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8-bit Atmel XMEGA D Microcontroller

XMEGA D MANUAL

This document contains complete and detailed description of all modules included in the Atmel[®] AVR[®] XMEGA[®] D microcontroller family. The AVR XMEGA D is a family of low-power, high-performance, and peripheral-rich CMOS 8/16-bit microcontrollers based on the AVR enhanced RISC architecture. The available AVR XMEGA D modules described in this manual are:

- Atmel AVR CPU
- Memories
- **•** Event system
- System clock and clock options
- Power management and sleep modes
- System control and reset
- WDT Watchdog timer
- Interrupts and programmable multilevel interrupt controller
- PORT I/O ports
- TC 16-bit timer/counters
- AWeX Advanced waveform extension
- Hi-Res High resolution extension
- RTC Real-time counter
- **TWI Two-wire serial interface**
- SPI Serial peripheral interface
- USART Universal synchronous and asynchronous serial receiver and transmitter
- **IRCOM Infrared communication module**
- CRC Cyclic redundancy check
- ADC Analog-to-digital converter
- AC Analog comparator
- PDI Program and debug interface
- Memory programming
- Peripheral address map
- Register summary
- \bullet Interrupt vector summary
- **•** Instruction set summary

1. About the Manual

This document contains in-depth documentation of all peripherals and modules available for the AVR XMEGA D microcontroller family. All features are documented on a functional level and described in a general sense. All peripherals and modules described in this manual may not be present in all AVR XMEGA D devices.

For all device-specific information such as characterization data, memory sizes, modules, peripherals available, and their absolute memory addresses, refer to the device datasheets. When several instances of a peripheral exists in one device, each instance will have a unique name. For example each port module (PORT) have unique name, such as PORTA, PORTB, etc. Register and bit names are unique within one module instance.

[For more details on applied use and code examples for peripherals and modules, refer to the Atmel AVR XMEGA](http://www.atmel.com/avr) [specific application notes available from h](http://www.atmel.com/avr)ttp://www.atmel.com/avr.

1.1 Reading the Manual

The main sections describe the various modules and peripherals. Each section contains a short feature list and overview describing the module. The remaining section describes the features and functions in more detail.

The register description sections list all registers and describe each register, bit, and flag with their function. This includes details on how to set up and enable various features in the module. When multiple bits are needed for a configuration setting, these are grouped together in a bit group. The possible bit group configurations are listed for all bit groups together with their associated Group Configuration and a short description. The Group Configuration refers to the defined configuration name used in the Atmel AVR XMEGA assembler header files and application note source code.

The register summary sections list the internal register map for each module type.

The interrupt vector summary sections list the interrupt vectors and offset address for each module type.

1.2 Resources

[A comprehensive set of development tools, application notes, and datasheets are available for download from](http://www.atmel.com/avr) http://www.atmel.com/avr.

1.3 Recommended Reading

- AVR XMEGA D device datasheets
- AVR XMEGA application notes

This manual contains general modules and peripheral descriptions. The AVR XMEGA D device datasheets contains the device-specific information. The XMEGA application notes and AVR Software Framework contain example code and show applied use of the modules and peripherals.

For new users, it is recommended to read the AVR1000 - Getting Started Writing C Code for Atmel XMEGA.

2. Overview

The AVR XMEGA D microcontrollers is a family of low-power, high-performance, and peripheral-rich CMOS 8/16-bit microcontrollers based on the AVR enhanced RISC architecture. By executing powerful instructions in a single clock cycle, the AVR XMEGA D devices achieve throughputs approaching one million instructions per second (MIPS) per megahertz, allowing the system designer to optimize power consumption versus processing speed.

The AVR CPU combines a rich instruction set with 32 general purpose working registers. All 32 registers are directly connected to the arithmetic logic unit (ALU), allowing two independent registers to be accessed in a single instruction, executed in one clock cycle. The resulting architecture is more code efficient while achieving throughputs many times faster than conventional single-accumulator or CISC based microcontrollers.

The AVR XMEGA D devices provide the following features: in-system programmable flash with read-while-write capabilities; internal EEPROM and SRAM; four-channel event system and programmable multilevel interrupt controller; up to 50 general purpose I/O lines; 16-bit real-time counter (RTC); up to five flexible, 16-bit timer/counters with capture, compare and PWM modes; up to three USARTs; two I²C and SMBUS compatible two-wire serial interfaces (TWIs); up to two serial peripheral interfaces (SPIs); CRC module; one 16-channel, 12-bit ADC with programmable gain; two analog comparators (ACs) with window mode; programmable watchdog timer with separate internal oscillator; accurate internal oscillators with PLL and prescaler; and programmable brown-out detection.

The program and debug interface (PDI), a fast, two-pin interface for programming and debugging, is available.

The Atmel AVR XMEGA devices have five software selectable power saving modes. The idle mode stops the CPU while allowing the SRAM, event system, interrupt controller, and all peripherals to continue functioning. The power-down mode saves the SRAM and register contents, but stops the oscillators, disabling all other functions until the next TWI, or pinchange interrupt, or reset. In power-save mode, the asynchronous real-time counter continues to run, allowing the application to maintain a timer base while the rest of the device is sleeping. In standby mode, the external crystal oscillator keeps running while the rest of the device is sleeping. This allows very fast startup from the external crystal, combined with low power consumption. In extended standby mode, both the main oscillator and the asynchronous timer continue to run. To further reduce power consumption, the peripheral clock to each individual peripheral can optionally be stopped in active mode and idle sleep mode.

The devices are manufactured using Atmel high-density, nonvolatile memory technology. The program flash memory can be reprogrammed in-system through the PDI interface. A boot loader running in the device can use any interface to download the application program to the flash memory. The boot loader software in the boot flash section will continue to run while the application flash section is updated, providing true read-while-write operation. By combining an 8/16-bit RISC CPU with In-system, self-programmable flash, the Atmel AVR XMEGA is a powerful microcontroller family that provides a highly flexible and cost effective solution for many embedded applications.

The AVR XMEGA D devices are supported with a full suite of program and system development tools, including C compilers, macro assemblers, program debugger/simulators, programmers, and evaluation kits.

Figure 2-1. AVR XMEGA D Block Diagram

In [Table 2-1 on page 5](#page-4-0) a feature summary for the AVR XMEGA D family is shown, split into one feature summary column for each sub-family. Each sub-family has identical feature set, but different memory options, refer to their device datasheet for ordering codes and memory options.

Table 2-1. XMEGA D Feature Summary Overview

3. Atmel AVR CPU

3.1 Features

- 8/16-bit, high-performance Atmel AVR RISC CPU
	- 141 instructions
	- Hardware multiplier
- 32x8-bit registers directly connected to the ALU
- Stack in RAM
- Stack pointer accessible in I/O memory space
- Direct addressing of up to 16MB of program memory and 16MB of data memory
- True 16/24-bit access to 16/24-bit I/O registers
- Efficient support for 8-, 16-, and 32-bit arithmetic
- Configuration change protection of system-critical features

3.2 Overview

All Atmel AVR XMEGA devices use the 8/16-bit AVR CPU. The main function of the CPU is to execute the code and perform all calculations. The CPU is able to access memories, perform calculations, control peripherals, and execute the program in the flash memory. Interrupt handling is described in a separate section, "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

3.3 Architectural Overview

In order to maximize performance and parallelism, the AVR CPU uses a Harvard architecture with separate memories and buses for program and data. Instructions in the program memory are executed with single-level pipelining. While one instruction is being executed, the next instruction is pre-fetched from the program memory. This enables instructions to be executed on every clock cycle. For a summary of all AVR instructions, refer to "Instruction Set Summary" on page [294](#page-293-0)[. For details of all AVR instructions, refer to h](http://www.atmel.com/avr)ttp://www.atmel.com/avr.

Figure 3-1. Block Diagram of the AVR CPU Architecture

The arithmetic logic unit (ALU) supports arithmetic and logic operations between registers or between a constant and a register. Single-register operations can also be executed in the ALU. After an arithmetic operation, the status register is updated to reflect information about the result of the operation.

The ALU is directly connected to the fast-access register file. The 32 x 8-bit general purpose working registers all have single clock cycle access time allowing single-cycle arithmetic logic unit operation between registers or between a register and an immediate. Six of the 32 registers can be used as three 16-bit address pointers for program and data space addressing, enabling efficient address calculations.

The memory spaces are linear. The data memory space and the program memory space are two different memory spaces.

The data memory space is divided into I/O registers, SRAM, and external RAM. In addition, the EEPROM can be memory mapped in the data memory.

All I/O status and control registers reside in the lowest 4KB addresses of the data memory. This is referred to as the I/O memory space. The lowest 64 addresses can be accessed directly, or as the data space locations from 0x00 to 0x3F. The rest is the extended I/O memory space, ranging from 0x0040 to 0x0FFF. I/O registers here must be accessed as data space locations using load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions.

The SRAM holds data. Code execution from SRAM is not supported. It can easily be accessed through the five different addressing modes supported in the AVR architecture. The first SRAM address is 0x2000.

Data addresses 0x1000 to 0x1FFF are reserved for memory mapping of EEPROM.

The program memory is divided in two sections, the application program section and the boot program section. Both sections have dedicated lock bits for write and read/write protection. The SPM instruction that is used for selfprogramming of the application flash memory must reside in the boot program section. The application section contains an application table section with separate lock bits for write and read/write protection. The application table section can be used for save storing of nonvolatile data in the program memory.

3.4 ALU - Arithmetic Logic Unit

The arithmetic logic unit supports arithmetic and logic operations between registers or between a constant and a register. Single-register operations can also be executed. The ALU operates in direct connection with all 32 general purpose registers. In a single clock cycle, arithmetic operations between general purpose registers or between a register and an immediate are executed and the result is stored in the register file. After an arithmetic or logic operation, the status register is updated to reflect information about the result of the operation.

ALU operations are divided into three main categories – arithmetic, logical, and bit functions. Both 8- and 16-bit arithmetic is supported, and the instruction set allows for efficient implementation of 32-bit arithmetic. The hardware multiplier supports signed and unsigned multiplication and fractional format.

3.4.1 Hardware Multiplier

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The multiplier is capable of multiplying two 8-bit numbers into a 16-bit result. The hardware multiplier supports different variations of signed and unsigned integer and fractional numbers:

- Multiplication of unsigned integers
- Multiplication of signed integers
- Multiplication of a signed integer with an unsigned integer
- Multiplication of unsigned fractional numbers
- Multiplication of signed fractional numbers
- Multiplication of a signed fractional number with an unsigned one

A multiplication takes two CPU clock cycles.

3.5 Program Flow

After reset, the CPU starts to execute instructions from the lowest address in the flash program memory '0.' The program counter (PC) addresses the next instruction to be fetched.

Program flow is provided by conditional and unconditional jump and call instructions capable of addressing the whole address space directly. Most AVR instructions use a 16-bit word format, while a limited number use a 32-bit format.

During interrupts and subroutine calls, the return address PC is stored on the stack. The stack is allocated in the general data SRAM, and consequently the stack size is only limited by the total SRAM size and the usage of the SRAM. After reset, the stack pointer (SP) points to the highest address in the internal SRAM. The SP is read/write accessible in the I/O memory space, enabling easy implementation of multiple stacks or stack areas. The data SRAM can easily be accessed through the five different addressing modes supported in the AVR CPU.

3.6 Instruction Execution Timing

The AVR CPU is clocked by the CPU clock, clk_{CPL} . No internal clock division is used. [Figure 3-2](#page-8-1) shows the parallel instruction fetches and instruction executions enabled by the Harvard architecture and the fast-access register file concept. This is the basic pipelining concept used to obtain up to 1MIPS/MHz performance with high power efficiency.

[Figure 3-3](#page-8-0) shows the internal timing concept for the register file. In a single clock cycle, an ALU operation using two register operands is executed and the result is stored back to the destination register.

3.7 Status Register

The status register (SREG) contains information about the result of the most recently executed arithmetic or logic instruction. This information can be used for altering program flow in order to perform conditional operations. Note that the status register is updated after all ALU operations, as specified in the instruction set reference. This will in many cases remove the need for using the dedicated compare instructions, resulting in faster and more compact code.

The status register is not automatically stored when entering an interrupt routine nor restored when returning from an interrupt. This must be handled by software.

The status register is accessible in the I/O memory space.

3.8 Stack and Stack Pointer

The stack is used for storing return addresses after interrupts and subroutine calls. It can also be used for storing temporary data. The stack pointer (SP) register always points to the top of the stack. It is implemented as two 8-bit registers that are accessible in the I/O memory space. Data are pushed and popped from the stack using the PUSH and POP instructions. The stack grows from a higher memory location to a lower memory location. This implies that pushing data onto the stack decreases the SP, and popping data off the stack increases the SP. The SP is automatically loaded after reset, and the initial value is the highest address of the internal SRAM. If the SP is changed, it must be set to point above address 0x2000, and it must be defined before any subroutine calls are executed or before interrupts are enabled.

During interrupts or subroutine calls, the return address is automatically pushed on the stack. The return address can be two or three bytes, depending on program memory size of the device. For devices with 128KB or less of program memory, the return address is two bytes, and hence the stack pointer is decremented/incremented by two. For devices with more than 128KB of program memory, the return address is three bytes, and hence the SP is decremented/incremented by three. The return address is popped off the stack when returning from interrupts using the RETI instruction, and from subroutine calls using the RET instruction.

The SP is decremented by one when data are pushed on the stack with the PUSH instruction, and incremented by one when data is popped off the stack using the POP instruction.

To prevent corruption when updating the stack pointer from software, a write to SPL will automatically disable interrupts for up to four instructions or until the next I/O memory write.

3.9 Register File

The register file consists of 32 x 8-bit general purpose working registers with single clock cycle access time. The register file supports the following input/output schemes:

- One 8-bit output operand and one 8-bit result input
- Two 8-bit output operands and one 8-bit result input
- Two 8-bit output operands and one 16-bit result input
- **•** One 16-bit output operand and one 16-bit result input

Six of the 32 registers can be used as three 16-bit address register pointers for data space addressing, enabling efficient address calculations. One of these address pointers can also be used as an address pointer for lookup tables in flash program memory.

Figure 3-4. AVR CPU General Purpose Working Registers

The register file is located in a separate address space, and so the registers are not accessible as data memory.

3.9.1 The X-, Y-, and Z-registers

Registers R26..R31 have added functions besides their general-purpose usage.

These registers can form 16-bit address pointers for addressing data memory. These three address registers are called the X-register, Y-register, and Z-register. The Z-register can also be used as an address pointer to read from and/or write to the flash program memory, signature rows, fuses, and lock bits.

Figure 3-5. The X-, Y-, and Z-registers

The lowest register address holds the least-significant byte (LSB), and the highest register address holds the mostsignificant byte (MSB). In the different addressing modes, these address registers function as fixed displacement, automatic increment, and automatic decrement (see the instruction set reference for details).

3.10 RAMP and Extended Indirect Registers

In order to access program memory or data memory above 64KB, the address pointer must be larger than 16 bits. This is done by concatenating one register to one of the X-, Y-, or Z-registers. This register then holds the most-significant byte (MSB) in a 24-bit address or address pointer.

These registers are available only on devices with external bus interface and/or more than 64KB of program or data memory space. For these devices, only the number of bits required to address the whole program and data memory space in the device is implemented in the registers.

3.10.1 RAMPX, RAMPY, and RAMPZ Registers

The RAMPX, RAMPY, and RAMPZ registers are concatenated with the X-, Y-, and Z-registers, respectively, to enable indirect addressing of the whole data memory space above 64KB and up to 16MB.

Bit (Individually)	$\overline{7}$		0	-7		$\mathbf 0$	$\overline{7}$		0
		RAMPX			XH			XL	
Bit (X-pointer)	23		16	15		8	$\overline{7}$		0
Bit (Individually)	7		0	7		$\mathbf 0$	$\overline{7}$		0
		RAMPY			YH			YL	
Bit (Y-pointer)	23		16	15		8	7		0
Bit (Individually)	7		$\mathbf{0}$	$\overline{7}$		0	$\overline{7}$		0
		RAMPZ			ZH			ZL	

Figure 3-6. The Combined RAMPX + X, RAMPY + Y, and RAMPZ + Z Registers

When reading (ELPM) and writing (SPM) program memory locations above the first 128KB of the program memory, RAMPZ is concatenated with the Z-register to form the 24-bit address. LPM is not affected by the RAMPZ setting.

3.10.2 RAMPD Register

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This register is concatenated with the operand to enable direct addressing of the whole data memory space above 64KB. Together, RAMPD and the operand will form a 24-bit address.

Figure 3-7. The Combined RAMPD + K Register

3.10.3 EIND - Extended Indirect Register

EIND is concatenated with the Z-register to enable indirect jump and call to locations above the first 128KB (64K words) of the program memory.

Figure 3-8. The combined EIND + Z Register

3.11 Accessing 16-bit Registers

The AVR data bus is 8 bits wide, and so accessing 16-bit registers requires atomic operations. These registers must be byte-accessed using two read or write operations. 16-bit registers are connected to the 8-bit bus and a temporary register using a 16-bit bus.

For a write operation, the low byte of the 16-bit register must be written before the high byte. The low byte is then written into the temporary register. When the high byte of the 16-bit register is written, the temporary register is copied into the low byte of the 16-bit register in the same clock cycle.

For a read operation, the low byte of the 16-bit register must be read before the high byte. When the low byte register is read by the CPU, the high byte of the 16-bit register is copied into the temporary register in the same clock cycle as the low byte is read. When the high byte is read, it is then read from the temporary register.

This ensures that the low and high bytes of 16-bit registers are always accessed simultaneously when reading or writing the register.

Interrupts can corrupt the timed sequence if an interrupt is triggered and accesses the same 16-bit register during an atomic 16-bit read/write operation. To prevent this, interrupts can be disabled when writing or reading 16-bit registers.

The temporary registers can also be read and written directly from user software.

3.11.1 Accessing 24- and 32-bit Registers

For 24- and 32-bit registers, the read and write access is done in the same way as described for 16-bit registers, except there are two temporary registers for 24-bit registers and three for 32-bit registers. The least-significant byte must be written first when doing a write, and read first when doing a read.

3.12 Configuration Change Protection

System critical I/O register settings are protected from accidental modification. The SPM instruction is protected from accidental execution, and the LPM instruction is protected when reading the fuses and signature row. This is handled globally by the configuration change protection (CCP) register. Changes to the protected I/O registers or bits, or execution of protected instructions, are only possible after the CPU writes a signature to the CCP register. The different signatures are described in the register description.

There are two modes of operation: one for protected I/O registers, and one for the protected instructions, SPM/LPM.

3.12.1 Sequence for Write Operation to Protected I/O Registers

- 1. The application code writes the signature that enable change of protected I/O registers to the CCP register.
- 2. Within four instruction cycles, the application code must write the appropriate data to the protected register. Most protected registers also contain a write enable/change enable bit. This bit must be written to one in the same operation as the data are written. The protected change is immediately disabled if the CPU performs write operations to the I/O register or data memory or if the SPM, LPM, or SLEEP instruction is executed.

3.12.2 Sequence for Execution of Protected SPM/LPM

- 1. The application code writes the signature for the execution of protected SPM/LPM to the CCP register.
- 2. Within four instruction cycles, the application code must execute the appropriate instruction. The protected change is immediately disabled if the CPU performs write operations to the data memory or if the SLEEP instruction is executed.

Once the correct signature is written by the CPU, interrupts will be ignored for the duration of the configuration change enable period. Any interrupt request (including non-maskable interrupts) during the CCP period will set the corresponding interrupt flag as normal, and the request is kept pending. After the CCP period is completed, any pending interrupts are executed according to their level and priority.

3.13 Fuse Lock

For some system-critical features, it is possible to program a fuse to disable all changes to the associated I/O control registers. If this is done, it will not be possible to change the registers from the user software, and the fuse can only be reprogrammed using an external programmer. Details on this are described in the datasheet module where this feature is available.

3.14 Register Descriptions

3.14.1 CCP – Configuration Change Protection Register

Bit 7:0 – CCP[7:0]: Configuration Change Protection

The CCP register must be written with the correct signature to enable change of the protected I/O register or execution of the protected instruction for a maximum period of four CPU instruction cycles. All interrupts are ignored during these cycles. After these cycles, interrupts will automatically be handled again by the CPU, and any pending interrupts will be executed according to their level and priority. When the protected I/O register signature is written, CCP[0] will read as one as long as the protected feature is enabled. Similarly when the protected SPM/LPM signature is written, CCP[1] will read as one as long as the protected feature is enabled. CCP[7:2] will always read as zero. [Table 3-1](#page-13-0) shows the signature for the various modes.

Table 3-1. Modes of CPU Change Protection

3.14.2 RAMPD – Extended Direct Addressing Register

This register is concatenated with the operand for direct addressing (LDS/STS) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit 7:0 – RAMPD[7:0]: Extended Direct Addressing Bits

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPD and the 16-bit operand. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.3 RAMPX – Extended X-pointer Register

This register is concatenated with the X-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit 7:0 – RAMPX[7:0]: Extended X-pointer Address bits

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPX and the 16-bit X-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.4 RAMPY – Extended Y-pointer Register

This register is concatenated with the Y-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit 7:0 – RAMPY[7:0]: Extended Y-pointer Address bits

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPY and the 16-bit Y-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.5 RAMPZ – Extended Z-pointer Register

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This register is concatenated with the Z-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. RAMPZ is concatenated with the Z-register when reading (ELPM) program memory locations above the first 64KB and writing (SPM) program memory locations above the first 128KB of the program memory.

This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory and program memory in the device, is less than 64KB.

Bit 7:0 – RAMPZ[7:0]: Extended Z-pointer Address bits

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPZ and the 16-bit Z-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data and program memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.6 EIND – Extended Indirect Register

This register is concatenated with the Z-register for enabling extended indirect jump (EIJMP) and call (EICALL) to the whole program memory space on devices with more than 128KB of program memory. The register should be used for jumps to addresses below 128KB if ECALL/EIJMP are used, and it will not be used if CALL and IJMP commands are used. For jump or call to addresses below 128KB, this register is not used. This register is not available if the program memory in the device is less than 128KB.

Bit 7:0 – EIND[7:0]: Extended Indirect Address bits

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by EIND and the 16-bit Z-register. Only the number of bits required to access the available program memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.7 SPL – Stack Pointer Register Low

The SPH and SPL register pair represent the 16-bit SP value. The SP holds the stack pointer that points to the top of the stack. After reset, the stack pointer points to the highest internal SRAM address. To prevent corruption when updating the stack pointer from software, a write to SPL will automatically disable interrupts for the next four instructions or until the next I/O memory write.

Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory, including external memory, up to 64KB is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

Note: 1. Refer to specific device datasheets for exact initial values.

Bit 7:0 – SP[7:0]: Stack Pointer Register Low

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit stack pointer (SP).

3.14.8 SPH – Stack Pointer Register High

Note: 1. Refer to specific device datasheets for exact initial values.

Bit 7:0 – SP[15:8]: Stack Pointer Register High

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit stack pointer (SP).

3.14.9 SREG – Status Register

The status register (SREG) contains information about the result of the most recently executed arithmetic or logic instruction.

Bit 7 – I: Global Interrupt Enable

The global interrupt enable bit must be set for interrupts to be enabled. If the global interrupt enable register is cleared, none of the interrupts are enabled independent of the individual interrupt enable settings. This bit is not cleared by hardware after an interrupt has occurred. This bit can be set and cleared by the application with the SEI and CLI instructions, as described in "Instruction Set Description." Changing the I flag through the I/O-register result in a onecycle wait state on the access.

Bit 6 – T: Bit Copy Storage

The bit copy instructions bit load (BLD) and bit store (BST) use the T bit as source or destination for the operated bit. A bit from a register in the register file can be copied into this bit by the BST instruction, and this bit can be copied into a bit in a register in the register file by the BLD instruction.

Bit 5 – H: Half Carry Flag

The half carry flag (H) indicates a half carry in some arithmetic operations. Half carry Is useful in BCD arithmetic. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

Bit $4 - S$: Sign Bit, $S = N \oplus V$

The sign bit is always an exclusive or between the negative flag, N, and the two's complement overflow flag, V. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

Bit 3 – V: Two's Complement Overflow Flag

The two's complement overflow flag (V) supports two's complement arithmetic. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

Bit 2 – N: Negative Flag

The negative flag (N) indicates a negative result in an arithmetic or logic operation. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

Bit 1 – Z: Zero Flag

The zero flag (Z) indicates a zero result in an arithmetic or logic operation. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

Bit 0 – C: Carry Flag

The carry flag (C) indicates a carry in an arithmetic or logic operation. See "Instruction Set Description" for detailed information.

3.15 Register Summary

4. Memories

4.1 Features

- Flash program memory
	- One linear address space
	- In-system programmable
	- Self-programming and boot loader support
	- Application section for application code
	- Application table section for application code or data storage
	- Boot section for application code or bootloader code
	- Separate read/write protection lock bits for all sections
	- Built in fast CRC check of a selectable flash program memory section
- Data memory
	- One linear address space
	- Single-cycle access from CPU
	- SRAM
	- EEPROM
		- Byte and page accessible
		- Optional memory mapping for direct load and store
	- I/O memory
		- Configuration and status registers for all peripherals and modules
		- Four bit-accessible general purpose registers for global variables or flags
	- Bus arbitration
		- Safe and deterministic handling of priority between CPU and other bus masters
	- Separate buses for SRAM, EEPROM, I/O memory, and external memory access
- Production signature row memory for factory programmed data
	- ID for each microcontroller device type
	- Serial number for each device
	- Calibration bytes for factory calibrated peripherals
- **User signature row**
	- One flash page in size
	- Can be read and written from software
	- Content is kept after chip erase

4.2 Overview

This section describes the different memory sections. The AVR architecture has two main memory spaces, the program memory and the data memory. Executable code can reside only in the program memory, while data can be stored in the program memory and the data memory. The data memory includes the internal SRAM, and EEPROM for nonvolatile data storage. All memory spaces are linear and require no memory bank switching. Nonvolatile memory (NVM) spaces can be locked for further write and read/write operations. This prevents unrestricted access to the application software.

A separate memory section contains the fuse bytes. These are used for configuring important system functions, and can only be written by an external programmer.

4.3 Flash Program Memory

All XMEGA devices contain on-chip, in-system reprogrammable flash memory for program storage. The flash memory can be accessed for read and write from an external programmer through the PDI or from application software running in the device.

All AVR CPU instructions are 16 or 32 bits wide, and each flash location is 16 bits wide. The flash memory is organized in two main sections, the application section and the boot loader section, as shown in [Figure 4-1 on page 20](#page-19-0). The sizes of the different sections are fixed, but device-dependent. These two sections have separate lock bits, and can have

different levels of protection. The store program memory (SPM) instruction, which is used to write to the flash from the application software, will only operate when executed from the boot loader section.

The application section contains an application table section with separate lock settings. This enables safe storage of nonvolatile data in the program memory.

4.3.1 Application Section

The Application section is the section of the flash that is used for storing the executable application code. The protection level for the application section can be selected by the boot lock bits for this section. The application section can not store any boot loader code since the SPM instruction cannot be executed from the application section.

4.3.2 Application Table Section

The application table section is a part of the application section of the flash memory that can be used for storing data. The size is identical to the boot loader section. The protection level for the application table section can be selected by the boot lock bits for this section. The possibilities for different protection levels on the application section and the application table section enable safe parameter storage in the program memory. If this section is not used for data, application code can reside here.

4.3.3 Boot Loader Section

While the application section is used for storing the application code, the boot loader software must be located in the boot loader section because the SPM instruction can only initiate programming when executing from this section. The SPM instruction can access the entire flash, including the boot loader section itself. The protection level for the boot loader section can be selected by the boot loader lock bits. If this section is not used for boot loader software, application code can be stored here.

4.3.4 Production Signature Row

The production signature row is a separate memory section for factory programmed data. It contains calibration data for functions such as oscillators and analog modules. Some of the calibration values will be automatically loaded to the

corresponding module or peripheral unit during reset. Other values must be loaded from the signature row and written to the corresponding peripheral registers from software. For details on calibration conditions such as temperature, voltage references, etc., refer to the device datasheet.

The production signature row also contains an ID that identifies each microcontroller device type and a serial number for each manufactured device. The serial number consists of the production lot number, wafer number, and wafer coordinates for the device.

The production signature row cannot be written or erased, but it can be read from application software and external programmers.

For accessing the production signature row, refer to "NVM Flash Commands" on page 279.

4.3.5 User Signature Row

The user signature row is a separate memory section that is fully accessible (read and write) from application software and external programmers. It is one flash page in size, and is meant for static user parameter storage, such as calibration data, custom serial number, identification numbers, random number seeds, etc. This section is not erased by chip erase commands that erase the flash, and requires a dedicated erase command. This ensures parameter storage during multiple program/erase operations and on-chip debug sessions.

4.4 Fuses and Lockbits

The fuses are used to configure important system functions, and can only be written from an external programmer. The application software can read the fuses. The fuses are used to configure reset sources such as brownout detector, watchdog and startup configuration.

The lock bits are used to set protection levels for the different flash sections (i.e., if read and/or write access should be blocked). Lock bits can be written by external programmers and application software, but only to stricter protection levels. Chip erase is the only way to erase the lock bits. To ensure that flash contents are protected even during chip erase, the lock bits are erased after the rest of the flash memory has been erased.

An unprogrammed fuse or lock bit will have the value one, while a programmed fuse or lock bit will have the value zero.

Both fuses and lock bits are reprogrammable like the flash program memory.

For some fuse bytes, leaving them unprogrammed (0xFF) will result in invalid settings. The user must ensure that the fuse bytes are programmed to values which give valid settings. Refer to the detailed description of the individual fuse bytes for further information.

4.5 Data Memory

The data memory contains the I/O memory, internal SRAM, optionally memory mapped and EEPROM. The data memory is organized as one continuous memory section, as shown in [Figure 4-2 on page 22.](#page-21-0)

I/O memory, EEPROM, and SRAM will always have the same start addresses for all XMEGA devices.

4.6 Internal SRAM

The internal SRAM always starts at hexadecimal address 0x2000. SRAM is accessed by the CPU using the load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions.

4.7 EEPROM

All XMEGA devices have EEPROM for nonvolatile data storage. It is addressable in a separate data space (default) or memory mapped and accessed in normal data space. The EEPROM supports both byte and page access. Memory mapped EEPROM allows highly efficient EEPROM reading and EEPROM buffer loading. When doing this, EEPROM is accessible using load and store instructions. Memory mapped EEPROM will always start at hexadecimal address 0x1000.

4.8 I/O Memory

The status and configuration registers for peripherals and modules, including the CPU, are addressable through I/O memory locations. All I/O locations can be accessed by the load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions, which are used to transfer data between the 32 registers in the register file and the I/O memory. The IN and OUT instructions can address I/O memory locations in the range of 0x00 to 0x3F directly. In the address range 0x00 - 0x1F, single-cycle instructions for manipulation and checking of individual bits are available.

4.8.1 General Purpose I/O Registers

The lowest four I/O memory addresses are reserved as general purpose I/O registers. These registers can be used for storing global variables and flags, as they are directly bit-accessible using the SBI, CBI, SBIS, and SBIC instructions.

Figure 4-3. Bus Access

4.9 Memory Timing

Read and write access to the I/O memory takes one CPU clock cycle. A write to SRAM takes one cycle, and a read from SRAM takes two cycles. EEPROM page load (write) takes one cycle, and three cycles are required for read. Refer to the instruction summary for more details on instructions and instruction timing.

4.10 Device ID and Revision

Each device has a three-byte device ID. This ID identifies Atmel as the manufacturer of the device and the device type. A separate register contains the revision number of the device.

4.11 I/O Memory Protection

Some features in the device are regarded as critical for safety in some applications. Due to this, it is possible to lock the I/O register related to the clock system, the event system, and the advanced waveform extensions. As long as the lock is enabled, all related I/O registers are locked and they can not be written from the application software. The lock registers themselves are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection["] on page 13.

4.12 Register Description – NVM Controller

4.12.1 ADDR0 – Address Register 0

The ADDR0, ADDR1, and ADDR2 registers represent the 24-bit value, ADDR. This is used for addressing all NVM sections for read, write, and CRC operations.

Bit 7:0 – ADDR[7:0]: Address Byte 0

This register gives the address low byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.2 ADDR1 – Address Register 1

Bit 7:0 – ADDR[15:8]: Address Byte 1

This register gives the address high byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.3 ADDR2 – Address Register 2

Bit 7:0 – ADDR[23:16]: Address Byte 2

This register gives the address extended byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.4 DATA0 – Data Register 0

The DATA0, DATA1, and DATA registers represent the 24-bit value, DATA. This holds data during NVM read, write, and CRC access.

Bit 7:0 – DATA[7:0]: Data Byte 0

This register gives the data value byte 0 when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.5 DATA1 – Data Register 1

Bit 7:0 – DATA[15:8]: Data Byte 1

This register gives the data value byte 1 when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.6 DATA2 – Data Register 2

Bit 7:0 – DATA[23:16]: Data Byte 2

This register gives the data value byte 2 when accessing NVM locations.

4.12.7 CMD – Command Register

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:0 – CMD[6:0]: Command

These bits define the programming commands for the flash. Bit 6 is only set for external programming commands. See "Memory Programming" on page 274" for programming commands.

4.12.8 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – CMDEX: Command Execute

Setting this bit will execute the command in the CMD register. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection (CCP) mechanism. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13 for details on the CCP.

4.12.9 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3 – EEMAPEN: EEPROM Data Memory Mapping Enable

Setting this bit enables data memory mapping of the EEPROM section. The EEPROM can then be accessed using load and store instructions.

Bit 2 – FPRM: Flash Power Reduction Mode

Setting this bit enables power saving for the flash memory. If code is running from the application section, the boot loader section will be turned off, and vice versa. If access to the section that is turned off is required, the CPU will be halted for a time equal to the start-up time from the idle sleep mode.

Bit 1 – EPRM: EEPROM Power Reduction Mode

Setting this bit enables power saving for the EEPROM. The EEPROM will then be turned off in a manner equal to entering sleep mode. If access is required, the bus master will be halted for a time equal to the start-up time from idle sleep mode.

Bit 0 – SPMLOCK: SPM Locked

This bit can be written to prevent all further self-programming. The bit is cleared at reset, and cannot be cleared from software. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection (CCP) mechanism. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection["] on page 13 for details on the CCP.

4.12.10 INTCTRL – Interrupt Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – SPMLVL[1:0]: SPM Ready Interrupt Level

These bits enable the interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94. This is a level interrupt that will be triggered only when the NVMBUSY flag in the STATUS register is set to zero. Thus, the interrupt should not be enabled before triggering an NVM command, as the NVMBUSY flag will not be set before the NVM command is triggered. The interrupt should be disabled in the interrupt handler.

Bit 1:0 – EELVL[1:0]: EEPROM Ready Interrupt Level

These bits enable the EEPROM ready interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94. This is a level interrupt that will be triggered only when the NVMBUSY flag in the STATUS register is set to zero. Thus, the interrupt should not be enabled before triggering an NVM command, as the NVMBUSY flag will not be set before the NVM command is triggered. The interrupt should be disabled in the interrupt handler.

4.12.11 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7 – NVMBUSY: Nonvolatile Memory Busy

The NVMBUSY flag indicates if the NVM (Flash, EEPROM, lock bit) is being programmed. Once an operation is started, this flag is set and remains set until the operation is completed. The NVMBUSY flag is automatically cleared when the operation is finished.

Bit 6 – FBUSY: Flash Busy

The FBUSY flag indicates if a flash programming operation is initiated. Once an operation is started, the FBUSY flag is set and the application section cannot be accessed. The FBUSY flag is automatically cleared when the operation is finished.

Bit 5:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – EELOAD: EEPROM Page Buffer Active Loading

The EELOAD flag indicates that the temporary EEPROM page buffer has been loaded with one or more data bytes. It remains set until an EEPROM page write or a page buffer flush operation is executed. For more details, see "Flash and EEPROM Programming Sequences" on page 276.

Bit 0 – FLOAD: Flash Page Buffer Active Loading

The FLOAD flag indicates that the temporary flash page buffer has been loaded with one or more data bytes. It remains set until an application page write, boot page write, or page buffer flush operation is executed. For more details, see [ìFlash and EEPROM Programming Sequencesî on page 276.](#page-275-0)

4.12.12 LOCKBITS – Lock Bit Register

This register is a mapping of the NVM lock bits into the I/O memory space, which enables direct read access from the application software. Refer to "LOCKBITS - Lock Bit Register" on page 31 for a description.

4.13 Register Descriptions – Fuses and Lock Bits

4.13.1 FUSEBYTE1 – Fuse Byte 1

Bit 7:4 – WDWPER[3:0]: Watchdog Window Timeout Period

These fuse bits are used to set initial value of the closed window for the Watchdog Timer in Window Mode. During reset these fuse bits are automatically written to the WPER bits Watchdog Window Mode Control Register. Refer to "WINCTRL – Window Mode Control Register" on page 92 in "WDT – Watchdog Timer" on page 89 for details.

Bit 3:0 – WDPER[3:0]: Watchdog Timeout Period

These fuse bits are used to set the initial value of the watchdog timeout period. During reset these fuse bits are automatically written to the PER bits in the watchdog control register. Refer to "CTRL – Control Register" on page 91 in "WDT - Watchdog Timer" on page 89 for details.

4.13.2 FUSEBYTE2 – Fuse Byte 2

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to one when this register is written.

Bit 6 – BOOTRST: Boot Loader Section Reset Vector

This fuse can be programmed so the reset vector is pointing to the first address in the boot loader flash section. The device will then start executing from the boot loader flash section after reset.

Table 4-1. Boot Reset Fuse

Bit 5 – TOSCSEL: 32.768kHz Timer Oscillator Pin Selection

This fuse is used to select the pin location for the 32.768kHz timer oscillator (TOSC). This fuse is available only on devices where XTAL and TOSC pins by default are shared.

Table 4-2. TOSCSEL Fuse

Note: 1. See the device datasheet for alternate TOSC position.

Bit 4:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to one when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – BODPD[1:0]: BOD Operation in Power-down Mode

These fuse bits set the BOD operation mode in all sleep modes except idle mode.

For details on the BOD and BOD operation modes, refer to "Brownout Detection" on page 83.

Table 4-3. BOD Operation Modes in Sleep Modes

4.13.3 FUSEBYTE4 – Fuse Byte 4

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to one when this register is written.

Bit: 4 – RSTDISBL: External Reset Disable

This fuse can be programmed to disable the external reset pin functionality. When this is done, pulling the reset pin low will not cause an external reset. A reset is required before this bit will be read correctly after it is changed.

Bit 3:2 – STARTUPTIME[1:0]: Start-up time

These fuse bits can be used to set at a programmable timeout period from when all reset sources are released until the internal reset is released from the delay counter. A reset is required before these bits will be read correctly after they are changed.

The delay is timed from the 1kHz output of the ULP oscillator. Refer to "Reset Sequence" on page 82 for details.

Table 4-4. Start-up Time

Bit 1 – WDLOCK: Watchdog Timer Lock

The WDLOCK fuse can be programmed to lock the watchdog timer configuration. When this fuse is programmed, the watchdog timer configuration cannot be changed, and the ENABLE bit in the watchdog CTRL register is automatically set at reset and cannot be cleared from the application software. The WEN bit in the watchdog WINCTRL register is not set

automatically, and needs to be set from software. A reset is required before this bit will be read correctly after it is changed.

Table 4-5. Watchdog Timer Lock

Bit 0 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to one when this register is written.

4.13.4 FUSEBYTE5 – Fuse Byte 5

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to one when this register is written.

Bit 5:4 – BODACT[1:0]: BOD Operation in Active Mode

These fuse bits set the BOD operation mode when the device is in active and idle modes. For details on the BOD and BOD operation modes. Refer to "Brownout Detection" on page 83.

Table 4-6. BOD Operation Modes in Active and Idle Modes

Bit 3 – EESAVE: EEPROM is Preserved through the Chip Erase

A chip erase command will normally erase the flash, EEPROM, and internal SRAM. If this fuse is programmed, the EEPROM is not erased during chip erase. This is useful if EEPROM is used to store data independently of the software revision.

Table 4-7. EEPROM Preserved through Chip Erase

Changes to the EESAVE fuse bit take effect immediately after the write timeout elapses. Hence, it is possible to update EESAVE and perform a chip erase according to the new setting of EESAVE without leaving and reentering programming mode.

Bit 2:0 - BODLEVEL[2:0]: Brownout Detection Voltage Level

These fuse bits sets the BOD voltage level. Refer to "Reset System" on page 81 for details. For BOD level nominal values, see [Table 8-3 on page 85.](#page-84-0)

4.13.5 LOCKBITS – Lock Bit Register

Bit 7:6 – BLBB[1:0]: Boot Lock Bit Boot Loader Section

These lock bits control the software security level for accessing the boot loader section. The BLBB bits can only be written to a more strict locking. Resetting the BLBB bits is possible by executing a chip erase command.

Bit 5:4 – BLBA[1:0]: Boot Lock Bit Application Section

These lock bits control the software security level for accessing the application section according to Table 4-9 on page [32.](#page-31-0) The BLBA bits can only be written to a more strict locking. Resetting the BLBA bits is possible only by executing a chip erase command.

Bit 3:2 – BLBAT[1:0]: Boot Lock Bit Application Table Section

These lock bits control the software security level for accessing the application table section for software access. The BLBAT bits can only be written to a more strict locking. Resetting the BLBAT bits is possible only by executing a chip erase command.

Bit 1:0 – LB[1:0]: Lock Bits^{[\(1\)](#page-32-0)}

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These lock bits control the security level for the flash and EEPROM during external programming. These bits are writable only through an external programming interface. Resetting the lock bits is possible only by executing a chip erase command. All other access; using the TIF and OCD, is blocked if any of the Lock Bits are written to 0. These bits do not block any software access to the memory.

Table 4-11. Lock Bit Protection Mode

Note: 1. Program the Fuse Bits and Boot Lock Bits before programming the Lock Bits.

4.14 Register Description – Production Signature Row

4.14.1 RCOSC2M – Internal 2MHz Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RCOSC2M[7:0]: Internal 2MHz Oscillator Calibration Value

This byte contains the oscillator calibration value for the internal 2MHz oscillator. Calibration of the oscillator is performed during production test of the device. During reset this value is automatically loaded into calibration register B for the 2 MHz DFLL. Refer to "CALB $-$ DFLL Calibration Register B" on page 71 for more details.

4.14.2 RCOSC2MA – Internal 2MHz Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RCOSC2MA[7:0]: Internal 2MHz Oscillator Calibration Value

This byte contains the oscillator calibration value for the internal 2MHz oscillator. Calibration of the oscillator is performed during production test of the device. During reset this value is automatically loaded into calibration register A for the 2MHz DFLL. Refer to "CALA $-$ DFLL Calibration Register A" on page 71 for more details.

4.14.3 RCOSC32K – Internal 32.768kHz Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RCOSC32K[7:0]: Internal 32.768kHz Oscillator Calibration Value

This byte contains the oscillator calibration value for the internal 32.768kHz oscillator. Calibration of the oscillator is performed during production test of the device. During reset this value is automatically loaded into the calibration register for the 32.768kHz oscillator. Refer to "RC32KCAL – 32kHz Oscillator Calibration Register" on page 69 for more details.

4.14.4 RCOSC32M – Internal 32MHz Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RCOSC32M[7:0]: Internal 32MHz Oscillator Calibration Value

This byte contains the oscillator calibration value for the internal 32MHz oscillator. Calibration of the oscillator is performed during production test of the device. During reset this value is automatically loaded into calibration register B for the 32MHz DFLL. Refer to "CALB – DFLL Calibration Register B" on page 71 for more details.

4.14.5 RCOSC32MA – Internal 32MHz RC Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RCOSC32MA[7:0]: Internal 32MHz Oscillator Calibration Value

This byte contains the oscillator calibration value for the internal 32MHz oscillator. Calibration of the oscillator is performed during production test of the device. During reset this value is automatically loaded into calibration register A for the 32MHz DFLL. Refer to "CALA – DFLL Calibration Register A" on page 71 for more details.

4.14.6 LOTNUM0 – Lot Number Register 0

LOTNUM0, LOTNUM1, LOTNUM2, LOTNUM3, LOTNUM4, and LOTNUM5 contain the lot number for each device. Together with the wafer number and wafer coordinates this gives a serial number for the device.

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM0[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 0

This byte contains byte 0 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.7 LOTNUM1 – Lot Number Register 1

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM1[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 1

This byte contains byte 1 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.8 LOTNUM2 – Lot Number Register 2

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM2[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 2

This byte contains byte 2 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.9 LOTNUM3 – Lot Number Register 3

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM3[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 3

This byte contains byte 3 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.10 LOTNUM4 – Lot Number Register 4

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM4[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 4

This byte contains byte 4 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.11 LOTNUM5 – Lot Number Register 5

Bit 7:0 – LOTNUM5[7:0]: Lot Number Byte 5

This byte contains byte 5 of the lot number for the device.

4.14.12 WAFNUM – Wafer Number Register

Bit 7:0 – WAFNUM[7:0]: Wafer Number

This byte contains the wafer number for each device. Together with the lot number and wafer coordinates this gives a serial number for the device.

4.14.13 COORDX0 – Wafer Coordinate X Register 0

COORDX0, COORDX1, COORDY0, and COORDY1 contain the wafer X and Y coordinates for each device. Together with the lot number and wafer number, this gives a serial number for each device.

