



24-Bit Counter Datasheet Counter24 V 2.5

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Resources	PSoC® Blocks			API Memory (Bytes)		Pins (per External I/O)
	Digital	Analog CT	Analog SC	Flash	RAM	
CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx, CY8C23x33, CYWUSB6953, CY7C64215, CY8CLED02/04/08/16, CY8CLED0xD, CY8CLED0xG, CY8CTST110, CY8CTMG110, CY8CTST120, CY8CTMG120, CY8CTMA120, CY8CTMA140, CY8C21x45, CY8C22x45, CY8CTMA30xx, CY8C28x45, CY8CPLC20, CY8CLED16P01						
24-bit	3	0	0	128	0	1

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Features and Overview

- The 24-bit general purpose counter uses three PSoC blocks
- Source clock rates up to 48 MHz
- Automatic reload of period on terminal count
- Programmable pulse width
- Input enables/disables continuous counter operation
- Interrupt option on compare output or terminal count

The 24-bit Counter User Module provides a down counter with a programmable period and pulse width. The clock and enable signals can be selected from any system time base or external source. Once started, the counter operates continuously and reloads its internal value from the period register upon reaching terminal count. During each clock cycle, the counter compares the current count to the value stored in the compare register. Each clock cycle, the Counter tests the count against the value of the compare register for either a "less than" or "less than or equal to" condition. The comparator output provides a logic level that may be routed to pins and to other user modules. Most PSoC device families also permit the terminal count output to be routed in the same manner. If your device has this ability, it is shown in the device editor. An interrupt can be programmed to trigger when the counter reaches the terminal count or when the comparator (primary) output is asserted.

Figure 1. Counter Block Diagram (Most PSoC Devices), Data Path Width n = 24 Bits

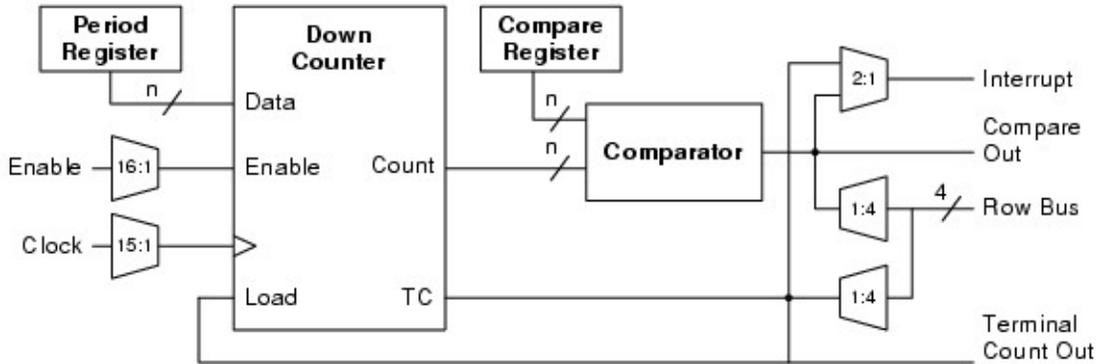
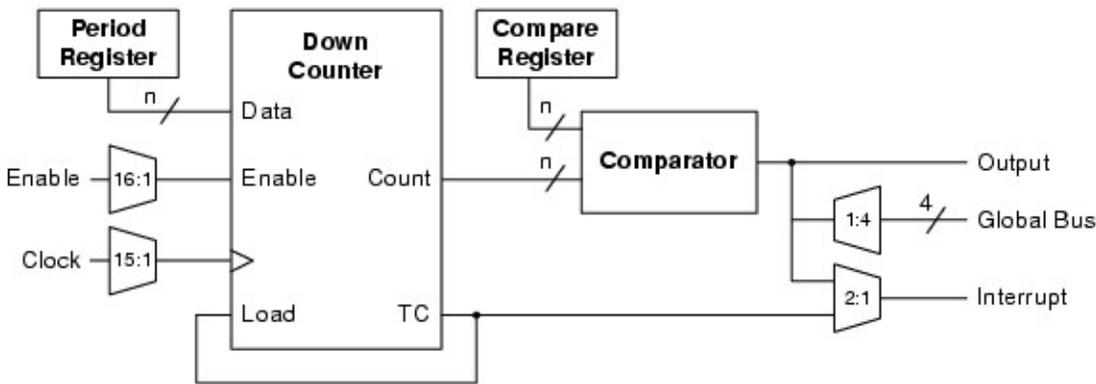


Figure 2. Counter Block Diagram (Devices Without Terminal Count Output), Data Path Width n = 24 Bits



Functional Description

The 24-Bit Counter User Module employs three digital PSoC blocks, each contributing 8 bits to the total resolution. The consecutive blocks are linked so their internal carry, terminal count and compare signals are synchronously chained. This concatenates the 8-bit Count, Period and Compare registers (data registers DR0, DR1 and DR2, respectively) from block to block to provide the required resolution. In this way, Counters wider than 8 bits operate as a single monolithic synchronous counter.

