# Timers and PWM

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## Overview of PWM, Timers, Serial Intf.

- Timers
- Pulse Width Modulator -- PWM





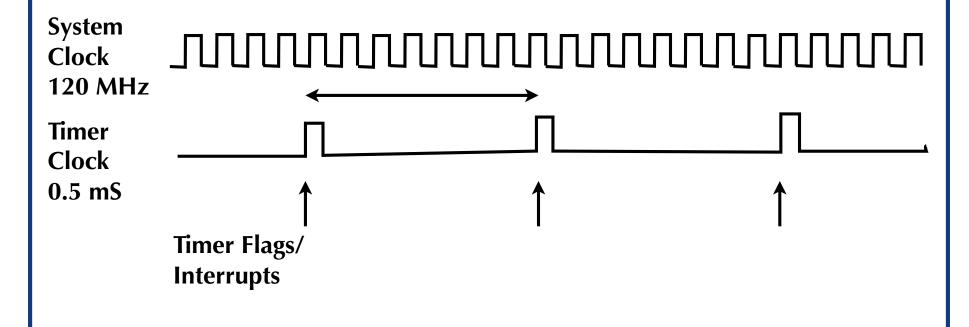
#### Timers

- Periodic time tick, similar to SysTick
- Count external events
- Measure time of external events
- The TM4C1294 has eight General Purpose Timer Modules (GPTM)





#### Periodic Time Tick



Not to scale





#### Count Events

**External Events** 

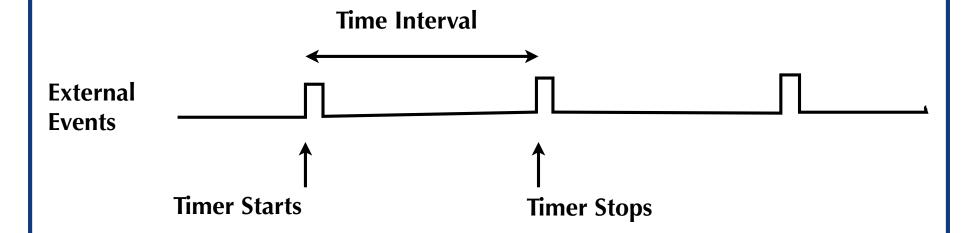
#### 10 Events

- -- Measure motion of motor
- -- Measure position of sensor
- -- Sensor measurement





#### Measure Time Interval



- -- Measure Motor Speed -- E.g. at 3,000 RPM; shaft
- rotates 50 times per second; 20 mS Time Interval





#### Timer Features

- Eight General-Purpose Timer Modules (GPTM), each of which provides two 16-bit timers/counters.
  - As a single 32-bit timer
  - As one 32-bit Real-Time Clock (RTC) to event capture
  - For Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)
  - To trigger analog-to-digital conversions
- 32-bit Timer modes
  - Programmable one-shot timer
  - Programmable periodic timer
  - Real-Time Clock when using an external 32.768-KHz clock as the input
  - User-enabled stalling when the controller asserts CPU Halt flag during debug
  - ADC event trigger





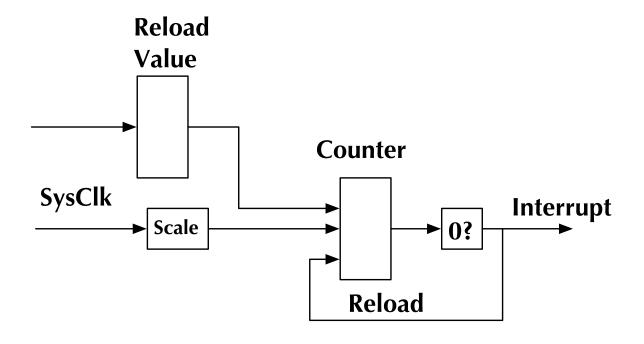
#### Timer Features

- 16-bit Timer modes
  - General-purpose timer function with an 8-bit pre-scaler (for one-shot and periodic modes only)
  - Programmable one-shot timer
  - Programmable periodic timer
  - User-enabled stalling when the controller asserts CPU Halt flag during debug
  - ADC event trigger
- 16-bit Input Capture modes
  - Input edge count capture
  - Input edge time capture
- 16-bit PWM mode
  - Simple PWM mode with software-programmable output inversion of the PWM signal