Bit 7:0 – COORDX0[7:0]: Wafer Coordinate X Byte 0

This byte contains byte 0 of wafer coordinate X for the device.
4.14.14 COORDX1 – Wafer Coordinate X Register 1

Bit 7:0 – COORDX0[7:0]: Wafer Coordinate X Byte 1

This byte contains byte 1 of wafer coordinate X for the device.

4.14.15 COORDY0 – Wafer Coordinate Y Register 0

Bit 7:0 – COORDY0[7:0]: Wafer Coordinate Y Byte 0

This byte contains byte 0 of wafer coordinate Y for the device.

4.14.16 COORDY1 – Wafer Coordinate Y Register 1

Bit 7:0 – COORDY1[7:0]: Wafer Coordinate Y Byte 1

This byte contains byte 1 of wafer coordinate Y for the device.

4.14.17 ADCACAL0 – ADCA Calibration Register 0

ADCACAL0 and ADCACAL1 contain the calibration value for the analog to digital converter A (ADCA). Calibration is done during production test of the device. The calibration bytes are not loaded automatically into the ADC calibration registers, so this must be done from software.

Bit 7:0 – ADCACAL0[7:0]: ADCA Calibration Byte 0

This byte contains byte 0 of the ADCA calibration data, and must be loaded into the ADCA CALL register.

4.14.18 ADCACAL1 – ADCA Calibration Register 1

Bit 7:0 - ADCACAL1[7:0]: ADCA Calibration Byte 1

This byte contains byte 1 of the ADCA calibration data.

4.14.19 TEMPSENSE0 – Temperature Sensor Calibration Register 0

TEMPSENSE0 and TEMPSENSE1 contain the 12-bit ADCA value from a temperature measurement done with the internal temperature sensor. The measurement is done in production test at 85°C and can be used for single- or multipoint temperature sensor calibration.

Bit 7:0 – TEMPSENSE0[7:0]: Temperature Sensor Calibration Byte 0

This byte contains the byte 0 of the temperature measurement.

4.14.20 TEMPSENSE1 – Temperature Sensor Calibration Register 1

Bit 7:0 – TEMPSENSE1[7:0]: Temperature Sensor Calibration Byte 1

This byte contains byte 1 of the temperature measurement.

4.15 Register Description – General Purpose I/O Memory

4.15.1 GPIORn – General Purpose I/O Register n

These are general purpose registers that can be used to store data, such as global variables and flags, in the bitaccessible I/O memory space.

4.16 Register Descriptions – MCU Control

4.16.1 DEVID0 – Device ID Register 0

DEVID0, DEVID1, and DEVID2 contain the byte identification that identifies each microcontroller device type. For details on the actual ID, refer to the device datasheets.

Bit 7:0 – DEVID0[7:0]: Device ID Byte 0

Byte 0 of the device ID. This byte will always be read as 0x1E. This indicates that the device is manufactured by Atmel.

4.16.2 DEVID1 – Device ID Register 1

Bit 7:0 – DEVID[7:0]: Device ID Byte 1

Byte 1 of the device ID indicates the flash size of the device.

4.16.3 DEVID2 – Device ID Register 2

Bit 7:0 – DEVID2[7:0]: Device ID Byte 2

Byte 2 of the device ID indicates the device number.

4.16.4 REVID – Revision ID

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use.

Bit 3:0 - REVID[3:0]: Revision ID

These bits contains the device revision. $0 = A$, $1 = B$, and so on.

4.16.5 ANAINIT – Analog Initialization Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – STARTUPDLYx

Setting these bits enables sequential start of the internal components used for the ADC, DAC, and analog comparator with the main input/output connected to that port. When this is done, the internal components such as voltage reference and bias currents are started sequentially when the module is enabled. This reduces the peak current consumption during startup of the module. For maximum effect, the start-up delay should be set so that it is larger than 0.5µs.

Table 4-12. Analog Start-up Delay

4.16.6 EVSYSLOCK – Event System Lock Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – EVSYS0LOCK:

Setting this bit will lock all registers in the event system related to event channels 0 to 3 foragainst further modification. The following registers in the event system are locked: CH0MUX, CH0CTRL, CH1MUX, CH1CTRL, CH2MUX, CH2CTRL, CH3MUX, and CH3CTRL. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13.

4.16.7 AWEXLOCK – Advanced Waveform Extension Lock Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – AWEXCLOCK: Advanced Waveform Extension Lock for TCC0

Setting this bit will lock all registers in the AWEXC module for timer/counter C0 for against further modification. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0).

4.17 Register Summary - NVM Controller

4.18 Register Summary - Fuses and Lock Bits

4.19 Register Summary - Production Signature Row

4.20 Register Summary – General Purpose I/O Registers

4.21 Register Summary – MCU Control

4.22 Interrupt Vector Summary – NVM Controller

5. Event System

5.1 Features

- System for direct peripheral-to-peripheral communication and signaling
- Peripherals can directly send, receive, and react to peripheral events
	- CPU independent operation
	- 100% predictable signal timing
	- Short and guaranteed response time
- **•** Four event channels for up to eight different and parallel signal routings and configurations
- Events can be sent and/or used by most peripherals, clock system, and software
- Additional functions include
	- Quadrature decoders
	- Digital filtering of I/O pin state
- Works in active mode and idle sleep mode

5.2 Overview

The event system enables direct peripheral-to-peripheral communication and signaling. It allows a change in one peripheralís state to automatically trigger actions in other peripherals. It is designed to provide a predictable system for short and predictable response times between peripherals. It allows for autonomous peripheral control and interaction without the use of interrupts CPU resources, and is thus a powerful tool for reducing the complexity, size, and execution time of application code. It also allows for synchronized timing of actions in several peripheral modules.

A change in a peripheral's state is referred to as an event, and usually corresponds to the peripheral's interrupt conditions. Events can be directly passed to other peripherals using a dedicated routing network called the event routing network. How events are routed and used by the peripherals is configured in software.

[Figure 5-1 on page 45](#page-44-0) shows a basic diagram of all connected peripherals. The event system can directly connect together analog converters, analog comparators, I/O port pins, the real-time counter, timer/counters, and IR communication module (IRCOM). Events can also be generated from software and the peripheral clock.

The event routing network consists of four software-configurable multiplexers that control how events are routed and used. These are called event channels, and allow for up to four parallel event configurations and routings. The maximum routing latency is two peripheral clock cycles. The event system works in both active mode and idle sleep mode.

5.3 Events

In the context of the event system, an indication that a change of state within a peripheral has occurred is called an event. There are two main types of events: signaling events and data events. Signaling events only indicate a change of state while data events contain additional information about the event.

The peripheral from which the event originates is called the event generator. Within each peripheral (for example, a timer/counter), there can be several event sources, such as a timer compare match or timer overflow. The peripheral using the event is called the event user, and the action that is triggered is called the event action.

Events can also be generated manually in software.

5.3.1 Signaling Events

Signaling events are the most basic type of event. A signaling event does not contain any information apart from the indication of a change in a peripheral. Most peripherals can only generate and use signaling events. Unless otherwise stated, all occurrences of the word "event" are to be understood as meaning signaling events.

5.3.2 Data Events

Data events differ from signaling events in that they contain information that event users can decode to decide event actions based on the receiver information.

Although the event routing network can route all events to all event users, those that are only meant to use signaling events do not have decoding capabilities needed to utilize data events. How event users decode data events is shown in [Table 5-1 on page 47](#page-46-0).

Event users that can utilize data events can also use signaling events. This is configurable, and is described in the datasheet module for each peripheral.

5.3.3 Peripheral Clock Events

Each event channel includes a peripheral clock prescaler with a range from 1 (no prescaling) to 32768. This enables configurable periodic event generation based on the peripheral clock. It is possible to periodically trigger events in a peripheral or to periodically trigger synchronized events in several peripherals. Since each event channel include a prescaler, different peripherals can receive triggers with different intervals.

5.3.4 Software Events

Events can be generated from software by writing the DATA and STROBE registers. The DATA register must be written first, since writing the STROBE register triggers the operation. The DATA and STROBE registers contain one bit for each event channel. Bit n corresponds to event channel n. It is possible to generate events on several channels at the same time by writing to several bit locations at once.

Software-generated events last for one clock cycle and will overwrite events from other event generators on that event channel during that clock cycle.

[Table 5-1 on page 47](#page-46-0) shows the different events, how they can be manually generated, and how they are decoded.

Table 5-1. Manually Generated Events and Decoding of Events

5.4 Event Routing Network

The event routing network routes the events between peripherals. It consists of eight multiplexers (CHnMUX), which can each be configured to route any event source to any event users. The output from a multiplexer is referred to as an event channel. For each peripheral, it is selectable if and how incoming events should trigger event actions. Details on configurations can be found in the datasheet for each peripheral. The event routing network is shown in [Figure 5-3 on](#page-47-0) [page 48](#page-47-0).

Four multiplexers means that it is possible to route up to four events at the same time. It is also possible to route one event through several multiplexers.

Not all XMEGA devices contain all peripherals. This only means that a peripheral is not available for generating or using events. The network configuration itself is compatible between all devices.

5.5 Event Timing

An event normally lasts for one peripheral clock cycle, but some event sources, such as a low level on an I/O pin, will generate events continuously. Details on this are described in the datasheet for each peripheral, but unless otherwise stated, an event lasts for one peripheral clock cycle.

It takes a maximum of two peripheral clock cycles from when an event is generated until the event actions in other peripherals are triggered. This ensures short and 100% predictable response times, independent of CPU or software revisions.

5.6 Filtering

Each event channel includes a digital filter. When this is enabled, an event must be sampled with the same value for a configurable number of system clock cycles before it is accepted. This is primarily intended for pin change events.

5.7 Quadrature Decoder

The event system includes one quadrature decoder (QDEC), which enable the device to decode quadrature input on I/O pins and send data events that a timer/counter can decode to count up, count down, or index/reset. [Table 5-2](#page-48-0) summarizes which quadrature decoder data events are available, how they are decoded, and how they can be generated. The QDEC and related features, control and status registers are available for event channel 0.

STROBE	DATA	Data event user	Signaling event user
0	0	No event	No event
0		Index/reset	No event
	0	Count down	Signaling event
		Count up	Signaling event

Table 5-2. Quadrature Decoder Data Events

5.7.1 Quadrature Operation

A quadrature signal is characterized by having two square waves that are phase shifted 90 degrees relative to each other. Rotational movement can be measured by counting the edges of the two waveforms. The phase relationship between the two square waves determines the direction of rotation.

Figure 5-4. Quadrature Signals from a Rotary Encoder

[Figure 5-4 on page 49](#page-48-1) shows typical quadrature signals from a rotary encoder. The signals QDPH0 and QDPH90 are the two quadrature signals. When QDPH90 leads QDPH0, the rotation is defined as positive or forward. When QDPH0 leads QDPH90, the rotation is defined as negative or reverse. The concatenation of the two phase signals is called the quadrature state or the phase state.

In order to know the absolute rotary displacement, a third index signal (QINDX) can be used. This gives an indication once per revolution.

5.7.2 QDEC Setup

For a full QDEC setup, the following is required:

- Two or three I/O port pins for quadrature signal input
- Two event system channels for quadrature decoding
- One timer/counter for up, down, and optional index count

The following procedure should be used for QDEC setup:

- 1. Choose two successive pins on a port as QDEC phase inputs.
- 2. Set the pin direction for QDPH0 and QDPH90 as input.
- 3. Set the pin configuration for QDPH0 and QDPH90 to low level sense.
- 4. Select the QDPH0 pin as a multiplexer input for an event channel, n.
- 5. Enable quadrature decoding and digital filtering in the event channel.
- 6. Optional:
	- 1. Set up a QDEC index (QINDX).
	- 2. Select a third pin for QINDX input.
	- 3. Set the pin direction for QINDX as input.
	- 4. Set the pin configuration for QINDX to sense both edges.
	- 5. Select QINDX as a multiplexer input for event channel n+1
	- 6. Set the quadrature index enable bit in event channel n+1.
	- 7. Select the index recognition mode for event channel n+1.
- 7. Set quadrature decoding as the event action for a timer/counter.
- 8. Select event channel n as the event source for the timer/counter.
- Set the period register of the timer/counter to ('line count' $*$ 4 1), the line count of the quadrature encoder
- Enable the timer/counter without clock prescaling

The angle of a quadrature encoder attached to QDPH0, QDPH90 (and QINDX) can now be read directly from the timer/counter count register. If the count register is different from BOTTOM when the index is recognized, the timer/counter error flag is set. Similarly, the error flag is set if the position counter passes BOTTOM without the recognition of the index.

5.8 Register Description

5.8.1 CHnMUX – Event Channel n Multiplexer Register

Bit 7:0 – CHnMUX[7:0]: Channel Multiplexer

These bits select the event source according to [Table 5-3](#page-50-0). This table is valid for all XMEGA devices regardless of whether the peripheral is present or not. Selecting event sources from peripherals that are not present will give the same result as when this register is zero. When this register is zero, no events are routed through. Manually generated events will override CHnMUX and be routed to the event channel even if this register is zero.

Table 5-3. CHnMUX[7:0] Bit Settings

Notes: 1. The description of how the ports generate events is described in "Port Event" on page 107.

Table 5-4. Timer/counter Events

5.8.2 CHnCTRL – Event Channel n Control Register

Note: 1. Only available for CH0CTRL and CH2CTRL. These bits are reserved in CH1CTRL and CH3CTRL.

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is reserved and will always be read as zero. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:5 – QDIRM[1:0]: Quadrature Decode Index Recognition Mode

These bits determine the quadrature state for the QDPH0 and QDPH90 signals, where a valid index signal is recognized and the counter index data event is given according to [Table 5-5](#page-52-0). These bits should only be set when a quadrature encoder with a connected index signal is used.These bits are available only for CH0CTRL and CH2CTRL.

Bit 4 – QDIEN: Quadrature Decode Index Enable

When this bit is set, the event channel will be used as a QDEC index source, and the index data event will be enabled.

This bit is available only for CH0CTRL and CH2CTRL.

Bit 3 – QDEN: Quadrature Decode Enable

Setting this bit enables QDEC operation.

This bit is available only for CH0CTRL and CH2CTRL.

Bit 2:0 – DIGFILT[2:0]: Digital Filter Coefficient

These bits define the length of digital filtering used, according to [Table 5-6.](#page-52-1) Events will be passed through to the event channel only when the event source has been active and sampled with the same level for the number of peripheral clock cycles defined by DIGFILT.

Table 5-6. Digital Filter Coefficient Values (Continued)

5.8.3 STROBE – Strobe Register

If the STROBE register location is written, each event channel will be set according to the STROBE[n] and corresponding DATA[n] bit settings, if any are unequal to zero.

A single event lasting for one peripheral clock cycle will be generated.

5.8.4 DATA – Data Register

This register contains the data value when manually generating a data event. This register must be written before the STROBE register. For details, see "STROBE - Strobe Register".

5.9 Register Summary

6. System Clock and Clock Options

6.1 Features

- **•** Fast start-up time
- Safe run-time clock switching
- Internal oscillators:
	- 32MHz run-time calibrated and tunable oscillator
	- 2MHz run-time calibrated oscillator
	- 32.768kHz calibrated oscillator
	- 32kHz ultra low power (ULP) oscillator with 1kHz output
- **External clock options**
	- 0.4MHz 16MHz crystal oscillator
	- 32.768kHz crystal oscillator
	- External clock
- PLL with 20MHz 128MHz output frequency
	- Internal and external clock options and 1x to 31x multiplication
	- **Lock detector**
- Clock prescalers with 1x to 2048x division
- **•** Fast peripheral clocks running at 2 and 4 times the CPU clock
- Automatic run-time calibration of internal oscillators
- **External oscillator and PLL lock failure detection with optional non-maskable interrupt**

6.2 Overview

XMEGA devices have a flexible clock system supporting a large number of clock sources. It incorporates both accurate internal oscillators and external crystal oscillator and resonator support. A high-frequency phase locked loop (PLL) and clock prescalers can be used to generate a wide range of clock frequencies. A calibration feature (DFLL) is available, and can be used for automatic run-time calibration of the internal oscillators to remove frequency drift over voltage and temperature. An oscillator failure monitor can be enabled to issue a non-maskable interrupt and switch to the internal oscillator if the external oscillator or PLL fails.

When a reset occurs, all clock sources except the 32kHz ultra low power oscillator are disabled. After reset, the device will always start up running from the 2MHz internal oscillator. During normal operation, the system clock source and prescalers can be changed from software at any time.

[Figure 6-1 on page 57](#page-56-0) presents the principal clock system in the XMEGA family of devices. Not all of the clocks need to be active at a given time. The clocks for the CPU and peripherals can be stopped using sleep modes and power reduction registers, as described in "Power Management and Sleep Modes" on page 74.

Figure 6-1. The Clock System, Clock Sources, and Clock Distribution

6.3 Clock Distribution

[Figure 6-1 on page 57](#page-56-0) presents the principal clock distribution system used in XMEGA devices.

6.3.1 System Clock - Clk_{SYS}

The system clock is the output from the main system clock selection. This is fed into the prescalers that are used to generate all internal clocks except the asynchronous clocks.

6.3.2 CPU Clock - Clk_{CPU}

The CPU clock is routed to the CPU and nonvolatile memory. Halting the CPU clock inhibits the CPU from executing instructions.

6.3.3 Peripheral Clock - Clk_{PER}

The majority of peripherals and system modules use the peripheral clock. This includes the event system, interrupt controller, external bus interface and RAM. This clock is always synchronous to the CPU clock, but may run even when the CPU clock is turned off.

6.3.4 Peripheral 2x/4x Clocks - Clk_{PER2}/Clk_{PER4}

Modules that can run at two or four times the CPU clock frequency can use the peripheral 2x and peripheral 4x clocks.

6.3.5 Asynchronous Clock - Clk_{RTC}

The asynchronous clock allows the real-time counter (RTC) to be clocked directly from an external 32.768kHz crystal oscillator or the 32 times prescaled output from the internal 32.768kHz oscillator or ULP oscillator. The dedicated clock domain allows operation of this peripheral even when the device is in sleep mode and the rest of the clocks are stopped.

6.4 Clock Sources

The clock sources are divided in two main groups: internal oscillators and external clock sources. Most of the clock sources can be directly enabled and disabled from software, while others are automatically enabled or disabled, depending on peripheral settings. After reset, the device starts up running from the 2MHz internal oscillator. The other clock sources, DFLLs and PLL, are turned off by default.

6.4.1 Internal Oscillators

The internal oscillators do not require any external components to run. For details on characteristics and accuracy of the internal oscillators, refer to the device datasheet.

6.4.1.1 32kHz Ultra Low Power Oscillator

This oscillator provides an approximate 32kHz clock. The 32kHz ultra low power (ULP) internal oscillator is a very low power clock source, and it is not designed for high accuracy.The oscillator employs a built-in prescaler that provides a 1kHz output, see "RTCCTRL – RTC Control Register" on page 66 for details. The oscillator is automatically enabled/disabled when it is used as clock source for any part of the device. This oscillator can be selected as the clock source for the RTC.

6.4.1.2 32.768kHz Calibrated Oscillator

This oscillator provides an approximate 32.768kHz clock. It is calibrated during production to provide a default frequency close to its nominal frequency. The calibration register can also be written from software for run-time calibration of the oscillator frequency. The oscillator employs a built-in prescaler, which provides both a 32.768kHz output and a 1.024kHz output, see "RTCCTRL – RTC Control Register" on page 66 for details.

6.4.1.3 32MHz Run-time Calibrated Oscillator

The 32MHz run-time calibrated internal oscillator is a high-frequency oscillator. It is calibrated during production to provide a default frequency close to its nominal frequency. A digital frequency looked loop (DFLL) can be enabled for

automatic run-time calibration of the oscillator to compensate for temperature and voltage drift and optimize the oscillator accuracy. This oscillator can also be adjusted and calibrated to any frequency between 30MHz and 55MHz.

6.4.1.4 2MHz Run-time Calibrated Oscillator

The 2MHz run-time calibrated internal oscillator is the default system clock source after reset. It is calibrated during production to provide a default frequency close to its nominal frequency. A DFLL can be enabled for automatic run-time calibration of the oscillator to compensate for temperature and voltage drift and optimize the oscillator accuracy.

6.4.2 External Clock Sources

The XTAL1 and XTAL2 pins can be used to drive an external oscillator, either a quartz crystal or a ceramic resonator. XTAL1 can be used as input for an external clock signal. The TOSC1 and TOSC2 pins is dedicated to driving a 32.768kHz crystal oscillator.

6.4.2.1 0.4MHz - 16MHz Crystal Oscillator

This oscillator can operate in four different modes optimized for different frequency ranges, all within 0.4MHz - 16MHz. [Figure 6-2](#page-58-1) shows a typical connection of a crystal oscillator or resonator.

Figure 6-2. Crystal Oscillator Connection

Two capacitors, C1 and C2, may be added to match the required load capacitance for the connected crystal.

6.4.2.2 External Clock Input

To drive the device from an external clock source, XTAL1 must be driven as shown in [Figure 6-3.](#page-58-0) In this mode, XTAL2 can be used as a general I/O pin.

Figure 6-3. External Clock Drive Configuration

6.4.2.3 32.768kHz Crystal Oscillator

A 32.768kHz crystal oscillator can be connected between the TOSC1 and TOSC2 pins and enables a dedicated low frequency oscillator input circuit. A typical connection is shown in [Figure 6-4 on page 60.](#page-59-0) A low power mode with reduced voltage swing on TOSC2 is available. This oscillator can be used as a clock source for the system clock and RTC, and as the DFLL reference clock.

Figure 6-4. 32.768kHz Crystal Oscillator Connection

Two capacitors, C1 and C2, may be added to match the required load capacitance for the connected crystal. For details on recommended TOSC characteristics and capacitor load, refer to device datasheet.

6.5 System Clock Selection and Prescalers

All the calibrated internal oscillators, the external clock sources (XOSC), and the PLL output can be used as the system clock source. The system clock source is selectable from software, and can be changed during normal operation. Built-in hardware protection prevents unsafe clock switching. It is not possible to select a non-stable or disabled oscillator as the clock source, or to disable the oscillator currently used as the system clock source. Each oscillator option has a status flag that can be read from software to check that the oscillator is ready.

The system clock is fed into a prescaler block that can divide the clock signal by a factor from 1 to 2048 before it is routed to the CPU and peripherals. The prescaler settings can be changed from software during normal operation. The first stage, prescaler A, can divide by a factor of from 1 to 512. Then, prescalers B and C can be individually configured to either pass the clock through or combine divide it by a factor from 1 to 4. The prescaler guarantees that derived clocks are always in phase, and that no glitches or intermediate frequencies occur when changing the prescaler setting. The prescaler settings are updated in accordance with the rising edge of the slowest clock.

Figure 6-5. System Clock Selection and Prescalers

Prescaler A divides the system clock, and the resulting clock is clk_{PER4} . Prescalers B and C can be enabled to divide the clock speed further to enable peripheral modules to run at twice or four times the CPU clock frequency. If Prescalers B and C are not used, all the clocks will run at the same frequency as the output from Prescaler A.

The system clock selection and prescaler registers are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism, employing a timed write procedure for changing the system clock and prescaler settings. For details, refer to [ìConfiguration Change Protectionî on page 13](#page-12-0).

6.6 PLL with 1x-31x Multiplication Factor

The built-in phase locked loop (PLL) can be used to generate a high-frequency system clock. The PLL has a userselectable multiplication factor of from 1 to 31. The output frequency, f_{OUT} , is given by the input frequency, f_{IN} , multiplied by the multiplication factor, PLL_FAC.

$$
f_{OUT}=f_{IN}\cdot \text{PLL_FAC}
$$

Four different clock sources can be chosen as input to the PLL:

- 2MHz internal oscillator
- 32MHz internal oscillator divided by 4
- 0.4MHz 16MHz crystal oscillator
- **•** External clock

To enable the PLL, the following procedure must be followed:

- 1. Enable reference clock source.
- 2. Set the multiplication factor and select the clock reference for the PLL.
- 3. Wait until the clock reference source is stable.
- 4. Enable the PLL.

Hardware ensures that the PLL configuration cannot be changed when the PLL is in use. The PLL must be disabled before a new configuration can be written.

It is not possible to use the PLL before the selected clock source is stable and the PLL has locked.

The reference clock source cannot be disabled while the PLL is running.

6.7 DFLL 2MHz and DFLL 32MHz

Two built-in digital frequency locked loops (DFLLs) can be used to improve the accuracy of the 2MHz and 32MHz internal oscillators. The DFLL compares the oscillator frequency with a more accurate reference clock to do automatic run-time calibration of the oscillator and compensate for temperature and voltage drift. The choices for the reference clock sources are:

- **32.768kHz calibrated internal oscillator**
- 32.768kHz crystal oscillator connected to the TOSC pins
- **External clock**

The DFLLs divide the oscillator reference clock by 32 to use a 1.024kHz reference. The reference clock is individually selected for each DFLL, as shown on [Figure 6-6 on page 62.](#page-61-0)

The ideal counter value representing the frequency ratio between the internal oscillator and a 1.024kHz reference clock is loaded into the DFLL oscillator compare register (COMP) during reset. For the 32MHz oscillator, this register can be written from software to make the oscillator run at a different frequency or when the ratio between the reference clock and the oscillator is different

The value that should be written to the COMP register is given by the following formula:

$$
COMP = hex(\frac{f_{osc}}{f_{R C n C R E F}})
$$

When the DFLL is enabled, it controls the ratio between the reference clock frequency and the oscillator frequency. If the internal oscillator runs too fast or too slow, the DFLL will decrement or increment its calibration register value by one to adjust the oscillator frequency. The oscillator is considered running too fast or too slow when the error is more than a half calibration step size.

The DFLL will stop when entering a sleep mode where the oscillators are stopped. After wake up, the DFLL will continue with the calibration value found before entering sleep. The reset value of the DFLL calibration register can be read from the production signature row.

When the DFLL is disabled, the DFLL calibration register can be written from software for manual run-time calibration of the oscillator.

6.8 PLL and External Clock Source Failure Monitor

A built-in failure monitor is available for the PLL and external clock source. If the failure monitor is enabled for the PLL and/or the external clock source, and this clock source fails (the PLL looses lock or the external clock source stops) while being used as the system clock, the device will:

- Switch to run the system clock from the 2MHz internal oscillator
- Reset the oscillator control register and system clock selection register to their default values
- Set the failure detection interrupt flag for the failing clock source (PLL or external clock)
- Issue a non-maskable interrupt (NMI)

If the PLL or external clock source fails when not being used for the system clock, it is automatically disabled, and the system clock will continue to operate normally. No NMI is issued. The failure monitor is meant for external clock sources above 32kHz. It cannot be used for slower external clocks.

When the failure monitor is enabled, it will not be disabled until the next reset.

The failure monitor is stopped in all sleep modes where the PLL or external clock source are stopped. During wake up from sleep, it is automatically restarted.

The PLL and external clock source failure monitor settings are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism, employing a timed write procedure for changing the settings. For details, refer to "Configuration Change" Protection["] on page 13.

6.9 Register Description – Clock

6.9.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – SCLKSEL[2:0]: System Clock Selection

These bits are used to select the source for the system clock. See [Table 6-1](#page-63-0) for the different selections. Changing the system clock source will take two clock cycles on the old clock source and two more clock cycles on the new clock source. These bits are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection["] on page 13.

SCLKSEL cannot be changed if the new clock source is not stable. The old clock can not be disabled until the clock switching is completed.

Table 6-1. System Clock Selection

6.9.2 PSCTRL – Prescaler Register

This register is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change" Protection["] on page 13.

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:2 – PSADIV[4:0]: Prescaler A Division Factor

These bits define the division ratio of the clock prescaler A according to [Table 6-2.](#page-64-0) These bits can be written at run-time to change the frequency of the Clk $_{PER4}$ clock relative to the system clock, Clk_{SYS}.

PSADIV[4:0]	Group configuration	Description
00000	$\mathbf 1$	No division
00001	$\overline{2}$	Divide by 2
00011	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	Divide by 4
00101	$\boldsymbol{8}$	Divide by 8
00111	16	Divide by 16
01001	32	Divide by 32
01011	64	Divide by 64
01101	128	Divide by 128
01111	256	Divide by 256
10001	512	Divide by 512
10101		Reserved
10111		Reserved
11001		Reserved
11011		Reserved
11101		Reserved
11111		Reserved

Table 6-2. Prescaler A Division Factor

Bit 1:0 – PSBCDIV: Prescaler B and C Division Factors

These bits define the division ratio of the clock prescalers B and C according to [Table 6-3.](#page-64-1) Prescaler B will set the clock frequency for the Clk_{PER2} clock relative to the Clk_{PER4} clock. Prescaler C will set the clock frequency for the Clk_{PER} and C lk_{CPU} clocks relative to the Clk_{PER2} clock. Refer to [Figure 6-5 on page 60](#page-59-1) fore more details.

Table 6-3. Prescaler B and C Division Factors

PSBCDIV[1:0]	Group configuration	Prescaler B division	Prescaler C division
$00\,$		No division	No division
01	12	No division	Divide by 2
10	$4-1$	Divide by 4	No division
	2^{2}	Divide by 2	Divide by 2

6.9.3 LOCK – Lock Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – LOCK: Clock System Lock

When this bit is written to one, the CTRL and PSCTRL registers cannot be changed, and the system clock selection and prescaler settings are protected against all further updates until after the next reset. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13.

The LOCK bit can be cleared only by a reset.

6.9.4 RTCCTRL – RTC Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:1 – RTCSRC[2:0]: RTC Clock Source

These bits select the clock source for the real-time counter according to [Table 6-4.](#page-65-1)

Table 6-4. RTC Clock Source Selection

Bit 0 – RTCEN: RTC Clock Source Enable

Setting the RTCEN bit enables the selected RTC clock source for the real-time counter.

6.10 Register Description – Oscillator

6.10.1 CTRL – Oscillator Control Register

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – PLLEN: PLL Enable

Setting this bit enables the PLL. Before the PLL is enabled, it must be configured with the desired multiplication factor and clock source. See "STATUS – Oscillator Status Register" on page 67.

Bit 3 – XOSCEN: External Oscillator Enable

Setting this bit enables the selected external clock source. Refer to "XOSCCTRL – XOSC Control Register" on page 68 for details on how to select the external clock source. The external clock source should be allowed time to stabilize before it is selected as the source for the system clock. See "STATUS - Oscillator Status Register" on page 67.

Bit 2 – RC32KEN: 32.768kHz Internal Oscillator Enable

Setting this bit enables the 32.768kHz internal oscillator. The oscillator must be stable before it is selected as the source for the system clock. See "STATUS – Oscillator Status Register" on page 67.

Bit 1 – RC32MEN: 32MHz Internal Oscillator Enable

Setting this bit will enable the 32MHz internal oscillator. The oscillator must be stable before it is selected as the source for the system clock. See "STATUS – Oscillator Status Register" on page 67.

Bit 0 – RC2MEN: 2MHz Internal Oscillator Enable

Setting this bit enables the 2MHz internal oscillator. The oscillator must be stable before it is selected as the source for the system clock. See "STATUS – Oscillator Status Register" on page 67.

By default, the 2MHz internal oscillator is enabled and this bit is set.

6.10.2 STATUS – Oscillator Status Register

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – PLLRDY: PLL Ready

This flag is set when the PLL has locked on the selected frequency and is ready to be used as the system clock source.

Bit 3 – XOSCRDY: External Clock Source Ready

This flag is set when the external clock source is stable and is ready to be used as the system clock source.

Bit 2 – RC32KRDY: 32.768kHz Internal Oscillator Ready

This flag is set when the 32.768kHz internal oscillator is stable and is ready to be used as the system clock source.

Bit 1 – RC32MRDY: 32MHz Internal Oscillator Ready

This flag is set when the 32MHz internal oscillator is stable and is ready to be used as the system clock source.

Bit 0 – RC2MRDY: 2MHz Internal Oscillator Ready

This flag is set when the 2MHz internal oscillator is stable and is ready to be used as the system clock source.

6.10.3 XOSCCTRL – XOSC Control Register

Bit 7:6 – FRQRANGE[1:0]: 0.4 - 16MHz Crystal Oscillator Frequency Range Select

These bits select the frequency range for the connected crystal oscillator according to [Table 6-5](#page-67-3).

Table 6-5. 16MHz Crystal Oscillator Frequency Range Selection

FRQRANGE[1:0]	Group configuration	Typical frequency range [MHz]	Recommended range for capacitors C1 and C2 [pF]
00	04TO2	$0.4 - 2$	100-300
0 ₁	2TO ₉	$2 - 9$	$10 - 40$
10	9TO ₁₂	$9 - 12$	$10 - 40$
11	12TO16	$12 - 16$	$10 - 30$

Bit 5 – X32KLPM: Crystal Oscillator 32.768kHz Low Power Mode

Setting this bit enables the low power mode for the 32.768kHz crystal oscillator. This will reduce the swing on the TOSC2 pin.

Bit 4 – XOSCPWR: Crystal Oscillator Drive

Setting this bit will increase the current in the 0.4MHz - 16MHz crystal oscillator and increase the swing on the XTAL2 pin. This allows for driving crystals with higher load or higher frequency than specified by the FRQRANGE bits.

Bit 3:0 – XOSCSEL[3:0]: Crystal Oscillator Selection

These bits select the type and start-up time for the crystal or resonator that is connected to the XTAL or TOSC pins. See [Table 6-6](#page-67-1) for crystal selections. If an external clock or external oscillator is selected as the source for the system clock, see "CTRL – Oscillator Control Register" on page 67. This configuration cannot be changed.

Notes: 1. This option should be used only when frequency stability at startup is not important for the application. The option is not suitable for crystals.

2. This option is intended for use with ceramic resonators. It can also be used when the frequency stability at startup is not important for the application.

3. When the external oscillator is used as the reference for a DFLL, only EXTCLK and 32KHz can be selected.

6.10.4 XOSCFAIL – XOSC Failure Detection Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3 – PLLFDIF: PLL Fault Detection Flag

If PLL failure detection is enabled, PLLFDIF is set when the PLL looses lock. Writing logic one to this location will clear PLLFDIF.

Bit 2 – PLLFDEN: PLL Fault Detection Enable

Setting this bit will enable PLL failure detection. A non-maskable interrupt will be issued when PLLFDIF is set.

This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0) for details.

Bit 1 – XOSCFDIF: Failure Detection Interrupt Flag

If the external clock source oscillator failure monitor is enabled, XOSCFDIF is set when a failure is detected. Writing logic one to this location will clear XOSCFDIF.

Bit 0 – XOSCFDEN: Failure Detection Enable

Setting this bit will enable the failure detection monitor, and a non-maskable interrupt will be issued when XOSCFDIF is set.

This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0) for details. Once enabled, failure detection can only be disabled by a reset.

6.10.5 RC32KCAL – 32kHz Oscillator Calibration Register

Bit 7:0 – RC32KCAL[7:0]: 32.768kHz Internal Oscillator Calibration bits

This register is used to calibrate the 32.768kHz internal oscillator. A factory-calibrated value is loaded from the signature row of the device and written to this register during reset, giving an oscillator frequency close to 32.768kHz. The register can also be written from software to calibrate the oscillator frequency during normal operation.

6.10.6 PLLCTRL – PLL Control Register

Bit 7:6 – PLLSRC[1:0]: Clock Source

The PLLSRC bits select the input source for the PLL according to [Table 6-7 on page 70](#page-69-0).

Table 6-7. PLL Clock Source

Notes: 1. The 32.768kHz TOSC cannot be selected as the source for the PLL. An external clock must be a minimum 0.4MHz to be used as the source clock.

Bit 5 – PLLDIV: PLL Divided Output Enable

Setting this bit will divide the output from the PLL by 2.

Bit 4:0 – PLLFAC[4:0]: Multiplication Factor

These bits select the multiplication factor for the PLL. The multiplication factor can be in the range of from 1x to 31x.

6.10.7 DFLLCTRL – DFLL Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:1 – RC32MCREF[1:0]: 32MHz Oscillator Calibration Reference

These bits are used to select the calibration source for the 32MHz DFLL according to the [Table 6-8](#page-69-2). These bits will select only which calibration source to use for the DFLL. In addition, the actual clock source that is selected must enabled and configured for the calibration to function.

Table 6-8. 32MHz Oscillator Reference Selection

Bit 0 – RC2MCREF: 2MHz Oscillator Calibration Reference

This bit is used to select the calibration source for the 2MHz DFLL. By default, this bit is zero and the 32.768kHz internal oscillator is selected. If this bit is set to one, the 32.768kHz crystal oscillator on TOSC is selected as the reference. This bit will select only which calibration source to use for the DFLL. In addition, the actual clock source that is selected must enabled and configured for the calibration to function.

6.11 Register Description – DFLL32M/DFLL2M

6.11.1 CTRL – DFLL Control Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – ENABLE: DFLL Enable

Setting this bit enables the DFLL and auto-calibration of the internal oscillator. The reference clock must be enabled and stable before the DFLL is enabled.

After disabling the DFLL, the reference clock can not be disabled before the ENABLE bit is read as zero.

6.11.2 CALA – DFLL Calibration Register A

The CALA and CALB registers hold the 13-bit DFLL calibration value that is used for automatic run-time calibration of the internal oscillator. When the DFLL is disabled, the calibration registers can be written by software for manual run-time calibration of the oscillator. The oscillators will also be calibrated according to the calibration value in these registers when the DFLL is disabled.

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:0 – CALA[6:0]: DFLL Calibration Bits

These bits hold the part of the oscillator calibration value that is used for automatic runtime calibration. A factorycalibrated value is loaded from the signature row of the device and written to this register during reset, giving an oscillator frequency approximate to the nominal frequency for the oscillator. The bits cannot be written when the DFLL is enabled.

6.11.3 CALB – DFLL Calibration Register B

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:0 – CALB[5:0]: DFLL Calibration bits

These bits hold the part of the oscillator calibration value that is used to select the oscillator frequency. A factorycalibrated value is loaded from the signature row of the device and written to this register during reset, giving an oscillator frequency approximate to the nominal frequency for the oscillator. These bits are not changed during automatic run-time

calibration of the oscillator. The bits cannot be written when the DFLL is enabled. When calibrating to a frequency different from the default, the CALA bits should be set to a middle value to maximize the range for the DFLL.

6.11.4 COMP1 – DFLL Compare Register 1

The COMP1 and COMP2 register pair represent the frequency ratio between the oscillator and the reference clock. The initial value for these registers is the ratio between the internal oscillator frequency and a 1.024kHz reference.

Bit 7:0 – COMP1[7:0]: Compare value byte 1

These bits hold byte 1 of the 16-bit compare register.

6.11.5 COMP2 – DFLL Compare Register 2

Bit 7:0 – COMP2[15:8]: Compare Register value byte 2

These bits hold byte 2 of the 16-bit compare register.

Table 6-9. Nominal DFLL32M COMP Values for Different Output Frequencies

6.12 Register Summary - Clock

6.13 Register Summary - Oscillator

6.14 Register Summary - DFLL32M/DFLL2M

6.15 Oscillator Failure Interrupt Vector Summary

7. Power Management and Sleep Modes

7.1 Features

- Power management for adjusting power consumption and functions
- Five sleep modes
	- Idle
	- Power down
	- Power save
	- Standby
	- Extended standby
- Power reduction register to disable clock and turn off unused peripherals in active and idle modes

7.2 Overview

Various sleep modes and clock gating are provided in order to tailor power consumption to application requirements. This enables the XMEGA microcontroller to stop unused modules to save power.

All sleep modes are available and can be entered from active mode. In active mode, the CPU is executing application code. When the device enters sleep mode, program execution is stopped and interrupts or a reset is used to wake the device again. The application code decides which sleep mode to enter and when. Interrupts from enabled peripherals and all enabled reset sources can restore the microcontroller from sleep to active mode.

In addition, power reduction registers provide a method to stop the clock to individual peripherals from software. When this is done, the current state of the peripheral is frozen, and there is no power consumption from that peripheral. This reduces the power consumption in active mode and idle sleep modes and enables much more fine-tuned power management than sleep modes alone.

7.3 Sleep Modes

Sleep modes are used to shut down modules and clock domains in the microcontroller in order to save power. XMEGA microcontrollers have five different sleep modes tuned to match the typical functional stages during application execution. A dedicated sleep instruction (SLEEP) is available to enter sleep mode. Interrupts are used to wake the device from sleep, and the available interrupt wake-up sources are dependent on the configured sleep mode. When an enabled interrupt occurs, the device will wake up and execute the interrupt service routine before continuing normal program execution from the first instruction after the SLEEP instruction. If other, higher priority interrupts are pending when the wake-up occurs, their interrupt service routines will be executed according to their priority before the interrupt service routine for the wake-up interrupt is executed. After wake-up, the CPU is halted for four cycles before execution starts.

[Table 7-1 on page 75](#page-74-0) shows the different sleep modes and the active clock domains, oscillators, and wake-up sources.

Table 7-1. Active Clock Domains and Wake-up Sources in the Different Sleep Modes

The wake-up time for the device is dependent on the sleep mode and the main clock source. The startup time for the system clock source must be added to the wake-up time for sleep modes where the system clock source is not kept running. For details on the startup time for the different oscillator options, refer to "System Clock and Clock Options" on [page 56](#page-55-0).

The content of the register file, SRAM and registers are kept during sleep. If a reset occurs during sleep, the device will reset, start up, and execute from the reset vector.

7.3.1 Idle Mode

In idle mode the CPU and nonvolatile memory are stopped (note that any ongoing programming will be completed), but all peripherals, including the interrupt controller and event system are kept running. Any enabled interrupt will wake the device.

7.3.2 Power-down Mode

In power-down mode, all clocks, including the real-time counter clock source, are stopped. This allows operation only of asynchronous modules that do not require a running clock. The only interrupts that can wake up the MCU are the twowire interface address match interrupt and asynchronous port interrupts.

7.3.3 Power-save Mode

Power-save mode is identical to power down, with one exception. If the real-time counter (RTC) is enabled, it will keep running during sleep, and the device can also wake up from either an RTC overflow or compare match interrupt.

7.3.4 Standby Mode

Standby mode is identical to power down, with the exception that the enabled system clock sources are kept running while the CPU, peripheral, and RTC clocks are stopped. This reduces the wake-up time.

7.3.5 Extended Standby Mode

Extended standby mode is identical to power-save mode, with the exception that the enabled system clock sources are kept running while the CPU and peripheral clocks are stopped. This reduces the wake-up time.

7.4 Power Reduction Registers

The power reduction (PR) registers provide a method to stop the clock to individual peripherals. When this is done, the current state of the peripheral is frozen and the associated I/O registers cannot be read or written. Resources used by the peripheral will remain occupied; hence, the peripheral should be disabled before stopping the clock. Enabling the clock to a peripheral again puts the peripheral in the same state as before it was stopped. This can be used in idle mode and active modes to reduce the overall power consumption. In all other sleep modes, the peripheral clock is already stopped.

Not all devices have all the peripherals associated with a bit in the power reduction registers. Setting a power reduction bit for a peripheral that is not available will have no effect.

7.5 Minimizing Power Consumption

There are several possibilities to consider when trying to minimize the power consumption in an AVR MCU controlled system. In general, correct sleep modes should be selected and used to ensure that only the modules required for the application are operating.

All unneeded functions should be disabled. In particular, the following modules may need special consideration when trying to achieve the lowest possible power consumption.

7.5.1 Analog-to-Digital Converter - ADC

When entering idle mode, the ADC should be disabled if not used. In other sleep modes, the ADC is automatically disabled. When the ADC is turned off and on again, the next conversion will be an extended conversion. This means that the user should wait for the duration of ADC start-up time, before triggering a useful conversion. Refer to $ADC - Analog-to-Digital$ Converter["] on page 231 for details on ADC operation.

7.5.2 Analog Comparator - AC

When entering idle mode, the analog comparator should be disabled if not used. In other sleep modes, the analog comparator is automatically disabled. However, if the analog comparator is set up to use the internal voltage reference as input, the analog comparator should be disabled in all sleep modes. Otherwise, the internal voltage reference will be enabled, irrespective of sleep mode. Refer to A_C Analog Comparator" on page 254 for details on how to configure the analog comparator.

7.5.3 Brownout Detector

If the brownout detector is not needed by the application, this module should be turned off. If the brownout detector is enabled by the BODLEVEL fuses, it will be enabled in all sleep modes, and always consume power. In the deeper sleep modes, it can be turned off and set in sampled mode to reduce current consumption. Refer to "Brownout Detection" on [page 83](#page-82-0) for details on how to configure the brownout detector.

7.5.4 Watchdog Timer

If the watchdog timer is not needed in the application, the module should be turned off. If the watchdog timer is enabled, it will be enabled in all sleep modes and, hence, always consume power. Refer to "WDT $-$ Watchdog Timer" on page 89 for details on how to configure the watchdog timer.

7.5.5 Port Pins

When entering a sleep mode, all port pins should be configured to use minimum power. Most important is to ensure that no pins drive resistive loads. In sleep modes where the Peripheral Clock (Clk_{PFR}) is stopped, the input buffers of the device will be disabled. This ensures that no power is consumed by the input logic when not needed.

7.5.6 On-chip Debug Systems

If the On-chip debug system is enabled and the chip enters sleep mode, the main clock source is enabled and hence always consumes power. In the deeper sleep modes, this will contribute significantly to the total current consumption.

7.6 Register Description – Sleep

7.6.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:1 – SMODE[2:0]: Sleep Mode Selection

These bits select sleep modes according to [Table 7-2.](#page-76-0)

Table 7-2. Sleep Mode

Bit 0 – SEN: Sleep Enable

This bit must be set to make the MCU enter the selected sleep mode when the SLEEP instruction is executed. To avoid unintentional entering of sleep modes, it is recommended to write SEN just before executing the SLEEP instruction and clear it immediately after waking up.

