CNTHVS_CTL_EL2, Counter-timer Secure Virtual Timer Control register (EL2)

The CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 characteristics are:

Purpose

Control register for the Secure EL2 virtual timer.

Configuration

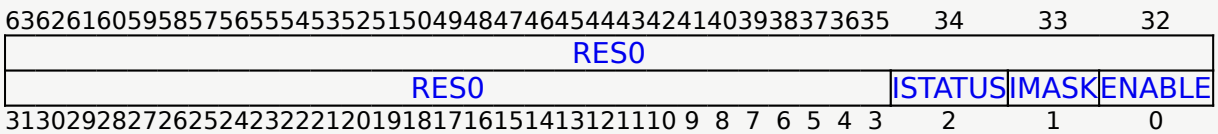
AArch64 System register CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 bits [31:0] are architecturally mapped to AArch32 System register CNTHVS_CTL[31:0].

This register is present only when FEAT_SEL2 is implemented and FEAT_VHE is implemented. Otherwise, direct accesses to CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 are undefined.

Attributes

CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions



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 CNTHVS_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 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 CNTHVS_CTL_EL2.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 CNTHVS_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 CNTHVS_CTL_EL2

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

MRS <Xt>, CNTHVS_CTL_EL2

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b100	0b1110	0b0100	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] = CNTHVS_CTL_EL2;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    if SCR_EL3.EEL2 == '0' then
        UNDEFINED;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTHVS_CTL_EL2;
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MSR CNTHVS_CTL_EL2, <Xt>

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b100	0b1110	0b0100	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
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            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
        else
            UNDEFINED;
    elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
        if !IsCurrentSecurityState(SS_Secure) then
            UNDEFINED;
        else
            CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
        if SCR_EL3.EEL2 == '0' then
            UNDEFINED;
        else
            CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
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MRS <Xt>, CNTV_CTL_EL0

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b011	0b1110	0b0011	0b001

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    if !(EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11')
&& CNTKCTL_EL1.EL0VTEN == '0' then
        if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.TGE == '1' then
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
        else
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL1, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL0VTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> != '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1TVT == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHVS_CTL_EL2;
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '1' then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHV_CTL_EL2;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTV_CTL_EL0;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if EL2Enabled() && CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1TVT == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<NV2,NV1,NV> ==
'111' then
        X[t, 64] = NVMem[0x170];
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTV_CTL_EL0;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHVS_CTL_EL2;
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    elsif HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '1'
then
        X[t, 64] = CNTHV_CTL_EL2;
    else
        X[t, 64] = CNTV_CTL_EL0;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    X[t, 64] = CNTV_CTL_EL0;
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MSR CNTV_CTL_EL0, <Xt>

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b011	0b1110	0b0011	0b001

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    if !(EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11')
&& CNTKCTL_EL1.EL0VTEN == '0' then
        if EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.TGE == '1' then
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
        else
            AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL1, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL0VTEN == '0' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> != '11'
&& CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1TVT == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<E2H,TGE> == '11'
&& SCR_EL3.NS == '1' then
        CNTHV_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTV_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    if EL2Enabled() && CNTHCTL_EL2.EL1TVT == '1' then
        AArch64.SystemAccessTrap(EL2, 0x18);
    elsif EL2Enabled() && HCR_EL2.<NV2,NV1,NV> ==
'111' then
        NVMem[0x170] = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTV_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    if HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '0' &&
IsFeatureImplemented(FEAT_SEL2) then
        CNTHVS_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    elsif HCR_EL2.E2H == '1' && SCR_EL3.NS == '1'
then
        CNTHV_CTL_EL2 = X[t, 64];
    else
        CNTV_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
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    CNTV_CTL_EL0 = X[t, 64];
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