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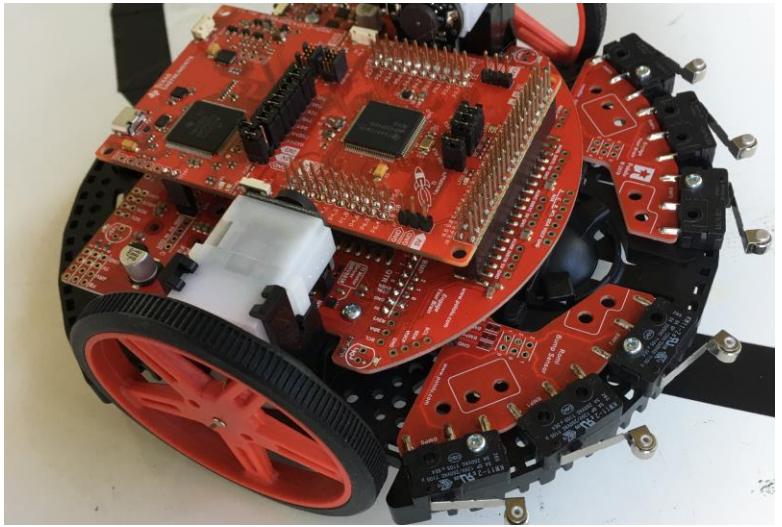
Module 10

Lecture: Debugging Real-time Systems - Theory

Debugging Real-time Systems

You will learn in this module

- How to implement minimally intrusive debugging tools
  - Dump into programming array
  - Toggle pins
- Execute profiling
  - Scope or logic analyzer
  - Observing assembly language
- Use flash ROM to record
  - Erase ROM
  - Write block



Dump Instrument

Intrusiveness is the measure to which the debugging itself affects the parameter being measured

- Short execution
  - Let t be the time to execute dump instrument
  - Let Δt be the time between executions
- Small percentage
  - Minimally intrusive if t/Δt is small

Dump

- Similar usage as **printf**
- Save into array (or into flash ROM)
- Observe later with debugger

```
start = SysTick->VAL;
Dump(); // from lecture slide
stop = SysTick->VAL;
dT = 0x00FFFFFF&(start-stop)-11;
```

```
#define SIZE 100
uint8_t P1Buf[SIZE];
uint8_t P2Buf[SIZE];
uint32_t I;
void Dump(void){
  if(I < SIZE){
    P1Buf[I] = P1->IN;
    P2Buf[I] = P2->OUT;
    I++;
  }
}
```

Once and stop

```
Dump:
00000b08:  48A2      ldr     r0, [pc, #0x288]
00000b0a:  6800      ldr     r0, [r0]
00000b0c:  2864      cmp     r0, #0x64
00000b0e:  D20F      bhs     $C$L1
00000b10:  49A0      ldr     r1, [pc, #0x280]
00000b12:  48C6      ldr     r0, [pc, #0x318]
00000b14:  4AC4      ldr     r2, [pc, #0x310]
00000b16:  6809      ldr     r1, [r1]
00000b18:  7800      ldrb    r0, [r0]
00000b1a:  5450      strb    r0, [r2, r1]
00000b1c:  499D      ldr     r1, [pc, #0x274]
00000b1e:  48C5      ldr     r0, [pc, #0x314]
00000b20:  4AC3      ldr     r2, [pc, #0x30c]
00000b22:  6809      ldr     r1, [r1]
00000b24:  7800      ldrb    r0, [r0]
00000b26:  5450      strb    r0, [r2, r1]
00000b28:  499A      ldr     r1, [pc, #0x268]
00000b2a:  6808      ldr     r0, [r1]
00000b2c:  1C40      adds    r0, r0, #1
00000b2e:  6008      str     r0, [r1]
$C$L1:
00000b30:  4770      bx      lr
```

22 instructions

73 cycles, 1.5 us

Dump Instrument

Continuous

- Saves the last 32 values
- Wrap index

```
uint16_t Buf[32];
uint32_t I=0;
void Record(uint16_t x){
  Buf[I] = x;
  I = (I+1)&0x1F;
}
```

Continuous

Filter

- Save only on certain conditions
- Reduces the volume of data to observe

```
void Record2(uint16_t x){
  if(P1->IN&0x01){
    Buf[I] = x;
    I = (I+1)&0x1F;
  }
}
```

Filtered

Execution profile

Performance debugging

- Where is it executing?
- When is it executing?
- How long does it take?

```
void main(void){
  LaunchPad_Init();
  Debug_Init();
  while(1){
    P2->OUT |= 0x01;
    Debug_Dump();
    P2->OUT &= ~0x01;
  }
}
```

```
void Happy(void){
  P2->OUT |= 0x04;
// body
  P2->OUT &= ~0x04;
}
void Sad(void){
  P2->OUT ^= 0x08;
// body
  P2->OUT &= ~0x08;
}
```

