

Process Methods • Polling • Interrupt • Event Driven



Interrupt Introduction

- Interrupts are an essential mechanism in microcontrollers like the STM32F407.
- They allow the microcontroller to respond promptly to external events without continuously polling for changes.
- When an interrupt occurs, the microcontroller temporarily suspends its current task, executes the interrupt service routine (ISR), and then resumes its previous task.

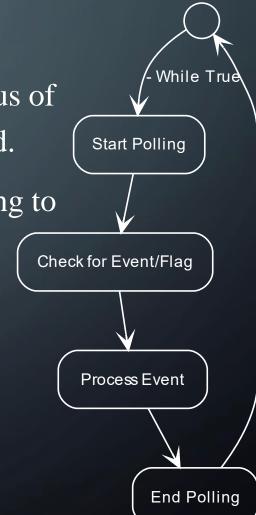


Polling

• In polling, the microcontroller continuously checks the status of a specific input or flag to determine if an event has occurred.

• It consumes CPU cycles even when there is no event, leading to inefficiency.

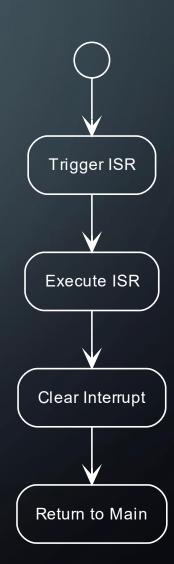
• Suitable for simple and infrequent events.





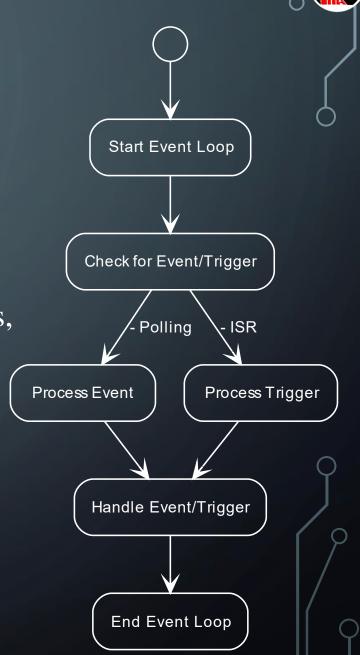
Interrupt

- In an interrupt-driven approach, the microcontroller responds to external events by automatically triggering an ISR when an event occurs.
- This method is more efficient than polling, as the CPU is freed from continuously checking for events.
- Ideal for handling time-critical or real-time events.



Event Driven

- Event-driven systems use a combination of polling and interrupts to respond to different types of events.
- Polling is used for less critical or non-time-sensitive events, while interrupts are utilized for critical and time-sensitive events.
- Provides a balance between efficiency and responsiveness.





Applications

• Real-Time Control

• Interrupts are crucial for handling real-time events in motor control, robotics, and industrial automation.

• Communication

• Interrupts enable the microcontroller to respond quickly to incoming data from UART, SPI, or I2C interfaces.

Sensor Handling

• Interrupts can be used to detect changes from sensors, such as detecting button presses or monitoring motion sensors.

• Timer and PWM Control

• Interrupts facilitate precise timing control, such as generating PWM signals or capturing time intervals.



Examples

• External Interrupts

• Configuring GPIO pins to generate external interrupts when a button is pressed, allowing quick response to user input.

• UART Interrupts

• Using UART receive interrupts to process incoming data in real-time, avoiding data loss and CPU overutilization.

• Timer Interrupts

• Employing timer interrupts to trigger periodic tasks, like updating display content or acquiring sensor data at fixed intervals.

• ADC Interrupts

• Using ADC interrupts to respond to analog input changes and process analog data efficiently.



Parameters

- $T_T = Task\ Time(s)$
- $T_R = Task Rate(s)$

- Valid Implementation = $T_T < T_R$
 - System will work properly
- Unvalid Implementation = $T_T \ge T_R$
 - System Stuck in virtual loop
 - Loss other interrupts