

## Lecture 10: PI/T timer

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# Introduction to the 68230

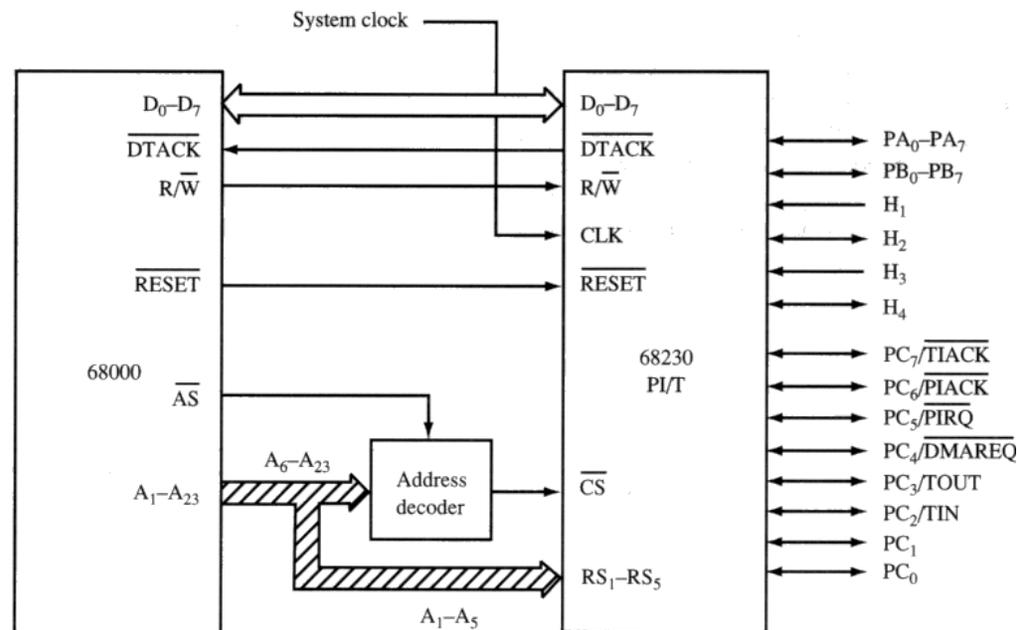
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- **The 68230 PI/T (Parallel Interface/Timer) is a general-purpose peripheral**
  - Its primary function is a parallel interface
  - Its secondary function is a programmable timer
- **The PARALLEL INTERFACE provides 4 modes with various *handshaking* and *buffering* capabilities**
  - Unidirectional 8-bit
  - Unidirectional 16-bit
  - Bidirectional 8-bit
  - Bidirectional 16-bit
- **The PROGRAMMABLE TIMER provides a variety of OS services**
  - Periodic interrupt generation
  - Square wave generation
  - Interrupt after timeout
  - Elapsed time measurement
  - System watchdog
- **This lecture covers the (easier) programmable timer function**
  - The next two lectures will cover the parallel interface



## PI/T simplified interface with the MC68000

- An address decoder places the PI/T at a given location within the address space of the processor
  - On the SBC68K, the PI/T base address is \$FE8000
- The 68230 is programmed and used by reading and writing data to the correct memory-mapped locations (registers)
- The 68230 contains 23 internal registers, which are selected by the state of 5 register-select inputs ( $RS_1$ - $RS_5$ ) connected to the address bus ( $A_1$ - $A_5$ )
  - Notice that ALL the registers are located at ODD memory locations
  - Only 9 of the 23 registers are used for the programmable timer function
- Data to the internal registers is transferred through the data bus ( $D_0$ - $D_7$ )
- There are three internal ports
  - Port A and Port B are used for parallel interface
  - Port C is shared by timer and parallel interface
- Handshaking is accomplished through lines  $H_1$ - $H_4$



# PI/T timer registers

## ■ Timer Control Register

- Determines the operation modes of the timer

## ■ Timer Interrupt Vector Register

- Stores the interrupt vector number

## ■ Counter Preload Register

- A 24-bit counter with the desired (by the programmer) number of counts measured in ticks