The Counter API provides functions that may be called from C and assembly to stop and start operation of the Counter and to read and write the various data registers. The data register values may also be established by using the Device Editor. Once started, the Count register is decremented on the rising edge of each clock cycle at which the active-high enable input signal is asserted. On the rising clock edge following the terminal count when the Count register reaches zero, it is reloaded from the Period register.

The Period register can be modified with a new value at anytime. When the Counter is stopped, writing a value to the Period register also changes the value in the Count register. While the Counter is running, writing the Period register does not update the Count register with the new Period value until the next reload occurs, following terminal count. Because the terminal count is reached when the count is zero, the period of operation and of the output signal is greater by 1 than the value stored in the Period register. The duration in terms of the period of the input clock is given by the following equation.

Equation 1

$$OutputPeriod = (PeriodValue + 1)t_{CLK}$$

The Counter asserts its output low when stopped. While running, a comparator controls the duty cycle of the output signal. During every clock cycle, this comparator tests the values of the Count register against that of the Compare register. The comparator performs a "less than" or "less than or equal" test depending on an option selected using the Device Editor. The Counter asserts active-high truth value of the comparison at the rising edge of the clock following the period in which the comparison is made. The ratio between the compare value and the period sets the duty cycle of the output waveform. The duty cycle ratio can be computed using the following equation.

Equation 2

$$DutyCycle = \begin{cases} \frac{CompareValue}{PeriodValue + 1}, & \text{For Less Than comparison} \\ \frac{CompareValue + 1}{PeriodValue + 1}, & \text{For Less Than Or Equal To comparison} \end{cases}$$

The following table summarizes some special output signal conditions based on the setting of the Period register, the Compare register, and the comparison operation.

Table 1. Counter Special Output Signal Conditions

Period Register Value	Compare Type	Compare Register Value	Ratio of Pulse-Width High Timer to period
0	Don't Care	> 0	1.0
0	≤	0	1.0
0	<	0	0.0
> 0	≤	0	1/(Period+1)
> 0	<	0	0.0
Period = Compare	≤	Period = Compare	1.0
Period = Compare	<	Period = Compare	Period/(Period+1)
Compare Value > Period	Don't Care	Compare Value > Period	1.0

The value of the Compare register may be set using the Device Editor or during run time using the API. No buffering of the Compare register is provided in the way the Period register buffers the Count register prior to terminal count. Therefore, changes to the Compare register affect the compare output on the next clock cycle, rather than following terminal count. This can produce periods with multiple pulses.

In the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx device families, the Counter User Module provides the terminal count signal as an auxiliary output. This active-high signal is asserted on the rising edge of the clock cycle following terminal count in which the count register is loaded from the Period register.

An interrupt can be programmed to occur on terminal count or when the compare becomes true. The comparator output triggers an interrupt on the rising edge of the output signal and the terminal count triggers an interrupt one-half clock cycle before the falling edge of the output signal. This option is set using the Device Editor. Enabling or disabling the interrupt is done at run time using the Counter API. Global interrupts must be enabled before the Counter's interrupt will fire.

Care should be taken when modifying the Compare register since its value, in conjunction with the current count value, determines the Counter's output state. To prevent a possible premature low assertion of the

output signal and potential glitches, the Compare register should be modified after the terminal count condition is detected using the interrupt.

For applications that require a faster duty cycle update interval, the output of the Counter can be routed to a pin where its state is polled. Upon the detection of the output transition from high to low, the Compare can then be updated. Note that if the Compare causes the compare true condition, then the output is asserted high on the next clock.