7.7 Register Description – Power Reduction

Bit 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 [+0x00](#page-79-2) **– – – – – RTC EVSYS –** Read/Write R R R R R R/W R/W R Initial Value 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

7.7.1 PRGEN – General Power Reduction Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – RTC: Real-Time Counter

Setting this bit turns off the peripheral clock to the RTC. This means that register access, interrupt generation and event generation is stopped, but the counter will continue to run.

Bit 1 – EVSYS: Event System

Setting this stops the clock to the event system. When this bit is cleared, the module will continue as before it was stopped.

Bit 0 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

7.7.2 PRPA – Power Reduction Port A Register

Note: Disabling of analog modules stops the clock to the analog blocks themselves and not only the interfaces.

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – ADC: Power Reduction ADC

Setting this bit stops the clock to the ADC. The ADC should be disabled before stopped.

Bit 0 – AC: Power Reduction Analog Comparator

Setting this bit stops the clock to the analog comparator. The AC should be disabled before shutdown.

7.7.3 PRPC/D/E/F – Power Reduction Port C/D/E/F Register

Notes: 1. Only available for PRPC and PRPD. Reserved bit for PRPE and PREPF.

2. Only available for PRPC. Reserved bit for PRPD, PRPE and PRPF.

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6 – TWI: Two-Wire Interface

Setting this bit stops the clock to the two-wire interface. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral should be reinitialized to ensure proper operation.

Bit 5 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – USART0

Setting this bit stops the clock to USART0. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral should be reinitialized to ensure proper operation.

Bit 3 – SPI: Serial Peripheral Interface

Setting this bit stops the clock to the SPI. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral should be reinitialized to ensure proper operation.

Bit 2 – HIRES: High-Resolution Extension

Setting this bit stops the clock to the high-resolution extension for the timer/counters. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral should be reinitialized to ensure proper operation.

Bit 1 – TC1: Timer/Counter 1

Setting this bit stops the clock to timer/counter 1. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral will continue like before the shut down.

Bit 0 – TC0: Timer/Counter 0

Setting this bit stops the clock to timer/counter 0. When this bit is cleared, the peripheral will continue like before the shut down.

7.8 Register Summary – Sleep

7.9 Register Summary – Power Reduction

8. Reset System

8.1 Features

- **Reset the microcontroller and set it to initial state when a reset source goes active**
- Multiple reset sources that cover different situations
	- Power-on reset
	- External reset
	- Watchdog reset
	- Brownout reset
	- PDI reset
	- Software reset
- **•** Asynchronous operation
	- No running system clock in the device is required for reset
- Reset status register for reading the reset source from the application code

8.2 Overview

The reset system issues a microcontroller reset and sets the device to its initial state. This is for situations where operation should not start or continue, such as when the microcontroller operates below its power supply rating. If a reset source goes active, the device enters and is kept in reset until all reset sources have released their reset. The I/O pins are immediately tri-stated. The program counter is set to the reset vector location, and all I/O registers are set to their initial values. The SRAM content is kept. However, if the device accesses the SRAM when a reset occurs, the content of the accessed location can not be guaranteed.

After reset is released from all reset sources, the default oscillator is started and calibrated before the device starts running from the reset vector address. By default, this is the lowest program memory address, 0, but it is possible to move the reset vector to the lowest address in the boot section.

The reset functionality is asynchronous, and so no running system clock is required to reset the device. The software reset feature makes it possible to issue a controlled system reset from the user software.

The reset status register has individual status flags for each reset source. It is cleared at power-on reset, and shows which sources have issued a reset since the last power-on.

An overview of the reset system is shown in [Figure 8-1 on page 82](#page-81-0).

8.3 Reset Sequence

A reset request from any reset source will immediately reset the device and keep it in reset as long as the request is active. When all reset requests are released, the device will go through three stages before the device starts running again:

- Reset counter delay
- Oscillator startup
- Oscillator calibration

If another reset requests occurs during this process, the reset sequence will start over again.

8.3.1 Reset Counter

The reset counter can delay reset release with a programmable period from when all reset requests are released. The reset delay is timed from the 1kHz output of the ultra low power (ULP) internal oscillator, and in addition 24 System clock (clk_{SYS}) cycles are counted before reset is released. The reset delay is set by the STARTUPTIME fuse bits. The selectable delays are shown in [Table 8-1.](#page-81-1)

Table 8-1. Reset Delay

Whenever a reset occurs, the clock system is reset and the internal 2MHz internal oscillator is chosen as the source for Clk_{SYS} .

8.3.2 Oscillator Startup

After the reset delay, the 2MHz internal oscillator clock is started, and its calibration values are automatically loaded from the calibration row to the calibration registers.

8.4 Reset Sources

8.4.1 Power-on Reset

A power-on reset (POR) is generated by an on-chip detection circuit. The POR is activated when the V_{CC} rises and reaches the POR threshold voltage (V_{POT}), and this will start the reset sequence.

The POR is also activated to power down the device properly when the V_{CC} falls and drops below the V_{POT} level.

The V_{POT} level is higher for falling V_{CC}than for rising V_{CC}. Consult the datasheet for POR characteristics data.

Figure 8-2. MCU Startup, RESET Tied to V_{CC}

Figure 8-3. MCU Startup, RESET Extended Externally

8.4.2 Brownout Detection

The on-chip brownout detection (BOD) circuit monitors the V_{CC} level during operation by comparing it to a fixed, programmable level that is selected by the BODLEVEL fuses. If disabled, BOD is forced on at the lowest level during chip erase and when the PDI is enabled.

When the BOD is enabled and V_{CC} decreases to a value below the trigger level (V_{BOT-} in [Figure 8-4 on page 84\)](#page-83-0), the brownout reset is immediately activated.

When V_{CC} increases above the trigger level (V_{BOT+} in [Figure 8-4 on page 84](#page-83-0)), the reset counter starts the MCU after the timeout period, t_{TOUT} , has expired.

The trigger level has a hysteresis to ensure spike free brownout detection. The hysteresis on the detection level should be interpreted as $V_{BOT^+} = V_{BOT} + V_{HYST}/2$ and $V_{BOT^-} = V_{BOT} - V_{HYST}/2$.

The BOD circuit will detect a drop in V_{CC} only if the voltage stays below the trigger level for longer than t_{BOD}.

For BOD characterization data consult the device datasheet. The programmable BODLEVEL setting is shown in [Table 8-](#page-83-1) [2](#page-83-1).

Table 8-2. Programmable BODLEVEL Setting

Notes: 1. The values are nominal values only. For accurate, actual numbers, consult the device datasheet.

2. Changing these fuse bits will have no effect until leaving programming mode.

The BOD circuit has three modes of operation:

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- **Disabled:** In this mode, there is no monitoring of the V_{CC} level.
- **Enabled:** In this mode, the V_{CC} level is continuously monitored, and a drop in V_{CC} below V_{BOT} for a period of t_{BOD} will give a brownout reset.
- **Sampled:** In this mode, the BOD circuit will sample the V_{CC} level with a period identical to that of the 1kHz output from the ultra low power (ULP) internal oscillator. Between each sample, the BOD is turned off. This mode will reduce the power consumption compared to the enabled mode, but a fall in the V_{CC} level between two positive edges of the 1kHz ULP oscillator output will not be detected. If a brownout is detected in this mode, the BOD circuit is set in enabled mode to ensure that the device is kept in reset until V_{CC} is above V_{ROT} again.

The BODACT fuse determines the BOD setting for active mode and idle mode, while the BODPD fuse determines the brownout detection setting for all sleep modes, except idle mode.

Table 8-3. BOD Setting Fuse Decoding

8.4.3 External Reset

The external reset circuit is connected to the external RESET pin. The external reset will trigger when the RESET pin is driven below the RESET pin threshold voltage, V_{RST} , for longer than the minimum pulse period, t_{EXT} . The reset will be held as long as the pin is kept low. The RESET pin includes an internal pull-up resistor.

For external reset characterization data consult the device datasheet.

8.4.4 Watchdog Reset

The watchdog timer (WDT) is a system function for monitoring correct program operation. If the WDT is not reset from the software within a programmable timout period, a watchdog reset will be given. The watchdog reset is active for one to two clock cycles of the 2MHz internal oscillator.

Figure 8-6. Watchdog Reset

For information on configuration and use of the WDT, refer to the "WDT – Watchdog Timer" on page 89.

8.4.5 Software Reset

The software reset makes it possible to issue a system reset from software by writing to the software reset bit in the reset control register.The reset will be issued within two CPU clock cycles after writing the bit. It is not possible to execute any instruction from when a software reset is requested until it is issued.

Figure 8-7. Software Reset

8.4.6 Program and Debug Interface Reset

The program and debug interface reset contains a separate reset source that is used to reset the device during external programming and debugging. This reset source is accessible only from external debuggers and programmers.

8.5 Register Description

8.5.1 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5 – SRF: Software Reset Flag

This flag is set if a software reset occurs. The flag will be cleared by a power-on reset or by writing a one to the bit location.

Bit 4 – PDIRF: Program and Debug Interface Reset Flag

This flag is set if a programming interface reset occurs. The flag will be cleared by a power-on reset or by writing a one to the bit location.

Bit 3 – WDRF: Watchdog Reset Flag

This flag is set if a watchdog reset occurs. The flag will be cleared by a power-on reset or by writing a one to the bit location.

Bit 2 – BORF: Brownout Reset Flag

This flag is set if a brownout reset occurs. The flag will be cleared by a power-on reset or by writing a one to the bit location.

Bit 1 – EXTRF: External Reset Flag

This flag is set if an external reset occurs. The flag will be cleared by a power-on reset or by writing a one to the bit location.

Bit 0 – PORF: Power On Reset Flag

This flag is set if a power-on reset occurs. Writing a one to the flag will clear the bit location.

8.5.2 CTRL – Control Register

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Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – SWRST: Software Reset

When this bit is set, a software reset will occur. The bit is cleared when a reset is issued. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13.

8.6 Register Summary

9. WDT – Watchdog Timer

9.1 Features

- Issues a device reset if the timer is not reset before its timeout period
- Asynchronous operation from dedicated oscillator
- 1kHz output of the 32kHz ultra low power oscillator
- 11 selectable timeout periods, from 8ms to 8s
- Two operation modes:
	- Normal mode
	- Window mode
- Configuration lock to prevent unwanted changes

9.2 Overview

The watchdog timer (WDT) is a system function for monitoring correct program operation. It makes it possible to recover from error situations such as runaway or deadlocked code. The WDT is a timer, configured to a predefined timeout period, and is constantly running when enabled. If the WDT is not reset within the timeout period, it will issue a microcontroller reset. The WDT is reset by executing the WDR (watchdog timer reset) instruction from the application code.

The window mode makes it possible to define a time slot or window inside the total timeout period during which WDT must be reset. If the WDT is reset outside this window, either too early or too late, a system reset will be issued. Compared to the normal mode, this can also catch situations where a code error causes constant WDR execution.

The WDT will run in active mode and all sleep modes, if enabled. It is asynchronous, runs from a CPU-independent clock source, and will continue to operate to issue a system reset even if the main clocks fail.

The configuration change protection mechanism ensures that the WDT settings cannot be changed by accident. For increased safety, a fuse for locking the WDT settings is also available.

9.3 Normal Mode Operation

In normal mode operation, a single timeout period is set for the WDT. If the WDT is not reset from the application code before the timeout occurs, then the WDT will issue a system reset. There are 11 possible WDT timeout (TO_{WDT}) periods, selectable from 8ms to 8s, and the WDT can be reset at any time during the timeout period. A new WDT timeout period will be started each time the WDT is reset by the WDR instruction. The default timeout period is controlled by fuses. Normal mode operation is illustrated in [Figure 9-1.](#page-88-1)

Figure 9-1. Normal Mode Operation

9.4 Window Mode Operation

In window mode operation, the WDT uses two different timeout periods, a "closed" window timeout period (TO_{WDTW}) and the normal timeout period (TO_{WDT}). The closed window timeout period defines a duration of from 8ms to 8s where the WDT cannot be reset. If the WDT is reset during this period, the WDT will issue a system reset. The normal WDT timeout period, which is also 8ms to 8s, defines the duration of the "open" period during which the WDT can (and should) be reset. The open period will always follow the closed period, and so the total duration of the timeout period is the sum of the closed window and the open window timeout periods. The default closed window timeout period is controlled by fuses (*both* open and closed periods are controlled by fuses). The window mode operation is illustrated in [Figure 9-2](#page-89-0).

Figure 9-2. Window Mode Operation

9.5 Watchdog Timer Clock

The WDT is clocked from the 1kHz output from the 32kHz ultra low power (ULP) internal oscillator. Due to the ultra low power design, the oscillator is not very accurate, and so the exact timeout period may vary from device to device. When designing software which uses the WDT, this device-to-device variation must be kept in mind to ensure that the timeout periods used are valid for all devices. For more information on ULP oscillator accuracy, consult the device datasheet.

9.6 Configuration Protection and Lock

The WDT is designed with two security mechanisms to avoid unintentional changes to the WDT settings.

The first mechanism is the configuration change protection mechanism, employing a timed write procedure for changing the WDT control registers. In addition, for the new configuration to be written to the control registers, the registerís change enable bit must be written at the same time.

The second mechanism locks the configuration by setting the WDT lock fuse. When this fuse is set, the watchdog time control register cannot be changed; hence, the WDT cannot be disabled from software. After system reset, the WDT will resume at the configured operation. When the WDT lock fuse is programmed, the window mode timeout period cannot be changed, but the window mode itself can still be enabled or disabled.

9.7 Registers Description

9.7.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bits 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bits 5:2 - PER[3:0]: Timeout Period

These bits determine the watchdog timeout period as a number of 1kHz ULP oscillator cycles. In window mode operation, these bits define the open window period. The different typical timeout periods are found in [Table 9-1.](#page-90-0) The initial values of these bits are set by the watchdog timeout period (WDP) fuses, which are loaded at power-on.

In order to change these bits, the CEN bit must be written to 1 at the same time. These bits are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For a detailed description, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0).

Table 9-1. Watchdog Timeout Periods

Note: Reserved settings will not give any timeout.

Bit 1 – ENABLE: Enable

This bit enables the WDT. Clearing this bit disables the watchdog timer.

In order to change this bit, the CEN bit in $CTRL - Control$ Register" on page 91 must be written to one at the same time. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism, For a detailed description, refer to "Configuration" Change Protection["] on page 13.

Bit 0 – CEN: Change Enable

This bit enables the ability to change the configuration of the "CTRL $-$ Control Register" on page 91. When writing a new value to this register, this bit must be written to one at the same time for the changes to take effect. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For a detailed description, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" [on page 13.](#page-12-0)

9.7.2 WINCTRL – Window Mode Control Register

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:2 – WPER[3:0]: Window Mode Timeout Period

These bits determine the closed window period as a number of 1kHz ULP oscillator cycles in window mode operation. The typical different closed window periods are found in [Table 9-2](#page-91-0). The initial values of these bits are set by the watchdog window timeout period (WDWP) fuses, and are loaded at power-on. In normal mode these bits are not in use.

In order to change these bits, the WCEN bit must be written to one at the same time. These bits are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For a detailed description, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0).

Table 9-2. Watchdog Closed Window Periods

Note: Reserved settings will not give any timeout for the window.

Bit 1 – WEN: Window Mode Enable

This bit enables the window mode. In order to change this bit, the WCEN bit in "WINCTRL – Window Mode Control Register" on page 92 must be written to one at the same time. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For a detailed description, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13.

Bit 0 – WCEN: Window Mode Change Enable

This bit enables the ability to change the configuration of the "WINCTRL – Window Mode Control Register" on page 92. When writing a new value to this register, this bit must be written to one at the same time for the changes to take effect. This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism, but not protected by the WDT lock fuse.

9.7.3 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – SYNCBUSY: Synchronization Busy Flag

This flag is set after writing to the CTRL or WINCTRL registers and the data are being synchronized from the system clock to the WDT clock domain. This bit is automatically cleared after the synchronization is finished. Synchronization will take place only when the ENABLE bit for the Watchdog Timer is set.

9.8 Register Summary

10. Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller

10.1 Features

- Short and predictable interrupt response time
	- Separate interrupt configuration and vector address for each interrupt
- Programmable multilevel interrupt controller
	- Interrupt prioritizing according to level and vector address
	- Three selectable interrupt levels for all interrupts: low, medium and high
	- Selectable, round-robin priority scheme within low-level interrupts
	- Non-maskable interrupts for critical functions
- **Interrupt vectors optionally placed in the application section or the boot loader section**

10.2 Overview

Interrupts signal a change of state in peripherals, and this can be used to alter program execution. Peripherals can have one or more interrupts, and all are individually enabled and configured. When an interrupt is enabled and configured, it will generate an interrupt request when the interrupt condition is present. The programmable multilevel interrupt controller (PMIC) controls the handling and prioritizing of interrupt requests. When an interrupt request is acknowledged by the PMIC, the program counter is set to point to the interrupt vector, and the interrupt handler can be executed.

All peripherals can select between three different priority levels for their interrupts: low, medium, and high. Interrupts are prioritized according to their level and their interrupt vector address. Medium-level interrupts will interrupt low-level interrupt handlers. High-level interrupts will interrupt both medium- and low-level interrupt handlers. Within each level, the interrupt priority is decided from the interrupt vector address, where the lowest interrupt vector address has the highest interrupt priority. Low-level interrupts have an optional round-robin scheduling scheme to ensure that all interrupts are serviced within a certain amount of time.

Non-maskable interrupts (NMI) are also supported, and can be used for system critical functions.

10.3 Operation

Interrupts must be globally enabled for any interrupts to be generated. This is done by setting the global interrupt enable (I) bit in the CPU status register. The I bit will not be cleared when an interrupt is acknowledged. Each interrupt level must also be enabled before interrupts with the corresponding level can be generated.

When an interrupt is enabled and the interrupt condition is present, the PMIC will receive the interrupt request. Based on the interrupt level and interrupt priority of any ongoing interrupts, the interrupt is either acknowledged or kept pending until it has priority. When the interrupt request is acknowledged, the program counter is updated to point to the interrupt vector. The interrupt vector is normally a jump to the interrupt handler; the software routine that handles the interrupt. After returning from the interrupt handler, program execution continues from where it was before the interrupt occurred. One instruction is always executed before any pending interrupt is served.

The PMIC status register contains state information that ensures that the PMIC returns to the correct interrupt level when the RETI (interrupt return) instruction is executed at the end of an interrupt handler. Returning from an interrupt will return the PMIC to the state it had before entering the interrupt. The status register (SREG) is not saved automatically upon an interrupt request. The RET (subroutine return) instruction cannot be used when returning from the interrupt handler routine, as this will not return the PMIC to its correct state.

Figure 10-1. Interrupt Controller Overview

10.4 Interrupts

All interrupts and the reset vector each have a separate program vector address in the program memory space. The lowest address in the program memory space is the reset vector. All interrupts are assigned individual control bits for enabling and setting the interrupt level, and this is set in the control registers for each peripheral that can generate interrupts. Details on each interrupt are described in the peripheral where the interrupt is available.

All interrupts have an interrupt flag associated with it. When the interrupt condition is present, the interrupt flag will be set, even if the corresponding interrupt is not enabled. For most interrupts, the interrupt flag is automatically cleared when executing the interrupt vector. Writing a logical one to the interrupt flag will also clear the flag. Some interrupt flags are not cleared when executing the interrupt vector, and some are cleared automatically when an associated register is accessed (read or written). This is described for each individual interrupt flag.

If an interrupt condition occurs while another, higher priority interrupt is executing or pending, the interrupt flag will be set and remembered until the interrupt has priority. If an interrupt condition occurs while the corresponding interrupt is not enabled, the interrupt flag will be set and remembered until the interrupt is enabled or the flag is cleared by software. Similarly, if one or more interrupt conditions occur while global interrupts are disabled, the corresponding interrupt flag will be set and remembered until global interrupts are enabled. All pending interrupts are then executed according to their order of priority.

Interrupts can be blocked when executing code from a locked section; e.g., when the boot lock bits are programmed. This feature improves software security. Refer to "Memory Programming" on page 274 for details on lock bit settings.

Interrupts are automatically disabled for up to four CPU clock cycles when the configuration change protection register is written with the correct signature. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13 for more details.

10.4.1 NMI – Non-Maskable Interrupts

Which interrupts represent NMI and which represent regular interrupts cannot be selected. Non-maskable interrupts must be enabled before they can be used. Refer to the device datasheet for NMI present on each device.

An NMI will be executed regardless of the setting of the I bit, and it will never change the I bit. No other interrupts can interrupt a NMI handler. If more than one NMI is requested at the same time, priority is static according to the interrupt vector address, where the lowest address has highest priority.

10.4.2 Interrupt Response Time

The interrupt response time for all the enabled interrupts is three CPU clock cycles, minimum; one cycle to finish the ongoing instruction and two cycles to store the program counter to the stack. After the program counter is pushed on the stack, the program vector for the interrupt is executed. The jump to the interrupt handler takes three clock cycles.

If an interrupt occurs during execution of a multi-cycle instruction, this instruction is completed before the interrupt is served. See [Figure 10-2](#page-95-0) for more details.

Figure 10-2. Interrupt Execution of a Multi-cycle Instruction

If an interrupt occurs when the device is in sleep mode, the interrupt execution response time is increased by five clock cycles. In addition, the response time is increased by the start-up time from the selected sleep mode.

A return from an interrupt handling routine takes four to five clock cycles, depending on the size of the program counter. During these clock cycles, the program counter is popped from the stack and the stack pointer is incremented.

10.5 Interrupt Level

The interrupt level is independently selected for each interrupt source. For any interrupt request, the PMIC also receives the interrupt level for the interrupt. The interrupt levels and their corresponding bit values for the interrupt level configuration of all interrupts is shown in [Table 10-1.](#page-96-0)

The interrupt level of an interrupt request is compared against the current level and status of the interrupt controller. An interrupt request of a higher level will interrupt any ongoing interrupt handler from a lower level interrupt. When returning from the higher level interrupt handler, the execution of the lower level interrupt handler will continue.

10.6 Interrupt Priority

Within each interrupt level, all interrupts have a priority. When several interrupt requests are pending, the order in which interrupts are acknowledged is decided both by the level and the priority of the interrupt request. Interrupts can be organized in a static or dynamic (round-robin) priority scheme. High- and medium-level interrupts and the NMI will always have static priority. For low-level interrupts, static or dynamic priority scheduling can be selected.

10.6.1 Static Priority

Interrupt vectors (IVEC) are located at fixed addresses. For static priority, the interrupt vector address decides the priority within one interrupt level, where the lowest interrupt vector address has the highest priority. Refer to the device datasheet for the interrupt vector table with the base address for all modules and peripherals with interrupt capability. Refer to the interrupt vector summary of each module and peripheral in this manual for a list of interrupts and their corresponding offset address within the different modules and peripherals.

Figure 10-3. Static Priority

10.6.2 Round-robin Scheduling

To avoid the possible starvation problem for low-level interrupts with static priority, where some interrupts might never be served, the PMIC offers round-robin scheduling for low-level interrupts. When round-robin scheduling is enabled, the interrupt vector address for the last acknowledged low-level interrupt will have the lowest priority the next time one or more interrupts from the low level is requested.

10.7 Interrupt Vector Locations

[Table 10-2](#page-97-0) shows reset and Interrupt vectors placement for the various combinations of BOOTRST and IVSEL settings. If the program never enables an interrupt source, the Interrupt Vectors are not used, and regular program code can be placed at these locations. This is also the case if the Reset Vector is in the Application section while the Interrupt Vectors are in the Boot section or vice versa.

10.8 Register Description

10.8.1 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7 – NMIEX: Non-Maskable Interrupt Executing

This flag is set if a non-maskable interrupt is executing. The flag will be cleared when returning (RETI) from the interrupt handler.

Bit 6:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – HILVLEX: High-level Interrupt Executing

This flag is set when a high-level interrupt is executing or when the interrupt handler has been interrupted by an NMI. The flag will be cleared when returning (RETI) from the interrupt handler.

Bit 1 – MEDLVLEX: Medium-level Interrupt Executing

This flag is set when a medium-level interrupt is executing or when the interrupt handler has been interrupted by an interrupt from higher level or an NMI. The flag will be cleared when returning (RETI) from the interrupt handler.

Bit 0 – LOLVLEX: Low-level Interrupt Executing

This flag is set when a low-level interrupt is executing or when the interrupt handler has been interrupted by an interrupt from higher level or an NMI. The flag will be cleared when returning (RETI) from the interrupt handler.

10.8.2 INTPRI – Interrupt Priority Register

Bit 7:0 – INTPRI: Interrupt Priority

When round-robin scheduling is enabled, this register stores the interrupt vector of the last acknowledged low-level interrupt. The stored interrupt vector will have the lowest priority the next time one or more low-level interrupts are pending. The register is accessible from software to change the priority queue. This register is not reinitialized to its initial value if round-robing scheduling is disabled, and so if default static priority is needed, the register must be written to zero.

10.8.3 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7 – RREN: Round-robin Scheduling Enable

When the RREN bit is set, the round-robin scheduling scheme is enabled for low-level interrupts. When this bit is cleared, the priority is static according to interrupt vector address, where the lowest address has the highest priority.

Bit 6 – IVSEL: Interrupt Vector Select

When the IVSEL bit is cleared (zero), the interrupt vectors are placed at the start of the application section in flash. When this bit is set (one), the interrupt vectors are placed in the beginning of the boot section of the flash. Refer to the device datasheet for the absolute address.

This bit is protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. Refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on [page 13](#page-12-0) for details.

Bit 5:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – HILVLEN: High-level Interrupt Enable [\(1\)](#page-99-4)

When this bit is set, all high-level interrupts are enabled. If this bit is cleared, high-level interrupt requests will be ignored.

Bit 1 – MEDLVLEN: Medium-level Interrupt Enable^{[\(1\)](#page-99-4)}

When this bit is set, all medium-level interrupts are enabled. If this bit is cleared, medium-level interrupt requests will be ignored.

Bit 0 – LOLVLEN: Low-level Interrupt Enable^{[\(1\)](#page-99-4)}

When this bit is set, all low-level interrupts are enabled. If this bit is cleared, low-level interrupt requests will be ignored. Note: 1. Ignoring interrupts will be effective one cycle after the bit is cleared.

10.9 Register Summary

11. I/O Ports

11.1 Features

- **General purpose input and output pins with individual configuration**
	- Output driver with configurable driver and pull settings:
		- Totem-pole
		- Wired-AND
		- Wired-OR
		- Bus-keeper
		- Inverted I/O
- Input with synchronous and/or asynchronous sensing with interrupts and events
	- Sense both edges
	- Sense rising edges
	- Sense falling edges
	- **Sense low level**
- Optional pull-up and pull-down resistor on input and Wired-OR/AND configurations
- Asynchronous pin change sensing that can wake the device from all sleep modes
- Two port interrupts with pin masking per I/O port
- **Efficient and safe access to port pins**
	- Hardware read-modify-write through dedicated toggle/clear/set registers
	- Configuration of multiple pins in a single operation
	- Mapping of port registers into bit-accessible I/O memory space
- Peripheral clocks output on port pin
- Real-time counter clock output to port pin
- **Event channels can be output on port pin**
- Remapping of digital peripheral pin functions
	- Selectable USART, SPI, and timer/counter input/output pin locations

11.2 Overview

AVR XMEGA microcontrollers have flexible general purpose I/O ports. One port consists of up to eight port pins: pin 0 to 7. Each port pin can be configured as input or output with configurable driver and pull settings. They also implement synchronous and asynchronous input sensing with interrupts and events for selectable pin change conditions. Asynchronous pin-change sensing means that a pin change can wake the device from all sleep modes, included the modes where no clocks are running.

All functions are individual and configurable per pin, but several pins can be configured in a single operation. The pins have hardware read-modify-write (RMW) functionality for safe and correct change of drive value and/or pull resistor configuration. The direction of one port pin can be changed without unintentionally changing the direction of any other pin.

The port pin configuration also controls input and output selection of other device functions. It is possible to have both the peripheral clock and the real-time clock output to a port pin, and available for external use. The same applies to events from the event system that can be used to synchronize and control external functions. Other digital peripherals, such as USART, SPI, and timer/counters, can be remapped to selectable pin locations in order to optimize pin-out versus application needs.

[Figure 11-1 on page 102](#page-101-0) shows the I/O pin functionality and the registers that are available for controlling a pin.

Figure 11-1. General I/O Pin Functionality

11.3 I/O Pin use and Configuration

Each port has one data direction (DIR) register and one data output value (OUT) register that are used for port pin control. The data input value (IN) register is used for reading the port pins. In addition, each pin has a pin configuration (PINnCTRL) register for additional pin configuration.

Direction of the pin is decided by the DIRn bit in the DIR register. If DIRn is written to one, pin n is configured as an output pin. If DIRn is written to zero, pin n is configured as an input pin.

When direction is set as output, the OUTn bit in OUT is used to set the value of the pin. If OUTn is written to one, pin n is driven high. If OUTn is written to zero, pin n is driven low.

The IN register is used for reading pin values. A pin value can always be read regardless of whether the pin is configured as input or output, except if digital input is disabled.

The I/O pins are tri-stated when a reset condition becomes active, even if no clocks are running.

The pin n configuration (PINnCTRL) register is used for additional I/O pin configuration. A pin can be set in a totem-pole, wired-AND, or wired-OR configuration. It is also possible to enable inverted input and output for a pin.

A totem-pole output has four possible pull configurations: totem-pole (push-pull), pull-down, pull-up, and bus-keeper. The bus-keeper is active in both directions. This is to avoid oscillation when disabling the output. The totem-pole

configurations with pull-up and pull-down have active resistors only when the pin is set as input. This feature eliminates unnecessary power consumption. For wired-AND and wired-OR configuration, the optional pull-up and pull-down resistors are active in both input and output directions.

Since pull configuration is configured through the pin configuration register, all intermediate port states during switching of the pin direction and pin values are avoided.

The I/O pin configurations are summarized with simplified schematics in [Figure 11-2](#page-102-0) to [Figure 11-7 on page 105.](#page-104-0)

11.3.1 Totem-pole

In the totem-pole (push-pull) configuration, the pin is driven low or high according to the corresponding bit setting in the OUT register. In this configuration, there is no current limitation for sink or source other than what the pin is capable of. If the pin is configured for input, the pin will float if no external pull resistor is connected.

Figure 11-2. I/O Pin Configuration - Totem-pole (push-pull)

11.3.1.1 Totem-pole with Pull-down

In this mode, the configuration is the same as for totem-pole mode, expect the pin is configured with an internal pull-down resistor when set as input.

Figure 11-3. I/O Pin Configuration - Totem-pole with Pull-down (on input)

11.3.1.2 Totem-pole with Pull-up

In this mode, the configuration is as for totem-pole, expect the pin is configured with internal pull-up when set as input.

11.3.2 Bus-keeper

In the bus-keeper configuration, it provides a weak bus-keeper that will keep the pin at its logic level when the pin is no longer driven to high or low. If the last level on the pin/bus was 1, the bus-keeper configuration will use the internal pull resistor to keep the bus high. If the last logic level on the pin/bus was 0, the bus-keeper will use the internal pull resistor to keep the bus low.

Figure 11-5. I/O Pin Configuration - Totem-pole with Bus-keeper

11.3.3 Wired-OR

In the wired-OR configuration, the pin will be driven high when the corresponding bits in the OUT and DIR registers are written to one. When the OUT register is set to zero, the pin is released, allowing the pin to be pulled low with the internal or an external pull-resistor. If internal pull-down is used, this is also active if the pin is set as input.

Figure 11-6. Output Configuration - Wired-OR with Optional Pull-down

11.3.4 Wired-AND

In the wired-AND configuration, the pin will be driven low when the corresponding bits in the OUT and DIR registers are written to zero. When the OUT register is set to one, the pin is released allowing the pin to be pulled high with the internal or an external pull-resistor. If internal pull-up is used, this is also active if the pin is set as input.

Figure 11-7. Output Configuration - Wired-AND with Optional Pull-up

11.4 Reading the Pin Value

Independent of the pin data direction, the pin value can be read from the IN register, as shown in [Figure 11-1 on page](#page-101-0) [102.](#page-101-0) If the digital input is disabled, the pin value cannot be read. The IN register bit and the preceding flip-flop constitute a synchronizer. The synchronizer introduces a delay on the internal signal line. [Figure 11-8](#page-104-1) shows a timing diagram of the synchronization when reading an externally applied pin value. The maximum and minimum propagation delays are denoted as $t_{pd,max}$ and $t_{pd,min}$, respectively.

11.5 Input Sense Configuration

Input sensing is used to detect an edge or level on the I/O pin input. The different sense configurations that are available for each pin are detection of a rising edge, falling edge, or any edge or detection of a low level. High level can be detected by using the inverted input configuration. Input sensing can be used to trigger interrupt requests (IREQ) or events when there is a change on the pin.

The I/O pins support synchronous and asynchronous input sensing. Synchronous sensing requires the presence of the peripheral clock, while asynchronous sensing does not require any clock.

11.6 Port Interrupt

Each port has two interrupt vectors, and it is configurable which pins on the port will trigger each interrupt. Port interrupts must be enabled before they can be used. Which sense configurations can be used to generate interrupts is dependent on whether synchronous or asynchronous input sensing is available for the selected pin.

For synchronous sensing, all sense configurations can be used to generate interrupts. For edge detection, the changed pin value must be sampled once by the peripheral clock for an interrupt request to be generated.

For asynchronous sensing, only port pin 2 on each port has full asynchronous sense support. This means that for edge detection, pin 2 will detect and latch any edge and it will always trigger an interrupt request. The other port pins have limited asynchronous sense support. This means that for edge detection, the changed value must be held until the device wakes up and a clock is present. If the pin value returns to its initial value before the end of the device wake-up time, the device will still wake up, but no interrupt request will be generated.

A low level can always be detected by all pins, regardless of a peripheral clock being present or not. If a pin is configured for low-level sensing, the interrupt will trigger as long as the pin is held low. In active mode, the low level must be held until the completion of the currently executing instruction for an interrupt to be generated. In all sleep modes, the low level must be kept until the end of the device wake-up time for an interrupt to be generated. If the low level disappears before the end of the wake-up time, the device will still wake up, but no interrupt will be generated.

[Table 11-1](#page-105-0), and [Table 11-2](#page-106-0), and [Table 11-3 on page 107](#page-106-1) summarize when interrupts can be triggered for the various input sense configurations.

Table 11-1. Synchronous Sense Support

Table 11-2. Full Asynchronous Sense Support

Table 11-3. Limited Asynchronous Sense Support

11.7 Port Event

Port pins can generate an event when there is a change on the pin. The sense configurations decide the conditions for each pin to generate events. Event generation requires the presence of a peripheral clock, and asynchronous event generation is not possible. For edge sensing, the changed pin value must be sampled once by the peripheral clock for an event to be generated.

For level sensing, a low-level pin value will not generate events, and a high-level pin value will continuously generate events. For events to be generated on a low level, the pin configuration must be set to inverted I/O.

Table 11-4. Event Sense Support

11.8 Alternate Port Functions

Most port pins have alternate pin functions in addition to being a general purpose I/O pin. When an alternate function is enabled, it might override the normal port pin function or pin value. This happens when other peripherals that require pins are enabled or configured to use pins. If and how a peripheral will override and use pins is described in the section for that peripheral.

The port override signals and related logic (grey) are shown in [Figure 11-10](#page-107-0). These signals are not accessible from software, but are internal signals between the overriding peripheral and the port pin.

11.9 Clock and Event Output

It is possible to output the peripheral clock and event channel 0 events to a pin. This can be used to clock, control, and synchronize external functions and hardware to internal device timing. The output port pin is selectable. If an event occurs, it remains visible on the port pin as long as the event lasts; normally one peripheral clock cycle.

11.10 Multi-pin Configuration

The multi-pin configuration function is used to configure multiple port pins using a single write operation to only one of the port pin configuration registers. A mask register decides which port pin is configured when one port pin register is written, while avoiding several pins being written the same way during identical write operations.

11.11 Virtual Ports

Virtual port registers allow the port registers to be mapped virtually in the bit-accessible I/O memory space. When this is done, writing to the virtual port register will be the same as writing to the real port register. This enables the use of I/O memory-specific instructions, such as bit-manipulation instructions, on a port register that normally resides in the extended I/O memory space. There are four virtual ports, and so four ports can be mapped at the same time.

11.12 Register Descriptions – Ports

11.12.1 DIR – Data Direction Register

Bit 7:0 – DIR[7:0]: Data Direction

This register sets the data direction for the individual pins of the port. If DIRn is written to one, pin n is configured as an output pin. If DIRn is written to zero, pin n is configured as an input pin.

11.12.2 DIRSET – Data Direction Set Register

Bit 7:0 – DIRSET[7:0]: Port Data Direction Set

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to set individual pins as output. Writing a one to a bit will set the corresponding bit in the DIR register. Reading this register will return the value of the DIR register.

11.12.3 DIRCLR – Data Direction Clear Register

Bit 7:0 – DIRCLR[7:0]: Port Data Direction Clear

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to set individual pins as input. Writing a one to a bit will clear the corresponding bit in the DIR register. Reading this register will return the value of the DIR register.

11.12.4 DIRTGL – Data Direction Toggle Register

Bit 7:0 – DIRTGL[7:0]: Port Data Direction Toggle

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to toggle the direction of individual pins. Writing a one to a bit will toggle the corresponding bit in the DIR register. Reading this register will return the value of the DIR register.

11.12.5 OUT – Data Output Value Register

Bit 7:0 – OUT[7:0]: Port Data Output value

This register sets the data output value for the individual pins of the port. If OUTn is written to one, pin n is driven high. If OUTn is written to zero, pin n is driven low. For this setting to have any effect, the pin direction must be set as output.

11.12.6 OUTSET – Data Output Value Set Register

Bit 7:0 – OUTSET[7:0]: Data Output Value Set

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to set the output value of individual pins to one. Writing a one to a bit will set the corresponding bit in the OUT register. Reading this register will return the value in the OUT register.

11.12.7 OUTCLR – Data Output Value Clear Register

Bit 7:0 – OUTCLR[7:0]: Data Output Value Clear

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to set the output value of individual pins to zero. Writing a one to a bit will clear the corresponding bit in the OUT register. Reading this register will return the value in the OUT register.

11.12.8 OUTTGL – Data Output Value Toggle Register

Bit 7:0 – OUTTGL[7:0]: Port Data Output Value Toggle

This register can be used instead of a read-modify-write to toggle the output value of individual pins. Writing a one to a bit will toggle the corresponding bit in the OUT register. Reading this register will return the value in the OUT register.

11.12.9 IN – Data Input Value Register

Bit 7:0 – IN[7:0]: Data Input Value

This register shows the value present on the pins if the digital input driver is enabled. INn shows the value of pin n of the port. The input is not sampled and cannot be read if the digital input buffers are disabled.

11.12.10INTCTRL – Interrupt Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2/1:0 – INTnLVL[1:0]: Interrupt n Level

These bits enable port interrupt n and select the interrupt level as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

11.12.11INT0MASK – Interrupt 0 Mask Register

Bit 7:0 – INT0MSK[7:0]: Interrupt 0 Mask bits

These bits are used to mask which pins can be used as sources for port interrupt 0. If INT0MASKn is written to one, pin n is used as source for port interrupt 0.The input sense configuration for each pin is decided by the PINnCTRL registers.

11.12.12INT1MASK – Interrupt 1 Mask Register

Bit 7:0 – INT1MASK[7:0]: Interrupt 1 Mask bits

These bits are used to mask which pins can be used as sources for port interrupt 1. If INT1MASKn is written to one, pin n is used as source for port interrupt 1.The input sense configuration for each pin is decided by the PINnCTRL registers.

11.12.13INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – INTnIF: Interrupt n Flag

The INTnIF flag is set when a pin change/state matches the pin's input sense configuration, and the pin is set as source for port interrupt n. Writing a one to this flag's bit location will clear the flag. For enabling and executing the interrupt, refer to the interrupt level description.

11.12.14REMAP – Pin Remap Register

The pin remap functionality is available for PORTC - PORTF only.

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5 – SPI: SPI Remap

Setting this bit to one will swap the pin locations of the SCK and MOSI pins to have pin compatibility between SPI and USART when the USART is operating as a SPI master.

Bit 4 – USART0: USART0 Remap

Setting this bit to one will move the pin location of USART0 from Px[3:0] to Px[7:4].

Bit 3 – TC0D: Timer/Counter 0 Output Compare D

Setting this bit will move the location of OC0D from Px3 to Px7.

Bit 2 – TC0C: Timer/Counter 0 Output Compare C

Setting this bit will move the location of OC0C from Px2 to Px6.

Bit 1 – TC0B: Timer/Counter 0 Output Compare B

Setting this bit will move the location of OC0B from Px1 to Px5. If this bit is set and PWM from both timer/counter 0 and timer/counter 1 is enabled, the resulting PWM will be an OR-modulation between the two PWM outputs.

Bit 0 – TC0A: Timer/Counter 0 Output Compare A

Setting this bit will move the location of OC0A from Px0 to Px4. If this bit is set and PWM from both timer/counter 0 and timer/counter 1 is enabled, the resulting PWM will be an OR-modulation between the two PWM outputs. See [Figure 11-](#page-113-0) [11 on page 114.](#page-113-0)

Figure 11-11.I/O Timer/counter

11.12.15PINnCTRL – Pin n Configuration Register

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6 – INVEN: Inverted I/O Enable

Setting this bit will enable inverted output and input data on pin n.

Bit 5:3 – OPC: Output and Pull Configuration

These bits set the output/pull configuration on pin n according to [Table 11-5](#page-113-1).

Table 11-5. Output/pull Configuration

Bit 2:0 – ISC[2:0]: Input/Sense Configuration

These bits set the input and sense configuration on pin n according to [Table 11-6 on page 115.](#page-114-0) The sense configuration decides how the pin can trigger port interrupts and events. If the input buffer is not disabled, the input cannot be read in the IN register.

Table 11-6. Input/sense Configuration

Note: 1. A low-level pin value will not generate events, and a high-level pin value will continuously generate events.

2. Only PORTA - PORTF support the input buffer disable option. If the pin is used for analog functionality, such as AC or ADC, it is recommended to configure the pin to INPUT_DISABLE.

11.13 Register Descriptions – Port Configuration

11.13.1 MPCMASK – Multi-pin Configuration Mask Register

Bit 7:0 – MPCMASK[7:0]: Multi-pin Configuration Mask

The MPCMASK register enables configuration of several pins of a port at the same time. Writing a one to bit n makes pin n part of the multi-pin configuration. When one or more bits in the MPCMASK register is set, writing any of the PINnCTRL registers will update only the PINnCTRL registers matching the mask in the MPCMASK register for that port. The MPCMASK register is automatically cleared after any PINnCTRL register is written.

11.13.2 VPCTRLA [116](#page-115-0)– Virtual Port-map Control Register A

Bit 7:4 – VP1MAP: Virtual Port 1 Mapping

These bits decide which ports should be mapped to Virtual Port 1. The registers DIR, OUT, IN, and INTFLAGS will be mapped. Accessing the virtual port registers is equal to accessing the actual port registers. See [Table 11-7 on page 117](#page-116-0) for configuration.

Bit 3:0 – VP0MAP: Virtual Port 0 Mapping

These bits decide which ports should be mapped to Virtual Port 0. The registers DIR, OUT, IN, and INTFLAGS will be mapped. Accessing the virtual port registers is equal to accessing the actual port registers. See [Table 11-7 on page 117](#page-116-0) for configuration.

11.13.3 VPCTRLB – Virtual Port-map Control Register B

Bit 7:4 – VP3MAP: Virtual Port 3 Mapping

These bits decide which ports should be mapped to Virtual Port 3. The registers DIR, OUT, IN, and INTFLAGS will be mapped. Accessing the virtual port registers is equal to accessing the actual port registers. See [Table 11-7 on page 117](#page-116-0) for configuration.

Bit 3:0 – VP2MAP: Virtual Port 2 Mapping

These bits decide which ports should be mapped to Virtual Port 2. The registers DIR, OUT, IN, and INTFLAGS will be mapped. Accessing the virtual port registers is equal to accessing the actual port registers. See [Table 11-7 on page 117](#page-116-0) for configuration.

Table 11-7. Virtual Port Mapping

11.13.4 CLKEVOUT – Clock and Event Out Register

Bit 7 – CLKEVPIN: Clock and Event Output Pin Select

Setting this pin enables output of clock and event pins on port pin 4 instead of port pin 7.

Bit 6 – RTCOUT: RTC Clock Output Enable

Setting this bit enables output of the RTC clock source on PORTC pin 6.

Bit 5:4 – EVOUT[1:0]: Event Output Port

These bits decide which port event channel 0 from the event system will be output to. Pin 7 on the selected port is the default used, and the CLKOUT bits must be set differently from those of EVOUT. The port pin must be configured as output for the event to be available on the pin.

[Table 11-8 on page 118](#page-117-0) shows the possible configurations.

Table 11-8. Event Output Pin Selection

Bits 3:2 – CLKOUTSEL[1:0]: Clock Output Select

These bits are used to select which of the peripheral clocks will be output to the port pin if CLKOUT is configured.

Bit 1:0 – CLKOUT[1:0]: Clock Output Port

These bits decide which port the peripheral clock will be output to. Pin 7 on the selected port is the default used. The CLKOUT setting will override the EVOUT setting. Thus, if both are enabled on the same port pin, the peripheral clock will be visible. The port pin must be configured as output for the clock to be available on the pin.

[Table 11-10](#page-117-1) shows the possible configurations.