Execution profile

Eliminate the critical section

- Read-modify-write to shared global
- Bit-banding

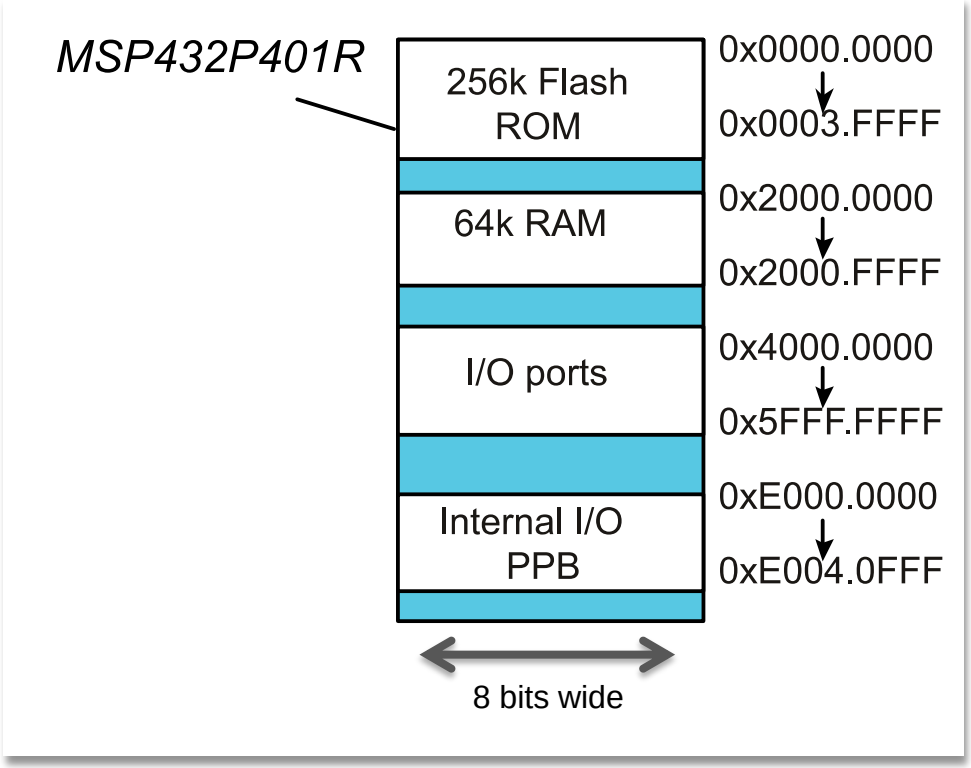
Profiling

- Toggle an output port
  - Placed at strategic places
- Use scope or logic analyzer

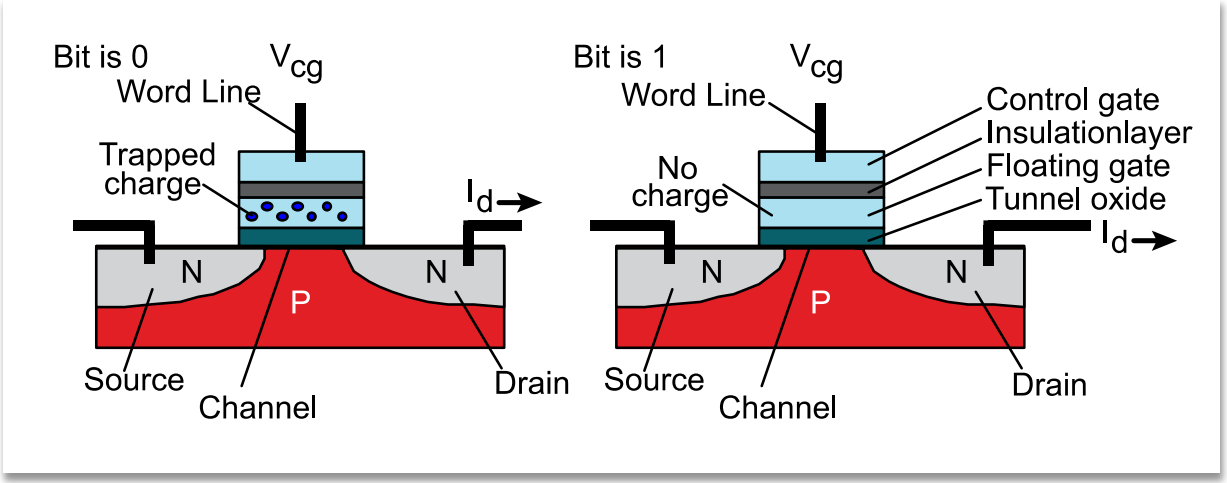
P2->OUT is 0x40004C03, *n*=0x4C03 and *b*=2.
0x42000000 + 32*0x4C03 + 4*2 = 0x42098068

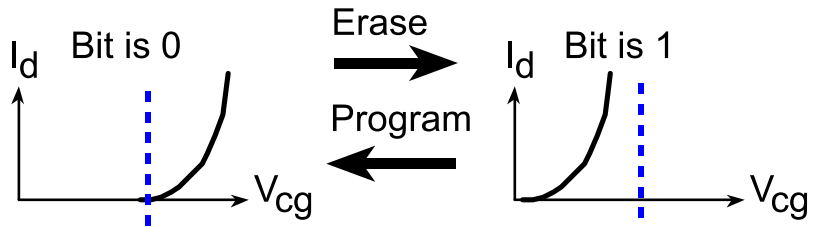
```
#define LED (*((volatile uint8_t *)(0x42098068)))
void ISR(void){
 LED ^= 1;
 LED ^= 1;
 // body
 LED ^= 1;
}
```

