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## Section 12. I/O Ports

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**Note:** This family reference manual section is meant to serve as a complement to device data sheets. Depending on the device variant, this manual section may not apply to all PIC32 devices.

Please consult the note at the beginning of the “I/O Ports” chapter in the current device data sheet to check whether this document supports the device you are using.

Device data sheets and family reference manual sections are available for download from the Microchip Worldwide Web site at: <http://www.microchip.com>

## 12.1 INTRODUCTION

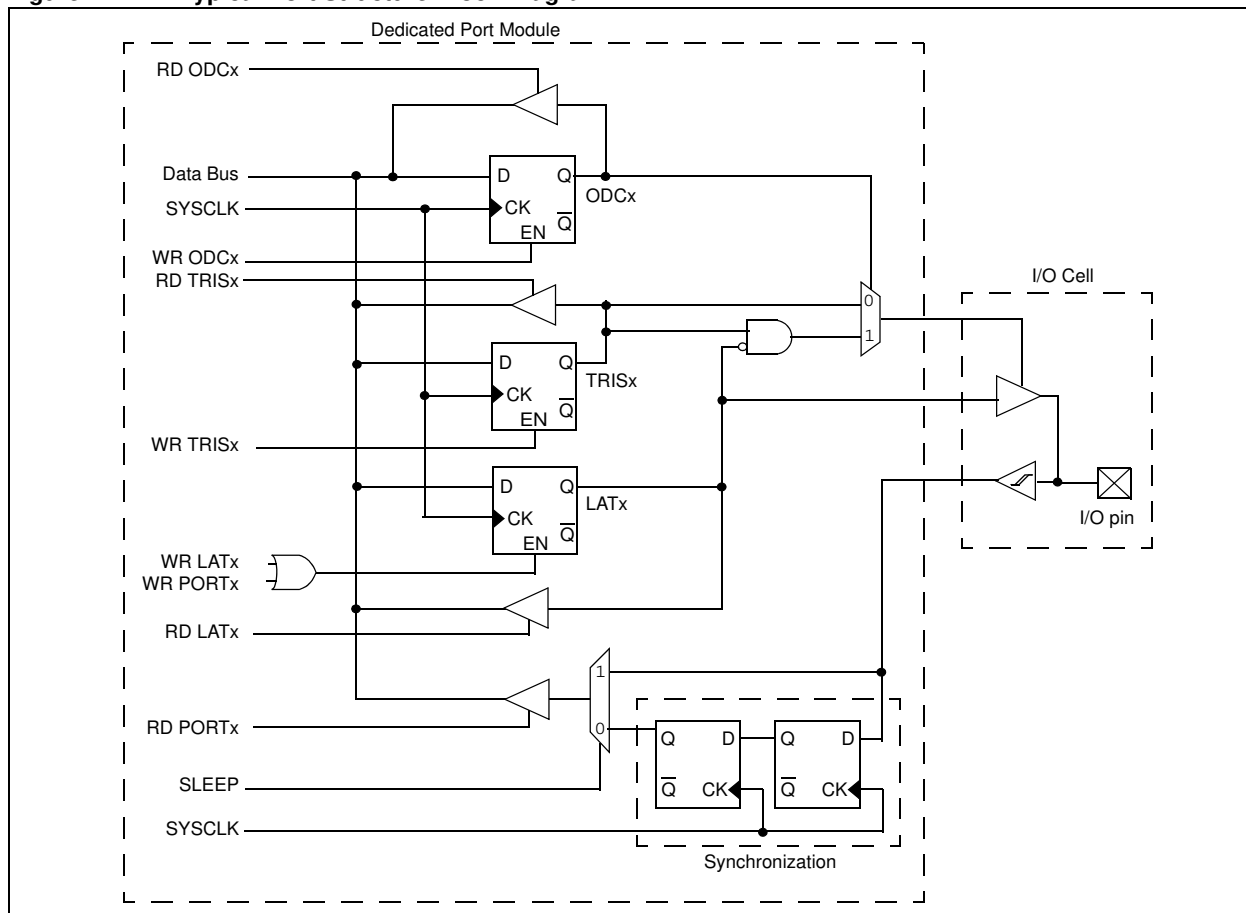
The general purpose I/O pins can be considered the simplest of peripherals. These I/O pins allow the PIC32 microcontroller to monitor and control other devices. To add flexibility and functionality to a device, some pins are multiplexed with alternate function(s). These functions depend on which peripheral features are on the device. In general, when a peripheral is functioning, that pin may not be used as a general purpose I/O pin.

Following are some of the key features of the I/O Ports module:

- Individual output pin open-drain enable/disable
- Individual input pin pull-up enable/disable
- Monitor select inputs and generate interrupt on mismatch condition
- Operate during CPU Sleep and Idle modes
- Fast bit manipulation using CLR, SET and INV registers

A block diagram of a typical I/O port structure is shown in Figure 12-1. The diagram depicts the many peripheral functions that can be multiplexed onto the I/O pin.

**Figure 12-1: Typical Port Structure Block Diagram**



## 12.2 CONTROL REGISTERS

**Note:** Not all registers and associated bits are available on all devices. Refer to the specific device data sheet for further details.

Before reading and writing any I/O port, the desired pin(s) should be properly configured for the application. Each I/O port has nine registers directly associated with the operation of the port and one control register. Each I/O port pin has a corresponding bit in these registers. Throughout this section, the letter 'x', denotes any or all port module instances. For example TRISx would represent TRISA, TRISB, TRISC, and so on. Any bit and its associated data and control registers that is not valid for a particular device will be disabled and will read as zeros.

For additional information on the registers in this section, refer to the specific device data sheet.