Table 11-10. Clock Output Port Configurations

11.13.5 EVCTRL – Event Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – EVOUTSEL[2:0]: Event Channel Output Selection

These bits define which channel from the event system is output to the port pin. [Table 11-11](#page-118-0) shows the available selections.

Table 11-11. Event Channel Output Selection

11.14 Register Descriptions – Virtual Port

Bit 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 [+0x00](#page-121-19) **DIR[7:0]** Read/Write R/W R/W R/W R/W R/W R/W R/W R/W Initial Value 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

11.14.1 DIR – Data Direction Register

Bit 7:0 – DIR[7:0]: Data Direction

This register sets the data direction for the individual pins in the port mapped by VPCTRLA, virtual port-map control register A or VPCTRLB, virtual port-map control register B. When a port is mapped as virtual, accessing this register is identical to accessing the actual DIR register for the port.

11.14.2 OUT – Data Output Value Register

Bit 7:0 – OUT[7:0]: Data Output value

This register sets the data output value for the individual pins in the port mapped by VPCTRLA, virtual port-map control register A or VPCTRLB, virtual port-map control register B. When a port is mapped as virtual, accessing this register is identical to accessing the actual OUT register for the port.

11.14.3 IN – Data Input Value Register

Bit 7:0 – IN[7:0]: Data Input value

This register shows the value present on the pins if the digital input buffer is enabled. The configuration of VPCTRLA, virtual port-map control register A or VPCTRLB, virtual port-map control register A, decides the value in the register. When a port is mapped as virtual, accessing this register is identical to accessing the actual IN register for the port.

11.14.4 INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – INTnIF: Interrupt n Flag

The INTnIF flag is set when a pin change/state matches the pin's input sense configuration, and the pin is set as source for port interrupt n. Writing a one to this flag's bit location will clear the flag. For enabling and executing the interrupt, refer

to the interrupt level description. The configuration of VPCTRLA, virtual port-map control register A, or VPCTRLB, Virtual Port-map Control Register B, decides which flags are mapped. When a port is mapped as virtual, accessing this register is identical to accessing the actual INTFLAGS register for the port.

11.15 Register Summary – Ports

11.16 Register Summary – Port Configuration

11.17 Register Summary – Virtual Ports

11.18 Interrupt Vector Summary – Ports

12. TC0/1 – 16-bit Timer/Counter Type 0 and 1

12.1 Features

- 16-bit timer/counter
- 32-bit timer/counter support by cascading two timer/counters
- Up to four compare or capture (CC) channels
	- Four CC channels for timer/counters of type 0
	- Two CC channels for timer/counters of type 1
- Double buffered timer period setting
- Double buffered capture or compare channels
- Waveform generation:
	- Frequency generation
	- Single-slope pulse width modulation
	- Dual-slope pulse width modulation
- Input capture:
	- \bullet Input capture with noise cancelling
	- Frequency capture
	- Pulse width capture
	- 32-bit input capture
- Timer overflow and error interrupts/events
- One compare match or input capture interrupt/event per CC channel
- **Can be used with event system for:**
	- Quadrature decoding
	- Count and direction control
	- Capture
- **•** High-resolution extension
	- Increases frequency and waveform resolution by 4x (2-bit) or 8x (3-bit)
- Advanced waveform extension:
	- Low- and high-side output with programmable dead-time insertion (DTI)
	- Event controlled fault protection for safe disabling of drivers

12.2 Overview

Atmel AVR XMEGA devices have a set of flexible, 16-bit timer/counters (TC). Their capabilities include accurate program execution timing, frequency and waveform generation, and input capture with time and frequency measurement of digital signals. Two timer/counters can be cascaded to create a 32-bit timer/counter with optional 32-bit capture.

A timer/counter consists of a base counter and a set of compare or capture (CC) channels. The base counter can be used to count clock cycles or events. It has direction control and period setting that can be used for timing. The CC channels can be used together with the base counter to do compare match control, frequency generation, and pulse width waveform modulation, as well as various input capture operations. A timer/counter can be configured for either capture or compare functions, but cannot perform both at the same time.

A timer/counter can be clocked and timed from the peripheral clock with optional prescaling or from the event system. The event system can also be used for direction control and capture trigger or to synchronize operations.

There are two differences between timer/counter type 0 and type 1. Timer/counter 0 has four CC channels, and timer/counter 1 has two CC channels. All information related to CC channels 3 and 4 is valid only for timer/counter 0. Only Timer/Counter 0 has the split mode feature that split it into 2 8-bit Timer/Counters with four compare channels each.

Some timer/counters have extensions to enable more specialized waveform and frequency generation. The advanced waveform extension (AWeX) is intended for motor control and other power control applications. It enables low- and highside output with dead-time insertion, as well as fault protection for disabling and shutting down external drivers. It can

also generate a synchronized bit pattern across the port pins. The high-resolution (hi-res) extension can be used to increase the waveform output resolution by four or eight times by using an internal clock source running up to four times faster than the peripheral clock.

A block diagram of the 16-bit timer/counter with extensions and closely related peripheral modules (in grey) is shown in [Figure 12-1.](#page-123-0)

Figure 12-1. 16-bit Timer/counter and Closely Related Peripherals

12.2.1 Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout the documentation:

Table 12-1. Timer/counter Definitions

In general, the term "timer" is used when the timer/counter clock control is handled by an internal source, and the term ìcounterî is used when the clock control is handled externally (e.g. counting external events). When used for compare operations, the CC channels are referred to as "compare channels." When used for capture operations, the CC channels are referred to as "capture channels."

12.3 Block Diagram

[Figure 12-2](#page-124-0) shows a detailed block diagram of the timer/counter without the extensions.

The counter register (CNT), period registers with buffer (PER and PERBUF), and compare and capture registers with buffers (CCx and CCxBUF) are 16-bit registers. All buffer register have a buffer valid (BV) flag that indicates when the buffer contains a new value.

During normal operation, the counter value is continuously compared to zero and the period (PER) value to determine whether the counter has reached TOP or BOTTOM.

The counter value is also compared to the CCx registers. These comparisons can be used to generate interrupt requests or generate events for the event system. The waveform generator modes use these comparisons to set the waveform period or pulse width.

A prescaled peripheral clock and events from the event system can be used to control the counter. The event system is also used as a source to the input capture. Combined with the quadrature decoding functionality in the event system (QDEC), the timer/counter can be used for quadrature decoding.

12.4 Clock and Event Sources

The timer/counter can be clocked from the peripheral clock (clk_{PER}) or the event system, and [Figure 12-3 on page 126](#page-125-0) shows the clock and event selection.

Figure 12-3. Clock and Event Selection

The peripheral clock is fed into a common prescaler (common for all timer/counters in a device). Prescaler outputs from 1 to 1/1024 are directly available for selection by the timer/counter. In addition, the whole range of prescaling from 1 to 2^{15} times is available through the event system.

Clock selection (CLKSEL) selects one of the prescaler outputs directly or an event channel as the counter (CNT) input. This is referred to as normal operation of the counter. For details, refer to "Normal Operation" on page 127. By using the event system, any event source, such as an external clock signal on any I/O pin, may be used as the clock input.

In addition, the timer/counter can be controlled via the event system. The event selection (EVSEL) and event action (EVACT) settings are used to trigger an event action from one or more events. This is referred to as event action controlled operation of the counter. For details, refer to "Event Action Controlled Operation" on page 127. When event action controlled operation is used, the clock selection must be set to use an event channel as the counter input.

By default, no clock input is selected and the timer/counter is not running.

12.5 Double Buffering

The period register and the CC registers are all double buffered. Each buffer register has a buffer valid (BV) flag, which indicates that the buffer register contains a valid, i.e. new, value that can be copied into the corresponding period or CC register. When the period register and CC channels are used for a compare operation, the buffer valid flag is set when data is written to the buffer register and cleared on an UPDATE condition. This is shown for a compare register in [Figure](#page-125-1) [12-4](#page-125-1).

Figure 12-4. Period and Compare Double Buffering

When the CC channels are used for a capture operation, a similar double buffering mechanism is used, but in this case the buffer valid flag is set on the capture event, as shown in [Figure 12-5 on page 127](#page-126-2). For capture, the buffer register and the corresponding CCx register act like a FIFO. When the CC register is empty or read, any content in the buffer register

is passed to the CC register. The buffer valid flag is passed to set the CCx interrupt flag (IF) and generate the optional interrupt.

Figure 12-5. Capture Double Buffering

Both the CCx and CCxBUF registers are available as an I/O register. This allows initialization and bypassing of the buffer register and the double buffering function.

12.6 Counter Operation

Depending on the mode of operation, the counter is cleared, reloaded, incremented, or decremented at each timer/counter clock input.

12.6.1 Normal Operation

In normal operation, the counter will count in the direction set by the direction (DIR) bit for each clock until it reaches TOP or BOTTOM. When up-counting and TOP is reached, the counter will be set to zero when the next clock is given. When down-counting, the counter is reloaded with the period register value when BOTTOM is reached.

Figure 12-6. Normal Operation

As shown in [Figure 12-6](#page-126-3), it is possible to change the counter value when the counter is running. The write access has higher priority than count, clear, or reload, and will be immediate. The direction of the counter can also be changed during normal operation.

Normal operation must be used when using the counter as timer base for the capture channels.

12.6.2 Event Action Controlled Operation

The event selection and event action settings can be used to control the counter from the event system. For the counter, the following event actions can be selected:

- Event system controlled up/down counting
	- Event n will be used as count enable

- \bullet Event n+1 will be used to select between up (1) and down (0). The pin configuration must be set to low level sensing.
- Event system controlled quadrature decode counting

12.6.3 32-bit Operation

Two timer/counters can be used together to enable 32-bit counter operation. By using two timer/counters, the overflow event from one timer/counter (least-significant timer) can be routed via the event system and used as the clock input for another timer/counter (most-significant timer).

12.6.4 Changing the Period

The counter period is changed by writing a new TOP value to the period register. If double buffering is not used, any period update is immediate, as shown in [Figure 12-7](#page-127-0).

Figure 12-7. Changing the Period without Buffering

A counter wraparound can occur in any mode of operation when up-counting without buffering, as shown in [Figure 12-8.](#page-127-1) This due to the fact that CNT and PER are continuously compared, and if a new TOP value that is lower than current CNT is written to PER, it will wrap before a compare match happen.

When double buffering is used, the buffer can be written at any time and still maintain correct operation. The period register is always updated on the UPDATE condition, as shown for dual-slope operation in [Figure 12-9 on page 129.](#page-128-0) This prevents wraparound and the generation of odd waveforms.

Figure 12-9. Changing the Period using Buffering

12.7 Capture Channel

The CC channels can be used as capture channels to capture external events and give them a timestamp. To use capture, the counter must be set for normal operation.

Events are used to trigger the capture; i.e., any events from the event system, including pin change from any pin, can trigger a capture operation. The event source select setting selects which event channel will trigger CC channel A. The subsequent event channels then trigger events on subsequent CC channels, if configured. For example, setting the event source select to event channel 2 results in CC channel A being triggered by event channel 2, CC channel B triggered by event channel 3, and so on.

Figure 12-10.Event Source Selection for Capture Operation

The event action setting in the timer/counter will determine the type of capture that is done.

The CC channels must be enabled individually before capture can be done. When the capture condition occur, the timer/counter will time-stamp the event by copying the current CNT value in the count register into the enabled CC channel register.

When an I/O pin is used as an event source for the capture, the pin must be configured for edge sensing. For details on sense configuration on I/O pins, refer to "Input Sense Configuration" on page 105. If the period register value is lower than 0x8000, the polarity of the I/O pin edge will be stored in the most-significant bit (msb) of the capture register. If the msb of the capture register is zero, a falling edge generated the capture. If the msb is one, a rising edge generated the capture.

12.7.1 Input Capture

Selecting the input capture event action makes the enabled capture channel perform an input capture on an event. The interrupt flags will be set and indicate that there is a valid capture result in the corresponding CC register. At the same time, the buffer valid flags indicate valid data in the buffer registers.

The counter will continuously count from BOTTOM to TOP, and then restart at BOTTOM, as shown in [Figure 12-11 on](#page-129-0) [page 130.](#page-129-0) The figure also shows four capture events for one capture channel.

Figure 12-11.Input Capture Timing

12.7.2 Frequency Capture

Selecting the frequency capture event action makes the enabled capture channel perform an input capture and restart on positive edge events. This enables the timer/counter to measure the period or frequency of a signal directly. The capture result will be the time (T) from the previous timer/counter restart until the event occurred. This can be used to calculate the frequency (f) of the signal:

 $f = \frac{1}{7}$ $=\frac{1}{T}$

[Figure 12-12](#page-129-1) shows an example where the period of an external signal is measured twice.

Figure 12-12.Frequency Capture of an External Signal

Since all capture channels use the same counter (CNT), only one capture channel must be enabled at a time. If two capture channels are used with different sources, the counter will be restarted on positive edge events from both input sources, and the result will have no meaning.

12.7.3 Pulse Width Capture

Selecting the pulse width measure event action makes the enabled compare channel perform the input capture action on falling edge events and the restart action on rising edge events. The counter will then restart on positive edge events, and the input capture will be performed on the negative edge event. The event source must be an I/O pin, and the sense configuration for the pin must be set to generate an event on both edges. [Figure 12-13 on page 131](#page-130-0) shows and example where the pulse width is measured twice for an external signal.

12.7.4 32-bit Input Capture

Two timer/counters can be used together to enable true 32-bit input capture. In a typical 32-bit input capture setup, the overflow event of the least-significant timer is connected via the event system and used as the clock input for the mostsignificant timer.

The most-significant timer will be updated one peripheral clock period after an overflow occurs for the least-significant timer. To compensate for this, the capture event for the most-significant timer must be equally delayed by setting the event delay bit for this timer.

12.7.5 Capture Overflow

The timer/counter can detect buffer overflow of the input capture channels. When both the buffer valid flag and the capture interrupt flag are set and a new capture event is detected, there is nowhere to store the new timestamp. If a buffer overflow is detected, the new value is rejected, the error interrupt flag is set, and the optional interrupt is generated.

12.8 Compare Channel

Each compare channel continuously compares the counter value (CNT) with the CCx register. If CNT equals CCx, the comparator signals a match. The match will set the CC channel's interrupt flag at the next timer clock cycle, and the event and optional interrupt are generated.

The compare buffer register provides double buffer capability equivalent to that for the period buffer. The double buffering synchronizes the update of the CCx register with the buffer value to either the TOP or BOTTOM of the counting sequence according to the UPDATE condition. The synchronization prevents the occurrence of odd-length, nonsymmetrical pulses for glitch-free output.

12.8.1 Waveform Generation

The compare channels can be used for waveform generation on the corresponding port pins. To make the waveform visible on the connected port pin, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- 1. A waveform generation mode must be selected.
- 2. Event actions must be disabled.
- 3. The CC channels used must be enabled. This will override the corresponding port pin output register.
- 4. The direction for the associated port pin must be set to output.

Inverted waveform output is achieved by setting the invert output bit for the port pin.

12.8.2 Frequency (FRQ) Waveform Generation

For frequency generation the period time (T) is controlled by the CCA register instead of PER. The waveform generation (WG) output is toggled on each compare match between the CNT and CCA registers, as shown in [Figure 12-14.](#page-131-0)

The waveform frequency (f_{FRQ}) is defined by the following equation:

$$
f_{FRQ} = \frac{fclk_{PER}}{2N(CCA+1)}
$$

where N represents the prescaler divider used. The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of half of the peripheral clock frequency (fclk_{PER}) when CCA is set to zero (0x0000) and no prescaling is used. This also applies when using the hi-res extension, since this increases the resolution and not the frequency.

12.8.3 Single-slope PWM Generation

For single-slope PWM generation, the period (T) is controlled by PER, while CCx registers control the duty cycle of the WG output. [Figure 12-15](#page-131-1) shows how the counter counts from BOTTOM to TOP and then restarts from BOTTOM. The waveform generator (WG) output is set on the compare match between the CNT and CCx registers and cleared at TOP.

The PER register defines the PWM resolution. The minimum resolution is 2 bits (PER=0x0003), and the maximum resolution is 16 bits (PER=MAX).

The following equation calculate the exact resolution for single-slope PWM (R_{PWM} ss):

$$
R_{\rm PWM_SS} = \frac{\log({\rm PER}+1)}{\log(2)}
$$

The single-slope PWM frequency (f_{PWMSS}) depends on the period setting (PER) and the peripheral clock frequency (fclk_{PER}), and can be calculated by the following equation:

$$
f_{\text{PWM_SS}} = \frac{fclk_{PER}}{N(\text{PER} + 1)}
$$

where N represents the prescaler divider used. The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of half of the peripheral clock frequency (fclk_{PER}) when CCA is set to zero (0x0000) and no prescaling is used. This also applies when using the hi-res extension, since this increases the resolution and not the frequency.

12.8.4 Dual-slope PWM

For dual-slope PWM generation, the period (T) is controlled by PER, while CCx registers control the duty cycle of the WG output. [Figure 12-16](#page-132-0) shows how for dual-slope PWM the counter counts repeatedly from BOTTOM to TOP and then from TOP to BOTTOM. The waveform generator output is set on BOTTOM, cleared on compare match when up-counting, and set on compare match when down-counting.

Figure 12-16.Dual-slope Pulse Width Modulation

Using dual-slope PWM results in a lower maximum operation frequency compared to the single-slope PWM operation. The period register (PER) defines the PWM resolution. The minimum resolution is two bits (PER=0x0003), and the maximum resolution is 16 bits (PER=MAX).

The following equation calculate the exact resolution for dual-slope PWM (R_{PWM-DS}):

 $R_{\text{PWM_DS}} = \frac{\log(\text{PER} + 1)}{\log(2)}$ $= \frac{\log(\text{LEK}+1)}{\log(2)}$

The PWM frequency depends on the period setting (PER) and the peripheral clock frequency (fclk_{PER}), and can be calculated by the following equation:

$$
f_{\rm PWM_DS} = \frac{fclk_{PER}}{2NPER}
$$

N represents the prescaler divider used. The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of half of the peripheral clock frequency (fclk_{PER}) when CCA is set to zero (0x0000) and no prescaling is used. This also applies when using the hi-res extension, since this increases the resolution and not the frequency.

12.8.5 Port Override for Waveform Generation

To make the waveform generation available on the port pins, the corresponding port pin direction must be set as output. The timer/counter will override the port pin values when the CC channel is enabled (CCENx) and a waveform generation mode is selected.

[Figure 12-17 on page 134](#page-133-0) shows the port override for a timer/counter. The timer/counter CC channel will override the port pin output value (OUT) on the corresponding port pin. Enabling inverted I/O on the port pin (INVEN) inverts the corresponding WG output.

Figure 12-17.Port Override for Timer/counter 0 and 1

12.9 Interrupts and Events

The timer/counter can generate both interrupts and events. The counter can generate an interrupt on overflow/underflow, and each CC channel has a separate interrupt that is used for compare or capture. In addition, an error interrupt can be generated if any of the CC channels is used for capture and a buffer overflow condition occurs on a capture channel.

Events will be generated for all conditions that can generate interrupts. For details on event generation and available events, refer to "Event System" on page 44.

12.10 Timer/Counter Commands

A set of commands can be given to the timer/counter by software to immediately change the state of the module. These commands give direct control of the UPDATE, RESTART, and RESET signals.

An update command has the same effect as when an update condition occurs. The update command is ignored if the lock update bit is set.

The software can force a restart of the current waveform period by issuing a restart command. In this case the counter, direction, and all compare outputs are set to zero.

A reset command will set all timer/counter registers to their initial values. A reset can be given only when the timer/counter is not running (OFF).

12.11 Register Description

12.11.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – CLKSEL[3:0]: Clock Select

These bits select the clock source for the timer/counter according to [Table 12-2](#page-134-0).

CLKSEL=0001 must be set to ensure a correct output from the waveform generator when the hi-res extension is enabled.

Table 12-2. Clock Select Options

12.11.2 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:4 – CCxEN: Compare or Capture Enable

Setting these bits in the FRQ or PWM waveform generation mode of operation will override the port output register for the corresponding OCn output pin.

When input capture operation is selected, the CCxEN bits enable the capture operation for the corresponding CC channel.

Bit 3 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – WGMODE[2:0]: Waveform Generation Mode

These bits select the waveform generation mode, and control the counting sequence of the counter, TOP value, UPDATE condition, interrupt/event condition, and type of waveform that is generated according to [Table 12-3](#page-135-0).

No waveform generation is performed in the normal mode of operation. For all other modes, the result from the waveform generator will only be directed to the port pins if the corresponding CCxEN bit has been set to enable this. The port pin direction must be set as output.

WGMODE[2:0]	Group configuration	Mode of operation	Top	Update	OVFIF/event
000	NORMAL	Normal	PER	TOP	TOP
001	FRQ	Frequency	CCA	TOP	TOP
010		Reserved		$\overline{}$	
011	SINGLESLOPE	Single-slope PWM	PER	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
100		Reserved	-		$\overline{}$
101	DSTOP	Dual-slope PWM	PER	BOTTOM	TOP
110	DSBOTH	Dual-slope PWM	PER	BOTTOM	TOP and BOTTOM
111	DSBOTTOM	Dual-slope PWM	PER	BOTTOM	BOTTOM

Table 12-3. Timer Waveform Generation Mode

12.11.3 CTRLC – Control Register C

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – CMPx: Compare Output Value x

These bits allow direct access to the waveform generator's output compare value when the timer/counter is set in the OFF state. This is used to set or clear the WG output value when the timer/counter is not running.

12.11.4 CTRLD – Control Register D

Bit 7:5 – EVACT[2:0]: Event Action

These bits define the event action the timer will perform on an event according to [Table 12-4 on page 137.](#page-136-0)

The EVSEL setting will decide which event source or sources have control in this case.

Table 12-4. Timer Event Action Selection

Selecting any of the capture event actions changes the behavior of the CCx registers and related status and control bits to be used for capture. The error status flag (ERRIF) will indicate a buffer overflow in this configuration. See "Event Action Controlled Operation["] on page 127 for further details.

Bit 4 – EVDLY: Timer Delay Event

When this bit is set, the selected event source is delayed by one peripheral clock cycle. This is intended for 32-bit input capture operation. Adding the event delay is necessary to compensate for the carry propagation delay when cascading two counters via the event system.

Bit 3:0 – EVSEL[3:0]:Timer Event Source Select

These bits select the event channel source for the timer/counter. For the selected event channel to have any effect, the event action bits (EVACT) must be set according to [Table 12-5](#page-136-1). When the event action is set to a capture operation, the selected event channel n will be the event channel source for CC channel A, and event channel (n+1)%8, (n+2)%8, and (n+3)%8 will be the event channel source for CC channel B, C, and D.

Table 12-5. Timer Event Source Selection

12.11.5 CTRLE – Control Register E

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – BYTEM[1:0]: Byte Mode

These bits select the timer/counter operation mode according to [Table 12-6](#page-137-0).

12.11.6 INTCTRLA – Interrupt Enable Register A

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – ERRINTLVL[1:0]:Timer Error Interrupt Level

These bits enable the timer error interrupt and select the interrupt level as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

Bit 1:0 – OVFINTLVL[1:0]:Timer Overflow/Underflow Interrupt Level

These bits enable the timer overflow/underflow interrupt and select the interrupt level as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

12.11.7 INTCTRLB – Interrupt Enable Register B

Bit 7:0 – CCxINTLVL[7:0] - Compare or Capture x Interrupt Level

These bits enable the timer compare or capture interrupt for channel x and select the interrupt level as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

12.11.8 CTRLFCLR/CTRLFSET – Control Register F Clear/Set

This register is mapped into two I/O memory locations, one for clearing (CTRLxCLR) and one for setting the register bits (CTRLxSET) when written. Both memory locations will give the same result when read.

The individual status bit can be set by writing a one to its bit location in CTRLxSET, and cleared by writing a one to its bit location in CTRLxCLR. This allows each bit to be set or cleared without use of a read-modify-write operation on a single register.

12.11.8.1 CTRLFCLR

12.11.8.2 CTRLFSET

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – CMD[1:0]: Command

These bits can be used for software control of update, restart, and reset of the timer/counter. The command bits are always read as zero.

Table 12-7. Command Selections

Bit 1 – LUPD: Lock Update

When this bit is set, no update of the buffered registers is performed, even though an UPDATE condition has occurred. Locking the update ensures that all buffers, including DTI buffers, are valid before an update is performed.

This bit has no effect when input capture operation is enabled.

Bit 0 – DIR: Counter Direction

When zero, this bit indicates that the counter is counting up (incrementing). A one indicates that the counter is in the down-counting (decrementing) state.

Normally this bit is controlled in hardware by the waveform generation mode or by event actions, but this bit can also be changed from software.

12.11.9 CTRLGCLR/CTRLGSET – Control Register G Clear/Set

Refer to "CTRLFCLR/CTRLFSET – Control Register F Clear/Set" on page 139 for information on how to access this type of status register.

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4:1 – CCxBV: Compare or Capture x Buffer Valid

These bits are set when a new value is written to the corresponding CCxBUF register. These bits are automatically cleared on an UPDATE condition.

Note that when input capture operation is used, this bit is set on a capture event and cleared if the corresponding CCxIF is cleared.

Bit 0 – PERBV: Period Buffer Valid

This bit is set when a new value is written to the PERBUF register. This bit is automatically cleared on an UPDATE condition.

12.11.10INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:4 – CCxIF: Compare or Capture Channel x Interrupt Flag

The compare or capture interrupt flag (CCxIF) is set on a compare match or on an input capture event on the corresponding CC channel.

For all modes of operation except for capture, the CCxIF will be set when a compare match occurs between the count register (CNT) and the corresponding compare register (CCx). The CCxIF is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed.

For input capture operation, the CCxIF will be set if the corresponding compare buffer contains valid data (i.e., when CCxBV is set). The flag will be cleared when the CCx register is read. Executing the interrupt vector in this mode of operation will not clear the flag.

The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 3:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – ERRIF: Error Interrupt Flag

This flag is set on multiple occasions, depending on the mode of operation.

In the FRQ or PWM waveform generation mode of operation, ERRIF is set on a fault detect condition from the fault protection feature in the AWeX extention. For timer/counters which do not have the AWeX extention available, this flag is never set in FRQ or PWM waveform generation mode.

For capture operation, ERRIF is set if a buffer overflow occurs on any of the CC channels.

For event controlled QDEC operation, ERRIF is set when an incorrect index signal is given.

This flag is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to this location.

Bit 0 – OVFIF: Overflow/Underflow Interrupt Flag

This flag is set either on a TOP (overflow) or BOTTOM (underflow) condition, depending on the WGMODE setting. OVFIF is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

12.11.11TEMP – Temporary Bits for 16-bit Access

The TEMP register is used for single-cycle, 16-bit access to the 16-bit timer/counter registers by the CPU. There is one common TEMP register for all the 16-bit Timer/counter registers.

For more details, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13.

12.11.12CNTL – Counter Register Low

The CNTH and CNTL register pair represents the 16-bit value, CNT. CNT contains the 16-bit counter value in the timer/counter. CPU write access has priority over count, clear, or reload of the counter.

For more details on reading and writing 16-bit registers, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13.

Bit 7:0 – CNT[7:0]: Counter Low Byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit counter register.

12.11.13CNTH – Counter Register High

Bit 7:0 – CNT[15:8]: Counter High Byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit counter register.

12.11.14PERL – Period Register Low

The PERH and PERL register pair represents the 16-bit value, PER. PER contains the 16-bit TOP value in the timer/counter.

Bit 7:0 – PER[7:0]: Period Low Byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit period register.

12.11.15PERH – Period Register High

Bit 7:0 – PER[15:8]: Period High Byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit period register.

12.11.16CCxL – Compare or Capture x Register Low

The CCxH and CCxL register pair represents the 16-bit value, CCx. These 16-bit register pairs have two functions, depending of the mode of operation.

For capture operation, these registers constitute the second buffer level and access point for the CPU.

For compare operation, these registers are continuously compared to the counter value. Normally, the outputs form the comparators are then used for generating waveforms.

CCx registers are updated with the buffer value from their corresponding CCxBUF register when an UPDATE condition occurs.

Bit 7:0 – CCx[7:0]: Compare or Capture x Low Byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit compare or capture register.

12.11.17CCxH – Compare or Capture x Register High

Bit 7:0 – CCx[15:8]: Compare or Capture x High Byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit compare or capture register.

12.11.18PERBUFL – Timer/Counter Period Buffer Low

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The PERBUFH and PERBUFL register pair represents the 16-bit value, PERBUF. This 16-bit register serves as the buffer for the period register (PER). Accessing this register using the CPU will affect the PERBUFV flag.

Bit 7:0 – PERBUF[7:0]: Period Buffer Low Byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit period buffer register.

12.11.19PERBUFH – Timer/Counter Period Buffer High

Bit 7:0 – PERBUF[15:8]: Period Buffer High Byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit period buffer register.

12.11.20CCxBUFL – Compare or Capture x Buffer Register Low

The CCxBUFH and CCxBUFL register pair represents the 16-bit value, CCxBUF. These 16-bit registers serve as the buffer for the associated compare or capture registers (CCx). Accessing any of these registers using the CPU will affect the corresponding CCxBV status bit.

Bit 7:0 – CCxBUF[7:0]: Compare or Capture Buffer Low Byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit compare or capture buffer register.

12.11.21CCxBUFH – Compare or Capture x Buffer Register High

Bit 7:0 – CCxBUF[15:8]: Compare or Capture Buffer High Byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit compare or capture buffer register.

12.12 Register Summary

12.13 Interrupt Vector Summary

Note: 1. Available only on timer/counters with four compare or capture channels.
13. TC2 – 16-bit Timer/Counter Type 2

13.1 Features

- A system of two eight-bit timer/counters
	- Low-byte timer/counter
	- High-byte timer/counter
- Eight compare channels
	- Four compare channels for the low-byte timer/counter
	- Four compare channels for the high-byte timer/counter
- Waveform generation
	- Single slope pulse width modulation
- **•** Timer underflow interrupts/events
- One compare match interrupt/event per compare channel for the low-byte timer/counter
- Can be used with the event system for count control

13.2 Overview

A timer/counter 2 is realized when a timer/counter 0 is set in split mode. It is a system of two eight-bit timer/counters, each with four compare channels. This results in eight configurable pulse width modulation (PWM) channels with individually controlled duty cycles, and is intended for applications that require a high number of PWM channels.

The two eight-bit timer/counters in this system are referred to as the low-byte timer/counter and high-byte timer/counter, respectively. The difference between them is that only the low-byte timer/counter can be used to generate compare match interrupts and event triggers.

The two eight-bit timer/counters have a shared clock source and separate period and compare settings. They can be clocked and timed from the peripheral clock, with optional prescaling, or from the event system. The counters are always counting down.

The timer/counter 2 is set back to timer/counter 0 by setting it in normal mode; hence, one timer/counter can exist only as either type 0 or type 2.

A detailed block diagram of the timer/counter 2 showing the low-byte (L) and high-byte (H) timer/counter register split and compare modules is shown in [Figure 13-1 on page 146.](#page-145-0)

13.3 Block Diagram

Figure 13-1. Block Diagram of the 16-bit Timer/counter 0 with Split Mode

13.4 Clock Sources

The timer/counter can be clocked from the peripheral clock (clk_{PER}) and from the event system. [Figure 13-2](#page-145-1) shows the clock and event selection.

Figure 13-2. Clock Selection

The peripheral clock (clk_{PER}) is fed into the common prescaler (common for all timer/counters in a device). A selection of prescaler outputs from 1 to 1/1024 is directly available. In addition, the whole range of time prescalings from 1 to 2¹⁵ is available through the event system.

The clock selection (CLKSEL) selects one of the clock prescaler outputs or an event channel for the high-byte counter (HCNT) and low-byte counter (LCNT). By using the event system, any event source, such as an external clock signal, on any I/O pin can be used as the clock input.

By default, no clock input is selected, and the counters are not running.

13.5 Counter Operation

The counters will always count in single-slope mode. Each counter counts down for each clock cycle until it reaches BOTTOM, and then reloads the counter with the period register value at the following clock cycle.

As shown in [Figure 13-3](#page-146-0), the counter can change the counter value while running. The write access has higher priority than the count clear, and reloads and will be immediate.

13.5.1 Changing the Period

The counter period is changed by writing a new TOP value to the period register. Since the counter is counting down, the period register can be written at any time without affecting the current period, as shown in [Figure 13-4](#page-146-1). This prevents wraparound and generation of odd waveforms.

Figure 13-4. Changing the Period

13.6 Compare Channel

Each compare channel continuously compares the counter value with the CMPx register. If CNT equals CMPx, the comparator signals a match. For the low-byte timer/counter, the match will set the compare channel's interrupt flag at the next timer clock cycle, and the event and optional interrupt is generated. The high-byte timer/counter does not have compare interrupt/event.

13.6.1 Waveform Generation

The compare channels can be used for waveform generation on the corresponding port pins. To make the waveform visible on the connected port pin, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- 1. The compare channels to be used must be enabled. This will override the corresponding port pin output register.
- 2. The direction for the associated port pin must be set to output.

Inverted waveform output can be achieved by setting invert I/O on the port pin. Refer to "I/O Ports" on page 101 for more details.

13.6.2 Single-slope PWM Generation

For PWM generation, the period (T) is controlled by the PER register, while the CMPx registers control the duty cycle of the waveform generator (WG) output. [Figure 13-5](#page-147-0) shows how the counter counts from TOP to BOTTOM, and then restarts from TOP. The WG output is set on the compare match between the CNT and CMPx registers, and cleared at BOTTOM.

Figure 13-5. Single-slope Pulse Width Modulation

The PER register defines the PWM resolution. The minimum resolution is two bits (PER=0x0003), and the maximum resolution is eight bits (PER=MAX).

The following equation is used to calculate the exact resolution for a single-slope PWM (R_{PWM} _{SS}) waveform:

$$
R_{\rm PWM_SS} = \frac{\log({\rm PER}+1)}{\log(2)}
$$

The single, slow PWM frequency (f_{PWM_SS}) depends on the period setting (PER) and the peripheral clock frequency (f_{PFR}) , and it is calculated by using the following equation:

$$
f_{\text{PWM_SS}} = \frac{f_{PER}}{N(\text{PER} + 1)}
$$

where N represents the prescaler divider used $(1, 2, 4, 8, 64, 256, 1024,$ or event channel n).

13.6.3 Port Override for Waveform Generation

To make the waveform generation available on the port pins, the corresponding port pin direction must be set as output. The timer/counter will override the port pin values when the CMP channel is enabled (LCMPENx/HCMPENx).

[Figure 13-6 on page 149](#page-148-0) shows the port override for the low- and high-byte timer/counters. For the low-byte timer/counter, CMP channels A to D will override the output value (OUTxn) of port pins 0 to 3 on the corresponding port pins (Pxn). For the high-byte timer/counter, CMP channels E to H will override port pins 4 to 7. Enabling inverted I/O on the port pin (INVENxn) inverts the corresponding WG output.

Figure 13-6. Port Override for Low- and High-byte Timer/counters

13.7 Interrupts and Events

The timer/counters can generate interrupts and events. The counter can generate an interrupt on underflow, and each CMP channel for the low-byte counter has a separate compare interrupt.

Events will be generated for all conditions that can generate interrupts. For details on event generation and available events, refer to "Event System" on page 44.

13.8 Timer/Counter Commands

A set of commands can be given to the timer/counter by software to immediately change the state of the module. These commands give direct control of the update, restart, and reset signals.

The software can force a restart of the current waveform period by issuing a restart command. In this case the counter, direction, and all compare outputs are set to zero.

A reset command will set all timer/counter registers to their initial values. A reset can only be given when the timer/counter is not running (OFF).

13.9 Register Description

13.9.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – CLKSEL[3:0]: Clock Select

These bits select clock source for the timer/counter according to [Table 13-1](#page-149-0). The clock select is identical for both highand low-byte timer/counters.

Table 13-1. Clock Select

13.9.2 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:0 – HCMPENx/LCMPENx: High/Low Byte Compare Enable x

Setting these bits will enable the compare output and override the port output register for the corresponding OCn output pin.

13.9.3 CTRLC – Control Register C

Bit 7:0 – HCMPx/LCMPx: High/Low Compare x Output Value

These bits allow direct access to the waveform generator's output compare value when the timer/counter is OFF. This is used to set or clear the WG output value when the timer/counter is not running.

13.9.4 CTRLE – Control Register E

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0:1 – BYTEM[1:0]: Byte Mode

These bits select the timer/counter operation mode according to [Table 13-2](#page-150-0).

Table 13-2. Byte Mode

13.9.5 INTCTRLA – Interrupt Enable Register A

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – HUNFINTLVL[1:0]: High-byte Timer Underflow Interrupt Level

These bits enable the high-byte timer underflow interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will be triggered when HUNFIF in the INTFLAGS register is set.

Bit 1:0 – LUNFINTLVL[1:0]: Low-byte Timer Underflow Interrupt Level

These bits enable the low-byte timer underflow interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will be triggered when LUNFIF in the INTFLAGS register is set.

13.9.6 INTCTRLB – Interrupt Enable Register B

Bit 7:0 – LCMPxINTLVL[1:0]: Low-byte Compare x Interrupt Level

These bits enable the low-byte timer compare interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will be triggered when LCMPxIF in the INTFLAGS register is set.

13.9.7 CTRLF – Control Register F

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – CMD[1:0]: Timer/Counter Command

These command bits are used for software control of timer/counter update, restart, and reset. The command bits are always read as zero. The CMD bits must be used together with CMDEN.

Table 13-3. Command Selections

Bit 1:0 – CMDEN[1:0]: Command Enable

These bits are used to indicate for which timer/counter the command (CMD) is valid.

Table 13-4. Command Enable Selections

13.9.8 INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:4 – LCMPxIF: Compare Channel x Interrupt Flag

The compare interrupt flag (LCMPxIF) is set on a compare match on the corresponding CMP channel.

For all modes of operation, LCMPxIF will be set when a compare match occurs between the count register (LCNT) and the corresponding compare register (LCMPx). The LCMPxIF is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 3:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – HUNFIF: High-byte Timer Underflow Interrupt Flag

HUNFIF is set on a BOTTOM (underflow) condition. This flag is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 0 – LUNFIF: Low-byte Timer Underflow Interrupt Flag

LUNFIF is set on a BOTTOM (underflow) condition. This flag is automatically cleared when the corresponding interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

13.9.9 LCNT – Low-byte Count Register

Bit 7:0 – LCNT[7:0]

LCNT contains the eight-bit counter value for the low-byte timer/counter. The CPU write accesses have priority over count, clear, or reload of the counter.

13.9.10 HCNT – High-byte Count Register

Bit 7:0 – HCNT[7:0]

HCNT contains the eight-bit counter value for the high-byte timer/counter. The CPU write accesses have priority over count, clear, or reload of the counter.

13.9.11 LPER – Low-byte Period Register

Bit 7:0 – LPER[7:0]

LPER contains the eight-bit period value for the low-byte timer/counter.

13.9.12 HPER – High-byte Period Register

Bit 7:0 – HPER[7:0]

HPER contains the eight-bit period for the high-byte timer/counter.

13.9.13 LCMPx – Low-byte Compare Register x

Bit 7:0 – LCMPx[7:0], x=[A, B, C, D]

LCMPx contains the eight-bit compare value for the low-byte timer/counter.

These registers are all continuously compared to the counter value. Normally, the outputs from the comparators are then used for generating waveforms.

13.9.14 HCMPx – High-byte Compare Register x

Bit 7:0 – HCMPx[7:0], x=[A, B, C, D]

HCMPx contains the eight-bit compare value for the high-byte timer/counter.

These registers are all continuously compared to the counter value. Normally the outputs from the comparators are then used for generating waveforms.

13.10 Register Summary

13.11 Interrupt Vector Summary

14. Hi-Res – High-Resolution Extension

14.1 Features

- Increases waveform generator resolution up to 8x (three bits)
- Supports frequency, single-slope PWM, and dual-slope PWM generation
- Supports the AWeX when this is used for the same timer/counter

14.2 Overview

The high-resolution (hi-res) extension can be used to increase the resolution of the waveform generation output from a timer/counter by four or eight. It can be used for a timer/counter doing frequency, single-slope PWM, or dual-slope PWM generation. It can also be used with the AWeX if this is used for the same timer/counter.

The hi-res extension uses the peripheral 4x clock (Clk_{PER4}). The system clock prescalers must be configured so the peripheral 4x clock frequency is four times higher than the peripheral and CPU clock frequency when the hi-res extension is enabled. Refer to "System Clock Selection and Prescalers" on page 60 for more details.

Figure 14-1. Timer/counter Operation with Hi-res Extension Enabled

When the hi-res extension is enabled, the timer/counter must run from a non-prescaled peripheral clock. The timer/counter will ignore its two least-significant bits (lsb) in the counter, and counts by four for each peripheral clock cycle. Overflow/underflow and compare match of the 14 most-significant bits (msb) is done in the timer/counter. Count and compare of the two lsb is handled and compared in the hi-res extension running from the peripheral 4x clock.

The two lsb of the timer/counter period register must be set to zero to ensure correct operation. If the count register is read from the application code, the two lsb will always be read as zero, since the timer/counter run from the peripheral clock. The two lsb are also ignored when generating events.

When the hi-res plus feature is enabled, the function is the same as with the hi-res extension, but the resolution will increase by eight instead of four. This also means that the three lsb are handled by the hi-res extension instead of two lsb, as when only hi-res is enabled. The extra resolution is achieved by counting on both edges of the peripheral 4x clock.

The hi-res extension will not output any pulse shorter than one peripheral clock cycle; i.e., a compare value lower than four will have no visible output.

14.3 Register Description

14.3.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – HRPLUS: High Resolution Plus

Setting this bit enables high resolution plus. Hi-res plus is the same as hi-res, but will increase the resolution by eight (three bits) instead of four.

The extra resolution is achieved by operating at both edges of the peripheral 4x clock.

Bit 1:0 – HREN[1:0]: High Resolution Enable

These bits enables the high-resolution mode for a timer/counter according to [Table 14-1.](#page-156-1)

Setting one or both HREN bits will enable high-resolution waveform generation output for the entire general purpose I/O port. This means that both timer/counters connected to the same port must enable hi-res if both are used for generating PWM or FRQ output on pins.

Table 14-1. High Resolution Enable

14.4 Register Summary

15. AWeX – Advanced Waveform Extension

15.1 Features

- Waveform output with complementary output from each compare channel
- Four dead-time insertion (DTI) units
	- 8-bit resolution
	- Separate high and low side dead-time setting
	- Double buffered dead time
	- Optionally halts timer during dead-time insertion
- Pattern generation unit creating synchronised bit pattern across the port pins
	- Double buffered pattern generation
	- Optional distribution of one compare channel output across the port pins
- Event controlled fault protection for instant and predictable fault triggering

15.2 Overview

The advanced waveform extension (AWeX) provides extra functions to the timer/counter in waveform generation (WG) modes. It is primarily intended for use with different types of motor control and other power control applications. It enables low and high side output with dead-time insertion and fault protection for disabling and shutting down external drivers. It can also generate a synchronized bit pattern across the port pins.

Figure 15-1. Advanced Waveform Extention and Closely Related Peripherals (grey)

As shown in [Figure 15-1](#page-157-0), each of the waveform generator outputs from timer/counter 0 are split into a complimentary pair of outputs when any AWeX features are enabled. These output pairs go through a dead-time insertion (DTI) unit that generates the non-inverted low side (LS) and inverted high side (HS) of the WG output with dead-time insertion between LS and HS switching. The DTI output will override the normal port value according to the port override setting. Refer to "I/O Ports" on page 101 for more details.

The pattern generation unit can be used to generate a synchronized bit pattern on the port it is connected to. In addition, the WG output from compare channel A can be distributed to and override all the port pins. When the pattern generator unit is enabled, the DTI unit is bypassed.

The fault protection unit is connected to the event system, enabling any event to trigger a fault condition that will disable the AWeX output. The event system ensures predictable and instant fault reaction, and gives flexibility in the selection of fault triggers.

15.3 Port Override

The port override logic is common for all the timer/counter extensions. [Figure 15-2](#page-158-0) shows a schematic diagram of the port override logic. When the dead-time enable (DTIENx) bit is set, the timer/counter extension takes control over the pin pair for the corresponding channel. Given this condition, the output override enable (OOE) bits take control over the CCxEN bits.

Figure 15-2. Timer/counter Extensions and Port Override Logic

15.4 Dead-time Insertion

The dead-time insertion (DTI) unit generates OFF time where the non-inverted low side (LS) and inverted high side (HS) of the WG output are both low. This OFF time is called dead time, and dead-time insertion ensures that the LS and HS never switch simultaneously.

The DTI unit consists of four equal dead-time generators, one for each compare channel in timer/counter 0. [Figure 15-3](#page-159-0) shows the block diagram of one DTI generator. The four channels have a common register that controls the dead time. The high side and low side have independent dead-time setting, and the dead-time registers are double buffered.

As shown in [Figure 15-4](#page-159-1), the 8-bit dead-time counter is decremented by one for each peripheral clock cycle, until it reaches zero. A nonzero counter value will force both the low side and high side outputs into their OFF state. When a change is detected on the WG output, the dead-time counter is reloaded according to the edge of the input. A positive edge initiates a counter reload of the DTLS register, and a negative edge a reload of DTHS register.

15.5 Pattern Generation

The pattern generator unit reuses the DTI registers to produce a synchronized bit pattern across the port it is connected to. In addition, the waveform generator output from compare channel A (CCA) can be distributed to and override all the port pins. These features are primarily intended for handling the commutation sequence in brushless DC motor (BLDC)

and stepper motor applications. A block diagram of the pattern generator is shown in [Figure 15-5.](#page-160-0) For each port pin where the corresponding OOE bit is set, the multiplexer will output the waveform from CCA.

