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M16C/62

Event Counter Mode on the M16C/62

1. Abstract

Event counters are useful in automated packaging lines, tachometers, and mechanical equipment monitoring. Also, the event counters on the M16C/62 can be configured to interrupt on a single event, adding to the interrupt input pins. The following article describes how to configure the M16C/62 timers as event counters, referred to as “Event Counter Mode”.

2. Introduction

The Mitsubishi M16C/62 is a 16-bit MCU, based on the M16C CPU core, with an impressive list of features including 10-bit A/D, D/A, UARTS, Timers, DMA, etc., and up to 256k bytes of user flash. The MCU has 5 ‘A’ timers and 6 ‘B’ timers. All 11 timers can operate in “Event Counter Mode”.

Timer A has the following additional modes of operation:

- Timer Mode
- PWM Mode
- One-Shot Mode

Timer B has the following additional modes of operation:

- Timer Mode
- Pulse Period/Pulse Width Measurement Mode

Figure 1 illustrates the operation of timer A, and Figure 2, timer B. Note that there are some differences between the two timers but both operate similarly in Event Counter Mode. The remainder of this article focuses on setting up timer A0 in Event Counter Mode.

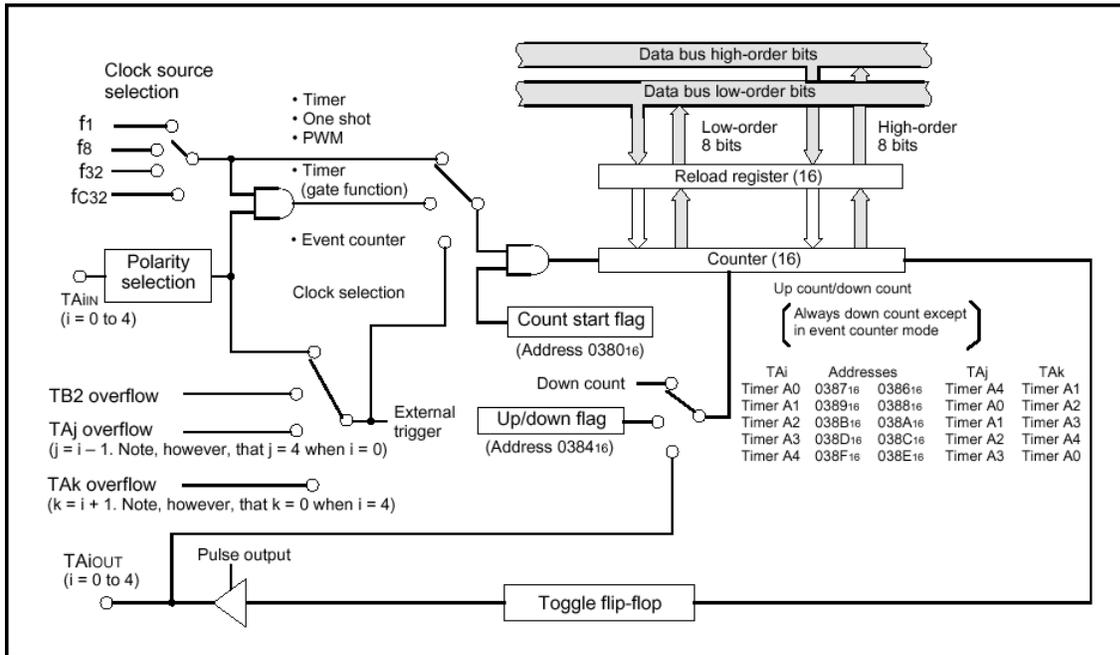