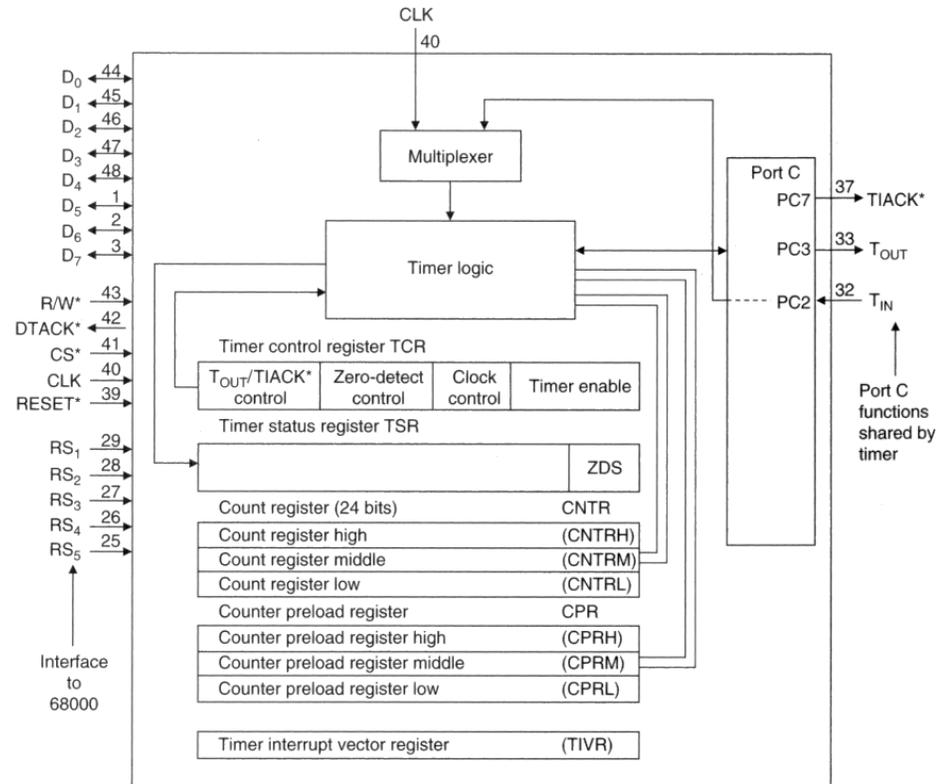
## ■ Counter Register

- A 24-bit counter down-counter that is **automatically** decremented with every tick

## ■ Timer Status Register

- Determines the status of the timer
- Only Bit #0 (Zero Detect Status or ZDS) is used
- In order to clear the ZDS bit after a zero-detect YOU MUST WRITE A 1 to it (YES, the ZDS bit is cleared by writing a ONE to it)

Register and Mnemonic	Acc.	Offset
Timer Control Register TCR	R/W	\$21
Timer Interrupt Vector Register TIVR	R/W	\$23
Counter Preload Register High CPRH	R/W	\$27
Counter Preload Register Middle CPRM	R/W	\$29
Counter Preload Register Low CPRL	R/W	\$31
Counter Register High CNTRH	R	\$2F
Counter Register Middle CNTRM	R	\$31
Counter Register Low CNTRL	R	\$33
Timer Status Register TSR	R/W	\$35



# Timer Control Register

## ■ Timer Enable (TCR0)

- Turns the timer ON and OFF. The timer is disabled when the bit is cleared; it is enabled when set
  - To start the timer, place an 1 in TCR0
  - To stop the timer, place a 0 in TCR0

## ■ Clock Control (TCR1-2)

- The PI/T timer permits different clock pulse operations. When the field is 00, every 32 CPU clock cycles become 1 timer tick.

## ■ Counter Load (TCR4)

- After completing its countdown, the tick counter is either reset from the Counter Preload Register (CPR) or it rolls over to \$FFFFFF
  - Writing a 0 on TCR4 causes a reload from the CPR
  - Writing a 1 on TCR4 causes a roll-over to \$FFFFFF.

## ■ Action on Zero Detect (TCR5-7)

- The timer can select from a series of actions when the tick counter reaches 0.