Memory Map


MSP432P401R
256k Flash ROM
64k RAM
I/O ports
Internal I/O PPB
0x0000.0000
0x0003.FFFF
0x2000.0000
0x2000.FFFF
0x4000.0000
0x5FFF.FFFF
0xE000.0000
0xE004.0FFF
8 bits wide

Flash ROM





Flash ROM

- High density
- Erase to 0xFF
- Program zeros
- Slow to erase
- Slow to program
- Fast to read

Flash ROM driver

0x00020000-0x0003F000

```
// Erase 4K block of flash
// Parameter 'addr' must be in flash Bank 1
// Input: addr 4K aligned flash address to erase
// Output: 0 if successful, 1 if fail
int Flash_Erase(uint32_t addr);
```

```
// Parameter 'addr' must be in flash Bank 1
// Input: source pointer to array of 32-bit data
//        addr   flash address to start writing
//        count  number of 32-bit writes
// Output: number of successful writes
int Flash_WriteArray(uint32_t *source,
       uint32_t addr, uint16_t count);
```

Summary

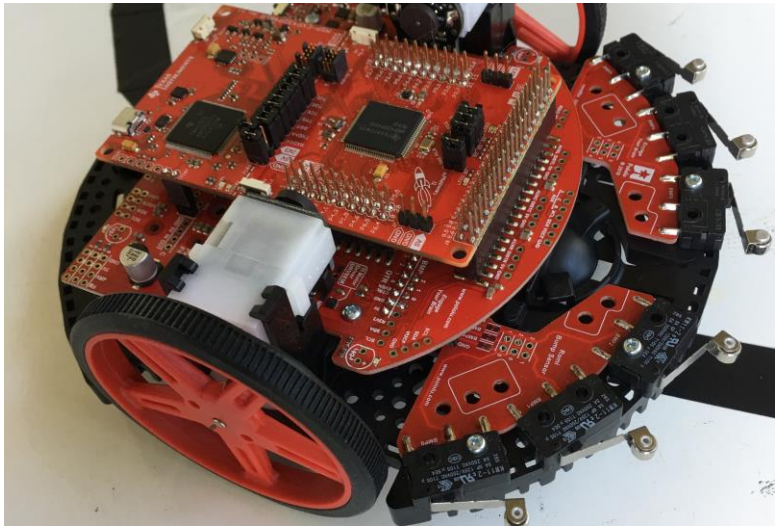
Minimally Intrusive Debugging

- Dump
- Thread profile

```
start = SysTick->VAL;
AnySoftware();
stop = SysTick->VAL;
dT = 0x00FFFFFF&(start-stop)-11;
```

Flash

- Erase
- Program
- Read



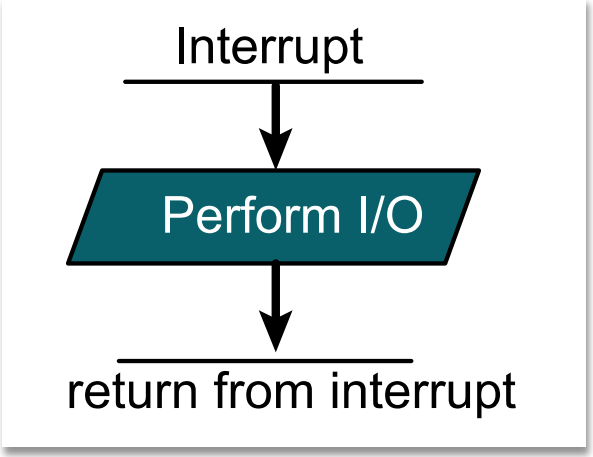
Module 10

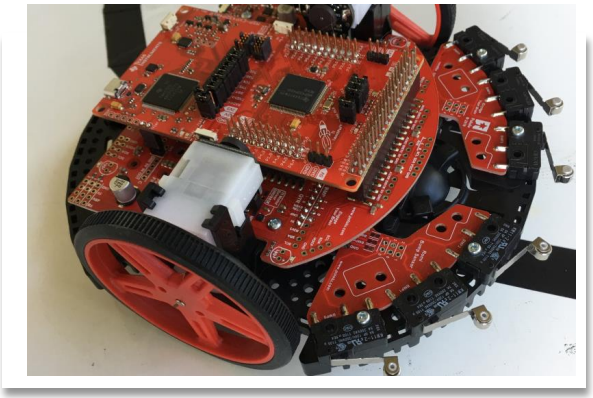
Lecture: Debugging Real-time Systems - Interrupts

Debugging Real-time Systems

You will learn in this module

- Interrupts
  - What
  - Why
  - How
- Vectors
- Priority
- Thread synchronization





Interrupts to implement concurrent execution (multi-threading)

What is an interrupt?