Figure 1. Block Diagram of Timer A

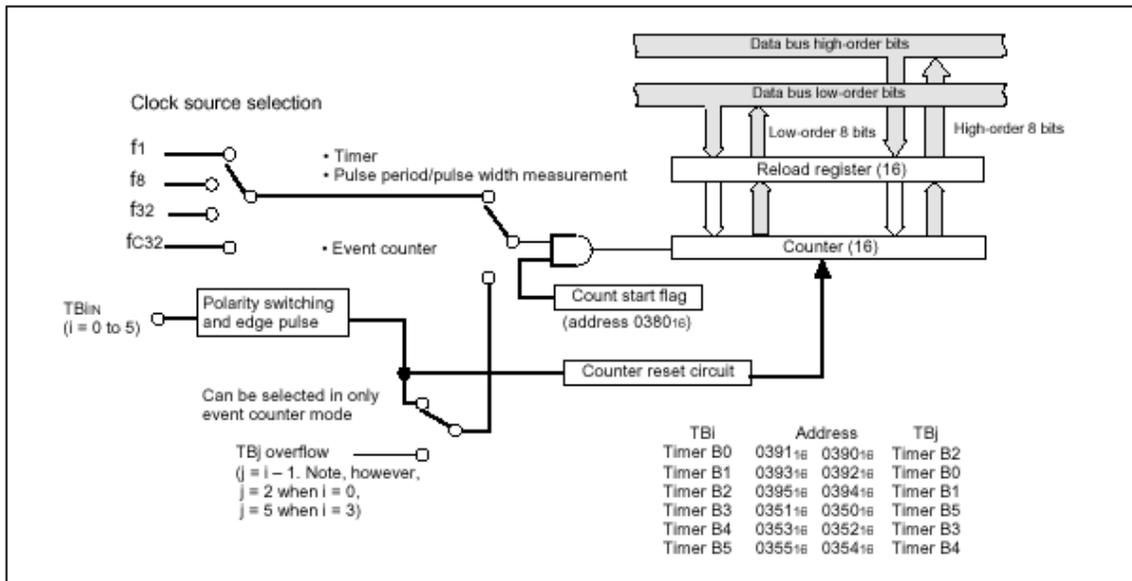


Figure 2. Block Diagram of Timer B

3. Event Counter Mode Description

In general, the Timer TAI or TBI register counts an input signal and, at any time, the count value can be read. When the timer overflows (for up-count) or underflows (down-count) the timer interrupt request bit is set and an interrupt is generated if the timer interrupt priority level is set above the current CPU priority level (if the I flag in the CPU flag registers is cleared, the interrupt will not be serviced until the flag is set). If at any time during counting the count start flag is cleared, counting is suspended until set. This is illustrated in Figure 3.

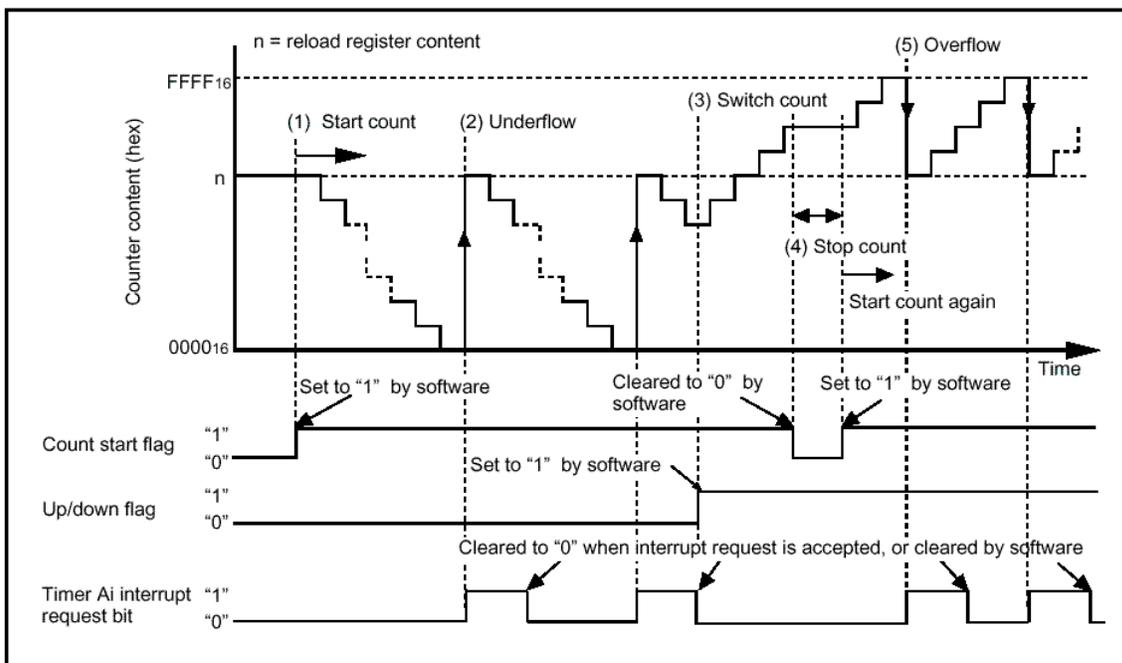


Figure 3. Operation Timing of Event Counter Mode, Reload Type Selected

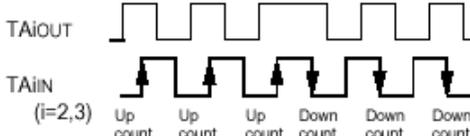
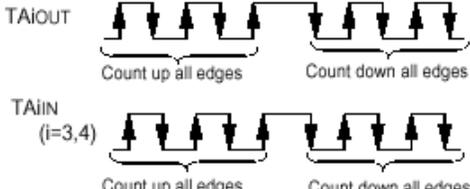
Besides having the option of counting up or down, Event Counter Mode has many other options such as count source (TAiN or TBiN input pin or another timer), reload or free running type, etc. and these options vary depending on which timer is used. The options and the timers they are associated with are summarized in Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3.

