6: FSCM Interrupt Vectors for Various Offsets with EBASE = 0x8000:0000

Interrupt	Vector/Natural Order	IRQ Number	Vector Address IntCtl.VS = 0x01	Vector Address IntCtl.VS = 0x02	Vector Address IntCtl.VS = 0x04	Vector Address IntCtl.VS = 0x08	Vector Address IntCtl.VS = 0x10
FSCM	33	45	8000 0620	8000 0A40	8000 1280	8000 2300	8000 4400

Example 6-4: FSCM Interrupt Configuration

```

// FSCM must be enabled in the device configuration
// Setup the FSCM interrupt
// located in the users start-up code
// check for a FSCM during start-up
if (OSCCON & 0x0008)
{
    // user handler for a FSCM event occurred during
    // start-up
}
else
{
    // normal start-up
    IPC8CLR = 0x1F << 8; // clear the FSCM priority bits
    IPC8SET = 7 << 10; // set the FSCM interrupt priority
    IPC8SET = 3 << 8; // set the FSCM interrupt subpriority
    IFS1CLR = 1 << 14; // clear the FSCM interrupt bit
    IEC1SET = 1 << 14; // enable the FSCM interrupt
}

void __ISR(_FAIL_SAFE_MONITOR_VECTOR, ipl7) FSCM_HANDLER(void)
{
    // interrupt handler
    // insert user code here
    IFS1CLR = 1 << 4; // clear the CMP2 interrupt flag
}

```

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6.5 I/O PINS

The pins used by the Posc and Sosc are shared by other peripherals modules. Table 6-7 shows the function of these shared pins in the available oscillator modes. When the pins are not used by an oscillator, they are available for use as general I/O pins or for use by a peripheral sharing the pin. Refer to the *PIC32MX Family Reference Manual* in **Section 29. “Real-Time Clock and Calendar”** (DS61125) and **Section 9. “Watchdog and Power-up Timer”** (DS61114) for more information.

Table 6-7: Configuration of Pins Associated with the Oscillator Module

Pin Name	Clock Mode	Configuration Bit Field ⁽¹⁾	TRIS	Pin Type
OSC1	HS, HSPLL, XT, XTPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD<1:0>	X	OSC
OSC2	HS, HSPLL, XT, XTPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD	X	OSC
OSC1	EC, ECPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD	X	Clock In
OSC2	EC, ECPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD, OSCOFNC	X	PBCLK Out
OSC2	EC, ECPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD, OSCOFNC	Input	Input
OSC2	EC, ECPLL	COSC<2:0>, POSCMOD, OSCOFNC	Output	Output
N/A	FRC, FRCPLL, FRCDIV16, FRCDIV, LPRC	COSC<2:0>	X	GPIO
N/A	FRC, FRCPLL, FRCDIV16, FRCDIV, LPRC	COSC<2:0>	X	GPIO
N/A	FRC, FRCPLL, FRCDIV16, FRCDIV, LPRC	COSC<2:0>	X	GPIO
N/A	FRC, FRCPLL, FRCDIV16, FRCDIV, LPRC	COSC<2:0>	X	GPIO
SOSCI	Sosc	COSC<2:0>	X	OSC
SOSCO	Sosc	COSC<2:0>	X	OSC

Note 1: During device start-up, the device oscillator configuration data is copied from device configuration to COSC.

6.5.1 OSC1 and OSC2 Pin Functions in Non-external Oscillator Modes

When the Posc on OSC1 and OSC2 is not configured as a clock source, the OSC1 pin is automatically reconfigured as a digital I/O. In this configuration, as well as when the Posc is configured for EC mode (POSCMOD<1:0> = 00), the OSC2 pin can also be configured as a digital I/O by programming the OSCIOFCN Configuration bit.