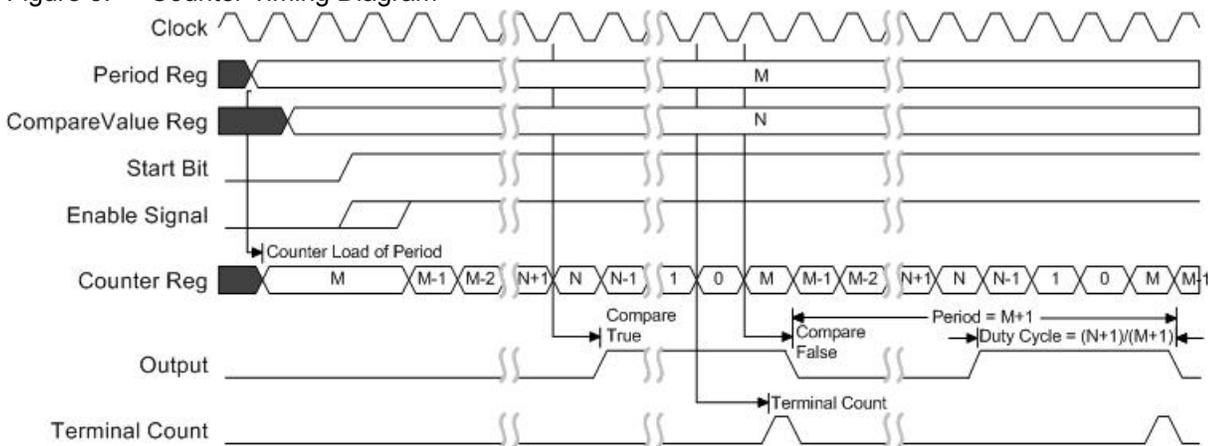
Acquiring the Count register value should be done very carefully. Reading the Count register causes its contents to latch into the Compare register. This causes the output duty cycle to change.

If you need to read the Count register “on-the-fly,” then the ReadCounter() API function can be called. This function temporarily disables the clock, saves the Compare register contents, reads the Count register, reads the Compare register, restores the Compare register, and then restores the clock. See the description for the ReadCounter() function in the Application Programming Interface section for possible side effects.

Timing

The Counter User Module’s operation may be gated on and off, or clocked by external pins routed to the Counter by the global bus feature of the PSoC device. The following figure illustrates the timing for the Counter User Module:

Figure 3. Counter Timing Diagram



DC and AC Electrical Characteristics

Table 2. Counter AC Electrical Characteristics for the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx Device Family

Parameter	Typical	Limit	Units	Conditions and Notes
Maximum input frequency	--	48 ¹	MHz	V _{DD} = 5.0V ²
Maximum output frequency	--	24 ¹	MHz	V _{DD} = 5.0V and 48 MHz input clock
	--	12 ³	MHz	V _{DD} = 3.3V and 24 MHz input clock

Electrical Characteristics Notes

1. If the input or output is routed through the global buses, then the frequency is limited to a maximum of 12 MHz.
2. The provided enable signal is always high; otherwise, the limit is 24MHz.
3. Fastest clock available to PSoC blocks is 24 MHz at 3.3V operation.

Placement

The Counter consumes one Digital PSoC block per 8 bits of resolution. When more than one block is allocated, all will be placed consecutively by the Device Editor in order of increasing block number from least-significant byte (LSB) to most significant (the MSB). Each block is given a symbolic name displayed by the device editor during and after placement. The API qualifies all register names with user assigned instance name and block name to provide direct access to the Counter registers through the API include files. The block names assigned by the various Counter User Modules are listed in the following table:

Table 3. Symbolic Names of the Mapped PSoC Blocks

PSoC Block Number	24-Bit Counter
1	CNTR24_LSB
2	CNTR24_ISB
3	CNTR24_MSB

Parameters and Resources

Once a Counter User Module has been selected and placed using the Device Editor, values may be selected and altered for the following parameters.

Clock

The Clock parameter is selected from one of 16 sources. These sources include the 48 MHz oscillator (5.0V operation only), lower frequencies (VC1, VC2, and VC3) divided down from the 24 MHz system clock, other PSoC blocks, and external inputs routed through global inputs and outputs. When using an external digital clock for the block, the row input synchronization should be turned off for best accuracy, and sleep operation.

Enable

The Enable parameter is selected from one of the available sources. A high input enables continuous count, while a low enable disables count without resetting the counter.

CompareOut

The compare output may be disabled (without interfering with interrupt operations) or connected to any of the row output busses. It is always available as an input to the next higher digital PSoC block and to the analog column clock selection multiplexors, regardless of the setting of this parameter. This parameter appears only for members of the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx family of PSoC devices.

TerminalCountOut

The terminal count output is an auxiliary Counter output. This parameter allows it to be disabled or connected to any of the row output busses. This parameter appears only for members of the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx family of PSoC devices.

