

HW5-1

Explanation: How interval_1ms value is determined

RealViewPB uses a **1 MHz timer clock** as shown in the lab material.

Lab05_timer

That means the timer increments **1,000,000 times per second**, or **1 tick = 1 microsecond (1µs)**.

The timer reload value is calculated using the formula given in the slide:

$\text{TimerXLoad} = (\text{Interval} \times \text{TIMCLK_FREQ}) / (\text{TIMCLKENx_DIV} \times \text{PRESCALE_DIV})$

So:

$\text{TimerXLoad} = 0.001\text{s} \times 1,000,000\text{ Hz} / (1 \times 1)$
= 1,000 ticks

The code in Slide 9 does exactly that by computing:

`uint32_t interval_1ms = TIMER_1MZ_INTERVAL / 1000; // = 1,000,000 / 1000 = 1000`

`Timer->timerxload = interval_1ms;`

So the timer reload value becomes **1000**, meaning the timer counts down 1000 clock cycles before generating an interrupt — which equals **1 millisecond**.

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Why the line `Timer->timerxintclr = 1;` is necessary

Inside the timer interrupt handler:

`static void interrupt_handler(void)`

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{  
    sInternal_1ms_counter++;  
    Timer->timerxintclr = 1; // <-- IMPORTANT  
}
```

This line is required because writing **1** to `TIMERXINTCLR` register **clears the interrupt flag** in the timer hardware.

Without this line:

- The interrupt status bit remains set,
- The timer will repeatedly trigger the interrupt **immediately**,
- The CPU will stay stuck inside the interrupt handler forever,
- The system would never return to normal program execution.

So this write operation tells the timer:

The interrupt has been serviced. Clear the flag so next interrupt occurs only after the next 1 ms countdown.