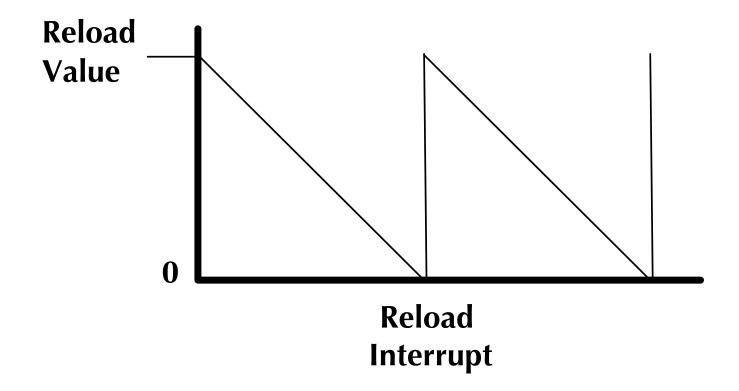
## Timer Conceptual Diagram







#### Timer Counter Values







#### Timer Clock Generation

- At nominal 120 MHz
  - 16-bit counter -- 0.548 mS
- Divided System Clock by Pre-Scale Value
  - Pre-Scale Values of 1-256
  - With a Pre-Scale Value of 256, 16-bit counter -- 140.35 mS





#### Parameter Calculation

System clock is 120\*10^6 (120 MHz), a period of 8.33 ns

 $T_T = 8.33$  ns \* M, where M is the Reload Value and  $0 < M < 2^16 (65,536)$ 

Suppose  $T_T = 20$  ms, then  $M = 20*10^-3 / 8.33*10^-9 = 2.4*10^6$  $<math>2.4*10^6 > 2^16$ 

We must reduce M to M <  $2^16$ . We scale the system clock by K  $T_T = (8.33 \text{ ns * K}) * M$ , where M is the Reload Value,  $0 < M < 2^16$ , and K is the scale value, 1 <= K <= 256; many possibilities for K and M.

Let's pick M = 60,000; then we have  $60,000 = 20^10-3 / (8.33^10-9 * K)$ ; Solving for K we get  $K = 20^10-3 / (60,000 * 8.33*10^-9)$ ; K = 40.02, but must be an integer, K > = 40

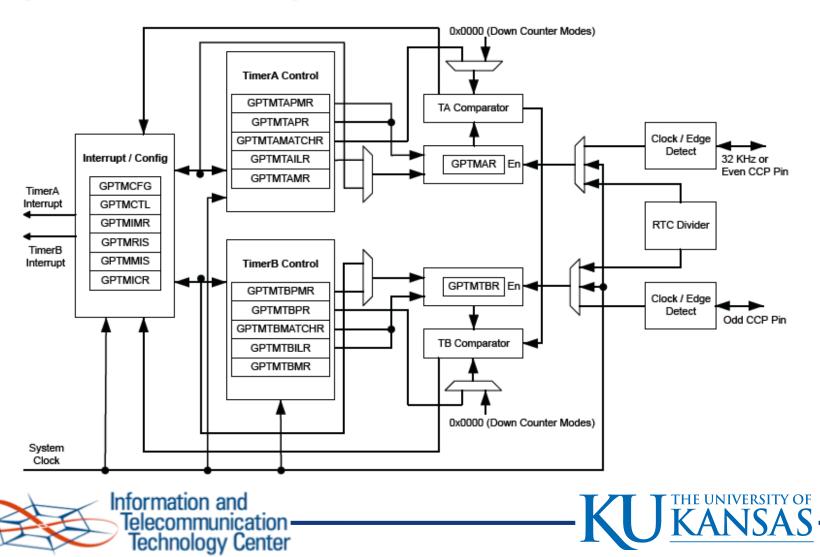
So, M = 60,000 and K = 40,  $T_T = 19.99$  ms.





