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# Preface

This preface introduces the *ARM1176JZF-S™ Technical Reference Manual (TRM)*. It contains the following sections:

- *About this book* on page xxii
- *Feedback* on page xxvi.

## About this book

This book is for ARM1176JZF-S processor. In this manual the generic term processor means the ARM1176JZF-S processor.

## Product revision status

The *mpn* identifier indicates the revision status of the product described in this book, where:

- rn** Identifies the major revision of the product.
- pn** Identifies the minor revision or modification status of the product.

## Intended audience

This document has been written for hardware and software engineers implementing the processor system designs. It provides information to enable designers to integrate the processor into a target system as quickly as possible.

## Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

### Chapter 1 *Introduction*

Read this for an introduction to the processor and descriptions of the major functional blocks.

### Chapter 2 *Programmer's Model*

Read this for a description of the processor registers and programming details.

### Chapter 3 *System Control Coprocessor*

Read this for a description of the processor's system control coprocessor CP15 registers and programming details.

### Chapter 4 *Unaligned and Mixed-endian Data Access Support*

Read this for a description of the processor support for unaligned and mixed-endian data accesses.

### Chapter 5 *Program Flow Prediction*

Read this for a description of the functions of the processor's Prefetch Unit, including static and dynamic branch prediction and the return stack.

### Chapter 6 *Memory Management Unit*

Read this for a description of the processor's *Memory Management Unit* (MMU) and the address translation process.

### Chapter 7 *Level One Memory System*

Read this for a description of the processor's level one memory system, including caches, TCM, DMA, TLBs, and write buffer.

### Chapter 8 *Level Two Interface*

Read this for a description of the processor's level two memory interface and the peripheral port.

### Chapter 9 *Clocking and Resets*

Read this for a description of the processor's clocking modes and the reset signals.

**Chapter 10 Power Control**

Read this for a description of the processor's power control facilities.

**Chapter 11 Coprocessor Interface**

Read this for details of the processor's coprocessor interface.

**Chapter 12 Vectored Interrupt Controller Port**

Read this for a description of the processor's Vectored Interrupt Controller interface.

**Chapter 13 Debug**

Read this for a description of the processor's debug support.

**Chapter 14 Debug Test Access Port**

Read this for a description of the JTAG-based processor Debug Test Access Port.

**Chapter 15 Trace Interface Port**

Read this for a description of the trace interface port.

**Chapter 16 Cycle Timings and Interlock Behavior**

Read this for a description of the processor's instruction cycle timing and for details of the interlocks.

**Chapter 17 AC Characteristics**

Read this for a description of the timing parameters applicable to the processor.

**Chapter 18 Introduction to the VFP coprocessor**

Read this to get an overview of the VFP11 coprocessor.

**Chapter 19 The VFP Register File**

Read this to learn about the structure and operation of the VFP11 register file.

**Chapter 20 VFP Programmer's Model**

Read this to learn about the VFPv2 programmer's model, including the ARMv5TE coprocessor extension instructions and the architecture compliance of VFPv2 with the IEEE 754 standard.

**Chapter 21 VFP Instruction Execution**

Read this to learn about forwarding, hazards, and parallel execution in the VFP11 instruction pipelines.

**Chapter 22 VFP Exception Handling**

Read this to learn about VFP11 exceptional conditions and how they are handled in hardware and software.

**Appendix A Signal Descriptions**

Read this for a description of the processor signals.

**Appendix B Summary of ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S Processor Differences**

Read this for a summary of the differences between the ARM1136JF-S™ and ARM1176JZF-S processors.

**Appendix C Revisions**

Read this for a description of the technical changes between released issues of this book.

**Glossary** Read this for definitions of terms used in this book.

## Conventions

Conventions that this book can use are described in:

- *Typographical*
- *Timing diagrams*
- *Signals* on page xxv.

### Typographical

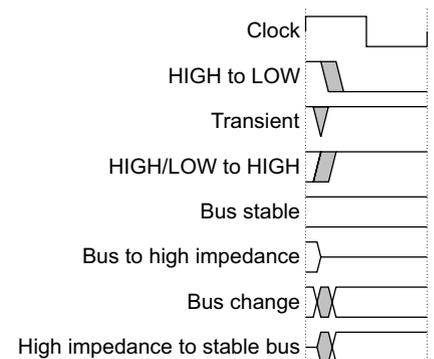
The typographical conventions are:

<i>italic</i>	Highlights important notes, introduces special terminology, denotes internal cross-references, and citations.
<b>bold</b>	Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.
monospace	Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.
<u>monospace</u>	Denotes a permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.
<i>monospace italic</i>	Denotes arguments to monospace text where the argument is to be replaced by a specific value.
<b>monospace bold</b>	Denotes language keywords when used outside example code.
< <b>and</b> >	Enclose replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. For example: MRC p15, 0 <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>

### Timing diagrams

The figure named *Key to timing diagram conventions* explains the components used in timing diagrams. Variations, when they occur, have clear labels. You must not assume any timing information that is not explicit in the diagrams.

Shaded bus and signal areas are undefined, so the bus or signal can assume any value within the shaded area at that time. The actual level is unimportant and does not affect normal operation.



**Key to timing diagram conventions**

## Signals

The signal conventions are:

- Signal level**      The level of an asserted signal depends on whether the signal is active-HIGH or active-LOW. Asserted means:
- HIGH for active-HIGH signals
  - LOW for active-LOW signals.
- Lower-case n**      At the start or end of a signal name denotes an active-LOW signal.

## Additional reading

This section lists publications by ARM and by third parties.

See Infocenter, <http://infocenter.arm.com>, for access to ARM documentation.

## ARM publications

This book contains information that is specific to this product. See the following documents for other relevant information:

- *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0406)

———— **Note** —————

The ARM DDI 0406 edition of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* (the ARM ARM) incorporates the supplements to the previous ARM ARM, including the Security Extensions supplement.

- *Jazelle® V1 Architecture Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0225)
- *AMBA® AXI Protocol V1.0 Specification* (ARM IHI 0022)
- *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification* (ARM IHI 0014)
- *ARM1136J-S Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0211)
- *ARM11 Memory Built-In Self Test Controller Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0289)
- *ARM1176JZF-S™ and ARM1176JZ-S™ Implementation Guide* (ARM DII 0081)
- *CoreSight ETM11™ Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0318)
- *RealView™ Compilation Tools Developer Guide* (ARM DUI 0203)
- *ARM PrimeCell® Vectored Interrupt Controller (PL192) Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DDI 0273).
- *Intelligent Energy Controller Technical Overview* (ARM DTO 0005).

## Other publications

This section lists relevant documents published by third parties:

- *IEEE Standard Test Access Port and Boundary-Scan Architecture* specification, IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 (JTAG).
- *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*, ANSI/IEEE Std 754-1985.

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- The product revision or version.
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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

This chapter introduces the ARM1176JZF-S processor and its features. It contains the following sections:

- *About the processor* on page 1-2
- *Extensions to ARMv6* on page 1-3
- *TrustZone security extensions* on page 1-4
- *ARM1176JZF-S architecture with Jazelle technology* on page 1-6
- *Components of the processor* on page 1-8
- *Power management* on page 1-23
- *Configurable options* on page 1-25
- *Pipeline stages* on page 1-26
- *Typical pipeline operations* on page 1-28
- *ARM1176JZF-S instruction set summary* on page 1-32
- *Product revisions* on page 1-47.

## 1.1 About the processor

The ARM1176JZF-S processor incorporates an integer core that implements the ARM11 ARM architecture v6. It supports the ARM and Thumb™ instruction sets, Jazelle technology to enable direct execution of Java bytecodes, and a range of SIMD DSP instructions that operate on 16-bit or 8-bit data values in 32-bit registers.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor features:

- TrustZone™ security extensions
- provision for *Intelligent Energy Management* (IEM™)
- high-speed *Advanced Microprocessor Bus Architecture* (AMBA) *Advanced Extensible Interface* (AXI) level two interfaces supporting prioritized multiprocessor implementations.
- an integer core with integral EmbeddedICE-RT logic
- an eight-stage pipeline
- branch prediction with return stack
- low interrupt latency configuration
- internal coprocessors CP14 and CP15
- *Vector Floating-Point* (VFP) coprocessor support
- external coprocessor interface
- Instruction and Data *Memory Management Units* (MMUs), managed using MicroTLB structures backed by a unified Main TLB
- Instruction and data caches, including a non-blocking data cache with *Hit-Under-Miss* (HUM)
- virtually indexed and physically addressed caches
- 64-bit interface to both caches
- level one *Tightly-Coupled Memory* (TCM) that you can use as a local RAM with DMA
- trace support
- JTAG-based debug.

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### Note

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The only functional difference between the ARM1176JZ-S and ARM1176JZF-S processor is that the ARM1176JZF-S processor includes a *Vector Floating-Point* (VFP) coprocessor.

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## 1.2 Extensions to ARMv6

The ARM1176JZF-S processor provides support for extensions to ARMv6 that include:

- Store and Load Exclusive instructions for bytes, halfwords and doublewords and a new Clear Exclusive instruction.
- A true no-operation instruction and yield instruction.
- Architectural remap registers.
- Cache size restriction through CP15 c1. You can restrict cache size to 16KB for *Operating Systems* (OSs) that do not support page coloring.
- Revised use of TEX remap bits. The ARMv6 MMU page table descriptors use a large number of bits to describe all of the options for inner and outer cachability. In reality, it is believed that no application requires all of these options simultaneously. Therefore, it is possible to configure the ARM1176JZF-S processor to support only a small number of options by means of the TEX remap mechanism. This implies a level of indirection in the page table mappings.

The TEX CB encoding table provides two OS managed page table bits. For binary compatibility with existing ARMv6 ports of OSs, this gives a separate mode of operation of the MMU. This is called the TEX Remap configuration and is controlled by bit [28] TR in CP15 Register 1.

- Revised use of AP bits. In the ARM1176JZF-S processor the APX and AP[1:0] encoding b111 is Privileged or User mode read only access. AP[0] indicates an abort type, Access Bit fault, when CP15 c1[29] is 1.

## 1.3 TrustZone security extensions

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### Caution

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TrustZone security extensions enable a Secure software environment. The technology does not protect the processor from hardware attacks and the implementor must take appropriate steps to secure the hardware and protect trusted code.

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The ARM1176JZF-S processor supports TrustZone security extensions to provide a secure environment for software. This section summarizes processor elements that TrustZone uses. For details of TrustZone, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

The TrustZone approach to integrated system security depends on an established trusted code base. The trusted code is a relatively small block that runs in the Secure world in the processor and provides the foundation for security throughout the system. This security applies from system boot and enforces a level of trust at each stage of a transaction.

The processor has:

- seven operating modes that can be either Secure or Non-secure
- Secure Monitor mode, that is always Secure.

Except when the processor is in Secure Monitor mode, the NS bit in the Secure Configuration Register determines whether the processor runs code in the Secure or Non-secure worlds. The Secure Configuration Register is in CP15 register c1, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52.

Secure Monitor mode is used to switch operation between the Secure and Non-secure worlds.

Secure Monitor mode uses these banked registers:

**R13\_mon** Stack Pointer  
**R14\_mon** Link Register  
**SPSR\_mon** Saved Program Status Register

The processor implements this instruction to enter Secure Monitor mode:

**SMC** Secure Monitor Call, switches from one of the privileged modes to the Secure Monitor mode.

The processor implements these TrustZone related signals:

**nDMASIRQ** Secure DMA transfer request, see *c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117.

### nDMAEXTERRIR

Not maskable error DMA interrupt, see *c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117.

**SPIDEN** Secure privileged invasive debug enable, see *Secure Monitor mode and debug* on page 13-4.

**SPNIDEN** Secure privileged non-invasive debug enable, see *Secure Monitor mode and debug* on page 13-4.

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### Note

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Do not confuse Secure Monitor mode with the Monitor debug-mode.

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AXI supports trusted peripherals through these signals:

**AxPROT[1]**

Protection type signal, see *AxPROT[2:0]* on page 8-12.

**RRESP[1:0]**

Read response signal, see *AXI interface signals* on page A-7.

**BRESP[1:0]**

Write response signal, see *AXI interface signals* on page A-7.

**ETMIASECCTL[1:0] and ETMCPSECCTL[1:0]**

TrustZone information for tracing, see *Secure control bus* on page 15-4.

## 1.4 ARM1176JZF-S architecture with Jazelle technology

The ARM1176JZF-S processor has three instruction sets:

- the 32-bit ARM instruction set used in ARM state, with media instructions
- the 16-bit Thumb instruction set used in Thumb state
- the 8-bit Java bytecodes used in Jazelle state.

For details of both the ARM and Thumb instruction sets, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. For full details of the ARM1176JZF-S Java instruction set, see the *Jazelle V1 Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 1.4.1 Instruction compression

A typical 32-bit architecture can manipulate 32-bit integers with single instructions, and address a large address space much more efficiently than a 16-bit architecture. When processing 32-bit data, a 16-bit architecture takes at least two instructions to perform the same task as a single 32-bit instruction.

When a 16-bit architecture has only 16-bit instructions, and a 32-bit architecture has only 32-bit instructions, overall the 16-bit architecture has higher code density, and greater than half the performance of the 32-bit architecture.

Thumb implements a 16-bit instruction set on a 32-bit architecture, giving higher performance than on a 16-bit architecture, with higher code density than a 32-bit architecture.

The ARM1176JZ-S processor can easily switch between running in ARM state and running in Thumb state. This enables you to optimize both code density and performance to best suit your application requirements.

### 1.4.2 The Thumb instruction set

The Thumb instruction set is a subset of the most commonly used 32-bit ARM instructions. Thumb instructions are 16 bits long, and have a corresponding 32-bit ARM instruction that has the same effect on the processor model. Thumb instructions operate with the standard ARM register configuration, enabling excellent interoperability between ARM and Thumb states.

Thumb has all the advantages of a 32-bit core:

- 32-bit address space
- 32-bit registers
- 32-bit shifter and *Arithmetic Logic Unit* (ALU)
- 32-bit memory transfer.

Thumb therefore offers a long branch range, powerful arithmetic operations, and a large address space.

The availability of both 16-bit Thumb and 32-bit ARM instruction sets, gives you the flexibility to emphasize performance or code size on a subroutine level, according to the requirements of their applications. For example, you can code critical loops for applications such as fast interrupts and DSP algorithms using the full ARM instruction set, and linked with Thumb code.

### 1.4.3 Java bytecodes

ARM architecture v6 with Jazelle technology executes variable length Java bytecodes. Java bytecodes fall into two classes:

#### Hardware execution

Bytecodes that perform stack-based operations.

**Software execution**

Bytecodes that are too complex to execute directly in hardware are executed in software. An ARM register is used to access a table of exception handlers to handle these particular bytecodes.

A complete list of the ARM1176JZF-S processor-supported Java bytecodes and their corresponding hardware or software instructions is in the *Jazelle V1 Architecture Reference Manual*.

## 1.5 Components of the processor

The main components of the ARM1176JZF-S processor are:

- *Integer core*
- *Load Store Unit (LSU)* on page 1-11
- *Prefetch unit* on page 1-11
- *Memory system* on page 1-12
- *AMBA AXI interface* on page 1-16
- *Coprocessor interface* on page 1-17
- *Debug* on page 1-17
- *Instruction cycle summary and interlocks* on page 1-19
- *Vector Floating-Point (VFP)* on page 1-19
- *System control* on page 1-21
- *Interrupt handling* on page 1-21.

Figure 1-1 shows the structure of the ARM1176JZF-S processor.

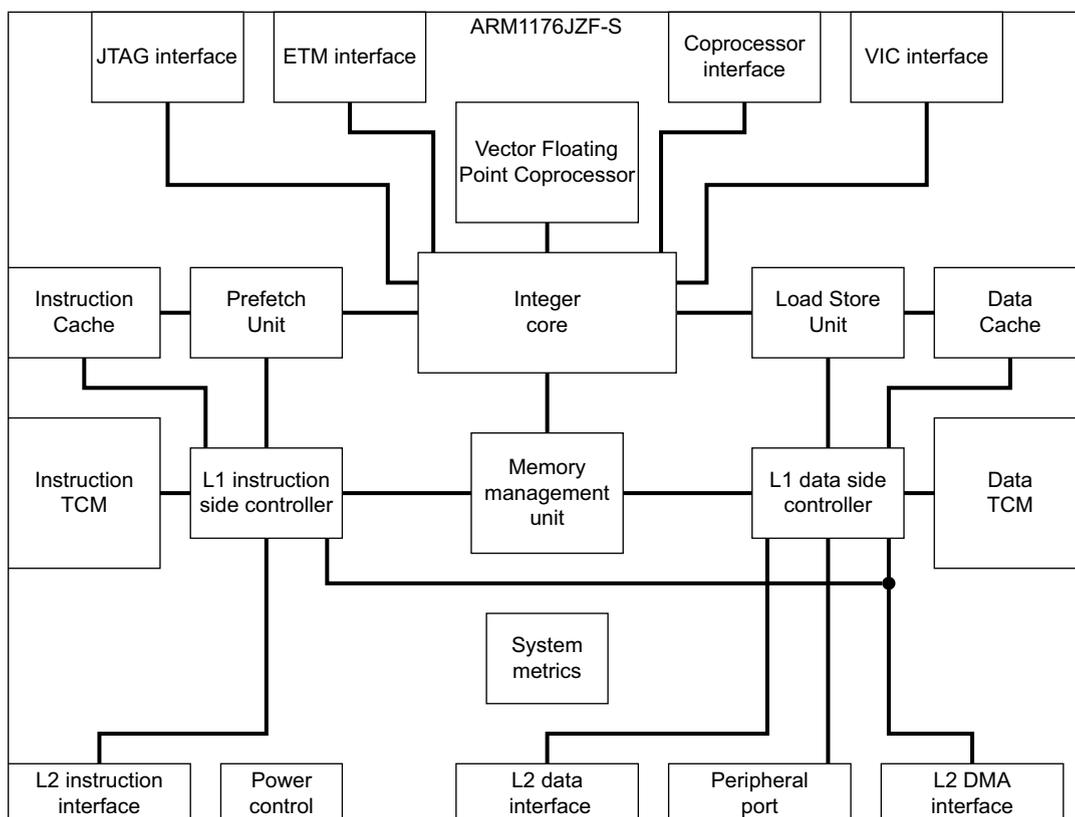


Figure 1-1 ARM1176JZF-S processor block diagram

### 1.5.1 Integer core

The ARM1176JZF-S processor is built around the ARM11 integer core. It is an implementation of the ARMv6 architecture, that runs the ARM, Thumb, and Java instruction sets. The processor contains EmbeddedICE-RT™ logic and a JTAG debug interface to enable hardware debuggers to communicate with the processor. The following sections describe the core in more detail:

- *Instruction set categories* on page 1-9
- *Conditional execution* on page 1-9

- *Registers*
- *Modes and exceptions*
- *Thumb instruction set* on page 1-10
- *DSP instructions* on page 1-10
- *Media extensions* on page 1-10
- *Datapath* on page 1-10
- *Branch prediction* on page 1-11
- *Return stack* on page 1-11.

### Instruction set categories

The main instruction set categories are:

- branch instructions
- data processing instructions
- status register transfer instructions
- load and store instructions
- coprocessor instructions.
- exception-generating instructions.

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#### Note

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Only load, store, and swap instructions can access data from memory.

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### Conditional execution

The processor conditionally executes nearly all ARM instructions. You can decide if the condition code flags, Negative, Zero, Carry, and Overflow, are updated according to their result.

### Registers

The ARM1176JZF-S core contains:

- 33 general-purpose 32-bit registers
- 7 dedicated 32-bit registers.

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#### Note

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At any one time, 16 general-purpose registers are visible. The remainder are banked registers used to speed up exception processing.

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### Modes and exceptions

The core provides a set of operating and exception modes, to support systems combining complex operating systems, user applications, and real-time demands. There are eight operating modes, six of them are exception processing modes:

- User
- Supervisor
- fast interrupt
- normal interrupt
- abort
- system
- Undefined

- Secure Monitor.

### Thumb instruction set

The Thumb instruction set contains a subset of the most commonly-used 32-bit ARM instructions encoded into 16-bit wide opcodes. This reduces the amount of memory required for instruction storage.

### DSP instructions

The DSP extensions to the ARM instruction set provide:

- 16-bit data operations
- saturating arithmetic
- MAC operations.

The processor executes multiply instructions using a single-cycle 32x16 implementation. The processor can perform 32x32, 32x16, and 16x16 multiply instructions (MAC).

### Media extensions

The ARMv6 instruction set provides media instructions to complement the DSP instructions. There are four media instruction groups:

- Multiplication instructions for handling 16-bit and 32-bit data, including dual-multiplication instructions that operate on both 16-bit halves of their source registers. This group includes an instruction that improves the performance and size of code for multi-word unsigned multiplications.
- *Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)* Instructions to perform operations on pairs of 16-bit values held in a single register, or on sets of four 8-bit values held in a single register. The main operations supplied are addition and subtraction, selection, pack, and saturation.
- Instructions to extract bytes and halfwords from registers and zero-extend or sign-extend them. These include a parallel extraction of two bytes followed by extension of each byte to a halfword.
- Unsigned *Sum-of-Absolute-Differences (SAD)* instructions. This is used in MPEG motion estimation.

### Datapath

The datapath consists of three pipelines:

- ALU, shift and Sat pipeline
- MAC pipeline
- load or store pipeline, see *Load Store Unit (LSU)* on page 1-11.

#### **ALU, shift or Sat pipe**

The ALU, shift and Sat pipeline executes most of the ALU operations, and includes a 32-bit barrel shifter. It consists of three pipeline stages:

**Shift**            The Shift stage contains the full barrel shifter. This stage performs all shifts, including those required by the LSU.

                      The Shift stage implements saturating left shift that doubles the value of an operand and saturates it.

- ALU** The ALU stage performs all arithmetic and logic operations, and generates the condition codes for instructions that set these flags.
- The ALU stage consists of a logic unit, an arithmetic unit, and a flag generator. The pipeline logic evaluates the flag settings in parallel with the main adder in the ALU. The flag generator is enabled only on flag-setting operations.
- The ALU stage separates the carry chains of the main adder for 8-bit and 16-bit SIMD instructions.
- Sat** The Sat stage implements the saturation logic required by the various classes of DSP instructions.

### **MAC pipe**

The MAC pipeline executes all of the enhanced multiply, and multiply-accumulate instructions.

The MAC unit consists of a 32x16 multiplier and an accumulate unit that is configured to calculate the sum of two 16x16 multiplies. The accumulate unit has its own dedicated single register read port for the accumulate operand.

To minimize power consumption, the processor only clocks each of the MAC and ALU stages when required.

### **Return stack**

The processor includes a three-entry return stack to accelerate returns from procedure calls. For each procedure call, the processor pushes the return address onto a hardware stack. When the processor recognizes a procedure return, the processor pops the address held in the return stack that the prefetch unit uses as the predicted return address.

#### ———— Note —————

See *Pipeline stages* on page 1-26 for details of the pipeline stages and instruction progression.

See Chapter 3 *System Control Coprocessor* for system control coprocessor programming information.

## **1.5.2 Load Store Unit (LSU)**

The *Load Store Unit* (LSU) manages all load and store operations. The load-store pipeline decouples loads and stores from the MAC and ALU pipelines.

When the processor issues LDM and STM instructions to the LSU pipeline, other instructions run concurrently, subject to the requirements of supporting precise exceptions.

## **1.5.3 Prefetch unit**

The prefetch unit fetches instructions from the instruction cache, Instruction TCM, or from external memory and predicts the outcome of branches in the instruction stream.

See Chapter 5 *Program Flow Prediction* for more details.

### **Branch prediction**

The core uses both static and dynamic branch prediction. All branches are predicted where the target address is an immediate address, or fixed-offset PC-relative address.

The first level of branch prediction is dynamic, through a 128-entry *Branch Target Address Cache* (BTAC). If the PC of a branch matches an entry in the BTAC, the processor uses the branch history and the target address to fetch the new instruction stream.

The processor might remove dynamically predicted branches from the instruction stream, and might execute such branches in zero cycles.

If the address mappings are changed, the BTAC must be flushed. A BTAC flush instruction is provided in the CP15 coprocessor.

The processor uses static branch prediction to manage branches not matched in the BTAC. The static branch predictor makes a prediction based on the direction of the branches.

## 1.5.4 Memory system

The level-one memory system provides the core with:

- separate instruction and data caches
- separate instruction and data Tightly-Coupled Memories
- 64-bit datapaths throughout the memory system
- virtually indexed, physically tagged caches
- memory access controls and virtual memory management
- support for four sizes of memory page
- two-channel DMA into TCMs
- I-fetch, D-read/write interface, compatible with multi-layer AMBA AXI
- 32-bit dedicated peripheral interface
- export of memory attributes for second-level memory system.

The following sections describe the memory system in more detail:

- *Instruction and data caches*
- *Cache power management* on page 1-13
- *Instruction and data TCM* on page 1-13
- *TCM DMA engine* on page 1-14
- *DMA features* on page 1-14
- *Memory Management Unit* on page 1-14.

### Instruction and data caches

The core provides separate instruction and data caches. The cache has the following features:

- Independent configuration of the instruction and data cache during synthesis to sizes between 4KB and 64KB.
- 4-way set-associative instruction and data caches. You can lock each way independently.
- Pseudo-random or round-robin replacement.
- Eight word cache line length.
- The MicroTLB entry determines whether cache lines are write-back or write-through.
- Ability to disable each cache independently, using the system control coprocessor.
- Data cache misses that are non-blocking. The processor supports up to three outstanding data cache misses.
- Streaming of sequential data from LDM and LDRD operations, and sequential instruction fetches.

- Critical word first filling of the cache on a cache-miss.
- You can implement all the cache RAM blocks, and the associated tag and valid RAM blocks using standard ASIC RAM compilers. This ensures optimum area and performance of your design.
- Each cache line is marked with a Secure or Non-secure tag that defines if the line contains Secure or Non-secure data.

### Cache power management

To reduce power consumption, the core uses sequential cache operations to reduce the number of full cache reads. If a cache read is sequential to the previous cache read, and the read is within the same cache line, only the data RAM set that was previously read is accessed. The core does not access tag RAM during sequential cache operations.

To reduce unnecessary power consumption additionally, the core only reads the addressed words within a cache line at any time.

### Instruction and data TCM

Because some applications might not respond well to caching, configurable memory blocks are provided for Instruction and Data *Tightly Coupled Memories* (TCMs). These ensure high-speed access to code or data.

An Instruction TCM typically holds an interrupt or exception code that the processor must access at high speed, without any potential delay resulting from a cache miss.

A Data TCM typically holds a block of data for intensive processing, such as audio or video processing.

You can configure each TCM to be Secure or Non-secure.

### Level one memory system

You can separately configure the size of the *Instruction TCM* (ITCM) and the size of the *Data TCM* (DTCM) to be 0KB, 4KB, 8KB, 16KB, 32KB or 64KB. For each side (ITCM and DTCM):

- If you configure the TCM size to be 4KB you get one TCM, of 4KB, on this side.
- If you configure the TCM size to be larger than 4KB you get two TCMs on this side, each of half the configured size. So, for example, if you configure an ITCM size of 16KB you get two ITCMs, each of size 8KB.

Table 1-1 lists all possible TCM configurations. See *Configurable options* on page 1-25 for more information about configuring your ARM1176JZF-S implementation.

**Table 1-1 TCM configurations**

Configured TCM size	Number of TCMs	Size of each TCM
0KB	0	0
4KB	1	4KB
8KB	2	4KB

Table 1-1 TCM configurations (continued)

Configured TCM size	Number of TCMs	Size of each TCM
16KB	2	8KB
32KB	2	16KB
64KB	2	32KB

The TCM can be anywhere in the memory map. The **INITRAM** pin enables booting from the ITCM.

See Chapter 7 *Level One Memory System* for more details.

### TCM DMA engine

To support use of the TCMs by data-intensive applications, the core provides two DMA channels to transfer data to or from the Instruction or Data TCM blocks. DMA can proceed in parallel with CPU accesses to the TCM blocks. Arbitration is on a cycle-by-cycle basis. The DMA channels connect with the *System-on-Chip* (SoC) backplane through a dedicated 64-bit AMBA AXI port.

The DMA controller is programmed using the CP15 system-control coprocessor. DMA accesses can only be to or from the TCM, and an external memory. There is no coherency support with the caches.

#### ———— Note —————

Only one of the two DMA channels can be active at any time.

### DMA features

The DMA controller has the following features:

- runs in background of CPU operations
- enables CPU priority access to TCM during DMA
- programmed with Virtual Addresses
- controls DMA to either the instruction or data TCM
- allocated by a privileged process (OS)
- software can check and monitor DMA progress
- interrupts on DMA event
- ability to configure each channel to transfer data between Secure TCM and Secure external memory.

### Memory Management Unit

The *Memory Management Unit* (MMU) has a unified *Translation Lookaside Buffer* (TLB) for both instructions and data. The MMU includes a 4KB page mapping size to enable a smaller RAM and ROM footprint for embedded systems and operating systems such as WindowsCE that have many small mapped objects. The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements the *Fast Context Switch Extension* (FCSE) and high vectors extension that are required to run Microsoft WindowsCE. See Chapter 6 *Memory Management Unit* for more details.

The MMU is responsible for protection checking, address translation, and memory attributes, and some of these can be passed to an external level two memory system. The memory translations are cached in MicroTLBs for each of the instruction and data caches, with a single Main TLB backing the MicroTLBs.

The MMU has the following features:

- matches Virtual Address, ASID, and NSTID
- each TLB entry is marked with the NSTID
- checks domain access permissions
- checks memory attributes
- translates virtual-to-physical address
- supports four memory page sizes
- maps accesses to cache, TCM, peripheral port, or external memory
- hardware handles TLB misses
- software control of TLB.

### **Paging**

Four page sizes are supported:

- 16MB super sections
- 1MB sections
- 64KB large pages
- 4KB small pages.

### **Domains**

Sixteen access domains are supported.

### **TLB**

A two-level TLB structure is implemented. Eight entries in the main TLB are lockable. Hardware TLB loading is supported, and is backwards compatible with previous versions of the ARM architecture.

### **ASIDs**

TLB entries can be global, or can be associated with particular processes or applications using *Application Space Identifiers* (ASIDs). ASIDs enable TLB entries to remain resident during context switches to avoid subsequent reload of TLB entries and also enable task-aware debugging.

### **NSTID**

TrustZone extensions enable the system to mark each entry in the TLB as Secure or Non-secure with the *Non-secure Table Identifier* (NSTID).

## **System control coprocessor**

Cache, TCM, and DMA operations are controlled through a dedicated coprocessor, CP15, integrated within the core. This coprocessor provides a standard mechanism for configuring the level one memory system, and also provides functions such as memory barrier instructions. See *System control* on page 1-21 for more details.

## 1.5.5 AMBA AXI interface

The bus interface provides high bandwidth connections between the processor, second level caches, on-chip RAM, peripherals, and interfaces to external memory.

There are separate bus interfaces for:

- instruction fetch, 64-bit data
- data read/write, 64-bit data
- peripheral access, 32-bit data
- DMA, 64-bit data.

All interfaces are AMBA AXI compatible. This enables them to be merged in smaller systems. Additional signals are provided on each port to support second-level cache.

The ports support the following bus transactions:

### **Instruction fetch**

Servicing instruction cache misses and noncacheable instruction fetches.

### **Data read/write**

Servicing data cache misses, hardware handled TLB misses, cache eviction and noncacheable data reads and writes.

### **DMA**

Servicing the DMA engine for writing and reading the TCMs. This behaves as a single bidirectional port.

These ports enable several simultaneous outstanding transactions, providing:

- high performance from second-level memory systems that support parallelism
- high use of pipelined and multi-page memories such as SDRAM.

The following sections describe the AMBA AXI interface in more detail:

- *Bus clock speeds*
- *Unaligned accesses*
- *Mixed-endian support*
- *Write buffer* on page 1-17
- *Peripheral port* on page 1-17.

### **Bus clock speeds**

The bus interface ports operate synchronously to the CPU clock if IEM is not implemented.

### **Unaligned accesses**

The core supports unaligned data access. Words and halfwords can align to any byte boundary. This enables access to compacted data structures with no software overhead. This is useful for multi-processor applications and reducing memory space requirements.

The *Bus Interface Unit* (BIU) automatically generates multiple bus cycles for unaligned accesses.

### **Mixed-endian support**

The core provides the option of switching between little-endian and byte invariant big endian data access modes. This means the core can share data with big-endian systems, and improves the way the core manages certain types of data.

## Write buffer

All memory writes take place through the write buffer. The write buffer decouples the CPU pipeline from the system bus for external memory writes. Memory reads are checked for dependency against the write buffer contents.

## Peripheral port

The peripheral port is a 32-bit AMBA AXI interface that provides direct access to local, Non-shared devices separately. The peripheral port does not use the main bus system. The memory regions that these non-shared devices use are marked as Device and Non-Shared. Accesses to these memory regions are routed to the peripheral port instead of to the data read-write ports.

See Chapter 8 *Level Two Interface* for more details.

## 1.5.6 Coprocessor interface

The ARM1176JZF-S processor connects to external coprocessors through the coprocessor interface. This interface supports all ARM coprocessor instructions:

- LDC
- LDCL
- STC
- STCL
- MRC
- MRRC
- MCR
- MCRR
- CDP.

The memory system returns data for all loads to coprocessors in the order of the accesses in the program. The processor suppresses HUM operation of the cache for coprocessor instructions.

The external coprocessor interface relies on the coprocessor executing all its instructions in order.

Externally-connected coprocessors follow the early stages of the core pipeline to permit the exchange of instructions and data between the two pipelines. The coprocessor runs one pipeline stage behind the core pipeline.

To prevent the coprocessor interface introducing critical paths, wait states can be inserted in external coprocessor operations. These wait states enable critical signals to be retimed.

The VFP unit connects to the internal coprocessor interface that has different timings and behavior, using controlled delays for internal interconnections.

Chapter 11 *Coprocessor Interface* describes the interface for on-chip coprocessors such as floating-point or other application-specific hardware acceleration units.

## 1.5.7 Debug

The ARM1176JZF-S core implements the ARMv6.1 Debug architecture that includes extensions of the ARMv6 Debug architecture to support TrustZone. It introduces three levels of debug:

- debug everywhere
- debug in Non-secure privileged and user, and Secure user

- debug in Non-secure only.

The debug coprocessor, CP14, implements a full range of debug features that Chapter 13 *Debug* and Chapter 14 *Debug Test Access Port* describe.

The core provides extensive support for real-time debug and performance profiling.

The following sections describe debug in more detail:

- *System performance monitoring*
- *ETM interface*
- *ETM trace buffer*
- *Software access to trace buffer*
- *Real-time debug facilities* on page 1-19
- *Debug and trace Environment* on page 1-19.

### System performance monitoring

This is a group of counters that you can configure to monitor the operation of the processor and memory system. See *System performance monitor* on page 3-10 for more details.

### ETM interface

You can connect an external *Embedded Trace Macrocell* (ETM) unit to the processor for real-time code tracing of the core in an embedded system.

The ETM interface collects various processor signals and drives these signals from the core. The interface is unidirectional and runs at the full speed of the core. The ETM interface connects directly to the external ETM unit without any additional glue logic. You can disable the ETM interface for power saving.

For more information see:

- the *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification*
- Chapter 15 *Trace Interface Port*
- Appendix A *Signal Descriptions*, for details of ETM-related signals.

### ETM trace buffer

You can extend the functionality of the ETM by adding an on-chip trace buffer. The trace buffer is an on-chip memory area. The trace buffer stores trace information during capture that otherwise passes immediately through the trace port at the operating frequency of the core.

When capture is complete the stored information can be read out at a reduced clock rate from the trace buffer using the JTAG port of the SoC, instead of through a dedicated trace port.

This is a two-step process that avoids you implementing a wide trace port that has many high-speed device pins. In effect, a zero-pin trace port is created where the device already has a JTAG port and associated pins.

### Software access to trace buffer

You can access buffered trace information through an APB slave-based memory-mapped peripheral included as part of the trace buffer. You can perform internal diagnostics on a closed system where a JTAG port is not normally brought out.

## Real-time debug facilities

The ARM1176JZF-S processor contains an EmbeddedICE-RT logic unit that provides the following real-time debug facilities:

- up to six breakpoints
- thread-aware breakpoints
- up to two watchpoints
- *Debug Communications Channel (DCC)*.

The EmbeddedICE-RT logic connects directly to the core and monitors the internal address and data buses. You can access the EmbeddedICE-RT logic in one of two ways:

- executing CP14 instructions
- through a JTAG-style interface and associated TAP controller.

The EmbeddedICE-RT logic supports two modes of debug operation:

### Halting debug-mode

On a debug event, such as a breakpoint or watchpoint, the debug logic stops the core and forces the core into Debug state. This enables you to examine the internal state of the core, and the external state of the system, independently from other system activity. When the debugging process completes, the core and system state is restored, and normal program execution resumes.

### Monitor debug-mode

On a debug event, the core generates a debug exception instead of entering Debug state, as in Halting debug-mode. The exception entry activates a debug monitor program that performs critical interrupt service routines to debug the processor. The debug monitor program communicates with the debug host over the DCC.

## Debug and trace Environment

Several external hardware and software tools are available for you to enable:

- real-time debugging using the EmbeddedICE-RT logic
- execution trace using the ETM.

### 1.5.8 Instruction cycle summary and interlocks

Chapter 16 *Cycle Timings and Interlock Behavior* describes instruction cycles and gives examples of interlock timing.

### 1.5.9 Vector Floating-Point (VFP)

The VFP coprocessor supports floating point arithmetic operations and is a functional block within the ARM1176JZF-S processor. The VFP coprocessor is mapped as coprocessor numbers 10 and 11. Software can determine whether the VFP is present by the use of the Coprocessor Access Control Register. See *c1, Coprocessor Access Control Register* on page 3-51 for more details.

The VFP implements the ARM VFPv2 floating point coprocessor instruction set. It supports single and double-precision arithmetic on vector-vector, vector-scalar, and scalar-scalar data sets. Vectors can consist of up to eight single-precision, or four double-precision elements.

The VFP has its own bank of 32 registers for single-precision operands that you can:

- use in pairs for double-precision operands
- operate loads and stores of VFP registers in parallel with arithmetic operations.

The VFP supports a wide range of single and double precision operations, including ABS, NEG, COPY, MUL, MAC, DIV, and SQRT. The VFP effectively executes most of these in a single cycle. Table 1-2 lists the exceptions. These issue latencies also apply to individual elements in a vector operation.

**Table 1-2 Double-precision VFP operations**

Instruction types	Issue latency
DP MUL and MAC	2 cycle
SP DIV, SQRT	14 cycles
DP DIV, SQRT	28 cycles
All other instructions	1 cycle

### Compliance with the IEEE 754 standard

The VFP supports all five floating point exceptions defined by the IEEE 754 standard:

- invalid operation
- divide by zero
- overflow
- underflow
- inexact.

You can individually enable or disable these exception traps. If disabled, the default results defined by IEEE 754 are returned. All rounding modes are supported, and basic single and basic double formats are used.

For full compliance, the VFP requires support code to handle arithmetic where operands or results are de-norms. This support code is normally installed on the Undefined instruction exception handler.

### Flush-to-zero mode

A flush-to-zero mode is provided where a default treatment of de-norms is applied. Table 1-3 lists the default behavior in flush-to-zero mode.

**Table 1-3 Flush-to-zero mode**

Operation	Flush-to-zero
De-norm operand(s)	Treated as 0+. Inexact flag set.
De-norm result	Returned as 0+. Inexact Flag set.

### Operations not supported

The following operations are not directly supported by the VFP:

- remainder
- binary (decimal) conversions
- direct comparisons between single and double-precision values.

These are normally implemented as C library functions.

### 1.5.10 System control

The control of the memory system and its associated functionality, and other system-wide control attributes are managed through a dedicated system control coprocessor, CP15. See *System control and configuration* on page 3-5 for more details.

### 1.5.11 Interrupt handling

Interrupt handling in the ARM1176JZF-S processor is compatible with previous ARM architectures, but has several additional features to improve interrupt performance for real-time applications.

The following sections describe interrupt handling in more detail:

- *Vectored Interrupt Controller port*
- *Low interrupt latency configuration*
- *Configuration* on page 1-22
- *Exception processing enhancements* on page 1-22.

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**Note**

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The **nIRQ** and **nFIQ** signals are level-sensitive and must be held LOW until a suitable interrupt response is received from the processor.

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#### **Vectored Interrupt Controller port**

The core has a dedicated port that enables an external interrupt controller, such as the ARM *Vectored Interrupt Controller* (VIC), to supply a vector address along with an *interrupt request* (IRQ) signal. This provides faster interrupt entry but you can disable it for compatibility with earlier interrupt controllers.

#### **Low interrupt latency configuration**

This mode minimizes the worst-case interrupt latency of the processor, with a small reduction in peak performance, or instructions-per-cycle. You can tune the behavior of the core to suit the requirements of the application.

The low interrupt latency configuration disables HUM operation of the cache. In low interrupt latency configuration, on receipt of an interrupt, the ARM1176JZF-S processor:

- abandons any pending restartable memory operations
- restarts memory operations on return from the interrupt.

To obtain maximum benefit from the low interrupt latency configuration, software must only use multi-word load or store instructions that are fully restartable. The software must not use multi-word load or store instructions on memory locations that produce side-effects for the type of access concerned. This applies to:

**ARM**           LDC, all forms of LDM, LDRD, and STC, and all forms of STM and STRD.

**Thumb**       LDMIA, STMIA, PUSH, and POP.

To achieve optimum interrupt latency, memory locations accessed with these instructions must not have large numbers of wait-states associated with them. To minimize the interrupt latency, the following is recommended:

- multiple accesses to areas of memory marked as Device or Strongly Ordered must not be performed

- access to slow areas of memory marked as Device or Strongly Ordered must not be performed. That is, those that take many cycles in generating a response
- SWP operations must not be performed to slow areas of memory.

### Configuration

You configure the processor for low interrupt latency mode by use of the system control coprocessor. To ensure that a change between normal and low interrupt latency configurations is synchronized correctly, you must use software systems that only change the configuration while interrupts are disabled.

### Exception processing enhancements

The ARMv6 architecture contains several enhancements to exception processing, to reduce interrupt handler entry and exit time:

<b>SRS</b>	Save return state to a specified stack frame.
<b>RFE</b>	Return from exception.
<b>CPS</b>	Directly modify the CPSR.

———— **Note** —————

With TrustZone, in Non-secure state, specifying Secure Monitor mode in the <mode> field of the SRS instruction causes the processor to take the Undefined exception.

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## 1.6 Power management

The ARM1176JZF-S processor includes several micro-architectural features to reduce energy consumption:

- Accurate branch and return prediction, reducing the number of incorrect instruction fetch and decode operations.
- Use of physically tagged caches that reduce the number of cache flushes and refills, to save energy in the system.
- The use of MicroTLBs reduces the power consumed in translation and protection look-ups for each memory access.
- The caches use sequential access information to reduce the number of accesses to the Tag RAMs and to unmatched data RAMs.
- Extensive use of gated clocks and gates to disable inputs to unused functional blocks. Because of this, only the logic actively in use to perform a calculation consumes any dynamic power.
- Optionally supports IEM. The ARM1176JZF-S is separated into three different blocks to support three different power domains:
  - all the RAMS
  - the core logic that is clocked by **CLKIN** and **FREECLKIN**
  - four optional IEM Register Slices to have an asynchronous interface between the Level 2 ports powered by VCore and clocked by **CLKIN**, and the AXI system powered by VSoc and clocked by **ACLK** clocks, one for each port.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor support four levels of power management:

**Run mode** This mode is the normal mode of operation when the processor can use all its functions.

### Standby mode

This mode disables most of the processor clocks of the device, while processor remains powered up. This reduces the power drawn to the static leakage current, plus a tiny clock power overhead required to enable the processor to wake up from the standby state. One of the following events cause a transition from the standby mode to the run mode:

- an interrupt, either masked or unmasked
- a debug request, regardless of whether debug is enabled
- reset.

### Shutdown mode

This mode powers down the entire processor. The processor must save all states, including cache and TCM state, externally. The processor is returned to the run state by the assertion of reset. The processor saves the states with interrupts disabled, and finishes with a Data Synchronization Barrier operation. The ARM1176JZF-S processor then communicates with the power controller that it is ready to be powered down.

**Dormant mode**

This mode powers down the processor and leaves the caches and the TCM powered up and maintaining their state. The valid bits remain visible to software to enable you to implement dormant mode. For full implementation of dormant mode you must:

- modify the RAM blocks to include an input clamp
- implement separate power domains.

For full implementation of dormant mode see *ARM1176JZF-S and ARM1176JZ-S Implementation Guide*.

For more details of power management features see Chapter 10 *Power Control*.

## 1.7 Configurable options

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### Note

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These options are configurable features of your ARM1176JZF-S processor implementation. They are *not* programmable options of the implemented device.

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Table 1-4 lists the ARM1176JZF-S processor configurable options.

**Table 1-4 Configurable options**

Feature	Range of options
IEM support	Yes or No
Cache way size	1KB, 2KB, 4KB, 8KB, or 16KB
Number of cache ways	4, not configurable
TCM block size	4KB, 8KB, 16KB, or 32KB
Number of TCM blocks	0, or auto-configures <sup>a</sup> to 1, or 2

a. Number of TCM blocks depends only on the size of the TCM RAM.

In addition, the form of the BIST solution for the RAM blocks in the ARM1176JZF-S design is determined when the processor is implemented. For details, see the *ARM11 Memory Built-In Self Test Controller Technical Reference Manual*.

Table 1-5 lists the default configuration of ARM1176JZF-S processor.

**Table 1-5 ARM1176JZF-S processor default configurations**

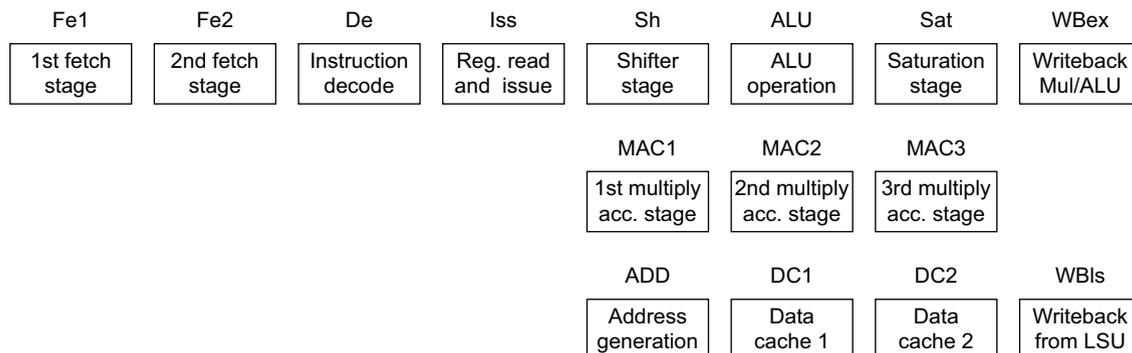
Feature	Default value
IEM support	No
Cache way size	4KB
Number of cache ways	4
TCM block size	8KB
Number of TCM blocks	2

## 1.8 Pipeline stages

Figure 1-2 shows:

- the two Fetch stages
- a Decode stage
- an Issue stage
- the four stages of the ARM1176JZF-S integer execution pipeline.

These eight stages make up the processor pipeline.



**Figure 1-2 ARM1176JZF-S pipeline stages**

From Figure 1-2, the pipeline operations are:

- Fe1** First stage of instruction fetch where address is issued to memory and data returns from memory
- Fe2** Second stage of instruction fetch and branch prediction.
- De** Instruction decode.
- Iss** Register read and instruction issue.
- Sh** Shifter stage.
- ALU** Main integer operation calculation.
- Sat** Pipeline stage to enable saturation of integer results.
- WBex** Write back of data from the multiply or main execution pipelines.
- MAC1** First stage of the multiply-accumulate pipeline.
- MAC2** Second stage of the multiply-accumulate pipeline.
- MAC3** Third stage of the multiply-accumulate pipeline.
- ADD** Address generation stage.
- DC1** First stage of data cache access.
- DC2** Second stage of data cache access.
- WBls** Write back of data from the Load Store Unit.

By overlapping the various stages of operation, the ARM1176JZF-S processor maximizes the clock rate achievable to execute each instruction. It delivers a throughput approaching one instruction for each cycle.

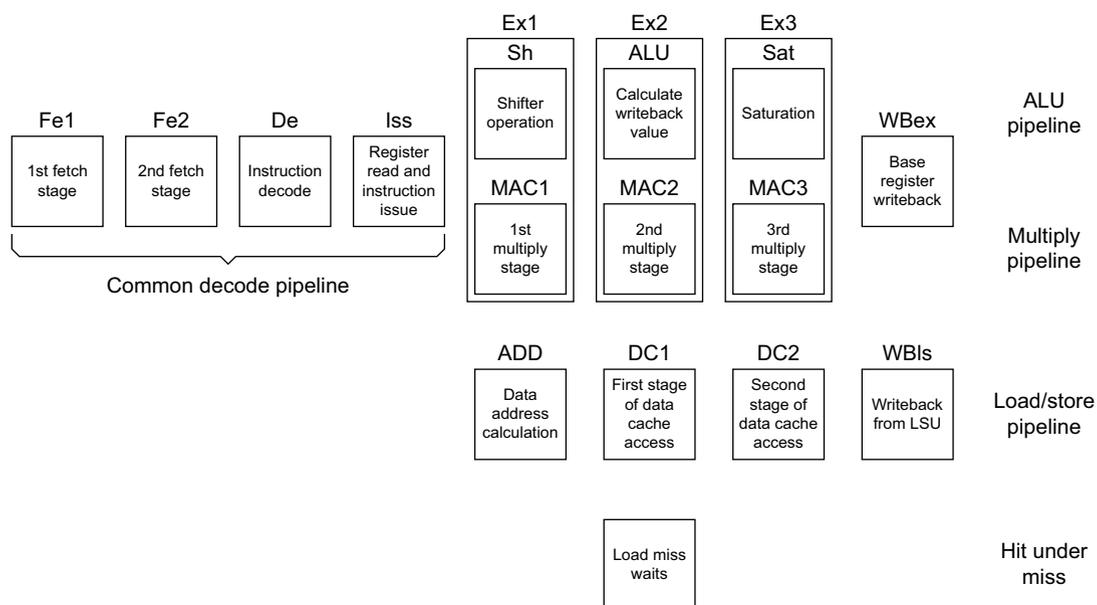
The Fetch stages can hold up to four instructions, where branch prediction is performed on instructions ahead of execution of earlier instructions.

The Issue and Decode stages can contain any instruction in parallel with a predicted branch.

The Execute, Memory, and Write stages can contain a predicted branch, an ALU or multiply instruction, a load/store multiple instruction, and a coprocessor instruction in parallel execution.

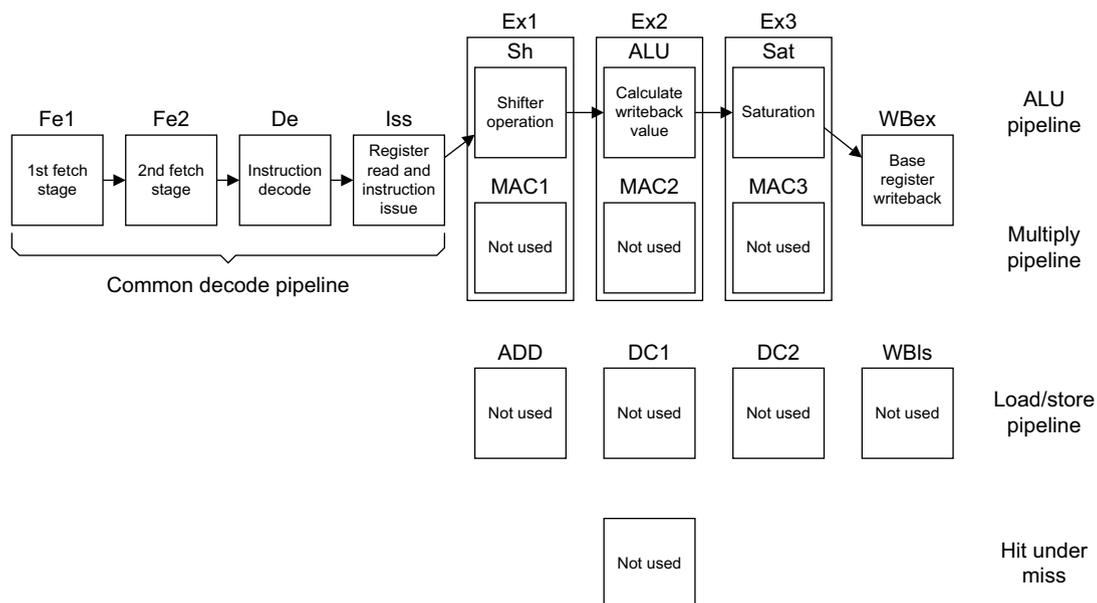
## 1.9 Typical pipeline operations

Figure 1-3 shows all the operations in each of the pipeline stages in the ALU pipeline, the load/store pipeline, and the HUM buffers.



**Figure 1-3 Typical operations in pipeline stages**

Figure 1-4 shows a typical ALU data processing instruction. The processor does not use the load/store pipeline or the HUM buffer.



**Figure 1-4 Typical ALU operation**

Figure 1-5 on page 1-29 shows a typical multiply operation. The MUL instruction can loop in the MAC1 stage until it has passed through the first part of the multiplier array enough times. The MUL instruction progresses to MAC2 and MAC3 where it passes through the second half of the array once to produce the final result.

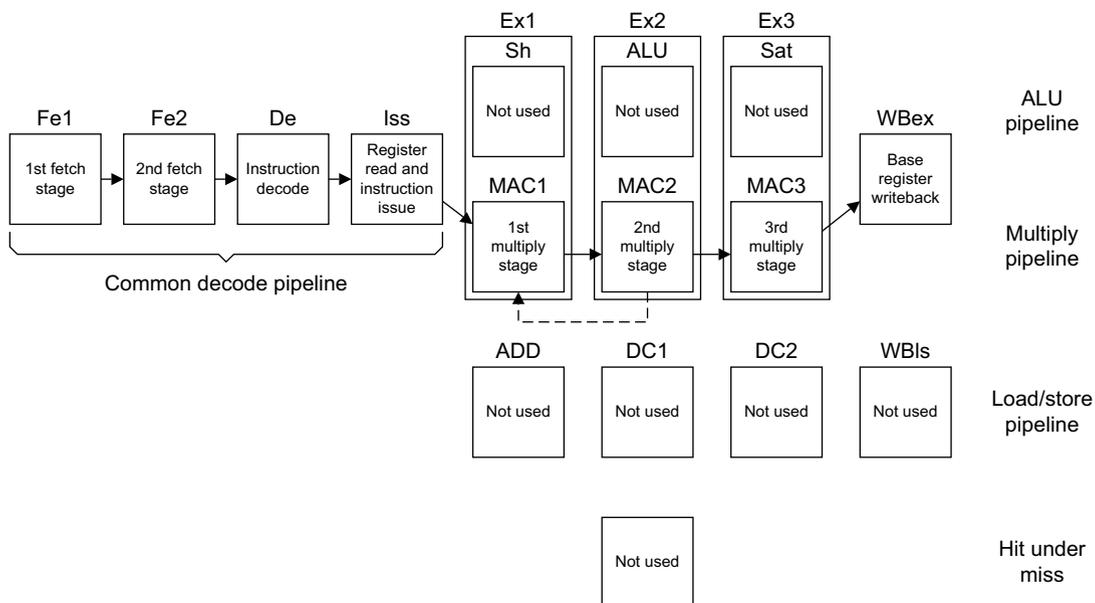
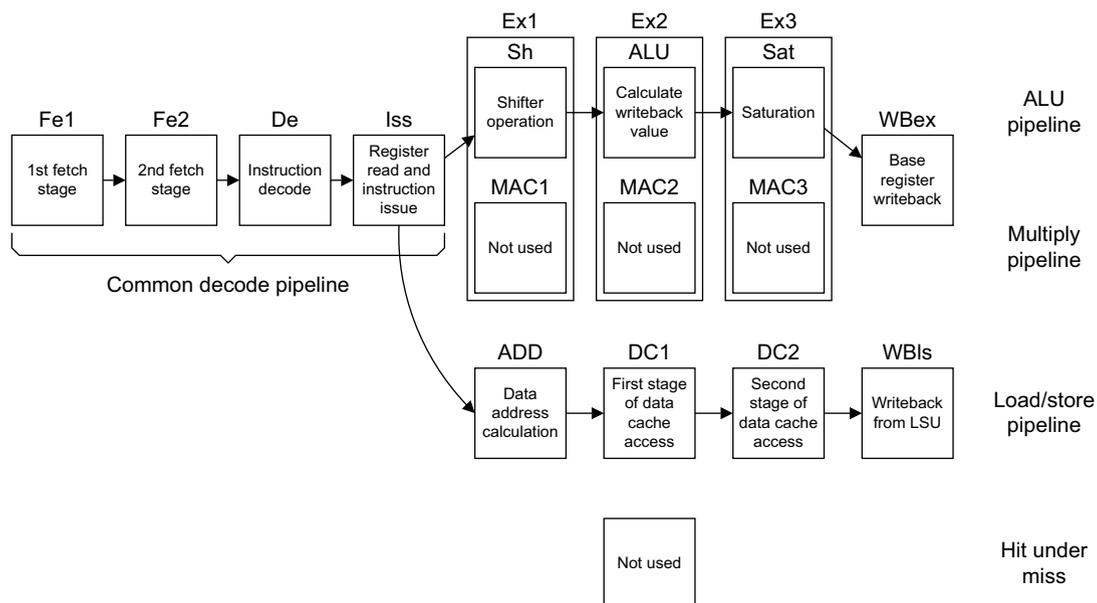


Figure 1-5 Typical multiply operation

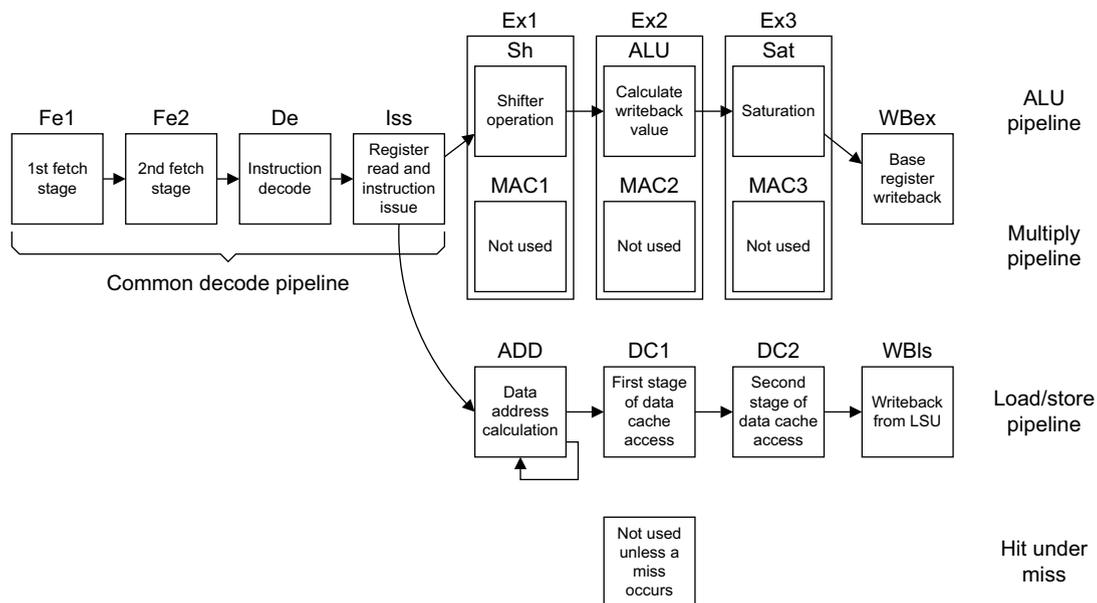
## 1.9.1 Instruction progression

Figure 1-6 shows an LDR/STR operation that hits in the data cache.



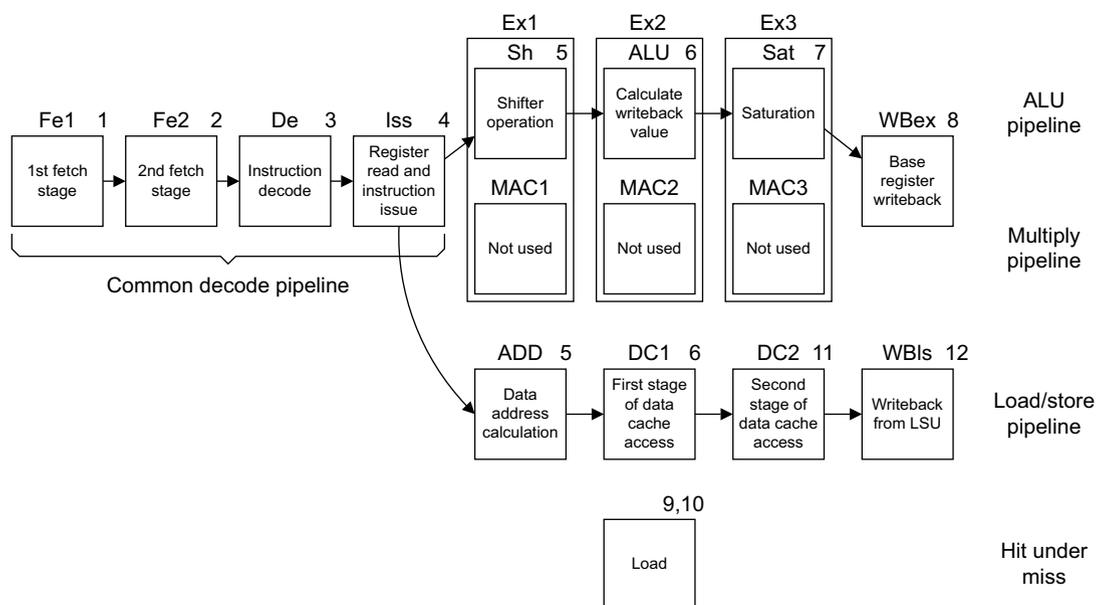
**Figure 1-6 Progression of an LDR/STR operation**

Figure 1-7 shows the progression of an LDM/STM operation that completes by use of the load/store pipeline. Other instructions can use the ALU pipeline at the same time as the LDM/STM completes in the load/store pipeline.



**Figure 1-7 Progression of an LDM/STM operation**

Figure 1-8 on page 1-31 shows the progression of an LDR that misses. When the LDR is in the HUM buffers, other instructions, including independent loads that hit in the cache, can run under it.



**Figure 1-8 Progression of an LDR that misses**

See Chapter 16 *Cycle Timings and Interlock Behavior* for details of instruction cycle timings.

## 1.10 ARM1176JZF-S instruction set summary

This section provides:

- an *Extended ARM instruction set summary* on page 1-33
- a *Thumb instruction set summary* on page 1-44.

Table 1-6 lists a key to the ARM and Thumb instruction set tables.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements the ARM architecture v6 with ARM Jazelle technology. For a description of the ARM and Thumb instruction sets, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. Contact ARM Limited for complete descriptions of all instruction sets.

**Table 1-6 Key to instruction set tables**

Symbol	Description
{!}	Update base register after operation if ! present.
{^}	For all STMs and LDMS that do not load the PC, stores or restores the User mode banked registers instead of the current mode registers if ^ present, and sets the S bit. For LDMS that load the PC, indicates that the CPSR is loaded from the SPSR.
B	Byte operation.
H	Halfword operation.
T	Forces execution to be handled as having User mode privilege. Cannot be used with pre-indexed addresses.
x	Selects HIGH or LOW 16 bits of register Rm. T selects the HIGH 16 bits, T = top, and B selects the LOW 16 bits, B = bottom.
y	Selects HIGH or LOW 16 bits of register Rs. T selects the HIGH 16 bits, T = top, and B selects the LOW 16 bits, B = bottom.
{cond}	Updates condition flags if cond present. See Table 1-15 on page 1-43.
{field}	See Table 1-14 on page 1-43.
{S}	Sets condition codes, optional.
<a_mode2>	See Table 1-8 on page 1-40.
<a_mode2P>	See Table 1-9 on page 1-41.
<a_mode3>	See Table 1-10 on page 1-42.
<a_mode4>	See Table 1-11 on page 1-42.
<a_mode5>	See Table 1-12 on page 1-42.
<cp_num>	One of the coprocessors p0 to p15.
<effect>	Specifies the effect required on the interrupt disable bits, A, I, and F in the CPSR: IE = Interrupt enable ID = Interrupt disable. <i>i>flags> specifies the bits affected if <effect> is specified.
<endian_specifier>	BE = Set E bit in instruction, set CPSR E bit. LE = Reset E bit in instruction, clear CPSR E bit.
<HighReg>	Specifies a register in the range R8 to R15.

Table 1-6 Key to instruction set tables (continued)

Symbol	Description
<iflags>	A sequence of one or more of the following: a = Set A bit. i = Set I bit. f = Set F bit. If <effect> is specified, the sequence determines the interrupt flags that are affected.
<immed_8*4>	A 10-bit constant, formed by left-shifting an 8-bit value by two bits.
<immed_8>	An 8-bit constant.
<immed_8r>	A 32-bit constant, formed by right-rotating an 8-bit value by an even number of bits.
<label>	The target address to branch to.
<LowReg>	Specifies a register in the range R0 to R7.
<mode>	The new mode number for a mode change. See <i>Mode bits</i> on page 2-28.
<op1>, <op2>	Specify, in a coprocessor-specific manner, the coprocessor operation to perform.
<operand2>	See Table 1-13 on page 1-43.
<option>	Specifies additional instruction options to the coprocessor. An integer in the range 0 to 255 surrounded by { and }.
<reglist>	A comma-separated list of registers, enclosed in braces { and }.
<rotation>	One of ROR #8, ROR #16, or ROR #24.
<Rm>	Specifies the register, the value of which is the instruction operand.
<Rn>	Specifies the address of the base register.
<shift>	Specifies the optional shift. If present, it must be one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSL #N. N must be in the range 0 to 31.</li> <li>ASR #N. N must be in the range 1 to 32.</li> </ul>

### 1.10.1 Extended ARM instruction set summary

Table 1-7 summarizes the extended ARM instruction set.

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary

Operation	Assembler	
Arithmetic	Add	ADD{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Add with carry	ADC{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Subtract	SUB{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Subtract with carry	SBC{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Reverse subtract	RSB{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Reverse subtract with carry	RSC{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
	Multiply	MUL{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>
	Multiply-accumulate	MLA{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler
Multiply unsigned long	UMULL{cond}{S} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Multiply unsigned accumulate long	UMLAL{cond}{S} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Multiply signed long	SMULL{cond}{S} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Multiply signed accumulate long	SMLAL{cond}{S} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Saturating add	QADD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rn>
Saturating add with double	QDADD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rn>
Saturating subtract	QSUB{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rn>
Saturating subtract with double	QDSUB{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rn>
Multiply 16x16	SMULxy{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Multiply-accumulate 16x16+32	SMLAxy{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
Multiply 32x16	SMULWy{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Multiply-accumulate 32x16+32	SMLAWy{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
Multiply signed accumulate long 16x16+64	SMLALxy{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Count leading zeros	CLZ{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Compare</b>	
Compare	CMP{cond} <Rn>, <operand2>
Compare negative	CMN{cond} <Rn>, <operand2>
<b>Logical</b>	
Move	MOV{cond}{S} <Rd>, <operand2>
Move NOT	MVN{cond}{S} <Rd>, <operand2>
Test	TST{cond} <Rn>, <operand2>
Test equivalence	TEQ{cond} <Rn>, <operand2>
AND	AND{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
XOR	EOR{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
OR	ORR{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
Bit clear	BIC{cond}{S} <Rd>, <Rn>, <operand2>
Copy	CPY{<cond>} <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Branch</b>	
Branch	B{cond} <label>
Branch with link	BL{cond} <label>
Branch and exchange	BX{cond} <Rm>
Branch, link and exchange	BLX <label>
Branch, link and exchange	BLX{cond} <Rm>
Branch and exchange to Jazelle state	BXJ{cond} <Rm>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
<b>Status register handling</b>	Move SPSR to register	MRS{cond} <Rd>, SPSR
	Move CPSR to register	MRS{cond} <Rd>, CPSR
	Move register to SPSR	MSR{cond} SPSR_{field}, <Rm>
	Move register to CPSR	MSR{cond} CPSR_{field}, <Rm>
	Move immediate to SPSR flags	MSR{cond} SPSR_{field}, #<immed_8r>
	Move immediate to CPSR flags	MSR{cond} CPSR_{field}, #<immed_8r>
<b>Load</b>	Word	LDR{cond} <Rd>, <a_mode2>
	Word with User mode privilege	LDR{cond}T <Rd>, <a_mode2P>
	PC as destination, branch and exchange	LDR{cond} R15, <a_mode2P>
	Byte	LDR{cond}B <Rd>, <a_mode2>
	Byte with User mode privilege	LDR{cond}BT <Rd>, <a_mode2P>
	Byte signed	LDR{cond}SB <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Halfword	LDR{cond}H <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Halfword signed	LDR{cond}SH <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Doubleword	LDR{cond}D <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Return from exception	RFE<a_mode4> <Rn>{!}
<b>Load multiple</b>	Stack operations	LDM{cond}<a_mode4L> <Rn>{!}, <reglist>
	Increment before	LDM{cond}IB <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Increment after	LDM{cond}IA <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Decrement before	LDM{cond}DB <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Decrement after	LDM{cond}DA <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Stack operations and restore CPSR	LDM{cond}<a_mode4> <Rn>{!}, <reglist+pc>^
	User registers	LDM{cond}<a_mode4> <Rn>{!}, <reglist>^
<b>Soft preload</b>	Memory system hint In Non-secure this instruction behaves like a NOP	PLD <a_mode2>
<b>Store</b>	Word	STR{cond} <Rd>, <a_mode2>
	Word with User mode privilege	STR{cond}T <Rd>, <a_mode2P>
	Byte	STR{cond}B <Rd>, <a_mode2>
	Byte with User mode privilege	STR{cond}BT <Rd>, <a_mode2P>
	Halfword	STR{cond}H <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Doubleword	STR{cond}D <Rd>, <a_mode3>
	Store return state	SRS<a_mode4> <mode>{!}

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation		Assembler
<b>Store multiple</b>	Stack operations	STM{cond}<a_mode4S> <Rn>{!}, <reglist>
	User registers	STM{cond}<a_mode4S> <Rn>, <reglist>^
	Increment before	STM{cond}IB, <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Increment after	STM{cond}IA, <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Decrement before	STM{cond}DB, <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
	Decrement after	STM{cond}DA, <Rn>{!}, <reglist>{^}
<b>Swap</b>	Word	SWP{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
	Byte	SWP{cond}B <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
<b>Change state</b>	Change processor state	CPS<effect> <iflags>{, <mode>}
	Change processor mode	CPS <mode>
	Change endianness	SETEND <endian_specifier>
<b>NOP-compatible hints</b>	No Operation	NOP{<cond>}
		YIELD{<cond>}
<b>Byte-reverse</b>	Byte-reverse word	REV{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>
	Byte-reverse halfword	REV16{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>
	Byte-reverse signed halfword	REVSH{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Synchronization primitives</b>	Load exclusive	LDREX{cond} <Rd>, [<Rn>]
	Store exclusive	STREX{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
	Load Byte Exclusive	LDREXB{cond} <Rxf>, [<Rbase>]
	Load Halfword Exclusive	LDREXH{cond} <Rd>, [<Rn>]
	Load Doubleword Exclusive	LDREXD{cond} <Rd>, [<Rn>]
	Store Byte Exclusive	STREXB{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
	Store Halfword Exclusive	STREXH{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
	Store Doubleword Exclusive	STREXD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]
	Clear Exclusive	CLREX
<b>Coprocessor</b>	Data operations	CDP{cond} <cp_num>, <op1>, <CRd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move to ARM reg from coproc	MRC{cond} <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move to coproc from ARM reg	MCR{cond} <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move double to ARM reg from coproc	MRRC{cond} <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <Rn>, <CRm>
	Move double to coproc from ARM reg	MCRR{cond} <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <Rn>, <CRm>
	Load	LDC{cond} <cp_num>, <CRd>, <a_mode5>
	Store	STC{cond} <cp_num>, <CRd>, <a_mode5>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
<b>Alternative coprocessor</b>	Data operations	CDP2 <cp_num>, <op1>, <CRd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move to ARM reg from coproc	MRC2 <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move to coproc from ARM reg	MCR2 <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>{, <op2>}
	Move double to ARM reg from coproc	MRRC2 <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>
	Move double to coproc from ARM reg	MCCR2 <cp_num>, <op1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>
	Load	LDC2 <cp_num>, <CRd>, <a_mode5>
	Store	STC2 <cp_num>, <CRd>, <a_mode5>
<b>Supervisor call</b>	SVC{cond} <immed_24>	
<b>Secure Monitor call</b>	SMC{cond} <immed_16>	
<b>Software breakpoint</b>	BKPT <immed_16>	
<b>Parallel add /subtract</b>	Signed add high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16, set GE flags	SADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Saturated add high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16	QADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Signed high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16, halved	SHADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Unsigned high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16, set GE flags	UADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Saturated unsigned high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16	UQADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Unsigned high 16 + 16, low 16 + 16, halved	UHADD16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Signed high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16, set GE flags	SADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Saturated high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16	QADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Signed high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16, halved	SHADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Unsigned high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16, set GE flags	UADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Saturated unsigned high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16	UQADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Unsigned high 16 + low 16, low 16 - high 16, halved	UHADDSUBX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Signed high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16, set GE flags	SSUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler
Saturated high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16	QSUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Signed high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16, halved	SHSUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Unsigned high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16, set GE flags	USUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Saturated unsigned high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16	UQSUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Unsigned high 16 - low 16, low 16 + high 16, halved	UHSUBADDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Signed high 16-16, low 16-16, set GE flags	SSUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Saturated high 16 - 16, low 16 - 16	QSUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Signed high 16 - 16, low 16 - 16, halved	SHSUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Unsigned high 16 - 16, low 16 - 16, set GE flags	USUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Saturated unsigned high 16 - 16, low 16 - 16	UQSUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Unsigned high 16 - 16, low 16 - 16, halved	UHSUB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four signed 8 + 8, set GE flags	SADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four saturated 8 + 8	QADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four signed 8 + 8, halved	SHADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four unsigned 8 + 8, set GE flags	UADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four saturated unsigned 8 + 8	UQADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four unsigned 8 + 8, halved	UHADD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four signed 8 - 8, set GE flags	SSUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four saturated 8 - 8	QSUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four signed 8 - 8, halved	SHSUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four unsigned 8 - 8	USUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four saturated unsigned 8 - 8	UQSUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Four unsigned 8 - 8, halved	UHSUB8{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
Sum of absolute differences	USAD8{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Sum of absolute differences and accumulate	USADA8{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
<b>Sign/zero extend and add</b>	Two low 8/16, sign extend to 16 + 16	SXTAB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 8/32, sign extend to 32, + 32	SXTAB{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 16/32, sign extend to 32, + 32	SXTAH{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Two low 8/16, zero extend to 16, + 16	UXTAB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 8/32, zero extend to 32, + 32	UXTAB{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 16/32, zero extend to 32, + 32	UXTAH{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Two low 8, sign extend to 16, packed 32	SXTB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 8, sign extend to 32	SXTB{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 16, sign extend to 32	SXTH{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Two low 8, zero extend to 16, packed 32	UXTB16{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 8, zero extend to 32	UXTB{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	Low 16, zero extend to 32	UXTH{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>{, <rotation>}
	<b>Signed multiply and multiply, accumulate</b>	Signed (high 16 x 16) + (low 16 x 16) + 32, and set Q flag.
As SMLAD, but high x low, low x high, and set Q flag		SMLADX{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
Signed (high 16 x 16) - (low 16 x 16) + 32		SMLSD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
As SMLSD, but high x low, low x high		SMLSXD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
Signed (high 16 x 16) + (low 16 x 16) + 64		SMLALD{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
As SMLALD, but high x low, low x high		SMLALDX{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
Signed (high 16 x 16) - (low 16 x 16) + 64		SMLSLD{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
As SMLSLD, but high x low, low x high		SMLSLDX{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>
32 + truncated high 16 (32 x 32)		SMMLA{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
32 + rounded high 16 (32 x 32)		SMMLAR{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
32 - truncated high 16 (32 x 32)		SMMLS{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>
32 -rounded high 16 (32 x 32)		SMMLSR{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>, <Rn>

Table 1-7 ARM instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
Signed (high 16 x 16) + (low 16 x 16), and set Q flag	SMUAD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
As SMUAD, but high x low, low x high, and set Q flag	SMUADX{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
Signed (high 16 x 16) - (low 16 x 16)	SMUSD{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
As SMUSD, but high x low, low x high	SMUSDX{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
Truncated high 16 (32 x 32)	SMMUL{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
Rounded high 16 (32 x 32)	SMMULR{cond} <Rd>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
Unsigned 32 x 32, + two 32, to 64	UMAAL{cond} <RdLo>, <RdHi>, <Rm>, <Rs>	
<b>Saturate, select, and pack</b>	Signed saturation at bit position n	SSAT{cond} <Rd>, #<immed_5>, <Rm>{, <shift>}
	Unsigned saturation at bit position n	USAT{cond} <Rd>, #<immed_5>, <Rm>{, <shift>}
	Two 16 signed saturation at bit position n	SSAT16{cond} <Rd>, #<immed_4>, <Rm>
	Two 16 unsigned saturation at bit position n	USAT16{cond} <Rd>, #<immed_4>, <Rm>
	Select bytes from Rn/Rm based on GE flags	SEL{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Pack low 16/32, high 16/32	PKHBT{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, LSL #<immed_5>}
	Pack high 16/32, low 16/32	PKHTB{cond} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>{, ASR #<immed_5>}

Table 1-8 summarizes addressing mode 2.

Table 1-8 Addressing mode 2

Addressing mode	Assembler
Offset	-
Immediate offset	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_12>]
Zero offset	[<Rn>]
Register offset	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>]
Scaled register offset	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, LSL #<immed_5>]
	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, LSR #<immed_5>]
	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, ASR #<immed_5>]
	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, ROR #<immed_5>]
	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, RRX]

Table 1-8 Addressing mode 2 (continued)

Addressing mode	Assembler
Pre-indexed offset	-
Immediate offset	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_12>
Zero offset	[<Rn>]
Register offset	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>]!
Scaled register offset	[<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, LSL #<immed_5>]! [<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, LSR #<immed_5>]! [<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, ASR #<immed_5>]! [<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, ROR #<immed_5>]! [<Rn>, +/-<Rm>, RRX]!
Post-indexed offset	-
Immediate	[<Rn>], #+/-<immed_12>
Zero offset	[<Rn>]
Register offset	[<Rn>], +/-<Rm>
Scaled register offset	[<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, LSL #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, LSR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, ASR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, ROR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, RRX

Table 1-9 summarizes addressing mode 2P, post-indexed only.

Table 1-9 Addressing mode 2P, post-indexed only

Addressing mode	Assembler
Post-indexed offset	-
Immediate offset	[<Rn>], #+/-<immed_12>
Zero offset	[<Rn>]
Register offset	[<Rn>], +/-<Rm>
Scaled register offset	[<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, LSL #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, LSR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, ASR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, ROR #<immed_5> [<Rn>], +/-<Rm>, RRX

Table 1-10 summarizes addressing mode 3.

**Table 1-10 Addressing mode 3**

Addressing mode	Assembler
Immediate offset	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_8>]
Pre-indexed	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_8>!]
Post-indexed	[<Rn>], #+/-<immed_8>
Register offset	[<Rn>, +/- <Rm>]
Pre-indexed	[<Rn>, +/- <Rm>!]
Post-indexed	[<Rn>], +/- <Rm>

Table 1-11 summarizes addressing mode 4.

**Table 1-11 Addressing mode 4**

Addressing mode		Stack type	
<b>Block load</b>		<b>Stack pop (LDM, RFE)</b>	
IA	Increment after	FD	Full descending
IB	Increment before	E D	Empty descending
DA	Decrement after	FA	Full ascending
DB	Decrement before	E A	Empty ascending
<b>Block store</b>		<b>Stack push (STM, SRS)</b>	
IA	IA Increment after	E A	Empty ascending
IB	IB Increment before	FA	Full ascending
DA	DA Decrement after	E D	Empty descending
DB	DB Decrement before	FD	Full descending

Table 1-12 summarizes addressing mode 5.

**Table 1-12 Addressing mode 5**

Addressing mode	Assembler
Immediate offset	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_8*4>]
Immediate pre-indexed	[<Rn>, #+/-<immed_8*4>!]
Immediate pre-indexed	[<Rn>], #+/-<immed_8*4>
Unindexed	[<Rn>], <option>

Table 1-13 summarizes Operand2 assembler.

**Table 1-13 Operand2**

Operation	Assembler
Immediate value	#<immed_8r>
Logical shift left	<Rm> LSL #<immed_5>
Logical shift right	<Rm> LSR #<immed_5>
Arithmetic shift right	<Rm> ASR #<immed_5>
Rotate right	<Rm> ROR #<immed_5>
Register	<Rm>
Logical shift left	<Rm> LSL <Rs>
Logical shift right	<Rm> LSR <Rs>
Arithmetic shift right	<Rm> ASR <Rs>
Rotate right	<Rm> ROR <Rs>
Rotate right extended	<Rm> RRX

Table 1-14 summarizes the MSR instruction fields.

**Table 1-14 Fields**

Suffix	Sets this bit in the MSR field_mask	MSR instruction bit number
c	Control field mask bit, bit 0	16
x	Extension field mask bit, bit 1	17
s	Status field mask bit, bit 2	18
f	Flags field mask bit, bit 3	19

Table 1-15 summarizes condition codes.

**Table 1-15 Condition codes**

Suffix	Description
EQ	Equal
NE	Not equal
HS/CS	Unsigned higher or same, carry set
L0/CC	Unsigned lower, carry clear
MI	Negative, minus
PL	Positive or zero, plus
VS	Overflow
VC	No overflow
HI	Unsigned higher

**Table 1-15 Condition codes (continued)**

Suffix	Description
LS	Unsigned lower or same
GE	Signed greater or equal
LT	Signed less than
GT	Signed greater than
LE	Signed less than or equal
AL	Always

## 1.10.2 Thumb instruction set summary

Table 1-16 summarizes the Thumb instruction set.

**Table 1-16 Thumb instruction set summary**

Operation	Assembler	
<b>Move</b>	Immediate, update flags	MOV <Rd>, #<immed_8>
	LowReg to LowReg, update flags	MOV <Rd>, <Rm>
	HighReg to LowReg	MOV <Rd>, <Rm>
	LowReg to HighReg	MOV <Rd>, <Rm>
	HighReg to HighReg	MOV <Rd>, <Rm>
	Copy	CPY <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Arithmetic</b>	Add	ADD <Rd>, <Rn>, #<immed_3>
	Add immediate	ADD <Rd>, #<immed_8>
	Add LowReg and LowReg, update flags	ADD <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Add HighReg to LowReg	ADD <Rd>, <Rm>
	Add LowReg to HighReg	ADD <Rd>, <Rm>
	Add HighReg to HighReg	ADD <Rd>, <Rm>
	Add immediate to PC	ADD <Rd>, PC, #<immed_8*4>
	Add immediate to SP	ADD <Rd>, SP, #<immed_8*4>
	Add immediate to SP	ADD SP, #<immed_7*4> ADD SP, SP, #<immed_7*4>
	Add with carry	ADC <Rd>, <Rs>
	Subtract immediate	SUB <Rd>, <Rn>, #<immed_3>
	Subtract immediate	SUB <Rd>, #<immed_8>
	Subtract	SUB <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>
	Subtract immediate from SP	SUB SP, #<immed_7*4>
	Subtract with carry	SBC <Rd>, <Rm>

Table 1-16 Thumb instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
	Negate	NEG <Rd>, <Rm>
	Multiply	MUL <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Compare</b>	Compare immediate	CMP <Rn>, #<immed_8>
	Compare LowReg and LowReg, update flags	CMP <Rn>, <Rm>
	Compare LowReg and HighReg, update flags	CMP <Rn>, <Rm>
	Compare HighReg and LowReg, update flags	CMP <Rn>, <Rm>
	Compare HighReg and HighReg, update flags	CMP <Rn>, <Rm>
	Compare negative	CMN <Rn>, <Rm>
	<b>Logical</b>	AND
XOR		EOR <Rd>, <Rm>
OR		ORR <Rd>, <Rm>
Bit clear		BIC <Rd>, <Rm>
Move NOT		MVN <Rd>, <Rm>
Test bits		TST <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Shift/Rotate</b>		Logical shift left
	Logical shift right	LSR <Rd>, <Rm>, #<immed_5> LSR <Rd>, <Rs>
	Arithmetic shift right	ASR <Rd>, <Rm>, #<immed_5> ASR <Rd>, <Rs>
	Rotate right	ROR <Rd>, <Rs>
	<b>Branch</b>	Conditional
Unconditional		B <label>
Branch with link		BL <label>
Branch, link and exchange		BLX <label>
Branch, link and exchange		BLX <Rm>
Branch and exchange		BX <Rm>
<b>Load</b>	With immediate offset	-
	Word	LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5*4>]
	Halfword	LDRH <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5*2>]
	Byte	LDRB <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5>]
	With register offset	-
	Word	LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	Halfword	LDRH <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]

Table 1-16 Thumb instruction set summary (continued)

Operation	Assembler	
	Signed halfword	LDRSH <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	Byte	LDRB <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	Signed byte	LDRSB <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	PC-relative	LDR <Rd>, [PC, #<immed_8*4>]
	SP-relative	LDR <Rd>, [SP, #<immed_8*4>]
	Multiple	LDMIA <Rn>!, <reglist>
<b>Store</b>	With immediate offset	-
	Word	STR <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5*4>]
	Halfword	STRH <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5*2>]
	Byte	STRB <Rd>, [<Rn>, #<immed_5>]
	With register offset	-
	Word	STR <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	Halfword	STRH <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	Byte	STRB <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>]
	SP-relative	STR <Rd>, [SP, #<immed_8*4>]
	Multiple	STMIA <Rn>!, <reglist>
<b>Push/Pop</b>	Push registers onto stack	PUSH <reglist>
	Push LR and registers onto stack	PUSH <reglist, LR>
	Pop registers from stack	POP <reglist>
	Pop registers and PC from stack	POP <reglist, PC>
<b>Change state</b>	Change processor state	CPS <effect> <iflags>
	Change endianness	SETEND <endian_specifier>
<b>Byte-reverse</b>	Byte-reverse word	REV <Rd>, <Rm>
	Byte-reverse halfword	REV16 <Rd>, <Rm>
	Byte-reverse signed halfword	REVSH <Rd>, <Rm>
<b>Supervisor call</b>		SVC <immed_8>
<b>Software breakpoint</b>		BKPT <immed_8>
<b>Sign or zero extend</b>	Sign extend 16 to 32	SXTH<Rd>, <Rm>
	Sign extend 8 to 32	SXTB<Rd>, <Rm>
	Zero extend 16 to 32	UXTH<Rd>, <Rm>
	Zero extend 8 to 32	UXTB<Rd>, <Rm>

## 1.11 Product revisions

This section describes differences in functionality between product revisions of the ARM1176JZF-S processor:

- r0p0-r0p1** Contains the following differences:
- The addition of the **CPUCLAMP** input in r0p1 to better support IEM. See *Intelligent Energy Management* on page 10-7.
  - The top level RTL hierarchy has been changed in r0p1 to better support IEM. See *Intelligent Energy Management* on page 10-7.
  - The architectural clock gating scheme for the generation of clock dedicated to the RAMs has been changed. For more information see the description of the RAM interface implementation in the *ARM1176JZF-S™ and ARM1176JZ-S™ Implementation Guide*.
- r0p1-r0p2** There are no functional differences between r0p1 and r0p2.
- r0p2-r0p4** There are no functional differences between r0p2 and r0p4.
- r0p4-r0p6** Between r0p4 and r0p6 there are no differences in the functionality described in this Technical Reference Manual. However, r0p6 introduces optional top-level latches, for implementing Dormant mode or IEM with cell libraries that do not provide retention latches. For more information see the description of Dormant mode implementation in the *ARM1176JZF-S™ and ARM1176JZ-S™ Implementation Guide*.
- r0p6-r0p7** There are no functional differences between r0p6 and r0p7.

———— **Note** —————

Product revisions r0p3 and r0p5 were not generally available.

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# Chapter 2

## Programmer's Model

This chapter describes the processor registers and provides information for programming the microprocessor. It contains the following sections:

- *About the programmer's model* on page 2-2
- *Secure world and Non-secure world operation with TrustZone* on page 2-3
- *Processor operating states* on page 2-12
- *Instruction length* on page 2-13
- *Data types* on page 2-14
- *Memory formats* on page 2-15
- *Addresses in a processor system* on page 2-16
- *Operating modes* on page 2-17
- *Registers* on page 2-18
- *The program status registers* on page 2-24
- *Additional instructions* on page 2-30
- *Exceptions* on page 2-36
- *Software considerations* on page 2-59.

## 2.1 About the programmer's model

The ARM1176JZF-S processors implement ARM architecture v6 with Java extensions and TrustZone™ security extensions.

The architecture includes the 32-bit ARM instruction set, 16-bit Thumb instruction set, and the 8-bit Java instruction set. For details of both the ARM and Thumb instruction sets, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. For the Java instruction set see the *Jazelle V1 Architecture Reference Manual*.

TrustZone provides Secure and Non-secure worlds for software to operate in. For more details see *Secure world and Non-secure world operation with TrustZone* on page 2-3 and the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

## 2.2 Secure world and Non-secure world operation with TrustZone

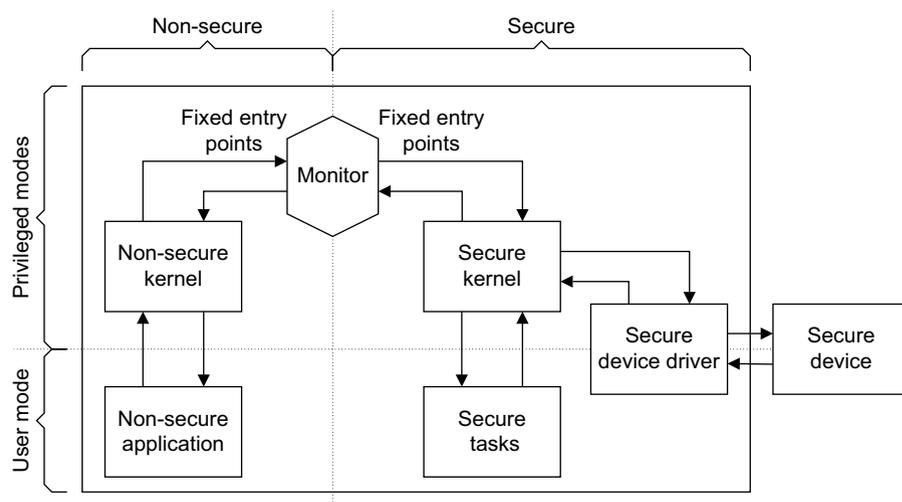
This section describes;

- *TrustZone model*
- *How the Secure model works on page 2-4.*

For more details on TrustZone and the ARM architecture, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 2.2.1 TrustZone model

The basis of the TrustZone model is that the computing environment splits into two isolated worlds, the Secure world and the Non-secure world, with no leakage of Secure data to the Non-secure world. Software Secure Monitor code, running in the Secure Monitor Mode, links the two worlds and acts as a gatekeeper to manage program flow. The system can have both Secure and Non-secure peripherals that suitable Secure and Non-secure device drivers control. Figure 2-1 shows the relationship between the Secure and Non-secure worlds. The *Operating System (OS)* splits into the Secure OS, that includes the Secure kernel, and the Non-secure OS, that includes the Non-secure kernel. For details on modes of operation, see *Operating modes* on page 2-17.



**Figure 2-1 Secure and Non-secure worlds**

In normal Non-secure operation the OS runs tasks in the usual way. When a User process requires Secure execution it makes a request to the Non-secure kernel, that operates in privileged mode, and this calls the Secure Monitor to transfer execution to the Secure world.

This approach to secure systems means that the platform OS, that works in the Non-secure world, has only a few fixed entry points into the Secure world through the Secure Monitor. The trusted code base for the Secure world, that includes the Secure kernel and Secure device drivers, is small and therefore much easier to maintain and verify.

———— **Note** ————

Software that runs in User mode cannot directly switch the world that it operates in. Changes from one world to the other can only occur through the Secure Monitor mode.

## 2.2.2 How the Secure model works

This section describes how the Secure model works from a program perspective and includes:

- *The NS bit and Secure Monitor mode*
- *Secure memory management* on page 2-5
- *System boot sequence* on page 2-8
- *Secure interrupts* on page 2-8
- *Secure peripherals* on page 2-8
- *Secure debug* on page 2-9.

### The NS bit and Secure Monitor mode

The *Non-secure* (NS) bit determines if the program execution is in the Secure or Non-secure world. The NS bit is in the *Secure Configuration Register* (SCR) in coprocessor CP15, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52. All the modes of the core, except the Secure Monitor, can operate in either the Secure or Non-secure worlds, so there are both Secure and Non-secure User modes and Secure and Non-secure privileged modes, see *Operating modes* on page 2-17 and *Registers* on page 2-18.

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#### Note

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An attempt to access the SCR directly in User modes, Secure or Non-secure, or in Non-secure privileged modes, makes the processor enter the Undefined exception trap. SCR can only be accessed in Secure privileged modes.

Secure Monitor mode is a privileged mode and is always Secure regardless of the state of the NS bit. The Secure Monitor is code that runs in Secure Monitor mode and processes switches to and from the Secure world. The overall security of the software relies on the security of this code along with the Secure boot code.

When the Secure Monitor transfers control from one world to the other it must save the processor context, that includes register banks, from one world and restore those for the other world. The processor hardware automatically shadows and changes context information in CP15 registers appropriately.

If the Secure Monitor determines that a change from one world to the other is valid it writes to the NS bit to change the world in operation. Although all Secure privileged modes can access the NS bit, it is strongly recommended that you only use the Secure Monitor to change the NS bit. See the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for more information.

A *Secure Monitor Call* (SMC) is used to enter the Secure Monitor mode and perform a Secure Monitor kernel service call. This instruction can only be executed in privileged modes, so when a User process wants to request a change from one world to the other it must first execute a SVC instruction. This changes the processor to a privileged mode where the Supervisor call handler processes the SVC and executes a SMC, see *Exceptions* on page 2-36.

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#### Note

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An attempt by a User process to execute an SMC makes the processor enter the Undefined exception trap.

The Secure Monitor mode is responsible for the switch from one world to the other. You must only modify the SCR in Secure Monitor mode.

The recommended way to return to the Non-secure world is to:

1. Set the NS bit in the SCR.

## 2. Execute a MOVS, SUBS or RFE.

All ARM implementations ensure that the processor can not execute the prefetched instructions that follow MOVS, SUBS, or equivalents, with Secure access permissions.

It is strongly recommended that you do not use an MSR instruction to switch from the Secure to the Non-secure world. There is no guarantee that, after the NS bit is set in Secure Monitor mode, an MSR instruction avoids execution of prefetched instructions with Secure access permission. This is because the processor prefetches the instructions that follow the MSR with Secure privileged permissions and this might form a security hole in the system if the prefetched instructions then execute in the Non-secure world.

If the prefetched instructions are in Non-secure memory, with the MSR at the boundary between Secure and Non-secure memory, they might be corrupted to give Secure information to the Non-secure world.

To avoid this problem with the MSR instruction, you can use an IMB sequence shortly after the MSR. If you use the IMB sequence you must ensure that the instructions that execute after the MSR and before the IMB do not leak any information to the Non-secure world and do not rely on the Secure permission level.

It is strongly recommended that you do not set the NS bit in Privileged modes other than in Secure Monitor mode. If you do so you face the same problem as a return to the Non-secure world with the MSR instruction.

### ———— Note ————

To avoid leakage after an MSR instruction use an IMB sequence.

To enter the Secure Monitor the processor executes:

```
SMC {<cond>} <imm16>
```

Where:

<cond> Is the condition when the processor executes the SMC

<imm16> The processor ignores this 16-bit immediate value, but the Secure Monitor can use it to determine the service to provide.

To return from the Secure Monitor the processor executes:

```
MOVS PC, R14_mon
```

## Secure memory management

The principle of TrustZone memory management is to partition the physical memory into Secure and Non-secure regions. The Secure protection is ensured by checking all physical access to memory or peripherals. There are various means to split the global physical memory into Secure and Non-secure regions. This can be done at each slave level, in the memory controller, or in a global module, for example. The partition can be hard-wired or configurable. All systems can have specific requirements, but the partitioning must be done so that any Non-secure access to Secure memory or device causes an external abort to the core, a security violation. An AXI signal **AxPROT[1]** indicates whether the current access is Secure or not and is used to check the access.

The Secure information exists at any stage of the memory management to guarantee the integrity of data:

- at L2 stage, you can split the memory mapping into Secure and Non-secure regions

- in the MMU, Secure and Non-secure descriptors can coexist and they are differentiated by the NSTID.

In the descriptors the NS attribute indicates whether the corresponding physical memory is Secure or Non-secure.

For Non-secure descriptors, marked with NSTID=Non-secure, NS attribute is forced to Non-secure value. The Non-secure world can only target Non-secure memory.

For Secure descriptor, marked with NSTID=Secure, NS attribute indicates if the physical memory targets Secure or Non-secure memory:

In the caches, instruction and data, each line is tagged as Secure or Non-secure, so that Secure and Non-secure data can coexist in the cache. Each time a cache line fill is performed, the NS tag is updated appropriately.

For external accesses, **AxPROT[1]** indicates whether the access is Secure or Non-secure.

The TrustZone security extensions are completely compatible with existing software. This means that existing applications and operating systems access memory without change. Where a system employs Secure functionality the Non-secure world is effectively blind to Secure memory. This means that Secure and Non-secure memory can co-exist with no affect on Non-secure code.

Figure 2-2 shows the basic connection of the Secure and Non-secure memory.

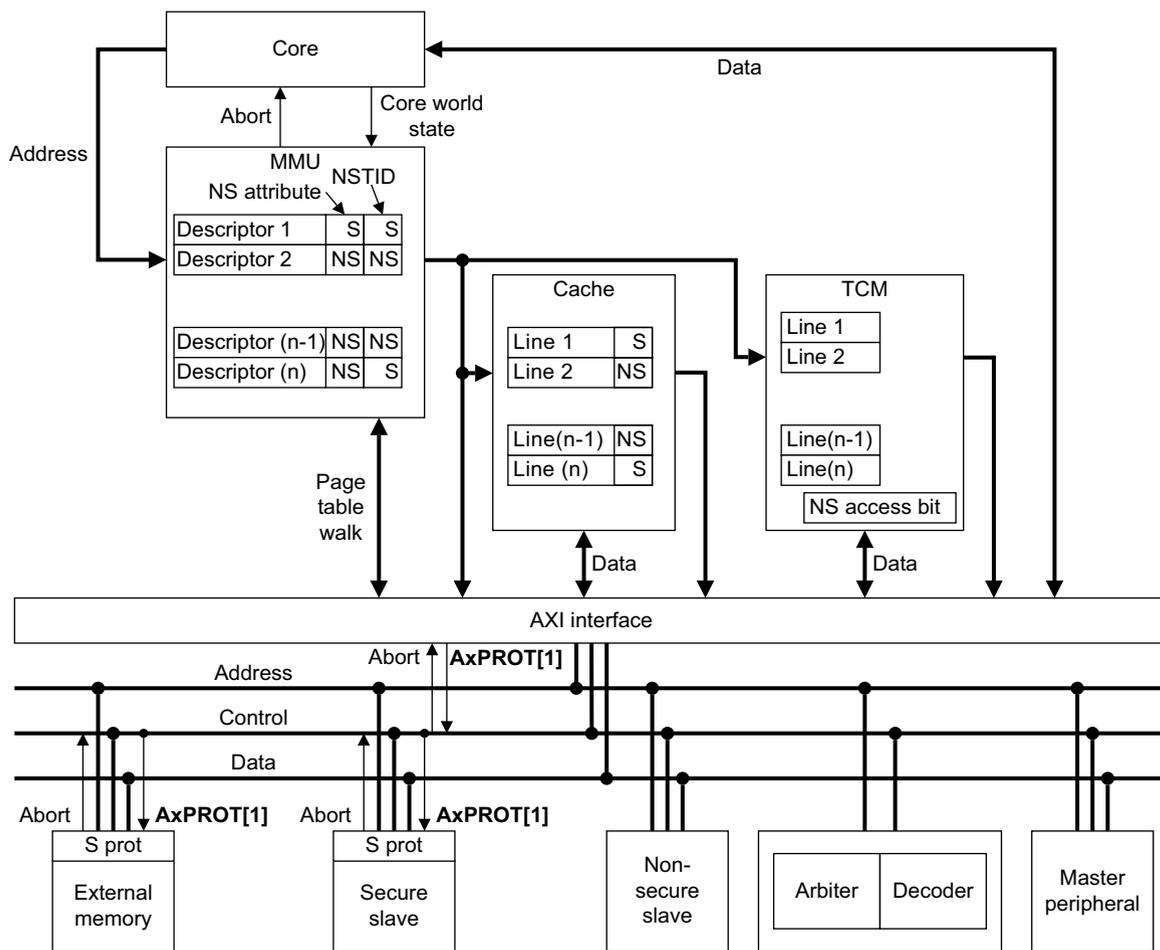


Figure 2-2 Memory in the Secure and Non-secure worlds

The virtual memory address map for the Secure and Non-secure worlds appear as separate blocks. Figure 2-3 shows how the Secure and Non-secure virtual address spaces might map onto the physical address space. In this example:

- Non-secure descriptors are stored in Non-secure memory and can only target Non-secure memory
- Secure descriptors are stored in Secure memory and can target both Secure and Non-secure memory.

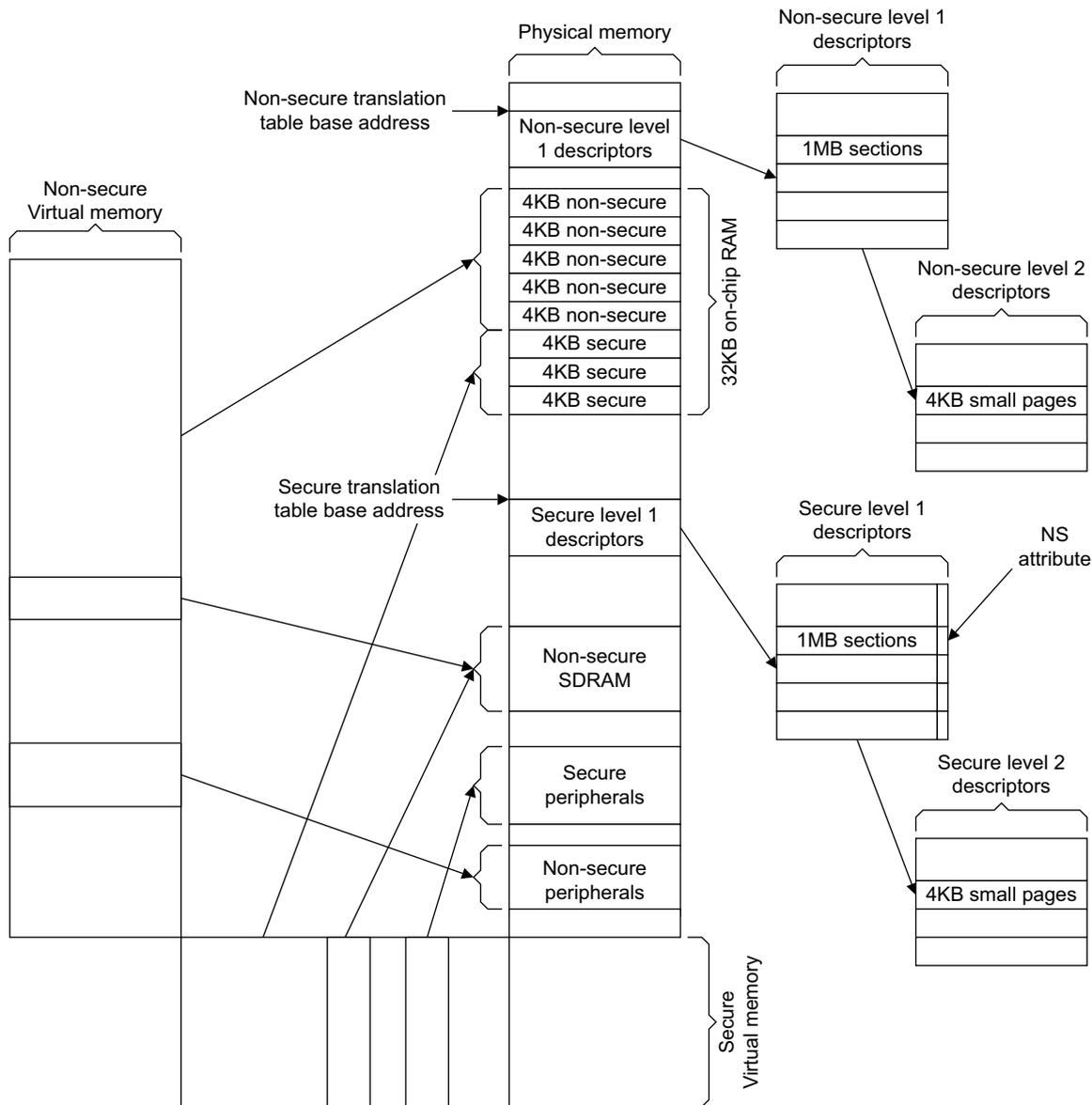


Figure 2-3 Memory partition in the Secure and Non-secure worlds

## System boot sequence

### Caution

TrustZone security extensions enable a Secure software environment. The technology does not protect the processor from hardware attacks and the implementor must make sure that the hardware that contains the boot code is appropriately secure.

The processor always boots in the privileged Supervisor mode in the Secure world, that is the NS bit is 0. This means that code not written for TrustZone always runs in the Secure world, but has no way to switch to the Non-secure world. Because the Secure and Non-secure worlds mirror each other this Secure operation does not affect the functionality of code not written for TrustZone. The processor is therefore compatible with other ARMv6 architectures. Peripherals boot in their most Secure state.

The Secure OS code at the reset vector must:

1. Initialize the Secure OS. This includes normal boot actions such as:
  - a. Generate page tables and switch on the MMU if the design uses caches or memory protection.
  - b. Switch on the stack.
  - c. Set up the run time environment and program stacks for each processor mode.
2. Initialize the Secure Monitor. This includes such actions as:
  - a. Allocate TCM memory for the Secure Monitor code.
  - b. Allocate scratch work space.
  - c. Set up the Secure Monitor stack pointer and initialize its state block.
3. Program the partition checker to allocate physical memory available to the Non-secure OS.
4. Yield control to the Non-secure OS. The Non-secure OS boots after this.

The overall security of the software relies on the security of the boot code along with the code for the Secure Monitor.

## Secure interrupts

There are no new pins to deal with Secure interrupts. However the IRQ and FIQ bits in the SCR can be set to 1, so that the core branches to Secure Monitor mode, instead of IRQ or FIQ mode, when an interrupt occurs. For more information see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52.

FIQ can be used to enter the Secure world in a deterministic way, if it is configured as NMI when the core is in the Non-secure world,. This configuration is done using the FW and FIQ bits in SCR. The nIRQ pin can also be used as Secure interrupt and can enter directly monitor mode, if the IRQ bit in the SCR is set to 1. But it might be masked in the Non-secure world if the I bit in the CPSR is set to 1.

## Secure peripherals

You can protect a Secure peripheral by mapping it to a Secure memory region. In addition, you can protect Secure peripherals by checking the **AxPROT[1]** signal and generating an error response if a Non-secure access attempts to read or write a Secure register.

Secure peripherals require Secure device drivers to supervise them. To minimize the effects of drivers on system security it is recommended that the Secure device drivers run in the Secure User mode so that they cannot change the NS bit directly.

### Secure debug

For details of software debug in Secure systems see, Chapter 13 *Debug*. Because the processor boots in Secure mode you might have to make special arrangements to debug code not written for TrustZone.

### 2.2.3 TrustZone write access disable

The processor pin **CP15SDISABLE** disables write access to certain registers in the system control coprocessor. Table 2-1 lists the registers affected by this pin.

Attempts to write to the registers in Table 2-1 when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception. Reads from the registers are still permitted. For more information about the registers, see Chapter 3 *System Control Coprocessor*.

A change to the **CP15SDISABLE** pin takes effect on the instructions decoded by the processor as quickly as practically possible. Software must perform a Prefetch Flush CP15 operation, after a change to this pin on the boundary of the macrocell, to ensure that its effect is recognized for following instructions. It is expected that:

- control of the **CP15SDISABLE** pin remains within the SoC that embodies the macrocell
- the **CP15SDISABLE** pin is set to logic 0 by the SoC hardware at reset.

You can use the **CP15SDISABLE** pin to disable subsequent access to system control processor registers after the Secure boot code runs and protect the configuration that the Secure boot code applies.

———— **Note** ————

With the exception of the TCM Region Registers, the registers in Table 2-1 are only accessible in Secure Privileged modes.

**Table 2-1 Write access behavior for system control processor registers**

Register	Instruction that is Undefined when CP15SDISABLE=1	Security Condition
Secure Control Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c1, c0, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure Translation Table Base Register 0	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c2, c0, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure Translation Table Control Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c2, c0, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure Domain Access Control Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c3, c0, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c9, c1, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0

Table 2-1 Write access behavior for system control processor registers (continued)

Register	Instruction that is Undefined when CP15SDISABLE=1	Security Condition
Instruction/Unified TCM Non-secure Control Access Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c9, c1, 3	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Data TCM Region Registers	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c9, c1, 0	All TCM Base Registers for which the Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register = 0
Instruction/Unified TCM Region Registers	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c9, c1, 1	All TCM Base Registers for which the Instruction/Unified TCM Non-secure Control Access Register = 0
Secure Primary Region Remap Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c10, c2, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure Normal Memory Remap Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c10, c2, 1	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure Vector Base Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c12, c0, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Monitor Vector Base Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c12, c0, 1	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Secure FCSE Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c13, c0, 0	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Peripheral Port remap Register	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c15, c2, 4	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Instruction Cache master valid register	MCR p15, 3, Rd, c15, c8, {0-7}	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Data Cache master valid register	MCR p15, 3, Rd, c15, c12, {0-7}	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
TLB lockdown Index register	MCR p15, 5, Rd, c15, c4, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
TLB lockdown VA register	MCR p15, 5, Rd, c15, c5, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
TLB lockdown PA register	MCR p15, 5, Rd, c15, c6, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
TLB lockdown Attribute register	MCR p15, 5, Rd, c15, c7, 2	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0
Validation registers	MCR p15, 0, Rd, c15, c9, 0 MCR p15, 0, Rd, c15, c12, {4-7} MCR p15, 0, Rd, c15, c14, 0 MCR p15, {0-7}, Rd, c15, c13, {0-7}	Secure Monitor or Privileged when NS=0

#### 2.2.4 Secure Monitor bus

The **SECMONBUS** exports a set of signals from the core for use in a monitoring block inside the chip.

##### Caution

Implementors must ensure that the **SECMONBUS** signals do not compromise the security of the processor. The signals provide information for a security monitoring block, that is inside the SoC, and must not appear outside the chip.

Table 2-2 on page 2-11 lists the signals that appear on the Secure Monitor bus **SECMONBUS**.

Table 2-2 Secure Monitor bus signals

Bits	Description
[24] <sup>a</sup>	<b>ETMICTL[11]</b> unmodified by Non-invasive security enable masking. This signal is disabled when <b>ETMPWRUP</b> = 0 and the Performance Monitoring counters are disabled.
[23] <sup>a</sup>	<b>ETMICTL[9]</b> unmodified by Non-invasive security enable masking. This signal is disabled when <b>ETMPWRUP</b> = 0 and the Performance Monitoring counters are disabled.
[22]	Signal that indicates, for duration of operation, the execution of a DMB or DSB operation.
[21]	Signal that indicates, for 1 cycle, the execution of a Prefetch Flush operation.
[20:19]	Instruction/Unified TCM Region Register bit[0], entries [1:0].
[18:17]	Data TCM Region Register bit [0], entries [1:0].
[16]	Non-secure Access Control register bit [18].
[15]	Secure Control Register I bit, bit [12].
[14]	Secure Control Register C bit, bit [2].
[13]	Secure Control Register M bit, bit [0].
[12]	Secure Configuration Register NS bit, bit [0].
[11]	CPSR A bit, bit [8], taken from the core pipeline writeback stage.
[10]	CPSR I bit, bit [7], taken from the core pipeline writeback stage.
[9]	CPSR F bit, bit [6], taken from the core pipeline writeback stage.
[8:5]	CPSR mode bits, bits [3:0], taken from the core pipeline writeback stage.
[4:3]	<b>ETMDDCTL[1:0]</b> unmodified by Non-invasive security enable masking. This signal is disabled when <b>ETMPWRUP</b> = 0 and the Performance Monitoring counters are disabled.
[2:1] <sup>a</sup>	<b>ETMDACTL[1:0]</b> unmodified by Non-invasive security enable masking. This signal is disabled when <b>ETMPWRUP</b> = 0 and the Performance Monitoring counters are disabled.
[0] <sup>a</sup>	<b>ETMICTL[0]</b> unmodified by Non-invasive security enable masking. This signal is disabled when <b>ETMPWRUP</b> = 0 and the Performance Monitoring counters are disabled.

- a. **nRESETIN** resets all **SECMONBUS** output pins except bits [24:23] and bits [2:0].  
**nPORESETIN** resets the output pins for bits [24:23] and bits [2:0].

## 2.3 Processor operating states

The processor has these operating states:

<b>ARM state</b>	32-bit, word-aligned ARM instructions are executed in this state.
<b>Thumb state</b>	16-bit, halfword-aligned Thumb instructions.
<b>Jazelle state</b>	Variable length, byte-aligned Java instructions.

In Thumb state, the *Program Counter* (PC) uses bit 1 to select between alternate halfwords. In Jazelle state, all instruction fetches are in words.

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**Note**

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Transition between ARM and Thumb states does not affect the processor mode or the register contents. For details on entering and exiting Jazelle state see *Jazelle VI Architecture Reference Manual*.

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### 2.3.1 Switching state

You can switch the operating state of the processor between:

- ARM state and Thumb state using the BX and BLX instructions, and loads to the PC. The *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* describes the switching state.
- ARM state and Jazelle state using the BXJ instruction.

All exceptions are entered, handled, and exited in ARM state. If an exception occurs in Thumb state or Jazelle state, the processor reverts to ARM state. Exception return instructions restore the SPSR to the CPSR, that can also cause a transition back to Thumb state or Jazelle state.

### 2.3.2 Interworking ARM and Thumb state

The processor enables you to mix ARM and Thumb code. For details see the chapter about interworking ARM and Thumb in the *RealView Compilation Tools Developer Guide*.

## 2.4 Instruction length

Instructions are one of:

- 32 bits long, in ARM state
- 16 bits long, in Thumb state
- variable length, multiples of 8 bits, in Jazelle state.

## 2.5 Data types

The processor supports the following data types:

- word, 32-bit
- halfword, 16-bit
- byte, 8-bit.

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**Note**

- When any of these types are described as unsigned, the N-bit data value represents a non-negative integer in the range 0 to  $+2^N-1$ , using normal binary format.
- When any of these types are described as signed, the N-bit data value represents an integer in the range  $-2^{N-1}$  to  $+2^{N-1}-1$ , using two's complement format.

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For best performance you must align these as follows:

- word quantities must be aligned to four-byte boundaries
- halfword quantities must be aligned to two-byte boundaries
- byte quantities can be placed on any byte boundary.

The processor provides mixed-endian and unaligned access support. For details see Chapter 4 *Unaligned and Mixed-endian Data Access Support*.

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**Note**

You cannot use LDRD, LDM, LDC, STRD, STM, or STC instructions to access 32-bit quantities if they are unaligned.

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## 2.6 Memory formats

The processor views memory as a linear collection of bytes numbered in ascending order from zero. Bytes 0-3 hold the first stored word, and bytes 4-7 hold the second stored word, for example.

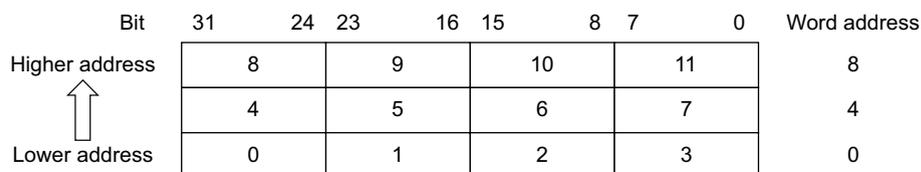
The processor can treat words in memory as being stored in either:

- *Legacy big-endian format*
- *Little-endian format.*

Additionally, the processor supports mixed-endian and unaligned data accesses. For details see Chapter 4 *Unaligned and Mixed-endian Data Access Support*.

### 2.6.1 Legacy big-endian format

In legacy big-endian format, the processor stores the most significant byte of a word at the lowest-numbered byte, and the least significant byte at the highest-numbered byte. Therefore, byte 0 of the memory system connects to data lines 31-24. Figure 2-4 shows this.

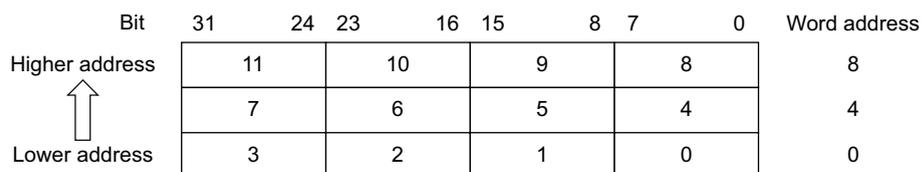


- Most significant byte is at lowest address
- Word is addressed by byte address of most significant byte

**Figure 2-4 Big-endian addresses of bytes within words**

### 2.6.2 Little-endian format

In little-endian format, the lowest-numbered byte in a word is the least significant byte of the word and the highest-numbered byte is the most significant. Therefore, byte 0 of the memory system connects to data lines 7-0. Figure 2-5 shows this.



- Least significant byte is at lowest address
- Word is addressed by byte address of least significant byte

**Figure 2-5 Little-endian addresses of bytes within words**

## 2.7 Addresses in a processor system

Three distinct types of address exist in the processor system:

- *Virtual Address (VA)*
- *Modified Virtual Address (MVA)*
- *Physical Address (PA)*.

When the core is in the Secure world the VA is Secure, and when the core is in the Non-secure world the VA is Non-secure. To get the VA to PA translation, the core uses Secure pages tables while it is in Secure world. Otherwise it uses the Non-secure page tables.

Table 2-3 lists the address types in the processor system.

**Table 2-3 Address types in the processor system**

Processor	Caches	TLBs	AXI bus
Virtual Address	Virtual index Physical tag	Translates Virtual Address to Physical Address	Physical Address

This is an example of the address manipulation that occurs when the processor requests an instruction, see Figure 1-1 on page 1-8:

1. The VA of the instruction is issued by the processor, Secure or Non-secure VA according to the world where the core is.
2. The Instruction Cache is indexed by the lower bits of the VA. The VA is translated using the ProcID, Secure or Non-secure one, to the MVA, and then to PA in the *Translation Lookaside Buffer* (TLB). The TLB performs the translation in parallel with the Cache lookup. The translation uses Secure descriptors if the core is in Secure world. Otherwise it uses the Non-secure ones.
3. If the protection check carried out by the TLB on the MVA does not abort and the PA tag is in the Instruction Cache, the instruction data is returned to the processor.
4. The PA is passed to the AXI bus interface to perform an external access, in the event of a cache miss. The external access is always Non-secure when the core is in Non-secure world. In Secure world, the external access is Secure or Non-secure according to the NS attribute value in the selected descriptor.

## 2.8 Operating modes

In all states there are eight modes of operation:

- User mode is the usual ARM program execution state, and is used for executing most application programs
- *Fast interrupt* (FIQ) mode is used for handling fast interrupts
- *Interrupt* (IRQ) mode is used for general-purpose interrupt handling
- Supervisor mode is a protected mode for the OS
- Abort mode is entered after a data abort or prefetch abort
- System mode is a privileged user mode for the OS
- Undefined mode is entered when an undefined instruction exception occurs.
- Secure Monitor mode is a Secure mode for the TrustZone Secure Monitor code.

———— **Note** —————

Secure Monitor mode is not the same as monitor debug mode.

Modes other than User mode are collectively known as privileged modes. Privileged modes are used to service interrupts or exceptions, or to access protected resources. Table 2-4 lists the mode structure for the processor.

**Table 2-4 Mode structure**

Modes	Mode type	State of core	
		NS bit = 1	NS bit = 0
User	User	Non-secure	Secure
FIQ	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
IRQ	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
Supervisor	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
Abort	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
Undefined	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
System	privileged	Non-secure	Secure
Secure Monitor	privileged	Secure	Secure

## 2.9 Registers

The processor has a total of 40 registers:

- 33 general-purpose 32-bit registers
- seven 32-bit status registers.

These registers are not all accessible at the same time. The processor state and operating mode determine the registers that are available to the programmer.

### 2.9.1 The ARM state core register set

In ARM state, 16 general registers and one or two status registers are accessible at any time. In privileged modes, mode-specific banked registers become available. Figure 2-6 on page 2-20 shows the registers that are available in each mode.

The ARM state core register set contains 16 directly-accessible registers, R0-R15. Another register, the *Current Program Status Register* (CPSR), contains condition code flags, status bits, and current mode bits. Registers R0-R12 are general-purpose registers used to hold either data or address values. Registers R13, R14, R15, and the *Saved Program Status Register* (SPSR) have the following special functions:

**Stack Pointer** Register R13 is used as the *Stack Pointer* (SP).

R13 is banked for the exception modes. This means that an exception handler can use a different stack to the one in use when the exception occurred.

In many instructions, you can use R13 as a general-purpose register, but the architecture deprecates this use of R13 in most instructions. For more information see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

**Link Register** Register R14 is used as the subroutine *Link Register* (LR).

Register R14 receives the return address when a *Branch with Link* (BL or BLX) instruction is executed.

You can treat R14 as a general-purpose register at all other times. The corresponding banked registers R14\_mon, R14\_svc, R14\_irq, R14\_fiq, R14\_abt, and R14\_und are similarly used to hold the return values when interrupts and exceptions arise, or when BL or BLX instructions are executed within interrupt or exception routines.

**Program Counter** Register R15 holds the PC:

- in ARM state this is word-aligned
- in Thumb state this is halfword-aligned
- in Jazelle state this is byte-aligned.

#### **Saved Program Status Register**

In privileged modes, another register, the SPSR, is accessible. This contains the condition code flags, status bits, and current mode bits saved as a result of the exception that caused entry to the current mode.

Banked registers have a mode identifier that indicates the mode that they relate to. Table 2-5 lists these mode identifiers.

**Table 2-5 Register mode identifiers**

<b>Mode</b>	<b>Mode identifier</b>
User	usr <sup>a</sup>
Fast interrupt	fiq
Interrupt	irq
Supervisor	svc
Abort	abt
System	usr <sup>a</sup>
Undefined	und
Secure Monitor	mon

- a. The `usr` identifier is usually omitted from register names. It is only used in descriptions where the User or System mode register is specifically accessed from another operating mode.

FIQ mode has seven banked registers mapped to R8–R14 (R8\_fiq–R14\_fiq). As a result many FIQ handlers do not have to save any registers.

The Secure Monitor, Supervisor, Abort, IRQ, and Undefined modes each have alternative mode-specific registers mapped to R13 and R14, permitting a private stack pointer and link register for each mode.

Figure 2-6 on page 2-20 shows the ARM state registers.

### ARM state general registers and program counter

System and User	FIQ	Supervisor	Abort	IRQ	Undefined	Secure monitor
R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1
R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2
R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3
R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4
R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5
R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6
R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7
R8	 R8_fiq	R8	R8	R8	R8	R8
R9	 R9_fiq	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9
R10	 R10_fiq	R10	R10	R10	R10	R10
R11	 R11_fiq	R11	R11	R11	R11	R11
R12	 R12_fiq	R12	R12	R12	R12	R12
R13	 R13_fiq	 R13_svc	 R13_abt	 R13_irq	 R13_und	 R13_mon
R14	 R14_fiq	 R14_svc	 R14_abt	 R14_irq	 R14_und	 R14_mon
R15	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)	R15 (PC)

### ARM state program status registers

CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR
	 SPSR_fiq	 SPSR_svc	 SPSR_abt	 SPSR_irq	 SPSR_und	 SPSR_mon

 = banked register

**Figure 2-6 Register organization in ARM state**

Figure 2-7 on page 2-21 shows an alternative view of the ARM registers.

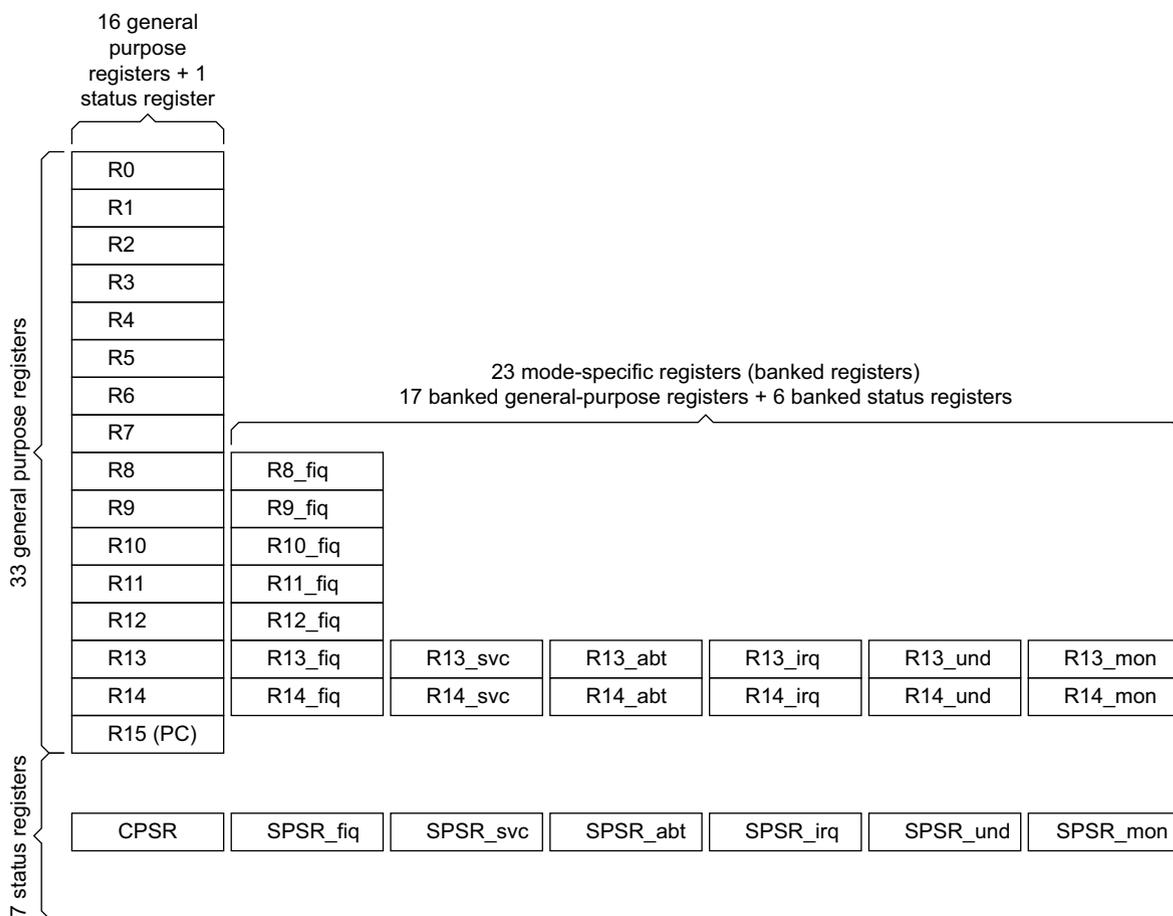


Figure 2-7 Processor core register set showing banked registers

### 2.9.2 The Thumb state core register set

The Thumb state core register set is a subset of the ARM state set. The programmer has direct access to:

- eight general registers, R0–R7. For details of high register access in Thumb state see *Accessing high registers in Thumb state* on page 2-22
- the PC
- a stack pointer, SP, ARM R13
- an LR, ARM R14
- the CPSR.

There are banked SPs, LRs, and SPSRs for each privileged mode. Figure 2-8 on page 2-22 shows the Thumb state core register set.

**Thumb state general registers and program counter**

System and User	FIQ	Supervisor	Abort	IRQ	Undefined	Secure monitor
R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1
R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2
R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3	R3
R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4
R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5	R5
R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6	R6
R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7	R7
SP	SP_fiq	SP_svc	SP_abt	SP_irq	SP_und	SP_mon
LR	LR_fiq	LR_svc	LR_abt	LR_irq	LR_und	LR_mon
PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC

**Thumb state program status registers**

CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR	CPSR
	SPSR_fiq	SPSR_svc	SPSR_abt	SPSR_irq	SPSR_und	SPSR_mon

 = banked register

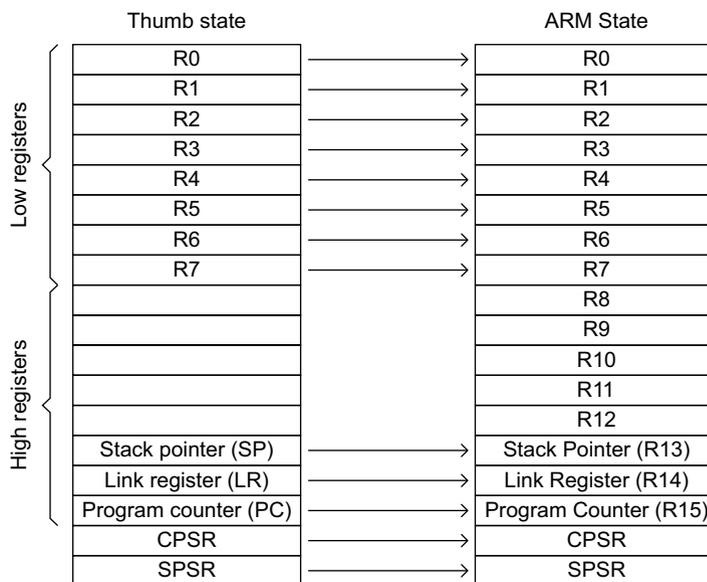
**Figure 2-8 Register organization in Thumb state**

### 2.9.3 Accessing high registers in Thumb state

In Thumb state, the high registers, R8–R15, are not part of the standard core register set. You can use special variants of the MOV instruction to transfer a value from a low register, in the range R0–R7, to a high register, and from a high register to a low register. The CMP instruction enables you to compare high register values with low register values. The ADD instruction enables you to add high register values to low register values. For more details, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 2.9.4 ARM state and Thumb state registers relationship

Figure 2-9 on page 2-23 shows the relationships between the Thumb state and ARM state registers. See the *Jazelle V1 Architecture Reference Manual* for details of Jazelle state registers.



**Figure 2-9 ARM state and Thumb state registers relationship**

**Note**

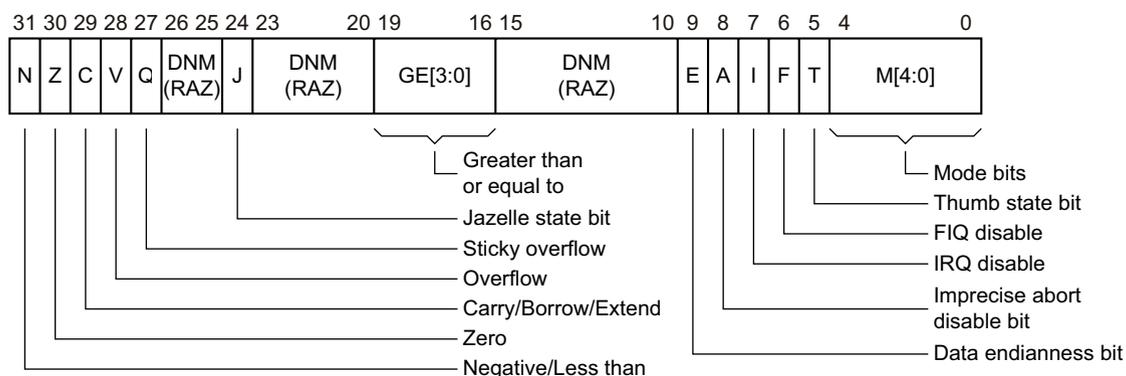
Registers R0–R7 are known as the low registers. Registers R8–R15 are known as the high registers.

## 2.10 The program status registers

The processor contains one CPSR, and six SPSRs for exception handlers to use. The program status registers:

- hold information about the most recently performed ALU operation
- control the enabling and disabling of interrupts
- set the processor operating mode.

Figure 2-10 shows the arrangement of bits in the status registers, and the sections from *The condition code flags* to *Reserved bits* on page 2-29 inclusive describe it.



**Figure 2-10 Program status register**

### Note

The bits that Figure 2-10 identifies as *Do Not Modify* (DNM), *Read As Zero* (RAZ), must not be modified by software. These bits are:

- Readable, to enable the processor state to be preserved, for example, during process context switches
- Writable, to enable the processor state to be restored. To maintain compatibility with future ARM processors, and as good practice, you are strongly advised to use a read-modify-write strategy when changing the CPSR.

### 2.10.1 The condition code flags

The N, Z, C, and V bits are the condition code flags. You can set them by arithmetic and logical operations, and also by MSR and LDM instructions. The processor tests these flags to determine whether to execute an instruction.

In ARM state, most instructions can execute conditionally on the state of the N, Z, C, and V bits. The exceptions are:

- BKPT
- CDP2
- CPS
- LDC2
- MCR2
- MCRR2
- MRC2
- MRRC2
- PLD

- SETEND
- RFE
- SRS
- STC2.

In Thumb state, only the Branch instruction can be executed conditionally. For more information about conditional execution, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 2.10.2 The Q flag

The Sticky Overflow (Q) flag can be set by certain multiply and fractional arithmetic instructions:

- QADD
- QDADD
- QSUB
- QDSUB
- SMLAD
- SMLAxy
- SMLAWy
- SMLSD
- SMUAD
- SSAT
- SSAT16
- USAT
- USAT16.

The Q flag is sticky in that, when set by an instruction, it remains set until explicitly cleared by an MSR instruction writing to the CPSR. Instructions cannot execute conditionally on the status of the Q flag.

To determine the status of the Q flag you must read the PSR into a register and extract the Q flag from this. For details of how the Q flag is set and cleared, see individual instruction definitions in the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 2.10.3 The J bit

The J bit in the CPSR indicates when the processor is in Jazelle state.

When:

**J = 0**            The processor is in ARM or Thumb state, depending on the T bit.

**J = 1**            The processor is in Jazelle state.

#### ———— Note —————

- The combination of J = 1 and T = 1 causes similar effects to setting T=1 on a non Thumb-aware processor. That is, the next instruction executed causes entry to the Undefined Instruction exception. Entry to the exception handler causes the processor to re-enter ARM state, and the handler can detect that this was the cause of the exception because J and T are both set in SPSR\_und.
- MSR cannot be used to change the J bit in the CPSR.

- The placement of the J bit avoids the status or extension bytes in code running on ARMv5TE or earlier processors. This ensures that OS code written using the deprecated CPSR, SPSR, CPSR\_all, or SPSR\_all syntax for the destination of an MSR instruction continues to work.