### 12.2.1 Registers for Configuring Tri-state Functions (TRISx)

TRISx registers configure the data direction flow through port I/O pin(s). The TRISx register bits determine whether a PORTx I/O pin is an input or an output:

- If data direction bit is '1', the corresponding I/O port pin is an input
- If data direction bit is '0', the corresponding I/O port pin is an output
- A read from a TRISx register reads the last value written to the TRISx register
- All I/O port pins are defined as inputs after a Power-on Reset

### 12.2.2 Registers for Configuring PORT Functions (PORTx)

PORTx registers allow I/O pins to be accessed:

- A write to a PORTx register writes to the corresponding LATx register (PORTx data latch). Those I/O port pin(s) configured as outputs are updated.
- A write to a PORTx register is the effectively the same as a write to a LATx register
- A read from a PORTx register reads the synchronized signal applied to the port I/O pins

### 12.2.3 Registers for Configuring Latch Functions (LATx)

LATx registers (PORTx data latch) hold data written to port I/O pin(s):

- A write to a LATx register latches data to corresponding port I/O pins. Those I/O port pin(s) configured as outputs are updated.
- A read from LATx register reads the data held in the PORTx data latch, not from the port I/O pins

### 12.2.4 Registers for Open-Drain Configuration (ODCx)

Each I/O pin can be individually configured for either normal digital output or open-drain output. This is controlled by the Open-Drain Control register, ODCx, associated with each I/O pin. If the ODCx bit for an I/O pin is a '1', the pin acts as an open-drain output. If the ODCx bit for an I/O pin is a '0', the pin is configured for a normal digital output (the ODCx bit is valid only for output pins). After a Reset, the status of all the bits of the ODCx register is set to '0'.

The open-drain feature allows the generation of outputs higher than VDD (for example, 5V) on any desired 5V-tolerant pins by using external pull-up resistors. The maximum open-drain voltage allowed is the same as the maximum VIH specification. The ODCx register setting takes effect in all the I/O modes, allowing the output to behave as an open-drain even if a peripheral is controlling the pin. Although the user could achieve the same effect by manipulating the corresponding LATx and TRISx bits, this procedure will not allow the peripheral to operate in Open-Drain mode (except for the default operation of the I<sup>2</sup>C™ pins). Since I<sup>2</sup>C pins are already open-drain pins, the ODCx settings do not affect the I<sup>2</sup>C pins. Also, the ODCx settings do not affect the JTAG output characteristics as the JTAG scan cells are inserted between the ODCx logic and the I/O.

## 12.2.5 Registers for Configuring Analog and Digital Port Pins (ANSELx)

The ANSELx (or AD1PCFG) register controls the operation of the analog port pins. The port pins that are to function as analog inputs must have their corresponding ANSEL and TRISx bits set (or AD1PCFG cleared). In order to use port pins for I/O functionality with digital modules, like Timers, UARTs, etc., the corresponding ANSELx bit must be cleared (or AD1PCFG set).

The ANSELx register has a default value of 0xFFFF (or 0x0000 for AD1PCFG); therefore, all pins that share analog functions are analog (not digital) by default.

If the TRISx bit is cleared (output) while the ANSELx bit is set (or AD1PCFG is cleared), the digital output level (VOH or VOL) is converted by an analog peripheral, such as the ADC module or the Comparator module.

When the PORTx register is read, all pins configured as analog input channels are read as cleared (a low level).

Pins configured as digital inputs do not convert an analog input. Analog levels on any pin defined as a digital input (including the ANx pins) can cause the input buffer to consume current that exceeds the device specifications.

## 12.2.6 Registers for Input Change Notification

The input Change Notification (CN) function of the I/O ports allows the PIC32 devices to generate interrupt requests to the processor in response to a change-of-state on selected input pins. This feature can detect input change-of-states even in Sleep mode, when the clocks are disabled.

Five control registers are associated with the CN functionality of each I/O port:

- Change Notice Enable (CNENx)
- Change Notice Status (CNSTATx)
- Change Notice Pull-up Enable (CNPUEx)
- Change Notice Pull-down Enable (CNPDX)
- Change Notice Control (CNCONx)

The CNENx registers contain the CN interrupt enable control bits for each of the input pins. Setting any of these bits enables a CN interrupt for the corresponding pins.

The CNSTATx register indicates whether a change occurred on the corresponding pin since the last read of the PORTx bit.

Each I/O pin also has a weak pull-up and a weak pull-down connected to it. The pull-ups act as a current source or sink source connected to the pin, and eliminate the need for external resistors when push-button or keypad devices are connected. The pull-ups and pull-downs are enabled separately using the CNPUEx and the CNPDx registers, which contain the control bits for each of the pins. Setting any of the control bits enables the weak pull-ups and/or pull-downs for the corresponding pins.

<b>Note:</b> Pull-ups and pull-downs on change notification pins should always be disabled when the port pin is configured as a digital output.
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An additional control register (CNCONx) is shown in [Register 12-1](#).

## 12.2.7 Registers for Peripheral Pin Select

The Peripheral Pin Select [*pin name*]R register ([Register 12-2](#)) and the Peripheral Pin Select Output (RPnR) register ([Register 12-3](#)) provide the control bits for peripheral pin select input and output. See [12.3.1.4 “Input Mapping”](#) and [12.3.1.5 “Output Mapping”](#) for detailed information on configuring these registers.

### 12.2.8 SET, CLR, and INV I/O Port Registers

Every I/O module register has corresponding SET, CLR and INV register which provide atomic bit manipulations. As the name of the register implies, a value written to a SET, CLR or INV register effectively performs the implied operation, but only on the corresponding base register and only bits specified as '1' are modified. Bits specified as '0' are not modified.

- Writing 0x0001 to TRISASET register sets only bit 0 in the base register TRISA
- Writing 0x0020 to PORTDCLR register clears only bit 5 in the base register PORTD
- Writing 0x9000 to LATCINV register inverts only bits 15 and 12 in the base register LATC

Reading SET, CLR and INV registers return an undefined value. To see the affects of a write operation to a SET, CLR or INV register, the base register must be read instead.

