

How to use Interrupt Application Note

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Introduction

W6300 provides 1 Interrupt Pin (INTn) and HOST can know when an Ethernet Communication Event has occurred with INTn. When an Ethernet Communication Processing Event (IP Collision, WOL Magic Packet Reception, Data Transmission, Reception for each SOCKET, etc.) occurs, the INTn is asserted low.

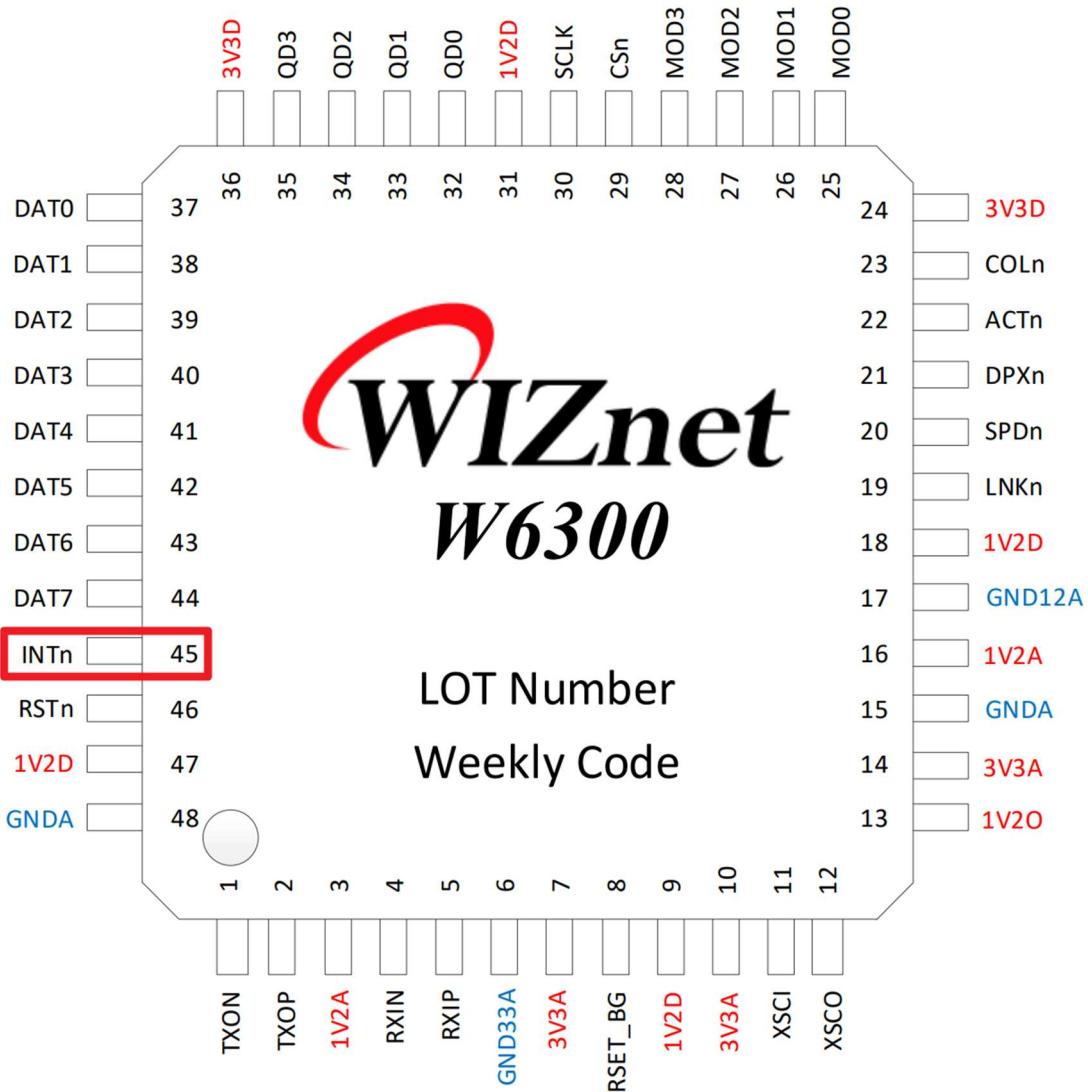


Figure 1 W6300 INTn Pin

INTn is enabled by default and it can be configured by setting IEN Bit in SYCR1 (System Config Register 1).