## GPTM Block Diagram

Figure 9-1. GPTM Module Block Diagram



```
//
  Set up timer for 10 mS interval and handle with interrupts
//
//
     Author:
                 Gary J. Minden
     Organization: KU/EECS/EECS 388
//
                 2014-04-21
     Date:
     Version:
                 1.0
//
                 Set up timer for 10 mS interval and handle
     Purpose:
//
                   with interrupts
//
     Notes:
//
//**************************
//
```





```
#include "inc/hw_ints.h"
#include "inc/hw_memmap.h"
#include "inc/hw_sysctl.h"
#include "driverlib/sysctl.h"
#include "driverlib/interrupt.h"
#include "driverlib/timer.h"
#include "Drivers/rit128x96x4.h"
#include "drivers/uartstdio.h"

#include "FreeRTOS.h"
#include "task.h"
#include "semphr.h"
```





```
//
// Gloabal subroutines and variables
//
extern void Task_TimerInterrupt( void *pvParameters );
extern void Timer_0_A_ISR();
unsigned long int TimeCount = 0;
xSemaphoreHandle Timer 0 A Semaphore;
```













```
//
// Initialize time of day to 00:00:00.00
//
Hours = 0;
Minutes = 0;
Seconds = 0;
CentiSeconds = 0;
```





```
while( 1 ) {
xSemaphoreTake( Timer 0 A Semaphore, portMAX DELAY );
CentiSeconds++;
if ( CentiSeconds >= 100 ) {
   CentiSeconds = 0;
   Seconds++;
   // If Seconds is a mutiple of 10, print the TOD
   // at the end of the outer most if-statement
   if ( (Seconds % 10) == 0 ) {
      bPrintTimeOfDay = true;
   } else {
      bPrintTimeOfDay = false;
   if ( Seconds \geq 60 ) {
      Seconds = 0;
      Minutes++;
       if ( Minutes >= 60 ) {
          Minutes = 0;
          Hours++;
          if ( Hours >= 24 ) {
             Hours = 0;
```

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```
// Define an interrupt service routine for Timer 0 A
// We'll try the TI ARM Compiler pragma
//
void Timer 0 A ISR() {
  portBASE TYPE xHigherPriorityTaskWoken = pdFALSE;
  //
  // Clear interrupt and increment count
  TimerIntClear( TIMERO BASE, TIMER TIMA TIMEOUT );
  TimeCount++;
  //
  // "Give" the Timer O A Semaphore
  xSemaphoreGiveFromISR( Timer 0 A Semaphore,
                       &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken );
```