The SET, CLR and INV registers are available for all modules and their registers, unless noted in the specific device data sheet. A typical method to toggle an I/O pin requires a read-modify-write operation performed on a PORTx register in software. For example, a read from a PORTx register, mask and modify the desired output bit(s), write the resulting value back to the PORTx register. This method is vulnerable to a read-modify-write issue where the port value may change after it is read and before the modified data can be written back, thus changing the previous state. This method also requires more instructions.

```
PORTA ^ = 0x0001;
```

A more efficient and atomic method uses the PORTxINV register. A write to the PORTxINV register effectively performs a read-modify-write operation on the target base register, equivalent to the software operation described above; however, it is done in hardware. To toggle an I/O pin using this method, a '1' is written to the corresponding bit in the PORTxINV register. This operation will read the PORTx register, invert only those bits specified as '1' and write the resulting value to the LATx register, thus toggling the corresponding I/O pin(s) all in a single atomic instruction cycle.

```
PORTAINV = 0x0001;
```

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**Register 12-1: CNCONx: Change Notice Control Register**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	ON	—	SIDL	—	—	—	—	—
7:0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-16 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 15 **ON:** Change Notice (CN) Control ON bit

1 = CN is enabled

0 = CN is disabled

bit 14 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 13 **SIDL:** Stop in Idle Control bit

1 = CPU Idle Mode halts CN operation

0 = CPU Idle does not affect CN operation

bit 12-0 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

**Register 12-2: [pin name]R: Peripheral Pin Select Input Register<sup>(1)</sup>**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7:0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	—	—	—	—	[pin name]R<3:0>			

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-4 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 3-0 **[pin name]R<3:0>:** Peripheral Pin Select Input bits

Where [pin name] refers to the pins that are used to configure peripheral input mapping. See [Table 12-1](#) for input pin selection values.

**Note 1:** Register values can only be changed if the IOLOCK Configuration bit (CFGCON<13>) = 0.

**Register 12-3: RPNR: Peripheral Pin Select Output Register<sup>(1)</sup>**

Bit Range	Bit 31/23/15/7	Bit 30/22/14/6	Bit 29/21/13/5	Bit 28/20/12/4	Bit 27/19/11/3	Bit 26/18/10/2	Bit 25/17/9/1	Bit 24/16/8/0
31:24	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23:16	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15:8	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7:0	U-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
	—	—	—	—	RPNR<3:0>			

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit

W = Writable bit

U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'

-n = Value at POR

'1' = Bit is set

'0' = Bit is cleared

x = Bit is unknown

bit 31-4 **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'

bit 3-0 **RPNR<3:0>:** Peripheral Pin Select Output bits  
See [Table 12-2](#) for output pin selection values.

**Note 1:** Register values can only be changed if the IOLOCK Configuration bit (CFGCON<13>) = 1.

## 12.3 MODES OF OPERATION

### 12.3.1 Peripheral Pin Select (PPS)

A major challenge in general purpose devices is providing the largest possible set of peripheral features while minimizing the conflict of features on I/O pins. The challenge is even greater on low pin-count devices. In an application where more than one peripheral needs to be assigned to a single pin, inconvenient work arounds in application code or a complete redesign may be the only option.

Peripheral Pin Select (PPS) configuration provides an alternative to these choices by enabling peripheral set selection and their placement on a wide range of I/O pins. By increasing the pinout options available on a particular device, users can better tailor the device to their entire application, rather than trimming the application to fit the device.

The PPS configuration feature operates over a fixed subset of digital I/O pins. Users may independently map the input and/or output of most digital peripherals to these I/O pins. PPS is performed in software and generally does not require the device to be reprogrammed. Hardware safeguards are included that prevent accidental or spurious changes to the peripheral mapping once it has been established.

#### 12.3.1.1 AVAILABLE PINS

The number of available pins is dependent on the particular device and its pin count. Pins that support the PPS feature include the designation “RPn” in their full pin designation, where “RP” designates a remappable peripheral and “n” is the remappable port number.

<b>Note:</b> See the specific device data sheet for availability.
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#### 12.3.1.2 AVAILABLE PERIPHERALS

The peripherals managed by the PPS are all digital-only peripherals. These include general serial communications (UART and SPI), general purpose timer clock inputs, timer-related peripherals (input capture and output compare) and interrupt-on-change inputs.

In comparison, some digital-only peripheral modules are never included in the PPS feature. This is because the peripheral's function requires special I/O circuitry on a specific port and cannot be easily connected to multiple pins. These modules include I<sup>2</sup>C among others. A similar requirement excludes all modules with analog inputs, such as the ADC.

A key difference between remappable and non-remappable peripherals is that remappable peripherals are not associated with a default I/O pin. The peripheral must always be assigned to a specific I/O pin before it can be used. In contrast, non-remappable peripherals are always available on a default pin, assuming that the peripheral is active and not conflicting with another peripheral.

When a remappable peripheral is active on a given I/O pin, it takes priority over all other digital I/O and digital communication peripherals associated with the pin. Priority is given regardless of the type of peripheral that is mapped. Remappable peripherals never take priority over any analog functions associated with the pin.

#### 12.3.1.3 CONTROLLING PPS

PPS features are controlled through two sets of SFRs: one to map peripheral inputs, and one to map outputs. Because they are separately controlled, a particular peripheral's input and output (if the peripheral has both) can be placed on any selectable function pin without constraint.

The association of a peripheral to a peripheral-selectable pin is handled in two different ways, depending on whether an input or output is being mapped.



