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1 Scope of Document

This specification defines requirements of the BSW module Time Service.

Constraints

First scope for specification of requirements on basic software modules is systems which are not safety relevant. For implementation of the basic software modules in safety relevant systems, it shall be checked if additional requirements are necessary.

2 Conventions to be used

- The representation of requirements in AUTOSAR documents follows the table specified in [1].
- In requirements, the following specific semantics shall be used (based on the Internet Engineering Task Force IETF).

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as:

- **SHALL**: This word means that the definition is an absolute requirement of the specification.
- **SHALL NOT**: This phrase means that the definition is an absolute prohibition of the specification.
- **MUST**: This word means that the definition is an absolute requirement of the specification due to legal issues.
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- **SHOULD**: This word, or the adjective "RECOMMENDED", mean that there may exist valid reasons in particular circumstances to ignore a particular item, but the full implications must be understood and carefully weighed before choosing a different course.
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- **MAY**: This word, or the adjective „OPTIONAL“, means that an item is truly optional. One vendor may choose to include the item because a particular marketplace requires it or because the vendor feels that it enhances the product while another vendor may omit the same item. An implementation, which does not include a particular option, **MUST** be prepared to interoperate with another implementation, which does include the option, though perhaps with reduced functionality. In the same vein an implementation, which does include a particular option, **MUST** be prepared to interoperate with another implementation, which does not include the option (except, of course, for the feature the option provides.)

3 Functional Overview

The Time Service module is part of the Services Layer. The module provides services for time based functionality. Use cases are:

- Time measurement
- Time based state machine
- Timeout supervision
- Busy waiting

Several “timer types” - so called “Time Service Predef Timers” - are available, if supported by hardware and enabled by configuration.

Each Predef Timer has a predefined tick duration (physical time unit) and a predefined number of bits (physical range). By this, compatibility of time based functionality is ensured for all platforms which support the required Time Service Predef Timers.

The Time Service Predef Timers are based on so-called “GPT Predef Timers”, which are free running hardware timers, provided by the GPT driver.

All services are called by user (“polling mode”). Notifications are not supported.

The Time Service module does not use and distribute all features of the GPT driver. The Time Service module is not the top of a “Timer Stack”.

4 Acronyms, abbreviations and terms

The acronyms and abbreviations defined in the table below have a local scope within this document.

Acronym / Abbreviation	Description

Table 1: Acronyms and abbreviations

The terms defined in the table below have a local scope within this document.

Term	Description
GPT Predef Timer	A GPT Predef Timer is a free running up counter provided by the GPT driver. Which GPT Predef Timer(s) are available depends on hardware (clock, hardware timers, prescaler, width of timer register, ...) and configuration. A GPT Predef Timer has predefined physical time unit and range.
Time Service Predef Timer	A Time Service Predef Timer is a free running up counter with predefined physical time unit and range. The hardware timer functionality is based on the corresponding GPT Predef Timer. For each Predef Timer a set of API services is provided by the Time Service module. The user can instantiate any timers (only limited by available memory) and can use the instances completely independently of each other.
Timer instance	A timer instance is a data object of an API data type.
Reference time	The reference time is a time value stored for each timer instance.

Table 2: Terms

5 Requirements Tracing

Requirement	Description	Satisfied by
RS_BRF_01056	AUTOSAR BSW modules shall provide standardized interfaces	SRS_Tm_00004, SRS_Tm_00005, SRS_Tm_00006, SRS_Tm_00007, SRS_Tm_00008
RS_BRF_01408	AUTOSAR shall provide a service layer that is accessible from each basic software layer	SRS_Tm_00001, SRS_Tm_00002, SRS_Tm_00003, SRS_Tm_00004, SRS_Tm_00005, SRS_Tm_00006, SRS_Tm_00007, SRS_Tm_00008
RS_BRF_01468	AUTOSAR services shall support time services for relative time measurement	SRS_Tm_00001, SRS_Tm_00002, SRS_Tm_00003, SRS_Tm_00004, SRS_Tm_00005, SRS_Tm_00006, SRS_Tm_00007, SRS_Tm_00008

6 Requirements Specification

6.1 Functional Requirements

6.1.1 General

6.1.1.1 [SRS_Tm_00001] Different types of Predef Timers shall be supported by the Time Service module

Type:	Valid
Description:	The following types of Predef Timers shall be supported by the Time Service module: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timer 1µs16bit • Timer 1µs24bit • Timer 1µs32bit • Timer 100µs32bit
Rationale:	1µs: high resolution timer. 16bit timer: To support 16bit hardware timers. 24bit timer: To support 24bit hardware timers. 32bit timer: To support 32bit hardware timers. 100µs32bit timer: covers automotive use cases (time span 4.9 days)
Use Case:	Time measurement, time based state machine, timeout supervision, busy waiting
Dependencies:	[SRS_BSW_00343] Specification and configuration of time
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01468)