Mode	TCR7	TCR6	TCR5	TCR4	TCR3	TCR2	TCR1	TCR0
1	1	X	1	0	X	00 or 1X		1
2	0	1	X	0	X	00 or 1X		1
3	1	X	1	1	X	00 or 1X		1
4	0	0	X	1	X	0	0	1
5	0	0	X	1	X	0	X	1
6	1	X	1	1	X	0	1	1
	T <sub>OUT</sub> /TIACK* control			ZD control	Not used	Clock control		Timer enable

Mode 1: Real-time clock

Mode 2: Square wave generator

Mode 3: Interrupt after timeout

Mode 4: Elapsed time measurement

Mode 5: Pulse counter

Mode 6: Period measurement



## Clock control (TCR2-TCR1)

- **The counter can be decremented from three different signals**
  - $T_{IN}$ , the external clock input
  - The output of a 5-bit prescaler driven by CLK and enabled by  $T_{IN}$
  - CLK, the system clock (prescaled)
- **The 5-bit prescaler allows us to divide the counter frequency by 32**
- **The SBC68K clock runs at 8MHz ( $125 \times 10^{-9}$  seconds per count), so 1 second will require 250,000 CLK ticks (mode 00)**

$TCR_2$	$TCR_1$	Clock Control	Example
0	0	$PC_2/T_{IN}$ is a port C function. The counter clock is prescaled by 32, thus the counter clock is $CLK/32$ . The timer enable bit determines whether the timer is in the run or halt state.	<pre> graph LR     CLK --&gt; Prescaler     Prescaler --&gt; Counter         </pre>
0	1	$PC_2/T_{IN}$ is a timer input. The prescaler is decremented on the falling edge of CLK and the counter is decremented when the prescaler rolls over from \$00 to \$1F ( $31_{10}$ ). Timer is in the run state when BOTH timer enable bit and $T_{IN}$ are asserted.	<pre> graph LR     CLK --&gt; Prescaler     TIN --&gt; Prescaler     Prescaler --&gt; Counter         </pre>
1	0	$PC_2/T_{IN}$ is a timer input and is prescaled by 32. The prescaler is decremented following the rising transition of $T_{IN}$ after being synchronized with the internal clock. The 24-bit counter is decremented when the prescaler rolls over from \$00 to \$1F. The timer enable bit determines whether the timer is in the run or halt state.	<pre> graph LR     TIN --&gt; Prescaler     Prescaler --&gt; Counter         </pre>
1	1	$PC_2/T_{IN}$ is a timer input and prescaling is not used. The 24-bit counter is decremented following the rising edge of the signal at the $T_{IN}$ pin after being synchronized with the internal clock. The timer enable bit determines whether the timer is in the run or halt state.	<pre> graph LR     TIN --&gt; Counter         </pre>



## $T_{OUT}/TIACK^*$ control (TCR7-TCR5)

- Bits 7-5 of the Timer Control Register control the way the PI/T timer behaves on a zero-detect (ZDS=1)
  - Whether interrupts are supported (vectored, auto-vectored or none)
  - How does the PC3/ $T_{OUT}$  output pin behave
  - How is the PC7/ $TIACK^*$  input pin interpreted

TCR <sub>7</sub>	TCR <sub>6</sub>	TCR <sub>5</sub>	Timer response (simplified)	Timer response (detailed)
0	0	X	Use timer pins for the operation of I/O port C	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ and PC7/ $TIACK^*$ are port C functions
0	1	X	Toggle a square wave with each expiration of the timer	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ is a timer function. In the run state $T_{OUT}$ provides a square wave which is toggled on each zero-detect. The $T_{OUT}$ pin is high in the halt state. PC7/ $TIACK^*$ is a port C function.
1	0	0	No vectored interrupt generated on a count of 0	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ is a timer function. In the run or halt state $T_{OUT}$ is used as a timer request output. Timer interrupt is disabled, the pin is always three-stated. PC7/ $TIACK^*$ is a port C function. Since interrupt requests are negated, PI/T produces no response to an asserted $TIACK^*$ .
1	0	1	Generate a vectored interrupt on a count of 0	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ is a timer function and is used as a timer interrupt request output. The timer interrupt is enabled and $T_{OUT}$ is low ( $IRQ^*$ asserted) whenever the ZDS bit is set. PC7/ $TIACK^*$ is used to detect the 68000 IACK cycle. This combination operates in the vectored-interrupt mode.
1	1	0	No autovectored interrupt generated on a count of 0	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ is a timer function. In the run or halt state it is used as a timer interrupt request output. The timer interrupt is disabled and the pin always three-stated. PC7/ $TIACK^*$ is a port C function.
1	1	1	Generate an auto-vectored interrupt on a count of 0	PC3/ $T_{OUT}$ is a timer function and is used as a timer interrupt request output. The timer interrupt is enabled and $T_{OUT}$ is low whenever the ZDS bit is set. PC7/ $TIACK^*$ is a port C function. This combination operates in an autovectored interrupt mode.