Period

This parameter sets the period of the counter. Allowed values are between 0 and $2^n - 1$ where n is the width of the counter in bits. The period is loaded into the Period register. The effective output waveform period of Counter is the period count + 1. The value may be modified using the API.

CompareValue

This parameter sets the Compare register with the compare value. Allowed values are between zero and the period value. The value may be modified using the API.

CompareType

This parameter sets the compare function type "less than" or "less than or equal" as described in the functional description, above.

InterruptType

The Counter generates an interrupt on either the comparator true or on terminal count. A separate register independently enables the interrupt.

ClockSync

In the PSoC devices, digital blocks may provide clock sources in addition to the system clocks. Digital clock sources may even be chained in ripple fashion. This introduces skew with respect to the system clocks. These skews are more critical in the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx PSoC device families because of various data-path optimizations, particularly those applied to the system busses. This parameter may be used to control clock skew and ensure proper operation when reading and writing PSoC block register values. Appropriate values for this parameter should be determined from the following table.

ClockSync Value	Use
Sync to SysClk	Use this setting for any 24 MHz (SysClk) derived clock source that is divided by two or more. Examples include VC1, VC2, VC3 (when VC3 is driven by SysClk), 32 kHz, and digital PSoC blocks with SysClk-based sources. Externally generated clock sources should also use this value to ensure that proper synchronization occurs.
Sync to SysClk*2	Use this setting for any 48 MHz (SysClk*2) based clock unless the resulting frequency is 48 MHz (in other words, when the product of all divisors is 1).
Use SysClk Direct	Use this setting when a 24 MHz (SysClk/1) clock is required. This does not actually perform synchronization but provides low-skew access to the system clock itself. If selected, this option overrides the setting of the Clock parameter, above. It should always be used instead of VC1, VC2, VC3 or Digital Blocks where the net result of all dividers in combination produces a 24 MHz output.
Unsynchronized	Use this setting when the 48 MHz (SysClk*2) input is selected. Use when unsynchronized inputs are required. In general, this use is advisable only when interrupt generation is the sole application of the Counter. This setting is required for blocks that remain active during sleep.

InvertEnable

This parameter determines the sense of the enable input signal. When "Normal" is selected, the enable input is active-high. Selecting "Invert" causes the sense to be interpreted as active-low. InvertEnable applies only to the CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx family of PSoC devices.

Interrupt Generation Control

There are two additional parameters that become available when the **Enable interrupt generation control** check box in PSoC Designer is checked. This is available under **Project > Settings > Chip Editor**. Interrupt Generation Control is important when multiple overlays are used with interrupts shared by multiple user modules across overlays:

- Interrupt API
- IntDispatchMode

InterruptAPI

The InterruptAPI parameter allows conditional generation of a user module’s interrupt handler and interrupt vector table entry. Select "Enable" to generate the interrupt handler and interrupt vector table entry. Select "Disable" to bypass the generation of the interrupt handler and interrupt vector table entry. Properly selecting whether an Interrupt API is to be generated is recommended particularly with projects that have multiple overlays where a single block resource is used by the different overlays. By selecting only Interrupt API generation when it is necessary the need to generate an interrupt dispatch code might be eliminated, thereby reducing overhead.

IntDispatchMode

Specifies how an interrupt request is handled for interrupts shared by multiple user modules that exist in the same block but in different overlays. Selecting ActiveStatus causes firmware to test which overlay is active before servicing the shared interrupt request. This test occurs every time the shared interrupt is requested. This adds latency and also produces a nondeterministic procedure of servicing shared interrupt requests, but does not require any RAM. Selecting OffsetPreCalc causes firmware to calculate the source of a shared interrupt request only when an overlay is initially loaded. This

calculation decreases interrupt latency and produces a deterministic procedure for servicing shared interrupt requests, but at the expense of a byte of RAM.

Application Programming Interface

The Application Programming Interface (API) routines are provided as part of the user module to allow the designer to deal with the module at a higher level. This sections specifies the interface to each function together with related constants provided by the "include" files.

Note

In this, as in all user module APIs, the values of the A and X register may be altered by calling an API function. It is the responsibility of the calling function to preserve the values of A and X prior to the call if those values are required after the call. This "registers are volatile" policy was selected for efficiency reasons and has been in force since version 1.0 of PSoC Designer. The C compiler automatically takes care of this requirement. Assembly language programmers must ensure their code observes the policy, too. Though some user module API functions may leave A and X unchanged, there is no guarantee they will do so in the future.