1. Interrupt configuration

1.1 Registers related to interrupt.

Table 1 Interrupt related registers

Symbol	Address Offset	Description
SYCR1	0x2005	System Config Register 1
IR	0x2100	Interrupt Register
SIR	0x2101	SOCKET Interrupt Register
SLIR	0x2102	SOCKET-less Interrupt Register
IMR	0x2104	Interrupt Mask Register
IRCLR	0x2104	IR Clear Register
SIMR	0x2114	SOCKET Interrupt Mask Register
SLIMR	0x2124	SOCKET-less Interrupt Mask Register
SLIRCLR	0x2128	SLIR Clear Register
INTPTMR	0x41C5-0x41C6	Interrupt Pending Time Register
Sn_IR	0x0020	SOCKET n Interrupt Register
Sn_IMR	0x0024	SOCKET n Interrupt Mask Register
Sn_IRCLIR	0x0028	Sn_IR Clear Register

Table 1 shows the Registers that associated with Interrupt functions. Please see the W6300 Datasheet for the detail description of each Register. There are four Types of Interrupt Registers. First is IR (Interrupt Register). Interrupt Register describes Event Occurrence. Second is IMR (Interrupt Mask Register). IMR Bit corresponds to 1:1 to IR Bit. If the corresponding IMR Bit is set to ‘1’, INTn is asserted to Low when the corresponding Event occurs. Lastly, there is SYCR1 (Mode Register2) that enables and disables the INTn. INTn can be asserted to Low if the SYCR1 [IEN] is set to ‘1’ when an Interrupt occurs.

1.2 Operation of INTn

The INTn indicates to HOST whether an Event occurred. INTn is asserted to Low when Event occurs. In this time, if the internal counter set by INTPTMR is not 0, INTn is not asserted to Low until the internal counter becomes 0. When the Event Processing in HOST is completed, the Interrupt can be cleared by setting the corresponding IR Bit to ‘1’. Then INTn is de-asserted to High.

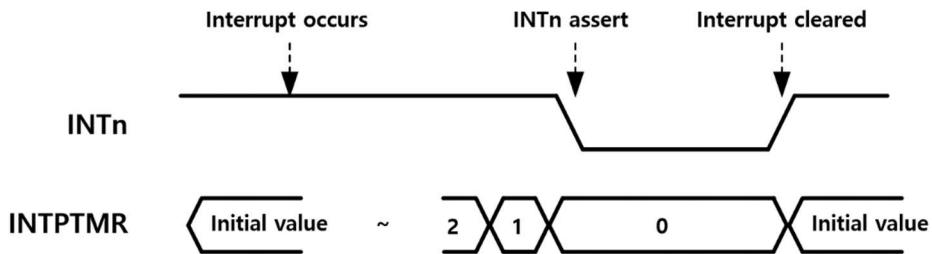


Figure 2 Interrupt and INTPTMR

1.3 Common interrupt

W6300 can generate MAGIC Packet Receive Interrupt, IP Conflict Interrupt, Port Unreachable Interrupt and PADT/LCPT Receive Interrupt via IR. These Interrupts are enabled by setting each Bit in IMR. If IMR Bit is not set to '1', INTn cannot be asserted to Low even if IR Bit changes to '1'.

For example, for IP Conflict Interrupts, follow the procedure below.

- Register Configuration

```
{
start:
    SYCR1 |= 1<<7; // enable INTn (SYCR1[IEN] == 1)
    IMR |= 1<<2; // enable CONFLICT Interrupt Mask Register
end
}
```

- IP Conflict Error occurred (In HOST's Interrupt Handler)

```
{
start:
    if(IR && 1<<2) //check IR[CONFLICT] Interrupt flag
        //Do Something!
    IRCLR |= 1<<2; //clear CONFLICT Interrupt flag
end
}
```

1.4 SOCKET Interrupt

W6300 provides an Interrupt to detect the Status Event of each SOCKET. This Interrupt Sn_IR is enabled by setting the corresponding bit in Sn_IMR to '1'. If a SOCKET Event that configured in Sn_IMR occurs, the corresponding bit in Sn_IR and Sn_INT Bit in SIR are set to '1'. In this time, if IEN Bit in SYCR1 or corresponding Interrupt Mask bit in SIMR is disabled, INTn cannot be asserted to Low. When INTn is asserted to Low by a SOCKET Event, HOST

must figure out which SOCKET generates the Event through SIR and which Interrupt occurred through Sn_IR.