```
//
// If xHigherPriorityTaskWoken was set to true,
// we should yield. The actual macro used here is
// port specific.
//
portYIELD_FROM_ISR( xHigherPriorityTaskWoken );
```





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 30 \text{ ms}$ 





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 17 \text{ ms}$ 





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 45 \text{ ms}$ 





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 3$  ms





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 23 \text{ ms}$ 





Compute K and M for  $T_T = 77$  ms





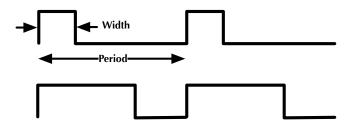
# Pulse Width Modulator



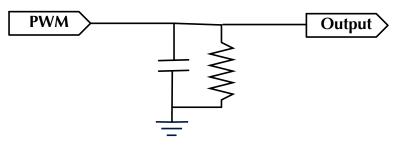


#### **PWM**

• Generate a repeating pulse with variable width



- Useful for controlling various devices, including motors, servos, and electronics
- Use a low-pass filter to get DC output. DC voltage varies as pulse width. Longer pulse, higher voltage







#### **PWM** Features

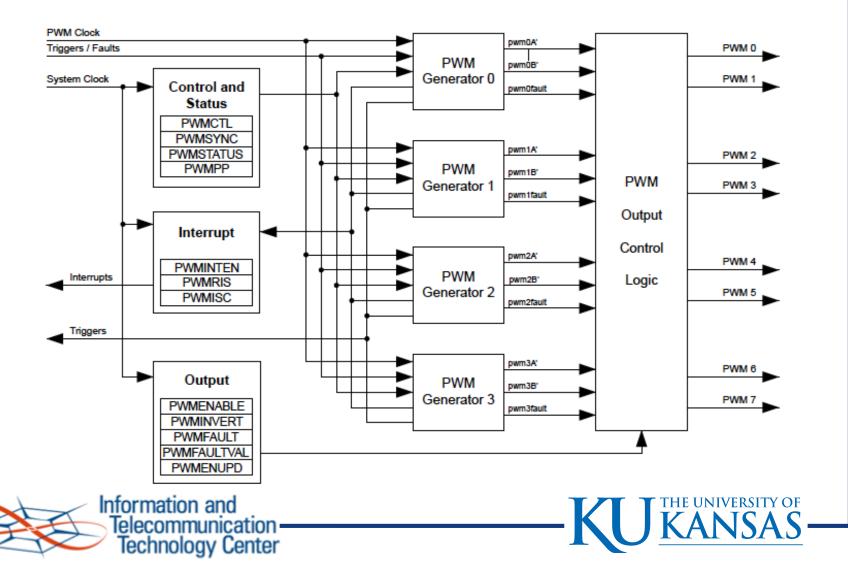
- Four PWM generator blocks, each with one 16-bit counter, two PWM comparators, a PWM signal generator, a dead-band generator, and an interrupt/ADC-trigger selector
- One fault input in hardware to promote low-latency shutdown
- One 16-bit counter
- Two PWM comparators
- PWM generator
- Dead-band generator
- Optional output inversion of each PWM signal (polarity control)
- Optional fault handling for each PWM signal
- Can initiate an ADC sample sequence





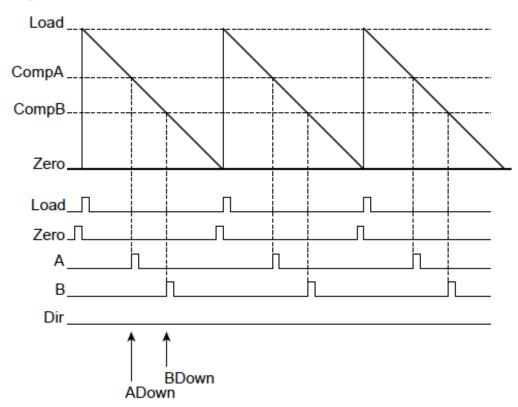
### PWM Block Diagram

Figure 23-1. PWM Module Diagram



## PWM General Operation

Figure 16-3. PWM Count-Down Mode

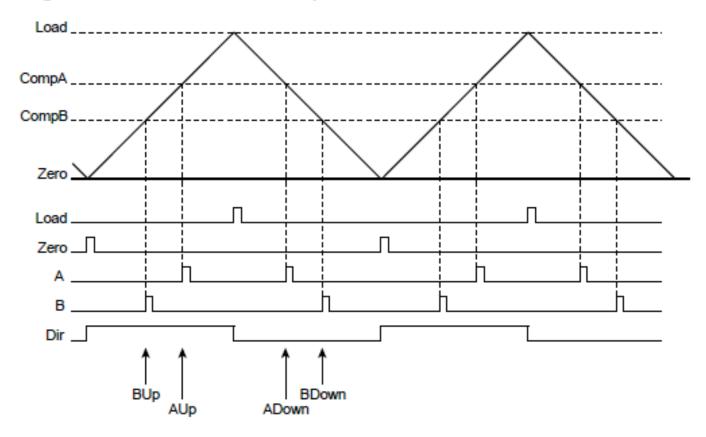






# PWM Up/Down Mode

#### Figure 16-4. PWM Count-Up/Down Mode

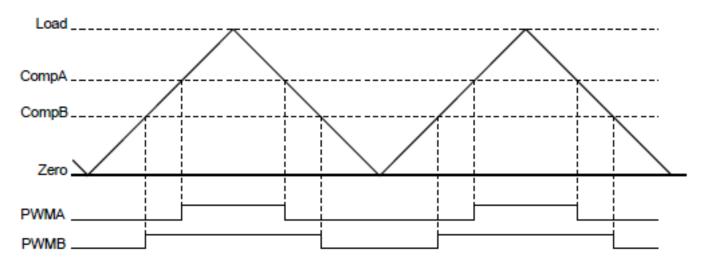






## PWM Example

#### Figure 16-5. PWM Generation Example In Count-Up/Down Mode







```
//-Task Motor PWM 0 4
//
         Author:
                       Gary J. Minden
         Organization: KU/EECS/EECS 388
//
         Date:
                       2017-11-03 (B71103)
         Platform:
                       TI Tiva TM4C1294 evaluation board
//
         Version:
                       1.0
//
//
         Purpose:
                       This task implements several PWM control motor
//
                       tests. The tests include:
//
                       (1) Alternating CW, pause, CCW motion
//
//
                       APIs are defined for:
//
                       (1) Enable/Disable the motor for all tasks.
//
                       (2) Set the motor speed and direction based on
//
                          percentage of PWM period.
                       (3) Set the motor speed and direction based on
//
//
                          RPM and direction.
//
                       Set up PWM 0 output 4 (PWM 0 4) for 20 mS period
                       to control a servo. We will use PWM 0 output
//
//
                       4 connected through PortG<0>.
                       We will not use interrupts.
```