## MOVEP instruction

- The MOVEP instruction is provided to allow transfer of data to alternate bytes in memory

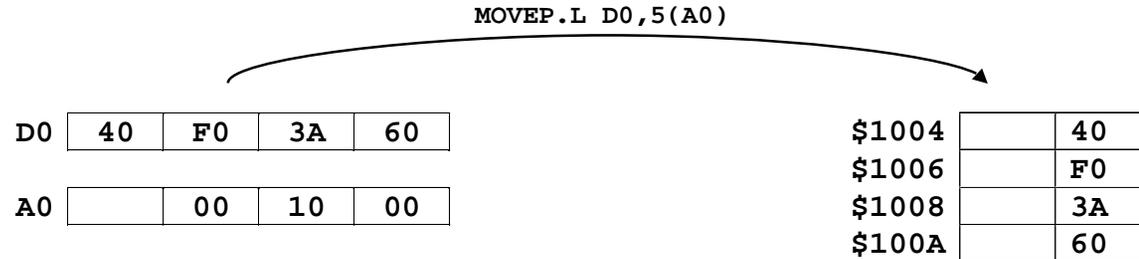
- This is very useful for 68000-based peripherals

- Instruction format

MOVEP.size Di,d(Aj)

MOVEP.size d(Aj),Di

- Example

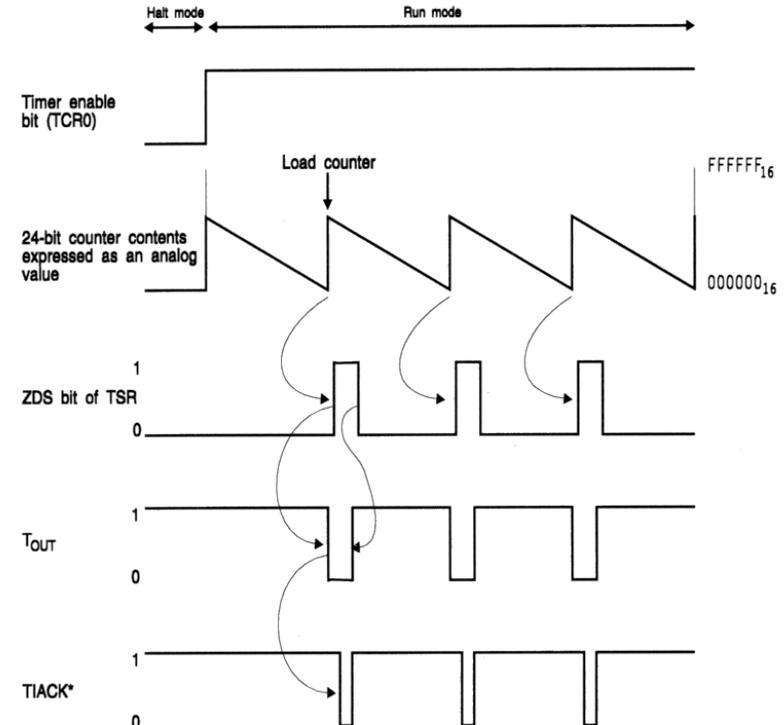


## Example: Real-time clock

- The PI/T generates an interrupt at periodic intervals
- Hardware configuration
  - T<sub>OUT</sub> MUST BE connected to one of the 68000's IRQ\* lines
  - TIACK\* MUST BE connected to the appropriate 68000's IACK\* line
- The counter is reloaded from CPRC on each zero-detect
  - The ZDS MUST be cleared by the interrupt handler to remove the interrupt request
- Sample assembly code