For Large Memory Model devices, it is also the caller's responsibility to preserve any value in the CUR_PP, IDX_PP, MVR_PP, and MVW_PP registers. Even though some of these registers may not be modified now, there is no guarantee that will remain the case in future releases.

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The following are the variables are provided for Counter24:

Counter24_PERIOD

Description:

Represents the value chosen for the Period field of the Counter24 in the Device Editor. The value can have a range between 0 and 16777215.

Counter24_COMPARE_VALUE

Description:

Represents the value chose for the PulseWidth field of the Counter24 in the Device Editor. The value can have a range between 0 and 16777215.

The following are the API programming routines provided for Counter24:

Counter24_Start

Description:

Starts the Counter24 User Module. If the enable input is high, the counter will begin to down count.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_Start(void);
```

Assembly:

```
lcall Counter24_Start
```

Parameters:

None

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_Stop**Description:**

Stops counter operation.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_Stop(void);
```

Assembly:

```
lcall Counter24_Stop
```

Parameters:

None

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

The output will be reset low and writing to the Period register will cause the Counter register to update with the new period value. The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_EnableInt**Description:**

Enables interrupt mode operation.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_EnableInt(void);
```

Assembly:

```
lcall Counter24_EnableInt
```

Parameters:

None

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_DisableInt**Description:**

Disables interrupt mode operation.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_DisableInt(void);
```

Assembly:

```
lcall Counter24_DisableInt
```

Parameters:

None

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_WritePeriod**Description:**

Writes the Period register with the period value. The period value will be transferred from the Period register to the Counter register immediately, if the Counter24 is stopped or when the counter reaches the zero count.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_WritePeriod(DWORD dwPeriod);
```

Assembly:

```
mov A,[dwPeriod]
push A
mov A,[dwPeriod+1]
push A
mov A,[dwPeriod+2]
push A
mov A,[dwPeriod+3]
push A
lcall _Counter24_WritePeriod
```

Parameters:

dwPeriod: dwPeriod is a value from 0 to $2^{24}-1$. The X register is loaded with the address of the MSB of dwPeriod.

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_WriteCompareValue**Description:**

Writes the CompareValue register with the compare value.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_WriteCompareValue(DWORD dwCompareValue);
```

Assembly:

```
mov A, [dwCompareValue]
push A
mov A, [dwCompareValue+1]
push A
mov A, [dwCompareValue+2]
push A
mov A, [dwCompareValue+3]
push A
lcall _Counter24_WriteCompareValue
```

Parameters:

dwCompareValue: dwCompareValue is a value from 0 to the period value. The X register is loaded with the address of the MSB of dwCompareValue.

Return Value:

None

Side Effects:

Writing the CompareValue register, while the counter is active, will change the duty cycle of the output. This may cause the output to glitch or change inadvertently. The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions.

Counter24_ReadCompareValue**Description:**

Reads the CompareValue register.

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_ReadCompareValue(DWORD * pdwCompareValue);
```

Assembly:

```
mov A, [pdwCompareValue]D
mov X, [pdwCompareValue+1]
lcall _Counter24_ReadCompareValue
```

Parameters:

pdwCompareValue: pdwCompareValue is the pointer to a DWORD to hold the CompareValue register data. The X register is loaded with the address of the DWORD.

Return Value:

CompareValue is returned in specified buffer.

Side Effects:

The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions. Currently, only the IDX_PP page pointer register is modified.

Counter24_ReadCounter**Description:**

Reads the Count register value (hardware DR0 registers) while preserving the Compare register. This function may be called to read the Count register while the counter is running or when it is stopped. Inadvertent interrupts are prevented even though the Compare and Count registers briefly become equal. However, there are important side effects (see below).

C Prototype:

```
void Counter24_ReadCounter(DWORD * pdwCount);
```

Assembly:

```
mov  A, [pdwCount]
mov  X, [pdwCount+1]
lcall _Counter24_ReadCounter
```

Parameters:

pdwCount: pdwCount is the pointer to a DWORD to hold the Count register data. The X register is loaded with the address of the DWORD.

Return Value:

Count value is returned in a specified buffer.

Side Effects:

If the Counter user module is enabled and counting at the time this function is called, some clocks may be ignored (and corresponding decrements of the Count register missed) because the user module must be stopped momentarily. The A and X registers may be modified by this or future implementations of this function. The same is true for all RAM page pointer registers in the Large Memory Model (CY8C29xxx). When necessary, it is the calling function's responsibility to preserve the values across calls to fastcall16 functions. Currently, only the IDX_PP page pointer register is modified.

The equivalent code in C is:

```
#include <m8c.h>           // part specific constants and macros
#include "PSoC_API.h"     // PSoc API definitions for all User Modules
void main(void)
{
    Counter24_WritePeriod(2400000-1);
    Counter24_WriteCompareValue((2400000-1)/2);
    Counter24_EnableInt();
    M8C_EnableGInt;
    Counter24_Start();
}
```

Configuration Registers

The 24-bit Counter uses three digital PSoC blocks. In placement order from left to right, they are named CNTR24_LSB, CNTR24_ISB and CNTR24_MSB. Each block is personalized and parameterized through seven registers. The following tables give the “personality” values as constants and the parameters as named bit-fields with brief descriptions. Symbolic names for these registers are defined in the user module instance’s C and assembly language interface files (the “.h” and “.inc” files).

Table 4. Function Register, Bank 1, CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	Data Invert	0	1	Compare Type	Interrupt Type	0	0	1
ISB	0	0	0	Compare Type	0	0	0	1
LSB	0	BCEN	0	Compare Type	0	0	0	1

BCEN gates the compare output onto the row broadcast bus line. This bit field is set in the Device Editor by directly configuring the broadcast line. The Data Invert flag, set through a user module parameter displayed in the Device Editor, controls the sense of the enable input signal. The CompareType flag indicates whether the compare function is set to “Less Than or Equal” or “Less Than”. The InterruptType flag determines whether to trigger the interrupt on the compare event or on the terminal count. Both CompareType and InterruptType are set in the Device Editor directly through user module parameters described in the earlier section on the topic.

Table 5. Input Register, Bank 1

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	0	0	1	1	Clock			
ISB	0	0	1	1	Clock			
LSB	Enable				Clock			

Enable selects the data input from one of 16 sources. Clock selects the input clock from one of 15 sources. The values of both bit fields are determined by the settings of user module parameters of the same name in the Device Editor.

Table 6. Output Register, Bank 1, CY8C29/27/24/22/21xxx

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	AuxClk		AuxEnable	AuxSelect		OutEnable	OutputSel	
ISB	AuxClk		0	0	0	0	0	0
LSB	AuxClk		0	0	0	0	0	0

The User Module “ClockSync” parameter in the Device Editor determines the value of the AuxClk bits. Though similarly named, the AuxEnable and AuxSelect bits are related, instead, to the OutEnable and OutSelect bit fields. AuxEnable and AuxSelect permit driving the terminal count output signal onto one of the row output busses and are controlled by manipulating the row bus graphically in the Device Editor placement view. OutEnable is set when the compare output is driven onto one of the two or global output busses. OutputSelect controls which of the busses will be driven from the compare output.

Table 7. Count Register (DR0), Bank 0

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	Count(MSB)							
ISB	Count(ISB)							
LSB	Count(LSB)							

The Count register is the 24-bit down count value decremented by 1 in every clock cycle that the enable input is active. Its value is loaded from the contents of the Period register in the clock cycle following the terminal count (zero value). It can be read using the Counter24 API.

Table 8. Period Register (DR1), Bank 0

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	Period(MSB)							
ISB	Period(ISB)							
LSB	Period(LSB)							

The Period register is a write-only register that can be set through the Device Editor and by the Counter24 API. When written, the value is transferred to the Count register if the user module is disabled through the API. Its value is automatically copied into the Count register in the clock cycle following terminal count.

Table 9. Compare Register (DR2), Bank 0

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	Compare Val(MSB)							
ISB	Compare Val(ISB)							
LSB	Compare Val(LSB)							

The Compare register holds the value against which the Count register is tested in order to generate the compare output. It can be set by the Device Editor and the Counter24 API.

Table 10. Control Register (CR0), Bank 0

Block/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Start/Stop

Start/Stop indicates that the Counter24 is enabled when set and disabled when clear. It is modified by using the Counter24 API.

Version History

Version	Originator	Description
2.5	TDU	Updated Clock description to include: When using an external digital clock for the block, the row input synchronization should be turned off for best accuracy, and sleep operation.
2.5.b	DHA	Updated assembly prototypes for API functions in the user module datasheet.

Note PSoC Designer 5.1 introduces a Version History in all user module datasheets. This section documents high level descriptions of the differences between the current and previous user module versions.

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