When OSCIOFCN is unprogrammed ('1'), a PBCLK is available on OSC2 for testing or synchronization purposes. With OSCIOFCN programmed ('0'), the OSC2 pin becomes a general purpose I/O pin. In both of these configurations, the feedback device between OSC1 and OSC2 is turned off to save current.

6.5.2 SOSCI and SOSCO Pin Functions in Non-external Oscillator Modes

When the Secondary Oscillator (Sosc) on SOSCI and SOSCO pin is not configured as a clock source, the pins are automatically reconfigured as a digital I/O.

6.6 OPERATION IN POWER-SAVING MODES

6.6.1 Oscillator Operation in Sleep Mode

Clock sources are disabled in Sleep unless they are being used by a peripheral. The following subsections outline the behavior of each of the clock sources in Sleep.

6.6.1.1 Posc in Sleep Mode

The Posc is always disabled in Sleep. Start-up delays apply when exiting Sleep.

6.6.1.2 Sosc in Sleep Mode

The Sosc is disabled in Sleep unless the SOSSEN bit is set or it is in use by an enabled module that operates in Sleep. Start-up delays apply when exiting Sleep if the Secondary Oscillator is not already running.

6.6.1.3 FRC in Sleep Mode

The FRC oscillator is disabled in Sleep.

6.6.1.4 LPRC in Sleep Mode

The LPRC oscillator is disabled in Sleep if the Watchdog Timer (WDT) is disabled.

6.6.2 Oscillator Operation in Idle Mode

Clock sources are not disabled in Idle mode. Start-up delays do not apply when exiting Idle mode.

6.6.3 Oscillator Operation in Debug Mode

The Oscillator module continues to operate while the device is in Debug mode.

Note: There is no FRZ mode for this module.

6.7 EFFECTS OF VARIOUS RESETS

On all forms of device Reset, OSCCON is set to the default value, and the COSC<2:0>, PLLIDIV<2:0>, PLLMULT<2:0>, and UPLLIDIV<2:0> values are forced to the values defined in the DEVCFG1 and DEVCFG2 registers. The oscillator source is transferred to the source as defined in the DEVCFG1 register. Oscillator start-up delays will apply.

6.8 DESIGN TIPS

6.8.1 Crystal Oscillators and Ceramic Resonators

In HS and XT modes, a crystal or ceramic resonator is connected to the OSC1 and OSC2 pins to establish oscillation (Figure 6.3.1.1.1). The PIC32MX oscillator design requires the use of a parallel cut crystal. Using a series cut crystal may give a frequency out of the crystal manufacturer's specifications.

In general, users should select the oscillator option with the lowest possible gain that still meets their specifications. This will result in lower dynamic currents (I_{DD}). The frequency range of each oscillator mode is the recommended frequency cut-off, but the selection of a different gain mode is acceptable as long as a thorough validation is performed (voltage, temperature and component variations, such as resistor, capacitor and internal oscillator circuitry).

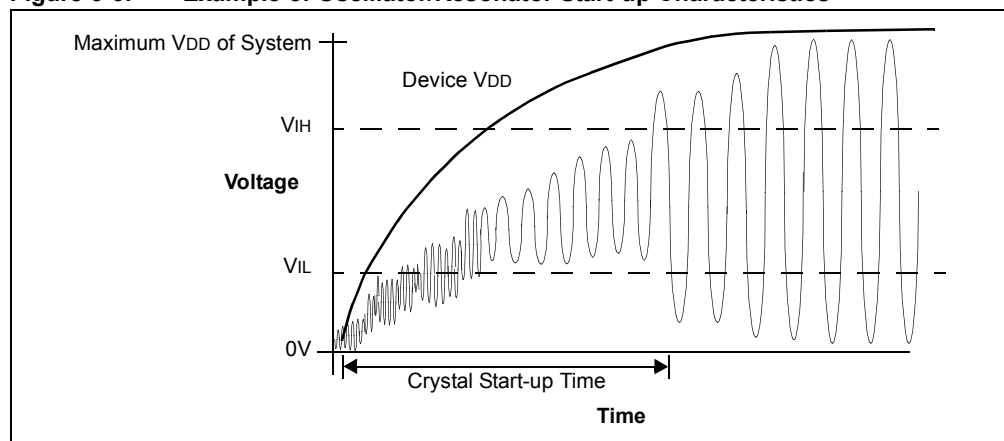
6.8.2 Oscillator/Resonator Start-up

As the device voltage increases from V_{SS} , the oscillator will start its oscillations. The time required for the oscillator to start oscillating depends on many factors, including the following:

- Crystal/resonator frequency
- Capacitor values used
- Series resistor, if used, and its value and type
- Device V_{DD} rise time
- System temperature
- Oscillator mode selection of device (selects the gain of the internal oscillator inverter)
- Crystal quality
- Oscillator circuit layout
- System noise

The course of a typical crystal or resonator start-up is shown in Figure 6-6. Notice that the time to achieve stable oscillation is not instantaneous. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” section in the specific device data sheet for further information regarding frequency range for each crystal mode.

Figure 6-6: Example of Oscillator/Resonator Start-up Characteristics



6.8.3 Tuning the Oscillator Circuit

Since Microchip devices have wide operating ranges (frequency, voltage and temperature; depending on the part and version ordered) and external components (crystals, capacitors, etc.) of varying quality and manufacture, validation of operation needs to be performed to ensure that the component selection will comply with the requirements of the application. There are many factors that go in to the selection and arrangement of these external components. Depending on the application, these may include any of the following:

- Amplifier gain
- Desired frequency
- Resonant frequency of the crystal
- Temperature of operation
- Supply voltage range
- Start-up time
- Stability
- Crystal life
- Power consumption
- Simplification of the circuit
- Use of standard components
- Component count

6.8.3.1 DETERMINING THE BEST VALUES FOR OSCILLATOR COMPONENTS

The best method for selecting components is to apply a little knowledge and a lot of trial measurement and testing. Crystals are usually selected by their parallel resonant frequency only; however, other parameters may be important to your design, such as temperature or frequency tolerance. Microchip application note AN588 “PIC® Microcontroller Oscillator Design Guide” (DS00588) is an excellent reference to learn more about crystal operation and ordering information.

The PIC32MX internal oscillator circuit is a parallel oscillator circuit which requires that a parallel resonant crystal be selected. The load capacitance is usually specified in the 22 pF to 33 pF range. The crystal will oscillate closest to the desired frequency with a load capacitance in this range. It may be necessary to alter these values, as described later, in order to achieve other benefits.

The Clock mode is primarily chosen based on the desired frequency of the crystal oscillator. The main difference between the XT and HS Oscillator modes is the gain of the internal inverter of the oscillator circuit which allows the different frequency ranges. In general, use the oscillator option with the lowest possible gain that still meets specifications. This will result in lower dynamic currents (I_{DD}). The frequency range of each Oscillator mode is the recommended frequency cutoff, but the selection of a different gain mode is acceptable as long as a thorough validation is performed (voltage, temperature and component variations, such as resistor, capacitor and internal oscillator circuitry). C1 and C2 should also be initially selected based on the load capacitance, as suggested by the crystal manufacturer, and the tables supplied in the device data sheet. The values given in the device data sheet can only be used as a starting point since the crystal manufacturer, supply voltage, PCB layout and other factors already mentioned may cause your circuit to differ from the one used in the factory characterization process.

Ideally, the capacitance is chosen so that it will oscillate at the highest temperature and the lowest V_{DD} that the circuit will be expected to perform under. High-temperature and low V_{DD} both have a limiting effect on the loop gain, such that if the circuit functions at these extremes, the designer can be more assured of proper operation at other temperatures and supply voltage combinations. The output sine wave should not be clipped in the highest gain environment (highest V_{DD} and lowest temperature) and the sine output amplitude should be large enough in the lowest gain environment (lowest V_{DD} and highest temperature) to cover the logic input requirements of the clock as listed in the specific device data sheet.