As with the other timer/counter double buffered registers, the register update is synchronized to the UPDATE condition set by the waveform generation mode. If the synchronization provided is not required by the application, the application code can simply access the DTIOE and PORTx registers directly.

The pin directions must be set for any output from the pattern generator to be visible on the port.

15.6 Fault Protection

The fault protection feature enables fast and deterministic action when a fault is detected. The fault protection is event controlled. Thus, any event from the event system can be used to trigger a fault action, such as over-current indication from analog comparator or ADC measurements.

When fault protection is enabled, an incoming event from any of the selected event channels can trigger the event action. Each event channel can be separately enabled as a fault protection input, and the specified event channels will be ORed together, allowing multiple event sources to be used for fault protection at the same time.

15.6.1 Fault Actions

When a fault is detected, the direction clear action will clear the direction (DIR) register in the associated port, setting all port pins as tri-stated inputs.

The fault detection flag is set, the timer/counter's error interrupt flag is set, and the optional interrupt is generated.

There is maximum of two peripheral clock cycles from when an event occurs in a peripheral until the fault protection triggers the event action. Fault protection is fully independent of the CPU, but requires the peripheral clock to run.

15.6.2 Fault Restore Modes

How the AWeX and timer/counter return from the fault state to normal operation after a fault, when the fault condition is no longer active, can be selected from one of two different modes:

- In latched mode, the waveform output will remain in the fault state until the fault condition is no longer active and the fault detect flag has been cleared by software. When both of these conditions are met, the waveform output will return to normal operation at the next UPDATE condition.
- In cycle-by-cycle mode the waveform output will remain in the fault state until the fault condition is no longer active. When this condition is met, the waveform output will return to normal operation at the next UPDATE condition.

When returning from a fault state the DIR[7:0] bits corresponding to the enabled DTI channels are restored. OUTOVEN is unaffected by the fault except that writing to the register from software is blocked.

The UPDATE condition used to restore normal operation is the same as the one in the timer/counter.

15.6.3 Change Protection

To avoid unintentional changes in the fault protection setup, all the control registers in the AWeX extension can be protected by writing the corresponding lock bit in the advanced waveform extension lock register. For more details, refer to "I/O Memory Protection" on page 23 and "AWEXLOCK – Advanced Waveform Extension Lock Register" on page 41.

When the lock bit is set, control register A, the output override enable register, and the fault detection event mask register cannot be changed.

To avoid unintentional changes in the fault event setup, it is possible to lock the event system channel configuration by writing the corresponding event system lock register. For more details, refer to "I/O Memory Protection" on page 23 and "EVSYSLOCK – Event System Lock Register" on page 41.

15.6.4 On-Chip Debug

When fault detection is enabled, an on-chip debug (OCD) system receives a break request from the debugger, which will by default function as a fault source. When an OCD break request is received, the AWeX and corresponding timer/counter will enter a fault state, and the specified fault action will be performed.

After the OCD exits from the break condition, normal operation will be started again. In cycle-by-cycle mode, the waveform output will start on the first UPDATE condition after exit from break, while in latched mode, the fault condition flag must be cleared in software before the output will be restored. This feature guarantees that the output waveform enters a safe state during a break.

It is possible to disable this feature.

15.7 Register Description

15.7.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5 – PGM: Pattern Generation Mode

Setting this bit enables the pattern generation mode. This will override the DTI, and the pattern generation reuses the dead-time registers for storing the pattern.

Bit 4 – CWCM: Common Waveform Channel Mode

If this bit is set, the CC channel A waveform output will be used as input for all the dead-time generators. CC channel B, C, and D waveforms will be ignored.

Bit 3:0 – DTICCxEN: Dead-Time Insertion CCx Enable

Setting these bits enables the dead-time generator for the corresponding CC channel. This will override the timer/counter waveform outputs.

15.7.2 FDEMASK – Fault Detect Event Mask Register

Bit 7:0 – FDEVMASK[7:0]: Fault Detect Event Mask

These bits enable the corresponding event channel as a fault condition input source. Events from all event channels will be ORed together, allowing multiple sources to be used for fault detection at the same time. When a fault is detected, the fault detect flag (FDF) is set and the fault detect action (FDACT) will be performed.

15.7.3 FDCTRL - Fault Detection Control Register

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – FDDBD: Fault Detection on Debug Break Detection

By default, when this bit is cleared and fault protection is enabled, and OCD break request is treated as a fault. When this bit is set, an OCD break request will not trigger a fault condition.

Bit 3 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – FDMODE: Fault Detection Restart Mode

This bit sets the fault protection restart mode. When this bit is cleared, latched mode is used, and when it is set, cycle-bycycle mode is used.

In latched mode, the waveform output will remain in the fault state until the fault condition is no longer active and the FDF has been cleared by software. When both conditions are met, the waveform output will return to normal operation at the next UPDATE condition.

In cycle-by-cycle mode, the waveform output will remain in the fault state until the fault condition is no longer active. When this condition is met, the waveform output will return to normal operation at the next UPDATE condition.

Bit 1:0 – FDACT[1:0]: Fault Detection Action

These bits define the action performed, according to [Table 15-1,](#page-163-0) when a fault condition is detected.

Table 15-1. Fault Action

15.7.4 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

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These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – FDF: Fault Detect Flag

This flag is set when a fault detect condition is detected; i.e., when an event is detected on one of the event channels enabled by FDEVMASK. This flag is cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 1 – DTHSBUFV: Dead-time High Side Buffer Valid

If this bit is set, the corresponding DT buffer is written and contains valid data that will be copied into the DTLS register on the next UPDATE condition. If this bit is zero, no action will be taken. The connected timer/counter unitís lock update (LUPD) flag also affects the update for dead-time buffers.

Bit 0 – DTLSBUFV: Dead-time Low Side Buffer Valid

If this bit is set, the corresponding DT buffer is written and contains valid data that will be copied into the DTHS register on the next UPDATE condition. If this bit is zero, no action will be taken. The connected timer/counter unit's lock update (LUPD) flag also affects the update for dead-time buffers.

15.7.5 DTBOTH – Dead-time Concurrent Write to Both Sides

Bit 7:0 – DTBOTH: Dead-time Both Sides

Writing to this register will update the DTHS and DTLS registers at the same time (i.e., at the same I/O write access).

15.7.6 DTBOTHBUF – Dead-time Concurrent Write to Both Sides Buffer Register

Bit 7:0 – DTBOTHBUF: Dead-time Both Sides Buffer

Writing to this memory location will update the DTHSBUF and DTLSBUF registers at the same time (i.e., at the same I/O write access).

15.7.7 DTLS – Dead-time Low Side Register

Bit 7:0 – DTLS: Dead-time Low Side

This register holds the number of peripheral clock cycles for the dead-time low side.

15.7.8 DTHS – Dead-time High Side Register

Bit 7:0 – DTHS: Dead-time High Side

This register holds the number of peripheral clock cycles for the dead-time high side.

15.7.9 DTLSBUF – Dead-time Low Side Buffer Register

Bit 7:0 – DTLSBUF: Dead-time Low Side Buffer

This register is the buffer for the DTLS register. If double buffering is used, valid content in this register is copied to the DTLS register on an UPDATE condition.

15.7.10 DTHSBUF – Dead-time High Side Buffer Register

Bit 7:0 – DTHSBUF: Dead-time High Side Buffer

This register is the buffer for the DTHS register. If double buffering is used, valid content in this register is copied to the DTHS register on an UPDATE condition.

15.7.11 OUTOVEN – Output Override Enable Register

Note: 1. Can be written only if the fault detect flag (FDF) is zero.

Bit 7:0 – OUTOVEN[7:0]: Output Override Enable

These bits enable override of the corresponding port output register (i.e., one-to-one bit relation to pin position). The port direction is not overridden.

15.8 Register Summary

16. RTC – Real-Time Counter

16.1 Features

- **16-bit resolution**
- Selectable clock source
	- 32.768kHz external crystal
	- External clock
- 32.768kHz internal oscillator
- 32kHz internal ULP oscillator
- Programmable 10-bit clock prescaling
- One compare register
- One period register
- Clear counter on period overflow
- Optional interrupt/event on overflow and compare match

16.2 Overview

The 16-bit real-time counter (RTC) is a counter that typically runs continuously, including in low-power sleep modes, to keep track of time. It can wake up the device from sleep modes and/or interrupt the device at regular intervals.

The reference clock is typically the 1.024kHz output from a high-accuracy crystal of 32.768kHz, and this is the configuration most optimized for low power consumption. The faster 32.768kHz output can be selected if the RTC needs a resolution higher than 1ms. The RTC can also be clocked from an external clock signal, the 32.768kHz internal oscillator or the 32kHz internal ULP oscillator.

The RTC includes a 10-bit programmable prescaler that can scale down the reference clock before it reaches the counter. A wide range of resolutions and time-out periods can be configured. With a 32.768kHz clock source, the maximum resolution is 30.5µs, and time-out periods can range up to 2000 seconds. With a resolution of 1s, the maximum timeout period is more than18 hours (65536 seconds). The RTC can give a compare interrupt and/or event when the counter equals the compare register value, and an overflow interrupt and/or event when it equals the period register value.

Figure 16-1. Real-time Counter Overview

16.2.1 Clock Domains

The RTC is asynchronous, operating from a different clock source independently of the main system clock and its derivative clocks, such as the peripheral clock. For control and count register updates, it will take a number of RTC clock and/or peripheral clock cycles before an updated register value is available in a register or until a configuration change has effect on the RTC. This synchronization time is described for each register. Refer to "RTCCTRL – RTC Control Register" on page 66 for selecting the asynchronous clock source for the RTC.

16.2.2 Interrupts and Events

The RTC can generate both interrupts and events. The RTC will give a compare interrupt and/or event at the first count after the counter value equals the Compare register value. The RTC will give an overflow interrupt request and/or event at the first count after the counter value equals the Period register value. The overflow will also reset the counter value to zero.

Due to the asynchronous clock domain, events will be generated only for every third overflow or compare match if the period register is zero. If the period register is one, events will be generated only for every second overflow or compare match. When the period register is equal to or above two, events will trigger at every overflow or compare match, just as the interrupt request.

16.3 Register Descriptions

16.3.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – PRESCALER[2:0]: Clock Prescaling factor

These bits define the prescaling factor for the RTC clock according to [Table 16-1.](#page-168-0)

Table 16-1. Real-time Counter Clock Prescaling Factor

16.3.2 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – SYNCBUSY: Synchronization Busy Flag

This flag is set when the CNT, CTRL, PER, or COMP register is busy synchronizing between the RTC clock and system clock domains. THis flag is automatically cleared when the synchronisation is complete

16.3.3 INTCTRL – Interrupt Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – COMPINTLVL[1:0]: Compare Match Interrupt Enable

These bits enable the RTC compare match interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will trigger when COMPIF in the INTFLAGS register is set.

Bit 1:0 – OVFINTLVL[1:0]: Overflow Interrupt Enable

These bits enable the RTC overflow interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94. The enabled interrupt will trigger when OVFIF in the INTFLAGS register is set.

16.3.4 INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – COMPIF: Compare Match Interrupt Flag

This flag is set on the next count after a compare match condition occurs. It is cleared automatically when the RTC compare match interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 0 – OVFIF: Overflow Interrupt Flag

This flag is set on the next count after an overflow condition occurs. It is cleared automatically when the RTC overflow interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

16.3.5 TEMP – Temporary Register

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Bit 7:0 – TEMP[7:0]: Temporary bits

This register is used for 16-bit access to the counter value, compare value, and TOP value registers. The low byte of the 16-bit register is stored here when it is written by the CPU. The high byte of the 16-bit register is stored when the low byte is read by the CPU. For more details, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13.

16.3.6 CNTL – Counter Register Low

The CNTH and CNTL register pair represents the 16-bit value, CNT. CNT counts positive clock edges on the prescaled RTC clock. Reading and writing 16-bit values requires special attention. Refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13 for details.

Due to synchronization between the RTC clock and system clock domains, there is a latency of two RTC clock cycles from updating the register until this has an effect. Application software needs to check that the SYNCBUSY flag in the *"STATUS – Status Register"* on page 169 is cleared before writing to this register.

Bit 7:0 – CNT[7:0]: Counter Value low byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit real-time counter value.

16.3.7 CNTH – Counter Register High

Bit 7:0 – CNT[15:8]: Counter Value high byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit real-time counter value.

16.3.8 PERL – Period Register Low

The PERH and PERL register pair represents the 16-bit value, PER. PER is constantly compared with the counter value (CNT). A match will set OVFIF in the INTFLAGS register and clear CNT. Reading and writing 16-bit values requires special attention. Refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13 for details.

Due to synchronization between the RTC clock and system clock domains, there is a latency of two RTC clock cycles from updating the register until this has an effect. Application software needs to check that the SYNCBUSY flag in the [ìSTATUS ñ Status Registerî on page 169](#page-168-1) is cleared before writing to this register.

Bit 7:0 – PER[7:0]: Period low byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit RTC TOP value.

16.3.9 PERH – Period Register High

Bits 7:0 – PER[15:8]: Period high byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit RTC TOP value.

16.3.10 COMPL – Compare Register Low

The COMPH and COMPL register pair represent the 16-bit value, COMP. COMP is constantly compared with the counter value (CNT). A compare match will set COMPIF in the INTFLAGS register. Reading and writing 16-bit values requires special attention. Refer "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 13 for details.

Due to synchronization between the RTC clock and system clock domains, there is a latency of two RTC clock cycles from updating the register until this has an effect. Application software needs to check that the SYNCBUSY flag in the *"STATUS – Status Register"* on page 169 is cleared before writing to this register.

If the COMP value is higher than the PER value, no RTC compare match interrupt requests or events will ever be generated.

Bit 7:0 – COMP[7:0]: Compare value low byte

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit RTC compare value.

16.3.11 COMPH – Compare Register High

Bit 7:0 – COMP[15:8]: Compare value high byte

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit RTC compare value.

16.4 Register Summary

16.5 Interrupt Vector Summary

17. TWI – Two-Wire Interface

17.1 Features

- Bidirectional, two-wire communication interface
	- \bullet Phillips I²C compatible
	- System Management Bus (SMBus) compatible
- **Bus master and slave operation supported**
	- Slave operation
	- Single bus master operation
	- Bus master in multi-master bus environment
	- Multi-master arbitration
- Flexible slave address match functions
	- 7-bit and general call address recognition in hardware
	- 10-bit addressing supported
	- Address mask register for dual address match or address range masking
	- Optional software address recognition for unlimited number of addresses
- Slave can operate in all sleep modes, including power-down
- Slave address match can wake device from all sleep modes
- 100kHz and 400kHz bus frequency support
- Slew-rate limited output drivers
- **Input filter for bus noise and spike suppression**
- Support arbitration between start/repeated start and data bit (SMBus)
- Slave arbitration allows support for address resolve protocol (ARP) (SMBus)

17.2 Overview

The two-wire interface (TWI) is a bidirectional, two-wire communication interface. It is I^2C and System Management Bus (SMBus) compatible. The only external hardware needed to implement the bus is one pull-up resistor on each bus line.

A device connected to the bus must act as a master or a slave. The master initiates a data transaction by addressing a slave on the bus and telling whether it wants to transmit or receive data. One bus can have many slaves and one or several masters that can take control of the bus. An arbitration process handles priority if more than one master tries to transmit data at the same time. Mechanisms for resolving bus contention are inherent in the protocol.

The TWI module supports master and slave functionality. The master and slave functionality are separated from each other, and can be enabled and configured separately. The master module supports multi-master bus operation and arbitration. It contains the baud rate generator. Both 100kHz and 400kHz bus frequency is supported. Quick command and smart mode can be enabled to auto-trigger operations and reduce software complexity.

The slave module implements 7-bit address match and general address call recognition in hardware. 10-bit addressing is also supported. A dedicated address mask register can act as a second address match register or as a register for address range masking. The slave continues to operate in all sleep modes, including power-down mode. This enables the slave to wake up the device from all sleep modes on TWI address match. It is possible to disable the address matching to let this be handled in software instead.

The TWI module will detect START and STOP conditions, bus collisions, and bus errors. Arbitration lost, errors, collision, and clock hold on the bus are also detected and indicated in separate status flags available in both master and slave modes.

It is possible to disable the TWI drivers in the device, and enable a four-wire digital interface for connecting to an external TWI bus driver. This can be used for applications where the device operates from a different V_{CC} voltage than used by the TWI bus.

17.3 General TWI Bus Concepts

The TWI provides a simple, bidirectional, two-wire communication bus consisting of a serial clock line (SCL) and a serial data line (SDA). The two lines are open-collector lines (wired-AND), and pull-up resistors (Rp) are the only external components needed to drive the bus. The pull-up resistors provide a high level on the lines when none of the connected devices are driving the bus

The TWI bus is a simple and efficient method of interconnecting multiple devices on a serial bus. A device connected to the bus can be a master or slave, where the master controls the bus and all communication.

[Figure 17-1](#page-174-0) illustrates the TWI bus topology.

Figure 17-1. TWI Bus Topology

A unique address is assigned to all slave devices connected to the bus, and the master will use this to address a slave and initiate a data transaction.

Several masters can be connected to the same bus, called a multi-master environment. An arbitration mechanism is provided for resolving bus ownership among masters, since only one master device may own the bus at any given time.

A device can contain both master and slave logic, and can emulate multiple slave devices by responding to more than one address.

A master indicates the start of a transaction by issuing a START condition (S) on the bus. An address packet with a slave address (ADDRESS) and an indication whether the master wishes to read or write data (R/W) are then sent. After all data packets (DATA) are transferred, the master issues a STOP condition (P) on the bus to end the transaction. The receiver must acknowledge (A) or not-acknowledge (A) each byte received.

[Figure 17-2 on page 176](#page-175-0) shows a TWI transaction.

Figure 17-2. Basic TWI Transaction Diagram Topology for a 7-bit Address Bus

The master provides the clock signal for the transaction, but a device connected to the bus is allowed to stretch the lowlevel period of the clock to decrease the clock speed.

17.3.1 Electrical Characteristics

The TWI module in XMEGA devices follows the electrical specifications and timing of $I²C$ bus and SMBus. These specifications are not 100% compliant, and so to ensure correct behavior, the inactive bus timeout period should be set in TWI master mode. Refer to "TWI Master Operation" on page 181 for more details.

17.3.2 START and STOP Conditions

Two unique bus conditions are used for marking the beginning (START) and end (STOP) of a transaction. The master issues a START condition (S) by indicating a high-to-low transition on the SDA line while the SCL line is kept high. The master completes the transaction by issuing a STOP condition (P), indicated by a low-to-high transition on the SDA line while SCL line is kept high.

Multiple START conditions can be issued during a single transaction. A START condition that is not directly following a STOP condition is called a repeated START condition (Sr).

17.3.3 Bit Transfer

As illustrated by [Figure 17-4 on page 177](#page-176-0), a bit transferred on the SDA line must be stable for the entire high period of the SCL line. Consequently the SDA value can only be changed during the low period of the clock. This is ensured in hardware by the TWI module.

Combining bit transfers results in the formation of address and data packets. These packets consist of eight data bits (one byte) with the most-significant bit transferred first, plus a single-bit not-acknowledge (NACK) or acknowledge (ACK) response. The addressed device signals ACK by pulling the SCL line low during the ninth clock cycle, and signals NACK by leaving the line SCL high.

17.3.4 Address Packet

After the START condition, a 7-bit address followed by a read/write (R/W) bit is sent. This is always transmitted by the master. A slave recognizing its address will ACK the address by pulling the data line low for the next SCL cycle, while all other slaves should keep the TWI lines released and wait for the next START and address. The address, R/W bit, and acknowledge bit combined is the address packet. Only one address packet for each START condition is allowed, also when 10-bit addressing is used.

The R/W bit specifies the direction of the transaction. If the R/W bit is low, it indicates a master write transaction, and the master will transmit its data after the slave has acknowledged its address. If the R/W bit is high, it indicates a master read transaction, and the slave will transmit its data after acknowledging its address.

17.3.5 Data Packet

An address packet is followed by one or more data packets. All data packets are nine bits long, consisting of one data byte and an acknowledge bit. The direction bit in the previous address packet determines the direction in which the data are transferred.

17.3.6 Transaction

A transaction is the complete transfer from a START to a STOP condition, including any repeated START conditions in between. The TWI standard defines three fundamental transaction modes: Master write, master read, and a combined transaction.

[Figure 17-5](#page-176-1) illustrates the master write transaction. The master initiates the transaction by issuing a START condition (S) followed by an address packet with the direction bit set to zero (ADDRESS+W).

Figure 17-5. Master Write Transaction

Assuming the slave acknowledges the address, the master can start transmitting data (DATA) and the slave will ACK or NACK (A/A) each byte. If no data packets are to be transmitted, the master terminates the transaction by issuing a STOP condition (P) directly after the address packet. There are no limitations to the number of data packets that can be

transferred. If the slave signals a NACK to the data, the master must assume that the slave cannot receive any more data and terminate the transaction.

[Figure 17-6](#page-177-0) illustrates the master read transaction. The master initiates the transaction by issuing a START condition followed by an address packet with the direction bit set to one (ADDRESS+R). The addressed slave must acknowledge the address for the master to be allowed to continue the transaction.

Figure 17-6. Master Read Transaction

Assuming the slave acknowledges the address, the master can start receiving data from the slave. There are no limitations to the number of data packets that can be transferred. The slave transmits the data while the master signals ACK or NACK after each data byte. The master terminates the transfer with a NACK before issuing a STOP condition.

[Figure 17-7](#page-177-1) illustrates a combined transaction. A combined transaction consists of several read and write transactions separated by repeated START conditions (Sr).

Figure 17-7. Combined Transaction

17.3.7 Clock and Clock Stretching

All devices connected to the bus are allowed to stretch the low period of the clock to slow down the overall clock frequency or to insert wait states while processing data. A device that needs to stretch the clock can do this by holding/forcing the SCL line low after it detects a low level on the line.

Three types of clock stretching can be defined, as shown in [Figure 17-8](#page-177-2).

Figure 17-8. Clock Stretching[\(1\)](#page-177-3)

Note: 1. Clock stretching is not supported by all I²C slaves and masters.

If a slave device is in sleep mode and a START condition is detected, the clock stretching normally works during the wake-up period. For AVR XMEGA devices, the clock stretching will be either directly before or after the ACK/NACK bit, as AVR XMEGA devices do not need to wake up for transactions that are not addressed to it.

A slave device can slow down the bus frequency by stretching the clock periodically on a bit level. This allows the slave to run at a lower system clock frequency. However, the overall performance of the bus will be reduced accordingly. Both the master and slave device can randomly stretch the clock on a byte level basis before and after the ACK/NACK bit. This provides time to process incoming or prepare outgoing data, or perform other time-critical tasks.

In the case where the slave is stretching the clock, the master will be forced into a wait state until the slave is ready, and vice versa.

17.3.8 Arbitration

A master can start a bus transaction only if it has detected that the bus is idle. As the TWI bus is a multi-master bus, it is possible that two devices may initiate a transaction at the same time. This results in multiple masters owning the bus simultaneously. This is solved using an arbitration scheme where the master loses control of the bus if it is not able to transmit a high level on the SDA line. The masters who lose arbitration must then wait until the bus becomes idle (i.e., wait for a STOP condition) before attempting to reacquire bus ownership. Slave devices are not involved in the arbitration procedure.

Figure 17-9. TWI Arbitration

[Figure 17-9](#page-178-0) shows an example where two TWI masters are contending for bus ownership. Both devices are able to issue a START condition, but DEVICE1 loses arbitration when attempting to transmit a high level (bit 5) while DEVICE2 is transmitting a low level.

Arbitration between a repeated START condition and a data bit, a STOP condition and a data bit, or a repeated START condition and a STOP condition are not allowed and will require special handling by software.

17.3.9 Synchronization

A clock synchronization algorithm is necessary for solving situations where more than one master is trying to control the SCL line at the same time. The algorithm is based on the same principles used for the clock stretching previously described. [Figure 17-10](#page-178-1) shows an example where two masters are competing for control over the bus clock. The SCL line is the wired-AND result of the two masters clock outputs.

Figure 17-10.Clock Synchronization

A high-to-low transition on the SCL line will force the line low for all masters on the bus, and they will start timing their low clock period. The timing length of the low clock period can vary among the masters. When a master (DEVICE1 in this case) has completed its low period, it releases the SCL line. However, the SCL line will not go high until all masters have released it. Consequently, the SCL line will be held low by the device with the longest low period (DEVICE2). Devices with shorter low periods must insert a wait state until the clock is released. All masters start their high period when the SCL line is released by all devices and has gone high. The device which first completes its high period (DEVICE1) forces the clock line low, and the procedure is then repeated. The result is that the device with the shortest clock period determines the high period, while the low period of the clock is determined by the device with the longest clock period.

17.4 TWI Bus State Logic

The bus state logic continuously monitors the activity on the TWI bus lines when the master is enabled. It continues to operate in all sleep modes, including power-down.

The bus state logic includes START and STOP condition detectors, collision detection, inactive bus timeout detection, and a bit counter. These are used to determine the bus state. Software can get the current bus state by reading the bus state bits in the master status register. The bus state can be unknown, idle, busy, or owner, and is determined according to the state diagram shown in [Figure 17-11](#page-179-0). The values of the bus state bits according to state are shown in binary in the figure.

Figure 17-11.Bus State, State Diagram

After a system reset and/or TWI master enable, the bus state is unknown. The bus state machine can be forced to enter idle by writing to the bus state bits accordingly. If no state is set by application software, the bus state will become idle when the first STOP condition is detected. If the master inactive bus timeout is enabled, the bus state will change to idle on the occurrence of a timeout. After a known bus state is established, only a system reset or disabling of the TWI master will set the state to unknown.

When the bus is idle, it is ready for a new transaction. If a START condition generated externally is detected, the bus becomes busy until a STOP condition is detected. The STOP condition will change the bus state to idle. If the master inactive bus timeout is enabled, the bus state will change from busy to idle on the occurrence of a timeout.

If a START condition is generated internally while in idle state, the owner state is entered. If the complete transaction was performed without interference, i.e., no collisions are detected, the master will issue a STOP condition and the bus state
will change back to idle. If a collision is detected, the arbitration is assumed lost and the bus state becomes busy until a STOP condition is detected. A repeated START condition will only change the bus state if arbitration is lost during the issuing of the repeated START. Arbitration during repeated START can be lost only if the arbitration has been ongoing since the first START condition. This happens if two masters send the exact same ADDRESS+DATA before one of the masters issues a repeated START (Sr).

17.5 TWI Master Operation

The TWI master is byte-oriented, with an optional interrupt after each byte. There are separate interrupts for master write and master read. Interrupt flags can also be used for polled operation. There are dedicated status flags for indicating ACK/NACK received, bus error, arbitration lost, clock hold, and bus state.

When an interrupt flag is set, the SCL line is forced low. This will give the master time to respond or handle any data, and will in most cases require software interaction. [Figure 17-12](#page-180-0) shows the TWI master operation. The diamond shaped symbols (SW) indicate where software interaction is required. Clearing the interrupt flags releases the SCL line.

Figure 17-12.TWI Master Operation

The number of interrupts generated is kept to a minimum by automatic handling of most conditions. Quick command and smart mode can be enabled to auto-trigger operations and reduce software complexity.

17.5.1 Transmitting Address Packets

After issuing a START condition, the master starts performing a bus transaction when the master address register is written with the 7-bit slave address and direction bit. If the bus is busy, the TWI master will wait until the bus becomes idle before issuing the START condition.

Depending on arbitration and the R/W direction bit, one of four distinct cases (M1 to M4) arises following the address packet. The different cases must be handled in software.

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17.5.1.1 Case M1: Arbitration Lost or Bus Error During Address Packet

If arbitration is lost during the sending of the address packet, the master write interrupt flag and arbitration lost flag are both set. Serial data output to the SDA line is disabled, and the SCL line is released. The master is no longer allowed to perform any operation on the bus until the bus state has changed back to idle.

A bus error will behave in the same way as an arbitration lost condition, but the error flag is set in addition to the write interrupt and arbitration lost flags.

17.5.1.2 Case M2: Address Packet Transmit Complete - Address not Acknowledged by Slave

If no slave device responds to the address, the master write interrupt flag and the master received acknowledge flag are set. The clock hold is active at this point, preventing further activity on the bus.

17.5.1.3 Case M3: Address Packet Transmit Complete - Direction Bit Cleared

If the master receives an ACK from the slave, the master write interrupt flag is set and the master received acknowledge flag is cleared. The clock hold is active at this point, preventing further activity on the bus.

17.5.1.4 Case M4: Address Packet Transmit Complete - Direction Bit Set

If the master receives an ACK from the slave, the master proceeds to receive the next byte of data from the slave. When the first data byte is received, the master read interrupt flag is set and the master received acknowledge flag is cleared. The clock hold is active at this point, preventing further activity on the bus.

17.5.2 Transmitting Data Packets

Assuming case M3 above, the master can start transmitting data by writing to the master data register. If the transfer was successful, the slave will signal with ACK. The master write interrupt flag is set, the master received acknowledge flag is cleared, and the master can prepare new data to send. During data transfer, the master is continuously monitoring the bus for collisions.

The received acknowledge flag must be checked by software for each data packet transmitted before the next data packet can be transferred. The master is not allowed to continue transmitting data if the slave signals a NACK.

If a collision is detected and the master loses arbitration during transfer, the arbitration lost flag is set.

17.5.3 Receiving Data Packets

Assuming case M4 above, the master has already received one byte from the slave. The master read interrupt flag is set, and the master must prepare to receive new data. The master must respond to each byte with ACK or NACK. Indicating a NACK might not be successfully executed, as arbitration can be lost during the transmission. If a collision is detected, the master loses arbitration and the arbitration lost flag is set.

17.6 TWI Slave Operation

The TWI slave is byte-oriented with optional interrupts after each byte. There are separate slave data and address/stop interrupts. Interrupt flags can also be used for polled operation. There are dedicated status flags for indicating ACK/NACK received, clock hold, collision, bus error, and read/write direction.

When an interrupt flag is set, the SCL line is forced low. This will give the slave time to respond or handle data, and will in most cases require software interaction. [Figure 17-13 on page 183.](#page-182-0) shows the TWI slave operation. The diamond shapes symbols (SW) indicate where software interaction is required.

Figure 17-13.TWI Slave Operation

The number of interrupts generated is kept to a minimum by automatic handling of most conditions. Quick command can be enabled to auto-trigger operations and reduce software complexity.

Promiscuous mode can be enabled to allow the slave to respond to all received addresses.

17.6.1 Receiving Address Packets

When the TWI slave is properly configured, it will wait for a START condition to be detected. When this happens, the successive address byte will be received and checked by the address match logic, and the slave will ACK a correct address and store the address in the DATA register. If the received address is not a match, the slave will not acknowledge and store address, and will wait for a new START condition.

The slave address/stop interrupt flag is set when a START condition succeeded by a valid address byte is detected. A general call address will also set the interrupt flag.

A START condition immediately followed by a STOP condition is an illegal operation, and the bus error flag is set.

The R/W direction flag reflects the direction bit received with the address. This can be read by software to determine the type of operation currently in progress.

Depending on the R/W direction bit and bus condition, one of four distinct cases (S1 to S4) arises following the address packet. The different cases must be handled in software.

17.6.1.1 Case S1: Address Packet Accepted - Direction Bit Set

If the R/ \overline{W} direction flag is set, this indicates a master read operation. The SCL line is forced low by the slave, stretching the bus clock. If ACK is sent by the slave, the slave hardware will set the data interrupt flag indicating data is needed for transmit. Data, repeated START, or STOP can be received after this. If NACK is sent by the slave, the slave will wait for a new START condition and address match.

17.6.1.2 Case S2: Address Packet Accepted - Direction Bit Cleared

If the R/ \overline{W} direction flag is cleared, this indicates a master write operation. The SCL line is forced low, stretching the bus clock. If ACK is sent by the slave, the slave will wait for data to be received. Data, repeated START, or STOP can be received after this. If NACK is sent, the slave will wait for a new START condition and address match.

17.6.1.3 Case S3: Collision

If the slave is not able to send a high level or NACK, the collision flag is set, and it will disable the data and acknowledge output from the slave logic. The clock hold is released. A START or repeated START condition will be accepted.

17.6.1.4 Case S4: STOP Condition Received

When the STOP condition is received, the slave address/stop flag will be set, indicating that a STOP condition, and not an address match, occurred.

17.6.2 Receiving Data Packets

The slave will know when an address packet with R/\overline{W} direction bit cleared has been successfully received. After acknowledging this, the slave must be ready to receive data. When a data packet is received, the data interrupt flag is set and the slave must indicate ACK or NACK. After indicating a NACK, the slave must expect a STOP or repeated START condition.

17.6.3 Transmitting Data Packets

The slave will know when an address packet with R/W direction bit set has been successfully received. It can then start sending data by writing to the slave data register. When a data packet transmission is completed, the data interrupt flag is set. If the master indicates NACK, the slave must stop transmitting data and expect a STOP or repeated START condition.

17.7 Enabling External Driver Interface

An external driver interface can be enabled. When this is done, the internal TWI drivers with input filtering and slew rate control are bypassed. The normal I/O pin function is used, and the direction must be configured by the user software. When this mode is enabled, an external TWI compliant tri-state driver is needed for connecting to a TWI bus.

By default, port pins 0 (Pn0) and 1 (Pn1) are used for SDA and SCL. The external driver interface uses port pins 0 to 3 for the SDA_IN, SCL_IN, SDA_OUT, and SCL_OUT signals.

17.8 Register Description – TWI

17.8.1 CTRL – Common Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:1 – SDAHOLD[1:0]: SDA Hold Time Enable

Setting these bits to one enables an internal hold time on SDA with respect to the negative edge of SCL.

Table 17-1. SDA Hold Time

Bit 0 – EDIEN: External Driver Interface Enable

Setting this bit enables the use of the external driver interface, and clearing this bit enables normal two-wire mode. See [Table 17-2](#page-184-0) for details.

Table 17-2. External Driver Interface Enable

17.9 Register Description – TWI Master

17.9.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:6 – INTLVL[1:0]: Interrupt Level

These bits select the interrupt level for the TWI master interrupt, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

Bit 5 – RIEN: Read Interrupt Enable

Setting the read interrupt enable (RIEN) bit enables the read interrupt when the read interrupt flag (RIF) in the STATUS register is set. In addition the INTLVL bits must be nonzero for TWI master interrupts to be generated.

Bit 4 – WIEN: Write Interrupt Enable

Setting the write interrupt enable (WIEN) bit enables the write interrupt when the write interrupt flag (WIF) in the STATUS register is set. In addition the INTLVL bits must be nonzero for TWI master interrupts to be generated.

Bit 3 – ENABLE: Enable TWI Master

Setting the enable TWI master (ENABLE) bit enables the TWI master.

Bit 2:0 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

17.9.2 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – TIMEOUT[1:0]: Inactive Bus Timeout

Setting the inactive bus timeout (TIMEOUT) bits to a nonzero value will enable the inactive bus timeout supervisor. If the bus is inactive for longer than the TIMEOUT setting, the bus state logic will enter the idle state.

[Table 17-3](#page-185-0) lists the timeout settings.

Table 17-3. TWI Master Inactive Bus Timeout Settings

Bit 1 – QCEN: Quick Command Enable

When quick command is enabled, the corresponding interrupt flag is set immediately after the slave acknowledges the address (read or write interrupt). At this point, software can issue either a STOP or a repeated START condition.

Bit 0 – SMEN: Smart Mode Enable

Setting this bit enables smart mode. When smart mode is enabled, the acknowledge action, as set by the ACKACT bit in the CTRLC register, is sent immediately after reading the DATA register.

17.9.3 CTRLC – Control Register C

Bits 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – ACKACT: Acknowledge Action

This bit defines the master's acknowledge behavior in master read mode. The acknowledge action is executed when a command is written to the CMD bits. If SMEN in the CTRLB register is set, the acknowledge action is performed when the DATA register is read.

[Table 17-4](#page-186-0) lists the acknowledge actions.

Table 17-4. ACKACT Bit Description

Bit 1:0 – CMD[1:0]: Command

Writing the command (CMD) bits triggers a master operation as defined by [Table 17-5.](#page-186-1) The CMD bits are strobe bits, and always read as zero. The acknowledge action is only valid in master read mode (R). In master write mode (W), a command will only result in a repeated START or STOP condition. The ACKACT bit and the CMD bits can be written at the same time, and then the acknowledge action will be updated before the command is triggered.

Writing a command to the CMD bits will clear the master interrupt flags and the CLKHOLD flag.

17.9.4 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7 – RIF: Read Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when a byte is successfully received in master read mode; i.e., no arbitration was lost or bus error occurred during the operation. Writing a one to this bit location will clear RIF. When this flag is set, the master forces the SCL line low, stretching the TWI clock period. Clearing the interrupt flags will release the SCL line.

This flag is also cleared automatically when:

- Writing to the ADDR register
- Writing to the DATA register
- Reading the DATA register
- Writing a valid command to the CMD bits in the CTRLC register

Bit 6 – WIF: Write Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when a byte is transmitted in master write mode. The flag is set regardless of the occurrence of a bus error or an arbitration lost condition. WIF is also set if arbitration is lost during sending of a NACK in master read mode, and if issuing a START condition when the bus state is unknown. Writing a one to this bit location will clear WIF. When this flag is set, the master forces the SCL line low, stretching the TWI clock period. Clearing the interrupt flags will release the SCL line.

The flag is also cleared automatically for the same conditions as RIF.

Bit 5 – CLKHOLD: Clock Hold

This flag is set when the master is holding the SCL line low. This is a status flag and a read-only flag that is set when RIF or WIF is set. Clearing the interrupt flags and releasing the SCL line will indirectly clear this flag.

The flag is also cleared automatically for the same conditions as RIF.

Bit 4 – RXACK: Received Acknowledge

This flag contains the most recently received acknowledge bit from the slave. This is a read-only flag. When read as zero, the most recent acknowledge bit from the slave was ACK, and when read as one the most recent acknowledge bit was NACK.

Bit 3 – ARBLOST: Arbitration Lost

This flag is set if arbitration is lost while transmitting a high data bit or a NACK bit, or while issuing a START or repeated START condition on the bus. Writing a one to this bit location will clear ARBLOST.

Writing the ADDR register will automatically clear ARBLOST.

Bit 2 – BUSERR: Bus Error

This flag is set if an illegal bus condition has occurred. An illegal bus condition occurs if a repeated START or a STOP condition is detected, and the number of received or transmitted bits from the previous START condition is not a multiple of nine. Writing a one to this bit location will clear BUSERR.

Writing the ADDR register will automatically clear BUSERR.

Bit 1:0 – BUSSTATE[1:0]: Bus State

These bits indicate the current TWI bus state as defined in [Table 17-6 on page 189](#page-188-0). The change of bus state is dependent on bus activity. Refer to the "TWI Bus State Logic" on page 180.

Table 17-6. TWI Master Bus State

Writing 01 to the BUSSTATE bits forces the bus state logic into the idle state. The bus state logic cannot be forced into any other state. When the master is disabled, and after reset, the bus state logic is disabled and the bus state is unknown.

17.9.5 BAUD – Baud Rate Register

The baud rate (BAUD) register defines the relation between the system clock and the TWI bus clock (SCL) frequency. The frequency relation can be expressed by using the following equation:

$$
f_{TWI} = \frac{f_{sys}}{2(5 + (BAUD))}[\text{Hz}] \quad [1]
$$

The BAUD register must be set to a value that results in a TWI bus clock frequency (f_{TWI}) equal or less than 100kHz or 400kHz, depending on which standard the application should comply with. The following equation [2] expresses equation [1] solved for the BAUD value:

$$
BAUD = \frac{f_{sys}}{2f_{TWI}} - 5 \quad [2]
$$

The BAUD register should be written only while the master is disabled.

17.9.6 ADDR – Address Register

When the address (ADDR) register is written with a slave address and the R/W bit while the bus is idle, a START condition is issued and the 7-bit slave address and the R/W bit are transmitted on the bus. If the bus is already owned when ADDR is written, a repeated START is issued. If the previous transaction was a master read and no acknowledge is sent yet, the acknowledge action is sent before the repeated START condition.

After completing the operation and the acknowledge bit from the slave is received, the SCL line is forced low if arbitration was not lost. WIF is set.

If the bus state is unknown when ADDR is written, WIF is set and BUSERR is set.

All TWI master flags are automatically cleared when ADDR is written. This includes BUSERR, ARBLOST, RIF, and WIF. The master ADDR can be read at any time without interfering with ongoing bus activity.

17.9.7 DATA – Data Register

The data (DATA) register is used when transmitting and receiving data. During data transfer, data are shifted from/to the DATA register and to/from the bus. This implies that the DATA register cannot be accessed during byte transfers, and this is prevented by hardware. The DATA register can only be accessed when the SCL line is held low by the master; i.e., when CLKHOLD is set.

In master write mode, writing the DATA register will trigger a data byte transfer followed by the master receiving the acknowledge bit from the slave. WIF and CLKHOLD are set.

In master read mode, RIF and CLKHOLD are set when one byte is received in the DATA register. If smart mode is enabled, reading the DATA register will trigger the bus operation as set by the ACKACT bit. If a bus error occurs during reception, WIF and BUSERR are set instead of RIF.

Accessing the DATA register will clear the master interrupt flags and CLKHOLD.

17.10 Register Description – TWI Slave

17.10.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:6 – INTLVL[1:0]: Interrupt Level

These bits select the interrupt level for the TWI master interrupt, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

Bit 5 – DIEN: Data Interrupt Enable

Setting the data interrupt enable (DIEN) bit enables the data interrupt when the data interrupt flag (DIF) in the STATUS register is set. The INTLVL bits must be nonzero for the interrupt to be generated.

Bit 4 – APIEN: Address/Stop Interrupt Enable

Setting the address/stop interrupt enable (APIEN) bit enables the address/stop interrupt when the address/stop interrupt flag (APIF) in the STATUS register is set. The INTLVL bits must be nonzero for interrupt to be generated.

Bit 3 – ENABLE: Enable TWI Slave

Setting this bit enables the TWI slave.

Bit 2 – PIEN: Stop Interrupt Enable

Setting the this bit will cause APIF in the STATUS register to be set when a STOP condition is detected.

Bit 1 – PMEN: Promiscuous Mode Enable

By setting the this bit, the slave address match logic responds to all received addresses. If this bit is cleared, the address match logic uses the ADDR register to determine which address to recognize as its own address.

Bit 0 – SMEN: Smart Mode Enable

This bit enables smart mode. When Smart mode is enabled, the acknowledge action, as set by the ACKACT bit in the CTRLB register, is sent immediately after reading the DATA register.

17.10.2 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – ACKACT: Acknowledge Action

This bit defines the slave's acknowledge behavior after an address or data byte is received from the master. The acknowledge action is executed when a command is written to the CMD bits. If the SMEN bit in the CTRLA register is set, the acknowledge action is performed when the DATA register is read.

[Table 17-7 on page 192](#page-191-0) lists the acknowledge actions.

Table 17-7. TWI Slave Acknowledge Actions

Bit 1:0 – CMD[1:0]: Command

Writing these bits trigger the slave operation as defined by [Table 17-8.](#page-191-1) The CMD bits are strobe bits and always read as zero. The operation is dependent on the slave interrupt flags, DIF and APIF. The acknowledge action is only executed when the slave receives data bytes or address byte from the master.

Table 17-8. TWI Slave Command

Writing the CMD bits will automatically clear the slave interrupt flags and CLKHOLD, and release the SCL line. The ACKACT bit and CMD bits can be written at the same time, and then the acknowledge action will be updated before the command is triggered.

17.10.3 STATUS – Status Register

• Bit 7 – DIF: Data Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when a data byte is successfully received; i.e., no bus error or collision occurred during the operation. Writing a one to this bit location will clear DIF. When this flag is set, the slave forces the SCL line low, stretching the TWI clock period. Clearing the interrupt flags will release the SCL line.

This flag is also cleared automatically when writing a valid command to the CMD bits in the CTRLB register

Bit 6 – APIF: Address/Stop Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when the slave detects that a valid address has been received, or when a transmit collision is detected. If the PIEN bit in the CTRLA register is set, a STOP condition on the bus will also set APIF. Writing a one to this bit location will clear APIF. When set for an address interrupt, the slave forces the SCL line low, stretching the TWI clock period. Clearing the interrupt flags will release the SCL line.

The flag is also cleared automatically for the same condition as DIF.

• Bit 5 – CLKHOLD: Clock Hold

This flag is set when the slave is holding the SCL line low.This is a status flag and a read-only bit that is set when DIF or APIF is set. Clearing the interrupt flags and releasing the SCL line will indirectly clear this flag.

Bit 4 – RXACK: Received Acknowledge

This flag contains the most recently received acknowledge bit from the master. This is a read-only flag. When read as zero, the most recent acknowledge bit from the maser was ACK, and when read as one, the most recent acknowledge bit was NACK.

Bit 3 – COLL: Collision

This flag is set when a slave has not been able to transfer a high data bit or a NACK bit. If a collision is detected, the slave will commence its normal operation, disable data, and acknowledge output, and no low values will be shifted out onto the SDA line. Writing a one to this bit location will clear COLL.

The flag is also cleared automatically when a START or repeated START condition is detected.

Bit 2 – BUSERR: TWI Slave Bus Error

This flag is set when an illegal bus condition occurs during a transfer. An illegal bus condition occurs if a repeated START or a STOP condition is detected, and the number of bits from the previous START condition is not a multiple of nine. Writing a one to this bit location will clear BUSERR.