#### 2.10.4 The GE[3:0] bits

Some of the SIMD instructions set GE[3:0] as greater-than-or-equal bits for individual halfwords or bytes of the result. Table 2-6 lists these.

**Table 2-6 GE[3:0] settings**

	GE[3]	GE[2]	GE[1]	GE[0]
Instruction	A op B >= C	A op B >= C	A op B >= C	A op B >= C
<b>Signed</b>				
SADD16	$[31:16] + [31:16] \geq 0$	$[31:16] + [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] + [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] + [15:0] \geq 0$
SSUB16	$[31:16] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[31:16] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [15:0] \geq 0$
SADDSUBX	$[31:16] + [15:0] \geq 0$	$[31:16] + [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [31:16] \geq 0$
SSUBADDX	$[31:16] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[31:16] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] + [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] + [31:16] \geq 0$
SADD8	$[31:24] + [31:24] \geq 0$	$[23:16] + [23:16] \geq 0$	$[15:8] + [15:8] \geq 0$	$[7:0] + [7:0] \geq 0$
SSUB8	$[31:24] - [31:24] \geq 0$	$[23:16] - [23:16] \geq 0$	$[15:8] - [15:8] \geq 0$	$[7:0] - [7:0] \geq 0$
<b>Unsigned</b>				
UADD16	$[31:16] + [31:16] \geq 2^{16}$	$[31:16] + [31:16] \geq 2^{16}$	$[15:0] + [15:0] \geq 2^{16}$	$[15:0] + [15:0] \geq 2^{16}$
USUB16	$[31:16] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[31:16] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [15:0] \geq 0$
UADDSUBX	$[31:16] + [15:0] \geq 2^{16}$	$[31:16] + [15:0] \geq 2^{16}$	$[15:0] - [31:16] \geq 0$	$[15:0] - [31:16] \geq 0$
USUBADDX	$[31:16] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[31:16] - [15:0] \geq 0$	$[15:0] + [31:16] \geq 2^{16}$	$[15:0] + [31:16] \geq 2^{16}$
UADD8	$[31:24] + [31:24] \geq 2^8$	$[23:16] + [23:16] \geq 2^8$	$[15:8] + [15:8] \geq 2^8$	$[7:0] + [7:0] \geq 2^8$
USUB8	$[31:24] - [31:24] \geq 0$	$[23:16] - [23:16] \geq 0$	$[15:8] - [15:8] \geq 0$	$[7:0] - [7:0] \geq 0$

**Note**

GE bit is 1 if  $A \text{ op } B \geq C$ , otherwise 0.

The SEL instruction uses GE[3:0] to select the source register that supplies each byte of its result.

**Note**

- For unsigned operations, the GE bits are determined by the usual ARM rules for carries out of unsigned additions and subtractions, and so are carry-out bits.
- For signed operations, the rules for setting the GE bits are chosen so that they have the same sort of greater than or equal functionality as for unsigned operations.

### 2.10.5 The E bit

ARM and Thumb instructions are provided to set and clear the E-bit. The E bit controls load/store endianness. For details of where the E bit is used see Chapter 4 *Unaligned and Mixed-endian Data Access Support*.

Architecture versions prior to ARMv6 specify this bit as SBZ. This ensures no endianness reversal on loads or stores.

### 2.10.6 The A bit

The A bit is set automatically. It is used to disable imprecise Data Aborts. It might be not writable in the Non-secure world if the AW bit in the SCR register is reset. For details of how to use the A bit see *Imprecise Data Abort mask in the CPSR/SPSR* on page 2-47.

### 2.10.7 The control bits

The bottom eight bits of a PSR are known collectively as the *control bits*. They are the:

- *Interrupt disable bits*
- *T bit*
- *Mode bits* on page 2-28.

The control bits change when an exception occurs. When the processor is operating in a privileged mode, software can manipulate these bits.

#### Interrupt disable bits

The I and F bits are the interrupt disable bits:

- When the I bit is set, IRQ interrupts are disabled.
- When the F bit is set, FIQ interrupts are disabled. FIQ can be non-maskable in the Non-secure world if the FW bit in SCR register is reset

———— **Note** —————

You can change the SPSR F bit in the Non-secure world but this does not update the CPSR if the SCR bit 4 (FW) does not permit it.

#### T bit

The T bit reflects the operating state:

- when the T bit is set, the processor is executing in Thumb state
- when the T bit is clear, the processor is executing in ARM state, or Jazelle state depending on the J bit.

———— **Note** —————

Never use an MSR instruction to force a change to the state of the T bit in the CPSR. If an MSR instruction does try to modify this bit the result is architecturally Unpredictable. In the ARM1176JZF-S processor this bit is not affected.

## Mode bits

M[4:0] are the mode bits. Table 2-7 lists how these bits determine the processor operating mode.

**Table 2-7 PSR mode bit values**

M[4:0]	Mode	Visible state registers	
		Thumb	ARM
b10000	User	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP, LR, PC, CPSR	R0–R14, PC, CPSR
b10001	FIQ	R0–R7, R8_fiq–R12_fiq <sup>a</sup> , SP_fiq, LR_fiq, PC, CPSR, SPSR_fiq	R0–R7, R8_fiq–R14_fiq, PC, CPSR, SPSR_fiq
b10010	IRQ	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP_irq, LR_irq, PC, CPSR, SPSR_irq	R0–R12, R13_irq, R14_irq, PC, CPSR, SPSR_irq
b10011	Supervisor	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP_svc, LR_svc, PC, CPSR, SPSR_svc	R0–R12, R13_svc, R14_svc, PC, CPSR, SPSR_svc
b10111	Abort	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP_abt, LR_abt, PC, CPSR, SPSR_abt	R0–R12, R13_abt, R14_abt, PC, CPSR, SPSR_abt
b11011	Undefined	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP_und, LR_und, PC, CPSR, SPSR_und	R0–R12, R13_und, R14_und, PC, CPSR, SPSR_und
b11111	System	R0–R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP, LR, PC, CPSR	R0–R14, PC, CPSR
b10110	Secure Monitor	R0-R7, R8-R12 <sup>a</sup> , SP_mon, LR_mon, PC, CPSR, SPSR_mon	R0-R12, PC, CPSR, SPSR_mon, R13_mon, R14_mon

a. Access to these registers is limited in Thumb state.

### 2.10.8 Modification of PSR bits by MSR instructions

In previous architecture versions, MSR instructions can modify the flags byte, bits [31:24], of the CPSR in any mode, but the other three bytes are only modifiable in privileged modes.

After the introduction of ARM architecture v6, however, each CPSR bit falls into one of the following categories:

- Bits that are freely modifiable from any mode, either directly by MSR instructions or by other instructions whose side-effects include writing the specific bit or writing the entire CPSR.

Bits in Figure 2-10 on page 2-24 that are in this category are N, Z, C, V, Q, GE[3:0], and E.

- Bits that must never be modified by an MSR instruction, and so must only be written as a side-effect of another instruction. If an MSR instruction does try to modify these bits the results are architecturally Unpredictable. In the processor these bits are not affected.

Bits in Figure 2-10 on page 2-24 that are in this category are J and T.

- Bits that can only be modified from privileged modes, and that are completely protected from modification by instructions while the processor is in User mode. The only way that these bits can be modified while the processor is in User mode is by entering a processor exception, as *Exceptions* on page 2-36 describes.

Bits in Figure 2-10 on page 2-24 that are in this category are A, I, F, and M[4:0].

Only Secure privileged modes can write directly to the CPSR mode bits to enter Secure Monitor mode. If the core is in Secure User mode, Non-secure User mode, or Non-secure privileged modes it ignores changes to the CPSR to enter the Secure Monitor. The core does not copy mode bits in the SPSR, changed in the Non-secure world, across to the CPSR.

### 2.10.9 Reserved bits

The remaining bits in the PSRs are unused, but are reserved. When changing a PSR flag or control bits, make sure that these reserved bits are not altered. You must ensure that your program does not rely on reserved bits containing specific values because future processors might use some or all of the reserved bits.

## 2.11 Additional instructions

To support extensions to ARMv6, the ARM1176JZF-S processor includes these instructions in addition to those in the ARMv6 and TrustZone architectures:

- Load Register Exclusive instructions, see *LDREXB*, *LDREXH* on page 2-31, and *LDREXD* on page 2-33
- Store Register Exclusive instructions, see *STREXB*, *STREXH* on page 2-32, and *STREXD* on page 2-32
- Clear Register Exclusive instruction, see *CLREX* on page 2-34
- Yield instruction, see *NOP-compatible hints* on page 2-34.

### 2.11.1 Load or Store Byte Exclusive

These instructions operate on unsigned data of size byte.

No alignment restrictions apply to the addresses of these instructions.

The *LDREXB* and *STREXB* instructions share the same data monitors as the *LDREX* and *STREX* instructions, a local and a global monitor for each processor, for shared memory support.

#### LDREXB

Figure 2-11 shows the format of the Load Register Byte Exclusive, *LDREXB*, instruction.

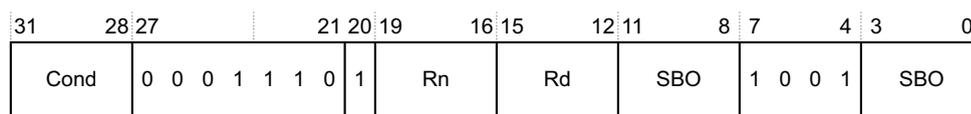


Figure 2-11 LDREXB instruction

#### Syntax

*LDREXB*{<cond>} <Rxf>, [<Rbase>]

#### Operation

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
    Rd = Memory[Rn,1]
    if Shared(Rn) == 1 then
        physical_address = TLB(Rn)
        MarkExclusiveGlobal(physical_address, processor_id, 1)
    MarkExclusiveLocal(processor_id)

```

#### STREXB

Figure 2-12 shows the format of the Store Register Byte Exclusive, *STREXB*, instruction.

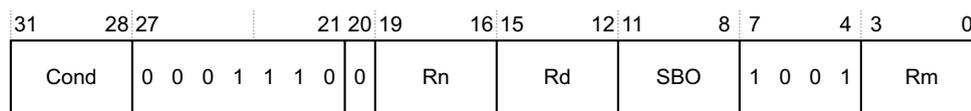


Figure 2-12 STREXB instructions

#### Syntax

*STREXB*{<cond>} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]

**Operation**

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
  processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
  if IsExclusiveLocal(processor_id) then
    if Shared(Rn)==1 then
      physical_address=TLB(Rn)
      if IsExclusiveGlobal(physical_address,processor_id,1) then
        Memory[Rn,1] = Rm
        Rd = 0
        ClearByAddress(physical_address,1)
      else
        Rd =1
    else
      Memory[Rn,1] = Rm
      Rd = 0
  else
    Rd = 1
  ClearExclusiveLocal(processor_id)

```

**2.11.2 Load or Store Halfword Exclusive**

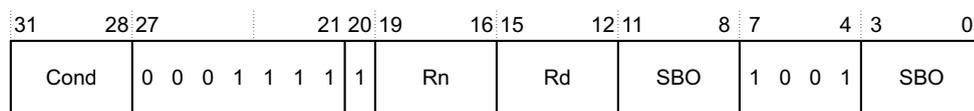
These instructions operate on naturally aligned, unsigned data of size halfword:

- The address in memory must be 16-bit aligned, address[0] == b0  
When (A,U) == (0,1), (1,0) or (1,1) in CP15 register 1, the instruction generates alignment faults if this condition is not met.  
For more information, see *Operation of unaligned accesses* on page 4-13.
- The transaction must be a single access or indivisible burst on bus widths < 16 bits  
For AXI based systems, the exclusive access signal, **AxPROT[4]**, must remain asserted throughout the burst where **AxSIZE** < 0x1.

The LDREXH and STREXH instructions share the same data monitors as the LDREX and STREX instructions, a local and a global monitor for each processor, for shared memory support.

**LDREXH**

Figure 2-13 shows the format of the Load Register Halfword Exclusive, LDREXH, instruction.



**Figure 2-13 LDREXH instruction**

**Syntax**

LDREXH{<cond>} <Rd>, [<Rn>]

**Operation**

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
  processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
  Rd = Memory[Rn,2]
  if Shared(Rn) ==1 then
    physical_address=TLB(Rn)
    MarkExclusiveGlobal(physical_address,processor_id,2)
  MarkExclusiveLocal(processor_id)

```

## STREXH

Figure 2-14 shows the format of the Store Register Halfword Exclusive, STREXH, instruction.

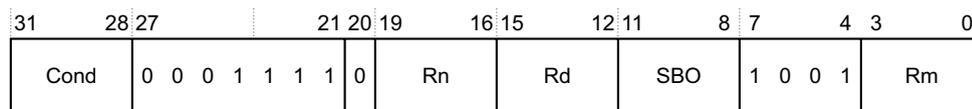


Figure 2-14 STREXH instruction

### Syntax

STREXH{<cond>} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]

### Operation

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
    if IsExclusiveLocal(processor_id) then
        if Shared(Rn)==1 then
            physical_address=TLB(Rn)
            if IsExclusiveGlobal(physical_address,processor_id,2) then
                Memory[Rn,2] = Rm
                Rd = 0
                ClearByAddress(physical_address,2)
            else
                Rd =1
        else
            Memory[Rn,2] = Rm
            Rd = 0
    else
        Rd = 1
        ClearExclusiveLocal(processor_id)

```

### 2.11.3 Load or Store Doubleword

The LDREXD and STREXD instructions behave as follows:

- The operands are considered as two words, that load or store to consecutive word-addressed locations in memory.
- Register restrictions are the same as LDRD and STRD. For STRD in ARM state, the registers Rm and R(m+1) provide the value that is stored, where m is an even number.
- The address in memory must be 64-bit aligned, address[2:0] == b000  
When (A,U) == (0,1), (1,0) or (1,1) in CP15 register 1, the instruction generates alignment faults if this condition is not met.  
For more information, see *Operation of unaligned accesses* on page 4-13.
- The transaction must be a single access or indivisible burst on bus widths < 64 bits  
For AXI based systems, the exclusive access signal, **AxPROT[4]**, must remain asserted throughout the burst where **AxSIZE** < 0x3.

The LDREXD and STREXD instructions share the same data monitors as the LDREX and STREX instructions, a local and a global monitor for each processor, for shared memory support.

**LDREXD**

Figure 2-15 shows the format of the Load Register Doubleword Exclusive, LDREXD, instruction.

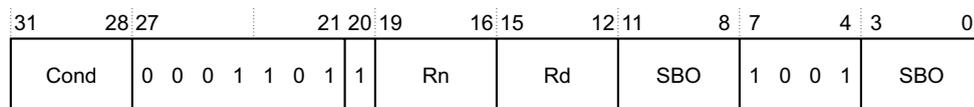


Figure 2-15 LDREXD instruction

**Syntax**

LDREXD{<cond>} <Rd>, [<Rn>]

**Operation**

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
    Rd = Memory[Rn,4]
    R(d+1) = Memory[Rn+4,4]
    if Shared(Rn) ==1 then
        physical_address=TLB(Rn)
        MarkExclusiveGlobal(physical_address,processor_id,8)
        MarkExclusiveLocal(processor_id)

```

**STREXD**

Figure 2-16 shows the format of the Store Register Doubleword Exclusive, STREXD, instruction.

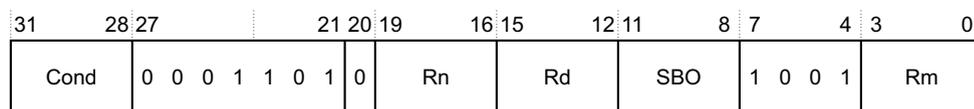


Figure 2-16 STREXD instruction

**Syntax**

STREXD{<cond>} <Rd>, <Rm>, [<Rn>]

**Operation**

```

if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    processor_id = ExecutingProcessor()
    if IsExclusiveLocal(processor_id) then
        if Shared(Rn)==1 then
            physical_address=TLB(Rn)
            if IsExclusiveGlobal(physical_address,processor_id,8) then
                Memory[Rn,4] = Rm
                Memory[Rn+4,4] = R(m+1)
                Rd = 0
                ClearByAddress(physical_address,8)
            else
                Rd =1
        else
            Memory[Rn,4] = Rm
            Memory[Rn+4,4] = R(m+1)
            Rd = 0
    else
        Rd = 1

```

ClearExclusiveLocal(processor\_id)

## 2.11.4 CLREX

Figure 2-17 shows the format of the Clear Exclusive, CLREX, instruction.

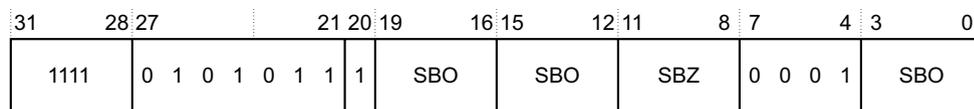


Figure 2-17 CLREX instruction

The dummy STREX construct specified in ARMv6 is required for correct system behavior. The CLREX instruction replaces the dummy STREX instruction.

This operation is unconditional in the ARM instruction set.

### Syntax

CLREX

### Operation

ClearExclusiveLocal(processor\_id)

## 2.11.5 NOP-compatible hints

Figure 2-18 shows the format of the NOP-compatible hint instruction.

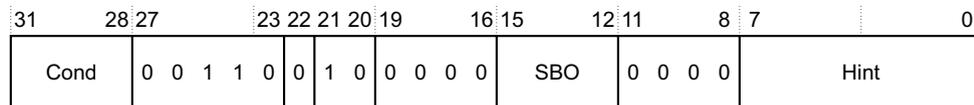


Figure 2-18 NOP-compatible hint instruction

### Syntax

<cond> Is the condition when the instruction executes. It produces no useful change in functionality, but is provided to ensure disassembly followed by reassembly always regenerates the original code.

<hint> defaults to zero

hint == 0x0: the instruction is NOP  
 hint == 0x1: the instruction is YIELD

For all other values, RESERVED, the instruction behaves like NOP.

The true NOP for ARM state is equivalent to an MSR to the CPSR with the immed\_value redefined as the hint field and no bytes selected. The instruction is fully architecturally defined, with all encodings assigned.

### Note

True NOPs are architected for alignment reasons and do not have any timing guarantees with respect to their neighboring instructions.

In an *Symmetric Multi-Threading* (SMT) design, a yield instruction enables a thread to generate a hint to the processor that runs it. The hint indicates that the current activity of the thread is not important, for example sitting in a spin-lock, and so can yield. On a uniprocessor system, this instruction behaves as a NOP. OSs can use the yielding NOP in those places that require the yield hint, and the non-yielding NOP in other cases.

### **Operation**

The instruction acts as a NOP irrespective of whether the condition passes or fails, effectively the ALWAYS condition. Do not use RESERVED values in software.

## 2.12 Exceptions

Exceptions occur whenever the normal flow of a program has to be halted temporarily. For example, to service an interrupt from a peripheral. Before attempting to handle an exception, the processor preserves the current processor state so that the original program can resume when the handler routine has finished.

If two or more exceptions occur simultaneously, the exceptions are dealt with in the fixed order given in *Exception priorities* on page 2-57.

This section provides details of the processor exception handling:

- *Exception entry and exit summary* on page 2-37
- *Entering an ARM exception* on page 2-38
- *Leaving an ARM exception* on page 2-38.

Several enhancements are made in ARM architecture v6 to the exception model, mostly to improve interrupt latency, as follows:

- New instructions are added to give a choice of stack to use for storing the exception return state after exception entry, and to simplify changes of processor mode and the disabling and enabling of interrupts.
- The interrupt vector definitions on ARMv6 are changed to support the addition of hardware to prioritize the interrupt sources and to look up the start vector for the related interrupt handling routine.
- A low interrupt latency configuration is added in ARMv6. In terms of the instruction set architecture, it specifies that multi-access load/store instructions, ARM LDC, LDM, LDRD, STC, STM, and STRD, and Thumb LDMIA, POP, PUSH, and STMIA, can be interrupted and then restarted after the interrupt has been processed.
- Support for an imprecise Data Abort that behaves as an interrupt rather than as an abort, in that it occurs asynchronously relative to the instruction execution. Support involves the masking of a pending imprecise Data Abort at times when entry into Abort mode is deemed unrecoverable.

### 2.12.1 New instructions for exception handling

This section describes the instructions added to accelerate the handling of exceptions. Full details of these instructions are given in the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

#### Store Return State (SRS)

This instruction stores R14\_<current\_mode> and SPSR\_<current\_mode> to sequential addresses, using the banked version of R13 for a specified mode to supply the base address, and to be written back to if base register Write-Back is specified. This enables an exception handler to store its return state on a stack other than the one automatically selected by its exception entry sequence.

The addressing mode used is a version of an ARM addressing mode, modified to assume a {R14,SPSR} register list rather than using a list specified by a bit mask in the instruction. For more information see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. This enables the SRS instruction to access stacks in a manner compatible with the normal use of STM instructions for stack accesses.

When in Non-secure state, specifying Secure Monitor mode in <mode> parameter field causes the SRS to be an Undefined exception. The behavior prevents the Secure Monitor stack values being altered.

## Return From Exception (RFE)

This instruction loads the PC and CPSR from sequential addresses. This is used to return from an exception that has had its return state saved using the SRS instruction, see *Store Return State (SRS)* on page 2-36, and again uses a version of an ARM addressing mode, modified to assume a {PC,CPSR} register list.

## Change Processor State (CPS)

This instruction provides new values for the CPSR interrupt masks, mode bits, or both, and is designed to shorten and speed up the read/modify/write instruction sequence used in ARMv5 to perform such tasks. Together with the SRS instruction, it enables an exception handler to save its return information on the stack of another mode and then switch to that other mode, without modifying the stack belonging to the original mode or any registers other than the new mode stack pointer.

This instruction also streamlines interrupt mask handling and mode switches in other code. In particular it enables short code sequences to be made atomic efficiently in a uniprocessor system by disabling interrupts at their start and re-enabling interrupts at their end. A similar Thumb instruction is also provided. However, the Thumb instruction can only change the interrupt masks, not the processor mode as well, to avoid using too much instruction set space.

### 2.12.2 Exception entry and exit summary

Table 2-8 summarizes the PC value preserved in the relevant R14 on exception entry, and the recommended instruction for exiting the exception handler. Full details of Jazelle state exceptions are provided in the *Jazelle VI Architecture Reference Manual*.

**Table 2-8 Exception entry and exit**

Exception or entry	Return instruction	Previous state			Notes
		ARMR14_x	Thumb R14_x	Jazelle R14_x	
SVC	MOVS PC, R14_svc	PC + 4	PC+2	-	Where the PC is the address of the SVC, SMC, or undefined instruction. Not used in Jazelle state.
SMC	MOVS PC, R14_mon	PC + 4	-	-	
UNDEF	MOVS PC, R14_und	PC + 4	PC+2	-	
PABT	SUBS PC, R14_abt, #4	PC + 4	PC+4	PC+4	Where the PC is the address of instruction that had the Prefetch Abort.
FIQ	SUBS PC, R14_fiq, #4	PC + 4	PC+4	PC+4	Where the PC is the address of the instruction that was not executed because the FIQ or IRQ took priority.
IRQ	SUBS PC, R14_irq, #4	PC + 4	PC+4	PC+4	
DABT	SUBS PC, R14_abt, #8	PC + 8	PC+8	PC+8	Where the PC is the address of the Load or Store instruction that generated the Data Abort.
RESET	NA	-	-	-	The value saved in R14_svc on reset is Unpredictable.
BKPT	SUBS PC, R14_abt, #4	PC + 4	PC+4	PC+4	Software breakpoint.

### 2.12.3 Entering an ARM exception

SCR[3:1] determine the mode that the processor enters on an FIQ, IRQ, or external abort exception, see *System control and configuration* on page 3-5.

When handling an ARM exception the processor:

1. Preserves the address of the next instruction in the appropriate LR. When the exception entry is from:

**ARM and Jazelle states:**

The processor writes the value of the PC into the LR, offset by a value, current PC + 4 or PC + 8 depending on the exception, that causes the program to resume from the correct place on return.

**Thumb state:**

The processor writes the value of the PC into the LR, offset by a value, current PC + 2, PC + 4 or PC + 8 depending on the exception, that causes the program to resume from the correct place on return.

The exception handler does not have to determine the state when entering an exception. For example, in the case of a SVC, `MOVS PC, R14_svc` always returns to the next instruction regardless of whether the SVC was executed in ARM or Thumb state.

2. Copies the CPSR into the appropriate SPSR.
3. Forces the CPSR mode bits to a value that depends on the exception.
4. Forces the PC to fetch the next instruction from the relevant exception vector.

The processor can also set the interrupt and imprecise abort disable flags to prevent otherwise unmanageable nesting of exceptions.

———— **Note** —————

Exceptions are always entered, handled, and exited in ARM state. When the processor is in Thumb state or Jazelle state and an exception occurs, the switch to ARM state takes place automatically when the exception vector address is loaded into the PC.

### 2.12.4 Leaving an ARM exception

When an exception has completed, the exception handler must move the LR, minus an offset to the PC. The offset varies according to the type of exception, as Table 2-8 on page 2-37 lists.

Typically the return instruction is an arithmetic or logical operation with the S bit set and `rd = R15`, so the core copies the SPSR back to the CPSR.

———— **Note** —————

The action of restoring the CPSR from the SPSR automatically resets the T bit and J bit to the values held immediately prior to the exception. The A, I, and F bits are also automatically restored to the value they held immediately prior to the exception.

### 2.12.5 Reset

When the **nRESETIN** and **nVFPRESETIN** signals are driven LOW a reset occurs, and the processor abandons the executing instruction.

When **nRESETIN** and **nVFPRESETIN** are driven HIGH again the processor:

1. Forces NS bit in SCR to 0, Secure, CPSR M[4:0] to b10011, Secure Supervisor mode, sets the A, I, and F bits in the CPSR, and clears the CPSR T bit and J bit. The E bit is set based on the state of the **BIGENDINIT** and **UBITINIT** pins. Other bits in the CPSR are indeterminate.
2. Forces the PC to fetch the next instruction from the reset vector address.
3. Reverts to ARM state, and resumes execution.

After reset, all register values except the PC and CPSR are indeterminate.

See Chapter 9 *Clocking and Resets* for more details of the reset behavior for the processor.

## 2.12.6 Fast interrupt request

The *Fast Interrupt Request* (FIQ) exception supports fast interrupts. In ARM state, FIQ mode has eight private registers to reduce, or even remove the requirement for register saving, minimizing the overhead of context switching.

An FIQ is externally generated by taking the **nFIQ** signal input LOW. The **nFIQ** input is registered internally to the processor. It is the output of this register that is used by the processor control logic.

Irrespective of whether exception entry is from ARM state, Thumb state, or Jazelle state, an FIQ handler returns from the interrupt by executing:

```
SUBS PC,R14_fiq,#4
```

You can disable FIQ exceptions within a privileged mode by setting the CPSR F flag. When the F flag is clear, the processor checks for a LOW level on the output of the **nFIQ** register at the end of each instruction.

The FW bit and FIQ bit in the SCR register configure the FIQ as:

- non maskable in Non-secure world, FW bit in SCR
- branch to either current FIQ mode or Secure Monitor mode, FIQ bit in SCR.

FIQs and IRQs are disabled when an FIQ occurs. You can use nested interrupts but it is up to you to save any corruptible registers and to re-enable FIQs and interrupts.

## 2.12.7 Interrupt request

The IRQ exception is a normal interrupt caused by a LOW level on the **nIRQ** input. IRQ has a lower priority than FIQ, and is masked on entry to an FIQ sequence.

Irrespective of whether exception entry is from ARM state, Thumb state, or Jazelle state, an IRQ handler returns from the interrupt by executing:

```
SUBS PC,R14_irq,#4
```

You can disable IRQ exceptions within a privileged mode by setting the CPSR I flag. When the I flag is clear, the processor checks for a LOW level on the output of the **nIRQ** register at the end of each instruction.

IRQs are disabled when an IRQ occurs. You can use nested interrupts but it is up to you to save any corruptible registers and to re-enable IRQs.

The IRQ bit in the SCR register configures the IRQ to branch to either the current IRQ mode or to the Secure Monitor mode.

## 2.12.8 Low interrupt latency configuration

The FI bit, bit 21, in CP15 register 1 enables a low interrupt latency configuration. This bit is not duplicated in both worlds, and can only be modified in Secure state. It applies to both worlds.

This mode reduces the interrupt latency of the processor. This is achieved by:

- disabling *Hit-Under-Miss* (HUM) functionality
- abandoning restartable external accesses so that the core can react to a pending interrupt faster than is normally the case
- recognizing low-latency interrupts as early as possible in the main pipeline.

To ensure that a change between normal and low interrupt latency configurations is synchronized correctly, the FI bit must only be changed in using the sequence:

1. Data Synchronization Barrier.
2. Change FI Bit.
3. Data Synchronization Barrier with interrupt disabled.

You must disable interrupts during this complete sequence of operations.

You must ensure that software systems only change the FI bit shortly after Reset, while interrupts are disabled. In low interrupt latency configuration, software must only use multi-word load/store instructions in ways that are fully restartable. In particular, they must not be used on memory locations that produce non-idempotent side-effects for the type of memory access concerned.

This enables, but does not require, implementations to make these instructions interruptible when in low interrupt latency configuration. If the instruction is interrupted before it is complete, the result might be that one or more of the words are accessed twice, but the idempotency of the side-effects, if any, of the memory accesses ensures that this does not matter.

### ———— Note ————

There is a similar existing requirement with unaligned and multi-word load/store instructions that access memory locations that can abort in a recoverable way. An abort on one of the words accessed can cause a previously-accessed word to be accessed twice, once before the abort, and once again after the abort handler has returned. The requirement in this case is either:

- all side-effects are idempotent
- the abort must either occur on the first word accessed or not at all.

The instructions that this rule currently applies to are:

- ARM instructions LDC, all forms of LDM, LDRD, STC, all forms of STM, STRD, and unaligned LDR, STR, LDRH, and STRH
- Thumb instructions LDMIA, PUSH, POP, and STMIA, and unaligned LDR, STR, LDRH, and STRH.

System designers are also advised that memory locations accessed with these instructions must not have large numbers of wait-states associated with them if the best possible interrupt latency is to be achieved.

## 2.12.9 Interrupt latency example

This section gives an extended example to show how the combination of new facilities improves interrupt latency. The example is not necessarily entirely realistic, but illustrates the main points. To be simpler, this example applies for legacy code, that is for code that does not use any TrustZone features. You can therefore assume the core only runs code in either Secure or Non-secure world.

The assumptions made are:

1. *Vector Interrupt Controller (VIC)* hardware exists to prioritize interrupts and to supply the address of the highest priority interrupt to the processor core on demand. In the ARMv5 system, the address is supplied in a memory-mapped I/O location, and loading the address acts as an entering interrupt handler acknowledgement to the VIC. In the ARMv6 system, the address is loaded and the acknowledgement given automatically, as part of the interrupt entry sequence. In both systems, a store to a memory-mapped I/O location is used to send a finishing interrupt handler acknowledgement to the VIC.

2. The system has the following layers:

**Real-time layer** Contains handlers for a number of high-priority interrupts. These interrupts can be prioritized, and are assumed to be signaled to the processor core by means of the FIQ interrupt. Their handlers do not use the facilities supplied by the other two layers. This means that all memory they use must be locked down in the TLBs and caches. It is possible to use additional code to make access to nonlocked memory possible, but this example does not describe this.

**Architectural completion layer**

Contains Prefetch Abort, Data Abort and Undefined instruction handlers whose purpose is to give the illusion that the hardware is handling all memory requests and instructions on its own, without requiring software to handle TLB misses, virtual memory misses, and near-exceptional floating-point operations, for example. This illusion is not available to the real-time layer, because the software handlers concerned take a significant number of cycles, and it is not reasonable to have every memory access to take large numbers of cycles. Instead, the memory concerned has to be locked down.

**Non real-time layer**

Provides interrupt handlers for low-priority interrupts. These interrupts can also be prioritized, and are assumed to be signaled to the processor core using the IRQ interrupt.

3. The corresponding exception priority structure is as follows, from highest to lowest priority:
  - a. FIQ1, highest priority FIQ
  - b. FIQ2
  - c. ...
  - d. FIQm, lowest priority FIQ
  - e. Data Abort
  - f. Prefetch Abort
  - g. Undefined instruction
  - h. SVC
  - i. IRQ1, highest priority IRQ
  - j. IRQ2
  - k. ...

#### 1. IRQn, lowest priority IRQ

The processor core prioritization handles most of the priority structure, but the VIC handles the priorities within each group of interrupts.

#### ———— Note ————

This list reflects the priorities that the handlers are subject to, and differs from the priorities that the exception entry sequences are subject to. The difference occurs because simultaneous Data Abort and FIQ exceptions result in the sequence:

- a. Data Abort entry sequence executed, updating R14\_abt, SPSR\_abt, PC, and CPSR.
- b. FIQ entry sequence executed, updating R14\_fiq, SPSR\_fiq, PC, and CPSR.
- c. FIQ handler executes to completion and returns.
- d. Data Abort handler executes to completion and returns.

For more information see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

#### 4. Stack and register usage is:

- The FIQ1 interrupt handler has exclusive use of R8\_fiq to R12\_fiq. In ARMv5, R13\_fiq points to a memory area, that is mainly for use by the FIQ1 handler. However, a few words are used during entry for other FIQ handlers. In ARMv6, the FIQ1 interrupt handler has exclusive use of R13\_fiq.
- The Undefined instruction, Prefetch Abort, Data Abort, and non-FIQ1 FIQ handlers use the stack pointed to by R13\_abt. This stack is locked down in memory, and therefore of known, limited depth.
- All IRQ and SVC handlers use the stack pointed to by R13\_svc. This stack does not have to be locked down in memory.
- The stack pointed to by R13\_usr is used by the current process. This process can be privileged or unprivileged, and uses System or User mode accordingly.

#### 5. Timings are roughly consistent with ARM10 timings, with the pipeline reload penalty being three cycles. It is assumed that pipeline reloads are combined to execute as quickly as reasonably possible, and in particular that:

- If an interrupt is detected during an instruction that has set a new value for the PC, after that value has been determined and written to the PC but before the resulting pipeline refill is completed, the pipeline refill is abandoned and the interrupt entry sequence started as soon as possible.
- Similarly, if an FIQ is detected during an exception entry sequence that does not disable FIQs, after the updates to R14, the SPSR, the CPSR, and the PC but before the pipeline refill has completed, the pipeline refill is abandoned and the FIQ entry sequence started as soon as possible.

### FIQs in the example system in ARMv5

In ARMv5, all FIQ interrupts come through the same vector, at address 0x0000001C or 0xFFFF001C. To implement the above system, the code at this vector must get the address of the correct handler from the VIC, branch to it, and transfer to using R13\_abt and the Abort mode stack if it is not the FIQ1 handler. The following code does, assuming that R8\_fiq holds the address of the VIC:

```
FIQhandler
    LDR    PC, [R8,#HandlerAddress]
    ...
FIQ1handler
... Include code to process the interrupt ...
```

```

    STR    R0, [R8,#AckFinished]
    SUBS   PC, R14, #4
    ...

FIQ2handler
    STMIA  R13, {R0-R3}
    MOV    R0, LR
    MRS    R1, SPSR
    ADD    R2, R13, #8
    MRS    R3, CPSR
    BIC    R3, R3, #0x1F
    ORR    R3, R3, #0x1B ; = Abort mode number
    MSR    CPSR_c, R3
    STMFD  R13!, {R0, R1}
    LDMIA  R2, {R0, R1}
    STMFD  R13!, {R0, R1}
    LDMDB  R2, {R0, R1}
    BIC    R3, R3, #0x40 ; = F bit
    MSR    CPSR_c, R3
    ... FIQs are now re-enabled, with original R2, R3, R14, SPSR on stack
    ... Include code to stack any more registers required, process the interrupt
    ... and unstack extra registers
    ADR    R2, #VICaddress
    MRS    R3, CPSR
    ORR    R3, R3, #0x40 ; = F bit
    MSR    CPSR_c, R3
    STR    R0, [R2,#AckFinished]
    LDR    R14, [R13,#12] ; Original SPSR value
    MSR    SPSR_fsxc, R14
    LDMFD  R13!, {R2,R3,R14}
    ADD    R13, R13, #4
    SUBS   PC, R14, #4
    ...

```

The major problem with this is the length of time that FIQs are disabled at the start of the lower priority FIQs. The worst-case interrupt latency for the FIQ1 interrupt occurs if a lower priority FIQ2 has fetched its handler address, and is approximately:

- 3 cycles for the pipeline refill after the LDR PC instruction fetches the handler address
- + 24 cycles to get to and execute the MSR instruction that re-enables FIQs
- + 3 cycles to re-enter the FIQ exception
- + 5 cycles for the LDR PC instruction at FIQhandler
- = 35 cycles.

———— **Note** ————

FIQs must be disabled for the final store to acknowledge the end of the handler to the VIC. Otherwise, more badly timed FIQs, each occurring close to the end of the previous handler, can cause unlimited growth of the locked-down stack.

### FIQs in the example system in ARMv6

Using the VIC and the new instructions, there is no longer any requirement for everything to go through the single FIQ vector, and the changeover to a different stack occurs much more smoothly. The code is:

```

FIQ1handler
... Include code to process the interrupt ...

```

```

STR    R0, [R8,#AckFinished]
SUBS   PC, R14, #4
...
FIQ2handler
SUB    R14, R14, #4
SRSFD R13_abt!
CPSIE f, #0x1B ; = Abort mode

STMFD R13!, {R2, R3}
... FIQs are now re-enabled, with original R2, R3, R14, SPSR on stack
... Include code to stack any more registers required, process the interrupt
... and unstack extra registers
LDMFD R13!, {R2, R3}
ADR    R14, #VICaddress
CPSID  f
STR    R0, [R14,#AckFinished]
RFEFD R13!
...

```

The worst-case interrupt latency for a FIQ1 now occurs if the FIQ1 occurs during an FIQ2 interrupt entry sequence, after it disables FIQs, and is approximately:

- 3 cycles for the pipeline refill for the FIQ2 exception entry sequence
- + 5 cycles to get to and execute the CPSIE instruction that re-enables FIQs
- + 3 cycles to re-enter the FIQ exception
- = 11 cycles.

#### ———— Note —————

In the ARMv5 system, the potential additional interrupt latency caused by a long LDM or STM being in progress when the FIQ is detected was only significant because the memory system was able to stretch its cycles considerably. Otherwise, it was dwarfed by the number of cycles lost because of FIQs being disabled at the start of a lower-priority interrupt handler. In ARMv6, this is still the case, but it is a lot closer.

### Alternatives to the example system

Two alternatives to the design in *FIQs in the example system in ARMv6* on page 2-43 are:

- The first alternative is not to reserve the FIQ registers for the FIQ1 interrupt, but instead either to:
  - share them out among the various FIQ handlers
 

The first restricts the registers available to the FIQ1 handler and adds the software complication of managing a global allocation of FIQ registers to FIQ handlers. Also, because of the shortage of FIQ registers, it is not likely to be very effective if there are many FIQ handlers.
  - require the FIQ handlers to treat them as normal callee-save registers.
 

The second adds a number of cycles of loading important addresses and variable values into the registers to each FIQ handler before it can do any useful work. That is, it increases the effective FIQ latency by a similar number of cycles.

- The second alternative is to use IRQs for all but the highest priority interrupt, so that there is only one level of FIQ interrupt. This achieves very fast FIQ latency, 5-8 cycles, but at a cost to all the lower-priority interrupts that every exception entry sequence now disables them. You then have the following possibilities:
  - None of the exception handlers in the architectural completion layer re-enable IRQs. In this case, all IRQs suffer from additional possible interrupt latency caused by those handlers, and so effectively are in the non real-time layer. In other words, this results in there only being one priority for interrupts in the real-time layer.
  - All of the exception handlers in the architectural completion layer re-enable IRQs to permit IRQs to have real-time behavior. The problem in this case is that all IRQs can then occur during the processing of an exception in the architectural completion layer, and so they are all effectively in the real-time layer. In other words, this effectively means that there are no interrupts in the non real-time layer.
  - All of the exception handlers in the architectural completion layer re-enable IRQs, but they also use additional VIC facilities to place a lower limit on the priority of IRQs that is taken. This permits IRQs at that priority or higher to be treated as being in the real-time layer, and IRQs at lower priorities to be treated as being in the non real-time layer. The price paid is some additional complexity in the software and in the VIC hardware.

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**Note**

For either of the last two options, the new instructions speed up the IRQ re-enabling and the stack changes that are likely to be required.

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### 2.12.10 Aborts

An abort can be caused by either:

- the MMU signalling an internal abort
- an external abort being raised from the AXI interfaces, by an AXI error response.

There are two types of abort:

- *Prefetch Abort*
- *Data Abort* on page 2-46.

IRQs are disabled when an abort occurs. When the aborts are configured to branch to Secure Monitor mode, the FIQ is also disabled.

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**Note**

The Interrupt Status Register shows at any time if there is a pending IRQ, FIQ, or External Abort. For more information, see *c12, Interrupt Status Register* on page 3-123.

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All aborts from the TLB are internal except for aborts from page table walks that are external precise aborts. If the EA bit is 1 for translation aborts, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52, the core branches to Secure Monitor mode in the same way as it does for all other external aborts.

#### **Prefetch Abort**

This is signaled with the Instruction as it enters the pipeline Decode stage.

When a Prefetch Abort occurs, the processor marks the prefetched instruction as invalid, but does not take the exception until the instruction is to be executed. If the instruction is not executed, for example because a branch occurs while it is in the pipeline, the abort does not take place.

After dealing with the cause of the abort, the handler executes the following instruction irrespective of the processor operating state:

```
SUBS PC,R14_abt,#4
```

This action restores both the PC and the CPSR, and retries the aborted instruction.

## Data Abort

Data Abort on the processor can be precise or imprecise. Precise Data Aborts are those generated after performing an instruction side CP15 operation, and all those generated by the MMU:

- alignment faults
- translation faults
- access bit faults
- domain faults
- permission faults.

Data Aborts that occur because of watchpoints are imprecise in that the processor and system state presented to the abort handler is the processor and system state at the boundary of an instruction shortly after the instruction that caused the watchpoint, but before any following load/store instruction. Because the state that is presented is consistent with an instruction boundary, these aborts are restartable, even though they are imprecise.

Errors that cause externally generated Data Aborts might be precise or imprecise. Two separate FSR encodings indicate if the external abort is precise or imprecise:

- all external aborts to loads when the CP15 Register 1 FI bit, bit 21, is set are precise
- all external aborts to loads or stores to Strongly Ordered memory are precise
- all external aborts to loads to the Program Counter or the CPSR are precise
- all external aborts on the load part of a SWP are precise
- all other external aborts are imprecise.

External aborts are supported on cacheable locations. The abort is transmitted to the processor only if a word requested by the processor had an external abort.

### Precise Data Aborts

A precise Data Abort is signaled when the abort exception enables the processor and system state presented to the abort handler to be consistent with the processor and system state when the aborting instruction was executed. With precise Data Aborts, the restarting of the processor after the cause of the abort has been rectified is straightforward.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements the *base restored Data Abort model*, that differs from the *base updated Data Abort model* implemented by the ARM7TDMI-S processor.

With the *base restored Data Abort model*, when a Data Abort exception occurs during the execution of a memory access instruction, the base register is always restored by the processor hardware to the value it contained before the instruction was executed. This removes the requirement for the Data Abort handler to unwind any base register update, that might have been specified by the aborted instruction. This simplifies the software Data Abort handler. See *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for more details.

After dealing with the cause of the abort, the handler executes the following return instruction irrespective of the processor operating state at the point of entry:

```
SUBS PC, R14_abt, #8
```

This restores both the PC and the CPSR, and retries the aborted instruction.

### ***Imprecise Data Aborts***

An imprecise Data Abort is signaled when the processor and system state presented to the abort handler cannot be guaranteed to be consistent with the processor and system state when the aborting instruction was issued.

#### **2.12.11 Imprecise Data Abort mask in the CPSR/SPSR**

An imprecise Data Abort caused, for example, by an External Error on a write that has been held in a Write Buffer, is asynchronous to the execution of the causing instruction and can occur many cycles after the instruction that caused the memory access has retired. For this reason, the imprecise Data Abort can occur at a time that the processor is in Abort mode because of a precise Data Abort, or can have live state in Abort mode, but be handling an interrupt.

To avoid the loss of the Abort mode state, R14\_abt and SPSR\_abt, in these cases, that leads to the processor entering an unrecoverable state, the existence of a pending imprecise Data Abort must be held by the system until a time when the Abort mode can safely be entered.

A mask is added into the CPSR to indicate that an imprecise Data Abort can be accepted. This bit is referred to as the A bit. The imprecise Data Abort causes a Data Abort to be taken when imprecise Data Aborts are not masked. When imprecise Data Aborts are masked, then the implementation is responsible for holding the presence of a pending imprecise Data Abort until the mask is cleared and the abort is taken. The A bit is set automatically on entry into Abort Mode, IRQ, and FIQ Modes, and on Reset.

#### **———— Note ————**

You cannot change the CPSR A bit in the Non-secure world if the SCR bit 5 is reset. You can change the SPSR A bit in the Non-secure world but this does not update the CPSR if the SCR bit 5 does not permit it.

#### **2.12.12 Supervisor call instruction**

You can use the *Supervisor call* instruction (SVC) to enter Supervisor mode, usually to request a particular supervisor function. The SVC handler reads the opcode to extract the SVC function number. A SVC handler returns by executing the following instruction, irrespective of the processor operating state:

```
MOVS PC, R14_svc
```

This action restores the PC and CPSR, and returns to the instruction following the SVC.

IRQs are disabled when a Supervisor call occurs.

#### **2.12.13 Secure Monitor Call (SMC)**

When the processor executes the *Secure Monitor Call* (SMC) the core enters Secure Monitor mode to execute the Secure Monitor code. For more details on SMC and the Secure Monitor, see *The NS bit and Secure Monitor mode* on page 2-4.

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**Note**

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An attempt by a User process to execute an SMC makes the processor enter the Undefined exception trap.

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**2.12.14 Undefined instruction**

When an instruction is encountered that neither the processor, nor any coprocessor in the system, can handle the processor takes the undefined instruction trap. Software can use this mechanism to extend the ARM instruction set by emulating undefined coprocessor instructions.

After emulating the failed instruction, the trap handler executes the following instruction, irrespective of the processor operating state:

```
MOVS PC,R14_und
```

This action restores the CPSR and returns to the next instruction after the undefined instruction.

IRQs are disabled when an undefined instruction trap occurs. For more information about undefined instructions, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

**2.12.15 Breakpoint instruction (BKPT)**

A breakpoint (BKPT) instruction operates as though the instruction causes a Prefetch Abort.

A breakpoint instruction does not cause the processor to take the Prefetch Abort exception until the instruction reaches the Execute stage of the pipeline. If the instruction is not executed, for example because a branch occurs while it is in the pipeline, the breakpoint does not take place.

After dealing with the breakpoint, the handler executes the following instruction irrespective of the processor operating state:

```
SUBS PC,R14_abt,#4
```

This action restores both the PC and the CPSR, and retries the breakpointed instruction.

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**Note**

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If the EmbeddedICE-RT logic is configured into Halting debug-mode, a breakpoint instruction causes the processor to enter Debug state. See *Halting debug-mode debugging* on page 13-50.

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**2.12.16 Exception vectors**

The Secure Configuration Register bits [3:1] determine the mode that is entered when an IRQ, a FIQ, or an external abort exception occur.

Three CP15 registers define the base address of the following vector tables:

- Non-secure, Non\_Secure\_Base\_Address
- Secure, Secure\_Base\_Address
- Secure Monitor, Monitor\_Base\_Address.

If high vectors are enabled, Non\_Secure\_Base\_Address and Secure\_Base\_Address registers are treated as being 0xFFFF0000, regardless of the value of these registers.

**Exceptions occurring in Non-secure world**

The following exceptions occur in the Non-secure world:

- *Reset* on page 2-49

- *Undefined instruction*
- *Software Interrupt exception*
- *External Prefetch Abort* on page 2-50
- *Internal Prefetch Abort* on page 2-50
- *External Data Abort* on page 2-50
- *Internal Data Abort* on page 2-51
- *Interrupt request (IRQ) exception* on page 2-51
- *Fast Interrupt Request (FIQ) exception* on page 2-52
- *Secure Monitor Call Exception* on page 2-52.

### **Reset**

When Reset is de-asserted:

```

/* Enter secure state */
R14_svc = UNPREDICTABLE value
SPSR_svc = UNPREDICTABLE value
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10011 /* Enter supervisor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of Secure Control Register bit[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0000
else
    PC = 0x00000000

```

### **Undefined instruction**

On an undefined instruction:

```

/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
R14_und = address of the next instruction after the undefined instruction
SPSR_und = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b11011 /* Enter undefined Instruction mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0004
else
    PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000004

```

### **Software Interrupt exception**

On an SVC:

```

/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
R14_svc = address of the next instruction after the SVC instruction
SPSR_svc = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10011 /* Enter supervisor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0008
else

```

```
PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000008
```

### External Prefetch Abort

On an external prefetch abort:

```
if SCR[3]=1 /* external prefetch aborts trapped to Secure Monitor mode */
  R14_mon = address of the aborted instruction + 4
  SPSR_mon = CPSR
  CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
  CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
  CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
  CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
  CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
  CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of Secure Ctrl Reg bit[25] */
  CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
  PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x0000000C
Else
  R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 4
  SPSR_abt = CPSR
  CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
  CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
  CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
  If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
  Else
    CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
  CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
  CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
  if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF000C
  else
    PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000000C
```

### Internal Prefetch Abort

On an internal prefetch abort:

```
/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 4
SPSR_abt = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
  CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
Else
  CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
  PC = 0xFFFF000C
else
  PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000000C
```

### External Data Abort

On an External Precise Data Abort or on an External Imprecise Abort with CPSR[8]=0 (A bit):

```
/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[3]=1 /* external aborts trapped to Secure Monitor mode */
  R14_mon = address of the aborted instruction + 8
  SPSR_mon = CPSR
  CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
```

```

CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Ctrl Reg bit[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
Else /* external Aborts trapped in abort mode */
  R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 8
  SPSR_abt = CPSR
  CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
  CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
  CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
  If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
  Else
    CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
  CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
  CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
  if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0010
  else
    PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000010

```

### **Internal Data Abort**

On an Internal Data Abort. All aborts that are not external aborts, that is data aborts on L1 memory management occurring when a fault is detected in MMU:

```

/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 8
SPSR_abt = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
  CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
Else
  CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
  PC = 0xFFFF0010
else
  PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000010

```

### **Interrupt request (IRQ) exception**

On an Interrupt Request, and CPSR[7]=0, I bit:

```

/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[1]=1 /* IRQ trapped in Secure Monitor mode */
  R14_mon = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
  SPSR_mon = CPSR
  CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
  CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
  CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
  CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
  CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
  CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Ctrl Reg bit[25] */
  CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
  PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x00000018
else
  R14_irq = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
  SPSR_irq = CPSR

```

```

CPSR [4:0] = 0b10010 /* Enter IRQ mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
Else
    CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if VE == 0 /* Core with VIC port only */
    if high vectors configured then
        PC = 0xFFFF0018
    else
        PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000018
else
    PC = IRQADDR

```

### **Fast Interrupt Request (FIQ) exception**

On a Fast Interrupt Request, and CPSR[6]=0, F bit:

```

/* Non-secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[2]=1 /* FIQ trapped in Secure Monitor mode */
    R14_mon = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
    SPSR_mon = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10001 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Ctrl Reg bit[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x0000001C
Else
/* SCR[4] (bit FW) must be set to avoid infinite loop until FIQ is asserted */
R14_fiq = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
SPSR_fiq = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10001 /* Enter FIQ mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
If SCR[5]=1 (bit AW)
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
Else
    CPSR [8] = UNCHANGED
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF001C
else
    PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000001C

```

### **Secure Monitor Call Exception**

On a SMC:

```

If (UserMode) /* undefined instruction */
R14_und = address of the next instruction after the SMC instruction
SPSR_und = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b11011 /* Enter undefined instruction mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [9] = Non-secure EE-bit /* store value of NS Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */

```

```

    If high vectors configured then
        PC = 0xFFFF0004
    else
        PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000004
else
    R14_mon = address of the next instruction after the SMC instruction
    SPSR_mon = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Ctrl Reg bit[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x00000008 /* SMC vectored to the */
                                           /*conventional SVC vector */

```

### Exceptions occurring in Secure world

The behavior in Secure state is identical to that in Non-secure state, except that `Secure_Base_Address` is used instead of `Non_Secure_Base_Address` and that `CPSR[6]`, F bit, and `CPSR[8]`, A bit, are updated regardless the bits [5:4] of the Secure Configuration Register.

Except Reset, the software model does not expect any other exception to occur in Secure Monitor mode. However, if an exception occurs in Secure Monitor mode, the NS bit in SCR register is automatically reset and the core branches either to the exception handler in Secure world or in Secure Monitor mode, Secure Monitor mode for IRQ, FIQ or external aborts with the corresponding bit set in `SCR[3:1]`.

The following exceptions occur in the Secure world:

- *Reset*
- *Undefined instruction* on page 2-54
- *Software Interrupt exception* on page 2-54
- *External Prefetch Abort* on page 2-54
- *Internal Prefetch Abort* on page 2-55
- *External Data Abort* on page 2-50
- *Internal Data Abort* on page 2-55
- *Interrupt request (IRQ) exception* on page 2-56
- *Fast Interrupt Request (FIQ) exception* on page 2-56
- *Secure Monitor Call Exception* on page 2-57.

### Reset

When Reset is de-asserted:

```

/* Stay in secure state */
R14_svc = UNPREDICTABLE value
SPSR_svc = UNPREDICTABLE value
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10011 /* Enter supervisor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of Secure Control Register bit[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0000
else
    PC = 0x00000000

```

**Undefined instruction**

On an undefined instruction:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
R14_und = address of the next instruction after the undefined instruction
SPSR_und = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b11011 /* Enter undefined Instruction mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0004
else
    PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000004

```

**Software Interrupt exception**

On a SVC:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
R14_svc = address of the next instruction after the SVC instruction
SPSR_svc = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10011 /* Enter supervisor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF0008
else
    PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000008

```

**External Prefetch Abort**

On an external prefetch abort:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[3]=1 /* external prefetch aborts trapped to Secure Monitor mode */
    R14_mon = address of the aborted instruction + 4
    SPSR_mon = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x0000000C
Else
    R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 4
    SPSR_abt = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    if high vectors configured then
        PC = 0xFFFF000C
    else
        PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000000C

```

**Internal Prefetch Abort**

On an internal prefetch abort:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 4
SPSR_abt = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then
    PC = 0xFFFF000C
else
    PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000000C

```

**External Data Abort**

On an External Precise Data Abort or on an External Imprecise Abort with CPSR[8]=0 (A bit):

```

/* secure state is unchanged */

if SCR[3]=1 /* external aborts trapped to Secure Monitor mode */
    R14_mon = address of the aborted instruction + 8
    SPSR_mon = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x00000010
Else /* external Aborts trapped in abort mode */
    R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 8
    SPSR_abt = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    if high vectors configured then
        PC = 0xFFFF0010
    else
        PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000010

```

**Internal Data Abort**

On an Internal Data Abort. All aborts that are not external aborts, i.e. data aborts on L1 memory management occurring when a fault is detected in MMU:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
R14_abt = address of the aborted instruction + 8
SPSR_abt = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10111 /* Enter abort mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then

```

```

PC = 0xFFFF0010
else
PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000010

```

### **Interrupt request (IRQ) exception**

On an Interrupt Request, and CPSR[7]=0, I bit:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[1]=1 /* IRQ trapped in Secure Monitor mode */
R14_mon = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
SPSR_mon = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x00000018
else
R14_irq = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
SPSR_irq = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10010 /* Enter IRQ mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if VE == 0 /* Core with VIC port only */
if high vectors configured then
PC = 0xFFFF0018
else
PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000018
else
PC = IRQADDR

```

### **Fast Interrupt Request (FIQ) exception**

On a Fast Interrupt Request, and CPSR[6]=0, F bit:

```

/* secure state is unchanged */
if SCR[2]=1 /* FIQ trapped in Secure Monitor mode */
R14_mon = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
SPSR_mon = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x0000001C
else
R14_fiq = address of the next instruction to be executed + 4
SPSR_fiq = CPSR
CPSR [4:0] = 0b10001 /* Enter FIQ mode */
CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
if high vectors configured then

```

```

    PC = 0xFFFF001C
else
    PC = Non_Secure_Base_Address + 0x0000001C

```

### Secure Monitor Call Exception

On a SMC:

```

If (UserMode) /* undefined instruction */
    R14_und = address of the next instruction after the SMC instruction
    SPSR_und = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b11011 /* Enter undefined instruction mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    If high vectors configured then
        PC = 0xFFFF0004
    else
        PC = Secure_Base_Address + 0x00000004
else
    R14_mon = address of the next instruction after the SMC instruction
    SPSR_mon = CPSR
    CPSR [4:0] = 0b10110 /* Enter Secure Monitor mode */
    CPSR [5] = 0 /* Execute in ARM state */
    CPSR [6] = 1 /* Disable fast interrupts */
    CPSR [7] = 1 /* Disable interrupts */
    CPSR [8] = 1 /* Disable imprecise aborts */
    CPSR [9] = Secure EE-bit /* store value of secure Control Reg[25] */
    CPSR[24] = 0 /* Clear J bit */
    PC = Monitor_Base_Address + 0x00000008 /* SMC vectored to the */
                                           /*conventional SVC vector */

```

## 2.12.17 Exception priorities

When multiple exceptions arise at the same time, a fixed priority system determines the order that they are handled. Table 2-9 lists the order of exception priorities.

**Table 2-9 Exception priorities**

Priority	Exception
Highest	1 Reset
	2 Precise Data Abort
	3 FIQ
	4 IRQ
	5 Prefetch Abort
	6 Imprecise Data Abort
Lowest	7 BKPT
	Undefined Instruction
	SVC
	SMC

Some exceptions cannot occur together:

- The BKPT, undefined instruction, SMC, and SVC exceptions are mutually exclusive. Each corresponds to a particular, non-overlapping, decoding of the current instruction.

- When FIQs are enabled, and a precise Data Abort occurs at the same time as an FIQ, the processor enters the Data Abort handler, and proceeds immediately to the FIQ vector. A normal return from the FIQ causes the Data Abort handler to resume execution. Precise Data Aborts must have higher priority than FIQs to ensure that the transfer error does not escape detection. You must add the time for this exception entry to the worst-case FIQ latency calculations in a system that uses aborts to support virtual memory. The FIQ handler must not access any memory that can generate a Data Abort, because the initial Data Abort exception condition is lost if this happens.

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**Note**

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If the data abort is a precise external abort and bit 3 (EA) of SCR is set, the processor enters Secure Monitor mode where aborts and FIQs are disabled automatically. Therefore, the processor does not proceed to FIQ vector immediately afterwards.

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## 2.13 Software considerations

When using the processor you must consider the following software issues:

- *Branch Target Address Cache flush*
- *Waiting for DMA to complete.*

### 2.13.1 Branch Target Address Cache flush

When the processor switches from the Secure to the Non-secure state the Secure Monitor code is responsible for flushing the BTAC if necessary. See *About program flow prediction* on page 5-2 for more information.

### 2.13.2 Waiting for DMA to complete

When it is necessary to wait for the generation of an interrupt by the DMA indicating the completion of a transfer between external memory and an Instruction TCM, the prioritization between core requests from a tight-loop and the DMA can mean the DMA is locked out from writing the TCM, so freezing the system. To avoid this, two mechanisms are recommended:

1. The use of the WFI operation in the wait-loop to freeze core execution while permitting the DMA to continue. Standby mode is not entered in this case as the DMA keeps on running and prevents this entry. See *Standby mode* on page 10-3 for more details.
2. Including at least five instructions, including NOP instructions, in the wait loop.

For details of the WFI operation see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69.

———— **Note** —————

In the ARM1176 instruction set, WFI is a valid instruction but is treated as a NOP.

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# Chapter 3

## System Control Coprocessor

This chapter describes the purpose of the system control coprocessor, its structure, operation, and how to use it. It contains the following sections:

- *About the system control coprocessor* on page 3-2
- *System control processor registers* on page 3-13.

## 3.1 About the system control coprocessor

The section gives an overall view of the system control coprocessor. For detail of the registers in the system control coprocessor, see *System control processor registers* on page 3-13.

The purpose of the system control coprocessor, CP15, is to control and provide status information for the functions implemented in the ARM1176JZF-S processor. The main functions of the system control coprocessor are:

- overall system control and configuration
- cache configuration and management
- *Tightly-Coupled Memory (TCM)* configuration and management
- *Memory Management Unit (MMU)* configuration and management
- DMA control
- system performance monitoring.

The system control coprocessor does not exist in a distinct physical block of logic.

### 3.1.1 System control coprocessor functional groups

The system control coprocessor appears as a set of 32-bit registers that you can write to and read from. Some of the registers permit more than one type of operation. The functional groups for the registers are:

- *System control and configuration* on page 3-5
- *MMU control and configuration* on page 3-6
- *Cache control and configuration* on page 3-7
- *TCM control and configuration* on page 3-8
- *Cache Master Valid Registers* on page 3-8
- *DMA control* on page 3-9
- *System performance monitor* on page 3-10
- *System validation* on page 3-10.

The system control coprocessor controls the TrustZone operation of the processor:

- some of the registers are only accessible in the Secure world
- some of the registers are banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- some of the registers are common to both worlds.

#### ———— Note —————

When Secure Monitor mode is active the core is in the Secure world. The processor treats all accesses as Secure and the system control coprocessor behaves as if it operates in the Secure world regardless of the value of the NS bit, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52. In Secure Monitor mode, the NS bit defines the copies of the banked registers in the system control coprocessor that the processor can access:

**NS = 0**      Access to Secure world CP15 registers

**NS = 1**      Access to Non-secure world CP15 registers.

Registers that are only accessible in the Secure world are always accessible in Secure Monitor mode, regardless of the value of the NS bit.

Table 3-1 on page 3-3 lists the overall functionality for the system control coprocessor as it relates to its registers.

Table 3-2 on page 3-14 lists the registers in the system control processor in register order and gives their reset values.

**Table 3-1 System control coprocessor register functions**

Function	Register/operation	Reference to description
System control and configuration	Control	<i>c1</i> , <i>Control Register</i> on page 3-44
	Auxiliary control	<i>c1</i> , <i>Auxiliary Control Register</i> on page 3-48
	Secure Configuration	<i>c1</i> , <i>Secure Configuration Register</i> on page 3-52
	Secure Debug Enable	<i>c1</i> , <i>Secure Debug Enable Register</i> on page 3-54
	Non-Secure Access Control	<i>c1</i> , <i>Non-Secure Access Control Register</i> on page 3-55
	Coprocessor Access Control	<i>c1</i> , <i>Coprocessor Access Control Register</i> on page 3-51
	Secure or Non-secure Vector Base Address	<i>c12</i> , <i>Secure or Non-secure Vector Base Address Register</i> on page 3-121
	Monitor Vector Base Address	<i>c12</i> , <i>Monitor Vector Base Address Register</i> on page 3-122
	ID code <sup>a</sup>	<i>c0</i> , <i>Main ID Register</i> on page 3-20
	Feature ID, CPUID scheme	<i>c0</i> , <i>CPUID registers</i> on page 3-26
MMU control and configuration	TLB Type	<i>c0</i> , <i>TLB Type Register</i> on page 3-25
	Translation Table Base 0	<i>c2</i> , <i>Translation Table Base Register 0</i> on page 3-57
	Translation Table Base 1	<i>c2</i> , <i>Translation Table Base Register 1</i> on page 3-59
	Translation Table Base Control	<i>c2</i> , <i>Translation Table Base Control Register</i> on page 3-60
	Domain Access Control	<i>c3</i> , <i>Domain Access Control Register</i> on page 3-63
	Data Fault Status	<i>c5</i> , <i>Data Fault Status Register</i> on page 3-64
	Instruction Fault Status	<i>c5</i> , <i>Instruction Fault Status Register</i> on page 3-66
	Fault Address	<i>c6</i> , <i>Fault Address Register</i> on page 3-68
	Instruction Fault Address	<i>c6</i> , <i>Instruction Fault Address Register</i> on page 3-69
	Watchpoint Fault Address	<i>c6</i> , <i>Watchpoint Fault Address Register</i> on page 3-69
	TLB Operations	<i>c8</i> , <i>TLB Operations Register</i> on page 3-86
	TLB Lockdown	<i>c10</i> , <i>TLB Lockdown Register</i> on page 3-100
	Memory Region Remap	<i>c10</i> , <i>Memory region remap registers</i> on page 3-101
	Peripheral Port Memory Remap	<i>c15</i> , <i>Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register</i> on page 3-130
	Context ID	<i>c13</i> , <i>Context ID Register</i> on page 3-128
	FCSE PID	<i>c13</i> , <i>FCSE PID Register</i> on page 3-126
	Thread And Process ID	<i>c13</i> , <i>Thread and process ID registers</i> on page 3-129
TLB Lockdown Access	<i>c15</i> , <i>TLB lockdown access registers</i> on page 3-149	

Table 3-1 System control coprocessor register functions (continued)

Function	Register/operation	Reference to description
Cache control and configuration	Cache Type	<i>c0</i> , <i>Cache Type Register</i> on page 3-21
	Cache Operations	<i>c7</i> , <i>Cache operations</i> on page 3-69
	Data Cache Lockdown	<i>c9</i> , <i>Data and instruction cache lockdown registers</i> on page 3-87
	Instruction Cache Lockdown	<i>c9</i> , <i>Data and instruction cache lockdown registers</i> on page 3-87
	Cache Behavior Override	<i>c9</i> , <i>Cache Behavior Override Register</i> on page 3-97
TCM control and configuration	TCM Status	<i>c0</i> , <i>TCM Status Register</i> on page 3-24
	Data TCM Region	<i>c9</i> , <i>Data TCM Region Register</i> on page 3-89
	Instruction TCM Region	<i>c9</i> , <i>Instruction TCM Region Register</i> on page 3-91
	Data TCM Non-secure Access Control	<i>c9</i> , <i>Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register</i> on page 3-93
	Instruction TCM Non-secure Access Control	<i>c9</i> , <i>Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register</i> on page 3-94
	TCM Selection	<i>c9</i> , <i>TCM Selection Register</i> on page 3-96
Cache Master Valid	Instruction Cache Master Valid	<i>c15</i> , <i>Instruction Cache Master Valid Register</i> on page 3-147
	Data Cache Master Valid	<i>c15</i> , <i>Data Cache Master Valid Register</i> on page 3-148
DMA control	DMA Identification and Status	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA identification and status registers</i> on page 3-106
	DMA User Accessibility	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA User Accessibility Register</i> on page 3-107
	DMA Channel Number	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Channel Number Register</i> on page 3-109
	DMA enable	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA enable registers</i> on page 3-110
	DMA Control	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Control Register</i> on page 3-112
	DMA Internal Start Address	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Internal Start Address Register</i> on page 3-114
	DMA External Start Address	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA External Start Address Register</i> on page 3-115
	DMA Internal End Address	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Internal End Address Register</i> on page 3-116
	DMA Channel Status	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Channel Status Register</i> on page 3-117
	DMA Context ID	<i>c11</i> , <i>DMA Context ID Register</i> on page 3-120
System performance monitor	Performance Monitor Control	<i>c15</i> , <i>Performance Monitor Control Register</i> on page 3-133
	Cycle Counter	<i>c15</i> , <i>Cycle Counter Register</i> on page 3-137
	Count Register 0	<i>c15</i> , <i>Count Register 0</i> on page 3-138
	Count Register 1	<i>c15</i> , <i>Count Register 1</i> on page 3-139

**Table 3-1 System control coprocessor register functions (continued)**

Function	Register/operation	Reference to description
System validation	Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control	<i>c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register on page 3-132</i>
	System Validation Counter	<i>c15, System Validation Counter Register on page 3-140</i>
	System Validation Operations	<i>c15, System Validation Operations Register on page 3-142</i>
	System Validation Cache Size Mask	<i>c15, System Validation Cache Size Mask Register on page 3-145</i>

a. Returns device ID code.

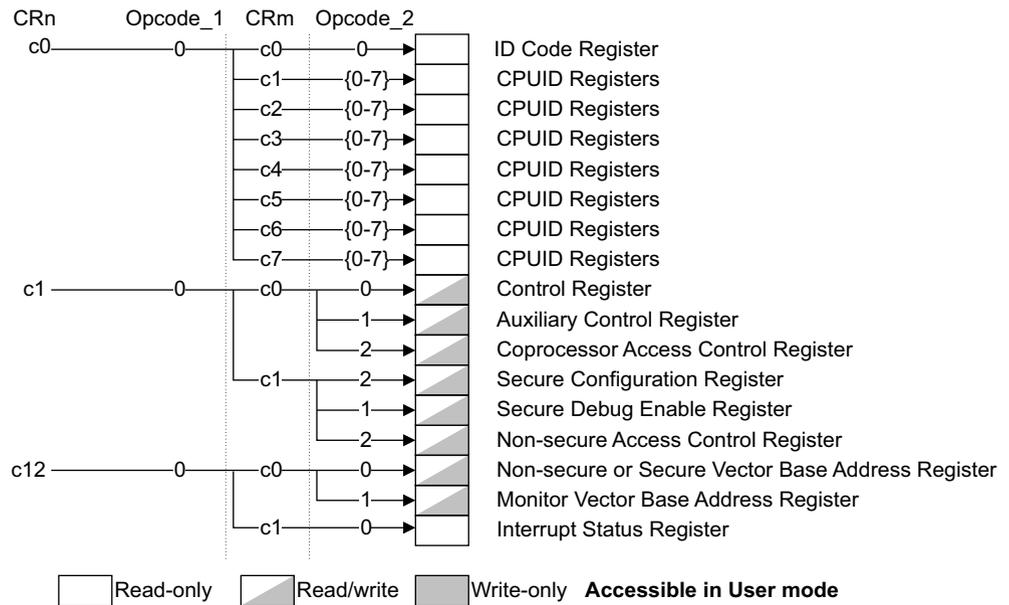
### 3.1.2 System control and configuration

The purpose of the system control and configuration registers is to provide overall management of:

- TrustZone behavior
- memory functionality
- interrupt behavior
- exception handling
- program flow prediction
- coprocessor access rights for CP0-CP13.

The system control and configuration registers also provide the processor ID.

The system control and configuration registers consist of three 32-bit read only registers and eight 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-1 shows the arrangement of registers in this functional group.



**Figure 3-1 System control and configuration registers**

To use the system control and configuration registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

Some of the functionality depends on how you set external signals at reset.

System control and configuration behaves in three ways:

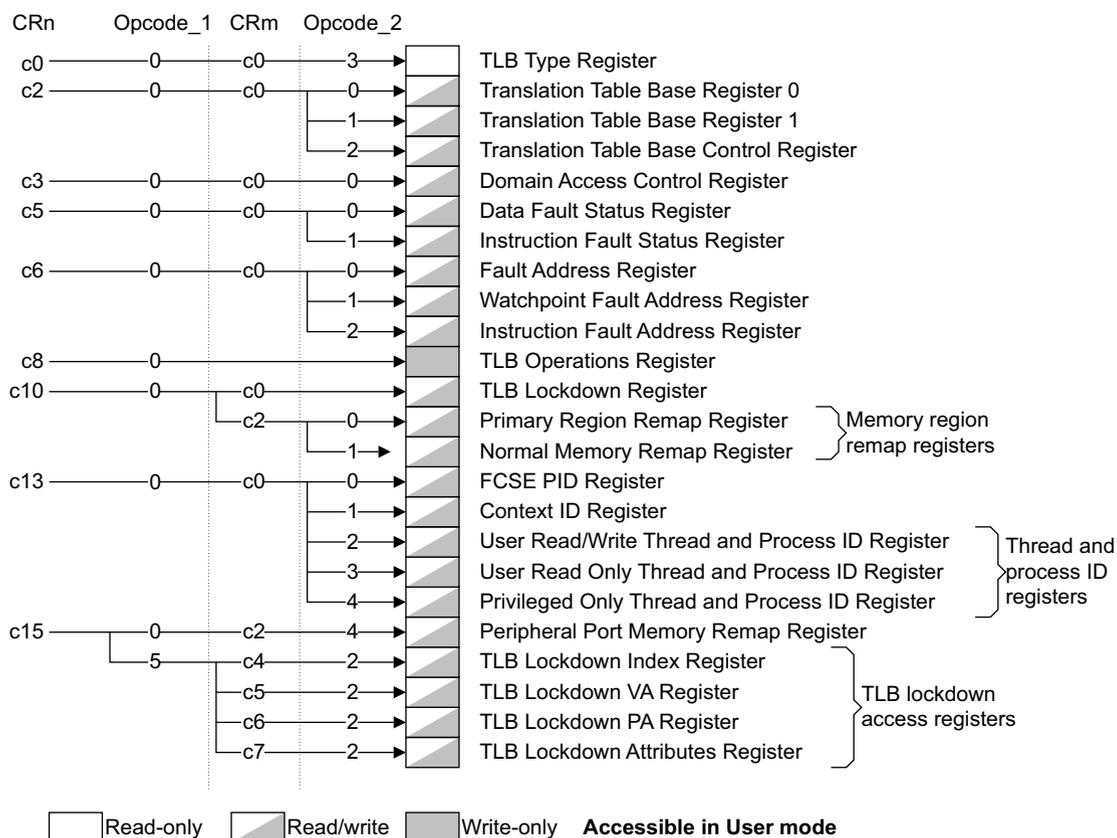
- as a set of flags or enables for specific functionality
- as a set of numbers, values that indicate system functionality
- as a set of addresses for processes in memory.

### 3.1.3 MMU control and configuration

The purpose of the MMU control and configuration registers is to:

- allocate physical address locations from the *Virtual Addresses* (VAs) that the processor generates.
- control program access to memory.
- designate areas of memory as either:
  - noncacheable
  - unbufferable
  - noncacheable and unbufferable.
- detect MMU faults and external aborts
- hold thread and process IDs
- provide direct access to the TLB lockdown entries.

The MMU control and configuration registers consist of one 32-bit read-only register, one 32-bit write-only register, and 22 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-2 on page 3-7 shows the arrangement of registers in this functional group.



**Figure 3-2 MMU control and configuration registers**

To use the MMU control and configuration registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

MMU control and configuration behaves in three ways:

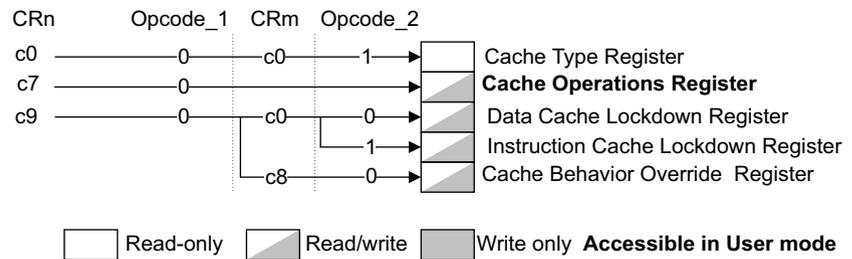
- as a set of numbers, values that describe aspects of the MMU or indicate its current state
- as a set of addresses for tables in memory
- as a set of operations that act on the MMU.

### 3.1.4 Cache control and configuration

The purpose of the cache control and configuration registers is to:

- provide information on the size and architecture of the instruction and data caches
- control instruction and data cache lockdown
- control cache maintenance operations that include clean and invalidate caches, drain and flush buffers, and address translation
- override cache behavior during debug or interruptible cache operations.

The cache control and configuration registers consist of one 32-bit read only register and four 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-3 on page 3-8 shows the arrangement of the registers in this functional group.



**Figure 3-3 Cache control and configuration registers**

To use the system control and configuration registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

Cache control and configuration registers behave as:

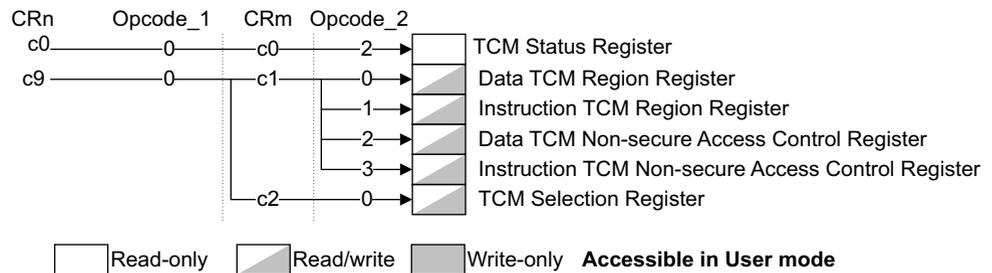
- a set of numbers, values that describe aspects of the caches
- a set of bits that enable specific cache functionality
- a set of operations that act on the caches.

### 3.1.5 TCM control and configuration

The purpose of the TCM control and configuration registers is to:

- inform the processor about the status of the TCM regions
- define TCM regions.

The TCM control and configuration registers consist of one 32-bit read-only register and five 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-4 shows the arrangement of registers.



**Figure 3-4 TCM control and configuration registers**

To use the system control and configuration registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

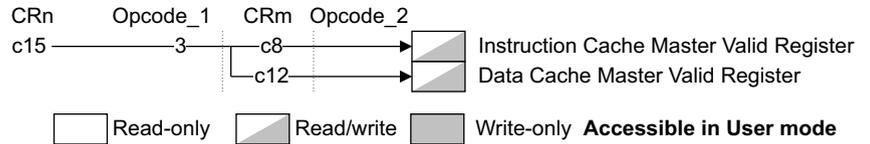
TCM control and configuration behaves in three ways:

- as a set of numbers, values that describe aspects of the TCMs
- as a set of bits that enable specific TCM functionality
- as a set of addresses that define the memory locations of data stored in the TCMs.

### 3.1.6 Cache Master Valid Registers

The purpose of the Cache Master Valid Registers is to hold the state of the Master Valid bits of the instruction and data caches.

The cache debug registers consist of two 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-5 on page 3-9 shows the arrangement of registers in this functional group.



**Figure 3-5** Cache Master Valid Registers

To use the Cache Master Valid Registers you read or write the individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

The Cache Master Valid Registers behave as a set of bits that define the cache contents as valid or invalid. The number of bits is a function of the cache size.

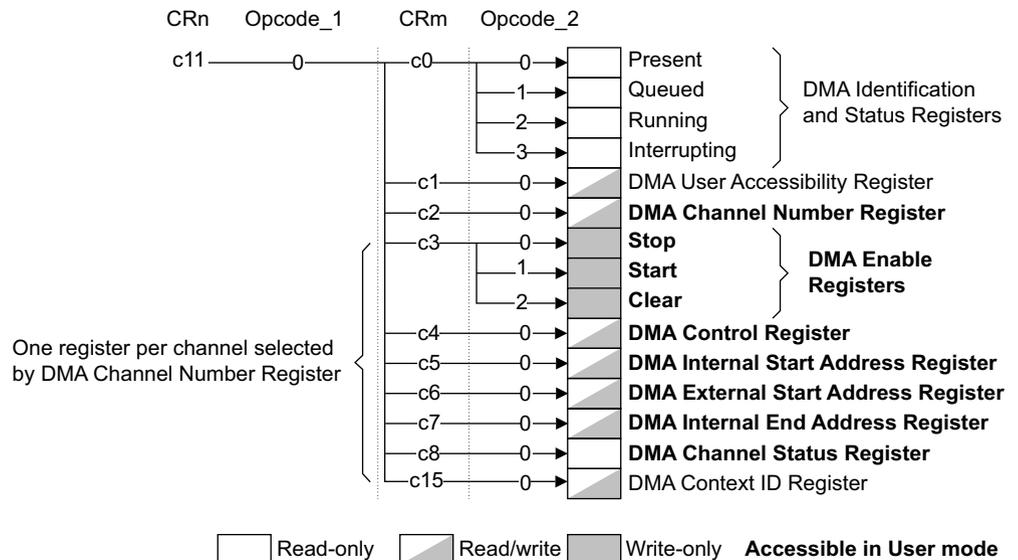
### 3.1.7 DMA control

The purpose of the DMA control registers is to:

- enable software to control DMA
- transfer large blocks of data between the TCM and an external memory
- determine accessibility
- select DMA channel.

The Enable, Control, Internal Start Address, External Start Address, Internal End Address, Channel Status, and Context ID Registers are multiple registers with one register of each for each channel that is implemented.

The DMA control registers consist of five 32-bit read-only registers, three 32-bit write-only registers and seven 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-6 shows the arrangement of registers.



**Figure 3-6** DMA control and configuration registers

To use the DMA control and configuration registers you read or write the individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

Code can execute several DMA operations while in User mode if these operations are enabled by the DMA User Accessibility Register.

If DMA control registers attempt to execute a privileged operation in User mode the processor takes an Undefined instruction trap.

The DMA control registers operation specifies the block of data for transfer, the location of where the transfer is to, and the direction of the DMA. For more details on the operation see *DMA* on page 7-10.

DMA control behaves in four ways:

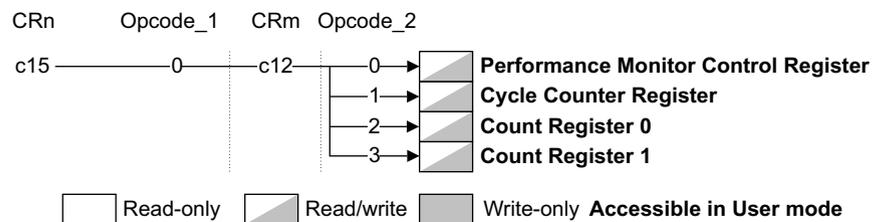
- as a set of numbers, values that describe aspects of the DMA channels or indicate their current state
- as a set of bits that enable specific DMA functionality
- as a set of addresses that define the memory locations of data for transfer
- as a set of operations that act on the DMA channels.

### 3.1.8 System performance monitor

The purpose of the performance monitor registers is to:

- control the monitoring operation
- count events.

The system performance monitor consist of four 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-7 shows the arrangement of registers in this functional group.



**Figure 3-7 System performance monitor registers**

To use the system performance monitor registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor* on page 3-12.

#### ———— Note ————

The counters are only enabled when the **SPNIDEN** input and the **SUNIDEN** bit, see *c1, Secure Debug Enable Register* on page 3-54, are appropriately set. When the core is in a mode where non-invasive debug is not permitted, events are not counted but the cycle count register, **CCNT**, continues to count.

You can not use the system performance monitor registers at the same time as the system validation registers, because both sets of registers use the same physical counters. You must disable one set of registers before you start to use the other set. See *System validation*.

System performance monitoring counts system events, such as cache misses, TLB misses, pipeline stalls, and other related features to enable system developers to profile the performance of their systems. It can generate interrupts when the number of events reaches a given value.

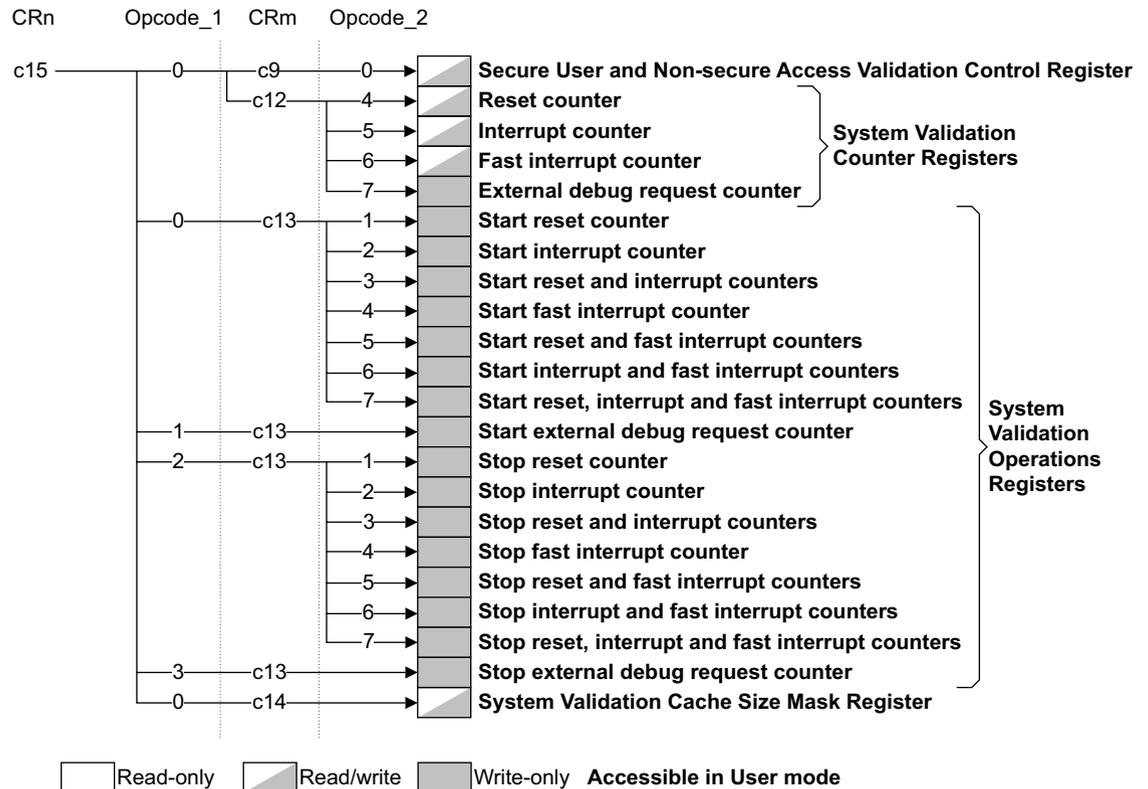
### 3.1.9 System validation

The system validation registers extend the use of the system performance monitor registers to provide some functions for validation and must not be used for other purposes. The system validation registers schedule and clear:

- resets

- interrupts
- fast interrupts
- external debug requests.

The system validation registers consist of four 32-bit read/write registers. Figure 3-8 shows the arrangement of registers.



**Figure 3-8 System validation registers**

The System Validation Counter Register and System Validation Operations Register reuse the Cycle Counter Register, Count Register 0, and Count Register 1, see *System performance monitor* on page 3-10, to schedule resets, interrupts and fast interrupts respectively. External debug requests are scheduled using an additional 6 bit counter that is not used by the System performance monitor registers.

Each of the four counters counts upwards, and when the counter overflows, the corresponding event occurs. To the core, the events are indistinguishable from ordinary external events. The System Validation Registers provide functions for loading the counter registers with the required number of clock cycles before the event occurs, and starting, stopping and clearing the counters, to return them to their System performance monitor functionality.

The System Validation Registers are usually only accessible from Secure privileged modes, but a Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register is provided to permit access to the System Validation Registers from User modes and Non-secure modes.

The System Validation Cache Size Mask Register masks the physical size of the caches and TCMs to make their size appear different to the processor. You can use this in validation by simulation, but you must not use it in a manufactured device because it can corrupt correct operation of the processor.

To use the system validation registers you read or write individual registers that make up the group, see *Use of the system control coprocessor*.

You cannot use the System Validation Registers at the same time as the System Performance Monitor Registers, because both sets of registers use the same physical counters. You must disable one set of registers before starting to use the other set. See *System performance monitor* on page 3-10.

System validation behaves in three ways:

- as a set of bits that enable specific system validation functionality
- as a set of operations that schedule and clear system validation events
- as a set of numbers, values that describe aspects of the caches and TCMs for system validation.

### 3.1.10 Use of the system control coprocessor

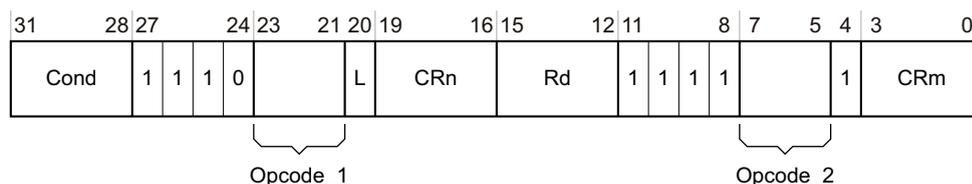
This section describes the general method for use of the system control coprocessor.

You can access system control coprocessor CP15 registers with MRC and MCR instructions.

MRC{cond} P15, <Opcode\_1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode\_2>

MCR{cond} P15, <Opcode\_1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode\_2>

Figure 3-9 shows the instruction bit pattern of MRC and MCR instructions.



**Figure 3-9 CP15 MRC and MCR bit pattern**

The CRn field of MRC and MCR instructions specifies the coprocessor register to access. The CRm field and Opcode\_2 fields specify a particular operation when addressing registers. The L bit distinguishes between an MRC (L=1) and an MCR (L=0).

Instructions CDP, LDC, and STC, together with unprivileged MRC and MCR instructions to privileged-only CP15 registers, and Non-secure accesses to Secure registers, cause the processor to take the Undefined instruction trap.

———— **Note** ————

Attempting to read from a nonreadable register, or to write to a nonwriteable register causes Undefined exceptions.

The Opcode\_1, Opcode\_2, and CRm fields Should Be Zero in all instructions that access CP15, except when the values specified are used to select required operations. Using other values results in Undefined exceptions.

In all cases, reading from or writing any data values to any CP15 registers, including those fields specified as *Unpredictable* (UNP), *Should Be One* (SBO), or *Should Be Zero* (SBZ), does not cause any physical damage to the chip.

## 3.2 System control processor registers

This section gives details of all the registers in the system control coprocessor. The section presents a summary of the registers and detailed descriptions in register order of CRn, Opcode\_1, CRm, Opcode\_2.

You can access CP15 registers with MRC and MCR instructions:

```
MCR{cond} P15, <Opcode_1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>
MRC{cond} P15, <Opcode_1>, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>
```

### 3.2.1 Register allocation

Table 3-2 on page 3-14 lists the allocation and reset values of the registers of the system control coprocessor where:

- CRn is the register number within CP15
- Op1 is the Opcode\_1 value for the register
- CRm is the operational register
- Op2 is the Opcode\_2 value for the register.
- Type applies to the Secure, S, or the Non-secure, NS, world and is:
  - B, registers banked in Secure and Non-secure worlds. If the registers are not banked then they are common to both worlds or only accessible in one world.
  - NA, no access
  - **RO**, read-only access
  - RO, read-only access in privileged modes only
  - **R/W**, read/write access
  - R/W, read/write access in privileged modes only
  - **WO**, write-only access
  - WO, write-only access in privileged modes only
  - X, access depends on another register or external signal.

Table 3-2 Summary of CP15 registers and operations

CRn	Op1	CRm	Op2	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page		
c0	0	c0	0	Main ID	RO	RO	0x41x7676x <sup>a</sup>	page 3-20		
			1	Cache Type	RO	RO	0x10152152 <sup>b</sup>	page 3-21		
			2	TCM Status	RO	RO	0x00020002 <sup>c</sup>	page 3-24		
			3	TLB Type	RO	RO	0x00000800	page 3-25		
		c1	0	Processor Feature 0	RO	RO	0x00000111	page 3-26		
			1	Processor Feature 1	RO	RO	0x00000011	page 3-27		
			2	Debug Feature 0	RO	RO	0x00000033	page 3-29		
			3	Auxiliary Feature 0	RO	RO	0x00000000	page 3-30		
			4	Memory Model Feature 0	RO	RO	0x01130003	page 3-31		
			5	Memory Model Feature 1	RO	RO	0x10030302	page 3-32		
			6	Memory Model Feature 2	RO	RO	0x01222100	page 3-33		
		c2	0	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 0	RO	RO	0x00140011	page 3-36		
			1	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 1	RO	RO	0x12002111	page 3-37		
			2	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 2	RO	RO	0x11231121	page 3-39		
			3	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 3	RO	RO	0x01102131	page 3-40		
			4	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 4	RO	RO	0x00001141	page 3-42		
			5	Instruction Set Feature Attribute 5	RO	RO	0x00000000	page 3-43		
		c3-c7	6-7	Reserved	-	-	-	-		
			-	Reserved	-	-	-	-		
		c1	0	c0	0	Control	R/W, B <sup>d</sup> , X	R/W	0x00050078 <sup>e</sup>	page 3-44
					1	Auxiliary Control	R/W	RO	0x00000007	page 3-48
2	Coprocessor Access Control				R/W	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-51		
c1	0		Secure Configuration	R/W	NA	0x00000000	page 3-52			
	1		Secure Debug Enable	R/W	NA	0x00000000	page 3-54			
	2		Non-Secure Access Control	R/W	RO	0x00000000	page 3-55			

Table 3-2 Summary of CP15 registers and operations (continued)

CRn	Op1	CRm	Op2	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page
c2	0	c0	0	Translation Table Base 0	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-57
			1	Translation Table Base 1	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-59
			2	Translation Table Base Control	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-60
c3	0	c0	0	Domain Access Control	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-63
c4				Not used				
c5	0	c0	0	Data Fault Status	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-64
			1	Instruction Fault Status	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-66
c6	0	c0	0	Fault Address	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-68
			1	Watchpoint Fault Address	R/W	NA	0x00000000	page 3-69
			2	Instruction Fault Address	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-69
c7	0	c0	4	Wait For Interrupt	WO	WO	-	page 3-85
			c4	0	PA	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000
		c5	0	Invalidate Entire Instruction Cache	WO	WO, X	-	page 3-71
			1	Invalidate Instruction Cache Line by MVA	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			2	Invalidate Instruction Cache Line by Index	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			4	Flush Prefetch Buffer	WO	WO	-	page 3-79
			6	Flush Entire Branch Target Cache	WO	WO	-	page 3-79
		7	Flush Branch Target Cache Entry by MVA	WO	WO	-	page 3-79	
		c6	0	Invalidate Entire Data Cache	WO	NA	-	page 3-71
			1	Invalidate Data Cache Line by MVA	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			2	Invalidate Data Cache Line by Index	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
		c7	0	Invalidate Both Caches	WO	NA	-	page 3-71
		c8	0-3	VA to PA translation in the current world	WO	WO	-	page 3-82
4-7	VA to PA translation in the other world		WO	NA	-	page 3-83		

Table 3-2 Summary of CP15 registers and operations (continued)

CRn	Op1	CRm	Op2	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page
c7	0	c10	0	Clean Entire Data Cache	WO, X	WO, X	-	page 3-71
			1	Clean Data Cache Line by MVA	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			2	Clean Data Cache Line by Index	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			4	Data Synchronization Barrier	<b>WO</b>	<b>WO</b>	-	page 3-83
			5	Data Memory Barrier	<b>WO</b>	<b>WO</b>	-	page 3-84
			6	Cache Dirty Status	RO, B	RO	0x00000000	page 3-78
		c13	1	Prefetch Instruction Cache Line	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
		c14	0	Clean and Invalidate Entire Data Cache	WO, X	WO, X	-	page 3-71
			1	Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line by MVA	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
			2	Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line by Index	WO	WO	-	page 3-71
c8	0	c5	0	Invalidate Instruction TLB unlocked entries	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			1	Invalidate Instruction TLB entry by MVA	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			2	Invalidate Instruction TLB entry on ASID match	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
c8	0	c6	0	Invalidate Data TLB unlocked entries	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			1	Invalidate Data TLB entry by MVA	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			2	Invalidate Data TLB entry on ASID match	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
		c7	0	Invalidate unified TLB unlocked entries	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			1	Invalidate unified TLB entry by MVA	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86
			2	Invalidate unified TLB entry on ASID match	WO, B	WO	-	page 3-86

Table 3-2 Summary of CP15 registers and operations (continued)

CRn	Op1	CRm	Op2	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page	
c9	0	c0	0	Data Cache Lockdown	R/W	R/W, X	0xFFFFFFFF0	page 3-87	
			1	Instruction Cache Lockdown	R/W	R/W, X	0xFFFFFFFF0	page 3-87	
		c1	0	Data TCM Region	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000014 <sup>f</sup>	page 3-89	
			1	Instruction TCM Region	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000014 <sup>g</sup>	page 3-91	
			2	Data TCM Non-secure Control Access	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-93	
			3	Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-94	
		c2	0	TCM Selection	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-96	
		c8	0	Cache Behavior Override	R/W <sup>h</sup>	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-97	
c10	0	c0	0	TLB Lockdown	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-100	
			c2	0	Primary Region Memory Remap Register	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00098AA4	page 3-101
				1	Normal Memory Region Remap Register	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x44E048E0	page 3-101
c11	0	c0	0-3	DMA identification and status	RO	RO, X	0x0000000B <sup>i</sup>	page 3-106	
			c1	0	DMA User Accessibility	R/W	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-107
			c2	0	DMA Channel Number	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-109
			c3	0-2	DMA enable	WO, X	WO, X	-	page 3-110
			c4	0	DMA Control	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x08000000	page 3-112
			c5	0	DMA Internal Start Address	R/W, X	R/W, X	-	page 3-114
			c6	0	DMA External Start Address	R/W, X	R/W, X	-	page 3-115
			c7	0	DMA Internal End Address	R/W, X	R/W, X	-	page 3-116
			c8	0	DMA Channel Status	RO, X	RO, X	0x00000000	page 3-117
			c15	0	DMA Context ID	R/W	R/W, X	-	page 3-120
c12	0	c0	0	Secure or Non-secure Vector Base Address	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-121	
			1	Monitor Vector Base Address	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-122	
		c1	0	Interrupt Status	RO	RO	0x00000000 <sup>j</sup>	page 3-123	

Table 3-2 Summary of CP15 registers and operations (continued)

CRn	Op1	CRm	Op2	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page	
c13	0	c0	0	FCSE PID	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-126	
			1	Context ID	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-128	
			2	User Read/Write Thread and Process ID	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-129	
			3	User Read-only Thread and Process ID	R/W, RO, B <sup>k</sup>	R/W, RO	0x00000000	page 3-129	
			4	Privileged Only Thread and Process ID	R/W, B	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-129	
c14			Not used						
c15	0	c2	4	Peripheral Port Memory Remap	R/W, B, X	R/W	0x00000000	page 3-130	
			c9	0	Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-132
		c12	0	0	Performance Monitor Control	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-133
				1	Cycle Counter	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-137
				2	Count 0	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-138
				3	Count 1	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-139
				4-7	System Validation Counter	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-140
		c13	1-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142	
		c14	0	System Validation Cache Size Mask	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00006655 <sup>l</sup>	page 3-145	
		c15	1	c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000
c15	2	c13	1-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142	
c15	3	c8	0-7	Instruction Cache Master Valid	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-147	
			c12	0-7	Data Cache Master Valid	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-148
			c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142
c15	4	c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142	
c15	5	c4	2	TLB Lockdown Index	R/W, X	NA	0x00000000	page 3-149	
			c5	2	TLB Lockdown VA	R/W, X	NA	-	page 3-149
			c6	2	TLB Lockdown PA	R/W, X	NA	-	page 3-149
			c7	2	TLB Lockdown Attributes	R/W, X	NA	-	page 3-149
			c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142
c15	6	c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142	
c15	7	c13	0-7	System Validation Operations	R/W, X	R/W, X	0x00000000	page 3-142	

a. See c0, Main ID Register on page 3-20 for the values of bits [23:20] and bits [3:0].

- b. Reset value depends on the cache size implemented. The value here is for 16KB instruction and data caches.
- c. Reset value depends on the number of TCM banks implemented. The value here is for 2 data TCM and 2 instruction TCM banks.
- d. Some bits in this register are banked and some Secure modify only.
- e. Reset value depends on external signals.
- f. Reset value depends on the TCM sizes implemented. The value here is for 16KB TCM banks.
- g. Reset value depends on the TCM sizes implemented, and on the value of the **INITRAM** static configuration signal. The value here is for 16KB TCM banks, with **INITRAM** tied LOW.
- h. Some bits in this register are common and some Secure modify only.
- i. Reset value depends on the number of DMA channels implemented and the presence of TCMs.
- j. Reset value depends on external signals.
- k. This register is read/write in Privileged modes and read-only on User mode.
- l. Reset value depends on the cache and TCM sizes implemented. The value here is for 2 banks of 16KB instruction and data TCMs and 16KB instruction and data caches.

Table 3-3 lists the operations available with MCRR operations:

MCRR{cond} P15, <Opcode\_1>, <End Address>, <Start Address>, <CRm>

**Table 3-3 Summary of CP15 MCRR operations**

Op1	CRm	Register or operation	S type	NS type	Reset value	Page
0	c5	Invalidate instruction cache range	WO	WO	-	page 3-69
	c6	Invalidate data cache range	WO	WO	-	page 3-69
	c12	Clean data cache range	<b>WO</b>	<b>WO</b>	-	page 3-69
	c14	Clean and invalidate data cache range	WO	WO	-	page 3-69

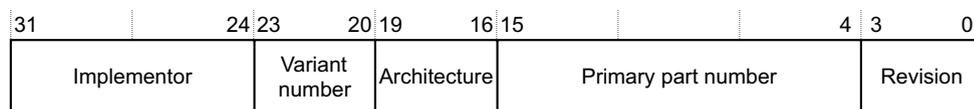
### 3.2.2 c0, Main ID Register

The purpose of the Main ID Register is to return the device ID code that contains information about the processor.

The Main ID Register is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32 bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-10 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.



**Figure 3-10 Main ID Register format**

The contents of the Main ID Register depend on the specific implementation. Table 3-4 lists how the bit values correspond with the Main ID Register functions.

**Table 3-4 Main ID Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:24]	Implementor	Indicates implementor, ARM Limited: 0x41
[23:20]	Variant number	The major revision number <i>n</i> in the <i>mn</i> part of the <i>mnpn</i> revision status. 0x0
[19:16]	Architecture	Indicates that the architecture is given in the CPUID registers: 0xF
[15:4]	Primary part number	Indicates part number, ARM1176JZF-S: 0xB76
[3:0]	Revision	The minor revision number <i>n</i> in the <i>pn</i> part of the <i>mnpn</i> revision status. For example: for release r0p0: 0x0 for release r0p7: 0x7

———— **Note** ————

If an Opcode\_2 value corresponding to an unimplemented or reserved ID register with CRm equal to c0 and Opcode\_1 = 0 is encountered, the system control coprocessor returns the value of the main ID register.

Table 3-5 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-5 Results of access to the Main ID Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Main ID Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c0,c0,0 ;Read Main ID Register
```

For more information on the processor features, see *c0, CPUID registers* on page 3-26.

### 3.2.3 c0, Cache Type Register

The purpose of the Cache Type Register is to provide information about the size and architecture of the cache for the operating system. This enables the operating system to establish how to clean the cache and how to lock it down. Inclusion of this register enables RTOS vendors to produce future-proof versions of their operating systems.

The Cache Type Register is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read only register, common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

All ARMv4T and later cached processors contain this register. Figure 3-11 shows the arrangement of bits in the Cache Type Register.

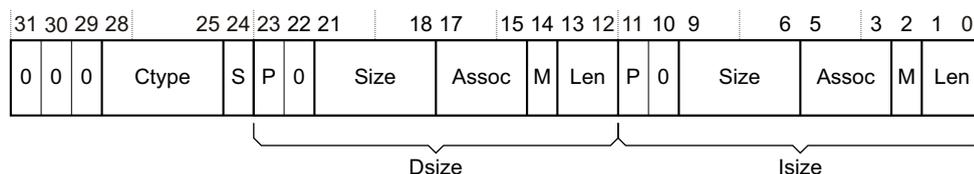


Figure 3-11 Cache Type Register format

Table 3-6 lists how the bit values correspond with the Cache Type Register functions.

Table 3-6 Cache Type Register bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:29]	-	0
[28:25]	Ctype	The Cache type and Separate bits provide information about the cache architecture. b1110, indicates that the ARM1176JZF-S processor supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write back cache</li> <li>• Format C cache lockdown</li> <li>• Register 7 cache cleaning operations.</li> </ul>
[24]	S bit	S = 1, indicates that the processor has separate instruction and data caches and not a unified cache.

Table 3-6 Cache Type Register bit functions (continued)

Bits	Field name	Function
[23:12]	Dsize	Provides information about the size and construction of the Data cache.  ———— <b>Note</b> ————— The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not support cache sizes of less than 4KB.
[23]	P bit	The P, Page, bit indicates restrictions on page allocation for bits [13:12] of the VA. For ARM1176JZF-S processors, the P bit is set if the cache size is greater than 16KB. For more details see <i>Restrictions on page table mappings page coloring</i> on page 6-41. 0 = no restriction on page allocation. 1 = restriction applies to page allocation.
[22]	-	0
[21:18]	Size	The Size field indicates the cache size in conjunction with the M bit. b0000 = 0.5KB cache, not supported b0001 = 1KB cache, not supported b0010 = 2KB cache, not supported b0011 = 4KB cache b0100 = 8KB cache b0101 = 16KB cache b0110 = 32KB cache b0111 = 64KB cache b1000 = 128KB cache, not supported.
[17:15]	Assoc	b010, indicates that the ARM1176JZF-S processor has 4-way associativity. All other values for Assoc are reserved.
[14]	M bit	Indicates the cache size and cache associativity values in conjunction with the Size and Assoc fields. In the ARM1176JZF-S processor the M bit is set to 0, for the Data and Instruction Caches.
[13:12]	Len	b10, indicates that ARM1176JZF-S processor has a cache line length of 8 words, that is 32 bytes. All other values for Len are reserved.
[11:0]	Isize	Provides information about the size and construction of the Instruction cache.
[11]	P	The functions of the Isize bit fields are the same as the equivalent Dsize bit fields and the Isize values have the corresponding meanings.
[10]	-	
[9:6]	Size	
[5:3]	Assoc	
[2]	M	
[1:0]	Len	

Table 3-7 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-7 Results of access to the Cache Type Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Cache Type Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c0,c0,1; returns cache details

Table 3-8, for example, lists the Cache Type Register values for an ARM1176JZF-S processor with:

- separate instruction and data caches
- cache size = 16KB
- associativity = 4-way
- line length = eight words
- caches use write-back, CP15 c7 for cache cleaning, and Format C for cache lockdown.

**Table 3-8 Example Cache Type Register format**

Bits	Field name	Value	Behavior
[31:29]	Reserved	b000	
[28:25]	Ctype	b1110	
[24]	S	b1	Harvard cache
[23]	Dsize	P	b0
[22]		Reserved	b0
[21:18]		Size	b0101 16KB
[17:15]		Assoc	b010 4-way
[14]		M	b0
[13:12]		Len	b10 8 words per line, 32 bytes
[11]	Isize	P	b0
[10]		Reserved	b0
[9:6]		Size	b0101 16KB
[5:3]		Assoc	b010 4-way
[2]		M	b0
[1:0]		Len	b10 8 words per line, 32 bytes

### 3.2.4 c0, TCM Status Register

The purpose of the TCM Status Register is to inform the system about the number of Instruction and Data TCMs available in the processor.

Table 3-9 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the TCM Status Register.

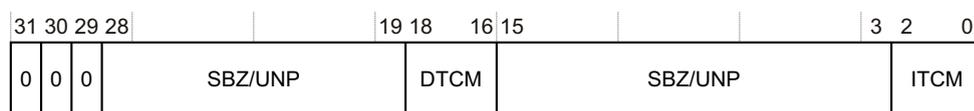
———— **Note** ————

In the ARM1176JZF-S processor there is a maximum of two Instruction TCMs and two Data TCMs.

The TCM Status Register is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-12 shows the bit arrangement for the TCM Status Register.



**Figure 3-12 TCM Status Register format**

Table 3-9 lists how the bit values correspond with the TCM Status Register functions.

**Table 3-9 TCM Status Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:29]	-	Always b000.
[28:19]	-	UNP/SBZ
[18:16]	DTCM	Indicates the number of Data TCM banks implemented. b000 = 0 Data TCMs b001 = 1 Data TCM b010 = 2 Data TCMs All other values reserved
[15:3]	-	UNP/SBZ
[2:0]	ITCM	Indicates the number of Instruction TCM banks implemented. b000 = 0 Instruction TCMs b001 = 1 Instruction TCM b010 = 2 Instruction TCMs All other values reserved

Attempts to write the TCM Status Register or read it in User modes result in Undefined exceptions.

To use the TCM Status Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c0, 2 ; returns TCM status register
```

### 3.2.5 c0, TLB Type Register

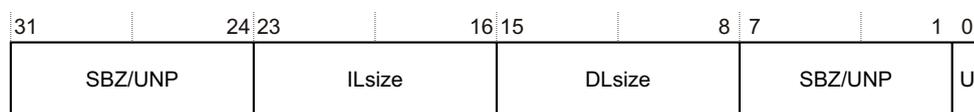
The purpose of the TLB Type Register is to return the number of lockable entries for the TLB.

The TLB has 64 entries organized as a unified two-way set associative TLB. In addition, it has eight lockable entries that the read-only TLB Type Register specifies.

The TLB Type Register is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-13 shows the bit arrangement for the TLB Type Register.



**Figure 3-13 TLB Type Register format**

Table 3-10 lists how the bit values correspond with the TLB Type Register functions.

**Table 3-10 TLB Type Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:24]	-	UNP/SBZ
[23:16]	Isize	Instruction lockable size specifies the number of instruction TLB lockable entries 0, indicates that the ARM1176JZF-S processor has a unified TLB
[15:8]	Dsize	Data lockable size specifies the number of unified or data TLB lockable entries 0x08, indicates the ARM1176JZF-S processors has 8 unified TLB lockable entries
[7:1]	-	UNP/SBZ
[0]	U	Unified specifies if the TLB is unified, 0, or if there are separate instruction and data TLBs, 1. 0, indicates that the ARM1176JZF-S processor has a unified TLB

Table 3-11 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-11 Results of access to the TLB Type Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the TLB Type Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 3.

For example:

```
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c0,c0,3 ; returns TLB details
```

### 3.2.6 c0, CPUID registers

The section describes the CPUID registers:

- *c0, Processor Feature Register 0*
- *c0, Processor Feature Register 1* on page 3-27
- *c0, Debug Feature Register 0* on page 3-29
- *c0, Auxiliary Feature Register 0* on page 3-30
- *c0, Memory Model Feature Register 0* on page 3-31
- *c0, Memory Model Feature Register 1* on page 3-32
- *c0, Memory Model Feature Register 2* on page 3-33
- *c0, Memory Model Feature Register 3* on page 3-35
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 0* on page 3-36
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 1* on page 3-37
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 2* on page 3-39
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 3* on page 3-40
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 4* on page 3-42
- *c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 5* on page 3-43.

———— **Note** —————

The CPUID registers are sometimes described as the *Core Feature ID* registers.

#### c0, Processor Feature Register 0

The purpose of the Processor Feature Register 0 is to provide information about the execution state support and programmer's model for the processor.

Processor Feature Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Table 3-12 lists how the bit values correspond with the Processor Feature Register 0 functions.

Figure 3-14 shows the bit arrangement for Processor Feature Register 0.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0
Reserved	State3	State2	State1	State0											

**Figure 3-14 Processor Feature Register 0 format**

**Table 3-12 Processor Feature Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[23:20]	-	Reserved. RAZ.

**Table 3-12 Processor Feature Register 0 bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[19:16]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[15:12]	State3	Indicates support for Thumb-2™ execution environment. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support Thumb-2.
[11:8]	State2	Indicates support for Java extension interface. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support Java.
[7:4]	State1	Indicates type of Thumb encoding that the processor supports. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support Thumb-1 but do not support Thumb-2.
[3:0]	State0	Indicates support for 32-bit ARM instruction set. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support 32-bit ARM instructions.

Table 3-13 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-13 Results of access to the Processor Feature Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Processor Feature Register 0 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 0 ;Read Processor Feature Register 0
```

### **c0, Processor Feature Register 1**

The purpose of the Processor Feature Register 1 is to provide information about the execution state support and programmer's model for the processor.

Processor Feature Register 1 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-15 on page 3-28 shows the bit arrangement for Processor Feature Register 1.

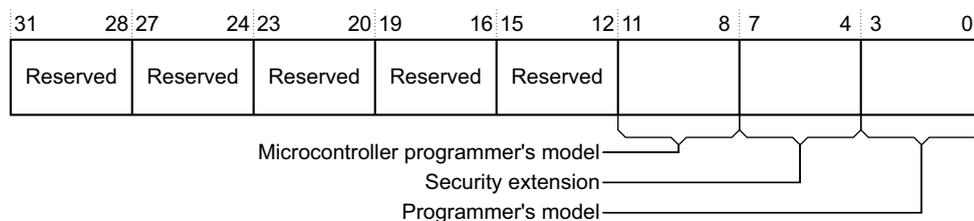
**Figure 3-15 Processor Feature Register 1 format**

Table 3-14 lists how the bit values correspond with the Processor Feature Register 1 functions.

**Table 3-14 Processor Feature Register 1 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[23:20]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[19:16]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[15:12]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[11:8]	Microcontroller programmer's model	Indicates support for the ARM microcontroller programmer's model. 0x0, Not supported by ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[7:4]	Security extension	Indicates support for Security Extensions Architecture v1. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support Security Extensions Architecture v1, TrustZone.
[3:0]	Programmer's model	Indicates support for standard ARMv4 programmer's model. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support the ARMv4 model.

Table 3-15 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-15 Results of access to the Processor Feature Register 1**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Processor Feature Register 1 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 1 ;Read Processor Feature Register 1

## c0, Debug Feature Register 0

The purpose of the Debug Feature Register 0 is to provide information about the debug system for the processor.

Debug Feature Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-16 shows the bit arrangement for Debug Feature Register 0.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0
Reserved		Reserved		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-16 Debug Feature Register 0 format**

Table 3-16 lists how the bit values correspond with the Debug Feature Register 0 functions.

**Table 3-16 Debug Feature Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[23:20]	-	Indicates the type of memory-mapped microcontroller debug model that the processor supports. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this debug model.
[19:16]	-	Indicates the type of memory-mapped Trace debug model that the processor supports. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this debug model.
[15:12]	-	Indicates the type of coprocessor-based Trace debug model that the processor supports. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this debug model.
[11:8]	-	Indicates the type of embedded processor debug model that the processor supports. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this debug model.
[7:4]	-	Indicates the type of Secure debug model that the processor supports. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support the v6.1 Secure debug architecture based model.
[3:0]	-	Indicates the type of applications processor debug model that the processor supports. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support the v6.1 debug model.

Table 3-17 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-17 Results of access to the Debug Feature Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Debug Feature Register 0 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0

- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 2 ;Read Debug Feature Register 0
```

### c0, Auxiliary Feature Register 0

The purpose of the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 is to provide additional information about the features of the processor.

The Auxiliary Feature Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Table 3-18 lists how the bit values correspond with the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 functions.

**Table 3-18 Auxiliary Feature Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:16]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[15:12]	-	Implementation Defined.
[11:8]	-	Implementation Defined.
[7:4]	-	Implementation Defined.
[3:0]	-	Implementation Defined.

The contents of the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 [31:16] are Reserved. The contents of the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 [15:0] are Implementation Defined. In the ARM1176JZF-S processor, the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 reads as 0x00000000.

Table 3-19 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-19 Results of access to the Auxiliary Feature Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Auxiliary Feature Register 0 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 3.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 3 ;Read Auxiliary Feature Register 0.
```

## c0, Memory Model Feature Register 0

The purpose of the Memory Model Feature Register 0 is to provide information about the memory model, memory management, cache support, and TLB operations of the processor.

The Memory Model Feature Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-17 shows the bit arrangement for Memory Model Feature Register 0.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-17 Memory Model Feature Register 0 format**

Table 3-20 lists how the bit values correspond with the Memory Model Feature Register 0 functions.

**Table 3-20 Memory Model Feature Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for FCSE. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support FCSE.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for the ARMv6 Auxiliary Control Register. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support the Auxiliary Control Register.
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for TCM and associated DMA. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support ARMv6 TCM and DMA.
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for cache coherency with DMA agent, shared memory. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this model.
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for cache coherency support with CPU agent, shared memory. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support this model.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for <i>Protected Memory System Architecture</i> (PMSA). 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support PMSA
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for <i>Virtual Memory System Architecture</i> (VMSA). 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VMSA v7 remapping and access flag.</li> </ul>

Table 3-21 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-21 Results of access to the Memory Model Feature Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Memory Model Feature Register 0 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 4.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 4 ;Read Memory Model Feature Register 0.

### c0, Memory Model Feature Register 1

The purpose of the Memory Model Feature Register 1 is to provide information about the memory model, memory management, cache support, and TLB operations of the processor.

The Memory Model Feature Register 1 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-18 shows the bit arrangement for Memory Model Feature Register 1.

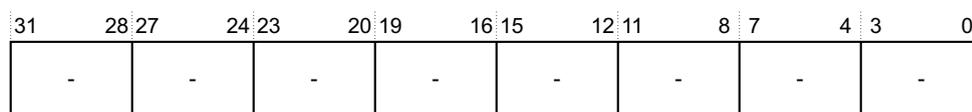


Figure 3-18 Memory Model Feature Register 1 format

Table 3-22 lists how the bit values correspond with the Memory Model Feature Register 1 functions.

Table 3-22 Memory Model Feature Register 1 bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates support for branch target buffer. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors require flushing of branch predictor on VA change.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for test and clean operations on data cache, Harvard or unified architecture. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for level one cache, all maintenance operations, unified architecture. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for level one cache, all maintenance operations, Harvard architecture. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• invalidate instruction cache including branch prediction</li> <li>• invalidate data cache</li> <li>• invalidate instruction and data cache including branch prediction</li> <li>• clean data cache, recursive model using cache dirty status bit</li> <li>• clean and invalidate data cache, recursive model using cache dirty status bit.</li> </ul>
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for level one cache line maintenance operations by Set/Way, unified architecture. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.

**Table 3-22 Memory Model Feature Register 1 bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for level one cache line maintenance operations by Set/Way, Harvard architecture. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clean data cache line by Set/Way</li> <li>• clean and invalidate data cache line by Set/Way</li> <li>• invalidate data cache line by Set/Way</li> <li>• invalidate instruction cache line by Set/Way.</li> </ul>
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for level one cache line maintenance operations by MVA, unified architecture. 0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for level one cache line maintenance operations by MVA, Harvard architecture. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clean data cache line by MVA</li> <li>• invalidate data cache line by MVA</li> <li>• invalidate instruction cache line by MVA</li> <li>• clean and invalidate data cache line by MVA</li> <li>• invalidation of branch target buffer by MVA.</li> </ul>

Table 3-23 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-23 Results of access to the Memory Model Feature Register 1**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Memory Model Feature Register 1 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 5.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 5 ;Read Memory Model Feature Register 1.

### c0, Memory Model Feature Register 2

The purpose of the Memory Model Feature Register 2 is to provide information about the memory model, memory management, cache support, and TLB operations of the processor.

The Memory Model Feature Register 2 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-19 on page 3-34 shows the bit arrangement for Memory Model Feature Register 2.

31	28:27	24:23	20:19	16:15	12:11	8:7	4:3	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 3-19 Memory Model Feature Register 2 format

Table 3-24 lists how the bit values correspond with the Memory Model Feature Register 2 functions.

Table 3-24 Memory Model Feature Register 2 bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates support for a Hardware access flag. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for Wait For Interrupt stalling. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support Wait For Interrupt.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for memory barrier operations. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Synchronization Barrier</li> <li>Prefetch Flush</li> <li>Data Memory Barrier.</li> </ul>
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for TLB maintenance operations, unified architecture. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invalidate all entries</li> <li>invalidate TLB entry by MVA</li> <li>invalidate TLB entries by ASID match.</li> </ul>
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for TLB maintenance operations, Harvard architecture. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invalidate instruction and data TLB, all entries</li> <li>invalidate instruction TLB, all entries</li> <li>invalidate data TLB, all entries</li> <li>invalidate instruction TLB by MVA</li> <li>invalidate data TLB by MVA</li> <li>invalidate instruction and data TLB entries by ASID match</li> <li>invalidate instruction TLB entries by ASID match</li> <li>invalidate data TLB entries by ASID match.</li> </ul>
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for cache maintenance range operations, Harvard architecture. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invalidate data cache range by VA</li> <li>invalidate instruction cache range by VA</li> <li>clean data cache range by VA</li> <li>clean and invalidate data cache range by VA.</li> </ul>
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for background prefetch cache range operations, Harvard architecture. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for foreground prefetch cache range operations, Harvard architecture. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.

Table 3-25 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-25 Results of access to the Memory Model Feature Register 2**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Memory Model Feature Register 2 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 6.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 6 ;Read Memory Model Feature Register 2.

### c0, Memory Model Feature Register 3

The purpose of the Memory Model Feature Register 3 is to provide information about the memory model, memory management, cache support, and TLB operations of the processor.

The Memory Model Feature Register 3 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-20 shows the bit arrangement for Memory Model Feature Register 3.

31	28:27	24:23	20:19	16:15	12:11	8	7	4	3	0
Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-20 Memory Model Feature Register 3 format**

Table 3-26 lists how the bit values correspond with the Memory Model Feature Register 3 functions.

**Table 3-26 Memory Model Feature Register 3 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:8]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[7:4]	-	Support for hierarchical cache maintenance by MVA, all architectures 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[3:0]	-	Support for hierarchical cache maintenance by Set/Way, all architectures. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.

Table 3-27 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-27 Results of access to the Memory Model Feature Register 3**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Memory Model Feature Register 3 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 7.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 7 ;Read Memory Model Feature Register 3.

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 0

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 is to provide information about the instruction set that the processor supports beyond the basic set.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-21 shows the bit arrangement for Instruction Set Attributes Register 0.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-21 Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 format**

Table 3-28 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 functions.

**Table 3-28 Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for divide instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for debug instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support BKPT.

**Table 3-28 Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for coprocessor instructions. 0x4, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDP, LDC, MCR, MRC, STC</li> <li>• CDP2, LDC2, MCR2, MRC2, STC2</li> <li>• MCRR, MRRC</li> <li>• MCRR2, MRRC2.</li> </ul>
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for combined compare and branch instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for bitfield instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for bit counting instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support CLZ.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for atomic load and store instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support SWP and SWPB.

Table 3-29 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-29 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 0 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 0 ;Read Instruction Set Attributes Register 0
```

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 1

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 is to provide information about the instruction set that the processor supports beyond the basic set.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-22 on page 3-38 shows the bit arrangement for Instruction Set Attributes Register 1.

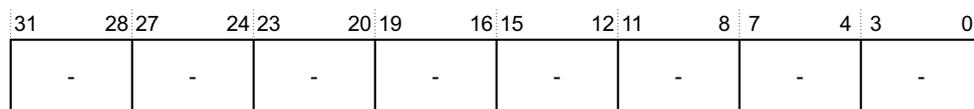


Figure 3-22 Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 format

Table 3-30 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 functions.

Table 3-30 Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates support for Java instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support BXJ and J bit in PSRs.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for interworking instructions. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BX, and T bit in PSRs</li> <li>• BLX, and PC loads have BX behavior.</li> </ul>
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for immediate instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for if then instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for sign or zero extend instructions. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SXTB, SXTB16, SXTH, UXTB, UXTB16, and UXTH</li> <li>• SXTAB, SXTAB16, SXTAH, UXTAB, UXTAB16, and UXTAH.</li> </ul>
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for exception 2 instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support SRS, RFE, and CPS.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for exception 1 instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support LDM(2), LDM(3) and STM(2).
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for endianness control instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support SETEND and E bit in PSRs.

Table 3-31 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

Table 3-31 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 1

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 1 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 1 ;Read Instruction Set Attributes Register 1

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 2

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 is to provide information about the instruction set that the processor supports beyond the basic set.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-23 shows the bit arrangement for Instruction Set Attributes Register 2.

31	28:27	24:23	20:19	16:15	12:11	8:7	4:3	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-23 Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 format**

Table 3-32 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 functions.

**Table 3-32 Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates support for reversal instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support REV, REV16, and REVSH.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for PSR instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support MRS and MSR exception return instructions for data-processing.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for advanced unsigned multiply instructions. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UMULL and UMLAL</li> <li>• UMAAL.</li> </ul>
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for advanced signed multiply instructions. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMULL and SMLAL</li> <li>• SMLABB, SMLABT, SMLALBB, SMLALBT, SMLALTB, SMLALTT, SMLATB, SMLATT, SMLAWB, SMLAWT, SMULBB, SMULBT, SMULTB, SMULTT, SMULWB, SMULWT, and Q flag in PSRs</li> <li>• SMLAD, SMLADX, SMLALD, SMLALDX, SMLSD, SMLSDX, SMLSLD, SMLSLDX, SMMLA, SMMLAR, SMMLS, SMMLSR, SMMUL, SMMULR, SMUAD, SMUADX, SMUSD, and SMUSDX.</li> </ul>
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for multiply instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support MLA.

**Table 3-32 Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for multi-access interruptible instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support restartable LDM and STM.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for memory hint instructions. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support PLD.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for load and store instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support LDRD and STRD.

Table 3-33 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-33 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 2**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 2 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 2 ;Read Instruction Set Attributes Register 2

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 3

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 is to provide information about the instruction set that the processor supports beyond the basic set.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only registers common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-24 shows the bit arrangement for Instruction Set Attributes Register 3.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-24 Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 format**

Table 3-34 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 functions.

**Table 3-34 Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates support for Thumb-2 extensions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for true NOP instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support NOP and the capability for additional NOP compatible hints. ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support NOP16.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for Thumb copy instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support Thumb MOV(3) low register ⇒ low register, and the CPY alias for Thumb MOV(3).
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for table branch instructions. 0x0, no support in ARM1176JZF-S processors.
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for synchronization primitive instructions. 0x2, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDREX and STREX</li> <li>• LDREXB, LDREXH, LDREXD, STREXB, STREXH, STREXD, and CLREX</li> </ul>
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for SVC instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support SVC.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for <i>Single Instruction Multiple Data</i> (SIMD) instructions. 0x3, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: PKHBT, PKHTB, QADD16, QADD8, QADDSUBX, QSUB16, QSUB8, QSUBADDX, SADD16, SADD8, SADDSUBX, SEL, SHADD16, SHADD8, SHADDSUBX, SHSUB16, SHSUB8, SHSUBADDX, SSAT, SSAT16, SSUB16, SSUB8, SSUBADDX, SXTAB16, SXTB16, UADD16, UADD8, UADDSUBX, UHADD16, UHADD8, UHADDSUBX, UHSUB16, UHSUB8, UHSUBADDX, UQADD16, UQADD8, UQADDSUBX, UQSUB16, UQSUB8, UQSUBADDX, USAD8, USADA8, USAT, USAT16, USUB16, USUB8, USUBADDX, UXTAB16, UXTB16, and the GE[3:0] bits in the PSRs.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for saturate instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support QADD, QDADD, QDSUB, QSUB and Q flag in PSRs.

Table 3-35 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-35 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 3**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 3 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 3.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 3 ;Read Instruction Set Attributes Register 3

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 4

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 is to provide information about the instruction set that the processor supports beyond the basic set.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-25 shows the bit arrangement for Instruction Set Attributes Register 4.

31	28:27	24:23	20:19	16:15	12:11	8:7	4:3	0
Reserved	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-25 Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 format**

Table 3-36 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 functions.

**Table 3-36 Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[27:24]	-	Reserved. RAZ.
[23:20]	-	Indicates fractional support for synchronization primitive instructions. 0x0, ARM1176JZF-S processors support all synchronization primitive instructions. See Table 3-34 on page 3-41.
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for barrier instructions. 0x0, None. ARM1176JZF-S processors support only the CP15 barrier operations.
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for SMC instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support SMC.
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for writeback instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support all defined writeback addressing modes.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for with shift instructions. 0x4, ARM1176JZF-S processors support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shifts of loads and stores over the range LSL 0-3</li> <li>• constant shift options</li> <li>• register controlled shift options.</li> </ul>
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for Unprivileged instructions. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support LDRBT, LDRT, STRBT, and STRT.

Table 3-37 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-37 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 4**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 4 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 4.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 4 ;Read Instruction Set Attributes Register 4
```

### c0, Instruction Set Attributes Register 5

The purpose of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 5 is to provide additional information about the properties of the processor.

The Instruction Set Attributes Register 5 is:

- in CP15 c0
- a 32-bit read-only registers common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The contents of the Instruction Set Attributes Register 5 are implementation defined. In the ARM1176JZF-S processor, Instruction Set Attributes Register 5 is read as 0x00000000.

Table 3-38 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-38 Results of access to the Instruction Set Attributes Register 5**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction Set Attributes Register 5 read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set toc2
- Opcode\_2 set to 5.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c0, c2, 5 ;Read Instruction Set Attribute Register 5.
```

### 3.2.7 c1, Control Register

This section contains information on:

- *Purpose of the Control Register*
- *Structure of the Control Register*
- *Operation of the Control Register* on page 3-45
- *Use of the Control Register* on page 3-47
- *Behavior of the Control Register* on page 3-48.

#### Purpose of the Control Register

The purpose of the Control Register is to provide control and configuration of:

- memory alignment, endianness, protection, and fault behavior
- MMU and cache enables and cache replacement strategy
- interrupts and the behavior of interrupt latency
- the location for exception vectors
- program flow prediction.

Table 3-39 on page 3-45 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Control Register.

#### Structure of the Control Register

The Control Register is:

- in CP15 c1
- a 32 bit register, Table 3-39 on page 3-45 lists read and write access to individual bits for the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only
- partially banked, Table 3-39 on page 3-45 lists banked and Secure modify only bits.

Figure 3-26 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.

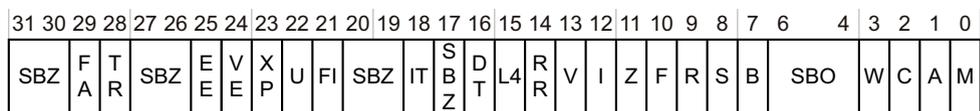


Figure 3-26 Control Register format

## Operation of the Control Register

Table 3-39 lists how the bit values correspond with the Control Register functions.

**Table 3-39 Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Access	Function
[31:30]	-	-	This field is UNP when read. Write as the existing value.
[29]	FA	Banked	This bit controls the Force AP functionality in the MMU that generates Access Bit faults, see <i>Access permissions</i> on page 6-11 0 = Force AP is disabled, reset value. 1 = Force AP is enabled.
[28]	TR	Banked	This bit controls the TEX remap functionality in the MMU, see <i>Memory region attributes</i> on page 6-14. 0 = TEX remap disabled. Normal ARMv6 behavior, reset value 1 = TEX remap enabled. TEX[2:1] become page table bits for OS.
[27:26]	-	-	This field is UNP when read. Write as the existing value.
[25]	EE bit	Banked	Determines how the E bit in the CPSR bit is set on an exception. The reset value depends on external signals. 0 = CPSR E bit is set to 0 on an exception, reset value. 1 = CPSR E bit is set to 1 on an exception.
[24]	VE bit	Banked	Enables the VIC interface to determine interrupt vectors. See the description of the V bit, bit [13]. 0 = Interrupt vectors are fixed, reset value. 1 = Interrupt vectors are defined by the VIC interface.
[23]	XP bit	Banked	Enables the extended page tables to be configured for the hardware page translation mechanism. 0 = Subpage AP bits enabled, reset value. 1 = Subpage AP bits disabled.
[22]	U bit	Banked	Enables unaligned data access operations, including support for mixed little-endian and big-endian operation. The A bit has priority over the U bit. The reset value of the U bit depends on external signals. 0 = Unaligned data access support disabled, reset value. The processor treats unaligned loads as rotated aligned data accesses. 1 = Unaligned data access support enabled. The processor permits unaligned loads and stores and support for mixed endian data is enabled.
[21]	FI bit	Secure modify only	Configures low latency features for fast interrupts. This bit is overridden by the FIO bit, see <i>c1, Auxiliary Control Register</i> on page 3-48. 0 = All performance features enabled, reset value. 1 = Low interrupt latency configuration enabled. See <i>Low interrupt latency configuration</i> on page 2-40.
[20:19]	-	-	UNP/SBZ
[18]	IT bit	-	Deprecated. Global enable for instruction TCM. Function redundant in ARMv6. SBO
[17]	-	-	UNP/SBZ

Table 3-39 Control Register bit functions (continued)

Bits	Field name	Access	Function
[16]	DT bit	-	Deprecated. Global enable for data TCM. Function redundant in ARMv6. SBO
[15]	L4 bit	Secure modify only	Determines if the T bit is set for PC load instructions. For more details see the <i>ARM Architecture Reference Manual</i> . 0 = Loads to PC set the T bit, reset value. 1 = Loads to PC do not set the T bit, ARMv4 behavior.
[14]	RR bit	Secure modify only	Determines the replacement strategy for the cache. 0 = Normal replacement strategy by random replacement, reset value. 1 = Predictable replacement strategy by round-robin replacement.
[13]	V bit	Banked	Determines the location of exception vectors, see <i>c12, Secure or Non-secure Vector Base Address Register</i> on page 3-121 and <i>c12, Monitor Vector Base Address Register</i> on page 3-122. The reset value of the V bit depends on an external signal. 0 = Normal exception vectors selected, the Vector Base Address Registers determine the address range, reset value. 1 = High exception vectors selected, address range = 0xFFFF0000-0xFFFF001C.
[12]	I bit	Banked	Enables level one instruction cache. 0 = Instruction Cache disabled, reset value. 1 = Instruction Cache enabled.
[11]	Z bit	Banked	Enables branch prediction. 0 = Program flow prediction disabled, reset value. 1 = Program flow prediction enabled.
[10]	F bit	-	Should Be Zero
[9]	R bit	Banked	Deprecated. Enables ROM protection. If you modify the R bit this does not affect the access permissions of entries already in the TLB. See <i>MMU software-accessible registers</i> on page 6-53. 0 = ROM protection disabled, reset value. 1 = ROM protection enabled.
[8]	S bit	Banked	Deprecated. Enables MMU protection. If you modify the S bit this does not affect the access permissions of entries already in TLB. 0 = MMU protection disabled, reset value. 1 = MMU protection enabled.
[7]	B bit	Secure modify only	Determines operation as little-endian or big-endian word invariant memory system and the names of the low four-byte addresses within a 32-bit word. The reset value of the B bit depends on the <b>BIGENDINIT</b> external signal. 0 = Little-endian memory system, reset value. 1 = Big-endian word-invariant memory system.
[6:4]	-	-	This field returns 1 when read. Should Be One.
[3]	W bit	-	Not implemented in the processor. Read As One Write Ignore.

Table 3-39 Control Register bit functions (continued)

Bits	Field name	Access	Function
[2]	C bit	Banked	Enables level one data cache. 0 = Data cache disabled, reset value. 1 = Data cache enabled.
[1]	A bit	Banked	Enables strict alignment of data to detect alignment faults in data accesses. The A bit setting takes priority over the U bit. 0 = Strict alignment fault checking disabled, reset value. 1 = Strict alignment fault checking enabled.
[0]	M bit	Banked	Enables the MMU. 0 = MMU disabled, reset value. 1 = MMU enabled.

Attempts to read or write the Control Register from Secure or Non-secure User modes results in an Undefined exception.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Attempts to write Secure modify only bit in Non-secure privileged modes are ignored.

Attempts to read Secure modify only bits return the Secure bit value. Table 3-40 lists the actions that result from attempted access for each mode.

Table 3-40 Results of access to the Control Register

Access type	Secure Privileged	Non-secure Privileged		User
		Read	Write	
Secure modify only	Secure bit	Secure bit	Ignored	Undefined exception
Banked	Secure bit	Non-secure bit	Non-secure bit	Undefined exception

### Use of the Control Register

To use the Control Register it is recommended that you use a read modify write technique. To use the Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c1
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c0, 0 ; Read Control Register configuration data
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c0, 0 ; Write Control Register configuration data
```

Normally, to set the V bit and the B, EE, and U bits you configure signals at reset.

The V bit depends on **VINITHI** at reset:

- **VINITHI** LOW sets V to 0
- **VINITHI** HIGH sets V to 1.

The B, EE, and U bits depend on how you set **BIGENDINIT** and **UBITINIT** at reset. Table 3-41 lists the values of the B, EE, and U bits that result for the reset values of these signals. See *Reset values of the U, B, and EE bits* on page 4-19.

