4.5 SysTick timer (STK)

The processor has a 24-bit system timer, SysTick, that counts down from the reload value to zero, reloads (wraps to) the value in the STK_LOAD register on the next clock edge, then counts down on subsequent clocks.

When the processor is halted for debugging the counter does not decrement.

Table 54. System timer registers summary

Address	Name	Type	Required privilege	Reset value	Description
0xE000E010	STK_CTRL	RW	Privileged	0x00000000	*SysTick control and status register (STK_CTRL) on page 247*
0xE000E014	STK_LOAD	RW	Privileged	Unknown	*SysTick reload value register (STK_LOAD) on page 248*
0xE000E018	STK_VAL	RW	Privileged	Unknown	*SysTick current value register (STK_VAL) on page 249*
0xE000E01C	STK_CALIB	RO	Privileged	0xC0000000	*SysTick calibration value register (STK_CALIB) on page 250*

4.5.1 SysTick control and status register (STK_CTRL)

Address offset: 0x00

Reset value: 0x0000 0000

Required privilege: Privileged

The SysTick CTRL register enables the SysTick features.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
							Reserved								COUNT FLAG
															rw

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
						Reserved							CLKSO URCE	TICK INT	EN ABLE
													rw	rw	rw

Bits 31:17 Reserved, must be kept cleared.

Bit 16 COUNTFLAG:
Returns 1 if timer counted to 0 since last time this was read.

Bits 15:3 Reserved, must be kept cleared.

Bit 2 **CLKSOURCE:** Clock source selection
Selects the clock source.
0: AHB/8
1: Processor clock (AHB)

Bit 1 **TICKINT**: SysTick exception request enable
0: Counting down to zero does not assert the SysTick exception request
1: Counting down to zero to asserts the SysTick exception request.
Note: Software can use COUNTFLAG to determine if SysTick has ever counted to zero.

Bit 0 **ENABLE**: Counter enable
Enables the counter. When ENABLE is set to 1, the counter loads the RELOAD value from the LOAD register and then counts down. On reaching 0, it sets the COUNTFLAG to 1 and optionally asserts the SysTick depending on the value of TICKINT. It then loads the RELOAD value again, and begins counting.
0: Counter disabled
1: Counter enabled

4.5.2 SysTick reload value register (STK_LOAD)

Address offset: 0x04

Reset value: 0x0000 0000

Required privilege: Privileged

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Reserved								RELOAD[23:16]							
								rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
RELOAD[15:0]															
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Bits 31:24 Reserved, must be kept cleared.

Bits 23:0 **RELOAD:** RELOAD value

The LOAD register specifies the start value to load into the STK_VAL register when the counter is enabled and when it reaches 0.

Calculating the RELOAD value

The RELOAD value can be any value in the range 0x00000001-0x00FFFFFF. A start value of 0 is possible, but has no effect because the SysTick exception request and COUNTFLAG are activated when counting from 1 to 0.

The RELOAD value is calculated according to its use:

l To generate a multi-shot timer with a period of N processor clock cycles, use a RELOAD value of N-1. For example, if the SysTick interrupt is required every 100 clock pulses, set RELOAD to 99.

l To deliver a single SysTick interrupt after a delay of N processor clock cycles, use a RELOAD of value N. For example, if a SysTick interrupt is required after 100 clock pulses, set RELOAD to 99.

4.5.3 SysTick current value register (STK_VAL)

Address offset: 0x08

Reset value: 0x0000 0000

Required privilege: Privileged

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Reserved								CURRENT[23:16]							
								rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CURRENT[15:0]															
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Bits 31:24 Reserved, must be kept cleared.

Bits 23:0 **CURRENT:** Current counter value

The VAL register contains the current value of the SysTick counter.

Reads return the current value of the SysTick counter.

A write of any value clears the field to 0, and also clears the COUNTFLAG bit in the STK_CTRL register to 0.

4.5.4 SysTick calibration value register (STK_CALIB)

Address offset: 0x0C

Reset value: 0x0000000

Required privilege: Privileged

The CALIB register indicates the SysTick calibration properties.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
NO REF	SKEW	Reserved						TENMS[23:16]							
r	r							r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
TENMS[15:0]															
r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

Bit 31 **NOREF:** NOREF flag. Reads as zero. Indicates that a separate reference clock is provided. The frequency of this clock is HCLK/8.

Bit 30 **SKEW:** SKEW flag: Indicates whether the TENMS value is exact. Reads as one. Calibration value for the 1 ms inexact timing is not known because TENMS is not known. This can affect the suitability of SysTick as a software real time clock.

Bits 29:24 Reserved, must be kept cleared.

Bits 23:0 **TENMS[23:0]:** Calibration value. Indicates the calibration value when the SysTick counter runs on HCLK max/8 as external clock. The value is product dependent, please refer to the Product Reference Manual, SysTick Calibration Value section. When HCLK is programmed at the maximum frequency, the SysTick period is 1ms.

If calibration information is not known, calculate the calibration value required from the frequency of the processor clock or external clock.

4.5.5 SysTick design hints and tips

The SysTick counter runs on the processor clock. If this clock signal is stopped for low power mode, the SysTick counter stops.

Ensure software uses aligned word accesses to access the SysTick registers.

The SysTick counter reload and current value are undefined at reset, the correct initialization sequence for the SysTick counter is:

1. Program reload value.
2. Clear current value.
3. Program Control and Status register.

4.5.6 SysTick register map

The table provided shows the SysTick register map and reset values. The base address of the SysTick register block is 0xE000 E010.

Table 55. SysTick register map and reset values

Offset	Register	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
0x00	STK_CTRL	Reserved															COUNTFLAG	Reserved													CLKSOURCE	TICKINT	ENABLE
	Reset Value																0														1	0	0
0x04	STK_LOAD	Reserved								RELOAD[23:0]																							
	Reset Value									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x08	STK_VAL	Reserved								CURRENT[23:0]																							
	Reset Value									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0x0C	STK_CALIB	Reserved								TENMS[23:0]																							
	Reset Value									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0