For bus errors to be detected, the bus state logic must be enabled. This is done by enabling the TWI master.

Bit 1 – DIR: Read/Write Direction

The R/W direction (DIR) flag reflects the direction bit from the last address packet received from a master. When this bit is read as one, a master read operation is in progress. When read as zero, a master write operation is in progress.

Bit 0 – AP: Slave Address or Stop

This flag indicates whether a valid address or a STOP condition caused the last setting of APIF in the STATUS register.

Table 17-9. TWI Slave Address or Stop

17.10.4 ADDR – Address Register

The TWI slave address register should be loaded with the 7-bit slave address (in the seven most significant bits of ADDR) to which the TWI will respond. The lsb of ADDR is used to enable recognition of the general call address (0x00).

Bit 7:1 – ADDR[7:1]: TWI Slave Address

This register contains the TWI slave address used by the slave address match logic to determine if a master has addressed the slave. The seven most-significant bits (ADDR[7:1]) represent the slave address.

When using 10-bit addressing, the address match logic only supports hardware address recognition of the first byte of a 10-bit address. By setting ADDR[7:1] = 0b11110nn, înnî represents bits 9 and 8 of the slave address. The next byte received is bits 7 to 0 in the 10-bit address, and this must be handled by software.

When the address match logic detects that a valid address byte is received, APIF is set and the DIR flag is updated.

If the PMEN bit in CTRLA is set, the address match logic responds to all addresses transmitted on the TWI bus. The ADDR register is not used in this mode.

Bit 0 – ADDR: General Call Recognition Enable

When ADDR[0] is set, this enables general call address recognition logic so the device can respond to a general address call that addresses all devices on the bus.

17.10.5 DATA – Data Register

The data (DATA) register is used when transmitting and received data. During data transfer, data are shifted from/to the DATA register and to/from the bus. This implies that the DATA register cannot be accessed during byte transfers, and this is prevented by hardware. The DATA register can be accessed only when the SCL line is held low by the slave; i.e., when CLKHOLD is set.

When a master is reading data from the slave, data to send must be written to the DATA register. The byte transfer is started when the master starts to clock the data byte from the slave, followed by the slave receiving the acknowledge bit from the master. DIF and CLKHOLD are set.

When a master writes data to the slave, DIF and CLKHOLD are set when one byte has been received in the DATA register. If smart mode is enabled, reading the DATA register will trigger the bus operation as set by the ACKACT bit.

Accessing the DATA register will clear the slave interrupt flags and CLKHOLD. When an address match occurs, the received address will be stored in the DATA register.

17.10.6 ADDRMASK – Address Mask Register

Bit 7:1 – ADDRMASK[7:1]: Address Mask

These bits can act as a second address match register or as an address mask register, depending on the ADDREN setting.

If ADDREN is set to zero, ADDRMASK can be loaded with a 7-bit slave address mask. Each bit in ADDRMASK can mask (disable) the corresponding address bit in the ADDR register. If the mask bit is one, the address match between the incoming address bit and the corresponding bit in ADDR is ignored; i.e., masked bits will always match.

If ADDREN is set to one, ADDRMASK can be loaded with a second slave address in addition to the ADDR register. In this mode, the slave will match on two unique addresses, one in ADDR and the other in ADDRMASK.

Bit 0 – ADDREN: Address Enable

By default, this bit is zero, and the ADDRMASK bits acts as an address mask to the ADDR register. If this bit is set to one, the slave address match logic responds to the two unique addresses in ADDR and ADDRMASK.

17.11 Register Summary - TWI

17.12 Register Summary - TWI Master

17.13 Register Summary - TWI Slave

17.14 Interrupt Vector Summary

18. SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface

18.1 Features

- Full-duplex, three-wire synchronous data transfer
- Master or slave operation
- lsb first or msb first data transfer
- **Eight programmable bit rates**
- Interrupt flag at the end of transmission
- Write collision flag to indicate data collision
- Wake up from idle sleep mode
- Double speed master mode

18.2 Overview

The Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) is a high-speed synchronous data transfer interface using three or four pins. It allows fast communication between an XMEGA device and peripheral devices or between several microcontrollers. The SPI supports full-duplex communication.

A device connected to the bus must act as a master or slave.The master initiates and controls all data transactions. The interconnection between master and slave devices with SPI is shown in [Figure 18-1.](#page-195-0) The system consists of two shift registers and a master clock generator. The SPI master initiates the communication cycle by pulling the slave select (SS) signal low for the desired slave. Master and slave prepare the data to be sent in their respective shift registers, and the master generates the required clock pulses on the SCK line to interchange data. Data are always shifted from master to slave on the master output, slave input (MOSI) line, and from slave to master on the master input, slave output (MISO) line. After each data packet, the master can synchronize the slave by pulling the SS line high.

Figure 18-1. SPI Master-slave Interconnection

The SPI module is unbuffered in the transmit direction and single buffered in the receive direction. This means that bytes to be transmitted cannot be written to the SPI DATA register before the entire shift cycle is completed. When receiving data, a received character must be read from the DATA register before the next character has been completely shifted in. Otherwise, the first byte will be lost.

In SPI slave mode, the control logic will sample the incoming signal on the SCK pin. To ensure correct sampling of this clock signal, the minimum low and high periods must each be longer than two CPU clock cycles.

When the SPI module is enabled, the data direction of the MOSI, MISO, SCK, and SS pins is overridden according to [Table 18-1 on page 197.](#page-196-0) The pins with user-defined direction must be configured from software to have the correct direction according to the application.

Table 18-1. SPI Pin Override and Directions

18.3 Master Mode

In master mode, the SPI interface has no automatic control of the \overline{SS} line. If the \overline{SS} pin is used, it must be configured as output and controlled by user software. If the bus consists of several SPI slaves and/or masters, a SPI master can use general purpose I/O pins to control the SS line to each of the slaves on the bus.

Writing a byte to the DATA register starts the SPI clock generator and the hardware shifts the eight bits into the selected slave. After shifting one byte, the SPI clock generator stops and the SPI interrupt flag is set. The master may continue to shift the next byte by writing new data to the DATA register, or can signal the end of the transfer by pulling the \overline{SS} line high. The last incoming byte will be kept in the buffer register.

If the SS pin is not used and is configured as input, it must be held high to ensure master operation. If the SS pin is set as input and is being driven low, the SPI module will interpret this as another master trying to take control of the bus. To avoid bus contention, the master will take the following action:

- 1. The master enters slave mode.
- 2. The SPI interrupt flag is set.

18.4 Slave Mode

In slave mode, the SPI module will remain sleeping with the MISO line tri-stated as long as the SS pin is driven high. In this state, software may update the contents of the DATA register, but the data will not be shifted out by incoming clock pulses on the SCK pin until the SS pin is driven low. If SS is driven low, the slave will start to shift out data on the first SCK clock pulse. When one byte has been completely shifted, the SPI interrupt flag is set. The slave may continue placing new data to be sent into the DATA register before reading the incoming data. The last incoming byte will be kept in the buffer register.

When SS is driven high, the SPI logic is reset, and the SPI slave will not receive any new data. Any partially received packet in the shift register will be dropped.

As the \overline{SS} pin is used to signal the start and end of a transfer, it is also useful for doing packet/byte synchronization, keeping the slave bit counter synchronous with the master clock generator.

18.5 Data Modes

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There are four combinations of SCK phase and polarity with respect to serial data. The SPI data transfer formats are shown in [Figure 18-2 on page 198](#page-197-0). Data bits are shifted out and latched in on opposite edges of the SCK signal, ensuring sufficient time for data signals to stabilize.

The leading edge is the first clock edge of a clock cycle. The trailing edge is the last clock edge of a clock cycle.

Figure 18-2. SPI Transfer Modes

18.6 Register Description

18.6.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7 – CLK2X: Clock Double

When this bit is set, the SPI speed (SCK frequency) will be doubled in master mode (see [Table 18-3\)](#page-198-0).

Bit 6 – ENABLE: Enable

Setting this bit enables the SPI module. This bit must be set to enable any SPI operations.

Bit 5 – DORD: Data Order

DORD decides the data order when a byte is shifted out from the DATA register. When DORD is written to one, the leastsignificant bit (lsb) of the data byte is transmitted first, and when DORD is written to zero, the most-significant bit (msb) of the data byte is transmitted first.

Bit 4 – MASTER: Master Select

This bit selects master mode when written to one, and slave mode when written to zero. If \overline{SS} is configured as an input and driven low while master mode is set, master mode will be cleared.

Bit 3:2 – MODE[1:0]: Transfer Mode

These bits select the transfer mode. The four combinations of SCK phase and polarity with respect to the serial data are shown in [Table 18-2](#page-198-1). These bits decide whether the first edge of a clock cycle (leading edge) is rising or falling, and whether data setup and sample occur on the leading or trailing edge.

When the leading edge is rising, the SCK signal is low when idle, and when the leading edge is falling, the SCK signal is high when idle.

Table 18-2. SPI Transfer Mode

Bits 1:0 – PRESCALER[1:0]: Clock Prescaler

These two bits control the SPI clock rate configured in master mode. These bits have no effect in slave mode. The relationship between SCK and the peripheral clock frequency (clk_{PER}) is shown in [Table 18-3](#page-198-0).

Table 18-3. Relationship Between SCK and the Peripheral Clock (Clk_{PFR}) Frequency

18.6.2 INTCTRL – Interrupt Control Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1:0 – INTLVL[1:0]: Interrupt Level

These bits enable the SPI interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller["] on page 94. The enabled interrupt will be triggered when IF in the STATUS register is set.

18.6.3 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7 – IF: Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when a serial transfer is complete and one byte is completely shifted in/out of the DATA register. If SS is configured as input and is driven low when the SPI is in master mode, this will also set this flag. IF is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt vector. Alternatively, the IF flag can be cleared by first reading the STATUS register when IF is set, and then accessing the DATA register.

Bit 6 – WRCOL: Write Collision Flag

The WRCOL flag is set if the DATA register is written during a data transfer. This flag is cleared by first reading the STATUS register when WRCOL is set, and then accessing the DATA register.

Bit 5:0 – Reserved

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These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

18.6.4 DATA – Data register

The DATA register is used for sending and receiving data. Writing to the register initiates the data transmission, and the byte written to the register will be shifted out on the SPI output line. Reading the register causes the shift register receive buffer to be read, returning the last byte successfully received.

18.7 Register Summary

18.8 Interrupt vector Summary

19. USART

19.1 Features

- Full-duplex operation
- **•** Asynchronous or synchronous operation
	- Synchronous clock rates up to 1/2 of the device clock frequency
	- Asynchronous clock rates up to 1/8 of the device clock frequency
- Supports serial frames with 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 data bits, and 1 or 2 stop bits
- **•** Fractional baud rate generator
	- Can generate desired baud rate from any system clock frequency
	- No need for external oscillator with certain frequencies
- Built-in error detection and correction schemes
	- Odd or even parity generation and parity check
	- Data overrun and framing error detection
	- Noise filtering includes false start bit detection and digital low-pass filter
- Separate interrupts for
	- Transmit complete
	- Transmit data register empty
	- Receive complete
- **•** Multiprocessor communication mode
	- Addressing scheme to address a specific devices on a multi-device bus
	- Enable unaddressed devices to automatically ignore all frames
- Master SPI mode
	- Double buffered operation
	- Configurable data order
	- Operation up to 1/2 of the peripheral clock frequency
- IRCOM module for IrDA compliant pulse modulation/demodulation

19.2 Overview

The universal synchronous and asynchronous serial receiver and transmitter (USART) is a fast and flexible serial communication module. The USART supports full-duplex communication and asynchronous and synchronous operation. The USART can be configured to operate in SPI master mode and used for SPI communication.

Communication is frame based, and the frame format can be customized to support a wide range of standards. The USART is buffered in both directions, enabling continued data transmission without any delay between frames. Separate interrupts for receive and transmit complete enable fully interrupt driven communication. Frame error and buffer overflow are detected in hardware and indicated with separate status flags. Even or odd parity generation and parity check can also be enabled.

A block diagram of the USART is shown in [Figure 19-1 on page 203](#page-202-0). The main functional blocks are the clock generator, the transmitter, and the receiver, which are indicated in dashed boxes.

Figure 19-1. USART Block Diagram

The clock generator includes a fractional baud rate generator that is able to generate a wide range of USART baud rates from any system clock frequencies. This removes the need to use an external crystal oscillator with a specific frequency to achieve a required baud rate. It also supports external clock input in synchronous slave operation.

The transmitter consists of a single write buffer (DATA), a shift register, and a parity generator. The write buffer allows continuous data transmission without any delay between frames.

The receiver consists of a two-level receive buffer (DATA) and a shift register. Data and clock recovery units ensure robust synchronization and noise filtering during asynchronous data reception. It includes frame error, buffer overflow, and parity error detection.

When the USART is set in master SPI mode, all USART-specific logic is disabled, leaving the transmit and receive buffers, shift registers, and baud rate generator enabled. Pin control and interrupt generation are identical in both modes. The registers are used in both modes, but their functionality differs for some control settings.

An IRCOM module can be enabled for one USART to support IrDA 1.4 physical compliant pulse modulation and demodulation for baud rates up to 115.2kbps. For details, refer to "IRCOM - IR Communication Module" on page 222.

19.3 Clock Generation

The clock used for baud rate generation and for shifting and sampling data bits is generated internally by the fractional baud rate generator or externally from the transfer clock (XCK) pin. Five modes of clock generation are supported: normal and double-speed asynchronous mode, master and slave synchronous mode, and master SPI mode.

Figure 19-2. Clock Generation Logic, Block Diagram

19.3.1 Internal Clock Generation - The Fractional Baud Rate Generator

The fractional baud rate generator is used for internal clock generation for asynchronous modes, synchronous master mode, and master SPI mode operation. The output frequency generated (f_{BAUD}) is determined by the period setting (BSEL), an optional scale setting (BSCALE), and the peripheral clock frequency (f_{PER}). [Table 19-1](#page-203-1) contains equations for calculating the baud rate (in bits per second) and for calculating the BSEL value for each mode of operation. It also shows the maximum baud rate versus peripheral clock frequency. BSEL can be set to any value between 0 and 4095. BSCALE can be set to any value between -7 and +7, and increases or decreases the baud rate slightly to provide the fractional baud rate scaling of the baud rate generator.

When BSEL is 0, BSCALE must also be 0. Also, the value $2^{ABS(BSCALE)}$ must at most be one half of the minimum number of clock cycles a frame requires. For more details, see "Fractional Baud Rate Generation" on page 212.

Note: 1. The baud rate is defined to be the transfer rate in bits per second (bps)

For BSEL=0, all baud rates must be achieved by changing BSEL instead of setting BSCALE: $BSEL = (2^{BSCALE-1})$

19.3.2 External Clock

External clock (XCK) is used in synchronous slave mode operation. The XCK clock input is sampled on the peripheral clock frequency (f_{PER}), and the maximum XCK clock frequency (f_{XCK})is limited by the following:

$$
f_{XCK} < \frac{f_{PER}}{4}
$$

For each high and low period, XCK clock cycles must be sampled twice by the peripheral clock. If the XCK clock has jitter, or if the high/low period duty cycle is not 50/50, the maximum XCK clock speed must be reduced or the peripheral clock must be increased accordingly.

19.3.3 Double Speed Operation

Double speed operation allows for higher baud rates under asynchronous operation with lower peripheral clock frequencies. When this is enabled, the baud rate for a given asynchronous baud rate setting shown in [Table 19-1 on](#page-203-1) [page 204](#page-203-1) will be doubled. In this mode, the receiver will use half the number of samples (reduced from 16 to 8) for data sampling and clock recovery. Due to the reduced sampling, a more accurate baud rate setting and peripheral clock are required. See "Asynchronous Data Reception" on page 209 for more details.

19.3.4 Synchronous Clock Operation

When synchronous mode is used, the XCK pin controls whether the transmission clock is input (slave mode) or output (master mode). The corresponding port pin must be set to output for master mode or to input for slave mode. The normal port operation of the XCK pin will be overridden. The dependency between the clock edges and data sampling or data change is the same. Data input (on RxD) is sampled at the XCK clock edge which is opposite the edge where data output (TxD) is changed.

Figure 19-3. Synchronous Mode XCK Timing

Using the inverted I/O (INVEN) setting for the corresponding XCK port pin, the XCK clock edges used for data sampling and data change can be selected. If inverted I/O is disabled (INVEN=0), data will be changed at the rising XCK clock edge and sampled at the falling XCK clock edge. If inverted I/O is enabled (INVEN=1), data will be changed at the falling XCK clock edge and sampled at the rising XCK clock edge. For more details, see "I/O Ports" on page 101.

19.3.5 Master SPI Mode Clock Generation

For master SPI mode operation, only internal clock generation is supported. This is identical to the USART synchronous master mode, and the baud rate or BSEL setting is calculated using the same equations (see [Table 19-1 on page 204\)](#page-203-1).

There are four combinations of the SPI clock (SCK) phase and polarity with respect to the serial data, and these are determined by the clock phase (UCPHA) control bit and the inverted I/O pin (INVEN) settings. The data transfer timing diagrams are shown in [Figure 19-4 on page 207](#page-206-0). Data bits are shifted out and latched in on opposite edges of the XCK signal, ensuring sufficient time for data signals to stabilize. The UCPHA and INVEN settings are summarized in [Table 19-](#page-205-0) [2](#page-205-0). Changing the setting of any of these bits during transmission will corrupt both the receiver and transmitter

SPI mode	INVEN	UCPHA	Leading edge	Trailing edge
0		0	Rising, sample	Falling, setup
	0		Rising, setup	Falling, sample
2		0	Falling, sample	Rising, setup
3			Falling, setup	Rising, sample

Table 19-2. INVEN and UCPHA Functionality

The leading edge is the first clock edge of a clock cycle. The trailing edge is the last clock edge of a clock cycle.

Figure 19-4. UCPHA and INVEN Data Transfer Timing Diagrams

19.4 Frame Formats

Data transfer is frame based, where a serial frame consists of one character of data bits with synchronization bits (start and stop bits) and an optional parity bit for error checking. Note that this does not apply to master SPI operation (See "SPI Frame Formats" on page 208). The USART accepts all combinations of the following as valid frame formats:

- 1 start bit
- 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 data bits
- no, even, or odd parity bit
- 1 or 2 stop bits

A frame starts with the start bit, followed by all the data bits (least-significant bit first and most-significant bit last). If enabled, the parity bit is inserted after the data bits, before the first stop bit. One frame can be directly followed by a start bit and a new frame, or the communication line can return to the idle (high) state. [Figure 19-5](#page-206-1) illustrates the possible combinations of frame formats. Bits inside brackets are optional.

Figure 19-5. Frame Formats

19.4.1 Parity Bit Calculation

Even or odd parity can be selected for error checking. If even parity is selected, the parity bit is set to one if the number of logical one data bits is odd (making the total number of ones even). If odd parity is selected, the parity bit is set to one if the number of logical one data bits is even (making the total number of ones odd).

19.4.2 SPI Frame Formats

The serial frame in SPI mode is defined to be one character of eight data bits. The USART in master SPI mode has two selectable frame formats:

- 8-bit data, msb first
- 8-bit data, lsb first

After a complete, 8-bit frame is transmitted, a new frame can directly follow it, or the communication line can return to the idle (high) state.

19.5 USART Initialization

USART initialization should use the following sequence:

- 1. Set the TxD pin value high, and optionally set the XCK pin low.
- 2. Set the TxD and optionally the XCK pin as output.
- 3. Set the baud rate and frame format.
- 4. Set the mode of operation (enables XCK pin output in synchronous mode).
- 5. Enable the transmitter or the receiver, depending on the usage.

For interrupt-driven USART operation, global interrupts should be disabled during the initialization.

Before doing a re-initialization with a changed baud rate or frame format, be sure that there are no ongoing transmissions while the registers are changed.

19.6 Data Transmission - The USART Transmitter

When the transmitter has been enabled, the normal port operation of the TxD pin is overridden by the USART and given the function as the transmitter's serial output. The direction of the pin must be set as output using the direction register for the corresponding port. For details on port pin control and output configuration, refer to "I/O Ports" on page 101.

19.6.1 Sending Frames

A data transmission is initiated by loading the transmit buffer (DATA) with the data to be sent. The data in the transmit buffer are moved to the shift register when the shift register is empty and ready to send a new frame. The shift register is loaded if it is in idle state (no ongoing transmission) or immediately after the last stop bit of the previous frame is transmitted. When the shift register is loaded with data, it will transfer one complete frame.

The transmit complete interrupt flag (TXCIF) is set and the optional interrupt is generated when the entire frame in the shift register has been shifted out and there are no new data present in the transmit buffer.

The transmit data register (DATA) can only be written when the data register empty flag (DREIF) is set, indicating that the register is empty and ready for new data.

When using frames with fewer than eight bits, the most-significant bits written to DATA are ignored. If 9-bit characters are used, the ninth bit must be written to the TXB8 bit before the low byte of the character is written to DATA.

19.6.2 Disabling the Transmitter

A disabling of the transmitter will not become effective until ongoing and pending transmissions are completed; i.e., when the transmit shift register and transmit buffer register do not contain data to be transmitted. When the transmitter is disabled, it will no longer override the TxDn pin, and the pin direction is set as input automatically by hardware, even if it was configured as output by the user.

19.7 Data Reception - The USART Receiver

When the receiver is enabled, the RxD pin functions as the receiver's serial input. The direction of the pin must be set as input, which is the default pin setting.

19.7.1 Receiving Frames

The receiver starts data reception when it detects a valid start bit. Each bit that follows the start bit will be sampled at the baud rate or XCK clock and shifted into the receive shift register until the first stop bit of a frame is received. A second stop bit will be ignored by the receiver. When the first stop bit is received and a complete serial frame is present in the receive shift register, the contents of the shift register will be moved into the receive buffer. The receive complete interrupt flag (RXCIF) is set, and the optional interrupt is generated.

The receiver buffer can be read by reading the data register (DATA) location. DATA should not be read unless the receive complete interrupt flag is set. When using frames with fewer than eight bits, the unused most-significant bits are read as zero. If 9-bit characters are used, the ninth bit must be read from the RXB8 bit before the low byte of the character is read from DATA.

19.7.2 Receiver Error Flags

The USART receiver has three error flags. The frame error (FERR), buffer overflow (BUFOVF) and parity error (PERR) flags are accessible from the status register. The error flags are located in the receive FIFO buffer together with their corresponding frame. Due to the buffering of the error flags, the status register must be read before the receive buffer (DATA), since reading the DATA location changes the FIFO buffer.

19.7.3 Parity Checker

When enabled, the parity checker calculates the parity of the data bits in incoming frames and compares the result with the parity bit of the corresponding frame. If a parity error is detected, the parity error flag is set.

19.7.4 Disabling the Receiver

A disabling of the receiver will be immediate. The receiver buffer will be flushed, and data from ongoing receptions will be lost.

19.7.5 Flushing the Receive Buffer

If the receive buffer has to be flushed during normal operation, read the DATA location until the receive complete interrupt flag is cleared.

19.8 Asynchronous Data Reception

The USART includes a clock recovery and a data recovery unit for handling asynchronous data reception. The clock recovery unit is used for synchronizing the incoming asynchronous serial frames at the RxD pin to the internally generated baud rate clock. It samples and low-pass filters each incoming bit, thereby improving the noise immunity of the receiver. The asynchronous reception operational range depends on the accuracy of the internal baud rate clock, the rate of the incoming frames, and the frame size in number of bits.

19.8.1 Asynchronous Clock Recovery

The clock recovery unit synchronizes the internal clock to the incoming serial frames. [Figure 19-6 on page 210](#page-209-0) illustrates the sampling process for the start bit of an incoming frame. The sample rate is 16 times the baud rate for normal mode, and eight times the baud rate for double speed mode. The horizontal arrows illustrate the synchronization variation due to the sampling process. Note the larger time variation when using the double speed mode of operation. Samples denoted as zero are samples done when the RxD line is idle; i.e., when there is no communication activity.

When the clock recovery logic detects a high (idle) to low (start) transition on the RxD line, the start bit detection sequence is initiated. Sample 1 denotes the first zero-sample, as shown in the figure. The clock recovery logic then uses samples 8, 9, and 10 for normal mode and samples 4, 5, and 6 for double speed mode to decide if a valid start bit is received. If two or three samples have a low level, the start bit is accepted. The clock recovery unit is synchronized, and the data recovery can begin. If two or three samples have a high level, the start bit is rejected as a noise spike, and the receiver looks for the next high-to-low transition. The process is repeated for each start bit.

19.8.2 Asynchronous Data Recovery

The data recovery unit uses sixteen samples in normal mode and eight samples in double speed mode for each bit. [Figure 19-7](#page-209-1) shows the sampling process of data and parity bits.

Figure 19-7. Sampling of Data and Parity Bits

As for start bit detection, an identical majority voting technique is used on the three center samples for deciding of the logic level of the received bit. The process is repeated for each bit until a complete frame is received. It includes the first stop bit, but excludes additional ones. If the sampled stop bit is a 0 value, the frame error (FERR) flag will be set.

[Figure 19-8](#page-209-2) shows the sampling of the stop bit in relation to the earliest possible beginning of the next frame's start bit.

A new high-to-low transition indicating the start bit of a new frame can come right after the last of the bits used for majority voting. For normal speed mode, the first low level sample can be at the point marked (A) in Stop Bit Sampling and Next Start Bit Sampling. For double speed mode, the first low level must be delayed to point (B). Point (C) marks a stop bit of full length at nominal baud rate. The early start bit detection influences the operational range of the receiver.

19.8.3 Asynchronous Operational Range

The operational range of the receiver is dependent on the mismatch between the received bit rate and the internally generated baud rate. If an external transmitter is sending using bit rates that are too fast or too slow, or if the internally generated baud rate of the receiver does not match the external source's base frequency, the receiver will not be able to synchronize the frames to the start bit.

The following equations can be used to calculate the ratio of the incoming data rate and internal receiver baud rate.

$$
R_{slow} = \frac{(D+1)S}{S-1+D \cdot S + S_F} \qquad R_{fast} = \frac{(D+2)S}{(D+1)S + S_M}
$$

R_{slow} The ratio of the slowest incoming data rate that can be accepted in relation to the receiver baud rate.

R_{fast} The ratio of the fastest incoming data rate that can be accepted in relation to the receiver baud rate.

[Table 19-3](#page-210-0) and [Table 19-4](#page-210-1) list the maximum receiver baud rate error that can be tolerated. Normal speed mode has higher tolerance of baud rate variations.

Table 19-4. Recommended Maximum Receiver Baud Rate Error for Double Speed Mode

The recommendations for the maximum receiver baud rate error assume that the receiver and transmitter equally divide the maximum total error.

19.9 Fractional Baud Rate Generation

Fractional baud rate generation is possible for asynchronous operation due to the relatively high number of clock cycles for each frame. Each bit is sampled sixteen times, but only the three middle samples are of importance. The total number of samples for one frame is also relatively high. Given a 1-start, 8-data, no-parity, and 1-stop-bit frame format, and assuming that normal speed mode is used, the total number of samples for a frame is (1+8+1)×16 or 160. As stated earlier, the UART can tolerate some variation in clock cycles for each sample. The critical factor is the time from the falling edge of the start bit (i.e., the clock synchronization) until the last bit's (i.e., the first stop bit's) value is recovered.

Standard baud rate generators have the unwanted property of having large frequency steps between high baud rate settings. The worst case is found between the BSEL values 0x000 and 0x001. Going from a BSEL value of 0x000, which has a 10-bit frame of 160 clock cycles, to a BSEL value of 0x001, with 320 clock cycles, gives a 50% change in frequency. Ideally, the step size should be small even between the fastest baud rates. This is where the advantage of the fractional baud rate generator emerges.

In principle, the fractional baud rate generator works by doing uneven counting and then distributing the error evenly over the entire frame. A typical count sequence for an ordinary baud rate generator is:

 $2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 2, \ldots$

which has an even period time. A baud rate clock ticks each time the counter reaches zero, and a sample of the signal received on RxD is taken for every 16th baud rate clock tick.

For the fractional baud rate generator, the count sequence can have an uneven period:

2, 1, 0, 2, 1-1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1-1, 0,...

In this example, an extra cycle is added to every second baud clock. This gives a baud rate clock tick jitter, but the average period has been increased by a fraction of 0.5 clock cycles.

[Figure 19-9 on page 213](#page-212-0) shows an example of how BSEL and BSCALE can be used to achieve baud rates in between what is possible by just changing BSEL.

The impact of fractional baud rate generation is that the step size between baud rate settings has been reduced. Given a scale factor of -1, the worst-case step then becomes from 160 to 240 clock cycles per 10-bit frame, compared to the previous step of from 160 to 320. A higher negative scale factor gives even finer granularity. There is a limit,however, to how high the scale factor can be. The value 2^{|BSCALE|} must be at most half the minimum number of clock cycles of a frame. For instance, for 10-bit frames, the minimum number of clock cycles is 160. This means that the highest applicable scale factor is -6 (2^{1-61} = 64 < (160/2) = 80).

For higher BSEL settings, the scale factor can be increased.

[Table 19-5 on page 213](#page-212-1) shows BSEL and BSCALE settings when using the internal oscillators to generate the most commonly used baud rates for asynchronous operation and how reducing the BSCALE can be used to reduce the baud rate error even further.

Figure 19-9. Fractional Baud Rate Example

Table 19-5. USART Baud Rate

19.10 USART in Master SPI Mode

Using the USART in master SPI mode requires the transmitter to be enabled. The receiver can optionally be enabled to serve as the serial input. The XCK pin will be used as the transfer clock.

As for the USART, a data transfer is initiated by writing to the DATA register. This is the case for both sending and receiving data, since the transmitter controls the transfer clock. The data written to DATA are moved from the transmit buffer to the shift register when the shift register is ready to send a new frame.

The transmitter and receiver interrupt flags and corresponding USART interrupts used in master SPI mode are identical in function to their use in normal USART operation. The receiver error status flags are not in use and are always read as zero.

Disabling of the USART transmitter or receiver in master SPI mode is identical to their disabling in normal USART operation.

19.11 USART SPI vs. SPI

The USART in master SPI mode is fully compatible with the standalone SPI module in that:

- Timing diagrams are the same
- UCPHA bit functionality is identical to that of the SPI CPHA bit
- UDORD bit functionality is identical to that of the SPI DORD bit

When the USART is set in master SPI mode, configuration and use are in some cases different from those of the standalone SPI module. In addition, the following differences exist:

- **•** The USART transmitter in master SPI mode includes buffering, but the SPI module has no transmit buffer
- The USART receiver in master SPI mode includes an additional buffer level
- The USART in master SPI mode does not include the SPI write collision feature
- The USART in master SPI mode does not include the SPI double speed mode feature, but this can be achieved by configuring the baud rate generator accordingly
- Interrupt timing is not compatible
- Pin control differs due to the master-only operation of the USART in SPI master mode

A comparison of the USART in master SPI mode and the SPI pins is shown [Table 19-6](#page-214-0).

Table 19-6. Comparison of USART in Master SPI Mode and SPI Pins

19.12 Multiprocessor Communication Mode

The multiprocessor communication mode effectively reduces the number of incoming frames that have to be handled by the receiver in a system with multiple microcontrollers communicating via the same serial bus. In this mode, a dedicated bit in the frames is used to indicate whether the frame is an address or data frame type.

If the receiver is set up to receive frames that contain five to eight data bits, the first stop bit is used to indicate the frame type. If the receiver is set up for frames with nine data bits, the ninth bit is used. When the frame type bit is one, the frame contains an address. When the frame type bit is zero, the frame is a data frame. If 5-bit to 8-bit character frames are used, the transmitter must be set to use two stop bits, since the first stop bit is used for indicating the frame type.

If a particular slave MCU has been addressed, it will receive the following data frames as usual, while the other slave MCUs will ignore the frames until another address frame is received.

19.12.1 Using Multiprocessor Communication Mode

The following procedure should be used to exchange data in multiprocessor communication mode (MPCM):

- 1. All slave MCUs are in multiprocessor communication mode.
- 2. The master MCU sends an address frame, and all slaves receive and read this frame.
- 3. Each slave MCU determines if it has been selected.
- 4. The addressed MCU will disable MPCM and receive all data frames. The other slave MCUs will ignore the data frames.
- 5. When the addressed MCU has received the last data frame, it must enable MPCM again and wait for a new address frame from the master.

The process then repeats from step 2.

Using any of the 5-bit to 8-bit character frame formats is impractical, as the receiver must change between using n and n+1 character frame formats. This makes full-duplex operation difficult, since the transmitter and receiver must use the same character size setting.

19.13 IRCOM Mode of Operation

IRCOM mode can be enabled to use the IRCOM module with the USART. This enables IrDA 1.4 compliant modulation and demodulation for baud rates up to 115.2kbps. When IRCOM mode is enabled, double speed mode cannot be used for the USART.

For devices with more than one USART, IRCOM mode can be enabled for only one USART at a time. For details, refer to "IRCOM - IR Communication Module" on page 222.

19.14 Register Description

19.14.1 DATA – Data Register

The USART transmit data buffer register (TXB) and USART receive data buffer register (RXB) share the same I/O address and is referred to as USART data register (DATA). The TXB register is the destination for data written to the DATA register location. Reading the DATA register location returns the contents of the RXB register.

For 5-bit, 6-bit, or 7-bit characters, the upper unused bits will be ignored by the transmitter and set to zero by the receiver.

The transmit buffer can be written only when DREIF in the STATUS register is set. Data written to the DATA register when DREIF is not set will be ignored by the USART transmitter. When data are written to the transmit buffer and the transmitter is enabled, the transmitter will load the data into the transmit shift register when the shift register is empty. The data are then transmitted on the TxD pin.

The receive buffer consists of a two-level FIFO. Always read STATUS before DATA in order to get the correct status of the receive buffer.

19.14.2 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7 – RXCIF: Receive Complete Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when there are unread data in the receive buffer and cleared when the receive buffer is empty (i.e., does not contain any unread data). When the receiver is disabled, the receive buffer will be flushed, and consequently RXCIF will become zero.

When interrupt-driven data reception is used, the receive complete interrupt routine must read the received data from DATA in order to clear RXCIF. If not, a new interrupt will occur directly after the return from the current interrupt. This flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 6 – TXCIF: Transmit Complete Interrupt Flag

This flag is set when the entire frame in the transmit shift register has been shifted out and there are no new data in the transmit buffer (DATA). TXCIF is automatically cleared when the transmit complete interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 5 – DREIF: Data Register Empty Flag

This flag indicates whether the transmit buffer (DATA) is ready to receive new data. The flag is one when the transmit buffer is empty and zero when the transmit buffer contains data to be transmitted that has not yet been moved into the shift register. DREIF is set after a reset to indicate that the transmitter is ready. Always write this bit to zero when writing the STATUS register.

DREIF is cleared by writing DATA. When interrupt-driven data transmission is used, the data register empty interrupt routine must either write new data to DATA in order to clear DREIF or disable the data register empty interrupt. If not, a new interrupt will occur directly after the return from the current interrupt.
Bit 4 – FERR: Frame Error

The FERR flag indicates the state of the first stop bit of the next readable frame stored in the receive buffer. The bit is set if the received character had a frame error, i.e., the first stop bit was zero, and cleared when the stop bit of the received data is one. This bit is valid until the receive buffer (DATA) is read. FERR is not affected by setting the number of stop bits used, as it always uses only the first stop bit. Always write this bit location to zero when writing the STATUS register.

This flag is not used in master SPI mode operation.

Bit 3 – BUFOVF: Buffer Overflow

This flag indicates data loss due to a receiver buffer full condition. This flag is set if a buffer overflow condition is detected. A buffer overflow occurs when the receive buffer is full (two characters) with a new character waiting in the receive shift register and a new start bit is detected. This flag is valid until the receive buffer (DATA) is read. Always write this bit location to zero when writing the STATUS register.

This flag is not used in master SPI mode operation.

Bit 2 – PERR: Parity Error

If parity checking is enabled and the next character in the receive buffer has a parity error, this flag is set. If parity check is not enabled, this flag will always be read as zero. This bit is valid until the receive buffer (DATA) is read. Always write this bit location to zero when writing the STATUS register. For details on parity calculation, refer to "Parity Bit Calculation" [on page 207.](#page-206-0)

This flag is not used in master SPI mode operation.

Bit 1 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – RXB8: Receive Bit 8

RXB8 is the ninth data bit of the received character when operating with serial frames with nine data bits. When used, this bit must be read before reading the low bits from DATA.

This bit is unused in master SPI mode operation.

19.14.3 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:4 – RXCINTLVL[1:0]: Receive Complete Interrupt Level

These bits enable the receive complete interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will be triggered when the RXCIF flag in the STATUS register is set.

Bit 3:2 – TXCINTLVL[1:0]: Transmit Complete Interrupt Level

These bits enable the transmit complete interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94.](#page-93-0) The enabled interrupt will be triggered when the TXCIF flag in the STATUS register is set.

Bit 1:0 – DREINTLVL[1:0]: Data Register Empty Interrupt Level

These bits enable the data register empty interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and [Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controllerî on page 94](#page-93-0). The enabled interrupt will be triggered when the DREIF flag in the STATUS register is set.

19.14.4 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – RXEN: Receiver Enable

Setting this bit enables the USART receiver. The receiver will override normal port operation for the RxD pin, when enabled. Disabling the receiver will flush the receive buffer, invalidating the FERR, BUFOVF, and PERR flags.

Bit 3 – TXEN: Transmitter Enable

Setting this bit enables the USART transmitter. The transmitter will override normal port operation for the TxD pin, when enabled. Disabling the transmitter (writing TXEN to zero) will not become effective until ongoing and pending transmissions are completed; i.e., when the transmit shift register and transmit buffer register do not contain data to be transmitted. When disabled, the transmitter will no longer override the TxD port.

Bit 2 – CLK2X: Double Transmission Speed

Setting this bit will reduce the divisor of the baud rate divider from 16 to 8, effectively doubling the transfer rate for asynchronous communication modes. For synchronous operation, this bit has no effect and should always be written to zero. This bit must be zero when the USART communication mode is configured to IRCOM.

This bit is unused in master SPI mode operation.

Bit 1 – MPCM: Multiprocessor Communication Mode

This bit enables the multiprocessor communication mode. When the MPCM bit is written to one, the USART receiver ignores all the incoming frames that do not contain address information. The transmitter is unaffected by the MPCM setting. For more detailed information, see "Multiprocessor Communication Mode" on page 215.

This bit is unused in master SPI mode operation.

Bit 0 – TXB8: Transmit Bit 8

TXB8 is the ninth data bit in the character to be transmitted when operating with serial frames with nine data bits. When used, this bit must be written before writing the low bits to DATA.

This bit is unused in master SPI mode operation.

19.14.5 CTRLC – Control Register C

Note: 1. Master SPI mode.

Bits 7:6 – CMODE[1:0]: Communication Mode

These bits select the mode of operation of the USART as shown in [Table 19-7 on page 219.](#page-218-0)

Table 19-7. CMODE Bit Settings

Notes: 1. See "IRCOM - IR Communication Module" on page 222 for full description on using IRCOM mode. 2. See "USART in Master SPI Mode" on page 214 for full description of the master SPI operation.

Bits 5:4 – PMODE[1:0]: Parity Mode

These bits enable and set the type of parity generation according to [Table 19-8](#page-218-3). When enabled, the transmitter will automatically generate and send the parity of the transmitted data bits within each frame. The receiver will generate a parity value for the incoming data and compare it to the PMODE setting, and if a mismatch is detected, the PERR flag in STATUS will be set.

These bits are unused in master SPI mode operation.

Table 19-8. PMODE Bit Settings

Bit 3 – SBMODE: Stop Bit Mode

This bit selects the number of stop bits to be inserted by the transmitter according to [Table 19-9](#page-218-4). The receiver ignores this setting.

This bit is unused in master SPI mode operation.

Table 19-9. SBODE Bit Settings

Bit 2:0 – CHSIZE[2:0]: Character Size

The CHSIZE[2:0] bits set the number of data bits in a frame according to [Table 19-10 on page 220.](#page-219-0) The receiver and transmitter use the same setting.

Table 19-10. CHSIZE Bit Settings

Bit 2 – UDORD: Data Order

This bit is only for master SPI mode, and this bit sets the frame format. When written to one, the lsb of the data word is transmitted first. When written to zero, the msb of the data word is transmitted first. The receiver and transmitter use the same setting. Changing the setting of UDORD will corrupt all ongoing communication for both receiver and transmitter.

Bit 1 – UCPHA: Clock Phase

This bit is only for master SPI mode, and the bit determine whether data are sampled on the leading (first) edge or tailing (last) edge of XCKn. Refer to the "Master SPI Mode Clock Generation" on page 206 for details.

19.14.6 BAUDCTRLA – Baud Rate Register A

Bit 7:0 – BSEL[7:0]: Baud Rate bits

These are the lower 8 bits of the 12-bit BSEL value used for USART baud rate setting. BAUDCTRLB contains the four most-significant bits. Ongoing transmissions by the transmitter and receiver will be corrupted if the baud rate is changed. Writing BSEL will trigger an immediate update of the baud rate prescaler. See the equations in [Table 19-1 on page 204](#page-203-0).

19.14.7 BAUDCTRLB – Baud Rate Register B

Bit 7:4 – BSCALE[3:0]: Baud Rate Scale factor

These bits select the baud rate generator scale factor. The scale factor is given in two's complement form from -7 (0b1001) to +7 (0b0111). The -8 (0b1000) setting is reserved. See the equations in [Table 19-1 on page 204.](#page-203-0)

Bit 3:0 – BSEL[11:8]: Baud Rate bits

These are the upper 4 bits of the 12-bit value used for USART baud rate setting. BAUDCTRLA contains the eight leastsignificant bits. Ongoing transmissions by the transmitter and receiver will be corrupted if the baud rate is changed. Writing BAUDCTRLA will trigger an immediate update of the baud rate prescaler.

19.15 Register Summary

19.15.1 Register Description - USART

19.15.2 Register Description - USART in SPI Master Mode

19.16 Interrupt Vector Summary

20. IRCOM - IR Communication Module

20.1 Features

- Pulse modulation/demodulation for infrared communication
- IrDA compatible for baud rates up to 115.2kbps
- Selectable pulse modulation scheme
	- 3/16 of the baud rate period
	- Fixed pulse period, 8-bit programmable
	- Pulse modulation disabled
- Built-in filtering
- Can be connected to and used by any USART

20.2 Overview

XMEGA devices contain an infrared communication module (IRCOM) that is IrDA compatible for baud rates up to 115.2kbps. It can be connected to any USART to enable infrared pulse encoding/decoding for that USART.

Figure 20-1. IRCOM Connection to USARTs and Associated Port Pins

The IRCOM is automatically enabled when a USART is set in IRCOM mode. The signals between the USART and the RX/TX pins are then routed through the module as shown in [Figure 20-1](#page-221-1). The data on the TX/RX pins are the inverted value of the transmitted/received infrared pulse. It is also possible to select an event channel from the event system as input for the IRCOM receiver. This will disable the RX input from the USART pin.

For transmission, three pulse modulation schemes are available:

- 3/16 of the baud rate period
- **•** Fixed programmable pulse time based on the peripheral clock frequency
- Pulse modulation disabled

For reception, a fixed programmable minimum high-level pulse width for the pulse to be decoded as a logical 0 is used. Shorter pulses will then be discarded, and the bit will be decoded to logical 1 as if no pulse was received.

The module can only be used in combination with one USART at a time. Thus, IRCOM mode must not be set for more than one USART at a time. This must be ensured in the user software.

20.2.1 Event System Filtering

The event system can be used as the receiver input. This enables IRCOM or USART input from I/O pins or sources other than the corresponding RX pin. If event system input is enabled, input from the USART's RX pin is automatically disabled. The event system has a digital input filter (DIF) on the event channels that can be used for filtering. Refer to "Event System" on page 44 for details on using the event system.

20.3 Registers Description

20.3.1 TXPLCTRL – Transmitter Pulse Length Control Register

Bit 7:0 – TXPLCTRL[7:0]: Transmitter Pulse Length Control

This 8-bit value sets the pulse modulation scheme for the transmitter. Setting this register will have no effect if IRCOM mode is not selected by a USART.

By leaving this register value to zero, 3/16 of the baud rate period pulse modulation is used.

Setting this value from 1 to 254 will give a fixed pulse length coding. The 8-bit value sets the number of system clock periods for the pulse. The start of the pulse will be synchronized with the rising edge of the baud rate clock.

Setting the value to 255 (0xFF) will disable pulse coding, letting the RX and TX signals pass through the IRCOM module unaltered. This enables other features through the IRCOM module, such as half-duplex USART, loop-back testing, and USART RX input from an event channel.

TXPCTRL must be configured before the USART transmitter is enabled (TXEN).

20.3.2 RXPLCTRL – Receiver Pulse Length Control Register

Bit 7:0 – RXPLCTRL[7:0]: Receiver Pulse Length Control

This 8-bit value sets the filter coefficient for the IRCOM transceiver. Setting this register will have no effect if IRCOM mode is not selected by a USART.

By leaving this register value at zero, filtering is disabled. Setting this value between 1 and 255 will enable filtering, where x+1 equal samples are required for the pulse to be accepted.

RXPCTRL must be configured before the USART receiver is enabled (RXEN).

20.3.3 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – EVSEL [3:0]: Event Channel Selection

These bits select the event channel source for the IRCOM receiver according to [Table 20-1 on page 225.](#page-224-2) If event input is selected for the IRCOM receiver, the input from the USART's RX pin is automatically disabled.