**Table 3-41 Resultant B bit, U bit, and EE bit values**

UBITINIT	BIGENDINIT	EE	U	B
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

### Behavior of the Control Register

These bits in the Control Register exhibit specific behavior:

- A bit**      The A bit setting takes priority over the U bit. The Data Abort trap is taken if strict alignment is enabled and the data access is not aligned to the width of the accessed data item.
- DT bit**      This bit is used in ARM946 and ARM966 processors to enable the Data TCM. In ARMv6, the TCM blocks have individual enables that apply to each block. As a result, this bit is now redundant and Should Be One. See *c9, Data TCM Region Register* on page 3-89 for a description of the ARM1176JZF-S TCM enables.
- IT bit**      This bit is used in ARM946 and ARM966 processors to enable the Instruction TCM. In ARMv6, the TCM blocks have individual enables that apply to each block. As a result, this bit is now redundant and Should Be One. See *c9, Instruction TCM Region Register* on page 3-91 for a description of the ARM1176JZF-S TCM enables.
- R bit**      Modifying the R bit does not affect the access permissions of entries already in the TLB. See *MMU software-accessible registers* on page 6-53.
- S bit**      Modifying the S bit does not affect the access permissions of entries already in the TLB. See *MMU software-accessible registers* on page 6-53.
- W bit**      The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not implement the write buffer enable because all memory writes take place through the Write Buffer.

### 3.2.8 c1, Auxiliary Control Register

The purpose of the Auxiliary Control Register is to control:

- program flow
- low interrupt latency
- cache cleaning
- MicroTLB cache strategy
- cache size restriction.

For more information on how the system control coprocessor operates with caches, see *Cache control and configuration* on page 3-7.

Table 3-42 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Auxiliary Control Register.



**Table 3-42 Auxiliary Control Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[4]	RA	Disables clean entire data cache: 0 = Clean entire data cache enabled, reset value 1 = Clean entire data cache disabled.
[3]	TR	Enables MicroTLB random replacement strategy. This depends on the cache replacement strategy that the RR bit controls, see <i>c1, Control Register</i> on page 3-44. The MicroTLB strategy is only random when the cache strategy is random: 0 = MicroTLB replacement is Round Robin, reset value 1 = MicroTLB replacement is Random if cache replacement is also Random.
[2]	SB	Enables static branch prediction. This depends on program flow prediction that the Z bit enables, see <i>c1, Control Register</i> on page 3-44: 0 = Static branch prediction disabled 1 = Static branch prediction enabled, if the Z bit is set. The reset value is 1.
[1]	DB	Enables dynamic branch prediction. This depends on program flow prediction that the Z bit enables, see <i>c1, Control Register</i> on page 3-44: 0 = Dynamic branch prediction disabled 1 = Dynamic branch prediction enabled, if the Z bit is set. The reset value is 1.
[0]	RS	Enables the return stack. This depends on program flow prediction that the Z bit enables, see <i>c1, Control Register</i> on page 3-44: 0 = Return stack is disabled 1 = Return stack is enabled, if the Z bit is set. The reset value is 1.

Table 3-43 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-43 Results of access to the Auxiliary Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Auxiliary Control Register you must use a read modify write technique. To access the Auxiliary Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c1
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c0, 1 ; Read Auxiliary Control Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c0, 1 ; Write Auxiliary Control Register
```

### 3.2.9 c1, Coprocessor Access Control Register

The purpose of the Coprocessor Access Control Register is to set access rights for the coprocessors CP0 through CP13. This register has no effect on access to CP14, the debug control coprocessor, or CP15, the system control coprocessor. This register also provides a means for software to determine if any particular coprocessor, CP0-CP13, exists in the system.

The Coprocessor Access Control Register is:

- in CP15 c1
- a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-28 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.

31	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
SBZ/UNP	cp13	cp12	cp11	cp10	cp9	cp8	cp7	cp6	cp5	cp4	cp3	cp2	cp1	cp0															

**Figure 3-28 Coprocessor Access Control Register format**

Table 3-44 lists how the bit values correspond with the Coprocessor Access Control Register functions.

**Table 3-44 Coprocessor Access Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	UNP/SBZ.
-	cp<n> <sup>a</sup>	Defines access permissions for each coprocessor. Access denied is the reset condition. Access denied is the behavior for non-existent coprocessors: b00 = Access denied, reset value. Attempted access generates an Undefined exception b01 = Privileged mode access only b10 = Reserved. b11 = Privileged and User mode access.

a. n is the coprocessor number between 0 and 13.

Access to coprocessors in the Non-secure world depends on the permissions set in the *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55.

Attempts to read or write the Coprocessor Access Control Register access bits depend on the corresponding bit for each coprocessor in *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. Table 3-45 lists the results of attempted access to coprocessor access bits for each mode.

**Table 3-45 Results of access to the Coprocessor Access Control Register**

Corresponding bit in Non-Secure Access Control Register	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	b00	Ignored	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To use the Coprocessor Access Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0



**Table 3-46 Secure Configuration Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[3]	EA	Determines External Abort behavior for Secure and Non-secure worlds: 0 = Branch to abort mode on an External Abort exception, reset value 1 = Branch to Secure Monitor mode on an External Abort exception.
[2]	FIQ	Determines FIQ behavior for Secure and Non-secure worlds: 0 = Branch to FIQ mode on an FIQ exception, reset value 1 = Branch to Secure Monitor mode on an FIQ exception.
[1]	IRQ	Determines IRQ behavior for Secure and Non-secure worlds: 0 = Branch to IRQ mode on an IRQ exception, reset value 1 = Branch to Secure Monitor mode on an IRQ exception.
[0]	NS bit	Defines the world for the processor: 0 = Secure, reset value 1 = Non-secure.

———— **Note** —————

When the core runs in Secure Monitor mode the state is considered Secure regardless of the state of the NS bit. However, Monitor mode code can access nonsecure banked copies of registers if the NS bit is set to 1. See the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for information on the effect of the Security Extensions on the CP15 registers.

The permutations of the bits in the Secure Configuration Register have certain security implications. Table 3-47 lists the results for combinations of the FW and FIQ bits.

**Table 3-47 Operation of the FW and FIQ bits**

FW	FIQ	Function
1	0	FIQs handled locally.
0	1	FIQs can be configured to give deterministic Secure interrupts.
1	1	Non-secure world able to make denial of service attack, avoid use of this function.
0	0	Avoid because the core might enter an infinite loop for Non-secure FIQ.

Table 3-48 lists the results for combinations of the AW and EA bits.

**Table 3-48 Operation of the AW and EA bits**

AW	EA	Function
1	0	Aborts handled locally.
0	1	All external aborts trapped to Secure Monitor.
1	1	All external imprecise data aborts trapped to Secure Monitor but the Non-secure world can hide Secure aborts from the Secure Monitor, avoid use of this function.
0	0	Avoid because the core can unexpectedly enter an abort mode in the Non-secure world.

For more details on the use of Secure Monitor mode, see *The NS bit and Secure Monitor mode* on page 2-4.

To use the Secure Configuration Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c1
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 0 ; Read Secure Configuration Register data  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 0 ; Write Secure Configuration Register data

An attempt to access the Secure Configuration Register from any state other than Secure privileged results in an Undefined exception.

### 3.2.11 c1, Secure Debug Enable Register

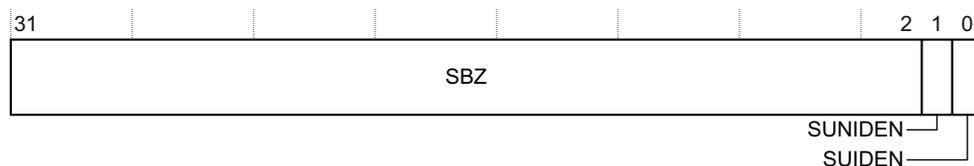
The purpose of the Secure Debug Enable Register is to provide control of permissions for debug in Secure User mode, see Chapter 13 *Debug*.

Table 3-49 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Secure Debug Enable Register.

The Secure Debug Enable Register is:

- in CP15 c1
- a 32 bit register in the Secure world only
- accessible in Secure privileged modes only.

Figure 3-30 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.



**Figure 3-30 Secure Debug Enable Register format**

Table 3-49 lists how the bit values correspond with the Secure Debug Enable Register functions.

**Table 3-49 Secure Debug Enable Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:2]	-	This field is UNP when read. Write as the existing value.
[1]	SUNIDEN	Enables Secure User non-invasive debug: 0 = Non-invasive debug is not permitted in Secure User mode, reset value 1 = Non-invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode.
[0]	SUIDEN	Enables Secure User invasive debug: 0 = Invasive debug is not permitted in Secure User mode, reset value 1 = Invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode.

Table 3-50 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-50 Results of access to the Coprocessor Access Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged	User
Read	Write		
Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Secure Debug Enable Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c1
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 1 ; Read Secure Debug Enable Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 1 ; Write Secure Debug Enable Register
```

### 3.2.12 c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register

The purpose of the Non-Secure Access Control Register is to define the Non-secure access permission for:

- coprocessors
- cache lockdown registers
- TLB lockdown registers
- internal DMA.

#### ———— Note ————

This register has no effect on Non-secure access permissions for the debug control coprocessor, CP14, or the system control coprocessor, CP15.

The Non-Secure Access Control Register is:

- in CP15 c1
- a 32 bit register:
  - read/write in the Secure world
  - read only in the Non-secure world
- only accessible in privileged modes.

Figure 3-31 on page 3-56 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.

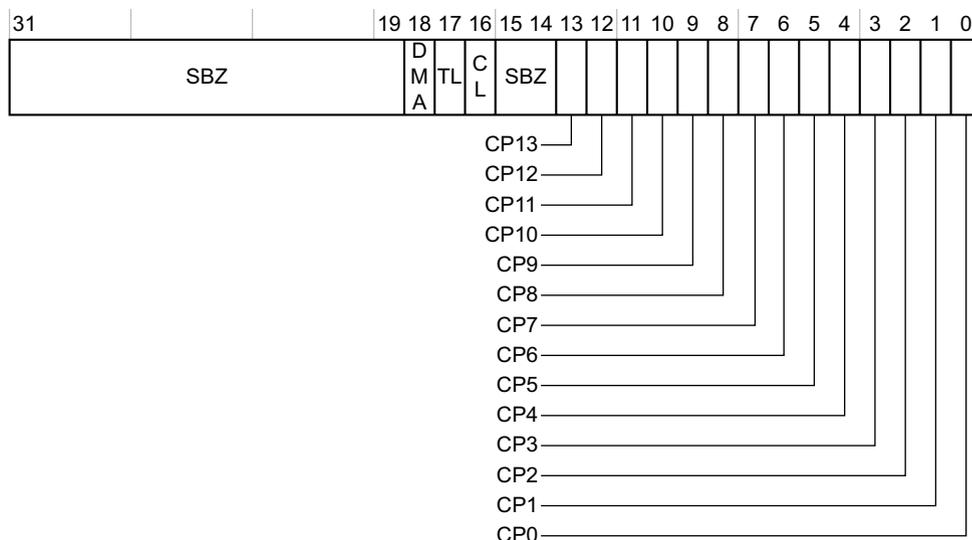


Figure 3-31 Non-Secure Access Control Register format

Table 3-51 lists how the bit values correspond with the Non-Secure Access Control Register functions.

Table 3-51 Non-Secure Access Control Register bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:19]	-	Reserved. UNP/SBZ.
[18]	DMA	Reserves the DMA channels and registers for the Secure world and determines the page tables, Secure or Non-secure, to use for DMA transfers. For details, see <i>DMA</i> on page 7-10: 0 = DMA reserved for the Secure world only and the Secure page tables are used for DMA transfers, reset value 1 = DMA can be used by the Non-secure world and the Non-secure page tables are used for DMA transfers.
[17]	TL	Prevents operations in the Non-secure world from locking page tables in TLB lockdown entries. The Invalidate Single Entry or Invalidate ASID match operations can match a TLB lockdown entry but an Invalidate All operation only applies to unlocked entries: 0 = Reserve TLB Lockdown registers for Secure operation only, reset value 1 = TLB Lockdown registers available for Secure and Non-secure operation.
[16]	CL	Prevents operations in the Non-secure world from changing cache lockdown entries: 0 = Reserve cache lockdown registers for Secure operation only, reset value 1 = Cache lockdown registers available for Secure and Non-secure operation.
[15:14]	-	Reserved. UNP/SBZ.
[13:0]	CP <sub>n</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Determines permission to access the given coprocessor in the Non-secure world: 0 = Secure access only, reset value 1 = Secure or Non-secure access.

a. n is the coprocessor number from 0 to 13.

To use the Non-Secure Access Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c1
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 2 ; Read Non-Secure Access Control Register data  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c1, c1, 2 ; Write Non-Secure Access Control Register data

Table 3-52 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-52 Results of access to the Auxiliary Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

### 3.2.13 c2, Translation Table Base Register 0

The purpose of the Translation Table Base Register 0 is to hold the physical address of the first-level translation table.

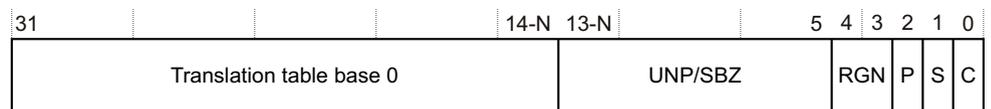
You use Translation Table Base Register 0 for process-specific addresses, where each process maintains a separate first-level page table. On a context switch you must modify both Translation Table Base Register 0 and the Translation Table Base Control Register, if appropriate.

Table 3-53 on page 3-58 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Translation Table Base Register 0.

The Translation Table Base Register 0 is:

- in CP15 c2
- a 32 bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-32 shows the bit arrangement for the Translation Table Base Register 0.



**Figure 3-32 Translation Table Base Register 0 format**

Table 3-53 lists how the bit values correspond with the Translation Table Base Register 0 functions.

**Table 3-53 Translation Table Base Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:14-N] <sup>a</sup>	Translation table base 0	Holds the translation table base address, the physical address of the first level translation table. The reset value is 0.
[13-N:5] <sup>a</sup>	-	UNP/SBZ.
[4:3]	RGN	Indicates the Outer cacheable attributes for page table walking: b00 = Outer Noncacheable, reset value b01 = Write-back, Write Allocate b10 = Write-through, No Allocate on Write b11 = Write-back, No Allocate on Write.
[2]	P	If the processor supports ECC, it indicates to the memory controller it is enabled or disabled. For ARM1176JZF-S processors this is 0: 0 = <i>Error-Correcting Code</i> (ECC) is disabled, reset value 1 = ECC is enabled.
[1]	S	Indicates the page table walk is to Non-Shared or to Shared memory: 0 = Non-Shared, reset value 1 = Shared.
[0]	C	Indicates the page table walk is Inner Cacheable or Inner Noncacheable: 0 = Inner noncacheable, reset value 1 = Inner cacheable.

a. For an explanation of N see *c2, Translation Table Base Control Register* on page 3-60.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-54 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-54 Results of access to the Translation Table Base Register 0**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

A write to the Translation Table Base Register 0 updates the address of the first level translation table from the value in bits [31:7] of the written value, to account for the maximum value of 7 for N. The number of bits of this address that the processor uses, and therefore, the required alignment of the first level translation table, depends on the value of N, see *c2, Translation Table Base Control Register* on page 3-60.

A read from the Translation Table Base Register 0 returns the complete address of the first level translation table in bits [31:7] of the read value, regardless of the value of N.

To use the Translation Table Base Register 0 read or write CP15 *c2* with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to *c2*
- CRm set to *c0*

- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 0 ; Read Translation Table Base Register 0
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 0 ; Write Translation Table Base Register 0
```

———— **Note** ————

The ARM1176JZF-S processor cannot page table walk from level one cache. Therefore, if C is set to 1, to ensure coherency, you must either store page tables in Inner write-through memory or, if in Inner write-back, you must clean the appropriate cache entries after modification so that the mechanism for the hardware page table walks sees them.

### 3.2.14 c2, Translation Table Base Register 1

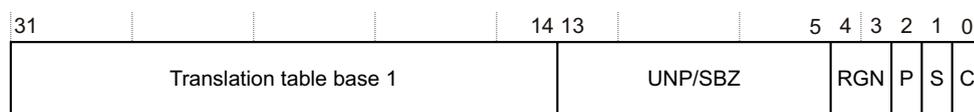
The purpose of the Translation Table Base Register 1 is to hold the physical address of the first-level table. The expected use of the Translation Table Base Register 1 is for OS and I/O addresses.

Table 3-55 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Translation Table Base Register 1.

The Translation Table Base Register 1 is:

- in CP15 c2
- a 32 bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-33 shows the bit arrangement for the Translation Table Base Register 1.



**Figure 3-33 Translation Table Base Register 1 format**

Table 3-55 lists how the bit values correspond with the Translation Table Base Register 1 functions.

**Table 3-55 Translation Table Base Register 1 bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:14]	Translation table base 1	Holds the translation table base address, the physical address of the first level translation table. The reset value is 0.
[13:5]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[4:3]	RGN	Indicates the Outer cacheable attributes for page table walking: b00 = Outer Noncacheable, reset value b01 = Write-back, Write Allocate b10 = Write-through, No Allocate on Write b11 = Write-back, No Allocate on Write.

**Table 3-55 Translation Table Base Register 1 bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[2]	P	If the processor supports ECC, it indicates to the memory controller it is enabled or disabled. For ARM1176JZF-S processors this is 0: 0 = <i>Error-Correcting Code (ECC)</i> is disabled, reset value 1 = ECC is enabled.
[1]	S	Indicates the page table walk is to Non-Shared or to Shared memory: 0 = Non-Shared, reset value 1 = Shared.
[0]	C	Indicates the page table walk is Inner Cacheable or Inner Non Cacheable: 0 = Inner Noncacheable, reset value 1 = Inner Cacheable.

Table 3-56 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-56 Results of access to the Translation Table Base Register 1**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

A write to the Translation Table Base Register 1 updates the address of the first level translation table from the value in bits [31:14] of the written value. Bits [13:5] Should Be Zero. The Translation Table Base Register 1 must reside on a 16KB page boundary.

To use the Translation Table Base Register 1 read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c2
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 1 ; Read Translation Table Base Register 1
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 1 ; Write Translation Table Base Register 1
```

———— **Note** ————

The ARM1176JZF-S processor cannot page table walk from level one cache. Therefore, if C is set to 1, to ensure coherency, you must either store page tables in Inner write-through memory or, if in Inner write-back, you must clean the appropriate cache entries after modification so that the mechanism for the hardware page table walks sees them.

### 3.2.15 c2, Translation Table Base Control Register

The purpose of the Translation Table Base Control Register is to determine if a page table miss for a specific VA uses, for its page table walk, either:

- Translation Table Base Register 0. The recommended use is for task-specific addresses
- Translation Table Base Register 1. The recommended use is for operating system and I/O addresses.



Table 3-58 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-58 Results of access to the Translation Table Base Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the Translation Table Base Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c2
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 2 ; Read Translation Table Base Control Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c2, c0, 2 ; Write Translation Table Base Control Register
```

A translation table base register is selected like this:

- If N is set to 0, always use Translation Table Base Register 0. This is the default case at reset. It is backwards compatible with ARMv5 and earlier processors.
- If N is set greater than 0, and bits [31:32-N] of the VA are all 0, use Translation Table Base Register 0, otherwise use Translation Table Base Register 1. N must be in the range 0-7.

**Note**

The ARM1176JZF-S processor cannot page table walk from level one cache. Therefore, if C is set to 1, to ensure coherency, you must either store page tables in Inner write-through memory or, if in Inner write-back, you must clean the appropriate cache entries after modification so that the mechanism for the hardware page table walks sees them.

### 3.2.16 c3, Domain Access Control Register

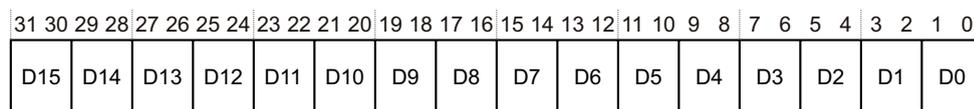
The purpose of the Domain Access Control Register is to hold the access permissions for a maximum of 16 domains.

Table 3-59 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Domain Access Control Register.

The Domain Access Control Register is:

- in CP15 c3
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-35 shows the bit arrangement of the Domain Access Control Register.



**Figure 3-35 Domain Access Control Register format**

Table 3-59 lists how the bit values correspond with the Domain Access Control Register functions.

**Table 3-59 Domain Access Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
-	D<n> <sup>a</sup>	The purpose of the fields D15-D0 in the register is to define the access permissions for each one of the 16 domains. These domains can be either sections, large pages or small pages of memory: b00 = No access, reset value. Any access generates a domain fault. b01 = Client. Accesses are checked against the access permission bits in the TLB entry. b10 = Reserved. Any access generates a domain fault. b11 = Manager. Accesses are not checked against the access permission bits in the TLB entry, so a permission fault cannot be generated.

a. n is the Domain number in the range between 0 and 15

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SSDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-60 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-60 Results of access to the Domain Access Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the Domain Access Control Register read or write CP15 c3 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c3
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:



Table 3-61 Data Fault Status Register bit functions (continued)

Bits	Field name	Function
[7:4]	Domain	Indicates the domain from the 16 domains, D15-D0, is accessed when a data fault occurs. Takes values 0-15. The reset value is 0.
[3:0] with bit[10] = 0	Status	Indicates type of fault generated. See <i>Fault status and address</i> on page 6-34 for full details of Domain and FAR validity, and priorities: b0000 = no function, reset value b0001 = Alignment fault b0010 = Instruction debug event fault b0011 = Access Bit fault on Section b0100 = Instruction cache maintenance operation fault b0101 = Translation Section fault b0110 = Access Bit fault on Page b0111 = Translation Page fault b1000 = Precise external abort b1001 = Domain Section fault b1010 = no function b1011 = Domain Page fault b1100 = External abort on translation, first level b1101 = Permission Section fault b1110 = External abort on translation, second level b1111 = Permission Page fault.
[3:0] with bit[10] = 1	Status	Indicates type of fault generated. See <i>Fault status and address</i> on page 6-34 for full details of Domain and FAR validity, and priorities: b0000 = no function, reset value b0001 = no function b0010 = no function b0011 = no function b0100 = no function b0101 = no function b0110 = Imprecise external abort b0111 = no function b1000 = no function b1001 = no function b1010 = no function b1011 = no function b1100 = no function b1101 = no function b1110 = no function b1111 = no function.

Table 3-62 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-62 Results of access to the Data Fault Status Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

———— **Note** —————

When the SCR EA bit is set, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52, the processor writes to the Secure Data Fault Status Register on a Secure Monitor entry caused by an external abort.

To use the Data Fault Status Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c5
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c5, c0, 0 ; Read Data Fault Status Register  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c5, c0, 0 ; Write Data Fault Status Register

### 3.2.18 c5, Instruction Fault Status Register

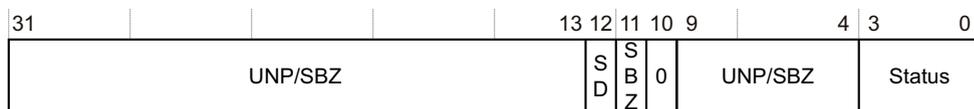
The purpose of the *Instruction Fault Status Register* (IFSR) is to hold the source of the last instruction fault.

Table 3-63 on page 3-67 lists the purposes of the individual bits in IFSR.

The Instruction Fault Status Register is:

- in CP15 c5
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-37 shows the bit arrangement of the Instruction Fault Status Register.



**Figure 3-37 Instruction Fault Status Register format**

Table 3-63 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction Fault Status Register functions.

**Table 3-63 Instruction Fault Status Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:13]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[12]	SD	Indicates whether an AXI Decode or Slave error caused an abort. This bit is only valid for external aborts. For all other aborts this bit Should Be Zero. See <i>Fault status and address</i> on page 6-34: 0 = AXI Decode error caused the abort, reset value 1 = AXI Slave error caused the abort.
[11]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[10]	-	Part of the Status field, see bits [3:0] in this table. Always 0.
[9:4]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[3:0] with bit[10] = 0	Status	Indicates type of fault generated. See <i>Fault status and address</i> on page 6-34 for full details of Domain and FAR validity, and priorities: b0000 = no function, reset value b0001 = Alignment fault b0010 = Instruction debug event fault b0011 = Access Bit fault on Section b0100 = no function b0101 = Translation Section fault b0110 = Access Bit fault on Page b0111 = Translation Page fault b1000 = Precise external abort b1001 = Domain Section fault b1010 = no function b1011 = Domain Page fault b1100 = External abort on translation, first level b1101 = Permission Section fault b1110 = External abort on translation, second level b1111 = Permission Page fault.

Table 3-64 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-64 Results of access to the Instruction Fault Status Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

**Note**

When the SCR EA bit is set, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52, the processor writes to the Secure Instruction Fault Status Register on a Secure Monitor entry caused by an external abort.

To use the IFSR read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c5
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c5, c0, 1 ; Read Instruction Fault Status Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c5, c0, 1 ; Write Instruction Fault Status Register
```

### 3.2.19 c6, Fault Address Register

The purpose of the *Fault Address Register (FAR)* is to hold the *Modified Virtual Address (MVA)* of the fault when a precise abort occurs.

The FAR is:

- in CP15 c6
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The Fault Address Register bits [31:0] contain the MVA that the precise abort occurred on. The reset value is 0.

Table 3-65 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-65 Results of access to the Fault Address Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the FAR read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c6
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c6, c0, 0 ; Read Fault Address Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c6, c0, 0 ; Write Fault Address Register
```

A write to this register sets the FAR to the value of the data written. This is useful for a debugger to restore the value of the FAR.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor also updates the FAR on debug exception entry because of watchpoints, see *Effect of a debug event on CP15 registers* on page 13-34 for more details.

### 3.2.20 c6, Watchpoint Fault Address Register

Access to the Watchpoint Fault Address register through the system control coprocessor is deprecated, see *CP14 c6, Watchpoint Fault Address Register (WFAR)* on page 13-12.

### 3.2.21 c6, Instruction Fault Address Register

The purpose of the *Instruction Fault Address Register (IFAR)* is to hold the address of instructions that cause a prefetch abort.

The IFAR is:

- in CP15 c6
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The Instruction Fault Address Register bits [31:0] contain the Instruction Fault MVA. The reset value is 0.

Table 3-66 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-66 Results of access to the Instruction Fault Address Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the IFAR read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c6
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c6, c0, 2 ; Read Instruction Fault Address Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c6, c0, 2 ; Write Instruction Fault Address Register
```

A write to this register sets the IFAR to the value of the data written. This is useful for a debugger to restore the value of the IFAR.

### 3.2.22 c7, Cache operations

The purpose of c7 is to:

- control these operations:
  - clean and invalidate instruction and data caches, including range operations
  - prefetch instruction cache line
  - Flush Prefetch Buffer
  - flush branch target address cache
  - virtual to physical address translation.
- implement the *Data Synchronization Barrier (DSB)* operation
- implement the *Data Memory Barrier (DMB)* operation

- implement the *Wait For Interrupt* clock control function.

———— **Note** ————

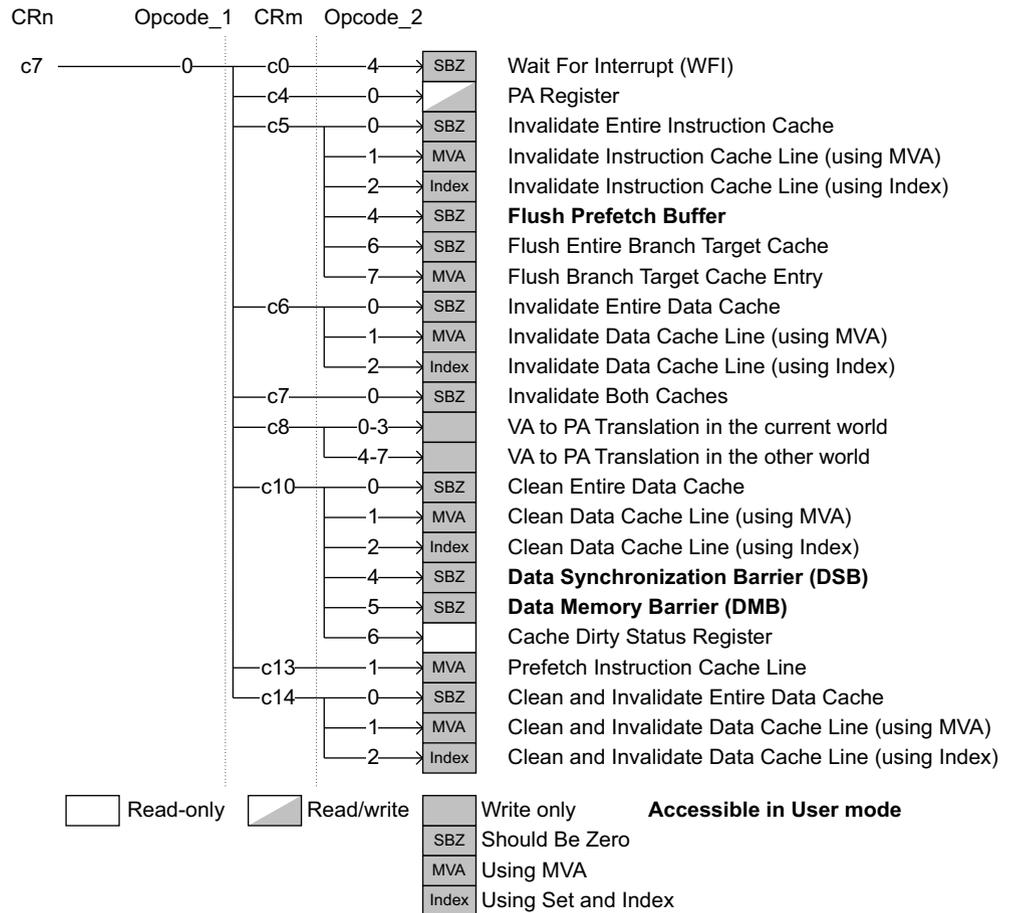
Cache operations also depend on:

- the C, W, I and RR bits, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44.
- the RA and RV bits, see *c1, Auxiliary Control Register* on page 3-48.

The following cache operations globally flush the BTAC:

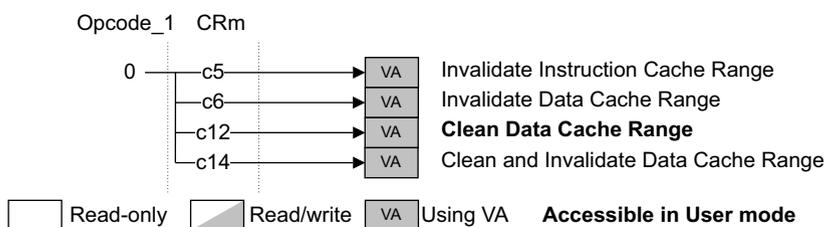
- Invalidate Entire Instruction Cache
- Invalidate Both Caches.

*c7* consists of one 32-bit register that performs 28 functions. Figure 3-38 shows the arrangement of the 24 functions in this group that operate with the MCR and MRC instructions.



**Figure 3-38 Cache operations**

Figure 3-39 on page 3-71 shows the arrangement of the 4 functions in this group that operate with the MCRR instruction.



**Figure 3-39 Cache operations with MCRR instructions**

**Note**

- Writing c7 with a combination of CRm and Opcode\_2 not listed in Figure 3-38 on page 3-70 or CRm not listed in Figure 3-39 results in an Undefined exception apart from the following operations, that are architecturally defined as unified cache operations and have no effect:
  - MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c7, {1-7}
  - MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c11, {0-7}
  - MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c15, {0-7}.
- In the ARM1176JZF-S processor, reading from c7, except for reads from the Cache Dirty Status Register or PA Register, causes an Undefined instruction trap.
- Writes to the Cache Dirty Status Register cause an Undefined exception.
- If Opcode\_1 = 0, these instructions are applied to a level one cache system. All other Opcode\_1 values are reserved.
- All accesses to c7 can only be executed in a privileged mode of operation, except Data Synchronization Barrier, Flush Prefetch Buffer, Data Memory Barrier, and Clean Data Cache Range. These can be operated in User mode. Attempting to execute a privileged instruction in User mode results in the Undefined instruction trap being taken.

There are three ways to use c7:

- For the Cache Dirty Status Register, read c7 with the MRC instruction.
- For range operations use the MCRR instruction with the value of CRm to select the required operation.
- For all other operations use the MCR instruction to write to c7 with the combination of CRm and Opcode\_2 to select the required operation.

Depending on the operation you require set <Rd> for MCR instructions or <Rd> and <Rn> for MCRR instructions to:

- *Virtual Address (VA)*
- *Modified Virtual Address (MVA)*
- Set and Index
- Should Be Zero.

**Invalidate, Clean, and Prefetch operations**

The purposes of the invalidate, clean, and prefetch operations that c7 provides are to:

- Invalidate part or all of the Data or Instruction caches
- Clean part or all of the Data cache
- Clean and Invalidate part or all of the Data cache

- Prefetch code into the Instruction cache.

The terms used to describe the invalidate, clean, and prefetch operations are as defined in the *Caches and Write Buffers* chapter of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

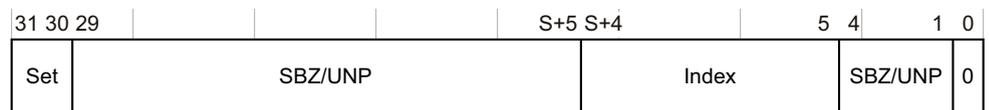
For details of the behavior of *c7* in the Secure and Non-secure worlds, see *TrustZone behavior* on page 3-77.

When it controls invalidate, clean, and prefetch operations *c7* appears as a 32-bit write only register. There are four possible formats for the data that you write to the register that depend on the specific operation:

- Set and Index format
- MVA
- VA
- SBZ.

### Set and Index format

Figure 3-40 shows the Set and Index format for invalidate and clean operations.



**Figure 3-40 c7 format for Set and Index**

Table 3-67 lists how the bit values correspond with the Cache Operation functions for Set and Index format operations.

**Table 3-67 Functional bits of c7 for Set and Index**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:30]	Set	Selects the cache set to operate on, from the four cache sets. Value is the cache set number.
[29:S+5]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[S+4:5]	Index	Selects the cache line to operate on. Value is the index number.
[4:1]	-	SBZ.
[0]	0	For the ARM1176JZF-S, this Should Be Zero.

The value of *S* in Table 3-68 depends on the cache size. Table 3-68 lists the relationship of cache sizes and *S*.

**Table 3-68 Cache size and S parameter dependency**

Cache size	S
4KB	5
8KB	6
16KB	7
32KB	8
64KB	9

The value of S is given by:

$$S = \log_2 \left( \frac{\text{cache size}}{\text{Associativity} \times \text{line length in bytes}} \right)$$

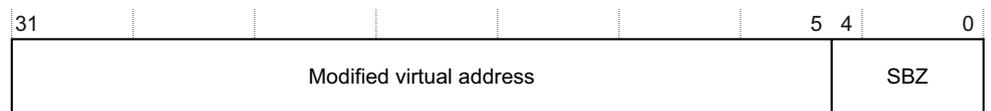
See *c0, Cache Type Register* on page 3-21 for details of instruction and data cache size.

———— **Note** ————

If the data is stated to be Set and Index format, see Figure 3-40 on page 3-72, it identifies the cache line that the operation applies to by specifying the cache Set that it belongs to and what its Index is within the Set. The Set corresponds to the number of the cache way, and the Index number corresponds to the line number within a cache way.

### MVA format

Figure 3-41 shows the MVA format for invalidate, clean, and prefetch operations.



**Figure 3-41 c7 format for MVA**

Table 3-69 lists how the bit values correspond with the Cache Operation functions for MVA format operations.

**Table 3-69 Functional bits of c7 for MVA**

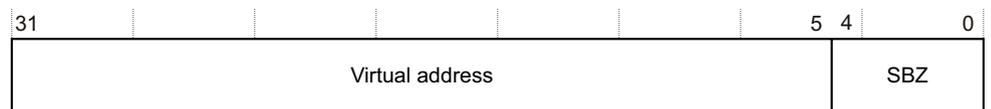
Bits	Field name	Function
[31:5]	MVA	Specifies address to invalidate, clean, or prefetch. Holds the MVA of the cache line.
[4:0]	-	Ignored. This means that the lower 5 bits of MVA are ignored and these bits are not used for the cache operations. Only the top bits are necessary to determine whether or not the cache line is present in the cache. Even if the MVA is not aligned to the cache line, the cache operation is performed by ignoring the lower 5 bits.

———— **Note** ————

- Invalidation and cleaning operations have no effect if they miss in the cache.
- If the corresponding entry is not in the TLB, these instructions can cause a TLB miss exception or hardware page table walk, depending on the miss handling mechanism.
- For the cache control operations, the MVAs that are passed to the cache are not translated by the FCSE extension.

### VA format

Figure 3-42 shows the VA format for invalidate and clean operations. All VA format operations use the MCRR instruction.



**Figure 3-42 Format of c7 for VA**

Table 3-70 lists how the bit values correspond with the Cache Operation functions for VA format operations.

**Table 3-70 Functional bits of c7 for VA format**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:5]	Virtual address	Specifies the start or end address to invalidate or clean. Holds the true VA of the start or end of a memory block before any modification by FCSE.
[4:0]	-	SBZ.

You can perform invalidate, clean, and prefetch operations on:

- single cache lines
- entire caches
- address ranges in cache.

———— **Note** —————

- Clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations apply regardless of the lock applied to entries.
- An explicit flush of the relevant lines in the branch target cache must be performed after invalidation of Instruction Cache lines or the results are Unpredictable. There is no impact on security. This is not required after an entire Instruction Cache invalidation because the entire branch target cache is flushed automatically.
- A small number of CP15 c7 operations can be executed by code while in User mode. Attempting to execute a privileged operation in User mode using CP15 c7 results in an Undefined instruction trap being taken.

To determine if the cache is dirty use the Cache Dirty Status Register, see *Cache Dirty Status Register* on page 3-78.

### Entire cache

Table 3-71 lists the instructions and operations that you can use to clean and invalidate the entire cache.

**Table 3-71 Cache operations for entire cache**

Instruction	Data	Function
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 0	SBZ	Invalidate Entire Instruction Cache. Also flushes the branch target cache and globally flushes the BTAC.
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c6, 0	SBZ	Invalidate Entire Data Cache.
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c7, 0	SBZ	Invalidate Both Caches. Also flushes the branch target cache and globally flushes the BTAC.
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c10, 0	SBZ	Clean Entire Data Cache.
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c14, 0	SBZ	Clean and Invalidate Entire Data Cache.

Register c7 specifies operations for cleaning the entire Data Cache, and also for performing a clean and invalidate of the entire Data Cache. These are blocking operations that can be interrupted. If they are interrupted, the R14 value that is

captured on the interrupt is the address of the instruction that launched the cache clean operation + 4. This enables the standard return mechanism for interrupts to restart the operation.

If it is essential that the cache is clean, or clean and invalid, for a particular operation, the sequence of instructions for cleaning, or cleaning and invalidating, the cache for that operation must handle the arrival of an interrupt at any time when interrupts are not disabled. This is because interrupts can write to a previously clean cache. For this reason, the Cache Dirty Status Register indicates if the cache has been written to since the last clean of the cache was started, see *Cache Dirty Status Register* on page 3-78. You can interrogate the Cache Dirty Status Register to determine if the cache is clean, and if this is done while interrupts are disabled, the following operations can rely on having a clean cache. The following sequence shows this approach:

```

; interrupts are assumed to be enabled at this point
Loop1  MOV R1, #0
      MCR CP15, 0, R1, C7, C10, 0      ; Clean (or Clean & Invalidate) Cache
      MRS R2, CPSR
      CPSID iaf                        ; Disable interrupts
      MRC CP15, 0, R1, C7, C10, 6     ; Read Cache Dirty Status Register
      ANDS R1, R1, #1                  ; Check if it is clean
      BEQ UseClean
      MSR CPSR, R2                     ; Re-enable interrupts
      B Loop1                          ; - clean the cache again
UseClean Do_Clean_Operations          ; Perform whatever operation relies on
                                       ; the cache being clean/invalid.
                                       ; To reduce impact on interrupt
                                       ; latency, this sequence should be
                                       ; short
      MSR CPSR, R2                     ; Re-enable interrupts

```

The long cache clean operation is performed with interrupts enabled throughout this routine.

### Single cache lines

There are two ways to perform invalidate or clean operations on cache lines:

- by use of Set and Index format
- by use of MVA format.

Table 3-72 lists the instructions and operations that you can use for single cache lines.

**Table 3-72 Cache operations for single lines**

Instruction	Data	Function
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 1	MVA	Invalidate Instruction Cache Line, using MVA
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 2	Set/Index	Invalidate Instruction Cache Line, using Index
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c6, 1	MVA	Invalidate Data Cache Line, using MVA
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c6, 2	Set/Index	Invalidate Data Cache Line, using Index
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c10, 1	MVA	Clean Data Cache Line, using MVA
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c10, 2	Set/Index	Clean Data Cache Line, using Index

**Table 3-72 Cache operations for single lines (continued)**

Instruction	Data	Function
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c13, 1	MVA	Prefetch Instruction Cache Line
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c14, 1	MVA	Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line, using MVA
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c14, 2	Set/Index	Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line, using Index

Example 3-1 shows how to use Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line with Set and Index to clean and invalidate one whole cache way, in this example, way 3. The example works with any cache size because it reads the cache size from the Cache Type Register.

**Example 3-1 Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Line with Set and Index**

	MRC	p15,0,R0,c0,c0,1	; Read cache type reg
	AND	R0,R0,#0x1C0000	; Extract D cache size
	MOV	R0,R0, LSR #18	; Move to bottom bits
	ADD	R0,R0,#7	; Get Index loop max
	MOV	r1,#3:SHL:30	; Set up Set = 3
	MOV	R2,#0	; Set up Index counter
	MOV	R3,#1	
	MOV	R3,R3, LSL R0	; Set up Index loop max
index_loop	ORR	R4,R2,r1	; Set and Index format
	MCR	p15,0,R4,c7,c14,2	; Clean&inval D cache line
	ADD	R2,R2,#1:SHL:5	; Increment Index
	CMP	R2,R3	; Done all index values?
	BNE	index_loop	; Loop until done

### Address ranges

Table 3-73 lists the instructions and operations that you can use to clean and invalidate the address ranges in cache.

**Table 3-73 Cache operations for address ranges**

Instruction	Data	Function
MCRR p15,0,<End Address>,<Start Address>,c5	VA	Invalidate Instruction Cache Range
MCRR p15,0,<End Address>,<Start Address>,c6	VA	Invalidate Data Cache Range
MCRR p15,0,<End Address>,<Start Address>,c12	VA	Clean Data Cache Range <sup>a</sup>
MCRR p15,0,<End Address>,<Start Address>,c14	VA	Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Range

a. This operation is accessible in both User and privileged modes of operation. All other operations listed here are only accessible in privileged modes of operation.

The operations in Table 3-73 can only be performed using an MCRR or MCRR2 instruction, and all other operations to these registers are ignored.

The End Address and Start Address in Table 3-73 is the true VA before any modification by the *Fast Context Switch Extension* (FCSE). This address is translated by the FCSE logic. Each of the range operations operates between cache lines containing the Start Address and the End Address, inclusive of Start Address and End Address.

Because the least significant address bits are ignored, the transfer automatically adjusts to a line length multiple spanning the programmed addresses.

The Start Address is the first VA of the block transfer. It uses the VA bits [31:5]. The End Address is the VA where the block transfer stops. This address is at the start of the line containing the last address to be handled by the block transfer. It uses the VA bits [31:5].

If the Start Address is greater than the End Address the effect is architecturally Unpredictable. The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not perform cache operations in this case. All block transfers are interruptible. When Block transfers are interrupted, the R14 value that is captured is the address of the instruction that launched the block operation + 4. This enables the standard return mechanism for interrupts to restart the operation.

### **Exception behavior**

The blocking block transfers cause a Data Abort on a translation fault if a valid page table entry cannot be fetched. The FAR indicates the address that caused the fault, and the DFSR indicates the reason for the fault.

### **TrustZone behavior**

TrustZone affects cache operations as follows:

#### **Secure world operations**

In the Secure world cache operations can affect both Secure and Non-secure cache lines:

- Clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations affect all cache lines regardless of their status as locked or unlocked.
- For clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations with the Set and Index format, the selected cache line is affected regardless of the Secure tag.
- For MVA operations clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate:
  - when the MVA is marked as Non-secure in the page table, only Non-secure entries are affected
  - when the MVA is marked as Secure in the page table, only Secure entries are affected.

#### **Non-secure world operations**

In the Non-secure world:

- Clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations only affect Non-secure cache lines regardless of the method used.
- Any attempt to access Secure cache lines is ignored.
- Invalidate Entire Data Cache and Invalidate Both Caches operations cause an Undefined exception. This prevents invalidating lockdown entries that might be configured as Secure.
  - the Invalidate Both Caches operation globally flushes the BTAC.
- Invalidate Entire Instruction Cache operations:
  - cause an Undefined exception if lockdown entries are reserved for the Secure world
  - affect all Secure and Non-secure cache entries if the lockdown entries are not reserved for the Secure world
  - globally flush the BTAC.

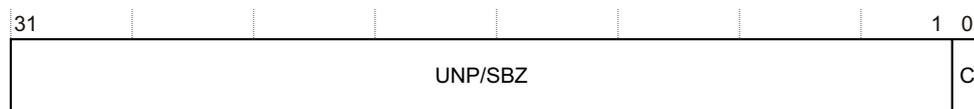
## Cache Dirty Status Register

The purpose of the Cache Dirty Status Register is to indicate when the Cache is dirty.

The Cache Dirty Status Register is:

- in CP15 c7
- a 32-bit read only register, banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-43 shows the arrangement of bits in the Cache Dirty Status Register.



**Figure 3-43 Cache Dirty Status Register format**

Table 3-74 lists how the bit value corresponds with the Cache Dirty Status Register function.

**Table 3-74 Cache Dirty Status Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	C	The C bit indicates if the cache is dirty. 0 = indicates that no write has hit the cache since the last cache clean, clean and invalidate, or invalidate all operation, or reset, successfully left the cache clean. This is the reset value. 1 = indicates that the cache might contain dirty data.

The Cache Dirty Status Register behaves in this way with regard to the Secure and Non-secure cache:

- clean, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations of the whole cache in the Non-secure world clear the Non-secure Cache Dirty Status Register
- clear, invalidate, and clean and invalidate operations of the whole cache in the Secure world clear both the Secure and Non-secure Cache Dirty Status Registers
- if the core is in the Non-secure world or targets Non-secure data from the Secure world, stores that write a dirty bit in the cache set both the Secure and the Non-secure Cache Dirty Status Register
- all stores that write a dirty bit in the cache set the Secure Cache Dirty Status Register.

All writes and User mode reads of the Cache Dirty Status Register cause an Undefined exception.

To use the Cache Dirty Status Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c10
- Opcode\_2 set to 6.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c10, 6 ; Read Cache Dirty Status Register.

## Flush operations

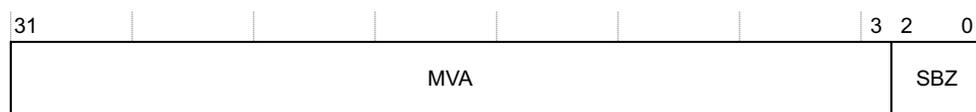
Table 3-75 lists the flush operations and instructions available through c7.

**Table 3-75 Cache operations flush functions**

Instruction	Data	Function
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 4	SBZ	Flush Prefetch Buffer <sup>a</sup> .
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 6	SBZ	Flush Entire Branch Target Cache <sup>b</sup> .
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c5, 7	MVA <sup>c</sup>	Flush Branch Target Cache Entry with MVA.

- These operations are accessible in both User and privileged modes of operation. All other operations are only accessible in privileged modes of operation.
- This operation is accessible in both Privileged and User modes of operation when in Debug state.
- The range of MVA bits used in this function is different to the range of bits used in other functions that have MVA data.

The Flush Branch Target Entry using MVA operation uses a different MVA format to that used by Clean and Invalidate operations. Figure 3-44 shows the MVA format for the Flush Branch Target Entry operation.



**Figure 3-44 c7 format for Flush Branch Target Entry using MVA**

Table 3-76 lists how the bit values correspond with the Flush Branch Target Entry using MVA functions.

**Table 3-76 Flush Branch Target Entry using MVA bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:3]	MVA	Specifies address to flush. Holds the MVA of the Branch Target Cache line.
[2:0]	-	SBZ.

### Note

The MVA does not have to be cache line aligned.

Flushing the prefetch buffer has the effect that all instructions occurring in program order after this instruction are fetched from the memory system after the execution of this instruction, including the level one cache or TCM. This operation is useful for ensuring the correct execution of self-modifying code. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

## VA to PA translation operations

The purpose of the VA to PA translation operations is to provide a Secure means to determine address translation in the Secure and Non-secure worlds and for address translation between the Secure and Non-secure worlds. VA to PA translations operate through:

- *PA Register* on page 3-80



**Table 3-77 PA Register for successful translation bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[6:4]	INNER	Indicates the inner attributes from the page table: b000 = Noncacheable b001 = Strongly Ordered b010 = Reserved b011 = Device b100 = Reserved b101 = Reserved b110 = Inner Write-through, no allocate on write b111 = Inner Write-back, no allocate on write.
[3:2]	OUTER	Indicates the outer attributes from the page table: b00 = Noncacheable b01 = Write-back, allocate on write b10 = Write-through, no allocate on write b11 = Write-back, no allocate on write.
[1]	-	Reserved. UNP/SBZ.
[0]	-	Indicates that the translation succeeded: 0 = Translation successful.

Table 3-78 lists the functional bits of the PA Register for aborted translation.

**Table 3-78 PA Register for unsuccessful translation bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:7]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[6:1]	FSR[12,10,3:0]	Holds the FSR bits for the aborted address, see <i>c5, Data Fault Status Register</i> on page 3-64 and <i>c5, Instruction Fault Status Register</i> on page 3-66. FSR bits [12], [10], and [3:0].
[0]	-	Indicates that the translation aborted: 1 = Translation aborted.

Attempts to access the PA Register in User mode results in an Undefined exception.

———— **Note** ————

The VA to PA translation can only generate an abort to the core if the operation failed because an external abort occurred on the possible page table request. In this case, the processor updates the Secure or Non-secure version of the PA register, depending on the Secure or Non-secure state of the core when the operation was issued. The processor also updates the Data Fault Status Register and the Fault Address Register:

- if the EA bit in the Secure Configuration Register is set, the Secure versions of the two registers are updated and the processor traps the abort into Secure Monitor mode
- if the EA bit in the Secure Configuration Register is not set, the processor updates the Secure or Non-secure versions of the two registers, depending on the Secure or Non-secure state of the core when the operation was issued.

For all other cases when the VA to PA operation fails, the processor only updates the PA register, Secure or Non-secure version, depending on the Secure or Non-secure state of the core when the operation was issued, with the Fault Status Register encoding and bit[0] set. The Data Fault Status Register and Fault Address Register remain unchanged and the processor does not send an abort to the core.

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To use the PA Register read or write CP15 c7 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c4
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c4, 0 ; Read PA Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c7, c4, 0 ; Write PA Register
```

### **VA to PA translation in the current world**

The purpose of the VA to PA translation in the current world is to translate the address with the current virtual mapping for either Secure or Non-secure worlds.

The VA to PA translation in the current world operations use:

- CP15 c7
- four, 32-bit write-only operations common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- operations accessible in privileged modes only

The operations work for privileged or User access permissions and returns information in the PA Register for aborts, when the translation is unsuccessful, or page table information, when the translation succeeds.

Attempts to access the VA to PA translation operations in the current world in User mode result in an Undefined exception.

To use the VA to PA translation in the current world write CP15 c7 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c8
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0 for privileged read permission
  - 1 for privileged write permission
  - 2 for User read permission
  - 3 for User write permission.

General register <Rn> contains the VA for translation. The result returns in the PA Register, for example:

```
MCR p15,0,<Rn>,c7,c8,3 ;get VA = <Rn> and run VA-to-PA translation
                        ;with User write permission.
                        ;if the selected page table has the
                        ;User write permission, the PA is loaded
                        ;in PA register, otherwise abort information is
                        ;loaded in PA Register
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c7,c4,0 ;read in <Rd> the PA value
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**Note**

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The VA that this operation uses is the true VA not the MVA.

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**VA to PA translation in the other world**

The purpose of the VA to PA translation in the other world is to translate the address with the current virtual mapping in the Non-secure world while the core is in the Secure world.

The VA to PA translation in the other world operations use:

- CP15 c7
- four, 32-bit write-only operations in the Secure world only
- operations accessible in privileged modes only.

The operations work in the Secure world for Non-secure privileged or Non-secure User access permissions and returns information in the PA Register for aborts, when the translation is unsuccessful, or page table information, when the translation succeeds.

Attempts to access the VA to PA translation operations in the other world in any Non-secure or User mode result in an Undefined exception.

To use the VA to PA translation in the other world write CP15 c7 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c8
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 4 for privileged read permission
  - 5 for privileged write permission
  - 6 for User read permission
  - 7 for User write permission.

General register <Rn> contains the VA for translation. The result returns in the PA Register, for example:

```
MCR p15,0,<Rn>,c7,c8,4           ;get VA = <Rn> and run Non-secure translation
                                   ;with Non-secure privileged read permission.
                                   ;if the selected page table has the
                                   ;privileged read permission, the PA is loaded
                                   ;in PA register, otherwise abort information is
                                   ;loaded in PA Register
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c7,c4,0           ;read in <Rd> the PA value
```

**Data Synchronization Barrier operation**

The purpose of the Data Synchronization Barrier operation is to ensure that all outstanding explicit memory transactions complete before any following instructions begin. This ensures that data in memory is up to date before the processor executes any more instructions.

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**Note**

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The Data Synchronization Barrier operation is synonymous with Drain Write Buffer and Data Write Barrier in earlier versions of the architecture.

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The Data Synchronization Barrier operation is:

- in CP15 c7
- 32-bit write-only access, common to both Secure and Non-secure worlds

- accessible in both User and Privileged modes.

Table 3-79 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-79 Results of access to the Data Synchronization Barrier operation**

Read	Write
Undefined exception	Data

To use the Data Memory Barrier operation write CP15 with <Rd> SBZ and:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c10
- Opcode\_2 set to 4.

For example:

MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c7,c10,4 ; Data Synchronization Barrier operation.

For more details, see *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

———— **Note** —————

The W bit that usually enables the Write Buffer is not implemented in ARM1176JZF-S processors, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44.

This instruction acts as an explicit memory barrier. This instruction completes when all explicit memory transactions occurring in program order before this instruction are completed. No instructions occurring in program order after this instruction are executed until this instruction completes. Therefore, no explicit memory transactions occurring in program order after this instruction are started until this instruction completes. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

It can be used instead of Strongly Ordered memory when the timing of specific stores to the memory system has to be controlled. For example, when a store to an interrupt acknowledge location must be completed before interrupts are enabled.

The Data Synchronization Barrier operation can be performed in both privileged and User modes of operation.

### Data Memory Barrier operation

The purpose of the Data Memory Barrier operation is to ensure that all outstanding explicit memory transactions complete before any following explicit memory transactions begin. This ensures that data in memory is up to date before any memory transaction that depends on it.

The Data Memory Barrier operation is:

- in CP15 c7
- a 32-bit write only operation, common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in User and Privileged mode.

Table 3-80 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-80 Results of access to the Data Memory Barrier operation**

Read	Write
Undefined exception	Data

To use the Data Memory Barrier operation write CP15 with <Rd> SBZ and:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c10
- Opcode\_2 set to 5.

For example:

```
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c7,c10,5 ; Data Memory Barrier Operation.
```

For more details, see *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

### Wait For Interrupt operation

The purpose of the Wait For Interrupt operation is to put the processor in to a low power state, see *Standby mode* on page 10-3.

The Wait For Interrupt operation is:

- in CP15 c7
- 32-bit write only access, common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Table 3-81 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-81 Results of access to the Wait For Interrupt operation**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Undefined exception	Wait For Interrupt	Undefined exception	Wait For Interrupt	Undefined exception

To use the Wait For Interrupt operation write CP15 with <Rd> SBZ and:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c7
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 4.

For example:

```
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c7,c0,4 ; Wait For Interrupt.
```

This puts the processor into a low-power state and stops it executing following instructions until an interrupt, an imprecise external abort, or a debug request occurs, regardless of whether the interrupts or external imprecise aborts are disabled by the masks in the CPSR. When an interrupt does occur, the MCR instruction completes. If interrupts are enabled, the IRQ or FIQ handler is entered as normal. The return link in R14\_irq or R14\_fiq contains the address of the MCR instruction plus 8, so that the normal instruction used for interrupt return (SUBS PC,R14,#4) returns to the instruction following the MCR.

### 3.2.23 c8, TLB Operations Register

The purpose of the TLB Operations Register is to either:

- invalidate all the unlocked entries in the TLB
- invalidate all TLB entries for an area of memory before the MMU remaps it
- invalidate all TLB entries that match an ASID value.

These operations can be performed on either:

- Instruction TLB
- Data TLB
- Unified TLB.

———— **Note** ————

The ARM1176JZF-S processor has a unified TLB. Any TLB operations specified for the Instruction or Data TLB perform the equivalent operation on the unified TLB.

The TLB Operations Register is:

- in CP15 c8
- a 32-bit write-only register banked for Secure and Non-secure world operations
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Table 3-82 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-82 Results of access to the TLB Operations Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Undefined exception	Secure data	Undefined exception	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To access the TLB Operations Register write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c8
- CRm set to:
  - c5, Instruction TLB
  - c6, Data TLB
  - c7, Unified TLB
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0, Invalidate TLB unlocked entries
  - 1, Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA
  - 2, Invalidate TLB Entry on ASID Match.

For example, to invalidate all the unlocked entries in the Instruction TLB:

```
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c8, c5,0 ; Write TLB Operations Register
```

Functions that update the contents of the TLB occur in program order. Therefore, an explicit data access before the TLB function uses the old TLB contents, and an explicit data access after the TLB function uses the new TLB contents. For instruction accesses, TLB updates are guaranteed to have taken effect before the next pipeline flush. This includes Flush Prefetch Buffer operations and exception return sequences.

### Invalidate TLB unlocked entries

Invalidate TLB unlocked entries invalidates all the unlocked entries in the TLB. This function causes a flush of the prefetch buffer. Therefore, all instructions that follow are fetched after the TLB invalidation.

### Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA

You can use Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA to invalidate all TLB entries for an area of memory before you remap.

You must perform an Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA of an MVA in each area you want to remap, section, small page, or large page.

This function invalidates a TLB entry that matches the provided MVA and ASID, or a global TLB entry that matches the provided MVA.

This function invalidates a matching locked entry.

The Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA operation uses an MVA and ASID as an argument. Figure 3-47 shows the format of this.



Figure 3-47 TLB Operations Register MVA and ASID format

### Invalidate TLB Entry on ASID Match

This is a single interruptible operation that invalidates all TLB entries that match the provided ASID value.

This function invalidates locked entries but does not invalidate entries marked as global.

In this processor this operation takes several cycles to complete and the instruction is interruptible. When interrupted the R14 state is set to indicate that the MCR instruction has not executed. Therefore, R14 points to the address of the MCR + 4. The interrupt routine then automatically restarts at the MCR instruction. If the processor interrupts and later restarts this operation, any entries fetched into the TLB by the interrupt that uses the provided ASID are invalidated by the restarted invalidation.

The Invalidate TLB Entry on ASID Match function requires an ASID as an argument. Figure 3-48 shows the format of this.



Figure 3-48 TLB Operations Register ASID format

## 3.2.24 c9, Data and instruction cache lockdown registers

The purpose of the data and instruction cache lockdown registers is to provide a means to lock down the caches and therefore provide some control over pollution that applications might cause. With these registers you can lock down each cache way independently.

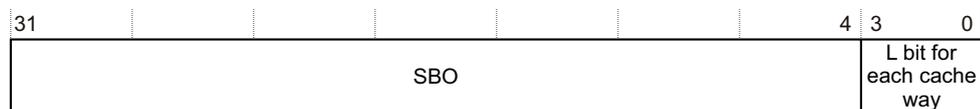
There are two cache lockdown registers:

- one Data Cache Lockdown Register
- one Instruction Cache Lockdown Register.

The cache lockdown registers are:

- in CP15 c9
- two 32-bit read/write registers, common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-49 shows the bit arrangement of the cache lockdown registers.



**Figure 3-49 Instruction and data cache lockdown register formats**

Table 3-83 lists how the bit values correspond with the cache lockdown registers functions.

**Table 3-83 Instruction and data cache lockdown register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:4]	SBO	UNP on reads, SBO on writes.
[3:0]	L bit for each cache way	Locks each cache way individually. The L bits for cache ways 3 to 0 are bits [3:0] respectively. On a line fill to the cache, data is allocated to unlocked cache ways as determined by the standard replacement algorithm. Data is not allocated to locked cache ways. If a cache way is not implemented, then the L bit for that way is hardwired to 1, and writes to that bit are ignored. 0 indicates that this cache way is not locked. Allocation to this cache way is determined by the standard replacement algorithm. This is the reset state. 1 indicates that this cache way is locked. No allocation is performed to this cache way.

The lockdown behavior depends on the CL bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. If the CL bit is not set, the Lockdown entries are reserved for the Secure world. Table 3-84 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-84 Results of access to the Instruction and Data Cache Lockdown Register**

CL bit value	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

The Data Cache Lockdown Register only supports the Format C method of lockdown. This method is a cache way based scheme that gives a traditional lockdown function to lock critical regions in the cache.

A locking bit for each cache way determines if the normal cache allocation mechanisms, Random or Round-Robin, can access that cache way. For details of the RR bit, that controls the selection of Random or Round-Robin cache policy, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44.

ARM1176JZF-S processors have an associativity of 4. With all ways locked, the ARM1176JZF-S processor behaves as if only ways 3 to 1 are locked and way 0 is unlocked.

To use the Instruction and Data Cache Lockdown Registers read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0, for Data Cache
  - 1, for Instruction Cache.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c0, 0 ; Read Data Cache Lockdown Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c0, 0 ; Write Data Cache Lockdown Register
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c0, 1 ; Read Instruction Cache Lockdown Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c0, 1 ; Write Instruction Cache Lockdown Register
```

The system must only change a cache lockdown register when it is certain that all outstanding accesses that might cause a cache line fill are complete. For this reason, the processor must perform a Data Synchronization Barrier operation before the cache lockdown register changes, see *Data Synchronization Barrier operation* on page 3-83.

The following procedure for lock down into a data or instruction cache way *i*, with *N* cache ways, using Format C, ensures that only the target cache way *i* is locked down.

This is the architecturally defined method for locking data or instructions into caches:

1. Ensure that no processor exceptions can occur during the execution of this procedure, by disabling interrupts. If this is not possible, all code and data or instructions used by any exception handlers that can be called must meet the conditions specified in step 2.
2. Ensure that all data or instructions used by the following code, apart from the data or instructions that are to be locked down, are either:
  - in a noncacheable area of memory, including the TCM
  - in an already locked cache way.
3. Ensure that the data or instructions to be locked down are in a Cacheable area of memory.
4. Ensure that the data or instructions to be locked down are not already in the cache, using cache Clean and/or Invalidate instructions as appropriate, see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69.
5. Enable allocation to the target cache way by writing to the Instruction or Data Cache Lockdown Register, with the CRm field set to 0, setting L equal to 0 for bit *i* and L equal to 1 for all other ways.
6. Ensure that the memory cache line is loaded into the cache by using an LDR instruction to load a word from the memory cache line, for each of the cache lines to be locked down in cache way *i*.
 

To lock down an instruction cache use the *c7 Prefetch Instruction Cache Line* operation to fetch the memory cache line, see *Invalidate, Clean, and Prefetch operations* on page 3-71.
7. Write to the Instruction or Data Cache Lockdown Register, setting L to 1 for bit *i* and restore all the other bits to the values they had before this routine was started.

### 3.2.25 c9, Data TCM Region Register

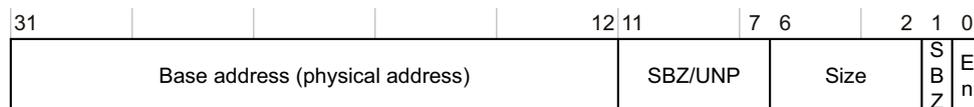
The purpose of the Data TCM Region Register is to describe the physical base address and size of the Data TCM region and to provide a mechanism to enable it.

The Data TCM Region Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

If the processor is configured to have 2 Data TCMs, each TCM has a separate Data TCM Region Register. The TCM Selection Register determines the register in use.

Figure 3-50 shows the bit arrangement for the Data TCM Region Register.



**Figure 3-50 Data TCM Region Register format**

Table 3-85 lists how the bit values correspond with the Data TCM Region Register functions.

**Table 3-85 Data TCM Region Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:12]	Base address	Contains the physical base address of the TCM. The base address must be aligned to the size of the TCM. Any bits in the range $[(\log_2(\text{RAMSize})-1):12]$ are ignored. The base address is 0 at Reset.
[11:7]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[6:2]	Size	Indicates the size of the TCM on reads <sup>a</sup> . All other values are reserved: b00000 = 0KB b00011 = 4KB b00100 = 8KB b00101 = 16KB b00110 = 32KB.
[1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	En	Indicates if the TCM is enabled. 0 = TCM disabled, reset value 1 = TCM enabled.

a. On writes this field is ignored. For more details see *Tightly-coupled memory* on page 7-7.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SSDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

**Note**

When the NS access bit is 0 for Data TCM, see *c9, Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-93, attempts to access the Data TCM Region Register from the Non-secure world cause an Undefined exception.

Table 3-86 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-86 Results of access to the Data TCM Region Register**

NS access bit value	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To use the Data TCM Region Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c1, 0 ; Read Data TCM Region Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c1, 0 ; Write Data TCM Region Register
```

Attempting to change the Data TCM Region Register while a DMA operation is running has Unpredictable effects but there is no impact on security.

### 3.2.26 c9, Instruction TCM Region Register

The purpose of the Instruction TCM Region Register is to describe the physical base address and size of the Instruction TCM region and to provide a mechanism to enable it.

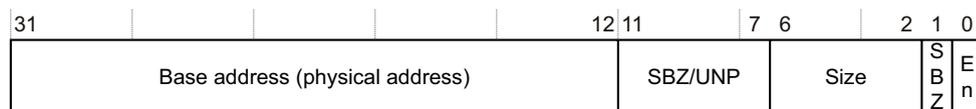
Table 3-87 on page 3-92 lists the purposes of the individuals bits of the Instruction TCM Region Register.

The Instruction TCM Region Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

If the processor is configured to have 2 Instruction TCMs, each TCM has a separate Instruction TCM Region Register. The TCM Selection Register determines the register in use.

Figure 3-51 shows the bit arrangement for the Instruction TCM Region Register.



**Figure 3-51 Instruction TCM Region Register format**

Table 3-87 lists how the bit values correspond with the Instruction TCM Region Register functions.

**Table 3-87 Instruction TCM Region Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:12]	Base address	Contains the physical base address of the TCM. The base address must be aligned to the size of the TCM. Any bits in the range $[(\log_2(\text{RAMSize})-1):12]$ are ignored. The base address is 0 at Reset.
[11:7]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[6:2]	Size	Indicates the size of the TCM on reads <sup>a</sup> . All other values are reserved: b00000 = 0KB b00011 = 4KB b00100 = 8KB b00101 = 16KB b00110 = 32KB.
[1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	En	Indicates if the TCM is enabled: 0 = TCM disabled. 1 = TCM enabled. The reset value of this bit depends on the value of the <b>INITRAM</b> static configuration signal. If <b>INITRAM</b> is HIGH then this bit resets to 1. If <b>INITRAM</b> is LOW then this bit resets to 0. For more information see <i>Static configuration signals</i> on page A-4.

a. On writes this field is ignored. For more details see *Tightly-coupled memory* on page 7-7.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

The value of the En bit at Reset depends on the **INITRAM** signal:

- **INITRAM** LOW sets En to 0
- **INITRAM** HIGH sets En to 1.

When **INITRAM** is HIGH this enables the Instruction TCM directly from reset, with a Base address of  $0x00000$ . When the processor comes out of reset, it executes the instructions in the Instruction TCM instead of fetching instructions from external memory, except when the processor uses high vectors.

———— **Note** ————

When the NS access bit is 0 for Instruction TCM, see *c9, Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-94, attempts to access the Instruction TCM Region Register from the Non-secure world cause an Undefined exception.

Table 3-88 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-88 Results of access to the Instruction TCM Region Register**

NS access bit value	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To use the Instruction TCM Region Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c1, 1 ; Read Instruction TCM Region Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c1, 1 ; Write Instruction TCM Region Register
```

Attempts to change the Instruction TCM Region Register while a DMA operation is running has Unpredictable effects but there is no impact on security.

### 3.2.27 c9, Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register

The purpose of the Data TCM Non-secure Access Register is to:

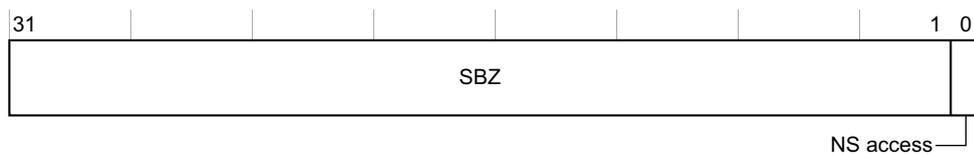
- set access permission to the Data TCM Region Register
- define data in the Data TCM as Secure or Non-secure.

The Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32-bit read/write register in the Secure world only
- accessible in privileged modes only.

If the processor is configured to have 2 Data TCMs, each TCM has a separate Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register. The TCM Selection Register determines the register in use.

Figure 3-52 shows the bit arrangement for the Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register.



**Figure 3-52 Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register format**

Table 3-89 lists how the bit values correspond with the register functions.

**Table 3-89 Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	NS access	Makes Data TCM invisible to the Non-secure world and makes TCM data Secure. 0 = Data TCM Region Register only accessible in the Secure world. Data TCM only visible in the Secure world and only when the NS Attribute in the page table is 0. The reset value is 0. 1 = Data TCM Region Register accessible in the Secure and Non-secure worlds. Data TCM is visible in the Non-secure world, and also in the Secure world if the NS Attribute in the page table is 1.

Table 3-90 lists the effect on TCM operations for different combinations of operating world and NS bits.

**Table 3-90 Effects of NS items for data TCM operation**

World	NS access	NS page table	Region visible	Control	Data
Secure	0	1	No	-	-
	1	0	No	-	-
	0	0	Yes	Secure privileged only	Secure only
	1	1	Yes	Secure and Non-secure privileged	Non-secure only
Non-secure	1	X	Yes	Secure and Non-secure privileged	Non-secure only
	0	X	No	-	-

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Attempts to access the Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register in modes other than Secure privileged result in an Undefined exception.

To use the Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c1,2 ; Read Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c1,2 ; Write Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register
```

### 3.2.28 c9, Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register

The purpose of the Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register is to:

- set access permission to the Instruction TCM Region Register
- define instructions in the Instruction TCM as Secure or Non-secure.

The Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32-bit read/write register in the Secure world only
- accessible in privileged modes only.

If the processor is configured to have 2 Instruction TCMs, each TCM has a separate Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register. The TCM Selection Register determines the register in use.

Figure 3-53 shows the bit arrangement for the Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register.



**Figure 3-53 Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register format**

Table 3-91 lists how the bit values correspond with the register functions.

**Table 3-91 Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	NS access	Makes Instruction TCM invisible to the Non-secure world and makes TCM data Secure. 0 = Instruction TCM Region Register only accessible in the Secure world. Instruction TCM only visible in the Secure world and only when the NS Attribute in the page table is 0. The reset value is 0. 1 = Instruction TCM Region Register accessible in the Secure and Non-secure worlds. Instruction TCM is visible in the Non-secure world, and also in the Secure world if the NS Attribute in the page table is 1.

Table 3-92 lists the effect on TCM operations for different combinations of operating world, and NS bits.

**Table 3-92 Effects of NS items for instruction TCM operation**

World	NS access	NS page table	Region visible	Control	Data
Secure	0	1	No	-	-
	1	0	No	-	-
	0	0	Yes	Secure privileged only	Secure only
	1	1	Yes	Secure and Non-secure privileged	Non-secure only
Non-secure	1	X	Yes	Secure and Non-secure privileged	Non-secure only
	0	X	No	-	-

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Attempts to access the Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register in modes other than Secure Privileged result in an Undefined exception.

To use the Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 3.

For example:

```
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c1,3 ;Read Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c1,3 ;Write Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register
```

### 3.2.29 c9, TCM Selection Register

The purpose of the TCM Selection Register is to determine the bank of CP15 registers related to TCM configuration in use. These banks consist of:

- *c9, Data TCM Region Register* on page 3-89
- *c9, Instruction TCM Region Register* on page 3-91
- *c9, Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-93
- *c9, Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-94.

The TCM Selection Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32-bit read/write register banked in the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-54 shows the bit arrangement for the TCM Selection Register.



**Figure 3-54 TCM Selection Register format**

Table 3-93 lists how the bit values correspond with the TCM Selection Register functions.

**Table 3-93 TCM Selection Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:2]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[1:0]	TCM number	Selects the bank of CP15 registers related to TCM configuration. Attempts to select a bank related to a TCM that does not exist are ignored: b00 = TCM 0, reset value. b01 = TCM 1. When there is only one TCM on both Instruction and Data sides, write access is ignored. b10 = Write access ignored. b11 = Write access ignored.

Accesses to the TCM Region Registers and TCM Non-secure Control Access Registers in the Secure world, access the bank of CP15 registers related to TCM configuration selected by the Secure TCM Selection Register. Accesses to the TCM Region Registers in the Non-secure world, access the bank of CP15 registers related to TCM configuration selected by the Non-secure TCM Selection Register.

Table 3-94 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-94 Results of access to the TCM Selection Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the TCM Selection Register read or write CP15 c9 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c2,0 ; Read TCM Selection register
MCR p15,0,<Rd>,c9,c2,0 ; Write TCM Selection register
```

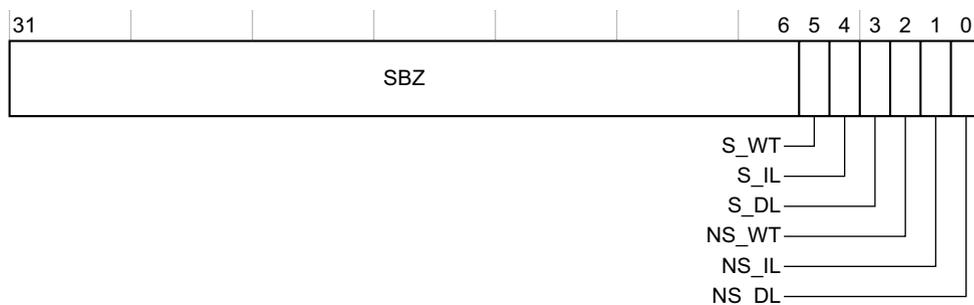
### 3.2.30 c9, Cache Behavior Override Register

The purpose of the Cache Behavior Override Register is to control cache write through and line fill behavior for interruptible cache operations, or during debug. The register enables you to ensure that the contents of caches do not change, for example in debug.

The Cache Behavior Override Register is:

- in CP15 c9
- a 32 bit read/write register, Table 3-95 on page 3-98 lists the access for each bit in Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-55 shows the bit arrangement for the Cache Behavior Override Register.



**Figure 3-55 Cache Behavior Override Register format**

Table 3-95 lists how the bit values correspond to the Cache Behavior Override Register.

**Table 3-95 Cache Behavior Override Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Access	Function
[31:6]	-	-	UNP/SBZ.
[5]	S_WT	Secure only	Defines write-through behavior for regions marked as Secure write-back: 0 = Do not force write-through, normal operation, reset value 1 = Force write-through.
[4]	S_IL	Secure only	Defines Instruction Cache linefill behavior for Secure regions: 0 = Instruction Cache linefill enabled, normal operation, reset value 1 = Instruction Cache linefill disabled.
[3]	S_DL	Secure only	Defines Data Cache linefill behavior for Secure regions: 0 = Data Cache linefill enabled, normal operation, reset value 1 = Data Cache linefill disabled.
[2]	NS_WT	Common	Defines write-through behavior for regions marked as Non-secure write-back: 0 = Do not force write-through, normal operation, reset value 1 = Force write-through.
[1]	NS_IL	Common	Defines Instruction Cache linefill behavior for Non-secure regions: 0 = Instruction Cache linefill enabled, normal operation, reset value 1 = Instruction Cache linefill disabled.
[0]	NS_DL	Common	Defines Data Cache linefill behavior for Non-secure regions: 0 = Data Cache linefill enabled, normal operation, reset value 1 = Data Cache linefill disabled.

Table 3-96 lists the actions that result from attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-96 Results of access to the Cache Behavior Override Register**

Bits	Secure Privileged access	Non-secure Privileged access		User access
		Read	Write	
Secure only [5:3]	Data	Read As Zero	Ignored	Undefined exception
Common [2:0]	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To use the Cache Behavior Override Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 to 0
- CRn set to c9
- CRm set to c8
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c8, 0 ; Read Cache Behavior Override Register  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c9, c8, 0 ; Write Cache Behavior Override Register

You might use the Cache Behavior Override Register during, for example, clean or clean and invalidate all operations in Non-secure world that might not prevent fast interrupts to the Secure world if the FW bit is clear, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52. In this case, the Secure world can read or write the Non-secure locations in the cache, so potentially causing the

cache to contain valid or dirty Non-secure entries when the Non-secure clean or clean and invalidate all operation completes. To avoid this kind of problem, the Secure side must not allocate Non-secure entries into the cache and must treat all writes to Non-secure regions that hit in the cache as write-through.

———— **Note** —————

Three bits, nWT, nIL and nDL, are also defined for Debug state in CP14, see *CP14 c10, Debug State Cache Control Register* on page 13-23, and apply to all Secure and Non-secure regions. The CP14 register has precedence over the CP15 register when the core is in Debug state, and the CP15 register has precedence over the CP14 register in functional states.

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For more information on cache debug, see Chapter 13 *Debug*.

### 3.2.31 c10, TLB Lockdown Register

The purpose of the TLB Lockdown Register is to control where hardware page table walks place the TLB entry in either:

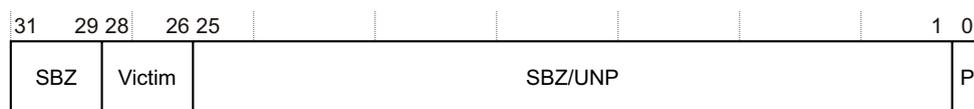
- the set associative region of the TLB
- the lockdown region of the TLB, and if in the lockdown region, the entry to write.

Table 3-97 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the TLB Lockdown Register.

The TLB Lockdown Register is:

- in CP15 c10
- 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-56 shows the bit arrangement of the TLB Lockdown Register.



**Figure 3-56 TLB Lockdown Register format**

Table 3-97 lists how the bit values correspond with the TLB Lockdown Register functions.

**Table 3-97 TLB Lockdown Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:29]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[28:26]	Victim	Specifies the entry in the lockdown region where a subsequent hardware page table walk can place a TLB entry. The reset value is 0. 0-7, defines the Lockdown region for the TLB entry.
[25:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	P	Determines if subsequent hardware page table walks place a TLB entry in the lockdown region or in the set associative region of the TLB: 0 = Place the TLB entry in the set associative region of the TLB, reset value. 1 = Place the TLB entry in the lockdown region of the TLB as defined by the Victim bits [28:26].

The TLB lockdown behavior depends on the TL bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. If the TL bit is not set, the Lockdown entries are reserved for the Secure world. Table 3-98 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-98 Results of access to the TLB Lockdown Register**

TL bit value	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

The lockdown region of the TLB contains eight entries. *TLB organization* on page 6-4 describes the structure of the TLB.

The Invalidate TLB unlocked entries operation does not invalidate TLB entries in the lockdown region.

Invalidate TLB Entry by MVA and Invalidate TLB Entry on ASID Match operations invalidate any TLB entries that correspond to the MVA or ASID given in Rd, if they are in the lockdown region or if they are in the set-associative region of the TLB. See c8, *TLB Operations Register* on page 3-86 for a description of the TLB invalidate operations.

The victim automatically increments after any page table walk that results in a write puts an entry into the lockdown part of the TLB.

To use the TLB Lockdown Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c10
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c0, 0 ; Read TLB Lockdown Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c0, 0 ; Write TLB Lockdown Register.
```

Example 3-2 is a code sequence that locks down an entry to the current victim.

#### Example 3-2 Lock down an entry to the current victim

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```
ADR r1,LockAddr           ; set r1 to the value of the address to be locked down
MCR p15,0,r1,c8,c7,1      ; invalidate TLB single entry to ensure that
                           ; LockAddr is not already in the TLB
MRC p15,0,R0,c10,c0,0     ; read the lockdown register
ORR R0,R0,#1              ; set the preserve bit
MCR p15,0,R0,c10,c0,0     ; write to the lockdown register
LDR r1,[r1]               ; TLB misses, and entry is loaded
MRC p15,0,R0,c10,c0,0     ; read the lockdown register (victim
                           ; increments)
BIC R0,R0,#1              ; clear preserve bit
MCR p15,0,R0,c10,c0,0     ; write to the lockdown register
```

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### 3.2.32 c10, Memory region remap registers

The purpose of the memory region remap registers is to remap memory region attributes encoded by the TEX[2:0], C, and B bits in the page tables that the Data side, Instruction side, and DMA use. For details of memory remap, see *Memory region attributes* on page 6-14.

The memory region remap registers are:

- in CP15 c10
- two 32-bit read/write registers banked for the Secure and Non-secure worlds:
  - the Primary Region Remap Register
  - the Normal Memory Remap Register.
- accessible in privileged modes only.

These registers apply to all memory accesses and this includes accesses from the Data side, Instruction side, and DMA. Table 3-99 on page 3-102 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Primary Region Remap Register. Table 3-101 on page 3-103 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Normal Memory Remap Register.



- b. Shareable attributes can map for both shared and non-shared memory. If the Shared bit read from the TLB or page tables is 0, then the bit remaps to the Not Shared attributes in this register. If the Shared bit read from the TLB or page tables is 1, then the bit remaps to the Shared attributes of this register.

Table 3-100 lists the encoding of the remapping for the primary memory type.

**Table 3-100 Encoding for the remapping of the primary memory type**

Encoding	Memory type
b00	Strongly ordered
b01	Device
b10	Normal
b11	UNP, normal

Figure 3-58 shows the arrangement of the bits in the Normal Memory Remap Register.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Figure 3-58 Normal Memory Remap Register format**

Table 3-101 lists how the bit values correspond with the Normal Memory Remap Register functions.

**Table 3-101 Normal Memory Remap Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function <sup>a</sup>
[31:30]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b111 b01 = reset value
[29:28]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b110 b00 = reset value
[27:26]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b101 b01 = reset value
[25:24]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b100 b00 = reset value
[23:22]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b011 b11 = reset value
[21:20]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b010 b10 = reset value
[19:18]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b001 b00 = reset value
[17:16]	-	Remaps Outer attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b000 b00 = reset value
[15:14]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b111 b01 = reset value

**Table 3-101 Normal Memory Remap Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function <sup>a</sup>
[13:12]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b110 b00 = reset value
[11:10]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b101 b10 = reset value
[9:8]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b100 b00 = reset value
[7:6]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b011 b11 = reset value
[5:4]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b010 b10 = reset value
[3:2]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b001 b00 = reset value
[1:0]	-	Remaps Inner attribute for {TEX[0],C,B} = b000 b00 = reset value

a. The reset values ensure that no remapping occurs at reset.

Table 3-102 lists the encoding for the Inner or Outer cacheable attribute bit fields I0 to I7 and O0 to O7.

**Table 3-102 Remap encoding for Inner or Outer cacheable attributes**

Encoding	Cacheable attribute
b00	Noncacheable
b01	Write-back, allocate on write
b10	Write-through, no allocate on write
b11	Write-back, no allocate on write

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-103 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-103 Results of access to the memory region remap registers**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the memory region remap registers read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c10
- CRm set to c2

- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0, Primary Region Remap Register
  - 1, Normal Memory Remap Register.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c2, 0 ;Read Primary Region Remap Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c2, 0 ;Write Primary Region Remap Register
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c2, 1 ;Read Normal Memory Remap Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c10, c2, 1 ;Write Normal Memory Remap Register
```

Memory remap occurs in two stages:

1. The processor uses the Primary Region Remap Register to remap the primary memory type, Normal, Device, or Strongly Ordered, and the shareable attribute.
2. For memory regions that the Primary Region Remap Register defines as Normal memory, the processor uses the Normal Memory Remap Register to remap the inner and outer cacheable attributes.

The behavior of the memory region remap registers depends on the TEX remap bit, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44. If the TEX remap bit is set, the entries in the memory region remap registers remap each possible value of the TEX[0], C and B bits in the page tables. You can therefore set your own definitions for these values. If the TEX remap bit is clear, the memory region remap registers are not used and no memory remapping takes place. For more information see *Memory region attributes* on page 6-14.

The memory region remap registers are expected to remain static during normal operation. When you write to the memory region remap registers, you must invalidate the TLB and perform an IMB operation before you can rely on the new written values. You must also stop the DMA if it is running or queued.

———— **Note** —————

You cannot remap the NS bit. This is for security reasons.

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### 3.2.33 c11, DMA identification and status registers

The purpose of the DMA identification and status registers is to define:

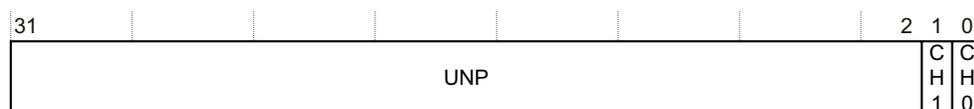
- the DMA channels that are physically implemented on the particular device
- the current status of the DMA channels.

Processes that handle DMA can read this register to determine the physical resources implemented and their availability.

The DMA Identification and Status Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- four 32-bit read-only registers common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible only in privileged modes.

Figure 3-59 shows the format of DMA identification and status registers 0-3.



**Figure 3-59 DMA identification and status registers format**

Table 3-104 lists how the bit values correspond with the DMA identification and status registers.

**Table 3-104 DMA identification and status register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:2]	-	UNP/SBZ
[1]	CH1	Provides information on DMA Channel 1 functions: 0 = DMA Channel 1 function <sup>a</sup> disabled 1 = DMA Channel 1 function <sup>a</sup> enabled.
[0]	CH0	Provides information on DMA Channel 0 functions: 0 = DMA Channel 0 function <sup>a</sup> disabled 1 = DMA Channel 0 function <sup>a</sup> enabled.

a. See Table 3-105 for the function of the channel that Opcode\_2 of the MRC instruction determines.

Table 3-105 lists the Opcode\_2 values used to select the DMA channel function.

**Table 3-105 DMA Identification and Status Register functions**

Opcode_2	Function
0	Indicates channel present: 0 = the channel is not Present 1 = the channel is Present.
1	Indicates channel queued: 0 = the channel is not Queued 1 = the channel is Queued.

**Table 3-105 DMA Identification and Status Register functions (continued)**

Opcode_2	Function
2	Indicates channel running: 0 = the channel is not Running 1 = the channel is Running.
3	Indicates channel interrupting: 0 = the channel is not Interrupting 1 = the channel is Interrupting, through completion or an error.
4-7	Reserved. Results in an Undefined exception.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can only access these registers in Privileged modes. Table 3-106 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-106 Results of access to the DMA identification and status registers**

DMA bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To access the DMA identification and status registers in a privileged mode read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0, Present
  - 1, Queued
  - 2, Running
  - 3, Interrupting.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c0, 0 ; Read DMA Identification and Status Register present
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c0, 1 ; Read DMA Identification and Status Register queued
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c0, 2 ; Read DMA Identification and Status Register running
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c0, 3 ; Read DMA Identification and Status Register interrupting.
```

### 3.2.34 c11, DMA User Accessibility Register

The purpose of the DMA User Accessibility Register is to determine if a User mode process can access the registers for each channel.

The DMA User Accessibility Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- a 32-bit read/write register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-60 on page 3-108 shows the bit arrangement for the DMA User Accessibility Register.

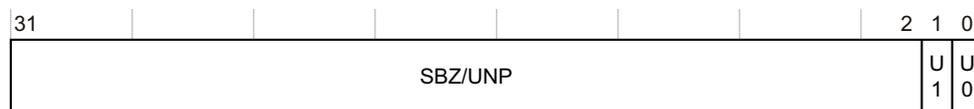


Figure 3-60 DMA User Accessibility Register format

Table 3-107 lists how the bit values correspond with the DMA User Accessibility Register.

Table 3-107 DMA User Accessibility Register bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:2]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[1]	U1	Indicates if a User mode process can access the registers for channel 1: 0 = User mode cannot access channel 1. User mode accesses cause an Undefined exception. This is the reset value. 1 = User mode can access channel 1.
[0]	U0	Indicates if a User mode process can access the registers for channel 0: 0 = User mode cannot access channel 0. User mode accesses cause an Undefined exception. This is the reset value. 1 = User mode can access channel 0.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can only access this register in Privileged modes.

Table 3-108 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

Table 3-108 Results of access to the DMA User Accessibility Register

DMA bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To access the DMA User Accessibility Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c1, 0 ; Read DMA User Accessibility Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c1, 0 ; Write DMA User Accessibility Register
```

The registers that you can access in User mode when the U bit = 1 for the current channel are:

- *c11, DMA enable registers* on page 3-110
- *c11, DMA Control Register* on page 3-112
- *c11, DMA Internal Start Address Register* on page 3-114
- *c11, DMA External Start Address Register* on page 3-115
- *c11, DMA Internal End Address Register* on page 3-116
- *c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117.

You can access the DMA channel Number Register, see *c11*, *DMA Channel Number Register*, in User mode when the U bit for any channel is 1.

The contents of these registers must be preserved on a task switch if the registers are User-accessible.

If the U bit for the currently selected channel is set to 0, and a User process attempts to access any of these registers the processor takes an Undefined instruction trap.

### 3.2.35 c11, DMA Channel Number Register

The purpose of the DMA Channel Number Register is to select a DMA channel.

Table 3-109 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the DMA Channel Number Register.

The DMA Channel Number Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

Figure 3-61 shows the bit arrangement for the DMA Channel Number Register.



**Figure 3-61 DMA Channel Number Register format**

Table 3-109 lists how the bit values correspond with the DMA Channel Number Register.

**Table 3-109 DMA Channel Number Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	CN	Indicates DMA Channel selected: 0 = DMA Channel 0 selected, reset value 1 = DMA Channel 1 selected.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1*, *Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access this register in User mode if the U bit, see *c11*, *DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for any channel is set to 1. Table 3-110 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-110 Results of access to the DMA Channel Number Register**

U1 and U0 bits	DMA bit	Secure Privileged Read or Write	Non-secure Privileged Read or Write	Secure User Read or Write	Non-secure User Read or Write
Both 0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
Either or both 1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the DMA Channel Number Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c2, 0 ; Read DMA Channel Number Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c2, 0 ; Write DMA Channel Number Register
```

### 3.2.36 c11, DMA enable registers

The purpose of the DMA enable registers is to start, stop or clear DMA transfers for each channel implemented.

The DMA enable registers are:

- in CP15 c11
- three 32-bit write only registers for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

The commands that operate through the registers are:

**Stop** The DMA channel ceases to do memory accesses as soon as possible after the level one DMA issues the instruction. This acceleration approach cannot be used for DMA transactions to or from memory regions marked as Device. The DMA can issue a Stop command when the channel status is Running. The DMA channel can take several cycles to stop after the DMA issues a Stop instruction. The channel status remains at Running until the DMA channel stops. The channel status is set to Complete or Error at the point that all outstanding memory accesses complete. The Start Address Registers contain the addresses the DMA requires to restart the operation when the channel stops.

If the Stop command occurs when the channel status is Queued, the channel status changes to Idle. The Stop command has no effect if the channel status is not Running or Queued.

*c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117 describes the DMA channel status.

**Start** The Start command causes the channel to start DMA transfers. If the other DMA channel is not in operation the channel status is set to Running on the execution of a Start command. If the other DMA channel is in operation the channel status is set to Queued.

A channel is in operation if either:

- its channel status is Queued
- its channel status is Running
- its channel status is Complete or Error, with either the Internal or External Address Error Status indicating an Error.

*c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117 describes DMA channel status.

**Clear** The Clear command causes the channel status to change from Complete or Error to Idle. It also clears:

- all the Error bits for that DMA channel

- the interrupt that is set by the DMA channel as a result of an error or completion, see *c11, DMA Control Register* on page 3-112 for more details.

The Clear command does not change the contents of the Internal and External Start Address Registers. A Clear command has no effect when the channel status is Running or Queued.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access these registers in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-111 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-111 Results of access to the DMA enable registers**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		Secure User		Non-secure User	
		Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	0	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	0	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data

To access a DMA Enable Register set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 3
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c3
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 0, Stop
  - 1, Start
  - 2, Clear.

For example:

```
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c3, 0 ; Stop DMA Enable Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c3, 1 ; Start DMA Enable Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c3, 2 ; Clear DMA Enable Register
```

### Debug implications for the DMA

The level one DMA behaves as a separate engine from the processor core, and when started, works autonomously. When the level one DMA has channels with the status of Running or Queued, these channels continue to run, or start running, even if a debug mechanism stops the processor. This can cause the contents of the TCM to change while the processor stops in debug. To avoid this situation you must ensure the level one DMA issues a Stop command to stop Running or Queued channels when entering debug.

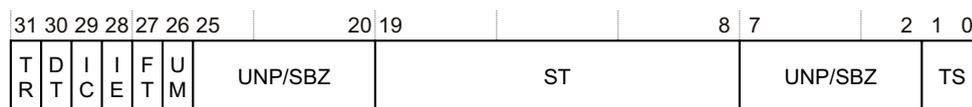
### 3.2.37 c11, DMA Control Register

The purpose of the DMA Control Register for each channel is to control the operations of that DMA channel. Table 3-112 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the DMA Control Register.

The DMA Control Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- one 32-bit read/write register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

Figure 3-62 shows the bit arrangement for the DMA Control Register.



**Figure 3-62 DMA Control Register format**

Table 3-112 lists how the bit values correspond with the DMA Control Register.

**Table 3-112 DMA Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31]	TR	Indicates target TCM: 0 = Data TCM, reset value 1 = Instruction TCM.
[30]	DT	Indicates direction of transfer: 0 = Transfer from level two memory to the TCM, reset value 1 = Transfer from the TCM to the level two memory.
[29]	IC	Indicates whether the DMA channel must assert an interrupt on completion of the DMA transfer, or if the DMA is stopped by a Stop command, see <i>c11, DMA enable registers</i> on page 3-110. The interrupt is deasserted, from this source, if the processor performs a Clear operation on the channel that caused the interrupt. For more details see <i>c11, DMA enable registers</i> on page 3-110. The U bit <sup>a</sup> has no effect on whether an interrupt is generated on completion: 0 = No Interrupt on Completion, reset value 1 = Interrupt on Completion.
[28]	IE	Indicates that the DMA channel must assert an interrupt on an error. The interrupt is deasserted, from this source, when the channel is set to Idle with a Clear operation, see <i>c11, DMA enable registers</i> on page 3-110: 0 = No Interrupt on Error, if the U bit is 0, reset value 1 = Interrupt on Error, regardless of the U bit <sup>a</sup> . All DMA transactions on channels that have the U bit set to 1 Interrupt on Error regardless of the value written to this bit.
[27]	FT	Read As One, Write ignored In the ARM1176JZF-S this bit has no effect.

**Table 3-112 DMA Control Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[26]	UM	Indicates that the permission checks are based on the DMA being in User or privileged mode. The UM bit is provided so that the User mode can be emulated by a privileged mode process. For a User mode process the setting of the UM bit is irrelevant and behaves as if set to 1: 0 = Transfer is a privileged transfer, reset value 1 = Transfer is a User mode transfer.
[25:20]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[19:8]	ST	Indicates the increment on the external address between each consecutive access of the DMA. A Stride of zero, reset value, indicates that the external address is not to be incremented. This is designed to facilitate the accessing of volatile locations such as a FIFO. The Stride is interpreted as a positive number, or zero. The internal address increment is not affected by the Stride, but is fixed at the transaction size. The stride value is in bytes. The value of the Stride must be aligned to the Transaction Size, otherwise this results in a bad parameter error, see <i>c11, DMA Channel Status Register</i> on page 3-117.
[7:2]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[1:0]	TS	Indicates the size of the transactions that the DMA channel performs. This is particularly important for Device or Strongly Ordered memory locations because it ensures that accesses to such memory occur at their programmed size: b00 = Byte, reset value b01 = Halfword b10 = Word b11 = Doubleword, 8 bytes.

a. See *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access this register in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-113 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-113 Results of access to the DMA Control Register**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged Read or Write	Non-secure Privileged Read or Write	Secure User Read or Write	Non-secure User Read or Write
0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the DMA Control Register set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c4
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c4, 0 ; Read DMA Control Register  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c4, 0 ; Write DMA Control Register

While the channel has the status of Running or Queued, any attempt to write to the DMA Control Register results in architecturally Unpredictable behavior. For ARM1176JZF-S processors writes to the DMA Control Register have no effect when the DMA channel is running or queued.

### 3.2.38 c11, DMA Internal Start Address Register

The purpose of the DMA Internal Start Address Register for each channel is to define the first address in the TCM for that channel. That is, it defines the first address that data transfers go to or from.

The DMA Internal Start Address Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- one 32-bit read/write register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

The DMA Internal Start Address Register bits [31:0] contain the Internal Start VA.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access this register in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-114 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-114 Results of access to the DMA Internal Start Address Register**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged Read or Write	Non-secure Privileged Read or Write	Secure User Read or Write	Non-secure User Read or Write
0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the DMA Internal Start Address Register set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read or write CP15 c11 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c5
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c5, 0 ; Read DMA Internal Start Address Register  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c5, 0 ; Write DMA Internal Start Address Register

The Internal Start Address is a VA. Page tables describe the physical mapping of the VA when the channel starts.

The memory attributes for that VA are used in the transfer, so memory permission faults might be generated. The Internal Start Address must lie within a TCM, otherwise an error is reported in the DMA Channel Status Register. The marking of memory locations in the TCM as being Device results in Unpredictable effects. The global system behavior, but not the security, can be affected.

The contents of this register do not change while the DMA channel is Running. When the channel is stopped because of a Stop command, or an error, it contains the address required to restart the transaction. On completion, it contains the address equal to the Internal End Address.

The Internal Start Address must be aligned to the transaction size set in the DMA Control Register or the processor generates a bad parameter error.

### 3.2.39 c11, DMA External Start Address Register

The purpose of the DMA External Start Address Register for each channel is to define the first address in external memory for that DMA channel. That is, it defines the first address that data transfers go to or from.

The DMA External Start Address Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- one 32-bit read/write register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

The DMA External Start Address Register bits [31:0] contain the External Start VA.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access this register in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-115 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-115 Results of access to the DMA External Start Address Register**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged Read or Write	Non-secure Privileged Read or Write	Secure User Read or Write	Non-secure User Read or Write
0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the DMA External Start Address Register set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c6
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c6, 0 ; Read DMA External Start Address Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c6, 0 ; Write DMA External Start Address Register
```

The External Start Address is a VA, the physical mapping that you must describe in the page tables at the time that the channel is started. The memory attributes for that VA are used in the transfer, so memory permission faults might be generated.

The External Start Address must lie in the external memory outside the level one memory system otherwise the results are Unpredictable. The global system behavior, but not the security, can be affected.

This register contents do not change while the DMA channel is Running. When the channel stops because of a Stop command, or an error, it contains the address that the DMA requires to restart the transaction. On completion, it contains the address equal to the final address of the transfer accessed plus the Stride.

If the External Start Address does not align with the transaction size that is set in the Control Register, the processor generates a bad parameter error.

### 3.2.40 c11, DMA Internal End Address Register

The purpose of the DMA Internal End Address Register for each channel is to define the final internal address for that channel. This is, the end address of the data transfer.

The DMA Internal End Address Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- one 32-bit read/write register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

The DMA Internal End Address Register bits [31:0] contain the Internal End VA.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. The processor can access this register in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-116 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-116 Results of access to the DMA Internal End Address Register**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged Read or Write	Non-secure Privileged Read or Write	Secure User Read or Write	Non-secure User Read or Write
0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the DMA Internal End Address Register set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c7
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c7, 0 ; Read DMA Internal End Address Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c7, 0 ; Write DMA Internal End Address Register
```

The Internal End Address is the final internal address, modulo the transaction size, that the DMA is to access plus the transaction size. Therefore, the Internal End Address is the first, incremented, address that the DMA does not access.

If the Internal End Address is the same of the Internal Start Address, the DMA transfer completes immediately without performing transactions.

When the transaction associated with the final internal address has completed, the whole DMA transfer is complete.

The Internal End Address is a VA. Page tables describe the physical mapping of the VA when the channel starts.

The memory attributes for that VA are used in the transfer, so memory permission faults might be generated. The Internal End Address must lie within a TCM, otherwise an error is reported in the DMA Channel Status Register. The marking of memory locations in the TCM as being Device results in Unpredictable effects. The global system behavior, but not the security, can be affected.

The Internal End Address must be aligned to the transaction size set in the DMA Control Register or the processor generates a bad parameter error.

### 3.2.41 c11, DMA Channel Status Register

The purpose of the DMA Channel Status Register for each channel is to define the status of the most recently started DMA operation on that channel.

The DMA Channel Status Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- one 32-bit read-only register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

Figure 3-63 shows the bit arrangement for the DMA Channel Status Register.

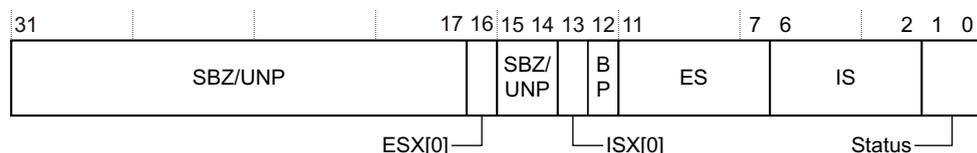


Figure 3-63 DMA Channel Status Register format

Table 3-117 lists the functions of the bits in the DMA Channel Status Register.

Table 3-117 DMA Channel Status Register bit functions

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:17]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[16]	ESX[0]	The ESX[0] bit adds a SLVERR or DECERR qualifier to the ES encoding. Only predictable on ES encodings of b11010, b11100, and b1.1110, otherwise UNP/SBZ. For the predictable encodings: 0 = DECERR 1 = SLVERR.
[15:14]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[13]	ISX[0]	The ISX[0] bit adds a SLVERR or DECERR qualifier to the IS encoding. Only predictable on IS encodings of b11100 and b11110, otherwise UNP/SBZ. For the predictable encodings: 0 = DECERR 1 = SLVERR.

**Table 3-117 DMA Channel Status Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[12]	BP <sup>a</sup>	Indicates whether the DMA parameters are conditioned inappropriately or acceptable: 0 = DMA parameters are acceptable, reset value 1 = DMA parameters are conditioned inappropriately.
[11:7]	ES	Indicates the status of the External Address Error. All other encodings are Reserved: b00000 = No error, reset value b00xxx = No error b01001 = Unshared data error b11010 = External Abort, can be imprecise b11100 = External Abort on translation of first-level page table b11110 = External Abort on translation of second-level page table b10011 = Access Bit fault on section b10110 = Access Bit fault on page b10101 = Translation fault, section b10111 = Translation fault, page b11001 = Domain fault, section b11011 = Domain fault, page b11101 = Permission fault, section b11111 = Permission fault, page.
[6:2]	IS	Indicates the status of the Internal Address Error. All other encodings are Reserved: b00000 = No error, reset value b00xxx = No error b01000 = TCM out of range b11100 = External Abort on translation of first-level page table b11110 = External Abort on translation of second-level page table b10011 = Access Bit fault on section b10110 = Access Bit fault on page b10101 = Translation fault, section b10111 = Translation fault, page b11001 = Domain fault, section b11011 = Domain fault, page b11101 = Permission fault, section b11111 = Permission fault, page.
[1:0]	Status	Indicates the status of the DMA channel: b00 = Idle, reset value b01 = Queued b10 = Running b11 = Complete or Error.

- a. The external start and end addresses and the Stride must all be multiples of the transaction size. If this is not the case, the BP bit is set to 1, and the DMA channel does not start.

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. These registers can be accessed in User mode if the U bit, see *c11, DMA User Accessibility Register* on page 3-107, for the currently selected channel is set to 1. Table 3-118 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-118 Results of access to the DMA Channel Status Register**

U bit	DMA bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		Secure User		Non-secure User	
		Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception				
1	0	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception

To access the DMA Channel Status Register set DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c8
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c8, 0 ; Read DMA Channel Status Register

In the event of an error, the appropriate Start Address Register contains the address that faulted, unless the error is an external error that is set to b11010 by bits [11:7].

A channel with the state of Queued changes to Running automatically if the other channel, if implemented, changes to Idle, or Complete or Error, with no error.

When a channel completes all of the transfers of the DMA, so that all changes to memory locations caused by those transfers are visible to other observers, its status is changed from Running to Complete or Error. This change does not happen before the external accesses from the transfer complete.

If the processor attempts to access memory locations that are not marked as shared, then the ES bits signal an Unshared error for either:

- a DMA transfer in User mode
- a DMA transfer that has the UM bit set in the DMA Control Register.

A DMA transfer where the external address is within the range of the TCM also results in an Unshared data error.

If the DMA channel is configured Secure, in the event of an error the processor asserts the **nDMASIRQ** pin provided it is not masked. If the channel is configured Non-secure, in the event of an error the processor asserts the **nDMAIRQ** pin, provided it is not masked. In the event of an external abort on a page table walk caused by the DMA, the processor asserts the **nDMAEXTERRIRQ** output.

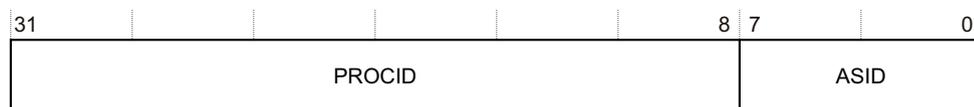
### 3.2.42 c11, DMA Context ID Register

The DMA Context ID Register for each channel contains the processor 32-bit Context ID of the process that uses that channel.

The DMA Context ID Register is:

- in CP15 c11
- a 32-bit read/write register for each DMA channel common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-64 shows the arrangement of bits in the DMA Context ID Register.



**Figure 3-64 DMA Context ID Register format**

Table 3-119 lists how the bit values correspond with the DMA Context ID Register functions.

**Table 3-119 DMA Context ID Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:8]	PROCID	Extends the ASID to form the process ID and identify the current process Holds the process ID value
[8:0]	ASID	Holds the ASID of the current process and identifies the current ASID Holds the ASID value

Access in the Non-secure world depends on the DMA bit, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. Table 3-120 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-120 Results of access to the DMA Context ID Register**

DMA bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
	Read	Write	Read	Write	
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception

To access the DMA Context ID register in a privileged mode set the DMA Channel Number Register to the appropriate DMA channel and read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c11
- CRm set to c15
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c15, 0 ; Read DMA Context ID Register

MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c11, c15, 0 ; Write DMA Context ID Register





Table 3-123 lists how the bit values correspond with the Monitor Vector Base Address Register functions.

**Table 3-123 Monitor Vector Base Address Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:5]	Monitor vector base address	Determines the location that the core branches to on a Secure Monitor mode exception. Holds the base address. The reset value is 0.
[4:0]	SBZ	UNP/SBZ.

When an exception branches to the Secure Monitor mode, the core branches to address:

Monitor\_Base\_Address + Exception\_Vector\_Address.

The Secure Monitor Call Exception caused by an SMC instruction branches to Secure Monitor mode. You can configure IRQ, FIQ, and External abort exceptions to branch to Secure Monitor mode, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52. These are the only exceptions that can branch to Secure Monitor mode and that use the Monitor Vector Base Address Register to calculate the branch address. For more information about exceptions, see *Exception vectors* on page 2-48.

———— **Note** —————

The Monitor Vector Base Address Register is 0x00000000 at reset. The Secure boot code must program the register with an appropriate value for the Secure Monitor.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-124 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-124 Results of access to the Monitor Vector Base Address Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged	User
Read	Write		
Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To use the Monitor Vector Base Address Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c12
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c12, c0, 1 ; Read Monitor Vector Base Address Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c12, c0, 1 ; Write Monitor Vector Base Address Register
```

### 3.2.45 c12, Interrupt Status Register

The purpose of the Interrupt Status Register is to:

- reflect the state of the **nFIQ** and **nIRQ** pins on the processor
- to reflect the state of external aborts.

The Interrupt Status Register is:

- in CP15 c12
- a 32-bit read-only register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-67 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.



**Figure 3-67 Interrupt Status Register format**

Table 3-125 lists how the bit values correspond with the Interrupt Status Register functions.

**Table 3-125 Interrupt Status Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function <sup>a</sup>
[31:9]	-	SBZ.
[8]	A	Indicates when an external abort is pending: 0 = No abort, reset value 1 = Abort pending.
[7]	I	Indicates when an IRQ is pending: 0 = no IRQ, reset value 1 = IRQ pending.
[6]	F	Indicates when an FIQ is pending: 0 = no FIQ, reset value 1 = FIQ pending.
[5:0]	-	SBZ.

a. The reset values depend on external signals.

**Note**

- The F and I bits directly reflect the state of the **nFIQ** and **nIRQ** pins respectively, but are the inverse state.
- The A bit is set when an external abort occurs and automatically clears when the abort is taken.

Table 3-126 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-126 Results of access to the Interrupt Status Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Undefined exception	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

The A, I, and F bits map to the same format as the CPSR so that you can use the same mask for these bits.

The Secure Monitor can poll these bits to detect the exceptions before it completes context switches. This can reduce interrupt latency.

To use the Interrupt Status Register read CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c12
- CRm set to c1
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c12, c1, 0 ; Read Interrupt Status Register
```

### 3.2.46 c13, FCSE PID Register

The *c13, Context ID Register* on page 3-128 replaces the FCSE PID Register. Use of the FCSE PID Register is deprecated.

The FCSE PID Register is:

- in CP15 c13
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Writing to this register globally flushes the BTAC.

Figure 3-68 shows the arrangement of bits in the register.



**Figure 3-68 FCSE PID Register format**

Table 3-127 lists how the bit values correspond with the FCSE PID Register functions.

**Table 3-127 FCSE PID Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:25]	FCSE PID	The purpose of the FCSE PID Register is to provide the ProcID for fast context switch memory mappings. The MMU uses the contents of this register to map memory addresses in the range 0-32MB. Identifies a specific process for fast context switch. Holds the ProcID. The reset value is 0.
[24:0]	-	Reserved. SBZ.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-128 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-128 Results of access to the FCSE PID Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the FCSE PID Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c13
- CRm set to c0
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 0 ; Read FCSE PID Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 0 ; Write FCSE PID Register
```

To change the ProcID and perform a fast context switch, write to the FCSE PID Register. You do not have to flush the contents of the TLB after the switch because the TLB still holds the valid address tags.

From zero to six instructions after the MCR that writes the ProcID might be fetched with the old ProcID:

```
{ProcID = 0}
MOV R0, #1 ; Fetched with ProcID = 0
MCR p15,0,R0,c13,c0,0 ; Fetched with ProcID = 0
A0 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A1 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A2 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A3 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A4 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A5 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 0/1
A6 (any instruction) ; Fetched with ProcID = 1
```

———— **Note** —————

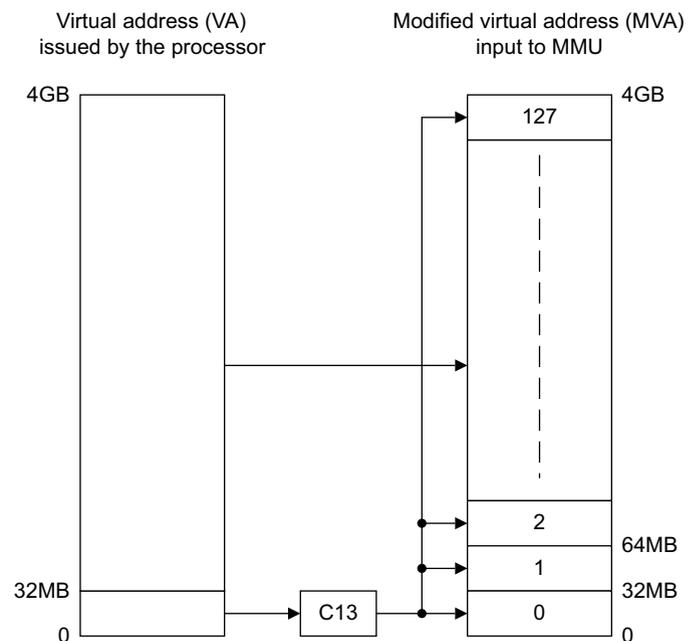
You must not rely on this behavior for future compatibility. An IMB must be executed between changing the ProcID and fetching from locations that are translated by the ProcID.

Addresses issued by the ARM1176JZF-S processor in the range 0-32MB are translated by the ProcID. Address A becomes  $A + (\text{ProcID} \times 32\text{MB})$ . This translated address, the MVA, is used by the MMU. Addresses higher than 32MB are not translated. The ProcID is a seven-bit field, enabling 128 x 32MB processes to be mapped.

———— **Note** —————

If ProcID is 0, as it is on Reset, then there is a flat mapping between the ARM1176JZF-S processor and the MMU.

Figure 3-69 shows how addresses are mapped using the FCSE PID Register.



**Figure 3-69** Address mapping with the FCSE PID Register



MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 1 ;Write Context ID Register

You must ensure that software performs a Data Synchronization Barrier operation before changes to this register. This ensures that all accesses are related to the correct context ID.

You must execute an IMB instruction immediately after changes to the Context ID Register. You must not attempt to execute any instructions that are from an ASID-dependent memory region between the change to the register and the IMB instruction. Code that updates the ASID must execute from a global memory region.

You must program each process with a unique number to ensure that ETM and debug logic can correctly distinguish between processes.

### 3.2.48 c13, Thread and process ID registers

The purpose of the thread and process ID registers is to provide locations to store the IDs of software threads and processes for OS management purposes.

The thread and process ID registers are:

- in CP15 c13
- three 32-bit read/write registers banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds:
  - User Read/Write Thread and Process ID Register
  - User Read Only Thread and Process ID Register
  - Privileged Only Thread and Process ID Register.
- each accessible in different modes:
  - User Read/Write: read/write in User and privileged modes
  - User Read Only: read only in User mode, read/write in privileged modes
  - Privileged Only: read/write in privileged modes only.

Table 3-131 lists the results of attempted access to each register for each mode.

**Table 3-131 Results of access to the thread and process ID registers**

Thread and Process ID Register	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		Secure User		Non-secure User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
User Read/Write <sup>a</sup>	Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data
User Read Only <sup>a</sup>	Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Secure data	Undefined exception	Non-secure data	Undefined exception
Privileged Only <sup>a</sup>	Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

- a. The register names are:
- User Read/Write Thread and Process ID Register
  - User Read Only Thread and Process ID Register
  - Privileged Only Thread and Process ID Register.

To use the thread and process ID registers read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c13
- CRm set to c0

- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 2, User Read/Write Thread and Process ID Register
  - 3, User Read Only Thread and Process ID Register
  - 4, Privileged Only Thread and Process ID Register.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 2 ;Read User Read/Write Thread and Proc. ID Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 2 ;Write User Read/Write Thread and Proc. ID Register
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 3 ;Read User Read Only Thread and Proc. ID Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 3 ;Write User Read Only Thread and Proc. ID Register
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 4 ;Read Privileged Only Thread and Proc. ID Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 4 ;Write Privileged Only Thread and Proc. ID Register
```

Reading or writing the thread and process ID registers has no effect on processor state or operation. These registers provide OS support and must be managed by the OS.

You must clear the contents of all thread and process ID registers on process switches to prevent data leaking from one process to another. This is important to ensure the security of secure data. The reset value of these registers is 0.

### 3.2.49 c15, Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register

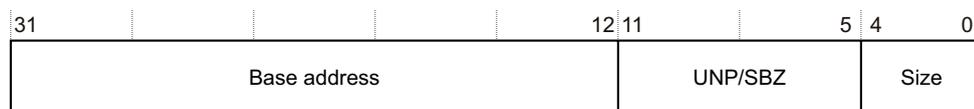
The purpose of the Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register is to remap the memory attributes to Non-Shared Device. This forces access to the peripheral port and overrides what is programmed in the page tables. The remapping happens both with the MMU enabled and with the MMU disabled, therefore you can remap the peripheral port even when you do not use the MMU. The Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register has the highest priority, higher than that of the Primary and Normal memory remap registers.

Table 3-132 on page 3-131 lists the purposes of the individual bits in the Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register.

The Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32-bit read/write register banked for Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-71 shows the arrangement of the bits in the register.



**Figure 3-71 Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register format**

Table 3-132 lists how the bit values correspond with the functions of the Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register.

**Table 3-132 Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:12]	Base Address	<p>Gives the physical base address of the region of memory for remapping to the peripheral port. If the processor uses the Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register while the MMU is disabled, the virtual base address is equal to the physical base address that is used.</p> <p>The assumption is that the Base Address is aligned to the size of the remapped region. Any bits in the range <math>[(\log_2(\text{Region size})-1):12]</math> are ignored.</p> <p>The value is the base address. The reset value is 0.</p>
[11:5]	-	UNP/SBZ
[4:0]	Size	<p>Indicates the size of the memory region that the peripheral port is remapped to. All other values are reserved:</p> <p>b00000 = 0KB<sup>a</sup>            b00011 = 4KB            b00100 = 8KB            b00101 = 16KB            b00110 = 32KB            b00111 = 64KB            b01000 = 128KB            b01001 = 256KB            b01010 = 512KB            b01011 = 1MB            b01100 = 2MB            b01101 = 4MB            b01110 = 8MB            b01111 = 16MB            b10000 = 32MB            b10001 = 64MB            b10010 = 128MB            b10011 = 256MB            b10100 = 512MB            b10101 = 1GB            b10110 = 2GB.</p>

a. The reset value, indicating that no remapping is to take place.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-133 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-133 Results of access to the Peripheral Port Remap Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Secure data	Secure data	Non-secure data	Non-secure data	Undefined exception

To use the memory remap registers read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c2
- Opcode\_2 set to 4.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c2, 4 ; Read Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c2, 4 ; Write Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register
```

### 3.2.50 c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register

The purpose of the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register is to control:

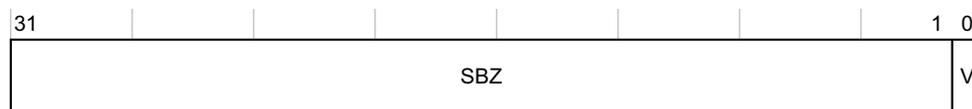
- access to the system validation registers in User mode and in the Non-secure world
- access to the performance monitor unit registers in User mode.

Table 3-134 lists the purpose of the individual bits in the register.

The Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32-bit read/write register in the Secure world only
- accessible in privileged modes only.

Figure 3-72 shows the bit arrangement for the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register.



**Figure 3-72 Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register format**

Table 3-134 lists how the bit values correspond with the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register functions.

**Table 3-134 Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:1]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[0]	V	Controls access to system validation registers from User and Non-secure modes, and to performance monitor registers in User mode. 0 = system validation registers accessible only from Secure privileged modes, performance monitor registers accessible only from privileged modes. The reset value is 0. 1 = system validation and performance monitor registers accessible from any mode.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-135 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-135 Results of access to the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged	User
Read	Write		
Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To access the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c9
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c9, 0 ; Read Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c9, 0 ; Write Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register

### 3.2.51 c15, Performance Monitor Control Register

The purpose of the Performance Monitor Control Register is to control the operation of:

- the Cycle Counter Register
- the Count Register 0
- the Count Register 1.

Table 3-136 on page 3-134 lists the purpose of the individual bits in the register.

The Performance Monitor Control Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in User and Privileged modes.

Figure 3-73 shows the bit arrangement for the Performance Monitor Control Register.

31	28	27		20	19		12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
SBZ/UNP			EvtCount0			EvtCount1			X	C	C	C	S	E	E	E	D	C	P	E
									R	R	R	B	C	C	C					
									1	0	Z	C	1	0						

**Figure 3-73 Performance Monitor Control Register format**

Table 3-136 lists how the bit values correspond with the Performance Monitor Control Register.

**Table 3-136 Performance Monitor Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:28]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[27:20]	EvtCount0	Identifies the source of events for Count Register 0. Table 3-137 on page 3-135 lists the values, functions and EVNTBUS bit position for Count Register 0. The reset value is 0.
[19:12]	EvtCount1	Identifies the source of events for Count Register 1. Table 3-137 on page 3-135 lists the values and the bit functions for Count Register 1. The reset value is 0.
[11]	X	Enable Export of the events to the event bus to an external monitoring block, such as the ETM to trace events: 0 = Export disabled, <b>EVNTBUS</b> held at 0x0, reset value 1 = Export enabled, <b>EVNTBUS</b> driven by the events.
[10]	CCR	Cycle Counter Register overflow flag: 0 = For reads No overflow, reset value. For writes No effect. 1 = For reads, overflow occurred. For writes Clear this bit.
[9]	CR1	Count Register 1 overflow flag: 0 = For reads No overflow, reset value. For writes No effect. 1 = For reads, overflow occurred. For writes Clear this bit.
[8]	CR0	Count Register 0 overflow flag: 0 = For reads No overflow, reset value. For writes No effect. 1 = For reads overflow occurred. For writes Clear this bit.
[7]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[6]	ECC	Used to enable and disable Cycle Counter interrupt reporting: 0 = Disable interrupt, reset value 1 = Enable interrupt.
[5]	EC1	Used to enable and disable Count Register 1 interrupt reporting: 0 = Disable interrupt, reset value 1 = Enable interrupt.
[4]	EC0	Used to enable and disable Count Register 0 interrupt reporting: 0 = Disable interrupt, reset value 1 = Enable interrupt.
[3]	D	Cycle count divider: 0 = Counts every processor clock cycle, reset value 1 = Counts every 64th processor clock cycle.

**Table 3-136 Performance Monitor Control Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[2]	C	Cycle Counter Register Reset. Reset on write, Unpredictable on read: 0 = No action, reset value 1 = Reset the Cycle Counter Register to 0x0.
[1]	P	Count Register 1 and Count Register 0 Reset. Reset on write, Unpredictable on read: 0 = No action, reset value 1 = Reset both Count Registers to 0x0.
[0]	E	Enable all counters: 0 = All counters disabled, reset value 1 = All counters enabled.

The Performance Monitor Control Register:

- controls the events that Count Register 0 and Count Register 1 count
- indicates the counter that overflowed
- enables and disables the report of interrupts
- extends Cycle Count Register counting by six more bits, cycles between counter rollover =  $2^{38}$
- resets all counters to zero
- enables the entire performance monitoring mechanism.

Table 3-137 lists the events that can be monitored using the Performance Monitor Control Register.

**Table 3-137 Performance monitoring events**

EVNTBUS bit position	Event number	Event definition
-	0xFF	An increment each cycle.
-	0x26	Procedure return instruction executed and return address predicted incorrectly. The procedure return address was restored to the return stack following the prediction being identified as incorrect.
-	0x25	Procedure return instruction executed and return address predicted. The procedure return address was popped off the return stack and the core branched to this address.
-	0x24	Procedure return instruction executed. The procedure return address was popped off the return stack.
-	0x23	Procedure call instruction executed. The procedure return address was pushed on to the return stack.
-	0x22	If both <b>ETMEXTOUT[0]</b> and <b>ETMEXTOUT[1]</b> signals are asserted then the count is incremented by two. If either signal is asserted then the count increments by one.
-	0x21	<b>ETMEXTOUT[1]</b> signal was asserted for a cycle.
-	0x20	<b>ETMEXTOUT[0]</b> signal was asserted for a cycle.
[19]	0x12	Write Buffer drained because of a Data Synchronization Barrier operation or Strongly Ordered operation.

Table 3-137 Performance monitoring events (continued)

EVENTBUS bit position	Event number	Event definition
[18]	0x11	Stall because of a full Load Store Unit request queue. This event takes place each clock cycle when the condition is met. A high incidence of this event indicates the LSU is often waiting for transactions to complete on the external bus.
[17]	0x10	Explicit external data accesses, Data Cache linefills, Noncacheable, write-through.
[16]	0xF	Main TLB miss.
[15:14]	0xD	Software changed the PC. This event occurs any time the PC is changed by software and there is not a mode change. For example, a MOV instruction with PC as the destination triggers this event. Executing an SVC from User mode does not trigger this event, because it incurs a mode change. If <b>EVENTBUS</b> bit [15] is HIGH, two software PC changes occurred in this clock cycle and the count increments by two.
[13]	0xC	Data cache write-back. This event occurs once for each half line of four words that are written back from the cache.
[12]	0xB	Data cache miss. Does not include Cache Operations.
[11]	0xA	Data cache access. Does not include Cache Operations. This event occurs for each nonsequential access to a cache line, regardless of whether or not the location is cacheable.
[10]	0x9	Data cache access. Does not include Cache Operations. This event occurs for each nonsequential access to a cache line, for cacheable locations.
[9:8]	0x7	Instruction executed. If <b>EVENTBUS</b> bit [9] is HIGH, two instructions were executed in this clock cycle and the count is increments by two.
[7]	0x6	Branch mispredicted.
[6]	-	Reserved.
[5]	0x5	Branch instruction executed, branch might or might not have changed program flow.
[4]	0x4	Data MicroTLB miss.
[3]	0x3	Instruction MicroTLB miss.
[2]	0x2	Stall because of a data dependency. This event occurs every cycle when the condition is present.
[1]	0x1	Stall because instruction buffer cannot deliver an instruction. This can indicate an Instruction Cache miss or an Instruction MicroTLB miss. This event occurs every cycle when the condition is present.
[0]	0x0	Instruction cache miss.  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Note</b></div> <p>This event counts all instruction cache misses, including any speculative access that would be a cache miss. If the instruction that caused a speculative access is not executed then there might not be a fetch from external memory. This can happen, for example, if the code branches round the instruction. This means that the value returned in this counter can be much larger than the number of external memory accesses caused by instruction cache misses.</p>
-	All other values	Reserved. Unpredictable behavior.

Access to the Performance Monitor Control Register in User mode depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132. The Performance Monitor Control Register is always accessible in Privileged modes. Table 3-138 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-138 Results of access to the Performance Monitor Control Register**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the Performance Monitor Control Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 0 ; Read Performance Monitor Control Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 0 ; Write Performance Monitor Control Register
```

If this unit generates an interrupt, the processor asserts the pin **nPMUIRQ**. You can route this pin to an external interrupt controller for prioritization and masking. This is the only mechanism that signals this interrupt to the core. When asserted, this interrupt can only be cleared if bit 0 of the Performance Monitor Control Register is high.

There is a delay of three cycles between an enable of the counter and the start of the event counter. The information used to count events is taken from various pipeline stages. This means that the absolute counts recorded might vary because of pipeline effects. This has negligible effect except in cases where the counters are enabled for a very short time.

In addition to the two counters within the processor, most of the events that Table 3-137 on page 3-135 lists are available on an external bus, **EVENTBUS**. You can connect this bus to the ETM unit or other external trace hardware to enable the events to be monitored. If you do not want this functionality, set the X bit in the Performance Monitor Control Register to 0. In Debug state, the **EVENTBUS** is masked to zero.

### 3.2.52 c15, Cycle Counter Register

The purpose of the Cycle Counter Register is to count the core clock cycles.

The Cycle Counter Register:

- is in CP15 c15
- is a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- counts up and can trigger an interrupt on overflow.

The Cycle Counter Register bits[31:0] contain the count value. The reset value is 0.

You can use this register in conjunction with the Performance Monitor Control Register and the two Counter Registers to provide a variety of useful metrics that enable you to optimize system performance.

Access to the Cycle Counter Register in User mode depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132. The Cycle Counter Register is always accessible in Privileged modes. Table 3-139 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-139 Results of access to the Cycle Counter Register**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access the Cycle Counter Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to 1.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 1 ; Read Cycle Counter Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 1 ; Write Cycle Counter Register
```

The value in the Cycle Counter Register is zero at Reset.

You can use the Performance Monitor Control Register to set the Cycle Counter Register to zero.

You can use the Performance Monitor Control Register to configure the Cycle Counter Register to count every 64th clock cycle.

### 3.2.53 c15, Count Register 0

The purpose of the Count Register 0 is to count instances of an event that the Performance Monitor Control Register selects.

The Count Register 0:

- is in CP15 c15
- is a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- counts up and can trigger an interrupt on overflow.

Count Register 0 bits [31:0] contain the count value. The reset value is 0.

You can use this register in conjunction with the Performance Monitor Control Register, the Cycle Count Register, and Count Register 1 to provide a variety of useful metrics that enable you to optimize system performance.

#### ————— Note —————

- In Debug state the counter is disabled.
- When the core is in a mode where noninvasive debug is not permitted, set by **SPNIDEN** and the **SUNIDEN** bit, see *c1, Secure Debug Enable Register* on page 3-54, the processor does not count events.

Access to the Count Register 0 in User mode depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132. The Count Register 0 is always accessible in Privileged modes. Table 3-140 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-140 Results of access to the Count Register 0**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access Count Register 1 read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For Example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 2 ; Read Count Register 0
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 2 ; Write Count Register 0
```

The value in Count Register 0 is 0 at Reset.

You can use the Performance Monitor Control Register to set Count Register 0 to zero.

### 3.2.54 c15, Count Register 1

The purpose of the Count Register 1 is to count instances of an event that the Performance Monitor Control Register selects.

The Count Register 1:

- is in CP15 c15
- is a 32-bit read/write register common to Secure and Non-secure worlds
- counts up and can trigger an interrupt on overflow.

Count Register 1 bits [31:0] contain the count value. The reset value is 0.

You can use this register in conjunction with the Performance Monitor Control Register, the Cycle Count Register, and Count Register 0 to provide a variety of useful metrics that enable you to optimize system performance.

#### ———— Note ————

- In Debug state the counter is disabled.
- When the core is in a mode where non-invasive debug is not permitted, set by **SPNIDEN** and the **SUNIDEN** bit, see *c1, Secure Debug Enable Register* on page 3-54, the processor does not count events.

Access to the Count Register 1 in User mode depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132. The Count Register 1 is always accessible in Privileged modes. Table 3-141 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-141 Results of access to the Count Register 1**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Data	Data	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

To access Count Register 1 read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to 3.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 3 ; Read Count Register 1
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 3 ; Write Count Register 1
```

The value in Count Register 1 is 0 at Reset.

You can use the Performance Monitor Control Register to set Count Register 1 to zero.

### 3.2.55 c15, System Validation Counter Register

The purpose of the System Validation Counter Register is to count core clock cycles to trigger a system validation event.

The System Validation Counter Register is:

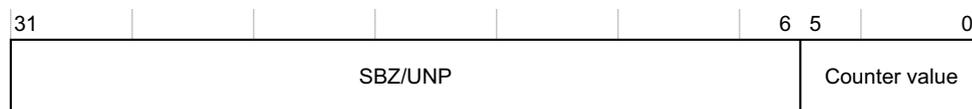
- in CP15 c15
- a 32 bit read/write register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in User and Privileged modes.

The System Validation Counter Register consists of one 32-bit register that performs four functions. Table 3-142 lists the arrangement of the functions in this group. The reset value is 0.

**Table 3-142 System validation counter register operations**

CRn	Opcode_1	CRm	Opcode_2	R/W	Operation
c15	0	c12	1	R/W	Reset counter
			2	R/W	Interrupt counter
			3	R/W	Fast interrupt counter
			7	W	External debug request counter

The reset, interrupt, and fast interrupt counters are 32-bits wide. The external debug request counter is 6 bits wide. Figure 3-74 on page 3-141 shows the arrangement of bits for the external debug request counter.



**Figure 3-74 System Validation Counter Register format for external debug request counter**

Table 3-143 lists the results of attempted access for each mode. Access in Secure User mode and in the Non-secure world depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132.