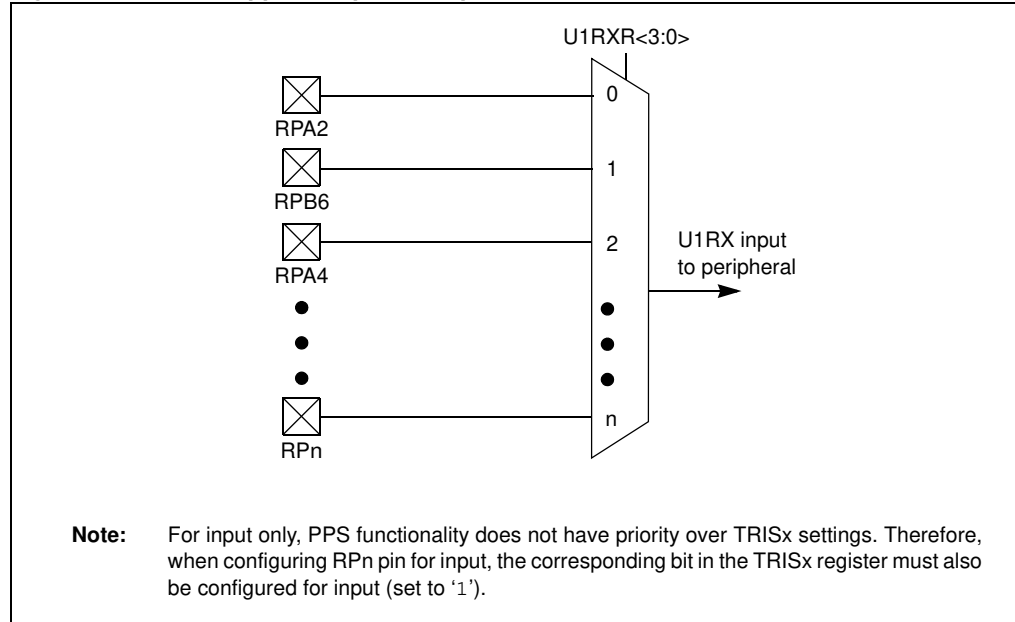
## 12.3.1.4 INPUT MAPPING

The inputs of the PPS options are mapped on the basis of the peripheral. That is, a control register associated with a peripheral dictates the pin it will be mapped to. The  $[pin\ name]R$  registers, where  $[pin\ name]$  refers to the peripheral pins listed in [Table 12-1](#), are used to configure peripheral input mapping (see [Register 12-2](#)). Each register contains a set of four bit fields. Programming these bit fields with an appropriate value, maps the  $RP_n$  pin with the corresponding value to that peripheral. [Table 12-1](#) provides an example of the valid range of values for any bit field.

**Note:** See the specific device data sheet for Input Pin selection.

For example, [Figure 12-2](#) illustrates the remappable pin selection for the U1RX input.

**Figure 12-2: Remappable Input Example for U1RX**



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Table 12-1: Input Pin Selection<sup>(1)</sup>

Peripheral Pin	[pin name]R SFR	[pin name]R bits	[pin name]R Value to RPN Pin Selection
INT4	INT4R	INT4R<3:0>	0000 = RPA0 0001 = RPB3 0010 = RPB4 0011 = RPB15 0100 = RPB7 0101 = RPC7 0110 = RPC0 0111 = RPC5 1000 = Reserved . . . 1111 = Reserved
T2CK	T2CKR	T2CKR<3:0>	
IC4	IC4R	IC4R<3:0>	
$\overline{SS1}$	SS1R	SS1R<3:0>	
REFCLKI	REFCLKIR	REFCLKIR<3:0>	
INT3	INT3R	INT3R<3:0>	0000 = RPA1 0001 = RPB5 0010 = RPB1 0011 = RPB11 0100 = RPB8 0101 = RPA8 0110 = RPC8 0111 = RPA9 1000 = Reserved . . . 1111 = Reserved
T3CK	T3CKR	T3CKR<3:0>	
IC3	IC3R	IC3R<3:0>	
$\overline{U1CTS}$	U1CTSR	U1CTSR<3:0>	
U2RX	U2RXR	U2RXR<3:0>	
SDI1	SDI1R	SDI1R<3:0>	0000 = RPA2 0001 = RPB6 0010 = RPA4 0011 = RPB13 0100 = RPB2 0101 = RPC6 0110 = RPC1 0111 = RPC3 1000 = Reserved . . . 1111 = Reserved
INT2	INT2R	INT2R<3:0>	
T4CK	T4CKR	T4CKR<3:0>	
IC1	IC1R	IC1R<3:0>	
IC5	IC5R	IC5R<3:0>	
U1RX	U1RXR	U1RXR<3:0>	0000 = RPA3 0001 = RPB14 0010 = RPB0 0011 = RPB10 0100 = RPB9 0101 = RPC9 0110 = RPC2 0111 = RPC4 1000 = Reserved . . . 1111 = Reserved
$\overline{U2CTS}$	U2CTSR	U2CTSR<3:0>	
SDI2	SDI2R	SDI2R<3:0>	
OCFB	OCFBR	OCFBR<3:0>	
INT1	INT1R	INT1R<3:0>	
T5CK	T5CKR	T5CKR<3:0>	0000 = RPA3 0001 = RPB14 0010 = RPB0 0011 = RPB10 0100 = RPB9 0101 = RPC9 0110 = RPC2 0111 = RPC4 1000 = Reserved . . . 1111 = Reserved
IC2	IC2R	IC2R<3:0>	
$\overline{SS2}$	SS2R	SS2R<3:0>	
OCFA	OCFAR	OCFAR<3:0>	1111 = Reserved

