CNTFID<n>, Counter Frequency IDs, n > 0, n = 1 - 1003

The CNTFID<n> characteristics are:

Purpose

Indicates alternative system counter update frequencies.

Configuration

It is implementation defined whether CNTFID<n> is implemented in the Core power domain or in the Debug power domain.

For more information, see 'Power and reset domains for the system level implementation of the Generic Timer'.

The possible frequencies for the system counter are stored in the Frequency modes table as 32-bit words starting with the base frequency, CNTFID0, see 'The Frequency modes table'.

The number of CNTFID<n> registers is implementation defined, and the only required CNTFID<n> register is CNTFID0.

The final entry in the Frequency modes table must be followed by a 32-bit word of zero value, to mark the end of the table.

The architecture can support up to 1004 entries in the Frequency modes table, including the zero-word end marker, and the number of entries is implementation defined up to this limit. For an implementation that includes registers in the implementation defined register space `0x0C0-0x0FC`, the maximum number of entries in the Frequency modes table is 40, including the zero-word end marker.

Typically, the Frequency modes table will be in read-only memory. However, a system implementation might use read/write memory for the table, and initialize the table entries as part of its start-up sequence.

If the Frequency modes table is in read/write memory, Arm strongly recommends that the table is not updated once the system is running.

Attributes

CNTFID<n> is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Frequency																															

Frequency, bits [31:0]

A system counter update frequency, in Hz. Must be an exact divisor of the base frequency. Arm strongly recommends that all frequency values in the Frequency modes table are integer power-of-two divisors of the base frequency.

When the system timer is operating at a lower frequency than the base frequency, the increment applied at each counter update is given by:

increment = (base frequency) / (selected frequency)

The reset behavior of this field is:

- On a Timer reset, this field resets to an architecturally unknown value.

Accessing CNTFID<n>

It is implementation defined whether this register is RO or RW

In a system that supports Secure and Non-secure memory maps the CNTControlBase frame, that includes these registers, is implemented only in the Secure memory map.

CNTFID<n> can be accessed through the memory-mapped interfaces:

Component	Frame	Offset	Instance
Timer	CNTControlBase	0x020 + (4 * n)	CNTFID<n>

Accesses on this interface are **RO or RW**.

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