**Table 3-143 Results of access to the System Validation Counter Register**

Function	V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
		Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
Reset, interrupt, and fast interrupt counters	0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data
External debug request counter	0	Unpredictable	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
	1	Unpredictable	Data	Unpredictable	Data	Unpredictable	Data

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

To use the System Validation Counter Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 1, Read/write reset counter
  - 2, Read/write interrupt counter
  - 3, Read/write fast interrupt counter
  - 7, Write external debug request counter.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 1 ;Read reset counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 1 ;Write reset counter
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 2 ;Read interrupt counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 2 ;Write interrupt counter
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 3 ;Read fast interrupt counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 3 ;Write fast interrupt counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c12, 7 ;Write external debug request counter
```

A read or write to the System Validation Counter Register with a value of Opcode\_2 other than 1, 2, 3, or 7 has no effect.

When the system starts the counters they count up, incrementing by one on each core clock cycle, until they wrap around. When the counters wrap around they cause the specified event to occur. See *c15, System Validation Operations Register* on page 3-142.

The reset, interrupt, and fast interrupt counters reuse the Cycle Count Register, Count Register 0 and Count Register 1 of the System performance monitor registers respectively, see *System performance monitor* on page 3-10. You must not use the System Validation Count Register when the System Performance Monitor Registers are in use.

The reset, interrupt, and fast interrupt counters are read/write. The external debug request counter is write only. Attempts to read the external debug request counter return `0x00000000` regardless of the actual value of the counter.

### 3.2.56 c15, System Validation Operations Register

The purpose of the System Validation Operations Register is to start and stop system validation counters to trigger a system validation event.

The System Validation Operations Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32 bit read/write register common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds
- accessible in user and privileged modes.

The System Validation Operations Register consists of one 32-bit register that performs 16 functions. Table 3-144 lists the arrangement of the functions in this group.

**Table 3-144 System Validation Operations Register functions**

CRn	Opcode_1	CRm	Opcode_2	R/W	Operation
c15	0	c13	1	W	Start reset counter
			2	W	Start interrupt counter
			3	W	Start reset and interrupt counters
			4	W	Start fast interrupt counter
			5	W	Start reset and fast interrupt counters
			6	W	Start interrupt and fast interrupt counters
			7	W	Start reset, interrupt and fast interrupt counters
c15	1	c13	0-7	W	Start external debug request counter
c15	2	c13	1	W	Stop reset counter
			2	W	Stop interrupt counter
			3	W	Stop reset and interrupt counters
			4	W	Stop fast interrupt counter
			5	W	Stop reset and fast interrupt counters
			6	W	Stop interrupt and fast interrupt counters
			7	W	Stop reset, interrupt and fast interrupt counters
c15	3	c13	0-7	W	Stop external debug request counter

A write to the System Validation Operations Register with a combination of Opcode\_1 and Opcode\_2 that Table 3-144 does not list has no effect. A read from the System Validation Operations Register returns `0x00000000`.

The reset value of this register is 0.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-145 lists the results of attempted access for each mode. Access in Secure User mode and in the Non-secure world depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132.

**Table 3-145 Results of access to the System Validation Operations Register**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Unpredictable	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Unpredictable	Data	Unpredictable	Data	Unpredictable	Data

To use the System Validation Operations Register write CP15 with <Rd> set to SBZ and:

- Opcode\_1 set to:
  - 0, Start reset, interrupt, or fast interrupt counters
  - 1, Start external debug request counter
  - 2, Stop reset, interrupt, or fast interrupt counters
  - 3, Stop external debug request counter.
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c13
- Opcode\_2 set to:
  - 1, Reset counter
  - 2, Interrupt counter
  - 3, Reset and interrupt counters
  - 4, Fast interrupt counter
  - 5, Reset and fast interrupt counters
  - 6, Interrupt and fast interrupt counters
  - 7, Reset, interrupt and fast interrupt counters
  - Any value, External debug request counter.

For example:

```

MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 1 ; Start reset counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 2 ; Start interrupt counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 3 ; Start reset and interrupt counters
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 4 ; Start fast interrupt counter
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 5 ; Start reset and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 6 ; Start interrupt and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c13, 7 ; Start reset, interrupt and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 1, <Rd>, c15, c13, 0 ; Start external debug request counter
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 1 ; Stop reset counter
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 2 ; Stop interrupt counter
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 3 ; Stop reset and interrupt counters
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 4 ; Stop fast interrupt counter
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 5 ; Stop reset and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 6 ; Stop interrupt and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 2, <Rd>, c15, c13, 7 ; Stop reset, interrupt and fast interrupt counters
MCR p15, 3, <Rd>, c15, c13, 0 ; Stop external debug request counter

```

You use the System Validation Operations Register to start and stop the reset, interrupt, fast interrupt, and external debug request counters. When the system starts any of these counters, they count up incrementing by one every core clock cycle, until they wrap around. When the counters wrap around they cause **nVALRESET**, **nVALIRQ**, **nVALFIQ**, or **VALEDBGRQ** to go LOW depending on the operation. You can use these outputs to generate system Reset, Interrupt request, Fast Interrupt request, or External Debug Request events. You can use the System Validation Counter Register to set the start value of the counters, see *c15, System Validation Counter Register* on page 3-140. Any number of events can occur simultaneously.

When you use the Validation Trickbox Operations Register to start a counter, there is one clock cycle delay, that generally corresponds to one instruction, before the count begins. If you require an event to occur on the next instruction, insert a NOP instruction between the MCR instruction, to the System Validation Operations Register, that starts the counter and the instruction on which you want the event to occur.

You must leave two clock cycles, that generally corresponds to two instructions, between a write to a counter with the System Validation Counter Register and the start of that count with the System Validation Operations Register.

After the system stops the reset, interrupt or fast interrupt counters, or after handling the events they cause, you must explicitly clear the counters to return them to their System performance monitoring function. To do this set bits in <Rn> and write to the Performance Monitor Control Register to clear the relevant overflow flags:

- bit [10] to clear the reset counter
- bit [9] to clear the fast interrupt counter
- bit [8] to clear the interrupt counter.

You must carry out this operation with a read-modify-write sequence to avoid changes to other bits, see *c15, Performance Monitor Control Register* on page 3-133. You do not have to clear the external debug request counter explicitly in this way because it is not used for system performance monitoring.

The reset, interrupt, and fast interrupt counters reuse the Cycle Count Register, Count Register 0 and Count Register 1 of the System performance monitor registers respectively, see *System performance monitor* on page 3-10. As a result you must not perform read or write operations to the System Validation Counter Register when the System performance monitor registers are in use.

The System Validation Operations Register is write only and attempts to read this register are reserved and return `0x00000000`.

To schedule system validation events follow this procedure:

1. Modify the Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register to permit access from User or Non-secure modes if this is required.
2. Use the Validation Trickbox Counter Register to load the required counter with `0xFFFFFFFF` minus the number of core clock cycles to wait before the event occurs.
3. Use the Validation Trickbox Operations Register to start the required counter.
4. Use the appropriate Validation Trickbox Operations Register to stop the required counter, after the event has occurred or as necessary.
5. Use the Performance Monitor Control Register to reset the counters and return them to System performance monitoring functionality.



**Table 3-146 System Validation Cache Size Mask Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[7]	SBZ	UNP/SBZ.
[6:4]	DCache	Specifies apparent size of Data Cache, as it appears to the processor. All other values are reserved: b011 = 4KB b100 = 8KB b101 = 16KB b110 = 32KB b111 = 64KB.
[3]	SBZ	UNP/SBZ.
[2:0]	ICache	Specifies apparent size of Instruction Cache, as it appears to the processor. All other values are reserved: b011 = 4KB b100 = 8KB b101 = 16KB b110 = 32KB b111 = 64KB.

At reset, the values in the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register are the correct values for the implemented caches and TCMs.

Access to the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register in Secure User mode and in the Non-secure world depends on the V bit, see *c15, Secure User and Non-secure Access Validation Control Register* on page 3-132. Table 3-147 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-147 Results of access to the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register**

V bit	Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User	
	Read	Write	Read	Write	Read	Write
0	Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
1	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

To use the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c14
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c14, 0 ; Read System Validation Cache Size Mask Register
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c15, c14, 0 ; Write System Validation Cache Size Mask Register
```

You can use the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register, in a validation simulation environment, to perform validation with cache and TCM sizes that appear to be a different size from those that are actually implemented. The validation environment for the processor contains validation RAMs that support cache and TCM size masking using this register. When you write to the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register, the processor behaves as though the caches and TCMs are the sizes that are written to the register. The sizes written to the register are reflected in:

- The sizes of the cache and TCM RAMs.
- The sizes of the caches in the Cache Type Register, see *c0, Cache Type Register* on page 3-21, the number of Instruction and Data TCM banks in the TCM Status Register, see *c0, TCM Status Register* on page 3-24, the sizes of the TCMs in the Instruction TCM Region Register, see *c9, Instruction TCM Region Register* on page 3-91, and the Data TCM Region Register, see *c9, Data TCM Region Register* on page 3-89.
- The number and use of cache master valid bits, see *Cache Master Valid Registers* on page 3-8.
- The hazard detection logic that prevents the same line being allocated twice into the caches.
- The DMA. If the TCMs are both masked as not present, then the DMA also appears not to be present.

———— **Note** ————

You must not modify the System Validation Cache Size Mask Register in a manufactured device. Physical RAMs do not support cache and TCM size masking. Therefore, any attempt to mask cache and TCM sizes using this register causes address aliasing effects and problems with cache master valid bits, that result in incorrect operation and Unpredictable effects.

### 3.2.58 c15, Instruction Cache Master Valid Register

The purpose of the Instruction Cache Master Valid Register is to save and restore the instruction cache master valid bits on entry to and exit from dormant mode, see *Dormant mode* on page 10-4. You might also use this register during debug.

The Instruction Cache Master Valid Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32-bit read/write register in Secure world only
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The number of Master Valid bits in the register is a function of the cache size. There is one Master Valid bit for each 8 cache lines:

$$\text{Master Valid bits} = \frac{\text{cache size}}{\text{line length in bytes} \times 8}$$

For instance, there are 64 Master Valid bits for a 16KB cache. You can access Master Valid bits through 32-bit registers indexed using *Opcode\_2*. The maximum number of 32-bit registers required for the largest cache size, 64KB, is 8. The Master Valid bits fill the registers from the LSB of the lowest numbered register upwards.

Writes to unimplemented Valid bits have no effect, and reads return 0. The reset value is 0.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Attempts to access the register in modes other than Secure privileged result in an Undefined exception.

To use the Instruction Cache Master Valid Register write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 3
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c8
- Opcode\_2 set to <Register Number>.

MRC p15, 3, <Rd>, c15, c8, <Register Number> ; Read Instruction Cache Master Valid Register  
MCR p15, 3, <Rd>, c15, c8, <Register Number> ; Write Instruction Cache Master Valid Register

The <Register Number> field of the instruction designates one of the registers required to capture all the Valid bits. The highest Register Number is one less than the number of times 8KB divides into the cache size.

### 3.2.59 c15, Data Cache Master Valid Register

The purpose of the Data Cache Master Valid Register is to save and restore the Data cache master valid bits on entry to and exit from dormant mode, see *Dormant mode* on page 10-4. You might also use this register during debug.

The Data Cache Master Valid Register is:

- in CP15 c15
- a 32-bit read/write register in the Secure world only
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The number of Master Valid bits in the register is a function of the cache size. There is one Master Valid bit for each 8 cache lines:

$$\text{Master Valid bits} = \frac{\text{cache size}}{\text{line length in bytes} \times 8}$$

For instance, there are 64 Master Valid bits for a 16KB cache. You can access Master Valid bits through 32-bit registers indexed using Opcode\_2. The maximum number of 32-bit registers required for the largest cache size, 64KB, is 8. The Master Valid bits fill the registers from the LSB of the lowest numbered register upwards.

Writes to unimplemented Valid bits have no effect, and reads return 0. The reset value is 0.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Attempts to access the register in modes other than Secure privileged result in an Undefined exception.

To use the Data Cache Master Valid Register write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 3
- CRn set to c15
- CRm set to c12
- Opcode\_2 set to <Register Number>.

MRC p15, 3, <Rd>, c15, c12, <Register Number> ; Read Data Cache Master Valid Register  
MCR p15, 3, <Rd>, c15, c12, <Register Number> ; Write Data Cache Master Valid Register

The <Register Number> field of the instruction designates one of the registers required to capture all the Valid bits. The highest Register Number is one less than the number of times 8KB divides into the cache size.

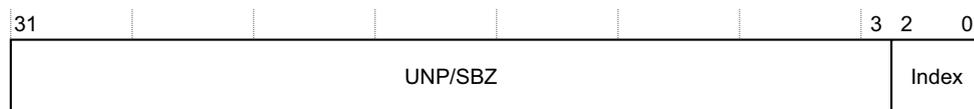
### 3.2.60 c15, TLB lockdown access registers

The purpose of the TLB lockdown access registers is to provide read and write access to the contents of the lockdown region of the TLB. The processor requires these registers to enable it to save state before it enters Dormant mode, see *Dormant mode* on page 10-4. You might also use this register for debug.

The TLB lockdown access registers are:

- in CP15 c15
- four 32-bit read/write registers in the Secure world only:
  - TLB Lockdown Index Register
  - TLB Lockdown VA Register
  - TLB Lockdown PA Register
  - TLB Lockdown Attributes Register.
- accessible in privileged modes only.

The four registers have different bit arrangements and functions. Figure 3-76 shows the arrangement of bits in the TLB Lockdown Index Register.



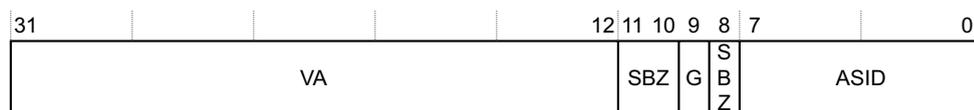
**Figure 3-76 TLB Lockdown Index Register format**

Table 3-148 lists how the bit values correspond with the TLB Lockdown Index Register functions.

**Table 3-148 TLB Lockdown Index Register bit functions**

Bits	Field name	Function
[31:3]	-	UNP/SBZ.
[2:0]	Index	Selects the lockdown entry of the eight TLB lockdown entries to read or write when accessing other TLB lockdown access registers. Select lockdown entry 0 to 7.

Figure 3-77 shows the arrangement of bits in the TLB Lockdown VA Register.



**Figure 3-77 TLB Lockdown VA Register format**





**Table 3-152 TLB Lockdown Attributes Register bit functions (continued)**

Bits	Field name	Function
[25]	SPV	Indicates that this page table entry supports sub-pages. Page table entries that support sub-pages must be marked as Global, see <i>c15, TLB lockdown access registers</i> on page 3-149: 0 = Sub-pages are not valid 1 = Sub-pages are valid.
[24:11]	SBZ	UNP/SBZ.
[10:7]	Domain	Specifies the Domain number for the page table entry.
[6]	XN	Specifies Execute Never attribute: when set, the contents of the memory region that this page table entry describes cannot be executed as code. An attempt to execute an instruction in this region results in a permission fault: 0 = Can execute 1 = Cannot execute.
[5:3]	TEX	TEX[2:0] bits. Describes the memory region attributes. See <i>Memory region attributes</i> on page 6-14.
[2]	C	C bit. Describes the memory region attributes. See <i>Memory region attributes</i> on page 6-14.
[1]	B	B bit. Describes the memory region attributes. See <i>Memory region attributes</i> on page 6-14.
[0]	S	Indicates if the memory region that this page table entry describes is shareable: 0 = Region is not shared 1 = Region is shared.

Attempts to write to this register in Secure Privileged mode when **CP15SSDISABLE** is HIGH result in an Undefined exception, see *TrustZone write access disable* on page 2-9.

Table 3-153 lists the results of attempted access for each mode.

**Table 3-153 Results of access to the TLB lockdown access registers**

Secure Privileged		Non-secure Privileged		User
Read	Write	Read	Write	
Data	Data	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception

To read or write a TLB Lockdown entry, you must use this procedure:

1. Write TLB Lockdown Index Register to select the required TLB Lockdown entry.
2. Read or write TLB Lockdown VA Register.
3. Read or write TLB Lockdown Attributes Register.
4. Read or write TLB Lockdown PA Register. For writes, this sets the valid bit, enabling the complete new entry to be used.

This procedure must not be interruptible, so your code must disable interrupts before it accesses the TLB lockdown access registers.

———— **Note** —————

Software must avoid the creation of inconsistencies between the main TLB entries and the entries already loaded in the micro-TLBs.

To use the TLB lockdown access registers read or write CP15 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 5
  - CRn set to c15
  - CRm set to:
    - c4, TLB Lockdown Index Register
    - c5, TLB Lockdown VA Register
    - c6, TLB Lockdown PA Register
    - c7, TLB Lockdown Attributes Register.
- Opcode\_2 set to 2.

For example:

```
MRC p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c4, 2 ; Read TLB Lockdown Index Register
MCR p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c4, 2 ; Write TLB Lockdown Index Register
MRC p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c5, 2 ; Read TLB Lockdown VA Register
MCR p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c5, 2 ; Write TLB Lockdown VA Register
MRC p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c6, 2 ; Read TLB Lockdown PA Register
MCR p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c6, 2 ; Write TLB Lockdown PA Register
MRC p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c7, 2 ; Read TLB Lockdown Attributes Register
MCR p15, 5, <Rd>, c15, c7, 2 ; Write TLB Lockdown Attributes Register
```

Example 3-3 is a code sequence that stores all 8 TLB Lockdown entries to memory, and later restores them to the TLB Lockdown region. You might use sequences similar to this for entry into Dormant mode.

### Example 3-3 Save and restore all TLB Lockdown entries

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```

                                ADR    r1,TLBLockAddr      ; Set r1 to save address
                                MOV    R0,#0              ; Initialize counter
                                CPSID  aif                ; Disable interrupts
TLBLockSave                     MCR    p15,5,R0,c15,c4,2  ; Set TLB Lockdown Index
                                MRC    p15,5,R2,c15,c5,2  ; Read TLB Lockdown VA
                                MRC    p15,5,R3,c15,c7,2  ; Read TLB Lockdown Attrs
                                MRC    p15,5,R4,c15,c6,2  ; Read TLB Lockdown PA
                                STMIA  r1!,{R2-R4}        ; Save TLB Lockdown entry
                                ADD    R0,R0,#1          ; Increment counter
                                CMP    R0,#8              ; Saved all 8 entries?
                                BNE    TLBLockSave        ; Loop until all saved
                                CPSIE  aif                ; Re-enable interrupts

```

; insert other code here

```

                                ADR    r1,TLBLockAddr      ; Set r1 to save address
                                MOV    R0,#0              ; Initialize counter
                                CPSID  aif                ; Disable interrupts
TLBLockLoad                     LDMIA  r1!,{R2-R4}        ; Load TLB Lockdown entry
                                MCR    p15,5,R0,c15,c4,2  ; Set TLB Lockdown Index
                                MCR    p15,5,R2,c15,c5,2  ; Write TLB Lockdown VA
                                MCR    p15,5,R3,c15,c7,2  ; Write TLB Lockdown Attrs
                                MCR    p15,5,R4,c15,c6,2  ; Write TLB Lockdown PA
                                ADD    R0,R0,#1          ; Increment counter
                                CMP    R0,#8              ; Restored all 8 entries?
                                BNE    TLBLockLoad        ; Loop until all restored
                                CPSIE  aif                ; Re-enable interrupts

```

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# Chapter 4

## Unaligned and Mixed-endian Data Access Support

This chapter describes the unaligned and mixed-endianness data access support for the processor. It contains the following sections:

- *About unaligned and mixed-endian support* on page 4-2
- *Unaligned access support* on page 4-3
- *Endian support* on page 4-6
- *Operation of unaligned accesses* on page 4-13
- *Mixed-endian access support* on page 4-17
- *Instructions to reverse bytes in a general-purpose register* on page 4-20
- *Instructions to change the CPSR E bit* on page 4-21.

## 4.1 About unaligned and mixed-endian support

The processor executes the ARM architecture v6 instructions that support mixed-endian access in hardware, and assist unaligned data accesses. The extensions to ARMv6 that support unaligned and mixed-endian accesses include the following:

- CP15 Register *c1* has a U bit that enables unaligned support. This bit was specified as zero in previous architectures, and resets to zero for legacy-mode compatibility.
- Architecturally defined unaligned word and halfword access specification for hardware implementation.
- Byte reverse instructions that operate on general-purpose register contents to support signed/unsigned halfword data values.
- Separate instruction and data endianness, with instructions fixed as little-endian format, naturally aligned, but with legacy support for 32-bit word-invariant binary images and ROM.
- A PSR endian control flag, the E-bit, set to the value of the EE bit on exception entry, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44, that adds a byte-reverse operation to the entire load and store instruction space as data is loaded into and stored back out of the register file. In previous architectures this Program Status Register bit was specified as zero. It is not set in legacy code written to conform to architectures prior to ARMv6.
- ARM and Thumb instructions to set and clear the E-bit explicitly.
- A byte-invariant addressing scheme to support fine-grain big-endian and little-endian shared data structures, to conform to a shared memory standard.

The original ARM architecture was designed as little-endian. This provides a consistent address ordering of bits, bytes, words, cache lines, and pages, and is assumed by the documentation of instruction set encoding and memory and register bit significance. Subsequently, big-endian support was added to enable big-endian byte addressing of memory. A little-endian nomenclature is used for bit-ordering and byte addressing throughout this manual.

———— **Note** —————

In the TrustZone architecture you can only modify the B bit in the Secure world. The A, U and EE bits are banked for the Secure and Non-secure worlds, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44.

This means that you can only change the endian behavior of the memory system of the processor, that the B bit controls, in the Secure world. The B bit is expected to have a static value.

Unaligned data access, that the U bit controls, the value of the E bit in the CPSR on exceptions, that the EE bit controls, and strict alignment of data, that the A bit controls, can differ in the Secure and Non-secure worlds.

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## 4.2 Unaligned access support

Instructions must always be aligned as follows:

- ARM 32-bit instructions must be word boundary aligned, Address [1:0] = b00
- Thumb 16-bit instructions must be halfword boundary aligned, Address [0] = 0.

The following sections describe unaligned data access support:

- *Legacy support*
- *ARMv6 extensions*
- *Legacy and ARMv6 configurations* on page 4-4
- *Legacy data access in ARMv6 (U=0)* on page 4-4
- *Support for unaligned data access in ARMv6 (U=1)* on page 4-4
- *ARMv6 unaligned data access restrictions* on page 4-5.

### 4.2.1 Legacy support

For ARM architectures prior to ARM architecture v6, data access to non-aligned word and halfword data was treated as aligned from the memory interface perspective. That is, the address is treated as truncated with Address[1:0], treated as zero for word accesses, and Address[0] treated as zero for halfword accesses.

Load single word ARM instructions are also architecturally defined to rotate right the word aligned data transferred by a non word-aligned access, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

Alignment fault checking is specified for processors with architecturally compliant *Memory Management Units* (MMUs), under control of CP15 Register c1 A control bit, bit 1. When a transfer is not naturally aligned to the size of data transferred a Data Abort is signaled with an Alignment fault status code, see *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for more details.

### 4.2.2 ARMv6 extensions

ARMv6 adds unaligned word and halfword load and store data access support. When enabled, one or more memory accesses are used to generate the required transfer of adjacent bytes transparently, apart from a potentially greater access time where the transaction crosses a word-boundary.

The memory management specification defines a programmable mechanism to enable unaligned access support. This is controlled and programmed using the CP15 Register c1 U control bit, bit 22.

Non word-aligned for load and store multiple/double, semaphore, synchronization, and coprocessor accesses always signal Data Abort with Alignment Faults Status Code when the U bit is set.

Strict alignment checking is also supported in ARMv6, under control of the CP15 Register c1 A control bit, bit [1], and signals a Data Abort with Alignment Fault Status Code if a 16-bit access is not halfword aligned or a single 32-bit load/store transfer is not word aligned.

ARMv6 alignment fault detection is a mandatory function associated with address generation rather than optionally supported in external memory management hardware.

### 4.2.3 Legacy and ARMv6 configurations

Table 4-1 summarizes the unaligned access handling.

**Table 4-1 Unaligned access handling**

CP15 register c1 U bit	CP15 register c1 A bit	Unaligned access model
0	0	Legacy ARMv5. See <i>Legacy data access in ARMv6 (U=0)</i> .
0	1	Legacy natural alignment check.
1	0	ARMv6 unaligned half/word access, else strict word alignment check.
1	1	ARMv6 strict half/word alignment check.

### 4.2.4 Legacy data access in ARMv6 (U=0)

The processor emulates earlier architecture unaligned accesses to memory as follows:

- If A bit is asserted alignment faults occur for:
  - Halfword access** Address[0] is 1.
  - Word access** Address[1:0] is not b00.
  - LDRD or STRD** Address [2:0] is not b000.
  - Multiple access** Address [1:0] is not b00.
- If alignment faults are enabled and the access is not aligned then the Data Abort vector is entered with an Alignment Fault status code.
- If no alignment fault is enabled, that is, if bit 1 of CP15 Register c1, the A bit, is not set:
  - Byte access** Memory interface uses full Address [31:0].
  - Halfword access** Memory interface uses Address [31:1]. Address [0] asserted as 0.
  - Word access** Memory interface uses Address [31:2]. Address [1:0] asserted as 0.
    - ARM load data rotates the aligned read data and rotates this right by the byte-offset denoted by Address [1:0], see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.
    - ARM and Thumb load-multiple accesses always treated as aligned. No rotation of read data.
    - ARM and Thumb store word and store multiple treated as aligned. No rotation of write data.
    - ARM load and store doubleword operations treated as 64-bit aligned.

For more information, see *Operation of unaligned accesses* on page 4-13.

### 4.2.5 Support for unaligned data access in ARMv6 (U=1)

The processor memory interfaces can generate unaligned low order byte address offsets only for halfword and single word load and store operations, and byte accesses unless the A bit is set. These accesses produce an alignment fault if the A bit is set, and for some of the cases that *ARMv6 unaligned data access restrictions* on page 4-5 describes.

If alignment faults are enabled and the access is not aligned then the Data Abort vector is entered with an Alignment Fault status code.

#### 4.2.6 ARMv6 unaligned data access restrictions

The following restrictions apply for ARMv6 unaligned data access:

- Accesses are not guaranteed atomic. They might be synthesized out of a series of aligned operations in a shared memory system without guaranteeing locked transaction cycles.
- Unaligned accesses loading the PC produce an alignment trap.
- Accesses typically take a greater number of cycles to complete compared to a naturally aligned transfer. The real-time implications must be carefully analyzed and key data structures might require to have their alignment adjusted for optimum performance.
- Accesses can abort on either or both halves of an access where this occurs over a page boundary. The Data Abort handler must handle restartable aborts carefully after an Alignment Fault status code is signaled.

As a result, shared memory schemes must not rely on seeing monotonic updates of non-aligned data of loads, stores, and swaps for data items greater than byte width. Unaligned access operations must not be used for accessing Device memory-mapped registers, and must be used with care in Shared memory structures that are protected by aligned semaphores or synchronization variables.

An Unalignment trap occurs if unaligned accesses to Strongly Ordered or Device when both:

- the MMU is enabled, that is CP15 c1 bit 0, M bit, is 1
- the Subpage AP bits are disabled, that is CP15 c1 bit 23, XP bit, is 1.

Swap and synchronization primitives, multiple-word or coprocessor access produce an alignment fault regardless of the setting of the A bit.

## 4.3 Endian support

The architectural specification of unaligned data representations is defined in terms of bytes transferred between memory and register, regardless of bus width and bus endianness.

Little-endian data items are described using lower-case byte labeling  $bX \dots b0$ , byteX to byte 0, and a pointer is always treated as pointing to the least significant byte of the addressed data.

Byte invariant, BE-8, big-endian data items are described using upper-case byte labeling  $B0 \dots BX$ , BYTE0 to BYTEX, and a pointer is always treated as pointing to the most significant byte of the addressed data.

### 4.3.1 Load unsigned byte, endian independent

The addressed byte is loaded from memory into the low eight bits of the general-purpose register and the upper 24 bits are zeroed, as Figure 4-1 shows.

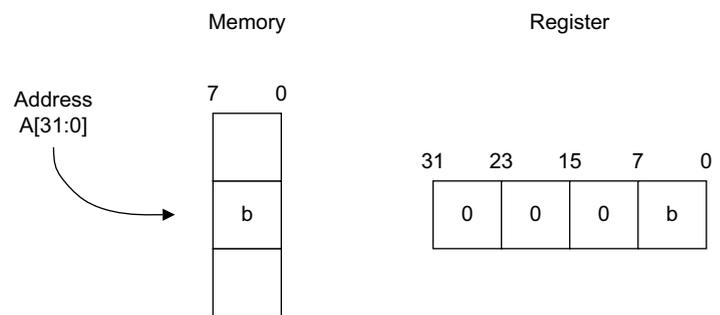


Figure 4-1 Load unsigned byte

### 4.3.2 Load signed byte, endian independent

The addressed byte is loaded from the memory into the low eight bits of the general-purpose register and the sign bit is extended into the upper 24 bits of the register as Figure 4-2 shows.

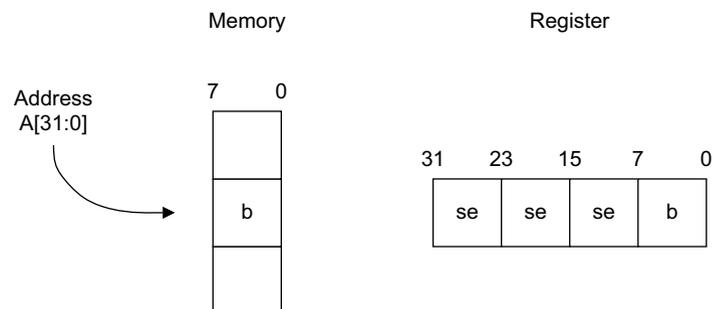


Figure 4-2 Load signed byte

In Figure 4-2, se means b, bit [7], sign extension.

### 4.3.3 Store byte, endian independent

The low eight bits of the general-purpose register are stored into the addressed byte in memory, as Figure 4-3 on page 4-7 shows.

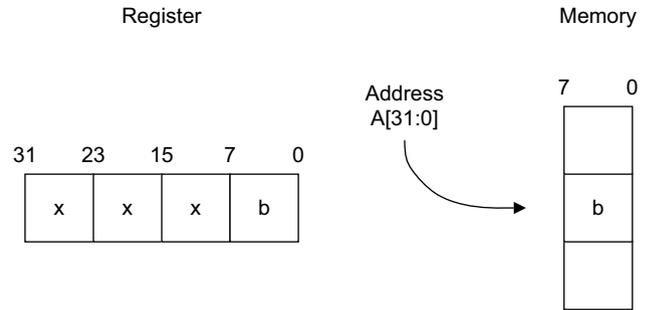


Figure 4-3 Store byte

#### 4.3.4 Load unsigned halfword, little-endian

The addressed byte-pair is loaded from memory into the low 16 bits of the general-purpose register, and the upper 16 bits are zeroed so that the least-significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [7:0] of the ARM register, as Figure 4-4 shows.

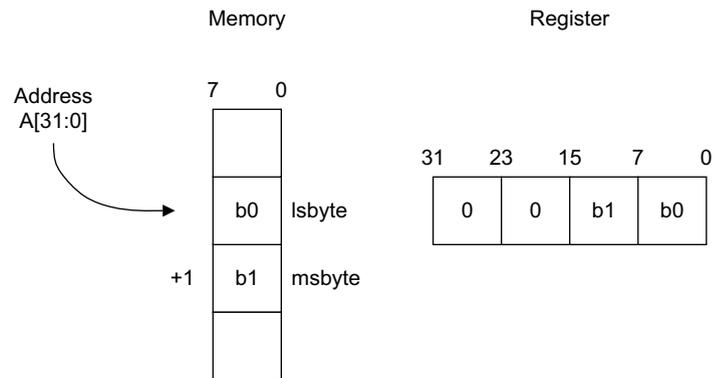
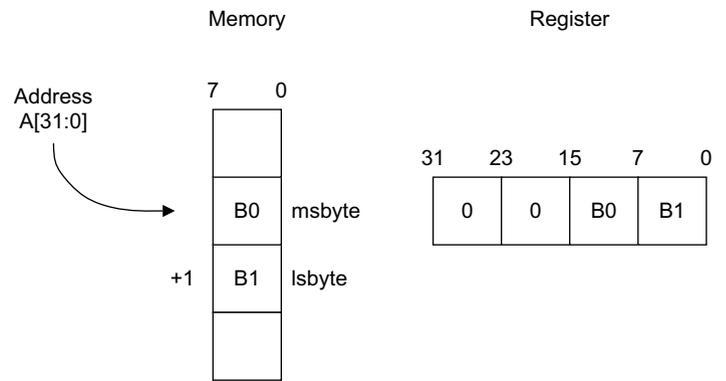


Figure 4-4 Load unsigned halfword, little-endian

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.5 Load unsigned halfword, big-endian

The addressed byte-pair is loaded from memory into the low 16 bits of the general-purpose register, and the upper 16 bits are zeroed so that the most-significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [15:8] of the ARM register, as Figure 4-5 on page 4-8 shows.

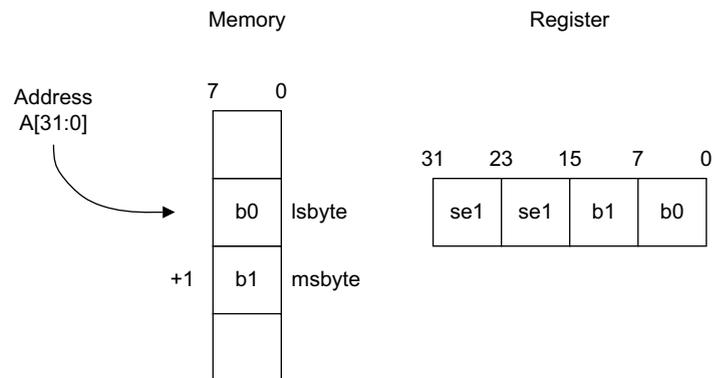


**Figure 4-5 Load unsigned halfword, big-endian**

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.6 Load signed halfword, little-endian

The addressed byte-pair is loaded from memory into the low 16-bits of the general-purpose register, so that the least-significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [7:0] of the ARM register and the upper 16 bits are sign-extended from bit 15, as Figure 4-6 shows.



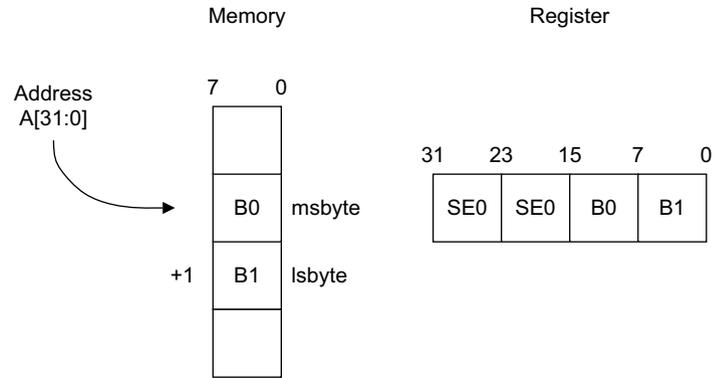
**Figure 4-6 Load signed halfword, little-endian**

In Figure 4-6, se1 means bit 15, b1 bit [7], sign extended.

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.7 Load signed halfword, big-endian

The addressed byte-pair is loaded from memory into the low 16-bits of the general-purpose register, so that the most significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [15:8] of the ARM register and bits [31:16] replicate the sign bit in bit 15, as Figure 4-7 on page 4-9 shows.



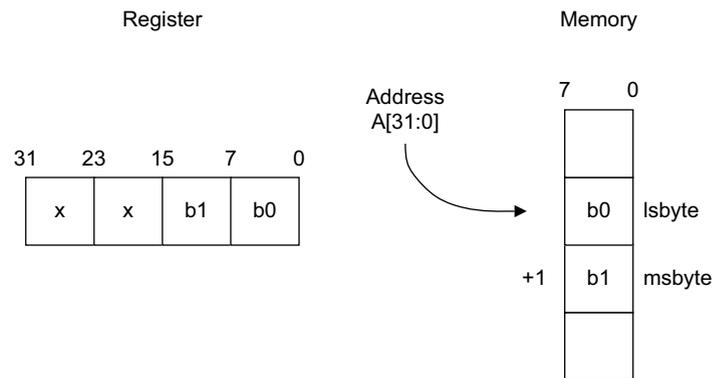
**Figure 4-7 Load signed halfword, big-endian**

In Figure 4-7, SE0 means bit 15, B0 bit [7], sign extended.

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.8 Store halfword, little-endian

The low 16 bits of the general-purpose register are stored into the memory with bits [7:0] written to the addressed byte in memory, bits [15:8] to the incremental byte address in memory, as Figure 4-8 shows.

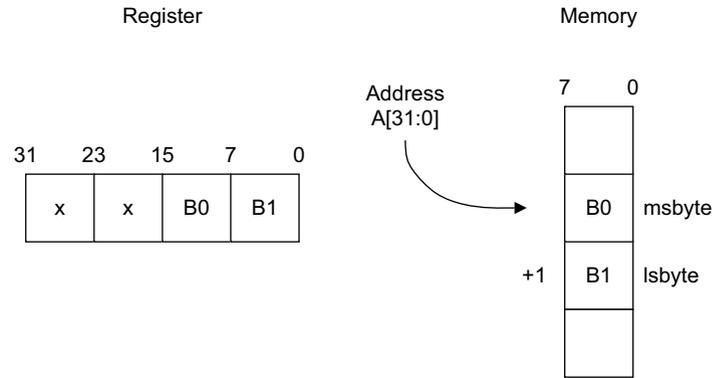


**Figure 4-8 Store halfword, little-endian**

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.9 Store halfword, big-endian

The low 16 bits of the general-purpose register are stored into the memory with bits [15:8] written to the addressed byte in memory, bits [7:0] to the incremental byte address in memory, as Figure 4-9 on page 4-10 shows.

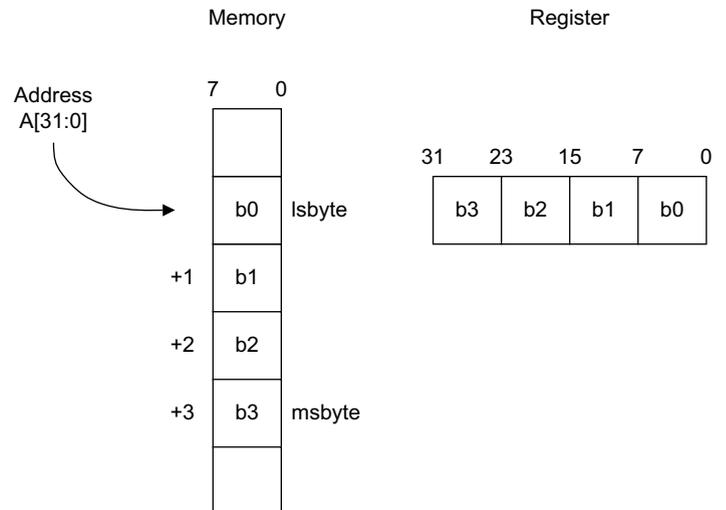


**Figure 4-9 Store halfword, big-endian**

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bit 0 is not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.10 Load word, little-endian

The addressed byte-quad is loaded from memory into the 32-bit general-purpose register so that the least-significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [7:0] of the ARM register, as Figure 4-10 shows.



**Figure 4-10 Load word, little-endian**

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bits [1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.11 Load word, big-endian

The addressed byte-quad is loaded from memory into the 32-bit general-purpose register so that the most significant addressed byte in memory appears in bits [31:24] of the ARM register, as Figure 4-11 on page 4-11 shows.

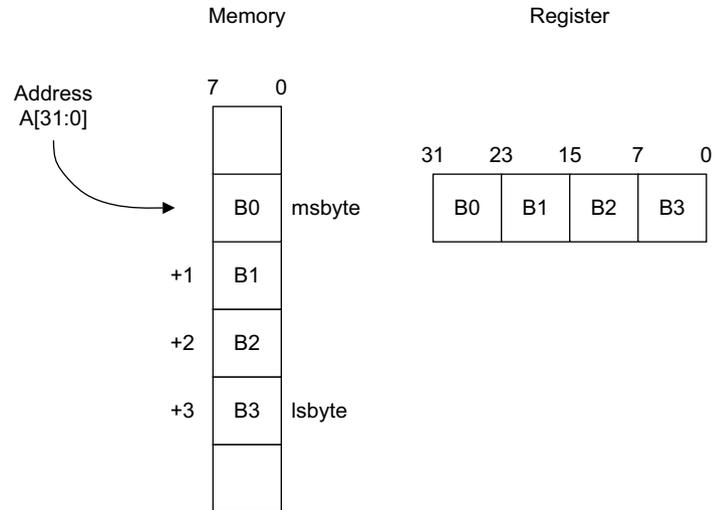


Figure 4-11 Load word, big-endian

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bits [1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.12 Store word, little-endian

The 32-bit general-purpose register is stored to four bytes in memory where bits [7:0] of the ARM register are transferred to the least-significant addressed byte in memory, as Figure 4-12 shows.

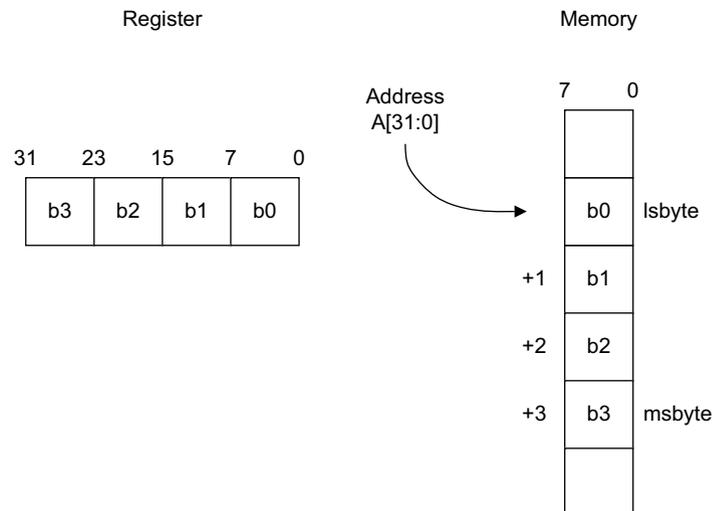
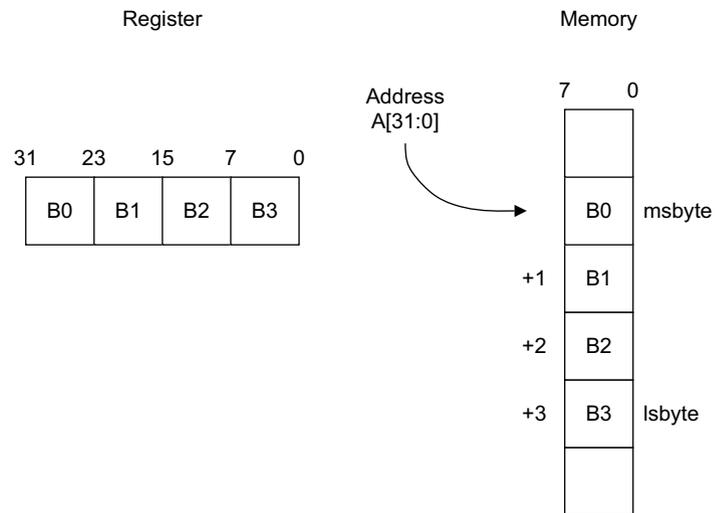


Figure 4-12 Store word, little-endian

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bits [1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.13 Store word, big-endian

The 32-bit general-purpose register is stored to four bytes in memory where bits [31:24] of the ARM register are transferred to the most-significant addressed byte in memory, as Figure 4-13 on page 4-12 shows.



**Figure 4-13 Store word, big-endian**

If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and Address bits [1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns a Misaligned fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.14 Load double, load multiple, load coprocessor (little-endian, E = 0)

The access is treated as a series of incrementing aligned word loads from memory. The data is treated as load word data, see *Load word, little-endian* on page 4-10, where the lowest two address bits are zeroed. If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and effective Address bits[1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns an Alignment fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.15 Load double, load multiple, load coprocessor (big-endian, E=1)

The access is treated as a series of incrementing aligned word loads from memory. The data is treated as load word data, see *Load word, big-endian* on page 4-11, where the lowest two address bits are zeroed. If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and effective Address bits[1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns an Alignment fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.16 Store double, store multiple, store coprocessor (little-endian, E=0)

The access is treated as a series of incrementing aligned word stores to memory. The data is treated as store word data, see *Store word, little-endian* on page 4-11, where the lowest two address bits are zeroed. If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and effective Address bits[1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns an Alignment fault in the Fault Status Register.

#### 4.3.17 Store double, store multiple, store coprocessor (big-endian, E=1)

The access is treated as a series of incrementing aligned word stores to memory. The data is treated as store word data, see *Store word, big-endian*, where the lowest two address bits are zeroed. If strict alignment fault checking is enabled and effective Address bits[1:0] are not zero, then a Data Abort is generated and the MMU returns an Alignment fault in the Fault Status Register.

## 4.4 Operation of unaligned accesses

This section describes alignment faults and operation of non-faulting accesses of the processor. Table 4-2 lists the memory access types.

The mechanism for the support of unaligned loads or stores is that if either the Base register or the index offset of the address is misaligned, then the processor takes two cycles to issue the instruction. If the resulting address is misaligned, then the instruction performs multiple memory accesses in ascending order of address.

There is no support for misaligned accesses being atomic, and misaligned accesses to Device memory might result in Unpredictable behavior.

Table 4-3 on page 4-14 lists details of when an alignment fault must occur for an access and of when the behavior of an access is architecturally Unpredictable. When an access does not generate an alignment fault, and is not Unpredictable, details of the precise memory locations that are accessed are also given in the table.

The access type descriptions used in Table 4-3 on page 4-14 are determined from the load/store instruction that Table 4-2 lists.

**Table 4-2 Memory access types**

Access type	ARM instructions
Byte	LDRB, LDRBT, STRB, STRBT
BSync	SWPB, LDREXB, STREXB
Halfword	LDRH, LDRSH, STRH
HWSync	LDREXH, STREXH
WLoad	LDR, LDRT, SWP, load access if U is set to 0
WStore	STR, STRT, SWP, store access if U is set to 0
WSync	LDREX, STREX, SWP, either access if U is set to 1
Two-word	LDRD, STRD
Multi-word	LDC, LDM, RFE, SRS, STC, STM
DWSync	LDREXD, STREXD

The following terminology is used to describe the memory locations accessed:

**Byte[X]** This means the byte whose address is X in the current endianness model. The correspondence between the endianness models is that Byte[A] in the LE endianness model, Byte[A] in the BE-8 endianness model, and Byte[A EOR 3] in the BE-32 endianness model are the same actual byte of memory.

**Halfword[X]** This means the halfword consisting of the bytes whose addresses are X and X+1 in the current endianness model, combined to form a halfword in little-endian order in the LE endianness model or in big-endian order in the BE-8 or BE-32 endianness model.

**Word[X]** This means the word consisting of the bytes whose addresses are X, X+1, X+2, and X+3 in the current endianness model, combined to form a word in little-endian order in the LE endianness model or in big-endian order in the BE-8 or BE-32 endianness model.

**Note**

It is a consequence of these definitions that if X is word-aligned, Word[X] consists of the same four bytes of actual memory in the same order in the LE and BE-32 endianness models.

**Align(X)** This means X AND 0xFFFFFC. That is, X with its least significant two bits forced to zero to make it word-aligned.

There is no difference between Addr and Align(Addr) on lines where Addr[1:0] is set to b00. You can use this to simplify the control of when the least significant bits are forced to zero.

For the Two-word and Multi-word access types, the Memory accessed column only specifies the lowest word accessed. Subsequent words have addresses constructed by successively incrementing the address of the lowest word by 4, and are constructed using the same endianness model as the lowest word.

**Table 4-3 Unalignment fault occurrence when access behavior is architecturally unpredictable**

A	U	Addr[2:0]	Access types	Architectural Behavior	Memory accessed	Note
0	0	-	-	-	-	Legacy, no alignment
0	0	bxxx	Byte, BSync	Normal	Byte[Addr]	
0	0	bxx0	Halfword	Normal	Halfword[Addr]	
0	0	bxx1	Halfword	Unpredictable	-	Halfword[Align16(Addr)]; Operation unaffected by Addr[0]
0	0	bxx0	HWSync	Normal	Halfword[Addr]	
0	0	bxx1	HWSync	Unpredictable	-	Halfword[Align16(Addr)]; Operation unaffected by Addr[0]
0	0	bxxx	Wload	Normal	Word[Align32(Addr)]	Loaded data rotated by 8*Addr[1:0] bits
0	0	bxxx	WStore	Normal	Word[Align32(Addr)]	Operation unaffected by Addr[1:0]
0	0	bx00	WSync	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	0	bxx1, bx1x	WSync	Unpredictable	-	Word[Align32(Addr)]
0	0	bxxx	Multi-word	Normal	Word[Align32(Addr)]	Operation unaffected by Addr[1:0]
0	0	b000	Two-word	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	0	bxx1, bx1x, b1xx	Two-word	Unpredictable	-	Same as LDM2 or STM2
0	0	b000	DWSync	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	0	bxx1, bx1x, b1xx	DWSync	Unpredictable	-	DWord[Align64(Addr)]; Operation unaffected by Addr[2:0]
0	1	-	-	-	-	ARMv6 unaligned support
0	1	bxxx	Byte, BSync	Normal	Byte[Addr]	

**Table 4-3 Unalignment fault occurrence when access behavior is architecturally unpredictable (continued)**

<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>Addr[2:0]</b>	<b>Access types</b>	<b>Architectural Behavior</b>	<b>Memory accessed</b>	<b>Note</b>
0	1	bxxx	Halfword	Normal	Halfword[Addr]	
0	1	bxx0	HWSync	Normal	Halfword[Addr]	
0	1	bxx1	HWSync	Alignment fault		
0	1	bxxx	Wload, WStore	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	1	bx00	WSync, Multi-word, Two-word	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	1	bxx1, bx1x	WSync, Multi-word, Two-word	Alignment fault	-	-
0	1	b000	DWSync	Normal	Word[Addr]	
0	1	bxx1, bx1x, b1xx	DWSync	Alignment fault	-	
1	x	-	-	-	-	Full alignment faulting
1	x	bxxx	Byte, BSync	Normal	Byte[Addr]	
1	x	bxx0	Halfword, HWSync	Normal	Halfword[Addr]	
1	x	bxx1	Halfword, HWSync	Alignment fault	-	
1	x	bx00	WLoad, WStore, WSync, Multi-word	Normal	Word[Addr]	
1	x	bxx1, bx1x	WLoad, WStore, WSync, Multi-word	Alignment fault	-	
1	x	b000	Two-word	Normal	Word[Addr]	
1	0	b100	Two-word	Alignment fault	-	
1	1	b100	Two-word	Normal	Word[Addr]	
1	x	bxx1, bx1x	Two-word	Alignment fault	-	
1	x	b000	DWSync	Normal	Word[Addr]	
1	x	bxx1, bx1x, b1xx	DWSync	Alignment fault	-	

The following causes override the behavior specified in the Table 4-3 on page 4-14:

- An LDR instruction that loads the PC, has Addr[1:0] != b00, and is specified in the table as having Normal behavior instead has Unpredictable behavior.

The reason why this applies only to LDR is that most other load instructions are Unpredictable regardless of alignment if the PC is specified as their destination register. The exceptions are ARM LDM and RFE instructions, and Thumbs POP instruction. If the instruction for them is  $\text{Addr}[1:0] \neq \text{b}00$ , the effective address of the transfer has its two least significant bits forced to 0 if A is set 0 and U is set to 0. Otherwise the behavior specified in Table 4-3 on page 4-14 is either Unpredictable or Alignment Fault regardless of the destination register.

- Any WLoad, WStore, WSync, Two-word, or Multi-word instruction that accesses device memory, has  $\text{Addr}[1:0] \neq \text{b}00$ , and Table 4-3 on page 4-14 lists them as having Normal behavior instead has Unpredictable behavior.
- Any Halfword instruction that accesses device memory, has  $\text{Addr}[0] \neq 0$ , and is specified in the table as having Normal behavior instead has Unpredictable behavior.

## 4.5 Mixed-endian access support

The following sections describe mixed-endian data access:

- *Legacy fixed instruction and data endianness*
- *ARMv6 support for mixed-endian data*
- *Instructions to change the CPSR E bit on page 4-21.*

For more information, see *The ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

### 4.5.1 Legacy fixed instruction and data endianness

Prior to ARMv6 the endianness of both instructions and data are locked together, and the configuration of the processor and the external memory system must either be hard-wired or programmed in the first few instructions of the bootstrap code.

Where the endianness is configurable under program control, the MMU provides a mechanism in CP15 c1 to set the B bit, that enables byte addressing renaming with 32-bit words. This model of big-endian access, called BE-32 in this document, relies on a word-invariant view of memory where an aligned 32-bit word reads and writes the same word of data in memory when configured as either big-endian or little-endian.

For more information, see *Endianness* on page 8-38.

This behavior is still provided for legacy software when the U bit in CP15 Register c1 is zero, as Table 4-4 lists.

**Table 4-4 Legacy endianness using CP15 c1**

U	B	Instruction endianness	Data endianness	Description
0	0	LE	LE	LE, reset condition
0	1	BE-32	BE-32	Legacy BE, 32-bit word-invariant

### 4.5.2 ARMv6 support for mixed-endian data

In ARMv6 the instruction and data endianness are separated:

- instructions are fixed little-endian
- data accesses can be either little-endian or big-endian as controlled by bit 9, the E bit, of the Program Status Register.

The value of the E bit on any exception entry, including reset, is determined by the CPSR Register 15 EE bit.

#### Fixed little-endian Instructions

Instructions must be naturally aligned and are always treated as being stored in memory in little-endian format. That is, the PC points to the least-significant-byte of the instruction.

Instructions must be treated as data by exception handlers, decoding SVC calls and Undefined instructions, for example.

Instructions can also be written as data by debuggers, *Just-In-Time* (JIT) compilers, or in operating systems that update exception vectors.

### Mixed-endian data access

The operating-system typically has a required endian representation of internal data structures, but applications and device drivers have to work with data shared with other processors, DSP or DMA interfaces, that might have fixed big-endian or little-endian data formatting.

A byte-invariant addressing mechanism is provided that enables the load/store architecture to be qualified by the CPSR E bit that provides byte reversing of big-endian data in to, and out of, the processor register bank transparently. This byte-invariant big-endian representation is referred to as BE-8 in this document.

*Mixed-endian configuration supported* on page 4-19 describes the effect on byte, halfword, word, and multi-word accesses of setting the CPSR E bit when the U bit enables unaligned support.

### Byte data access

The same physical byte in memory is accessed whether big-endian, BE-8, or little-endian:

- unsigned byte load as *Load unsigned byte, endian independent* on page 4-6 describes
- signed byte load as *Load signed byte, endian independent* on page 4-6 describes
- byte store as *Store byte, endian independent* on page 4-6 describes.

### Halfword data access

The same two physical bytes in memory are accessed whether big-endian, BE-8, or little-endian. Big-endian halfword load data is byte-reversed as read into the processor register to ensure little-endian internal representation, and similarly is byte-reversed on store to memory:

- unsigned halfword load as *Load unsigned halfword, little-endian* on page 4-7, LE, and *Load unsigned halfword, big-endian* on page 4-7, BE-8 describe
- signed halfword load as *Load signed halfword, little-endian* on page 4-8, LE, and *Load signed halfword, big-endian* on page 4-8, BE-8 describe
- halfword store as *Store halfword, little-endian* on page 4-9, LE, and *Store halfword, big-endian* on page 4-9, BE-8 describe.

### Word data access

The same four physical bytes in memory are accessed whether big-endian, BE-8, or little-endian. Big-endian word load data is byte reversed as read into the processor register to ensure little-endian internal representation, and similarly is byte-reversed on store to memory:

- word load as *Load word, little-endian* on page 4-10, LE, and *Load word, big-endian* on page 4-10, BE-8 describes
- word store as *Store word, little-endian* on page 4-11, LE, and *Store word, big-endian* on page 4-11, BE-8 describes.

**Mixed-endian configuration supported**

This behavior is enabled when the U bit in CP15 Register c1 is set. This is only supported when the B bit in CP15 Register c1 is reset, as Table 4-5 lists.

**Table 4-5 Mixed-endian configuration**

U	B	E	Instruction endianness	Data endianness	Description
1	0	0	LE	LE	LE instructions, little-endian data load/store. Unaligned data access permitted.
1	0	1	LE	BE-8	LE instructions, big-endian data load/store. Unaligned data access permitted.
1	1	0	BE-32	BE-32	Legacy BE instructions/data.
1	1	1	-	-	Reserved.

**4.5.3 Reset values of the U, B, and EE bits**

Table 4-6 lists the reset values of the **BIGENDINIT** and **UBITINIT** pins that determine the values of the U, B, and EE bits at reset. The pins determine the reset value of the B bit and both the Secure and Non-secure reset values of the U and EE bits.

**Table 4-6 B bit, U bit, and EE bit settings**

BIGENDINIT	UBITINIT	B	U	EE
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1

## 4.6 Instructions to reverse bytes in a general-purpose register

When an application or device driver has to interface to memory-mapped peripheral registers or shared-memory DMA structures that are not the same endianness as that of the internal data structures, or the endianness of the Operating System, an efficient way of being able to explicitly transform the endianness of the data is required. The following new instructions are added to the ARM and Thumb instruction sets to provide this functionality:

- reverse word, 4 bytes, register, for transforming big and little-endian 32-bit representations
- reverse halfword and sign-extend, for transforming signed 16-bit representations
- Reverse packed halfwords in a register for transforming big- and little-endian 16-bit representations.

*ARM1176JZF-S instruction set summary* on page 1-32 describes these instructions.

### 4.6.1 All load and store operations

All load and store instructions take account of the CPSR E bit. Data is transferred directly to registers when E = 0, and byte reversed if E = 1 for halfword, word, or multiple word transfers. Operation:

When CPSR[<E-bit>] = 1 then byte reverse load/store data

## 4.7 Instructions to change the CPSR E bit

ARM and Thumb instructions are provided to set and clear the E-bit efficiently:

SETEND BE     Sets the CPSR E bit

SETEND LE     Resets the CPSR E bit.

These are specified as unconditional operations to minimize pipelined implementation complexity.

*ARM1176JZF-S instruction set summary* on page 1-32 describe these instructions.

# Chapter 5

## Program Flow Prediction

This chapter describes how program flow prediction locates branches in the instruction stream and the strategies used for determining if a branch is likely to be taken or not. It also describes the two architecturally-defined SVC functions required for backwards-compatibility with earlier architectures for flushing the *Prefetch Unit* (PU) buffers. It contains the following sections:

- *About program flow prediction* on page 5-2
- *Branch prediction* on page 5-4
- *Return stack* on page 5-7
- *Memory Barriers* on page 5-8
- *ARM1176JZF-S IMB implementation* on page 5-10.

## 5.1 About program flow prediction

Program flow prediction in the processor is carried out by:

**The integer core** Implements static branch prediction and the Return Stack.

**The Prefetch Unit** The PU implements dynamic branch prediction.

The processor is responsible for handling branches the first time they are executed, that is, when no historical information is available for dynamic prediction by the PU.

The integer core makes static predictions about the likely outcome of a branch early in its pipeline and then resolves those predictions when the outcome of conditional execution is known. Condition codes are evaluated at three points in the integer core pipeline, and branches are resolved as soon as the flags are guaranteed not to be modified by a preceding instruction.

When a branch is resolved, the integer core passes information to the PU so that it can make a *Branch Target Address Cache* (BTAC) allocation or update an existing entry as appropriate. The integer core is also responsible for identifying likely procedure calls and returns to predict the returns. It can handle nested procedures up to three deep.

The integer core includes:

- a *Static Branch Predictor* (SBP)
- a *Return Stack* (RS)
- branch resolution logic
- a BTAC update interface to the PU
- a BTAC allocate interface to the PU.

The processor PU is responsible for fetching instructions from the memory system as required by the integer core, and coprocessors. The PU buffers up to seven instructions in its FIFO to:

- detect branch instructions ahead of the integer core requirement
- dynamically predict those that it considers are to be taken
- provide branch folding of predicted branches if possible
- identify unconditional procedure return instructions.

This reduces the cycle time of the branch instructions, so increasing processor performance.

The PU includes:

- a BTAC
- branch update and allocate logic
- a *Dynamic Branch Predictor* (DBP), and associated update mechanism
- branch folding logic.

It is responsible for providing the integer core with instructions, and for requesting cache accesses. The pattern of cache accesses is based on the predicted instruction stream as determined by the dynamic branch prediction mechanism or the integer core flush mechanism.

The BTAC can:

- be globally flushed by a CP15 instruction
- have individual entries flushed by a CP15 instruction
- be enabled or disabled by a CP15 instruction.

For details of CP15 instructions see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69 and *Flush operations* on page 3-79.

The BTAC is globally flushed for:

- Main TLB FCSE PID changes

- Main TLB context ID changes
- Global instruction cache invalidation
- Switches by the integer core from Non-secure to Secure state.

When the processor switches from the Secure to the Non-secure state the Secure Monitor code is responsible for flushing the BTAC if necessary.

The PU prefetches all instruction types regardless of the state of the integer core. That is, it performs prefetches in ARM state, Thumb state, and Jazelle state. However the rate at which the PU is drained is state-dependent, and the functioning of the branch prediction hardware is a function of the state. Branch prediction is performed in all three states, but branch folding operates only in ARM and Thumb states.

The PU is responsible for fetching the instruction stream as dictated by:

- the Program Counter
- the dynamic branch predictor
- static prediction results in the integer core
- procedure calls and returns signaled by the Return Stack residing in the integer core
- exceptions, instruction aborts, and interrupts signaled by the integer core.

## 5.2 Branch prediction

In ARM processors that have no PU, the target of a branch is not known until the end of the Execute stage. At the Execute stage it is known whether or not the branch is taken. The best performance is obtained by predicting all branches as not taken and filling the pipeline with the instructions that follow the branch in the current sequential path. In ARM processors without a PU, an untaken branch requires one cycle and a taken branch requires three or more cycles.

Branch prediction enables the detection of branch instructions before they enter the integer core. This permits the use of a branch prediction scheme that closely models actual conditional branch behavior.

The increased pipeline length of the ARM1176JZF-S processor makes the performance penalty of any changes in program flow, such as branches or other updates to the PC, more significant than was the case on the ARM9TDMI or ARM1020T processors. Therefore, a significant amount of hardware is dedicated to prediction of these changes. Two major classes of program flow are addressed in the ARM1176JZF-S prediction scheme:

1. Branches, including BL, and BLX immediate, where the target address is a fixed offset from the program counter. The prediction amounts to an examination of the probability that a branch passes its condition codes. These branches are handled in the Branch Predictors.
2. Loads, Moves, and ALU operations writing to the PC, that can be identified as being likely to be a return from a procedure call. Two identifiable cases are Loads to the PC from an address derived from R13, the stack pointer, and Moves or ALU operations to the PC derived from R14, the Link Register. In these cases, if the calling operation can also be identified, the likely return address can be stored in a hardware implemented stack, termed a *Return Stack* (RS). Typical calling operations are BL and BLX instructions. In addition Moves or ALU operations to the Link Register from the PC are often preludes to a branch that serves as a calling operation. The Link Register value derived is the value required for the RS. This was most commonly done on ARMv4T, before the BLX <register> instruction was introduced in ARMv5T.

Branch prediction is required in the design to reduce the integer core CPI loss that arises from the longer pipeline. To improve the branch prediction accuracy, a combination of static and dynamic techniques is employed. It is possible to disable each of the predictors separately.

### 5.2.1 Enabling program flow prediction

The enabling of program flow prediction is controlled by the CP15 Register c1 Z bit, bit 11, that is set to 0 on Reset. See *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44. The return stack, dynamic predictor, and static predictor can also be individually controlled using the Auxiliary Control Register. See *c1, Auxiliary Control Register* on page 3-48.

### 5.2.2 Dynamic branch predictor

The first line of branch prediction in the processor is dynamic, through a simple BTAC. It is virtually addressed and holds virtual target addresses. In addition, a two bit value holds the prediction history of the branch. If the address mappings change, this cache must be flushed. A dynamic branch predictor flush is included in the CP15 coprocessor control instructions. Also included are direct dynamic branch predictor flush from main TLB and integer core.

A BTAC works by storing the existence of branches at particular locations in memory. The branch target address and a prediction of whether or not it might be taken is also stored.

The BTAC provides dynamic prediction of branches, including BL and BLX instructions in both ARM, Thumb, and Jazelle states. The BTAC is a 128-entry direct-mapped cache structure used for allocation of Branch Target Addresses for resolved branches. The BTAC uses a 2-bit saturating prediction history scheme to provide the dynamic branch prediction. When a branch has been allocated into the BTAC, it is only evicted in the case of a capacity clash. That is, by another branch at the same index.

The prediction is based on the previous behavior of this branch. The four possible states of the prediction bits are:

- strongly predict branch taken
- weakly predict branch taken
- weakly predict branch not taken
- strongly predict branch not taken.

The history is updated for each occurrence of the branch. This updating is scheduled by the integer core when the branch has been resolved.

Branch entries are allocated into the BTAC after having been resolved at Execute. BTAC hits enable branch prediction with zero cycle delay. When a BTAC hit occurs, the Branch Target Address stored in the BTAC is used as the Program Counter for the next Fetch. Both branches resolved taken and not taken are allocated into the BTAC. This enables the BTAC to do the most useful amount of work and improves performance for tight backward branching loops.

### 5.2.3 Static branch predictor

The second level of branch prediction in the processor uses static branch prediction that is based solely on the characteristics of a branch instruction. It does not make use of any history information. The scheme used in the ARM1176JZF-S processor predicts that all forward conditional branches are not taken and all backward branches are taken. Around 65% of all branches are preceded by enough non-branch cycles to be completely predicted.

Branch prediction is performed only when the Z bit in CP15 Register c1 is set to 1. See *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44 for details of this register. Dynamic prediction works on the basis of caching the previously seen branches in the BTAC, and like all caches suffers from the compulsory miss that exists on the first encountering of the branch by the predictor. A second static predictor is added to the design to counter these misses, and to deal with any capacity and conflict misses in the BTAC. The static predictor amounts to an early evaluation of branches in the pipeline, combined with a predictor based on the direction of the branches to handle the evaluation of condition codes that are not known at the time of the handling of these branches. Only items that have not been predicted in the dynamic predictor are handled by the static predictor.

The static branch predictor is hard-wired with backward branches being predicted as taken, and forward branches as not taken. The SBP looks at the MSB of the branch offset to determine the branch direction. Statically predicted taken branches incur a one-cycle delay before the target instructions start refilling the pipeline. The SBP works in both ARM and Thumb states. The SBP does not function in Jazelle state.

### 5.2.4 Branch folding

Branch folding is a technique where, on the prediction of most branches, the branch instruction is completely removed from the instruction stream presented to the execution pipeline. Branch folding can significantly improve the performance of branches, taking the CPI for branches significantly lower than 1.

Branch folding only operates in ARM and Thumb states.

Branch folding is done for all dynamically predicted branches, except that branch folding is not done for:

- BL and BLX instructions, to avoid losing the link
- predicted branches onto branches
- branches that are breakpointed or have generated an abort when fetched.

### 5.2.5 Incorrect predictions and correction

Branches are resolved at or before the Ex3 stage of the integer core pipeline. A misprediction causes the pipeline to be flushed, and the correct instruction stream to be fetched. If branch folding is implemented, the failure of the condition codes of a folded branch causes the instruction that follows the folded branch to fail. Whenever a potentially incorrect prediction is made, the following information, necessary for recovering from the error, is stored:

- a fall-through address in the case of a predicted taken branch instruction
- the branch target address in the case of a predicted not taken branch instruction.

The PU passes the conditional part of any optimized branch into the integer core. This enables the integer core to compare these bits with the processor flags and determine if the prediction was correct or not. If the prediction was incorrect, the integer core flushes the PU and requests that prefetching begins from the stored recovery address.

### 5.3 Return stack

A return stack is used for predicting the class of program flow changes that includes loads, moves, and ALU operations, writing to the PC that can be identified as being likely to be a procedure call or return.

The return stack is a three-entry circular buffer used for the prediction of procedure calls and procedure returns. Only unconditional procedure returns are predicted.

When a procedure call instruction is predicted, the return address is taken from the Execute stage of the pipeline and pushed onto the return stack. The instructions recognized as procedure calls are:

- BL <dest>
- BLX <dest>
- BLX <reg>.

The first two instructions are predicted by the BTAC, unless they result in a BTAC miss. The third instruction is not predicted. The SBP predicts unconditional procedure calls as taken, and conditional procedure calls as not taken.

When a procedure return instruction is predicted, an instruction fetch from the location at the top of the return stack occurs, and the return stack is popped. The instructions recognized as procedure returns are:

- BX R14
- LDM sp!, {...,pc}
- LDR pc, [sp...].

The SBP only predicts procedure returns that are always predicted as taken.

Two classes of return stack mispredictions can exist:

- condition code failures of the return operation
- incorrect return location.

In addition, an empty return stack gives no prediction.

## 5.4 Memory Barriers

Memory barrier is the general term applied to an instruction, or sequence of instructions, used to force synchronization events by a processor with respect to retiring load/store instructions in a processor core. A memory barrier is used to guarantee completion of preceding load/store instructions to the programmers model, flushing of any prefetched instructions prior to the event, or both. The ARMv6 architecture mandates three explicit barrier instructions in the System Control Coprocessor to support the memory order model, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*, and requires these instructions to be available in both Privileged and User modes:

- Data Memory Barrier, see *Data Memory Barrier operation* on page 3-84
- Data Synchronization Barrier, see *Data Synchronization Barrier operation* on page 3-83
- Prefetch Flush, see *Flush operations* on page 3-79.

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### Note

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The Data Synchronization Barrier operation is synonymous with Drain Write Buffer and Data Write Barrier in earlier versions of the architecture.

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These instructions might be sufficient on their own, or might have to be used in conjunction with cache and memory management maintenance operations, operations that are only available in Privileged modes.

### 5.4.1 Instruction Memory Barriers (IMBs)

Because it is impossible to entirely avoid self modifying code it is necessary to define a sequence of operations that can be used in the middle of a self-modifying code sequence to make it execute reliably. This sequence is called an *Instruction Memory Barrier* (IMB), and might depend both on the ARM processor implementation and on the memory system implementation.

The IMB sequence must be executed after the new instructions have been stored to memory and before they are executed, for example, after a program has been loaded and before its entry point is branched to. Any self-modifying code sequence that does not use an IMB in this way has Unpredictable behavior.

An IMB might be included in-line where required, however, it is recommended that software is designed so that the IMB sequence is provided as a call to an easily replaceable system dependencies module. This eases porting across different architecture variants, ARM processors, and memory systems.

IMB sequences can include operations that are only usable from Privileged processor modes, such as the cache cleaning and invalidation operations supplied by the system control coprocessor. To enable User mode programs access to privileged IMB sequences, it is recommended that they are supplied as operating system calls, invoked by SVC instructions. For systems that use the 24-bit immediate in an SVC instruction to specify the required operating system service, that are default values as follows:

```
SVC 0xF00000; the general case
SVC 0xF00001; where the system can take advantage of specifying an
               ; affected address range
```

These are recommended for general use unless an operating system has good reason to choose differently, to align with a broader range of operating system specific system services.

The SVC 0xF00000 call takes no parameters, does not return a result, and, apart from the fact that a SVC instruction is used for the call, rather than a BL instruction, uses the same calling conventions as a call to a C function with prototype:

```
void IMB(void);
```

The SVC 0xF00001 call uses similar calling conventions to those used by a call to a C function with prototype:

```
void IMB_Range(unsigned long start_addr, unsigned long end_addr);
```

Where the address range runs from start\_addr (inclusive) to end\_addr (exclusive). When the standard ARM Procedure Call Standard is used, this means that start\_addr is passed in R0 and end\_addr in R1.

The execution time cost of an IMB can be very large, many thousands of clock cycles, even when a small address range is specified. For small scale uses of self-modifying code, this is likely to lead to a major loss of performance. It is therefore recommended that self-modifying code is only used where it is unavoidable and/or it produces sufficiently large execution time benefits to offset the cost of the IMB.

## 5.5 ARM1176JZF-S IMB implementation

For the ARM1176JZF-S processor:

- executing the SVC instruction is sufficient to cause IMB operation
- both the IMB and the IMBRange instructions flush all stored information about the instruction stream.

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### Note

The IMB implementation described here applies to the ARM1020T and later processors, including the ARM1176JZF-S.

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This means that all IMB instructions can be implemented in the operating system by returning from the IMB or IMBRange service routine, and that the IMB and IMBRange service routines can be exactly the same. The following service routine code can be used:

```
IMB_SVC_handler
IMBRange_SVC_handler
```

```
MOVS    PC, R14_svc ; Return to the code after the SVC call
```

---

### Note

- In new code, you are strongly encouraged to use the IMBRange instruction whenever the changed area of code is small, even if there is no distinction between it and the IMB instruction on ARM1176JZF-S processors. Future processors might implement the IMBRange instruction in a more efficient and faster manner, and code migrated from the ARM1176JZF-S core is likely to benefit when executed on these processors.
  - ARM1176JZF-S processors implement a Flush Prefetch Buffer operation that is user-accessible and acts as an IMB. For more details see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69.
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### 5.5.1 Execution of IMB instructions

This section comprises three examples that show what can happen during the execution of IMB instructions. The pseudo code in the square brackets shows what happens to execute the IMB (or IMBRange) instruction in the SVC handler.

Example 5-1 shows how code that loads a program from a disk, and then branches to the entry point of that program, must execute an IMB instruction between loading the program and trying to execute it.

#### Example 5-1 Loading code from disk

---

```
IMB    EQU 0xF00000
      .
      .
      ; code that loads program from disk
      .
      .
SVC    IMB
      [branch to IMB service routine]
      [perform processor-specific operations to execute IMB]
      [return to code]
      .
```

```
MOV PC, entry_point_of_loaded_program
.
.
```

---

Compiled BitBlit routines optimize large copy operations by constructing and executing a copying loop that has been optimized for the exact operation wanted. When writing such a routine an IMB is required between the code that constructs the loop and the actual execution of the constructed loop. Example 5-2 shows this.

#### Example 5-2 Running BitBlit code

---

```
IMBRange EQU 0xF00001.
.
; code that constructs loop code
; load R0 with the start address of the constructed loop
; load R1 with the end address of the constructed loop
SVC    IMBRange
    [branch to IMBRange service routine]
    [read registers R0 and R1 to set up address range parameters]
    [perform processor-specific operations to execute IMBRange]
    [within address range]
    [return to code]
; start of loop code
.
.
```

---

When writing a self-decompressing program, an IMB must be issued after the routine that decompresses the bulk of the code and before the decompressed code starts to be executed. Example 5-3 shows this.

#### Example 5-3 Self-decompressing code

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```
IMB    EQU    0xF00000
.
.
; copy and decompress bulk of code
    SVC    IMB
; start of decompressed code
.
.
.
```

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# Chapter 6

## Memory Management Unit

This chapter describes the *Memory Management Unit (MMU)* and how it is used. It contains the following sections:

- *About the MMU* on page 6-2
- *TLB organization* on page 6-4
- *Memory access sequence* on page 6-7
- *Enabling and disabling the MMU* on page 6-9
- *Memory access control* on page 6-11
- *Memory region attributes* on page 6-14
- *Memory attributes and types* on page 6-20
- *MMU aborts* on page 6-27
- *MMU fault checking* on page 6-29
- *Fault status and address* on page 6-34
- *Hardware page table translation* on page 6-36
- *MMU descriptors* on page 6-43
- *MMU software-accessible registers* on page 6-53.

## 6.1 About the MMU

The processor MMU works with the cache memory system to control accesses to and from external memory. The MMU also controls the translation of virtual addresses to physical addresses.

The processor implements an ARMv6 MMU enhanced with TrustZone features to provide address translation and access permission checks for all ports of the processor. The MMU controls table-walking hardware that accesses translation tables in main memory. In each world, Secure and Non-secure, a single set of two-level page tables stored in main memory controls the contents of the instruction and data side *Translation Lookaside Buffers* (TLBs). The finished virtual address to physical address translation is put into the TLB, associated with a *Non-secure Table Identifier* (NSTID) that permits Secure and Non-secure entries to co-exist. The TLBs are enabled in each world from a single bit in CP15 Control Register c1, providing a single address translation and protection scheme from software.

The MMU features are:

- standard ARMv6 MMU mapping sizes, domains, and access protection scheme
- mapping sizes are 4KB, 64KB, 1MB, and 16MB
- the access permissions for 1MB sections and 16MB supersections are specified for the entire section
- you can specify access permissions for 64KB large pages and 4KB small pages separately for each quarter of the page, these quarters are called subpages
- 16 domains
- one 64-entry unified TLB and a lockdown region of eight entries
- you can mark entries as a global mapping, or associated with a specific application space identifier to eliminate the requirement for TLB flushes on most context switches
- access permissions extended to enable Privileged read-only and Privileged or User read-only modes to be simultaneously supported
- memory region attributes to mark pages shared by multiple processors
- hardware page table walks
- separate Secure and Non-secure entries and page tables
- Non-secure memory attribute
- possibility to restrict the eight lockdown entries to the Secure world.

The MMU memory system architecture enables fine-grained control of a memory system. This is controlled by a set of virtual to physical address mappings and associated memory properties held within one or more structures known as TLBs within the MMU. The contents of the TLBs are managed through hardware translation lookups from a set of translation tables in memory.

To prevent requiring a TLB invalidation on a context switch, you can mark each virtual to physical address mapping as being associated with a particular application space, or as global for all application spaces. Only global mappings and those for the current application space are enabled at any time. By changing the *Application Space Identifier* (ASID) you can alter the enabled set of virtual to physical address mappings.

TrustZone extensions enable the system to mark each entry in the TLB as Secure or Non-secure with the NSTID. At any time the processor only enables entries with an NSTID that matches the Security state of the current application.

The set of memory properties associated with each TLB entry include:

#### **Memory access permission control**

This controls if a program has no-access, read-only access, or read/write access to the memory area. When an access is attempted without the required permission, a memory abort is signaled to the processor. The level of access possible can also be affected by whether the program is running in User mode, or a privileged mode, and by the use of domains. See *Memory access control* on page 6-11 for more details.

#### **Memory region attributes**

These describe properties of a memory region. Examples include Strongly Ordered, Device, cacheable Write-Through, and cacheable Write-Back. If an entry for a virtual address is not found in a TLB then a set of translation tables in memory are automatically searched by hardware to create a TLB entry. This process is known as a translation table walk. If the processor is in ARMv5 backwards-compatible mode some new features, such as ASIDs, are not available. The MMU architecture also enables specific TLB entries to be locked down in a TLB. This ensures that accesses to the associated memory areas never require looking up by a translation table walk. This minimizes the worst-case access time to code and data for real-time routines.

#### **Non-secure memory region attribute**

This attribute is a TrustZone security extension to the existing ARMv6 MMU. It defines when the target memory is Secure or Non-secure. See *NS attribute* on page 6-19 for a detailed explanation of this bit.

## 6.2 TLB organization

The following sections describe the TLB organization:

- *MicroTLB*
- *Main TLB* on page 6-5
- *TLB control operations* on page 6-5
- *Page-based attributes* on page 6-5
- *Supersections* on page 6-6.

### 6.2.1 MicroTLB

The first level of caching for the page table information is a small MicroTLB of ten entries that is implemented on each of the instruction and data sides. These entities are implemented in logic, providing a fully associative lookup of the virtual addresses in a cycle. This means that a MicroTLB miss signal is returned at the end of the DC1 cycle. In addition to the virtual address, an *Address Space Identifier* (ASID) and a NSTID are used to distinguish different address mappings that might be in use.

The current ASID is a small identifier, eight bits in size, that is programmed using CP15 when different address mappings are required. A memory mapping for a page or section can be marked as being global or referring to a specific ASID. The MicroTLB uses the current ASID in the comparisons of the lookup for all pages for which the global bit is not set.

The NSTID consists of one bit, and is automatically set when a new entry is written. The entry is marked as Secure when the MicroTLB request is Secure, that is when it is performed when the core is in Secure Monitor mode, whatever the value of the NS bit in the CP15 SCR register, or in any Secure mode, NS bit in CP15 SCR = 0.

The MicroTLB returns the physical address to the cache for the address comparison, and also checks the protection attributes in sufficient time to signal a Data Abort in the DC2 cycle. An additional set of attributes, to be used by the cache line miss handler, are provided by the MicroTLB. The timing requirements for these are less critical than for the physical address and the abort checking.

You can configure MicroTLB replacement to be round-robin or random. By default the round-robin replacement algorithm is used. The random replacement algorithm is designed to be selected for rare pathological code that causes extreme use of the MicroTLB. With such code, you can often improve the situation by using a random replacement algorithm for the MicroTLB. You can only select random replacement of the MicroTLB if random cache selection is in force, as set by the Control Register RR bit. If the RR bit is 0, then you can select random replacement of the MicroTLB by setting the Auxiliary Control Register bit 3. This register is only accessible in Secure Privileged modes.

———— **Note** —————

The RR bit is common to the Secure and Non-secure worlds.

All main TLB maintenance operations affect both the instruction and data MicroTLBs, causing them to be flushed.

The virtual addresses held in the MicroTLB include the FCSE translation from *Virtual Address* (VA) to *Modified Virtual Address* (MVA). For more information see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. The process of loading the MicroTLB from the main TLB includes the FCSE translation if appropriate.

## 6.2.2 Main TLB

The main TLB is the second layer in the TLB structure that catches the cache misses from the MicroTLBs. It provides a centralized source for translation entries.

Misses from the instruction and data MicroTLBs are handled by a unified main TLB, that is accessed only on MicroTLB misses. Accesses to the main TLB take a variable number of cycles, according to competing requests between each of the MicroTLBs and other implementation-dependent factors. Entries in the lockable region of the main TLB are lockable at the granularity of a single entry, as *c10, TLB Lockdown Register* on page 3-100 describes.

### Main TLB implementation

The main TLB is implemented as a combination of two elements:

- A fully-associative array of eight elements, that is lockable. You can restrict this region to store Secure entries only, that is entries with NSTID=0, when the TL bit is clear in the NSAC register, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55

#### ———— Note —————

- If you clear the TL bit, after creating some NS entries in the Lockdown region, this does not invalidate these entries. The TL bit prevents the creation of new NS entries in the Lockdown region.
- The TL bit has no influence on the Read/Write Lockdown entry operations, VA PA or Attributes, in the system control coprocessor, see *c15, TLB lockdown access registers* on page 3-149. When the TL bit is set, the processor can write an NS entry in the Lockdown region with the Write Lockdown operation of the system control coprocessor.

- A low-associativity Tag RAM and DataRAM structure similar to that used in the Cache.

The implementation of the low-associativity region is a 64-entry 2-way associative structure. Depending on the RAMs available, you can implement this as either:

- four 32-bit wide RAMs
- two 64-bit wide RAMs
- a single 128-bit wide RAM.

### Main TLB misses

Main TLB misses are handled in hardware by the two level page table walk mechanism, as used on previous ARM processors. See *c8, TLB Operations Register* on page 3-86.

#### ———— Note —————

Automatic page table walks might be disabled by PD0 and PD1 bits in the TTB Control register.

## 6.2.3 TLB control operations

*c8, TLB Operations Register* on page 3-86 and *c10, TLB Lockdown Register* on page 3-100 describe the TLB control operations.

## 6.2.4 Page-based attributes

*Memory access control* on page 6-11 describe the page-based attributes for access protection. *Memory region attributes* on page 6-14 and *Memory attributes and types* on page 6-20 describe the memory types and page-based cache control attributes. The processor interprets the Shared

bit in the MMU for regions that are Cacheable as making the accesses Noncacheable. This ensures memory coherency without incurring the cost of dedicated cache coherency hardware. *Behavior with MMU disabled* on page 6-9 describes the behavior of the memory system when the MMU is disabled.

### 6.2.5 Supersections

Supersections are defined using a first level descriptor in the page tables, similar to the way a Section is defined. Because each first level page table entry covers a 1MB region of virtual memory, the 16MB supersections require that 16 identical copies of the first level descriptor of the supersection exist in the first level page table.

Every supersection is defined to have its Domain as 0.

Supersections can be specified regardless of whether subpages are enabled or not, as controlled by the CP15 Control Register XP bit, bit [23]. This bit is duplicated as Secure and Non-secure, so that supersections can be enabled or disabled separately in each world. Figure 6-6 on page 6-38 and Figure 6-9 on page 6-41 show the page table formats of supersections.

## 6.3 Memory access sequence

When the processor generates a memory access, the MMU:

1. Performs a lookup for a mapping for the requested virtual address and current ASID and current world, Secure or Non-secure, in the relevant Instruction or Data MicroTLB.
2. If step 1 misses then a lookup for a mapping for the requested virtual address and current ASID and current world, Secure or Non-secure, in the main TLB is performed.

If no global mapping, or mapping for the currently selected ASID, or no matching NSTID, for the virtual address can be found in the TLBs then a translation table walk is automatically performed by hardware, unless Page Table Walks are disabled by the PD0 or PD1 bits in the TTB Control register, that cause the processor to return a Section Translation fault. See *Hardware page table translation* on page 6-36.

If a matching TLB entry is found then the information it contains is used as follows:

1. The access permission bits and the domain are used to determine if the access is permitted. If the access is not permitted the MMU signals a memory abort, otherwise the access is enabled to proceed. *Memory access control* on page 6-11 describes how this is done.
2. The memory region attributes control the cache and write buffer, and determine if the access is Secure or Non-secure cached, uncached, or device, and if it is shared, as *Memory region attributes* on page 6-14 describes.
3. The physical address is used for any access to external or tightly coupled memory to perform Tag matching for cache entries.

### 6.3.1 TLB match process

Each TLB entry contains a virtual address, a page size, a physical address, and a set of memory properties. Each is marked as being associated with a particular application space, or as global for all application spaces. Register c13 in CP15 determines the currently selected application space. This register is duplicated as Secure and Non-secure to enable fast switching between Secure and Non-secure applications. Each entry is also associated with the Secure or Non-secure world by the NSTID.

A TLB entry matches if the NSTID matches the Secure or Non-secure request state of the MMU request, and if bits [31:N] of the Virtual Address match, where N is  $\log_2$  of the page size for the TLB entry. It is either marked as global, or the *Application Space Identifier* (ASID) matches the current ASID. The behavior of a TLB if two or more entries match at any time, including global and ASID-specific entries, is Unpredictable. The operating system must ensure that, at most, one TLB entry matches at any time. With respect to operation in the Secure and Non-secure worlds, multiple matching can only occur on entries with the same NSTID, that is a Non-secure entry and a Secure entry can never be hit simultaneously.

A TLB can store entries based on the following four block sizes:

<b>Supersections</b>	Consist of 16MB blocks of memory.
<b>Sections</b>	Consist of 1MB blocks of memory.
<b>Large pages</b>	Consist of 64KB blocks of memory.
<b>Small pages</b>	Consist of 4KB blocks of memory.

Supersections, sections, and large pages are supported to permit mapping of a large region of memory while using only a single entry in a TLB. If no mapping for an address is found within the TLB, then the translation table is automatically read by hardware, if not disabled with PD0 and PD1 bits in the TTB Control register, and a mapping is placed in the TLB. See *Hardware page table translation* on page 6-36 for more details.

### 6.3.2 Virtual to physical translation mapping restrictions

You can use the processor MMU architecture in conjunction with virtually indexed physically tagged caches. For details of any mapping page table restrictions for virtual to physical addresses see *Restrictions on page table mappings page coloring* on page 6-41.

### 6.3.3 Tightly-Coupled Memory

There are no page table restrictions for mappings to the *Tightly-Coupled Memory* (TCM). For details of the TCM see *Tightly-coupled memory* on page 7-7.

## 6.4 Enabling and disabling the MMU

You can enable and disable the MMU by writing the M bit, bit 0, of the CP15 Control Register c1. On reset, this bit is cleared to 0, disabling the MMU. This bit, in addition to most of the MMU control parameters, is duplicated as Secure and Non-secure, to ensure a clear and distinct memory management policy in each world.

### 6.4.1 Enabling the MMU

To enable the MMU in one world you must:

1. Program all relevant CP15 registers of the corresponding world.
2. Program first-level and second-level descriptor page tables as required.
3. Disable and invalidate the Instruction Cache for the corresponding world. You can then re-enable the Instruction Cache when you enable the MMU.
4. Enable the MMU by setting bit 0 in the CP15 Control Register in the corresponding world.

### 6.4.2 Disabling the MMU

To disable the MMU in one world proceed as follows:

1. Clear bit 2 to 0 in the CP15 Control Register c1 of the corresponding world, to disable the Data Cache. You must disable the Data Cache in the corresponding world before, or at the same time as, disabling the MMU.

———— **Note** ————

If the MMU is enabled, then disabled, and subsequently re-enabled in the same world, the contents of the TLBs for this world are preserved. If these are now invalid, you must invalidate the TLBs in the corresponding world before you re-enable the MMU, see *c8, TLB Operations Register* on page 3-86.

2. Clear bit 0 to 0 in the CP15 Control Register c1 of the corresponding world.

### 6.4.3 Behavior with MMU disabled

When the MMU is disabled, the Data Cache is disabled and memory accesses are treated as follows for the corresponding world:

- When the TEX remap bit, bit [28] in the CP15 Control Register, is reset to 0, behavior is backward compatible:
  - All data accesses are treated as Strongly Ordered. The value of the C bit, bit [2] in the CP15 Control Register of the corresponding world, Should Be Zero.
  - All instruction accesses are treated as Cacheable if the I bit, bit [12] of the CP15 Control Register of the corresponding world, is set to 1, and Strongly Ordered if the I bit is reset to 0.
- When the TEX remap bit, bit [28] in the CP15 Control Register, is set to 1:
  - all accesses are treated with the same parameters, independently of the C and I bit values
  - those parameters depend on the programming of the PRRR and NMRR registers, see *TexRemap=1 configuration* on page 6-16 for more information on this behavior.

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**Note**

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By default, the PRRR and NMRR registers are reset to that all accesses are treated as Strongly Ordered.

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The other parameters of the MMU behavior when disabled, independent of the TEX remap configuration, are:

- No memory access permission or Access bit checks are performed, and no aborts are generated by the MMU.
- The physical address for every access is equal to its virtual address. This is known as a flat address mapping.
- The NS attribute for the target memory region is equal to the state, Secure or Non-secure, of the request, that is Secure requests are considered to target Secure memory.
- The FCSE PID Should Be Zero when the MMU is disabled. This is the reset value of the FCSE PID. If the MMU is to be disabled the FCSE PID must be cleared.
- All CP15 MMU and cache operations can be executed even when the MMU is disabled.
- Accesses to the TCMs work as normal if the TCMs are enabled.

## 6.5 Memory access control

Access to a memory region is controlled by:

- *Domains*
- *Access permissions*
- *Execute never bits in the TLB entry on page 6-12.*

### 6.5.1 Domains

A domain is a collection of memory regions. In compliance with the ARM Architecture and the TrustZone Security Extensions, the ARM1176JZF-S supports 16 Domains in the Secure world and 16 Domains in the Non-secure world. Domains provide support for multi-user operating systems. All regions of memory have an associated domain.

A domain is the primary access control mechanism for a region of memory and defines the conditions when an access can proceed. The domain determines whether:

- access permissions are used to qualify the access
- access is unconditionally permitted to proceed
- access is unconditionally aborted.

In the latter two cases, the access permission attributes are ignored.

Each page table entry and TLB entry contains a field that specifies the domain that the entry is in. Access to each domain is controlled by a 2-bit field in the Domain Access Control Register, CP15 c3. Each field enables very quick access to be achieved to an entire domain, so that whole memory areas can be efficiently swapped in and out of virtual memory. Two kinds of domain access are supported:

**Clients** Clients are users of domains in that they execute programs and access data. They are guarded by the access permissions of the TLB entries for that domain.

A client is a domain user, and each access has to be checked against the access permission settings for each memory block and the system protection bit, the S bit, and the ROM protection bit, the R bit, in CP15 Control Register c1. Table 6-1 on page 6-12 lists the access permissions.

**Managers** Managers control the behavior of the domain, the current sections and pages in the domain, and the domain access. They are not guarded by the access permissions for TLB entries in that domain.

Because a manager controls the domain behavior, each access has only to be checked to be a manager of the domain.

One program can be a client of some domains, and a manager of some other domains, and have no access to the remaining domains. This enables flexible memory protection for programs that access different memory resources.

### 6.5.2 Access permissions

The access permission bits control access to the corresponding memory region. If an access is made to an area of memory without the required permissions, then a permission fault is raised.

The access permissions are determined by a combination of the AP and APX bits in the page table, and the S and R bits in CP15 Control Register c1. For page tables not supporting the APX bit, the value 0 is used.

You do not have to flush the TLB to enable the new S and R bit to take effect. Access permissions of entries in the TLB are automatically affected by the new S and R values.

**Note**

The use of the S and R bits is deprecated.

Table 6-1 lists the encoding of the access permission bits.

**Table 6-1 Access permission bit encoding**

APX	AP[1:0]	Privileged permissions	User permissions
0	b00	No access, recommended use. Read-only when S=1 and R=0 or when S=0 and R=1, deprecated.	No access, recommended use. Read-only when S=0 and R=1, deprecated.
0	b01	Read/write.	No access.
0	b10	Read/write.	Read-only.
0	b11	Read/write.	Read/write.
1	b00	Reserved.	Reserved.
1	b01	Read-only.	No access.
1	b10	Read-only.	Read-only.
1	b11	Read-only.	Read-only.

**Restricted access permissions and the access bit**

The Access bit is an ARMv6 enhancement, for full details see *Access bit fault* on page 6-32. Some OSs only use a restricted set of the access permissions:

- APX and AP[1:0] = b111, Read-Only for both Privileged and Unprivileged code
- APX and AP[1:0] = b011, Read-Write for both Privileged and Unprivileged code
- APX and AP[1:0] = b101, Read-Only for Privileged code, No Access for Unprivileged
- APX and AP[1:0] = b001, Read-Write for Privileged code, No Access for Unprivileged.

For such OSs the encoding of the Read-Only or Read-Write and the User or Kernel access permissions are orthogonal:

- APX selects the Read-Only or Read-Write permission
- AP[1] selects the User or Kernel access.

In this case, the AP[0] bit provides Access bit information so that software can optimize the memory management algorithm.

The Access bit behaves in this way except in the deprecated case that uses the S and R bits, that is when the S and R bits have opposite values, and when APX and AP[1:0] = b000.

**6.5.3 Execute never bits in the TLB entry**

Each memory region can be tagged as not containing executable code. If the Execute Never, XN, bit of the TLB entry is set to 1, then any attempt to execute an instruction in that region results in a permission fault. If the XN bit is cleared, then code can execute from that memory region. When the MMU is in ARMv5 mode, see the XP bit in *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44, the

descriptors do not contain the XN bit, and all pages are executable. In ARMv6 mode, XP bit =1, the descriptors specify the XN attribute, see Figure 6-7 on page 6-39 and Figure 6-8 on page 6-40.

## 6.6 Memory region attributes

Each TLB entry has an associated set of memory region attributes. These control:

- accesses to the caches
- how the write buffer is used
- if the memory region is shareable
- if the targeted memory is Secure or not.

### 6.6.1 C and B bit, and type extension field encodings

The ARMv6 MMU architecture originally defined five bits to describe all of the options for inner and outer cachability. These five bits, the Type Extension Field, TEX[2:0], Cacheable, C, and Bufferable, B bits, are set in the descriptors.

Few application make use of all these options simultaneously. For this reason, a new configuration bit, TEX remap, bit [28] in the CP15 Control Register, permits the core to support a smaller number of options by using only the TEX[0], C and B bits.

The OS can configure this subset of options through a remap mechanism for these TEX[0], C, and B bits. The TEX[2:1] bits in the descriptor then become 2 OS managed page table bits.

Additionally, certain page tables contain the Shared bit, S, used to determine if the memory region is Shared or not. If not present in the descriptor, the Shared bit is assumed to be 0, Non-Shared. In the TexRemap=1 configuration, the Shared bit can be remapped too.

For TrustZone support, the TEX remap bit is duplicated as Secure and Non-secure versions, so it is possible to configure in each world the options that are available to the core.

The TLB does not cache the effect of the TEX remap bit on page tables. As a result, there is no requirement for the processor to invalidate the TLB on a change of the TEX remap bit to rely on the effect of those changes taking place.

#### ———— Note ————

The terms Inner and Outer in this document represent the levels of caches that can be built in a system. Inner refers to the innermost caches, including level one. Outer refers to the outermost caches. The boundary between Inner and Outer caches is defined in the implementation of a cached system. Inner must always include level one. In a system with three levels of caches, an example is for the Inner attributes to apply to level one and level two, while the Outer attributes apply to level three. In a two-level system, it is envisaged that Inner always applies to level one and Outer to level two.

In the processor, Inner refers to level one and the **ARSBAND[4:1]**, for read, and **AWSBAND[4:1]**, for writes, signals show the Inner Cacheable values.

**ARCACHE**, for reads, and **AWCACHE**, for writes, show the Outer Cacheable properties.

#### **TexRemap=0 configuration**

This is the standard ARMv6 configuration. The five TEX[2:0], C, and B bits are used to encode the memory region type. For page tables formats with no TEX field, you must use the value 3'b000.

The S bit in the descriptors only applies to Normal, that is not Device and not Strongly Ordered memory. Table 6-2 summarizes the TEX[2:0], C, and B encodings used in the page table formats, and the value of the shareable attribute of the concerned page:

**Table 6-2 TEX field, and C and B bit encodings used in page table formats**

Page table encodings			Description	Memory type	Page shareable?
TEX	C	B			
b000	0	0	Strongly Ordered	Strongly Ordered	Shared <sup>a</sup>
b000	0	1	Shared Device	Device	Shared <sup>a</sup>
b000	1	0	Outer and Inner Write-Through, No Allocate on Write	Normal	s <sup>b</sup>
b000	1	1	Outer and Inner Write-Back, No Allocate on Write	Normal	s <sup>b</sup>
b001	0	0	Outer and Inner Noncacheable	Normal	s <sup>b</sup>
b001	0	1	Reserved	-	-
b001	1	0	Reserved	-	-
b001	1	1	Outer and Inner Write-Back, Allocate on Write <sup>c</sup>	Normal	s <sup>b</sup>
b010	0	0	Non-Shared Device	Device	Non-shared
b010	0	1	Reserved	-	-
010	1	X	Reserved	-	-
011	X	X	Reserved	-	-
1BB	A	A	Cached memory. BB = Outer policy, AA = Inner policy. See Table 6-3 on page 6-16.	Normal	s <sup>b</sup>

- a. Shared, regardless of the value of the S bit in the page table.
- b. s is Shared if the value of the S bit in the page table is 1, or Non-shared if the value of the S bit is 0 or not present.
- c. The cache does not implement allocate on write.

The Inner and Outer cache policy bits control the operation of memory accesses to the external memory:

- The C and B bits are described as the AA bits and define the Inner cache policy
- The TEX[1:0] bits are described as the BB bits and define the Outer cache policy.

Table 6-3 shows how the MMU and cache interpret the cache policy bits.

**Table 6-3 Cache policy bits**

BB or AA bits	Cache policy
b00	Noncacheable
b01	Write-Back cached, Write Allocate
b10	Write-Through cached, No Allocate on Write
b11	Write-Back cached, No Allocate on Write

You can choose the write allocation policy that an implementation supports. The Allocate On Write and No Allocate On Write cache policies indicate the preferred allocation policy for a memory region, but you must not rely on the memory system implementing that policy. The processor does not support Inner Allocate on Write.

Not all Inner and Outer cache policies are mandatory. Table 6-4 lists possible implementation options.

**Table 6-4 Inner and Outer cache policy implementation options**

Cache policy	Implementation options	Supported by the processor
Inner Noncacheable	Mandatory.	Yes
Inner Write-Through	Mandatory.	Yes
Inner Write-Back	Optional. If not supported, the memory system must implement this as Inner Write-Through.	Yes
Outer Noncacheable	Mandatory.	System-dependent
Outer Write-Through	Optional. If not supported, the memory system must implement this as Outer Non-cacheable.	System-dependent
Outer Write-Back	Optional. If not supported, the memory system must implement this as Outer Write-Through.	System-dependent

When the MMU is off and TexRemap=0:

- All data accesses are treated as Shared, Inner Strongly Ordered, Outer Non-cacheable.
- Instruction accesses are treated as Non-Shared, Inner and Outer Write-Through, No Allocate on Write, when the Instruction Cache is on, I=1, bit [12], see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44.

Instruction accesses are treated as Shared, Inner Strongly Ordered, Outer Non-Cacheable, when the Instruction Cache is off, see *Behavior with MMU disabled* on page 6-9.

### TexRemap=1 configuration

Only three bits, TEX[0], C, and B, are relevant in this configuration. The OS can use the TEX[2:1] bits to manage the page tables.

In this configuration the processor provides the OS with a remap capability for the memory attribute. Two CP15 registers, the *Primary Region Remap Register (PRRR)* and the *Normal Memory Region Register (NMRR)* come into effect.

You can access the memory region remap registers of the MMU with:

MCR/MRC {cond} p15, 0, Rd, c10, c2, 0 for the Primary Region Remap register and MCR/MRC {cond} p15, 0, Rd, c10, c2, 1 for the Normal Memory Region Remap register, see *c10, Memory region remap registers* on page 3-101.

The remapping applies to all sources of MMU requests, that is the two registers are applicable to Data, Instruction and DMA requests.

For TrustZone support, the PRRR and NMRR registers are duplicated as Secure and Non-secure versions, and the processor uses the appropriate one for the remapping depending on whether the MMU request is Secure or not.

The PRRR and NMRR registers are expected to be static throughout operation.

However, if the PRRR or NMRR registers are modified in one world, the changes take effect immediately and enable each of the entries contained in the main TLB to be remapped, without the requirement to invalidate the TLB.

The remap capability has two levels:

1. The first level, the Primary Region Remap, enables remap of the primary memory type, Normal, Device or Strongly Ordered. See Table 6-5.
2. After primary remapping, any region remapped as Normal memory has the Inner and Outer cacheable attributes remapped by the Normal Memory Region Remap register. See Table 6-5. To provide maximum flexibility, this level of remapping permits regions that were originally not Normal memory to be remapped independently.

Similarly, if the obtained, remapped, memory type is Device or Normal memory, the S bit in the descriptor is independently remapped according to one of the PRRR[19:16] bit. See Table 6-6 on page 6-18.

Table 6-5 summarizes the parts of the PRRR and NMRR that are used to remap the different memory region attributes.

**Table 6-5 Effect of remapping memory with TEX remap = 1**

Page Table encodings			Memory type	Inner Cache attributes when mapped as Normal	Outer Cache attributes when mapped as Normal
TEX	C	B			
XX0	0	0	PRRR[1:0]	NMRR[1:0]	NMRR[17:16]
XX0	0	1	PRRR[3:2]	NMRR[3:2]	NMRR[19:18]
XX0	1	0	PRRR[5:4]	NMRR[5:4]	NMRR[21:20]
XX0	1	1	PRRR[7:6]	NMRR[7:6]	NMRR[23:22]
XX1	0	0	PRRR[9:8]	NMRR[9:8]	NMRR[25:24]
XX1	0	1	PRRR[11:10]	NMRR[11:10]	NMRR[27:26]
XX1	1	0	PRRR[13:12]	NMRR[13:12]	NMRR[29:28]
XX1	1	1	PRRR[15:14]	NMRR[15:14]	NMRR[31:30]

Table 6-6 lists how the memory type, the value of the S bit in the page table attributes, and the primary remap region register determine how the pages can be shared.

**Table 6-6 Values that remap the shareable attribute**

Memory Type	Shareable attribute when:	
	S=0	S=1
Strongly Ordered	Shareable	Shareable
Device	PRRR[16]	PRRR[17]
Normal	PRRR[18]	PRRR[19]

Table 6-7 lists the encoding used for each region in the PRRR register, bits [15:0].

**Table 6-7 Primary region type encoding**

Region	Encoding
Strongly Ordered	b00
Device	b01
Normal Memory	b10
Unpredictable, normal memory for ARM1176JZF-S	b11

Table 6-8 lists the encoding used for each Inner or Outer Cacheable attribute in the NMRR register, bits [31:0].

**Table 6-8 Inner and outer region remap encoding**

Inner or Outer Region	Encoding
Non-Cacheable	b00
WriteBack, WriteAllocate	b01
WriteThrough, Non-Write Allocate	b10
WriteBack, Non-WriteAllocate	b11

When the MMU is off the remapping takes place according to the settings in PRRR[1:0], and PRRR[19],PRRR[17], NMRR[1:0], and NMRR[17:16] as appropriate.

In this case, the S bit is treated as if it is 1 prior to remapping. This behavior takes place regardless of whether or not the instruction cache is enabled.

**Note**

- The reset value for each field of the PRRR and NMRR makes the MMU behave as if no remapping occurs, that is Strongly Ordered regions are remapped as Strongly Ordered and so on.
- For security reasons, the NS Attribute bit has no remap capability.

## 6.6.2 Shared

This bit indicates that the memory region can be shared by multiple processors. For a full explanation of the Shared attribute see *Memory attributes and types* on page 6-20.

## 6.6.3 NS attribute

The NS attribute is a TrustZone extension to the V6 MMU. It is specified in the L1 descriptors, in position 19 for sections and supersections, and in position 3 for coarse pages. It defines if the targeted memory region corresponding to the page is Secure or Non-secure, that is if this memory region is accessed with Secure or with Non-secure rights. This bit is ignored in the Non-secure world.

When the MMU is off, the NS Attribute is equal to the state, Secure or Non-secure, of the MMU request.

When the NS Attribute is set to 1, the access is performed with Non-secure rights:

- If the access is cacheable, it can only hit a cache line whose NS-Tag is Non-secure. If this access causes a linefill, then the created line in the cache has its NS Tag set to 1, Non-secure.
- The access can only hit TCM configured as Non-secure.
- If the access goes external to the core, then it is marked as Non-secure with **AxPROT[1]** = Non-secure.

The NS Attribute is specified in the L1 descriptors, in position 19 for sections and supersections, and in position 3 for coarse pages. The bit contained in the NS descriptors is always ignored, so that all NS entries in the TLB, that is entries with NSTID=1=Non-secure, have the NS Attribute=1=Non-secure. This ensures that the NS world always perform accesses with NS rights.

### ———— Note —————

This rule is also true when a new entry is created in the Lockdown region with the CP15 Read/Write PA in TLB Lockdown region operation. For this operation, when an entry is written with NSTID=1, then the corresponding NS Attribute of the entry is forced to 1. See *c15, TLB lockdown access registers* on page 3-149.

With this mechanism, only the Secure world can perform Secure accesses, and consequently is the only one permitted to access Secure memory. The Secure world can also access Non-secure memory, by setting the NS Attribute appropriately in the corresponding descriptor. The Non-secure world can only access Non-secure memory.

There is no check of the NS Attribute internally, and therefore the system can not generate an error because of a wrong NS Attribute. Only external aborts can be generated, if the system has implemented this feature.

## 6.7 Memory attributes and types

The processor provides a set of memory attributes that have characteristics that are suited to particular devices, including memory devices, that can be contained in the memory map. The ordering of accesses for regions of memory is also defined by the memory attributes. There are three mutually exclusive main memory type attributes:

- Strongly Ordered
- Device
- Normal.

These are used to describe the memory regions. The marking of the same memory locations as having two different attributes in the MMU, for example using synonyms in a virtual to physical address mapping, results in Unpredictable behavior but this does not break security. Table 6-9 lists a summary of the memory attributes.

**Table 6-9 Memory attributes**

Memory type attribute	Shared or Non-shared	Other attributes	Description
Strongly Ordered	-	-	All memory accesses to Strongly Ordered memory occur in program order. Some backwards compatibility constraints exist with ARMv5 instructions that change the CPSR interrupt masks. See <i>Strongly Ordered memory attribute</i> on page 6-23. All Strongly Ordered accesses are assumed to be shared.
Device	Shared	-	Designed to handle memory-mapped peripherals that are shared by several processors.
	Non-shared	-	Designed to handle memory-mapped peripherals that are used only by a single processor.
Normal	Shared	Noncacheable/ Write-Through Cacheable/ Write-Back Cacheable	Designed to handle normal memory that is shared between several processors.
	Non-shared	Noncacheable/ Write-Through Cacheable/ Write-Back Cacheable	Designed to handle normal memory that is used only by a single processor.

### 6.7.1 Normal memory attribute

The Normal memory attribute is defined on a per-page basis in the MMU and provides memory access orderings that are suitable for normal memory. This type of memory stores information without side effects. Normal memory can be writable or read-only. For writable normal memory, unless there is a change to the physical address mapping:

- a load from a specific location returns the most recently stored data at that location for the same processor
- two loads from a specific location, without a store in between, return the same data for each load.

For read-only normal memory:

- two loads from a specific location return the same data for each load.

This behavior describes most memory used in a system, and the term memory-like is used to describe this sort of memory. In this section, writable normal memory and read-only normal memory are not distinguished. Regions of memory with the Normal attribute can be Shared or Non-Shared, on a per-page basis in the MMU. The marking of the same memory locations as being Shared Normal and Non-Shared Normal in the MMU, for example by the use of synonyms in a virtual to physical address mapping, results in Unpredictable behavior but this does not break security. All explicit accesses to memory marked as Normal must correspond to the ordering requirements of accesses that *Ordering requirements for memory accesses* on page 6-23 describes. Accesses to Normal memory conform to the Weakly Ordered model of memory ordering. A description of this model is in standard texts describing memory ordering issues.

### Shared Normal memory

The Shared Normal memory attribute is designed to describe normal memory that can be accessed by multiple processors or other system masters. A region of memory marked as Shared Normal is one where the effect of interposing a cache, or caches, on the memory system is entirely transparent. Implementations can use a variety of mechanisms to support this, from not caching accesses in shared regions to more complex hardware schemes for cache coherency for those regions. The processor does not cache shareable locations at level one. In systems that implement a TCM, the regions of memory covered by the TCM must not be marked as Shared. The attributes for these regions are remapped to Inner and Outer Write-Back Non-Shared. Writes to Shared Normal memory might not be atomic. That is, all observers might not see the writes occurring at the same time. To preserve coherence where two writes are made to the same location, the order of those writes must be seen to be the same by all observers. Reads to Shared Normal memory that are aligned in memory to the size of the access are atomic.

### Non-Shared Normal memory

The Non-Shared Normal memory attribute describes normal memory that can be accessed only by a single processor. A region of memory marked as Non-Shared Normal does not have any requirement to make the effect of a cache transparent.

### Cacheable Write-Through, Cacheable Write-Back, and Noncacheable

In addition to marking a region of Normal memory as being Shared or Non-Shared, a region of memory marked as Normal can also be marked on a per-page basis in an MMU as being one of:

- Cacheable Write-Through
- Cacheable Write-Back
- Noncacheable.

This marking is independent of the marking of a region of memory as being Shared or Non-Shared, and indicates the required handling of the data region for reasons other than those to handle the requirements of shared data. As a result, a region of memory that is marked as being Cacheable and Shared is not cached by the processor at level one. Marking the same memory locations as having different Cacheable attributes, for example by the use of synonyms in a virtual to physical address mapping, results in Unpredictable behavior but does not break security.

## 6.7.2 Device memory attribute

The Device memory attribute is defined for memory locations where an access to the location can cause side effects, or where the value returned for a load can vary depending on the number of loads performed. Memory-mapped peripherals and I/O locations are typical examples of areas of memory that you must mark as Device. The marking of a region of memory as Device is performed on a per-page basis in the MMU.

Accesses to memory-mapped locations that have side effects that apply to memory locations that are Normal memory might require Memory Barriers to ensure correct execution. An example where this might be an issue is the programming of the control registers of a memory controller while accesses are being made to the memories controlled by the controller. Instruction fetches must not be performed to areas of memory containing read-sensitive devices, because there is no ordering requirement between instruction fetches and explicit accesses.

As a result, instruction fetches from such devices can result in Unpredictable behavior. Up to 64 bytes can be prefetched sequentially ahead of the current instruction being executed. To enable this, read-sensitive devices must be located in memory in such a way to enable this prefetching.

Explicit accesses from the processor to regions of memory marked as Device occur at the size and order defined by the instruction. The number of location accesses is specified by the program. Repeat accesses to such locations when there is only one access in the program, that is the accesses are not restartable, are not possible in the processor.

An example of where a repeat access might be required is before and after an interrupt to enable the interrupt to abandon a slow access. You must ensure these optimizations are not performed on regions of memory marked as Device. If a memory operation that causes multiple transactions, such as an LDM or an unaligned memory access, crosses a 4KB address boundary, then it can perform more accesses than are specified by the program, regardless of one or both of the areas being marked as Device.

For this reason, accesses to volatile memory devices must not be made using single instructions that cross a 4KB address boundary. This restriction is expected to cause restrictions to the placing of such devices in the memory map of a system, rather than to cause a compiler to be aware of the alignment of memory accesses. In addition, address locations marked as Device are not held in a cache.

### Shared memory attribute

Regions of Memory marked as Device are also distinguished by the Shared attribute in the MMU. These memory regions can be marked as:

- Shared Device
- Non-Shared Device.

Explicit accesses to memory with each of the sets of attributes occur in program order relative to other explicit accesses to the same set of attributes. All explicit accesses to memory marked as Device must correspond to the ordering requirements of accesses that *Ordering requirements for memory accesses* on page 6-23 describes. The marking of the same memory location as being Shared Device and Non-Shared Device in an MMU, for example by the use of synonyms in a virtual to physical address mapping, results in Unpredictable behavior but this does not break security.

An example of an implementation where the Shared attribute is used to distinguish memory accesses is an implementation that supports a local bus for its private peripherals, while system peripherals are situated on the main system bus. Such a system can have more predictable access times for local peripherals such as watchdog timers or interrupt controllers. For shared device memory, the data of a write is visible to all observers before the end of a Data Synchronization

Barrier memory barrier. For non-shared device memory, the data of a write is visible to the processor before the end of a Data Synchronization Barrier memory barrier. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

### 6.7.3 Strongly Ordered memory attribute

Another memory attribute, Strongly Ordered, is defined on a per-page basis in the MMU. Accesses to memory marked as Strongly Ordered have a strong memory-ordering model with respect to all explicit memory accesses from that processor. An access to memory marked as Strongly Ordered acts as a memory barrier to all other explicit accesses from that processor, until the point at which the access is complete.

That is, has changed the state of the target location or data has been returned. In addition, an access to memory marked as Strongly Ordered must complete before the end of a Memory Barrier. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25. To maintain backwards compatibility with ARMv5 architecture, any ARMv5 instructions that implicitly or explicitly change the interrupt masks in the CSPR that appear in program order after a Strongly Ordered access must wait for the Strongly Ordered memory access to complete.

These instructions are MSR with the control field mask bit set, and the flag setting variants of arithmetic and logical instructions whose destination register is R15, that copies the SPSR to CSPR. This requirement exists only for backwards compatibility with previous versions of the ARM architecture, and the behavior is deprecated in ARMv6. Programs must not rely on this behavior, but instead include an explicit Memory Barrier between the memory access and the following instruction. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

The processor does not require an explicit memory barrier in this situation, but for future compatibility it is recommended that programmers insert a memory barrier.

Explicit accesses from the processor to memory marked as Strongly Ordered occur at their program size, and the number of accesses that occur to such locations is the number that are specified by the program. Implementations must not repeat accesses to such locations when there is only one access in the program. That is, the accesses are not restartable.

If a memory operation that causes multiple transactions, such as LDM or an unaligned memory access, crosses a 4KB address boundary, then it might perform more accesses than are specified by the program regardless of one or both of the areas being marked as Strongly Ordered.

For this reason, it is important that accesses to volatile memory devices are not made using single instructions that cross a 4KB address boundary. Address locations marked as Strongly Ordered are not held in a cache, and are treated as Shared memory locations. For Strongly Ordered memory, the data and side effects of a write are visible to all observers before the end of a Data Synchronization Barrier memory barrier. See *Explicit Memory Barriers* on page 6-25.

### 6.7.4 Ordering requirements for memory accesses

The various memory types defined in this section have restrictions in the memory orderings that are permitted.

#### Ordering requirements for two accesses

The order of any two explicit architectural memory accesses where one or more are to memory marked as Non-Shared must obey the ordering requirements that Figure 6-1 on page 6-24 lists.

Figure 6-1 shows the memory ordering between two explicit accesses A1 and A2, where A1 occurs before A2 in program order. The symbols used in the figure are as follows:

- <      Accesses must occur strictly in program order. That is, A1 must occur strictly before A2. It must be impossible to tell otherwise from observation of the read/write values and side effects caused by the memory accesses.
- ?      Accesses can occur in any order, provided that the requirements of uniprocessor semantics are met, for example respecting dependencies between instructions within a single processor.

A1 \ A2	Normal read	Device read		Strongly Ordered read	Normal write	Device write		Strongly Ordered write
		Non-Shared	Shared			Non-Shared	Shared	
Normal read	?	?	?	<	? <sup>a</sup>	?	?	<
Device read, Non-Shared	?	<	?	<	?	<	?	<
Device read, Shared	?	?	<	<	?	?	<	<
Strongly Ordered read	<	<	<	<	<	<	<	<
Normal write	?	?	?	<	?	?	?	<
Device write, Non-Shared	?	<	?	<	?	<	?	<
Device write, Shared	?	?	<	<	?	?	<	<
Strongly Ordered write	<	<	<	<	<	<	<	<

- a. The processor orders the normal read ahead of normal write.

**Figure 6-1 Memory ordering restrictions**

There are no ordering requirements for implicit accesses to any type of memory.

### Definition of program order of memory accesses

The program order of instruction execution is defined as the order of the instructions in the control flow trace. Two explicit memory accesses in an execution can either be:

**Ordered**            Denoted by <. If the accesses are Ordered, then they must occur strictly in order.

**Weakly Ordered**    Denoted by <=. If the accesses are Weakly Ordered, then they must occur in order or simultaneously.

The rules for determining this for two accesses A1 and A2 are:

- If A1 and A2 are generated by two different instructions, then:
  - A1 < A2 if the instruction that generates A1 occurs before the instruction that generates A2 in program order.
  - A2 < A1 if the instruction that generates A2 occurs before the instruction that generates A1 in program order.

2. If A1 and A2 are generated by the same instruction, then:
  - If A1 and A2 are the load and store generated by a SWP or SWPB instruction, then:
    - $A1 < A2$  if A1 is the load and A2 is the store
    - $A2 < A1$  if A2 is the load and A1 is the store.
  - If A1 and A2 are two word loads generated by an LDC, LDRD, or LDM instruction, or two word stores generated by an STC, STRD, or STM instruction, but excluding LDM or STM instructions whose register list includes the PC, then:
    - $A1 \leq A2$  if the address of A1 is less than the address of A2
    - $A2 \leq A1$  if the address of A2 is less than the address of A1.
  - If A1 and A2 are two word loads generated by an LDM instruction whose register list includes the PC or two word stores generated by an STM instruction whose register list includes the PC, then the program order of the memory operations is not defined.

Multiple load and store instructions, such as LDM, LDRD, STM, and STRD, generate multiple word accesses, each being a separate access to determine ordering.

### 6.7.5 Explicit Memory Barriers

This section describes two explicit Memory Barrier operations:

- Data Memory Barrier
- Data Synchronization Barrier.

In addition, to ensure correct operation where the processor writes code, an explicit Flush Prefetch Buffer operation is provided.

These operations are implemented by writing to the CP15 Cache operation register *c7*. For details on how to use this register see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69. For more information on explicit memory barriers, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

#### Data Memory Barrier

This memory barrier ensures that all explicit memory transactions occurring in program order before this instruction are completed. No explicit memory transactions occurring in program order after this instruction are started until this instruction completes. Other instructions can complete out of order with the Data Memory Barrier instruction.

#### Data Synchronization Barrier

This memory barrier completes when all explicit memory transactions occurring in program order before this instruction are completed. No explicit memory transactions occurring in program order after this instruction are started until this instruction completes. In fact, no instructions occurring in program order after the Data Synchronization Barrier complete, or change the interrupt masks, until this instruction completes.

#### Flush Prefetch Buffer

The Flush Prefetch Buffer operation flushes the pipeline in the processor, so that all instructions following the pipeline flush are fetched from memory, including the cache, after the instruction has been completed. Combined with Data Synchronization Barrier, and potentially invalidating the Instruction Cache, this ensures that any instructions written by the processor are executed. This guarantee is required as part of the mechanism for handling self-modifying code. Performing a Data Synchronization Barrier operation and invalidating the Instruction Cache and Branch Target Cache are also required for the handling of self-modifying code. The Flush

Prefetch Buffer is guaranteed to perform this function, while alternative methods of performing the same task, such as a branch instruction, can be optimized in the hardware to avoid the pipeline flush, for example, by using a branch predictor.

### 6.7.6 Backwards compatibility

The ARMv6 memory attributes are significantly different from those in previous versions of the architecture. Table 6-10 lists the interpretation of the earlier memory types in the light of this definition.

**Table 6-10 Memory region backwards compatibility**

<b>Previous architectures</b>	<b>ARMv6 attribute</b>
NCNB, Noncacheable, Non Bufferable	Strongly Ordered
NCB, Noncacheable, Bufferable	Shared Device
Write-Through, Cacheable, Bufferable	Non-Shared Normal, Write-Through Cacheable
Write-Back, Cacheable, Bufferable	Non-Shared Normal, Write-Back Cacheable

## 6.8 MMU aborts

Mechanisms that can cause the processor to take an exception because of a memory access are:

- MMU fault**            The MMU detects a restriction and signals the processor.
- Debug abort**        Monitor debug-mode debug is enabled and a breakpoint or a watchpoint has been detected.
- External abort**      The external memory system signals an illegal or faulting memory access.

Collectively these are called *aborts*. Accesses that cause aborts are said to be aborted. If the memory request that aborts is an instruction fetch, then a Prefetch Abort exception is raised if and when the processor attempts to execute the instruction corresponding to the aborted access.

If the aborted access is a data access or a cache maintenance operation, a Data Abort exception is raised.

All Data Aborts, and aborts caused by cache maintenance operations, cause the *Data Fault Status Register (DFSR)* to be updated so that you can determine the cause of the abort.

For all Data Aborts, excluding external aborts, other than on translation, the *Fault Address Register (FAR)* is updated with the address that caused the abort. External Data Aborts, other than on translation, can all be imprecise and therefore the FAR does not contain the address of the abort. See *Imprecise Data Abort mask in the CPSR/SPSR* on page 2-47 for more details on imprecise Data Aborts.

For all prefetch aborts the processor updates the *Instruction Fault Address Register (IFAR)* with the address of the instruction that causes the abort.

When the EA bit is set, see *c1, Secure Configuration Register* on page 3-52, all external aborts are trapped to the Secure Monitor mode, and only the Secure versions of the FSR and FAR registers are updated. In all other cases, the FAR or FSR registers are updated in the world corresponding to the state of the core that caused the aborted access. For example if the core is in Secure state, the Secure version of the FAR and FSR are updated, even in the case when the aborted access has been performed with NS rights because of the NS Attribute being Non-secure in the MMU.

### 6.8.1 External aborts

External memory errors are defined as those that occur in the memory system other than those that are detected by an MMU. External memory errors are expected to be extremely rare and are likely to be fatal to the running process. Examples of events that can cause an external memory error are:

- an uncorrectable parity or ECC error on a level two memory structure
- a Non- Secure access to Secure memory.

#### External abort on instruction fetch

Externally generated errors during an instruction prefetch are precise in nature, and are only recognized by the processor if it attempts to execute the instruction fetched from the location that caused the error. The resulting failure is reported in the Instruction Fault Status Register if no higher priority abort, including a Data Abort, has taken place.

The IFAR is updated with the address of the instruction that causes the abort.

### External abort on data read/write

Externally generated errors during a data read or write can be imprecise. This means that R14\_abt on entry into the abort handler on such an abort might not hold an address that is related to the instruction that caused the exception. Correspondingly, external aborts can be unrecoverable. See *Aborts* on page 2-45 for more details.

The Fault Address Register is updated with an invalid value, all zeros, on an imprecise external abort on a data access.

In case a precise external abort occurs during a multiple load or store operation, the FAR in the appropriate world is always updated with the base address of an AXI burst.

### External abort on VA to PA translation operation

For VA to PA translation operations, the only case when an external abort can be asserted is during the page table walk.

In this case, the external abort is precise, and both the DFSR and the FAR are updated in the world, Secure or Non-secure, that generated the VA to PA translation operation. This is in addition to the standard abort mechanism occurring during VA to PA translation operations, that update the PA register of the corresponding world with the appropriate FSR encoding.

### External abort on a hardware page table walk

An external abort occurring on a hardware page table access must be returned with the page table data. Such aborts are precise. The FAR is updated on an external abort on a hardware page table walk on a data access, and the IFAR is updated on an external abort on a hardware page table walk on an instruction access. The appropriate Fault Status Register indicates that this has occurred.

## 6.9 MMU fault checking

During the processing of a section or page, the MMU behaves differently because it is checking for faults. The MMU can generate these faults:

- *Alignment fault* on page 6-32
- *Translation fault* on page 6-32
- *Access bit fault* on page 6-32
- *Domain fault* on page 6-33
- *Permission fault* on page 6-33.

Aborts that are detected by the MMU are taken before any external memory access takes place.

Alignment fault checking is enabled by the A bit in the Control Register CP15. This bit is duplicated in the Secure and Non-secure worlds for the support of TrustZone. Alignment fault checking is independent of the MMU being enabled. Translation, Access bit, domain, and permission faults are only generated when the MMU is enabled.

The access control mechanisms of the MMU detect the conditions that produce these faults. If a fault is detected as the result of a memory access, the MMU aborts the access and signals the fault condition to the processor. The MMU retains status and address information about faults generated by data accesses in DFSR and FAR, see *Fault status and address* on page 6-34. The MMU does not retain status about faults generated by instruction fetches.

An access violation for a given memory access inhibits any corresponding external access, and an abort is returned to the processor.

### 6.9.1 Fault checking sequence

Figure 6-2 and Figure 6-3 on page 6-31 show the fault checking sequence for translation table managed TLB modes.

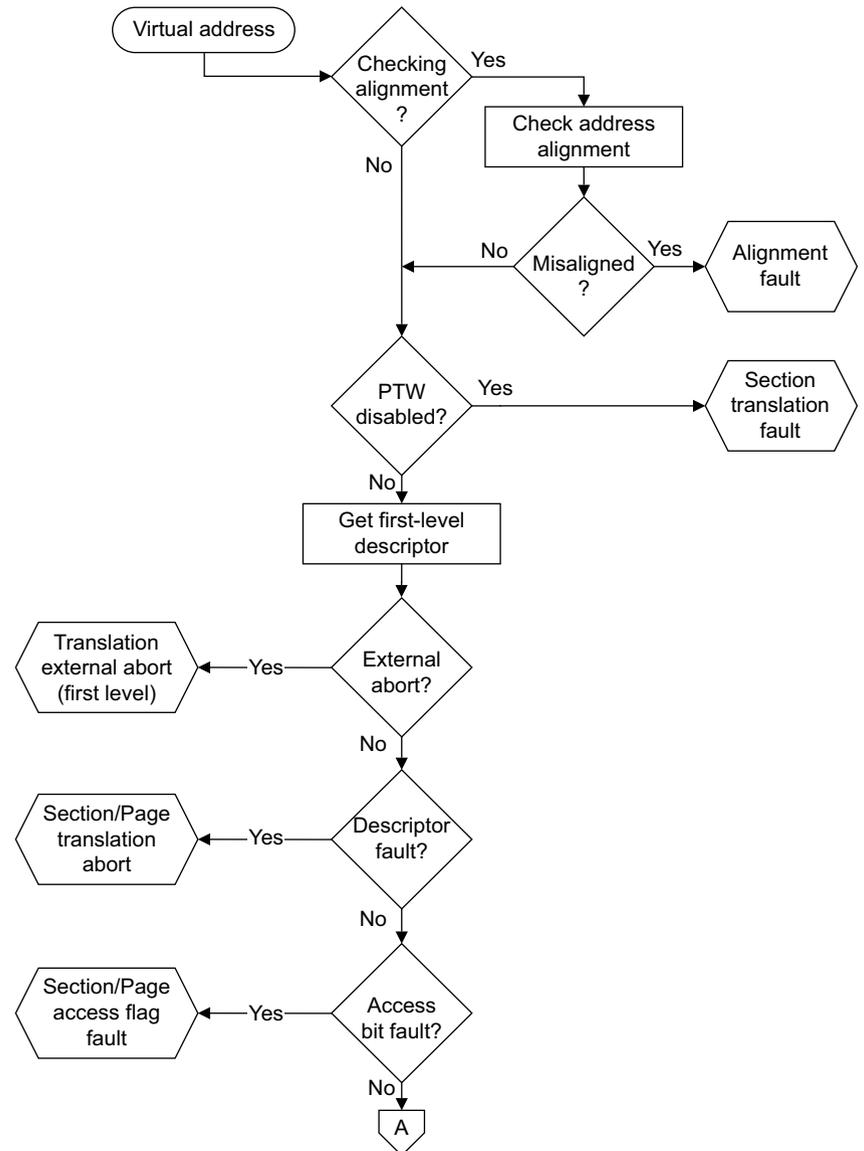


Figure 6-2 Translation table managed TLB fault checking sequence part 1

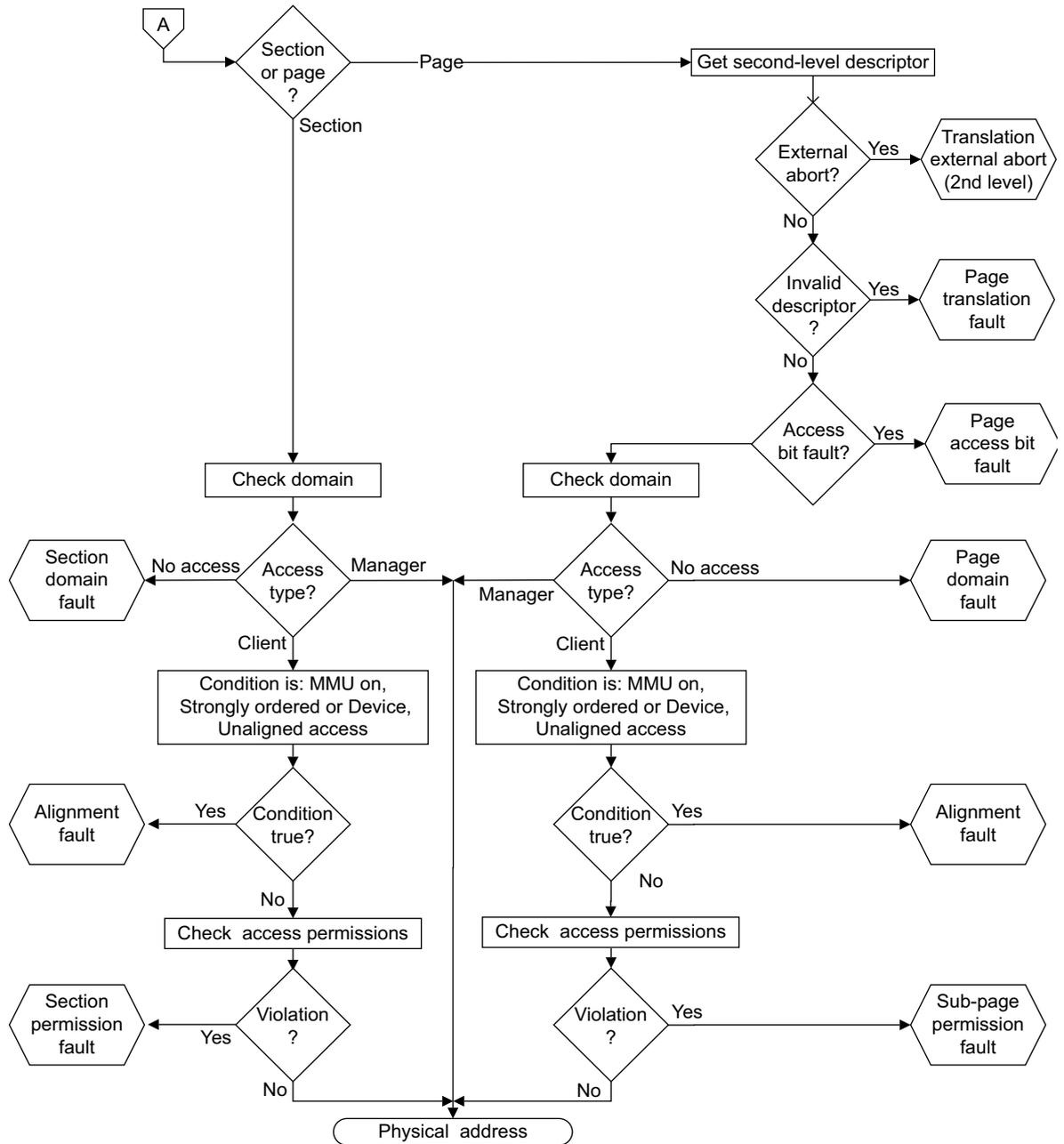


Figure 6-3 Translation table managed TLB fault checking sequence part 2

## 6.9.2 Alignment fault

An alignment fault occurs if the processor has attempted to access a particular data memory size at an address location that is not aligned with that size.

*Operation of unaligned accesses* on page 4-13 describes the conditions for generating Alignment faults.

Alignment checks are performed with the MMU both enabled and disabled.

## 6.9.3 Translation fault

There are two types of translation fault:

- Section** A section translation fault occurs if:
- The TLB tries to perform a page table walk but the page table walk is disabled by one of the PD0 or PD1 bits. For more details, see *Hardware page table translation* on page 6-36.
  - The TLB fetches a first level translation table descriptor, and this first level descriptor is invalid. This is the case when bits[1:0] of this descriptor are b00 or b11.
- Page** A page translation fault occurs if the TLB fetches a second-level translation table descriptor and this descriptor is marked as invalid, bits [1:0] = b00.

## 6.9.4 Access bit fault

When the Force AP bit, see *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44 bit [29], is set then AP[0] indicates if there is an Access Bit Fault.

This bit is only taken into account when the MMU is in ARMv6 mode, that is XP=1, bit [23] in the CP15 Control register.

In the configuration XP=1 and ForceAP=1, the OS uses only bits APX and AP[1] as Access Permission bits, and AP[0] becomes an Access Bit, see *Access permissions* on page 6-11. The Access Bit records recent TLB access to a page, or section, and the OS can use this to optimize memory managements algorithms.

In the ARM1176JZF-S processor the Access Bit must be managed by the software.

Reading a page table entry into the TLB when the Access Bit is 0 causes an Access Bit fault. This fault is readily distinguished from other faults that the TLB generates and this permits fast setting of the Access Bit in software.

The processor can generate two kind of Access Bit faults:

- Section Access Bit fault, when the Access Bit, AP[0], is contained in a first level translation table descriptor
- Page Access Bit fault, when the Access Bit, AP[0], is contained in a second level translation table descriptor

The Force AP bit is banked in the Secure and Non-secure copies of the CP15 Control Register for TrustZone support.

The Force AP and XP bits are expected to be static throughout operations.

Any change in the Force AP or XP bit configuration to enable or disable the generation of Access Bit faults takes effect immediately. In the case where the TLB lookup hits an entry that was created before Access Bit faults generation was enabled, and that this entry contains AP[0]=0, then the TLB generates an Access Bit fault.

### 6.9.5 Domain fault

There are two types of domain fault:

**Section** For a section the domain is checked when the first-level descriptor is returned.

**Page** For a page the domain is checked when the second-level descriptor is returned.

For each type, the first-level descriptor indicates the domain in CP15 c3, the Domain Access Control Register, to select. If the selected domain has bit 0 set to 0 indicating either no access or reserved, then a domain fault occurs.

### 6.9.6 Permission fault

If the two-bit domain field returns Client, the access permission check is performed on the access permission field in the TLB entry. A permission fault occurs if the access permission check fails.

### 6.9.7 Debug event

When Monitor debug-mode debug is enabled an abort can be taken caused by a breakpoint on an instruction access or a watchpoint on a data access. In both cases the memory system completes the access before the abort is taken. If an abort is taken when in Monitor debug-mode debug then the appropriate FSR, IFSR or DFSR, is updated to indicate a debug abort.

If a watchpoint is taken the WFAR is set to the address that caused the watchpoint. Watchpoints are not taken precisely because following instructions can run underneath load and store multiples.

## 6.10 Fault status and address

Table 6-11 lists the encodings for the Fault Status Register.

**Table 6-11 Fault Status Register encoding**

Priority	Sources		FSR[10,3:0]	Domain	FSR[12]
Highest	Alignment		b00001	Invalid	SBZ
	TLB miss		b00000	Invalid	SBZ
	Instruction cache maintenance <sup>a</sup> operation fault		b00100	Invalid	SBZ
	External abort on translation	first-level	b01100	Invalid	SLVERR !DECERR
		second-level	b01110	Valid	SLVERR !DECERR
	Translation	Section	b00101	Invalid	SBZ
		Page	b00111	Valid	SBZ
	Access Bit Fault, Force AP only	Section	b00011	Valid	SBZ
		Page	b00110	Valid	SBZ
	Domain	Section	b01001	Valid	SBZ
		Page	b01011	Valid	SBZ
	Permission	Section	b01101	Valid	SBZ
		Page	b01111	Valid	SBZ
	Precise external abort		b01000	Valid	SLVERR !DECERR
Imprecise external abort		b10110	Invalid	SLVERR !DECERR	
Parity error exception, not supported		b11000	Invalid	SBZ	
Lowest	Instruction debug event		b00010	Valid	SBZ

a. These aborts cannot be signaled with the IFSR because they do not occur on the instruction side.

### ———— Note ————

All other Fault Status encodings are reserved.

If a translation abort occurs during a Data Cache maintenance operation by virtual address, then a Data Abort is taken and the DFSR indicates the reason. The FAR indicates the faulting address, and the IFAR indicates the address of the instruction causing the abort.

If a translation abort occurs during an Instruction Cache maintenance operation by virtual address, then a Data Abort is taken, and an Instruction Cache Maintenance Operation Fault is indicated in the DFSR. The IFSR indicates the reason. The FAR indicates the faulting address, and the IFAR indicates the address of the instruction causing the abort.

Domain and fault address information is only available for data accesses. For instruction aborts R14 must be used to determine the faulting address. You can determine the domain information by performing a TLB lookup for the faulting address and extracting the domain field.

Table 6-12 on page 6-35 lists a summary of the abort vector that is taken, and the Fault Status and Fault Address Registers that are updated for each abort type.

Table 6-12 Summary of aborts

Abort type	Abort taken	Precise?	Register updated?				
			IFSR	IFAR	DFSR	FAR	WFAR
Instruction MMU fault	Prefetch Abort	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Instruction debug abort	Prefetch Abort	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Instruction external abort on translation	Prefetch Abort	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No	No	No
Instruction external abort	Prefetch Abort	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No	No	No
Instruction cache maintenance operation	Data Abort	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Data MMU fault	Data Abort	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Data debug abort	Data Abort	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Data external abort on translation	Data Abort	Yes <sup>a</sup>	No	No	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes <sup>a</sup>	No <sup>a</sup>
Data external abort	Data Abort	No <sup>b</sup>	No	No	Yes <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No
Data cache maintenance operation	Data Abort	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

a. When the EA bit is set, the updated FSR or FAR is always Secure.

b. Data Aborts can be precise, see *External aborts* on page 6-27 for more details.