Table 1. Timer A Specifications in Event Counter Mode (Single Phase Mode Only)

Item	Specification
Count source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External signals input to TAIIN pin (effective edge can be selected by software) TB2 overflow, TAJ overflow
Count operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up count or down count can be selected by external signal or software When the timer overflows or underflows, it reloads the reload register contents before continuing counting (Note)
Divide ratio	$1 / (FFFF_{16} - n + 1)$ for up count $1 / (n + 1)$ for down count n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	The timer overflows or underflows
TAiIN pin function	Programmable I/O port or count source input
TAiOUT pin function	Programmable I/O port, pulse output, or up/down count select input
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer Ai register
Write to timer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When counting stopped When a value is written to timer Ai register, it is written to both reload register and counter When counting in progress When a value is written to timer Ai register, it is written to only reload register (Transferred to counter at next reload time)
Select function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free-run count function Even when the timer overflows or underflows, the reload register content is not reloaded to it Pulse output function Each time the timer overflows or underflows, the TAIOUT pin's polarity is reversed

Note: This does not apply when the free-run function is selected.

Table 2. Timer Specifications in Event Counter Mode (when processing two-phase pulse signal with timers A2, A3, and A4)

Item	Specification
Count source	• Two-phase pulse signals input to TAIin or TAIout pin
Count operation	• Up count or down count can be selected by two-phase pulse signal • When the timer overflows or underflows, the reload register content is reloaded and the timer starts over again (Note)
Divide ratio	1/ (FFFF16 - n + 1) for up count 1/ (n + 1) for down count n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	Timer overflows or underflows
TAiIn pin function	Two-phase pulse input
TAiOut pin function	Two-phase pulse input
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer A2, A3, or A4 register
Write to timer	• When counting stopped When a value is written to timer A2, A3, or A4 register, it is written to both reload register and counter • When counting in progress When a value is written to timer A2, A3, or A4 register, it is written to only reload register. (Transferred to counter at next reload time.)
Select function	<p>• Normal processing operation The timer counts up rising edges or counts down falling edges on the TAIin pin when input signal on the TAIout pin is "H"</p>  <p>(i=2,3)</p> <p>• Multiply-by-4 processing operation If the phase relationship is such that the TAIin pin goes "H" when the input signal on the TAIout pin is "H", the timer counts up rising and falling edges on the TAIout and TAIin pins. If the phase relationship is such that the TAIin pin goes "L" when the input signal on the TAIout pin is "H", the timer counts down rising and falling edges on the TAIout and TAIin pins.</p>  <p>(i=3,4)</p>

Note: This does not apply when the free-run function is selected.

Table 3. Timer B Specifications in Event Counter Mode

Item	Specification
Count source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External signals input to TBiIN pin Effective edge of count source can be a rising edge, a falling edge, or falling and rising edges as selected by software
Count operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counts down When the timer underflows, it reloads the reload register contents before continuing counting
Divide ratio	$1/(n+1)$ n : Set value
Count start condition	Count start flag is set (= 1)
Count stop condition	Count start flag is reset (= 0)
Interrupt request generation timing	The timer underflows
TBiIN pin function	Count source input
Read from timer	Count value can be read out by reading timer Bi register
Write to timer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When counting stopped When a value is written to timer Bi register, it is written to both reload register and counter When counting in progress When a value is written to timer Bi register, it is written to only reload register (Transferred to counter at next reload time)

4. Configuring Event Counter Mode

To configure a timer for Event Counter Mode:

1. Load the timer mode register, TAIMR.

Select Event Counter Mode: bits TMOD0 = 1, TMOD1 = 0.

Set the remaining bits (MR0, MR1, MR2, TCK0, TCK1) depending on required functions (see mode register diagrams below).

2. Load the TAI or TBI register with the count source.
3. Select the trigger via the TRGSR or ONSF register (N/A for Timer B).
4. Select up or down count via the UDF register (N/A for Timer B, Timer B counts down only).
5. Set the timer 'interrupt priority level', TAIIC or TBIIC, to at least 1 if required.
6. Enable interrupts (CPU I flag set).
7. Set the 'start count' flag bit, TAI S or TBI S, in the 'count start flag' register, TABSR or TBSR.

It is not necessary to perform these steps in the order listed, but the mode register should be loaded before the 'start count' flag is set. Also, the priority level should not be modified when there is a possibility of an interrupt occurring.

The required registers are shown in Figure 4 to Figure 7, Figure 9, Figure 10 and Figure 12.