A method for improving start-up is to use a value of C2 that is greater than the value of C1. This causes a greater phase shift across the crystal at power-up which speeds oscillator start-up. Besides loading the crystal for proper frequency response, these capacitors can have the effect of lowering loop gain if their value is increased. C2 can be selected to affect the overall gain of the circuit. A higher C2 can lower the gain if the crystal is being overdriven (also, see discussion on Rs). Capacitance values that are too high can store and dump too much current through the crystal, so C1 and C2 should not become excessively large. Unfortunately, measuring the wattage through a crystal is difficult, but if you do not stray too far from the suggested values you should not have to be concerned with this.

A series resistor, Rs, is added to the circuit if, after all other external components are selected to satisfaction, the crystal is still being overdriven. This can be determined by looking at the OSC2 pin, which is the driven pin, with an oscilloscope. Connecting the probe to the OSC1 pin will load the pin too much and negatively affect performance. Remember that a scope probe adds its own capacitance to the circuit, so this may have to be accounted for in your design (i.e., if the circuit worked best with a C2 of 22 pF and the scope probe was 10 pF, a 33 pF capacitor may actually be called for). The output signal should not be clipping or flattened. Overdriving the crystal can also lead to the circuit jumping to a higher harmonic level, or even, crystal damage.

The OSC2 signal should be a clean sine wave that easily spans the input minimum and maximum of the clock input pin. An easy way to set this is to again test the circuit at the minimum temperature and maximum VDD that the design will be expected to perform in, then look at the output. This should be the maximum amplitude of the clock output. If there is clipping, or the sine wave is distorted near VDD and VSS, increasing load capacitors may cause too much current to flow through the crystal or push the value too far from the manufacturer's load specification. To adjust the crystal current, add a trimmer potentiometer between the crystal inverter output pin and C2 and adjust it until the sine wave is clean. The crystal will experience the highest drive currents at the low temperature and high VDD extremes.

The trimmer potentiometer should be adjusted at these limits to prevent overdriving. A series resistor, Rs, of the closest standard value can now be inserted in place of the trimmer. If Rs is too high, perhaps more than 20 k Ω , the input will be too isolated from the output, making the clock more susceptible to noise. If you find a value this high is needed to prevent overdriving the crystal, try increasing C2 to compensate or changing the Oscillator Operating mode. Try to get a combination where Rs is around 10 k Ω or less and load capacitance is not too far from the manufacturer's specification.

6.8.4 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question 1: *When looking at the OSC2 pin after power-up with an oscilloscope, there is no clock. What can cause this?*

Answer: There are several possible causes:

- Entering Sleep mode with no source for wake-up (such as WDT, $\overline{\text{MCLR}}$ or an interrupt). Verify that the code does not put the device to Sleep without providing for wake-up. If it is possible, try waking it up with a low pulse on $\overline{\text{MCLR}}$. Powering up with $\overline{\text{MCLR}}$ held low will also give the crystal oscillator more time to start-up, but the Program Counter will not advance until the $\overline{\text{MCLR}}$ pin is high.
- The wrong clock mode is selected for the desired frequency. For a blank device, the default oscillator is FRC. Most parts come with the clock selected in the Default mode which will not start oscillation with a crystal or resonator. Verify that the clock mode has been programmed correctly.
- The proper power-up sequence has not been followed. If a CMOS part is powered through an I/O pin prior to power-up, bad things can happen (latch-up, improper start-up, etc.). It is also possible for brown-out conditions, noisy power lines at start-up and slow VDD rise times to cause problems. Try powering up the device with nothing connected to the I/O, and power-up with a known, good, fast rise power supply. Refer to the power-up information in the specific device data sheet for considerations on brown-out and power-up sequences.
- The C1 and C2 capacitors attached to the crystal have not been connected properly or are not the correct values. Make sure all connections are correct. The device data sheet values for these components will usually get the oscillator running; however, they just might not be the optimal values for your design.