## 6.11 Hardware page table translation

The processor MMU implements the hardware page table walking mechanism from ARMv4 and ARMv5 cached processors with the exception of the removal of the fine page table descriptor and the addition of the page table walk disable bits in the TTB Control register.

The processor implements the page table walk disable feature. Two bits, PD0 and PD1, are implemented in the TTB Control register. These bits are banked for the Secure and Non-secure worlds for the support of TrustZone.

Each time a TLB miss occurs, the TLB computes the parameters for an automatic hardware page table walk. The address of the page table walk is computed from TTBO or TTB1, see *First-level descriptor address* on page 6-43. If the address is computed with TTBO, and the PD0 bit is set in the TTB Control register of the corresponding world, or if the address is computed using TTB1 and the PD1 bit is set, then the processor does not perform the automatic hardware page table walk, and it generates a Section translation fault instead.

With this feature, only a small portion of the memory can be mapped in one world, for example the Secure world, if the code that runs in this world is expected to be small. This gives the system a simple way to avoid using a lot of memory to store full page tables.

When hardware page table walks are not disabled, the processor performs the page table walk in the usual way. A hardware page table walk occurs whenever there is a TLB miss. Processor hardware page table walks do not cause a read from the level one Unified/Data Cache, or the TCM. The P, RGN, S, and C bits in the Translation Table Base Registers determine the memory region attributes for the page table walk.

Two formats of page tables are supported:

- A backwards-compatible format supporting subpage access permissions. These have been extended so that certain page table entries support extended region types and with the NS Attribute bit for TrustZone.
- ARMv6 format, not supporting sub-page access permissions, but with support for ARMv6 MMU features. The NS Attribute bit for TrustZone has also been added. These features are:
  - extended region types
  - global and process specific pages
  - more access permissions
  - marking of Shared and Non-Shared regions
  - marking of Execute-Never regions.

Additionally, two translation table base registers are provided in each world. On a TLB miss, the Translation Table Base Control Register, CP15 c2 that is also duplicated in each world, and the top bits of the virtual address determine if the first or second translation table base is used. See *c2, Translation Table Base Control Register* on page 3-60 for details. The first-level descriptor indicates whether the access is to a section or to a page table. If the access is to a page table, the processor MMU fetches a second-level descriptor.

A page table holds 256 32-bit entries 4KB in size. You can determine the page type by examining bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor. For both first and second level descriptors if bits [1:0] are b00, the associated virtual addresses are unmapped, and attempts to access them generate a translation fault. Software can use bits [31:2] for its own purposes in such a descriptor, because they are ignored by the hardware. Where appropriate, ARM Limited recommends that bits [31:2] continue to hold valid access permissions for the descriptor.

For both level 1 and level 2 page table walks, the processor performs external accesses with Secure or Non-secure rights depending on the Secure or Non-secure state of the MMU request that causes the page table walk. This ensures that Secure translation table descriptors are always fetched from a Secure memory, and that Non-secure translation table descriptors are always fetched from Non-secure memory.

### 6.11.1 Backwards-compatible page table translation subpage AP bits enabled

When the CP15 Control Register c1 bit 23 is set to 0, the subpage AP bits are enabled and the page table formats are backwards-compatible with ARMv4 and ARMv5 MMU architectures. This bit is duplicated as Secure and Non-secure versions so that the system can enable or disable subpages independently in each world.

All mappings are treated as global, and executable, XN = 0. All Normal memory is Non-Shared. Device memory can be Shared or Non-Shared as determined by the TEX bits and the C and B bits. For large and small pages, there can be four subpages defined with different access permissions. For a large page, the subpage size is 16KB and is accessed using bits [15:14] of the page index of the virtual address. For a small page, the subpage size is 1KB and is accessed using bits [11:10] of the page index of the virtual address.

The use of subpage AP bits where AP3, AP2, AP1, and AP0 contain different values is deprecated.

#### Backwards-compatible page table format

Figure 6-4 shows a backwards-compatible format first-level descriptor.

	31	24 23	20 19 18 17	15 14	12 11 10 9 8	5 4 3 2	1 0									
Translation fault	Ignored							0	0							
Coarse page table	Coarse page table base address						P	Domain	S B Z	N S	S B Z	0	1			
Section (1MB)	Section base address				N S	0	SBZ	TEX	AP	P	Domain	0	C	B	1	0
Supersection (16MB)	Supersection base address		SBZ	N S	1	SBZ	TEX	AP	P	Ignored	0	C	B	1	0	
Reserved												1	1			

**Figure 6-4 Backwards-compatible first-level descriptor format**

If the P bit is supported and set for the memory region, it indicates to the system memory controller that this memory region has ECC enabled. ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support the P bit.

When bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor are b01, the descriptor points to a second-level page table, called a *Coarse page table*. Figure 6-5 on page 6-38 shows a backwards-compatible format second-level descriptors.

	31	16 15	12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0																
Translation fault	Ignored										0	0							
Large page (64KB)	Large page base address										TEX	AP3	AP2	AP1	AP0	C	B	0	1
Small page (4KB)	Small page base address										AP3	AP2	AP1	AP0	C	B	1	0	
Extended small page (4KB)	Extended small page base address										SBZ	TEX	AP	C	B	1	1		

**Figure 6-5 Backwards-compatible second-level descriptor format**

For extended small page table entries without a TEX field you must use the value b000. For details of TEX encodings see *C and B bit, and type extension field encodings* on page 6-14.

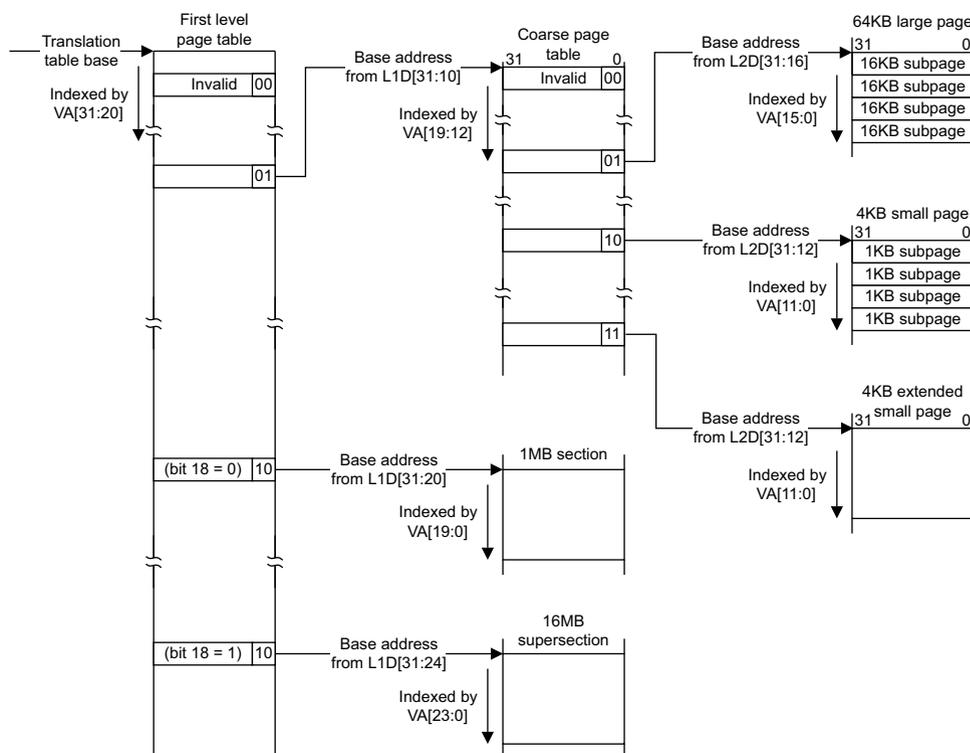
**Note**

For any Supersection description in a first-level page table, and any Large page description in a second-level page table:

- you must repeat the description in 16 consecutive page table locations
- the first description must occur on a 16-word boundary

For more information see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

Figure 6-6 shows an overview of the section, supersection, and page translation process using backwards-compatible descriptors.



**Figure 6-6 Backwards-compatible section, supersection, and page translation**

## 6.11.2 ARMv6 page table translation subpage AP bits disabled

When the CP15 Control Register c1 Bit 23 is set to 1 in the corresponding world, the subpage AP bits are disabled and the page tables have support for ARMv6 MMU features. Four new page table bits are added to support these features:

- The Not-Global (nG) bit, determines if the translation is marked as global (0), or process-specific (1) in the TLB. For process-specific translations the translation is inserted into the TLB using the current ASID, from the ContextID Register, CP15 c13.
- The Shared (S) bit, determines if the translation is for Non-Shared (0), or Shared (1) memory. This only applies to Normal memory regions. Device memory can be Shared or Non-Shared as determined by the TEX bits and the C and B bits.
- The Execute-Never (XN) bit, determines if the region is Executable (0) or Not-executable (1).
- Three access permission bits. The access permissions extension (APX) bit, provides an extra access permission bit.

All ARMv6 page table mappings support the TEX field.

### ARMv6 page table format

With the sub-pages enabled or not, all first level descriptors have been enhanced with the addition of the NS Attribute bit to enable the support of TrustZone.

Figure 6-7 shows the format of an ARMv6 first-level descriptor when subpages are disabled.

	31	24 23	20 19 18 17 16 15 14	12 11 10 9 8	5 4 3 2	1 0												
Translation fault	Ignored						0	0										
Coarse page table	Coarse page table base address						P	Domain	S B Z	N S	S B Z	0	1					
Section (1MB)	Section base address			N S	0	n G	S	A P X	TEX	AP	P	Domain	X N	C	B	1	0	
Supersection (16MB)	Supersection base address		SBZ	N S	1	n G	S	A P X	TEX	AP	P	Ignored	X N	C	B	1	0	
Translation fault	Reserved																1	1

**Figure 6-7 ARMv6 first-level descriptor formats with subpages disabled**

If the P bit is supported and set for the memory region, it indicates to the system memory controller that this memory region has ECC enabled. ARM1176JZF-S processors do not support the P bit. In addition to the invalid translation, bits [1:0] = b00, translations for the reserved entry, bits [1:0] = b11, result in a translation fault.

As shown in Figure 6-7, bits [1:0] of a level 1 page table entry determine the type of the entry:

#### Bits [1:0] == b00

Translation fault.



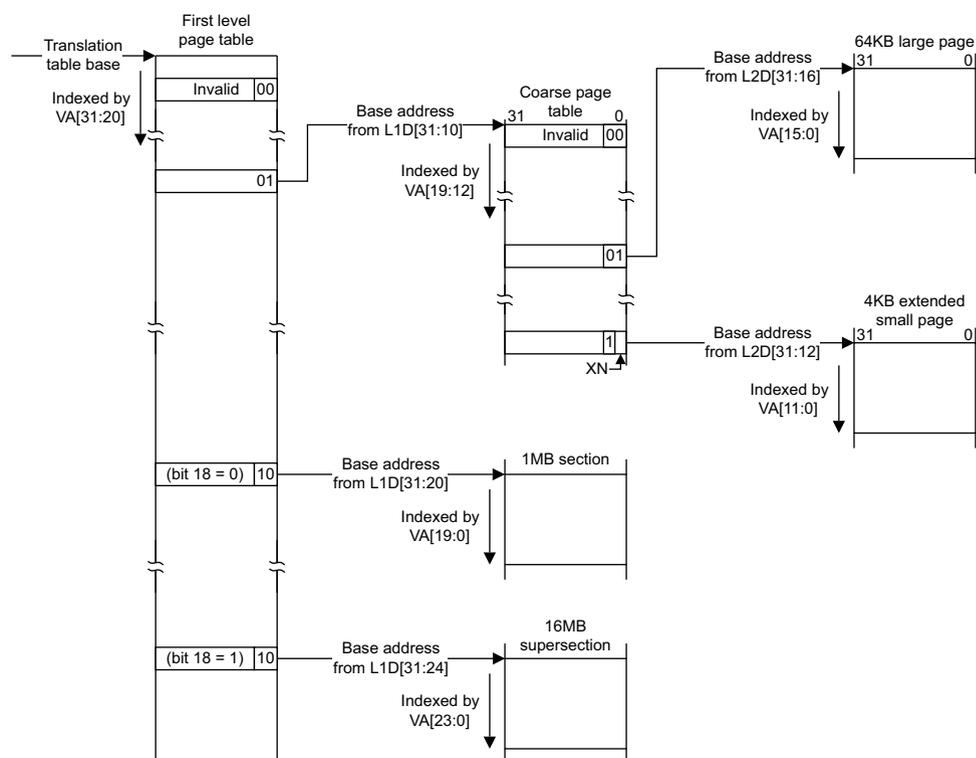


Figure 6-9 ARMv6 section, supersection, and page translation

### 6.11.3 Restrictions on page table mappings page coloring

The processor uses virtually indexed, physically addressed caches. To prevent alias problems where cache sizes greater than 16KB have been implemented, you must restrict the mapping of pages that remap virtual address bits [13:12].

- for the Instruction Cache, the Isize P bit, bit[11], of the Cache Type Register CP15 c0, indicates if this is necessary
- for the Data Cache, the Dsize P bit, bit[23], of the Cache Type Register CP15 c0, indicates if this is necessary.

See *c0, Cache Type Register* on page 3-21 for more information.

This restriction, referred to as *page coloring*, enables the virtual address bits[13:12] to be used to index into the cache without requiring hardware support to avoid alias problems.

For pages marked as Non-Shared, if bit 11 or bit 23 of the Cache Type Register is set, the restriction applies to pages that remap virtual address bits [13:12] and might cause aliasing problems when 4KB pages are used. To prevent this you must ensure the following restrictions are applied:

1. If multiple virtual addresses are mapped onto the same physical address then for all mappings of bits [13:12] the virtual addresses must be equal and the same as bits [13:12] of the physical address. The same physical address can be mapped by TLB entries of different page sizes, including page sizes over 4KB. Imposing this requirement on the virtual address is called page coloring.

2. Alternatively, if all mappings to a physical address are of a page size equal to 4KB, then the restriction that bits [13:12] of the virtual address must equal bits [13:12] of the physical address is not necessary. Bits [13:12] of all virtual address aliases must still be equal.

There is no restriction on the more significant bits in the virtual address equalling those in the physical address.

### **Avoiding the page coloring restriction**

The processor provides the ability to restrict the cache size to 16KB so that software does not have to support the page coloring restriction on mapping, see CZ bit in *c1, Auxiliary Control Register* on page 3-48.

———— **Note** —————

Setting the CZ flag in the CP15 Auxiliary Control Register does not affect the contents of the CP15 Cache Type Register. However, when the CZ flag is set, all caches are limited to 16KB, even if a larger cache size is specified in the CP15 Cache Type Register.

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## 6.12 MMU descriptors

To support sections and pages, the processor MMU uses a two-level descriptor definition. The first-level descriptor indicates whether the access is to a section or to a page table. If the access is to a page table, the processor MMU determines the page table type and fetches a second-level descriptor.

### 6.12.1 First-level descriptor address

The ARM1176 contains:

- two Translation Table Base Registers, TTBR0 and TTBR1
- one Translation Table Base Control Register (TTBCR).

On a TLB miss, the top bits of the modified virtual address determine whether the first or second Translation Table Base is used. Figure 6-10 on page 6-44 shows the creation of a first-level descriptor address.

The expected use of two translation tables is to reduce the cost of OS context switches by enabling the OS, and each individual task or process, to have its own pagetable without consuming much memory.

In this model, the virtual address space is divided into two regions:

- $0x0 \rightarrow 1 \ll (32-N)$  that TTBR0 controls
- $1 \ll (32-N) \rightarrow 4GB$  that TTBR1 controls.

The value of N is set in the TTBCR. If N is zero, then TTBR0 is used for all addresses, and that gives legacy v5 behavior. If N is not zero, the OS and memory mapped IO are located in the upper part of the memory map, TTBR1, and the tasks or processes all occupy the same virtual address space in the lower part of the memory, TTBR0.

The TTBCR, TTBR0, and TTBR1 registers used for this process are banked. Depending on the state of the MMU requests that cause a page table walk, either Secure or Non-secure registers are used.

The translation table that TTBR0 points to can be truncated because it must only cover the first  $1 \ll (32-N)$  bytes of memory. The first entry always corresponds to address  $0x0$ , so this mechanism is more efficient if processes start at a low virtual address such as  $0x0$  or  $0x8000$ . Table 6-13 lists the translation table size.

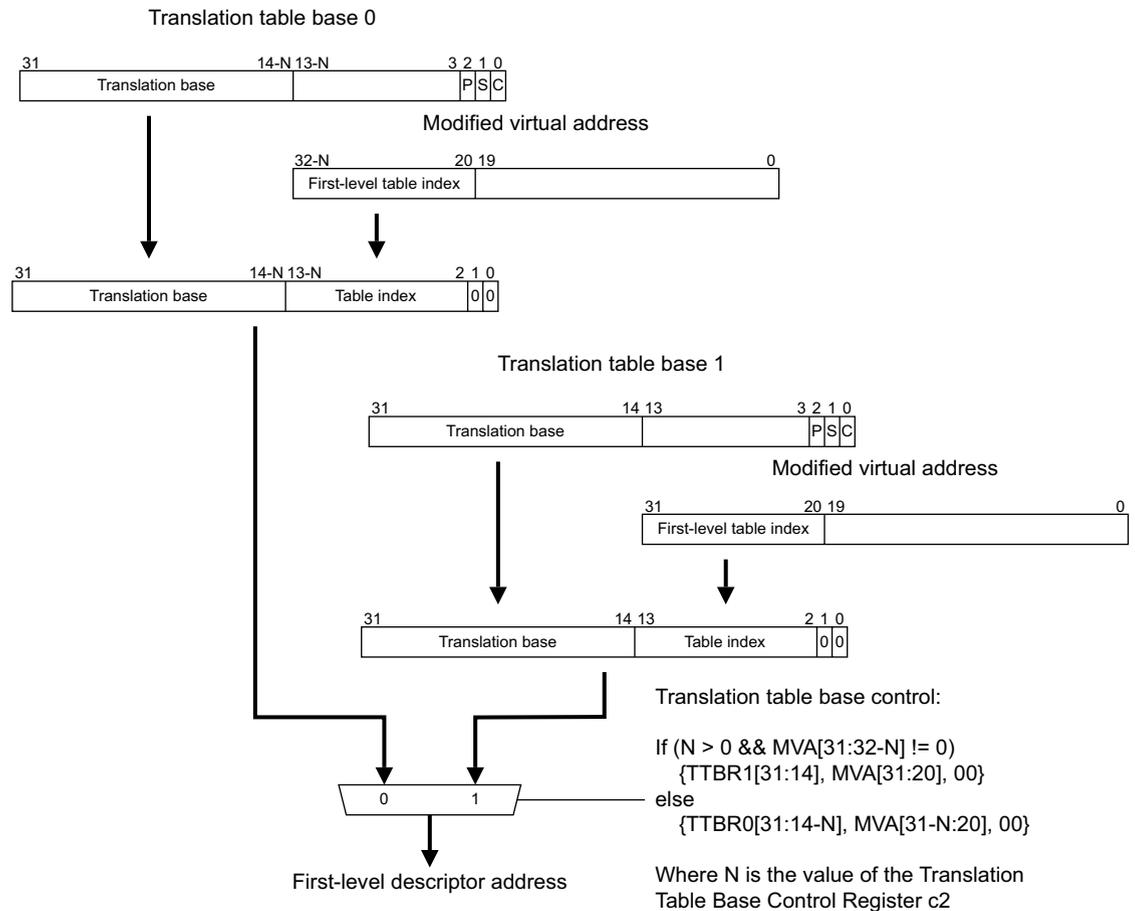
**Table 6-13 Translation table size**

N	Upper boundary	Translation table 0 size
0	4GB	16KB, 4096 entries, v5 behavior, TTBR1 not used.
1	2GB	8KB, 2048 entries
2	1GB	4KB, 1024 entries
3	512MB	2KB, 512 entries
4	256MB	1KB, 256 entries
5	128MB	512B, 128 entries
6	64MB	256B, 64 entries
7	32MB	128B, 32 entries

The OS can maintain a different pagetable for each process, and update TTB0 on a context switch. Using a truncated pagetable means that much less space is required to store the individual process page tables. Different processes can have different size pagetables, that is, different values of N, by updating the TTBCR during the context switch.

It is not required that the OS pagetables that TTBR1 points to are updated on a context switch. Figure 6-10 shows how to create a first level descriptor address.

The PD0 and PD1 bits in TTBCR can be used to prevent pagetable walks from either TTBR. In particular, disabling walks from TTBR1 and setting TTBR0 to the address of a truncated translation table can minimize the overhead otherwise incurred in unused translation table entries.



**Figure 6-10 Creating a first-level descriptor address**

## 6.12.2 First-level descriptor

Using the first-level descriptor address, a request is made to external memory. This returns the first-level descriptor. By examining bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor, the access type is indicated as Table 6-14 lists.

**Table 6-14 Access types from first-level descriptor bit values**

Bit values	Access type
b00	Translation fault
b01	Page table base address
b10	Section base address
b11	Reserved, results in translation fault

### First-level translation fault

If bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor are b00 or b11, a translation fault is generated. This generates an abort to the processor, either a Prefetch Abort for the instruction side or a Data Abort for the data side, see *MMU fault checking* on page 6-29.

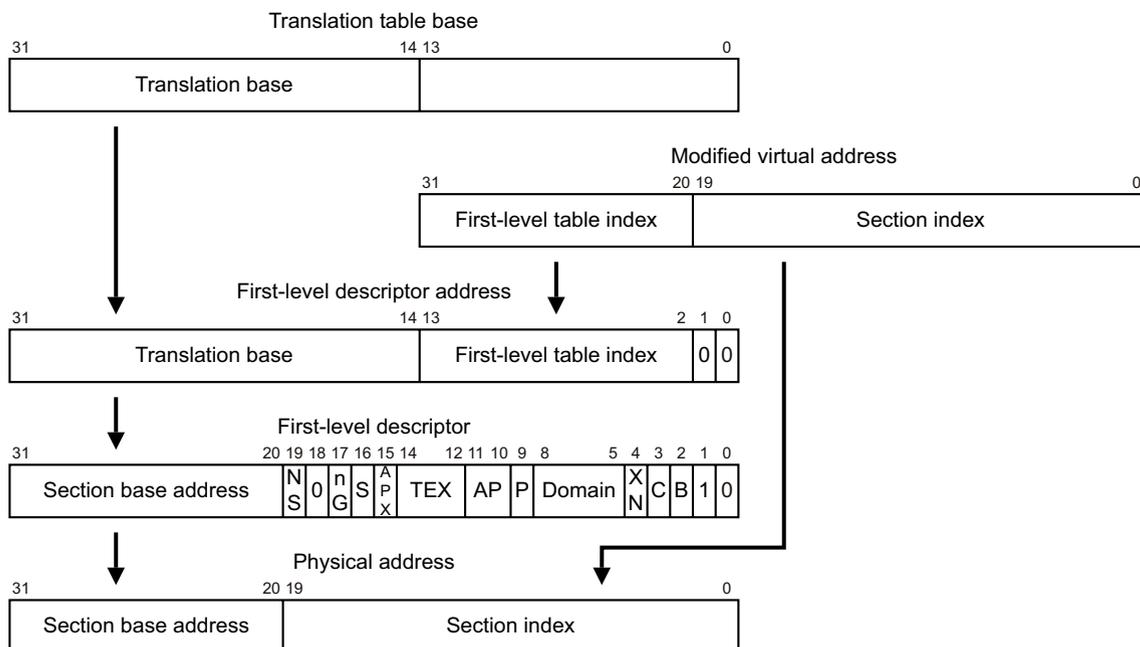
If the first level descriptor describes a section or supersection when the Force AP bit is set and the MMU is in ARMv6 mode, Access bit faults might be generated if AP[0]=0.

### First-level page table address

If bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor are b01, then a page table walk is required. *Second-level page table walk* on page 6-47 describes this process.

### First-level section base address

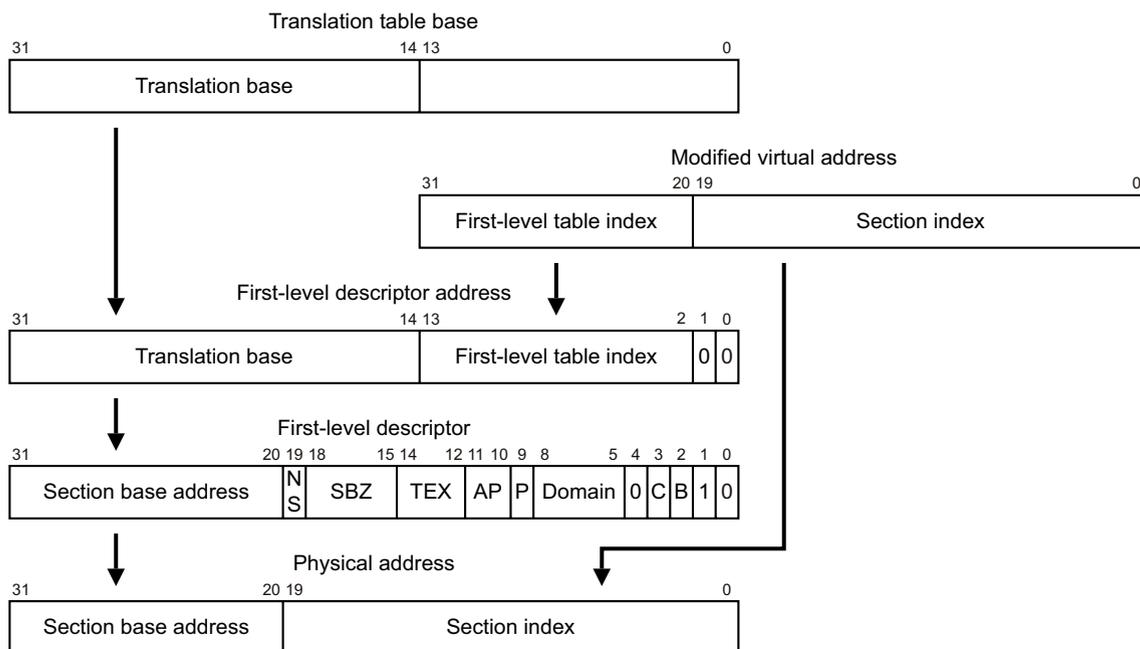
If bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor are b10, a request to a section memory block has occurred. Figure 6-11 on page 6-46 shows the translation process for a 1MB section using ARMv6 format, AP bits disabled.



**Figure 6-11 Translation for a 1MB section, ARMv6 format**

Following the first-level descriptor translation, the physical address is used to transfer to and from external memory the data requested from and to the processor. This is done only after the domain and access permission checks are performed on the first-level descriptor for the section. *Memory access control* on page 6-11 describes these checks.

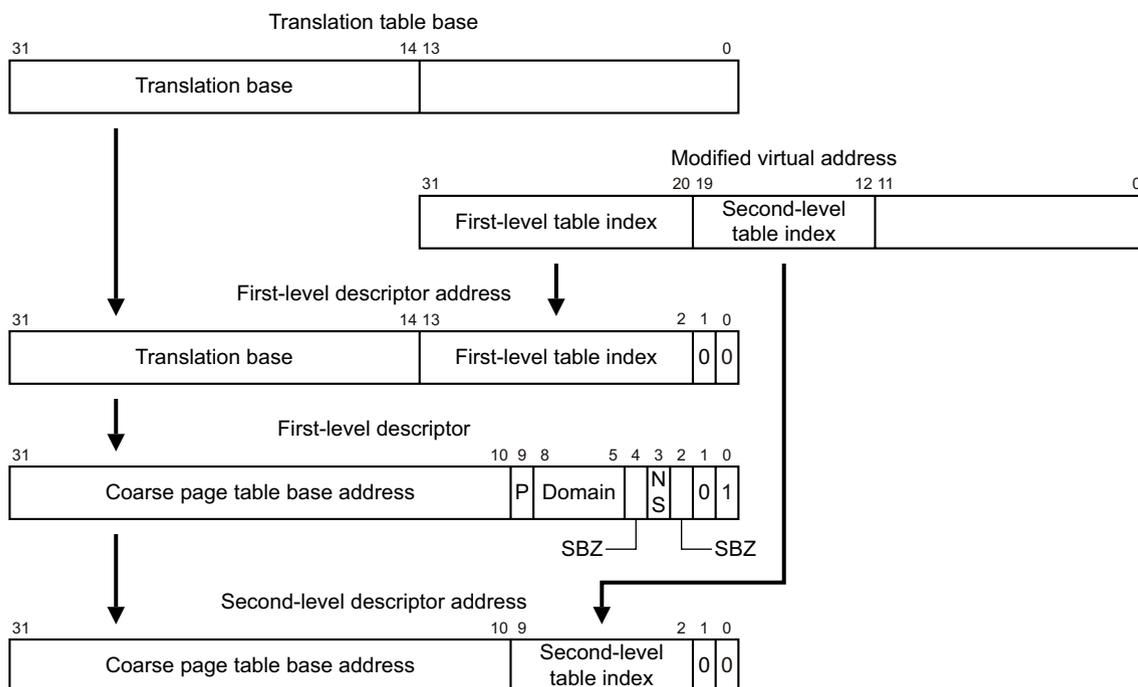
Figure 6-12 shows the translation process for a 1MB section using backwards-compatible format, AP bits enabled.



**Figure 6-12 Translation for a 1MB section, backwards-compatible format**

### 6.12.3 Second-level page table walk

If bits [1:0] of the first-level descriptor bits are b01, then a page table walk is required. The MMU requests the second-level page table descriptor from external memory. Figure 6-13 shows how the second-level page table address is generated.



**Figure 6-13** Generating a second-level page table address

When the page table address is generated, a request is made to external memory for the second-level descriptor.

By examining bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor, the access type is indicated as Table 6-15 lists.

**Table 6-15** Access types from second-level descriptor bit values

Descriptor format	Bit values	Access type
Both	b00	Translation fault
Backwards-compatible	b01	64KB large page
ARMv6	b01	64KB large page
Backwards-compatible	b10	4KB small page
ARMv6	b1XN	4KB extended small page
Backwards-compatible	b11	4KB extended small page

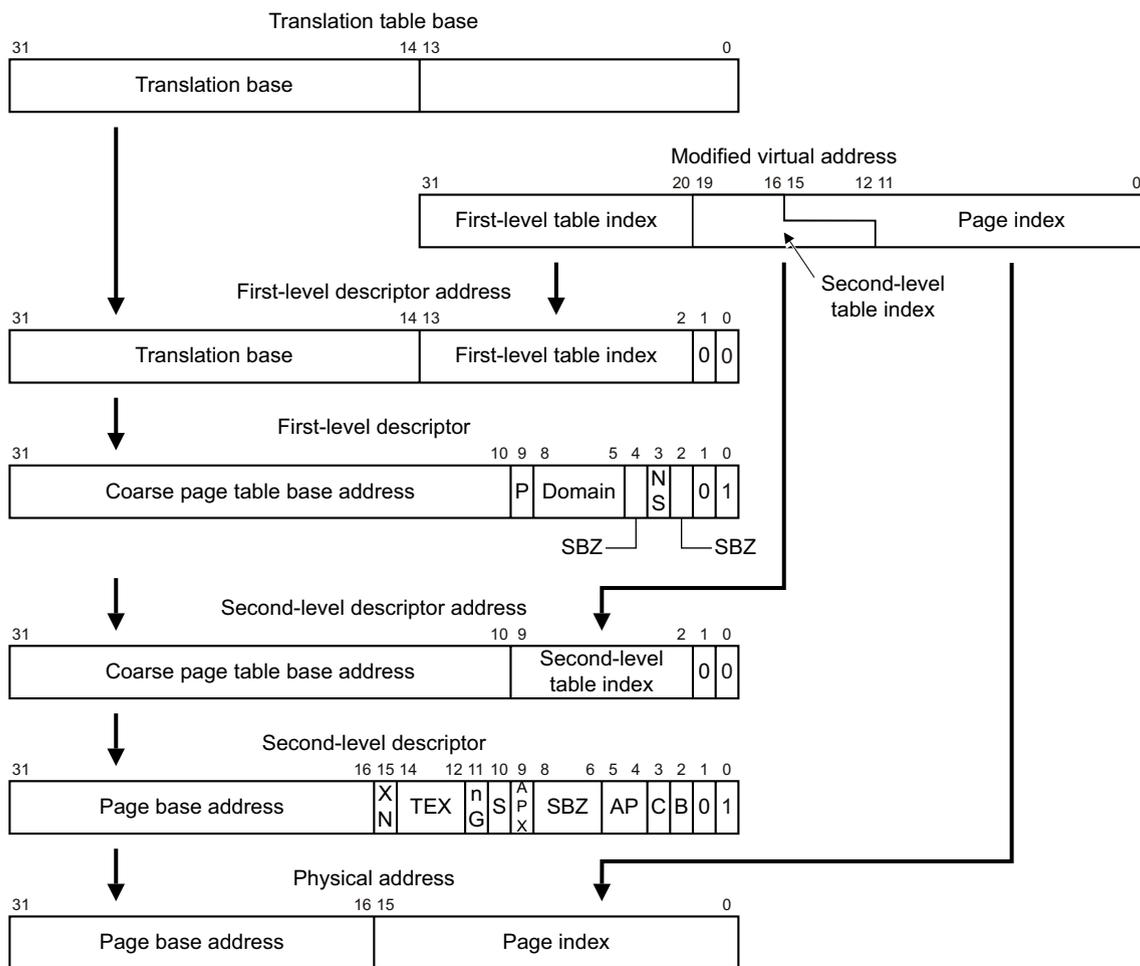
#### Second-level translation fault

If bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor are b00, then a translation fault is generated. This generates an abort to the processor, either a Prefetch Abort for the instruction side or a Data Abort for the data side, see *MMU fault checking* on page 6-29.

If the second level descriptor describes a large page, a small page, or an extended small page when the Force AP bit is set and the MMU is in ARMv6 mode, Access bit faults might be generated if AP[0]=0.

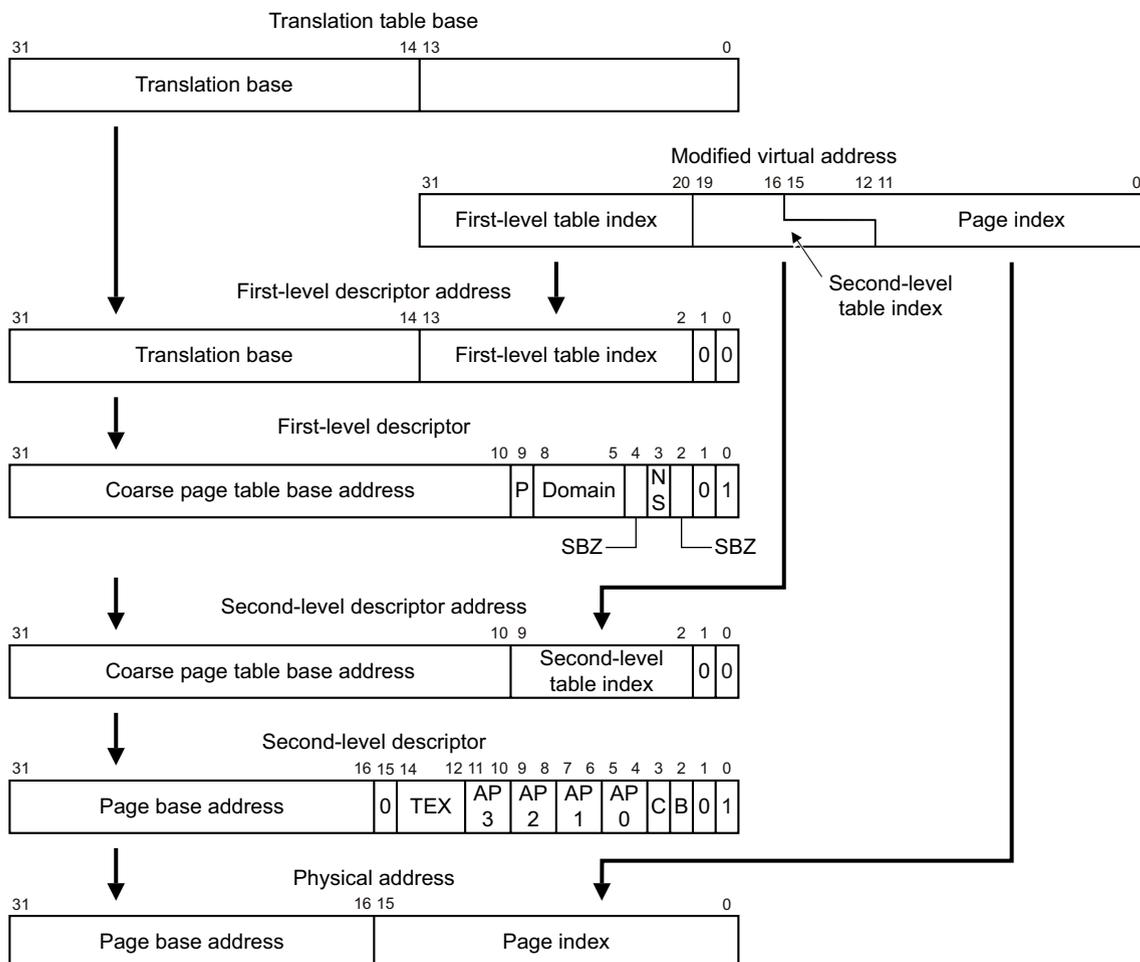
### Second-level large page base address

If bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor are b01, then a large page table walk is required. Figure 6-14 shows the translation process for a 64KB large page using ARMv6 format, AP bits disabled.



**Figure 6-14 Large page table walk, ARMv6 format**

Figure 6-15 on page 6-49 shows the translation process for a 64KB large page, or a 16KB large page subpage, using backwards-compatible format, AP bits enabled.



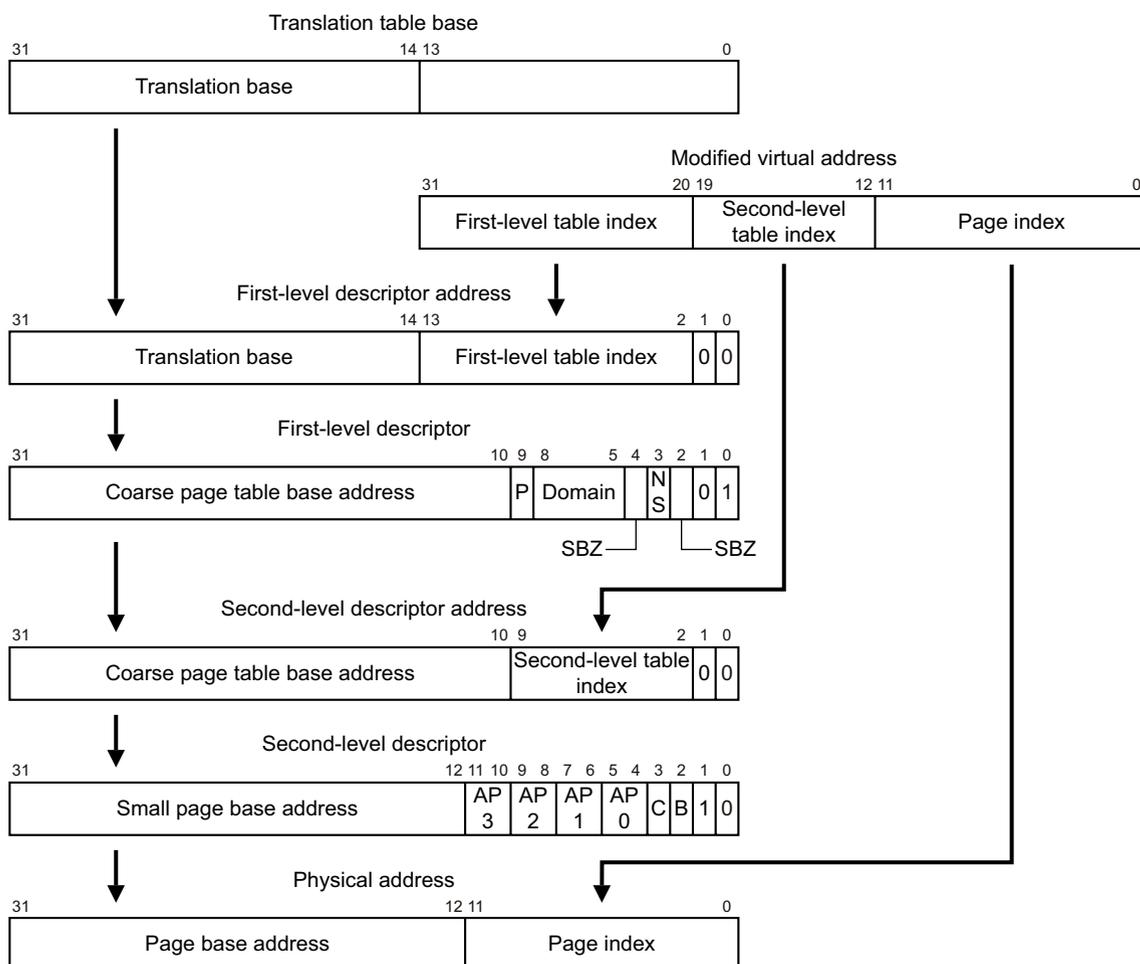
**Figure 6-15 Large page table walk, backwards-compatible format**

Using backwards-compatible format descriptors, the 64KB large page is generated by setting all of the AP bit pairs to the same values,  $AP_3=AP_2=AP_1=AP_0$ . If any one of the pairs are different, then the 64KB large page is converted into four 16KB large page subpages. The subpage access permission bits are chosen using the virtual address bits [15:14].

### Second-level small page table walk

If bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor are b10 for backwards-compatible format, then a small page table walk is required.

Figure 6-16 on page 6-50 shows the translation process for a 4KB small page or a 1KB small page subpage using backwards-compatible format descriptors, AP bits enabled.

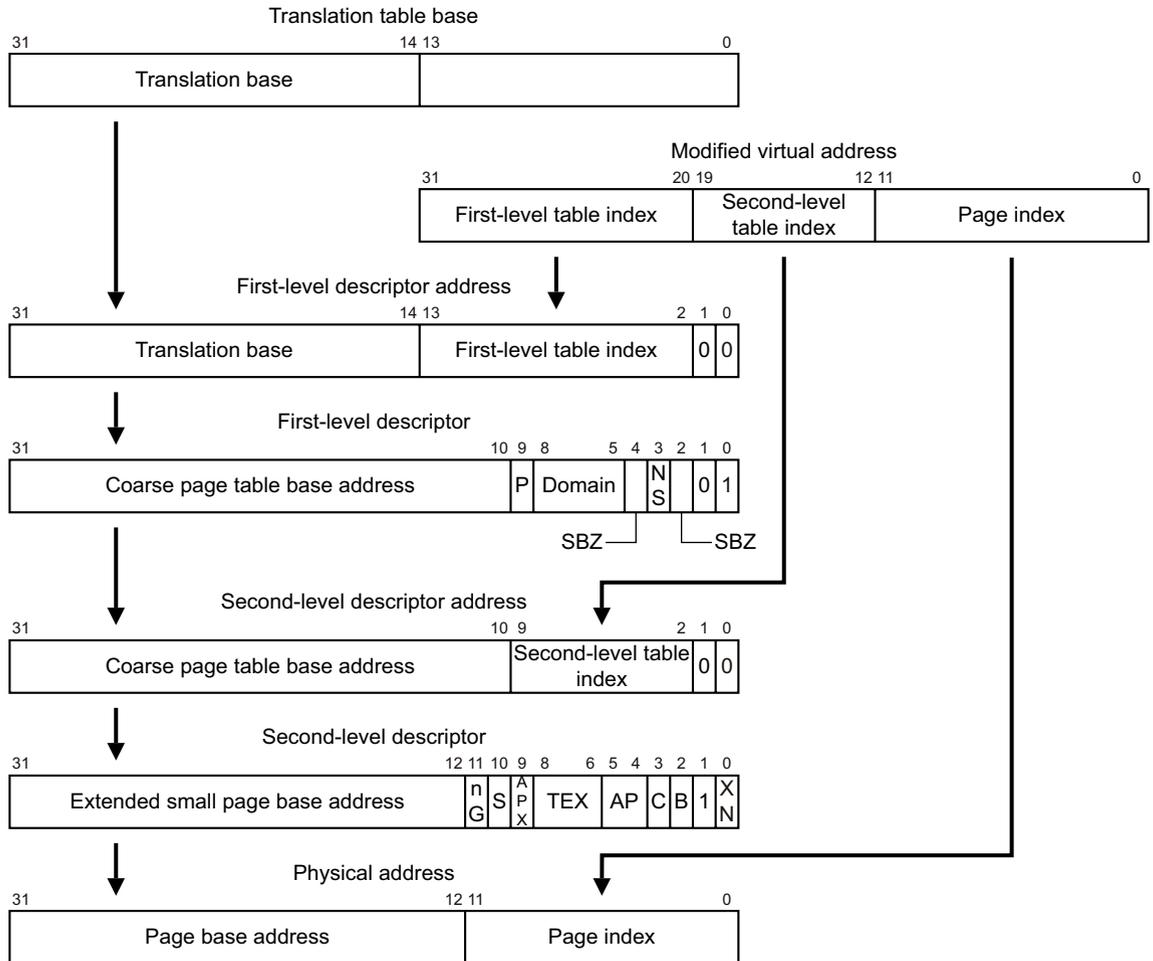


**Figure 6-16 4KB small page or 1KB small subpage translations, backwards-compatible format**

Using backwards-compatible descriptors, the 4KB small page is generated by setting all of the AP bit pairs to the same values,  $AP3=AP2=AP1=AP0$ . If any one of the pairs are different, then the 4KB small page is converted into four 1KB small page subpages. The subpage access permission bits are chosen using the virtual address bits [11:10].

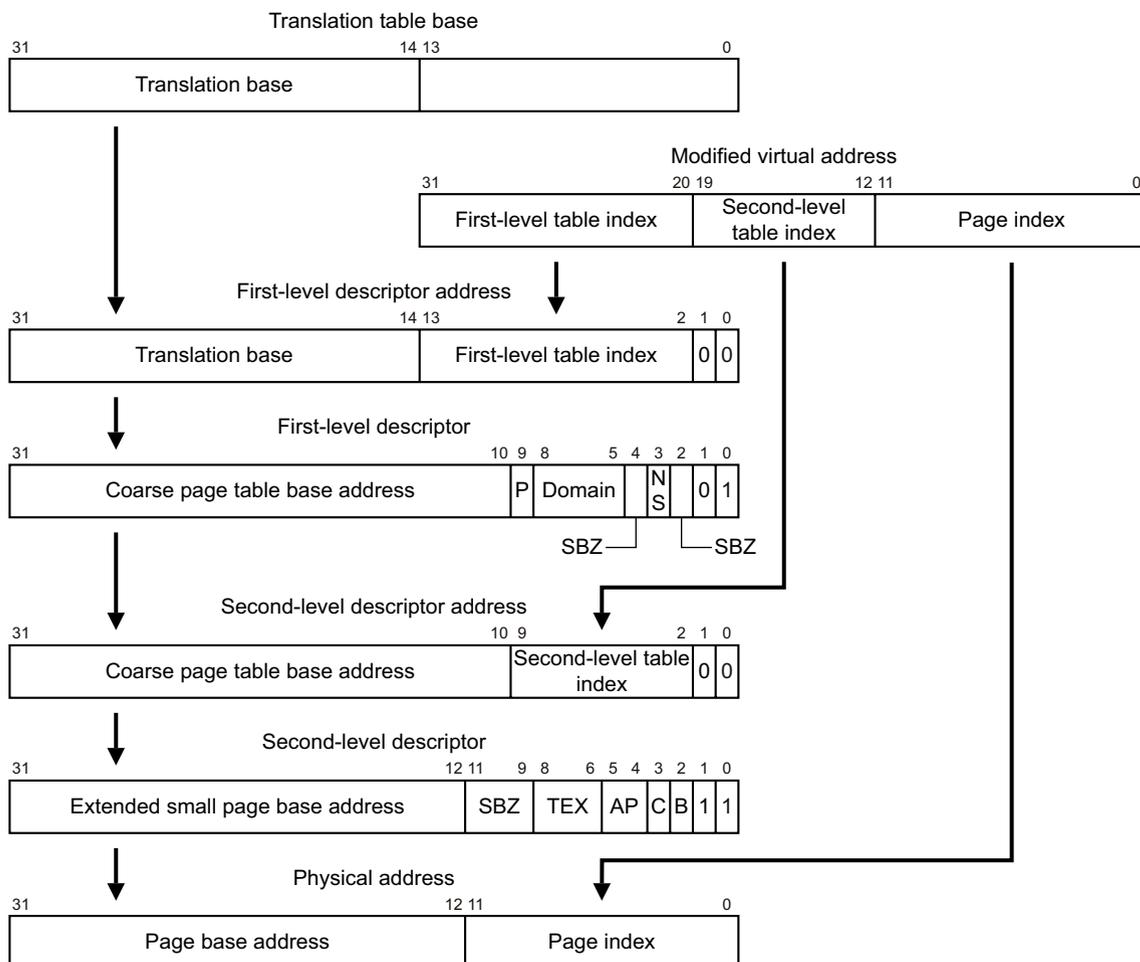
### Second-level extended small page table walk

If bits [1:0] of the second-level descriptor are b1XN for ARMv6 format descriptors, or b11 for backwards-compatible descriptors, then an extended small page table walk is required. Figure 6-17 on page 6-51 shows the translation process for a 4KB extended small page using ARMv6 format descriptors, AP bits disabled.



**Figure 6-17 4KB extended small page translations, ARMv6 format**

Figure 6-18 on page 6-52 shows the translation process for a 4KB extended small page or a 1KB extended small page subpage using backwards-compatible format descriptors, AP bits enabled.



**Figure 6-18 4KB extended small page or 1KB extended small subpage translations, backwards-compatible format**

Using backwards-compatible descriptors, the 4KB extended small page is generated by setting all of the AP bit pairs to the same values,  $AP_3=AP_2=AP_1=AP_0$ . If any one of the pairs are different, then the 4KB extended small page is converted into four 1KB extended small page subpages. The subpage access permission bits are chosen using the virtual address bits [11:10].

## 6.13 MMU software-accessible registers

The MMU is controlled by the system control coprocessor, CP15 registers. Table 6-16, lists the system control processor registers and references to their detailed descriptions. For more information on the system control coprocessor, see Chapter 3 *System Control Coprocessor*.

**Table 6-16 CP15 register functions**

Register	Cross reference
TLB Type Register	<i>c0, TLB Type Register on page 3-25</i>
Control Register	<i>c1, Control Register on page 3-44</i>
Non-Secure Access Control Register	<i>c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register on page 3-55</i>
Translation Table Base Register 0	<i>c2, Translation Table Base Register 0 on page 3-57</i>
Translation Table Base Register 1	<i>c2, Translation Table Base Register 1 on page 3-59</i>
Translation Table Base Control Register	<i>c2, Translation Table Base Control Register on page 3-60</i>
Domain Access Control Register	<i>c3, Domain Access Control Register on page 3-63</i>
Data Fault Status Register (DFSR)	<i>c5, Data Fault Status Register on page 3-64</i>
Instruction Fault Status Register (IFSR)	<i>c5, Instruction Fault Status Register on page 3-66</i>
Fault Address Register (FAR)	<i>c6, Fault Address Register on page 3-68 and MMU fault checking on page 6-29</i>
Instruction Fault Address Register (IFAR)	<i>c6, Instruction Fault Address Register on page 3-69 and MMU fault checking on page 6-29</i>
TLB Operations Register	<i>c8, TLB Operations Register on page 3-86</i>
TLB Lockdown Register	<i>c10, TLB Lockdown Register on page 3-100</i>
Primary Region Remap Register	<i>c10, Memory region remap registers on page 3-101</i>
Normal Memory Remap Register	<i>c10, Memory region remap registers on page 3-101</i>
FCSE PID Register	<i>c13, FCSE PID Register on page 3-126</i>
ContextID Register	<i>c13, Context ID Register on page 3-128.</i>
Peripheral Port Remap Register	<i>c15, Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register on page 3-130</i>
TLB Lockdown Index Register	<i>c15, TLB lockdown access registers on page 3-149</i>
TLB Lockdown VA Register	<i>c15, TLB lockdown access registers on page 3-149</i>
TLB Lockdown PA Register	<i>c15, TLB lockdown access registers on page 3-149</i>
TLB Lockdown Attributes Register	<i>c15, TLB lockdown access registers on page 3-149</i>

———— **Note** ————

All the CP15 MMU registers, except CP15 c8, contain state that you read from using MRC instructions and write to using MCR instructions. Registers c5 and c6 are also written by the MMU. Reading CP15 c8 results in an Undefined exception.

The debug control coprocessor CP14 also influences the MMU when in Debug state. Table 6-17 lists the registers that affect the MMU.

**Table 6-17 CP14 register functions**

<b>Register</b>	<b>Cross reference</b>
Debug State MMU Control Register	<i>CP14 c11, Debug State MMU Control Register</i> on page 13-23
Debug State Cache Control Register	<i>CP14 c10, Debug State Cache Control Register</i> on page 13-23

# Chapter 7

## Level One Memory System

This chapter describes the processor level one memory system. It contains the following sections:

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- *Cache organization* on page 7-3
- *Tightly-coupled memory* on page 7-7
- *DMA* on page 7-10
- *TCM and cache interactions* on page 7-12
- *Write buffer* on page 7-16.

## 7.1 About the level one memory system

The processor level one memory system consists of:

- separate Instruction and Data Caches in a Harvard arrangement
- separate Instruction and Data *Tightly-Coupled Memory* (TCM) areas
- a DMA system for accessing the TCMs
- a Write Buffer
- two MicroTLBs, backed by a main TLB.

Each cache line can contain Secure or Non-secure data. In parallel with each of the caches is an area of dedicated RAM on both the instruction and data sides. These regions are referred to as TCM. You can implement 0, 1 or 2 TCMs on each of the Instruction and Data sides.

You can configure each TCM to contain Secure or Non-secure data. Each TCM has a dedicated base address that you can place anywhere in the physical address map, and does not have to be backed by memory implemented externally. The Instruction and Data TCMs have separate base addresses. A DMA mechanism can access TCMs and this enables loads from or stores to another location in memory while the processor core is running.

The MMU provides the facilities required by sophisticated operating systems to deliver protected virtual memory environments and demand paging. It also supports real-time tasks with features that provide predictable execution time.

A full MMU handles address translation for each of the instruction and data sides. The MMU is responsible for protection checking, address translation, and memory attributes, some of which can be passed to the level two memory system. The cache stores each Non-secure memory region attribute, NS attribute, along with each cache line as an NS Tag.

The processor caches memory translations in MicroTLBs for each of the instruction and data sides and for the DMA, with a single main TLB backing the MicroTLBs.

## 7.2 Cache organization

Each cache is implemented as a four-way set associative cache of configurable size. The caches are virtually indexed and physically tagged. You can configure the cache sizes in the range of 4 to 64KB. Both the Instruction Cache and the Data Cache can provide two words per cycle for all requesting sources.

Each cache way is architecturally limited to 16KB in size, because of the limitations of the virtually indexed, physically tagged implementation. The number of cache ways is fixed at four, but the cache way size can vary between 1KB and 16KB in powers of 2. The line length is not configurable and is fixed at eight words per line.

Write operations must occur after the Tag RAM reads and associated address comparisons are complete. A three-entry Write Buffer is included in the cache to enable the written words to be held until they can be written to cache. One or two words can be written in a single store operation. The addresses of these outstanding writes provide an additional input to the Tag RAM comparison for reads.

To avoid a critical path from the Tag RAM comparison to the enable signals for the data RAMs, there is a minimum of one cycle of latency between the determination of a hit to a particular way, and the start of writing to the data RAM of that way. This requires the Data Cache Write Buffer to hold three entries, for back-to-back writes. Accesses that read the dirty bits must also check the Data Cache Write Buffer for pending writes that result in dirty bits being set. The cache dirty bits for the Data Cache are updated when the Data Cache Write Buffer data is written to the RAM. This requires the dirty bits to be held as a separate storage array. Significantly, the Tag arrays cannot be written, because the arrays are not accessed during the data RAM writes, but permits the dirty bits to be implemented as a small RAM.

The other main operations performed by the cache are cache line refills and Write-Back. These occur to particular cache ways, that are determined at the point of the detection of the cache miss by the victim selection logic.

To reduce overall power consumption, the number of full cache reads is reduced by the sequential nature of many cache operations, especially on the instruction side. On a cache read that is sequential to the previous cache read, only the data RAM set that was previously read is accessed, if the read is within the same cache line. The Tag RAM is not accessed at all during this sequential operation.

To reduce unnecessary power consumption additionally, only the addressed words within a cache line are read at any time. With the required 64-bit read interface, this is achieved by disabling half of the RAMs on occasions when only a 32-bit value is required. The implementation uses two 32-bit wide RAMs to implement the cache data RAM shown in Figure 7-1 on page 7-4, with the words of each line folded into the RAMs on an odd and even basis. This means that cache refills can take several cycles, depending on the cache line lengths. The cache line length is eight words.

The control of the level one memory system and the associated functionality, together with other system wide control attributes are handled through the system control coprocessor, CP15. Chapter 3 *System Control Coprocessor* describes this.

Figure 7-1 on page 7-4 shows the block diagram of the cache subsystem. It does not show the cache refill paths.

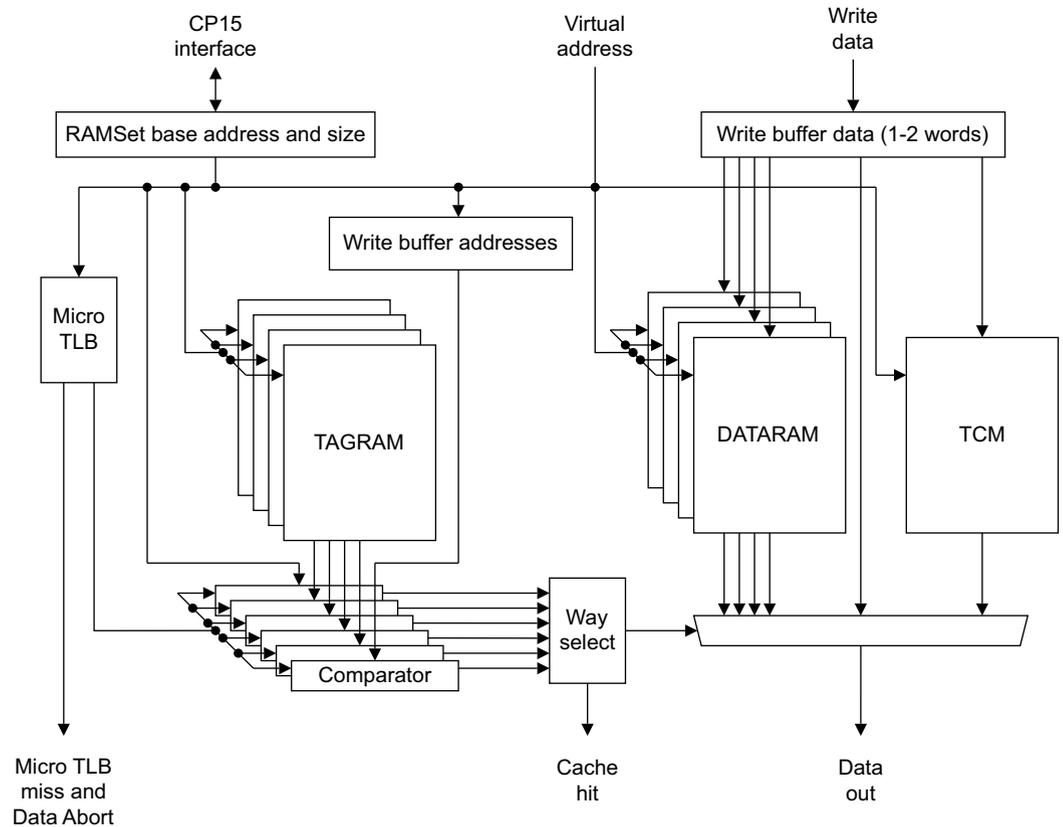


Figure 7-1 Level one cache block diagram

### 7.2.1 Features of the cache system

The level one cache system has the following features:

- The cache is a Harvard implementation.
- The caches are lockable at a granularity of a cache way, using Format C lockdown. See *Cache control and configuration* on page 3-7.
- Cache replacement policies are Pseudo-Random or Round-Robin, as controlled by the RR bit in CP15 register c1. Round-Robin uses a single counter for all sets, that selects the way used for replacement.
- Cache line allocation uses the cache replacement algorithm when all cache lines are valid. If one or more lines is invalid, then the invalid cache line with the lowest way number is allocated to in preference to replacing a valid cache line. This mechanism does not allocate to locked cache ways unless all cache ways are locked. See *Cache miss handling when all ways are locked down* on page 7-6.
- Cache lines can contain either Secure or Non-secure data and the NS Tag, that the MicroTLB provides, indicates when the cache line comes from Secure or Non-secure memory.
- Cache lines can be either Write-Back or Write-Through, determined by the MicroTLB entry.
- Only read allocation is supported.

- The cache can be disabled independently from the TCM, under control of the appropriate bits in CP15 c1. The cache can be disabled in Secure state while enabled in Non-secure state and enabled in Secure state while disabled in Non-secure state.

The CL bit in the system control coprocessor, see *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55, reserves cache lockdown registers for Secure world operation. When the CL bit is 0 the cache lockdown registers are only available in the Secure world. When the CL bit is 1 they are available for both Secure and Non-secure operation.

- Data cache misses are nonblocking with three outstanding Data Cache misses being supported.
- Streaming of sequential data from LDM and LDRD operations, and for sequential instruction fetches is supported.

### 7.2.2 Cache functional description

The cache and TCM exist to perform associative reads and writes on requested addresses. The steps involved in this for reads are as follows:

1. The lower bits of the virtual address are used as the virtual index for the Tag and RAM blocks, including the TCM.
2. In parallel the MicroTLB is accessed to perform the virtual to physical address translation.
3. The physical addresses read from the Tag RAMs and the TCM base address register, and the Write Buffer address registers, in parallel with the NS Tag, are compared with the physical address from the MicroTLB. The processor also compares the NS Tag, that the processor stores in the Tag RAMs along with the physical address, with the NS attribute from the MicroTLB. Both comparisons form hit signals for each of the cache ways.
4. The hit signals are used to select the data from the cache way that has a hit. Any bytes contained in both the data RAMs and the Write Buffer entries are taken from the Write Buffer. If two or three Write Buffer entries are to the same bytes, the most recently written bytes are taken.

The steps for writes are as follows:

1. The lower bits of the virtual address are used as the virtual index for the Tag blocks.
2. In parallel, the MicroTLB is accessed to perform the virtual to physical address translation.
3. The physical addresses read from the Tag RAMs and the TCM base address register are compared with the physical address from the MicroTLB. The processor also compares the NS Tag, that it stores in the Tag RAMs along with the physical address, with the NS attribute from the MicroTLB. Both comparisons form hit signals for each of the cache ways.
4. If a cache way, or the TCM, has recorded a hit, then the write data is written to an entry in the Cache Write Buffer, along with the cache way, or TCM, that it must take place to.
5. The contents of the Cache Write Buffer are held until a subsequent write or CP15 operation requires space in the Write Buffer. At this point the oldest entry in the Cache Write Buffer is written into the cache.

### 7.2.3 Cache control operations

*c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69 describes the cache control operations that are supported by the processor. The processor supports all the block cache control operations in hardware.

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**Note**

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- The cache operations executed in Secure state might affect all cache lines but cache operations executed in Non-secure state only affect Non-secure lines.
- You can restrict the functional size of each cache to 16KB, even when the physical cache is larger. This enables the processor to run software that does not support ARMv6 page coloring restrictions. You enable this feature with the CZ bit, see *c1, Auxiliary Control Register* on page 3-48.

For more information about ARMv6 page coloring see *Restrictions on page table mappings page coloring* on page 6-41.

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## 7.2.4 Cache miss handling

A cache miss results in the requests required to do the line fill being made to the level two interface, with a Write-Back occurring if the line to be replaced contains dirty data.

The Write-Back data is transferred to the Write Buffer. This is arranged to handle this data as a sequential burst. Because of the requirement for nonblocking caches, additional write transactions can occur during the transfer of Write-Back data from the cache to the Write Buffer. These transactions do not interfere with the burst nature of the Write-Back data. The Write Buffer is responsible for handling the potential *Read After Write (RAW)* data hazards that might exist from a Data Cache line Write-Back. The caches perform critical word-first cache refilling. The internal bandwidth from the level two data read port to the Data Caches is eight bytes per cycle, and supports streaming.

### Cache miss handling when all ways are locked down

The ARM architecture describes the behavior of the cache as being Unpredictable when all ways in the cache are locked down. However, for ARM1176JZF-S processors a cache miss is serviced as if Way 0 is not locked.

## 7.2.5 Cache disabled behavior

If the cache is disabled, then the cache is not accessed for reads or for writes. This ensures that maximum power savings can be achieved. It is therefore important that before the cache is disabled, all of the entries are cleaned to ensure that the external memory has been updated. In addition, if the cache is enabled with valid entries in it, then it is possible that the entries in the cache contain old data. Therefore, the cache must be disabled with clean and invalid entries.

Cache maintenance operations can be performed even if the cache is disabled. The system can disable the cache in Secure state when it is enabled in Non-secure state and enable the cache in Secure state when it is disabled in Non-secure state.

## 7.2.6 Unexpected hit behavior

An unexpected hit is where the cache reports a hit on a memory location that is marked as Noncacheable or Shared. The unexpected hit behavior is that these hits are ignored and a level two access occurs. The unexpected hit is ignored because the cache hit signal is qualified by the cacheability.

For writes, an unexpected cache hit does not result in the cache being updated. Therefore, writes appear to be Noncacheable accesses. For a data access, if it lies in the range of memory specified by the Instruction TCM, then the access is made to that RAM rather than to level two memory. This applies to both writes and reads.

## 7.3 Tightly-coupled memory

The TCM is designed to provide low-latency memory that can be used by the processor without the unpredictability that is a feature of caches.

You can use such memory to hold critical routines, such as interrupt handling routines or real-time tasks where the indeterminacy of a cache is highly undesirable. In addition you can use it to hold scratch pad data, data types whose locality properties are not well suited to caching, and critical data structures such as interrupt stacks.

You can separately configure the size of the *Instruction TCM* (ITCM) and the size of the *Data TCM* (DTCM) to be 0KB, 4KB, 8KB, 16KB, 32KB or 64KB. For each side, ITCM and DTCM:

- If you configure the TCM size to be 4KB you get one TCM, of 4KB, on this side.
- If you configure the TCM size to be larger than 4KB you get two TCMs on this side, each of half the configured size. So, for example, if you configure an ITCM size of 16KB you get two ITCMs, each of size 8KB.

Table 7-1 lists all possible TCM configurations:

**Table 7-1 TCM configurations**

Configured TCM size	Number of TCMs	Size of each TCM
0KB	0	0
4KB	1	4KB
8KB	2	4KB
16KB	2	8KB
32KB	2	16KB
64KB	2	32KB

When the number of TCM on one side is 2, to make the implementation easier, the TCM for this side are implemented as one single RAM. This RAM then has a size in the 0-64 KB range. The lower part of the RAM corresponds to the TCM called TCM0 and the upper part corresponds to TCM1.

You can also configure each individual TCM to contain Secure or Non-secure data. You make this configuration in CP15 register *c9*, accessible in Secure state only. See *c9, Data TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-93 and *c9, Instruction TCM Non-secure Control Access Register* on page 3-94 for more information. After reset, all TCMs are configured as Secure.

The TCM Status Register in CP15 *c0* describes what TCM options and TCM sizes can be implemented, see *c0, TCM Status Register* on page 3-24.

Each Data TCM is implemented in parallel with the Data Cache and each Instruction TCM is implemented in parallel with the Instruction Cache. Each TCM has a single movable base address, specified in CP15 register *c9*, see *c9, Data TCM Region Register* on page 3-89 and *c9, Instruction TCM Region Register* on page 3-91.

The size of each TCM can differ from the size of a cache way, but forms a single contiguous area of memory. Figure 7-1 on page 7-4 shows the entire level one memory system. To access each of the TCM region and TCM Access Control registers, the TCM Selection registers are set to the TCM of interest, see *c9, TCM Selection Register* on page 3-96.

The base address of each TCM can be placed anywhere in the physical address map, and does not have to be backed by memory implemented externally. The Instruction and Data TCMs have separate base addresses.

You can disable each TCM to avoid an access being made to it. This gives a reduction in the power consumption. You can disable each TCM independently from the enabling of the associated cache, as determined by CP15 register c9. The disabling of a TCM invalidates the base address, so there is no unexpected hit behavior for the TCM.

The timing of a TCM access is the same as for a cache access. The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not support wait states on the TCM interfaces.

Table 7-2 lists the access types for TCM configured as Non-secure.

**Table 7-2 Access to Non-secure TCM**

Access type	NS attribute of corresponding page table	Behavior
Non-secure access	X	Access done on TCM
Secure access	0	TCM not visible, go to Level 2 memory
Secure access	1	access done on TCM.

Table 7-3 lists the access types for TCM configured as Secure.

**Table 7-3 Access to Secure TCM**

Access type	NS attribute of corresponding page table	Behavior
Non-secure access	X	TCM not visible
Secure access	0	Access done on TCM
Secure access	1	TCM is not visible, go to Level 2 memory.

### 7.3.1 TCM behavior

TCM forms a continuous area of memory that is always valid if the TCM is enabled. The TCM is used as part of the physical memory map of the system, and is not backed by a level of external memory with the same physical addresses. For this reason, the TCM behaves differently from the caches for regions of memory that are marked as being Write-Through Cacheable. In such regions, no external writes occur in the event of a write to memory locations contained in the TCM.

### 7.3.2 Restriction on page table mappings

The TCMs are implemented in a physically indexed, physically addressed manner, giving the following behavior:

- aliases to the same physical address can exist in memory regions that are held in the TCM.

As a result, the page mapping restrictions for the TCM are less restrictive than for the cache, as *Restrictions on page table mappings page coloring* on page 6-41 describes.

### 7.3.3 Restriction on page table attributes

The page table entries that describe areas of memory that are handled by the TCM are remapped to normal, non-cacheable, non-shared type.

If the page table entry covers a region larger than the size of the TCM, then the attributes are ignored for the TCM region but still apply to the rest of the region covered by the page table entry.

## 7.4 DMA

The level one DMA provides a background route to transfer blocks of data to or from the TCMs. It is used to move large blocks, rather than individual words or small structures.

The level one DMA is initiated and controlled by accessing the appropriate CP15 registers and instructions, see *DMA control* on page 3-9. This register is common to the Secure and Non-secure world. DMA channels can be reserved for the Secure world only, or available for both worlds, see bit [18] in the *c1, Non-Secure Access Control Register* on page 3-55. This bit also determines the page tables, Secure or Non-secure, that DMA transfers use. In the Non-secure world, the read/write access of these DMA registers depends on Non-secure Access control register bit[18] value. Accessing these registers in the Non-secure world when not permitted, NSAC[18] clear, results in an Undefined exception.

The value of NSAC[18] is also used during access to the Main TLB for comparison with the NSTID of the TLB entries:

- When the channel is defined as Non-secure, NSAC[18] set, the Non-secure page tables are used. DMA external accesses are done on Non-secure memory regions. For DMA internal access, only TCM defined as Non-secure can be accessed.
- When the channel is defined as Secure. NSAC[18] clear, the Secure page tables are used. The DMA external or internal access depends on the value of the NS attribute in the corresponding descriptors. If the NS attribute in the descriptor, for external access, is reset, the DMA channel accesses external Secure memory. If the NS attribute is set, the DMA channel accesses external Non-secure memory. For internal access, the page descriptor selects the TCM and the DMA performs a security permission check before accessing the TCM.

The process specifies the internal start and end addresses and external start address, together with the direction of the DMA. The addresses specified are Virtual Addresses, and the level one DMA hardware includes translation of Virtual Addresses to Physical Addresses and checking of protection attributes.

The TLB, that *TLB organization* on page 6-4 describes, holds the page table entries for the DMA, and ensures that the entries in a TLB used by the DMA are consistent with the page tables. Errors, arising from protection checks, are signaled to the processor using an interrupt. Completion of the DMA can also be configured by software to signal the processor with an interrupt using the same interrupt to the processor that the error uses. The status of the DMA is read from the CP15 registers associated with the DMA.

The DMA controller is programmed using the CP15 coprocessor. DMA accesses can only be to or from the TCM and must not be from areas of memory that can be contained in the caches. That is, no coherency support is provided in the caches.

The processor implements two DMA channels. Only one channel can be active at a time. The key features of the DMA system are:

- the DMA system runs in the background of processor operations
- DMA progress is accessible from software
- DMA is programmed with virtual addresses, with a MicroTLB dedicated to the DMA function
- you can configure the DMA to work to either the instruction or data RAMs
- DMA is allocated by a privileged process, enabling User access to control the DMA.

For some DMA events an interrupt is generated. If the channel is configured as Non-secure the **nDMAIRQ** signal is asserted, otherwise if the channel is configured as Secure the **nDMASIRQ** signal is asserted. When an external access caused by the DMA aborts, the processor asserts **nDMAEXTERRIRQ**. You can route these output pins to an external interrupt controller for prioritization and masking. This is the only mechanism to signal the interrupt to the core. For more information, see *c11, DMA Channel Status Register* on page 3-117.

Each DMA channel has its own set of Control and Status Registers. The maximum number of DMA channels that can be defined is architecturally limited to 2. Only 1 DMA channel can be active at a time. If the other DMA channel has been started, it is queued to start performing memory operations after the currently active channel has completed. The level one DMA behaves as a distinct master from the rest of the processor, and the same mechanisms for handling Shared memory regions must be used if the external addresses being accessed by the level one DMA system are also accessed by the rest of the processor.

*Memory attributes and types* on page 6-20 describes these. If a User mode DMA transfer is performed using an external address that is not marked as Shared, an error is signaled by the DMA channel. There is no ordering requirement of memory accesses caused by the level one DMA relative to those generated by reads and writes by the processor, while a channel is running. When a channel has completed running, all its transactions are visible to all other observers in the system.

All memory accesses caused by the DMA occur in the order specified by the DMA channel, regardless of the memory type. If a DMA access is performed to Strongly Ordered memory, see *Memory attributes and types* on page 6-20, then a transaction caused by the DMA prevents any additional transactions being generated by the DMA until the point when the access is complete.

A transaction is complete when it has changed the state of the target location or data has been returned to the DMA. If the FCSE PID, the Domain Access Control Register, or the page table mappings are changed, or the TLB is flushed, while a DMA channel is in the Running or Queued state, then the DMA channel must be stopped.

## 7.5 TCM and cache interactions

In the event that a TCM and a cache both contain the requested address, it is architecturally Unpredictable which memory the instruction data is returned from. It is expected that such an event only arises from a failure to invalidate the cache when the base register of the TCM is changed, and so is clearly a programming error. For a Harvard arrangement of caches and TCM, data reads and writes can access any Instruction TCM for both reads and writes. This ensures that accesses to literal pools, Undefined instructions, and SVC numbers are possible, and aids debugging. For this reason, an Instruction TCM must behave as a unified TCM, but can be optimized for instruction fetches.

You must not program an Instruction TCM to the same base address as a Data TCM and, if the two RAMs are different sizes, the regions in physical memory of the two RAMs must not be overlapped. This is because the resulting behavior is architecturally Unpredictable.

In these cases, you must not rely on the behavior of ARM1176JZF-S processor for code that is intended to be ported to other ARM platforms.

In all cases, no security consideration is necessary because there cannot be a conflict between accesses targeting Secure and Non-secure memory. Any cache line or TCM data is marked as being Secure or Non-secure and no Unpredictable situations can result from this.

### 7.5.1 Overlapping between TCM regions

Where TCM regions overlap, the access priority is worked out using these rules, starting with the highest priority rule:

1. Where there is an overlap between a DTCM and an ITCM, the DTCM has priority *for data accesses*.

———— **Note** —————

Instruction accesses to the DTCM are not possible.

2. Where there is an overlap between two TCMs on the same side, TCM0 has priority. This means that DTCM0 has priority over DTCM1, and ITCM0 has priority over ITCM1.

This means that, for data accesses, the priority order if all four TCMs overlap is:

1. DTCM0, highest priority
2. DTCM1
3. ITCM0
4. ITCM1, lowest priority.

For instruction accesses, the priority order is:

1. ITCM0, highest priority
2. ITCM1, lowest priority.

These priority rules are not affected by whether the TCMs are Secure or Non-secure. The only effect of configuring TCMs as Secure or Non-secure is that a Secure TCM cannot overlap a Non-secure TCM.

### 7.5.2 DMA and core access arbitration

DMA and core accesses to both the Instruction TCM and the Data TCM can occur in parallel. So as not to disrupt the execution of the core, core-generated accesses have priority over those requested by the DMA engine, regardless of the security level of the accesses.

### 7.5.3 Instruction accesses to TCM

If the Instruction TCM and the Instruction Cache both contain the requested instruction address, the processor returns data from the TCM. The instruction prefetch port of the processor cannot access the Data TCM. If an instruction prefetch misses the Instruction TCM and Instruction Cache but hits the Data TCM, then the result is an access to the level two memory.

An IMB must be inserted between a write to an Instruction TCM and the instructions being written that it relies on. In addition, any branch prediction mechanism must be invalidated or disabled if a branch in the Instruction TCM is overwritten.

### 7.5.4 Data accesses to the Instruction TCM

If the Data TCM and the Data Cache both contain the requested data address for a read, the processor returns data from the Data TCM. For a write, the write occurs to the Data TCM. The majority of data accesses are expected to go to the Data Cache or to the Data TCM, but it is necessary for the Instruction TCM to be read or written on occasion.

The Instruction TCM base addresses are read by the processor data port as a possible source for data for all memory accesses. This increases the data comparisons associated with the data, compared with the number required for the instruction memory lookup, for the level one memory hit generation. This functionality is required for reading literal values and for debug purposes, such as setting software breakpoints.

Access to the Instruction TCM involves a delay of 5-12 cycles in reading or writing the data. This delay enables the Instruction TCM access to be scheduled to take place only when the presence of a hit to the Instruction TCM is known. This saves power and avoids unnecessary delays being inserted into the instruction-fetch side. This delay is applied to all accesses in a multiple operation in the case of an LDM, an LDCL, an STM, or an STCL.

#### Literal pool accesses

It can take 5-12 cycles for the data port to read data from the Instruction TCM.

Because the path lengths are short, there might sometimes be an increase in latency to achieve greater clock speeds. Therefore, avoid literal pool accesses inside critical loops. This does not affect code in cache, because the literal pool is loaded into the D cache.

#### Switching penalty between cache & TCM

Normally, an access to the cache or TCM takes a single cycle. However, it can take three cycles in certain cases.

To perform a cache or TCM read in a single cycle, the processor speculatively reads the RAM contents. It does not know if it was the correct RAM until after the read is complete. To save power, the processor performs a speculative read either to the TCM or to the cache. If the read is wrong, the processor must repeat the access to the correct location.

There is a penalty of three clock cycles when the core switches between accessing cache and TCM, for example if it thinks the access is in TCM, but it is in fact in cache. So, three cycles for the first non-sequential access to TCM, when the previous access on that side, I-side or D-side, was to cache and similarly, three cycles penalty for the first non-sequential access to cache, when the previous access on that side was to TCM. This is not an issue on the I-side, where code does not typically branch between TCM and cacheable areas, but can be an issue for data.

For example, in the following code:

```
Loop LDR r0, [r2],#4 ; reads an item from D-TCM
```

```

LDR r1, [r3],#4 ; reads an item from D-cache
ADD r4, r0, r1 ; perform some calculation on the loaded data
CMP r1, r5 ; finished yet?
BLT loop

```

Each iteration of this loop pays the three cycle penalty twice, because the loads alternate between cache & TCM. This is an extreme example, of course. Because of hit-under-miss, this 3 cycle penalty might not stall the integer core. If the same code uses only D-TCM, or only D-cache, each load typically takes one cycle.

This can be important if a performance critical loop operates on two blocks of data, one in D-TCM and one in main memory, especially if the data is consumed in small blocks of a byte or word, rather than multiple words per iteration.

So, if you have all of the dhrystone code and data in TCM, you get better performance than if you have nearly all in TCM.

It is not required for instruction port(s) to be able to access the Data TCM. An attempt to access addresses in the range covered by a Data TCM from an instruction port does not result in an access to the Data TCM. In this case, the instruction is fetched from main memory. It is anticipated that such accesses can result in external aborts in some systems, because the address range might not be supported in main memory.

Instruction TCMs must not be programmed to the same base address as a Data TCM and, if the RAMs are of different sizes, the regions in physical memory of the two RAMs must not be overlapped because the resulting behavior is architecturally Unpredictable. If an access is made to a location that is covered by both an Instruction TCM and a Data TCM, the access is only to the Data TCM.

Table 7-4 summarizes the results of data accesses to TCM and the cache. This also embodies the unexpected hit behavior for the cache that *Unexpected hit behavior* on page 7-6 describes. In Table 7-4, the Data Cache can only be hit if the memory location being accessed is marked as being Cacheable and Not shareable. A hit to the Data TCM and Instruction TCM refers to hitting an address in the range covered by that TCM.

**Table 7-4 Summary of data accesses to TCM and caches**

Data TCM	Data cache	Instruction TCM <sup>a</sup>	Read behavior	Write behavior
Hit	Hit	Hit	Read from Data TCM.	Write to Data TCM. No write to the Instruction TCM or Data Cache. No write to level two, even if marked as Write-Through.
Hit	Hit	Miss	Read from Data TCM.	Write to Data TCM. No write to Data Cache. No write to level two even if marked as Write-Through.
Hit	Miss	Hit	Read from Data TCM. No linefill to Data Cache fill even if marked Cacheable.	Write to Data TCM. No write to Instruction TCM. No write to level two even if marked as Write-Through.
Hit	Miss	Miss	Read from Data TCM. No linefill to Data Cache even if marked Cacheable.	Write to Data TCM. No write to level two even if marked as Write-Through.
Miss	Hit	Hit	Read from Data Cache.	Write to Data Cache. If Write-Through, write to Instruction TCM.

Table 7-4 Summary of data accesses to TCM and caches (continued)

Data TCM	Data cache	Instruction TCM <sup>a</sup>	Read behavior	Write behavior
Miss	Hit	Miss	Read from Data Cache.	Write to Data Cache. If Write-Through, write to level two.
Miss	Miss	Hit	Read from Instruction TCM. No cache fill even if marked Cacheable.	Write to Instruction TCM. No write to level two even if marked as Write-Through.
Miss	Miss	Miss	If Cacheable and cache enabled, cache linefill. If Noncacheable or cache disabled, read to level two.	Write to level two.

a. Excludes unexpected hit.

Table 7-5 summarizes the results of instruction accesses to TCM and the cache. This also embodies the unexpected hit behavior for the cache that *Unexpected hit behavior* on page 7-6 describes. In Table 7-5, the Instruction Cache can only be hit if the memory location being accessed is marked as being Cacheable and not shareable. A hit to the Instruction TCM refers to hitting an address in the range covered by that TCM.

Table 7-5 Summary of instruction accesses to TCM and caches

Instruction TCM	Instruction cache <sup>a</sup>	Data TCM	Read behavior
Hit	Hit	Don't care	Read from I TCM. No linefill to I Cache even if marked Cacheable.
Hit	Miss	Don't care	Read from Instruction TCM. No linefill to Instruction Cache, even if marked cacheable.
Miss	Hit	Don't care	Read from Instruction Cache.
Miss	Miss	Don't care	If Cacheable and cache enabled, cache linefill. If Noncacheable or cache disabled, read to level two.

a. Excludes unexpected hit.

## 7.6 Write buffer

All memory writes take place using the Write buffer. To ensure that the Write buffer is not drained on reads, the following features are implemented:

- The Write buffer is a FIFO of outstanding writes to memory. It consists of a set of addresses and a set of data words, together with their size information.
- If a sequence of data words is contained in the Write buffer, these are denoted as applying to the same address by the Write buffer storing the size of the store multiple. This reduces the number of address entries that must be stored in the Write buffer.
- In addition to this, a separate FIFO of Write-Back addresses and data words is implemented. Having a separate structure avoids complications associated with performing an external write while the write-through is being handled.
- The address of a new read access is compared against the addresses in the Write buffer. If a read is to a location that is already in the Write buffer, the read is blocked until the Write buffer has drained sufficiently far for that location to be no longer in the Write buffer. The sequential marker only applies to words in the same 8 word, 8 word aligned, block, and the address comparisons are based on 8 word aligned addresses.

*Memory access control* on page 6-11 describes the ordering of memory accesses.

# Chapter 8

## Level Two Interface

The processor is designed to be used within larger chip designs using the *Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA) AXI* protocol. The processor uses the level two interface as its interface to memory and peripherals. This chapter describes the features of the level two interface not covered in the *AMBA AXI Protocol Specification*

The chapter contains the following sections:

- *About the level two interface* on page 8-2
- *Synchronization primitives* on page 8-6
- *AXI control signals in the processor* on page 8-8
- *Instruction Fetch Interface transfers* on page 8-14
- *Data Read/Write Interface transfers* on page 8-15
- *Peripheral Interface transfers* on page 8-37
- *Endianness* on page 8-38
- *Peripheral Interface transfers* on page 8-37.

## 8.1 About the level two interface

The level two memory interface exists to provide a high-bandwidth interface to second level caches, on-chip RAM, peripherals, and interfaces to external memory.

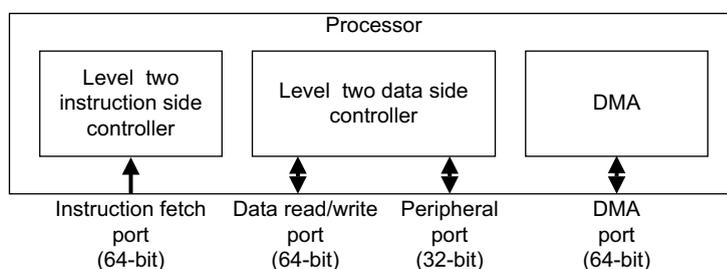
It is a key feature in ensuring high system performance, providing a higher bandwidth mechanism for filling the caches in a cache miss than has existed on previous ARM processors.

The processor level two interconnect system uses the following 64-bit wide AXI interfaces:

- Instruction Fetch Interface
- Data Read/Write Interface
- DMA Interface.

Another interface is also provided, the Peripheral Interface. This is a 32-bit AXI interface.

Figure 8-1 shows the level two interconnect interfaces.



**Figure 8-1 Level two interconnect interfaces**

These interfaces provide for several simultaneous outstanding transactions, giving the potential for high performance from level two memory systems that support parallelism, and also for high utilization of pipelined memories such as SDRAM.

- No outstanding accesses are issued on the DMA port. The DMA port can issue bursts of 32-bit or 64-bit data when the address is correctly aligned.
- The data read/write port can issue outstanding accesses. The maximum number of outstanding accesses it can issue is two reads and two writes, to give a total of four outstanding accesses.
- The instruction port can issue outstanding read accesses, up to a maximum of two outstanding read accesses.
- No outstanding accesses are issued by the peripheral port.

Each of the four wide interfaces is an AXI interface, with additional signals to support additional features for the level two memory system for multi-level cache support.

The processor does not drive the following AXI ID signals:

- **ARIDI**
- **ARIDRW**
- **AWIDRW**
- **WIDRW**
- **ARIDP**
- **AWIDP**
- **WIDP**
- **ARIDD**
- **AWIDD**

- **WIDD.**

When you connect the processor in an AXI system, you can choose whatever ID value suits your system. The only requirement is that **AWID** and **WID** must have the same value.

### 8.1.1 AXI parameters for the level 2 interconnect interfaces

Table 8-1 shows the AXI parameters for the level 2 interconnect interfaces.

**Table 8-1 AXI parameters for the level 2 interconnect interfaces**

Parameter	Interface:			
	Instruction, RO	Data, RW	Peripheral, RW	DMA, RW
Write Issuing Capability	Not applicable	2	1	1
Read Issuing Capability	2	2	1	1
Combined Issuing Capability	Not applicable	4	1	1
Write ID Capability	Not applicable	1	1	1
Write Interleave Capability	Not applicable	1 <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>a</sup>
Write ID Width	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>
Read ID Capability	1	1	1	1
Read ID Width	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>	Not applicable <sup>b</sup>

a. The value of 1 means that interleaving or re-ordering cannot occur.

b. The level 2 interconnect interfaces do not implement any AXI ID signals.

### 8.1.2 Level two instruction-side controller

The level two instruction-side controller contains the level two Instruction Fetch Interface. See *Instruction Fetch Interface*.

The level two instruction-side controller handles all instruction-side cache misses including those for Noncacheable locations. It is responsible for the sequencing of cache operations for Instruction Cache linefills, making requests for the individual stores through the *Prefetch Unit* (PU) to the Instruction Cache. The decoupling involved means that the level two instruction-side controller contains some buffering.

#### Instruction Fetch Interface

The Instruction Fetch Interface is a read-only interface that services the Instruction Cache on cache misses, including the fetching of instructions for the PU that are held in memory marked as Noncacheable. The interface is optimized for cache linefills rather than individual requests.

### 8.1.3 Level two data-side controller

The level two data-side controller is responsible for the level two:

- Data Read/Write Interface
- Peripheral Interface.

The level two data-side controller handles:

- All external access requests from the Load Store Unit, including cache misses, data Write-Through operations, and Noncacheable data.
- SWP instructions and semaphore operations. It schedules all reads and writes on the two interfaces, that are closely related.

The level two data-side controller also handles the Peripheral Interface.

The level two data-side controller contains the Refill and Write-Back engines for the Data Cache. These make requests through the Load Store Unit for the individual cache operations that are required. The decoupling involved means that the level two data-side controller contains some buffering. The write buffer is an integral part of the level two data-side controller.

### Data Read/Write Interface

The Data Read/Write Interface performs reads and swap reads. It services the Data Cache on cache misses, and reads noncacheable locations.

The Data Read/Write Interface performs writes and swap writes. It services the writes out of the Write Buffer. Multiple writes can be queued up as part of this interface.

### Peripheral Interface

The Peripheral Interface is a bidirectional AXI interface that services peripheral devices. In ARM1176JZF-S processors, the Peripheral Interface is used for peripherals that are private to the processor, such as the Vectored Interrupt Controller or Watchdog Timer. Accesses to regions of memory that are marked as Device and Non-Shared are routed to the Peripheral Interface in preference to the Data Read/Write Interface.

Instruction and DMA accesses are not routed to the Peripheral port.

Unaligned accesses and exclusive accesses are not supported by the peripheral port, because they are not supported in Device memory. The order that accesses are presented on the Peripheral Interface, relative to those on the Data Read/Write Interface is not defined, other than Strongly Ordered accesses. For this reason, the peripheral port is expected to be used to access a bus or memory system that is not accessible through the Data Read/Write port. See *c15, Peripheral Port Memory Remap Register* on page 3-130 to find out how to remap data accesses to a defined address region to the peripheral port. In some systems, designers might not want to use the Peripheral port to access locations in memory that are marked in the page tables as Non-Shared Device. In these cases, you can use the Remap Registers to remap Non-Shared Device to Shared Device, so causing these accesses to be made using the main system memory ports.

## 8.1.4 DMA

The DMA is responsible for:

- Performing all external memory transactions required by the DMA engine, and for requesting accesses from the Instruction TCM and Data TCM as required.
- Queuing the DMA channels as required. The DMA Interface contains several registers that are CP15 registers dedicated for DMA use, see *DMA control* on page 3-9 for details.

The DMA contains buffering to enable the decoupling of internal and external requests. This is because of variable latency between internal and external accesses.

It uses the *Prefetch Unit* (PU) and the *Load Store Unit* (LSU) to schedule its accesses to the TCMs.

### **DMA Interface**

The DMA Interface is a bidirectional interface that services the DMA subsystem for writing and reading the TCMs. Although the DMA Interface is bidirectional, it is able to produce a stream of successive accesses that are in the same direction, followed by either an extra stream in the same direction, or a stream in the opposite direction. Correspondingly the direction turnaround is not significantly optimized.

The size of the transfer is given in the parameters of the transfer in the CP15 registers. The transfers are always aligned with the size of the transfer as indicated by the CP15 registers.

## 8.2 Synchronization primitives

On previous architectures support for shared memory synchronization has been with the read-locked-write operations that swap register contents with memory, the SWP and SWPB instructions. These support basic busy and free semaphore mechanisms. For details of the swap instructions, and how to use them to implement semaphores, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

ARMv6 and its extensions introduce support for more comprehensive shared-memory synchronization primitives that scale for multiple-processor system designs. Two sets of instructions are introduced that support multiple-processor and shared-memory inter-process communication:

- load-exclusive, LDREX, LDREXB, LDREXH, and LDREXD
- store-exclusive, STREX, STREXB, STREXH, and STREXD.

The exclusive-access instructions rely on the ability to tag a physical address as exclusive-access for a particular processor. This tag is later used to determine if an exclusive store to an address occurs.

For non-shared memory regions, the LDREX{B,H,D} and STREX{B,H,D} instructions are presented to the ports as normal LDR or STR. If a processor does an STR on a memory region that it has already marked as exclusive, this does not clear the tag. However, if the region has been marked by another processor, an STR clears the tag.

Other events might cause the tag to be cleared. In particular, for memory regions that are not shared, it is systems dependent whether a store by another processor to a tagged physical address causes the tag to be cleared.

An external abort on either a load-exclusive or store-exclusive puts the processor into Abort mode.

For an exclusive read access, the processor considers any response apart from EXOKAY as an external abort.

For an exclusive write access, the processor considers any error response as an external abort, an OKAY response sets the returned status value to 1.

For SWP and SWPB instructions, in the case of an error response on the locked read access and to unlock the bus, the processor performs a dummy normal write access with all byte strobes disabled at the same address as the locked read access.

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### Note

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An external abort on a load-exclusive can leave the processor internal monitor in its exclusive state and might affect your software. If it does you must execute a CLREX instruction in your abort handler to clear the processor internal monitor to an open state.

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### 8.2.1 Load-exclusive instruction

Load-exclusive performs a load from memory and causes the physical address of the access to be tagged as exclusive-access for the requesting processor. This causes any other physical address that has been tagged by the requesting processor to no longer be tagged as exclusive-access.

## 8.2.2 Store-exclusive instruction

Store-exclusive performs a conditional store to memory. The store only takes place if the physical address is tagged as exclusive-access for the requesting processor. This operation returns a status value. If the store updates memory the return value is 0, otherwise it is 1. In both cases, the physical address is no longer tagged as exclusive-access for any processor.

## 8.2.3 Example of LDREX and STREX usage

This is an example of typical usage. Suppose you are trying to claim a lock:

```

Lock address      :   LockAddr
Lock free         :   0x00
Lock taken        :   0xFF
  MOV             R1, #0xFF           ; load the 'lock taken' value
try LDREX         R0, [LockAddr]     ; load the lock value
  CMP             R0, #0              ; is the lock free?
  STREXEQ         R0, R1, [LockAddr] ; try and claim the lock
  CMPEQ          R0, #0              ; did this succeed?
  BNE             try                ; no - try again . . . .
  ; yes - we have the lock

```

The typical case, where the lock is free and you have exclusive-access, is six instructions.

### 8.3 AXI control signals in the processor

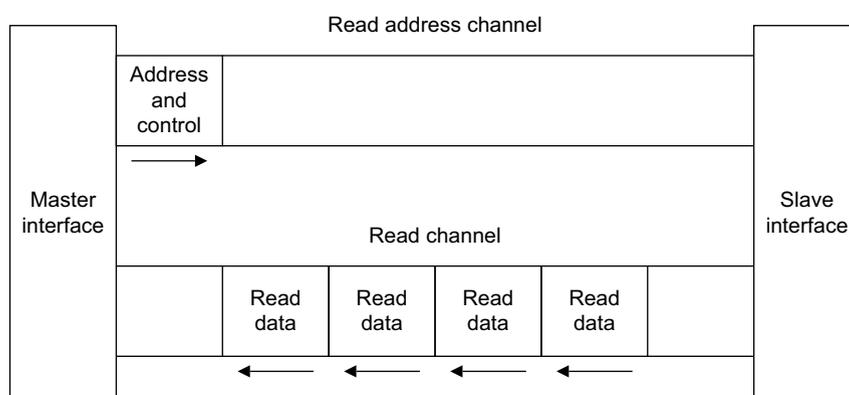
This section describes the processor implementation of the AXI control signals:

For additional information about AXI, see the *AMBA AXI Protocol Specification*.

The AXI protocol is burst-based. Every transaction has address and control information on the address channel that describes the nature of the data to be transferred. The data is transferred between master and slave using a write channel to the slave or a read channel to the master. In write transactions, where all the data flows from the master to the slave, the AXI has an additional write response channel to enable the slave to signal to the master the completion of the write transaction.

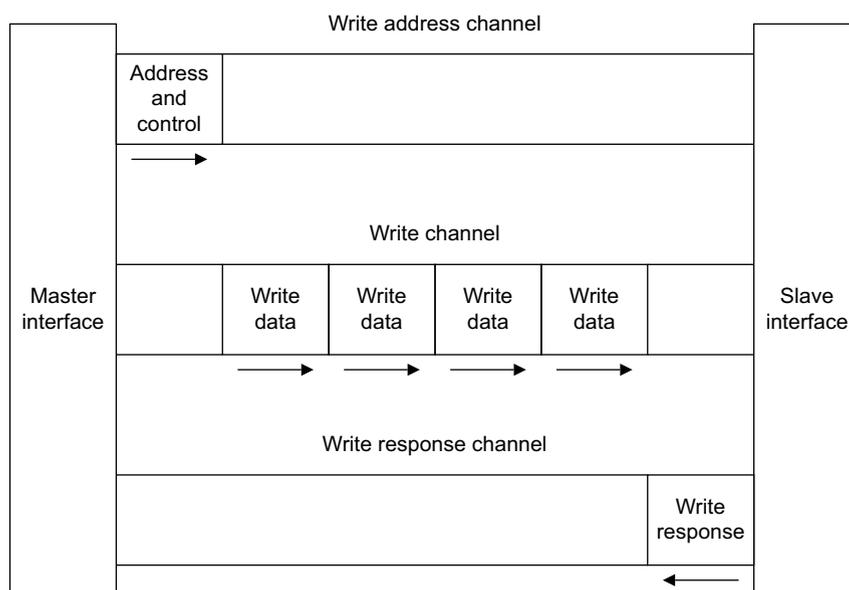
The AXI protocol permits address information to be issued ahead of the actual data transfer and enables support for multiple outstanding transactions in addition to out-of-order completion of transactions.

Figure 8-2 shows how a read transaction uses the read address and read data channels.



**Figure 8-2 Channel architecture of reads**

Figure 8-3 shows how a write transaction uses the write address, write data, and write response channels.



**Figure 8-3 Channel architecture of writes**

### 8.3.1 Channel definition

Each of the five independent channels consists of a set of information signals and uses a two-way **VALID** and **READY** handshake mechanism.

The information source uses the **VALID** signal to show when valid data is available on the channel. The destination uses the **READY** signal to show when it can accept the data. Both the read data channel and the write data channel also include a **LAST** signal to indicate when the transfer of the final data item within a transaction takes place.

#### Read Address channel

The read address channel is used in every transaction and carries all the required read address and control information for that transaction. The AXI supports the following mechanisms:

- variable-length bursts, from 1 to 16 data transfers per burst
- bursts with a transfer size of eight bits up to the maximum data bus width
- wrapping, incrementing, and fixed address bursts
- atomic operations, using exclusive and locked access
- system-level caching and buffering control
- Secure and privileged access.

#### Write address channel

The write address channel is used in every transaction and carries all the required write address and control information for that transaction. The AXI supports the following mechanisms:

- variable-length bursts, from 1 to 16 data transfers per burst
- bursts with a transfer size of eight bits up to the maximum data bus width
- wrapping, incrementing, and fixed address bursts
- atomic operations, using exclusive and locked access
- system-level caching and buffering control
- Secure and privileged access.

#### Read data channel

The read data channel conveys both the read data and any read response information from the slave back to the master. The read data channel includes:

- the data bus, that is 32 bits wide for the Peripheral port, and 64 bits wide for the Data Read/Write port, Instruction port and DMA port
- a read response indicating the completion status of the read transaction.

#### Write data channel

The write data channel conveys the write data from the master to the slave and includes:

- the data bus, that is 32 bits wide for the Peripheral port, and 64 bits wide for the Data Read/Write port, Instruction port and DMA port
- one byte lane strobe for every eight data bits, indicating the bytes of the data bus that are valid.

#### Write response channel

The write response channel provides a way for the slave to respond to write transactions. All write transactions use completion signaling.

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**Note**

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The completion signal occurs once for each burst, not for each individual data transfer within the burst.

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**8.3.2 Signal name suffixes**

The signal name for each of the interfaces denotes the interface that it applies to. The signals have one of these suffixes:

<b>I</b>	Instruction Fetch Interface.
<b>D</b>	DMA Interface.
<b>RW</b>	Data Read/Write Interface.
<b>P</b>	Peripheral Interface.

The second character in the signal name indicates if the data direction is a read, **R**, or write, **W**.

For example, **AxSIZE[2:0]** is called **ARSIZEI[2:0]** for reads in the Instruction Fetch Interface.

**8.3.3 Address channel signals**

The address channel control signals in the processor are:

- *AxLEN[3:0]*
- *AxSIZE[2:0]* on page 8-11
- *AxBURST[1:0]* on page 8-11
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- *AxPROT[2:0]* on page 8-12
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**AxLEN[3:0]**

The **AxLEN[3:0]** signal indicates the number of transfers in a burst. Table 8-2 shows the values of **AxLEN** that the processor uses.

**Table 8-2 AxLEN[3:0] encoding**

<b>AxLEN[3:0]</b>	<b>Number of data transfers</b>
b0000	1
b0001	2
b0010	3
b0011	4
b0100	5
b0101	6
b0110	7
b0111	8

**AxSIZE[2:0]**

This signal indicates the size of each transfer. Table 8-3 shows the supported transfer sizes.

**Table 8-3 AxSIZE[2:0] encoding**

<b>AxSIZE[2:0]</b>	<b>Bytes in transfer</b>
b000	1
b001	2
b010	4
b011	8

**AxBURST[1:0]**

The **AxBURST[1:0]** signals indicate a fixed, incrementing or wrapping burst. Table 8-4 shows the burst types that the ARM1176JZF-S processor supports.

**Table 8-4 AxBURST[1:0] encoding**

<b>AxBURST[2:0]</b>	<b>Burst type</b>	<b>Description</b>
b00	Fixed	Fixed address burst
b01	Incr	Incrementing address burst
b10	Wrap	Incrementing address burst that wraps to a lower address at the wrap boundary

The processor uses:

- Wrapping bursts for some cache line fills
- Incrementing bursts for accesses to noncacheable memory, including instruction fetches.

**AxLOCK[1:0]**

The **AxLOCK[1:0]** signal indicates the lock type of access. The processor supports all locked type accesses. The instruction port only generates Normal access types. The DMA port only generates Normal access types. The Data Read/Write port generates all access types, Normal, exclusive and locked access.

Table 8-5 shows the values of **AxLOCK** that the processor supports.

**Table 8-5 AxLOCK[1:0] encoding**

<b>AxLOCK[1:0]</b>	<b>Description</b>
b00	Normal access
b01	Exclusive access
b10	Locked access

**AxCACHE[3:0]**

The **AxCACHE[3:0]** signals indicate the bufferable, cacheable, write-through, write-back, and allocate attributes of the transaction. These attributes are for the level two memory system. Table 8-6 shows the correspondence between the **AxCACHE[3:0]** encoding and TLB cacheable attributes.

**Table 8-6 AxCACHE[3:0] encoding**

<b>AxCACHE[3:0]</b>	<b>Transaction attributes</b>
b0000	Strongly ordered
b0001	Shared device or non-shared device
b0010	Outer noncacheable
b0110	Outer write-through, no allocate on write
b0111	Outer write-back, no allocate on write
b1111	Outer write-back, write allocate.

**AxPROT[2:0]**

The **AxPROT[2:0]** signal indicates the protection level of the transaction, that is if the transaction is:

- normal or privileged
- Secure or Non-secure
- Data access or Instruction access.

All transactions from the instruction port are marked as instruction accesses, **ARPROTI[2] = 1**.

Transactions from the DMA port are marked as instruction accesses, **AxPROTD[2] = 1**, if the transaction is to or from the Instruction TCM, and as data accesses, **AxPROTD[2] = 0**, for transfers to or from the Data TCM.

Transactions on the peripheral and data read/write ports are marked as data accesses.

Table 8-7 shows the supported values for **AxPROT[2:0]**.

**Table 8-7 AxPROT[2:0] encoding**

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AxPROT[2]</b>	0 = Data access 1 = Instruction access
<b>AxPROT[1]</b>	0 = Secure 1 = Non-secure
<b>AxPROT[0]</b>	0 = Normal, User 1 = Privileged

**AxSIDEBAND[4:0]**

The **AxSIDEBAND[4:1]** signals indicate the bufferable, cacheable, write-through, write-back, and allocate attributes of the level one memory. **AxSIDEBAND[0]** indicates the Shared attribute. Table 8-8 shows the correspondence between the **AxSIDEBAND[4:1]** encoding and the TLB cacheable attributes for the Read/Write, Peripheral, and DMA ports.

**Table 8-8 AxSIDEBAND[4:1] encoding**

<b>AxSIDEBAND[4:1]</b>	<b>Transaction attributes</b>
b0000	Strongly ordered
b0001	Shared device or non-shared device
b0010	Inner noncacheable
b0110	Inner write-through, no allocate on write
b0111	Inner write-back, no allocate on write
b1111	Inner write-back, write allocate <sup>a</sup>

a. The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not support write allocate.

Table 8-9 shows the correspondence between the **ARSIDEBANDI[4:1]** encoding and the TLB cacheable attributes for the Instruction port.

**Table 8-9 ARSIDEBANDI[4:1] encoding**

<b>ARSIDEBANDI[4:1]</b>	<b>Transaction attributes</b>
b0000	Strongly Ordered
b0001	Device
b0010	Inner Noncacheable
b0110	Inner Cacheable

These signals are not part of the AXI protocol and are added for additional information.

## 8.4 Instruction Fetch Interface transfers

The tables in this section describe the AXI interface behavior for instruction side fetches to either Cacheable or Noncacheable regions of memory for the following interface signals:

- **ARBURSTI[1:0]**
- **ARLENI[3:0]**
- **ARADDRI[31:0]**
- **ARSIZEI[2:0]**.

See the *AMBA AXI Protocol Specification* for details of the other AXI signals.

### 8.4.1 Cacheable fetches

Table 8-10 shows the values of **ARADDRI**, **ARBURSTI**, **ARSIZEI**, and **ARLENI** for Cacheable fetches.

**Table 8-10 AXI signals for Cacheable fetches**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRI	ARBURSTI	ARSIZEI	ARLENI
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x08	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x14, word 5	0x10	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x18, word 6	0x18	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x1C, word 7	0x18	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers

### 8.4.2 Noncacheable fetches

Table 8-11 shows the values of **ARADDRI**, **ARBURSTI**, **ARSIZEI**, and **ARLENI** for Noncacheable fetches.

**Table 8-11 AXI signals for Noncacheable fetches**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRI	ARBURSTI	ARSIZEI	ARLENI
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x18, word 6	0x18	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer
0x1C, word 7	0x1C	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer

## 8.5 Data Read/Write Interface transfers

The tables in this section describe the AXI interface behavior for Data Read/Write Interface transfers for the following interface signals:

- **AxBURSTRW[1:0]**
- **AxLENRW[3:0]**
- **AxSIZERW[2:0]**
- **AxADDRRW[31:0]**
- **WSTRBRW[7:0]**.

### 8.5.1 Linefills

A linefill comprises four accesses to the Data Cache if there is no external abort returned. In the event of an external abort, the doubleword and subsequent doublewords are not written into the Data Cache and the line is never marked as Valid. The four accesses are:

- Write Tag and data doubleword
- Write data doubleword
- Write data doubleword
- Write Valid = 1, Dirty = 0, and data doubleword.

The linefill can only progress to attempt to write a doubleword if it does not contain dirty data. This is determined in one of two ways:

- if the victim cache line is not valid, then there is no danger and the linefill progresses
- if the victim line is valid, a signal encodes the doublewords that are clean, either because they were not dirty or they have been cleaned.

The order of words written into the cache is critical-word first, wrapping at the upper cache line boundary.

Table 8-12 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for linefills.

**Table 8-12 Linefill behavior on the AXI interface**

<b>Address[4:0]</b>	<b>ARADDRRW</b>	<b>ARBURSTRW</b>	<b>ARSIZERW</b>	<b>ARLENRW</b>
0x00-0x07	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x08-0x0F	0x08	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x10-0x17	0x10	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x18-0x1F	0x18	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers

## 8.5.2 Noncacheable LDRB

Table 8-13 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDRBs from bytes 0-7.

**Table 8-13 Noncacheable LDRB**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, byte 0	0x00	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x01, byte 1	0x01	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x04, byte 4	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x05, byte 5	0x05	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer

## 8.5.3 Noncacheable LDRH

Table 8-14 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDRHs from bytes 0-7.

**Table 8-14 Noncacheable LDRH**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, byte 0	0x00	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x01, byte 1	0x01	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x04, byte 4	0x04	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x05, byte 5	0x05	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
	0x08	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer

## 8.5.4 Noncacheable LDR or LDM1

Table 8-15 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDRs or LDM1s.

**Table 8-15 Noncacheable LDR or LDM1**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, byte 0, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
0x01, byte 1	0x01	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
	0x04	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
	0x04	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
0x04, byte 4, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
0x05, byte 5	0x05	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer
	0x08	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
	0x08	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer
	0x08	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer

## 8.5.5 Noncacheable LDRD or LDM2

Table 8-16 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDRDs or LDM2s addressing words 0 to 6.

A Noncacheable LDRD or LDM2 addressing word 7 is split into two LDRs, as shown in Table 8-17 on page 8-18.

**Table 8-16 Noncacheable LDRD or LDM2**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers
0x18, word 6	0x18	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer

Table 8-17 Noncacheable LDRD or LDM2 from word 7

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDR from 0x00

### 8.5.6 Noncacheable LDM3

The values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDM3s addressing words 0 to 5 are shown in:

- Table 8-18 for a load from Strongly Ordered or Device memory
- Table 8-19 for a load from Noncacheable memory or when the cache is disabled.

A Noncacheable LDM3 addressing word 6 or 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-20.

Table 8-18 Noncacheable LDM3, Strongly Ordered or Device memory

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers

Table 8-19 Noncacheable LDM3, Noncacheable memory or cache disabled

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers

Table 8-20 Noncacheable LDM3 from word 6, or 7

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDR from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM2 from 0x00

### 8.5.7 Noncacheable LDM4

The values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDM4s addressing words 0 to 4 are shown in:

- Table 8-21 on page 8-19 for a load from Strongly Ordered or Device memory

- Table 8-22 for a load from Noncacheable memory or when the cache is disabled.

A Noncacheable LDM4 addressing words 5 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-23.

**Table 8-21 Noncacheable LDM4, Strongly Ordered or Device memory**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	4 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	4 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers

**Table 8-22 Noncacheable LDM4, Noncacheable memory or cache disabled**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers

**Table 8-23 Noncacheable LDM4 from word 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDR from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM3 from 0x00

### 8.5.8 Noncacheable LDM5

The values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDM5s addressing words 0 to 3 are shown in:

- Table 8-24 on page 8-20 for a load from Strongly Ordered or Device memory
- Table 8-25 on page 8-20 for a load from Noncacheable memory or when the cache is disabled.

A Noncacheable LDM5 addressing words 4 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-26.

**Table 8-24 Noncacheable LDM5, Strongly Ordered or Device memory**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers

**Table 8-25 Noncacheable LDM5, Noncacheable memory or cache disabled**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers

**Table 8-26 Noncacheable LDM5 from word 4, 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDR from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM4 from 0x00

### 8.5.9 Noncacheable LDM6

The values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDM6s addressing words 0 to 2 are shown in:

- Table 8-27 for a load from Strongly Ordered or Device memory
- Table 8-28 on page 8-21 for a load from Noncacheable memory or when the cache is disabled.

A Noncacheable LDM6 addressing words 3 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-29 on page 8-21.

**Table 8-27 Noncacheable LDM6, Strongly Ordered or Device memory**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	6 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers

**Table 8-28 Noncacheable LDM6, Noncacheable memory or cache disabled**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARISIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers

**Table 8-29 Noncacheable LDM6 from word 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDR from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM5 from 0x00

### 8.5.10 Noncacheable LDM7

The values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARISIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for Noncacheable LDM7s addressing word 0 or 1 are shown in:

- Table 8-30 for a load from Strongly Ordered or Device memory
- Table 8-31 for a load from Noncacheable memory or when the cache is disabled.

A Noncacheable LDM7 addressing words 2 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-32.

**Table 8-30 Noncacheable LDM7, Strongly Ordered or Device memory**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARISIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	7 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	7 data transfers

**Table 8-31 Noncacheable LDM7, Noncacheable memory or cache disabled**

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARISIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers

**Table 8-32 Noncacheable LDM7 from word 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDR from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM2 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM3 from 0x00

Table 8-32 Noncacheable LDM7 from word 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 (continued)

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM6 from 0x00

### 8.5.11 Noncacheable LDM8

Table 8-33 shows the values of **ARADDRRW**, **ARBURSTRW**, **ARSIZERW**, and **ARLENRW** for a Noncacheable LDM8 addressing word 0.

A Noncacheable LDM8 addressing words 1 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-34.

Table 8-33 Noncacheable LDM8 from word 0

Address[4:0]	ARADDRRW	ARBURSTRW	ARSIZERW	ARLENRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers

Table 8-34 Noncacheable LDM8 from word 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDR from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM3 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM7 from 0x00

### 8.5.12 Noncacheable LDM9

A Noncacheable LDM9 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-35.

Table 8-35 Noncacheable LDM9

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM4 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM5 from 0x00

**Table 8-35 Noncacheable LDM9 (continued)**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00

### 8.5.13 Noncacheable LDM10

A Noncacheable LDM10 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-36.

**Table 8-36 Noncacheable LDM10**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM5 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00

### 8.5.14 Noncacheable LDM11

A Noncacheable LDM11 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-37.

**Table 8-37 Noncacheable LDM11**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM6 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00

### 8.5.15 Noncacheable LDM12

A Noncacheable LDM12 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-38.

**Table 8-38 Noncacheable LDM12**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM7 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00

### 8.5.16 Noncacheable LDM13

A Noncacheable LDM13 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-39.

**Table 8-39 Noncacheable LDM13**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM8 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM4 from 0x00

### 8.5.17 Noncacheable LDM14

A Noncacheable LDM14 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-40.

**Table 8-40 Noncacheable LDM14**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00

**Table 8-40 Noncacheable LDM14 (continued)**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM5 from 0x00

### 8.5.18 Noncacheable LDM15

A Noncacheable LDM15 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-41.

**Table 8-41 Noncacheable LDM15**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM7 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM6 from 0x00

### 8.5.19 Noncacheable LDM16

A Noncacheable LDM16 is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-41.

**Table 8-42 Noncacheable LDM16**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM8 from 0x00
0x04, word 1	LDM7 from 0x04 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDR from 0x00
0x08, word 2	LDM6 from 0x08 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM2 from 0x00
0x0C, word 3	LDM5 from 0x0C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM3 from 0x00
0x10, word 4	LDM4 from 0x10 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM4 from 0x00
0x14, word 5	LDM3 from 0x14 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM5 from 0x00
0x18, word 6	LDM2 from 0x18 + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM6 from 0x00
0x1C, word 7	LDR from 0x1C + LDM8 from 0x00 + LDM7 from 0x00

### 8.5.20 Half-line Write-Back

Table 8-43 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for half-line Write-Backs over the Data Read/Write Interface.

**Table 8-43 Half-line Write-Back**

Write address [4:0]	Description	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW
0x00-0x07	Evicted cache line valid and lower half dirty	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
	Evicted cache line valid and upper half dirty	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x08-0x0F	Evicted cache line valid and lower half dirty	0x08	Wrap	64-bit	2 data transfers
	Evicted cache line valid and upper half dirty	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x10-0x17	Evicted cache line valid and lower half dirty	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
	Evicted cache line valid and upper half dirty	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
0x18-0x1F	Evicted cache line valid and lower half dirty	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers
	Evicted cache line valid and upper half dirty	0x18	Wrap	64-bit	2 data transfers

### 8.5.21 Full-line Write-Back

Table 8-44 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for full-line Write-Backs, evicted cache line valid and both halves dirty, over the Data Read/Write Interface.

**Table 8-44 Full-line Write-Back**

Write address [4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW
0x00-0x07	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x08-0x0F	0x08	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x10-0x17	0x10	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers
0x18-0x1F	0x18	Wrap	64-bit	4 data transfers

### 8.5.22 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRB

Table 8-45 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STRBs over the Data Read/Write Interface.

**Table 8-45 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRB**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	WSTRBRW
0x00, byte 0	0x00	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0001
0x01, byte 1	0x01	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0010
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0100
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1000
0x04, byte 4	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0001 0000
0x05, byte 5	0x05	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0010 0000
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0100 0000
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b1000 0000

### 8.5.23 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRH

Table 8-46 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STRHs over the Data Read/Write Interface.

**Table 8-46 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRH**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	WSTRBRW
0x00, byte 0	0x00	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0011
0x01, byte 1	0x01	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0110
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1100
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1000
	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0001 0000
0x04, byte 4	0x04	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0011 0000
0x05, byte 5	0x05	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0110 0000
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b1100 0000
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b1000 0000
	0x08	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0001

### 8.5.24 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STR or STM1

Table 8-47 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STRs or STM1s over the Data Read/Write Interface.

**Table 8-47 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STR or STM1**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	WSTRBRW
0x00, byte 0, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1111
0x01, byte 1	0x00	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1110
	0x04	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0001 0000
0x02, byte 2	0x02	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1100
	0x04	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0011 0000
0x03, byte 3	0x03	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1000
	0x04	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0111 0000
0x04, byte 4, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 0000
0x05, byte 5	0x04	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1110 0000
	0x08	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0001
0x06, byte 6	0x06	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b1100 0000
	0x08	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0011
0x07, byte 7	0x07	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b1000 0000
	0x08	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 0111
0x08, byte 8, word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1111
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 0000
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1111
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 0000
0x18, word 6	0x18	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b0000 1111
0x1C, word 7	0x1C	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 0000

### 8.5.25 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRD or STM2

Table 8-48 on page 8-29 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM2s to words 0 to 6 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM2 to word 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-49.

**Table 8-48 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STRD or STM2 to words 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRR W	AWBURSTR W	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 1111
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 1111
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x18, word 6	0x18	Incr	64-bit	1 data transfer	b1111 1111

**Table 8-49 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM2 to word 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x1C	STR to 0x1C + STR to 0x00

### 8.5.26 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM3

Table 8-50 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM3s to words 0 to 5 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM3 to word 6 or 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-51.

**Table 8-50 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM3 to words 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRR W	AWBURSTR W	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x14, word 5	0x14	Incr	32-bit	3 data transfers	b1111 0000

**Table 8-51 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM3 to words 6 or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STR to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM2 to 0x00

### 8.5.27 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM4

Table 8-52 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM4s to words 0 to 4 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM4 to words 5 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-53.

**Table 8-52 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM4 to word 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers	b1111 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	4 data transfers	b11110000
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers	b11111111
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	4 data transfers	b11110000
0x10, word 4	0x10	Incr	64-bit	2 data transfers	b11111111

**Table 8-53 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM4 to word 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STR to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM2 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM3 to 0x00

### 8.5.28 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM5

Table 8-54 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM5s to words 0 to 3 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM5 to words 4 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-55.

**Table 8-54 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM5 to word 0, 1, 2, or 3**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x0C, word 3	0x0C	Incr	32-bit	5 data transfers	b1111 0000

**Table 8-55 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM5 to word 4, 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STR to 0x00

Table 8-55 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM5 to word 4, 5, 6, or 7

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM2 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM3 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM4 to 0x00

### 8.5.29 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM6

Table 8-56 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM6s to words 0 to 2 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM6 to words 3 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-57.

Table 8-56 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM6 to word 0, 1, or 2

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers	b1111 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	6 data transfers	b1111 0000
0x08, word 2	0x08	Incr	64-bit	3 data transfers	b1111 1111

Table 8-57 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM6 to word 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STR to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM2 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM3 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM4 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM5 to 0x00

### 8.5.30 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM7

Table 8-58 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for STM7s to words 0 or 1 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM7 to words 2 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-59 on page 8-32.

Table 8-58 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM7 to word 0 or 1

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	32-bit	7 data transfers	b0000 1111
0x04, word 1	0x04	Incr	32-bit	7 data transfers	b1111 0000

**Table 8-59 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM7 to word 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STR to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM2 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM3 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM4 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM5 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM6 to 0x00

### 8.5.31 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM8

Table 8-60 shows the values of **AWADDRRW**, **AWBURSTRW**, **AWSIZERW**, and **AWLENRW** for an STM8 to word 0 over the Data Read/Write Interface.

An STM8 to words 1 to 7 is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-61.

**Table 8-60 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM8 to word 0**

Address[4:0]	AWADDRRW	AWBURSTRW	AWSIZERW	AWLENRW	First WSTRBRW
0x00, word 0	0x00	Incr	64-bit	4 data transfers	b1111 1111

**Table 8-61 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM8 to word 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STR to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM2 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM3 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM4 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM5 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM6 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM7 to 0x00

### 8.5.32 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM9

An STM9 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two operations as shown in Table 8-62.

**Table 8-62 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM9**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM2 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM3 to 0x00

**Table 8-62 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM9 (continued)**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM4 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM5 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM6 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM7 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00

### 8.5.33 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM10

An STM10 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-63.

**Table 8-63 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM10**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM3 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM4 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM5 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM6 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM7 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00

### 8.5.34 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM11

An STM11 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-64.

**Table 8-64 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM11**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM4 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM5 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM6 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM7 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00

### 8.5.35 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM12

An STM12 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-65.

**Table 8-65 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM12**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM4 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM5 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM6 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM7 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM8 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00

### 8.5.36 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM13

An STM13 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-66.

**Table 8-66 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM13**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM5 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM6 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM7 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM8 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM4 to 0x00

### 8.5.37 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM14

An STM14 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-67.

**Table 8-67 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM14**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM6 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM7 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM8 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM4 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM5 to 0x00

### 8.5.38 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM15

An STM15 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-68.

**Table 8-68 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM15**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM7 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM8 to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM4 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM5 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM6 to 0x00

### 8.5.39 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM16

An STM15 over the Data Read/Write Interface is split into two or three operations as shown in Table 8-69.

**Table 8-69 Cacheable Write-Through or Noncacheable STM16**

Address[4:0]	Operations
0x00, word 0	STM8 to 0x00 + STM8 to 0x00
0x04, word 1	STM7 to 0x04 + STM8 to 0x00 + STR to 0x00
0x08, word 2	STM6 to 0x08 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM2 to 0x00
0x0C, word 3	STM5 to 0x0C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM3 to 0x00
0x10, word 4	STM4 to 0x10 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM4 to 0x00
0x14, word 5	STM3 to 0x14 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM5 to 0x00
0x18, word 6	STM2 to 0x18 + STM8 to 0x00 + STM6 to 0x00
0x1C, word 7	STR to 0x1C + STM8 to 0x00 + STM7 to 0x00

## 8.6 Peripheral Interface transfers

The tables in this section describe the Peripheral Interface behavior for reads and writes for the following interface signals:

- **AxADDRP[31:0]**
- **AxBURSTP[1:0]**
- **AxSIZEP[2:0]**
- **AxLENP[3:0]**
- **WSTRBP[3:0]**, for write accesses.

See the *AMBA AXI Protocol Specification* for details of the other AXI signals.

Table 8-70 shows the values of **AxADDRP**, **AxBURSTP**, **AxSIZEP**, **AxLENP**, and **WSTRBP** for example Peripheral Interface reads and writes.

**Table 8-70 Example Peripheral Interface reads and writes**

Example transfer, read or write	AxADDRP	AxBURSTP	AxSIZEP	AxLENP	WSTRBP
Words 0-7	0x00	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x04				b1111
	0x08	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x0C				b1111
	0x10	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x14				b1111
	0x18	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x1C				b1111
Words 0-3	0x00	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x04				b1111
	0x08	Incr	32-bit		b1111
	0x0C				b1111
Words 0-2	0x00	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x04				b1111
	0x08	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111
Words 0-1	0x00	Incr	32-bit	2 data transfers	b1111
	0x04				b1111
Word 2	0x08	Incr	32-bit	1 data transfer	b1111
Word 0, bytes 0 and 1	0x00	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b0011
Word 1, bytes 2 and 3	0x06	Incr	16-bit	1 data transfer	b1100
Word 2, byte 3	0x0B	Incr	8-bit	1 data transfer	b1000

The peripheral port can only do incrementing bursts of 2 data transfers maximum. It does not support unaligned accesses.

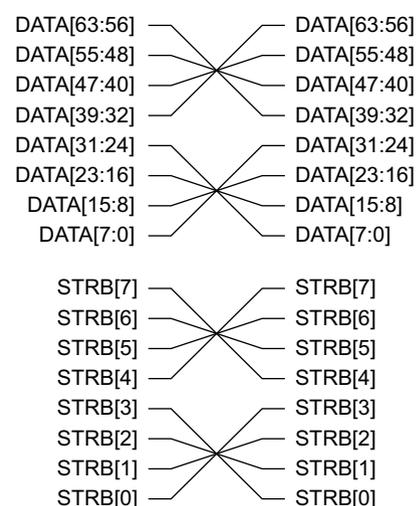
## 8.7 Endianness

ARM1176JZF-S processors can be configured in one of three endianness modes of operation using the U, B, and E bits of the CP15 c1 Control Register, see *Mixed-endian access support* on page 4-17.

BE-8 refers to byte-invariant big-endian configuration on 16-bit, halfword, and 32-bit, word, quantities only.

Even if the data and DMA ports are 64-bit wide, the accesses issued on these ports still have to be considered as two 32-bit accesses in parallel. The BE-8 configuration does not apply to the 64-bit data but on the two 32-bit words forming these 64-bit data.

The AXI protocol does not support 32-bit word-invariant big-endian, BE-32, accesses. Therefore, in this configuration the ARM1176JZF-S processor issues byte-invariant big-endian, BE-8, accesses on the four ports by swizzling the byte lanes and the byte strobes as Figure 8-4 shows.



**Figure 8-4 Swizzling of data and strobes in BE-32 big-endian configuration**

———— **Note** ————

If you want to configure the processor for BE-32 mode, it is strongly recommended that you use the **BIGENDINIT** and **UBITINIT** input pins. See *c1, Control Register* on page 3-44 bit [7].

## 8.8 Locked access

The AXI protocol specifies that, when a locked transaction occurs, the master must follow the locked transaction with an unlocked transaction to remove the lock of the interconnect. For ARM1176JZF-S processors, this implies that, in the case of an abort received on the read part of a SWP instruction, the Peripheral port or Data port issues a dummy write access with all byte strobes LOW at the same address as the read access and with **AWLOCK** = 00, normal transaction.

# Chapter 9

## Clocking and Resets

This chapter describes the clocking and reset options available for the processor. It contains the following sections:

- *About clocking and resets* on page 9-2
- *Clocking and resets with no IEM* on page 9-3
- *Clocking and resets with IEM* on page 9-5
- *Reset modes* on page 9-10.

## 9.1 About clocking and resets

The processor clocking and reset schemes depend on the, optional, implementation of IEM. This chapter gives details of the way that clocking and resets work for processors that implement IEM and for those that do not.

## 9.2 Clocking and resets with no IEM

This section describes clocking and resets for the processor with no IEM:

- *Processor clocking with no IEM*
- *Reset with no IEM* on page 9-4.

### 9.2.1 Processor clocking with no IEM

Externally to the processor, you must connect **CLKIN** and **FREECLKIN** together.

Logically, the processor has only one clock domain.

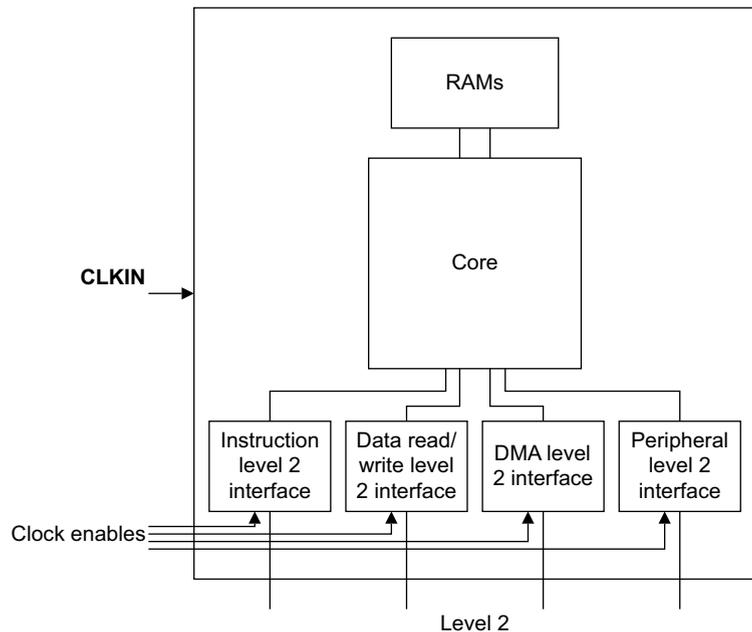
The four level two interfaces use dedicated clock enables **ACLKENI**, **ACLKENRW**, **ACLKENP**, and **ACLKEND**.

The four clock inputs **ACLKI**, **ACLKRW**, **ACLKP** and **ACLKD** are not used and must be left unconnected when you implement the processor.

The **SYNCMODEREQ\*** and **SYNCMODEACK\*** signals are not used and must be left unconnected.

All clocks can be stopped indefinitely without loss of state.

Figure 9-1 shows the clocks for the processor with no IEM.



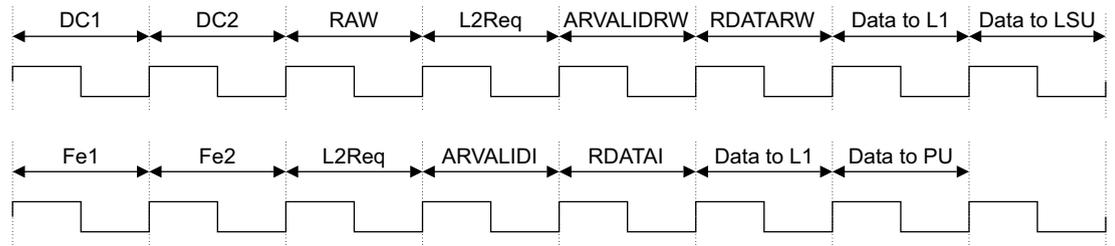
**Figure 9-1 Processor clocks with no IEM**

### Read latency penalty with no IEM

The Nonsequential Noncacheable read-latency with zero-wait-state AXI is a six-cycle penalty over a cache hit, where data is returned in the DC2 cycle, on the data side, and a five-cycle penalty over a cache hit on the instruction side.

In the first cycle after the data cache miss, a read-after-write hazard check is performed against the contents of the Write Buffer. This prevents stalling while waiting for the Write Buffer to drain. Following that, a request is made to the AXI interface, and subsequently a transfer is

started on the AXI. In the next cycle data is returned to the AXI interface, from where it is returned first to the level one clock domain before being forwarded to the core. Figure 9-2 shows this.



**Figure 9-2** Read latency with no IEM

The same sequence appears on the I-Side, except that there is less to do in the equivalent RAW cycle.

## 9.2.2 Reset with no IEM

The processor has the following reset inputs:

- nRESETIN**      The **nRESETIN** signal is the main processor reset that initializes the majority of the processor logic.
- DBGnTRST**      The **DBGnTRST** signal is the DBGTAP reset.
- nPORESETIN**    The **nPORESETIN** signal is the power-on reset that initializes the CP14 debug logic. See *CP14 registers reset* on page 13-25 for details.
- nVFPRESETIN**    The **nVFPRESETIN** signal is the reset for the VFP block.

All of these are active LOW signals that reset logic in the processor.

The following reset signals are only used if IEM is implemented. Otherwise, these inputs are not connected to any logic internally, and you must connect them according to your design rules:

- **ARESETIn**
- **ARESETRWn**
- **ARESETPn**
- **ARESETDn.**

## 9.3 Clocking and resets with IEM

This section describes clocking and resets for the processor with IEM:

- *Processor clocking with IEM*
- *Reset with IEM* on page 9-8.

### 9.3.1 Processor clocking with IEM

Externally to the processor, you must connect **CLKIN** and **FREECLKIN** together.

It is possible to configure each of the four level two ports to instantiate an IEM register slice so that the processor can have up to five clock domains, **CLKIN**, **ACLKI**, **ACLKRW**, **ACLKP** and **CLKD**. Because of the signals **SYNCMODEREQI**, **SYNCMODEREQRW**, **SYNCMODEREQP**, **SYNCMODEREQD**, **SYNCMODEACKI**, **SYNCMODEACKRW**, **SYNCMODEACKP**, and **SYNCMODEACKD**, it is possible to configure each IEM register slice to operate synchronously or asynchronously.

The four level two interfaces and the VCore part of the IEM register slices use dedicated clock enables, **ACLKENI**, **ACLKENRW**, **ACLKENP**, and **ACLKEND**.

If you configure an IEM register slice to operate asynchronously, its corresponding **ACLKEN\*** signal must be high. For example, when **SYNCMODEACKI** is low to indicate asynchronous operation of the instruction port slice, the **ACLKENI** signal must be held high accordingly.

All clocks can be stopped indefinitely without loss of state.

Figure 9-3 on page 9-6 shows the clocks for the processor with IEM.

