CNTHPS_CTL_EL2, Counter-timer Secure Physical Timer Control register (EL2)

The CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 characteristics are:

Purpose

Control register for the Secure EL2 physical timer.

Configuration

AArch64 System register CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 bits [31:0] are architecturally mapped to AArch32 System register CNTHPS_CTL[31:0].

This register is present only when FEAT_SEL2 is implemented. Otherwise, direct accesses to CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 are undefined.

Attributes

CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions

6362616059585756555453525150494847464544434241403938373635	34	33	32
RES0			
RES0	ISTATUS	IMASK	ENABLE
3130292827262524232221201918171615141312111O 9 8 7 6 5 4 3	2	1	0

Bits [63:3]

Reserved, res0.

ISTATUS, bit [2]

The status of the timer. This bit indicates whether the timer condition is met:

ISTATUS	Meaning
`0b0`	Timer condition is not met.
`0b1`	Timer condition is met.

When the value of the CNTHPS_CTL_EL2.ENABLE bit is 1, ISTATUS indicates whether the timer condition is met. ISTATUS takes no account of the value of the IMASK bit. If the value of ISTATUS is 1 and the value of IMASK is 0 then the timer interrupt is asserted.

When the value of the CNTHPS_CTL_EL2.ENABLE bit is 0, the ISTATUS field is unknown.

The reset behavior of this field is:

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

Access to this field is **RO**.

IMASK, bit [1]

Timer interrupt mask bit. Permitted values are:

IMASK	Meaning
`0b0`	Timer interrupt is not masked by the IMASK bit.
`0b1`	Timer interrupt is masked by the IMASK bit.

For more information, see the description of the ISTATUS bit.

The reset behavior of this field is:

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

ENABLE, bit [0]

Enables the timer. Permitted values are:

ENABLE	Meaning
`0b0`	Timer disabled.
`0b1`	Timer enabled.

Setting this bit to 0 disables the timer output signal, but the timer value accessible from CNTHPS_TVAL_EL2 continues to count down.

Note

> Disabling the output signal might be a power-saving option.

The reset behavior of this field is:

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

Accessing CNTHPS_CTL_EL2

Accesses to this register use the following encodings in the System register encoding space:

MRS <Xt>, CNTHPS_CTL_EL2

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b100	0b1110	0b0101	0b001

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if !IsCurrentSecurityState(SS_Secure) then
        UNDEFINED;
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.NV == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    else
        UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if !IsCurrentSecurityState(SS_Secure) then
        UNDEFINED;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTHPS_CTL_EL2;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    if SCR_EL3.EEL2 == '0' then
        UNDEFINED;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTHPS_CTL_EL2;
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MSR CNTHPS_CTL_EL2, <Xt>

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b100	0b1110	0b0101	0b001

```
if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if !IsCurrentSecurityState(SS_Secure) then
        UNDEFINED;
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.NV == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    else
        UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if !IsCurrentSecurityState(SS_Secure) then
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        UNDEFINED;
    else
        CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    if SCR_EL3.EEL2 == '0' then
        UNDEFINED;
    else
        CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
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When FEAT_VHE is implemented

MRS <Xt>, CNTP_CTL_EL0

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b011	0b1110	0b0010	0b001

```
if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    if !(EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11')
&& CNTKCTL_EL1.EL0PTEN == '0' then
        if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.TGE == '1' then
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
        else
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL1, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '0' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PCEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '10'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL0PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHPS_CTL_EL2;
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '1' then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHP_CTL_EL2;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTP_CTL_EL0;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '0' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PCEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<NV2,NV1,NV> ==
'111' then
        X[t, 64] = NVMem[0x180];
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTP_CTL_EL0;
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elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHPS_CTL_EL2;
    elsif HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '1'
then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHP_CTL_EL2;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTP_CTL_EL0;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    X[t, 64] = CNTP_CTL_EL0;
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When FEAT_VHE is implemented

MSR CNTP_CTL_EL0, <Xt>

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b011	0b1110	0b0010	0b001

```
if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    if !(EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11')
&& CNTKCTL_EL1.EL0PTEN == '0' then
        if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.TGE == '1' then
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
        else
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL1, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '0' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PCEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '10'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL0PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '1' then
        CNTHP_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTP_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '0' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PCEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' &&
CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1PTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<NV2,NV1,NV> ==
'111' then
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        NVMem[0x180] = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTP_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        CNTHPS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    elsif HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '1'
then
        CNTHP_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTP_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    CNTP_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
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