Question 2: *Why does my device run at a frequency much higher than the resonant frequency of the crystal?*

Answer: The gain is too high for this oscillator circuit. Refer to 6.8.3.1 “Determining the Best Values for Oscillator Components” to aid in the selection of C2 (may need to be higher), Rs (may be needed) and Clock mode (wrong mode may be selected). This is especially possible for low-frequency crystals, like the common 32.768 kHz.

Question 3: *The design runs fine, but the frequency is slightly off. What can be done to adjust this?*

Answer: Changing the value of C1 has some effect on the oscillator frequency. If a series resonant crystal is used, it will resonate at a different frequency than a parallel resonant crystal of the same frequency call-out. Ensure that you are using a parallel resonant crystal.

Question 4: *What would cause my application to work fine, but then suddenly quit or lose time?*

Answer: Other than the obvious software checks that should be done to investigate losing time, it is possible that the amplitude of the oscillator output is not high enough to reliably trigger the oscillator input. Also, look at the C1 and C2 values and ensure that the device Configuration bits are correct for the desired oscillator mode.

Question 5: *If I put an oscilloscope probe on an oscillator pin, I don't see what I expect. Why?*

Answer: Remember that an oscilloscope probe has capacitance. Connecting the probe to the oscillator circuitry will modify the oscillator characteristics. Consider using a low capacitance (active) probe.

6.9 RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the PIC32MX device family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the Oscillator module are:

Title	Application Note #
Crystal Oscillator Basics and Crystal Selection for rfPIC® and PIC® MCU Devices	AN826
Basic PIC® Microcontroller Oscillator Design	AN849
Practical PIC® Microcontroller Oscillator Analysis and Design	AN943
Making Your Oscillator Work	AN949

Note: Please visit the Microchip web site (www.microchip.com) for additional application notes and code examples for the PIC32MX family of devices.

6.10 REVISION HISTORY

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This is the initial released version of this document.

Revision B (October 2007)

Updated document to remove Confidential status.

Revision C (April 2008)

Revised status to Preliminary; Revised U-0 to r-x; Revised Figure 6-1.

Revision D (May 2008)

Revised Figure 6-1; Table 6-1 (WDTCON); Revised Registers 6-9, 6-13, 6-14, 6-15; Revised Example 6-3; Change Reserved bits from "Maintain as" to "Write"; Added Note to ON bit (WDTCON Register).

Revision E (July 2008)

Revised Figure 6-1; Examples 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

Revision F (June 2010)

This revision includes the following updates:

- Changed all occurrences of OSCI and OSCO to OSC1 and OSC2, respectively
- Changed all occurrences of POSCMD and LOCK to POSCMOD and SLOCK, respectively
- Updated the PIC32MX Family Oscillator System Block Diagram (Figure 6-1)
- Oscillator Register Summary (Table 6-1):
 - Removed all references to the Clear, Set, and Invert registers
 - Added the Address Offset column
 - Removed references to the IFS1, IEC1, and IPC8 registers
 - Added Notes 1, 2, and 3, which describe the Clear, Set, and Invert registers
- Added the Device Configuration Word Register Summary (Table 6-2)
- Removed the WDTCON register
- Removed the IFS1, IEC1, IPC8 registers, including their corresponding CLR, SET, and INV registers
- Added Notes which describe the Clear, Set, and Invert registers to the following registers:
 - OSCCON register (see Register 6-1)
 - OSCTUN register (see Register 6-2)
- Updated Figure 6-1
- Added Notes 1 and 2 to Register 6-1
- Added Note 1 to Register 6-2
- Deleted ADIV column from Table 6-3
- Updated Example 6-3 and Example 6-4
- Additional minor corrections such as language and formatting updates are incorporated throughout the document

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