- Automatic transfer of software execution
- In response to a hardware event, hardware trigger → software response
- Asynchronous with current software execution

Example uses of interrupts

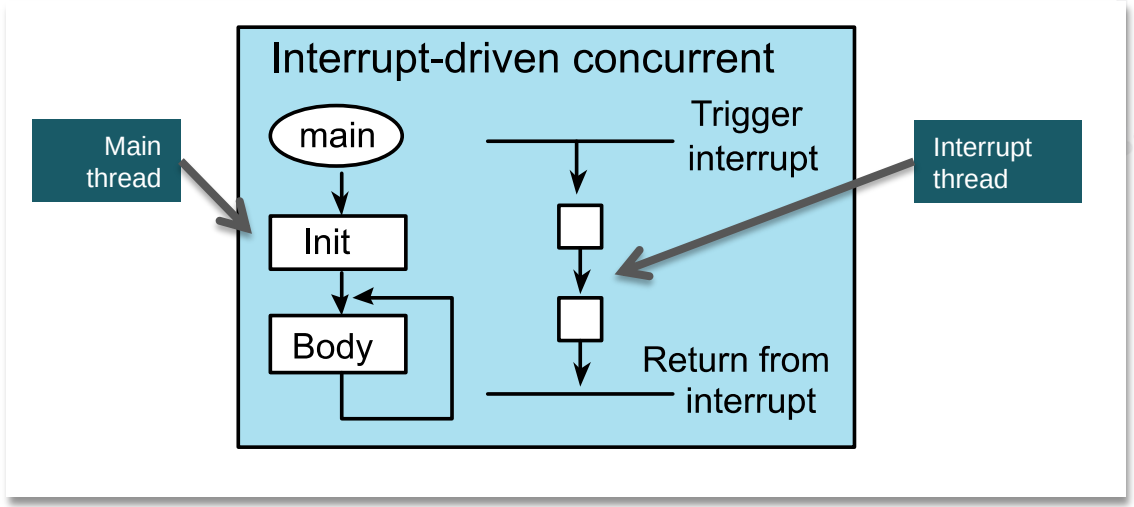
- External I/O device (like a bump sensor or motor overload)
- Internal event (like a memory fault, software trap)
- Periodic event (using a timer)

When to interrupt?

- Hardware needs service
- New input data
- Output idle
- Periodically (SysTick)

Why to use interrupts?

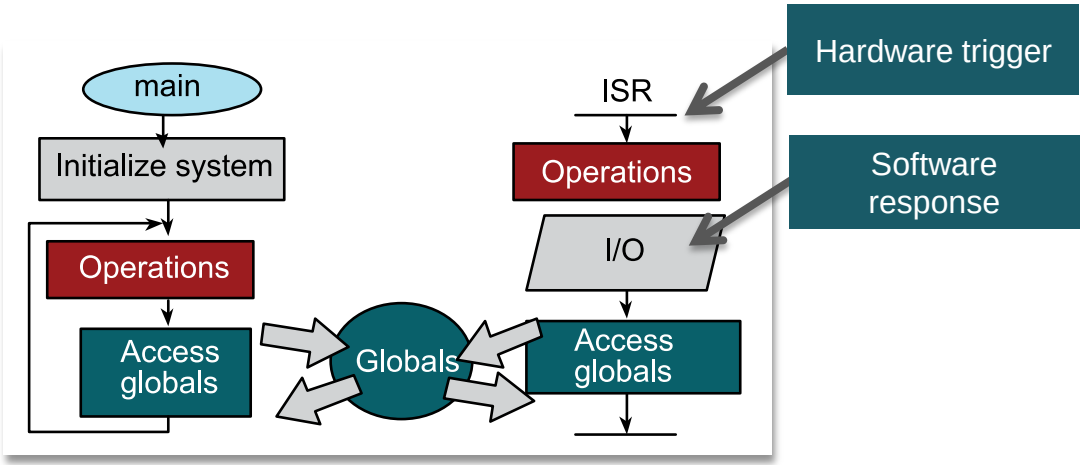
- Complex system
- Responsiveness to events
- Infrequent but important tasks



Multi-threading using Interrupts

- Running the main program
- Interrupt on external or internal event
  - Save state (on stack)
  - Change PC (vector)
- Run the interrupt service routine
  - Input/Output as needed
  - Communicate with globals
  - Return from interrupt
- Resume the main program

Thread is the action caused by executing software



Interrupt processing

The execution of the main program is suspended

1. The current instruction is finished,
2. Suspend execution and push 8 registers on the stack
3. LR set to 0xFFFFFFF9 (indicates interrupt return)
4. IPSR set to interrupt number
5. Sets PC to ISR address