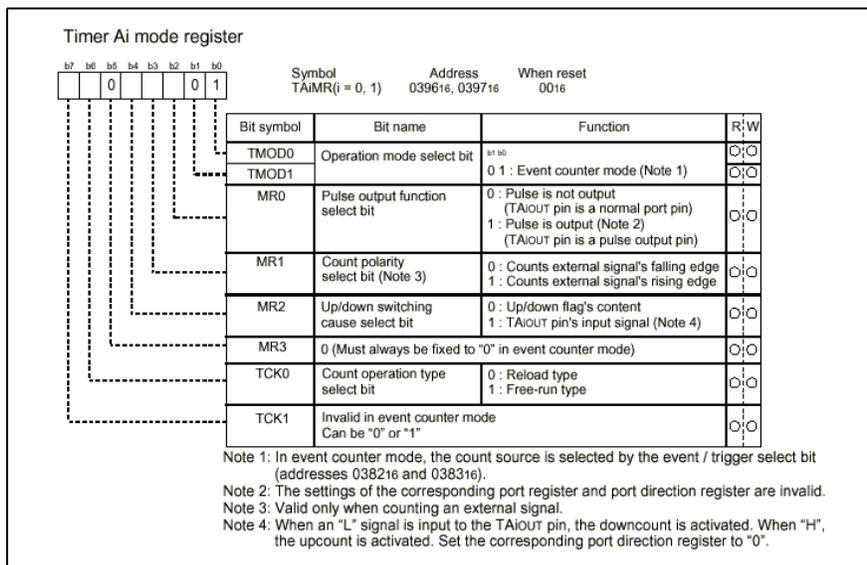


Figure 4. Timer Ai Mode Register in Event Counter Mode

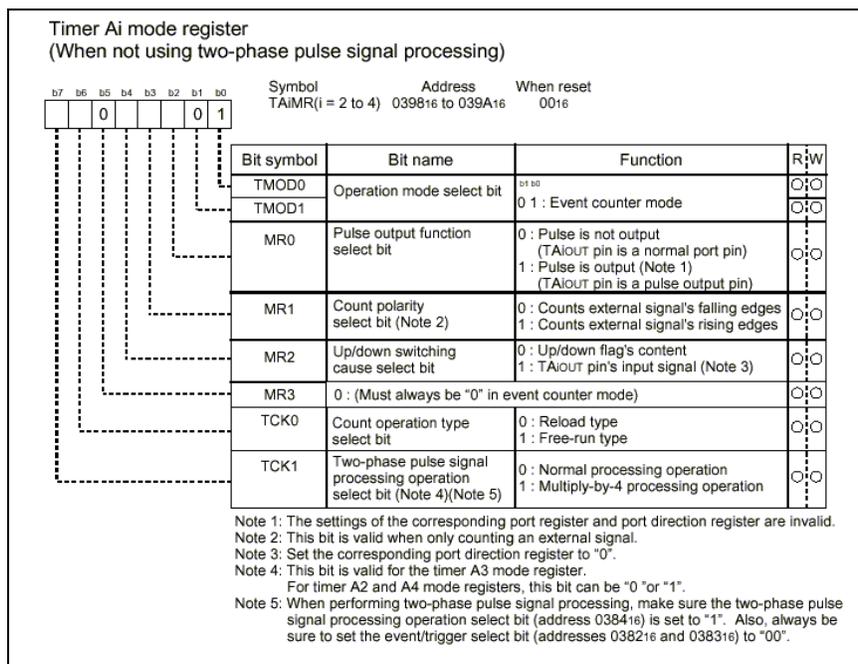


Figure 5. Timer Ai Mode Register (When Not Using Two-Phase Pulse Signal Processing)

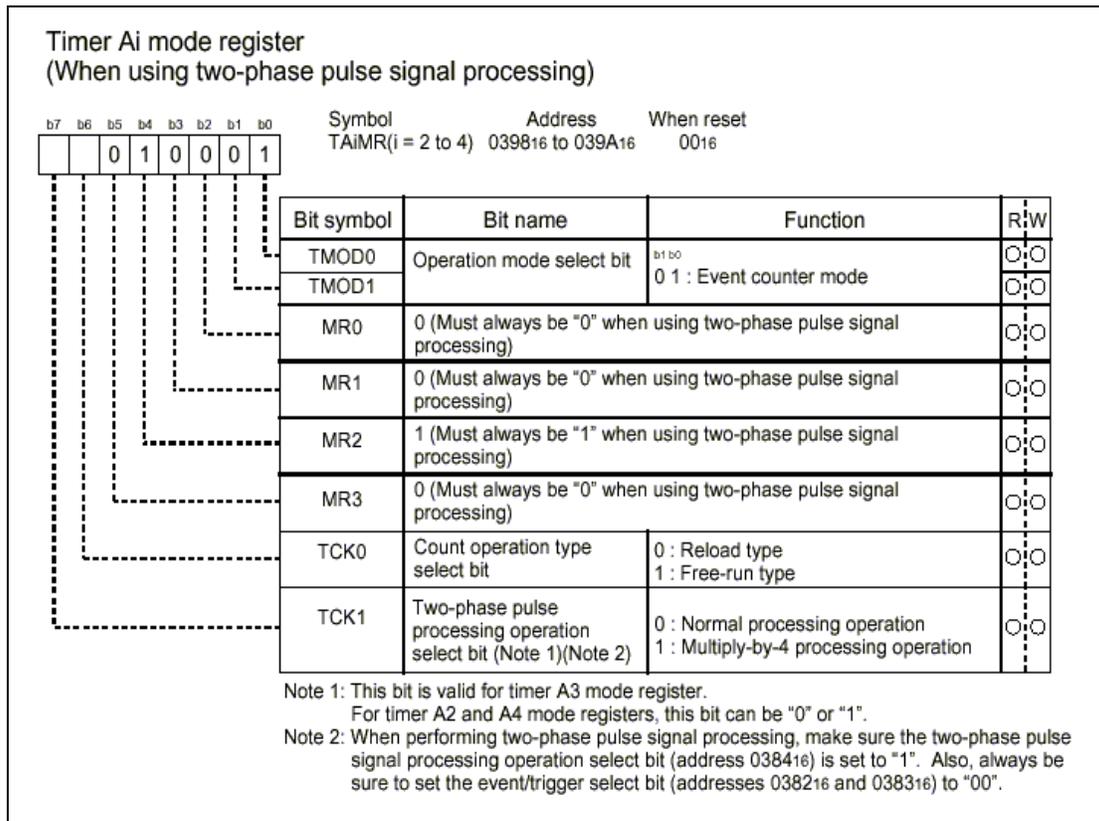


Figure 6. Timer Ai Mode Register (When Using Two-Phase Pulse Signal Processing)