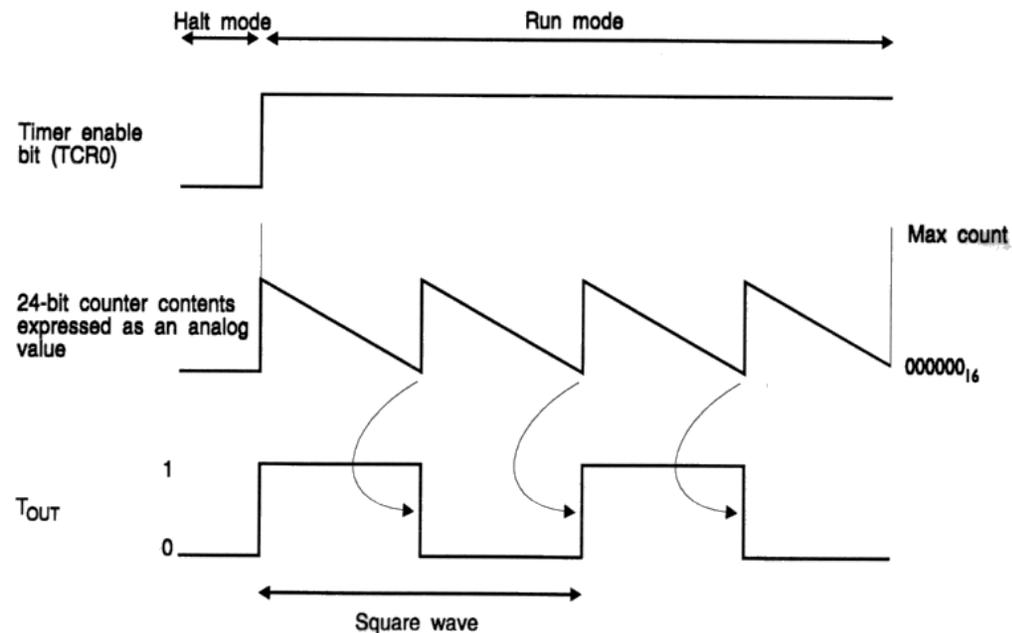
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PIT EQU $FE8000 ;PI/T base address on the SBC68K
TCR EQU $21 ;offset to the timer control reg
TIVR EQU $23 ;offset to the timer int. vector reg
CPR EQU $25 ;offset to the counter preload reg
TSR EQU $35 ;offset to the timer status reg
TIME EQU 4*timevec ;location of the PI/T int. handler

setup LEA PIT,A0
MOVE.B #timevec,TIVR(A0) ;load the interrupt vector
MOVE.L #$0FFFFFFF,D0 ;setup the maximum count
MOVEP.L D0,CPR(A0) ;and load it into the CPR
MOVE.B #$10100001,TCR(A0) ;set up the TCR
RTS
```



## Example: Square wave generator

- The timer produces a square wave at its  $T_{OUT}$  output pin
  - No interrupts are generated (supported)
- Hardware configuration
  - $T_{OUT}$  MUST NOT be connected to an IRQ line or else the 68000 will be interrupted when  $T_{OUT}$  goes to LOW
  - $TIACK^*$  is ignored by the PI/T timer in this mode
- The SBC68K has a jumper (JP6) that allows us to configure the way 68000 and PI/T are connected (SBC68K User's Manual, pp. 5-18)
- The TCR7 bit is cleared to allow the  $T_{OUT}$  pin to be toggled each time the counter rolls down to zero
- The period of the wave is determined by the valued loaded on the counter preload register



# Polling Vs. Interrupt

## ■ An alternative to programming interrupts is to create a polling loop

- The CPU periodically reads the ZDS bit off the PI/T
- When ZDS=1 the CPU executes the code originally written for the interrupt handler
- Unless the CPU has nothing else to do between timeouts of the PI/T timer, polling is a waste of CPU cycles!

polling.c