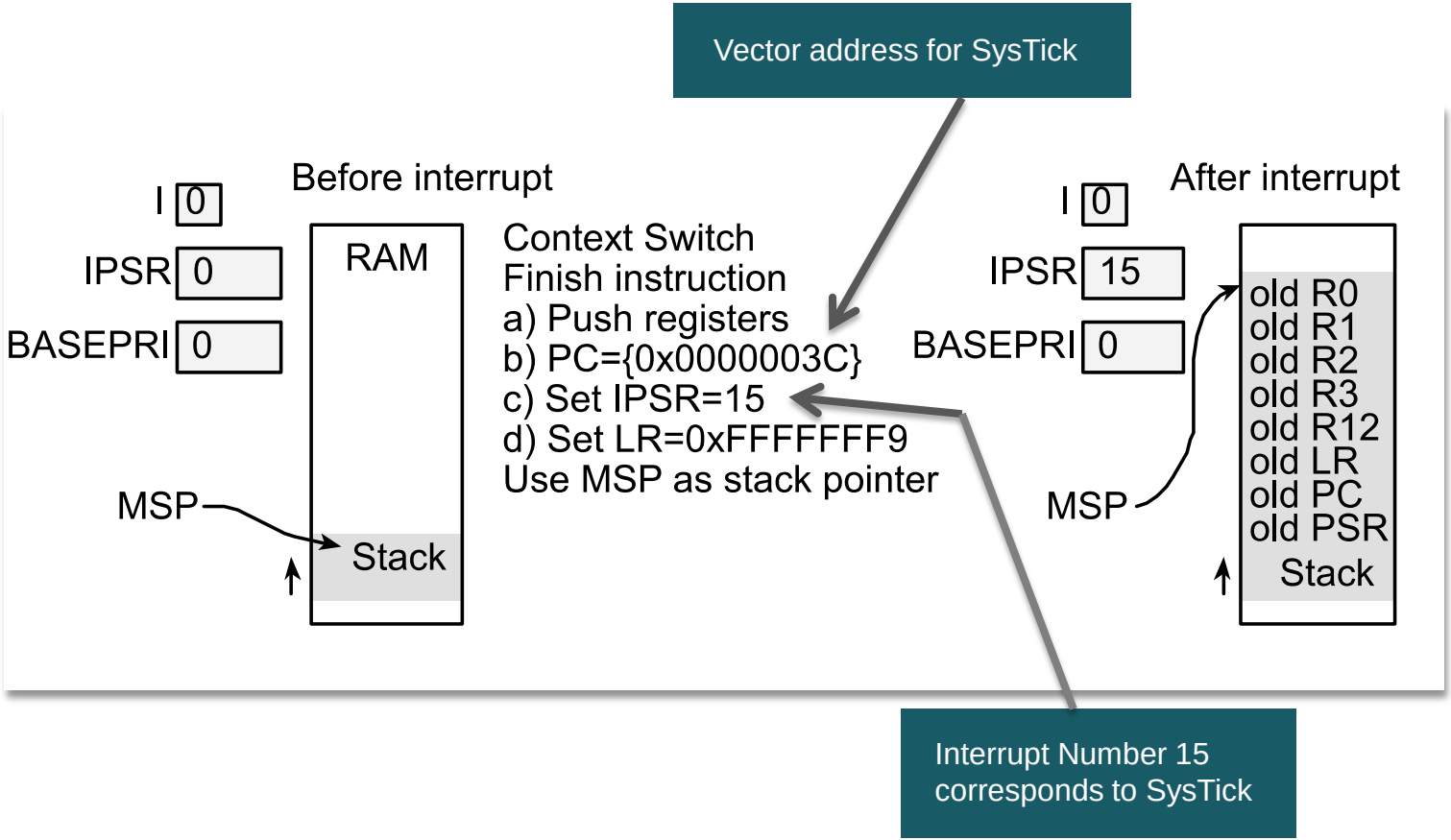
The interrupt service routine (ISR) is executed

1. Clears the flag that requested the interrupt
2. Performs necessary operations
3. Communicates using global variables

The main program is resumed when ISR returns (BX LR)

1. Pulls the 8 registers from the stack

Interrupt processing



Interrupt Vectors, numbers, names, and priority

Vector	Number	IRQ	ISR name	NVIC priority	Priority
0x0000002C	11	-5	SVC_Handler	SCB_SHPR2	31 – 29
0x00000038	14	-2	PendSV_Handler	SCB_SHPR3	23 – 21
0x0000003C	15	-1	SysTick_Handler	SCB_SHPR3	31 – 29
0x00000060	24	8	TA0_0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR2	7 – 5
0x00000064	25	9	TA0_N_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR2	15 – 13
0x00000068	26	10	TA1_0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR2	23 – 21
0x0000006C	27	11	TA1_N_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR2	31 – 29
0x00000070	28	12	TA2_0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR3	7 – 5
0x00000074	29	13	TA2_N_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR3	15 – 13
0x00000078	30	14	TA3_0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR3	23 – 21
0x0000007C	31	15	TA3_N_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR3	31 – 29
0x00000080	32	16	EUSCIA0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR4	7 – 5
0x00000084	33	17	EUSCIA1_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR4	15 – 13
0x00000088	34	18	EUSCIA2_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR4	23 – 21
0x0000008C	35	19	EUSCIA3_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR4	31 – 29
0x00000090	36	20	EUSCIB0_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR5	7 – 5
0x00000094	37	21	EUSCIB1_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR5	15 – 13
0x00000098	38	22	EUSCIB2_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR5	23 – 21
0x0000009C	39	23	EUSCIB3_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR5	31 – 29
0x000000CC	51	35	PORT1_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR8	31 – 29
0x000000D0	52	36	PORT2_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR9	7 – 5
0x000000D4	53	37	PORT3_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR9	15 – 13
0x000000D8	54	38	PORT4_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR9	23 – 21
0x000000DC	55	39	PORT5_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR9	31 – 29
0x000000E0	56	40	PORT6_IRQHandler	NVIC_IPR10	7 – 5

```
void SysTick_Handler(void){
  // body
}
```

Look for **interruptVectors[]**
in the file startup_msp432p401r_ccs.c

Interrupt Priority Registers

High order three bits of each byte define priority

Address	31 – 29	23 – 21	15 – 13	7 – 5	Name
0xE000E408	Other TA1	TA1CCTL0	Other TA0	TA0CCTL0	NVIC->IP[2]
0xE000E40C	Other TA3	TA3CCTL0	Other TA2	TA2CCTL0	NVIC->IP[3]
0xE000E410	eUSCI_A3	eUSCI_A2	eUSCI_A1	eUSCI_A0	NVIC->IP[4]
0xE000E414	eUSCI_B3	eUSCI_B2	eUSCI_B1	eUSCI_B0	NVIC->IP[5]
0xE000E418	Timer32 Comb	Timer32 Int2	Timer32 Int1	ADC14	NVIC->IP[6]
0xE000E41C	DMA Int3	DMA Err	RTC C	AES256	NVIC->IP[7]
0xE000E420	I/O Port P1	DMA Int0	DMA Int1	DMA Int2	NVIC->IP[8]
0xE000E424	I/O Port P5	I/O Port P4	I/O Port P3	I/O Port P2	NVIC->IP[9]
0xE000ED20	TICK	PENDSV	--	DEBUG	