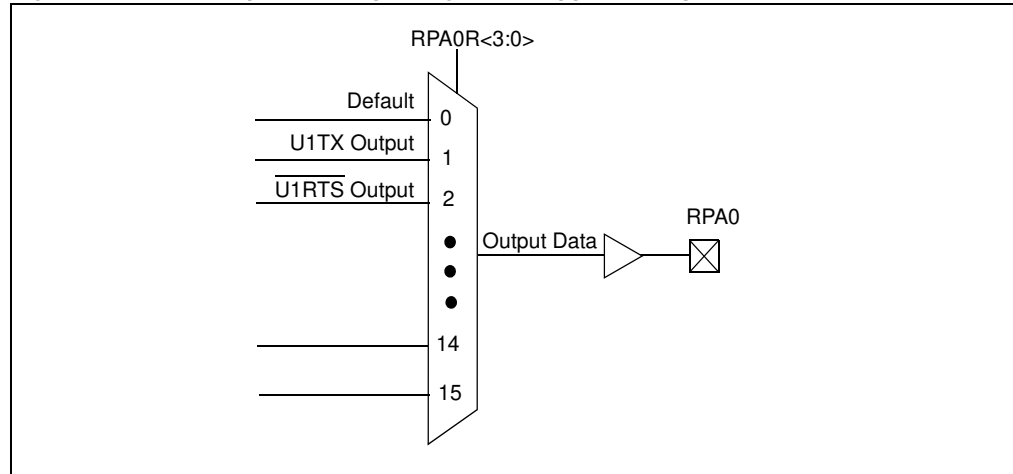
**Note 1:** This table provides an example of input pin selection. See the specific device data sheet for available selections.

## 12.3.1.5 OUTPUT MAPPING

In contrast to inputs, the outputs of the PPS options are mapped on the basis of the pin. In this case, a control register associated with a particular pin dictates the peripheral output to be mapped. The RPNR registers (Register 12-3) are used to control output mapping. Like the [pin name]R registers, each register contains a set of four bit fields. The value of the bit field corresponds to one of the peripherals, and that peripheral's output is mapped to the pin (see Table 12-2 and Figure 12-3).

A null output is associated with the output register reset value of '0'. This is done to ensure that remappable outputs remain disconnected from all output pins by default.

**Figure 12-3: Example of Multiplexing of Remappable Output for RPA0**



## 12.3.1.6 CONTROLLING CONFIGURATION CHANGES

Because peripheral remapping can be changed during run time, some restrictions on peripheral remapping are needed to prevent accidental configuration changes. PIC32 devices include two features to prevent alterations to the peripheral map:

- Control register lock sequence
- Configuration bit select lock

### 12.3.1.6.1 Control Register Lock

Under normal operation, writes to the RPNR and [pin name]R registers are not allowed. Attempted writes appear to execute normally, but the contents of the registers remain unchanged. To change these registers, they must be unlocked in hardware. The register lock is controlled by the IOLOCK Configuration bit (CFGCON<13>). Setting the IOLOCK bit prevents writes to the control registers; clearing the IOLOCK bit allows writes.

To set or clear the IOLOCK bit, an unlock sequence must be executed. Refer to **Section 6. "Oscillator"** (DS61112) in the "PIC32 Family Reference Manual" for details.

### 12.3.1.6.2 Configuration Bit Select Lock

As an additional level of safety, the device can be configured to prevent more than one write session to the RPNR and [pin name]R registers. The IOL1WAY Configuration bit (DEVCFG3<29>) blocks the IOLOCK bit from being cleared after it has been set once. If the IOLOCK bit remains set, the register unlock procedure does not execute, and the PPS control registers cannot be written to. The only way to clear the bit and re-enable peripheral remapping is to perform a device Reset.

In the default (unprogrammed) state, the IOL1WAY bit is set, restricting users to one write session.