6.1.1.2 [SRS_Tm_00002] The GPT Predef Timers shall be used as time base for the Predef Timers of the Time Service module

Type:	Valid
Description:	The GPT Predef Timers shall be used as time base for the Predef Timers of the Time Service module.
Rationale:	The Time Service module has to use a driver module for hardware access
Use Case:	Read current timer value
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01468)

6.1.2 Configuration

6.1.2.1 [SRS_Tm_00003] The Time Service module shall make it possible to configure which Predef Timers are enabled

Type:	Valid
Description:	<p>The Time Service module shall make it possible to configure which Predef Timers are enabled.</p> <p>For each enabled Predef Timer a set of API services shall be available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reset timer • Get time span • Shift timer • Synchronize timer • Busy waiting, only for 1µs timers
Rationale:	To disable Predef Timers if not needed or related GPT Predef Timers not available.
Use Case:	--
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

[(RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01468)]

6.1.3 Initialization

6.1.4 Normal Operation

6.1.4.1 [SRS_Tm_00004] The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service to reset a timer instance

Type:	Valid
Description:	<p>The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service for each enabled Predef Timer, to reset a timer instance. By this service a reference time is set, which is needed for further services. The service shall have the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointer to a timer instance defined by the user
Rationale:	<p>Basic functionality.</p> <p>Due to performance reasons, this service is required for each Predef Timer. A pointer is used (instead of an identifier) for referencing a timer instance to avoid user dependent configuration of module Time Service. So, the service can be used flexibly just like a library service.</p>
Use Case:	Time measurement, time based state machine, timeout supervision, busy waiting
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

[(RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01056, RS_BRF_01468)]

6.1.4.2 [SRS_Tm_00005] The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service to get the time span

Type:	Valid
Description:	The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service for each enabled Predefined Timer, to get the time span. The time span is the time difference between the reference time and the current point in time. The service shall have the following parameter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pointer to a timer instance defined by the user
Rationale:	Basic functionality. Due to performance reasons, this service is required for each Predef Timer. A pointer is used (instead of an identifier) for referencing a timer instance to avoid user dependent configuration of module Time Service. So, the service can be used flexibly just like a library service.
Use Case:	Time measurement, time based state machine, timeout supervision, busy waiting
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01056, RS_BRF_01468)

6.1.4.3 [SRS_Tm_00006] The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service to shift the reference time of a timer instance

Type:	Valid
Description:	The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service for each enabled Predef Timer, to shift the reference time of a timer instance. Shifting means to add a time value to the reference time to get a new reference time. The service shall have the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pointer to a timer instance defined by the user Time value which has to be added to the reference time
Rationale:	Extended functionality. Due to performance reasons, this service is required for each Predef Timer. A pointer is used (instead of an identifier) for referencing a timer instance to avoid user dependent configuration of module Time Service. So, the service can be used flexibly just like a library service.
Use Case:	Measurement of the cycle time of a runnable piece of software without loss of accuracy
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01056, RS_BRF_01468)

6.1.4.4 [SRS_Tm_00007] The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service to synchronize two timer instances

Type:	Valid
Description:	The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service for each enabled Predef Timer, to synchronize two timer instances. Synchronization means to set the reference time of a timer instance "Destination" to the

	reference time of a timer instance "Source". The service shall have the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointer to a destination timer instance defined by the user • Pointer to a source timer instance defined by the user
Rationale:	Extended functionality. Due to performance reasons, this service is required for each Predef Timer. A pointer is used (instead of an identifier) for referencing a timer instance to avoid user dependent configuration of module Time Service. So, the service can be used flexibly just like a library service.
Use Case:	Measurement of different time stamps (e.g. first call of some tasks) related to the same reference time.
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01056, RS_BRF_01468)

6.1.4.5 [SRS_Tm_00008] The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service with tick duration 1µs to perform busy waiting by polling

Type:	Valid
Description:	<p>The Time Service module shall provide a synchronous service for each enabled Predef Timer with tick duration 1µs to perform busy waiting (active waiting) by polling. The waiting time shall be restricted to 8 bits (255µs) to prevent long time blocking of code execution. The interrupts shall not be disabled, this means the real waiting time may be greater than the desired waiting time.</p> <p>The service shall have the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum waiting time
Rationale:	<p>Extended functionality. Due to performance reasons, this service is required for each 1µs Predef Timer. The service can be used flexibly just like a library service. To reduce risk of bad implementation of busy waiting on user software level. To ensure correct waiting time independent of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU speed • Pipeline effects • Cache effects • Access time to memory (bus width, wait states, ...) • Compiler version, compiler options, compiler optimizations
Use Case:	Implementation of drivers (hardware dependant waiting times)
Dependencies:	--
Supporting Material:	--

](RS_BRF_01408, RS_BRF_01056, RS_BRF_01468)

7 References

7.1 Deliverables of AUTOSAR

[1] Software Standardization Template
AUTOSAR_TPS_StandardizationTemplate.pdf