```
main () {
    set_up_pit_polling();

    while (1) {
        while (zds!=1) {
            /* do nothing until timeout */
        }
        clear_zds();
        perform_operation();
    }
}
```

interrupt.c

```
isr() {
    clear_zds();
    perform_operation();
}

main () {
    set_up_pit_interrupt(isr);

    while (1) {
        /* do something useful, isr()
        takes care of the timeout */
    }
}
```



## Example: Programming interrupts for the PI/T in C language

```
/* This code will setup the 68320 to generate an interrupt every
   5 seconds. The interrupt service routine isr() clears the ZDS
   bit so the 68320 stops asserting the IRQ* line since its
   interrupt request has been serviced */

#define tmr ((unsigned char*) 0xFE8021) /* Timer Base Address */
#define tcr (( unsigned char*) tmr) /* Timer Control Reg */
#define tivr (( unsigned char*) tmr+2) /* Timer Int. Vect. Reg */
#define cprh (( unsigned char*) tmr+6) /* Preload Hi Reg */
#define cprm (( unsigned char*) tmr+8) /* Preload Mid Reg */
#define cprl (( unsigned char*) tmr+10) /* Preload Lo Reg */
#define cnrh (( unsigned char*) tmr+14) /* Counter Hi Reg */
#define cnrm (( unsigned char*) tmr+16) /* Counter Mid Reg */
#define cnrl (( unsigned char*) tmr+18) /* Counter Lo Reg */
#define tsr (( unsigned char*) tmr+20) /* Timer Status Reg */
#define tvector 0x40 /* Timer Vector reg */
#define tmrcntrl 0x80 /* Timer Mode */

void isr() {

    /* so we get feedback when this function gets called */
    printf("Five secs has passed\n");

    /* reset the ZDS bit */
    *tsr = 0x01;

    /* return to main() */
    asm(" rte");
}
```

```
main () {
    long *vtable;
    int count=1250000;

    /* set supervisor mode and interrupt mask to 4 */
    asm("      move.w  #$2400,SR");

    /* setup the stack pointer */
    asm("      movea.l  #$20000,SP");

    /* setup timer control register */
    *tcr = 0xA0;

    /* setup vector table entry */
    *tivr = 70;
    vtable = (long *) (70*4);
    *vtable = isr;

    /* load the counter preload register */
    *cprl = (unsigned char) count;
    count = count >> 8; /* shift right 8 bits */
    *cprm = (unsigned char) count;
    count = count >> 8; /* shift right 8 bits */
    *cprh = (unsigned char) count;

    /* Start timer */
    *tcr = 0xA1;

    while (1) {
        /*do the regular control loop*/
    }
}
```



## Example: Programming a polling loop for the PI/T in C language

```
/* This code will setup a polling loop so the 68320 continuously
   checks the ZDS bit of the PI/T timer */

#define tmr ((unsigned char*) 0xFE8021) /* Timer Base Address */
#define tcr (( unsigned char*) tmr) /* Timer Control Reg */
#define tivr (( unsigned char*) tmr+2) /* Timer Int. Vect. Reg */
#define cprh (( unsigned char*) tmr+6) /* Preload Hi Reg */
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/* The isr() function is not needed anymore since the
   code it used to execute is now performed by main()
   after it reads that the ZDS bit has been set to 1 */
```

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main () {
    int count=1250000;

    /* set supervisor mode and interrupt mask to 4 */
    asm("      move.w  #$2400,SR");

    /* setup the stack pointer */
    asm("      movea.l  #$20000,SP");

    /* setup timer control register */
    *tcr = 0x80;

    /* load the counter preload register */
    *cprl = (unsigned char) count;
    count = count >> 8; /* shift right 8 bits */
    *cprm = (unsigned char) count;
    count = count >> 8; /* shift right 8 bits */
    *cprh = (unsigned char) count;

    /* Start timer */
    *tcr = 0x81;

    while (1) {
        while ( !(*tsr&1) ) {
            /* check until ZDS goes high */
        }
        printf("Five secs has passed\n");

        /* reset the ZDS bit */
        *tsr = 0x01;
    }
}
```