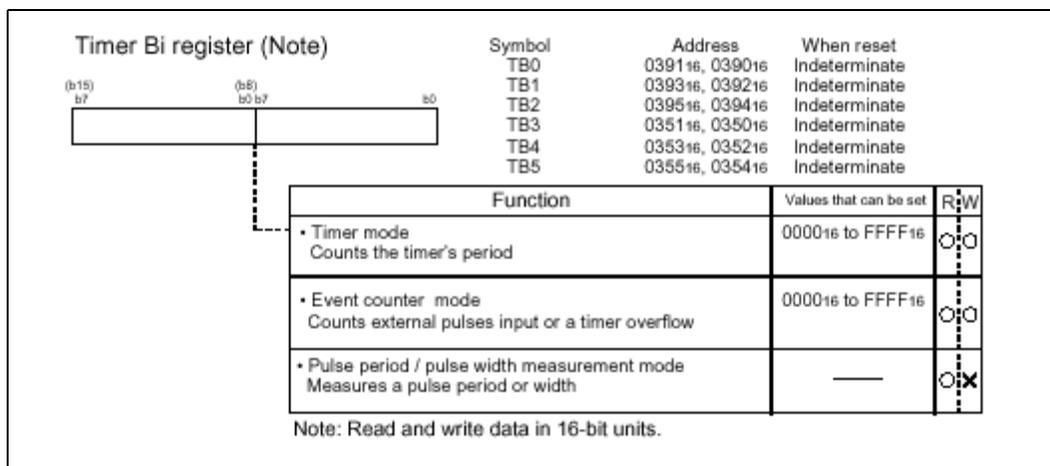


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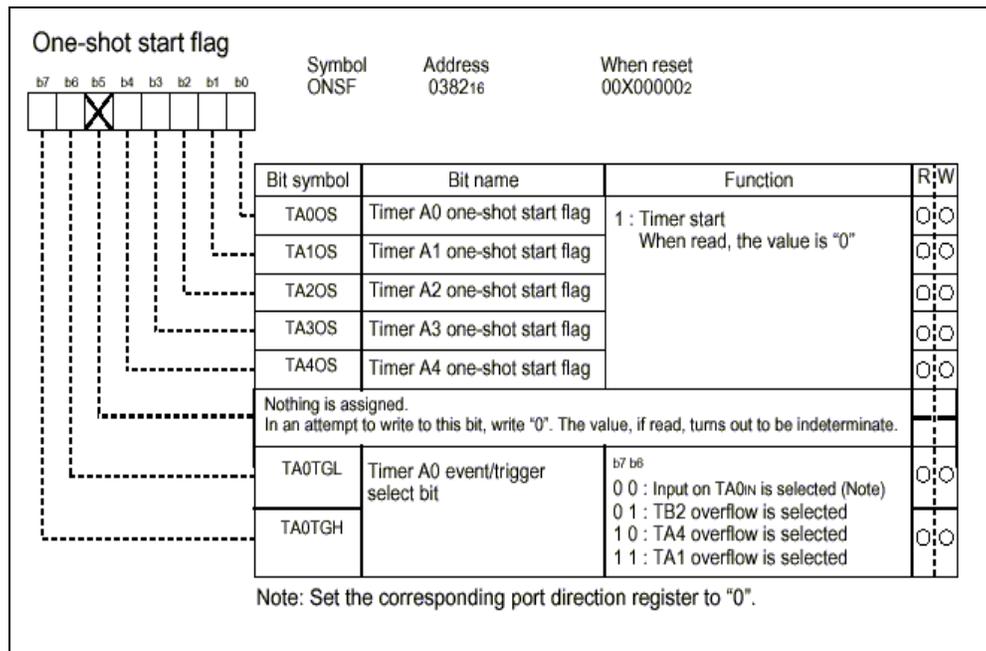