```
#include "inc/hw ints.h"
#include "inc/hw memmap.h"
#include "inc/hw sysctl.h"
#include "inc/hw types.h"
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdarg.h>
#include "driverlib/sysctl.h"
#include "driverlib/pin map.h"
#include "driverlib/gpio.h"
#include "driverlib/pwm.h"
#include "Drivers/uartstdio.h"
#include "Drivers/Processor Initialization.h"
#include "Tasks/Task_ReportData.h"
#include "stdio.h"
#include "FreeRTOS.h"
#include "task.h"
```





```
//
//
      Defines
//
//
      Define a scale for specifying the pulse width.
      The scale is 1000 / 20 ms. A value of 100
//
      represents ( 75 / 1000 ) ms = 1.5 ms. This
//
      is the neutral position.
//
         PWM_Period
#define
                              1000
#define
         PWM_State_Low
                              50
#define
         PWM State High
                              100
#define
         PWM State Neutral
                              75
```





```
//
//
      PWM Parameters
//
//
         Example to be presented in lecture
//
#define
         PWM_0_4_Period
                                XXX
#define
         PWM 0 4 Low Count
                                ((PWM_0_4_Period * PWM_State_Low) / PWM_Period)
                                ((PWM_0_4_Period * PWM_State_High) / PWM_Period)
#define
         PWM 0 4 High Count
         PWM 0 4 Neutral Count ((PWM 0 4 Period * PWM State Neutral) / PWM Period)
#define
```





```
// Define PWM duty cycle states. We alternate between a 1.0 mS
// pulse and a 2.0 mS pulse. The full period (1000) is 20.0 mS.
// 1.0 mS is 1/20 (50/1000) and 2.0 mS is 2/20 (100/1000).
//
typedef enum { PWM_CCW_100, PWM_Stop, PWM_CW_100 } PWM_States;
PWM_States PWM_CurrentState = PWM_Stop;
```









```
//
// Configure the GPIO pin muxing to select PWM 0 4 functions for these pins.
// This step selects which alternate function is available for these pins.
// This is necessary if your part supports GPIO pin function muxing.
// Consult the data sheet to see which functions are allocated per pin.
// Set GPIO PortG<0> as PWM pins to output the PWM 0 4 signal.
// PWM signals were taken from Table 10-2 of the TM4C1294 datasheet.
//
GPIOPinConfigure( GPIO PGO MOPWM4 );
GPIOPinTypePWM( GPIO PORTG BASE, GPIO PIN 0 );
//
// Configure PWMO to count down without synchronization.
PWMClockSet( PWMO BASE, PWM SYSCLK DIV 64 );
PWMGenConfigure ( PWMO BASE, PWM GEN 2, PWM GEN MODE DOWN
                    PWM GEN MODE NO SYNC );
PWMGenPeriodSet( PWM0_BASE, PWM_GEN_2, PWM_0_4_Period );
//
// Set PWM 0 4 to a duty cycle of PWM 0 4 Neutral Count
//
PWMPulseWidthSet( PWMO BASE, PWM OUT 4, PWM O 4 Neutral Count );
```





```
//
// Enable the PWM_0_4 output signals.
//
PWMOutputState( PWM0_BASE, PWM_OUT_4_BIT, true );
//
// Enable the PWM generators.
//
PWMGenEnable( PWM0_BASE, PWM_GEN_2 )
```









#### **PWM Parameters**

- We need two time durations: the period and the pulse width
- The system clock frequency is 120 MHz which has a period of 8.33 ns
- The basic time duration function is:

$$T_p = (8.33 \text{ ns * K}) * M$$

where T<sub>p</sub> is the time duration, e.g. period, K is the scaling factor, and M is the re-load value.

- K and M must be integers
- K = 1, 2, 4, ..., 64 and  $M < 2^16$
- Determining K and M is an iterative process





### **PWM Parameters**

• Suppose we want  $T_p = 33 \text{ ms}$ 

$$33 \text{ ms} = (8.33 \text{ ns * K}) * M$$

Pick M = 50,000, then

$$K = 33 \text{ ms} / (8.33 \text{ ns} * 50,000) = 79.23$$

Maximum K is 64, so set K = 64, then

$$M = 33 \text{ ms} / (8.33 \text{ ns} * 64) = 61,900$$

M must be an integer less than 65,536





### **PWM Parameters**

- K is common for period and pulse width
- Pulse duration is less than period, do M<sub>w</sub> is less than M<sub>p</sub>
- Compute M<sub>p</sub> as above