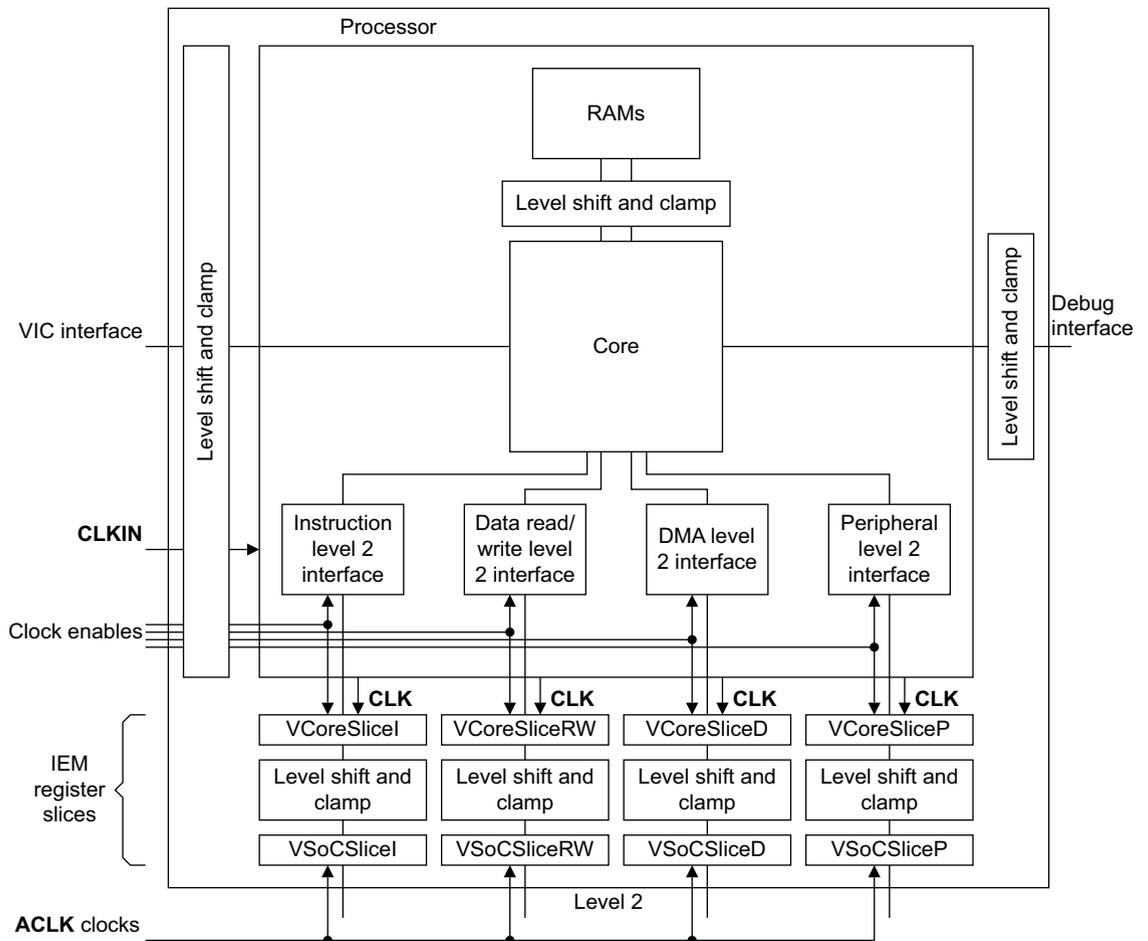


Figure 9-3 Processor clocks with IEM

### Synchronization with IEM

When the core runs at maximum performance, the two clocks for the IEM Register Slice are synchronous. At this point, when frequency and voltage changes have taken effect, the IEM Register Slice can be bypassed. This removes all the latency that the synchronizers introduce. The synchronization interface is a simple request and acknowledge system. Figure 9-4 shows the processor synchronization with such a system.

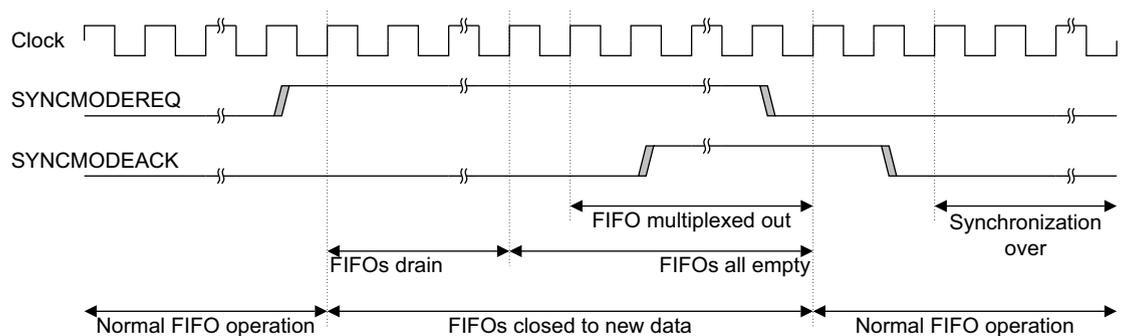


Figure 9-4 Processor synchronization with IEM

When maximum performance is required, **SYNCMODEREQ** is asserted. When the IEM register slice receives this signal it closes its FIFOs to new data, subject to the constraints required by the AXI protocol, waits for the FIFOs to drain, and then switches the multiplexers so that the AXI master and slave connect directly. The IEM register slice asserts **SYNCMODEACK** to acknowledge the direct connection.

For reduced performance levels **SYNCMODEREQ** is deasserted, and the IEM register slice switches the muxltiplexers and deasserts **SYNCMODEACK** when it has done so. The protocol for these signals means that it is possible to connect different IEM register slices together. You can connect **SYNCMODEREQ** to all the IEM register slices in parallel and AND together the **SYNCMODEACK** outputs.

This means that the **SYNCMODEACK** signal only goes high when all the IEM register slices have asserted their **SYNCMODEACK** signals. When coming out of bypass mode, all the IEM registers slices take the same number of cycles, so the **SYNCMODEACK** signals all deassert at the same time. Alternatively, if necessary, you can daisy chain the IEM register slices together, so that each slice in the chain only closes its inputs when the previous slice has been multiplexed out.

### Read latency penalty for synchronous operation with IEM

When the IEM register slices are instantiated, but are synchronous because **SYNCMODEREQ** is asserted, the read latency is the same as if the IEM register slices were not present. See *Read latency penalty with no IEM* on page 9-3 and Figure 9-2 on page 9-4.

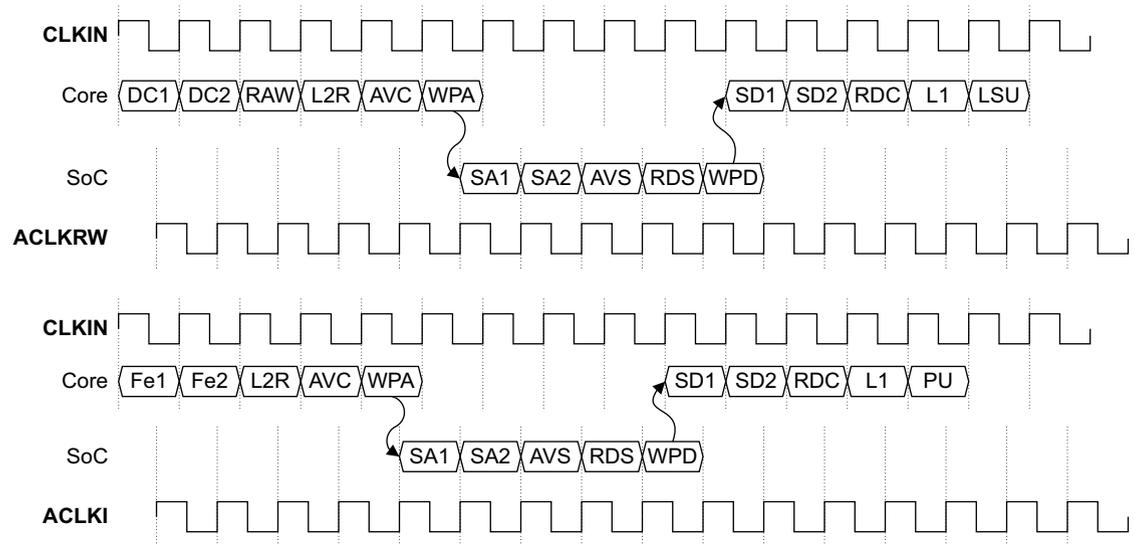
### Read latency penalty for asynchronous operation with IEM

When the IEM register slices are instantiated and in asynchronous mode, data read or write operations incur additional latency because of the synchronization required for the address and the data between the core and the AXI system. The exact latency depends on:

- the clock ratios
- the clock alignments
- the latency of the AXI system.

On average, with zero-wait-state AXI the system incurs a penalty of 2.5 additional **CLKIN** cycles and 4.5 additional **ACLK** cycles.

Figure 9-5 on page 9-8 shows the latency that the IEM register slices add in a system with **ACLK** and **CLKIN** of the same frequency, but not synchronous. This example AXI system is zero-wait-state.



**Figure 9-5** Read latency with IEM

The latency, from the pipeline cycles associated with cache reading DC1 and DC2 or Fe1 and Fe2 to the level two AXI interfaces, is the same as that in Figure 9-2 on page 9-4. The level two AXI interface, on the Core side of the IEM register slice, asserts **ARVALIDRW** or **ARVALIDI** in cycle AVC. The IEM register slice must then synchronize the address to the **ACLK** clock domain on the SoC side. The address is written into an address FIFO in cycle WPA. There are then two synchronization cycles in the **ACLK** clock domain, SA1 and SA2, and a buffer cycle before **ARVALID** is asserted on the SoC side of the IEM register slice in cycle AVS. Read data returned from the AXI system in cycle RDS passes through the IEM register slice in a similar way. In the **ACLK** clock domain, the data is written into a data FIFO in cycle WPD. The data then synchronizes in the **CLKIN** clock domain, in cycles SD1 and SD2, and passes through a buffer cycle before finally passing to the level two interfaces in cycle RDC. When the level two interfaces of the core receive the data, they then pass it back to the LSU or PU in two cycles, see Figure 9-2 on page 9-4.

Each of the IEM register slices, except the peripheral port slice, can store multiple items of read and write data. This means that a burst of data can typically synchronize in fewer cycles than the same number of individual data items. The number of cycles required to synchronize a burst of data depends on:

- the length of the burst
- the ratio of the clock frequencies
- the clock that has the higher frequency
- the latency of the AXI system
- if the operation is a read or write.

### 9.3.2 Reset with IEM

The processor has the following reset inputs:

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>nRESETIN</b>   | The <b>nRESETIN</b> signal is the main processor reset that initializes the majority of the processor logic.   |
| <b>DBGnTRST</b>   | The <b>DBGnTRST</b> signal is the DBGTAP reset.  |
| <b>nPORESETIN</b> | The <b>nPORESETIN</b> signal is the power-on reset that initializes the CP14 debug logic. See <i>CP14 registers reset</i> on page 13-25 for details. |

**nVFPRESETIN** The **nVFPRESETIN** signal is the reset for the VFP block.

**ARESETIn, ARESETRWn, ARESETPn, ARESETDn**

Reset signals for the SoC part of the IEM register slices.

All of these are active LOW signals that reset logic in the processor.

## 9.4 Reset modes

The reset signals present in the processor design enable you to reset different parts of the design independently. Table 9-1 lists the reset signals, and the combinations and possible applications that you can use them in.

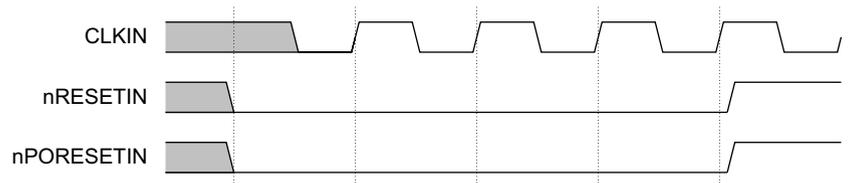
**Table 9-1 Reset modes**

Reset mode	nRESETIN	DBGnTRST	nPORESETIN	Application
Power-on reset	0	x	0	Reset at power up, full system reset. Hard reset or cold reset.
Processor reset	0	x	1	Reset of processor core only, watchdog reset. Soft reset or warm reset.
DBGTAP reset	1	0	1	Reset of DBGTAP logic.
Normal	1	x	1	No reset. Normal run mode.

If you do not use VFP shutdown for power saving, you can treat the **nVFPRESETIN** signal in the same way as **nRESETIN**. For more information on power management and VFP, see *VFP shutdown* on page 10-6.

### 9.4.1 Power-on reset

You must apply power-on or *cold* reset to the processor when power is first applied to the system. In the case of power-on reset, the leading, falling, edge of the reset signals, **nRESETIN** and **nPORESETIN**, does not have to be synchronous to **CLKIN**. Because the **nRESETIN** and **nPORESETIN** signals are synchronized within the processor, you do not have to synchronize these signals. Figure 9-6 shows the application of power-on reset.



**Figure 9-6 Power-on reset**

It is recommended that you assert the reset signals for at least three **CLKIN** cycles to ensure correct reset behavior. Adopting a three-cycle reset eases the integration of other ARM parts into the system, for example, ARM9TDMI-based designs.

It is not necessary to assert **DBGnTRST** on power-up.

### 9.4.2 CP14 debug logic

Because the **nPORESETIN** signal is synchronized within the processor, you do not have to synchronize this signal.

### 9.4.3 Processor reset

A processor or *warm* reset initializes the majority of the ARM1176JZF-S processor, excluding the ARM1176JZF-S DBGTAP controller and the EmbeddedICE-RT logic. Processor reset is typically used for resetting a system that has been operating for some time, for example, watchdog reset.

Because the **nRESETIN** signal is synchronized within the processor, you do not have to synchronize this signal.

### 9.4.4 DBGTAP reset

DBGTAP reset initializes the state of the processor DBGTAP controller. DBGTAP reset is typically used by the RealView ICE module for hot connection of a debugger to a system.

DBGTAP reset enables initialization of the DBGTAP controller without affecting the normal operation of the processor.

Because the **DBGnTRST** signal is synchronized within the processor, you do not have to synchronize this signal.

### 9.4.5 Normal operation

During normal operation, neither processor reset nor power-on reset is asserted. If the DBGTAP port is not being used, the value of **DBGnTRST** does not matter.

# Chapter 10

## Power Control

This chapter describes the processor power control functions. It contains the following sections:

- *About power control* on page 10-2
- *Power management* on page 10-3
- *VFP shutdown* on page 10-6
- *Intelligent Energy Management* on page 10-7.

## 10.1 About power control

The features of the processor that improve energy efficiency include:

- support for *Intelligent Energy Management (IEM)*
- accurate branch and return prediction, reducing the number of incorrect instruction fetch and decode operations
- use of physically addressed caches to reduce the number of cache flushes and refills, saving energy in the system
- the use of MicroTLBs reduces the power consumed in translation and protection look-ups each cycle
- the caches use sequential access information to reduce the number of accesses to the TagRAMs and to unwanted Data RAMs.

In the processor extensive use is also made of gated clocks and gates to disable inputs to unused functional blocks. Only the logic actively in use to perform a calculation consumes any dynamic power.

## 10.2 Power management

The processor supports these levels of power management:

- *Run mode*
- *Standby mode*
- *Shutdown mode* on page 10-4
- plus partial support for a fourth level, *Dormant mode* on page 10-4.

### 10.2.1 Run mode

Run mode is the normal mode of operation when all of the functionality of the core is available.

### 10.2.2 Standby mode

Standby mode disables most of the clocks of the device, while keeping the design powered up. This reduces the power drawn to the static leakage current, plus a tiny clock power overhead required to enable the device to wake up from the standby state.

The transition from Standby mode to Run mode is caused by the arrival of:

- an interrupt, whether masked or unmasked
- a debug request, only when debug is enabled
- a reset.

The debug request can be generated by an externally generated debug request, using the **EDBGRQ** pin on the processor, or from a Debug Halt instruction issued to the processor through the debug scan chains. Entry into Standby Mode is performed by executing the Wait For Interrupt CP15 operation, see *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69. To ensure that the memory system is not affected by the entry into the Standby state, the following operations are performed:

- A Data Synchronization Barrier operation ensures that all explicit memory accesses occurring in program order before the Wait For Interrupt have completed. This avoids any possible deadlocks that might be caused in a system where memory access triggers or enables an interrupt that the core is waiting for. This might require some TLB page table walks to take place as well.
- The DMA continues running during a Wait For Interrupt and any queued DMA operations are executed as normal, before entering standby mode. This enables an application using the DMA to set up the DMA to signal an interrupt when the DMA has completed, and then for the application to issue a Wait For Interrupt operation. The degree of power-saving while the DMA is running is less than in the case if the DMA is not running.

DMA can receive an AXI error response and generate an interrupt via **nDMAEXTERRIRQ** to prevent entering Standby mode.

- Any other memory accesses that have been started at the time that the Wait For Interrupt operation is executed are completed as normal. This ensures that the level two memory system does not see any disruption caused by the Wait For Interrupt.
- The debug channel remains active throughout a Wait For Interrupt.

Systems using the VIC interface must ensure that the VIC is not masking any interrupts that are required for restarting the processor when in this mode of operation.

After the processor clocks have been stopped the signal **STANDBYWFI** is asserted to indicate that the processor is in Standby mode.

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**Note**

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The core clock does not stop when the core is prepared for debug activity, that is, when either **TCK** or **JTAGSYNCPASS** is high.

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**10.2.3 Shutdown mode**

Shutdown mode has the entire device powered down, and you must externally save all state, including cache and TCM state. The processor is returned to Run mode by the assertion of Reset. The state saving must be performed with interrupts disabled, and finish with a Data Synchronization Barrier operation. When all the state of the processor is saved the processor must execute a Wait For Interrupt operation. The signal **STANDBYWFI** is asserted to indicate that the processor can enter Shutdown mode.

**10.2.4 Dormant mode**

Dormant mode enables the core to be powered down, leaving the caches and the *Tightly-Coupled Memory* (TCM) powered up and maintaining their state.

The software visibility of the Cache Master Valid bits and the TLB lockdown entries is provided to enable an implementation to be extended for Dormant mode.

The processor includes a placeholder that enables you to include the clamping logic necessary for the full implementation of Dormant mode.

**Considerations for Dormant mode**

Dormant mode is only partially supported on the processor, because care is required in implementing this on a standard synthesizable flow. The RAM blocks that are to remain powered up must be implemented on a separate power domain, and there is a requirement to clamp all of the inputs to the RAMs to a known logic level, with the chip enable being held inactive. This clamping is not implemented in gates as part of the default synthesis flow because it contributes to a critical path. The **RAMCLAMP** input is provided to drive this clamping.

Basic clamps are instantiated in the placeholder. They can be changed to explicit gates in the RAM power domain, or pull-down transistors that clamp the values when the core is powered down. For implementation details, see the *ARM1176JZF-S and ARM1176JZ-S Implementation Guide*.

The RAM blocks that must remain powered up in Dormant mode, if it is implemented, are:

- all Data RAMs associated with the cache and tightly-coupled memories
- all TagRAMs associated with the cache
- all Valid RAMs and Dirty RAMs associated with the cache.

The states of the Branch Target Address Cache and the associative region of the TLB are not maintained on entry into Dormant mode.

Implementations of the processor can optionally disable RAMs associated with the main TLB, so that a trade-off can be made between Dormant mode leakage power and the recovery time.

Before entering Dormant mode, the state of the processor, excluding the contents of the RAMs that remain powered up in dormant mode, must be saved to external memory. These state saving operations must ensure that the following occur:

- All ARM registers, including CPSR and SPSR registers are saved.
- Any DMA operations in progress are stopped.

- All CP15 registers are saved, including the DMA state.
- All VFP registers are saved if the VFP contains defined state.
- Any locked entries in the main TLB are saved.
- All debug-related state are saved.
- The Master Valid bits for the cache are saved. These are accessed using CP15 register c15 as *c15, Instruction Cache Master Valid Register* on page 3-147 describes.
- A Data Synchronization Barrier operation is performed to ensure that all state saving has been completed.
- A Wait For Interrupt CP15 operation is executed, enabling the signal **STANDBYWFI** to indicate that the processor can enter Dormant mode.
- On entry into Dormant mode, the Reset signal to the processor must be asserted by the external power control mechanism.

Transition from Dormant state to Run state is triggered by the external power controller asserting Reset to the processor until the power to the processor is restored. When power has been restored the core leaves reset and, by interrogating the external power controller, can determine that the saved state must be restored.

### 10.2.5 Communication to the Power Management Controller

Your Power Management Controller in your system must perform the powering up and powering down of the power domains of the processor. The Power Management Controller must be a memory-mapped controller. The ARM1176JZF-S processor accesses this controller using Strongly-Ordered accesses.

The **STANDBYWFI** signal can also be used to signal to the Power Management Controller that the ARM1176JZF-S processor is ready to have its power state changed. **STANDBYWFI** is asserted in response to a Wait For Interrupt operation.

———— **Note** —————

The Power Management Controller must not power down any of the processor power domains unless **STANDBYWFI** is asserted.

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## 10.3 VFP shutdown

The blocks in the top level of the ARM1176JZF-S are:

- A1176RAM, that includes all the RAMs
- when you have an IEM implementation:
  - the four IEM register slices
  - placeholders for level shifters and clamps between all the blocks
- ARM1176JZFSNoRAM, that includes all the remaining logic.

ARM1176JZFSNoRAM contains:

- the VFP
- all other logic outside the VFP
- a placeholder for clamping logic between these two blocks.

With this hierarchy, you can switch off the VFP to save power, when the VFP is not in use.

There is a clamping placeholder between the VFP and the rest of the logic but this block is not implemented in gates because it contributes to a critical path. You must add clamps to the placeholder, either as explicit gates in the Core power domain, or as pull-down transistors that clamp the values when the VFP is powered down.

To shutdown the VFP:

1. Save all VFP registers, if the VFP contains defined state.
2. Disable the VFP with the system control coprocessor, see *c1, Coprocessor Access Control Register* on page 3-51.
3. Assert **nVFPRESETIN** LOW.
4. Assert **VFPCLAMP** HIGH.
5. Switch the VFP power off.

To take the VFP out of shutdown:

1. Switch the VFP power on.
2. When the power is stable, deassert **VFPCLAMP**.
3. Deassert **nVFPRESETIN**.
4. Enable the VFP with the system control coprocessor.
5. Restore the VFP registers, if required.

## 10.4 Intelligent Energy Management

This section describes the provision of IEM in the ARM1176JZF-S processors:

- *Purpose of IEM*
- *Structure of IEM*
- *Operation of IEM* on page 10-8
- *Use of IEM* on page 10-8

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**Note**

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The ARM1176JZF-S processor is IEM enabled but the level of support for the technology depends on the specific implementation.

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For information on clocks and resets with IEM, see *Clocking and resets with IEM* on page 9-5.

### 10.4.1 Purpose of IEM

The purpose of IEM technology is to provide a dynamic optimization between processor performance and power consumption.

### 10.4.2 Structure of IEM

The ARM1176JZF-S processor provides a number of features that enable the processor voltage to vary relative to the voltage of the rest of the system. For this purpose the processor optionally implements:

- Placeholders for level shifters and clamps for some inputs and outputs including:
  - the debug interface
  - interrupt signals including the VIC interface
  - resets
  - clocks.
- IEM register slices for the AXI level two interfaces.

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**Note**

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The ETM and coprocessor interfaces do not implement level shifters or clamps.

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Figure 10-1 on page 10-8 shows the basic structure for IEM in the processor.

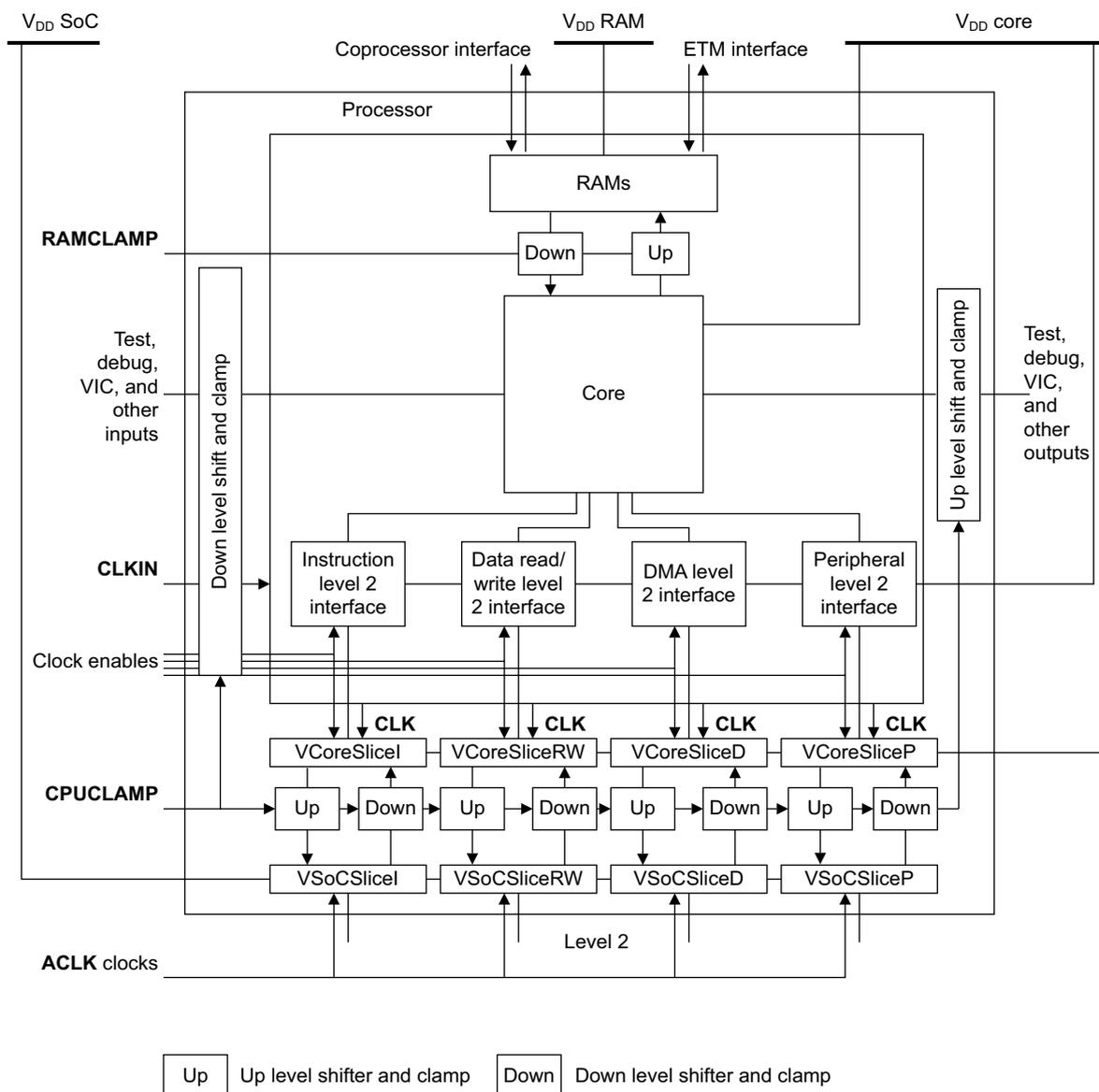


Figure 10-1 IEM structure

### 10.4.3 Operation of IEM

IEM balances performance and power consumption by dynamic alteration of the processor clock frequency and supply voltage. **CPUCLAMP** is provided to control the clamp cells between VCore and VSoc. Figure 10-1 shows this.

### 10.4.4 Use of IEM

To use IEM the processor must be implemented with appropriate register slices and included in a SoC that contains an *Intelligent Energy Controller (IEC™)*. For example systems, see the *Intelligent Energy Controller Technical Overview*.

IEM is functionally transparent to the user.

# Chapter 11

## Coprocessor Interface

This chapter describes the coprocessor interface of the ARM1176JZF-S processor. It contains the following sections:

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- *Coprocessor pipeline* on page 11-3
- *Token queue management* on page 11-9
- *Token queues* on page 11-12
- *Data transfer* on page 11-15
- *Operations* on page 11-19
- *Multiple coprocessors* on page 11-22.

## 11.1 About the coprocessor interface

The processor supports the connection of on-chip coprocessors through an external coprocessor interface. All types of coprocessor instruction are supported.

The ARM instruction set supports the connection of 16 coprocessors, numbered 0-15, to an ARM processor. In the processor, the following coprocessor numbers are reserved:

<b>CP10</b>	VFP control
<b>CP11</b>	VFP control
<b>CP14</b>	Debug and ETM control
<b>CP15</b>	System control.

You can use CP0-9, CP12, and CP13 for your own external coprocessors.

The processor is designed to pass instructions to several coprocessors and exchange data with them. These coprocessors are intended to run in step with the core and are pipelined in a similar way to the core. Instructions are passed out of the Fetch stage of the core pipeline to the coprocessor and decoded. The decoded instruction is passed down its own pipeline. Coprocessor instructions can be canceled by the core if a condition code fails, or the entire coprocessor pipeline can be flushed in the event of a mispredicted branch. Load and store data are also required to pass between the core *Logic Store Unit* (LSU) and the coprocessor pipeline.

The coprocessor interface operates over a two-cycle delay. Any signal passing from the core to the coprocessor, or from the coprocessor to the core, is given a whole clock cycle to propagate from one to the other. This means that a signal crossing the interface is clocked out of a register on one side of the interface and clocked directly into another register on the other side. No combinatorial process must intervene. This constraint exists because the core and coprocessor can be placed a considerable distance apart and generous timing margins are necessary to cover signal propagation times. This delay in signal propagation makes it difficult to maintain pipeline synchronization, ruling out a tightly-coupled synchronization method.

The processor implements a token-based pipeline synchronization method that enables some slack between the two pipelines, while ensuring that the pipelines are correctly aligned for crucial transfers of information.

## 11.2 Coprocessor pipeline

The coprocessor interface achieves loose synchronization between the two pipelines by exchanging tokens from one pipeline to the other. These tokens pass down queues between the pipelines and can carry additional information. In most cases the primary purpose of the queue is to carry information about the instruction being processed, or to inform one pipeline of events occurring in the other.

Tokens are generated whenever a coprocessor instruction passes out of a pipeline stage associated with a queue into the next stage. These tokens are picked up by the partner stage in the other pipeline, and used to enable the corresponding instruction in that stage to move on. The movement of coprocessor instructions down each pipeline is matched exactly by the movement of tokens along the various queues that connect the pipelines.

If a pipeline stage has no associated queue, the instruction contained within it moves on in the normal way. The coprocessor interface is data-driven rather than control-driven.

### 11.2.1 Coprocessor instructions

Each coprocessor might only execute a subset of all possible coprocessor instructions. Coprocessors reject those instructions they cannot handle. Table 11-1 lists all the coprocessor instructions supported by the processor and gives a brief description of each. For more details of coprocessor instructions, see the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

**Table 11-1 Coprocessor instructions**

Instruction	Data transfer	Vectored	Description
CDP	None	No	Processes information already held within the coprocessor
MRC	Store	No	Transfers information from the coprocessor to the core registers
MCR	Load	No	Transfers information from the core registers to the coprocessor
MRRC	Store	No	Transfers information from the coprocessor to a pair of registers in the core
MCRR	Load	No	Transfers information from a pair of registers in the core to the coprocessor
STC	Store	Yes	Transfers information from the coprocessor to memory and might be iterated to transfer a vector
LDC	Load	Yes	Transfers information from memory to the coprocessor and might be iterated to transfer a vector

The coprocessor instructions fall into three groups:

- loads
- stores
- processing instructions.

The load and store instructions enable information to pass between the core and the coprocessor. Some of them might be vectored. This enables several values to be transferred in a single instruction. This typically involves the transfer of several words of data between a set of registers in the coprocessor and a contiguous set of locations in memory.

Other instructions, for example MCR and MRC, transfer data between core and coprocessor registers. The CDP instruction controls the execution of a specified operation on data already held within the coprocessor, writing the result back into a coprocessor register, or changing the state of the coprocessor in some other way. Opcode fields within the CDP instruction determine the operation that is to be carried out.

The core pipeline handles both core and coprocessor instructions. The coprocessor, on the other hand, only deals with coprocessor instructions, so the coprocessor pipeline is likely to be empty for most of the time.

## 11.2.2 Coprocessor control

The coprocessor communicates with the core using several signals. Most of these signals control the synchronizing queues that connect the coprocessor pipeline to the core pipeline. Table 11-2 lists the signals used for general coprocessor control.

**Table 11-2 Coprocessor control signals**

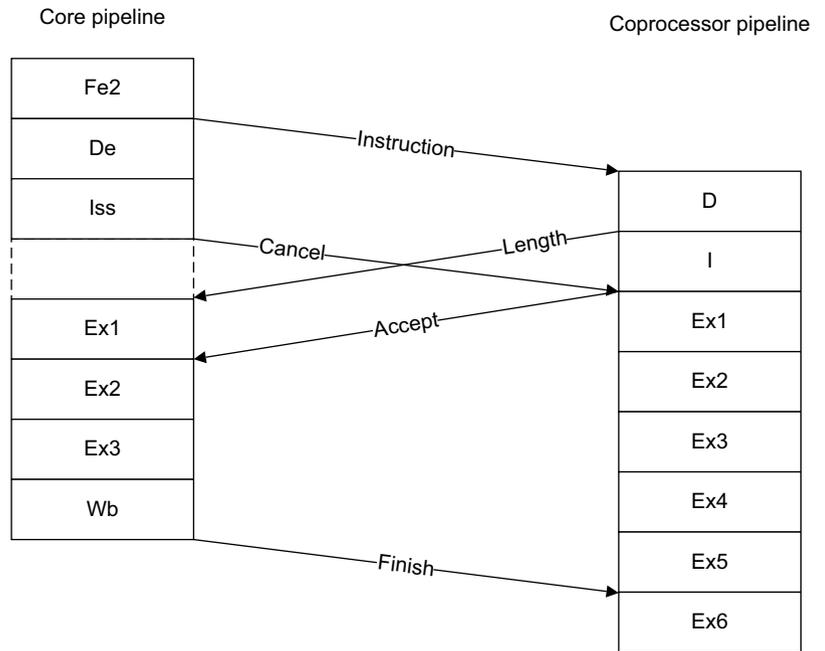
Signal	Description
CLKIN	This is the clock signal from the core.
nRESETIN	This is the reset signal from the core.
ACPNUM[3:0]	This is the fixed number assigned to the coprocessor, and is in the range 0-13. Coprocessor numbers 10, 11, 14, and 15 are reserved for system control coprocessors.
ACPENABLE	When set, enables the coprocessor to respond to signals from the core.
ACPPRIV	When asserted, indicates that the core is in privileged mode. This might affect the execution of certain coprocessor instructions.

## 11.2.3 Pipeline synchronization

Figure 11-1 on page 11-5 shows an outline of the core and coprocessor pipelines and the synchronizing queues that communicate between them. Each queue is implemented as a very short *First In First Out* (FIFO) buffer.

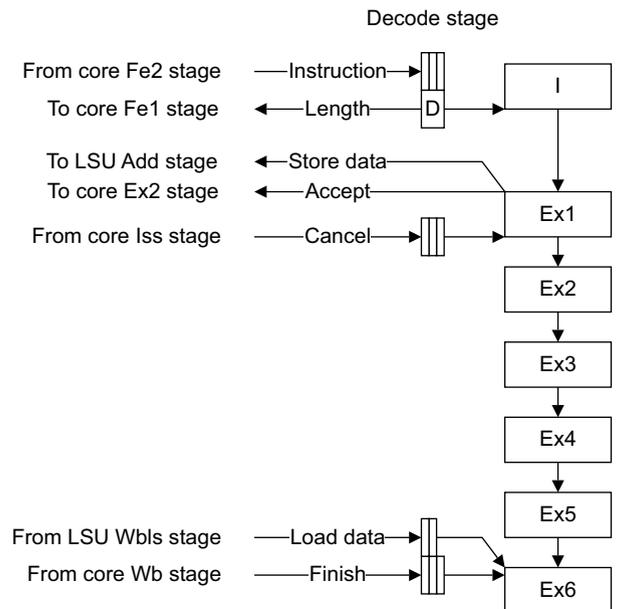
No explicit flow control is required for the queues, because the pipeline lengths between the queues limits the number of items any queue can hold at any time. The geometry used means that only three slots are required in each queue.

The only status information required is a flag to indicate when the queue is empty. This is monitored by the receiving end of the queue, and determines if the associated pipeline stage can move on. Any information that the queue carries can also be read and acted on at the same time.



**Figure 11-1 Core and coprocessor pipelines**

Figure 11-2 provides a more detailed picture of the pipeline and the queues maintained by the coprocessor.



**Figure 11-2 Coprocessor pipeline and queues**

The instruction queue incorporates the instruction decoder and returns the length to the Ex1 stage of the core, using the length queue, that is maintained by the core. The coprocessor I stage sends a token to the core Ex2 stage through the accept queue, that is also maintained by the core. This token indicates to the core if the coprocessor is accepting the instruction in its I stage, or bouncing it.

The core can cancel an instruction currently in the coprocessor Ex1 stage by sending a signal with the token passed down the cancel queue. When a coprocessor instruction reads the Ex6 stage it might retire. How it retires depends on the instruction:

- Load instructions retire when they find load data available in the load data queue, see *Loads* on page 11-16
- Store instructions retire as soon as they leave the Ex1 stage, and are removed from the pipeline, see *Stores* on page 11-17
- CDP instructions retire when they read a token passed by the core down the finish queue.

Figure 11-2 on page 11-5 shows how data transfer uses the load data and store data queues, and *Data transfer* on page 11-15 explains this.

## 11.2.4 Pipeline control

The coprocessor pipeline is very similar to the core pipeline, but lacks the fetch stages. Instructions are passed from the core directly into the Decode stage of the coprocessor pipeline, that takes the form of a FIFO queue.

The Decode stage then decodes the instruction, rejecting non-coprocessor instructions and any coprocessor instructions containing a nonmatching coprocessor number.

The length of any vectored data transfer is also decided at this point and sent back to the core. The decoded instruction then passes into the issue (I) stage. This stage decides if this particular instance of the instruction can be accepted. If it cannot, because it addresses a non-existent register, the instruction is bounced, informing the core that it cannot be accepted.

If the instruction is both valid and executable, it then passes down the execution pipeline, Ex1 to Ex6. At the bottom of the pipeline, in Ex6, the instruction waits for retirement. It can do this when it receives a matching token from another queue fed by the core.

Figure 11-3 shows the coprocessor pipeline, the main fields within each stage, and the main control signals. Each stage controls the flow of information from the previous stage in the pipeline by passing its Enable signal back. When a pipeline stage is not enabled, it cannot accept information from the previous stage.

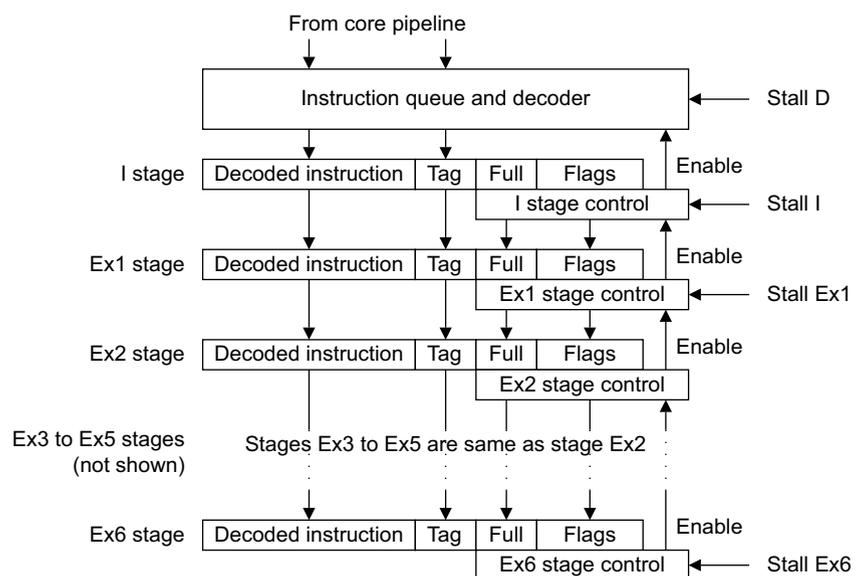


Figure 11-3 Coprocessor pipeline

Each pipeline stage contains a decoded instruction, and a tag, plus a few status flags:

- Full flag** This flag is set whenever the pipeline stage contains an instruction.
- Dead flag** This flag is set to indicate that the instruction in the stage is a phantom. See *Cancel operations* on page 11-19.
- Tail flag** This flag is set to indicate that the instruction is the tail of an iterated instruction. See *Loads* on page 11-16.

There might also be other flags associated with the decoding of the instruction. Each stage is controlled not only by its own state, but also by external signals and signals from the following state, as follows:

- Stall** This signal prevents the stage from accepting a new instruction or passing its own instruction on, and only affects the D, I, Ex1, and Ex6 stages.
- Iterate** This signal indicates that the instruction in the stage must be iterated to implement a multiple load/store and only applies to the I stage.
- Enable** This signal indicates that the next stage in the pipeline is ready to accept data from the current stage.

These signals are combined with the current state of the pipeline to determine if the stage can accept new data, and what the new state of the stage is going to be. Table 11-3 lists how the new state of the pipeline stage is derived.

**Table 11-3 Pipeline stage update**

Stall	Enable input	Iterate	State	Enable	To next stage	Remarks
0	0	X	Empty	1	None	Bubble closing
0	0	X	Full	0	-	Stalled by next stage
0	1	0	Empty	1	None	Normal pipeline movement
0	1	0	Full	1	Current	Normal pipeline movement
0	1	1	Empty	-	-	Impossible
0	1	1	Full	0	Current	Iteration, I stage only
1	X	X	X	0	None	Stalled, D, I, Ex1, and Ex6 only

The Enable input comes from the next stage in the pipeline and indicates if data can be passed on. In general, if this signal is unasserted the pipeline stage cannot receive new data or pass on its own contents. However, if the pipeline stage is empty it can receive new data without passing any data on to the next stage. This is known as *bubble closing*, because it has the effect of filling up empty stages in the pipeline by enabling them to move on while lower stages are stalled.

### 11.2.5 Instruction tagging

It is sometimes necessary for the core to be able to identify instructions in the coprocessor pipeline. This is necessary for flushing, see *Flush operations* on page 11-19, so that the core can indicate to the coprocessor the instructions that are to be flushed. The core therefore gives each instruction sent to the coprocessor a tag, that is drawn from a pool of values large enough so that all the tags in the pipeline at any moment are unique. Sixteen tags are sufficient to achieve this, requiring a four-bit tag field. Each time a tag is assigned to an instruction, the tag number is incremented modulo 16 to generate the next tag.

The flushing mechanism is simplified because successive coprocessor instructions have contiguous tags. The core manages this by only incrementing the tag number when the instruction passed to the coprocessor is a coprocessor instruction. This is done after sending the instruction, so the tag changes after a coprocessor instruction is sent, rather than before. It is not possible to increment the tag before sending the instruction because the core has not yet had time to decode the instruction to determine what kind of instruction it is. When the coprocessor Decode stage removes the non-coprocessor instructions, it is left with an instruction stream carrying contiguous tags. The tags can also be used to verify that the sequence of tokens moving down the queues matches the sequence of instructions moving down the core and coprocessor pipelines.

### 11.2.6 Flush broadcast

If a branch has been mispredicted, it might be necessary for the core to flush both pipelines. Because this action potentially affects the entire pipeline, it is not passed across in a queue but is broadcast from the core to the coprocessor, subject to the same timing constraints as the queues. When the flush signal is received by the coprocessor, it causes the pipeline and the instruction queue to be cleared up to the instruction triggering the flush. This is explained in more detail in *Flush operations* on page 11-19.

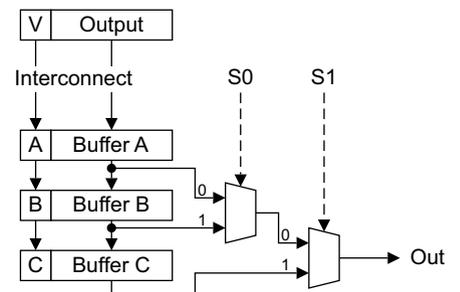
## 11.3 Token queue management

The token queues, all of which are three slots long and function identically, are implemented as short FIFOs. The following sections describe an example implementation of the queues:

- *Queue implementation*
- *Queue modification*
- *Queue flushing* on page 11-11.

### 11.3.1 Queue implementation

The queue FIFOs are implemented as three registers, with the current output selected by using multiplexors. Figure 11-4 shows this arrangement.



**Figure 11-4** Token queue buffers

The queue consists of three registers. Each of these is associated with a flag that indicates if the register contains valid data. New data are moved into the queue by being written into buffer A and continue to move along the queue if the next register is empty, or is about to become empty. If the queue is full, the oldest data, and therefore the first to be read from the queue, occupies buffer C and the newest occupies buffer A.

The multiplexors also select the current flag, that then indicates whether the selected output is valid.

### 11.3.2 Queue modification

The queue is written to on each cycle. Buffer A accepts the data arriving at the interface, and the buffer A flag accepts the valid bit associated with the data. If the queue is not full, this results in no loss of data because the contents of buffer A are moved to buffer B during the same cycle.

If the queue is full, then the loading of buffer A is inhibited to prevent loss of data. In any case, no valid data is presented by the interface when the queue is full, so no data loss ensues.

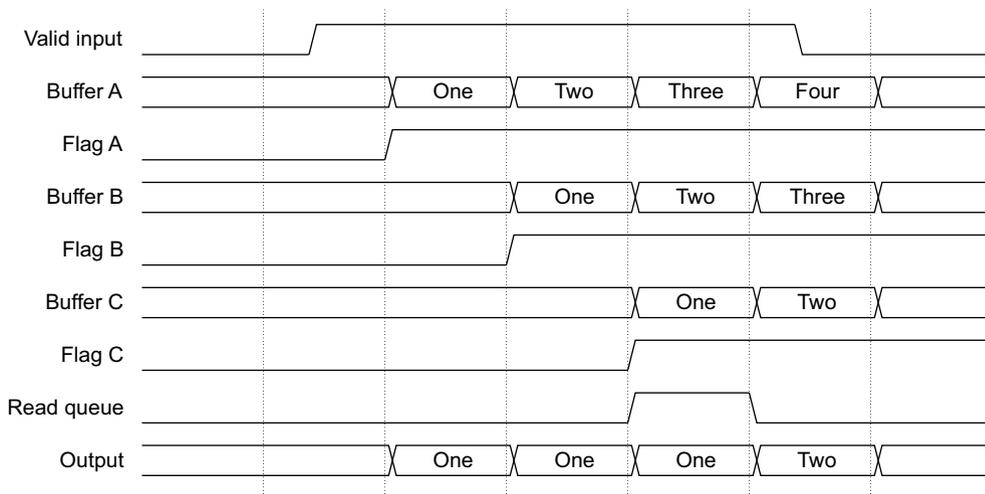
The state of the three buffer flags is used to decide the buffer that provides the queue output during each cycle. The output is always provided by the buffer containing the oldest data. This is buffer C if it is full, or buffer B or, if that is empty, buffer A.

A simple priority encoder, looking at the three flags, can supply the correct multiplexor select signals. The state of the three flags can also determine how data are moved from one buffer to another in the queue. Table 11-4 lists how the three flags are decoded.

**Table 11-4 Addressing of queue buffers**

Flag C	Flag B	Flag A	S1	S0	Remarks
0	0	0	X	X	Queue is empty
0	0	1	0	0	B = A
0	1	0	0	1	C = B
0	1	1	0	1	C = B, B = A
1	0	0	1	X	-
1	0	1	1	X	B = A
1	1	0	1	X	-
1	1	1	1	X	Queue is full. Input inhibited

New data can be moved into buffer A, provided the queue is not full, even if its flag is set, because the current contents of buffer A are moved to buffer B. When the queue is read, the flag associated with the buffer providing the information must be cleared. This operation can be combined with an input operation so that the buffer is overwritten at the end of the cycle during which it provides the queue output. This can be implemented by using the read enable signal to mask the flag of the selected stage, making it available for input. Figure 11-5 shows reading and writing a queue.



**Figure 11-5 Queue reading and writing**

Four valid inputs, labeled One, Two, Three, and Four, are written into the queue, and are clocked into buffer A as they arrive. Figure 11-5 shows how these inputs are clocked from buffer to buffer until the first input reaches buffer C. At this point a read from the queue is required. Because buffer C is full, it is chosen to supply the data. Because it is being read, it is free to accept more input, and so it receives the value Two from buffer B, that in turn receives the value Three from buffer A. Because buffer A is being emptied by writing to buffer B, it can accept the value Four from the input.

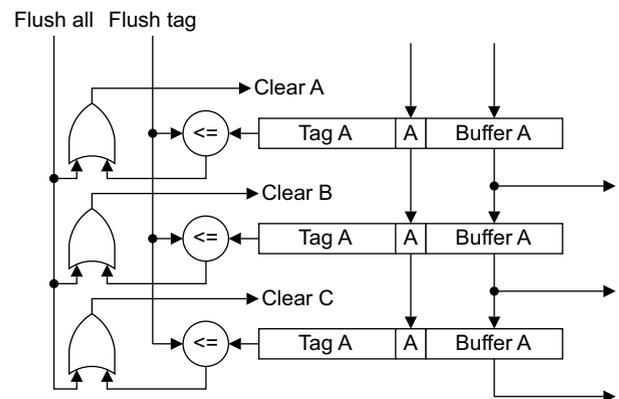
### 11.3.3 Queue flushing

When the coprocessor pipeline is flushed, in response to a command from the core, some of the queues might also require flushing. There are two possible ways of flushing the queue:

- the entire queue is cleared
- the queue is flushed from a selected buffer, along with all data in the queue newer than the data in the selected buffer.

The method used depends on the point when flushing begins in the coprocessor pipeline. See *Flush operations* on page 11-19 for more details. A flush command has associated with it a tag value that indicates where the queue flushing starts. This is matched with the tag carried by every instruction.

If the queue is to be flushed from a selected buffer, the buffer is chosen by looking for a matching tag. When this is found, the flag associated with that buffer is cleared, and every flag newer than the selected one is also cleared. Figure 11-6 shows queue flushing.



**Figure 11-6** Queue flushing

Each buffer in the queue has a tag comparator associated with it. The flush tag is presented to each comparator, to be compared with the tag belonging to each valid instruction held in the queue. The flush tag is compared with each tag in the queue. If the flush tag is the same as, or older than, any tag then that queue entry has its Full flag cleared. This indicates that it is empty. A less-than-or-equal-to comparison is used to identify tags that are to be flushed. If a tag in the pipeline later than the queue matches, the Flush all signal is asserted to clear the entire queue.

## 11.4 Token queues

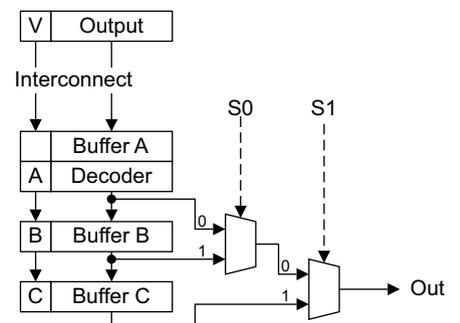
The following sections describe each of the synchronizing queues:

- *Instruction queue*
- *Length queue* on page 11-13
- *Accept queue* on page 11-13
- *Cancel queue* on page 11-14
- *Finish queue* on page 11-14.

### 11.4.1 Instruction queue

The core passes every instruction fetched from memory across the coprocessor interface, where it enters the instruction queue. Ideally it only passes on the coprocessor instructions, but has not, at this stage, had time to decode the instruction.

The coprocessor decodes the instruction on arrival in its own Decode stage and rejects the non-coprocessor instructions. The core does not require any acknowledgement of the removal of these instructions because each instruction type is determined within the coprocessors Decode stage. This means that the instruction received from the core must be decoded as soon as it enters the instruction queue. The instruction queue is a modified version of the standard queue, that incorporates an instruction decoder. Figure 11-7 shows an instruction queue implementation.



**Figure 11-7** Instruction queue

The decoder decodes the instruction written into buffer A as soon as it arrives. The subsequent buffers, B and C, receive the decoded version of the instruction in buffer A.

The A flag now indicates that the data in buffer A are valid and represent a coprocessor instruction. This means that non-coprocessor or unrecognized instructions are immediately dropped from the instruction queue and are never passed on.

The coprocessor must also compare the coprocessor number field in a coprocessor instruction and compare it with its own number, given by **ACPNUM**. If the number does not match, the instruction is invalid. The instruction queue provides an interface to the core through the following signals, that the core drives:

- ACPINSTRV** This signal is asserted when valid data are available from the core. It must be clocked directly into the buffer A flag, unless the queue is full, when case it is ignored.
- ACPINSTR[31:0]** This is the instruction being passed to the coprocessor from the core, and must be clocked into buffer A.
- ACPINSTRT[3:0]** This is the flush tag associated with the instruction in **ACPINSTR**, and must be clocked into the tag associated with buffer A.

The instruction queue feeds the issue stage of the coprocessor pipeline, providing a new input to the pipeline, in the form of a decoded instruction and its associated tag, whenever the queue is not empty.

### 11.4.2 Length queue

When a coprocessor has decoded an instruction it knows how long a vectored load/store operation is. This information is sent with the synchronizing token down the length queue, as the relevant instruction leaves the instruction queue to enter the issue stage of the pipeline. The length queue is maintained by the core and the coprocessor communicates with the queue using the following signals:

#### **CPALENGTH[3:0]**

This is the length of a vectored data transfer to or from the coprocessor. It is determined by the decoder in the instruction queue and asserted as the decoded instruction moves into the issue stage. If the current instruction does not represent a vectored data transfer, the length value is set to zero.

#### **CPALENGTHT[3:0]**

This is the tag associated with the instruction leaving the instruction queue, and is copied from the queue buffer supplying the instruction.

#### **CPALENGTHHOLD**

This is deasserted when the instruction queue is providing valid information to the core length queue. Otherwise, the signal is asserted to indicate that no valid data are available.

### 11.4.3 Accept queue

The coprocessor must decide in the issue stage if it can accept an otherwise valid coprocessor instruction. It passes this information with the synchronizing token down the accept queue, as the relevant instruction passes from the issue stage to Ex1.

If an instruction cannot be accepted by the coprocessor it is said to have been bounced. If the coprocessor bounces an instruction it does not remove the instruction from its pipeline, but converts it to a phantom. This is explained in more detail in *Bounce operations* on page 11-19.

The accept queue is maintained by the core and the coprocessor communicates with the queue using the following signals, that are all driven by the coprocessor:

#### **CPAACCEPT**

This is set to indicate that the instruction leaving the coprocessor issue stage has been accepted.

#### **CPAACCEPTT[3:0]**

This is the tag associated with the instruction leaving the issue stage.

#### **CPAACCEPHOLD**

This is deasserted when the issue stage is passing an instruction on to the Ex1 stage, whether it has been accepted or not. Otherwise, the signal is asserted to indicate that no valid data are available.

#### 11.4.4 Cancel queue

The core might want to cancel an instruction that it has already passed on to the coprocessor. This can happen if the instruction fails its condition codes, that requires the instruction to be removed from the instruction stream in both the core and the coprocessor.

The queue, a standard queue, as *Token queue management* on page 11-9 describes, is maintained by the coprocessor and is read by the coprocessor Ex1 stage.

The cancel queue provides an interface to the core through the following signals, that are all driven by the core:

##### **ACPCANCELV**

This signal is asserted when valid data are available from the core. It must be clocked directly into the buffer A flag, unless the queue is full, when it is ignored.

##### **ACPCANCEL**

This is the cancel command being passed to the coprocessor from the core, and must be clocked into buffer A.

##### **ACPCANCELT[3:0]**

This is the flush tag associated with the cancel command, and must be clocked into the tag associated with buffer A.

The coprocessor Ex1 stage reads the cancel queue, that then acts on the value of the queued **ACPCANCEL** signal by removing the instruction from the Ex1 stage if the signal is set, and not passing it on to the Ex2 stage.

#### 11.4.5 Finish queue

The finish queue maintains synchronism at the end of the pipeline by providing permission for CDP instructions in the coprocessor pipeline to retire. The queue, a standard queue, as *Token queue management* on page 11-9 describes, is maintained by the coprocessor and is read by the coprocessor Ex6 stage.

The finish queue provides an interface to the core using the **ACPFINISHV** signal, that the core drives.

This signal is asserted to indicate that the instruction in the coprocessor Ex6 stage can retire. It must be clocked directly into the buffer A flag, unless the queue is full, when it is ignored.

The finish queue is read by the coprocessor Ex6 stage. It can retire a CDP instruction if the finish queue is not empty.

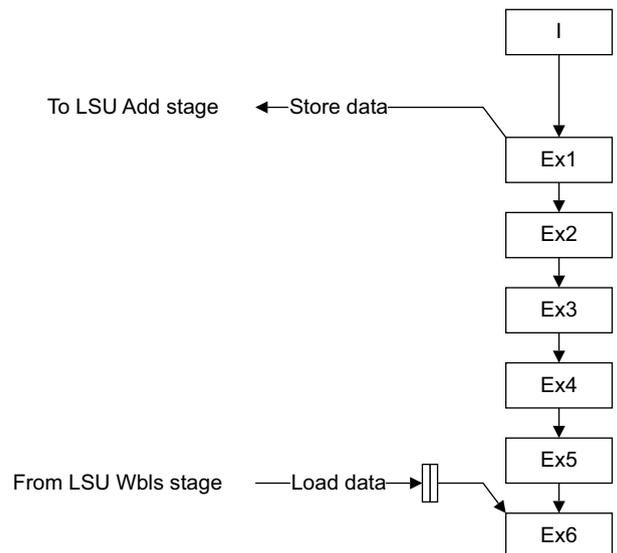
## 11.5 Data transfer

Data transfers are managed by the LSU on the core side, and the pipeline itself on the coprocessor side. Transfers can be a single value or a vector. In the latter case, the coprocessor effectively converts a multiple transfer into a series of single transfers by iterating the instruction in the issue stage. This creates an instance of the load/store instruction for each item to be transferred.

The instruction stays in the coprocessor issue stage while it iterates, creating copies of itself that move down the pipeline. Figure 11-9 on page 11-16 illustrates this process for a load instruction.

The first of the iterated instructions, shown in uppercase, is the head and the others, shown in lowercase, are the tails. In the example shown the vector length is four so there is one head and three tails. At the first iteration of the instruction, the tail flag is set so that subsequent iterations send tail instructions down the pipeline. In the example shown in Figure 11-9 on page 11-16, instruction B has stalled in the Ex1 stage, that might be caused by the cancel queue being empty, so that instruction C does not iterate during its first cycle in the issue stage, but only starts to iterate after the stall has been removed.

Figure 11-8 shows the extra paths required for passing data to and from the coprocessor.



**Figure 11-8 Coprocessor data transfer**

Two data paths are required:

- One passes store data from the coprocessor to the core, and this requires a queue, that is maintained by the core.
- The other passes load data from the core to the coprocessor and requires no queue, only two pipeline registers.

Figure 11-9 on page 11-16 shows instruction iteration for loads.

I	A	B	[C]	C	c	c	c	D						
Ex1		A	[B]	B	C	c	c	c	D					
Ex2			A		B	C	c	c	c	D				
Ex3				A		B	C	c	c	c	D			
Ex4					A		B	C	c	c	c	D		
Ex5						A		B	C	c	c	c	D	
Ex6							A		B	C	c	c	c	D
Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Figure 11-9 Instruction iteration for loads

Only the head instruction is involved in token exchange with the core pipeline, that does not iterate instructions in this way, the tail instructions passing down the pipeline silently.

When an iterated load/store instruction is cancelled or flushed, all the tail instructions, bearing the same tag, must be removed from the pipeline. Only the head instruction becomes a phantom when cancelled. Any tail instruction can be left intact in the pipeline because it has no other effect.

Because the cancel token is received in the coprocessor Ex1 stage, a cancelled iterated instruction always consists of a head instruction in Ex1 and a single tail instruction in the issue stage.

### 11.5.1 Loads

Load data emerge from the WBIs stage of the core LSU and are received by the coprocessor Ex6 stage. Each item in a vectored load is picked up by one instance of the iterated load instruction.

The pipeline timing means that a load instruction is always ready, or arrived a short time ago, in Ex6 to pick up each data item. If a load instruction has arrived in Ex6, but the load information has not yet appeared, the load instruction must stall in Ex6, stalling the rest of the coprocessor pipeline.

The following signals are driven by the core to pass load data across to the coprocessor:

#### ACPLDVALID

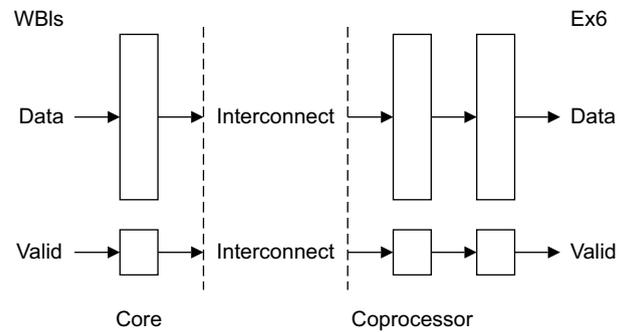
This signal, when set, indicates that the associated data are valid.

#### ACPLDDATA[63:0]

This is the information passed from the core to the coprocessor.

#### Load buffers

To achieve correct alignment of the load data with the load instruction in the coprocessor Ex6 stage, the data must be double buffered when they arrive at the coprocessor. Figure 11-10 on page 11-17 shows an example.



**Figure 11-10 Load data buffering**

The load data buffers function as pipeline registers and so require no flow control and are not required to carry any tags. Only the data and a valid bit are required. For load transfers to work:

- instructions must always arrive in the coprocessor Ex6 stage coincident with, or before, the arrival of the corresponding instruction in the core WBIs stage
- finish tokens from the core must arrive at the same time as the corresponding load data items arrive at the end of the load data pipeline buffers
- the LSU must see the token from the accept queue before it enables a load instruction to move on from its Add stage.

### Loads and flushes

If a flush does not involve the core WBIs stage it cannot affect the load data buffers, and the load transfer completes normally. If a flush is initiated by an instruction in the core WBIs stage, this is not a load instruction because load instructions cannot trigger a flush. Any coprocessor load instructions behind the flush point find themselves stalled if they get as far as the Ex6 stage, for the lack of a finish token, so no data transfers can have taken place. Any data in the load data buffers expires naturally during the flush dead period while the pipeline reloads.

### Loads and cancels

If a load instruction is canceled both the head and any tails must be removed. Because the cancellation happens in the coprocessor Ex1 stage, no data transfers can have taken place and therefore no special measures are required to deal with load data.

### Loads and retirement

When a load instruction reaches the bottom of the coprocessor pipeline it must find a data item at the end of the load data buffer. This applies to both head and tail instructions. Load instructions do not use finish queue.

## 11.5.2 Stores

Store data emerge from the coprocessor issue stage and are received by the core LSU DC1 stage. Each item of a vectored store is generated because the store instruction iterates in the coprocessor issue stage. The iterated store instructions then pass down the pipeline but have no other use, except to act as place markers for flushes and cancels.

The following signals control the transfer of store data across the coprocessor interface:

#### **CPASTDATAV**

This signal is asserted when valid data is available from the coprocessor.

#### **CPASTDATAT[3:0]**

This is the tag associated with the data being passed to the core.

#### **CPASTDATA[63:0]**

This is the information passed from the coprocessor to the core.

#### **ACPSTSTOP**

This signal from the core prevents additional transfers from the coprocessor to the core, and is raised when the store queue, maintained by the core, can no longer accept any more data. When the signal is deasserted, data transfers can resume.

When **ACPSTSTOP** is asserted, the data previously placed onto **CPASTDATA** must be left there, until new data can be transferred. This enables the core to leave data on **CPASTDATA** until there is sufficient space in the store data queue.

#### **Store data queue**

Because the store data transfer can be stopped at any time by the LSU, a store data queue is required. Additionally, because store data vectors can be of arbitrary length, flow control is required. A queue length of three slots is sufficient to enable flow control to be used without loss of data.

#### **Stores and flushes**

When a store instruction is involved in a flush, the store data queue must be flushed by the core. Because the queue continues to fill for two cycles after the core notifies the coprocessor of the flush, because of the signal propagation delay, the core must delay for two cycles before carrying out the store data queue flush. The dead period after the flush extends sufficiently far to enable this to be done.

#### **Stores and cancels**

If the core cancels a store instruction, the coprocessor must ensure that it sends no store data for that instruction. It can achieve this by either:

- delaying the start of the store data until the corresponding cancel token has been received in the Ex1 stage
- looking ahead into the cancel queue and start the store data transfer when the correct token is seen.

#### **Stores and retirement**

Because store instructions do not use the finish token queue they are retired as soon as they leave the Ex1 stage of the pipeline.

## 11.6 Operations

This section describes the various operations that can be performed and events that can take place.

### 11.6.1 Normal operation

In normal operation the core passes all instructions across to the coprocessor, and then increments the tag if the instruction was a coprocessor instruction. The coprocessor decodes the instruction and throws it away if it is not a coprocessor instruction or if it contains the wrong coprocessor number.

Each coprocessor instruction then passes down the pipeline, sending a token down the length queue as it moves into the issue stage. The instruction then moves into the Ex1 stage, sending a token down the accept queue, and remains there until it has received a token from the cancel queue.

If the cancel token does not request that the instruction is cancelled, and is not a Store instruction, it moves on to the Ex2 stage. The instruction then moves down the pipeline until it reaches the Ex6 stage. At this point, it waits to receive a token from the finish queue, that enables it to retire, unless it is either:

- a store instruction, where it requires no token from the finish queue
- a load instruction, where it must wait until load data are available.

Store instructions are removed from the pipeline as soon as they leave the Ex1 stage.

### 11.6.2 Cancel operations

When the coprocessor instruction reaches the Ex1 stage it looks for a token in the cancel queue. If the token indicates that the instruction is to be cancelled, it is removed from the pipeline and does not pass to Ex2. Any tail instruction in the I stage is also removed.

### 11.6.3 Bounce operations

The coprocessor can reject an instruction by bouncing it when it reaches the issue stage. This can happen to an instruction that has been accepted as a valid coprocessor instruction by the decoder, but that is found to be unexecutable by the issue stage, perhaps because it refers to a non-existent register or operation.

When the bounced instruction leaves the issue stage to move into Ex1, the token sent down the accept queue has its bounce bit set. This causes the instruction to be removed from the core pipeline.

When the instruction moves into Ex1 it has its dead bit set, turning it into a phantom. This enables the instruction to remain in the pipeline to match tokens in the cancel queue.

The core posts a token for the bounced instruction before the coprocessor can bounce it, so the phantom is required to pick up the token for the bounced instruction. The instruction is otherwise inert, and has no other effect. The core might already have decided to cancel the instruction being bounced. In this case, the cancel token causes the phantom to be removed from the pipeline. If the core does not cancel the phantom it continues to the bottom of the pipeline.

### 11.6.4 Flush operations

A flush can be triggered by the core in any stage from issue to WBIs inclusive. When this happens a broadcast signal is received by the coprocessor, passing it the tag associated with the instruction triggering the flush.

Because the tag is changed by the core after each new coprocessor instruction, the tag matches the first coprocessor instruction following the instruction causing the flush. The coprocessor must then find the first instruction that has a matching tag, working from the bottom of the pipeline upwards, and remove all instructions from that point upwards.

Unlike tokens passing down a queue, a flush signal has a fixed delay so that the timing relationship between a flush in the core and a flush in the coprocessor is known precisely. Most of the token queues also require flushing and this can also be done using the tags attached to each instruction. If a match has been found before the stage at the receiving end of a token queue is passed, then the token queue is cleared.

Otherwise, it must be properly flushed by matching the tags in the queue. This operation must be performed on all the queues except the finish queue, that is updated in the normal way. Therefore, the coprocessor must flush the instruction and cancel queues. The flushing operation can be carried out by the coprocessor as soon as the flush signal is received. The flushing operation is simplified because the instruction and cancel queues cannot be performing any other operation. This means that flushing is not required to be combined with queue updates for these queues.

There is a single cycle following a flush where nothing happens that affects the flushed queues, and this provides a good opportunity to carry out the queue flushing operation.

The following signals provide the flush broadcast signal from the core:

#### ACPFLUSH

This signal is asserted when a flush is to be performed.

#### ACPFLUSHT[3:0]

This is the tag associated with the first instruction to be flushed.

### 11.6.5 Retirement operations

When an instruction reaches the bottom of the coprocessor pipeline it is retired. How it retires depends on the kind of instruction it is and if it is iterated, as Table 11-5 lists.

**Table 11-5 Retirement conditions**

Instruction	Type	Retirement conditions
CDP	-	Must find a token in the finish queue.
MRC	Store	No conditions. Immediate retirement on leaving Ex1.
MCR	Load	All load instructions must find data in the load data pipeline from the core.
MRRC	Store	No conditions. Immediate retirement on leaving Ex1.
MCRR	Load	All load instructions must find data in the load data pipeline from the core.
STC	Store	No conditions. Immediate retirement on leaving Ex1.
LDC	Load	Must find data in the load data pipeline from the core.

Table 11-5 lists the conditions for each coprocessor instruction:

- all store instructions retire unconditionally on leaving Ex1 because no token is required in the finish queue
- CDP instructions require a token in the finish queue

- all load instructions must pick up data from the load pipeline
- phantom load instructions retire unconditionally.

## 11.7 Multiple coprocessors

There might be more than one coprocessor attached to the core, and so some means is required for dealing with multiple coprocessors. It is important, for reasons of economy, to ensure that as little of the coprocessor interface is duplicated. In particular, the coprocessors must share the length, accept, and store data queues, that the core maintains.

If these queues are to be shared, only one coprocessor can use the queues at any time. This is achieved by enabling only one coprocessor to be active at any time. This is not a serious limitation because only one coprocessor is in use at any time.

Typically, a processor is driven through driver software, that drives only one coprocessor. Calls to the driver software, and returns from it, ensure that there are several core instructions between the use of one coprocessor and the use of a different coprocessor.

### 11.7.1 Interconnect considerations

If only one coprocessor is permitted to communicate with the core at any time, all coprocessors can share the coprocessor interface signals from the core. Signals from the coprocessors to the core can be ORed together, provided that every coprocessor holds its outputs to zero when it is inactive.

### 11.7.2 Coprocessor selection

Coprocessors are enabled by a signal **ACPENABLE** from the core. There are 12 of these signals, one for each coprocessor. Only one can be active at any time. In addition, instructions to the coprocessor include the coprocessor number, enabling coprocessors to reject instructions that do not match their own number. Core instructions are also rejected.

### 11.7.3 Coprocessor switching

When the core decodes a coprocessor instruction destined for a different coprocessor to that last addressed, it stalls this instruction until the previous coprocessor instruction has been retired. This ensures that all activity in the currently selected coprocessor has ceased.

The coprocessor selection is switched, disabling the last active coprocessor and activating the new coprocessor. The coprocessor that received the new coprocessor instruction must have ignored it, being disabled. Therefore, the instruction is resent by the core, and is now accepted by the newly activated coprocessor.

A coprocessor is disabled by the core by setting **ACPENABLE LOW** for the selected coprocessor. The coprocessor responds by ceasing all activity and setting all its output signals **LOW**.

When the coprocessor is enabled, signaled by setting **ACPENABLE HIGH**, it must immediately set the signals **CPALENGTHHOLD** and **CPAACCEPHOLD HIGH**, and **CPASTDATAV LOW**, because the pipeline is empty at this point. The coprocessor can then start normal operation.

# Chapter 12

## Vectored Interrupt Controller Port

This chapter describes the vectored interrupt controller port of the processor. It contains the following sections:

- *About the PL192 Vectored Interrupt Controller* on page 12-2
- *About the processor VIC port* on page 12-3
- *Timing of the VIC port* on page 12-5
- *Interrupt entry flowchart* on page 12-7.

## 12.1 About the PL192 Vectored Interrupt Controller

An interrupt controller is a peripheral that is used to handle multiple interrupt sources. Features usually found in an interrupt controller are:

- multiple interrupt request inputs, one for each interrupt source, and one interrupt request output for the processor interrupt request input
- software can mask out particular interrupt requests
- prioritization of interrupt sources for interrupt nesting.

In a system with an interrupt controller having the above features, software is still required to:

- determine the interrupt source that is requesting service
- determine where the service routine for that interrupt source is loaded.

A *Vectored Interrupt Controller* (VIC) does both things in hardware. It supplies the starting address, vector address, of the service routine corresponding to the highest priority requesting interrupt source. The PL192 VIC is an *Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture* (AMBA) *Advanced High-performance Bus* (AHB) compliant, *System-on-Chip* (SoC) peripheral that is developed, tested, and licensed by ARM Limited.

The processor VIC port and the Peripheral Interface enable you to connect a PL192 VIC to the processor. See *ARM PrimeCell Vectored Interrupt Controller (PL192) Technical Reference Manual* for more details.

## 12.2 About the processor VIC port

Figure 12-1 shows the VIC port and the Peripheral Interface connecting a PL192 VIC and the processor.

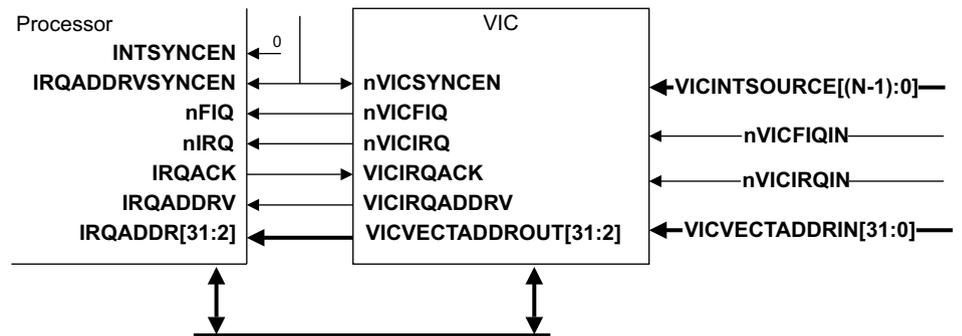


Figure 12-1 Connection of a VIC to the processor

———— **Note** ————

Do not be confused by the naming of the **IRQADDRVSYNCEN** and **nVICSYNCEIN** signals. Although one is active HIGH and the other is active LOW they are connected to a common external synchronization disable signal. See the signal descriptions in Table 12-1 for more information.

The VIC port enables the processor to read the vector address as part of the IRQ interrupt entry. That is, the processor takes a vector address from this interface instead of using the legacy `0x00000018` or `0xFFFF0018`. The VIC port does not support the reading of FIQ vector addresses.

The interrupt interface is designed to handle interrupts asserted by a controller that is clocked either synchronously or asynchronously to the processor clock. This capability ensures that the controller can be used in systems that have either a synchronous or asynchronous interface between the core clock and the AXI clock.

The VIC port consists of the signals that Table 12-1 lists.

Table 12-1 VIC port signals

Signal name	Direction	Description
<b>nFIQ</b>	Input	Active LOW fast interrupt request signal
<b>nIRQ</b>	Input	Active LOW normal interrupt request signal
<b>INTSYNCEN</b>	Input	If this signal is asserted HIGH, the internal <b>nFIQ</b> and <b>nIRQ</b> synchronizers are bypassed and the interface is synchronous
<b>IRQADDRVSYNCEN</b>	Input	If this signal is asserted HIGH, the internal <b>IRQADDRV</b> synchronizer is bypassed and the interface is synchronous
<b>IRQACK</b>	Output	Active HIGH IRQ acknowledge
<b>IRQADDRV</b>	Input	Active HIGH valid signal for the IRQ interrupt vector address below
<b>IRQADDR[31:2]</b>	Input	IRQ interrupt vector address. <b>IRQADDR[31:2]</b> holds the address of the first ARM state instruction in the IRQ handler

**IRQACK** is driven by the processor to indicate to an external VIC that the processor wants to read the **IRQADDR** input.

**IRQADDRV** is driven by a VIC to tell the processor that the address on the **IRQADDR** bus is valid and being held, and so it is safe for the processor to sample it.

**IRQACK** and **IRQADDRV** together implement a four-phase handshake between the processor and a VIC. See *Timing of the VIC port* on page 12-5 for more details.

### 12.2.1 Synchronization of the VIC port signals

The AHB system bus clock signal **HCLK** can run at any frequency, synchronously or asynchronously to the processor clock signal, **CLKIN**. The processor VIC port can cope with any clocking mode.

**nFIQ** and **nIRQ** can be connected to either synchronous or asynchronous sources. Synchronizers are provided internally for the case of asynchronous sources. The Synchronous Interrupt Enable port, **INTSYNCEN**, is also provided to enable SoC designers to bypass the synchronizers if required. Similarly, a synchronizer is provided inside the processor for the **IRQADDRV** signal. If this signal is known to be synchronous, the synchronizer can be bypassed by pulling **IRQADDRVSYNCEN** HIGH.

These signals enable SoC designers to reduce interrupt latency if it is known that the **nFIQ**, **nIRQ**, or **IRQADDRV** input is always driven by a synchronous source. When connecting the PL192 VIC to the processor, **INTSYNCEN** must be tied LOW regardless of the clocking mode. This is because the PL192 **nVICIRQ** and **nVICFIQ** outputs are completely asynchronous, because there are combinational paths that cross this device through to these outputs. However, **IRQADDRVSYNCEN** must be set depending on the clocking mode.

### 12.2.2 Interrupt handler exit

The software acknowledges an IRQ interrupt handler exit to a VIC by issuing a write to the vector address register.

## 12.3 Timing of the VIC port

Figure 12-2 shows a timing example of VIC port operation. In this example IRQC is received followed by IRQB having a higher priority. The waveforms in Figure 12-2 show an asynchronous relationship between **CLKIN** and **HCLK**, and the delays marked Sync cater for the delay of the synchronizers. When this interface is used synchronously, these delays are reduced to being a single cycle of the receiving clock.

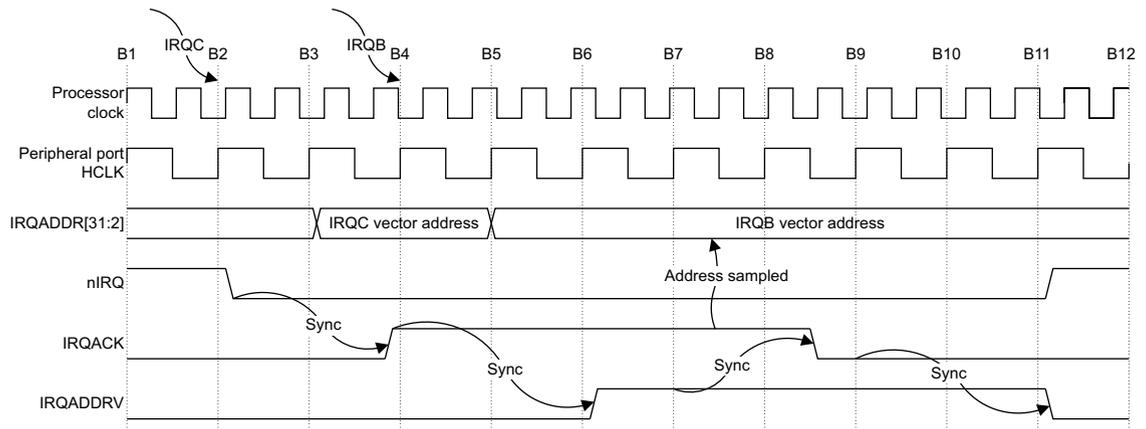


Figure 12-2 VIC port timing example

Figure 12-2 illustrates the basic handshake mechanism that operates between the processor and a PL192 VIC:

1. An IRQC interrupt request occurs causing the PL192 VIC to set the processor **nIRQ** input.
2. The processor samples the **nIRQ** input LOW and initiates an interrupt entry sequence.
3. Another IRQB interrupt request of higher priority than IRQC occurs.
4. Between B3 and B4, the processor decides that the pending interrupt is an IRQ rather than a FIQ and asserts the **IRQACK** signal.
5. At B4 the VIC samples **IRQACK** HIGH and starts generating **IRQADDRV**. The VIC can still change **IRQADDR** to the IRQB vector address while **IRQADDRV** is LOW.
6. At B6 the VIC asserts **IRQADDRV** while **IRQADDR** is set to the IRQB vector address. **IRQADDR** is held until the processor acknowledges it has sampled it, even if a higher priority interrupt is received while the VIC is waiting.
7. Around B8 the processor samples the value of the **IRQADDR** input bus and deasserts **IRQACK**.
8. When the VIC samples **IRQACK** LOW, it stacks the priority of the IRQB interrupt and deasserts **IRQADDRV**. It also deasserts **nIRQ** if there are no higher priority interrupts pending.
9. When the processor samples **IRQADDRV** LOW, it knows it can sample the **nIRQ** input again. Therefore, if the VIC requires some time for deasserting **nIRQ**, it must ensure that **IRQADDRV** stays HIGH until **nIRQ** has been deasserted.

The clearing of the interrupt is handled in software by the interrupt handling routine. This enables multiple interrupt sources to share a single interrupt priority. In addition, the interrupt handling routine must communicate to the VIC that the interrupt currently being handled is complete, using the memory-mapped or coprocessor-mapped interface, to enable the interrupt masking to be unwound.

### 12.3.1 PL192 VIC timing

As its part of the handshake mechanism, the PL192 VIC:

1. Synchronizes **IRQACK** on its way in if the peripheral port clocking mode is asynchronous or bypasses the synchronizers if it is in synchronous mode.
2. Asserts **IRQADDRV** when an address is ready at **IRQADDR**, and holds that address until **IRQACK** is sampled LOW, even if higher priority interrupts come along.
3. Stacks the priority that corresponds to the vector address present at **IRQADDR** when it samples the **IRQACK** signal LOW, while **IRQADDRV** is HIGH.
4. Clears **IRQADDRV** so the processor can recognize another interrupt. If **nIRQ** is also to be deasserted at this point because there are no higher priority interrupts pending, it is deasserted before or at the same time as **IRQADDRV** to ensure that the processor does not take the same interrupt again.

### 12.3.2 Core timing

As its part of the handshake mechanism, the core:

1. Starts an interrupt entry sequence when it samples the **nIRQ** signal asserted.
2. Determines if an FIQ or an IRQ is going to be taken. This happens after the interrupt entry sequence is started. If it decides that an IRQ is going to be taken, it starts the VIC port handshake by asserting **IRQACK**. If it decides that the interrupt is an FIQ, then it does not assert **IRQACK** and the VIC port handshake is not initiated.
3. Ignores the value of the **nFIQ** input until the IRQ interrupt entry sequence is completed if it has decided that the interrupt is an IRQ.
4. Samples the **IRQADDR** input bus when both **IRQACK** and **IRQADDRV** are sampled asserted. The interrupt entry sequence proceeds with this value of **IRQADDR**.
5. Ignores the **nIRQ** signal while **IRQADDRV** is HIGH. This gives the VIC time to deassert the **nIRQ** signal if there is no higher priority interrupt pending.
6. Ignores the **nFIQ** signal while **IRQADDRV** is HIGH.

## 12.4 Interrupt entry flowchart

Figure 12-3 shows all the decisions and actions required to complete interrupt entry. For more information on interrupt entry, see *Exception vectors* on page 2-48.

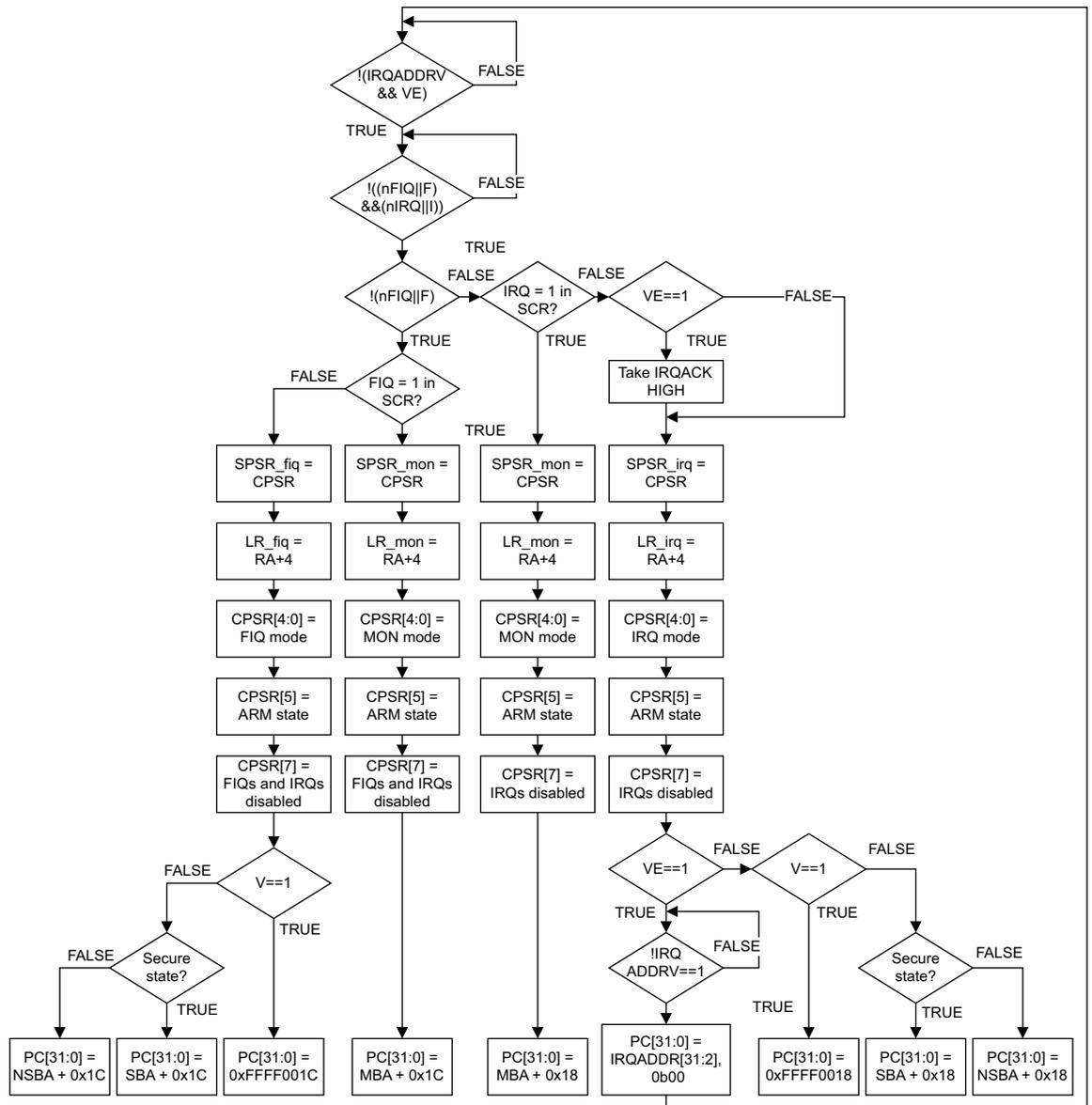


Figure 12-3 Interrupt entry sequence

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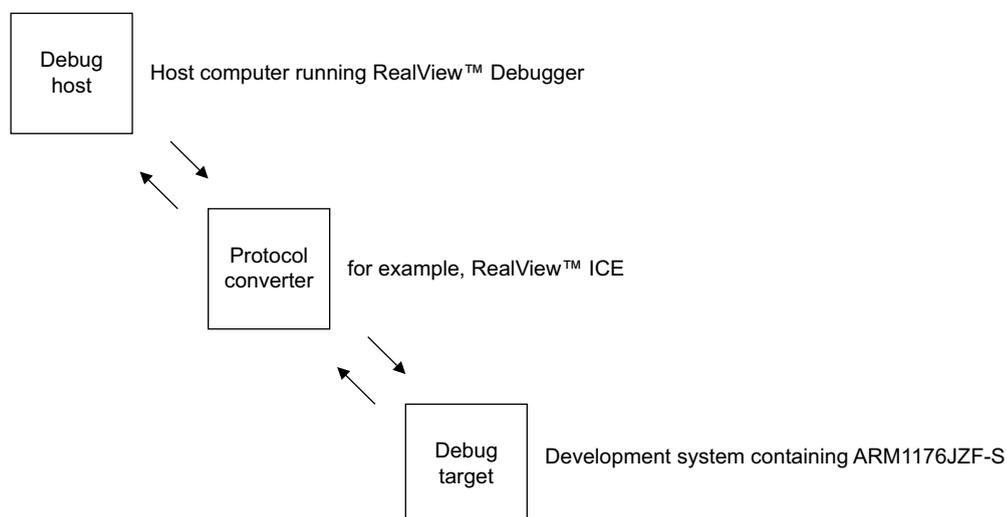
## Debug

This chapter describes the processor debug unit, that assists development of application software, operating systems, and hardware, and contains the following sections:

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- *About the debug unit* on page 13-3
- *Debug registers* on page 13-5
- *CP14 registers reset* on page 13-25
- *CP14 debug instructions* on page 13-26
- *External debug interface* on page 13-28
- *Changing the debug enable signals* on page 13-31
- *Debug events* on page 13-32
- *Debug exception* on page 13-35
- *Debug state* on page 13-37
- *Debug communications channel* on page 13-42
- *Debugging in a cached system* on page 13-43
- *Debugging in a system with TLBs* on page 13-44
- *Monitor debug-mode debugging* on page 13-45
- *Halting debug-mode debugging* on page 13-50
- *External signals* on page 13-52.

## 13.1 Debug systems

The processor forms one component of a debug system that interfaces from the high-level debugging performed by you, to the low-level interface supported by the processor. Figure 13-1 shows a typical system.



**Figure 13-1 Typical debug system**

This typical system has three parts:

- *The debug host*
- *The protocol converter*
- *The processor.*

### 13.1.1 The debug host

The debug host is a computer, for example a personal computer, running a software debugger such as RealView Debugger. The debug host enables you to issue high-level commands such as *set breakpoint at location XX*, or *examine the contents of memory from 0x0-0x100*.

### 13.1.2 The protocol converter

The debug host is connected to the processor development system using an interface, for example an RS232. The messages broadcast over this connection must be converted to the interface signals of the processor. This function is performed by a protocol converter, for example, RealView ICE.

### 13.1.3 The processor

The processor, with debug unit, is the lowest level of the system. The debug extensions enable you to:

- stall program execution
- examine its internal state and the state of the memory system
- resume program execution.

The debug host and the protocol converter are system-dependent.

## 13.2 About the debug unit

The processor debug unit assists in debugging software running on the processor. You can use the processor debug unit, in combination with a software debugger program, to debug:

- application software
- operating systems
- ARM processor based hardware systems.

The debug unit enables you to:

- stop program execution
- examine and alter processor and coprocessor state
- examine and alter memory and input/output peripheral state
- restart the processor core.

You can debug the processor in the following ways:

- *Halting debug-mode debugging*
- *Monitor debug-mode debugging*
- Trace debugging. See Chapter 15 *Trace Interface Port* for interfacing with an ETM.

The processor debug interface is based on the *IEEE Standard Test Access Port and Boundary-Scan Architecture*.

### 13.2.1 Halting debug-mode debugging

When the processor debug unit is in Halting debug-mode, the processor halts and enters Debug state when a debug event, such as a breakpoint, occurs. When the processor is in Debug state, an external host can examine and modify its state using the DBGTAP.

In Debug state you can examine and alter processor state, processor registers, coprocessor state, memory, and input/output locations through the DBGTAP. This mode is intentionally invasive to program execution. Halting debug-mode debugging requires:

- external hardware to control the DBGTAP
- a software debugger to provide the user interface to the debug hardware.

See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7 to learn how to set the processor debug unit into Halting debug-mode.

### 13.2.2 Monitor debug-mode debugging

When the processor debug unit is in Monitor debug-mode, the processor takes a Debug exception instead of halting. A special piece of software, a debug monitor target, can then take control to examine or alter the processor state. Monitor debug-mode is essential in real-time systems where the core cannot be halted to collect information. For example, engine controllers and servo mechanisms in hard drive controllers that cannot stop the code without physically damaging the components.

When debugging in Monitor debug-mode the processor stops execution of the current program and starts execution of a debug monitor target. The state of the processor is preserved in the same manner as all ARM exceptions. See the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* on exceptions and exception priorities. The debug monitor target communicates with the debugger to access processor and coprocessor state, and to access memory contents and input/output peripherals. Monitor debug-mode requires a debug monitor program to interface between the debug hardware and the software debugger.

When debugging in Monitor debug-mode, you can program new debug events through CP14. This coprocessor is the software interface of all the debug resources such as the breakpoint and watchpoint registers. See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7 to learn how to set the processor debug unit into Monitor debug-mode.

———— **Note** —————

Monitor debug-mode, used for debugging, is not the same as Secure Monitor mode.

### 13.2.3 Secure Monitor mode and debug

Debug can be restricted to one of three levels, Non-secure only, Non-secure and Secure User only, or any Secure or Non-secure levels so that you can prevent access to Secure parts of the system while still permitting Non-secure and optionally Secure User parts to be debugged. This is controlled by the **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN** signals and the two bits **SUIDEN** and **SUNIDEN** in the Secure Debug Enable Register in the system control coprocessor, see *External debug interface* on page 13-28 and *c1, Secure Debug Enable Register* on page 3-54.

#### Invasive debug

Invasive debug is debug where the system can be both observed and controlled like all of the debug in this section that enables you to halt the processor and examine and modify registers and memory.

**SPIDEN** and **SUIDEN** control invasive debug permissions.

#### Non-invasive debug

Non-invasive is debug where the system can only be observed but not affected. The ETM interface, the System Performance Monitor and the DBGTAP program counter sample register provide non-invasive debug.

**SPNIDEN** and **SUNIDEN** control non-invasive debug permissions.

### 13.2.4 Virtual addresses and debug

Unless otherwise stated, all addresses in this chapter are *Modified Virtual Addresses (MVA)* as the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* describes. For example, the *Breakpoint Value Registers (BVR)* and *Watchpoint Value Registers (WVR)* must be programmed with MVAs.

The terms *Instruction Modified Virtual Address (IMVA)* and *Data Modified Virtual Address (DMVA)*, where used, mean the MVA corresponding to an instruction address and the MVA corresponding to a data address respectively.

### 13.2.5 Programming the debug unit

The processor debug unit is programmed using *CoProcessor 14 (CP14)*. CP14 provides:

- instruction address comparators for triggering breakpoints
- data address comparators for triggering watchpoints
- a bidirectional *Debug Communication Channel (DCC)*
- all other state information associated with processor debug.

CP14 is accessed using coprocessor instructions in Monitor debug-mode, and certain debug scan chains in Debug state, see Chapter 14 *Debug Test Access Port* to learn how to access the processor debug unit using scan chains.

## 13.3 Debug registers

Table 13-1 lists definitions of terms used in register descriptions.

**Table 13-1 Terms used in register descriptions**

Term	Description
R	Read-only. Written values are ignored. However, it is written as 0 or preserved by writing the same value previously read from the same fields on the same processor.
W	Write-only. This bit cannot be read. Reads return an Unpredictable value.
RW	Read or write.
C	Cleared on read. This bit is cleared whenever the register is read.
UNP/SBZP	Unpredictable or <i>Should Be Zero or Preserved</i> (SBZP). A read to this bit returns an Unpredictable value. It is written as 0 or preserved by writing the same value previously read from the same fields on the same processor. These bits are usually reserved for future expansion.
Core view	This column defines the core access permission for a given bit.
External view	This column defines the DBGTAP debugger view of a given bit.
Read/write attributes	This is used when the core and the DBGTAP debugger view are the same.

On a power-on reset, all the CP14 debug registers take the values indicated by the Reset value column in the register bit field definition tables:

- Table 13-4 on page 13-8
- Table 13-6 on page 13-14
- Table 13-11 on page 13-18
- Table 13-14 on page 13-21
- Table 13-16 on page 13-21.

In these tables, - means an Undefined Reset value.

### 13.3.1 Accessing debug registers

To access the CP14 debug registers you must set Opcode\_1 and CRn to 0. The Opcode\_2 and CRm fields of the coprocessor instructions are used to encode the CP14 debug register number, where the register number is {<Opcode2>, <CRm>}.

Table 13-2 lists the CP14 debug register map. All of these registers are also accessible as scan chains from the DBGTAP.

**Table 13-2 CP14 debug register map**

Binary address		Register number	CP14 debug register name	Abbreviation
Opcode_2	CRm			
b000	b0000	c0	Debug ID Register	DIDR
b000	b0001	c1	Debug Status and Control Register	DSCR
b000	b0010-b0100	c2-c4	Reserved	-
b000	b0101	c5	Data Transfer Register	DTR

Table 13-2 CP14 debug register map (continued)

Binary address		Register number	CP14 debug register name	Abbreviation
Opcode_2	CRm			
b000	b0110	c6	Watchpoint Fault Address Register	WFAR
b000	b0111	c7	Vector Catch Register	VCR
b000	b1000-b1001	c8-c9	Reserved	-
b000	b1010	c10	Debug State Cache Control Register	DSCCR
b000	b1011	c11	Debug State MMU Control Register	DSMCR
b000	b1100-b1111	c12-c15	Reserved	-
b001-b011	b0000-b1111	c16-c63	Reserved	-
b100	b0000-b0101	c64-c69	Breakpoint Value Registers	BVR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>
	b0110-b1111	c70-c79	Reserved	-
b101	b0000-b0101	c80-c85	Breakpoint Control Registers	BCR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>
	b0110-b1111	c86-c95	Reserved	-
b110	b0000-b0001	c96-c97	Watchpoint Value Registers	WVR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>
	b0010-b1111	c98-c111	Reserved	-
b111	b0000-b0001	c112-c113	Watchpoint Control Registers	WCR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>
	b0010-b1111	c114-c127	Reserved	-

a. <sub>y</sub> is the decimal representation for the binary number CRm.

#### Note

All the debug resources required for Monitor debug-mode debugging are accessible through CP14 registers. For Halting debug-mode debugging some additional resources are required. See Chapter 14 *Debug Test Access Port*.

### 13.3.2 CP14 c0, Debug ID Register (DIDR)

The Debug ID Register is a read-only register that defines the configuration of debug registers in a system. Figure 13-2 shows the format of the Debug ID Register.

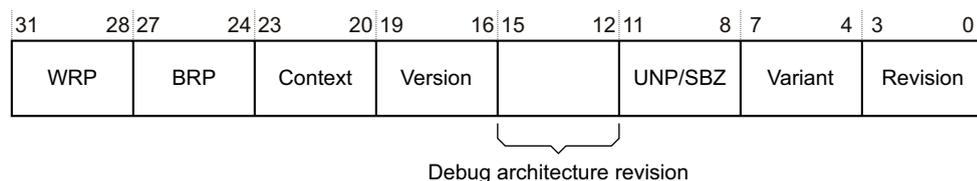


Figure 13-2 Debug ID Register format

For the ARM1176JZF-S processor:

- DIDR[31:8] has the value 0x15121x

- the value of DIDR[7:0] is determined by fields in the CP15 c0 Main ID Register, as described in the field descriptions in Table 13-3.

Table 13-3 lists the bit field definitions for the Debug ID Register.

**Table 13-3 Debug ID Register bit field definition**

Bits	Read/write attributes	Description
[31:28] WRP	R	Number of Watchpoint Register Pairs: b0000 = 1 WRP b0001 = 2 WRPs ... b1111 = 16 WRPs. For the ARM1176JZF-S processor these bits are b0001 (2 WRPs).
[27: 24] BRP	R	Number of Breakpoint Register Pairs: b0000 = Reserved. The minimum number of BRPs is 2. b0001 = 2 BRPs b0010 = 3 BRPs ... b1111 = 16 BRPs. For the ARM1176JZF-S processor these bits are b0101 (6 BRPs).
[23: 20] Context	R	Number of Breakpoint Register Pairs with context ID comparison capability: b0000 = 1 BRP has context ID comparison capability b0001 = 2 BRPs have context ID comparison capability ... b1111 = 16 BRPs have context ID comparison capability. For the ARM1176JZF-S processor these bits are b0001 (2 BRPs).
[19:16] Version	R	Debug architecture version. 0x2 denotes v6.1
[15:12]	R	Debug architecture revision 0x1 denotes TrustZone features
[11:8]	UNP/SBZP	Reserved.
[7: 4] Variant	R	Implementation-defined variant number, incremented on major revisions of the product. This field is identical to bits [23:20] of the CP15 c0 Main ID Register, see <i>c0, Main ID Register</i> on page 3-20.
[3: 0] Revision	R	Implementation-defined revision number, incremented on minor revisions of the product. This field is identical to bits [3:0] of the CP15 c0 Main ID Register, see <i>c0, Main ID Register</i> on page 3-20.

The reason for duplicating the Variant and Revision fields here is that the Debug ID Register is accessible through scan chain 0. This enables an external debugger to determine the variant and revision numbers without stopping the core.

### 13.3.3 CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)

The Debug Status and Control Register contains status and configuration information about the state of the debug system. Figure 13-3 on page 13-8 shows the format of the Debug Status and Control Register.

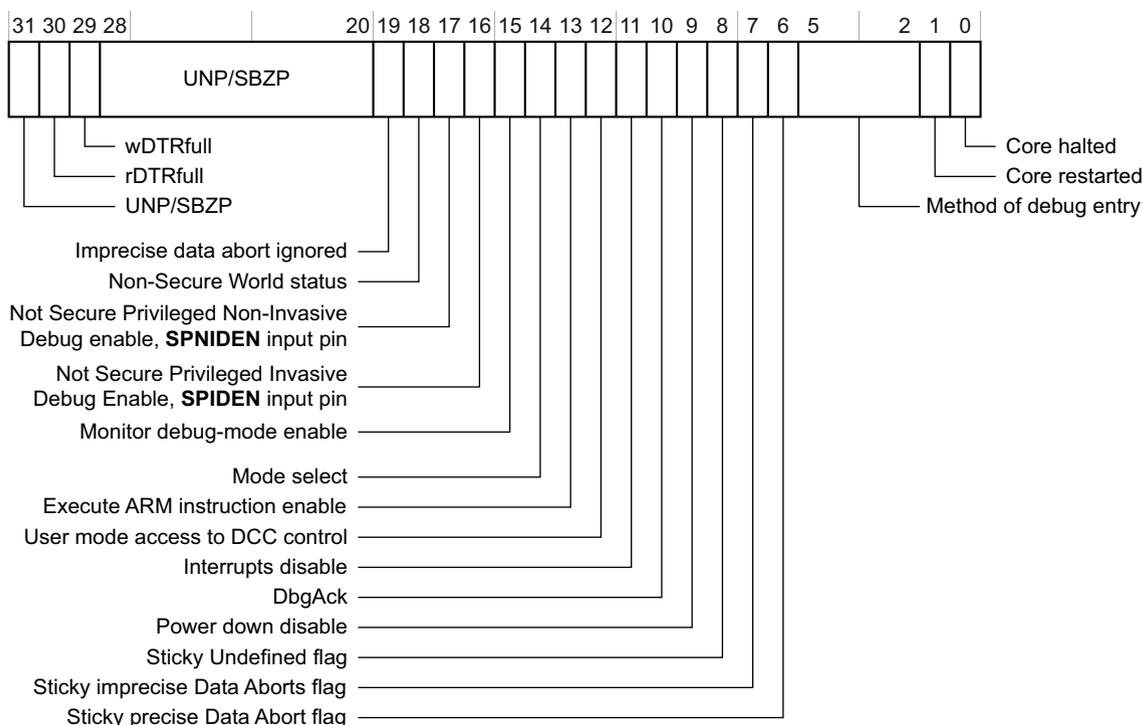


Figure 13-3 Debug Status and Control Register format

Table 13-4 lists the bit field definitions for the Debug Status and Control Register.

Table 13-4 Debug Status and Control Register bit field definitions

Bits	Core view	External view	Reset value	Description
[31]	UNP/SBZP	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved.
[30]	R	R	0	The rDTRfull flag: 0 = rDTR empty 1 = rDTR full. This flag is automatically set on writes by the DBGTAP debugger to the rDTR and is cleared on reads by the core of the same register. No writes to the rDTR are enabled if the rDTRfull flag is set.
[29]	R	R	0	The wDTRfull flag: 0 = wDTR empty 1 = wDTR full. This flag is automatically cleared on reads by the DBGTAP debugger of the wDTR and is set on writes by the core to the same register.
[28:20]	UNP/SBZP	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved.
[19]	R	R	0	Imprecise Data Aborts Ignored. This read-only bit is set by the core in Debug state following a Data Memory Barrier operation, and cleared on exit from Debug state. When set, the core does not act on imprecise data aborts. However, the sticky imprecise data abort bit is set if an imprecise data abort occurs when in Debug state.

Table 13-4 Debug Status and Control Register bit field definitions (continued)

Bits	Core view	External view	Reset value	Description
[18]	R	R	0	Non-secure World Status bit 0 = The processor is in Secure state. NS bit = 0 or Secure Monitor mode. 1 = The processor is in Non-secure state. NS bit = 1 and not Secure Monitor mode.
[17]	R	R	n/a	Not Secure Privilege Non-Invasive Debug Enable, <b>SPNIDEN</b> , input pin. 0 = SPNIDEN input pin is HIGH. 1 = SPNIDEN input pin is LOW.
[16]	R	R	n/a	Not Secure Privilege Invasive Debug Enable, <b>SPIDEN</b> , input pin. 0 = SPIDEN input pin is HIGH. 1 = SPIDEN input pin is LOW.
[15]	RW	R	0	The Monitor debug-mode enable bit: 0 = Monitor debug-mode disabled 1 = Monitor debug-mode enabled. For the core to take a debug exception, Monitor debug-mode has to be both selected and enabled, bit 14 clear and bit 15 set.
[14]	R	RW	0	Mode select bit: 0 = Monitor debug-mode selected 1 = Halting debug-mode selected and enabled.
[13]	R	RW	0	Execute ARM instruction enable bit: 0 = Disabled 1 = Enabled. If this bit is set, the core can be forced to execute ARM instructions in Debug state using the Debug Test Access Port. If this bit is set when the core is not in Debug state, the behavior of the processor is architecturally Unpredictable. For ARM1176JZF-S processors it has no effect.
[12]	RW	R	0	User mode access to comms channel control bit: 0 = User mode access to comms channel enabled 1 = User mode access to comms channel disabled. If this bit is set and a User mode process tries to access the DIDR, DSCR, or the DTR, the Undefined instruction exception is taken. Because accessing the rest of CP14 debug registers is never possible in User mode, see <i>Executing CP14 debug instructions</i> on page 13-27, setting this bit means that a User mode process cannot access any CP14 debug register.
[11]	R	RW	0	Interrupts bit: 0 = Interrupts enabled 1 = Interrupts disabled. If this bit is set, the IRQ and FIQ input signals are inhibited. <sup>a</sup>
[10]	R	RW	0	DbgAck bit. If this bit is set, the <b>DBGACK</b> output signal (see <i>External signals</i> on page 13-52) is forced HIGH, regardless of the processor state. <sup>a</sup>
[9]	R	RW	0	Powerdown disable: 0 = <b>DBGNOPWRDWN</b> is LOW 1 = <b>DBGNOPWRDWN</b> is HIGH. See <i>External signals</i> on page 13-52.

Table 13-4 Debug Status and Control Register bit field definitions (continued)

Bits	Core view	External view	Reset value	Description
[8]	R	RC	0	<p>Sticky Undefined flag:</p> <p>0 = No Undefined exception trap occurred in Debug state since the last time this bit was cleared.</p> <p>1 = An undefined exception occurred while in Debug state since the last time this bit was cleared.</p> <p>This bit is cleared on reads of a DBGTAP debugger to the DSCR. The Sticky Undefined bit does not prevent additional instructions from being issued.</p> <p>The Sticky Undefined bit is not set by Undefined exceptions occurring when not in Debug state.</p>
[7]	R	RC	0	<p>Sticky imprecise Data Aborts flag:</p> <p>0 = No imprecise Data Aborts occurred since the last time this bit was cleared</p> <p>1 = An imprecise Data Abort has occurred since the last time this bit was cleared.</p> <p>It is cleared on reads of a DBGTAP debugger to the DSCR.</p> <p>The sticky imprecise data abort bit is only set by imprecise data aborts occurring when in Debug state.</p> <p>———— <b>Note</b> —————</p> <p>In previous versions of the debug architecture, the sticky imprecise data abort was set when the processor took an imprecise data abort. In version 6.1, it is set when an imprecise data abort is detected.</p>
[6]	R	RC	0	<p>Sticky precise Data Abort flag:</p> <p>0 = No precise Data Abort occurred since the last time this bit was cleared</p> <p>1 = A precise Data Abort has occurred since the last time this bit was cleared.</p> <p>This flag is meant to detect Data Aborts generated by instructions issued to the processor using the Debug Test Access Port. Therefore, if the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is a 0, the value of the sticky precise Data Abort bit is architecturally Unpredictable. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the sticky precise Data Abort bit is set regardless of DSCR[13]. It is cleared on reads of a DBGTAP debugger to the DSCR.</p> <p>The sticky precise data abort bit is only set by precise data aborts occurring when in Debug state.</p>

Table 13-4 Debug Status and Control Register bit field definitions (continued)

Bits	Core view	External view	Reset value	Description
[5:2]	RW	R	b0000	<p>Method of debug entry bits:</p> <p>b0000 = a Halt DBGTAP instruction occurred</p> <p>b0001 = a breakpoint occurred</p> <p>b0010 = a watchpoint occurred</p> <p>b0011 = a BKPT instruction occurred</p> <p>b0100 = an <b>EDBGRO</b> signal activation occurred</p> <p>b0101 = a vector catch occurred</p> <p>b0110 = reserved</p> <p>b0111 = reserved</p> <p>b1xxx = reserved.</p> <p>These bits are set to indicate any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the cause of a Debug Exception</li> <li>the cause for entering Debug state</li> </ul> <p>A Prefetch Abort or Data Abort handler must first check the IFSR or DFSR register to determine a debug exception has occurred before checking the DSCR to find the cause. These bits are not set on any events in Debug state.</p>
[1]	R	R	1	<p>Core restarted bit:</p> <p>0 = the processor is exiting Debug state</p> <p>1 = the processor has exited Debug state.</p> <p>The DBGTAP debugger can poll this bit to determine when the processor has exited Debug state. See <i>Debug state</i> on page 13-37 for a definition of Debug state.</p>
[0]	R	R	0	<p>Core halted bit:</p> <p>0 = the processor is in normal state</p> <p>1 = the processor is in Debug state.</p> <p>The DBGTAP debugger can poll this bit to determine when the processor has entered Debug state. See <i>Debug state</i> on page 13-37 for a definition of Debug state.</p>

- a. Bits DSCR[11:10] can be controlled by a DBGTAP debugger to execute code in normal state as part of the debugging process. For example, if the DBGTAP debugger has to execute an OS service to bring a page from disk into memory, and then return to the application to see the effect this change of state produces, it is undesirable that interrupts are serviced during execution of this routine.

Bits [5:2] are set to indicate:

- the reason for jumping to the Prefetch or Data Abort vector
- the reason for entering Debug state.

A prefetch abort or data abort handler determines if it must jump to the debug monitor target by examining the IFSR or DFSR respectively. A DBGTAP debugger or debug monitor target can determine the specific debug event that caused the Debug state or debug exception entry by examining DSCR[5:2].

### 13.3.4 CP14 c5, Data Transfer Registers (DTR)

This register consists of two separate physical registers:

- the rDTR, Read Data Transfer Register
- the wDTR, Write Data Transfer Register.

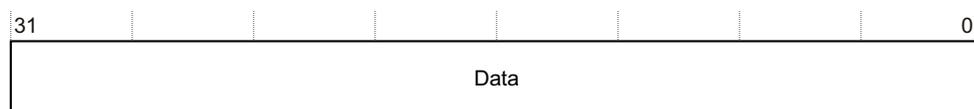
The register accessed is dependent on the instruction used:

- writes, MCR and LDC instructions, access the wDTR
- reads, MRC and STC instructions, access the rDTR.

———— **Note** ————

Read and write refer to the core view.

For details of the use of these registers with the rDTRfull flag and wDTRfull flag see *Debug communications channel* on page 13-42. Figure 13-4 shows the format of both the rDTR and wDTR.



**Figure 13-4 DTR format**

Table 13-5 lists the bit field definitions for rDTR and wDTR.

**Table 13-5 Data Transfer Register bit field definitions**

Bits	Core view	External view	Reset value	Description
[31:0]	R	W	-	Read data transfer register, read-only
[31:0]	W	R	-	Write data transfer register, write-only

### 13.3.5 CP14 c6, Watchpoint Fault Address Register (WFAR)

The purpose of the *Watchpoint Fault Address Register (WFAR)* is to hold the Virtual Address of the instruction that caused the watchpoint.

The register WFAR is:

- in CP14 c6
- a 32-bit read/write register
- accessible in privileged modes only.

When a watchpoint occurs in:

- ARM state, the WFAR contains the address of the instruction causing it plus 0x8.
- Thumb state, the WFAR contains the address of the instruction causing it plus 0x4.
- Jazelle state, the WFAR contains the address of the instruction causing it.

The contents of the WFAR are unaffected when a precise Data Abort or Prefetch Abort occurs.

To use the Watchpoint Fault Address Register read or write CP14 with:

- Opcode\_1 set to 0
- CRn set to c0
- CRm set to c6
- Opcode\_2 set to 0.

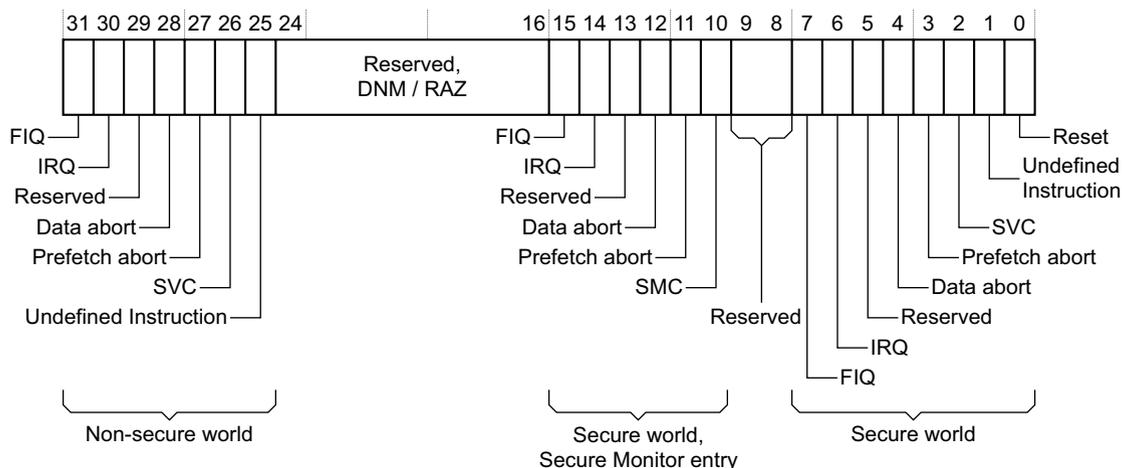
For example:

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MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c6, 0 ; Read Watchpoint Fault Address Register
MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c6, 0 ; Write Watchpoint Fault Address Register
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A write to this register sets the WFAR to the value of the data written. This is useful for a debugger to restore the value of the WFAR.

### 13.3.6 CP14 c7, Vector Catch Register (VCR)

The processor supports efficient exception vector catching. This is controlled by the VCR, as Figure 13-5 shows.



**Figure 13-5** Vector Catch Register format

If one of the bits in this register is set and the corresponding vector is committed for execution, then a Debug exception or Debug state entry might be generated, depending on the value of the DSCR[15:14] bits. See *Behavior of the processor on debug events* on page 13-33. Under this model, any kind of fetch of an exception vector can trigger a vector catch, not only the ones because of exception entries.

Vector catches related to bits[15:0] are only triggered by fetches in a Secure world. Catches related to bits [31:25] are only triggered in the Non-secure world.

There are three groups of bits one each to catch exceptions relative to the three vector base address registers for Non-secure, Secure and Secure Monitor modes.

The update of the VCR might occur several instruction after the corresponding MCR instruction. It only takes effect by the next *Instruction Memory Barrier* (IMB).

Bits 29, [24:16], 13, [9:8] and bit 5 are reserved.

Table 13-6 on page 13-14 lists the bit field definitions for the Vector Catch Register. In Table 13-6 on page 13-14, SBA means Secure Base Address, NSBA means Non-secure Base Address, MBA means Monitor Base Address.

Table 13-7 lists the conditions for generation of a Debug exception or entry into Debug State. In this table, SBA means Secure Base Address, NSBA means Non-Secure Base Address, MBA means Monitor Base Address.

**Table 13-6 Vector Catch Register bit field definitions**

Bits	Read/Write Attributes	Reset value	Vector base	Description
[31]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - FIQ in Non-secure world.
[30]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - IRQ in Non-secure world.
[29]	DNM/RAZ	0	-	Reserved
[28]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - Data Abort in Non-secure world.
[27]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - Prefetch Abort in Non-secure world.
[26]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - SVC in Non-secure world.
[25]	RW	0	NSBA	Vector Catch Enable - Undefined Instruction in Non-secure world.
[24:16]	DNM/RAZ	0	-	Reserved
[15]	RW	0	MBA	Vector Catch Enable - FIQ in Secure world.
[14]	RW	0	MBA	Vector Catch Enable - IRQ in Secure world.
[13]	DNM/RAZ	0	-	Reserved
[12]	RW	0	MBA	Vector Catch Enable - Data Abort in Secure world.
[11]	RW	0	MBA	Vector Catch Enable - Prefetch Abort in Secure World
[10]	RW	0	MBA	Vector Catch Enable - SMC in Secure world.
[9:8]	DNM/RAZ	0	-	Reserved
[7]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable - FIQ in Secure world.
[6]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable - IRQ in Secure world.
[5]	DNM/RAZ	0	-	Reserved
[4]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable - Data Abort in Secure world.
[3]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable - Prefetch Abort in Secure world.
[2]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable, SVC in Secure world.
[1]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable, Undefined Instruction in Secure world.
[0]	RW	0	SBA	Vector Catch Enable, Reset

**Table 13-7 Summary of debug entry and exception conditions**

VCR bit	NS bit, mode	VE	HIVECS	Prefetch vector
VCR[0] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	0x00000000
			1	0xFFFF0000

Table 13-7 Summary of debug entry and exception conditions (continued)

VCR bit	NS bit, mode	VE	HIVECS	Prefetch vector
VCR[1] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	SBA + 0x00000004
			1	0xFFFF0004
VCR[2] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	SBA + 0x00000008
			1	0xFFFF0008
VCR[3] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	SBA + 0x0000000C
			1	0xFFFF000C
VCR[4] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	SBA + 0x00000010
			1	0xFFFF0010
VCR[6] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	0	0	SBA + 0x00000018
			1	0xFFFF0018
		1	X	Most recent Secure IRQ address
VCR[7] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	0	SBA + 0x0000001C
			1	0xFFFF001C
VCR[10] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	X	MBA + 0x00000008
VCR[11] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	X	MBA + 0x0000000C
VCR[12] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	X	MBA + 0x00000010
VCR[14] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	X	MBA + 0x00000018
VCR[15] = 1	NS bit = 0 or Mode = Secure Monitor.	X	X	MBA + 0x0000001C
VCR[25] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	X	0	NSBA + 0x00000004
			1	0xFFFF0004
VCR[26] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	X	0	NSBA + 0x00000008
			1	0xFFFF0008
VCR[27] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	X	0	NSBA + 0x0000000C
			1	0xFFFF000C
VCR[28] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	X	0	NSBA + 0x00000010
			1	0xFFFF0010

Table 13-7 Summary of debug entry and exception conditions (continued)

VCR bit	NS bit, mode	VE	HIVECS	Prefetch vector
VCR[30] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	0	0	NSBA + 0x00000018
			1	0xFFFF0018
		1	X	Most recent Non-secure IRQ address.
VCR[31] = 1	NS bit = 1 and mode ≠ Secure Monitor	X	0	NSBA + 0x0000001C
			1	0xFFFF001C

### 13.3.7 CP14 c64-c69, Breakpoint Value Registers (BVR)

Table 13-8 lists the Breakpoint Value Registers that the processor implements.

Table 13-8 Processor breakpoint and watchpoint registers

Binary address		Register number	CP14 debug register name	Abbreviation	Context ID capable?
Opcode_2	CRm				
b100	b0000-b0011	c64-c67	Breakpoint Value Registers 0-3	BVR0-3	No
	b0100-b0101	c68-c69	Breakpoint Value Registers 4-5	BVR4-5	Yes

Each BVR is associated with a BCR register. BCR<sub>y</sub> is the corresponding control register for BVR<sub>y</sub>.

A pair of breakpoint registers, BVR<sub>y</sub>/BCR<sub>y</sub>, is called a *Breakpoint Register Pair* (BRP). BVR0-5 are paired with BCR0-5 to make BRP0-5.

The BVR of a BRP is loaded with an IMVA and then its contents can be compared against the IMVA bus of the processor. The breakpoint value contained in the BVR corresponds to either an IMVA or a context ID. Breakpoints can be set on:

- an IMVA
- a context ID
- an IMVA/context ID pair.

The IMVA comparison can be programmed to either hit when the address matches or mis-matches. The IMVA mis-match case is useful because it enables a debugger to implement a single-step operation when the breakpoint is programmed to match any other IMVA than the instruction about to be executed.

The processor supports thread-aware breakpoints and watchpoints. A context ID can be loaded into the BVR and the BCR can be configured so this BVR value is compared against the CP15 Context ID Register, c13, instead of the IMVA bus. Another register pair loaded with an IMVA or DMVA can then be linked with the context ID holding BRP. A breakpoint or watchpoint debug event is only generated if both the address and the context ID match at the same time. This means that unnecessary hits can be avoided when debugging a specific thread within a task.

Breakpoint debug events generated on context ID matches only are also supported. However, if a context ID only match or any match including an IMVA mis-match occurs while the processor is running in a privileged mode and the debug logic in Monitor debug-mode, it is ignored. This is to avoid the processor ending in an unrecoverable state.



Table 13-11 lists the bit field definitions for the Breakpoint Control Registers.

**Table 13-11 Breakpoint Control Registers, bit field definitions**

Bits	Read/write attributes	Reset value	Description
[31:23]	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved.
[22:21]	RW	00	Meaning of BVR00 = IMVA Match.01 = Context ID Match.10 = IMVA Mis-match.11 = Reserved. If this breakpoint does not have Context ID capability, bit 21 is RAZ.
[20]	RW	-	Enable linking: 0 = Linking disabled 1 = Linking enabled. When this bit is set HIGH, the corresponding BRP is linked. See Table 13-12 on page 13-19 for details.
[19:16]	RW	-	Linked BRP number. The binary number encoded here indicates another BRP to link this one with. If a BRP is linked with itself, it is architecturally Unpredictable if a breakpoint debug event is generated. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the breakpoint debug event is not generated.
[15:14]	RW	-	b00 = Breakpoint matches in Secure or Non-secure world. b01 = Breakpoint only matches in Non-secure world. b10 = Breakpoint only matches in Secure world.b11 = Reserved If this BRP is programmed for context ID comparison and linking (BCR[22:20] is set b011), then the BCR[15:14] field of the IMVA-holding BRP takes precedence and it is Undefined whether this field is included in the comparison or not. Therefore, it must be set to b00. The WCR[15:14] field of a WRP linked with this BRP also takes precedence over this field.
[13:9]	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved.
[8:5]	RW	-	Byte address select. The BVR is programmed with a word address. You can use this field to program the breakpoint so it matches only if certain byte addresses are accessed. b0000 = The breakpoint never matches bxxx1 = If the byte at address {BVR[31:2], b00}+0 is accessed, the breakpoint matches bxx1x = If the byte at address {BVR[31:2], b00}+1 is accessed, the breakpoint matches bx1xx = If the byte at address {BVR[31:2], b00}+2 is accessed, the breakpoint matches b1xxx = If the byte at address {BVR[31:2], b00}+3 is accessed, the breakpoint matches. This field must be set to b1111 when this BRP is programmed for context ID comparison, that is BCR[22:20] set to b01x. Otherwise breakpoint or watchpoint debug events might not be generated as expected.  ———— <b>Note</b> ————— These are little-endian byte addresses. This ensures that a breakpoint is triggered regardless of the endianness of the instruction fetch. For example, if a breakpoint is set on a certain Thumb instruction by doing BCR[8:5] = b0011, it is triggered if in little-endian and IMVA[1:0] is b00 or if big-endian and IMVA[1:0] is b10.

**Table 13-11 Breakpoint Control Registers, bit field definitions (continued)**

Bits	Read/write attributes	Reset value	Description
[4:3]	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved
[2:1]	RW	-	Supervisor Access. The breakpoint can be conditioned to the privilege of the access being done: b00 = Reserved b01 = Privileged b10 = User b11 = Either. If this BRP is programmed for context ID comparison and linking, BCR[22:20] is set b011, then the BCR[2:1] field of the IMVA-holding BRP takes precedence and it is Undefined whether this field is included in the comparison or not. Therefore, it must be set to either. The WCR[2:1] field of a WRP linked with this BRP also takes precedence over this field.
[0]	RW	0	Breakpoint enable: 0 = Breakpoint disabled 1 = Breakpoint enabled.

Table 13-12 summarizes the meaning of BCR bits [22:20].

**Table 13-12 Meaning of BCR[22:20] bits**

BCR[22:20]	Meaning
b000	The corresponding BVR is compared against the IMVA bus. This BRP is not linked with any other one. It generates a breakpoint debug event on an IMVA match.
b001	The corresponding BVR is compared against the IMVA bus. This BRP is linked with the one indicated by BCR[19:16] linked BRP field. They generate a breakpoint debug event on a joint IMVA and context ID match.
b010	The corresponding BVR is compared against CP15 Context Id Register, c13. This BRP is not linked with any other one. It generates a breakpoint debug event on a context ID match.
b011	The corresponding BVR is compared against CP15 Context Id Register, c13. Another BRP, of the BCR[21:20]=b01 type, or WRP, with WCR[20]=b1, is linked with this BRP. They generate a breakpoint or watchpoint debug event on a joint IMVA or DMVA and context ID match.
b100	The corresponding BVR is compared against the IMVA bus. This BRP is not linked with any other one. It generates a breakpoint debug event on an IMVA mismatch.
b101	The corresponding BVR is compared against the IMVA bus. This BRP is linked with the one indicated by BCR[19:16] linked BRP field. They generate a breakpoint debug event on a joint IMVA mismatch and context ID match.
b110	Reserved
b111	Reserved

———— **Note** ————

- The BCR[8:5], BCR[15:14], and BCR[2:1] fields still apply when a BRP is set for context ID comparison. See *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events* on page 13-45 for detailed programming sequences for linked breakpoints and linked watchpoints.

- The BCR[8:5] field is treated as part of the compared address, For an IMVA mismatch the bits must be set to 1 for the corresponding byte lanes that are excluded from the breakpoint.

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The following rules apply to the processor for breakpoint debug event generation:

- The update of a BVR or a BCR can take effect several instructions after the corresponding MCR. It takes effect by the next IMB.
- Updates of the CP15 Context ID Register c13, can take effect several instructions after the corresponding MCR. However, the write takes place by the end of the exception return. This is to ensure that a User mode process, switched in by a processor scheduler, can break at its first instruction.
- Any BRP, holding an IMVA, can be linked with any other one with context ID capability. Several BRPs, holding IMVAs, can be linked with the same context ID capable one.
- If a BRP, holding an IMVA, is linked with one that is not configured for context ID comparison and linking, it is architecturally Unpredictable whether a breakpoint debug event is generated or not. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the breakpoint debug event is not generated. BCR[22:20] fields of the second BRP must be set to b011.
- If a BRP, holding an IMVA, is linked with one that is not implemented, it is architecturally Unpredictable if a breakpoint debug event is generated or not. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the breakpoint debug event is not generated.
- If a BRP is linked with itself, it is architecturally Unpredictable if a breakpoint debug event is generated or not. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the breakpoint debug event is not generated.
- If a BRP, holding an IMVA, is linked with another BRP, holding a context ID value, and they are not both enabled, both BCR[0] bits set, the first one does not generate any breakpoint debug event.

### 13.3.9 CP14 c96-c97, Watchpoint Value Registers (WVR)

Each WVR is associated with a WCR register. WCRy is the corresponding register for WVRy.

A pair of watchpoint registers, WVRy and WCRy, is called a *Watchpoint Register Pair* (WRP). WVR0-1 are paired with WCR0-1 to make WRP0-1.

Table 13-13 lists the Watchpoint Value Registers that the processor implements.

**Table 13-13 Processor Watchpoint Value Registers**

Binary address		Register number	CP14 debug register name	Abbreviation	Context ID capable?
Opcode_2	CRm				
b110	b0000-b0001	c96-c97	Watchpoint Value Registers 0-1	WVR0-1	-

The watchpoint value contained in the WVR always corresponds to a DMVA. Watchpoints can be set on:

- a DMVA
- a DMVA/context ID pair.

For the second case a WRP and a BRP with context ID comparison capability have to be linked. A debug event is generated when both the DMVA and the context ID pair match simultaneously. Table 13-14 lists the bit field definitions for the Watchpoint Value Registers.

**Table 13-14 Watchpoint Value Registers, bit field definitions**

Bits	Read/write attributes	Reset value	Description
[31:2]	RW	-	Watchpoint address
[1:0]	UNP/SBZP	-	-

### 13.3.10 CP14 c112-c113, Watchpoint Control Registers (WCR)

These registers contain the necessary control bits for setting:

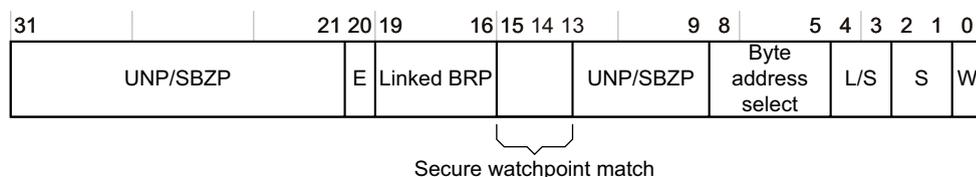
- watchpoints
- linked watchpoints.

Table 13-15 lists the Watchpoint Control Registers that the processor implements.

**Table 13-15 Processor Watchpoint Control Registers**

Binary address		Register number	CP14 debug register name	Abbreviation	Context ID capable?
Opcode_2	CRm				
b111	b0000-b0001	c112-c113	Watchpoint Control Registers 0-1	WCR0-1	-

Figure 13-7 shows the format of the Watchpoint Control Registers.



**Figure 13-7 Watchpoint Control Registers, format**

Table 13-16 lists the bit field definitions for the Watchpoint Control Registers.

**Table 13-16 Watchpoint Control Registers, bit field definitions**

Bits	Read/write attributes	Reset value	Description
[31:21]	UNP/SBZP	-	Reserved.
[20]	RW	-	Enable linking bit: 0 = Linking disabled 1 = Linking enabled. When this bit is set, this watchpoint is linked with the context ID holding BRP selected by the linked BRP field.
[19:16]	RW	-	Linked BRP. The binary number encoded here indicates a context ID holding BRP to link this WRP with.

Table 13-16 Watchpoint Control Registers, bit field definitions (continued)

Bits	Read/write attributes	Reset value	Description
[15:14]	RW	-	b00 = Watchpoint matches in Secure or Non-secure world. b01 = Watchpoint only matches in Non-secure world. b10 = Watchpoint only matches in Secure world. b11 = Reserved.
[13:9]	SBZ	-	Reserved.
[8:5]	RW	-	Byte address select. The WVR is programmed with a word address. This field can be used to program the watchpoint so it hits only if certain byte addresses are accessed. b0000 = The watchpoint never hits bxxx1 = If the byte at address {WVR[31:2], b00}+0 is accessed, the watchpoint hits bxx1x = If the byte at address {WVR[31:2], b00}+1 is accessed, the watchpoint hits bxx1xx = If the byte at address {WVR[31:2], b00}+2 is accessed, the watchpoint hits b1xxx = If the byte at address {WVR[31:2], b00}+3 is accessed, the watchpoint hits.  <p style="text-align: center;">————— <b>Note</b> —————</p> <p>These are little-endian byte addresses. This ensures that a watchpoint is triggered regardless of the way it is accessed.</p> <p>For example, if a watchpoint is set on a certain byte in memory by doing WCR[8:5] = b0001. LDRB R0, #0x0 it triggers the watchpoint in little-endian mode, as does LDRB R0, #x3 in legacy big-endian mode, B bit of CP15 c1 set.</p>
[4:3]	RW	-	Load/store access. The watchpoint can be conditioned to the type of access being done: b00 = Reserved b01 = Load b10 = Store b11 = Either.  A SWP triggers on Load, Store, or Either. Load exclusive instructions, LDREX, LDREXB, LDREXD, and LDREXH, trigger on Load or Either. Store exclusive instructions, STREX, STREXB, STREXD, and STREXH, trigger on Store or Either, whether it succeeded or not.
[2:1]	RW	-	Supervisor Access. The watchpoint can be conditioned to the privilege of the access being done: b00 = Reserved b01 = Privileged b10 = User b11 = Either.
[0]	RW	0	Watchpoint enable: 0 = Watchpoint disabled 1 = Watchpoint enabled.

In addition to the rules for breakpoint debug event generation, see *CP14 c80-c85, Breakpoint Control Registers (BCR)* on page 13-17, the following rules apply to the processor for watchpoint debug event generation:

- The update of a WVR or a WCR can take effect several instructions after the corresponding MCR. It is only guaranteed to have taken effect by the next IMB.

- Any WRP can be linked with any BRP with context ID comparison capability. Several BRPs, holding IMVAs, and WRPs can be linked with the same context ID capable BRP.
- If a WRP is linked with a BRP that is not configured for context ID comparison and linking, it is architecturally Unpredictable if a watchpoint debug event is generated or not. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the watchpoint debug event is not generated. BCR[22:20] fields of the BRP must be set to b011.
- If a WRP is linked with a BRP that is not implemented, it is architecturally Unpredictable if a watchpoint debug event is generated or not. For ARM1176JZF-S processors the watchpoint debug event is not generated.
- If a WRP is linked with a BRP and they are not both enabled, BCR[0] and WCR[0] set, it does not generate a watchpoint debug event.

### 13.3.11 CP14 c10, Debug State Cache Control Register

The Debug State Cache Control Register controls cache behavior in Debug state:

```
MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c10, 0
MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c10, 0
```

Table 13-17 lists the functional bits in the register.

**Table 13-17 Debug State Cache Control Register bit functions**

Bits	Reset value	Name	Description
[31:3]	UNP/SBZ	-	Reserved.
[2]	0	nWT	Not Write-Through: 1 = Normal operation of regions marked as Write-Back in Debug state. 0 = force Write-Through behavior for regions marked as Write-Back in Debug state.
[1]	0	nIL	No Instruction Cache Line-Fill: 1 = Normal operation of Instruction Cache line fills in Debug state. 0 = Instruction Cache line-fill disabled in Debug state.
[0]	0	nDL	No Data/Unified Cache Line-Fill: 1 = Normal operation of Data/Unified Cache line-fills in Debug state. 0 = Data/Unified Cache line-fill disabled in Debug state.

The effect of these bits only applies in Debug state. The operation under control only occurs if it is enabled in both this register and by the corresponding bit in the Cache Behavior Override Register.

### 13.3.12 CP14 c11, Debug State MMU Control Register

The Debug State MMU Control Register controls main and micro TLB behavior in Debug state:

```
MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c11, 0
MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c11, 0
```

Table 13-18 on page 13-24 lists the functional bits in the register.

Table 13-18 Debug State MMU Control Register bit functions

Bits	Reset value	Name	Description
[31:7]	UNP/SBZ	-	Reserved
[6]	0	nDMM	1 = Normal operation of Main TLB matching in Debug state. 0 = Main TLB match disabled in Debug state.
[5]	UNP/SBZ	-	Reserved
[4]	0	nDML	1 = Normal operation of Main TLB loading in Debug state. 0 = Main TLB load disabled in Debug state.
[3]	0	nIUM	1 = Normal operation of Instruction Micro TLB matching in Debug state. 0 = Instruction Micro TLB match disabled in Debug state.
[2]	0	nDUM	1 = Normal operation of Data Micro TLB matching in Debug state. 0 = Data Micro TLB match disabled in Debug state.
[1]	0	nIUL	1 = Normal operation of Instruction Micro TLB loading and flushing in Debug state. 0 = Instruction Micro TLB load and flush disabled in Debug state.
[0]	0	nDUL	1 = Normal operation of Data Micro TLB loading and flushing in Debug state. 0 = Data Micro TLB load and flush disabled in Debug state.

## 13.4 CP14 registers reset

The CP14 debug registers that are accessible through the external interface are all reset by the processor power-on reset signal, **nPORESETIN**, see *Reset with no IEM* on page 9-4 or *Reset with IEM* on page 9-8.

This ensures that a vector catch set on the reset vector is taken when **nRESETIN** is deasserted. It also ensure that the DBGTAP debugger can be connected when the processor is running without clearing CP14 debug setting, because **DBGnTRST** does not reset these registers.