Table 20-1. Event Channel Selection

20.4 Register Summary

21. CRC – Cyclic Redundancy Check Generator

21.1 Features

- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC) generation and checking for
	- Communication data
	- Program or data in flash memory
	- Data in SRAM and I/O memory space
- Integrated with flash memory and CPU
	- Automatic CRC of the complete or a selectable range of the flash memory
	- CPU can load data to the CRC generator through the I/O interface
- CRC polynomial software selectable to
	- CRC-16 (CRC-CCITT)
	- CRC-32 (IEEE 802.3)
- Zero remainder detection

21.2 Overview

A cyclic redundancy check (CRC) is an error detection technique test algorithm used to find accidental errors in data, and it is commonly used to determine the correctness of a data transmission, and data present in the data and program memories. A CRC takes a data stream or a block of data as input and generates a 16- or 32-bit output that can be appended to the data and used as a checksum. When the same data are later received or read, the device or application repeats the calculation. If the new CRC result does not match the one calculated earlier, the block contains a data error. The application will then detect this and may take a corrective action, such as requesting the data to be sent again or simply not using the incorrect data.

Typically, an n-bit CRC applied to a data block of arbitrary length will detect any single error burst not longer than n bits (any single alteration that spans no more than n bits of the data), and will detect the fraction 1-2⁻ⁿ of all longer error bursts. The CRC module in XMEGA devices supports two commonly used CRC polynomials; CRC-16 (CRC-CCITT) and CRC-32 (IEEE 802.3).

CRC-16:

Polynomial: $x^{16}+x^{12}+x^{5}+1$ Hex value: 0x1021

CRC-32:

21.3 Operation

The data source for the CRC module must be selected in software as either flash memory or the I/O interface. The CRC module then takes data input from the selected source and generates a checksum based on these data. The checksum is available in the CHECKSUM registers in the CRC module. When CRC-32 polynomial is used, the final checksum read is bit reversed and complemented (see [Figure 21-1\)](#page-226-0).

For the I/O interface, which CRC polynomial is used is software selectable, but the default setting is CRC-16. CRC-32 is automatically used if Flash Memory is selected as the source. The CRC module operates on bytes only.

21.4 CRC on Flash Memory

A CRC-32 calculation can be performed on the entire flash memory, on only the application section, on only the boot section, or on a software selectable range of the flash memory. Other than selecting the flash as the source, all further control and setup are done from the NVM controller. This means that the NVM controller configures the memory range to perform the CRC on, and the CRC is started using NVM commands. Once completed, the result is available in the checksum registers in the CRC module. For further details on setting up and performing CRC on flash memory, refer to [ìMemory Programmingî on page 274.](#page-273-0)

21.5 CRC using the I/O Interface

CRC can be performed on any data by loading them into the CRC module using the CPU and writing the data to the DATAIN register. Using this method, an arbitrary number of bytes can be written to the register by the CPU, and CRC is done continuously for each byte. New data can be written for each cycle. The CRC complete is signaled by writing the BUSY bit in the STATUS register.

21.6 Register Description

21.6.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:6 – RESET[1:0]: Reset

These bits are used to reset the CRC module, and they will always be read as zero. The CRC registers will be reset one peripheral clock cycle after the RESET[1] bit is set

Table 21-1. CRC Reset

Bit 5 – CRC32: CRC-32 Enable

Setting this bit will enable CRC-32 instead of the default CRC-16. It cannot be changed while the BUSY flag is set.

Bit 4 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – SOURCE[3:0]: Input Source

These bits select the input source for generating the CRC. The selected source is locked until either the CRC generation is completed or the CRC module is reset. CRC generation complete is generated and signaled from the selected source when used with the flash memory.

Table 21-2. CRC Source Select

21.6.2 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – ZERO: Checksum Zero

This flag is set if the CHECKSUM is zero when the CRC generation is complete. It is automatically cleared when a new CRC source is selected.

When running CRC-32 and appending the checksum at the end of the packet (as little endian), the final checksum shold be 0x2144df1c, and not zero. However, if the checksum is complemented before it is appended (as little endian) to the data, the final result in the checksum register will be zero.

See the description of CHECKSUM to read out different versions of the CHECKSUM.

Bit 0 – BUSY: Busy

This flag is read as one when a source configuration is selected and as long as the source is using the CRC module. If the I/O interface is selected as the source, the flag can be cleared by writing a one this location. If flash memory is selected as the source, the flag is cleared when the CRC generation is completed.

21.6.3 DATAIN – Data Input Register

Bit 7:0 – DATAIN[7:0]: Data Input

This register is used to store the data for which the CRC checksum is computed. A new CHECKSUM is ready one clock cycle after the DATAIN register is written.

21.6.4 CHECKSUM0 – Checksum Register 0

CHECKSUM0, CHECKSUM1, CHECKSUM2, and CHECKSUM3 represent the 16- or 32-bit CHECKSUM value and the generated CRC. The registers are reset to zero by default, but it is possible to write RESET to reset all bits to one. It is possible to write these registers only when the CRC module is disabled. If NVM is selected as the source, reading CHECKSUM will return a zero value until the BUSY flag is cleared. If CRC-32 is selected and the BUSY flag is cleared (i.e., CRC generation is completed or aborted), the bit reversed (bit 31 is swapped with bit 0, bit 30 with bit 1, etc.) and complemented result will be read from CHECKSUM. If CRC-16 is selected or the BUSY flag is set (i.e., CRC generation is ongoing), CHECKSUM will contain the actual content.

Bit 7:0 – CHECKSUM[7:0]: Checksum byte 0

These bits hold byte 0 of the generated CRC.

21.6.5 CHECKSUM1 – Checksum Register 1

Bit 7:0 – CHECKSUM[15:8]: Checksum byte 1

These bits hold byte 1 of the generated CRC.

21.6.6 CHECKSUM2 – Checksum Register 2

Bit 7:0 – CHECKSUM[23:16]: Checksum byte 2

These bits hold byte 2 of the generated CRC when CRC-32 is used.

21.6.7 CHECKSUM3 – CRC Checksum Register 3

Bit 7:0 – CHECKSUM[31:24]: Checksum byte 3

These bits hold byte 3 of the generated CRC when CRC-32 is used.

21.7 Register Summary

22. ADC – Analog-to-Digital Converter

22.1 Features

- **12-bit resolution**
- Up to 300 thousand samples per second
	- Down to 2.3µs conversion time with 8-bit resolution
	- Down to 3.35µs conversion time with 12-bit resolution
- Differential and single-ended input
	- Up to 16 single-ended inputs
	- Up to 16x4 differential inputs without gain
	- 8x4 differential input with gain
- **Built-in differential gain stage**
	- \bullet 1/2x, 1x, 2x, 4x, 8x, 16x, 32x, and 64x gain options
- **Single, continuous and scan conversion options**
- Three internal inputs
	- Internal temperature sensor
	- \bullet AV_{CC} voltage divided by 10
	- 1.1V bandgap voltage
- **•** Internal and external reference options
- Compare function for accurate monitoring of user defined thresholds
- Optional event triggered conversion for accurate timing
- Optional interrupt/event on compare result

22.2 Overview

The ADC converts analog signals to digital values. The ADC has 12-bit resolution and is capable of converting up to 300 thousand samples per second (ksps). The input selection is flexible, and both single-ended and differential measurements can be done. For differential measurements, an optional gain stage is available to increase the dynamic range. In addition, several internal signal inputs are available. The ADC can provide both signed and unsigned results.

The ADC measurements can either be started by application software or an incoming event from another peripheral in the device. The ADC measurements can be started with predictable timing, and without software intervention.

Both internal and external reference voltages can be used. An integrated temperature sensor is available for use with the ADC. The $AV_{CC}/10$ and the bandgap voltage can also be measured by the ADC.

The ADC has a compare function for accurate monitoring of user defined thresholds with minimum software intervention required.

Figure 22-1. ADC Overview

22.3 Input Sources

Input sources are the voltage inputs that the ADC can measure and convert. Four types of measurements can be selected:

- Differential input
- Differential input with gain
- **Single-ended input**
- **•** Internal input

The input pins are used for single-ended and differential input, while the internal inputs are directly available inside the device. In devices with two ADCs, PORTA pins can be input to ADCA and PORTB pins can be input to ADCB. For the devices with only one ADC, input pins may be available for ADCA on both PORTA and PORTB.

The ADC is differential, and so for single-ended measurements the negative input is connected to a fixed internal value. The four types of measurements and their corresponding input options are shown in [Figure 22-2 on page 233](#page-232-0) to Figure [22-6 on page 234](#page-233-0).

22.3.1 Differential Input

When differential input is enabled, all input pins can be selected as positive input, and input pins 0 to 3 can be selected as negative input. The ADC must be in signed mode when differential input is used.

22.3.2 Differential Input with Gain

When differential input with gain is enabled, all input pins can be selected as positive input, and input pins 4 to 7 can be selected as negative input. When gain is enabled, the differential input is first sampled and amplified by the gain stage before the result is converted. The ADC must be in signed mode when differential input with gain is used.

The gain is selectable to 1/2x, 1x, 2x, 4x, 8x, 16x, 32x, and 64x gain.

Figure 22-3. Differential Measurement with Gain

22.3.3 Single-ended Input

For single-ended measurements, all input pins can be used as inputs. Single-ended measurements can be done in both signed and unsigned mode.

The negative input is connected to internal ground in signed mode.

Figure 22-4. Single-ended Measurement in Signed Mode

In unsigned mode, the negative input is connected to half of the voltage reference (VREF) voltage minus a fixed offset. The nominal value for the offset is:

 $\Delta V = VREF \times 0.05$

Since the ADC is differential, the input range is VREF to zero for the positive single-ended input. The offset enables the ADC to measure zero crossing in unsigned mode, and allows for calibration of any positive offset when the internal ground in the device is higher than the external ground. See [Figure 22-11 on page 236](#page-235-0) for details.

Figure 22-5. Single-ended Measurement in Unsigned Mode

22.3.4 Internal Inputs

These internal signals can be measured or used by the ADC.

- **•** Temperature sensor
- **•** Bandgap voltage
- AV_{CC} scaled
- Pad and Internal Ground

The temperature sensor gives an output voltage that increases linearly with the internal temperature of the device. One or more calibration points are needed to compute the temperature from a measurement of the temperature sensor. The temperature sensor is calibrated at one point in production test, and the result is stored to TEMPESENSE0 and TEMPSENSE1 in the production signature row. For more calibration condition details, refer to the device datasheet.

The bandgap voltage is an accurate internal voltage reference.

 V_{CC} can be measured directly by scaling it down by a factor of 10 before the ADC input. Thus, a V_{CC} of 1.8V will be measured as 0.18V, and V_{CC} of 3.6V will be measured as 0.36V. This enables easy measurement of the V_{CC} voltage.

The internal signals need to be enabled before they can be measured. Refer to their manual sections for Bandgap for details of how to enable these. The sample rate for the internal signals is lower than that of the ADC. Refer to the ADC characteristics in the device datasheets for details.

For differential measurement Pad Ground (Gnd) and Internal Gnd can be selected as negative input. Pad Gnd is the gnd level on the pin and identical or very close to the external gnd. Internal Gnd is the internal device gnd level.

Internal Gnd is used as the negative input when other internal signals are measured in single-ended signed mode.

Figure 22-6. Internal Measurements in Single-ended Signed Mode

To measure the internal signals in unsigned mode, the negative input is connected to a fixed value given by the formula below, which is half of the voltage reference (VREF) minus a fixed offset, as it is for single-ended unsigned input. Refer to [Figure 22-11 on page 236](#page-235-0) for details.

 $VINN = VRFF/2 - AV$

Figure 22-7. Internal Measurements in Unsigned Mode

22.4 Sampling Time Control

To support applications with high source output resistance, the sampling time can be increased by steps of one half ADC clock cycle up to 64 ADC clock cycles.

22.5 Voltage Reference Selection

The following voltages can be used as the reference voltage (VREF) for the ADC:

- Accurate internal 1.00V voltage generated from the bandgap
- \bullet Internal AV_{CC}/1.6V voltage
- \bullet Internal AV_{CC}/2V voltage
- **External voltage applied to AREF pin on PORTA**
- **External voltage applied to AREF pin on PORTB**

Figure 22-8. ADC Voltage Reference Selection

22.6 Conversion Result

The result of the analog-to-digital conversion is written to the channel result register. The ADC is either in signed or unsigned mode. This setting is global for the ADC and for the ADC channel.

In signed mode, negative and positive results are generated. Signed mode must be used when the ADC channel is set up for differential measurements. In unsigned mode, only single-ended or internal signals can be measured. With 12-bit resolution, the TOP value of a signed result is 2047, and the results will be in the range -2048 to +2047 (0xF800 - 0x07FF).

The ADC transfer function can be written as:

 $RES = \frac{VINP - VINN}{VREF} \cdot GAIN \cdot (TOP +1)$

VINP and VINN are the positive and negative inputs to the ADC.

For differential measurements, GAIN is 1/2 to 64. For single-ended and internal measurements, GAIN is always 1 and VINP is the internal ground.

In unsigned mode, only positive results are generated. The TOP value of an unsigned result is 4095, and the results will be in the range 0 to +4095 (0x0 - 0x0FFF).

The ADC transfer functions can be written as:

$$
RES = \frac{VINP - (-\Delta V)}{VREF} \cdot (TOP + 1)
$$

VINP is the single-ended or internal input.

The ADC can be configured to generate either an 8-bit or a 12-bit result. A result with lower resolution will be available faster. See the "ADC Clock and Conversion Timing" on page 237 for a description on the propagation delay.

The result register is 16 bits wide, and data are stored as right adjusted 16-bit values. Right adjusted means that the eight least-significant bits (lsb) are found in the low byte. A 12-bit result can be represented either left or right adjusted. Left adjusted means that the eight most-significant bits (msb) are found in the high byte.

When the ADC is in signed mode, the msb represents the sign bit. In 12-bit right adjusted mode, the sign bit (bit 11) is padded to bits 12-15 to create a signed 16-bit number directly. In 8-bit mode, the sign bit (bit 7) is padded to the entire high byte.

[Figure 22-9](#page-235-1) to [Figure 22-11](#page-235-0) show the different input options, the signal input range, and the result representation with 12 bit right adjusted mode.

Figure 22-9. Signed Differential Input (with Gain), Input Range, and Result Representation

Figure 22-10.Signed Single-ended and Internal Input, Input Range, and Result Representation

Figure 22-11.Unsigned Single-ended and Internal Input, Input Range, and Result Representation

22.7 Compare Function

The ADC has a built-in 12-bit compare function. The ADC compare register can hold a 12-bit value that represents a threshold voltage. The ADC channel can be configured to automatically compare its result with this compare value to give an interrupt or event only when the result is above or below the threshold.

22.8 Starting a Conversion

Before a conversion is started, the input source must be selected. An ADC conversion can be started either by the application software writing to the start conversion bit or from any events in the event system.

22.8.1 Input Source Scan

It is possible to select a range of consecutive input sources that is automatically scanned and measured when a conversion is started. This is done by setting the first (lowest) positive ADC channel input using the MUX control register, and a number of consecutive positive input sources. When a conversion is started, the first selected input source is measured and converted, then the positive input source selection is incremented after each conversion until it reaches the specified number of sources to scan.

22.9 ADC Clock and Conversion Timing

The ADC is clocked from the peripheral clock. The ADC can prescale the peripheral clock to provide an ADC Clock (clk_{ADC}) that matches the application requirements and is within the operating range of the ADC.

Figure 22-12.ADC Prescaler

The propagation delay of an ADC measurement is given by:

$$
Propagation Delay = \frac{1 + \frac{RESOLUTION + 1}{2} + GAIN}{f_{ADC}}
$$

RESOLUTION is the resolution, 8 or 12 bits. The propagation delay will increase by extra ADC clock cycles if the gain stage (GAIN) is used. A new ADC conversion can start as soon as the previous is completed.

The most-significant bit (msb) of the result is converted first, and the rest of the bits are converted during the next three (for 8-bit results) or five (for 12-bit results) ADC clock cycles. Converting one bit takes a half ADC clock period. During the last cycle, the result is prepared before the interrupt flag is set and the result is available in the result register for readout.

22.9.1 Single Conversion without Gain

[Figure 22-13 on page 238](#page-237-0) shows the ADC timing for a single conversion without gain. The writing of the start conversion bit, or the event triggering the conversion (START), must occur at least one peripheral clock cycle before the ADC clock cycle on which the conversion starts (indicated with the grey slope of the START trigger).

The input source is sampled in the first half of the first cycle.

22.9.2 Single Conversion with Gain

[Figure 22-15](#page-237-1) to [Figure 22-17 on page 239](#page-238-0) show the ADC timing for one single conversion with various gain settings. As seen in the "Overview" on page 231, the gain stage is built into the ADC. Gain is achieved by running the signal through a pipeline stage without converting. Compared to a conversion without gain, each gain multiplication of 2 adds one half ADC clock cycle propagation delay.

22.10 ADC Input Model

The voltage input must charge the sample and hold (S/H) capacitor in the ADC in order to achieve maximum accuracy. Seen externally, the ADC input consists of an input resistance $(R_{in} = R_{channel} + R_{switch})$ and the S/H capacitor (C_{sample}). [Figure 22-18](#page-238-1) and [Figure 22-19](#page-238-2) show the ADC input channel.

Figure 22-18.ADC Input For Single-ended Measurements

Figure 22-19.ADC Input for Differential Measurements and Differential Measurements with Gain

In order to achieve n bits of accuracy, the source output resistance, R_{source} , must be less than the ADC input resistance on a pin:

$$
R_{source} \le \frac{T_s}{C_{sample} \cdot \ln(2^{n+1})} - R_{channel} - R_{switch}
$$

where the ADC sample time, ${\sf T}_{\rm S}$ is one-half the ADC clock cycle given by:

$$
T_s \le \frac{1}{2 \cdot f_{ADC}}
$$

For details on $R_{channel}$, R_{switch} , and C_{sample} , refer to the ADC electrical characteristic in the device datasheet.

22.11 Interrupts and Events

The ADC can generate interrupt requests and events. The ADC channel has individual interrupt settings and interrupt vectors. Interrupt requests and events can be generated when an ADC conversion is complete or when an ADC measurement is above or below the ADC compare register value.

22.12 Calibration

The ADC has built-in linearity calibration. The value from the production test calibration must be loaded from the signature row and into the ADC calibration register from software to achieve specified accuracy. User calibration of the linearity is not needed, hence not possible. Offset and gain calibration must be done in software.

22.13 Synchronous Sampling

Starting an ADC conversion can cause an unknown delay between the start trigger or event and the actual conversion since the peripheral clock is faster than the ADC clock. To start an ADC conversion immediately on an incoming event, it is possible to flush the ADC of all measurements, reset the ADC clock, and start the conversion at the next peripheral clock cycle (which then will also be the next ADC clock cycle). If this is done, the ongoing conversions in the ADC will be lost.

The ADC can be flushed from software, or an incoming event can do this automatically. When this function is used, the time between each conversion start trigger must be longer than the ADC propagation delay to ensure that one conversion is finished before the ADC is flushed and the next conversion is started.

It is also important to clear pending events or start ADC conversion commands before doing a flush. If not, pending conversions will start immediately after the flush.

22.14 Register Description – ADC

22.14.1 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – CH0START: Channel Start Single Conversion

Setting this bit will start an ADC conversion. Bit is cleared by hardware when the conversion has started. Writing this bit is equivalent to writing the START bits inside the ADC channel register.

Bit 1 – FLUSH: Pipeline Flush

Setting this bit will flush the ADC. When this is done, the ADC clock is restarted on the next peripheral clock edge, and the conversion in progress is aborted and lost.

After the flush and the ADC clock restart, the ADC will resume where it left off; i.e., if any conversions were pending, these will enter the ADC and complete.

Bit 0 – ENABLE: Enable

Setting this bit enables the ADC.

22.14.2 CTRLB – ADC Control Register B

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:5 – CURRLIMIT[1:0]: Current Limitation

These bits can be used to limit the current consumption of the ADC by reducing the maximum ADC sample rate. The available settings are shown in [Table 22-1](#page-240-0). The indicated current limitations are nominal values. Refer to the device datasheet for actual current limitation for each setting.

Table 22-1. ADC Current Limitations

Bit 4 – CONVMODE: Conversion Mode

This bit controls whether the ADC will work in signed or unsigned mode. By default, this bit is cleared and the ADC is configured for unsigned mode. When this bit is set, the ADC is configured for signed mode.

Bit 3 – FREERUN: Free Running Mode

This bit controls the free running mode for the ADC. Once a conversion is finished, the next input will be sampled and converted.

Bit 2:1 – RESOLUTION[1:0]: Conversion Result Resolution

These bits define whether the ADC completes the conversion at 12- or 8-bit result resolution. They also define whether the 12-bit result is left or right adjusted within the 16-bit result registers. See [Table 22-2](#page-241-0) for possible settings.

Table 22-2. ADC Conversion Result Resolution

Bit 0 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

22.14.3 REFCTRL – Reference Control Register

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bits 6:4 – REFSEL[2:0]: Reference Selection

These bits selects the reference for the ADC according to [Table 22-3](#page-241-1).

Table 22-3. ADC Reference Selection

Bit 3:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – BANDGAP: Bandgap Enable

Setting this bit enables the bandgap for ADC measurement. Note that if any other functions are already using the bandgap, this bit does not need to be set when the internal 1.00V reference is used for another ADC or if the brownout detector is enabled.

Bit 0 – TEMPREF: Temperature Reference Enable

Setting this bit enables the temperature sensor for ADC measurement.

22.14.4 EVCTRL – Event Control Register

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4:3 – EVSEL[1:0]: Event Channel Input Select

These bits select which event channel will trigger the ADC channel. Each setting defines a group of event channels, where the event channel with the lowest number will trigger ADC channel 0, the next event channel will trigger ADC channel 1, and so on. See [Table 22-4](#page-242-0).

Table 22-4. ADC Event Channel Select

Bit 2:0 – EVACT[2:0]: Event Mode

These bits select and limit how many of the selected event input channel are used, and also further limit the ADC channels triggers. They also define more special event triggers as defined in [Table 22-5](#page-242-1).

Table 22-5. ADC Event Mode Select

22.14.5 PRESCALER – Clock Prescaler Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – PRESCALER[2:0]: Prescaler Configuration

These bits define the ADC clock relative to the peripheral clock according to [Table 22-6](#page-243-0).

Table 22-6. ADC Prescaler Settings

22.14.6 INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Register

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – CH0IF: Interrupt Flags

This flag is set when the ADC conversion is complete. If the ADC is configured for compare mode, the interrupt flag will be set if the compare condition is met. CH0IF is automatically cleared when the ADC interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

22.14.7 TEMP – Temporary Register

Bit 7:0 – TEMP[7:0]: Temporary bits

This register is used when reading 16-bit registers in the ADC controller. The high byte of the 16-bit register is stored here when the low byte is read by the CPU. This register can also be read and written from the user software.

For more details on 16-bit register access, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 11.

22.14.8 SAMPCTRL – Sampling Time Control Register

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:0 – SAMPVAL[5:0]: Sampling Time Control register

These bits control the ADC sampling time in number of half ADC prescaled clock cycles (depends of ADC_PRESCALER value), thus controlling the ADC input impedance. Sampling time is set according to the formula:

Sampling time = (SAMPVAL + 1)(ClkADC /2)*

22.14.9 CALL – Calibration Value Register Low

The CALL register pair hold the 12-bit calibration value. The ADC is calibrated during production programming, and the calibration value must be read from the signature row and written to the CAL register from software.

Bit 7:0 – CAL[7:0]: ADC Calibration value

These are the eight lsbs of the 12-bit CAL value.

22.14.10CH0RESH – Channel 0 Result Register High

The CH0RESL and CH0RESH register pair represents the 16-bit value, CH0RES. For details on reading 16-bit registers, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 11.

22.14.10.1 12-bit Mode, Left Adjusted

Bit 7:0 – CHRES[11:4]: Channel Result High byte

These are the eight msbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

22.14.10.2 12-bit Mode, Right Adjusted

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits will in practice be the extension of the sign bit, CHRES11, when the ADC works in differential mode, and set to zero when the ADC works in signed mode.

Bit 3:0 – CHRES[11:8]: Channel Result High byte

These are the four msbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

22.14.10.3 8-bit Mode

Bit 7:0 – Reserved

These bits will in practice be the extension of the sign bit, CHRES7, when the ADC works in signed mode, and set to zero when the ADC works in single-ended mode.

22.14.11 CH0RESL – Channel 0 Result Register Low

22.14.11.1 12-/8-bit Mode

Bit 7:0 – CHRES[7:0]: Channel Result Low byte

These are the eight lsbs of the ADC result.

22.14.11.2 12-bit Mode, Left Adjusted

Bit 7:4 – CHRES[3:0]: Channel Result Low byte

These are the four lsbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

Bit 3:0 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

22.14.12 CMPH – Compare Register High

The CMPH and CMPL register pair represents the 16-bit value, CMP. For details on reading and writing 16-bit registers, refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 11.

Bit 7:0 – CMP[15:0]: Compare Value High byte

These are the eight msbs of the 16-bit ADC compare value. In signed mode, the number representation is 2's complement, and the msb is the sign bit.

22.14.13 CMPL – Compare Register Low

Bit 7:0 – CMP[7:0]: Compare Value Low byte

These are the eight lsbs of the 16-bit ADC compare value. In signed mode, the number representation is 2's complement.

22.15 Register Description - ADC Channel

22.15.1 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7 – START: START Conversion on Channel

Setting this bit will start a conversion on the channel. The bit is cleared by hardware when the conversion has started. Setting this bit when it already is set will have no effect. Writing or reading this bit is equivalent to writing the CH[3:0]START bits in $CTRLA - Control$ Register A" on page 241.

Bit 6:5 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4:2 – GAIN[2:0]: Gain Factor

These bits define the gain factor for the ADC gain stage.

See [Table 22-7.](#page-246-0) Gain is valid only with certain MUX settings. See "MUXCTRL – MUX Control Registers" on page 248.

Table 22-7. ADC Gain Factor

Bit 1:0 – INPUTMODE[1:0]: Channel Input Mode

These bits define the channel mode.

Table 22-8. Channel Input Modes, CONVMODE=0 (unsigned mode)

Table 22-9. Channel Input Modes, CONVMODE=1 (singed mode)

22.15.2 MUXCTRL – MUX Control Registers

The MUXCTRL register defines the input source for the channel.

Bit 7 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 6:3 – MUXPOS[3:0]: MUX Selection on Positive ADC Input

These bits define the MUX selection for the positive ADC input. [Table 22-10](#page-247-1) and [Table 22-11 on page 249](#page-248-0) show the possible input selection for the different input modes.

Table 22-11. ADC MUXPOS Configuration when INPUTMODE[1:0] = 01 (Single-ended), INPUTMODE[1:0] = 10 (Differential without Gain), or INPUTMODE[1:0]=11 (Differential with Gain) is used

Depending on the device pin count and feature configuration, the actual number of analog input pins may be less than 16. Refer to the device datasheet and pin-out description for details.

Bit 2:0 – MUXNEG[2:0]: MUX Selection on Negative ADC Input

These bits define the MUX selection for the negative ADC input when differential measurements are done. For internal or single-ended measurements, these bits are not used.

[Table 22-12](#page-248-1) and [Table 22-13 on page 250](#page-249-0) show the possible input sections.

Table 22-12. ADC MUXNEG Configuration, INPUTMODE[1:0] = 10, Differential without Gain

Table 22-13. ADC MUXNEG Configuration, INPUTMODE[1:0] = 11, Differential with Gain

22.15.3 INTCTRL – Interrupt Control Registers

Bits 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:2 – INTMODE: Interrupt Mode

These bits select the interrupt mode for the channel according to [Table 22-5 on page 243](#page-242-1).

Table 22-14. ADC Interrupt Mode

Bits 1:0 – INTLVL[1:0]: Interrupt Priority Level and Enable

These bits enable the ADC channel interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 101. The enabled interrupt will be triggered for conditions when the IF bit in the INTFLAGS register is set.

22.15.4 INTFLAGS – Interrupt Flag Registers

Bit 7:1 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 0 – IF: Interrupt Flag

The interrupt flag is set when the ADC conversion is complete. If the channel is configured for compare mode, the flag will be set if the compare condition is met. IF is automatically cleared when the ADC channel interrupt vector is executed. The bit can also be cleared by writing a one to the bit location.

22.15.5 RESH – Result Register High

For all result registers and with any ADC result resolution, a signed number is represented in 2ís complement form, and the msb represents the sign bit.

The RESL and RESH register pair represents the 16-bit value, ADCRESULT. Reading and writing 16-bit values require special attention. Refer to "Accessing 16-bit Registers" on page 11 for details.

22.15.5.1 12-bit Mode, Left Adjusted

Bit 7:0 – RES[11:4]: Channel Result High byte

These are the eight msbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

22.15.5.2 12-bit Mode, Right Adjusted

Bit 7:4 – Reserved

These bits will in practice be the extension of the sign bit, CHRES11, when the ADC works in differential mode, and set to zero when the ADC works in signed mode.

Bits 3:0 - RES[11:8]: Channel Result High bits

These are the four msbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

22.15.5.3 8-bit Mode

Bit 7:0 – Reserved

These bits will in practice be the extension of the sign bit, CHRES7, when the ADC works in signed mode, and set to zero when the ADC works in single-ended mode.

22.15.6 RESL – Result Register Low

22.15.6.1 12-/8-bit Mode

Bit 7:0 – RES[7:0]: Result Low byte

These are the eight lsbs of the ADC result.

22.15.6.2 12-bit Mode, Left Adjusted

Bit 7:4 – RES[3:0]: Result Low bits

These are the four lsbs of the 12-bit ADC result.

Bit 3:0 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

22.15.7 SCAN – Input Channel Scan Register

Scan is enabled when COUNT is set differently than 0.

Bit 7:4 – OFFSET[3:0]: Positive MUX Setting Offset

The channel scan is enabled when COUNT != 0 and this register contains the offset for the next input source to be converted on ADC channel. The actual MUX setting for positive input equals MUXPOS + OFFSET. The value is incremented after each conversion until it reaches the maximum value given by COUNT. When OFFSET is equal to COUNT, OFFSET will be cleared on the next conversion.

Bit 3:0 – COUNT[3:0]: Number of Input Channels Included in Scan

This register gives the number of input sources included in the channel scan. The number of input sources included is COUNT + 1. The input channels included are the range from MUXPOS + OFFSET to MUXPOS + OFFSET + COUNT.
22.16 Register Summary – ADC

This is the register summary when the ADC is configured to give standard 12-bit results. The register summaries for 8-bit and 12 bit left adjusted will be similar, but with some changes in the result registers, CH0RESH and CH0RESL.

22.17 Register Summary – ADC Channel

22.18 Interrupt Vector Summary

23. AC – Analog Comparator

23.1 Features

- Selectable hysteresis
	- None
	- Small
	- Large
- **•** Analog comparator output available on pin
- Flexible input selection
	- All pins on the port
	- Bandgap reference voltage
	- A 64-level programmable voltage scaler of the internal AV_{CC} voltage
- Interrupt and event generation on:
	- Rising edge
	- Falling edge
	- Toggle
- Window function interrupt and event generation on:
	- Signal above window
	- Signal inside window
	- Signal below window
- Constant current source with configurable output pin selection

23.2 Overview

The analog comparator (AC) compares the voltage levels on two inputs and gives a digital output based on this comparison. The analog comparator may be configured to generate interrupt requests and/or events upon several different combinations of input change.

The analog comparator hysteresis can be adjusted in order to achieve the optimal operation for each application.

The input selection includes analog port pins, several internal signals, and a 64-level programmable voltage scaler. The analog comparator output state can also be output on a pin for use by external devices.

A constant current source can be enabled and output on a selectable pin. This can be used to replace, for example, external resistors used to charge capacitors in capacitive touch sensing applications.

The analog comparators are always grouped in pairs on each port. These are called analog comparator 0 (AC0) and analog comparator 1 (AC1). They have identical behavior, but separate control registers. Used as pair, they can be set in window mode to compare a signal to a voltage range instead of a voltage level.

23.3 Input Sources

Each analog comparator has one positive and one negative input. Each input may be chosen from a selection of analog input pins and internal inputs such as a AV_{CC} voltage scaler. The digital output from the analog comparator is one when the difference between the positive and the negative input voltage is positive, and zero otherwise.

23.3.1 Pin Inputs

Any of analog input pins on the port can be selected as input to the analog comparator.

23.3.2 Internal Inputs

Two internal inputs are available for the analog comparator:

- Bandgap reference voltage
- Voltage scaler, which provides a 64-level scaling of the internal $\mathsf{AV}_{\mathsf{CC}}$ voltage

23.4 Signal Compare

In order to start a signal comparison, the analog comparator must be configured with the preferred properties and inputs before the module is enabled. The result of the comparison is continuously updated and available for application software and the event system.

23.5 Interrupts and Events

The analog comparator can be configured to generate interrupts when the output toggles, when the output changes from zero to one (rising edge), or when the output changes from one to zero (falling edge). Events are generated at all times for the same condition as the interrupt, regardless of whether the interrupt is enabled or not.

23.6 Window Mode

Two analog comparators on the same port can be configured to work together in window mode. In this mode, a voltage range is defined, and the analog comparators give information about whether an input signal is within this range or not.

Figure 23-2. The Analog Comparators in Window Mode

23.7 Input Hysteresis

Application software can select between no-, low-, and high hysteresis for the comparison. Applying a hysteresis will help prevent constant toggling of the output that can be caused by noise when the input signals are close to each other.

23.8 Register Description

23.8.1 ACnCTRL – Analog Comparator n Control Register

Bit 7:6 – INTMODE[1:0]: Interrupt Modes

These bits configure the interrupt mode for analog comparator n according to [Table 23-1.](#page-256-0)

Table 23-1. Interrupt Settings

Bit 5:4 – INTLVL[1:0]: Interrupt Level

These bits enable the analog comparator n interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 101. The enabled interrupt will trigger according to the INTMODE setting.

Bit 3 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:1 – HYSMODE[1:0]: Hysteresis Mode Select

These bits select the hysteresis mode according to [Table 23-2](#page-256-1). For details on actual hysteresis levels, refer to the device datasheet.

Table 23-2. Hysteresis Settings

Bit 0 – ENABLE: Enable

Setting this bit enables analog comparator n.

23.8.2 ACnMUXCTRL – Analog Comparator n MUX Control Register

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:3 – MUXPOS[2:0]: Positive Input MUX Selection

These bits select which input will be connected to the positive input of analog comparator n according to [Table 23-3.](#page-257-0)

Table 23-3. Positive Input MUX Selection

Bit 2:0 – MUXNEG[2:0]: Negative Input MUX Selection

These bits select which input will be connected to the negative input of analog comparator n according to [Table 23-4](#page-257-1).

Table 23-4. Negative Input MUX Selection

23.8.3 CTRLA – Control Register A

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – AC1OUT: Analog Comparator 1 Output

Setting this bit makes the output of AC1 available on pin 6 of the port.

Bit 0 – AC0OUT: Analog Comparator 0 Output

Setting this bit makes the output of AC0 available on pin 7 of the port.

23.8.4 CTRLB – Control Register B

Bit 7:6 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 5:0 – SCALEFAC[5:0]: Voltage Scaling Factor

These bits define the scaling factor for the AV_{CC} voltage scaler. The input to the analog comparator, V_{SCALE}, is:

$$
V_{SCALE} = \frac{V_{CC} \cdot (SCALEFAC + 1)}{64}
$$

23.8.5 WINCTRL – Window Function Control Register

Bit 7:5 – Reserved

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These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 4 – WEN: Window Mode Enable

Setting this bit enables the analog comparator window mode.

Bits 3:2 – WINTMODE[1:0]: Window Interrupt Mode Settings

These bits configure the interrupt mode for the analog comparator window mode according to [Table 23-5 on page 260.](#page-259-0)

Table 23-5. Window Mode Interrupt Settings

Bits 1:0 – WINTLVL[1:0]: Window Interrupt Enable

These bits enable the analog comparator window mode interrupt and select the interrupt level, as described in "Interrupts" and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 101. The enabled interrupt will trigger according to the WINTMODE setting.

23.8.6 STATUS – Status Register

Bits 7:6 – WSTATE[1:0]: Window Mode Current State

These bits show the current state of the signal if window mode is enabled according to [Table 23-6.](#page-259-1)

Table 23-6. Window Mode Current State

Bit 5 – AC1STATE: Analog Comparator 1 Current State

This bit shows the current state of the output signal from AC1.

Bit 4 – AC0STATE: Analog Comparator 0 Current State

This bit shows the current state of the output signal fromAC0.

Bit 3 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2 – WIF: Analog Comparator Window Interrupt Flag

This is the interrupt flag for the window mode. WIF is set according to the WINTMODE setting in the "WINCTRL $-$ Window Function Control Register" on page 259.

This flag is automatically cleared when the analog comparator window interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 1 – AC1IF: Analog Comparator 1 Interrupt Flag

This is the interrupt flag for AC1. AC1IF is set according to the INTMODE setting in the corresponding "ACnCTRL -Analog Comparator n Control Register" on page 257.

This flag is automatically cleared when the analog comparator 1 interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

Bit 0 – AC0IF: Analog Comparator 0 Interrupt Flag

This is the interrupt flag for AC0. AC0IF is set according to the INTMODE setting in the corresponding "ACnCTRL -Analog Comparator n Control Register" on page 257.

This flag is automatically cleared when the analog comparator 0 interrupt vector is executed. The flag can also be cleared by writing a one to its bit location.

23.8.7 CURRCTRL – Current Source Control Register

Bit 7 – CURRENT: Current Source Enable

Setting this bit to one will enable the constant current source.

Bit 6:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – AC1CURR: AC1 Current Source Output Enable

Setting this bit to one will enable the constant current source output on the pin selected by MUXNEG in AC1MUXTRL.

Bit 0 – AC0CURR: AC0 Current Source Output Enable

Setting this bit to one will enable the constant current source output on the pin selected by MUXNEG in AC0MUXTRL.

23.8.8 CURRCALIB – Current Source Calibration Register

Bits 7:4 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 3:0 – CALIB[3:0]: Current Source Calibration

The constant current source is calibrated during production. A calibration value can be read from the signature row and written to the CURRCALIB register from software. Refer to device data sheet for default calibration values and user calibration range.

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23.9 Register Summary

23.10 Interrupt Vector Summary

24. Program and Debug Interface

24.1 Features

- Programming
	- External programming through PDI interface
		- Minimal protocol overhead for fast operation
		- Built-in error detection and handling for reliable operation
	- Boot loader support for programming through any communication interface
- Debugging
	- Non-intrusive, real-time, on-chip debug system
	- No software or hardware resources required from device except pin connection
	- Program flow control
		- Go, Stop, Reset, Step Into, Step Over, Step Out, Run-to-Cursor
	- Unlimited number of user program breakpoints
	- Unlimited number of user data breakpoints, break on:
		- Data location read, write, or both read and write
		- Data location content equal or not equal to a value
		- Data location content is greater or smaller than a value
		- Data location content is within or outside a range
	- No limitation on device clock frequency
- Program and Debug Interface (PDI)
	- Two-pin interface for external programming and debugging
	- Uses the Reset pin and a dedicated pin
	- No I/O pins required during programming or debugging

24.2 Overview

The Program and Debug Interface (PDI) is an Atmel proprietary interface for external programming and on-chip debugging of a device.

The PDI supports fast programming of nonvolatile memory (NVM) spaces; flash, EEPOM, fuses, lock bits, and the user signature row. This is done by accessing the NVM controller and executing NVM controller commands, as described in "Memory Programming" on page 274.

Debug is supported through an on-chip debug system that offers non-intrusive, real-time debug. It does not require any software or hardware resources except for the device pin connection. Using the Atmel tool chain, it offers complete program flow control and support for an unlimited number of program and complex data breakpoints. Application debug can be done from a C or other high-level language source code level, as well as from an assembler and disassembler level.

Programming and debugging can be done through the PDI physical layer. This is a two-pin interface that uses the Reset pin for the clock input (PDI_CLK) and one other dedicated pin for data input and output (PDI_DATA). Any external programmer or on-chip debugger/emulator can be directly connected to this interface.

Figure 24-1. The PDI and PDI Physical Layers and Closely Related Modules (grey)

24.3 PDI Physical

The PDI physical layer handles the low-level serial communication. It uses a bidirectional, half-duplex, synchronous serial receiver and transmitter (just as a USART in USRT mode). The physical layer includes start-of-frame detection, frame error detection, parity generation, parity error detection, and collision detection.

In addition to PDI_CLK and PDI_DATA, the PDI_DATA pin has an internal pull resistor, V_{CC} and GND must be connected between the External Programmer/debugger and the device. [Figure 24-2](#page-263-0) shows a typical connection.

Figure 24-2. PDI Connection

The remainder of this section is intended for use only by third parties developing programmers or programming support for Atmel AVR XMEGA devices.

24.3.1 Enabling

The PDI physical layer must be enabled before use. This is done by first forcing the PDI_DATA line high for a period longer than the equivalent external reset minimum pulse width (refer to device datasheet for external reset pulse width data). This will disable the RESET functionality of the Reset pin, if not already disabled by the fuse settings.

Next, continue to keep the PDI_DATA line high for 16 PDI_CLK cycles. The first PDI_CLK cycle must start no later than 100µs after the RESET functionality of the Reset pin is disabled. If this does not occur in time, the enabling procedure must start over again. The enable sequence is shown in [Figure 24-3 on page 265](#page-264-0).

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Figure 24-3. PDI Physical Layer Enable Sequence

The Reset pin is sampled when the PDI interface is enabled. The reset register is then set according to the state of the Reset pin, preventing the device from running code after the reset functionality of this pin is disabled.

24.3.2 Disabling

If the clock frequency on PDI CLK is lower than approximately 10kHz, this is regarded as inactivity on the clock line. This will automatically disable the PDI. If not disabled by a fuse, the reset function of the Reset (PDI_CLK) pin is enabled again. This also means that the minimum programming frequency is approximately 10kHz.

24.3.3 Frame Format and Characters

The PDI physical layer uses a frame format defined as one character of eight data bits, with a start bit, a parity bit, and two stop bits.

Figure 24-4. PDI Serial Frame format

- **P** Parity bit, even parity used
- **Sp1** Stop bit 1, always high
- **Sp2** Stop bit 2, always high

Three different characters are used, DATA, BREAK, and IDLE. The BREAK character is equal to a 12-bit length of low level. The IDLE character is equal to a 12- bit length of high level. The BREAK and IDLE characters can be extended beyond the 12-bit length.

Figure 24-5. Characters and Timing for the PDI Physical Layer

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24.3.4 Serial Transmission and Reception

The PDI physical layer is either in transmit (TX) or receive (RX) mode. By default, it is in RX mode, waiting for a start bit.

The programmer and the PDI operate synchronously on the PDI CLK provided by the programmer. The dependency between the clock edges and data sampling or data change is fixed. As illustrated in [Figure 24-6,](#page-265-0) output data (either from the programmer or the PDI) is always set up (changed) on the falling edge of PDI_CLK and sampled on the rising edge of PDI_CLK.

Figure 24-6. Changing and Sampling of Data

24.3.5 Serial Transmission

When a data transmission is initiated, by the PDI controller, the transmitter simply shifts out the start bit, data bits, parity bit, and the two stop bits on the PDI_DATA line. The transmission speed is dictated by the PDI_CLK signal. While in transmission mode, IDLE bits (high bits) are automatically transmitted to fill possible gaps between successive DATA characters. If a collision is detected during transmission, the output driver is disabled, and the interface is put into RX mode waiting for a BREAK character.

24.3.6 Serial Reception

When a start bit is detected, the receiver starts to collect the eight data bits. If the parity bit does not correspond to the parity of the data bits, a parity error has occurred. If one or both of the stop bits are low, a frame error has occurred. If the parity bit is correct, and no frame error is detected, the received data bits are available for the PDI controller.

When the PDI is in TX mode, a BREAK character signaled by the programmer will not be interpreted as a BREAK, but will instead cause a generic data collision. When the PDI is in RX mode, a BREAK character will be recognized as a BREAK. By transmitting two successive BREAK characters (which must be separated by one or more high bits), the last BREAK character will always be recognized as a BREAK, regardless of whether the PDI was in TX or RX mode initially. This is because in TX mode the first BREAK is seen as a collision. The PDI then shifts to RX mode and sees the second BREAK as break.

24.3.7 Direction Change

In order to ensure correct timing for half-duplex operation, a guard time mechanism is used. When the PDI changes from RX mode to TX mode, a configurable number of IDLE bits are inserted before the start bit is transmitted. The minimum transition time between RX and TX mode is two IDLE cycles, and these are always inserted. The default guard time value is 128 bits.

Figure 24-7. PDI Direction Change by Inserting IDLE Bits

The external programmer will loose control of the PDI_DATA line at the point where the PDI changes from RX to TX mode. The guard time relaxes this critical phase of the communication. When the programmer changes from RX mode to TX mode, a single IDLE bit, at minimum, should be inserted before the start bit is transmitted.

24.3.8 Drive Contention and Collision Detection

In order to reduce the effect of drive contention (the PDI and the programmer driving the PDI_DATA line at the same time), a mechanism for collision detection is used. The mechanism is based on the way the PDI drives data out on the PDI_DATA line. As shown in [Figure 24-8,](#page-266-0) the PDI output driver is active only when the output value changes (from 0-1 or 1-0). Hence, if two or more successive bit values are the same, the value is actively driven only on the first clock cycle. After this point, the PDI output driver is automatically tri-stated, and the PDI_DATA pin has a bus keeper responsible for keeping the pin value unchanged until the output driver is re-enabled due to a change in the bit value.