Table 12-2: Output Pin Selection<sup>(1)</sup>

RPn Port Pin	RPnR SFR	RPnR bits	RPnR Value to Peripheral Selection
RPA0	RPA0R	RPA0R<3:0>	0000 = No Connect
RPB3	RPB3R	RPB3R<3:0>	0001 = U1TX
RPB4	RPB4R	RPB4R<3:0>	0010 = U2RTS
RPB15	RPB15R	RPB15R<3:0>	0011 = SS1
RPB7	RPB7R	RPB7R<3:0>	0100 = Reserved
RPC7	RPC7R	RPC7R<3:0>	0101 = OC1
RPC0	RPC0R	RPC0R<3:0>	0110 = Reserved
RPC5	RPC5R	RPC5R<3:0>	0111 = C2OUT
			1000 = Reserved
			.
			.
			1111 = Reserved
RPA1	RPA1R	RPA1R<3:0>	0000 = No Connect
RPB5	RPB5R	RPB5R<3:0>	0001 = Reserved
RPB1	RPB1R	RPB1R<3:0>	0010 = Reserved
RPB11	RPB11R	RPB11R<3:0>	0011 = SDO1
RPB8	RPB8R	RPB8R<3:0>	0100 = SDO2
RPA8	RPA8R	RPA8R<3:0>	0101 = OC2
RPC8	RPC8R	RPC8R<3:0>	0110 = Reserved
			.
			.
			.
			1111 = Reserved
RPA2	RPA2R	RPA2R<3:0>	0000 = No Connect
RPB6	RPB6R	RPB6R<3:0>	0001 = Reserved
RPA4	RPA4R	RPA4R<3:0>	0010 = Reserved
RPB13	RPB13R	RPB13R<3:0>	0011 = SDO1
RPB2	RPB2R	RPB2R<3:0>	0100 = SDO2
RPC6	RPC6R	RPC6R<3:0>	0101 = OC4
RPC1	RPC1R	RPC1R<3:0>	0110 = OC5
RPC3	RPC3R	RPC3R<3:0>	0111 = REFCLKO
			1000 = Reserved
			.
			.
			.
			1111 = Reserved
RPA3	RPA3R	RPA3R<3:0>	0000 = No Connect
RPB14	RPB14R	RPB14R<3:0>	0001 = U1RTS
RPB0	RPB0R	RPB0R<3:0>	0010 = U2TX
RPB10	RPB10R	RPB10R<3:0>	0011 = Reserved
RPB9	RPB9R	RPB9R<3:0>	0100 = SS2
RPC9	RPC9R	RPC9R<3:0>	0101 = OC3
RPC2	RPC2R	RPC2R<3:0>	0110 = Reserved
RPC4	RPC4R	RPC4R<3:0>	0111 = C1OUT
RPC3	RPC3R	RPC3R<3:0>	1000 = Reserved
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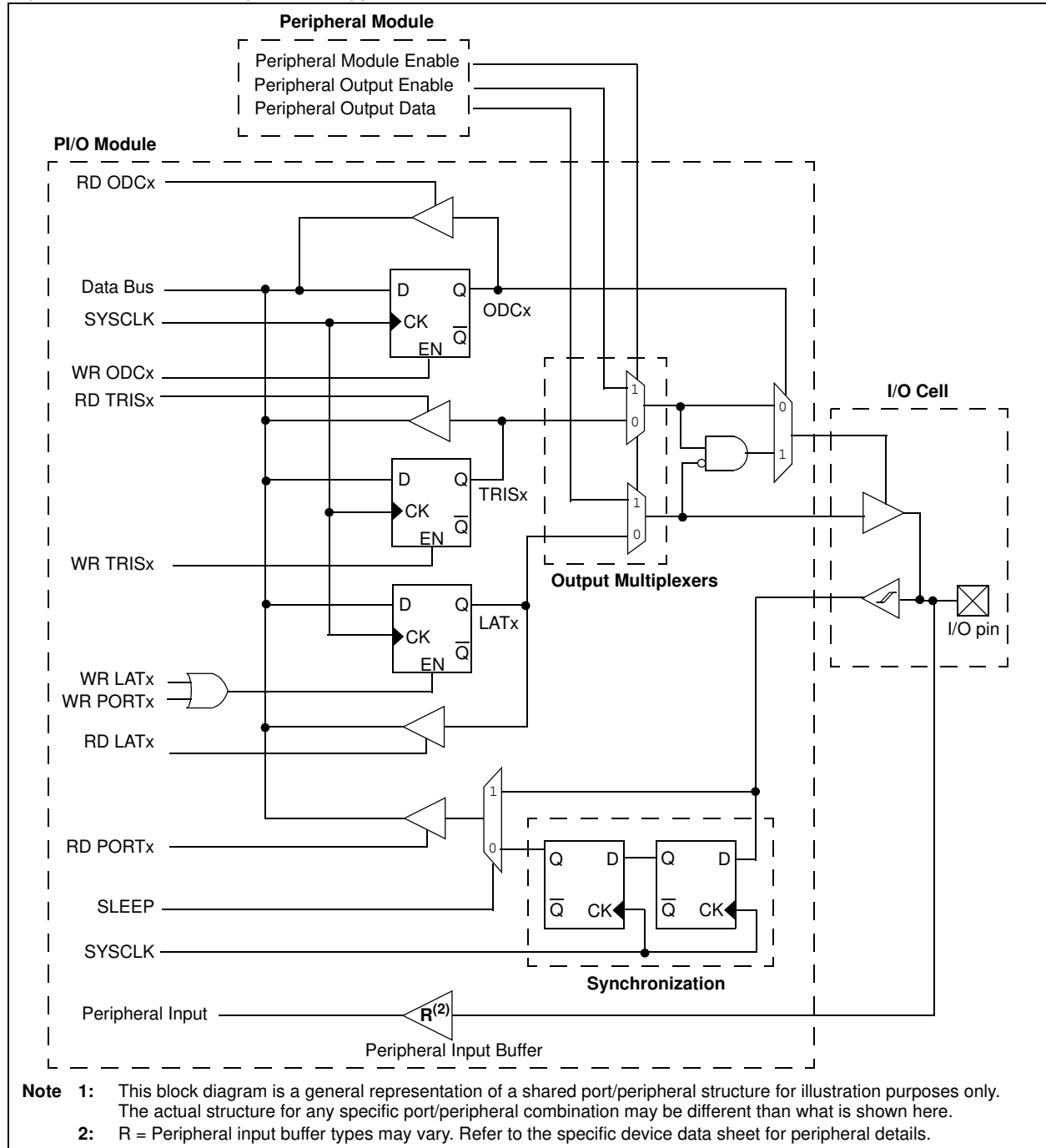
**Note 1:** This table provides an example of output pin selection. See the specific device data sheet for available selections.

## 12.3.2 Peripheral Multiplexing

Many pins also support one or more peripheral modules. When configured to operate with a peripheral, a pin may not be used for general input or output. In many cases, a pin must still be configured for input or output, although some peripherals override the TRISx configuration. Figure 12-4 shows how ports are shared with other peripherals, and the associated I/O pin to which they are connected. For some PIC32 devices, multiple peripheral functions may be multiplexed on each I/O pin. The priority of the peripheral function depends on the order of the pin description in the pin diagram of the specific device data sheet.

Note that the output of a pin can be controlled by the TRISx register bit or, in some cases, by the peripheral itself.

