SCU_Power_Down_Idle_1 Power saving in CPU idle mode

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CPU0 switches periodically between run mode and idle mode triggered by STM timer

The Power Management scheme allows activation of power down modes for each CPU individually in case there are no active tasks to perform and power consumption needs to be reduced. In this example, the System Timer periodically generates interrupts (every two seconds). In the Interrupt Service Routine, the CPU0 is switched between idle mode and run mode. CPU0 toggles LED D110 during run mode whereas the LED D110 remains in the last toggling state while CPU0 is idling.



Introduction

- The Power Management Scheme allows activation of power down modes so that the system operates with the minimum required power for a corresponding application state.
- Idle, Sleep or Standby are supported as power consumption modes. The Idle is specific to each CPU whereas the Sleep and Standby modes influence the complete system.
- The System Timer (STM) is a free running 64-bit counter which can be used for timing applications requiring both high precision and long period.
- > The STM has the capability to generate interrupts when its count reaches a predefined compare value.



Hardware setup

This code example has been developed for the board KIT_AURIX_TC297_TFT_BC-Step.





Configuring the system timer to periodically generate interrupts:

- The configuration of the system timer is done through the function configSystemTimer().
 - The system timer immediately runs after PowerUp and needs to be configured.
 - Create an instance of the structure *lfxStm_Timer_Config*, which is initialized by calling *lfxStm_Timer_initConfig()*. Then configure the following components:
 - Set the rate in Hz that refers to interrupt events per second.
 - Define the priority for the interrupt (range from 0 to 255)
 - Define the provider for interrupt service request as CPU0, CPU1, CPU2 or DMA
 - Specify the comparator register that is used to store the compare value to trigger an event when timer and comparator register match.
 - Use the routine *lfxStm_Timer_init()* together with the instance of structure *lfxStm_Timer_Config* to create the *g_myTimer* handle.

The above functions can be found in the header *lfxStm_Timer.h*.



Blink the LED D110:

- CPU0 runs within the endless loop in *Cpu0_Main.c*. Before it starts a toggle cycle, it waits for approximately 4 million CPU ticks (equals to 0x400000).
- If the CPU0 is set to idle state, the code execution is halted and the CPU clock is disabled.
 This stops the toggling of the LED.

Set/Return to/from Idle state:

- The interrupt service routine defined in SCU_Power_Down_Idle.c controls the CPU0, which alternates between run state and idle state. The static variable setIdle helps to identify the next state of the CPU0, whether it remains in run state or is set into idle state.
- If the CPU0 is in idle state and the STM interrupt event occurs then the CPU returns to run state.
- > The function *lfxStm_Timer_acknowledgeTimerlrq()* is used to acknowledge the interrupt request and set the next compare value for the next interrupt event. The function can be found in the header *lfxStm_Timer.h*.



Run and Test

After code compilation and flashing the device, verify the behavior of the LED:

 Check if LED D110 (1) is blinking (equals to Run Mode) or remains on/off (equals to Idle Mode).



References





- → AURIX[™] Development Studio is available online:
- https://www.infineon.com/aurixdevelopmentstudio
- > Use the *"Import…"* function to get access to more code examples.
- > More code examples can be found on the GIT repository:
- https://github.com/Infineon/AURIX_code_examples
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