Figure 8. One-Shot Start Flag

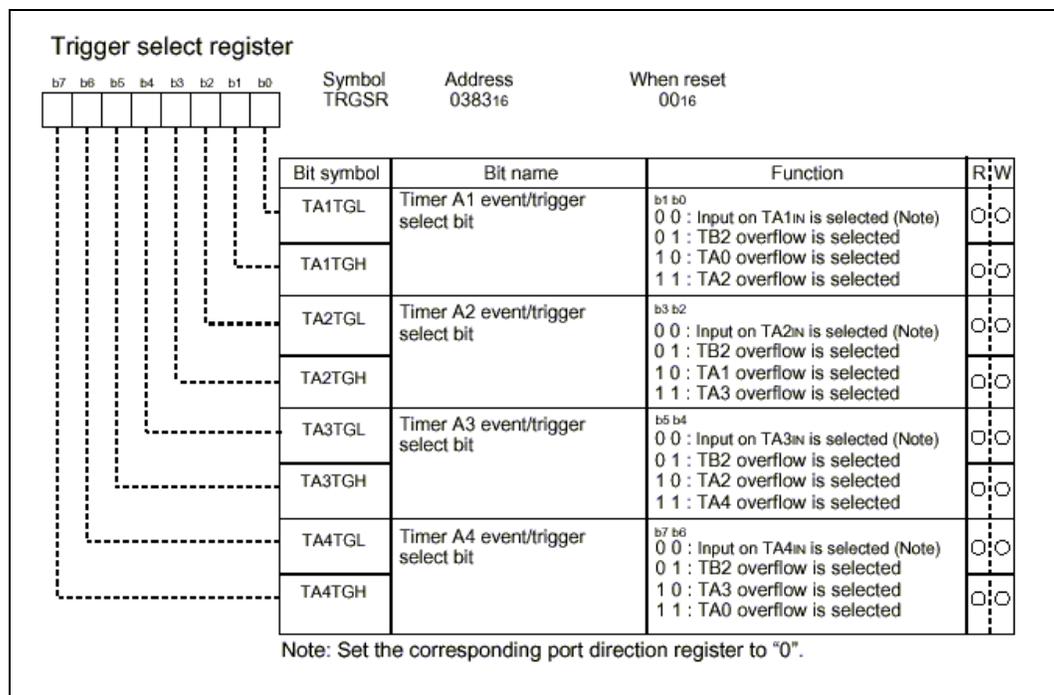


Figure 9. Trigger Select Register

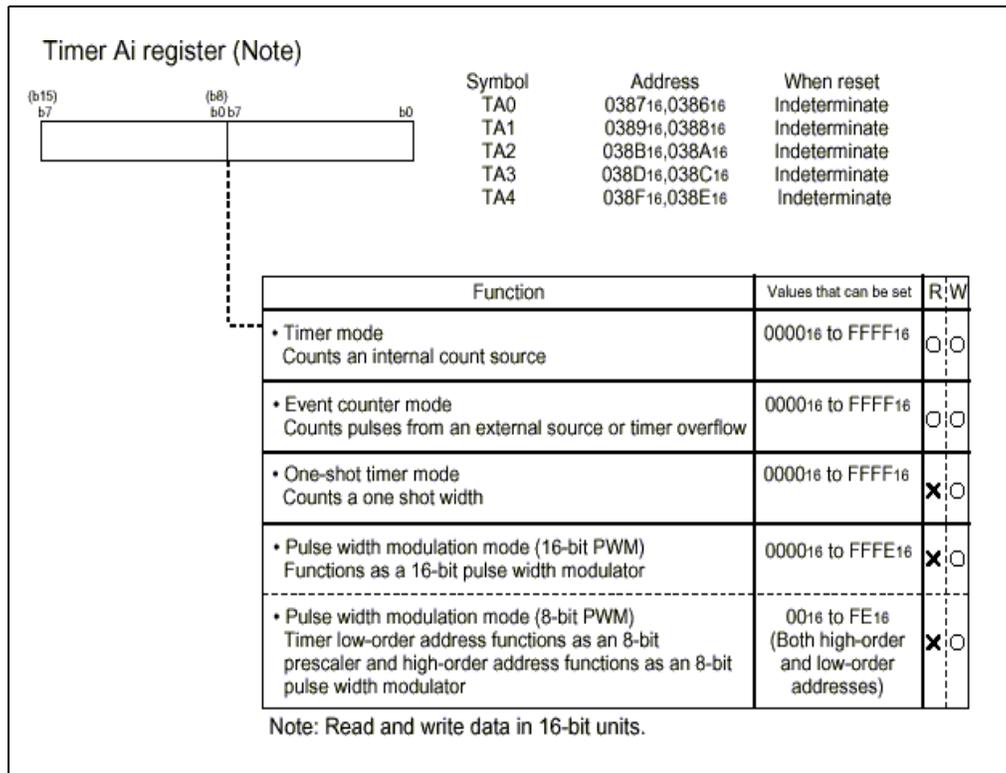


Figure 10. Timer Ai Register

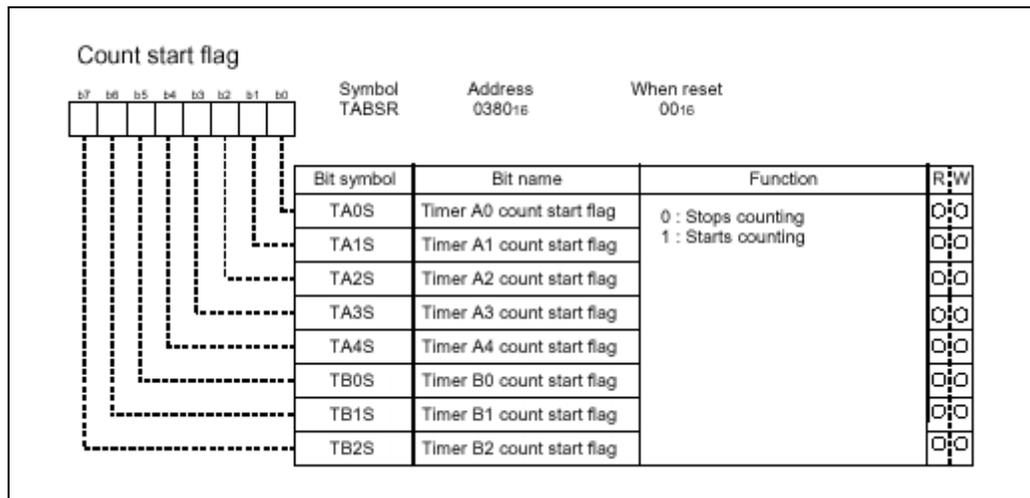


Figure 11. Count Start Flag

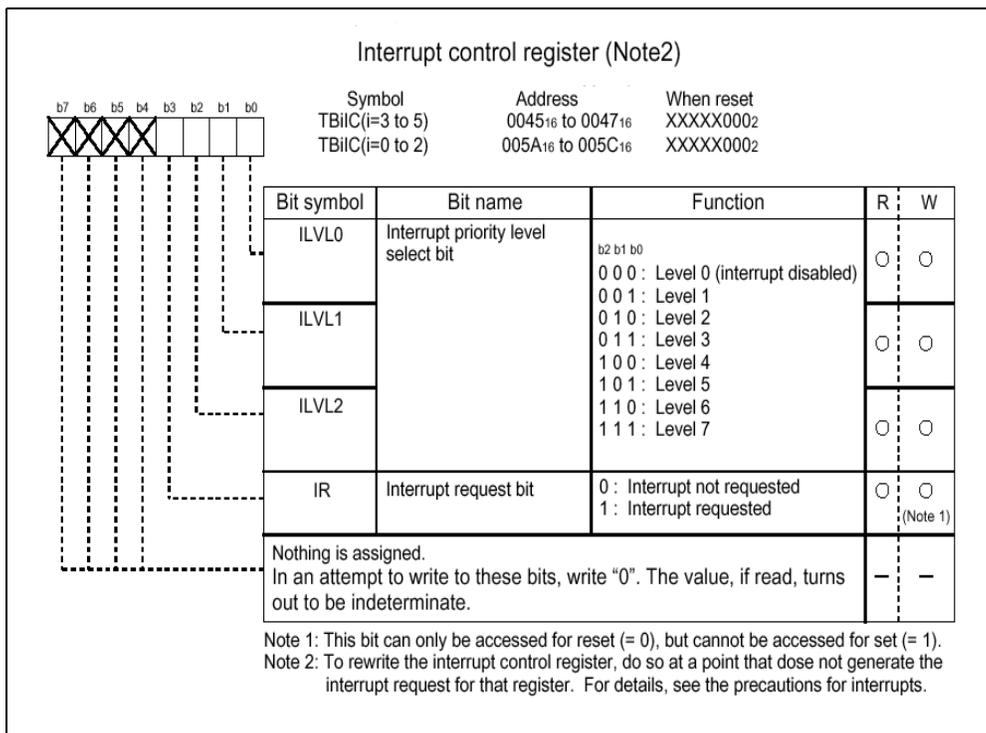


Figure 12. Interrupt Control Register

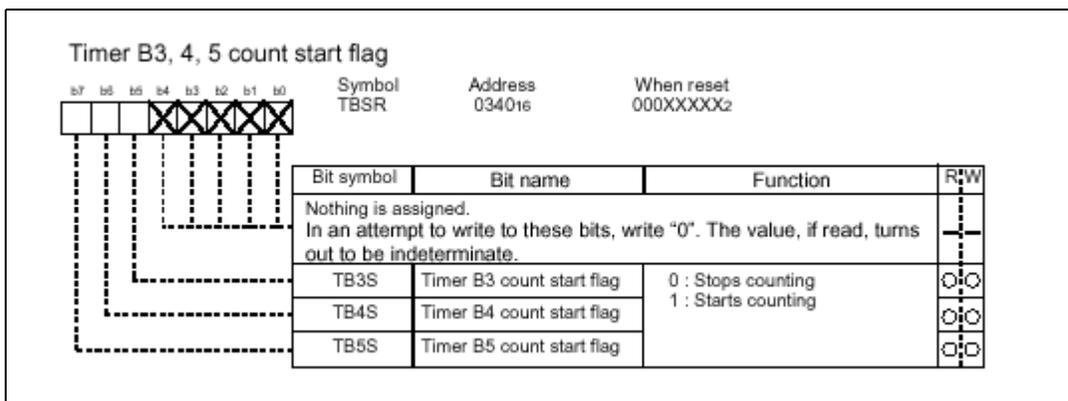


Figure 13. Timer B3, 4, 5 Count Start Flag

5. References

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- M16C/60 and M16C/20 C Language Programming Manual, 6020EC.pdf
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Below is a program written for Mitsubishi's NC30 compiler to illustrate how to configuring Event Counter Mode. The program counts 100 falling edges on the P7.1 (TA0IN) pin then flashes D6 on the MDECE0620 Starter Kit Board.