**Figure 12-4: Block Diagram of a Typical Shared Port Structure<sup>(1)</sup>**



## 12.3.2.1 MULTIPLEXED DIGITAL INPUT PERIPHERAL

The following conditions are characteristic of a multiplexed digital input peripheral:

- Peripheral does not control the TRISx register  
Some peripherals require the pin be configured as an input by setting the corresponding TRISx bit = 1
- Peripheral input path is independent of I/O input path and uses an input buffer that is dependent on the peripheral
- PORTx register data input path is not affected and is able to read the pin value

## 12.3.2.2 MULTIPLEXING DIGITAL OUTPUT PERIPHERAL

The following conditions are characteristic of a multiplexed digital output peripheral:

- Peripheral controls the output data  
Some peripherals require the pin be configured as an output by setting the corresponding TRISx bit = 0
- If a peripheral pin has an automatic tri-state feature (e.g., PWM outputs), the peripheral has the ability to tri-state the pin
- Pin output driver type could be affected by peripheral (e.g., drive strength, slew rate, etc.)
- PORTx register output data has no effect

## 12.3.2.3 MULTIPLEXING DIGITAL BIDIRECTIONAL PERIPHERAL

The following conditions are characteristic of a multiplexed digital bidirectional peripheral:

- Peripheral automatically configures the pin as an output, but not as an input  
Some peripherals require the pin be configured as an input by setting the corresponding TRISx bit = 1
- Peripherals control output data
- Pin output driver type could be affected by peripheral (e.g., drive strength, slew rate, etc.)
- PORTx register data input path is not affected and is able to read the pin value
- PORTx register output data has no effect

## 12.3.2.4 MULTIPLEXING ANALOG INPUT PERIPHERAL

The following condition is characteristic of a multiplexed analog input peripheral:

All digital port input buffers are disabled and PORTx registers read '0' to prevent crowbar current.

## 12.3.2.5 MULTIPLEXING ANALOG OUTPUT PERIPHERAL

The following conditions are characteristic of a multiplexed analog output peripheral:

- All digital port input buffers are disabled and PORTx registers read '0' to prevent crowbar current
- Analog output is driven onto the pin independent of the associated TRISx setting

<b>Note:</b> In order to use pins that are multiplexed with the ADC module for digital I/O, the corresponding bits in the AD1PCFG register, if present, must be set to '1', even if the ADC module is turned off.
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## 12.3.2.6 SOFTWARE INPUT PIN CONTROL

Some of the functions assigned to an I/O pin may be input functions that do not take control of the pin output driver. An example of one such peripheral is the Input Capture module. If the I/O pin associated with the input capture is configured as an output, using the appropriate TRISx control bit, the user can manually affect the state of the input capture pin through its corresponding LATx register. This behavior can be useful in some situations, especially for testing purposes, when no external signal is connected to the input pin.

As shown previously in Figure 12-4, the organization of the peripheral multiplexers determines whether the peripheral input pin can be manipulated in software using the PORTx register. The conceptual peripherals shown in this figure disconnect the PORTx data from the I/O pin when the peripheral function is enabled.

In general, the following peripherals allow their input pins to be controlled manually through the LATx registers:

- External Interrupts pins
- Input Capture pins
- Timer Clock input pins
- PWM Fault pins

Most serial communication peripherals, when enabled, take full control of the I/O pin so that the input pins associated with the peripheral cannot be affected through the corresponding PORTx registers. These peripherals include the following modules:

- SPI
- I<sup>2</sup>C
- UART

### 12.3.3 Change Notification Pins

The Change Notification (CN) pins provide PIC32 devices the ability to generate interrupt requests to the processor in response to a change of state on selected input pins (corresponding TRISx bits must be = 1). The total number of available CN inputs is dependent on the selected PIC32 device. Refer to the specific device data sheet for further details.

The enabled pin values are compared with the values sampled during the last read operation of the designated PORTx register. If the pin value is different from the last value read, a mismatch condition is generated. The mismatch condition can occur on any of the enabled input pins. The mismatches are ORed together to provide a single interrupt-on-change signal. The enabled pins are sampled on every internal system clock cycle, SYSCLK.

#### 12.3.3.1 CN CONFIGURATION AND OPERATION

The CN pins are configured as follows:

1. Disable CPU interrupts.
2. Set desired CN I/O pin as input by setting corresponding TRISx register bits = 1.

**Note:** If the I/O pin is shared with an analog peripheral, it may be necessary to configure this pin as digital input.

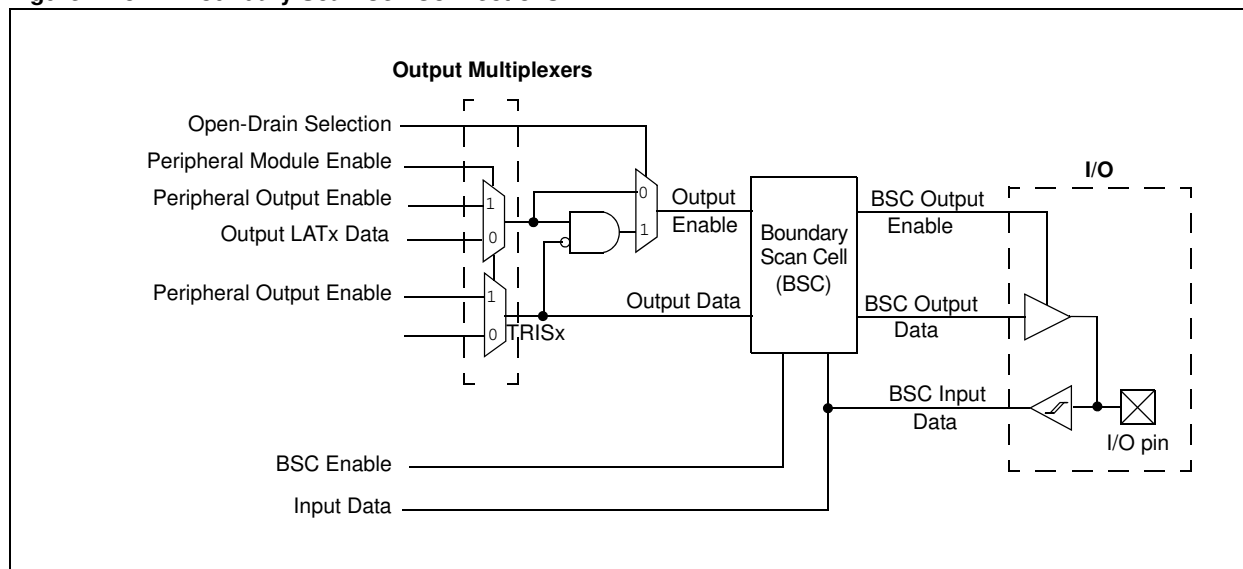
3. Enable the CN Module ON bit (CNCON<15>) = 1.
4. Enable individual CN input pin(s), enable optional pull up(s) or pull down(s).
5. Read corresponding PORTx registers to clear mismatch condition on CN input pins.
6. Configure the CN interrupt priority bits, CNIP<2:0> (IPC6<20:18>), and subpriority bits CNIS<1:0> (IPC6<17:16>).
7. Clear the CN interrupt flag bit, CNIF(IFS1<0>) = 0.
8. Enable the CN interrupt enable bit, CNIE (IEC1<0>) = 1.
9. Enable CPU interrupts.