SCB->SHP[10]

SCB->SHP[8]

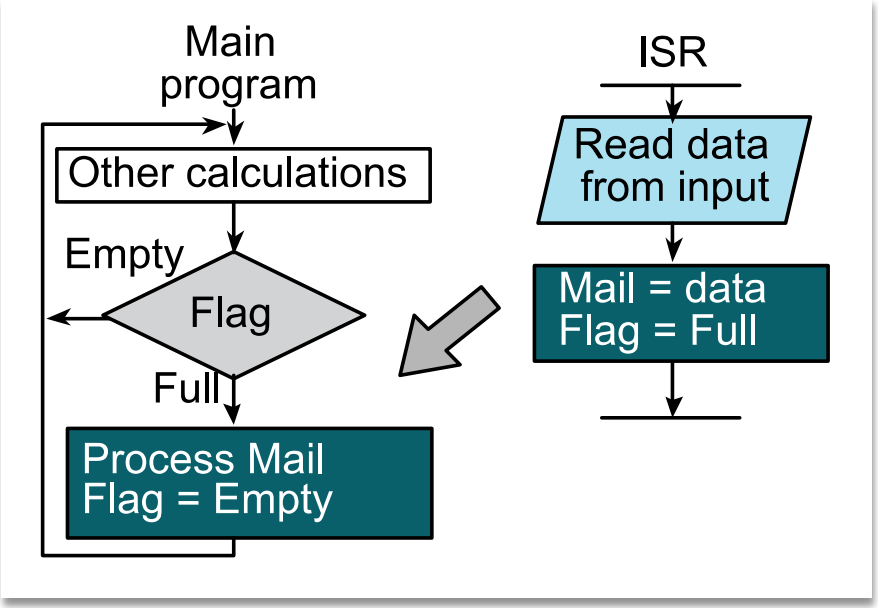
```
SCB->SHP[11] = (2)<<5;  // priority=2
```

```
NVIC->IP[4] = (NVIC->IP[4]&0xFF00FFFF)|0x00400000; // priority 2
```

Thread Synchronization

- Semaphore
  - One thread sets the flag
  - The other thread waits for, and clears

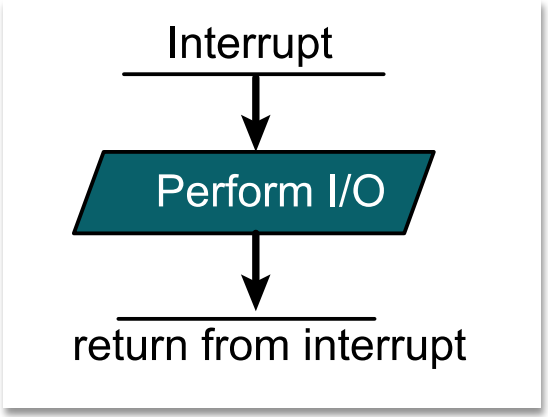
- Mailbox (semaphore plus data)
- FIFO queue (data streaming)

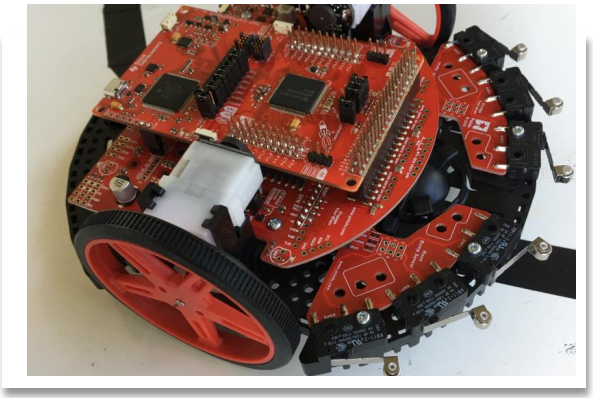


Summary

Interrupts

- Context switch (stack)
- Vector
- Initialization
  - Arm (device specific)
  - Priority
  - Enable (I bit)
- Synchronization
  - Global variables
  - Static variable





Module 10

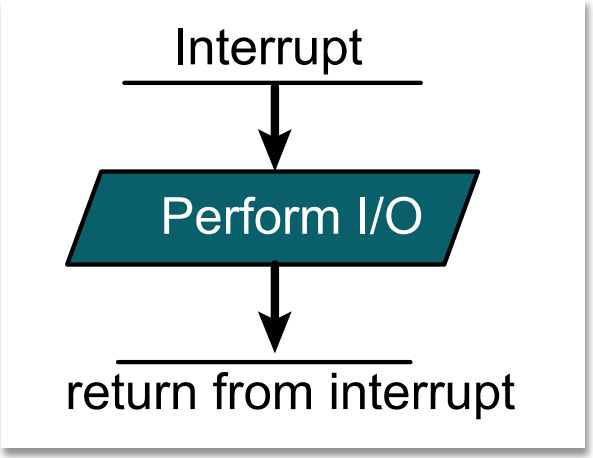
Lecture: Debugging Real-time Systems – SysTick Interrupt

