CNTFRQ, Counter-timer Frequency

The CNTFRQ characteristics are:

Purpose

This register is provided so that software can discover the frequency of the system counter. The instance of the register in the CNTCTLBase frame must be programmed with this value as part of system initialization. The value of the register is not interpreted by hardware.

Configuration

It is implementation defined whether CNTFRQ 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'.

Attributes

CNTFRQ 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
Clock frequency																															

Bits [31:0]

Clock frequency. Indicates the system counter clock frequency, in Hz.

The reset behavior of this field is:

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

Accessing CNTFRQ

CNTFRQ must be implemented as an RW register in the CNTCTLBase frame.

In a system that recognizes two Security states, the instance of the register in the CNTCTLBase frame is only accessible by Secure accesses.

CNTFRQ can be implemented as a RO register in any implemented CNTBaseN frame, and in the corresponding CNTEL0BaseN frame.

'CNTCTLBase status and control fields for the CNTBaseN and CNTEL0BaseN frames' describes the status fields that identify whether a CNTBaseN frame is implemented, and for an implemented frame:

- Whether the CNTBaseN frame has virtual timer capability.
- Whether the corresponding CNTEL0BaseN frame is implemented.
- For an implementation that recognizes two Security states, whether the CNTBaseN frame, and any corresponding CNTEL0BaseN frame, is accessible by Non-secure accesses.

For an implemented CNTBaseN frame:

- CNTFRQ is accessible in that frame, as a RO register, if the value of CNTACR<n>.RFRQ is 1.
- Otherwise, the CNTFRQ address in that frame is RAZ/WI.

For an implemented CNTEL0BaseN frame:

- CNTFRQ is accessible as a RO register in that frame if both:
  - CNTFRQ is accessible in the corresponding CNTBaseN frame.
  - Either the value of CNTEL0ACR.EL0VCTEN is 1 or the value of CNTEL0ACR.EL0PCTEN is 1.
- Otherwise, the CNTFRQ address in that frame is RAZ/WI.

CNTFRQ can be accessed through the memory-mapped interfaces:

Component	Frame	Offset	Instance
Timer	CNTBaseN	0x010	CNTFRQ

Accesses on this interface are **RO**.

Component	Frame	Offset	Instance
Timer	CNTEL0BaseN	0x010	CNTFRQ

Accesses on this interface are **RO**.

Component	Frame	Offset	Instance
Timer	CNTCTLBase	0x000	CNTFRQ

Accesses on this interface are **RO**.

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