When a CN interrupt occurs, the user should read the PORTx register associated with the CN pin(s). This will clear the mismatch condition and set up the CN logic to detect the next pin change. The current PORTx value can be compared to the PORTx read value obtained at the last CN interrupt or during initialization, and used to determine which pin changed. The CN pins have a minimum input pulse-width specification. Refer to the “**Electrical Characteristics**” chapter of the specific device data sheet to learn more.

## 12.3.4 Boundary Scan Cell Connections

The PIC32 devices support JTAG boundary scan. A Boundary Scan Cell (BSC) is inserted between the internal I/O logic circuit and the I/O pin, as shown in Figure 12-5. Most of the I/O pads have boundary scan cells; however, JTAG pads do not. For normal I/O operation, the BSC is disabled, and therefore, bypassed. The output enable input of the BSC is directly connected to the BSC output enable, and the output data input of the BSC is directly connected to the BSC output data. The pads that do not have BSC are the power supply pads (VDD, VSS and VCAP/VCORE) and the JTAG pads (TCK, TDI, TDO, and TMS).

Figure 12-5: Boundary Scan Cell Connections





## 12.4 OPERATION IN POWER-SAVING MODES

### 12.4.1 I/O Port Operation in Sleep Mode

As the device enters Sleep mode, the system clock is disabled; however, the CN module continues to operate. If one of the enabled CN pins changes state, the CNIF bit (IFS1<0>) will be set. If the CNIE bit (IEC1<0>) is set, and its priority is greater than current CPU priority, the device will wake from Sleep or Idle mode and execute the CN Interrupt Service Routine.

If the assigned priority level of the CN interrupt is less than or equal to the current CPU priority level, the CPU will not be awakened and the device will enter Idle mode.

### 12.4.2 I/O Port Operation in Idle Mode

As the device enters Idle mode, the system clock sources remain functional. The SIDL bit (CNCON<13>) selects whether the module will stop or continue functioning in Idle mode.

- If SIDL = 1, the module will continue to sample Input CN I/O pins in Idle mode; however, synchronization is disabled
- If SIDL = 0, the module will continue to synchronize and sample Input CN I/O pins in Idle mode

## 12.5 EFFECTS OF VARIOUS RESETS

### 12.5.1 Device Reset

All I/O registers are forced to their reset states upon a device Reset.

### 12.5.2 Power-on Reset

All I/O registers are forced to their reset states upon a Power-on Reset.

### 12.5.3 Watchdog Reset

All I/O registers are unchanged upon a Watchdog Reset.

## 12.6 RELATED APPLICATION NOTES

This section lists application notes that are related to this section of the manual. These application notes may not be written specifically for the PIC32 device family, but the concepts are pertinent and could be used with modification and possible limitations. The current application notes related to the I/O Ports are:

Title	Application Note #
No related application notes at this time	N/A

<p><b>Note:</b> Please visit the Microchip web site (<a href="http://www.microchip.com">www.microchip.com</a>) for additional application notes and code examples for the PIC32 family of devices.</p>
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## 12.7 REVISION HISTORY

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This revision includes the following changes:

- Added a note at the beginning of the section, which provides information on complementary documentation
- Changed all occurrences of PIC32MX to PIC32
- Removed the paragraph about the I/O related SFRs in [12.1 "Introduction"](#)
- Added [12.2.7 "Registers for Peripheral Pin Select"](#)
- Removed all Interrupt registers
- Removed TRISx, PORTx, LATx, ODCx, CNEN, CNPUE registers and their associated SET, INV, and CLR registers
- Removed the FRZ bit from the Change Notice Control register (see [Register 12-1](#))
- Removed related Interrupts section and sub-sections
- Removed the operation of the I/O port in Debug mode from [12.4 "Operation in Power-Saving Modes"](#)
- Removed I/O Port Application, I/O Pin Control and Design Tips sections
- Removed 12.2.6 CN Control Registers section
- Renamed the section 12.2.5 ODCx Registers as [12.2.4 "Registers for Open-Drain Configuration \(ODCx\)"](#)
- Added section [12.2.5 "Registers for Configuring Analog and Digital Port Pins \(ANSELx\)"](#)
- Added section [12.2.6 "Registers for Input Change Notification"](#)
- Added section [12.3.1 "Peripheral Pin Select \(PPS\)"](#)
- In [12.3 "Modes of Operation"](#), removed sections on Digital Inputs, Analog Inputs, Digital Outputs, Analog Outputs, Open-Drain Configuration and Port Descriptions
- Updated the note in the second point of [12.3.3.1 "CN Configuration and Operation"](#)
- Modifications to register formatting and minor updates have been made throughout the document

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