To get familiar with this mode, try changing to up-count, the count value or even switch to a different timer (e.g. TA1, TB0, etc).

```

/*****
*
*   File Name: event_mode.c
*
*   Content: Example program using Timer A in "Event Counter Mode". This program
*            is written for the Event Counter Mode application note. This program
*            works with the MDECE0620 starter kit board.
*            Compiled with NC30 ver. 3.20.00.
*            All timing based on 16 Mhz Xtal
*
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*=====
*   $Log:$
*=====*/
#include "sfr62.h"
#define TIME_CONFIG 0x01 /* 00000001 value to load into timer mode register
|_|_|_|_|_|_ TMOD0,TMOD1: EVENT COUNTER MODE
|_|_|_|_|_ MR0: NO PULSE OUTPUT
|_|_|_|_ MR1: COUNT FALLING EDGES
|_|_|_ MR2: USE UP/DOWN FLAG
|_|_ MR3: = 0 IN EVENT COUNTER MODE
|_ TCK0: RELOAD TYPE
|_ TCK1: BIT NOT USED
*/

```

```

#define CNTR_IPL 0x03 // TA0 priority interrupt level
#define LED p7_7 //p6_0 LED port on MSV1632 board
#define LED_PORT_DIRECTION pd7_7 //pd6_0 LED port direction on MSV1632 board
#define OUTPUT 1

//prototypes
void init(void);

#pragma INTERRUPT /B TimerA0Int
void TimerA0Int(void);

/*****
Name: TimerA0Int()
Parameters: none
Returns: nothing
Description:Timer A0 Interrupt Service Routine. Interrupts every 100 falling
edges on the TA0in pin. Flashes the LED and increments 'count'.
*****/

void TimerA0Int(void)
{
    int delaycntr;
    delaycntr = 0;
    count++; // e.g for an automated packaging line, counts # of cases
    LED = 1;
    while( delaycntr <0xffff) //software delay for flashing LED
        delaycntr++;
    LED = 0;
}

/*****
Name: main()
Parameters: none
Returns: nothing
Description: initializes variables and LED port. Then does nothing but
wait for TA0 interrupts.
*****/

void main (void)
{ int temp;
  count = 0;
  LED_PORT_DIRECTION = OUTPUT;
  init();
  while (1);
}

```

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/*****
Name:  initial()
Parameters:  none
Returns:  nothing
Description:  Timer TA0 setup for 5msec interrupts.
*****/
void init()
{
    ta0 = 100;    //e.g for an automated packaging line, 100 items per cases

/* the following procedure for writing an Interrupt Priority Level follows that as
described in the M16C
data sheets under 'Interrupts' */

    _asm ("  fclr i");    //turn off interrupts before modifying IPL
    ta0ic |= CNTR_IPL;    // use read-modify-write instruction to write IPL
    ta0mr = TIME_CONFIG;
    _asm ("  fset i");

    ta0s = 1; //start counting
}

```

In order for this program to run properly, timer A0's interrupt vector needs to point to the function. The interrupt vector table is near the end of the startup file "sect30.inc". Insert the function label "_TimerA0Int" into the interrupt vector table at vector 21 as shown below.

```

;*****
;
;    C Compiler for M16C/62
;
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;
;    Written by T.Aoyama
;    Modified for use on MSV1632 Starter Kit.
;    sect30.inc      : section definition
;    This program is applicable when using KD30 and the ROM Monitor.
;*****
;-----
;
;
;
;
;

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```
.lword    dummy_int        ; A-D(for user)(vector 14)
.lword    dummy_int        ; uart2 transmit(for user)(vector 15)
.lword    dummy_int        ; uart2 receive(for user)(vector 16)
.lword    dummy_int        ; uart0 transmit(for user)(vector 17)
.lword    dummy_int        ; uart0 receive(for user)(vector 18)
.lword    0fcb6bh          ; uart1 transmit(for user)(vector 19)
.lword    0fcb6bh          ; uart1 receive(for user)(vector 20)
.glob     _ TimerA0Int
.lword    _TimerA0Int      ; timer A0(for user)(vector 21)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer A1(for user)(vector 22)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer A2(for user)(vector 23)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer A3(for user)(vector 24)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer A4(for user)(vector 25)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer B0(for user)(vector 26)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer B1(for user)(vector 27)
.lword    dummy_int        ; timer B2(for user)(vector 28)
.lword    dummy_int        ; int0 (for user)(vector 29)
.lword    dummy_int        ; int1 (for user)(vector 30)
.lword    dummy_int        ; int2 (for user)(vector 31)
:
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:
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