For example, if HOST want to handle Receive Interrupt of SOCKET 0, HOST must follow the procedure as follows.

- Register Configuration

```
{
start:
    SYCR1 |= 1<<7; //enable SYCR1[IEN] - enable INTn
    IMR |= 1<<0; // enable IMR[S0_INT] - enable SOCKET 0 Interrupt
    S0_IMR |= 1<<2; // enable RECV Interrupt Mask Bit
end
}
```

- RECV Event occurred (HOST Interrupt Handler that connected to INTn)

```
{
start:
    if(IR && 1<<0) // SOCKET 0 Interrupt occurs?
    if(S0_IR && 1<<2) // RECV Interrupt occurs?
        //Do Something!
    IR |= 1<<0; // clear SOCKET 0 Interrupt Bit
    S0_IRCLR |= 1<<2; //clear SOCKET 0 RECV Interrupt Bit
end
}
```

There are 5 interrupts for the socket status. Those are SENDOK, TIMEOUT, RECV, DISCO, CON. For details, refer to W6300 Datasheet.

1.5 SOCKET-less Command Interrupt

W6300 has functions to transmit ND(Neighbor Discovery), PING and ARP Packet, called SOCKET-less Command. SOCKET-less Command generates kinds of Interrupt through SLIR (SOCKET-less Interrupt Register) - RA, RS, NS, PING6, ARP6, PING4, ARP4, TOUT. This SLIR is enabled by setting the corresponding bit in SLIMR to '1'. When a SOCKET-less Event occurs, the corresponding bit in SLIR is set to '1' and INTn is asserted to Low.

For example, if HOST want handle PING Interrupt, HOST must follow the procedure as follows.

- Register Configuration

```
{  
start:  
    SYCR1 |= 1<<7; //enable SYCR1[IEN] - enable INTn  
    SLIMR |= 1<<5; //enable SLIMR[PING4] - enable PING4 Interrupt  
end  
}
```

- PING Interrupt Handler

```
{  
start:  
    if(SLIR && 1<<5) //PING Interrupt ?  
        //Do Something!  
    SLIRCLR |= 1<<5; //clear PING4 Interrupt flag  
end  
}
```

For details, refer to the W6300 Datasheet.

2. HOST-side Interrupt Handling

2.1 HOST-side Interrupt Configuration

HOST refers to MCU (Micro Controller Unit) connected to W6300. The MCU has components that can detect pin state or pin state changes called External Interrupt unit. To configure the External Interrupt, Hardware Initialization and Interrupt Handler are required. The Interrupt Handler is the Software that is executed in the MCU when an Event occurs on the W6300.

2.2 Packet Receive Interrupt Example

This example uses STM32F1XX MCU and ioLibrary. (Official library for WIZnet Ethernet IC)
Assume that INTn signal connected to the GPIOB 1 pin of the STM32F1XX and RECV Interrupt enabled

- Initialize External Interrupt Hardware Unit

```
{  
    void InitializeExternalInterrupt(void)  
    {  
        GPIO_InitTypeDef GPIO_InitStructure;  
        EXTI_InitTypeDef EXTI_InitStructure;  
  
        /* GPIO initialize */  
        GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Mode = GPIO_Mode_IPU;  
        GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Pin = GPIO_Pin_1;  
        GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Speed = GPIO_Speed_50MHz;  
        GPIO_Init(GPIOB, &GPIO_InitStructure);  
  
        /* External interrupt initialize */  
        GPIO_EXTILineConfig(GPIOB_PortSourceGPIOB, GPIO_PinSource1);  
        EXTI_InitStructureEXTI_Line = EXTI_Line8;  
        EXTI_InitStructureEXTI_Mode = EXTI_Mode_Trigger_Falling;  
        EXTI_InitStructureEXTI_LineCmd = ENABLE;  
        EXTI_Init(&EXTI_InitStructure);  
    }  
}
```