## 13.5 CP14 debug instructions

Table 13-19 lists the CP14 debug instructions.

**Table 13-19 CP14 debug instructions**

Binary address		Register number	Abbreviation	Legal instructions
Opcode_2	CRm			
b000	b0000	0	DIDR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c0, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b000	b0001	1	DSCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 0 <sup>a</sup> MRC p14, 0, R15, c0, c1, 0 MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c1, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b000	b0101	5	DTR (rDTR/wDTR)	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c5, 0 <sup>a</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c5, 0 <sup>a</sup> STC p14, c5, <addressing mode> LDC p14, c5, <addressing mode>
b000	b0110	6	WFAR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c6, 0 <sup>a</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c6, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b000	b0111	7	VCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c7, 0 <sup>a</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c7, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b000	b1010	10	DSCCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c10, 0 <sup>a</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c10, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b000	b1011	11	DSMCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c11, 0 <sup>a</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, c11, 0 <sup>a</sup>
b100	b0000-b1111	64-79	BVR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 4 <sup>ab</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 4 <sup>ab</sup>
b101	b0000-b1111	80-95	BCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 5 <sup>ab</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 5 <sup>ab</sup>
b110	b0000-b1111	96-111	WVR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, 0, cy, 6 <sup>ab</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, 0, cy, 6 <sup>ab</sup>
b111	b0000-b1111	112-127	WCR	MRC p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 7 <sup>ab</sup> MCR p14, 0, <Rd>, c0, cy, 7 <sup>ab</sup>

a. <Rd> is any of R0-R14 ARM registers.

b. y is the decimal representation for the binary number CRm.

In Table 13-19, MRC p14,0,<Rd>,c0,c5,0 and STC p14,c5,<addressing mode> refer to the rDTR and MCR p14,0,<Rd>,c0,c5,0 and LDC p14,c5,<addressing mode> refer to the wDTR. See *CP14 c5, Data Transfer Registers (DTR)* on page 13-11 for more details. The MRC p14,0,R15,c0,c1,0 instruction sets the CPSR flags as follows:

- N flag = DSCR[31]. This is an Unpredictable value.
- Z flag = DSCR[30]. This is the value of the rDTRfull flag.
- C flag = DSCR[29]. This is the value of the wDTRfull flag.
- V flag = DSCR[28]. This is an Unpredictable value.

Use of R15 in all other MRC instructions that Table 13-19 on page 13-26 lists, sets all four flags to Unpredictable values.

Instructions that follow the MRC instruction can be conditioned to these CPSR flags.

### 13.5.1 Executing CP14 debug instructions

If the core is in Debug state, see *Debug state* on page 13-37, you can execute any CP14 debug instruction regardless of the processor mode.

If the processor tries to execute a CP14 debug instruction that either is not in Table 13-19 on page 13-26, or is targeted to a reserved register, such as a non-implemented BVR, the Undefined instruction exception is taken.

You can access the DCC, read DIDR, read DSCR and read/write DTR, in User mode. All other CP14 debug instructions are privileged. If the processor tries to execute one of these in User mode, the Undefined instruction exception is taken.

If the User mode access to DCC disable bit, DSCR[12], is set, all CP14 debug instructions are considered as privileged, and all attempted User mode accesses to CP14 debug registers generate an Undefined instruction exception.

When DSCR bit 14 is set, Halting debug-mode selected and enabled, if the software running on the processor tries to access any register other than the DIDR, the DSCR, or the DTR, the core takes the Undefined instruction exception. The same thing happens if the core is not in any Debug mode, DSCR[15:14]=b00. This lockout mechanism ensures that the software running on the core cannot modify the settings of a debug event programmed by the DBGTAP debugger.

Table 13-20 lists the results of executing CP14 debug instructions.

**Table 13-20 Debug instruction execution**

State when executing CP14 debug instruction:				Results of CP14 debug instruction execution:		
Processor mode	Debug state	DSCR[15:14], Mode enabled and selected	DSCR[12], DCC User accesses disabled	Read DIDR, read DSCR and read/write DTR	Write DSCR	Read/write other debug registers
x	Yes	xx	x	Proceed	Proceed	Proceed
User	No	xx	0	Proceed	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
User	No	xx	1	Undefined exception	Undefined exception	Undefined exception
Privileged	No	b00, None	x	Proceed	Proceed	Undefined exception
Privileged	No	b01, Halting	x	Proceed	Proceed	Undefined exception
Privileged	No	b10, Monitor	x	Proceed	Proceed	Proceed
Privileged	No	b11, Halting	x	Proceed	Proceed	Undefined exception

## 13.6 External debug interface

The debug architecture provides two control signals called **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN**, that are part of the external debug interface.

**SPIDEN** The Secure Privileged Invasive Debug Enable input pin, **SPIDEN**, that enables and disables invasive debug in the Secure world:

- If this input signal is **HIGH**, invasive debug is permitted in all Secure modes. In this case invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode, regardless value of **SUIDEN** bit.
- If this input signal is **LOW**, invasive debug is not permitted in any Secure privileged mode. Invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode according to the **SUIDEN** bit.

**SPNIDEN** The Secure Privileged Non-Invasive Debug Enable input pin, **SPNIDEN**, that enables and disables non-invasive debug in the Secure world:

- If this input signal is **HIGH**, non-invasive debug is permitted in all Secure modes. In this case non-invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode, regardless of the value of the **SUNIDEN** bit.
- If this input signal is **LOW**, non-invasive debug is not permitted in all Secure privileged modes. Non-invasive debug is permitted in Secure User mode according to the **SUNIDEN** bit.

### Note

- You must control access to the **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN** pins, as they represent a significant security risk. For example, it must not be possible to set these pins through the boundary scan in a final device.
- For software systems that do not use any TrustZone security features, the **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN** pins must be driven **HIGH** to enable debug by default.

Table 13-21 lists the relationship between the **DBGEN** input pin, the **SPIDEN** input pin, the **SUIDEN** control bit, the **NS** bit, the processor mode and the debug capabilities.

**Table 13-21 Secure debug behavior**

<b>DBGEN</b>	<b>DSCR [15:14]</b>	<b>SPIDEN</b>	<b>SUIDEN</b>	<b>NS bit</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Debug-mode</b>	<b>Notes</b>
0	XX	X	X	X	X	Debug disabled.	DSCR[15:14] reads as zero
1	00	1	X	X	X	No debug mode selected <sup>a</sup>	Permitted in Non-secure state and in all modes in Secure state.
1	00	0	0	1	not Secure Monitor	No debug mode selected <sup>a</sup>	Permitted only in Non-secure state.
1	00	0	0	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	00	0	0	0	X	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	00	0	1	1	not Secure Monitor	No debug mode selected <sup>a</sup>	Permitted in Non-secure state.

Table 13-21 Secure debug behavior (continued)

DBGEN	DSCR [15:14]	SPIDEN	SUIDEN	NS bit	Mode	Debug-mode	Notes
1	00	0	1	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	00	0	1	0	not User	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	00	0	1	0	User	No debug mode selected <sup>a</sup>	Permitted in User mode in Secure state. <sup>c</sup>
1	10	1	X	X	X	Monitor debug-mode	Permitted in Non-secure state and in all modes in Secure state.
1	10	0	0	1	not Secure Monitor	Monitor debug-mode	Permitted only in Non-secure state.
1	10	0	0	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	10	0	0	0	X	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	10	0	1	1	not Secure Monitor	Monitor debug-mode	Permitted in Non-secure state.
1	10	0	1	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	10	0	1	0	not User	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	10	0	1	0	User	Monitor debug-mode	Permitted in User mode in Secure state. <sup>c</sup>
1	X1	1	X	X	X	Halting debug-mode	Permitted in Non-secure state and in all modes in Secure state.
1	X1	0	0	1	not Secure Monitor	Halting debug-mode	Permitted in Non-secure state.
1	X1	0	0	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	X1	0	0	0	X	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in Secure state.
1	X1	0	1	1	not Secure Monitor	Halting debug-mode	Permitted in Non-secure state.
1	X1	0	1	X	Secure Monitor	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	X1	0	1	0	not User	Debug not permitted <sup>b</sup>	Not permitted in privileged modes in Secure state.
1	X1	0	1	0	User	Halting debug-mode	Permitted in User mode in Secure state. Capabilities restricted.

- a. *Behavior of the processor on debug events* on page 13-33 describes the behavior when no debug mode is selected. Only the BKPT instruction external debug request signal, and Halt DBGTAP instructions have an effect when no debug mode is selected. All other debug events are ignored.
- b. *Behavior of the processor on debug events* on page 13-33 describes the behavior marked as not permitted. Logically, the processor is still configured for either Halting debug-mode or Monitor debug-mode, as appropriate.
- c. Debug exceptions are handled in a privileged mode.

## 13.7 Changing the debug enable signals

The behavior of these control signals, **DBGEN**, **SPIDEN**, and **SPNIDEN**, is primarily a concern of the external debug interface. It is recommended that these signals do not change. However, the architecture permits these signals to change when the processor is running or when the processor is in Debug state.

If software running on the processor changes the state of one of these signals, before performing debug or analysis operations that rely on the new value it must:

1. Execute the device specific sequence of instructions to change the signal value. For instance, the software might have to write a value to a control register in a system peripheral.
2. Perform a Data Memory Barrier operation. This stage can be omitted if the previous stage does not involve any memory operations.
3. Poll debug registers for the view that the processor has of the signal values. This stage is required because system specific issues might result in the processor not receiving a signal change until some cycles after the Data Memory Barrier completes.
4. Issue an Instruction Memory Barrier sequence.

The same rules apply for instructions executed through the ITR when in Debug state.

The view that the processor has of the **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN** signals can be polled through the DSCR. The processor has no register that shows its view of **DBGEN**. However, if **DBGEN** is LOW, DSCR[15:14] read as zero, and therefore the view that the processor has of **DBGEN** can be polled by writing to DSCR[15:14] and using the value read back to determine its setting.

## 13.8 Debug events

A debug event is any of the following:

- *Software debug event*
- *External debug request signal*
- *Halt DBGTAP instruction* on page 13-33.

### 13.8.1 Software debug event

A software debug event is any of the following:

- A watchpoint debug event. This occurs when:
  - the DMVA present in the data bus matches the watchpoint value
  - all the conditions of the WCR match
  - the watchpoint is enabled
  - the linked contextID-holding BRP, if any, is enabled and its value matches the context ID in CP15 c13.
- A breakpoint debug event. This occurs when:
  - an instruction was fetched and the IMVA present in the instruction bus matched or mismatched the breakpoint value, according to the meaning field in the BCR
  - at the same time the instruction was fetched, all the conditions of the BCR matched
  - the breakpoint was enabled
  - at the same time the instruction was fetched, the linked contextID-holding BRP, if any, was enabled and its value matched the context ID in CP15 c13
  - the instruction is now committed for execution.
- A breakpoint debug event also occurs when:
  - an instruction was fetched and the CP15 Context ID, register 13, matched the breakpoint value
  - at the same time the instruction was fetched, all the conditions of the BCR matched
  - the breakpoint was enabled
  - the instruction is now committed for execution.
- A software breakpoint debug event. This occurs when a BKPT instruction is committed for execution.
- A vector catch debug event. This occurs when:
  - The instruction at a vector location was fetched in the appropriate Secure or Non-secure world. This includes any kind of prefetches, not only the ones because of exception entry.
  - At the same time the instruction was fetched, the corresponding bit of the VCR was set, vector catch enabled.
  - The instruction is now committed for execution.

### 13.8.2 External debug request signal

The processor has an external debug request input signal, **EDBGRQ**. When this signal is HIGH it causes the processor to enter Debug state when execution of the current instruction has completed. When this happens, the DSCR[5:2] method of entry bits are set to b0100. This signal can be driven by the ETM to signal a trigger to the core. For example, if a memory permission

fault occurs, an external Trace analyzer can collect trace information around this trigger event at the same time that the processor is stopped to examine its state. See the *Chapter 15 Trace Interface Port* for more details. A DBGTAP debugger can also drive this signal.

### 13.8.3 Halt DBGTAP instruction

The Halt mechanism is used by the Debug Test Access Port to force the core into Debug state. When this happens, the DSCR[5:2] method of entry bits are set to b0000.

### 13.8.4 Behavior of the processor on debug events

This section describes how the processor behaves on debug events while not in Debug state. See *Debug state* on page 13-37 for information on how the processor behaves while in Debug state. When a software debug event occurs and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled and the core is in a state that permits debug then a Debug exception is taken. However, Prefetch Abort and Data Abort Vector catch debug events are ignored.

This is to avoid the processor ending in an unrecoverable state on certain combinations of exceptions and vector catches. Unlinked context ID and all address mismatch breakpoint debug events are also ignored if the processor is running in a privileged mode and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled.

When the external debug request signal is activated, or the DBGTAP instruction is issued and debug is enabled by **DBGEN** and the core is in a state that permits debug, the processor enters Debug state regardless of any debug-mode selected by DSCR[15:14].

When a debug event occurs and Halting debug-mode is selected and enabled and the core is in a state that debug is permitted, then the processor enters Debug state.

All software debug events other than the BKPT instruction, that is register breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catches, when no debug mode is selected and enabled or the core is in a state that does not permit debug, are ignored.

When neither Halting nor Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled or the core is in a state that does not permit debug, the BKPT instruction generates a Prefetch Abort exception. Table 13-22 lists the behavior of the processor in debug events.

**Table 13-22 Behavior of the processor on debug events**

DBGEN	DSCR[15:14]	Mode selected, enabled and permitted	Action on software debug event	Action on external debug request signal activation	Action on Halt DBGTAP
0	bxx	.. <sup>a</sup>	Ignore/Prefetch Abort <sup>b</sup>	Ignore	Ignore
1	b00	None	Ignore/Prefetch Abort <sup>a</sup>	Debug state entry	Debug state entry
1	b01	Halting	Debug state entry	Debug state entry	Debug state entry
1	b10	Monitor	Debug exception/Ignore <sup>c</sup>	Debug state entry	Debug state entry
1	b11	Halting	Debug state entry	Debug state entry	Debug state entry

a. Entry to Debug state is disabled.

b. When no debug mode is selected and enabled or the core is in a state that does not permit debug, a BKPT instruction generates a Prefetch Abort exception instead of being ignored.

c. Prefetch Abort and Data Abort vector catch debug events are ignored in Monitor debug-mode. Unlinked context ID and address mismatch breakpoint debug events are also ignored if the processor is running in a privileged mode and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled.

### 13.8.5 Effect of a debug event on CP15 registers

The four CP15 registers that can be set on a debug event are:

- *Instruction Fault Status Register (IFSR)*
- *Data Fault Status Register (DFSR)*
- *Fault Address Register (FAR)*
- *Watchpoint Fault Address Register (WFAR).*

The *Instruction Fault Address Register (IFAR)* is never updated on debug events.

The registers are set under the following circumstances:

- The IFSR is set whenever a breakpoint, software breakpoint, or vector catch debug event generates a Debug exception entry. It is set to indicate the cause for the Prefetch Abort vector fetch.
- The DFSR is set whenever a watchpoint debug event generates a Debug exception entry. It is set to indicate the cause for the Data Abort vector fetch.
- The processor updates the FAR on debug exception entry because of watchpoints, although this is architecturally Unpredictable. It is set to the *Modified Virtual Address (MVA)* that triggered the watchpoint.
- The WFAR is set whenever a watchpoint debug event generates either a Debug exception or Debug state entry. It is set to the VA of the instruction that caused the Watchpoint debug event, plus an offset dependent on the processor state. These offsets are the same as the ones that Table 13-25 on page 13-39 lists.

Table 13-23 lists the setting of CP15 registers on debug events.

**Table 13-23 Setting of CP15 registers on debug events**

Register	Debug exception taken because of:		Debug state entry because of:	
	A breakpoint, software breakpoint, or vector catch debug event	A watchpoint debug event	A debug event other than a watchpoint	A watchpoint debug event
IFSR	Cause of Prefetch Abort exception handler entry	Unchanged	Unchanged	Unchanged
DFSR	Unchanged	Cause of Data Abort exception handler entry	Unchanged	Unchanged
FAR	Unchanged	Watchpointed address	Unchanged	Unchanged
WFAR	Unchanged	Address of the instruction causing the watchpoint debug event	Unchanged	Address of the instruction causing the watchpoint debug event

You must take care when setting a breakpoint or software breakpoint debug event inside the Prefetch Abort or Data Abort exception handlers, or when setting a watchpoint debug event on a data address that might be accessed by any of these handlers. These debug events overwrite the R14\_abt, SPRS\_abt and the CP15 registers listed in this section, leading to an unpredictable software behavior if the handlers did not have the chance of saving the registers.

## 13.9 Debug exception

When a Software debug event occurs and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled and the core is in a state that permits debug then a Debug exception is taken. Prefetch Abort and Data Abort Vector catch debug events are ignored though. Unlinked context ID and any IMVA mismatch breakpoint debug events are also ignored if the processor is running in a privileged mode and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled. If the cause of the Debug exception is a watchpoint debug event, the processor performs the following actions:

- The DSCR[5:2] method of entry bits are set to indicate that a watchpoint occurred.
- The CP15 DFSR, FAR, and WFAR are set as *Effect of a debug event on CP15 registers* on page 13-34 describes.
- The same sequence of actions as in a Data Abort exception is performed. This includes setting the R14\_abt, base register and destination registers to the same values as if this was a Data Abort.

The Data Abort handler is responsible for checking the DFSR bit to determine if the routine entry was caused by a debug exception or a Data Abort exception. On entry:

1. It must first check for the presence of a debug monitor target.
2. If present, the handler must disable the active watchpoints. This is necessary to prevent corruption of the FAR because of an unexpected watchpoint debug event when servicing a Data Abort exception.
3. If the cause is a Debug exception the Data Abort handler branches to the debug monitor target.

———— **Note** —————

- the watchpointed address can be found in the FAR
- the address of the instruction that caused the watchpoint debug event can be found in the WFAR
- the address of the instruction to restart at plus 0x08 can be found in the R14\_abt register.

If the cause of the Debug exception is a breakpoint, software breakpoint or vector catch debug event, the processor performs the following actions:

- the DSCR[5:2] method of entry bits are set appropriately
- the CP15 IFSR register is set as *Effect of a debug event on CP15 registers* on page 13-34 describes.
- the same sequence of actions as in a Prefetch Abort exception is performed.

The Prefetch Abort handler is responsible for checking the IFSR bits to find out if the routine entry is caused by a Debug exception or a Prefetch Abort exception. If the cause is a Debug exception it branches to the debug monitor target.

———— **Note** —————

The address of the instruction causing the Software debug event plus 0x04 can be found in the R14\_abt register.

Table 13-24 on page 13-36 lists the values in the link register after exceptions.

Table 13-24 Values in the link register after exceptions

Cause of fault	ARM	Thumb	Jazelle	Return address (RA <sup>a</sup> ) meaning
Breakpoint	RA+4	RA+4	RA+4	Breakpointed instruction address
Watchpoint	RA+8	RA+8	RA+8	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes, a number of instructions after the one that hit the watchpoint
BKPT instruction	RA+4	RA+4	RA+4	BKPT instruction address
Vector catch	RA+4	RA+4	RA+4	Vector address
Prefetch Abort	RA+4	RA+4	RA+4	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes
Data Abort	RA+8	RA+8	RA+8	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes

a. This is the address of the instruction that the processor first executes on Debug state exit. Watchpoints can be imprecise. RA is not the address of the instruction immediately after the one that hit the watchpoint, the processor might stop a number of instructions later. The address of the instruction that hit the watchpoint is in the CP15 WFAR.

## 13.10 Debug state

When the conditions in *Behavior of the processor on debug events* on page 13-33 are met then the processor switches to Debug state. While in Debug state, the processor behaves as follows:

- The DSCR[0] core halted bit is set.
- The **DBGACK** signal is asserted, see *External signals* on page 13-52.
- The DSCR[5:2] method of entry bits are set appropriately.
- The CP15 IFSR, DFSR, FAR, and WFAR registers are set as *Effect of a debug event on CP15 registers* on page 13-34 describes.
- The processor is halted. The pipeline is flushed and no instructions are fetched.
- The processor does not change the execution mode. The CPSR is not altered.
- The DMA engine keeps on running. The DBGTAP debugger can stop it and restart it using CP15 operations if it has permission to do so. See Chapter 7 *Level One Memory System* for details.
- Interrupts and exceptions are treated as *Interrupts* on page 13-39 and *Exceptions* on page 13-39 describe.
- Software debug events are ignored.
- The external debug request signal is ignored.
- Debug state entry request commands are ignored.
- There is a mechanism, using the Debug Test Access Port, where the core is forced to execute an ARM state instruction. This mechanism is enabled using DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit.
- The core executes the instruction as if it is in ARM state, regardless of the actual value of the T and J bits of the CPSR.
- Any instruction issued in Debug state that puts the processor into a mode or state where debug is not permitted is ignored.
- When in Debug state the CPSR must be modified using the MSR instruction.
- In Debug state MSR can be used to modify the CPSR mode bits from any mode to any mode that is permitted by the debug level set by **SPIDEN** and **SUIDEN**.  
For example, if **SPIDEN** is set, the CPSR mode bits can be altered to change to Secure Monitor mode from any mode, including all Non-secure modes.  
The CPSR mode can be altered from Non-secure User mode to any Non-secure Privileged mode regardless of the state of **SPIDEN**.
- Instructions that write to the I, F, and A bits of the CPSR are ignored when:
  - debug is only permitted in Non-secure world and in Secure User mode, **SPIDEN**=0, **SUIDEN**=1
  - the processor is in Secure user mode
- The MSR instruction can also be used to alter the J and T execution state bits of the CPSR.
- The PC behaves as *Behavior of the PC in Debug state* on page 13-38 describes.

- Instructions that access CP14 registers are always permitted in Debug state. This applies regardless of the debug permissions and the processor mode and state. For example even if:
  - debug is only permitted in Non-secure world and in Secure User mode, SPIDEN=0, SUIDEN=1
  - the processor is in Secure user mode
- For CP15 registers in Debug state the processor behaves as follows:
  - If the debugger is permitted to write to the CPSR mode bits in the current world and change to a privileged mode, then the debugger is permitted to access the CP15 registers of that world. There is no requirement to change to a privileged mode first.
  - Access to the CP15 registers of that world is then limited to the access granted to any privileged mode in that world.
  - Any attempts to perform accesses that are not permitted are treated as Undefined Exceptions and cause the sticky Undefined bit to be set in the DSCR.

For example:

- If debug is permitted everywhere, then if the processor is stopped in any Secure mode, including Secure User mode, it has the same access to the Secure banked CP15 registers as any Secure privileged mode. However, if the processor is stopped in a Non-secure mode, including Non-secure User mode, the debugger can only directly access the Non-secure banked CP15 registers, and those CP15 registers, for example NSAC, or bits of CP15 registers, for example the B, FI, L4 and RR bits of the Control Register, that are not banked and are read-only in Non-secure modes are read-only to the debugger. The debugger can write to the CPSR mode bits to switch to Secure Monitor mode, and thereby set or clear the NS bit to read or write all CP15 registers in either bank.
  - If debug is permitted only in Non-secure state and in Secure User mode, then if the processor is stopped in Secure User mode, it has no privileged access to any CP15 registers. If the processor is stopped in any Non-secure mode, including Non-secure User mode, then it can only access the Non-secure banked CP15 registers, and those CP15 registers or bits of CP15 registers that are not banked and are read-only in Non-secure modes are read-only to the debugger. The debugger cannot write to the mode bits to change the processor into Secure Monitor mode, so cannot access any Secure CP15 registers.
  - If debug is permitted only in Non-secure state, the processor can only be stopped in Non-secure modes, including Non-secure User mode. It can only access the Non-secure banked CP15 registers, and those CP15 registers or bits of CP15 registers that are not banked and are read-only in Non-secure modes are read-only to the debugger. The debugger cannot write to the mode bits to change the processor into Secure Monitor mode, so cannot access any Secure CP15 registers.
- A DBGTAP debugger can force the processor out of Debug state by issuing a Restart instruction. See Table 14-1 on page 14-6. The Restart command clears the DSCR[1] core restarted flag. When the processor has actually exited Debug state, the DSCR[1] core restarted bit is set and the DSCR[0] core halted bit and **DBGACK** signal are cleared.

### 13.10.1 Behavior of the PC in Debug state

In Debug state:

- The PC is frozen on entry to Debug state. That is, it does not increment on the execution of ARM instructions. However, branches and instructions that modify the PC directly do update it.

- If the PC is read after the processor has entered Debug state, it returns a value as Table 13-25 lists, depending on the previous state and the type of debug event.
- If a sequence for writing a certain value to the PC is executed while in Debug state, and then the processor is forced to restart, execution starts at the address corresponding to the written value. However, the CPSR has to be set to the return ARM, Thumb, or Jazelle state before the PC is written to, otherwise the processor behavior is Unpredictable.
- If the processor is forced to restart without having performed a write to the PC, the restart address is Unpredictable.
- If the PC or CPSR are written to while in Debug state, subsequent reads to the PC return an Unpredictable value.
- The MSR instruction has an Unpredictable effect on the PC so the PC must be written before leaving Debug state.
- If a conditional branch is executed and it fails its condition code, an Unpredictable value is written to the PC.

Table 13-25 lists the read PC value after Debug state entry for different debug events.

**Table 13-25 Read PC value after Debug state entry**

Debug event	ARM	Thumb	Jazelle	Return address (RA <sup>a</sup> ) meaning
Breakpoint	RA+8	RA+4	RA	Breakpointed instruction address
Watchpoint	RA+8	RA+4	RA	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes, several instructions after the one that hit the watchpoint
BKPT instruction	RA+8	RA+4	RA	BKPT instruction address
Vector catch	RA+8	RA+4	RA	Vector address
External debug request signal activation	RA+8	RA+4	RA	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes
Debug state entry request command	RA+8	RA+4	RA	Address of the instruction where the execution resumes

- a. This is the address of the instruction that the processor first executes on Debug state exit. Watchpoints can be imprecise. RA is not the address of the instruction immediately after the one that hit the watchpoint, the processor might stop a number of instructions later. The address of the instruction that hit the watchpoint is in the CP15 WFAR.

### 13.10.2 Interrupts

Interrupts are ignored regardless of the value of the I and F bits of the CPSR, although these bits are not changed because of the Debug state entry.

### 13.10.3 Exceptions

Exceptions are handled as follows while in Debug state:

**Reset** This exception is taken as in a normal processor state, ARM, Thumb, or Jazelle. This means the processor leaves Debug state as a result of the system reset.

#### **Prefetch Abort**

This exception cannot occur because no instructions are prefetched while in Debug state.

<b>Debug</b>	This exception cannot occur because software debug events are ignored while in Debug state.
<b>SVC</b>	The instruction is ignored.
<b>SMC</b>	The instruction is ignored.

### Undefined Exception

When an Undefined exception occurs in Debug state, the behavior of the core is as follows:

- PC, CPSR, SPSR\_und, R14\_und and DSCR[5:2], method of entry bits, are unchanged.
- The processor remains in Debug state.
- DSCR[8], sticky undefined bit, is set.

### Precise Data abort

When a precise Data Abort occurs in Debug state the behavior of the core is as follows:

- PC, CPSR, SPSR\_abt, R14\_abt and DSCR [5:2], method of entry bits, are unchanged
- the processor remains in Debug state
- DSCR[6], sticky precise data abort bit, is set
- DFSR and FAR are set.

### Imprecise Data Abort

When an imprecise Data Abort is detected in Debug state, the behavior of the core is as follows, regardless of the setting of the CPSR A bit:

- PC, CPSR, SPSR\_abt, R14\_abt and DSCR[5:2], method of entry bits, are unchanged.
- The processor remains in Debug state.
- DSCR[7], sticky imprecise data abort bit, is set.
- The imprecise Data Abort is not taken, so DFSR is not set and the FAR is not updated.

#### ———— Note —————

The DFSR and FAR that are updated depends on if the core is in a Secure or Non-secure state. The registers that can be read in Debug state depends on the current setting of the NS bit. The DFSR and FAR are always updated for precise data aborts in Debug state even when the processor is in Secure User mode, and SPIDEN is not set. In such circumstances the debugger has no access to DFSR and FAR to restore their values.

### Imprecise Data Aborts in detail

The processor takes imprecise data abort exceptions when:

- an imprecise data abort is pending
- the A bit in the CPSR is not set
- the processor is not in Debug state.

On entry to Debug state, DSCR[19] is normally zero. The debugger must issue a Data Memory Barrier operation to flush all pending memory operations to the system. Once these operations have completed, the processor sets DSCR[19]. If any of these operations cause imprecise data

aborts, the processor latches the abort and its type until the processor leaves Debug state, in the same way as if an imprecise data abort is detected in normal operation when the A bit in the CPSR is set. The aborts are not taken immediately.

When the processor sets this bit, any memory accesses from Debug state that cause imprecise data aborts cause DSCR[7], sticky imprecise data abort, to be set, but are otherwise discarded. The cause and type of the abort are not recorded. In particular, if an abort is still latched from the initial Data Memory Barrier that was completed on entry to Debug state, it is not overwritten by the new abort. Following writes to memory by the debugger it issues a Data Memory Barrier operation to ensure imprecise data aborts are detected.

Before exit from Debug state, a debugger must issue a Data Memory Barrier operation. On exit from Debug state, DSCR[19] is cleared by the processor.

If an imprecise data abort has occurred during the period between entry to Debug state and the when the processor set DSCR[19], it is taken by the processor on exit from Debug state, providing the A bit in the CPSR is not set. If the A bit in the CPSR is set, it is pending until the A bit in the CPSR is cleared, as for normal operation.

Table 13-26 lists an example sequence of a memory operation executed in normal operation that eventually causes an imprecise abort when the processor is in Debug state. In addition, a memory operation issued by the debugger in Debug state causes a second imprecise abort that is ignored by the processor, apart from the sticky imprecise data abort bit being set. Throughout the example the A bit in the CPSR is clear.

**Table 13-26 Example memory operation sequence**

	Operation	Result	Debug state?	DSCR[19]	DSCR[7]	Abort latched?	Abort taken?
1	Memory write	Buffered operation	No	0	0		
2	Debug exception	Enters Debug state	Yes	0	0		
3	Data Memory Barrier	Buffered operation flushed - imprecise data abort	Yes	0	1 <sup>a</sup>	Yes	No <sup>b</sup>
4		Processor sets DSCR[19]	Yes	1	1		
5	DSCR read	Clears sticky bits	Yes	1	0		
6	Memory write	Buffered operation	Yes	1	0		
7	Data Memory Barrier	Buffered operation flushed - imprecise data abort	Yes	1	1	No <sup>c</sup>	No
8	DSCR read	Clears sticky bits	Yes	1	0		
9	Exit Debug state	Processor clears DSCR[19]	No	0	0		Yes <sup>d(d)</sup>

- a. The sticky imprecise data abort bit is set because an imprecise data abort was signalled in Debug state.
- b. Abort is not taken because the processor is in Debug state.
- c. Abort is not latched because DSCR[19] is set.
- d. The previous abort latched on row (3) is taken, now the processor has left Debug state and the A bit in the CPSR is not set.

## 13.11 Debug communications channel

There are two ways that a DBGTAP debugger can send data to or receive data from the core:

- The debug communications channel, when the core is not in Debug state. It is defined as the set of resources used for communicating between the DBGTAP debugger and a piece of software running on the core.
- The mechanism for forcing the core to execute ARM instructions, when the core is in Debug state. For details see *Executing instructions in Debug state* on page 14-21.

At the core side, the debug communications channel resources are:

- CP14 Debug Register c5, DTR. Data coming from a DBGTAP debugger can be read by an MRC or STC instruction addressed to this register. The core can write to this register any data intended for the DBGTAP debugger, using an MCR or LDC instruction. Because the DTR comprises both a read, rDTR, and a write portion, wDTR, a data item written by the core can be held in this register at the same time as one written by the DBGTAP debugger.
- Some flags and control bits of CP14 Debug Register c1, DSCR:
  - User mode access to comms channel disable, DSCR[12]. If this bit is set, only privileged software is able to access the debug communications channel. That is, access the DSCR and the DTR.
  - wDTRfull flag, DSCR bit 29. When clear, this flag indicates to the core that the wDTR is ready to receive data. It is automatically cleared on reads of the wDTR by the DBGTAP debugger, and is set on writes by the core to the same register. If this bit is set and the core attempts to write to the wDTR, the register contents are overwritten and the wDTRfull flag remains set.
  - rDTRfull flag, DSCR bit 30. When set, this flag indicates to the core that there is data available to read at the rDTR. It is automatically set on writes to the rDTR by the DBGTAP debugger, and is cleared on reads by the core of the same register.

*Monitor debug-mode debugging* on page 14-42 describes the DBGTAP debugger side of the debug communications channel.

## 13.12 Debugging in a cached system

Debugging must be non-invasive in a cached system. In processor based systems, you can preserve the contents of the cache so the state of the target application is not altered, and to maintain memory coherency during debugging.

To preserve the contents of the level one cache, you can disable the Instruction Cache and Data Cache line fills so read misses from main memory do not update the caches. You can put the caches in this mode by programming the operation of the caches during debug using CP14 c10. See *CP14 c10, Debug State Cache Control Register* on page 13-23. This facility is accessible from both the core and DBGTAP debugger sides.

In Debug state, the caches behave as follows, for memory coherency purposes:

- Cache reads behave as for normal operation.
- Writes are covered in *Data cache writes*.
- ARMv6 includes CP15 instructions for cleaning and invalidating the cache content, See *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69. These instructions enable you to reset the processor memory system to a known safe state, and are accessible from both the core and the DBGTAP debugger side.

When the processor is in Secure User mode and **SPIDEN** is not asserted, only the User mode CP15 registers are accessible with the exception of Invalidate Instruction Cache Range and Flush Entire BTAC that are always accessible in Debug state.

### 13.12.1 Data cache writes

The problem with Data Cache writes is that, while debugging, you might want to write some instructions to memory, either some code to be debugged or a BKPT instruction. This poses coherency issues on the Instruction Cache. In processor based systems, CP14 c10, the Debug State Cache Control Register, enables you to use the following features:

- You can put the processor in a state where data writes work as if the cache is enabled and every region of memory is Write-Through. See *CP14 c10, Debug State Cache Control Register* on page 13-23.
- ARMv6 architecture provides CP15 instructions for invalidating the Instruction Cache, specifically Invalidate Instruction Cache range and Flush Entire Branch Target Address Cache, that *c7, Cache operations* on page 3-69 describes, to ensure that, after a write, there are no out-of-date words in the Instruction Cache.

### 13.13 Debugging in a system with TLBs

Debugging in a system with TLBs has to be as non-invasive as possible. There has to be a way to put the TLBs in a state where their contents are not affected by the debugging process. The processor enables you to put the TLBs in this mode using CP14 c11. See *CP14 c11, Debug State MMU Control Register* on page 13-23.

## 13.14 Monitor debug-mode debugging

Monitor debug-mode debugging is essential in real-time systems when the integer core cannot be halted to collect information. Engine controllers and servo mechanisms in hard drive controllers are examples of systems that might not be able to stop the code without physically damaging components. These are typical systems that can be debugged using Monitor debug-mode.

For situations that can only tolerate a small intrusion into the instruction stream, Monitor debug-mode is ideal. Using this technique, code can be suspended with an exception long enough to save off state information and important variables. The code continues when the exception handler is finished. The IFSR and DFSR indicate whether a debug exception has occurred, and if it has, the *Method Of Entry* (MOE) bits in the DSCR can be read to determine what caused the exception.

When in Monitor debug-mode, all breakpoint and watchpoint registers can be read and written with MRC and MCR instructions from a privileged processing mode.

### 13.14.1 Entering the debug monitor target

No debug-mode is the selected default by on power-on reset. Monitor debug-mode must be selected after reset by setting DSCR[15]. See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7. When a software debug event occurs, as *Software debug event* on page 13-32 describes, and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled, then a Debug exception is taken, although Prefetch Abort and Data Abort vector catch debug events are ignored. *Debug exception* on page 13-35 describes debug exception entry. The Prefetch Abort handler can check the IFSR, and the Data Abort handler can check the DFSR, to find out the caused of the exception. If the cause was a Debug exception, the handler branches to the debug monitor target. When the debug monitor target is running, it can determine and modify the processor state and new software debug events can be programmed.

### 13.14.2 Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events

When the debug monitor target is running, breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events can be set. This can be done by executing MCR instructions to program the appropriate CP14 debug registers. The debug monitor target can only program these registers if the processor is in a privileged mode and Monitor debug-mode is selected and enabled, see *Debug Status and Control Register bit field definitions* on page 13-8. You can program a vector catch debug event using CP14 Debug Vector Catch Register.

You can program a breakpoint debug event using CP14 Debug Breakpoint Value Registers and CP14 Debug Breakpoint Control Registers, see *CP14 c64-c69, Breakpoint Value Registers (BVR)* on page 13-16 and *CP14 c80-c85, Breakpoint Control Registers (BCR)* on page 13-17. You can program a watchpoint debug event using CP14 Debug Watchpoint Value Registers and CP14 Debug Watchpoint Control Registers, see *CP14 c96-c97, Watchpoint Value Registers (WVR)* on page 13-20, and *CP14 c112-c113, Watchpoint Control Registers (WCR)* on page 13-21.

#### Setting a simple breakpoint on an IMVA

You can set a simple breakpoint on an IMVA as follows:

1. Read the BCR.
2. Clear the BCR[0] enable breakpoint bit in the read word and write it back to the BCR. Now the breakpoint is disabled.

3. Write the IMVA to the BVR register.
4. Write to the BCR with its fields set as follows:
  - BCR[22:21] meaning of BVR bit set to b00 or b10, to indicate that the value loaded into BVR is to be compared against the IMVA bus as a match or mismatch.
  - BCR[20] enable linking bit cleared, to indicate that this breakpoint is not to be linked.
  - BCR [15:14] Secure access BCR field as required.
  - BCR[8:5] byte address select BCR field as required.
  - BCR[2:1] supervisor access BCR field as required.
  - BCR[0] enable breakpoint bit set.

———— **Note** —————

Any BVR can be compared against the IMVA bus.

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### Setting a simple breakpoint on a context ID value

A simple breakpoint on a context ID value can be set, using one of the context ID capable BRPs, as follows:

1. Read the BCR.
2. Clear the BCR[0] enable breakpoint bit in the read word and write it back to the BCR. Now the breakpoint is disabled.
3. Write the context ID value to the BVR register.
4. Write to the BCR with its fields set as follows:
  - BCR[22:21] meaning of BVR bit set to b01, to indicate that the value loaded into BVR is to be compared against the CP15 Context Id Register c13.
  - BCR[20] enable linking bit cleared, to indicate that this breakpoint is not to be linked.
  - BCR [15:14] Secure access BCR field as required.
  - BCR[8:5] byte address select BCR field set to b1111.
  - BCR[2:1] supervisor access BCR field as required.
  - BCR[0] enable breakpoint bit set.

———— **Note** —————

Any BVR can be compared against the IMVA bus.

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### Setting a linked breakpoint

In the following sequence b is any of the breakpoint registers pairs with context ID comparison capability, and a is any of the implemented breakpoints different from b. You can link IMVA holding and contextID-holding breakpoints register pairs as follows:

1. Read the BCRa and BCRb.
2. Clear the BCRa[0] and BCRb[0] enable breakpoint bits in the read words and write them back to the BCRs. Now the breakpoints are disabled.
3. Write the IMVA to the BVRa register.

4. Write the context ID to the BVRb register.
5. Write to the BCRb with its fields set as follows:
  - BCRb[22:21] meaning of BVR bit set to b01, to indicate that the value loaded into BVRb is to be compared against the CP15 context ID register 13
  - BCRb[20] enable linking bit, set
  - BCR [15:14] Secure access set to b00.
  - BCRb[8:5] byte address select set to b1111
  - BCRb[2:1] supervisor access set to b11
  - BCRb[0] enable breakpoint bit set.
6. Write to the BCRA with its fields set as follows:
  - BCRA[22:21] meaning of BVR bit set to b00 or b10, to indicate that the value loaded into BVRa is to be compared against the IMVA bus as a match or mismatch
  - BCRA[20] enable linking bit set, to link this BRP with the one indicated by BCRA[19:16], BRPb in this example
  - BCR [15:14] Secure access as required.
  - binary representation of b into BCR[9:6] linked BRP field
  - BCRA[8:5] byte address select field as required
  - BCRA[2:1] supervisor access field as required
  - BCRA[0] enable breakpoint set.

### Setting a simple watchpoint

You can set a simple watchpoint as follows:

1. Read the WCR.
2. Clear the WCR[0] enable watchpoint bit in the read word and write it back to the WCR. Now the watchpoint is disabled.
3. Write the DMVA to the WVR register.
4. Write to the WCR with its fields set as follows:
  - WCR[20] enable linking bit cleared, to indicate that this watchpoint is not to be linked
  - WCR byte address select, load/store access, Secure access field, and supervisor access fields as required
  - WCR[0] enable watchpoint bit set.

———— **Note** —————

Any WVR can be compared against the DMVA bus.

### Setting a linked watchpoint

In the following sequence b is any of the BRPs with context ID comparison capability. You can use any of the WRPs. You can link WRPs and contextID-holding BRPs as follows:

1. Read the WCR and BCRb.

2. Clear the WCR[0] Enable Watchpoint and the BCRb[0] Enable breakpoint bits in the read words and write them back to the WCR and BCRb. Now the watchpoint and the breakpoint are disabled.
3. Write the DMVA to the WVR register.
4. Write the context ID to the BVRb register.
5. Write to the WCR with its fields set as follows:
  - WCR[20] enable linking bit set, to link this WRP with the BRP indicated by WCR[19:16], BRPb in this example
  - Binary representation of b into WCR[19:6] linked BRP field
  - WCR byte address select, load/store access, Secure access field, and supervisor access fields as required
  - WCR[0] enable watchpoint bit set.
6. Write to the BCRb with its fields set as follows:
  - BCRb[22:21] meaning of BVR bit set to b01, to indicate that the value loaded into BVRb is to be compared against the CP15 Context ID Register.
  - BCRb[20] enable linking bit, set
  - BCR [15:14] Secure access set to b00
  - BCRb[8:5] byte address select set to b1111
  - BCRb[2:1] supervisor access set to b11
  - BCRb[0] enable breakpoint bit set.

### 13.14.3 Setting software breakpoint debug events (BKPT)

To set a software breakpoint on a particular virtual address, the debug monitor target must perform the following steps:

1. Read memory location and save actual instruction.
2. Write BKPT instruction to the memory location.
3. Read memory location again to check that the BKPT instruction has been written.
4. If it has not been written, determine the reason.

———— **Note** —————

Cache coherency issues might arise when writing a BKPT instruction. See *Debugging in a cached system* on page 13-43.

### 13.14.4 Using the debug communications channel

To read a word sent by a DBGTAP debugger:

1. Read the DSCR register.
2. If DSCR[30] rDTRfull flag is clear, then go to 1.
3. Read the word from the rDTR, CP14 Debug Register c5.

To write a word for a DBGTAP debugger:

1. Read the DSCR register.

2. If DSCR[29] wDTRfull flag is set, then go to 1.
3. Write the word to the wDTR, CP14 Debug Register c5.

## 13.15 Halting debug-mode debugging

Halting debug-mode is used to debug the processor using external hardware connected to the DBGTAP. The external hardware provides an interface to a DBGTAP debugger application. You can only select Halting debug-mode by setting the halt bit, bit [14], of the DSCR. You can only write to it through the Debug Test Access Port. See Chapter 14 *Debug Test Access Port*.

In Halting debug-mode the processor stops executing instructions and enters Debug state if one of the following events occurs:

- a breakpoint hits
- a watchpoint hits
- a BKPT instruction is executed
- the **EDBGRQ** signal is asserted
- a Halt instruction has been scanned into the DBGTAP instruction register
- an vector catch occurs.

When the processor is in Debug state, you control it by sending instructions to the integer core through the DBGTAP. This enables you to scan any valid instruction into the processor. The effect of the instruction on the integer core is as if it was executed under normal operation. A register to transfer data between CP14 and the DBGTAP debugger is also accessible through the DBGTAP.

A DBGTAP Restart instruction restarts the integer core.

### 13.15.1 Entering Debug state

When a debug event occurs and Halting debug-mode is selected and enabled and the core is in a state when debug is permitted then the processor enters Debug state as defined in *Debug state* on page 13-37. When the core is in Debug state, the DBGTAP debugger can determine and modify the processor state and new debug events can be programmed.

### 13.15.2 Exiting Debug state

You can force the processor out of Debug state using the DBGTAP Restart instruction. See *Exiting Debug state* on page 14-5. The DSCR[1] core restarted bit indicates if the core has already returned to normal operation.

### 13.15.3 Programming debug events

The following sections describe operations you require for Halting debug-mode debugging :

- *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events*
- *Setting software breakpoints (BKPT)* on page 13-51.

#### Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events

For setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events when in Halting debug-mode, the debug host has to use the same CP14 debug registers and the same sequence of operations as in Monitor debug-mode debugging. See *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events* on page 13-45. The only difference is that the CP14 debug registers are accessed using the DBGTAP scan chains, see *The DBGTAP port and debug registers* on page 14-6.

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**Note**

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A DBGTAP debugger can access the CP14 debug registers whether the processor is in Debug state or not, so these debug events can be programmed while the processor is in ARM, Thumb, or Jazelle state.

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**Setting software breakpoints (BKPT)**

To set a software breakpoint, the DBGTAP debugger must perform the same steps as the debug monitor target. *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events* on page 13-45 describes this. The difference is that CP14 debug registers are accessed using the DBGTAP scan chains. See Chapter 14 *Debug Test Access Port*.

**Reading and writing to memory**

See *Debug sequences* on page 14-29 for memory access sequences using the processor Debug Test Access Port.

## 13.16 External signals

The following external signals are used by debug:

<b>DBGACK</b>	Debug acknowledge signal. The processor asserts this output signal to indicate the system has entered Debug state. See <i>Debug state</i> on page 13-37 for a definition of the Debug state.
<b>DBGEN</b>	Debug enable signal. When this signal is LOW, DSCR[15:14] is read as 0 and the processor cannot enter Debug state.
<b>EDBGRQ</b>	External debug request signal. As <i>External debug request signal</i> on page 13-32 describes, this input signal forces the core into Debug state if the Debug logic is enabled by DBGEN and debug is permitted.
<b>DBGNOPWRDWN</b>	Powerdown disable signal generated from DSCR[9]. When this signal is HIGH, the system power controller is forced into Emulate mode. This is to avoid losing CP14 Debug state that can only be written through the DBGTAP. Therefore, DSCR[9] must only be set if Halting debug-mode debugging is necessary.
<b>SPIDEN</b>	Secure Privileged Invasive Debug Enable input signal, as <i>Secure Monitor mode and debug</i> on page 13-4 describes.
<b>SPNIDEN</b>	Secure Privileged Non-invasive Debug Enable input signal, as <i>Secure Monitor mode and debug</i> on page 13-4 describes.

# Chapter 14

## Debug Test Access Port

This chapter introduces the Debug Test Access Port built into processor. It contains the following sections:

- *Debug Test Access Port and Debug state* on page 14-2
- *Synchronizing RealView ICE* on page 14-3
- *Entering Debug state* on page 14-4
- *Exiting Debug state* on page 14-5
- *The DBGTAP port and debug registers* on page 14-6
- *Debug registers* on page 14-8
- *Using the Debug Test Access Port* on page 14-21
- *Debug sequences* on page 14-29
- *Programming debug events* on page 14-40
- *Monitor debug-mode debugging* on page 14-42.



## 14.2 Synchronizing RealView ICE

The system and test clocks are synchronized internally to the macrocell. The ARM RealView ICE debug agent directly supports one or more cores within an ASIC design. The off-chip device, for example, RealView ICE, issues a **TCK** signal and waits for the **RTCK**, Returned **TCK**, signal to come back. Synchronization is maintained because the off-chip device does not progress to the next **TCK** edge until after an **RTCK** edge is received. Figure 14-2 shows this synchronization.

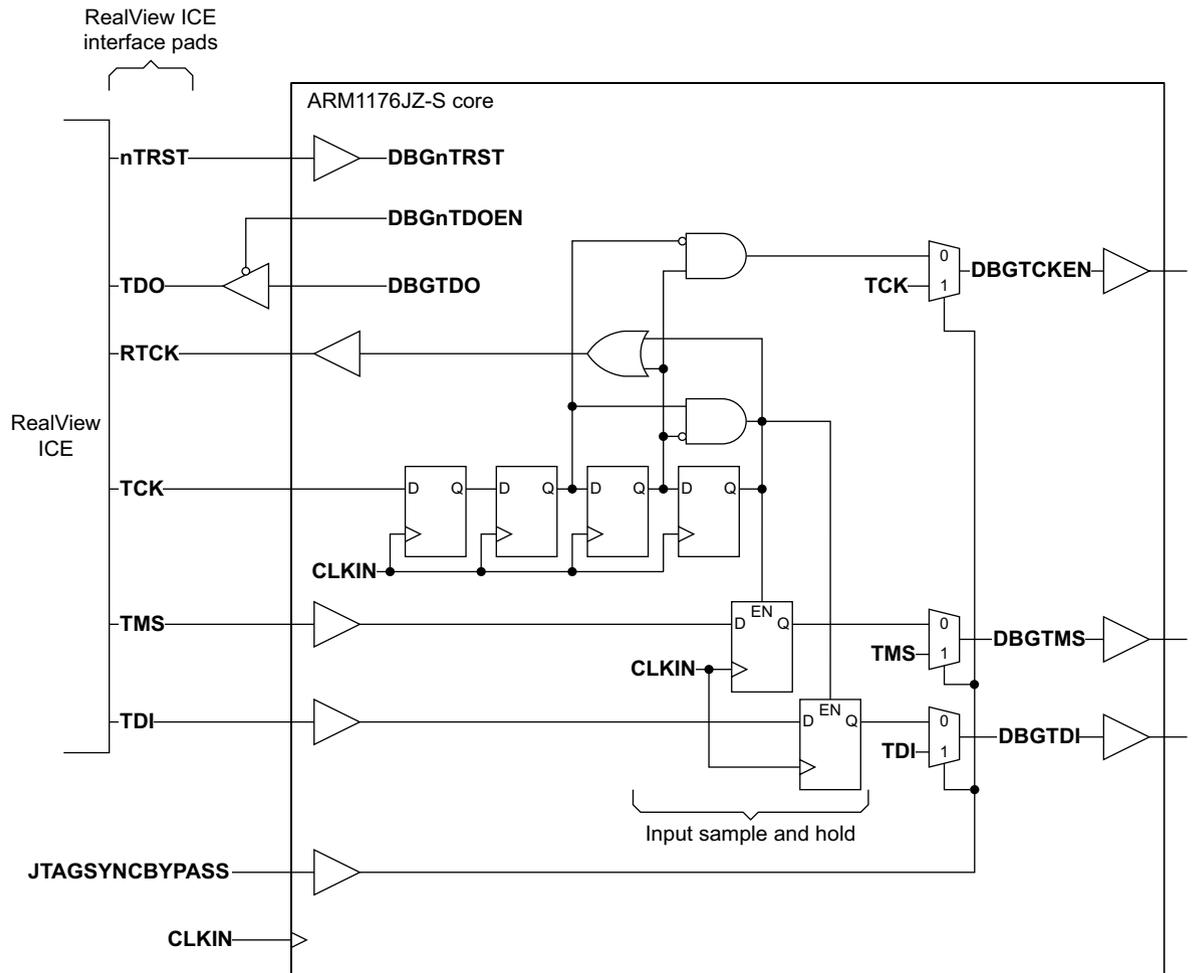


Figure 14-2 RealView ICE clock synchronization

**Note**

All of the D type flip-flops are reset by **DBGnTRST**.

## 14.3 Entering Debug state

Halting debug-mode is enabled by writing a 1 to bit 14 of the DSCR, see *CPI4 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7. This can only be done by a DBGTAP debugger hardware such as RealView ICE. When this mode is enabled and the core is in a state where debug is permitted the processor halts, instead of taking an exception in software, if one of the following events occurs:

- vector catch occurs
- a breakpoint hits
- a watchpoint hits
- a BKPT instruction is executed.

The processor also enters Debug state, provided that its state permits debug, when:

- A Halt instruction has been scanned in through the DBGTAP. The DBGTAP controller must pass through Run-Test/Idle to issue the Halt command to the processor.
- **EDBGRQ** is asserted.

If debug is enabled by DBGEN, scanning a Halt instruction in through the DBGTAP, or asserting **EDBGRQ**, halts the processor and causes it to enter Debug state, regardless of the selection of a debug-state in DSCR[15:14]. This means that a debugger can halt the processor immediately after reset in a situation where it cannot first enable Halting debug-mode during reset.

The core halted bit in the DSCR is set when Debug state is entered. At this point, the debugger determines why the integer core was halted and preserves the processor state. The MSR instruction can be used to change modes permitted by the **SPIDEN** signal and SUIDEN bit and gain access to banked registers in the machine. While in Debug state:

- the PC is not incremented
- interrupts are ignored
- all instructions are read from the instruction transfer register, scan chain 4.

*Debug state* on page 13-37 describes the Debug state.

## 14.4 Exiting Debug state

To exit from Debug state, scan in the Restart instruction through the processor DBGTAP. You might want to adjust the PC before restarting, depending on the way the integer core entered Debug state. When the state machine enters the Run-Test/Idle state, normal operations resume. The delay, waiting until the state machine is in Run-Test/Idle, enables conditions to be set up in other devices in a multiprocessor system without taking immediate effect. When Run-Test/Idle state is entered, all the processors resume operation simultaneously. The core restarted bit is set when the Restart sequence is complete.

## 14.5 The DBGTAP port and debug registers

The processor DBGTAP controller is the part of the debug unit that enables access through the DBGTAP to the on-chip debug resources, such as breakpoint and watchpoint registers. The DBGTAP controller is based on the IEEE 1149.1 standard and supports:

- a device ID register
- a bypass register
- a five-bit instruction register
- a five-bit scan chain select register.

In addition, the public instructions that Table 14-1 lists are supported.

**Table 14-1 Supported public instructions**

Binary code	Instruction	Description
b00000	EXTEST	This instruction connects the selected scan chain between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . When the instruction register is loaded with the EXTEST instruction, the debug scan chains can be written. See <i>Scan chains</i> on page 14-10.
b00001	-	Reserved.
b00010	Scan_N	Selects the <i>Scan Chain Select Register (SCREG)</i> . This instruction connects SCREG between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . See <i>Scan chain select register (SCREG)</i> on page 14-9.
b00011	-	Reserved.
b00100	Restart	Forces the processor to leave Debug state. This instruction is used to exit from Debug state. The processor restarts when the Run-Test/Idle state is entered.
b00101	-	Reserved.
b00110	-	Reserved.
b00111	-	Reserved.
b01000	Halt	Forces the processor to enter Debug state. This instruction stops the processor and puts it into Debug state.
b01001	-	Reserved.
b01010-b01011	-	Reserved.
b01100	INTEST	This instruction connects the selected scan chain between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . When the instruction register is loaded with the INTEST instruction, the debug scan chains can be read. See <i>Scan chains</i> on page 14-10.
b01101-b11100	-	Reserved.

Table 14-1 Supported public instructions (continued)

Binary code	Instruction	Description
b11101	ITRsel	When this instruction is loaded into the IR, Update-DR state, the DBGTAP controller behaves as if IR=EXTEST and SCREG=4. The ITRsel instruction makes the DBGTAP controller behave as if EXTEST and scan chain 4 are selected. It can be used to speed up certain debug sequences. See <i>Using the ITRsel IR instruction</i> on page 14-22 for the effects of using this instruction.
b11110	IDcode	See IEEE 1149.1. Selects the DBGTAP controller device ID code register. The IDcode instruction connects the device identification register, or ID register, between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . The ID register is a 32-bit register that enables you to determine the manufacturer, part number, and version of a component using the DBGTAP. See <i>Device ID code register</i> on page 14-8 for details of selecting and interpreting the ID register value.
b11111	Bypass	See IEEE 1149.1. Selects the DBGTAP controller bypass register. The Bypass instruction connects a 1-bit shift register, the bypass register, between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . The first bit shifted out is a 0. All unused DBGTAP controller instruction codes default to the Bypass instruction. See <i>Bypass register</i> on page 14-8.

———— **Note** ————

Sample/Preload, Clamp, HighZ, and ClampZ instructions are not implemented because the processor DBGTAP controller does not support the attachment of external boundary scan chains.

All unused DBGTAP controller instructions default to the Bypass instruction.

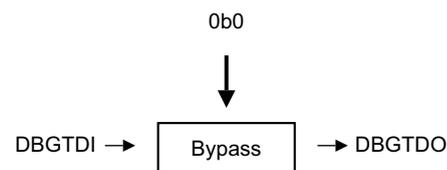
## 14.6 Debug registers

You can connect the following debug registers between **DBGTDI** and **DBGTDO**:

- *Bypass register*
- *Device ID code register*
- *Instruction register* on page 14-9
- *Scan chain select register (SCREG)* on page 14-9
- *Scan chain 0, debug ID register (DIDR)* on page 14-11
- *Scan chain 1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 14-11
- *Scan chain 4, instruction transfer register (ITR)* on page 14-13
- *Scan chain 5* on page 14-15.
- *Scan chain 6* on page 14-17.
- *Scan chain 7* on page 14-17.

### 14.6.1 Bypass register

<b>Purpose</b>	Bypasses the device by providing a path between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> .
<b>Length</b>	1 bit.
<b>Operating mode</b>	When the bypass instruction is the current instruction in the instruction register, serial data is transferred from <b>DBGTDI</b> to <b>DBGTDO</b> in the Shift-DR state with a delay of one <b>TCK</b> cycle. There is no parallel output from the bypass register. A logic 0 is loaded from the parallel input of the bypass register in the Capture-DR state. Nothing happens at the Update-DR state.
<b>Order</b>	Figure 14-3 shows the order of bits in the bypass register.



**Figure 14-3 Bypass register bit order**

### 14.6.2 Device ID code register

<b>Purpose</b>	Device identification. To distinguish the ARM1176JZF-S processors from other processors, the DBGTAP controller ID is unique for each. This means that a DBGTAP debugger, such as RealView ICE, can easily see the processor that it is connected to. The Device ID register version and manufacturer ID fields are routed to the edge of the chip so that partners can create their own Device ID numbers by tying the pins to HIGH or LOW values.  The default manufacturer ID for the ARM1176JZF-S processor is b11110000111. The part number field is hard-wired inside the ARM1176JZF-S to 0x7B76.
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All ARM semiconductor partner-specific devices must be identified by manufacturer ID numbers of the form shown in *c0*, *Main ID Register* on page 3-20.

- Length** 32 bits.
- Operating mode** When the ID code instruction is current, the shift section of the device ID register is selected as the serial path between **DBGTDI** and **DBGTDO**. There is no parallel output from the ID register. The 32-bit device ID code is loaded into this shift section during the Capture-DR state. This is shifted out during Shift-DR, least significant bit first, while a *don't care* value is shifted in. The shifted-in data is ignored in the Update-DR state.
- Order** Figure 14-4 shows the order of bits in the ID code register.

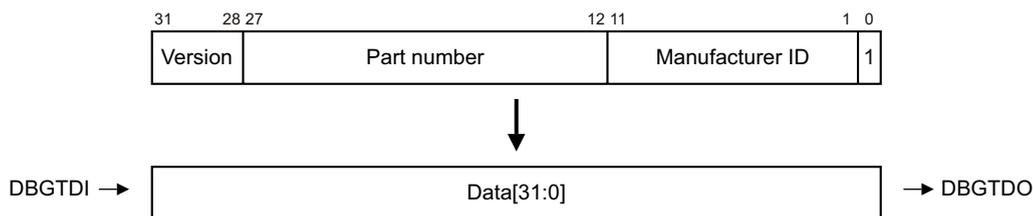


Figure 14-4 Device ID code register bit order

### 14.6.3 Instruction register

- Purpose** Holds the current DBGTAP controller instruction.
- Length** 5 bits.
- Operating mode** When in Shift-IR state, the shift section of the instruction register is selected as the serial path between **DBGTDI** and **DBGTDO**. At the Capture-IR state, the binary value b00001 is loaded into this shift section. This is shifted out during Shift-IR, least significant bit first, while a new instruction is shifted in, least significant bit first. At the Update-IR state, the value in the shift section is loaded into the instruction register so it becomes the current instruction. On DBGTAP reset, the IDcode becomes the current instruction.
- Order** Figure 14-5 shows the order of bits in the instruction register.

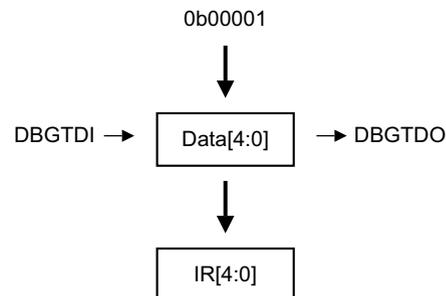


Figure 14-5 Instruction register bit order

### 14.6.4 Scan chain select register (SCREG)

- Purpose** Holds the currently active scan chain number.

<b>Length</b>	5 bits.
<b>Operating mode</b>	After Scan_N has been selected as the current instruction, when in Shift-DR state, the shift section of the scan chain select register is selected as the serial path between <b>DBGTDI</b> and <b>DBGTDO</b> . At the Capture-DR state, the binary value b10000 is loaded into this shift section. This is shifted out during Shift-DR, least significant bit first, while a new value is shifted in, least significant bit first. At the Update-DR state, the value in the shift section is loaded into the Scan Chain Select Register to become the current active scan chain. All additional instructions such as INTEST then apply to that scan chain. The currently selected scan chain only changes when a Scan_N or ITRsel instruction is executed, or a DBGTAP reset occurs. On DBGTAP reset, scan chain 3 is selected as the active scan chain.
<b>Order</b>	Figure 14-6 shows the order of bits in the scan chain select register.

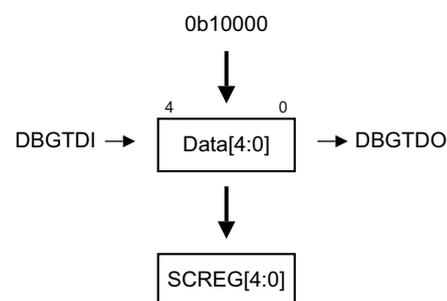


Figure 14-6 Scan chain select register bit order

### 14.6.5 Scan chains

To access the debug scan chains you must:

1. Load the Scan\_N instruction into the IR. Now SCREG is selected between **DBGTDI** and **DBGTDO**.
2. Load the number of the required scan chain. For example, load b00101 to access scan chain 5.
3. Load either INTEST or EXTEST into the IR.
4. Go through the DR leg of the DBGTAPSM to access the scan chain.

INTEST and EXTEST are used as follows:

**INTEST** Use INTEST for reading the active scan chain. Data is captured into the shift register at the Capture-DR state. The previous value of the scan chain is shifted out during the Shift-DR state, while a new value is shifted in. The scan chain is not updated during Update-DR. Those bits or fields that are defined as cleared on read are only cleared if INTEST is selected, even when EXTEST also captures their values.

**EXTEST** Use EXTEST for writing the active scan chain. Data is captured into the shift register at the Capture-DR state. The previous value of the scan chain is shifted out during the Shift-DR state, while a new value is shifted in. The scan chain is updated with the new value during Update-DR.

**Note**

There are some exceptions to this use of INTEST and EXTEST to control reading and writing the scan chain. These are noted in the relevant scan chain descriptions.

**Scan chain 0, debug ID register (DIDR)**

**Purpose** Debug.

**Length** 8 + 32 = 40 bits.

**Description** Debug identification. This scan chain accesses CP14 debug register 0, the debug ID register. Additionally, the eight most significant bits of this scan chain contain an implementor code. This field is hardwired to 0x41, the implementor code for ARM Limited, as specified in the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. This register is read-only. Therefore, EXTEST has the same effect as INTEST.

**Order** Figure 14-7 shows the order of bits in scan chain 0.

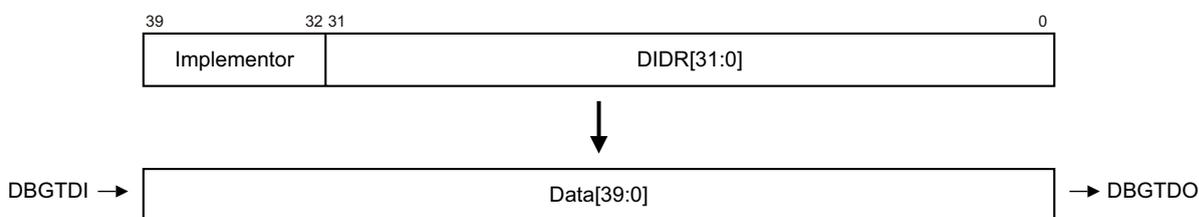


Figure 14-7 Scan chain 0 bit order

**Scan chain 1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)**

**Purpose** Debug.

**Length** 32 bits.

**Description** This scan chain accesses CP14 register 1, the DSCR. This is mostly a read/write register, although certain bits are read-only for the Debug Test Access Port. See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7 for details of DSCR bit definitions, and for read/write attributes for each bit. Those bits defined as cleared on read are only cleared if INTEST is selected.

**Order** Figure 14-8 shows the order of bits in scan chain 1.



Figure 14-8 Scan chain 1 bit order

The following DSCR bits affect the operation of other scan chains:

- DSCR[30:29]** rDTRfull and wDTRfull flags. These indicate the status of the rDTR and wDTR registers. They are copies of the rDTRempty, NOT rDTRfull, and wDTRfull bits that the DBGTAP debugger sees in scan chain 5.
- DSCR[13]** Execute ARM instruction enable bit. This bit enables the mechanism used for executing instructions in Debug state. It changes the behavior of the rDTR and wDTR registers, the sticky precise Data Abort bit, rDTRempty, wDTRfull, and InstCompl flags. See *Scan chain 5* on page 14-15.
- DSCR[6]** Sticky precise Data Abort flag. If the core is in Debug state and the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is HIGH, then this flag is set on precise Data Aborts. See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7.

———— **Note** —————

Unlike DSCR[6], DSCR [7] sticky imprecise Data Aborts flag and DSCR[8] sticky Undefined bits do not affect the operation of the other scan chains.

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**Scan chain 4, instruction transfer register (ITR)****Purpose** Debug**Length** 1 + 32 = 33 bits

**Description** This scan chain accesses the *Instruction Transfer Register* (ITR), used to send instructions to the core through the *Prefetch Unit* (PU). It consists of 32 bits of information, plus an additional bit to indicate the completion of the instruction sent to the core, InstCompl. The InstCompl bit is read-only.

While in Debug state, an instruction loaded into the ITR can be issued to the core by making the DBGTAPSM go through the Run-Test/Idle state. The InstCompl flag is cleared when the instruction is issued to the core and set when the instruction completes.

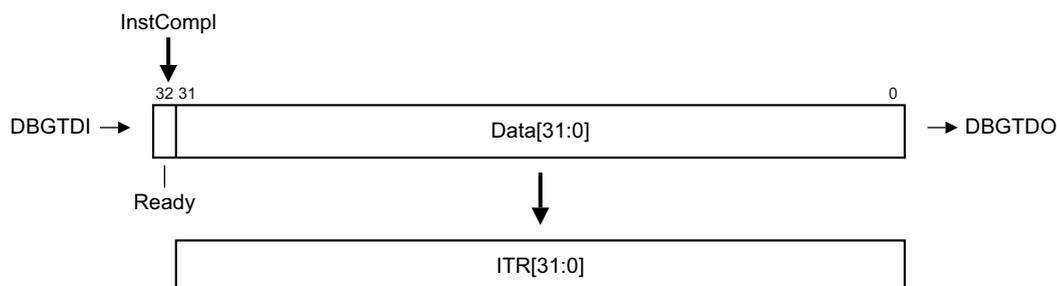
For an instruction to be issued when going through Run-Test/Idle state, you must ensure the following conditions are met:

- The processor must be in Debug state.
- The DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit must be set. For details of the DSCR see *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7.
- Scan chain 4 or 5 must be selected.
- INTEST or EXTEST must be selected.
- Ready flag must be captured set. That is, the last time the DBGTAPSM went through Capture-DR the InstCompl flag must have been set.
- The DSCR[6] sticky precise Data Abort flag must be clear. This flag is set on precise Data Aborts.

For an instruction to be loaded into the ITR when going through Update-DR, you must ensure the following conditions are met:

- The processor can be in any state.
- The value of DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit does not matter.
- Scan chain 4 must be selected.
- EXTEST must be selected.
- Ready flag must be captured set. That is, the last time the DBGTAPSM went through Capture-DR the InstCompl flag must have been set.
- The value of DSCR[6] sticky precise Data Abort flag does not matter.

**Order** Figure 14-9 shows the order of bits in scan chain 4.



**Figure 14-9** Scan chain 4 bit order

It is important to distinguish between the InstCompl flag and the Ready flag:

- The InstCompl flag signals the completion of an instruction.
- The Ready flag is the captured version of the InstCompl flag, captured at the Capture-DR state. The Ready flag conditions the execution of instructions and the update of the ITR.

The following points apply to the use of scan chain 4:

- When an instruction is issued to the core in Debug state, the PC is not incremented. It is only changed if the instruction being executed explicitly writes to the PC. For example, branch instructions and move to PC instructions.
- If CP14 debug register c5 is a source register for the instruction to be executed, the DBGTAP debugger must set up the data in the rDTR before issuing the coprocessor instruction to the core. See *Scan chain 5* on page 14-15.
- Setting DSCR[13] the execute ARM instruction enable bit when the core is not in Debug state leads to Unpredictable behavior.
- The ITR is write-only. When going through the Capture-DR state, an Unpredictable value is loaded into the shift register.

## Scan chain 5

**Purpose** Debug.

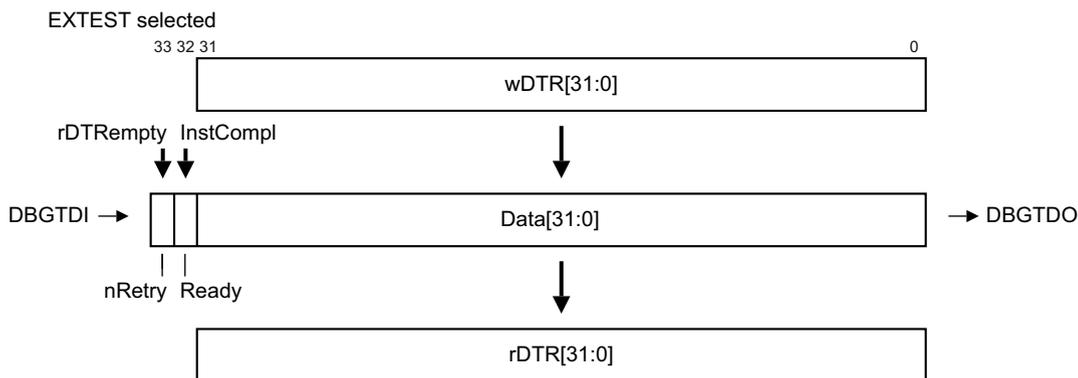
**Length**  $1 + 1 + 32 = 34$  bits.

**Description** This scan chain accesses CP14 register c5, the data transfer registers, rDTR and wDTR. The rDTR is used to transfer words from the DBGTAP debugger to the core, and is read-only to the core and write-only to the DBGTAP debugger. The wDTR is used to transfer words from the core to the DBGTAP debugger, and is read-only to the DBGTAP debugger and write-only to the core.

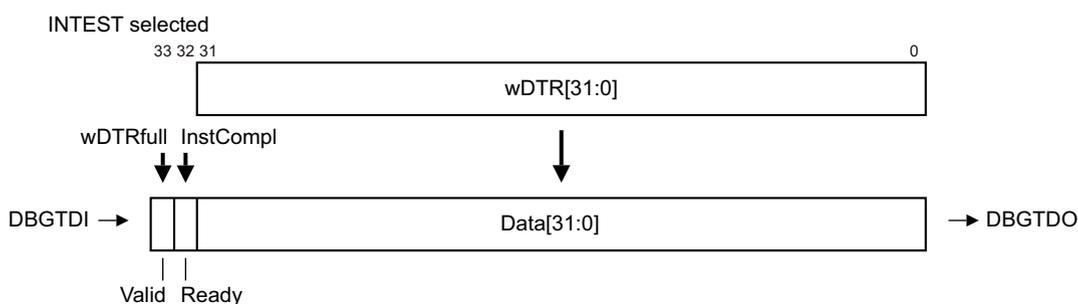
The DBGTAP controller only sees one, read/write, register through scan chain 5, and the appropriate register is chosen depending on the instruction used. INTEST selects the wDTR, and EXTEST selects the rDTR.

Additionally, scan chain 5 contains some status flags. These are nRetry, Valid, and Ready. They are the captured versions of the rDTRempty, wDTRfull, and InstCompl flags respectively. All are captured at the Capture-DR state.

**Order** Figure 14-10 shows the order of bits in scan chain 5 with EXTEST selected. Figure 14-11 shows the order of bits in scan chain 5 with INTEST selected.



**Figure 14-10** Scan chain 5 bit order, EXTEST selected



**Figure 14-11** Scan chain 5 bit order, INTEST selected

You can use scan chain 5 for two purposes:

- As part of the *Debug Communications Channel* (DCC). The DBGTAP debugger uses scan chain 5 to exchange data with software running on the core. The software accesses the rDTR and wDTR using coprocessor instructions.

- For examining and modifying the processor state while the core is halted. For example, to read the value of an ARM register:
  1. Issue a MCR cp14, 0, Rd, c0, c5, 0 instruction to the core to transfer the register contents to the CP14 debug c5 register.
  2. Scan out the wDTR.

The DBGTAP debugger can use the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit to indicate to the core that it is going to use scan chain 5 as part of the DCC or for examining and modifying the processor state. DSCR[13] = 0 indicates DCC use. The behavior of the rDTR and wDTR registers, the sticky precise Data Abort, rDTRempty, wDTRfull, and InstCompl flags changes accordingly:

- DSCR[13] = 0:
  - The wDTRfull flag is set when the core writes a word of data to the DTR and cleared when the DBGTAP debugger goes through the Capture-DR state with INTEST selected. Valid indicates the state of the wDTR register, and is the captured version of wDTRfull. Although the value of wDTR is captured into the shift register, regardless of INTEST or EXTEST, wDTRfull is only cleared if INTEST is selected.
  - The rDTR empty flag is cleared when the DBGTAP debugger writes a word of data to the rDTR, and set when the core reads it. nRetry is the captured version of rDTRempty.
  - rDTR overwrite protection is controlled by the nRetry flag. If the nRetry flag is sampled clear, meaning that the rDTR is full, when going through the Capture-DR state, then the rDTR is not updated at the Update-DR state.
  - The InstCompl flag is always set.
  - The sticky precise Data Abort flag is Unpredictable. See *CP14 c1, Debug Status and Control Register (DSCR)* on page 13-7.
- DSCR[13] = 1:
  - The wDTR Full flag behaves as if DSCR[13] is clear. However, the Ready flag can be used for handshaking in this mode.
  - The rDTR Empty flag status behaves as if DSCR[13] is clear. However, the Ready flag can be used for handshaking in this mode.
  - rDTR overwrite protection is controlled by the Ready flag. If the InstCompl flag is sampled clear when going through Capture-DR, then the rDTR is not updated at the Update-DR state. This prevents an instruction that uses the rDTR as a source operand from having it modified before it has time to complete.
  - The InstCompl flag changes from 1 to 0 when an instruction is issued to the core, and from 0 to 1 when the instruction completes execution.
  - The sticky precise Data Abort flag is set on precise Data Aborts.

The behavior of the rDTR and wDTR registers, the sticky precise Data Abort, rDTRempty, wDTRfull, and InstCompl flags when the core changes state is as follows:

- The DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit must be clear when the core is not in Debug state. Otherwise, the behavior of the rDTR and wDTR registers, and the flags, is Unpredictable.
- When the core enters Debug state, none of the registers and flags are altered.
- When the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is changed from 0 to 1:
  1. None of the registers and flags are altered.
  2. Ready flag can be used for handshaking.

- The InstCompl flag must be set when the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is changed from 1 to 0. Otherwise, the behavior of the core is Unpredictable. If the DSCR[13] flag is cleared correctly, none of the registers and flags are altered.
- When the core leaves Debug state, none of the registers and flags are altered.

### Scan chain 6

**Purpose** Embedded Trace Macrocell.

**Length**  $1 + 7 + 32 = 40$  bits.

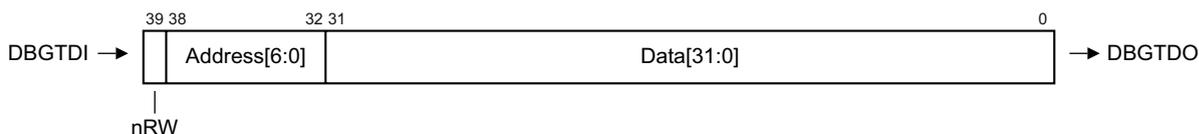
**Description** This scan chain accesses the register map of the Embedded Trace Macrocell. See the description in the programmer’s model chapter in the *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification* for details of register allocation.

To access this scan chain you must select INTEST. Accesses to scan chain 6 with EXTEST selected are ignored. In scan chain 6 you must use the nRW bit, bit[39], to distinguish between reads and writes, as the *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification* describes.

———— **Note** —————

For scan chain 6, the use of INTEST and EXTEST differs from their standard use that the start of this section describes.

**Order** Figure 14-12 shows the order of bits in scan chain 6.



**Figure 14-12 Scan chain 6 bit order**

### Scan chain 7

**Purpose** Debug.

**Length**  $7 + 32 + 1 = 40$  bits.

**Description** Scan chain 7 accesses the VCR, PC, BRPs, and WRPs. The accesses are performed with the help of read or write request commands. A read request copies the data held by the addressed register into scan chain 7. A write request copies the data held by the scan chain into the addressed register. When a request is finished the ReqCompl flag is set. The DBGTAP debugger must poll it and check it is set before another request can be issued. The exact behavior of the scan chain is as follows:

- Either INTEST or EXTEST must be selected. INTEST and EXTEST have the same meaning in this scan chain.

———— **Note** —————

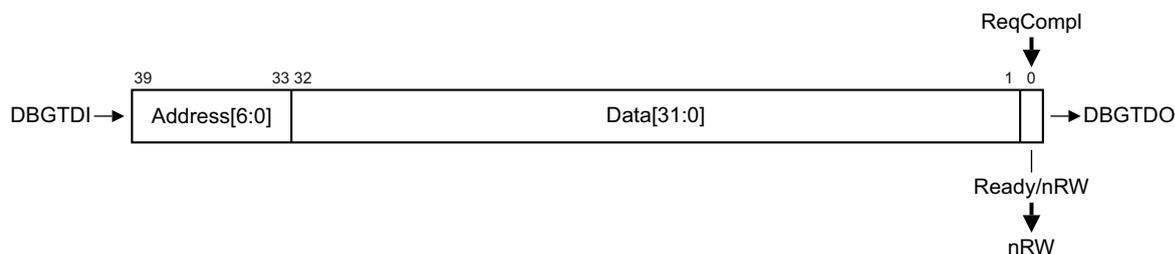
For scan chain 7, the use of INTEST and EXTEST differs from the standard use that the start of this section describes.

- If the value captured by the Ready/nRW bit at the Capture-DR state is 1, the data that is being shifted in generates a request at the Update-DR state. The Address field indicates the register being accessed, see Table 14-2 on

page 14-19, the Data field contains the data to be written and the Ready/nRW bit holds the read/write information, 0=read and 1=write. If the request is a read, the Data field is ignored.

- When a request is placed, the Address and Data sections of the scan chain are frozen. That is, their contents are not shifted until the request is completed. This means that, if the value captured in the Ready/nRW field at the Capture-DR state is 0, the shifted-in data is ignored and the shifted-out value is all 0s.
- After a read request has been placed, if the DBGTAPSM goes through the Capture-DR state and a logic 1 is captured in the Ready/nRW field, this means that the shift register has also captured the requested register contents. Therefore, they are shifted out at the same time as the Ready/nRW bit. The Data field is corrupted as new data is shifted in.
- After a write request has been placed, if the DBGTAPSM goes through the Capture-DR state and a logic 1 is captured in the Ready/nRW field, this means that the requested write has completed successfully.
- If the Address field is all 0s, address of the NULL register, at the Update-DR state, then no request is generated.
- A request to a reserved register generates Unpredictable behavior.

**Order** Figure 14-13 shows the order of bits in scan chain 7.



**Figure 14-13 Scan chain 7 bit order**

A typical sequence for writing registers is as follows:

1. Scan in the address of a first register, the data to write, and a 1 to indicate that this is a write request.
2. Scan in the address of a second register, the data to write, and a 1 to indicate that this is a write request.  
Scan out 40 bits. If Ready/nRW is 0, repeat this step. If Ready/nRW is 1, the first write request has completed successfully and the second has been placed.
3. Scan in the address 0. The rest of the fields are not important.  
Scan out 40 bits. If Ready/nRW is 0, repeat this step. If Ready/nRW is 1, the second write request has completed successfully. The scanned-in null request has avoided the generation of another request.

A typical sequence for reading registers is as follows:

1. Scan in the address of a first register and a 0 to indicate that this is a read request. The Data field is not important.
2. Scan in the address of a second register and a 0 to indicate that this is a read request.

Scan out 40 bits. If Ready/nRW is 0, then repeat this step. If Ready/nRW is 1, the first read request has completed successfully and the next scanned-out 32 bits are the requested value. The second read request was placed at the Update-DR state.

3. Scan in the address 0, the rest of the fields are not important.

Scan out 40 bits. If Ready/nRW is 0, then repeat this step. If Ready/nRW is 1, the second read request has completed successfully and the next scanned-out 32 bits are the requested value. The scanned-in null request has avoided the generation of another request.

The register map is similar to the one of CP14 debug, and Table 14-2 lists it.

**Table 14-2 Scan chain 7 register map**

Address[6:0]	Register number	Abbreviation	Register name
b0000000	0	NULL	No request register
b0000001-b0000110	1-6	-	Reserved
b0000111	7	VCR	Vector catch register
b0001000	8	PC	Program counter
b0010011-b0111111	19-63	-	Reserved
b1000000-b1000101	64-69	BVR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Breakpoint value registers
b1000110-b1001111	70-79	-	Reserved
b1010000-b1010101	80-85	BCR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Breakpoint control registers
b1010110-b1011111	86-95	-	Reserved
b1100000-b1100001	96-97	WVR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Watchpoint value registers
b1100010-b1011111	98-111	-	Reserved
b1110000-b1110001	112-113	WCR <sub>y</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Watchpoint control registers
b1110010-b1111111	114-127	-	Reserved

a. <sub>y</sub> is the decimal representation for the binary number Address[3:0]

The following points apply to the use of scan chain 7:

- Every time there is a request to read the PC, a sample of its value is copied into scan chain 7. Writes are ignored. The sampled value can be used for profiling of the code. See *Interpreting the PC samples* on page 14-20 for details of how to interpret the sampled value.
- The external program counter sample register always reads 0xFFFFFFFF in Debug state or when the core is in a mode when Non-invasive debug is not permitted.
- When accessing registers using scan chain 7, the processor can be either in Debug state or in normal state. This implies that breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector traps can be programmed through the Debug Test Access Port even if the processor is running.

### Interpreting the PC samples

The PC values read correspond to instructions committed for execution, including those that failed their condition code. However, these values are offset as Table 13-22 on page 13-33 lists. These offsets are different for different processor states, so additional information is required:

- If a read request to the PC completes and Data[1:0] equals b00, the read value corresponds to an ARM state instruction whose 30 most significant bits of the offset address, instruction address + 8, are given in Data[31:2].
- If a read request to the PC completes and Data[0] equals b1, the read value corresponds to a Thumb state instruction whose 31 most significant bits of the offset address, instruction address + 4, are given in Data[31:1].
- If a read request to the PC completes and Data[1:0] equals b10, the read value corresponds to a Jazelle state instruction whose 30 most significant bits of its address are given in Data[31:2], the offset is 0. Because of the state encoding, the lower two bits of the Java address are not sampled. However, the information provided is enough for profiling the code.
- If the PC is read while the processor is in Debug state, the result is 0xFFFFFFFF.

### Scan chains 8-15

These scan chains are reserved.

### Scan chains 16-31

These scan chains are unassigned.

## 14.6.6 Reset

The DBG TAP is reset either by asserting **DBGnTRST**, or by clocking it while DBG TAPSM is in the Test-Logic-Reset state. The processor, including CP14 debug logic, is not affected by these events. See *Reset modes* on page 9-10 and *CP14 registers reset* on page 13-25 for details.

## 14.7 Using the Debug Test Access Port

This section contains the following subsections:

- *Entering and leaving Debug state*
- *Executing instructions in Debug state*
- *Using the ITRsel IR instruction on page 14-22*
- *Transferring data between the host and the core on page 14-23*
- *Using the debug communications channel on page 14-23*
- *Target to host debug communications channel sequence on page 14-24*
- *Host to target debug communications channel on page 14-24*
- *Transferring data in Debug state on page 14-25*
- *Example sequences on page 14-26.*

### 14.7.1 Entering and leaving Debug state

*Debug sequences* on page 14-29 describes these debug sequences in detail.

### 14.7.2 Executing instructions in Debug state

When the processor is in Debug state, it can be forced to execute ARM state instructions using the DBGTAP. Two registers are used for this purpose, the *Instruction Transfer Register (ITR)* and the *Data Transfer Register (DTR)*. The ITR is used to insert an instruction into the processor pipeline. An ARM state instruction can be loaded into this register using scan chain number 4. When the instruction is loaded, and INTEST or EXTEST is selected, and scan chain 4 or 5 is selected, the instruction can be issued to the core by making the DBGTAPSM go through the Run-Test/Idle state, provided certain conditions, that this section describes, are met. This mechanism enables re-executing the same instruction over and over without having to reload it. The DTR can be used in conjunction with the ITR to transfer data in and out of the core. For example, to read out the value of an ARM register:

1. issue an MCR p14,0,Rd,c0,c5,0 instruction to the core to transfer the <Rd> contents to the c5 register
2. scan out the wDTR.

The DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit controls the activation of the ARM instruction execution mechanism. If this bit is cleared, no instruction is issued to the core when the DBGTAPSM goes through Run-Test/Idle. Setting this bit while the core is not in Debug state leads to Unpredictable behavior. If the core is in Debug state and this bit is set, the Ready and the sticky precise Data Abort flags condition the updates of the ITR and the instruction issuing, as *Scan chain 4, instruction transfer register (ITR)* on page 14-13 describes. As an example, this sequence stores out the contents of the ARM register R0:

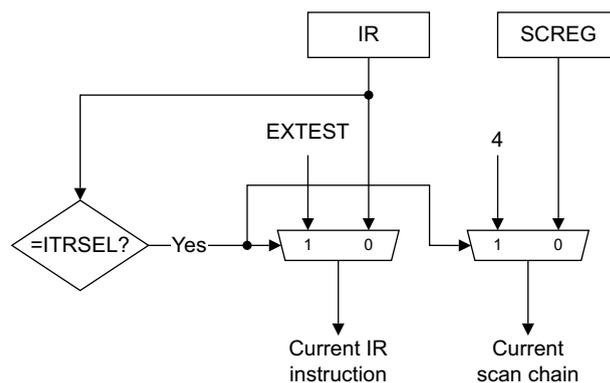
1. Scan\_N into the IR.
2. 1 into the SCREG.
3. INTEST into the IR.
4. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This action clears the sticky precise Data Abort and sticky imprecise Data Abort flags and sticky Undefined bit.
5. EXTEST into the IR.
6. Scan in the previously read value with the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit set.

7. Scan\_N into the IR.
8. 4 into the SCREG.
9. EXTEST into the IR.
10. Scan the MCR p14,0,R0,c0,c5,0 instruction into the ITR.
11. Go through the Run-Test/Idle state of the DBGTAPSM.
12. Scan\_N into the IR.
13. 5 into the SCREG.
14. INTEST into the IR.
15. Scan out 34 bits. The 33rd bit indicates if the instruction has completed. If the bit is clear, repeat this step again.
16. The least significant 32 bits hold the contents of R0.

### 14.7.3 Using the ITRsel IR instruction

When the ITRsel instruction is loaded into the IR, at the Update-IR state, the DBGTAP controller behaves as if EXTEST and scan chain 4 are selected, but SCREG retains its value. It can be used to speed up certain debug sequences.

Figure 14-14 shows the effect of the ITRsel IR instruction.



**Figure 14-14 Behavior of the ITRsel IR instruction**

Consider for example the preceding sequence to store out the contents of ARM register R0. This is the same sequence using the ITRsel instruction:

1. Scan\_N into the IR.
2. 1 into the SCREG.
3. INTEST into the IR.
4. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This action clears the sticky precise Data Abort and sticky imprecise Data Abort flags.
5. EXTEST into the IR.
6. Scan in the previously read value with the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit set.
7. Scan\_N into the IR.

8. 5 into the SCREG.
9. ITRsel into the IR. Now the DBGTAP controller works as if EXTEST and scan chain 4 is selected.
10. Scan the MCR p14,0,R0,c0,c5,0 instruction into the ITR.
11. Go through the Run-Test/Idle state of the DBGTAPSM.
12. INTEST into the IR. Now INTEST and scan chain 5 are selected.
13. Scan out 34 bits. The 33rd bit indicates if the instruction has completed. If the bit is clear, repeat this step again.
14. The least significant 32 bits hold the contents of R0.

The number of steps has been reduced from 16 to 14. However, the bigger reduction comes when reading additional registers. Using the ITRsel instruction there are 6 extra steps, 9 to 14, compared with 10 extra steps, 7 to 16, in the first sequence.

#### 14.7.4 Transferring data between the host and the core

There are two ways that a DBGTAP debugger can send or receive data from the core:

- using the DCC, when the processor is not in Debug state
- using the instruction execution mechanism that *Executing instructions in Debug state* on page 14-21 describes, when the core is in Debug state.

The following sections describe this:

- *Using the debug communications channel.*
- *Target to host debug communications channel sequence* on page 14-24
- *Host to target debug communications channel* on page 14-24
- *Transferring data in Debug state* on page 14-25
- *Example sequences* on page 14-26.

#### 14.7.5 Using the debug communications channel

The DCC is defined as the set of resources that the external DBGTAP debugger uses to communicate with a piece of software running on the core.

The DCC in the processor is implemented using the two physically separate DTRs and a full/empty bit pair to augment each register, creating a bidirectional data port. One register can be read from the DBGTAP and is written from the processor. The other register is written from the DBGTAP and read by the processor. The full/empty bit pair for each register is automatically updated by the debug unit hardware, and is accessible to both the DBGTAP and to software running on the processor.

At the core side, the DCC resources are the following:

- CP14 debug register c5, DTR. Data coming from a DBGTAP debugger can be read by an MRC or STC instruction addressed to this register. The core can write to this register any data intended for the DBGTAP debugger, using an MCR or LDC instruction. Because the DTR comprises both a read, rDTR, and a write portion, wDTR, a piece of data written by the core and another coming from the DBGTAP debugger can be held in this register at the same time.

- Some flags and control bits at CP14 debug register c1, DSCR:
  - DSCR[12]** User mode access to DCC disable bit. If this bit is set, only privileged software can access the DCC. That is, access the DSCR and the DTR.
  - DSCR[29]** The wDTRfull flag. When clear, this flag indicates to the core that the wDTR is ready to receive data from the core.
  - DSCR[30]** The rDTRfull flag. When set, this flag indicates to the core that there is data available to read at the DTR.

At the DBGTAP side, the resources are the following:

- Scan chain 5. See *Scan chain 5* on page 14-15. The only part of this scan chain that it is not used for the DCC is the Ready flag. The rest of the scan chain is to be used in the following way:
  - rDTR** When the DBGTAPSM goes through the Update-DR state with EXTEST and scan chain 5 selected, and the nRetry flag set, the contents of the Data field are loaded into the rDTR. This is how the DBGTAP debugger sends data to the software running on the core.
  - wDTR** When the DBGTAPSM goes through the Capture-DR state with INTEST and scan chain 5 selected, the contents of the wDTR are loaded into the Data field of the scan chain. This is how the DBGTAP debugger reads the data sent by the software running on the core.
  - Valid flag** When set, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that the contents of the wDTR that it captured a short time ago are valid.
  - nRetry flag** When set, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that the scanned-in Data field has been successfully written into the rDTR at the Update-DR state.

#### 14.7.6 Target to host debug communications channel sequence

The DBGTAP debugger can use the following sequence for receiving data from the core:

- Scan\_N into the IR.
- 5 into the SCREG.
- INTEST into the IR.
- Scan out 34 bits of data. If the Valid flag is clear, repeat this step again.
- The least significant 32 bits hold valid data.
- Go to step 4 again to read out more data.

#### 14.7.7 Host to target debug communications channel

The DBGTAP debugger can use the following sequence for sending data to the core:

- Scan\_N into the IR.
- 5 into the SCREG.
- EXTEST into the IR.
- Scan in 34 bits, the least significant 32 holding the word to be sent. At the same time, 34 bits were scanned out. If the nRetry flag is clear, repeat this step again.

5. Now the data has been written into the rDTR. Go to step 4 again to send in more data.

### 14.7.8 Transferring data in Debug state

When the core is in Debug state, the DBGTAP debugger can transfer data in and out of the core using the instruction execution facilities that *Executing instructions in Debug state* on page 14-21 describes in addition to scan chain 5. You must ensure that the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is set for the instruction execution mechanism to work. When it is set, the interface for the DBGTAP debugger consists of the following:

- Scan chain 4. See *Scan chain 4, instruction transfer register (ITR)* on page 14-13. It is used for loading an instruction and for monitoring the status of the execution:
  - ITR** When the DBGTAPSM goes through the Update-DR state with EXTEST and scan chain 4 selected, and the Ready flag set, the ITR is loaded with the least significant 32 bits of the scan chain.
  - InstCompl flag** When clear, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that the last issued instruction has not yet completed execution. While Ready, captured version of InstCompl, is clear, no updates of the ITR and the rDTR occur and the instruction execution mechanism is disabled. No instruction is issued when going through Run-Test/Idle.
- Scan chain 5. See *Scan chain 5* on page 14-15. It is used for writing in or reading out the data and for monitoring the state of the execution:
  - rDTR** When the DBGTAPSM goes through the Update-DR state with EXTEST and scan chain 5 selected, and the Ready flag set, the contents of the Data field are loaded into the rDTR.
  - wDTR** When the DBGTAPSM goes through the Capture-DR state with INTEST or EXTEST selected, the contents of the wDTR are loaded into the Data field of the scan chain.
  - InstCompl flag** When clear, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that the last issued instruction has not yet completed execution. While Ready, captured version of InstCompl, is clear, no updates of the ITR and the rDTR occur and the instruction execution mechanism is disabled. No instruction is issued when going through Run-Test/Idle.
- Some flags and control bits at CP14 debug register c1, DSCR:
  - DSCR[13]** Execute ARM instruction enable bit. This bit must be set for the instruction execution mechanism to work.
  - Sticky precise Data Abort flag** DSCR[6]. When set, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that a precise Data Abort occurred while executing an instruction in Debug state. While this bit is set, the instruction execution mechanism is disabled. When this flag is set InstCompl stays HIGH, and additional attempts to execute an instruction appear to succeed but do not execute.
  - Sticky imprecise Data Abort flag** DSCR[7]. When set, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that an imprecise Data Abort occurred while executing an instruction in Debug state. This flag does not disable the Debug state instruction execution.

**Sticky Undefined flag**

DSCR[8]. When set, this flag indicates to the DBGTAP debugger that an Undefined exception occurred while executing an instruction in Debug state. This flag does not disable the Debug state instruction execution.

**14.7.9 Example sequences**

This section includes some example sequences to illustrate how to transfer data between the DBGTAP debugger and the core when it is in Debug state. The examples are related to accessing the processor memory.

**Target to host transfer**

The DBGTAP debugger can use the following sequence for reading data from the processor memory system. The sequence assumes that the ARM register R0 contains a pointer to the address of memory where the read has to start:

1. Scan\_N into the IR.
2. 1 into the SCREG.
3. INTEST into the IR.
4. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This clears the sticky precise Data Abort, sticky imprecise Data Abort flags, and sticky Undefined flags.
5. Scan\_N into the IR.
6. 4 into the SCREG.
7. EXTEST into the IR.
8. Scan in the LDC p14, c5, [R0], #4 instruction into the ITR.
9. Scan\_N into the IR.
10. 5 into the SCREG.
11. INTEST into the IR.
12. Go through Run-Test/Idle state. The instruction loaded into the ITR is issued to the processor pipeline.
13. Scan out 34 bits of data. If the Ready flag is clear, repeat this step again.
14. The instruction has completed execution. Store the least significant 32 bits.
15. Go to step 13 again for reading out more data.
16. Scan\_N into the IR.
17. 1 into the SCREG.
18. INTEST into the IR.
19. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This clears the sticky precise Data Abort and sticky imprecise Data Abort and sticky Undefined flags. If the sticky precise Data Abort is set, this means that during the sequence one of the instructions caused a precise Data Abort. Not all the instructions that follow are executed. Register R0 points to the next word to be read, and after the cause for the abort has been fixed the sequence resumes at step 5.

**Note**

If the sticky imprecise Data Aborts flag is set, an imprecise Data Abort has occurred and the sequence restarts at step 1 after the cause of the abort is fixed and R0 is reloaded.

**Host to target transfer**

The DBGTap debugger can use the following sequence for writing data to the processor memory system. The sequence assumes that the ARM register R0 contains a pointer to the address of memory where the write has to start:

1. Scan\_N into the IR.
2. 1 into the SCREG.
3. INTEST into the IR.
4. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This clears the sticky precise Data Abort, sticky imprecise Data Abort, and sticky Undefined flags.
5. Scan\_N into the IR.
6. 4 into the SCREG.
7. EXTEST into the IR.
8. Scan in the STC p14, c5, [R0], #4 instruction into the ITR.
9. Scan\_N into the IR.
10. 5 into the SCREG.
11. EXTEST into the IR.
12. Scan in 34 bits, the least significant 32 holding the word to be sent. At the same time, 34 bits are scanned out. If the Ready flag is clear, repeat this step.
13. Go through Run-Test/Idle state.
14. Go to step 12 again for writing in more data.
15. Scan in 34 bits. All the values are don't care. At the same time, 34 bits are scanned out. If the Ready flag is clear, repeat this step. The don't care value is written into the rDTR, Update-DR state, immediately after Ready is seen set, Capture-DR state. However, the STC instruction is not re-issued because the DBGTapSM does not go through Run-Test/Idle.
16. Scan\_N into the IR.
17. 1 into the SCREG.
18. INTEST into the IR.
19. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This clears the sticky precise Data Abort and sticky imprecise Data Abort flags. If the sticky precise Data Abort is set, this means that during the sequence one of the instructions caused a precise Data Abort. All the instructions that follow are not executed. Register R0 points to the next word to be written, and after the cause for the abort has been fixed, the sequence resumes at step 5.

———— **Note** ————

If the sticky imprecise Data Abort flag is set, an imprecise Data Abort has occurred and the sequence restarts at step 1 after the cause of the abort is fixed and c0 is reloaded.

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## 14.8 Debug sequences

This section describes how to debug a program running on the processor using a DBGTAP debugger device such as RealView ICE. In Halting debug-mode, the processor stops when a debug event occurs enabling the DBGTAP debugger to do the following:

1. Perform a Data Synchronization Barrier operation to ensure imprecise data aborts are recognized and DSCR[19] is set.
2. Determine and modify the current state of the processor and memory.
3. Set up breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector traps.
4. Restart the processor.

You enable this mode by setting CP14 debug DSCR[14] bit. Only the DBGTAP debugger can do this. From here, it is assumed that the debug unit is in Halting debug-mode. *Monitor debug-mode debugging* on page 14-42 describes the monitor debug-mode debugging.

### 14.8.1 Debug macros

The debug code sequences in this section are written using a fixed set of macros. The mapping of each macro into a debug scan chain sequence is given in this section.

#### Scan\_N <n>

Select scan chain register number <n>:

1. Scan the Scan\_N instruction into the IR.
2. Scan the number <n> into the DR.

#### INTEST

1. Scan the INTEST instruction into the IR.

#### EXTEST

1. Scan the EXTEST instruction into the IR.

#### ITRsel

1. Scan the ITRsel instruction into the IR.

#### Restart

1. Scan the Restart instruction into the IR.
2. Go to the DBGTAP controller Run-Test/Idle state so that the processor exits Debug state.

#### INST <instr> [stateout]

Go through Capture-DR, go to Shift-DR, scan in an ARM instruction to be read and executed by the core and scan out the Ready flag, go through Update-DR. The ITR, scan chain 4, and EXTEST must be selected when using this macro.

1. Scan in:
  - Any value for the InstCompl flag. This bit is read-only.

- 32-bit assembled code of the instruction, instr, to be executed, for ITR[31:0].
2. The following data is scanned out:
    - The value of the Ready flag, to be stored in stateout.
    - 32 bits to be ignored. The ITR is write-only.

### **DATA <datain> [<stateout> [dataout]]**

Go through Capture-DR, go to Shift-DR. Scan in a data item and scan out another one, go through Update-DR. Either the DTR, scan chain 5, or the DSCR, scan chain 1, must be selected when using this macro.

1. If scan chain 5 is selected, scan in:
  - Any value for the nRetry or Valid flag. These bits are read-only.
  - Any value for the InstCompl flag. This bit is read-only.
  - 32-bit datain value for rDTR[31:0].
2. The following data is scanned out:
  - The contents of wDTR[31:0], to be stored in dataout.
  - If the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is set, the value of the Ready flag is stored in stateout.
  - If the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit is clear, the nRetry or Valid flag, depending on whether EXTEST or INTEST is selected, is stored in stateout.
3. If scan chain 1 is selected, scan in:
  - 32-bit datain value for DSCR[31:0].
 Stateout and dataout fields are not used in this case.

### **DATAOUT <dataout>**

1. Scan out a data value. DSCR, scan chain 1, and INTEST must be selected when using this macro.
2. If scan chain 1 is selected, scan out the contents of the DSCR, to be stored in dataout.
3. The scanned-in value is discarded, because INTEST is selected.

### **REQ <address> <data> <nR/W> [<stateout> [dataout]]**

Go through Capture-DR, go to Shift-DR, scan in a request and scan out the result of the former one, go through Update-DR. Scan chain 7, and either INTEST or EXTEST, must be selected when using this macro.

1. Scan in:
  - 7-bit address value for Address[6:0]
  - 32-bit data value for Data[31:0]
  - 1-bit nR/W value, 0 for read and 1 for write, for the Ready/nRW field.
2. Scan out:
  - the value of the Ready/nRW bit, to be stored in stateout
  - the contents of the Data field, to be stored in dataout.

**RTI**

1. Go through Run-Test/Idle DBGTAPSM state. This forces the execution of the instruction currently loaded into the ITR, provided the execute ARM instruction enable bit, DSCR[13], is set, the Ready flag was captured as set, and the sticky precise Data Abort flag is cleared.

**14.8.2 General setup**

You must setup the following control bits before DBGTAP debugging can take place:

- DSCR[14] Debug-mode select bit must be set to 1.
- DSCR[6] sticky precise Data Abort flag must be cleared down, so that aborts are not detected incorrectly immediately after startup.

The DSCR must be read, the DSCR[14] bit set, and the new value written back. The action of reading the DSCR automatically clears the DSCR[6] sticky precise Data Abort flag. All individual breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catches reset disabled on power-up.

**14.8.3 Forcing the processor to halt**

Scan the Halt instruction into the DBGTAP controller IR and go through Run-Test/Idle.

**14.8.4 Entering Debug state**

To enter Debug state you must:

1. Check whether the core has entered Debug state, as follows:
 

```
SCAN_N 1                ; select DSCR
INTEST
LOOP
    DATAOUT readDSCR
UNTIL  readDSCR[0]==1    ; until Core Halted bit is set
```
2. Save DSCR, as follows:
 

```
DATAOUT readDSCR
Save value in readDSCR
```
3. Save wDTR, in case it contains some data, as follows:
 

```
SCAN_N 5                ; select DTR
INTEST
DATA  0x00000000 Valid wDTR
If Valid==1 then Save value in wDTR
```
4. Set the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit, so instructions can be issued to the core from now:
 

```
SCAN_N 1                ; select DSCR
EXTEST
DATA modifiedDSCR        ; modifiedDSCR equals readDSCR with bit
                           ; DSCR[13] set
```
5. Before executing any instruction in Debug state you have to drain the write buffer. This ensures that no imprecise Data Aborts can return at a later point:
 

```
SCAN_N 4                ; select ITR
INST  MCR p15,0,Rd,c7,c10,4 ; Data Synchronization Barrier
LOOP
    LOOP
    SCAN_N 4                ; select DTR
```

```

        RTI
        INST 0x0 Ready
    Until Ready == 1
    SCAN_N 1
    DATAOUT readDSCR
    Until readDSCR[7]==1
    SCAN_N 4
    INST NOP                ; NOP takes the
    RTI                    ; imprecise Data Aborts
    LOOP
        INST 0 Ready
    Until Ready == 1
    SCAN_N 1
    DATAOUT readDSCR      ; clears DSCR[7]

```

6. Store out R0. It is going to be used to save the rDTR. Use the standard sequence of *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34. Scan chain 5 and INTEST are now selected.
7. Save the rDTR and the rDTRempty bit in three steps:
  - a. The rDTRempty bit is the inverted version of DSCR[30], saved in step 2. If DSCR[30] is clear, register empty, there is no requirement to read the rDTR, go to 7.
  - b. Transfer the contents of rDTR to R0:
 

```

                    ITRSEL                ; select the ITR and EXTEST
                    INST MRC p14,0,R0,c0,c5,0 ; instruction to copy CP14's debug
                                                ; register c5 into R0

                    RTI
                    LOOP
                        INST 0x00000000 Ready
                    UNTIL Ready==1          ; wait until the instruction ends
                    
```
  - c. Read R0 using the standard sequence of *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34.
8. Store out CPSR using the standard sequence of *Reading the CPSR/SPSR* on page 14-35.
9. Store out PC using the standard sequence of *Reading the PC* on page 14-36.
10. Adjust the PC to enable you to resume execution later:
  - subtract 0x8 from the stored value if the processor was in ARM state when entering Debug state
  - subtract 0x4 from the stored value if the processor was in Thumb state when entering Debug state
  - subtract 0x0 from the stored value if the processor was in Jazelle state when entering Debug state.

These values are not dependent on the Debug state entry method. See *Behavior of the PC in Debug state* on page 13-38. The entry state can be determined by examining the T and J bits of the CPSR.
11. Cache and MMU preservation measures must also be taken here. This includes saving all the relevant CP15 registers using the standard coprocessor register reading sequence that *Coprocessor register reads and writes* on page 14-38 describes.

### 14.8.5 Leaving Debug state

To leave Debug state:

1. Restore standard ARM registers for all modes, except R0, PC, and CPSR.

2. Cache and MMU restoration must be done here. This includes writing the saved registers back to CP15.

3. Ensure that rDTR and wDTR are empty:

```

ITRSE                               ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  MCR p14,0,R0,c0,c5,0         ; instruction to copy R0 into
                                       ; CP14 debug register c5

RTI
LOOP
    INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL  Ready==1                     ; wait until the instruction ends
SCAN_N 5
INTEST
DATA  0x0 Valid wDTR

```

4. If the wDTR did not contain any valid data on Debug state entry go to step 5. Otherwise, restore wDTRfull and wDTR, uses R0 as a temporary register, in two steps.

- a. Load the saved wDTR contents into R0 using the standard sequence of *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34. Now scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected

- b. Transfer R0 into wDTR:

```

ITRSEL                               ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  MCR p14,0,R0,c0,c5,0         ; instruction to copy R0 into
                                       ; CP14 debug register c5

RTI
LOOP
    INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL  Ready==1                     ; wait until the instruction ends

```

5. Restore CPSR using the standard CPSR writing sequence that *Writing the CPSR/SPSR* on page 14-35 describes.

6. Restore the PC using the standard sequence of *Writing the PC* on page 14-36.

7. Restore R0 using the standard sequence of *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34. Now scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected.

8. Restore the DSCR with the DSCR[13] execute ARM instruction enable bit clear, so no more instructions can be issued to the core:

```

SCAN_N 1                             ; select DSCR
EXTEST
DATA  modifiedDSCR                   ; modifiedDSCR equals the saved contents
                                       ; of the DSCR with bit DSCR[13] clear

```

9. If the rDTR did not contain any valid data on Debug state entry, go to step 10. Otherwise, restore the rDTR and rDTRempty flag:

```

SCAN_N 5                             ; select DTR
EXTEST
DATA  Saved_rDTR                     ; rDTRempty bit is automatically cleared
                                       ; as a result of this action

```

10. Restart processor:

```
RESTART
```

11. Wait until the core is restarted:

```

SCAN_N 1                             ; select DSCR
INTEST
LOOP
    DATAOUT readDSCR
UNTIL  readDSCR[1]==1               ; until Core Restarted bit is set

```

### 14.8.6 Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14

Use the following sequence to read a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14:

```

SCAN_N  5                ; select DTR
ITRSEL   ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST    MCR p14,0,Rd,c0,c5,0 ; instruction to copy Rd into CP14 debug
                                           ; register c5

RTI
INTEST   ; select the DTR and INTEST
LOOP
    DATA 0x00000000 Ready readData
UNTIL    Ready==1        ; wait until the instruction ends
Save value in readData

```

———— **Note** ————

Register R15 cannot be read in this way because the effect of the required MCR is to take an Undefined exception.

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### 14.8.7 Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14

Use the following sequence to write a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14:

```

SCAN_N  5                ; select DTR
ITRSEL   ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST    MRC p14,0,Rd,c0,c5,0 ; instruction to copy CP14 debug
                                           ; register c5 into Rd

EXTEST   ; select the DTR and EXTEST
DATA    Data2Write
RTI
LOOP
    DATA 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL    Ready==1        ; wait until the instruction ends

```

———— **Note** ————

Register R15 cannot be written in this way because the MRC instruction used updates the CPSR flags rather than the PC.

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## 14.8.8 Reading the CPSR/SPSR

Here R0 is used as a temporary register:

1. Move the contents of CPSR/SPSR to R0.
 

```
SCAN_N 5 ; select DTR
ITRSEL ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST MRS R0,CPSR ; or SPSR
RTI
LOOP
INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1 ; wait until the instruction ends
```
2. Perform the read of R0 using the standard sequence that *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes. Scan chain 5 and ITRsel are already selected.

## 14.8.9 Writing the CPSR/SPSR

Here R0 is used as a temporary register:

1. Load the required value into R0 using the standard sequence that *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes. Now scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected.
2. Move the contents of R0 to CPRS/SPRS:
 

```
ITRSEL ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST MSR CPSR,R0 ; or SPSR
RTI
LOOP
INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1 ; wait until the instruction ends
```

This instruction can modify the T and J bits. They have no effect in the execution of instructions while in Debug state but take effect when the core leaves Debug state.

The CPSR mode and control bits can be written in User mode when the core is in Debug state and the core is in a Non-secure world or the **SPIDEN** signal is asserted. This is essential so that the debugger can change mode and then get at the other banked registers.

### 14.8.10 Reading the PC

Here R0 is used as a temporary register:

1. Move the contents of the PC to R0:
 

```

ITRSEL                                ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  MOV R0,PC
RTI
LOOP
      INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL  Ready==1                        ; wait until the instruction ends

```
2. Read the contents of R0 using the standard sequence that *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes.

### 14.8.11 Writing the PC

Here R0 is used as a temporary register:

1. Load R0 with the address to resume using the standard sequence that *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes. Now scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected.
 

```

SCAN_N 5                               ; select DTR
ITRSEL                                ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  MOV PC,R0
RTI
LOOP
      INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL  Ready==1                        ; wait until the instruction ends

```
2. Move the contents of R0 to the PC:
 

```

ITRSEL                                ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  MOV PC,R0
RTI
LOOP
      INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL  Ready==1                        ; wait until the instruction ends

```

### 14.8.12 General notes about reading and writing memory

The word-based read and write sequences are substantially more efficient than the halfword and byte sequences. This is because the ARM LDC and STC instructions always perform word accesses, and this can be used for efficient access to word width memory. Halfword and byte accesses must be done with a combination of loads or stores, and coprocessor register transfers. This is much less efficient. When writing data, the Instruction Cache might become incoherent. In those cases, the appropriate part of the Instruction Cache must be invalidated. In particular, the Instruction Cache must be invalidated before setting a software breakpoint or downloading code.

### 14.8.13 Reading memory as words

This sequence is optimized for a long sequential read. This sequence assumes that R0 has been set to the address to load data from prior to running this sequence. R0 is post-incremented so that it can be used by successive reads of memory.

1. Load and issue the LDC instruction:
 

```

SCAN_N 5                               ; select DTR
ITRSEL                                ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST  LDC p14,c5,[R0],#4               ; load the content of the position of
                                         ; memory pointed by R0 into wDTR and
                                         ; increment R0 by 4
RTI

```
2. The DTR is selected to read the data:
 

```

INTEST                                ; select the DTR and INTEST

```

3. This loop keeps on reading words, but it stops before the latest read. It is skipped if there is only one word to read:

```
FOR(i=1; i <= (Words2Read-1); i++) DO
  LOOP
    DATA 0x00000000 Ready readData ; gets the result of
                                      ; the previous read
    RTI ; issues the next read
    UNTIL Ready==1 ; wait until the instruction ends
    Save value in readData
  ENDFOR
```

4. Wait for the last read to finish:

```
LOOP
  DATA 0x00000000 Ready readData
  UNTIL Ready==1 ; wait until instruction ends
  Save value in readData
```

5. Now check whether an abort occurred:

```
SCAN_N 1 ; select DSCR
INTEST
DATAOUT DSCR ; this action clears the DSCR[6] flag
```

6. Scan out the contents of the DSCR. This clears the sticky precise Data Abort and sticky imprecise Data Abort flags. If the sticky precise Data Abort is set, this means that during the sequence one of the instructions caused a precise Data Abort. All the instructions that follow are not executed. Register R0 points to the next word to be written, and after the cause for the abort has been fixed the sequences resumes at step 1.

———— **Note** —————

If the sticky imprecise Data Aborts flag is set, an imprecise Data Abort has occurred and the sequence restarts at step 1 after the cause of the abort is fixed and R0 is reloaded.

#### 14.8.14 Writing memory as words

This sequence is optimized for a long sequential write. This sequence assumes that R0 has been set to the address to store data to prior to running this sequence. Register R0 is post-incremented so that it can be used by successive writes to memory:

1. The instruction is loaded:

```
SCAN_N 5 ; select DTR
ITRSEL ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST STC p14,c5,[R0],#4 ; store the contents of rDTR into the
                          ; position of memory pointed by R0 and
                          ; increment it by 4
EXTEST ; select the DTR and EXTEST
```

2. This loop writes all the words:

```
FOR (i=1; i <= Words2Write; i++) DO
  LOOP
    DATA Data2Write Ready
    RTI
    UNTIL Ready==1 ; wait until instruction ends
  ENDFOR
INTEST ; deselect the DTR
```

3. Wait for the last write to finish:

```
LOOP
  DATA 0x00000000 Ready
```

```
UNTIL Ready==1           ; wait until instruction ends
```

4. Check for aborts, as *Reading memory as words* on page 14-36 describes.

#### 14.8.15 Reading memory as halfwords or bytes

The above sequences cannot be used to transfer halfwords or bytes because LDC and STC instructions always transfer whole words. Two operations are required to complete a halfword or byte transfer, from memory to ARM register and from ARM register to CP14 debug register. Therefore, performance is decreased because the load instruction cannot be kept in the ITR. This sequence assumes that R0 has been set to the address to load data from prior to running the sequence. Register R0 is post-incremented so that it can be used by successive reads of memory. Register R1 is used as a temporary register:

1. Load and issue the LDRH or LDRB instruction:
 

```
ITRSEL           ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST   LDRH R1,[R0],#2   ; LDRB R1,[R0],#1 for byte reads
RTI
LOOP
    INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1           ; wait until instruction ends
```
2. Use the standard sequence that *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes on register R1. Now scan chain 5 and INTEST are selected.
3. If there are more halfwords or bytes to be read go to 1.
4. Check for aborts, as *Reading memory as words* on page 14-36 describes.

#### 14.8.16 Writing memory as halfwords/bytes

This sequence assumes that R0 has been set to the address to store data to prior to running this sequence. Register R0 is post-incremented so that it can be used by successive writes to memory. Register R1 is used as a temporary register:

1. Write the halfword/byte onto R1 using the standard sequence that *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes. Scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected.
2. Write the contents of R1 to memory:
 

```
ITRSEL           ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST   STRH R1,[R0],#2   ; STRB R1,[R0],#1 for byte writes
RTI
LOOP
    INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1           ; wait until instruction ends
```
3. If there are more halfwords or bytes to be read go to 1.
4. Now check for aborts as *Reading memory as words* on page 14-36 describes.

#### 14.8.17 Coprocessor register reads and writes

The processor can execute coprocessor instructions while in Debug state. Therefore, the straightforward method to transfer data between a coprocessor and the DBGTap debugger is using an ARM register temporarily. For this method to work, the coprocessor must be able to transfer all its registers to the core using coprocessor transfer instructions.

### 14.8.18 Reading coprocessor registers

1. Load the value into ARM register R0:  

```

ITRSEL          ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST   MRC px,y,R0,ca,cb,z
RTI
LOOP
      INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1          ; wait until instruction ends

```
2. Use the standard sequence that *Reading a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 describes.

### 14.8.19 Writing coprocessor registers

1. Write the value onto R0, using the standard sequence. See *Writing a current mode ARM register in the range R0-R14* on page 14-34 for more details. Scan chain 5 and EXTEST are selected.
2. Transfer the contents of R0 to a coprocessor register:  

```

ITRSEL          ; select the ITR and EXTEST
INST   MCR px,y,R0,ca,cb,z
RTI
LOOP
      INST 0x00000000 Ready
UNTIL Ready==1          ; wait until instruction ends

```

## 14.9 Programming debug events

This section describes the following operations:

- *Reading registers using scan chain 7*
- *Writing registers using scan chain 7*
- *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints and vector traps*
- *Setting software breakpoints on page 14-41.*

### 14.9.1 Reading registers using scan chain 7

A typical sequence for reading registers using scan chain 7 is as follows:

```

SCAN_N 7                ; select ITR
EXTEST
REQ 1stAddr2Rd0 0       ; read request for register 1stAddr2read
FOR(i=2; i <= Words2Read; i++) DO
  LOOP
    REQ ithAddr2Rd 0 0 Ready readData
                                ; ith read request while waiting
    UNTIL Ready==1             ; wait until the previous request completes
    Save value in readData
  ENDFOR
  LOOP
    REQ 0 0 0 Ready readData    ; null request while waiting
    UNTIL Ready==1             ; wait until last request completes
    Save value in readData

```

### 14.9.2 Writing registers using scan chain 7

A typical sequence for writing to a register using scan chain 7 is as follows:

```

SCAN_N 7                ; select ITR
EXTEST
REQ 1stAddr2Wr 1stData2Wr 0b1 ; write request for register 1stAddr2write
FOR(i=2; i <= Words2Write; i++) DO
  LOOP
    REQ ithAddr2Wr ithData2Wr 1 Ready
                                ; ith write request while waiting
    UNTIL Ready==1             ; wait until the previous request completes
  ENDFOR
  LOOP
    REQ 0 0 0 Ready           ; null request while waiting
    UNTIL Ready==1             ; wait until last request completes

```

### 14.9.3 Setting breakpoints, watchpoints and vector traps

You can program a vector catch debug event by writing to CP14 debug vector catch register.

You can program a breakpoint debug event by writing to CP14 debug 64-69 breakpoint value registers and CP14 debug 80-84 breakpoint control registers.

You can program a watchpoint debug event by writing to CP14 debug 96-97 watchpoint value registers and CP14 debug 112-113 watchpoint control registers.

———— **Note** ————

An External Debugger can access the CP14 debug registers whether the processor is in Debug state or not, so these debug events can be programmed on-the-fly, while the processor is in ARM/Thumb/Jazelle state.

See *Setting breakpoints, watchpoints, and vector catch debug events* on page 13-45 for the sequences of register accesses required to program these software debug events. See *Writing registers using scan chain 7* on page 14-40 to learn how to access CP14 debug registers using scan chain 7.

#### 14.9.4 Setting software breakpoints

To set a software breakpoint on a certain Virtual Address, a debugger must go through the following steps:

1. Read memory location and save actual instruction.
2. Write the BKPT instruction to the memory location.
3. Read memory location again to check that the BKPT instruction got written.
4. If it is not written, determine the reason.

All of these can be done using the previously described sequences.

———— **Note** —————

Cache coherency issues might arise when writing a BKPT instruction. See *Debugging in a cached system* on page 13-43.

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## 14.10 Monitor debug-mode debugging

If DSCR[15:14] b10 selecting Monitor debug-mode, then the processor takes an exception, rather than halting, when a software debug event occurs. See *Halting debug-mode debugging* on page 13-50 for details. When the exception is taken, the handler uses the DCC to transmit status information to, and receive commands from the host using a DBGTap debugger. Monitor debug-mode is essential in real-time systems when the core cannot be halted to collect information.

### 14.10.1 Receiving data from the core

```

SCAN_N 5 ; select DTR
INTEST
FOREACH Data2Read
  LOOP
    DATA 0x00000000 Valid readData
  UNTIL Valid==1 ; wait until instruction ends
  Save value in readData
END

```

### 14.10.2 Sending data to the core

```

SCAN_N 5 ; select DTR
EXTEST
FOREACH Data2Write
  LOOP
    DATA Data2Write nRetry
  UNTIL nRetry==1 ; wait until instruction ends
END

```

# Chapter 15

## Trace Interface Port

This chapter describes the *Embedded Trace Macrocell* (ETM) support for the processor. It contains the following section:

- *About the ETM interface* on page 15-2.

## 15.1 About the ETM interface

The processor trace interface port enables connection of an ETM to the processor. The ARM *Embedded Trace Macrocell* (ETM) provides instruction and data trace for the ARM11 family of processors. For more details on how the ETM interface connects to an ARM11 processor, see the *CoreSight ETM11 Technical Reference Manual*.

All inputs are registered immediately inside the ETM unless specified otherwise. All outputs are driven directly from a register unless specified otherwise. All signals are relative to **CLKIN** unless specified otherwise.

The ETM interface includes the following groups of signals:

- an instruction interface
- a Secure control bus
- a data address interface
- a pipeline advance interface
- a data value interface
- a coprocessor interface
- other connections to the core.

### 15.1.1 Instruction interface

The primary sampling point for these signals is on entry to write-back. See *Typical pipeline operations* on page 1-28. This ensures that instructions are traced correctly before any data transfers associated with them, as required by the ETM protocol.

Table 15-1 lists the instruction interface signals.

**Table 15-1 Instruction interface signals**

Signal name	Description	Qualified by
<b>ETMICTL[17:0]</b>	Instruction interface control signals	-
<b>ETMIA[31:0]</b>	This is the address for: ARM executed instruction + 8 Thumb executed instruction + 4 Java executed instruction	<b>IABpValid</b>
<b>ETMIARET[31:0]</b>	Address to return to if branch is incorrectly predicted	<b>IABpValid</b>

**ETMIA** is used for branch target address calculation.

Other than this the ETM must know, for each cycle, the current address of the instruction in execute and the address of any branch phantom progressing through the pipeline. The processor does not maintain the address of branch phantoms, instead it maintains the address to return to if the branch proves to be incorrectly predicted.

The instruction interface can trace a branch phantom without an associated normal instruction.

In the case of a branch that is predicted taken, the return address, for when the branch is not taken, is one instruction after the branch. Therefore, the branch address is:

$$\text{ETMIABP} = \text{ETMIARET} - \langle \text{isize} \rangle$$

When the instruction is predicted not taken, the return address is the target of the branch. However, because the branch was not taken, it must precede the normal instruction. Therefore, the branch address is:

ETMIABP = ETMIA - <size>

Table 15-2 lists the ETMICTL[17:0] instruction interface control signals.

**Table 15-2 ETMICTL[17:0]**

Bits	Reference name	Description	Qualified by
[17]	<b>IASlotKill</b>	Kill outstanding slots.	<b>IAException</b>
[16]	<b>IADAbort</b>	Data Abort.	<b>IAException</b>
[15]	<b>IAExCancel</b>	Exception canceled previous instruction.	<b>IAException</b>
[12:14]	<b>IAExInt</b>	b001 = IRQb101 = FIQb100 = Java exception b110 = Precise Data Abortb000 = Other exception.	<b>IAException</b>
[11]	<b>IAException</b>	Instruction is an exception vector.	None <sup>a</sup>
[10]	<b>IABounce</b>	Kill the data slot associated with this instruction. There is only ever one of these instructions. Used for bouncing coprocessor instructions.	<b>IADataInst</b>
[9]	<b>IADataInst</b>	Instruction is a data instruction. This includes any load, store, or CPRT, but does not include preloads.	<b>IAInstValid</b>
[8]	<b>IAContextID</b>	Instruction updates context ID.	<b>IAInstValid</b>
[7]	<b>IAIndBr</b>	Instruction is an indirect branch.	<b>IAInstValid</b>
[6]	<b>IABpCCFail</b>	Branch phantom failed its condition codes.	<b>IABpValid</b>
[5]	<b>IAInstCCFail</b>	Instruction failed its condition codes.	<b>IAInstValid</b>
[4]	<b>IAJBit</b>	Instruction executed in Jazelle state.	<b>IAValid</b>
[3]	<b>IATBit</b>	Instruction executed in Thumb state.	<b>IAValid</b>
[2]	<b>IABpValid</b>	Branch phantom executed this cycle.	<b>IAValid</b>
[1]	<b>IAInstValid</b>	(Non-phantom) instruction executed this cycle.	<b>IAValid</b>
[0]	<b>IAValid</b>	Signals on the instruction interface are valid this cycle. This is kept LOW when the ETM is powered down.	None

- a. The exception signals become valid when the core takes the exception and remain valid until the next instruction is seen at the exception vector.

### Exception reporting

The ARM1176JZF-S Trace Interface Port is designed for ETMs that support ETMv3.2 or above. ETMv3.2 permits the determination of each type of exception without reference to the destination address in the branch packet.

The ETM protocol does not permit the indication of an exception before the first instruction is traced. If the first instruction traced, when turning on trace, is the instruction at an exception vector, then the trace does not report an exception. Normally this is not a concern, because you can expect some missing trace when the trace is turned off.

However, there are two occasions where trace is turned off automatically, so that trace might lose exceptions even when the ETM is configured to trace continuously:

- the processor enters Debug state
- the processor enters a region where tracing is prohibited, a prohibited region.

In these cases, if an exception occurs before the first instruction is traced, an additional placeholder instruction is traced. The placeholder instruction is followed immediately by a branch packet that indicates the type of exception. This exception is marked as a canceling exception, to indicate that the placeholder instruction was not executed. The instruction at the exception vector is then traced, and trace continues as normal.

This extra instruction cannot be generated on a reset exception. Therefore, if the processor exits Debug state or a prohibited region because of a reset, trace does not report a reset exception.

For more information on the ETM protocol, see the *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification*.

### 15.1.2 Secure control bus

The Secure control bus **ETMIASECCTL** indicates when the processor is in Secure state and when the data trace is prohibited.

Table 15-3 lists the signals in the Secure control bus **ETMIASECCTL**.

**Table 15-3 ETMIASECCTL[1:0]**

Bits	Reference name	Description	Qualified by
[1]	<b>IASProhibited</b>	Trace prohibited for this instruction	<b>IAValid</b>
[0]	<b>IASNonSecure</b>	Instruction executed in Non-secure state	<b>IAValid</b>

### 15.1.3 Data address interface

Data addresses are sampled at the ADD stage because they are guaranteed to be in order at this point. These are assigned a slot number for identification on retirement.

Table 15-4 lists the data address interface signals.

**Table 15-4 Data address interface signals**

Signal name	Description	Qualified by
<b>ETMDACTL[17:0]</b>	Data address interface control signals	-
<b>ETMDA[31:3]</b>	Address for data transfer	<b>DASlot != 00 AND !DACPRT</b>

Table 15-5 lists the ETMDACTL[17:0] signals.

**Table 15-5 ETMDACTL[17:0]**

Bits	Reference name	Description	Qualified by
[17]	<b>DANSeq</b>	The data transfer is nonsequential from the last. This signal must be asserted on the first cycle of each instruction, in addition to the second transfer of a SWP or LDM pc, because the address of these transfers is not one word greater than the previous transfer, and therefore the transfer must have its address re-output. During an unaligned access, this signal is only valid on the first transfer of the access.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[16]	<b>DALast</b>	The data transfer is the last for this data instruction. This signal is asserted for both halves of an unaligned access. A related signal, DAFirst, can be implied from this signal, because the next transfer must be the first transfer of the next data instruction.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[15]	<b>DACPRT</b>	The data transfer is a CPRT.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[14]	<b>DASwizzle</b>	Words must be byte swizzled for ARM big-endian mode. During an unaligned access, this signal is only valid on the first transfer of the access.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[13:12]	<b>DARot</b>	Number of bytes to rotate right each word by. During an unaligned access, this signal is only valid on the first transfer of the access.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[11]	<b>DAUnaligned</b>	First transfer of an unaligned access. The next transfer must be the second half, where this signal is not asserted.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[10:3]	<b>DABLSel</b>	Byte lane selects.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[2]	<b>DAWrite</b>	Read or write. During an unaligned access, this signal is only valid on the first transfer of the access.	<b>DASlot != 00</b>
[1:0]	<b>DASlot</b>	Slot occupied by data item. b00 indicates that no slot is in use in this cycle. b11 indicates that ETM is in use in this cycle. This slot holds the value even when the ETM is powered down.	None

#### 15.1.4 Data value interface

The data values are sampled at the WBIs stage. Here the load, store, MCR, and MRC data is combined. The memory view of the data is presented, and must be converted back to the register view depending on the alignment and endianness.

Data is not returned for at least two cycles after the address. However, it is not necessary to pipeline the address because the slot does not return data for a previous address during this time. Data values are defined to correspond to the most recent data addresses with the same slot number, starting from the previous cycle. In other words, data can correspond to an address from the previous cycle, but not to an address from the same cycle.

Table 15-6 lists the data value interface signals.

**Table 15-6 Data value interface signals**

Signal name	Description	Qualified by
<b>ETMDDCTL[3:0]</b>	Data value interface control signals	-
<b>ETMDD[63:0]</b>	Contains the data for a load, store, MRC, or MCR instruction	<b>DDSlot != 00</b>

Table 15-7 lists the **ETMDDCTL[3:0]** signals.

**Table 15-7 ETMDDCTL[3:0]**

Bits	Reference name	Description	Qualified by
[3]	<b>DDImpAbort</b>	Imprecise Data Aborts on this slot. Data is ignored.	<b>DDSlot != 00</b>
[2]	<b>DDFail</b>	Store Exclusive data write failed.	<b>DDSlot != 00</b>
[1:0]	<b>DDSlot</b>	Slot occupied by data item. b00 indicates that no slot is in use this cycle. This is kept b00 when the ETM is powered down.	None

### 15.1.5 Pipeline advance interface

There are three points in the processor pipeline where signals are produced for the ETM. These signals must be realigned by the ETM, so pipeline advance signals are provided.

The pipeline advance signals indicate when a new instruction enters pipeline stages Ex3, Ex2, and ADD, see *Typical pipeline operations* on page 1-28.

Table 15-8 lists the **ETMPADV[2:0]** pipeline advance interface signals

**Table 15-8 ETMPADV[2:0]**

Bits	Reference name	Description	Qualified by
[2]	<b>PAEx3<sup>a</sup></b>	Instruction entered Ex3	-
[1]	<b>PAEx2<sup>a</sup></b>	Instruction entered Ex2	-
[0]	<b>PAAdd<sup>a</sup></b>	Instruction entered Ex1 and load/store ADD stage	-

a. This is kept LOW when the ETM is powered down.

The pipeline advance signals present in other interfaces are:

<b>IInvalid</b>	Instruction entered WBEx.
<b>DASlot != 00</b>	Data transfer entered DC1.
<b>DDSlot != 00</b>	Data transfer entered WBIs.

### 15.1.6 Coprocessor interface

This interface enables an ETM to monitor a sub-set of CP14 and CP15 operations. Rather than using the external coprocessor interface, the core provides a dedicated, cut-down coprocessor interface similar to that used by the debug logic.

Table 15-9 lists the coprocessor interface signals.

**Table 15-9 Coprocessor interface signals**

Signal name	Direction	Description	Qualified by	Reg bound
<b>ETMCPENABLE</b>	Output	Interface enable. <b>ETMCPWRITE</b> and <b>ETMCPADDRESS</b> are valid this cycle, and the remaining signals are valid two cycles later.	None	No, late <sup>a</sup>
<b>ETMCPCOMMIT</b>	Output	Commit. If this signal is LOW two cycles after <b>ETMCPENABLE</b> is asserted, the transfer is canceled and must not take any effect.	<b>ETMCPENABLE</b> +2	No, late <sup>a</sup>
<b>ETMCPWRITE</b>	Output	Read or write. Asserted for write.	<b>ETMCPENABLE</b>	Yes
<b>ETMCPADDRESS[14:0]</b>	Output	Register number.	<b>ETMCPENABLE</b>	Yes
<b>ETMCPRDATA[31:0]</b>	Input	Read data.	<b>ETMCPCOMMIT</b>	Yes
<b>ETMCPWDATA[31:0]</b>	Output	Write value.	<b>ETMCPCOMMIT</b>	Yes

a. Used as a clock enable for coprocessor interface logic.

A complete transaction takes three cycles. The first and last cycles can overlap, giving a sustained rate of one every two cycles.

———— **Note** —————

Because current ETMs do not use the **ETMCPRDATA[31:0]** signal you must ensure that the signal is tied off to `0x00000000`.

Only the following instructions are presented by the coprocessor interface:

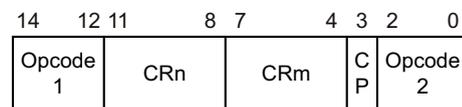
MRC p14, 1, <Rd>, c0, <CRm>, <Op2>  
MCR p14, 1, <Rd>, c0, <CRm>, <Op2>  
MCR p15, 0, <Rd>, c13, c0, 1

The **ETMCPSECCTL[1:0]** signals indicate when the access to the coprocessor registers is Non-secure and when the trace is prohibited. Table 15-10 lists the format of the **ETMCPSECCTL[1:0]** signals.

**Table 15-10 ETMCPSECCTL[1:0] format**

Bit	Description
[1]	Trace prohibited
[0]	Non-secure access

Figure 15-1 shows the format of the **ETMCPADDRESS[14:0]** signals.



**Figure 15-1 ETMCPADDRESS format**

In Figure 15-1 on page 15-7, the CP bit is 0 for CP14 or 1 for CP15.

Non-ETM instructions are not presented on this interface.

In contrast to the debug logic, the core makes no attempt to decode if a given ETM register exists or not. If a register does not exist, the write is silently ignored. For more details see the *Embedded Trace Macrocell Architecture Specification*.

### 15.1.7 Other connections to the core

The signals that Table 15-11 lists are also connected to the core.