Figure 24-8. Driving Data out on the PDI_DATA Using a Bus Keeper

If the programmer and the PDI both drive the PDI_DATA line at the same time, drive contention will occur, as illustrated in [Figure 24-9.](#page-266-1) Every time a bit value is kept for two or more clock cycles, the PDI is able to verify that the correct bit value is driven on the PDI_DATA line. If the programmer is driving the PDI_DATA line to the opposite bit value to what the PDI expects, a collision is detected.

Figure 24-9. Drive Contention and Collision Detection on the PDI_DATA Line

As long as the PDI transmits alternating ones and zeros, collisions cannot be detected, because the PDI output driver will be active all the time, preventing polling of the PDI_DATA line. However, the two stop bits should always be transmitted as ones within a single frame, enabling collision detection at least once per frame.

24.4 PDI Controller

The PDI controller performs data transmission/reception on a byte level, command decoding, high-level direction control, control and status register access, exception handling, and clock switching (PDI_CLK or TCK). The interaction between an external programmer and the PDI controller is based on a scheme where the programmer transmits various types of requests to the PDI controller, which in turn responds according to the specific request. A programmer request comes in the form of an instruction, which may be followed by one or more byte operands. The PDI controller response may be silent (e.g., a data byte is stored to a location within the device), or it may involve data being returned to the programmer (e.g., a data byte is read from a location within the device).

24.4.1 Accessing Internal Interfaces

After an external programmer has established communication with the PDI, the internal interfaces are not accessible, by default. To get access to the NVM controller and the nonvolatile memories for programming, a unique key must be signaled by using the KEY instruction. The internal interfaces are accessed as one linear address space using a dedicated bus (PDIBUS) between the PDI and the internal interfaces. The PDIBUS address space is shown in [Figure 24-](#page-269-0) [10 on page 270.](#page-269-0) The NVM controller must be enabled for the PDI controller to have any access to the NVM interface. The PDI controller can access the NVM and NVM controller in programming mode only. The PDI controller does not need to access the NVM controller's data or address registers when reading or writing NVM.

24.4.2 NVM Programming Key

The key that must be sent using the KEY instruction is 64 bits long. The key that will enable NVM programming is: 0x1289AB45CDD888FF

24.4.3 Exception Handling

There are several situations that are considered exceptions from normal operation. The exceptions depend on whether the PDI is in RX or TX mode.

While the PDI is in RX mode, the exceptions are:

- PDI:
	- The physical layer detects a parity error
	- The physical layer detects a frame error
	- The physical layer recognizes a BREAK character (also detected as a frame error)

While the PDI is in TX mode, the exceptions are:

- PDI:
	- The physical layer detects a data collision

Exceptions are signaled to the PDI controller. All ongoing operations are then aborted, and the PDI is put in ERROR state. The PDI will remain in ERROR state until a BREAK is sent from the external programmer, and this will bring the PDI back to its default RX state.

Due to this mechanism, the programmer can always synchronize the protocol by transmitting two successive BREAK characters.

24.4.4 Reset Signalling

Through the reset register, the programmer can issue a reset and force the device into reset. After clearing the reset register, reset is released, unless some other reset source is active.

24.4.5 Instruction Set

The PDI has a small instruction set used for accessing both the PDI itself and the internal interfaces. All instructions are byte instructions. The instructions allow an external programmer to access the PDI controller, the NVM controller and the nonvolatile memories.

24.4.5.1 LDS - Load Data from PDIBUS Data Space using Direct Addressing

The LDS instruction is used to load data from the PDIBUS data space for read out. The LDS instruction is based on direct addressing, which means that the address must be given as an argument to the instruction. Even though the protocol is based on byte-wise communication, the LDS instruction supports multiple-byte addresses and data access. Four different address/data sizes are supported: single-byte, word (two bytes), three-byte, and long (four bytes). Multiple-byte access is broken down internally into repeated single-byte accesses, but this reduces protocol overhead. When using the LDS instruction, the address byte(s) must be transmitted before the data transfer.

24.4.5.2 STS - Store Data to PDIBUS Data Space using Direct Addressing

The STS instruction is used to store data that are serially shifted into the physical layer shift register to locations within the PDIBUS data space. The STS instruction is based on direct addressing, which means that the address must be given as an argument to the instruction. Even though the protocol is based on byte-wise communication, the ST instruction supports multiple-bytes addresses and data access. Four different address/data sizes are supported: single-byte, word (two bytes), three-byte, and long (four bytes). Multiple-byte access is broken down internally into repeated single-byte accesses, but this reduces protocol overhead. When using the STS instruction, the address byte(s) must be transmitted before the data transfer.

24.4.5.3 LD - Load Data from PDIBUS Data Space using Indirect Addressing

The LD instruction is used to load data from the PDIBUS data space into the physical layer shift register for serial read out. The LD instruction is based on indirect addressing (pointer access), which means that the address must be stored in the pointer register prior to the data access. Indirect addressing can be combined with pointer increment. In addition to reading data from the PDIBUS data space, the LD instruction can read the pointer register. Even though the protocol is based on byte-wise communication, the LD instruction supports multiple-byte addresses and data access. Four different address/data sizes are supported: single-byte, word (two bytes), three bytes, and long (four bytes). Multiple-byte access is broken down internally into repeated single-byte accesses, but this reduces the protocol overhead.

24.4.5.4 ST - Store Data to PDIBUS Data Space using Indirect Addressing

The ST instruction is used to store data that is serially shifted into the physical layer shift register to locations within the PDIBUS data space. The ST instruction is based on indirect addressing (pointer access), which means that the address must be stored in the pointer register prior to the data access. Indirect addressing can be combined with pointer increment. In addition to writing data to the PDIBUS data space, the ST instruction can write the pointer register. Even though the protocol is based on byte-wise communication, the ST instruction supports multiple-bytes address - and data access. Four different address/data sizes are supported; byte, word, three bytes, and long (four bytes). Multiple-bytes access is internally broken down to repeated single-byte accesses, but it reduces the protocol overhead.

24.4.5.5 LDCS - Load Data from PDI Control and Status Register Space

The LDCS instruction is used to load data from the PDI control and status registers into the physical layer shift register for serial read out. The LDCS instruction supports only direct addressing and single-byte access.

24.4.5.6 STCS - Store Data to PDI Control and Status Register Space

The STCS instruction is used to store data that are serially shifted into the physical layer shift register to locations within the PDI control and status registers. The STCS instruction supports only direct addressing and single-byte access.

24.4.5.7 KEY - Set Activation Key

The KEY instruction is used to communicate the activation key bytes required for activating the NVM interfaces.

24.4.5.8 REPEAT - Set Instruction Repeat Counter

The REPEAT instruction is used to store count values that are serially shifted into the physical layer shift register to the repeat counter register. The instruction that is loaded directly after the REPEAT instruction operand(s) will be repeated a number of times according to the specified repeat counter register value. Hence, the initial repeat counter value plus one gives the total number of times the instruction will be executed. Setting the repeat counter register to zero makes the following instruction run once without being repeated.

The REPEAT instruction cannot be repeated. The KEY instruction cannot be repeated, and will override the current value of the repeat counter register.

24.4.6 Instruction Set Summary

The PDI instruction set summary is shown in [Figure 24-10.](#page-269-0)

Figure 24-10.PDI Instruction Set Summary

24.5 Register Description - PDI Instruction and Addressing Registers

The PDI instruction and addressing registers are internal registers utilized for instruction decoding and PDIBUS addressing. None of these registers are accessible as registers in a register space.

24.5.1 Instruction Register

When an instruction is successfully shifted into the physical layer shift register, it is copied into the instruction register. The instruction is retained until another instruction is loaded. The reason for this is that the REPEAT command may force the same instruction to be run repeatedly, requiring command decoding to be performed several times on the same instruction.

24.5.2 Pointer Register

The pointer register is used to store an address value that specifies locations within the PDIBUS address space. During direct data access, the pointer register is updated by the specified number of address bytes given as operand bytes to an instruction. During indirect data access, addressing is based on an address already stored in the pointer register prior to the access itself. Indirect data access can be optionally combined with pointer register post-increment. The indirect access mode has an option that makes it possible to load or read the pointer register without accessing any other registers. Any register update is performed in a little-endian fashion. Hence, loading a single byte of the address register will always update the LSB while the most-significant bytes are left unchanged.

The pointer register is not involved in addressing registers in the PDI control and status register space (CSRS space).

24.5.3 Repeat Counter Register

The REPEAT instruction is always accompanied by one or more operand bytes that define the number of times the next instruction should be repeated. These operand bytes are copied into the repeat counter register upon reception. During the repeated executions of the instruction immediately following the REPEAT instruction and its operands, the repeat counter register is decremented until it reaches zero, indicating that all repetitions have completed. The repeat counter is also involved in key reception.

24.5.4 Operand Count Register

Immediately after an instruction (except the LDCS and STCS instructions) a specified number of operands or data bytes (given by the size parts of the instruction) are expected. The operand count register is used to keep track of how many bytes have been transferred.

24.6 Register Description – PDI Control and Status Registers

The PDI control and status registers are accessible in the PDI control and status register space (CSRS) using the LDCS and STCS instructions. The CSRS contains registers directly involved in configuration and status monitoring of the PDI itself.

24.6.1 STATUS – Status Register

Bit 7:2 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 1 – NVMEN: Nonvolatile Memory Enable

This status bit is set when the key signalling enables the NVM programming interface. The external programmer can poll this bit to verify successful enabling. Writing the NVMEN bit disables the NVM interface.

Bit 0 – Reserved

This bit is unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write this bit to zero when this register is written.

24.6.2 RESET – Reset Register

Bit 7:0 – RESET[7:0]: Reset Signature

When the reset signature, 0x59, is written to RESET, the device is forced into reset. The device is kept in reset until RESET is written with a data value different from the reset signature. Reading the lsb will return the status of the reset. The seven msbs will always return the value 0x00, regardless of whether the device is in reset or not.

24.6.3 CTRL – Control Register

Bit 7:3 – Reserved

These bits are unused and reserved for future use. For compatibility with future devices, always write these bits to zero when this register is written.

Bit 2:0 – GUARDTIME[2:0]: Guard Time

These bits specify the number of IDLE bits of guard time that are inserted in between PDI reception and transmission direction changes. The default guard time is 128 IDLE bits, and the available settings are shown in [Table 24-1 on page](#page-272-3) [273.](#page-272-3) In order to speed up the communication, the guard time should be set to the lowest safe configuration accepted. No guard time is inserted when switching from TX to RX mode.

Table 24-1. Guard Time Settings

24.7 Register Summary

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25. Memory Programming

25.1 Features

- Read and write access to all memory spaces from
	- External programmers
	- Application software self-programming
- Self-programming and boot loader support
	- Read-while-write self-programming
	- CPU can run and execute code while flash is being programmed
	- Any communication interface can be used for program upload/download
- **•** External programming
	- Support for in-system and production programming
	- Programming through serial PDI or JTAG interface
- High security with separate boot lock bits for:
	- External programming access
	- Boot loader section access
	- Application section access
	- Application table access
- Reset fuse to select reset vector address to the start of the
	- Application section, or
	- Boot loader section

25.2 Overview

This section describes how to program the nonvolatile memory (NVM) in Atmel AVR XMEGA devices, and covers both self-programming and external programming. The NVM consists of the flash program memory, user signature and production signature rows, fuses and lock bits, and EEPROM data memory. For details on the actual memories, how they are organized, and the register description for the NVM controller used to access the memories, refer to "Memories" [on page 19.](#page-18-0)

The NVM can be accessed for read and write from application software through self-programming and from an external programmer. Accessing the NVM is done through the NVM controller, and the two methods of programming are similar. Memory access is done by loading address and/or data to the selected memory or NVM controller and using a set of commands and triggers that make the NVM controller perform specific tasks on the nonvolatile memory.

From external programming, all memory spaces can be read and written, except for the production signature row, which can only be read. The device can be programmed in-system and is accessed through the PDI using the PDI or JTAG physical interfaces. "External Programming" on page 287 describes PDI and JTAG in detail.

Self-programming and boot loader support allows application software in the device to read and write the flash, user signature row and EEPROM, write the lock bits to a more secure setting, and read the production signature row and fuses. The flash allows read-while-write self-programming, meaning that the CPU can continue to operate and execute code while the flash is being programmed. "Self-programming and Boot Loader Support" on page 278 describes this in detail.

For both self-programming and external programming, it is possible to run a CRC check on the flash or a section of the flash to verify its content after programming.

The device can be locked to prevent reading and/or writing of the NVM. There are separate lock bits for external programming access and self-programming access to the boot loader section, application section, and application table section.

25.3 NVM Controller

Access to the nonvolatile memories is done through the NVM controller. It controls NVM timing and access privileges, and holds the status of the NVM, and is the common NVM interface for both external programming and selfprogramming. For more details, refer to "Register Description" on page 292.

25.4 NVM Commands

The NVM controller has a set of commands used to perform tasks on the NVM. This is done by writing the selected command to the NVM command register. In addition, data and addresses must be read/written from/to the NVM data and address registers for memory read/write operations.

When a selected command is loaded and address and data are set up for the operation, each command has a trigger that will start the operation. Based on these triggers, there are three main types of commands.

25.4.1 Action-triggered Commands

Action-triggered commands are triggered when the command execute (CMDEX) bit in the NVM control register A (CTRLA) is written. Action-triggered commands typically are used for operations which do not read or write the NVM, such as the CRC check.

25.4.2 NVM Read-triggered Commands

NVM read-triggered commands are triggered when the NVM is read, and this is typically used for NVM read operations.

25.4.3 NVM Write-triggered Commands

NVM write-triggered commands are triggered when the NVM is written, and this is typically used for NVM write operations.

25.4.4 Write/Execute Protection

Most command triggers are protected from accidental modification/execution during self-programming. This is done using the configuration change protection (CCP) feature, which requires a special write or execute sequence in order to change a bit or execute an instruction. For details on the CCP, refer to "Configuration Change Protection" on page 13.

25.5 NVM Controller Busy Status

When the NVM controller is busy performing an operation, the busy flag in the NVM status register is set and the following registers are blocked for write access:

- NVM command register
- NVM control A register
- NVM control B register
- NVM address registers
- NVM data registers

This ensures that the given command is executed and the operations finished before the start of a new operation. The external programmer or application software must ensure that the NVM is not addressed when it is busy with a programming operation.

Programming any part of the NVM will automatically block:

- All programming to other parts of the NVM
- All loading/erasing of the flash and EEPROM page buffers
- All NVM reads from external programmers
- All NVM reads from the application section

During self-programming, interrupts must be disabled or the interrupt vector table must be moved to the boot loader sections, as described in "Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller" on page 94.

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25.6 Flash and EEPROM Page Buffers

The flash memory is updated page by page. The EEPROM can be updated on a byte-by-byte and page-by-page basis. flash and EEPROM page programming is done by first filling the associated page buffer, and then writing the entire page buffer to a selected page in flash or EEPROM.

The size of the page and page buffers depends on the flash and EEPROM size in each device, and details are described in the device datasheet.

25.6.1 Flash Page Buffer

The flash page buffer is filled one word at a time, and it must be erased before it can be loaded. When loading the page buffer with new content, the result is a binary AND between the existing content of the page buffer location and the new value. If the page buffer is already loaded once after erase the location will most likely be corrupted.

Page buffer locations that are not loaded will have the value 0xFFFF, and this value will then be programmed into the corresponding flash page locations.

The page buffer is automatically erased after:

- A device reset
- Executing the write flash page command
- **Executing the erase and write flash page command**
- **Executing the signature row write command**
- Executing the write lock bit command

25.6.2 EEPROM Page Buffer

The EEPROM page buffer is filled one byte at a time, and it must be erased before it can be loaded. When loading the page buffer with new content, the result is a binary AND between the existing content of the page buffer location and the new value. If the EEPROM page buffer is already loaded once after erase the location will most likely be corrupted.

EEPROM page buffer locations that are loaded will get tagged by the NVM controller. During a page write or page erase, only targed locations will be written or erased. Locations that are not targed will not be written or erased, and the corresponding EEPROM location will remain unchanged. This means that before an EEPROM page erase, data must be loaded to the selected page buffer location to tag them. When performing an EEPROM page erase, the actual value of the tagged location does not matter.

The EEPROM page buffer is automatically erased after:

- A system reset
- Executing the write EEPROM page command
- **Executing the erase and write EEPROM page command**
- Executing the write lock bit and write fuse commands

25.7 Flash and EEPROM Programming Sequences

For page programming, filling the page buffers and writing the page buffer into flash or EEPROM are two separate operations. The sequence is same for both self-programming and external programming.

25.7.1 Flash Programming Sequence

Before programming a flash page with the data in the flash page buffer, the flash page must be erased. Programming an un-erased flash page will corrupt its content.

The flash page buffer can be filled either before the erase flash Page operation or between a erase flash page and a write flash page operation:

Alternative 1:

- Fill the flash page buffer
- Perform a flash page erase
- Perform a flash page write

Alternative 2:

- Fill the flash page buffer
- **•** Perform an atomic page erase and write

Alternative 3, fill the buffer after a page erase:

- Perform a flash page erase
- Fill the flash page buffer
- Perform a flash page write

The NVM command set supports both atomic erase and write operations, and split page erase and page write commands. This split commands enable shorter programming time for each command, and the erase operations can be done during non-time-critical programming execution. When using alternative 1 or 2 above for self-programming, the boot loader provides an effective read-modify-write feature, which allows the software to first read the page, do the necessary changes, and then write back the modified data. If alternative 3 is used, it is not possible to read the old data while loading, since the page is already erased. The page address must be the same for both page erase and page write operations when using alternative 1 or 3.

25.7.2 EEPROM Programming Sequence

Before programming an EEPROM page with the tagged data bytes stored in the EEPROM page buffer, the selected locations in the EEPROM page must be erased. Programming an un-erased EEPROM page will corrupt its content. The EEPROM page buffer must be loaded before any page erase or page write operations:

Alternative 1:

- **•** Fill the EEPROM page buffer with the selected number of bytes
- Perform a EEPROM page erase
- Perform a EEPROM page write

Alternative 2:

- **•** Fill the EEPROM page buffer with the selected number of bytes
- **•** Perform an atomic EEPROM page erase and write

25.8 Protection of NVM

To protect the flash and EEPROM memories from write and/or read, lock bits can be set to restrict access from external programmers and the application software. Refer to "LOCKBITS – Lock Bit Register" on page 27 for details on the available lock bit settings and how to use them.

25.9 Preventing NVM Corruption

During periods when the V_{CC} voltage is below the minimum operating voltage for the device, the result from a flash memory write can be corrupt, as supply voltage is too low for the CPU and the flash to operate properly. To ensure that the voltage is sufficient enough during a complete programming sequence of the flash memory, a voltage detector using the POR threshold (V_{POT+}) level is enabled. During chip erase and when the PDI is enabled the brownout detector (BOD) is automatically enabled at its configured level.

Depending on the programming operation, if any of these V_{CC} voltage levels are reached, the programming sequence will be aborted immediately. If this happens, the NVM programming should be restarted when the power is sufficient again, in case the write sequence failed or only partly succeeded.

25.10 CRC Functionality

It is possible to run an automatic cyclic redundancy check (CRC) on the flash program memory. When NVM is used to control the CRC module, an even number of bytes are read, at least in the flash range mode. If the user selects a range with an odd number of bytes, an extra byte will be read, and the checksum will not correspond to the selected range.

Refer to "CRC – Cyclic Redundancy Check Generator" on page 226 for more details.

25.11 Self-programming and Boot Loader Support

Reading and writing the EEPROM and flash memory from the application software in the device is referred to as selfprogramming. A boot loader (application code located in the boot loader section of the flash) can both read and write the flash program memory, user signature row, and EEPROM, and write the lock bits to a more secure setting. Application code in the application section can read from the flash, user signature row, production signature row, and fuses, and read and write the EEPROM.

25.11.1 Flash Programming

The boot loader support provides a real read-while-write self-programming mechanism for uploading new program code by the device itself. This feature allows flexible application software updates controlled by the device using a boot loader application that reside in the boot loader section in the flash. The boot loader can use any available communication interface and associated protocol to read code and write (program) that code into the flash memory, or read out the program memory code. It has the capability to write into the entire flash, including the boot loader section. The boot loader can thus modify itself, and it can also erase itself from the flash if the feature is not needed anymore.

25.11.1.1 Application and Boot Loader Sections

The application and boot loader sections in the flash are different when it comes to self-programming.

- When erasing or writing a page located inside the application section, the boot loader section can be read during the operation, and thus the CPU can run and execute code from the boot loader section
- When erasing or writing a page located inside the boot loader section, the CPU is halted during the entire operation, and code cannot execute

The user signature row section has the same properties as the boot loader section.

25.11.1.2 Addressing the Flash

The Z-pointer is used to hold the flash memory address for read and write access. For more details on the Z-pointer, refer to "The X-, Y-, and Z-registers" on page 11.

Since the flash is word accessed and organized in pages, the Z-pointer can be treated as having two sections. The leastsignificant bits address the words within a page, while the most-significant bits address the page within the flash. This is shown in [Figure 25-1 on page 279](#page-278-0). The word address in the page (FWORD) is held by the bits [WORDMSB:1] in the Zpointer. The remaining bits [PAGEMSB:WORDMSB+1] in the Z-pointer hold the flash page address (FPAGE). Together FWORD and FPAGE holds an absolute address to a word in the flash.

For flash read operations (ELPM and LPM), one byte is read at a time. For this, the least-significant bit (bit 0) in the Zpointer is used to select the low byte or high byte in the word address. If this bit is 0, the low byte is read, and if this bit is 1 the high byte is read.

The size of FWORD and FPAGE will depend on the page and flash size in the device. Refer to each device's datasheet for details.

Once a programming operation is initiated, the address is latched and the Z-pointer can be updated and used for other operations.

Figure 25-1. Flash Addressing for Self-programming

25.11.2 NVM Flash Commands

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The NVM commands that can be used for accessing the flash program memory, signature row and production signature row are listed in [Table 25-2 on page 280.](#page-279-0)

For self-programming of the flash, the trigger for action-triggered commands is to set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register (CMDEX). The read-triggered commands are triggered by executing the (E)LPM instruction (LPM). The writetriggered commands are triggered by executing the SPM instruction (SPM).

The Change Protected column indicates whether the trigger is protected by the configuration change protection (CCP) or not. This is a special sequence to write/execute the trigger during self-programming. For more details, refer to "CCP -[Configuration Change Protection Registerî on page 14.](#page-13-0) CCP is not required for external programming. The two last columns show the address pointer used for addressing and the source/destination data register.

[Section 25.11.1.1 on page 278](#page-277-1) through [Section 25.11.2.14 on page 283](#page-282-0) explain in detail the algorithm for each NVM operation.

Table 25-2. Flash Self-programming Commands

Notes: 1. The flash range CRC command used byte addressing of the flash.

2. Will depend on the flash section (application or boot loader) that is actually addressed.

3. This command is qualified with the lock bits, and requires that the boot lock bits are unprogrammed.

4. When using a command that changes the normal behavior of the LPM command; READ_USER_SIG_ROW and READ_CALIB_ROW; it is recommended to disable interrupts to ensure correct execution of the LPM instruction.

5. For consistency the name Calibration Row has been renamed to Production Signature Row throughout the document.

25.11.2.1 Read Flash

The (E)LPM instruction is used to read one byte from the flash memory.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the byte address to read.
- 2. Load the NVM command register (NVM CMD) with the no operation command.
- 3. Execute the LPM instruction.

The destination register will be loaded during the execution of the LPM instruction.

25.11.2.2 Erase Flash Page Buffer

The erase flash page buffer command is used to erase the flash page buffer.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD with the erase flash page buffer command.
- 2. Set the command execute bit (CMDEX) in the NVM control register A (NVM CTRLA). This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The NVM busy (BUSY) flag in the NVM status register (NVM STATUS) will be set until the page buffer is erased.

25.11.2.3 Load Flash Page Buffer

The load flash page buffer command is used to load one word of data into the flash page buffer.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the load flash page buffer command.
- 2. Load the Z-pointer with the word address to write.
- 3. Load the data word to be written into the R1:R0 registers.
- 4. Execute the SPM instruction. The SPM instruction is not protected when performing a flash page buffer load.

Repeat step 2 to 4 until the complete flash page buffer is loaded. Unloaded locations will have the value 0xFFFF.

25.11.2.4 Erase Flash Page

The erase flash page command is used to erase one page in the flash.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the flash page address to erase. The page address must be written to FPAGE. Other bits in the Z-pointer will be ignored during this operation.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase flash page command.
- 3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the erase operation is finished. The flash section busy (FBUSY) flag is set as long the flash is busy, and the application section cannot be accessed.

25.11.2.5 Write Flash Page

The write flash page command is used to write the flash page buffer into one flash page in the flash.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the flash page to write. The page address must be written to FPAGE. Other bits in the Zpointer will be ignored during this operation.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the write flash page command.
- 3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the write operation is finished. The FBUSY flag is set as long the flash is busy, and the application section cannot be accessed.

25.11.2.6 Flash Range CRC

The flash range CRC command can be used to verify the content in an address range in flash after a self-programming.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the flash range CRC command.
- 2. Load the start byte address in the NVM address register (NVM ADDR).
- 3. Load the end byte address in NVM data register (NVM DATA).
- 4. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set, and the CPU is halted during the execution of the command.

The CRC checksum will be available in the NVM DATA register.

In order to use the flash range CRC command, all the boot lock bits must be unprogrammed (no locks). The command execution will be aborted if the boot lock bits for an accessed location are set.

25.11.2.7 Erase Application Section

The erase application command is used to erase the complete application section.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer to point anywhere in the application section.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase application section command.

3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished. The CPU will be halted during the complete execution of the command.

25.11.2.8 Erase Application Section / Boot Loader Section Page

The erase application section page erase and erase boot loader section page commands are used to erase one page in the application section or boot loader section.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the flash page address to erase. The page address must be written to ZPAGE. Other bits in the Z-pointer will be ignored during this operation.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase application/boot section page command.
- 3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the erase operation is finished. The FBUSY flag is set as long the flash is busy, and the application section cannot be accessed.

25.11.2.9 Application Section / Boot Loader Section Page Write

The write application section page and write boot loader section page commands are used to write the flash page buffer into one flash page in the application section or boot loader section.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the flash page to write. The page address must be written to FPAGE. Other bits in the Zpointer will be ignored during this operation.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the write application section/boot loader section page command.
- 3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the write operation is finished. The FBUSY flag is set as long the flash is busy, and the application section cannot be accessed.

An invalid page address in the Z-pointer will abort the NVM command. The erase application section page command requires that the Z-pointer addresses the application section, and the erase boot section page command requires that the Z-pointer addresses the boot loader section.

25.11.2.10 Erase and Write Application Section / Boot Loader Section Page

The erase and write application section page and erase and write boot loader section page commands are used to erase one flash page and then write the flash page buffer into that flash page in the application section or boot loader section in one atomic operation.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the flash page to write. The page address must be written to FPAGE. Other bits in the Zpointer will be ignored during this operation.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase and write application section/boot loader section page command.
- 3. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished. The FBUSY flag is set as long as the flash is busy, and the application section cannot be accessed.

An invalid page address in the Z-pointer will abort the NVM command. The erase and write application section command requires that the Z-pointer addresses the application section, and the erase and write boot section page command requires that the Z-pointer addresses the boot loader section.

25.11.2.11 Application Section / Boot Loader Section CRC

The application section CRC and boot loader section CRC commands can be used to verify the application section and boot loader section content after self-programming.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the application section/ boot load section CRC command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set, and the CPU is halted during the execution of the CRC command. The CRC checksum will be available in the NVM data registers.

25.11.2.12 Erase User Signature Row

The erase user signature row command is used to erase the user signature row.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase user signature row command.
- 2. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set, and the CPU will be halted until the erase operation is finished. The user signature row is NRWW.

25.11.2.13 Write User Signature Row

The write signature row command is used to write the flash page buffer into the user signature row.

- 1. Set up the NVM CMD register to write user signature row command.
- 2. Execute the SPM instruction. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished, and the CPU will be halted during the write operation. The flash page buffer will be cleared during the command execution after the write operation, but the CPU is not halted during this stage.

25.11.2.14 Read User Signature Row / Production Signature Row

The read user signature row and read calibration row commands are used to read one byte from the user signature row or production signature (calibration) row.

- 1. Load the Z-pointer with the byte address to read.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the read user signature row / production signature (calibration) row command.
- 3. Execute the LPM instruction.

The destination register will be loaded during the execution of the LPM instruction.

To ensure that LPM for reading flash will be executed correctly it is advised to disable interrupt while using either of these commands.

25.11.3 NVM Fuse and Lock Bit Commands

The NVM flash commands that can be used for accessing the fuses and lock bits are listed in [Table 25-3.](#page-282-1)

For self-programming of the fuses and lock bits, the trigger for action-triggered commands is to set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register (CMDEX). The read-triggered commands are triggered by executing the (E)LPM instruction (LPM). The write-triggered commands are triggered by a executing the SPM instruction (SPM).

The Change Protected column indicates whether the trigger is protected by the configuration change protection (CCP) during self-programming or not. The last two columns show the address pointer used for addressing and the source/destination data register.

[Section 25.11.3.1 on page 284](#page-283-0) through [Section 25.11.3.2 on page 284](#page-283-1) explain in detail the algorithm for each NVM operation.

Table 25-3. Fuse and Lock Bit Commands

25.11.3.1 Write Lock Bits

The write lock bits command is used to program the boot lock bits to a more secure settings from software.

- 1. Load the NVM DATA0 register with the new lock bit value.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the write lock bit command.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the command is finished. The CPU is halted during the complete execution of the command.

This command can be executed from both the boot loader section and the application section. The EEPROM and flash page buffers are automatically erased when the lock bits are written.

25.11.3.2 Read Fuses

The read fuses command is used to read the fuses from software.

- 1. Load the NVM ADDR register with the address of the fuse byte to read.
- 2. Load the NVM CMD register with the read fuses command.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The result will be available in the NVM DATA0 register. The CPU is halted during the complete execution of the command.

25.11.4 EEPROM Programming

The EEPROM can be read and written from application code in any part of the flash. Its is both byte and page accessible. This means that either one byte or one page can be written to the EEPROM at once. One byte is read from the EEPROM during a read.

25.11.4.1 Addressing the EEPROM

The EEPROM can be accessed through the NVM controller (I/O mapped), similar to accessing the flash program memory, or it can be memory mapped into the data memory space to be accessed similar to SRAM.

When accessing the EEPROM through the NVM controller, the NVM address (ADDR) register is used to address the EEPROM, while the NVM data (DATA) register is used to store or load EEPROM data.

For EEPROM page programming, the ADDR register can be treated as having two sections. The least-significant bits address the bytes within a page, while the most-significant bits address the page within the EEPROM. This is shown in [Figure 25-2 on page 285.](#page-284-0) The byte address in the page (E2BYTE) is held by the bits [BYTEMSB:0] in the ADDR register. The remaining bits [PAGEMSB:BYTEMSB+1] in the ADDR register hold the EEPROM page address (E2PAGE). Together E2BYTE and E2PAGE hold an absolute address to a byte in the EEPROM. The size of E2WORD and E2PAGE will depend on the page and flash size in the device. Refer to the device datasheet for details on this.

Figure 25-2. I/O Mapped EEPROM Addressing

When EEPROM memory mapping is enabled, loading a data byte into the EEPROM page buffer can be performed through direct or indirect store instructions. Only the least-significant bits of the EEPROM address are used to determine locations within the page buffer, but the complete memory mapped EEPROM address is always required to ensure correct address mapping. Reading from the EEPROM can be done directly using direct or indirect load instructions. When a memory mapped EEPROM page buffer load operation is performed, the CPU is halted for two cycles before the next instruction is executed.

When the EEPROM is memory mapped, the EEPROM page buffer load and EEPROM read functionality from the NVM controller are disabled.

25.11.5 NVM EEPROM Commands

The NVM flash commands that can be used for accessing the EEPROM through the NVM controller are listed in Table [25-4](#page-284-1).

For self-programming of the EEPROM, the trigger for action-triggered commands is to set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register (CMDEX). The read-triggered command is triggered by reading the NVM DATA0 register (DATA0).

The Change Protected column indicates whether the trigger is protected by the configuration change protection (CCP) during self-programming or not. CCP is not required for external programming. The last two columns show the address pointer used for addressing and the source/destination data register.

[Section 25.11.5.1 on page 286](#page-285-0) through [Section 25.11.5.7 on page 287](#page-286-1) explain in detail the algorithm for each EEPROM operation.

Table 25-4. EEPROM Self-programming Commands

25.11.5.1 Load EEPROM Page Buffer

The load EEPROM page buffer command is used to load one byte into the EEPROM page buffer.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the load EEPROM page buffer command.
- 2. Load the NVM ADDR0 register with the address to write.
- 3. Load the NVM DATA0 register with the data to write. This will trigger the command.

Repeat steps 2 to 3 until the arbitrary number of bytes are loaded into the page buffer.

25.11.5.2 Erase EEPROM Page Buffer

The erase EEPROM page buffer command is used to erase the EEPROM page buffer.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase EEPROM buffer command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.
- The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.11.5.3 Erase EEPROM Page

The erase EEPROM page command is used to erase one EEPROM page.

- 1. Set up the NVM CMD register to the erase EEPROM page command.
- 2. Load the NVM ADDR register with the addess of the EEPROM page to erase.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

The page erase commands will only erase the locations that are loaded and tagged in the EEPROM page buffer.

25.11.5.4 Write EEPROM Page

The write EEPROM page command is used to write all locations loaded in the EEPROM page buffer into one page in EEPROM. Only the locations that are loaded and tagged in the EEPROM page buffer will be written.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the write EEPROM page command.
- 2. Load the NVM ADDR register with the address of the EEPROM page to write.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.11.5.5 Erase and Write EEPROM Page

The erase and write EEPROM page command is used to first erase an EEPROM page and then write the EEPROM page buffer into that page in EEPROM in one atomic operation.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase and write EEPROM page command.
- 2. Load the NVM ADDR register with the address of the EEPROM page to write.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.11.5.6 Erase EEPROM

The erase EEPROM command is used to erase all locations in all EEPROM pages that are loaded and tagged in the EEPROM page buffer.

- 1. Set up the NVM CMD register to the erase EPPROM command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.11.5.7 Read EEPROM

The read EEPROM command is used to read one byte from the EEPROM.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the read EEPROM command.
- 2. Load the NVM ADDR register with the address to read.
- 3. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The data byte read will be available in the NVM DATA0 register.

25.12 External Programming

External programming is the method for programming code and nonvolatile data into the device from an external programmer or debugger. This can be done by both in-system or in mass production programming.

For external programming, the device is accessed through the PDI and PDI controller, and using either the JTAG or PDI physical connection. For details on PDI and JTAG and how to enable and use the physical interface, refer to "Program and Debug Interface" on page 263. The remainder of this section assumes that the correct physical connection to the PDI is enabled. Doing this all data and program memory spaces are mapped into the linear PDI memory space. Figure [25-3 on page 288](#page-287-0) shows the PDI memory space and the base address for each memory space in the device.

Figure 25-3. Memory Map for PDI Accessing the Data and Program Memories

25.12.1 Enabling External Programming Interface

NVM programming from the PDI requires enabling using the following steps:

- 1. Load the RESET register in the PDI with 0x59.
- 2. Load the NVM key in the PDI.
- 3. Poll NVMEN in the PDI status register (PDI STATUS) until NVMEN is set.

When the NVMEN bit in the PDI STATUS register is set, the NVM interface is enabled and active from the PDI.

25.12.2 NVM Programming

When the PDI NVM interface is enabled, all memories in the device are memory mapped in the PDI address space. The PDI controller does not need to access the NVM controller's address or data registers, but the NVM controller must be loaded with the correct command (i.e., to read from any NVM, the controller must be loaded with the NVM read command

before loading data from the PDIBUS address space). For the reminder of this section, all references to reading and writing data or program memory addresses from the PDI refer to the memory map shown in [Figure 25-3 on page 288](#page-287-0).

The PDI uses byte addressing, and hence all memory addresses must be byte addresses. When filling the flash or EEPROM page buffers, only the least-significant bits of the address are used to determine locations within the page buffer. Still, the complete memory mapped address for the flash or EEPROM page is required to ensure correct address mapping.

During programming (page erase and page write) when the NVM is busy, the NVM is blocked for reading.

25.12.3 NVM Commands

The NVM commands that can be used for accessing the NVM memories from external programming are listed in Table [25-5](#page-288-0). This is a superset of the commands available for self-programming.

For external programming, the trigger for action-triggered commands is to set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register (CMDEX). The read-triggered commands are triggered by a direct or indirect load instruction (LDS or LD) from the PDI (PDI read). The write-triggered commands are triggered by a direct or indirect store instruction (STS or ST) from the PDI (PDI write).

" Chip Erase" on page 290 through "Write Fuse/ Lock Bit" on page 292 explain in detail the algorithm for each NVM operation. The commands are protected by the lock bits, and if read and write lock is set, only the chip erase and flash CRC commands are available.

Table 25-5. NVM Commands Available for External Programming

Notes: 1. If the EESAVE fuse is programmed, the EEPROM is preserved during chip erase.

2. For consistency the name Calibration Row has been renamed to Production Signature Row throughout the document.

25.12.3.1 Chip Erase

The chip erase command is used to erase the flash program memory, EEPROM and lock bits. Erasing of the EEPROM depends on EESAVE fuse setting. Refer to "FUSEBYTE5 - Fuse Byte 5" on page 30 for details. The user signature row, production signature (calibration) row, and fuses are not affected.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the chip erase command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

Once this operation starts, the PDI bus between the PDI controller and the NVM is disabled, and the NVMEN bit in the PDI STATUS register is cleared until the operation is finished. Poll the NVMEN bit until this is set, indicating that the PDI bus is enabled.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.12.3.2 Read NVM

The read NVM command is used to read the flash, EEPROM, fuses, and signature and production signature (calibration) row sections.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the read NVM command.
- 2. Read the selected memory address by executing a PDI read operation.

Dedicated read EEPROM, read fuse, read signature row, and read production signature (calibration) row commands are also available for the various memory sections. The algorithm for these commands are the same as for the read NVM command.

25.12.3.3 Erase Page Buffer

The erase flash page buffer and erase EEPROM page buffer commands are used to erase the flash and EEPROM page buffers.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the erase flash/EEPROM page buffer command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is completed.

25.12.3.4 Load Page Buffer

The load flash page buffer and load EEPROM page buffer commands are used to load one byte of data into the flash and EEPROM page buffers.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the load flash/EEPROM page buffer command.
- 2. Write the selected memory address by doing a PDI write operation.

Since the flash page buffer is word accessed and the PDI uses byte addressing, the PDI must write the flash page buffer in the correct order. For the write operation, the low byte of the word location must be written before the high byte. The low byte is then written into the temporary register. The PDI then writes the high byte of the word location, and the low byte is then written into the word location page buffer in the same clock cycle.

The PDI interface is automatically halted before the next PDI instruction can be executed.

25.12.3.5 Erase Page

The erase application section page, erase boot loader section page, erase user signature row, and erase EEPROM page commands are used to erase one page in the selected memory space.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with erase application section/boot loader section/user signature row/EEPROM page command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.12.3.6 Write Page

The write application section page, write boot loader section page, write user signature row, and write EEPROM page commands are used to write a loaded flash/EEPROM page buffer into the selected memory space.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with write application section/boot loader section/user signature row/EEPROM page command.
- 2. Write the selected page by doing a PDI write. The page is written by addressing any byte location within the page.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.12.3.7 Erase and Write Page

The erase and write application section page, erase and write boot loader section page, and erase and write EEPROM page commands are used to erase one page and then write a loaded flash/EEPROM page buffer into that page in the selected memory space in one atomic operation.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with erase and write application section/boot loader section/user signature row/EEPROM page command.
- 2. Write the selected page by doing a PDI write. The page is written by addressing any byte location within the page.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.12.3.8 Erase Application/ Boot Loader/ EEPROM Section

The erase application section, erase boot loader section, and erase EEPROM section commands are used to erase the complete selected section.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with Erase Application/ Boot/ EEPROM Section command.
- Write the selected memory section by doing a PDI write operation.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished.

25.12.3.9 Application / Boot Section CRC

The application section CRC and boot loader section CRC commands can be used to verify the content of the selected section after programming.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with application/ boot loader section CRC command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register. This requires the timed CCP sequence during self-programming.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished. The CRC checksum will be available in the NVM DATA register.

25.12.3.10 Flash CRC

The flash CRC command can be used to verify the content of the flash program memory after programming. The command can be executed independently of the lock bit state.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with flash CRC command.
- 2. Set the CMDEX bit in the NVM CTRLA register.

Once this operation starts, the PDI bus between the PDI controller and the NVM is disabled, and the NVMEN bit in the PDI STATUS register is cleared until the operation is finished. Poll the NVMEN bit until this is set again, indicting the PDI bus is enabled.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the operation is finished. The CRC checksum will be available in the NVM DATA register.

25.12.3.11 Write Fuse/ Lock Bit

The write fuse and write lock bit commands are used to write the fuses and the lock bits to a more secure setting.

- 1. Load the NVM CMD register with the write fuse/ lock bit command.
- 2. Write the selected fuse or lock bits by doing a PDI write operation.

The BUSY flag in the NVM STATUS register will be set until the command is finished.

For lock bit write, the lock bit write command can also be used.

25.13 Register Description

Refer to "Register Description – NVM Controller" on page 24 for a complete register description of the NVM controller. Refer to "Register Description – PDI Control and Status Registers" on page 272 for a complete register description of the PDI.

25.14 Register Summary

Refer to "Register Description – NVM Controller" on page 24 for a complete register summary of the NVM controller. Refer to "Register Summary" on page 273 for a complete register summary of the PDI.

26. Peripheral Module Address Map

The address maps show the base address for each peripheral and module in XMEGA. All peripherals and modules are not present in all XMEGA devices, refer to device datasheet for the peripherals module address map for a specific device.

Table 26-1. Peripheral Module Address Map

27. Instruction Set Summary

Notes: 1. Cycle times for data memory accesses assume internal memory accesses, and are not valid for accesses via the external RAM interface.

2. One extra cycle must be added when accessing Internal SRAM.

28. Revision History

Note that the referring page numbers in this section are referred to this document. The referring revisions in this section are referring to the document revision.

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- 1. Changed NVMAA to CMDEX and changed Write lock bits and Erase EEPROM to "PDI write" in Table 25-5 on page [289.](#page-288-1)
- 2. Changed the text in point 2 in [Section 25.12.3.8 on page 291.](#page-290-0)
- 3. Changed NVMEX to CMDEX in [Section 25.11.2.2 on page 281](#page-280-0).
- 4. Changed the use of capitals in headings, table headings and figure titles.
- 5. Corrected wrong/missing cross references in [Table 26-1 on page 293](#page-292-0).
- 6. Some minor corrections made according to the template.
- 7. Several cross-references have been corrected.

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- 1. Changed Section 7.5.1 "Analog-to-Digital Converter ADC" on page 76 to enhance description of turning ADC off and on again.
- 2. Removed information on CALH register.
- 3. Changed V_{CC} to AV_{CC} in "Voltage Reference Selection" on page 235 and in "AC Analog Comparator" on page 254 and onwards.
- 4. Updated footer and back page according to new template.

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- 1. ADC: Updated ADC input signals in [Figure 22-3 on page 233](#page-232-0).
- 2. ADC: Updated [Table 22-11 on page 249](#page-248-0) to include INPUTMODE[1:0]=11 (differential with gain). Table 22-11 from revision D of the datasheet is removed.

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- 1. Updated template.
- 2. References to Calibration Row updated to Production Signature Row for consistency.
- 3. Added reference to "NVM Flash Commands" on page 279 in "Production Signature Row" on page 20.
- 4. Added information on consequences of leaving some fuses unprogrammed in "Fuses and Lockbits" on page 21.
- 5. Removed "+" from the register addresses in "Register Description Production Signature Row" on page 34.
- 6 Update [Figure 5-2 on page 46:](#page-45-0) Replaced "Channel Sweep" with "Syncsweep".
- 7. Updated description of "CHnCTRL Event Channel n Control Register" on page 53.
- 8. Updated description of "PRPC/D/E/F Power Reduction Port C/D/E/F Register" on page 79. Bit 5 is reserved. The XMEGA D devices does not have USART1.
- 9. Updated "32kHz Ultra Low Power Oscillator" on page 58 and "32.768kHz Calibrated Oscillator" on page 58 by adding reference to "RTCCTRL - RTC Control Register" on page 66.
- 10. Added "On-chip Debug Systems" on page 76.
- 11. Updated description of "Bit $2 RTC$: Real-Time Counter" on page 78.
- 12. Removed references to slew rate control in "I/O Ports" on page 101. This feature is not present in the I/O module of the XMEGA D devices.
- 13. Updated input sense block diagram, [Figure 11-9 on page 106](#page-105-0).
- 14. Updated AC overview block diagram in [Figure 23-1 on page 255.](#page-254-0)
- 15. Updated PDI connection figure in "PDI Physical" on page 264.

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- 1. Updated all chapters and new figures added according the XMEGA AU manual.
- 2. Information on CLEAROE was removed from the description of bit 1:0 FDACT Fault Detection Action Section Section 15.7.3 "FDCTRL - Fault Detection Control Register" on page 163 and in [Table 15-1 on page 164](#page-163-0).

28.6 8210B – 04/2010

- 1. Removed Spike Detector section form the Datasheet and updated the book.
- 2. Updated "ADC Analog-to-Digital Converter" on page 245.
- 3. Editing updates.

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