- W6300 Interrupt Configuration

```
{
```

```

SYCR1 |= 1<<7; // SYCR1[6] IEN Bit - enable INTn
SIMR |= 1<<0; // IMR[0]S0_INT Bit - enable SOCKET 0 Interrupt
}

```

- Interrupt Handler

```

{
void EXTI1_IRQHandler(void)
{
    //setSYCR1(getSYCR1() & ~(1<<7)); //Global Interrupt Disable
    if(EXTI_GetITStatus(EXTI_Line1) == SET) //check the Interrupt
    {
        //(1)Set Global Interrupt flag
        interruptflag = 1;
        setSn_IRCLR(0xff); //clear SOCKET n Interrupt
    }
    //clear External Interrupt flag
    EXTI_ClearFlag(EXTI_Line1);
}
(1) It is not recommended to execute too many commands in the interrupt handler. This can cause serious problem to your system. Just sets the flag in the interrupt handler and executes the functions outside the interrupt handler.
}
```

2.3 SOCKET-less Command Interrupt Example

This example uses STM32F1XX MCU and ioLibrary. (Official library for WIZnet Ethernet IC)
Assume that INTn connected to the GPIOB 1 pin of the STM32F1XX and RECV Interrupt enabled.

External Interrupt Configuration is the same with [2.2 Packet Receive Interrupt Example](#).

- Interrupt Handler

```

{
void EXTI1_IRQHandler(void)
{
    //setSYCR1(getSYCR1() & ~(1<<7)); //Global Interrupt Disable
    if(EXTI_GetITStatus(EXTI_Line1) == SET) //check the Interrupt
    {
}

```

```
//(1)Set Global Interrupt flag  
interruptflag = 1;  
setSLIRCLR(0xff); //clear SOCKET Interrupt  
}  
  
//clear External Interrupt flag  
EXTI_ClearFlag(EXTI_Line1);  
}  
  
(1) It is not recommended to execute too many commands in the interrupt handler. This can cause serious problem to your system. Just sets the flag in the interrupt handler and executes the functions outside the interrupt handler.  
}
```

3. ETC

3.1 Precautions when using the interrupt

The read/write operation of the W6300 is composed of a single communication frame (refer to the *External Interface* section of the datasheet).

This frame is transmitted in the following order: **Instruction** → **Address** → **Dummy** → **Data**, and this sequence must be preserved to ensure correct access. In particular, when operating in **QSPI Quad mode**,

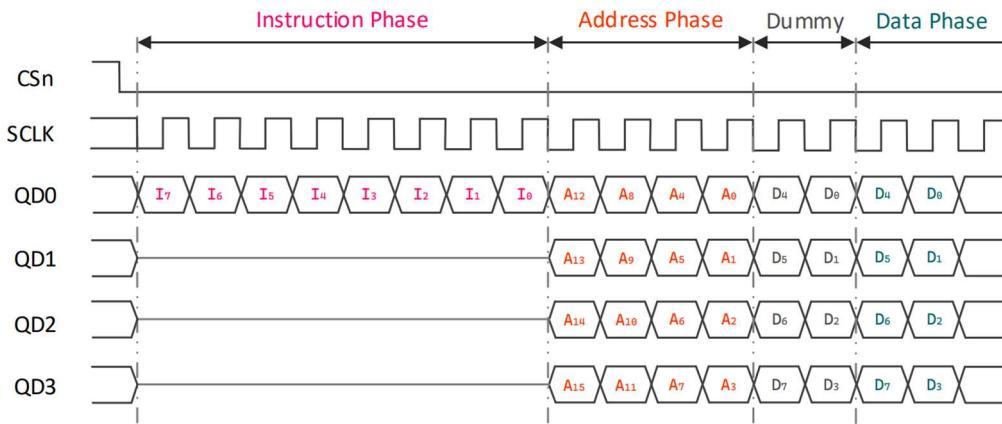


Figure 3 QSPI Frame

When interrupts are enabled, special care must be taken because the frame transmission can be interrupted in the middle of a transaction. For example, if an interrupt occurs while the MCU is transmitting a frame to read data from the W6300, the MCU will suspend the current operation and branch to the interrupt handler. If the handler accesses W6300 registers or accesses another IC that shares the same SPI/QSPI bus, the ongoing W6300 frame becomes invalid.