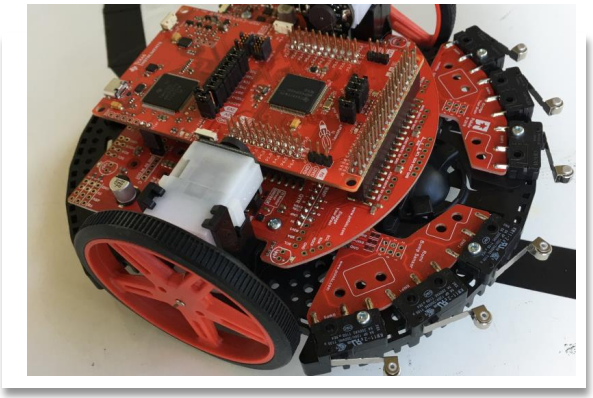
Debugging Real-time Systems

You will learn in this module

- Use SysTick to execute periodic tasks
  - Fundamentals
  - Initialization
  - Interrupt service routine

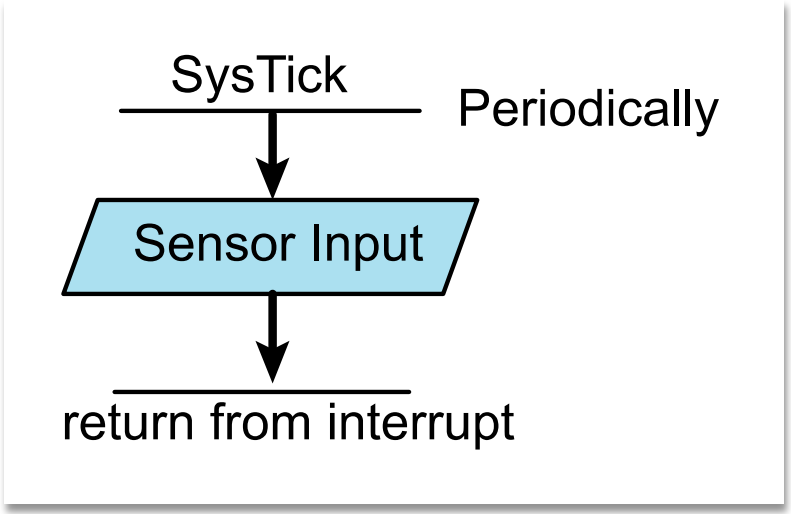
- Applications
  - Sample sensors at 100 Hz
  - Signal generation
  - Interface line sensor without wasting time
  - Digital controller





Periodic Interrupts

- Data acquisition
  - Sample sensor data at a fixed rate
  - Sample ADC at a fixed rate
- Signal generation output
  - Send to DAC at a fixed rate (audio)
  - Transmit messages at a fixed rate
- Digital controller
  - FSM
  - Linear control system (motor controllers)



Where to put the data?

- Global/static variable
- Array
- Mailbox (variable, flag)
- Put FIFO

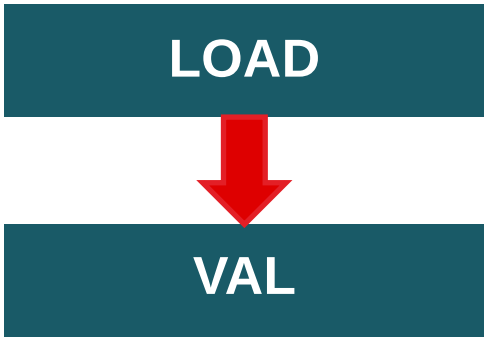
SysTick Timer (review)

SysTick performs Timer/Counter operation in all ARM

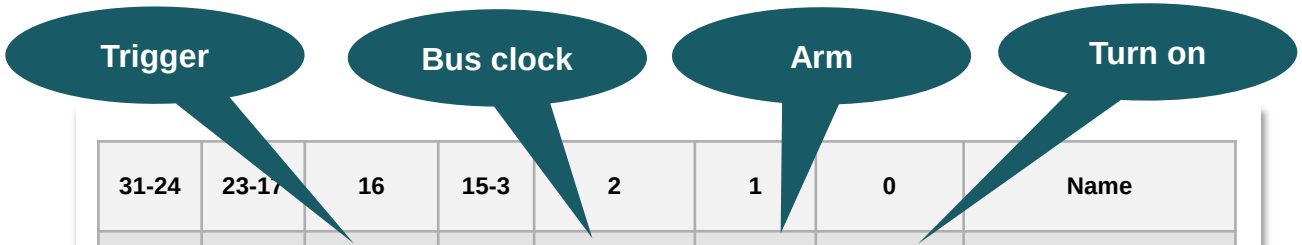
- Create time delays
- **Generate periodic interrupts**

How it works

- 24-bit down counter decrements at bus clock frequency
- With a 48 MHz bus clock, decrements every 20.833 ns
- Software sets a 24-bit LOAD value of n
- The counter, VAL, goes from n → 0
  - Sequence: n, n-1, n-2, n-3… 2, 1, 0, n, n-1…
- SysTick is a modulo n+1 counter:
- VAL = (VAL - 1) mod (n+1)



SysTick Timer Initialization



31-24	23-17	16	15-3	2	1	0	Name
0	0	**COUNT**	0	CLK_SRC	INTEN	ENABLE	SysTick->CTRL
0	24-bit RELOAD value						SysTick->LOAD
0	24-bit CURRENT value of SysTick counter						SysTick->VAL

Table 9.0 SysTick Registers

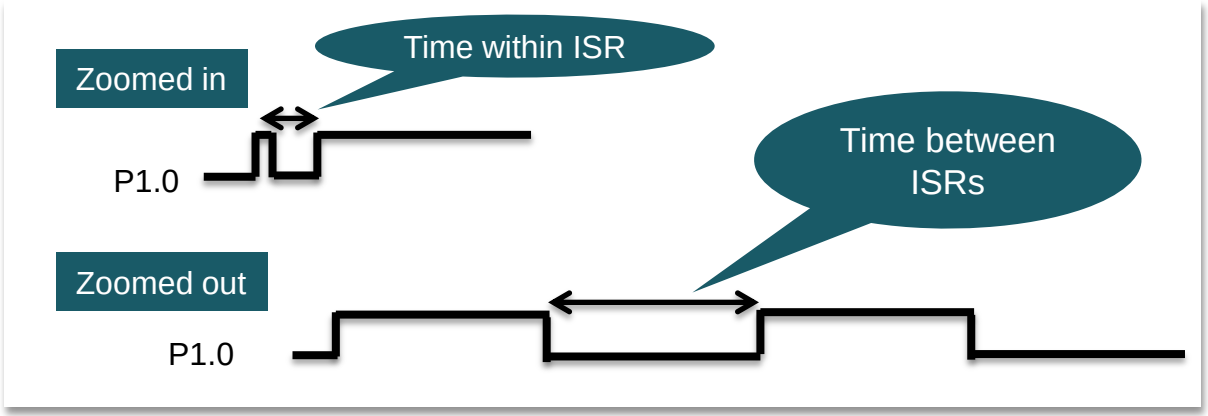
```
void SysTick_Init(uint32_t period, uint32_t priority){
  SysTick->LOAD = period-1;
  SysTick->CTRL = 0x00000007;
  SCB->SHP[11] = priority<<5;
}
```

```
EnableInterrupts();
```

At 48 MHz, it interrupts at 48MHz/period (every 20.833ns*period)

SysTick Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)

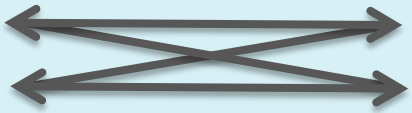
```
volatile uint32_t Time;
#define LED (*((volatile uint8_t *)(0x42098040)))
void SysTick_Handler(void){
  LED ^= 0x01;        // toggle P1.0
  LED ^= 0x01;        // toggle P1.0
  Time = Time + 1;    // body of ISR
  LED ^= 0x01;        // toggle P1.0
}
```



Critical Section

```
void Thread0(void){
  P2->OUT |= 0x01;
}
Thread0:
  LDR  R2,P2Addr
  LDRB R0,[R2]
  ORR  R0,#1
  STRB R0,[R2]
  BX   LR
```

```
void Thread1(void){
  P2->OUT |= 0x02;
}
Thread1:
  LDR  R2,P2Addr
  LDRB R0,[R2]
  ORR  R0,#2
  STRB R0,[R2]
  BX   LR
```



Nonatomic sequence

Shared global

Read-modify-write, write-write, write-read

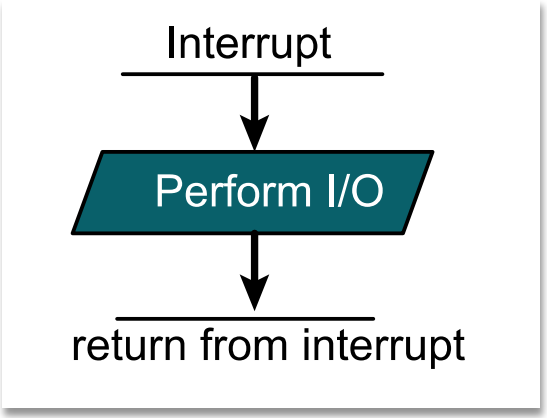
Solutions

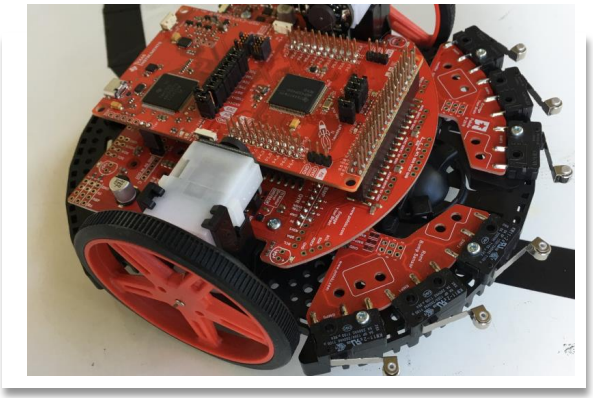
- Move to different port
- Bit-banding
- Disable, access, reenable

Summary

Interrupts

- Initialization (arm, priority, enable)
- Synchronization (globals)
- SysTick periodic interrupts
- Profiling





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