To prevent this issue, interrupts that access shared resources must be blocked until the current frame transmission is fully completed. In other words, the frame transmission must be treated as an atomic operation, and appropriate protection mechanisms should be implemented to prevent interrupt-driven access during the minimum unit in which the frame must remain intact.

(REF :

https://github.com/Wiznet/ioLibrary_Driver/blob/f6406a7fd2e9e527f702320929dc751ecd5b707a/Ethernet/W6300/w6300.c#L63

3.2 Precautions when using the RTOS

Using the RTOS may cause the same Problem in [3.1 Precautions when using the interrupt](#).

If the Task switched in the middle of a Frame Operation and the same resource is used, the Frame may be corrupted. To prevent this, Task switching of RTOS must be stopped while the Frame is in Progress. Or Mutex, Semaphore Function of the RTOS must be used.

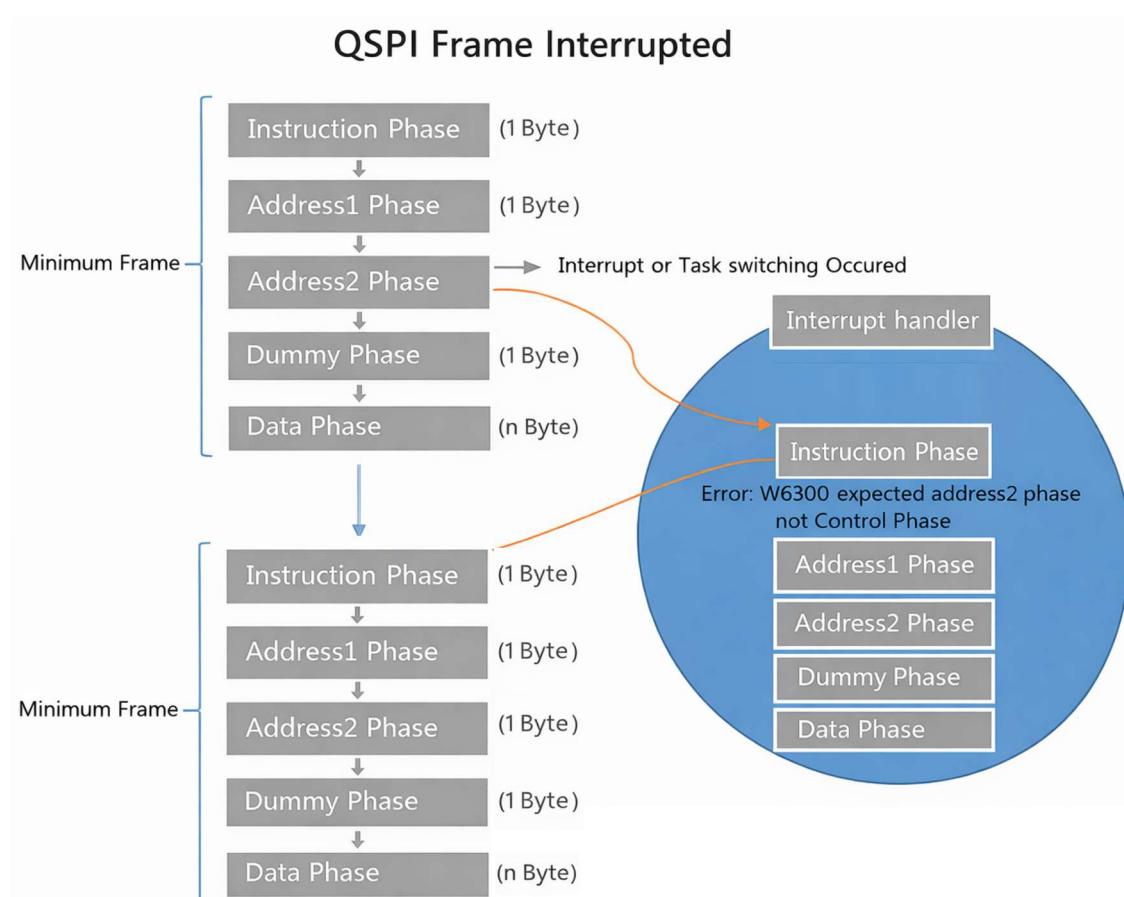


Figure 4 Behavior when an interrupt or task switching occurs

4. Document Revision History

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