**Table 15-11 Other connections**

Signal name	Direction	Description
EVNTBUS[19:0]	Output	Gives the status of the performance monitoring events. See <i>c15, Performance Monitor Control Register</i> on page 3-133.
ETMEXTOUT[1:0]	Input	Provides feedback to the core of the EVNTBUS signals after being passed through ETM triggering facilities and comparators. This enables the performance monitoring facilities provide by the processor to be conditioned in the same way as ETM events. For more details see <i>c15, Performance Monitor Control Register</i> on page 3-133 and the <i>CoreSight ETM11 Technical Reference Manual</i> .
ETMPWRUP	Input	Indicates that the ETM is active. When LOW the Trace Interface must be clock gated to conserve power.

# Chapter 16

## Cycle Timings and Interlock Behavior

This chapter describes the cycle timings and interlock behavior of integer instructions on the ARM1176JZF-S processor. This chapter contains the following sections:

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## 16.1 About cycle timings and interlock behavior

Complex instruction dependencies and memory system interactions make it impossible to describe briefly the exact cycle timing behavior for all instructions in all circumstances. The timings that this chapter describes are accurate in most cases. If precise timings are required you must use a cycle-accurate model of the processor.

Unless otherwise stated, cycle counts and result latencies that this chapter describes are best case numbers. They assume:

- no outstanding data dependencies between the current instruction and a previous instruction
- the instruction does not encounter any resource conflicts
- all data accesses hit in the MicroTLB and Data Cache, and do not cross protection region boundaries
- all instruction accesses hit in the Instruction Cache.

This section describes:

- *Changes in instruction flow overview*
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- *Conditional instructions* on page 16-4
- *Opposite condition code checks* on page 16-4
- *Definition of terms* on page 16-5.

### 16.1.1 Changes in instruction flow overview

To minimize the number of cycles, because of changes in instruction flow, the processor includes a:

- dynamic branch predictor
- static branch predictor
- return stack.

The dynamic branch predictor is a 128-entry direct-mapped branch predictor using VA bits [9:3]. The prediction scheme uses a two-bit saturating counter for predictions that are:

- Strongly Not Taken
- Weakly Not Taken
- Weakly Taken
- Strongly Taken.

Only branches with a constant offset are predicted. Branches with a register-based offset are not predicted. A dynamically predicted branch can be folded out of the instruction stream if the following instruction arrives while the branch is within the prefetch instruction buffer. A dynamically predicted branch takes one cycle or zero cycles if folded out.

The static branch predictor operates on branches with a constant offset that are not predicted by the dynamic branch predictor. Static predictions are issued from the Iss stage of the main pipeline, consequently a statically predicted branch takes four cycles.

The return stack consists of three entries, and as with static predictions, issues a prediction from the Iss stage of the main pipeline. The return stack mispredicts if the value taken from the return stack is not the value that is returned by the instruction. Only unconditional returns are

predicted. A conditional return pops an entry from the return stack but is not predicted. If the return stack is empty a return is not predicted. Items are placed on the return stack from the following instructions:

- BL #<immed>
- BLX #<immed>
- BLX Rx

Items are popped from the return stack by the following types of instruction:

- BX lr
- MOV pc, lr
- LDR pc, [sp], #cns
- LDMIA sp!, {...,pc}

A correctly predicted return stack pop takes four cycles.

### 16.1.2 Instruction execution overview

The instruction execution pipeline is constructed from three parallel four-stage pipelines. See Table 16-1. For a complete description of these pipeline stages see *Pipeline stages* on page 1-26.

**Table 16-1 Pipeline stages**

Pipeline	Stages			
ALU	Sh	ALU	Sat	WBex
Multiply	MAC1	MAC2	MAC3	
Load/Store	ADD	DC1	DC2	WBIs

The ALU and multiply pipelines operate in a lock-step manner, causing all instructions in these pipelines to retire in order. The load/store pipeline is a decoupled pipeline enabling subsequent instructions in the ALU and multiply pipeline to complete underneath outstanding loads.

Extensive forwarding to the Sh, MAC1, ADD, ALU, MAC2, and DC1 stages enables many dependent instruction sequences to run without pipeline stalls. General forwarding occurs from the ALU, Sat, WBex and WBIs pipeline stages. In addition, the multiplier contains an internal multiply accumulate forwarding path. Most instructions do not require a register until the ALU stage. All result latencies are given as the number of cycles until the register is required by a following instruction in the ALU stage.

The following sequence takes four cycles:

```
LDR R1, [R2]           ;Result latency three
ADD R3, R3, R1         ;Register R1 required by ALU
```

If a subsequent instruction requires the register at the start of the Sh, MAC1, or ADD stage then an extra cycle must be added to the result latency of the instruction producing the required register. Instructions that require a register at the start of these stages are specified by describing that register as an Early Reg. The following sequence, requiring an Early Reg, takes five cycles:

```
LDR R1, [R2]           ;Result latency three plus one
ADD R3, R3, R1 LSL#6   ;plus one because Register R1 is required by Sh
```

Finally, some instructions do not require a register until their second execution cycle. If a register is not required until the ALU, MAC1, or Dc1 stage for the second execution cycle, then a cycle can be subtracted from the result latency for the instruction producing the required register. If a register is not required until this later point, it is specified as a Late Reg. The following sequence where R1 is a Late Reg takes four cycles:

```
LDR R1, [R2]           ;Result latency three minus one
ADD R3, R3, R1, R4 LSL#5 ;minus one because Register R1 is a Late Reg
                        ;This ADD is a two issue cycle instruction
```

### 16.1.3 Conditional instructions

Most instructions execute in one or two cycles. If these instructions fail their condition codes then they take one and two cycles respectively.

Multiplies, MSR, and some CP14 and CP15 coprocessor instructions are the only instructions that require more than two cycles to execute. If one of these instructions fails its condition codes, then it takes a variable number of cycles to execute. The number of cycles is dependent on:

- the length of the operation
- the number of cycles between the setting of the flags and the start of the dependent instruction.

The worst-case number of cycles for a condition code failing multicyle instruction is five.

The following algorithm describes the number of cycles taken for multi-cycle instructions that condition-code fail:

```
Min(NonFailingCycleCount, Max(5 - FlagCycleDistance, 3))
```

Where:

**Max (a,b)** Returns the maximum of the two values a,b.

**Min (a,b)** Returns the minimum of the two values a,b.

**NonFailingCycleCount**

Is the number of cycles that the failing instruction would have taken had it passed.

**FlagCycDistance** Is the number of cycles between the instruction that sets the flags and the conditional instruction, including interlocking cycles. For example:

- The following sequence has a FlagCycleDistance of 0 because the instructions are back-to-back with no interlocks:  

```
ADDS R1, R2, R3
MULEQ R4, R5, R6
```
- The following sequence has a FlagCycleDistance of one:  

```
ADDS R1, R2, R3
MOV R0, R0
MULEQ R4, R5, R6
```

### 16.1.4 Opposite condition code checks

If instruction A and instruction B both write the same register the pipeline must ensure that the register is written in the correct order. Therefore, interlocks might be required to correctly resolve this pipeline hazard.

The only useful sequences where two instructions write the same register without an instruction reading its value in between are when the two instructions have opposite sets of condition codes. The processor optimizes these sequences to prevent unnecessary interlocks. For example:

- The following sequences take two cycles to execute:
  - `ADDNE R1, R5, R6`  
`LDREQ R1, [R8]`
  - `LDREQ R1, [R8]`  
`ADDNE R1, R5, R6`
- The following sequence also takes two cycles to execute, because the STR instruction does not store the value of R1 produced by the QDADDNE instruction:
 

```
QDADDNE R1, R5, R6
STREQ R1, [R8]
```

### 16.1.5 Definition of terms

Table 16-2 lists descriptions of cycle timing terms used in this chapter.

**Table 16-2 Definition of cycle timing terms**

Term	Description
Cycles	This is the minimum number of cycles required by an instruction.
Result latency	This is the number of cycles before the result of this instruction is available for a following instruction requiring the result at the start of the ALU, MAC2, and DC1 stage. This is the normal case. Exceptions to this mark the register as an Early Reg.  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>———— <b>Note</b> —————</p> <p>The result latency is the number of cycles from the first cycle of an instruction.</p> </div>
Register Lock Latency	For STM and STRD instructions only. This is the number of cycles that a register is write locked for by this instruction, preventing subsequent instructions that want to write the register from starting. This lock is required to prevent a following instruction from writing to a register before it has been read.
Early Reg	The specified registers are required at the start of the Sh, MAC1, and ADD stage. Add one cycle to the result latency of the instruction producing this register for interlock calculations.
Late Reg	The specified registers are not required until the start of the ALU, MAC1, and DC1 stage for the second execution. Subtract one cycle from the result latency of the instruction producing this register for interlock calculations.
FlagsCycleDistance	The number of cycles between an instruction that sets the flags and the conditional instruction.

## 16.2 Register interlock examples

Table 16-3 lists register interlock examples using LDR and ADD instructions.

LDR instructions take one cycle, have a result latency of three, and require their base register as an Early Reg.

ADD instructions take one cycle and have a result latency of one.

**Table 16-3 Register interlock examples**

Instruction sequence	Behavior
LDR R1, [R2] ADD R6, R5, R4	Takes two cycles because there are no register dependencies
ADD R1, R2, R3 ADD R9, R6, R1	Takes two cycles because ADD instructions have a result latency of one
LDR R1, [R2] ADD R6, R5, R1	Takes four cycles because of the result latency of R1
ADD R1, R5, R6 LDR R2, [R1]	Takes three cycles because of the use of the result of R1 as an Early Reg
LDR R1, [R2] LDR R5, [R1]	Takes five cycles because of the result latency and the use of the result of R1 as an Early Reg

## 16.3 Data processing instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the AND, EOR, SUB, RSB, ADD, ADC, SBC, RSC, CMN, ORR, MOV, BIC, MVN, TST, TEQ, CMP, and CLZ instructions.

### 16.3.1 Cycle counts if destination is not PC

Table 16-4 lists the cycle timing behavior for data processing instructions if its destination is not the PC. You can substitute ADD with any of the data processing instructions identified in the opening paragraph of this section.

**Table 16-4 Data Processing Instruction cycle timing behavior if destination is not PC**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Earl y Reg	Late Reg	Result latency	Comment
ADD <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>.	1	-	-	1	Normal case.
ADD <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #<immed>	1	<Rm>	-	1	Requires a shifted source register.
ADD <Rd>, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL <Rs>	2	<Rs>	<Rn>	2	Requires a register controlled shifted source register. Instruction takes two issue cycles. In the first cycle the shift distance Rs is sampled. In the second cycle the actual shift of Rm and the ADD instruction occurs.

### 16.3.2 Cycle counts if destination is the PC

Table 16-5 lists the cycle timing behavior for data processing instructions if its destination is the PC. You can substitute ADD with any data processing instruction except for a MOV and CLZ. A CLZ with the PC as the destination is an Unpredictable instruction.

The timings for a MOV instruction are given separately in the table.

For condition code failing cycle counts, the cycles for the non-PC destination variants must be used.

**Table 16-5 Data Processing Instruction cycle timing behavior if destination is the PC**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Earl y Reg	Late Reg	Result latency	Comment
MOV pc, 1r	4	-	-	-	Correctly return stack predicted MOV pc, 1r
MOV pc, 1r	7	-	-	-	Incorrectly return stack predicted MOV pc, 1r
MOV <cond> pc, 1r	5-7 <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-	Conditional return, or return when return stack is empty
MOV pc, <Rd>	5	-	-	-	MOV to PC, no shift required
MOV <cond> pc, <Rd>	5-7 <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-	Conditional MOV to PC, no shift required
MOV pc, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #<immed>	6	<Rm>	-	-	Conditional MOV to PC, with a shifted source register

**Table 16-5 Data Processing Instruction cycle timing behavior if destination is the PC (continued)**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Earl y Reg	Late Reg	Result latency	Comment
MOV <cond> pc, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #<immed>	6-7 <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-	Conditional MOV to PC, with a shifted source register
MOV pc, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL <Rs>	7	<Rs>	<Rn>	-	MOV to pc, with a register controlled shifted source register
ADD pc, <Rd>, <Rm>	7	-	-	-	Normal case to PC
ADD pc, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #<immed>	7	<Rm>	-	-	Requires a shifted source register
ADD pc, <Rn>, <Rm>, LSL <Rs>	8	<Rs>	<Rn>	-	Requires a register controlled shifted source register

a. If the instruction is conditional and passes conditional checks it takes MAX (MaxCycles - FlagCycleDistance, MinCycles), If the instruction is unconditional it takes Min Cycles.

### 16.3.3 Example interlocks

Most data processing instructions are single-cycle and can be executed back-to-back without interlock cycles, even if there are data dependencies between them. The exceptions to this are when the Shifter or Register controlled shifts are used.

#### Shifter

The shifter is in a separate pipeline stage from the ALU. A register required by the shifter is an Early Reg and requires an additional cycle of result availability before use. For example, the following sequence introduces a one-cycle interlock, and takes three cycles to execute:

```
ADD R1,R2,R3
ADD R4,R5,R1 LSL #1
```

The second source register, that is not shifted, does not incur an extra data dependency check. Therefore, the following sequence takes two cycles to execute:

```
ADD R1,R2,R3
ADD R4,R1,R9 LSL #1
```

#### Register controlled shifts

Register controlled shifts take two cycles to execute:

- the register containing the shift distance is read in the first cycle
- the shift is performed in the second cycle
- The final operand is not required until the ALU stage for the second cycle.

Because a shift distance is required, the register containing the shift distance is an Early Reg and incurs an extra interlock penalty. For example, the following sequence takes four cycles to execute:

```
ADD R1, R2, R3
ADD R4, R2, R4, LSL R1
```

## 16.4 QADD, QDADD, QSUB, and QDSUB instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the QADD, QDADD, QSUB, and QDSUB instructions.

These instructions perform saturating arithmetic. Their result is produced during the Sat stage, consequently they have a result latency of two. The QDADD and QDSUB instructions must double and saturate the register <Rn> before the addition. This operation occurs in the Sh stage of the pipeline, consequently this register is an Early Reg.

Table 16-6 lists the cycle timing behavior for QADD, QDADD, QSUB, and QDSUB instructions.

**Table 16-6 QADD, QDADD, QSUB, and QDSUB instruction cycle timing behavior**

Instructions	Cycle s	Early Reg	Result latency
QADD, QSUB	1	-	2
QDADD, QDSUB	1	<Rn>	2

## 16.5 ARMv6 media data-processing

Table 16-7 lists ARMv6 media data-processing instructions and gives their cycle timing behavior.

All ARMv6 media data-processing instructions are single-cycle issue instructions. These instructions produce their results in either the ALU or Sat stage, and have result latencies of one or two accordingly. Some of the instructions require an input register to be shifted before use and therefore are marked as requiring an Early Reg.

**Table 16-7 ARMv6 media data-processing instructions cycle timing behavior**

Instructions	Cycle s	Early Reg	Result latency
SADD16, SSUB16, SADD8, SSUB8	1	-	1
USAD8, USADA8	1	<Rm>, <Rs>	3
UADD16, USUB16, UADD8, USUB8	1	-	1
SEL	1	-	1
QADD16, QSUB16, QADD8, QSUB8	1	-	2
SHADD16, SHSUB16, SHADD8, SHSUB8	1	-	2
UQADD16, UQSUB16, UQADD8, UQSUB8	1	-	2
UHADD16, UHSUB16, UHADD8, UHSUB8	1	-	2
SSAT16, USAT16	1	-	2
SADDSUBX, SSUBADDX	1	<Rm>	1
UADDSUBX, USUBADDX	1	<Rm>	1
SADD8TO16, SADD8TO32, SADD16TO32	1	<Rm>	1
SUNPK8TO16, SUNPK8TO32, SUNPK16TO32	1	<Rm>	1
UUNPK8TO16, UUNPK8TO32, UUNPK16TO32	1	<Rm>	1
UADD8TO16, UADD8TO32, UADD16TO32	1	<Rm>	1
REV, REV16, REVSH	1	<Rm>	1
PKHBT, PKHTB	1	<Rm>	1
SSAT, USAT	1	<Rm>	2
QADDSUBX, QSUBADDX	1	<Rm>	2
SHADDSUBX, SHSUBADDX	1	<Rm>	2
UQADDSUBX, UQSUBADDX	1	<Rm>	2
UHADDSUBX, UHSUBADDX	1	<Rm>	2

## 16.6 ARMv6 Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD)

Table 16-8 lists ARMv6 SAD instructions and gives their cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-8 ARMv6 sum of absolute differences instruction timing behavior**

Instructions	Cycles	Early Reg	Result latency
USAD8	1	<Rm>, <Rs>	3 <sup>a</sup>
USADA8	1	<Rm>, <Rs>	3

a. Result latency is one less if the destination is the accumulate for a subsequent USADA8.

### 16.6.1 Example interlocks

Table 16-9 lists interlock examples using USAD8 and USADA8 instructions.

**Table 16-9 Example interlocks**

Instruction sequence	Behavior
USAD8 R1, R2, R3 ADD R5, R6, R1	Takes four cycles because USAD8 has a Result latency of three, and the ADD requires the result of the USAD8 instruction.
USAD8 R1, R2, R3 MOV R9, R9 MOV R9, R9 ADD R5, R6, R1	Takes four cycles. The MOV instructions are scheduled during the Result latency of the USAD8 instruction.
USAD8 R1, R2, R3 USADA8 R1, R4, R5, R1	Takes three cycles. The Result latency is one less because the result is used as the accumulate for a subsequent USADA8 instruction.

## 16.7 Multiplies

The multiplier consists of a three-cycle pipeline with early result forwarding not possible other than to the internal accumulate path. For a subsequent multiply accumulate the result is available one cycle earlier than for all other uses of the result.

Certain multiplies require:

- more than one cycle to execute.
- more than one pipeline issue to produce a result.

Multiplies with 64-bit results take and require two cycles to write the results, consequently they have two result latencies with the low half of the result always available first. The multiplicand and multiplier are required as Early Regs because they are both required at the start of MAC1.

Table 16-10 lists the cycle timing behavior of example multiply instructions.

**Table 16-10 Example multiply instruction cycle timing behavior**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Cycles if sets flags	Early Reg	Late Reg	Result latency
MUL(S)	2	5	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	4
MLA(S)	2	5	<Rm>, <Rs>	<Rn>	4
SMULL(S)	3	6	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	4/5
UMULL(S)	3	6	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	4/5
SMLAL(S)	3	6	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdLo>	4/5
UMLAL(S)	3	6	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdLo>	4/5
SMULxy	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMLAxy	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMULWy	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMLAWy	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMLALxy	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdHi>	3/4
SMUAD, SMUADX	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMLAD, SMLADX	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMUSD, SMUSDx	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMLSD, SMLSDx	1	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	3
SMMUL, SMMULR	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	-	4
SMMLA, SMMLAR	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<Rn>	4
SMMLS, SMMLSR	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<Rn>	4
SMLALD, SMLALDX	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdHi>	3/4
SMLSLD, SMLSLDX	2	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdHi>	3/4
UMAAL	3	-	<Rm>, <Rs>	<RdLo>	4/5

———— **Note** —————

Result latency is one less if the result is used as the accumulate register for a subsequent multiply accumulate.

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## 16.8 Branches

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the B, BL, and BLX instructions.

Branches are subject to dynamic, static and return stack predictions. Table 16-11 lists example branch instructions and their cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-11 Branch instruction cycle timing behavior**

Example instruction	Cycles	Comment
B <immed>	0	Folded dynamic prediction
B<immed>, BL<immed>, BLX<immed>	1	Not-folded dynamic prediction
B<immed>, BL<immed>, BLX<immed>	1	Correct not-taken static prediction
B<immed>, BL<immed>, BLX<immed>	4	Correct taken static prediction
B<immed>, BL<immed>, BLX<immed>	5-7 <sup>a</sup>	Incorrect dynamic/static prediction
BX R14	4	Correct return stack prediction
BX R14	7	Incorrect return stack prediction
BX R14	5	Empty return stack
BX <cond> R14	5-7 <sup>a</sup>	Conditional return
BX <cond> <reg>, BLX <cond> <reg>	1	If not taken
BX <cond> <reg>, BLX <cond> <reg>	5-7 <sup>a</sup>	If taken

- a. Mispredicted branches, including taken unpredicted branches, takes a varying number of cycles to execute depending on their distance from a flag setting instruction. The timing behavior is:  
 $\text{Cycle} = \text{MAX}(\text{MaxCycles} - \text{FlagCycleDistance}, \text{MinCycles})$ .

## 16.9 Processor state updating instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the MSR, MRS, CPS, and SETEND instructions. Table 16-12 lists processor state updating instructions and their cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-12 Processor state updating instructions cycle timing behavior**

instruction	Cycles	Comments
MRS	1	All MRS instructions
MSR CPSR_f, s, fs	2	MSRs to CPSR flags and or status
MSR	4	All other MSRs to the CPSR
MSR SPSR	5	All MSRs to the SPSR
CPS <effect> <iflags>	1	Interrupt masks only
CPS <effect> <iflags>, #<mode>	2	Mode changing
SETEND	1	-

## 16.10 Single load and store instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for LDR, LDRT, LDRB, LDRBT, LDRSB, LDRH, LDRSH, LDREX, LDREXB, LDREXH, LDREXD, STR, STRT, STRB, STRBT, STRH, STREX, STREXB, STREXH, STREXD and PLD instructions.

Table 16-13 lists the cycle timing behavior for stores and loads, other than loads to the PC. You can replace LDR with any of the above single load or store instructions. The following rules apply:

- They are single-cycle issue if a constant offset is used or if a register offset with no shift, or shift by 2 is used. Both the base and any offset register are Early Regs.
- They are two-cycle issue if either a negative register offset or a shift other than LSL #2 is used. Only the offset register is an Early Reg.
- If ARMv6 unaligned support is enabled then accesses to addresses not aligned to the access size generates two memory accesses, and so consume the load/store unit for an additional cycle. This extra cycle is required if the base or the offset is not aligned to the access size, consequently the final address is potentially unaligned, even if the final address turns out to be aligned.
- If ARMv6 unaligned support is enabled and the final access address is unaligned there is an extra cycle of result latency.
- PLD, data preload hint instructions, have cycle timing behavior as for load instructions. Because they have no destination register, the result latency is not-applicable for such instructions. Because a PLD instruction is treated as any other load instruction by all levels of cache, standard data-dependency rules and eviction procedures are followed. The PLD instruction is ignored in case of an address translation fault, a cache hit, or an abort, during any stage of PLD execution. Only use the PLD instruction to preload from cacheable Normal memory.
- The updated base register has a result latency of one. For back-to-back load/store instructions with base write back, the updated base is available to the following load/store instruction with a result latency of 0.

**Table 16-13 Cycle timing behavior for stores and loads, other than loads to the PC**

Example instruction	Cycles	Memory cycles	Result latency	Comments
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	1	3	Legacy access / ARMv6 aligned access
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	2	2	4	Legacy access / ARMv6 aligned access
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	2	3	Potentially ARMv6 unaligned access
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	2	3	4	Potentially ARMv6 unaligned access
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	2	4	ARMv6 unaligned access
LDR <Rd>, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	2	4	ARMv6 unaligned access

a. See Table 16-15 on page 16-17 for an explanation of <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle>.

Table 16-14 lists the cycle timing behavior for loads to the PC.

**Table 16-14 Cycle timing behavior for loads to the PC**

Example instruction	Cycle s	Memory cycles	Result latency	Comments
LDR pc, [sp, #cns] (!)	4	1	-	Correctly return stack predicted
LDR pc, [sp], #cns	4	1	-	Correctly return stack predicted
LDR pc, [sp, #cns] (!)	9	1	-	Return stack mispredicted
LDR pc, [sp], #cns	9	1	-	Return stack mispredicted
LDR <cond> pc, [sp, #cns] (!)	8	1	-	Conditional return, or empty return stack
LDR <cond> pc, [sp], #cns	8	1	-	Conditional return, or empty return stack
LDR pc, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	8	1	-	-
LDR pc, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	9	2	-	-

a. Table 16-15 for an explanation of <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle>.

Only cycle times for aligned accesses are given because Unaligned accesses to the PC are not supported.

The processor includes a three-entry return stack that can predict procedure returns. Any load to the pc with an immediate offset, and the stack pointer R13 as the base register is considered a procedure return.

For condition code failing cycle counts, you must use the cycles for the non-PC destination variants.

Table 16-15 lists the explanation of <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle> that Table 16-13 on page 16-16 and Table 16-14 use.

**Table 16-15 <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle> LDR example instruction explanation**

Example instruction	Early Reg	Comment
<addr_md_1cycle>		
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, #cns] (!)	<Rn>	If an immediate offset, or a positive register offset with no shift or shift LSL #2, then one-issue cycle.
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>] (!)	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #2] (!)	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>], #cns	<Rn>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>], <Rm>	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>], <Rm>, LSL #2	<Rn>, <Rm>	
<addr_md_2cycle>		

Table 16-15 &lt;addr\_md\_1cycle&gt; and &lt;addr\_md\_2cycle&gt; LDR example instruction explanation (continued)

Example instruction	Early Reg	Comment
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>, -<Rm>] (!)	<Rm>	If negative register offset, or shift other than LSL #2 then two-issue cycles.
LDR <Rd>, [<Rm>, -<Rm> <shf> <cns>] (!)	<Rm>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>], -<Rm>	<Rm>	
LDR <Rd>, [<Rn>], -<Rm> <shf> <cns>	<Rm>	

### 16.10.1 Base register update

The base register update for load or store instructions occurs in the ALU pipeline. To prevent an interlock for back-to-back load or store instructions reusing the same base register, there is a local forwarding path to recycle the updated base register around the ADD stage.

For example, the following instruction sequence take three cycles to execute:

```
LDR R5, [R2, #4]!
LDR R6, [R2, #0x10]!
LDR R7, [R2, #0x20]!
```

## 16.11 Load and Store Double instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the LDRD and STRD instructions

The LDRD and STRD instructions:

- Are two-cycle issue if either a negative register offset or a shift other than LSL #2 is used. Only the offset register is an Early Reg.
- Are single-cycle issue if either a constant offset is used or if a register offset with no shift, or shift by 2 is used. Both the base and any offset register are Early Regs.
- Take only one memory cycle if the address is doubleword aligned.
- Take two memory cycles if the address is not doubleword aligned.

The updated base register has a result latency of one. For back-to-back load/store instructions with base write back, the updated base is available to the following load/store instruction with a result latency of 0.

To prevent instructions after a STRD from writing to a register before it has stored that register, the STRD registers have a lock latency that determines how many cycles it is before a subsequent instruction that writes to that register can start.

Table 16-16 lists the cycle timing behavior for LDRD and STRD instructions.

**Table 16-16 Load and Store Double instructions cycle timing behavior**

Example instruction	Cycle s	Memory cycles	Result latency (LDRD)	Register lock latency (STRD)
<b>Address is double-word aligned</b>				
LDRD R1, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	1	3/3	1,2
LDRD R1, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	2	2	4/4	2,3
<b>Address not double-word aligned</b>				
LDRD R1, <addr_md_1cycle> <sup>a</sup>	1	2	3/4	1,2
LDRD R1, <addr_md_2cycle> <sup>a</sup>	2	3	4/5	2,3

a. Table 16-17 for an explanation of <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle>.

Table 16-17 lists the explanation of <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle> that Table 16-16 uses.

**Table 16-17 <addr\_md\_1cycle> and <addr\_md\_2cycle> LDRD example instruction explanation**

Example instruction	Early Reg	Comment
<addr_md_1cycle>		

Table 16-17 &lt;addr\_md\_1cycle&gt; and &lt;addr\_md\_2cycle&gt; LDRD example instruction explanation (continued)

Example instruction	Early Reg	Comment
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>, #cns] (!)	<Rn>	If an immediate offset, or a positive register offset with no shift or shift LSL #2, then one-issue cycle.
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>] (!)	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>, <Rm>, LSL #2] (!)	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>], #cns	<Rn>	
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>], <Rm>	<Rn>, <Rm>	
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>], <Rm>, LSL #2	<Rn>, <Rm>	
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<addr_md_2cycle>		
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>, -<Rm>] (!)	<Rm>	If negative register offset, or shift other than LSL #2 then two-issue cycles.
LDRD Rd, [<Rm>, -<Rm> <shf> <cns>] (!)	<Rm>	
LDRD <Rd>, [<Rn>], -<Rm>	<Rm>	
LDRD< Rd>, [Rn], -<Rm> <shf> <cns>	<Rm>	

## 16.12 Load and Store Multiple Instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the LDM and STM instructions.

These instructions take one cycle to issue but then use multiple memory cycles to load/store all the registers. Because the memory datapath is 64-bits wide, two registers can be loaded or stored on each cycle. Following non-dependent, non-memory instructions can execute in the integer pipeline while these instructions complete. A dependent instruction is one that either:

- writes a register that has not yet been stored
- reads a register that has not yet been loaded.

Before a load or store multiple can begin, all the registers in the register list must be available. For example, a STM cannot begin until all outstanding loads for registers in the register list have completed.

To prevent instructions after a store multiple from writing to a register before a store multiple has stored that register, the register list has a lock latency that determines how many cycles it is before a subsequent instruction that writes to that register can start.

### 16.12.1 Load and Store Multiples, other than load multiples including the PC

In all cases the base register, Rx, is an Early Reg.

Table 16-18 lists the cycle timing behavior of load and store multiples including the PC.

**Table 16-18 Cycle timing behavior of Load and Store Multiples, other than load multiples including the PC**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Memory cycles	Result latency (LDM)	Register Lock Latency (STM)
<b>First address 64-bit aligned</b>				
LDMIA Rx, {R1}	1	1	3	1
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2}	1	1	3,3	1,2
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3}	1	2	3,3,4	1,2,2
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4}	1	2	3,3,4,4	1,2,2,3
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5}	1	3	3,3,4,4,5	1,2,2,3,3
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6}	1	3	3,3,4,4,5,5	1,2,2,3,3,4
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7}	1	4	3,3,4,4,5,5,6	1,2,2,3,3,4,4
<b>First address not 64-bit aligned</b>				
LDMIA Rx, {R1}	1	1	3	1
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2}	1	2	3,4	1,2
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3}	1	2	3,4,4	1,2,2
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4}	1	3	3,4,4,5	1,2,2,3
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5}	1	3	3,4,4,5,5	1,2,2,3,4
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6}	1	4	3,4,4,5,5,6	1,2,2,3,4,4
LDMIA Rx, {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7}	1	4	3,4,4,5,5,6,6	1,2,2,3,4,4,5

### 16.12.2 Load Multiples, where the PC is in the register list

If a LDM loads the PC then the PC access is performed first to accelerate the branch, followed by the rest of the register loads. The cycle timings and all register load latencies for LDMs with the pc in the list are one greater than the cycle times for the same LDM without the PC in the list.

The processor includes a three-entry return stack that can predict procedure returns. Any LDM to the PC with the stack point, R13, as the base register, and that does not restore the SPSR to the CPSR, is predicted as a procedure return.

For condition code failing cycle counts, the cycles for the non-PC destination variants must be used. These are all single-cycle issue, consequently a condition code failing LDM to the PC takes one cycle.

In all cases the base register, Rx, is an Early Reg, and requires an extra cycle of result latency to provide its value.

Table 16-19 lists the cycle timing behavior of Load Multiples, where the PC is in the register list.

**Table 16-19 Cycle timing behavior of Load Multiples, where the PC is in the register list**

Example instruction	Cycle s	Memory Cycles	Result latency	Comments
LDMIA sp!, {...,pc}	4	1+n <sup>a</sup>	4,...	Correctly return stack predicted
LDMIA sp!, {...,pc}	9	1+n <sup>a</sup>	4,...	Return stack mispredicted
LDMIA <cond> sp!, {...,pc}	9	1+n <sup>a</sup>	4,...	Conditional return, or empty return stack
LDMIA rx, {...,pc}	8	1+n <sup>a</sup>	4,...	Not return stack predicted

a. Where n is the number of memory cycles for this instruction if the pc had not been in the register list.

### 16.12.3 Example Interlocks

The following sequence that has an LDM instruction take five cycles, because R3 has a result latency of four cycles:

```
LDMIA R0, {R1-R7}
ADD R10, R10, R3
```

The following that has an STM instruction takes five cycles to execute, because R6 has a register lock latency of four cycles:

```
STMIA R0, {R1-R7}
ADD R6, R10, R11
```

## 16.13 RFE and SRS instructions

This section describes the cycle timing for the RFE and SRS instructions.

These instructions return from an exception and save exception return state respectively. The RFE instruction always requires two memory cycles. It first loads the SPSR value from the stack, and then the return address. The SRS instruction takes one or two memory cycles depending on double-word alignment first address location.

In all cases the base register is an Early Reg, and requires an extra cycle of result latency to provide its value.

Table 16-20 lists the cycle timing behavior for RFE and SRS instructions.

**Table 16-20 RFE and SRS instructions cycle timing behavior**

Example Instruction	Cycle s	Memory Cycles
<b>Address double-word aligned</b>		
RFEIA <Rn>	9	2
SRSIA #<mode>	1	1
<b>Address not double-word aligned</b>		
RFEIA <Rn>	9	2
SRSIA #<mode>	1	2

## 16.14 Synchronization instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the SWP, SWPB, LDREX, and STREX instructions.

In all cases the base register, Rn, is an Early Reg, and requires an extra cycle of result latency to provide its value. Table 16-21 lists the synchronization instructions cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-21 Synchronization Instructions cycle timing behavior**

Instruction	Cycle s	Memory Cycles	Result latency
SWP Rd, <Rm>, [Rn]	2	2	3
SWPB Rd, <Rm>, [Rn]	2	2	3
LDREX <Rd>, [Rn]	1	1	3
STREX, <Rd>, <Rm>, [Rn]	1	1	3
LDREX{B,H,D} <Rd>, [Rn]	1	1	3
STREX{B,H,D} <Rd>, <Rm>, [Rn]	1	1	3
CLREX	1	1	X

CLREX instructions have cycle timing behavior as for load instructions. Because they have no destination register, the result latency is not-applicable for such instructions.

## 16.15 Coprocessor instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for the CDP, LDC, STC, LDCL, STCL, MCR, MRC, MCRR, and MRRC instructions.

The precise timing of coprocessor instructions is tightly linked with the behavior of the relevant coprocessor. The numbers in Table 16-22 are best case numbers. For LDC/STC instructions, the coprocessor can determine how many words are required. Table 16-22 lists the coprocessor instructions cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-22 Coprocessor Instructions cycle timing behavior**

Instruction	Cycle s	Memory cycles	Result latency
MCR	1	1	-
MCRR	1	1	-
MRC	1	1	3
MRRC	1	1	3/3
LDC/LDCL	1	As required	-
STC/STCL	1	As required	-
CDP	1	1	-

## 16.16 SVC, SMC, BKPT, Undefined, and Prefetch Aborted instructions

This section describes the cycle timing behavior for SVC, SMC, Undefined Instruction, BKPT and Prefetch Abort.

In all cases, the exception is taken in the WBex stage of the pipeline. SVC, SMC, and most Undefined instructions that fail their condition codes take one cycle. A small number of undefined instructions that fail their condition codes take two cycles. Table 16-23 lists the SVC, SMC, BKPT, undefined, prefetch aborted instructions cycle timing behavior.

**Table 16-23 SVC, BKPT, undefined, prefetch aborted instructions cycle timing behavior**

<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Cycle s</b>
SVC	8
SMC	8
BKPT	8
Prefetch Abort	8
Undefined Instruction	8

## 16.17 No operation

The no operation instruction, NOP, takes two cycles.

## 16.18 Thumb instructions

The cycle timing behavior for Thumb instructions follow the ARM equivalent instruction cycle timing behavior.

Thumb BL instructions that are encoded as two Thumb instructions, can be dynamically predicted. The predictions occurs on the second part of the BL pair, consequently a correct prediction takes two cycles.

# Chapter 17

## AC Characteristics

This chapter gives the timing diagrams and timing parameters for the processor. This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Processor timing diagrams* on page 17-2
- *Processor timing parameters* on page 17-3.

## 17.1 Processor timing diagrams

The AMBA AXI bus interface of the processor conforms to the *AMBA Specification*. See this document for the relevant timing diagrams.

## 17.2 Processor timing parameters

The maximum timing parameter or constraint delay for each processor signal applied to the SoC is given as a percentage in Table 17-1 to Table 17-8 on page 17-6. The input delay columns provide the maximum and minimum time as a percentage of the processor clock cycle given to the SoC for that signal.

———— **Note** ————

The maximum delay timing parameter or constraint permitted for all processor output signals enables 60% of the processor clock cycle to the SoC.

Table 17-1 lists the global signal timing parameters.

**Table 17-1 Global signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
ACLKEND	Clock uncertainty	40
ACLKENI	Clock uncertainty	40
ACLKENP	Clock uncertainty	40
ACLKENRW	Clock uncertainty	40
ARESETDn	Clock uncertainty	20
ARESETIn	Clock uncertainty	20
ARESETPn	Clock uncertainty	20
ARESETRWn	Clock uncertainty	20
nPORESETIN	Clock uncertainty	20
nRESETIN	Clock uncertainty	20
nVFPRESETIN	Clock uncertainty	20
RAMCLAMP	Clock uncertainty	20
SYNCMODEREQD	Clock uncertainty	60
SYNCMODEREQI	Clock uncertainty	60
SYNCMODEREQP	Clock uncertainty	60
SYNCMODEREQRW	Clock uncertainty	60
VFPCLAMP	Clock uncertainty	20

Table 17-2 lists the AXI interface timing parameters.

**Table 17-2 AXI signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
ARREADYD	Clock uncertainty	50
ARREADYI	Clock uncertainty	50
ARREADYP	Clock uncertainty	50

Table 17-2 AXI signals (continued)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minimum input delay</b>	<b>Maximum input delay%</b>
<b>ARREADYRW</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>BRESPD[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>BRESPP[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>BRESPRW[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>BVALIDD</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>BVALIDP</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>BVALIDRW</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>RDATAD[63:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RDATAI[63:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RDATAP[31:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RDATARW[63:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RLASTD</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RLASTI</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RLASTP</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RLASTRW</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RRESPD[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RRESPI[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RRESPP[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RRESPRW[1:0]</b>	Clock uncertainty	70
<b>RVALIDD</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>RVALIDI</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>RVALIDP</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>RVALIDRW</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>WREADYD</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>WREADYP</b>	Clock uncertainty	50
<b>WREADYRW</b>	Clock uncertainty	50

Table 17-3 lists the coprocessor port timing parameters.

**Table 17-3 Coprocessor signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
CPAACCEPT	Clock uncertainty	70
CPAACCEPTHOLD	Clock uncertainty	70
CPAACCEPTT [3:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPALENGTH [3:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPALENGTHHOLD	Clock uncertainty	70
CPALENGTHT [3:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPAPRESENT[11:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPASTDATA [63:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPASTDATAT [3:0]	Clock uncertainty	70
CPASTDATAV	Clock uncertainty	70

Table 17-4 lists the ETM interface port timing parameters.

**Table 17-4 ETM interface signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
ETMEXTOUT[1:0]	Clock uncertainty	60
ETMPWRUP	Clock uncertainty	60
nETMWFIREADY	Clock uncertainty	60
ETMCPRDATA[31:0]	Clock uncertainty	60

Table 17-5 lists the interrupt port timing parameters.

**Table 17-5 Interrupt signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
INTSYNCEN	Clock uncertainty	60
IRQADDR[31:2]	Clock uncertainty	60
IRQADDRV	Clock uncertainty	60
IRQADDRVSYNCE N	Clock uncertainty	60
nFIQ	Clock uncertainty	60
nIRQ	Clock uncertainty	60

Table 17-6 lists the debug timing parameters.

**Table 17-6 Debug interface signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
TCK	Clock uncertainty	20
JTAGSYNCBYPASS	Clock uncertainty	20
DBGnTRST	Clock uncertainty	60
TDI	Clock uncertainty	20
TMS	Clock uncertainty	20
EDBGRRQ	Clock uncertainty	60
DBGEN	Clock uncertainty	60
DBGVERSION[3:0]	Clock uncertainty	50
DBGMANID[10:0]	Clock uncertainty	50
SPIDEN	Clock uncertainty	60
SPNIDEN	Clock uncertainty	60

Table 17-7 lists the test port timing parameters.

**Table 17-7 Test signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
SE	Clock uncertainty	20
RSTBYPASS	Clock uncertainty	20
MTESTON	Clock uncertainty	60
MBISTDIN[63:0]	Clock uncertainty	60
MBISTADDR[12:0]	Clock uncertainty	60
MBISTCE[19:0]	Clock uncertainty	60
MBISTWE[7:0]	Clock uncertainty	60
MBISTDOUT[63:0]	Clock uncertainty	40

Table 17-8 lists the static configuration signal port timing parameters.

**Table 17-8 Static configuration signals**

Name	Minimum input delay	Maximum input delay%
BIGENDINIT	Clock uncertainty	60
INITRAM	Clock uncertainty	60
UBITINIT	Clock uncertainty	60
VINITHI	Clock uncertainty	60

Table 17-9 lists the internal TrustZone signal port timing parameters.

**Table 17-9 TrustZone internal signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minimum input delay</b>	<b>Maximum input delay%</b>
<b>CP15SDISABLE</b>	Clock uncertainty	60

# Chapter 18

## Introduction to the VFP coprocessor

This chapter introduces the VFP11 coprocessor. It contains the following sections:

- *About the VFP11 coprocessor* on page 18-2
- *Applications* on page 18-3
- *Coprocessor interface* on page 18-4
- *VFP11 coprocessor pipelines* on page 18-5
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## 18.1 About the VFP11 coprocessor

The VFP11 coprocessor is an implementation of the *ARM Vector Floating-point Architecture* (VFPv2). It provides low-cost floating-point computation that is fully compliant with the *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*, referred to in this document as the IEEE 754 standard. The VFP11 coprocessor supports all of the VFP addressing modes described for vector operations in the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

The VFP11 coprocessor is optimized for:

- high data transfer bandwidth through 64-bit split load and store buses
- fast hardware execution of a high percentage of operations on normalized data, resulting in higher overall performance while providing full IEEE 754 standard support when required
- hardware divide and square root operations in parallel with other arithmetic operations to reduce the impact of long-latency operations
- near IEEE 754 standard compatibility in RunFast mode without support code assistance, providing determinable run-time calculations for all input data
- low power consumption, small die size, and reduced kernel code.

The VFP11 coprocessor is an ARM enhanced numeric coprocessor that provides operations that are compatible with the IEEE 754 standard. Designed for the ARM11 family of cores, the VFP11 coprocessor fully supports single-precision and double-precision add, subtract, multiply, divide, multiply and accumulate, and square root operations. Conversions between floating-point data formats and ARM integer word format are provided, with special operations to perform the conversion in round-towards-zero mode for high-level language support.

The VFP11 coprocessor provides a performance-power-area solution for embedded applications and high performance for general-purpose applications.

———— **Note** —————

This manual describes only VFP11-specific implementation issues. Refer also to the Vector Floating-point Architecture section of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

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## 18.2 Applications

The VFP11 coprocessor provides floating-point computation suitable for a wide spectrum of applications such as:

- personal digital assistants and smartphones for graphics, voice compression and decompression, user interfaces, Java interpretation, and *Just-In-Time* (JIT) compilation
- games machines for three-dimensional graphics and digital audio
- printers and *MultiFunction Peripheral* (MFP) controllers for high-definition color rendering
- set-top boxes for digital audio and digital video, and three-dimensional user interfaces
- automotive applications for engine management and power train computations.

## 18.3 Coprocessor interface

The VFP11 coprocessor is integrated with an ARM11 processor through a dedicated VFP coprocessor interface.

The VFP11 coprocessor uses coprocessor ID number 10 for single-precision instructions and coprocessor ID number 11 for double-precision instructions. In some cases, such as mixed-precision instructions, the coprocessor ID represents the destination precision. In a system containing a VFP11 coprocessor, these coprocessor ID numbers must not be used by another coprocessor.

Access to the VFP11 coprocessor is controlled by the ARM11 Coprocessor Access Control Register. The coprocessor access rights must be configured correctly before any VFP11 instructions can be executed.

## 18.4 VFP11 coprocessor pipelines

The VFP11 coprocessor has three separate instruction pipelines:

- the *Multiply and Accumulate* (FMAC) pipeline
- the *Divide and Square root* (DS) pipeline
- the *Load/Store* (LS) pipeline.

Each pipeline can operate independently of the other pipelines and in parallel with them. Each of the three pipelines shares the first two pipeline stages, Decode and Issue. These two stages and the first cycle of the Execute stage of each pipeline remain in lockstep with the ARM11 pipeline stage but effectively one cycle behind the ARM11 pipeline. When the ARM11 processor is in the Issue stage for a particular VFP instruction, the VFP11 coprocessor is in the Decode stage for the same instruction. This lockstep mechanism maintains in-order issue of instructions between the ARM11 processor and the VFP11 coprocessor.

The three pipelines can operate in parallel, enabling more than one instruction to be completed per cycle. Instructions issued to the FMAC pipeline can complete out of order with respect to operations in the LS and DS pipelines. This out-of-order completion might be visible to you when a short vector FMAC or DS operation generates an exception, and an LS operation begins before the exception is detected. The destination registers or memory of the LS operation reflect the completion of a transfer. The destination registers of the exceptional FMAC or DS operation retain the values they had before the operation started. *Parallel execution* on page 21-20 describes it in more detail.

Except for divide and square root operations, the pipelines support single-cycle throughput for all single-precision operations and most double-precision operations. Double-precision multiply and multiply and accumulate operations have a two-cycle throughput. The LS pipeline is capable of supplying two single-precision operands or one double-precision operand per cycle, balancing the data transfer capability with the operand requirements.

### 18.4.1 FMAC pipeline

Figure 18-1 on page 18-6 shows the structure of the FMAC pipeline.

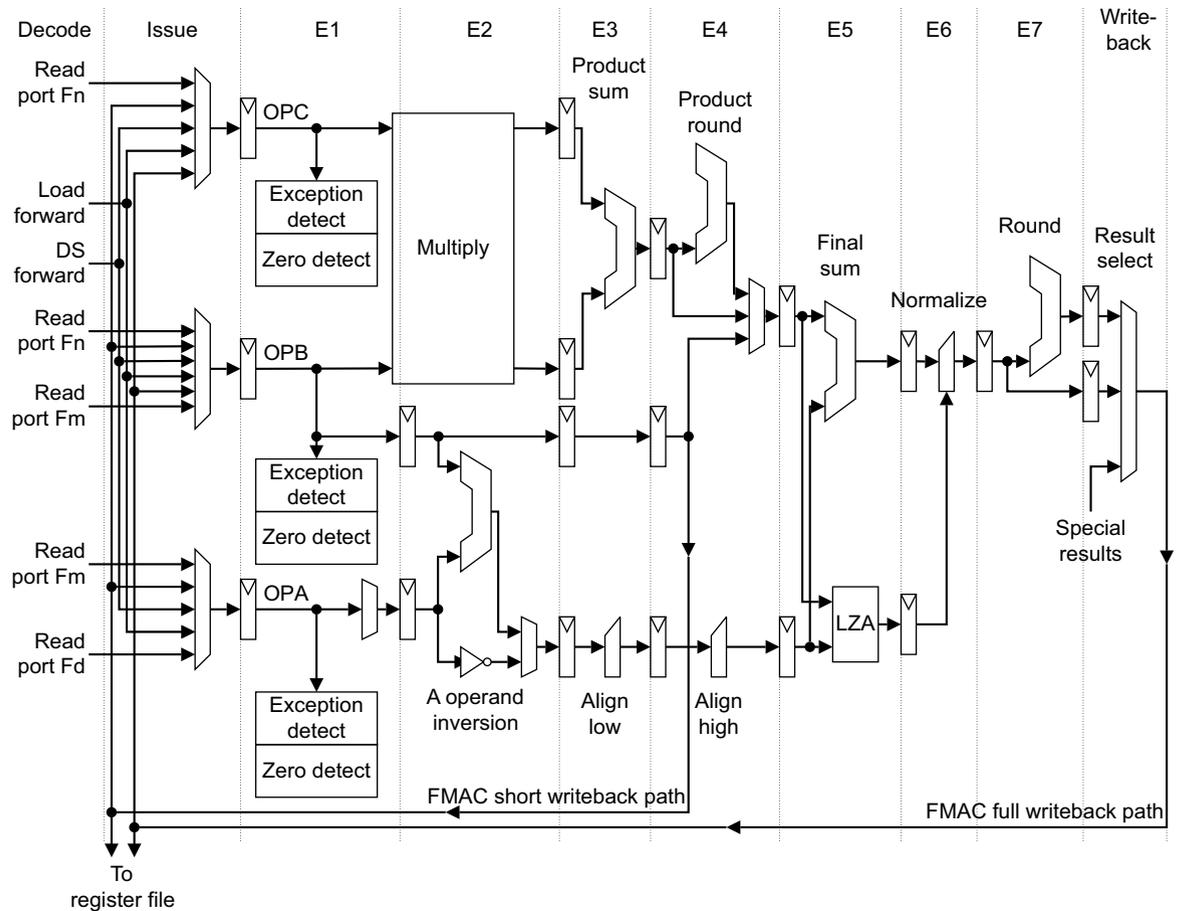


Figure 18-1 FMAC pipeline

### FMAC pipeline instructions

The FMAC pipeline executes the following instructions:

<b>FADD</b>	Add.
<b>FSUB</b>	Subtract.
<b>FMUL</b>	Multiply.
<b>FNMUL</b>	Negated multiply.
<b>FMAC</b>	Multiply and accumulate.
<b>FNMAC</b>	Negated multiply and accumulate.
<b>FMSC</b>	Multiply and subtract.
<b>FNMSC</b>	Negated multiply and subtract.
<b>FABS</b>	Absolute value.
<b>FNEG</b>	Negation.
<b>FUITO</b>	Convert unsigned integer to float.
<b>FTOUI</b>	Convert float to unsigned integer.
<b>FSITO</b>	Convert signed integer to float.
<b>FTOSI</b>	Convert float to signed integer.
<b>FTOUIZ</b>	Convert float to unsigned integer with forced round-towards-zero mode.
<b>FTOSIZ</b>	Convert float to signed integer with forced round-towards-zero mode.
<b>FCMP</b>	Compare.

<b>FCMPE</b>	Compare, NaN exceptions.
<b>FCMPZ</b>	Compare with zero.
<b>FCMPEZ</b>	Compare with zero, NaN exceptions.
<b>FCVTSD</b>	Convert from double-precision to single-precision.
<b>FCVTDS</b>	Convert from single-precision to double-precision.
<b>FCPY</b>	Copy register.

See *Execution timing* on page 21-22 for cycle counts. The FMAC family of instructions. FMAC, FNMAC, FMSC, and FNMSC, perform a chained multiply and accumulate operation. The product is computed, rounded according to the specified rounding mode and destination precision, and checked for exceptions before the accumulate operation is performed. The accumulate operation is also rounded according to the specified rounding mode and destination precision and checked for exceptions. The final result is identical to the equivalent sequence of operations executed in sequence. Exception processing and status reporting also reflect the independence of the components of the chained operations.

As an example, the FMAC instruction performs a chained multiply and add operation with the following sequence of operations:

1. The product of the operands in the Fn and Fm registers is computed.
2. The product is rounded according to the current rounding mode and destination precision and checked for exceptions.
3. The result is summed with the operand in the Fd register.
4. The sum is rounded according to the current rounding mode and destination precision and checked for exceptions. If no exception conditions that require support code are present, the result is written to the Fd register.

For example, the following two operations return the same result:

```
FMACS S0, S1, S2

FMULS TEMP, S1, S2
FADDS S0, S0, TEMP
```

## 18.4.2 DS pipeline

Figure 18-2 on page 18-8 shows the structure of the DS pipeline.

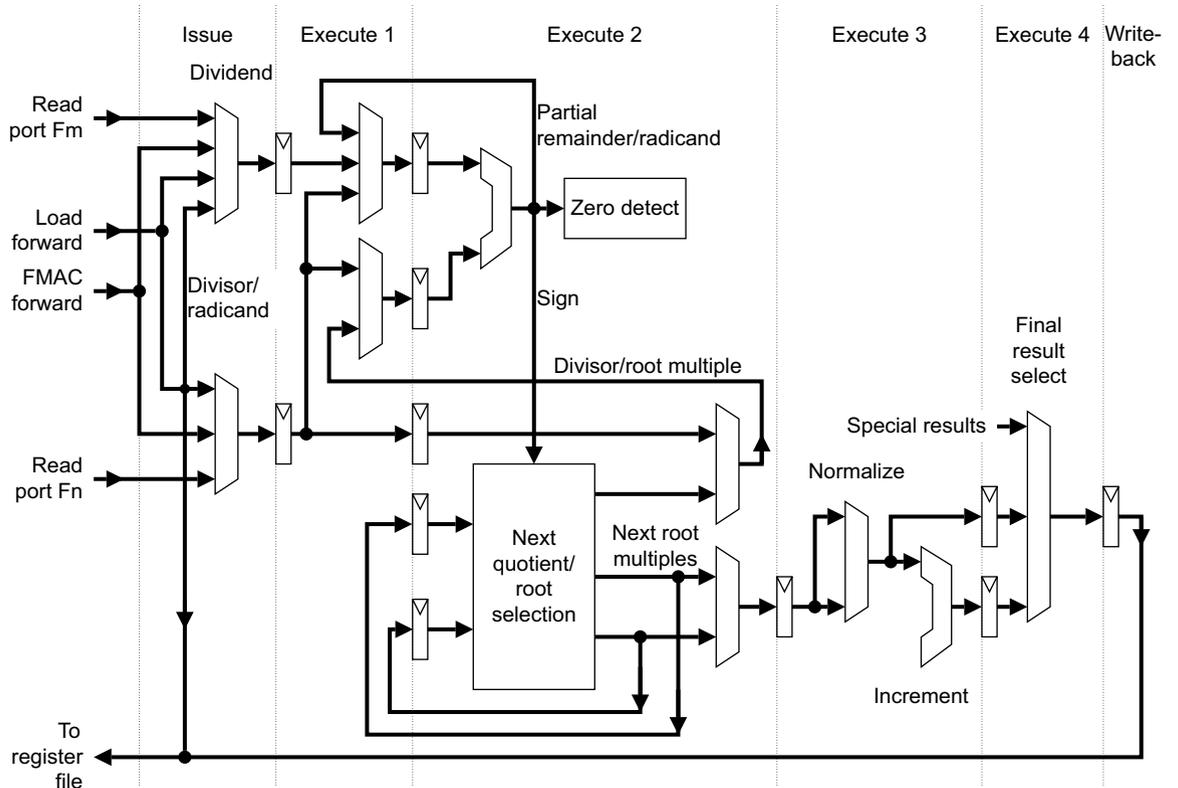


Figure 18-2 DS pipeline

### DS pipeline instructions

The DS pipeline executes the following instructions:

- FDIV** Divide.
- FSQRT** Square root.

The VFP11 coprocessor executes divide and square root instructions for both single-precision and double-precision operands with all IEEE 754 standard rounding modes supported. The DS unit uses a shared radix-4 algorithm that provides a good balance between speed and chip area. DS operations have a latency of 19 cycles for single-precision operations and 33 cycles for double-precision operations. The throughput is 15 cycles for single-precision operations and 29 cycles for double-precision operations.

### 18.4.3 LS pipeline

The LS pipeline handles all of the instructions that involve data transfer to and from the ARM11 processor, including loads, stores, moves to coprocessor system registers, and moves from coprocessor system registers. It remains synchronized with the ARM11 LS pipeline for the duration of the instruction. Data written to the ARM11 processor is read from the VFP11 coprocessor register file in the Issue stage and transferred to the ARM11 processor in the next cycle and is latched on the ARM11 data cache1/data cache 2 cycle boundary.

The transfer is made on a dedicated 64-bit store data bus between the VFP11 coprocessor and the ARM11 processor. Load data is written to the VFP11 coprocessor on a dedicated 64-bit load bus between the ARM11 processor and all coprocessors. Data is received by the VFP11

coprocessor in the Writeback stage. Data is written to the register file in the Writeback stage, and available for forwarding to data processing operations in the same cycle. Figure 18-3 shows the structure of the LS pipeline.

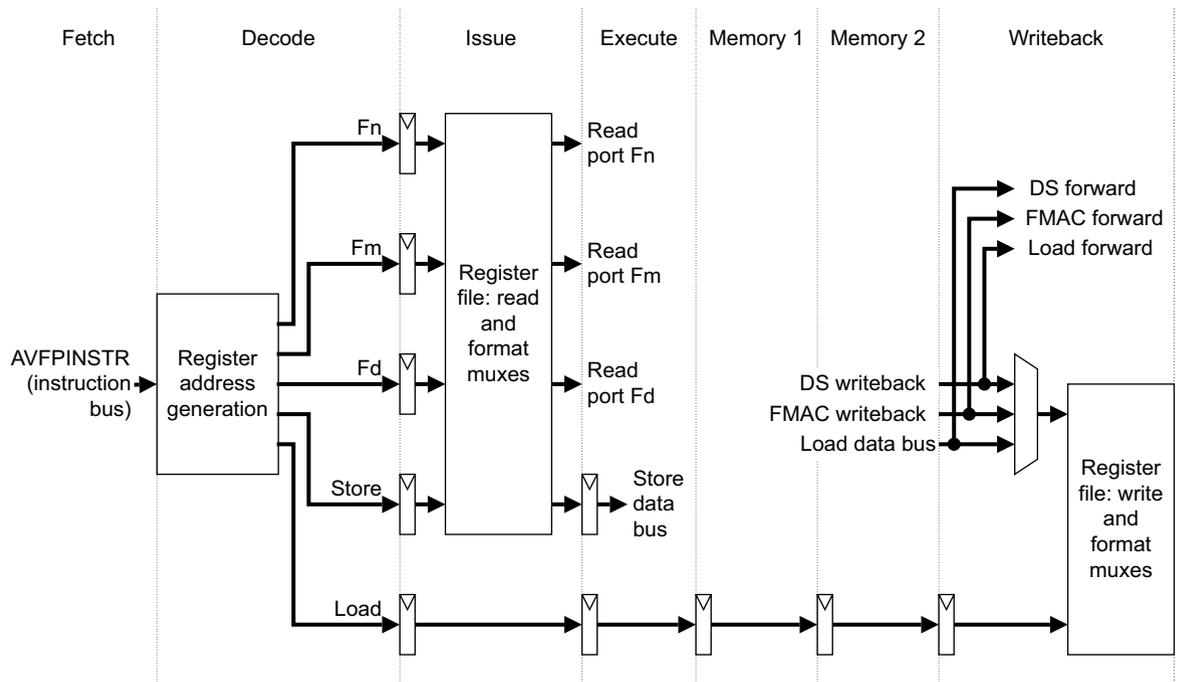


Figure 18-3 LS pipeline

### LS pipeline instructions

The LS pipeline executes the following instructions:

- FLD** Load a single-precision, double-precision, or 32-bit integer value from memory to the VFP11 register file.
- FLDM** Load up to 32 single-precision or integer values or 16 double-precision values from memory to the VFP11 register file.
- FST** Store a single-precision, double-precision, or 32-bit integer value from the VFP11 register file to memory.
- FSTM** Store up to 32 single-precision or integer values or 16 double-precision values from the VFP11 register file to memory.
- FMSR** Move a single-precision or integer value from an ARM11 register to a VFP11 single-precision register.
- FMRS** Move a single-precision or integer value from a VFP11 single-precision register to an ARM11 register.
- FMDHR** Move an ARM11 register value to the upper half of a VFP11 double-precision register.
- FMDLR** Move an ARM11 register value to the lower half of a VFP11 double-precision register.
- FMRDH** Move the upper half of a double-precision value from a VFP11 double-precision register to an ARM11 register.

<b>FMRDL</b>	Move the lower half of a double-precision value from a VFP11 double-precision register to an ARM11 register.
<b>FMDRR</b>	Move two ARM11 register values to a VFP11 double-precision register.
<b>FMRRD</b>	Move a double-precision VFP11 register value to two ARM11 registers.
<b>FMSRR</b>	Move two ARM11 register values to two consecutively-numbered VFP11 single-precision registers.
<b>FMRRS</b>	Move two consecutively-numbered VFP11 single-precision register values to two ARM11 registers.
<b>FMXR</b>	Move an ARM11 register value to a VFP11 control register.
<b>FMRX</b>	Move a VFP11 control register value to an ARM11 register.
<b>FMSTAT</b>	Move N, C, Z, and V flags from the VFP11 FPSCR to the ARM11 CPSR.

## 18.5 Modes of operation

The VFP11 coprocessor provides compatibility with the IEEE 754 standard through a combination of hardware and software. There are rare cases that require significant additional compute time to resolve correctly according to the requirements of the IEEE 754 standard. For instance, the VFP11 coprocessor does not process subnormal input values directly. To provide correct handling of subnormal inputs according to the IEEE 754 standard, a trap is made to support code to process the operation. Using the support code for processing this operation can require hundreds of cycles. In some applications this is unavoidable, because compliance with the IEEE 754 standard is essential to proper operation of the program. In many other applications, strict compliance to the IEEE 754 standard is unnecessary, while determinable runtime, low interrupt latency, and low power are of more importance. To accommodate a variety of applications, the VFP11 coprocessor provides four modes of operation:

- *Full-compliance mode*
- *Flush-to-zero mode* on page 18-12
- *Default NaN mode* on page 18-12
- *RunFast mode* on page 18-12.

### 18.5.1 Full-compliance mode

When the VFP11 coprocessor is in full-compliance mode, all operations that cannot be processed according to the IEEE 754 standard use support code for assistance. The operations requiring support code are:

- Any CDP operation involving a subnormal input when not in flush-to-zero mode. Enable flush-to-zero mode by setting the FZ bit, FPSCR[24].
- Any CDP operation involving a NaN input when not in default NaN mode. Enable default NaN mode by setting the DN bit, FPSCR[25].
- Any CDP operation that has the potential of generating an underflow condition when not in flush-to-zero mode.
- Any CDP operation when Inexact exceptions are enabled. Enable Inexact exceptions by setting the IXE bit, FPSCR[12].
- Any CDP operation that can cause an overflow while Overflow exceptions are enabled. Enable Overflow exceptions by setting the OFE bit, FPSCR[10].
- Any CDP operation that involves an invalid arithmetic operation or an arithmetic operation on a signaling NaN when Invalid Operation exceptions are enabled. Enable Invalid Operation exceptions by setting the IOE bit, FPSCR[8].
- A float-to-integer conversion that has the potential to create an integer that cannot be represented in the destination integer format when Invalid Operation exceptions are enabled.

The support code:

- determines the nature of the exception
- determines if processing is required to perform the computation
- calls a function to compute the result and status
- transfers control to the user trap handler if the enable bit is set for a detected exception
- writes the result to the destination register, updates the FPSCR register, and returns to the user code if no enabled exception is detected
- passes control to the user trap handler and supplies any specified intermediate result for the exception if an enabled exception is detected.

*Arithmetic exceptions* on page 22-20 describes the conditions when the VFP11 coprocessor traps to support code.

### 18.5.2 Flush-to-zero mode

Setting the FZ bit, FPSCR[24], enables flush-to-zero mode and increases performance on very small inputs and results. In flush-to-zero mode, the VFP11 coprocessor treats all subnormal input operands of arithmetic CDP operations as positive zeros in the operation. Exceptions that result from a zero operand are signaled appropriately. FABS, FNEG, and FCPY are not considered arithmetic CDP operations and are not affected by flush-to-zero mode. A result that is *tiny*, as the IEEE 754 standard describes, for the destination precision is smaller in magnitude than the minimum normal value *before rounding* and is replaced with a positive zero. The IDC flag, FPSCR[7], indicates when an input flush occurs. The UFC flag, FPSCR[3], indicates when a result flush occurs.

### 18.5.3 Default NaN mode

Setting the DN bit, FPSCR[25], enables default NaN mode. In default NaN mode, the result of any operation that involves an input NaN or generated a NaN result returns the default NaN. Propagation of the fraction bits is maintained only by FABS, FNEG, and FCPY operations, all other CDP operations ignore any information in the fraction bits of an input NaN. See *NaN handling* on page 20-4 for a description of default NaNs.

### 18.5.4 RunFast mode

RunFast mode is the combination of the following conditions:

- the VFP11 coprocessor is in flush-to-zero mode
- the VFP11 coprocessor is in default NaN mode
- all exception enable bits are cleared.

In RunFast mode the VFP11 coprocessor:

- processes subnormal input operands as positive zeros
- processes results that are tiny before rounding, that is, between the positive and negative minimum normal values for the destination precision, as positive zeros
- processes input NaNs as default NaNs
- returns the default result specified by the IEEE 754 standard for overflow, division by zero, invalid operation, or inexact operation conditions fully in hardware and without additional latency
- processes all operations in hardware without trapping to support code.

RunFast mode enables the programmer to write code for the VFP11 coprocessor that runs in a determinable time without support code assistance, regardless of the characteristics of the input data. In RunFast mode, no user exception traps are available. However, the exception flags in the FPSCR register are compliant with the IEEE 754 standard for Inexact, Overflow, Invalid Operation, and Division by Zero exceptions. The underflow flag is modified for flush-to-zero mode. Each of these flags is set by an exceptional condition and can be cleared only by a write to the FPSCR register.

## 18.6 Short vector instructions

The VFPv2 architecture supports execution of *short vector* instructions of up to eight operations on single-precision data and up to four operations on double-precision data. Short vectors are most useful in graphics and signal-processing applications. They reduce code size, increase speed of execution by supporting parallel operations and multiple transfers, and simplify algorithms with high data throughput. Short vector operations issue the individual operations specified in the instruction in a serial fashion. To eliminate data hazards, short vector operations begin execution only after all source registers are available, and all destination registers are not targets of other operations.

See Chapter 21 *VFP Instruction Execution* for more information on execution of short vector instructions.

## 18.7 Parallel execution of instructions

The VFP11 coprocessor provides the ability to execute several floating-point operations in parallel, while the ARM11 processor is executing ARM instructions. While a short vector operation executes for a number of cycles in the VFP11 coprocessor, it appears to the ARM11 processor as a single-cycle instruction and is retired in the ARM11 processor before it completes execution in the VFP11 coprocessor.

The three pipelines are designed to operate independently of one another when initial processing is completed. This makes it possible to issue a short vector operation and a load or store multiple operation in the next cycle and have both executing at the same time, provided no data hazards exist between the two instructions. With this mechanism, algorithms that can be double-buffered can be written to hide much of the time to transfer data to and from the VFP11 coprocessor under the arithmetic operations, resulting in a significant improvement in performance.

The separate DS pipeline enables both data transfer operations and CDPs that are not to the DS pipeline to execute in parallel with the divide. The DS block has a dedicated write port to the register file, and no special care is required when executing operations in parallel with divide or square root instructions. *Parallel execution* on page 21-20 describes it in more detail.

## 18.8 VFP11 treatment of branch instructions

The VFP11 coprocessor does not directly provide branch instructions. Instead, the result of a floating-point compare instruction can be stored in the ARM11 condition code flags using the FMSTAT instruction. This enables you to use the ARM11 branch instructions and conditional execution capabilities to executing conditional floating-point code.

In some cases, full IEEE 754 standard comparisons are not required. Simple comparisons of single-precision data, such as comparisons to zero or to a constant, can be done using an FMRS transfer and the ARM11 CMP and CMN instructions. This method is faster in many cases than using an FCMP instruction followed by an FMSTAT instruction. For more information, see *Compliance with the IEEE 754 standard* on page 20-3 and *Comparisons* on page 20-5.

## 18.9 Writing optimal VFP11 code

The following guidelines provide significant performance increases for VFP11 code:

- Unless there is a read-after-write hazard, program most scalar operations to immediately follow each other. Instead of a VFP11 FMAC instruction, use either a single ARM11 instruction or a VFP11 load or store instruction after the following instructions:
  - a scalar double-precision multiply
  - a multiply and accumulate
  - a short vector instruction of length greater than one iteration.
- Avoid short vector divides and square roots. The VFP11 FMAC and DS pipelines are unavailable until the final iteration of the short vector DS operation issues from the Execute 1 stage. If the short vector DS operation can be separated, other VFP11 instructions can be issued in the cycles immediately following the divide or square root. See *Parallel execution* on page 21-20.
- The best performance for data-intensive applications requires double-buffering looped short vector instructions. The register banks can be divided to provide multiple independent working areas. To take advantage of the simultaneous execution of data transfer and short vector arithmetic instructions, follow the arithmetic instructions on one bank with load or store instructions on the other bank.
- Moves to and from control registers are serializing. Avoid placing these in loops or time-critical code.
- If fully compliant IEEE 754 standard comparisons are not required, avoid using FCMPE and FCMPEZ. Using an FMRS instruction with an ARM11 CMP or CMN can be faster for simple comparisons. See *Comparisons* on page 20-5.

## 18.10 VFP11 revision information

This manual describes the fifth version of the VFP11 coprocessor.

Updates in the fifth version of the VFP11 coprocessor are:

- corrections for errata
- update to the FPSID register to reflect the fifth version.

There are no other functional differences between the VFP11 fourth and fifth versions.

# Chapter 19

## The VFP Register File

This chapter describes implementation-specific features of the VFP11 coprocessor that are useful to programmers. It contains the following sections:

- *About the register file* on page 19-2
- *Register file internal formats* on page 19-3
- *Decoding the register file* on page 19-5
- *Loading operands from ARM11 registers* on page 19-6
- *Maintaining consistency in register precision* on page 19-8
- *Data transfer between memory and VFP11 registers* on page 19-9
- *Access to register banks in CDP operations* on page 19-10.

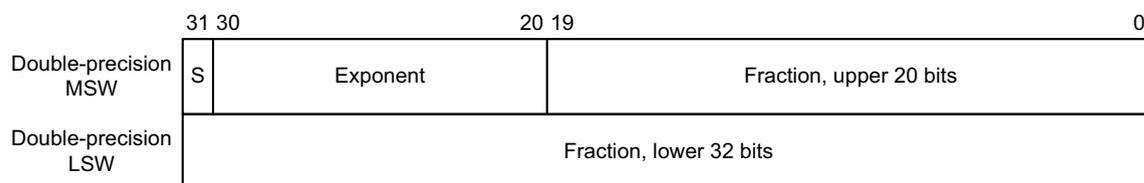
## 19.1 About the register file

The register file is organized in four banks of eight registers. Each 32-bit register can store either a single-precision floating-point number or an integer.

Any consecutive pair of registers,  $[R_{\text{even}+1}]:[R_{\text{even}}]$ , can store a double-precision floating-point number. Because a load and store operation does not modify the data, the VFP11 registers can also be used as secondary data storage by another application that does not use floating-point values.

The register file can be configured as four circular buffers for use by short vector instructions in applications requiring high data throughput, such as filtering and graphics transforms. For short vector instructions, register addressing is circular within each bank. Because load and store operations do not circulate, you can load or store multiple banks, up to the entire register file, with a single instruction. Short vector operations obey certain rules specifying the conditions when the registers in the argument list specify circular buffers or single-scalar registers. The LEN and STRIDE fields in the FPSCR register specify the number of operations performed by short vector instructions and the increment scheme within the circular register banks. Section C5 of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* contains more information and examples.





**Figure 19-2 Double-precision data format**

The MSW contains:

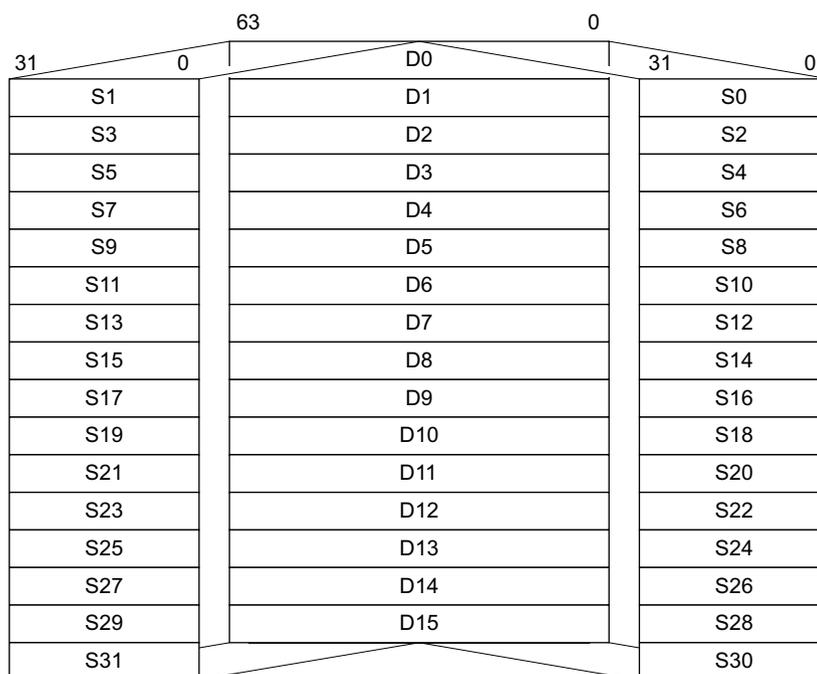
- the sign bit, bit [31]
- the exponent, bits [30:20]
- the upper 20 bits of the fraction, bits [19:0].

The LSW contains the lower 32 bits of the fraction.

The IEEE 754 standard defines the double-precision data format used in the VFP11 coprocessor. See the IEEE 754 standard for details about exponent bias, special formats, and numerical ranges.

## 19.3 Decoding the register file

Each register file access uses the five bits of the register number in the instruction word. For single-precision and integer accesses, the most significant four bits are in the Fm, Fn, or Fd field, and the least significant bit is the M, N, or D bit for each instruction format. For instructions with double-precision operands or destinations, the M, N, and D bit corresponding to a double-precision access must be zero. Figure 19-3 shows the register file. See the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for instruction formats and the positions of these bits.



**Figure 19-3 Register file access**

## 19.4 Loading operands from ARM11 registers

Floating-point data can be transferred between ARM11 registers and VFP11 registers using the MCR, MRC, MCRR, and MRRC coprocessor data transfer instructions. No exceptions are possible on these transfer instructions.

MCR instructions transfer 32-bit values from ARM11 registers to VFP11 registers as Table 19-1 lists.

**Table 19-1 VFP11 MCR instructions**

Instruction	Operation	Description
FMXR	VFP11 system register = Rd	Move from ARM11 register Rd to VFP11 system register FPSID <sup>a</sup> , FPSCR, FPEXC, FPINST, or FPINST2.
FMDLR	Dn[31:0] = Rd	Move from ARM11 register Rd to lower half of VFP11 double-precision register Dn.
FMDHR	Dn[63:32] = Rd	Move from ARM11 register Rd to upper half of VFP11 double-precision register Dn.
FMSR	Sn = Rd	Move from ARM11 register Rd to VFP11 single-precision or integer register Sn.

a. Writing to the FPSID register does not change the contents of the FPSID but might be used as a serializing instruction.

MRC instructions transfer 32-bit values from VFP11 registers to ARM11 registers as Table 19-2 lists.

**Table 19-2 VFP11 MRC instructions**

Instruction	Operation	Description
FMRX	Rd = VFP11 system register	Move from VFP11 system register FPSID, FPSCR, FPEXC, FPINST, or FPINST2 to ARM11 register Rd.
FMRDL	Rd = Dn[31:0]	Move from lower half of VFP11 double-precision register Dn to ARM11 register Rd.
FMRDH	Rd = Dn[63:32]	Move from upper half of VFP11 double-precision register Dn to ARM11 register Rd.
FMRS	Rd = Sn	Move from VFP11 single-precision or integer register Sn to ARM11 register Rd.

MCRR instructions transfer 64-bit quantities from ARM11 registers to VFP11 registers as Table 19-3 lists.

**Table 19-3 VFP11 MCRR instructions**

Instruction	Operation	Description
FMDRR	Dm[31:0] = Rd Dm[63:32] = Rn	Move from ARM11 registers Rd and Rn to lower and upper halves of VFP11 double-precision register Dm.
FMSRR	Sm = Rd S(m + 1) = Rn	Move from ARM11 registers Rd and Rn to consecutive VFP11 single-precision registers Sm and S(m + 1).

MRRC instructions transfer 64-bit quantities from VFP11 registers to ARM11 registers as Table 19-4 on page 19-7 lists.

**Table 19-4 VFP11 MRRC instructions**

<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Operation</b>	<b>Description</b>
FMRRD	Rd = Dm[31:0] Rn = Dm[63:32]	Move from lower and upper halves of VFP11 double-precision register Dm to ARM11 registers Rd and Rn.
FMRRS	Rd = Sm Rn = S(m + 1)	Move from single-precision VFP11 registers Sm and S(m + 1) to ARM11 registers Rd and Rn.

## 19.5 Maintaining consistency in register precision

The VFP11 register file stores single-precision, double-precision, and integer data in the same registers. For example, D6 occupies the same registers as S12 and S13. The usable format of the register or registers depends on the last load or arithmetic instruction that wrote to the register or registers.

The VFP11 hardware does not check the register format to see if it is consistent with the precision of the current operation. Inconsistent use of the registers is possible but Unpredictable. The hardware interprets the data in the format required by the instruction regardless of the latest store or write operation to the register. It is the task of the compiler or programmer to maintain consistency in register usage.

## 19.6 Data transfer between memory and VFP11 registers

The B bit in the CP15 c1 Control Register, see Section B2 of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*, determines whether access to stored memory is little-endian or big-endian. The ARM11 processor supports both little-endian and big-endian access formats in memory.

The ARM11 processor stores 32-bit words in memory with the *Least Significant Byte (LSB)* in the lowest byte of the memory address regardless of the endianness selected. For a store of a single-precision floating-point value, the LSB is located at the target address with the lower two bits of the address cleared. The *Most Significant Byte (MSB)* is at the target address with the lower two bits set. For best performance, all single-precision data must be aligned in memory to four-byte boundaries, and double-precision data must be aligned to eight-byte boundaries.

Table 19-5 lists how single-precision data is stored in memory and the address to access each byte in both little-endian and big-endian formats. In this example, the target address is 0x40000000.

**Table 19-5 Single-precision data memory images and byte addresses**

Single-precision data bytes	Memory address	Little-endian byte address	Big-endian byte address
MSB, bits [31:24]	0x40000003	0x40000003	0x40000000
Bits [23:16]	0x40000002	0x40000002	0x40000001
Bits [15:8]	0x40000001	0x40000001	0x40000002
LSB, bits [7:0]	0x40000000	0x40000000	0x40000003

For double-precision data, the location of the two words that comprise the data are stored in different locations for little-endian and big-endian data access formats. Table 19-6 lists the data storage in memory and the address to access each byte in little-endian and big-endian access modes. In this example, the target address is 0x40000000.

**Table 19-6 Double-precision data memory images and byte addresses**

Double-precision data bytes	Little-endian address in memory	Little-endian byte address	Big-endian address in memory	Big-endian byte address
MSB, bits [63:56]	0x40000007	0x40000007	0x40000003	0x40000000
Bits [55:48]	0x40000006	0x40000006	0x40000002	0x40000001
Bits [47:40]	0x40000005	0x40000005	0x40000001	0x40000002
Bits [39:32]	0x40000004	0x40000004	0x40000000	0x40000003
Bits [31:24]	0x40000003	0x40000003	0x40000007	0x40000004
Bits [23:16]	0x40000002	0x40000002	0x40000006	0x40000005
Bits [15:8]	0x40000001	0x40000001	0x40000005	0x40000006
LSB, bits [7:0]	0x40000000	0x40000000	0x40000004	0x40000007

The memory image for the data is identical for both little-endian and big-endian within data words. The ARM11 hardware performs the address transformations to provide both little-endian and big-endian addressing to the programmer.

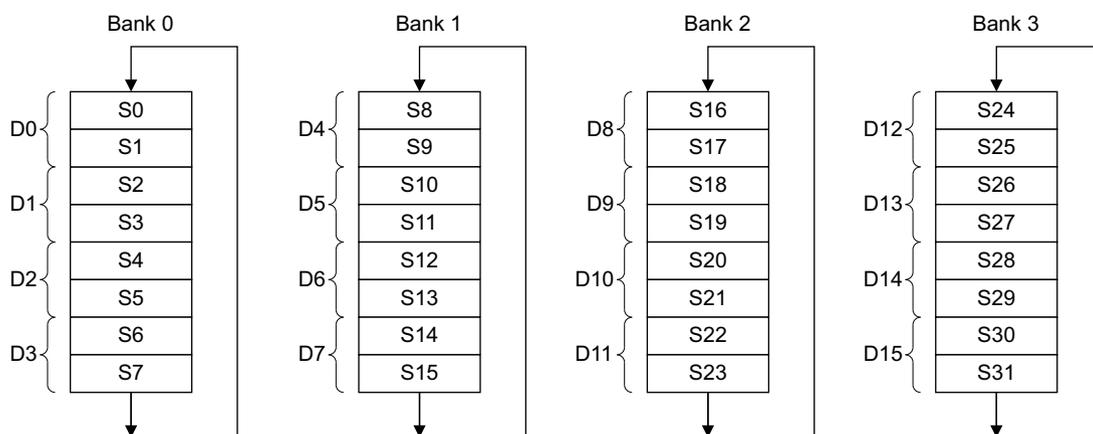
## 19.7 Access to register banks in CDP operations

The register file is especially suited for short vector operations. The four register banks function as four circular hardware queues. Short vector operations significantly improve the performance of operations with high data throughput such as signal processing and matrix manipulation functions.

### 19.7.1 About register banks

As Figure 19-4 shows, the register file is divided into four banks with eight registers in each bank for single-precision instructions and four registers per bank for double-precision instructions. CDP instructions access the banks in a circular manner. Load and store multiple instructions do not access the registers in a circular manner but treat the register file as a linearly ordered structure.

See *ARM Architecture Reference Manual, Part C* for more information on VFP addressing modes.



**Figure 19-4 Register banks**

A short vector CDP operation that has a source or destination vector crossing a bank boundary wraps around and accesses the first register in the bank.

Example 19-1 shows the iterations of the following short vector add instruction:

```
FADDS S11, S22, S31
```

In this instruction, the LEN field contains b101, selecting a vector length of six iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one.

#### Example 19-1 Register bank wrapping

```
FADDS S11, S22, S31      ; 1st iteration
FADDS S12, S23, S24      ; 2nd iteration. The 2nd source vector wraps around
                          ; and accesses the 1st register in the 4th bank
FADDS S13, S16, S25      ; 3rd iteration. The 1st source vector wraps around
                          ; and accesses the 1st register in the 3rd bank
FADDS S14, S17, S26      ; 4th iteration
FADDS S15, S18, S27      ; 5th iteration
FADDS S8, S19, S28       ; 6th and last iteration. The destination vector
                          ; wraps around and writes to the 1st register in the
```

; 2nd bank

## 19.7.2 Operations using register banks

The register file organization supports four types of operations that the following sections describe:

- *Scalar-only instructions*
- *Short vector-only instructions*
- *Short vector instructions with scalar source* on page 19-12
- *Scalar instructions in short vector mode* on page 19-12.

See *Floating-Point Status and Control Register, FPSCR* on page 20-14 for details of the LEN and STRIDE fields and the FPSCR register.

### Scalar-only instructions

An instruction is a scalar-only operation if the operands are treated as scalars and the result is a scalar.

Clearing the LEN field in the FPSCR register selects a vector length of one iteration. For example, if the LEN field contains b000, then the following operation writes the sum of the single-precision values in S21 and S22 to S12:

```
FADDS S12, S21, S22
```

Some instructions can operate only on scalar data regardless of the value in the LEN field. These instructions are:

#### Compare operations

FCMPS/D, FCMPZS/D, FCMPEs/D, and FCMPEZs/D.

#### Integer conversions

FTOUIs/D, FTUIZs/D, FTOSIs/D, FTOSIZs/D, FUITOs/D, and FSITOs/D.

#### Precision conversions

FCVTDS and FCVTSD.

### Short vector-only instructions

Vector-only instructions require that the value in the LEN field is nonzero, and that the destination and Fm registers are not in bank 0.

Example 19-2 shows the iterations of the following short vector instruction:

```
FMACS S16, S0, S8
```

In the example, the LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one.

#### Example 19-2 Short vector instruction

```
FMACS S16, S0, S8      ; 1st iteration
FMACS S17, S1, S9     ; 2nd iteration
FMACS S18, S2, S10    ; 3rd iteration
FMACS S19, S3, S11    ; 4th and last iteration
```

### Short vector instructions with scalar source

The VFPv2 architecture enables a vector to be operated on by a scalar operand. The destination must be a vector, that is, not in bank 0, and the Fm operand must be in bank 0.

Example 19-3 shows the iterations of the following short vector instruction with a scalar source:

```
FMULD D12, D8, D2
```

In the example, the LEN field contains b001, selecting a vector length of two iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one.

#### Example 19-3 Short vector instruction with scalar source

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```
FMULD D12, D8, D2      ; 1st iteration
FMULD D13, D9, D2      ; 2nd and last iteration
```

---

This scales the two source registers, D8 and D9, by the value in D2 and writes the new values to D12 and D13.

### Scalar instructions in short vector mode

You can mix scalar and short vector operations by carefully selecting the source and destination registers. If the destination is in bank 0, the operation is scalar-only regardless of the value in the LEN field. You do not have to change the LEN field from a nonzero value to b000 to perform scalar operations.

Example 19-4 shows the sequence of operations for the following instructions:

```
FABSD D4, D8
FADDS S0, S0, S31
FMULS S24, S26, S1
```

In the example, the LEN field contains b001, selecting a vector length of two iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one.

#### Example 19-4 Scalar operation in short vector mode

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```
FABSD D4, D8          ; vector DP ABS operation on regs (D8, D9) to (D4, D5)
FABSD D5, D9
FADDS S0, S0, S31    ; scalar increment of S0 by S31
FMULS S24, S26, S1   ; vector (S26, S27) scaled by S1 and written to (S24, S25)
FMULS S25, S27, S1
```

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The tables that follow show the four types of operations possible in the VFPv2 architecture. In the tables, *Any* refers to the availability of all registers in the precision for the specified operand. *S* refers to a scalar operand with only a single register. *V* refers to a vector operand with multiple registers. Table 19-7 lists single-precision three-operand register usage.

**Table 19-7 Single-precision three-operand register usage**

LEN field	Fd	Fn	Fm	Operation type
b000	Any	Any	Any	S = S op S OR S = S S S
Nonzero	0-7	Any	Any	S = S op S OR S = S S S
Nonzero	8-31	Any	0-7	V = V op S OR V = V V S
Nonzero	8-31	Any	8-31	V = V op V OR V = V V V

Table 19-8 lists single-precision two-operand register usage.

**Table 19-8 Single-precision two-operand register usage**

LEN field	Fd	Fm	Operation type
b000	Any	Any	S = op S
Nonzero	0-7	Any	S = op S
Nonzero	8-31	0-7	V = op S
Nonzero	8-31	8-31	V = op V

Table 19-9 lists double-precision three-operand register usage.

**Table 19-9 Double-precision three-operand register usage**

LEN field	Fd	Fn	Fm	Operation type
b000	Any	Any	Any	S = S op S OR S = S S S
Nonzero	0-3	Any	Any	S = S op S OR S = S S S
Nonzero	4-15	Any	0-3	V = V op S OR V = V V S
Nonzero	4-15	Any	4-15	V = V op V OR V = V V V

Table 19-10 lists double-precision two-operand register usage.

**Table 19-10 Double-precision two-operand register usage**

LEN field	Fd	Fm	Operation type
b000	Any	Any	S = op S
Nonzero	0-3	Any	S = op S
Nonzero	4-15	0-3	V = op S
Nonzero	4-15	4-15	V = op V

# Chapter 20

## VFP Programmer's Model

This chapter describes implementation-specific features of the VFP11 coprocessor that are useful to programmers. It contains the following sections:

- *About the programmer's model* on page 20-2
- *Compliance with the IEEE 754 standard* on page 20-3
- *ARMv5TE coprocessor extensions* on page 20-8
- *VFP11 system registers* on page 20-12.

## 20.1 About the programmer's model

This section introduces the VFP11 implementation of the VFPv2 floating-point architecture.

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**Note**

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The *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* describes the VFPv1 architecture.

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The VFP11 coprocessor implements all the instructions and modes of the VFPv2 architecture. The VFPv2 architecture adds the following features and enhancements to the VFPv1 architecture:

- The ARM v5TE instruction set. This includes the MRRC and MCRR instructions to transfer 64-bit data between the ARM11 processor and the VFP11 coprocessor. These instructions enable the transfer of a double-precision register or two consecutively numbered single-precision registers to or from a pair of ARM11 registers. See *Loading operands from ARM11 registers* on page 19-6 for syntax and usage of VFP MRRC and MCRR instructions.
- Default NaN mode. In default NaN mode, any operation involving one or more NaN operands produces the default NaN as a result, rather than returning the NaN or one of the NaNs involved in the operation. This mode is compatible with the IEEE 754 standard but not with current handling of NaNs by industry.
- Addition of the input subnormal flag, IDC (FPSCR[7]). IDC is set whenever the VFP11 coprocessor is in flush-to-zero mode and a subnormal input operand is replaced by a positive zero. It remains set until cleared by writing to the FPSCR register. A new Input Subnormal exception enable bit, IDE (FPSCR[15]), is also added. When IDE is set, the VFP11 coprocessor traps to the Undefined trap handler for an instruction that has a subnormal input operand.
- New functionality of the underflow flag, UFC (FPSCR[3]), in flush-to-zero mode. In flush-to-zero mode, UFC is set whenever a result is lower than the threshold for normal numbers before rounding, and the result is flushed to zero. UFC remains set until cleared by writing to the FPSCR register. Setting the Underflow exception enable bit, UFE (FPSCR[11]), does not cause a trap in flush-to-zero mode.
- New functionality of the inexact flag, IXC (FPSCR[4]), in flush-to-zero mode. In VFPv1, IXC is set when an input or result is flushed to zero. In VFPv2 architecture, the IDC and UFC flags provide this information. See *Inexact exception* on page 22-18 for more information.
- Addition of RunFast mode. See *RunFast mode* on page 18-12 for details of RunFast mode operation.

## 20.2 Compliance with the IEEE 754 standard

This section introduces issues related to compliance with the IEEE 754 standard:

- hardware and software components
- software-based components and their availability.

Also see Section C1 of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for information about VFP architecture compliance with the IEEE 754 standard.

### 20.2.1 An IEEE 754 standard-compliant implementation

The VFP11 hardware and support code together provide VFPv2 floating-point instruction implementations that are compliant with the IEEE 754 standard. Unless an enabled floating-point exception occurs, it appears to the program that the floating-point instruction was executed by the hardware. If an exceptional condition occurs that requires software support during instruction execution, the instruction takes significantly more cycles than normal to produce the result. This is a common practice in the industry, and the incidence of such instructions is typically very low.

### 20.2.2 Complete implementation of the IEEE 754 standard

The following operations from the IEEE 754 standard are not supplied by the VFP11 instruction set:

- remainder
- round floating-point number to integer-valued floating-point number
- binary-to-decimal conversions
- decimal-to-binary conversions
- direct comparison of single-precision and double-precision values.

For complete implementation of the IEEE 754 standard, the VFP11 coprocessor and support code must be augmented with library functions that implement these operations. See *Application Note 98, VFP Support Code* for details of support code and the available library functions.

### 20.2.3 IEEE 754 standard implementation choices

Part C of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* describes some of the implementation choices permitted by the IEEE 754 standard and used in the VFPv2 architecture.

Additional implementation choices are made within the VFP11 coprocessor about the cases that are handled by the VFP11 hardware and the cases that bounce to the support code.

To execute frequently encountered operations as fast as possible and minimize silicon area, handling of rarely occurring values and some exceptions is relegated to the support code. The VFP11 coprocessor supports two modes for handling rarely occurring values:

#### Full-compliance mode

Full-compliance mode with support code assistance is fully compliant with the IEEE 754 standard. Full-compliance mode requires the floating-point support code to handle certain operands and exceptional conditions not supported in the hardware. Although the support code gives full compliance with the IEEE 754 standard, it does increase the runtime of an application and the size of kernel code.

## RunFast mode

In RunFast mode, default handling of subnormal inputs, underflows, and NaN inputs is not fully compliant with the IEEE 754 standard. No user trap handlers are permitted in RunFast mode.

When flush-to-zero and default NaN modes are enabled, and all exceptions are disabled, the VFP11 coprocessor operates in RunFast mode. While the potential loss of accuracy for very small values is present, RunFast mode removes a significant number of performance-limiting stall conditions. By not requiring the floating-point support code, RunFast mode enables increased performance of typical and optimized code and a reduction in the size of kernel code. See *Hazards* on page 21-6 for more information on performance improvements in RunFast mode.

## Supported formats

The supported formats are:

- Single-precision and double-precision. No extended format is supported.
- Integer formats:
  - unsigned 32-bit integers
  - two's complement signed 32-bit integers.

## NaN handling

Any single-precision or double-precision values with the maximum exponent field value and a nonzero fraction field are valid NaNs. A most significant fraction bit of zero indicates a *Signaling NaN* (SNaN). A one indicates a *Quiet NaN* (QNaN). Two NaN values are treated as different NaNs if they differ in any bit. Table 20-1 lists the default NaN values in both single and double precision.

**Table 20-1 Default NaN values**

	Single-precision	Double-precision
Sign	0	0
Exponent	0xFF	0x7FF
Fraction	Bit [22] = 1 Bits [21:0] are all zeros	Bit [51] = 1 Bits [50:0] are all zeros

Any SNaN passed as input to an operation causes an Invalid Operation exception and sets the IOC flag, FPSCR[0]. If the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], is set, control passes to a user trap handler if present. If IOE is not set, a default QNaN is written to the destination register. The rules for cases involving multiple NaN operands are in the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*.

Processing of input NaNs for ARM floating-point coprocessors and libraries is defined as follows:

- In full-compliance mode, NaNs are handled according to the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual*. The hardware does not process the NaNs directly for arithmetic CDP instructions, but traps to the support code for all NaN processing. For data transfer operations, NaNs are transferred without raising the Invalid Operation exception or trapping to support code. For the nonarithmetic CDP instructions, FABS, FNEG, and FCPY, NaNs are copied, with a change of sign if specified in the instructions, without causing the Invalid Operation exception or trapping to support code.

- In default NaN mode, NaNs are handled completely within the hardware without support code assistance. SNaNs in an arithmetic CDP operation set the IOC flag, FPSCR[0]. NaN handling by data transfer and nonarithmetic CDP instructions is the same as in full-compliance mode. Arithmetic CDP instructions involving NaN operands return the default NaN regardless of the fractions of any NaN operands.

Table 20-2 summarizes the effects of NaN operands on instruction execution.

**Table 20-2 QNaN and SNaN handling**

Instruction type	Default NaN mode	With QNaN operand	With SNaN operand
Arithmetic CDP	Off	INV <sup>a</sup> set. Bounce to support code to process operation.	INV set. Bounce to support code to process operation.
	On	No bounce. Default NaN returns.	IOC <sup>b</sup> set. If IOE <sup>c</sup> set, bounce to Invalid Operation user trap handler. If IOE clear, default NaN returns.
Nonarithmetic CDP	Off	NaN passes to destination with sign changed as appropriate.	
	On		
FCMP(Z)	Off	INV set. Bounce to support code to process operation.	INV set. Bounce to support code to process operation.
	On	No bounce. Unordered compare.	IOC set. If IOE set, bounce to Invalid Operation user trap handler. If IOE clear, unordered compare.
FCMPE(Z)	Off	INV set. Bounce to support code to process operation.	INV set. Bounce to support code to process operation.
	On	IOC set. If IOE set, bounce to Invalid Operation user trap handler. If IOE clear, unordered compare.	IOC set. If IOE set, bounce to Invalid Operation user trap handler. If IOE clear, unordered compare.
Load/store	Off	All NaNs transferred. No bounce.	
	On		

a. INV is the Input exception flag, FPEXC[7].

b. IOC is the Invalid Operation cumulative exception flag, FPSCR[0].

c. IOE is the Invalid Operation exception trap enable bit, FPSCR[8].

## Comparisons

Comparison results modify condition code flags in the FPSCR register. The FMSTAT instruction transfers the current condition code flags in the FPSCR register to the ARM11 CPSR register. See the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for mapping of IEEE 754 standard predicates to ARM conditions. The condition code flags used are chosen so that subsequent conditional execution of ARM instructions can test the predicates defined in the IEEE 754 standard.

The VFP11 coprocessor handles most comparisons of numeric values in hardware, generating the appropriate condition code depending on whether the result is less than, equal to, or greater than. When the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode, comparisons involving subnormal operands bounce to support code.

The VFP11 coprocessor supports:

### Compare operations

The compare operations are FCMPS, FCMPSZ, FCMPSD, and FCMPSDZ.

In default NaN mode, a compare instruction involving a QNaN produces an unordered result. An SNaN produces an unordered result and generates an Invalid Operation exception. If the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], is set, the Invalid Operation user trap handler is called. When the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode, comparisons involving NaNs bounce to support code.

### Compare with exception operations

The compare with exception operations are FCMPE, FCMPEZ, FCMPEX, and FCMPEXZ.

In default NaN mode, a compare with exception operation involving either an SNaN or a QNaN produces an unordered result and generates an Invalid Operation exception. When the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode, comparisons involving NaNs bounce to support code.

Some simple comparisons on single-precision data can be computed directly by the ARM11 processor. If only equality or comparison to zero is required, and NaNs are not an issue, performing the comparison in ARM11 registers using CMP or CMN instructions can be faster.

If branching on the state of the Z flag is required, you can use the following instructions for positive values:

```
FMRS Rx, Sn
CMP Rx, #0
BEQ label
```

If the input values can include negative numbers, including negative zero, you can use the following code:

```
FMRS Rx, Sn
CMP Rx, #0x80000000
CMPNE Rx, #0
BEQ label
```

Using a temporary register is even faster:

```
FMRS Rx, Sn
MOVS Rt, Rx, LSL #1
BEQ label
```

Comparisons with particular values are also possible. For example, to check if a positive value is greater or equal to +1.0, use:

```
FMRS Rx, Sn
CMP Rx, #0x3F800000
BGE label
```

When comparisons are required for double-precision values, or when IEEE 754 standard comparisons are required, it is safer to use the FCMPS and FCMPE instructions with FMSTAT.

### Underflow

In the generation of Underflow exceptions, the *after rounding* form of *tininess* and the *subnormalization loss* form of *loss of accuracy* as the IEEE 754 standard describes are used.

In flush-to-zero mode, results that are tiny before rounding, as the IEEE 754 standard describes, are flushed to a positive zero, and the UFC flag, FPSCR[3], is set. Support code is not involved. See Part C of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* for information on flush-to-zero mode.

When the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode, any operation with a risk of producing a tiny result bounces to support code. If the operation does not produce a tiny result, it returns the computed result, and the UFC flag, FPSCR[3], is not set. The IXC flag, FPSCR[4], is set if the operation is inexact. If the operation produces a tiny result, the result is a subnormal or zero value, and the UFC flag, FPSCR[3], is set. See *Underflow exception* on page 22-17 for more information on underflow handling.

## Exceptions

Exceptions are taken in the VFP11 coprocessor in an imprecise manner. When exception processing begins, the states of the ARM11 processor and the VFP11 coprocessor might not be the same as when the exception occurred. Exceptional instructions cause the VFP11 coprocessor to enter the exceptional state, and the next VFP11 instruction triggers exception processing. After the issue of the exceptional instruction and before exception processing begins, non-VFP11 instructions and some VFP11 instructions can be executed and retired. Any source registers involved in the exceptional instruction are preserved, and the destination register is not overwritten on entry to the support code. If the detected exception enable bit is not set, the support code returns to the program flow at the point of the trigger instruction after processing the exception. If the detected exception enable bit is set, and a user trap handler is installed, the support code passes control to the user trap handler. If the exception is overflow or underflow, the intermediate result specified by the IEEE 754 standard is made available to the user trap handler.

## 20.3 ARMv5TE coprocessor extensions

This section describes the syntax and usage of the four ARMv5TE architecture coprocessor extension instructions:

- *FMDRR*
- *FMRRD* on page 20-9
- *FMSRR* on page 20-10
- *FMRRS* on page 20-11.

———— **Note** —————

These instructions are implementations of the MCRR and MRRC instructions, that Section A10 of the *ARM Architecture Reference Manual* describes.

### 20.3.1 FMDRR

FMDRR transfers data from two ARM11 registers to a VFP11 double-precision register. The ARM11 registers do not have to be contiguous. Figure 20-1 shows the format of the FMDRR instruction.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
cond		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Rn				Rd				1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	Dm					

**Figure 20-1 FMDRR instruction format**

#### Syntax

FMDRR {<cond>} <Dm>, <Rd>, <Rn>

where:

- <cond> Is the condition under which the instruction is executed. If <cond> is omitted, the AL, always, condition is used.
- <Dm> Specifies the destination double-precision VFP11 coprocessor register.
- <Rd> Specifies the source ARM11 register for the lower 32 bits of the operand.
- <Rn> Specifies the source ARM11 register for the upper 32 bits of the operand.

#### Architecture version

D variants only

#### Exceptions

None

#### Operation

```
if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    Dm[upper half] = Rn
    Dm[lower half] = Rd
```

## Notes

**Conversions** In the programmer's model, FMDRR does not perform any conversion of the value transferred. Arithmetic instructions using either Rd or Rn treat the value as an integer, whereas most VFP instructions treat the Dm value as a double-precision floating-point number.

### 20.3.2 FMRRD

FMRRD transfers data in a VFP11 double-precision register to two ARM11 registers. The ARM11 registers do not have to be contiguous. Figure 20-2 shows the format of the FMRRD instruction.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
cond				1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	Rn				Rd				1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	Dm			

Figure 20-2 FMRRD instruction format

## Syntax

FMRRD {<cond>} <Rd>, <Rn>, <Dm>

where:

- <cond> Is the condition under which the instruction is executed. If <cond> is omitted, the AL, always, condition is used.
- <Rd> Specifies the destination ARM11 register for the lower 32 bits of the operand.
- <Rn> Specifies the destination ARM11 register for the upper 32 bits of the operand.
- <Dm> Specifies the source double-precision VFP11 coprocessor register.

## Architecture version

D variants only

## Exceptions

None

## Operation

```
if ConditionPassed(cond) then
    Rn = Dm[upper half]
    Rd = Dm[lower half]
```

## Notes

**Use of R15** If R15 is specified for <Rd> or <Rn>, the results are Unpredictable.

**Conversions** In the programmer's model, FMRRD does not perform any conversion of the value transferred. Arithmetic instructions using Rd and Rn treat the contents as an integer, whereas most VFP instructions treat the Dm value as a double-precision floating-point number.

### 20.3.3 FMSRR

FMSRR transfers data in two ARM11 registers to two consecutively numbered single-precision VFP11 registers,  $S_m$  and  $S(m + 1)$ . The ARM11 registers do not have to be contiguous. Figure 20-3 shows the format of the FMSRR instruction.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
cond		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Rn				Rd				1	0	1	0	0	0	M	1	Sm					

Figure 20-3 FMSRR instruction format

#### Syntax

FMSRR {<cond>} <registers>, <Rd>, <Rn>

where:

- <cond> Is the condition under which the instruction is executed. If <cond> is omitted, the AL, always, condition is used.
- <registers> Specifies the pair of consecutively numbered single-precision destination VFP11 registers, separated by a comma and surrounded by brackets. If  $m$  is the number of the first register in the list, the list is encoded in the instruction by setting  $S_m$  to the top four bits of  $m$  and  $M$  to the bottom bit of  $m$ . For example, if <registers> is {S1, S2}, the  $S_m$  field of the instruction is b0000 and the  $M$  bit is 1.
- <Rd> Specifies the source ARM11 register for the  $S_m$  VFP11 single-precision register.
- <Rn> Specifies the source ARM11 register for the  $S(m + 1)$  VFP11 single-precision register.

#### Architecture version

All

#### Exceptions

None

#### Operation

If ConditionPassed(cond) then

$S_m = Rd$   
 $S(m + 1) = Rn$

#### Notes

- Conversions** In the programmer's model, FMSRR does not perform any conversion of the value transferred. Arithmetic instructions using  $Rd$  and  $Rn$  treat the contents as an integer, whereas most VFP instructions treat the  $S_m$  and  $S(m + 1)$  values as single-precision floating-point numbers.

#### Invalid register lists

If  $S_m$  is b1111 and  $M$  is 1, an encoding of S31, the instruction is Unpredictable.

## 20.3.4 FMRRS

FMRRS transfers data in two consecutively numbered single-precision VFP11 registers to two ARM11 registers. The ARM11 registers do not have to be contiguous. Figure 20-4 shows the format of the FMRRS instruction.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
cond				1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	Rn				Rd				1	0	1	0	0	0	M	1	Sm			

Figure 20-4 FMRRS instruction format

### Syntax

FMRRS {<cond>} <Rd>, <Rn>, <registers>

where:

- <cond> Is the condition under which the instruction is executed. If <cond> is omitted, the AL, always, condition is used.
- <Rd> Specifies the destination ARM11 register for the Sm VFP11 coprocessor single-precision value.
- <Rn> Specifies the destination ARM11 register for the S(m + 1) VFP11 coprocessor single-precision value.
- <registers> Specifies the pair of consecutively numbered single-precision VFP11 source registers, separated by a comma and surrounded by brackets. If m is the number of the first register in the list, the list is encoded in the instruction by setting Sm to the top four bits of m and M to the bottom bit of m. For example, if <registers> is {S16, S17}, the Sm field of the instruction is b1000 and the M bit is 0.

### Architecture version

All

### Exceptions

None

### Operation

If ConditionPassed(cond) then  
 Rd = Sm  
 Rn = S(m + 1)

### Notes

- Conversions** In the programmer's model, FMRRS does not perform any conversion of the value transferred. Arithmetic instructions using Rd and Rn treat the contents as an integer, whereas most VFP11 instructions treat the Sm and S(m + 1) values as single-precision floating-point numbers.

### Invalid register lists

If Sm is b1111 and M is 1, an encoding of S31, the instruction is Unpredictable.

### Use of R15

If R15 is specified for Rd or Rn, the results are Unpredictable.

## 20.4 VFP11 system registers

The VFPv2 architecture describes the following three system registers that must be present in a VFP system:

- *Floating-Point System ID Register, FPSID*
- *Floating-Point Status and Control Register, FPSCR*
- *Floating-Point Exception Register, FPEXC.*

The VFP11 coprocessor provides sufficient information for processing all exceptional conditions encountered by the hardware. In an exceptional situation, the hardware provides:

- the exceptional instruction
- the instruction that might have been issued to the VFP11 coprocessor before detection of the exception
- exception status information:
  - type of exception
  - number of remaining short vector iterations after an exceptional iteration.

To support exceptional conditions, the VFP11 coprocessor provides two additional registers:

- *Floating-Point Instruction Register, FPINST*
- *Floating-Point Instruction Register 2, FPINST2.*

Also, the FPEXC register contains additional bits to support exceptional conditions.

These registers are designed to be used with the support code software available from ARM Limited. As a result, this document does not fully specify exception handling in all cases.

The coprocessor also provides two feature registers:

- *Media and VFP Feature Register 0* on page 20-19, MVFR0
- *Media and VFP Feature Register 1* on page 20-20, MVFR1.

Table 20-3 lists the VFP11 system registers.

**Table 20-3 VFP11 system registers**

Register	Access mode	Access type	Reset state	See
Floating-Point System ID Register, FPSID	Any	Read-only	0x410120B3	page 20-13
Floating-Point Status and Control Register, FPSCR	Any	Read/write	0x00000000	page 20-14
Floating-Point Exception Register, FPEXC	Privileged	Read/write	0x00000000	page 20-16
Floating-Point Instruction Register, FPINST	Privileged	Read/write	0xEE000A00	page 20-18
Floating-Point Instruction Register 2, FPINST2	Privileged	Read/write	UNP	page 20-18
Media and VFP Feature Register 0, MVFR0	Any	Read-only	0x11111111	page 20-19
Media and VFP Feature Register 1, MVFR1	Any	Read-only	0x00000000	page 20-20

Use the FMRX instruction to transfer the contents of VFP11 registers to ARM11 registers and the FMXR instruction to transfer the contents of ARM11 registers to VFP11 registers.

Table 20-4 lists the ARM11 processor modes for accessing the VFP11 system registers.

**Table 20-4 Accessing VFP11 system registers**

Register	FMXR/FMRX <reg> field	ARM11 processor mode	
		VFP11 coprocessor enabled	VFP11 coprocessor disabled
FPSID	b0000	Any mode	Privileged mode
FPSCR	b0001	Any mode	None <sup>a</sup>
FPEXC	b1000	Privileged mode	Privileged mode
FPINST	b1001	Privileged mode	Privileged mode
FPINST2	b1010	Privileged mode	Privileged mode
MVFR0	b0111	Any mode	Privileged mode
MVFR1	b0110	Any mode	Privileged mode

a. An instruction that tries to access FPSCR while the VFP11 coprocessor is disabled takes the Undefined Instruction trap.

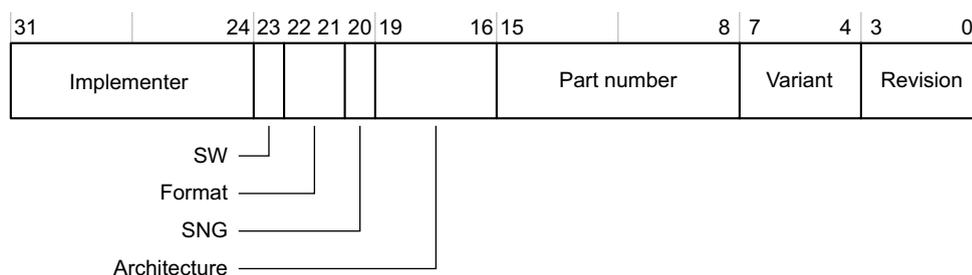
Table 20-4 shows that a privileged ARM11 mode is sometimes required to access a VFP11 system register. When a privileged mode is required, an instruction that tries to access a register in a nonprivileged mode takes the Undefined Instruction trap.

The following sections describe the VFP11 system registers:

- *Floating-Point System ID Register, FPSID*
- *Floating-Point Status and Control Register, FPSCR* on page 20-14
- *Floating-point exception register, FPEXC* on page 20-16
- *Instruction registers, FPINST and FPINST2* on page 20-18.

#### 20.4.1 Floating-Point System ID Register, FPSID

FPSID is a read-only register that identifies the VFP11 coprocessor. Figure 20-5 shows the FPSID bit fields.



**Figure 20-5 Floating-Point System ID Register**

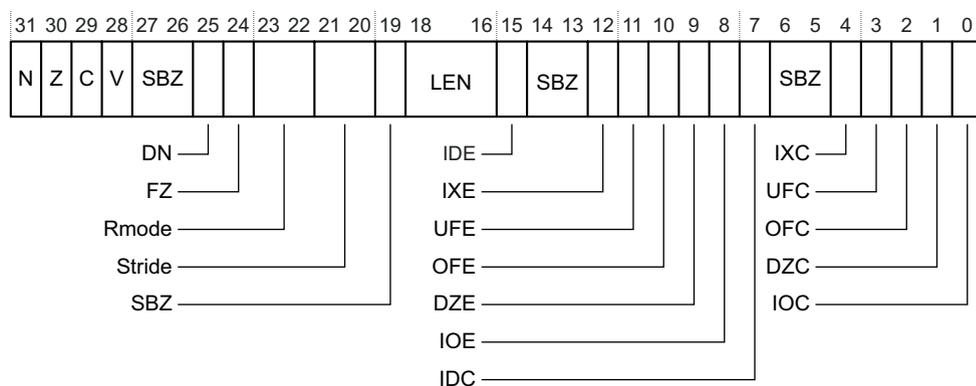
Table 20-5 lists the FPSID bit fields.

**Table 20-5 FPSID bit fields**

Bit	Meaning	Value
[31:24]	Implementer	0x41 A, ARM Limited
[23]	Hardware/software	0 Hardware implementation
[22:21]	FSTMX/FLDMX format	b00 Format 1
[20]	Precisions supported	0 Both single-precision and double-precision data supported
[19:16]	Architecture version	b0001 VFPv2 architecture
[15:8]	Part number	0x20 VFP11
[7:4]	Variant	0xB ARM11 VFP coprocessor
[3:0]	Revision	Incremented on each revision of the VFP11 coprocessor. Values for the ARM11JZF-S product releases are: ARM1176JZF-S r0p0: 0x3 ARM1176JZF-S r0p1 and r0p2: 0x4 ARM1176JZF-S r0p4 and r0p6: 0x5

#### 20.4.2 Floating-Point Status and Control Register, FPSCR

FPSCR is a read/write register that can be accessed in both privileged and unprivileged modes. All bits that Figure 20-6 describes as SBZ are reserved for future expansion. They must be initialized to zeros. To ensure that these bits are not modified, code other than initialization code must use read/modify/write techniques when writing to FPSCR. Failure to observe this rule can cause Unpredictable results in future systems. Figure 20-6 shows the FPSCR bit fields.



**Figure 20-6 Floating-Point Status and Control Register**

Table 20-6 lists the FPSCR bit fields.

**Table 20-6 Encoding of the Floating-Point Status and Control Register**

Bits	Name	Meaning
[31]	N	Set if comparison produces a <i>less than</i> result
[30]	Z	Set if comparison produces an <i>equal</i> result
[29]	C	Set if comparison produces an <i>equal, greater than, or unordered</i> result
[28]	V	Set if comparison produces an <i>unordered</i> result
[27:26]	-	Should Be Zero
[25]	DN	Default NaN mode enable bit: 1 = default NaN mode enabled 0 = default NaN mode disabled
[24]	FZ	Flush-to-zero mode enable bit: 1 = flush-to-zero mode enabled 0 = flush-to-zero mode disabled
[23:22]	Rmode	Rounding mode control field: b00 = Round to nearest (RN) mode b01 = Round towards plus infinity (RP) mode b10 = Round towards minus infinity (RM) mode b11 = Round towards zero (RZ) mode
[21:20]	Stride	See <i>Vector length and stride control</i> on page 20-16
[19]	-	Should Be Zero
[18:16]	LEN	See <i>Vector length and stride control</i> on page 20-16
[15]	IDE	Input Subnormal exception trap enable bit
[14:13]	-	Should Be Zero
[12]	IXE	Inexact exception trap enable bit
[11]	UFE	Underflow exception trap enable bit
[10]	OFE	Overflow exception trap enable bit
[9]	DZE	Division by Zero exception trap enable bit
[8]	IOE	Invalid Operation exception trap enable bit
[7]	IDC	Input Subnormal cumulative exception flag
[6:5]	-	Should Be Zero
[4]	IXC	Inexact cumulative exception flag
[3]	UFC	Underflow cumulative exception flag
[2]	OFC	Overflow cumulative exception flag
[1]	DZC	Division by Zero cumulative exception flag
[0]	IOC	Invalid Operation cumulative exception flag

### Vector length and stride control

FPSCR[18:16] is the LEN field and controls the vector length for VFP instructions that operate on short vectors. The vector length is the number of iterations in a short vector instruction.

FPSCR[21:20] is the STRIDE field and controls the vector stride. The vector stride is the increment value used to select the registers involved in the next iteration of the short vector instruction.

The rules for vector operation do not enable a vector to use the same register more than once. LEN and STRIDE combinations that use a register more than once produce Unpredictable results, as Table 20-7 lists. Some combinations that work normally in single-precision short vector instructions cause Unpredictable results in double-precision instructions.

**Table 20-7 Vector length and stride combinations**

LEN	Vector length	STRIDE	Vector stride	Single-precision vector instructions	Double-precision vector instructions
b000	1	b00	-	All instructions are scalar	All instructions are scalar
b000	1	b11	-	Unpredictable	Unpredictable
b001	2	b00	1	Work normally	Work normally
b001	2	b11	2	Work normally	Work normally
b010	3	b00	1	Work normally	Work normally
b010	3	b11	2	Work normally	Unpredictable
b011	4	b00	1	Work normally	Work normally
b011	4	b11	2	Work normally	Unpredictable
b100	5	b00	1	Work normally	Unpredictable
b100	5	b11	2	Unpredictable	Unpredictable
b101	6	b00	1	Work normally	Unpredictable
b101	6	b11	2	Unpredictable	Unpredictable
b110	7	b00	1	Work normally	Unpredictable
b110	7	b11	2	Unpredictable	Unpredictable
b111	8	b00	1	Work normally	Unpredictable
b111	8	b11	2	Unpredictable	Unpredictable

### 20.4.3 Floating-point exception register, FPEXC

In a bounce situation, the FPEXC register records the exceptional status. The FPEXC register information assists the support code in processing the exceptional condition or reporting the condition to a system trap handler or a user trap handler.

You must save and restore the FPEXC register whenever changing the context. If the EX flag, FPEXC[31], is set, then the VFP11 coprocessor is in the exceptional state, and you must also save and restore the FPINST and FPINST2 registers. You can write the context switch code to determine from the EX flag the registers to save and restore or to save all three.

The EN bit, FPEXC[30], is the VFP enable bit. Clearing EN disables the VFP11 coprocessor. The VFP11 coprocessor clears the EN bit on reset.

The INV flag, FPEXC[7], signals Input exceptions. An Input exception is a condition when the hardware cannot process one or more input operands according to the architectural specifications. This includes subnormal inputs when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode and NaNs when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode.

The UFC flag, FPEXC[3], is set whenever an operation has the potential to generate a result that is lower than the minimum threshold for the destination precision.

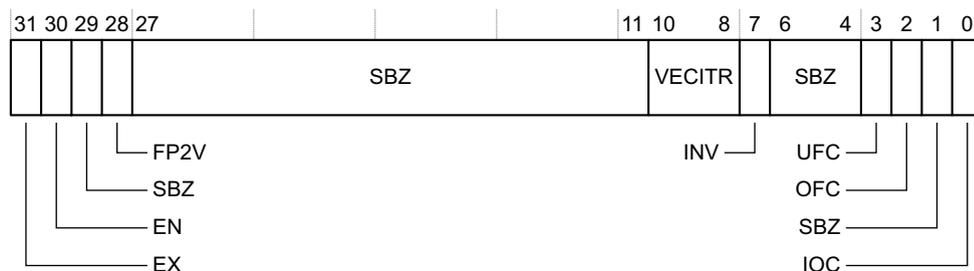
The OFC flag, FPEXC[2], is set whenever an operation has the potential to generate a result that, after rounding, exceeds the largest representable number in the destination format.

The IOC flag, FPEXC[0], is set whenever an operation has the potential to generate a result that cannot be represented or is not defined.

———— **Note** ————

To prevent an infinite loop of exceptions, the support code must clear the EX flag, FPEXC[31], immediately on entry to the exception code. All exception flags must be cleared before returning from exception code to user code.

Figure 20-7 shows the FPEXC bit fields.



**Figure 20-7 Floating-Point Exception Register**

Table 20-8 lists the bit fields of the FPEXC register.

**Table 20-8 Encoding of the Floating-Point Exception Register**

Bits	Name	Description
[31]	EX	Exception flag. When EX is set, the VFP11 coprocessor is in the exceptional state. EX must be cleared by the exception handling routine.
[30]	EN	VFP enable bit. Setting EN enables the VFP11 coprocessor. Reset clears EN.
[29]	-	Should Be Zero.
[28]	FP2V	FPINST2 instruction valid flag. Set when FPINST2 contains a valid instruction. FP2V must be cleared by the exception handling routine.
[27:11]	-	Should Be Zero.

**Table 20-8 Encoding of the Floating-Point Exception Register (continued)**

Bits	Name	Description
[10:8]	VECITR	Vector iteration count field. VECITR contains the number of remaining short vector iterations after a potential exception was detected in one of the iterations: b000 = 1 iteration b001 = 2 iterations b010 = 3 iterations b011 = 4 iterations b100 = 5 iterations b101 = 6 iterations b110 = 7 iterations b111 = 0 iterations.
[7]	INV	Input exception flag. Set if the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode and an operand is subnormal or if the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode and an operand is a NaN.
[6:4]	-	Should Be Zero.
[3]	UFC	Potential underflow flag. Set if the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode and a potential underflow condition exists.
[2]	OFC	Potential overflow flag. Set if the OFE bit, FPSCR[10], is set, the VFP11 coprocessor is not in RunFast mode, and a potential overflow condition exists.
[1]	-	Should Be Zero.
[0]	IOC	Potential invalid operation flag. Set if the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], is set, the VFP11 coprocessor is not in RunFast mode, and a potential invalid operation condition exists.

#### 20.4.4 Instruction registers, FPINST and FPINST2

The VFP11 coprocessor has two instruction registers:

- The FPINST register contains the exceptional instruction.
- The FPINST2 register contains the instruction that was issued to the VFP11 coprocessor before the exception was detected. This instruction was retired in the ARM11 processor and cannot be reissued. It must be executed by support code.

The FPINST and FPINST2 are accessible only in privileged modes.

The instruction in the FPINST register is in the same format as the issued instruction but is modified in several ways. The condition code flags, FPINST[31:28], are forced to b1110, the AL, always, condition. If the instruction is a short vector, the source and destination registers that reference vectors are updated to point to the source and destination registers of the exceptional iteration. See *Exception processing for CDP short vector instructions* on page 22-8 for more information.

The instruction in the FPINST2 register is in the same format as the issued instruction but is modified by forcing the condition code flags, FPINST2[31:28] to b1110, the AL, always, condition.

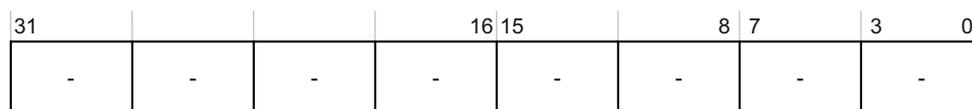
## 20.4.5 Media and VFP Feature Register 0

The purpose of the Media and VFP Feature Register 0 is to provide information about the features that the VFP unit contains.

Media and VFP Feature Register 0 is:

- a 32-bit read-only register
- accessible in any mode when the VFP is enabled by the EN bit, see *Floating-point exception register, FPEXC* on page 20-16
- accessible only in Privileged modes when the VFP is disabled by the EN bit.

Figure 20-8 shows the bit arrangement for Media and VFP Feature Register 0.



**Figure 20-8 Media and VFP Feature Register 0 format**

Table 20-9 shows how the bit values correspond with the Media and VFP Feature Register 0 functions.

**Table 20-9 Media and VFP Feature Register 0 bit functions**

Bits	Name	Function
[31:28]	-	Indicates the VFP hardware support level when user traps are disabled. 0x1, In ARM1176JZF-S processors when Flush-to-Zero and Default_NaN and Round-to-Nearest are all selected in FPSCR, the coprocessor does not require support code. Otherwise floating point support code is required.
[27:24]	-	Indicates support for short vectors. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support short vectors.
[23:20]	-	Indicates support for hardware square root. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support hardware square root.
[19:16]	-	Indicates support for hardware divide. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support hardware divide.
[15:12]	-	Indicates support for user traps. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support software traps, support code is required.
[11:8]	-	Indicates support for double precision VFP. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support v2.
[7:4]	-	Indicates support for single precision VFP. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support v2.
[3:0]	-	Indicates support for the media register bank. 0x1, ARM1176JZF-S processors support 16, 64-bit registers.

The values in the Media and VFP Feature Register 0 are implementation defined.



# Chapter 21

## VFP Instruction Execution

This chapter describes the VFP11 instruction pipeline and its relationship with the ARM processor instruction pipeline. It contains the following sections:

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- *Serializing instructions* on page 21-3
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- *Forwarding* on page 21-5
- *Hazards* on page 21-6
- *Operation of the scoreboards* on page 21-7
- *Data hazards in full-compliance mode* on page 21-13
- *Data hazards in RunFast mode* on page 21-16
- *Resource hazards* on page 21-17
- *Parallel execution* on page 21-20
- *Execution timing* on page 21-22.

## 21.1 About instruction execution

Features of the VFP11 implementation of the instruction pipelines include the following:

- The FMXR, FMRX, and FMSTAT instructions stall in the VFP11 LS pipeline until all currently executing instructions are completed. You can use these *serializing* instructions to:
  - capture condition codes and exception status
  - modify the mode of operation of subsequent instructions
  - create an exception boundary.

See *Serializing instructions* on page 21-3.

- Load or store instructions that cause a Data Abort exception restart after interrupt service. LDM and STM instructions detect exceptional conditions after the first transfer and restart after interrupt service if reissued.

See *Interrupting the VFP11 coprocessor* on page 21-4.

- To reduce stall time, the VFP11 coprocessor forwards data:
  - from load instructions to CDP instructions
  - from CDP instructions to CDP instructions.

See *Forwarding* on page 21-5.

- In full-compliance mode, the VFP11 coprocessor implements full data hazard and resource hazard detection.

RunFast mode guarantees no instruction bouncing for applications that require less strict hazard detection.

See *Hazards* on page 21-6 and *Operation of the scoreboards* on page 21-7.

- The L/S, FMAC, and DS pipelines operate independently, enabling data transfer and CDP operations to execute in parallel.

See *Parallel execution* on page 21-20.

*Execution timing* on page 21-22 describes VFP11 instruction throughput and latency.

## 21.2 Serializing instructions

A serializing instruction is one that stalls because of activity in the VFP11 pipelines without the presence of a register or resource hazard. In general, an access to a VFP11 control or status register is a serializing instruction.

The serializing instructions are FMRX and FMXR, including the FMSTAT instruction. Serializing instructions stall the VFP11 coprocessor in the Issue stage and the ARM processor in the Execute 2 stage until:

- the VFP11 pipeline is past the point of updating either the condition codes or the exception status
- a write to a system register can no longer affect the operation of a current or pending instruction.

An FMRX or FMSTAT instruction stalls until all prior floating-point operations are completed, and the data to be written by the VFP11 coprocessor is valid. For example, a compare operation updates the FPSCR register condition codes in the Writeback stage of the compare.

An FMXR instruction stalls until all prior floating-point operations are past the point of being affected by the instruction. For example, writing to the FPSCR register stalls until the point when changing the control bits cannot affect any operation currently executing or awaiting execution. Writing to the FPEXC, FPINST, or FPINST2 register stalls until the pipeline is completely clear.

Uses of serializing instructions include:

- capturing condition codes and exception status
- delineating a block of instructions for execution with the ability to capture the exception status of that block of instructions
- modifying the mode of operation of subsequent instructions, such as the rounding mode or vector length.

While no instruction can change the contents of the FPSID register, you can access the FPSID register with FMRX or FMXR as a general-purpose serializing operation or to create an exception boundary.

## 21.3 Interrupting the VFP11 coprocessor

Instructions are issued to the VFP11 coprocessor directly from the ARM prefetch unit. The VFP11 coprocessor has no external interface beyond the ARM processor and cannot be separately interrupted by external sources. Any interrupt that causes a change of flow in the ARM11 processor is also reflected to the VFP11 coprocessor. Any VFP instruction that is cancelled because of condition code failure in the ARM11 pipeline is also cancelled in the VFP11 pipeline.

If the interrupt is the result of a Data Abort condition, the load or store operation that caused the abort restarts after interrupt processing is complete. Load and store multiple instructions can detect some exception conditions and interrupt the operation after the initial transfer. If the load or store instruction is reissued after interrupt processing, it can restart with the initial transfer. The source data is guaranteed to be unchanged, and no operations that depend on the load or store data can execute until the load or store operation is complete.

When interrupt processing begins, there can be a delay before the VFP11 coprocessor is available to the interrupt routine. Any prior short vector instruction that passes the ARM11 Execute 2 stage also passes the VFP11 Execute 1 stage and executes to completion uninterrupted. The maximum delay during which the VFP11 coprocessor is unavailable is equal to the time it takes to process a short vector of eight single-precision divide or square root iterations. Such an operation can cause a delay of as many as 114 cycles after the short vector divide or square root enters the VFP11 Execute 1 stage.

In systems that require fast response time and access to the VFP11 coprocessor by the service routine, avoid short vector divide and short vector square root operations. All other instructions, including short vector instructions, have little or no impact. Limiting the number of VFP11 registers that must be saved and used in the service routine also reduces startup time. If the VFP11 coprocessor is not required in the service routine, you can disable it with EN bit, FPEXC[30]. This eliminates the necessity of saving the VFP11 coprocessor state. See *Application Note 98, VFP Support Code*.

## 21.4 Forwarding

In general, any forwarding operation reduces the stall time of a dependent instruction by one cycle. The VFP11 coprocessor forwards data from load instructions to CDP instructions and from CDP instructions to CDP instructions.

The VFP11 coprocessor does not forward in the following cases:

- from an instruction that produces integer data
- to a store instruction, FST, FSTM, MRC, or MRRC
- to an instruction of different precision.

In the examples that follow, the stall counts given are based on two data transfer assumptions:

- accesses by load operations result in cache hits and are able to deliver one or two data words per cycle
- store operations write directly to the write buffer or cache and can transfer one or two data words per cycle.

When these assumptions are valid, the VFP11 coprocessor operates at its highest performance. When these assumptions are not valid, load and store operations are affected by the delay required to access data. Example 21-1, Example 21-2 and Example 21-3 illustrate the capabilities of the VFP11 coprocessor in ideal conditions.

In Example 21-1, the second FADDS instruction depends on the result of the first FADDS instruction. The result of the first FADDS instruction is forwarded, reducing the stall from eight cycles to seven cycles.

### Example 21-1 Data forwarded to dependent instruction

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```
FADDS S1, S2, S3
FADDS S8, S9, S1
```

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In Example 21-2, there is no data forwarding of the double-precision FMULD data in D2 to the single-precision FADDS data in S5, even though S5 is the upper half of D2.

### Example 21-2 Mixed-precision data not forwarded

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```
FMULD D2, D0, D1
FADDS S12, S13, S5
```

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In Example 21-3, the double-precision FSTD stalls for eight cycles until the result of the FMULD is written to the register file. No forwarding is done from the FMULD to the store instruction.

### Example 21-3 Data not forwarded to store instruction

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```
FMULD D1, D2, D3
FSTD D1, [Rx]
```

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## 21.5 Hazards

The VFP11 coprocessor incorporates full hazard detection with a fully-interlocked pipeline protocol. No compiler scheduling is required to avoid hazard conditions. The source and destination scoreboards process interlocks caused by unavailable source or destination registers or by unavailable data. The scoreboards stall instructions until all data operands and destination registers are available before the instruction is issued to the instruction pipeline.

The determination of hazards and interlock conditions is different in full-compliance mode and RunFast mode. RunFast mode guarantees no bounce conditions and has a less strict hazard detection mechanism, enabling instructions to begin execution earlier than in full-compliance mode.

There are two VFP11 pipeline hazards:

- A data hazard is a combination of instructions that creates the potential for operands to be accessed in the wrong order.
  - A *Read-After-Write* (RAW) data hazard occurs when the pipeline creates the potential for an instruction to read an operand before a prior instruction writes to it. It is a hazard to the intended read-after-write operand access.
  - A *Write-After-Read* (WAR) data hazard occurs when the pipeline creates the potential for an instruction to write to a register before a prior instruction reads it. It is a hazard to the intended write-after-read operand access.
  - A *Write-After-Write* (WAW) data hazard occurs when the pipeline creates the potential for an instruction to write to a register before a prior instruction writes to it. It is a hazard to the intended write-after-write operand access.
- Resource hazard. See *Resource hazards* on page 21-17.

## 21.6 Operation of the scoreboards

The VFP11 processor detects all hazard conditions that exist between issued and executing instructions. It uses two scoreboards to ensure that all source and destination registers for an instruction contain valid data and are available for reading or writing:

- The destination scoreboard contains a lock for each destination register for the current operation.
- The source scoreboard contains a lock for each source register for the current operation.

In the Decode stage of the VFP11 pipeline, the VFP11 coprocessor determines the source and destination registers that are involved in an operation and generates a lock mask for them. In a short vector operation, the lock mask includes the registers involved in every iteration of the operation. In the Issue stage, the VFP11 coprocessor checks and updates the source and destination scoreboards. If it detects a hazard between the instruction in the Issue stage and a prior instruction, the scoreboards are not updated, and the instruction stalls in the Issue stage.

A VFP11 instruction can begin execution only when its source and destination registers are free of locks. A short vector operation can begin only when the registers for all its iterations are free of locks. When a short vector instruction proceeds in the pipeline beyond the Issue stage, all the registers involved in the operation are locked.

The source scoreboard clears a source register lock in the first Execute 1 stage of the pipeline or in the first Execute 1 stage of the iteration. In store multiple instructions, the source scoreboard clears source register locks in the Execute stage where the instruction writes the store data to the ARM11 processor.

The destination scoreboard clears the destination register lock in the cycle before the result data is written back to the register file or is available for forwarding, Execute 7 in the FMAC pipeline, Execute 4 in the DS pipeline. In a load operation, the destination scoreboard normally clears the destination register lock in the Memory 2 stage. If the load is delayed, the destination scoreboard clears the destination register lock in the same cycle as the writeback to the register file.

### 21.6.1 Scoreboard operation when an instruction bounces

When a bounce occurs in full-compliance mode, support code is called to complete the operation and to deliver the result and the exception status to the user trap handler. The source scoreboard ensures that all source registers for the operation are preserved for the support code. In a short vector operation, this includes the source registers for the bounced iteration and for any iterations remaining after the bounced iteration. The preserved source registers include the destination register for a multiply and accumulate instruction.

Because RunFast mode guarantees that no bouncing is possible, source registers do not have to be preserved after they are used by the instruction. For all scalar operations and nonmultiple store operations, no source registers are locked in RunFast mode. In short, vector operations, the length of the vector determines the source registers that are locked. When the vector length exceeds four single-precision iterations, the source scoreboard locks the source registers for iterations 5 and above. When the vector length exceeds two double-precision iterations, the source scoreboard locks the source registers for iterations 3 and above.

## 21.6.2 Single-precision source register locking

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard locks all source registers in the Issue stage of the instruction. In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks the source registers for only iterations 5, 6, 7, and 8. Table 21-1 summarizes source register locking in single-precision operations.

**Table 21-1 Single-precision source register locking**

LEN	Vector length	Source registers locked in Issue stage	
		Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
b000	1	Iteration 1 registers	-
b001	2	Iteration 1-2 registers	-
b010	3	Iteration 1-3 registers	-
b011	4	Iteration 1-4 registers	-
b100	5	Iteration 1-5 registers	Iteration 5 registers
b101	6	Iteration 1-6 registers	Iteration 5-6 registers
b110	7	Iteration 1-7 registers	Iteration 5-7 registers
b111	8	Iteration 1-8 registers	Iteration 5-8 registers

For the following single-precision short vector instruction, the LEN field contains b100, selecting a vector length of five iterations:

```
FADDS S8, S16, S24
```

The FADDS instruction performs the following operations:

```
FADDS S8, S16, S24
FADDS S9, S17, S25
FADDS S10, S18, S26
FADDS S11, S19, S27
FADDS S12, S20, S28
```

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard locks S16-S20 and S24-S28 in the Issue stage of the instruction.

In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks only the fifth iteration source registers, S20 and S28.

### 21.6.3 Single-precision source register clearing

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the Execute 1 stage of the iteration. In RunFast mode, the source registers for only iterations 5, 6, 7, and 8 are locked, and the source scoreboard begins clearing them in the second Execute 1 cycle of the instruction. Table 21-2 summarizes source register clearing in single-precision operations.

**Table 21-2 Single-precision source register clearing**

Source registers cleared in Execute 1 stage of each iteration		
Execute 1 cycle	Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
1	Iteration 1 registers	-
2	Iteration 2 registers	Iteration 5 registers
3	Iteration 3 registers	Iteration 6 registers
4	Iteration 4 registers	Iteration 7 registers
5	Iteration 5 registers	Iteration 8 registers
6	Iteration 6 registers	-
7	Iteration 7 registers	-
8	Iteration 8 registers	-

For the following single-precision short vector instruction, the LEN field contains b100, selecting a vector length of five iterations:

```
FADDS S8, S16, S24
```

The FADDS instruction performs the following operations:

```
FADDS S8, S16, S24
FADDS S9, S17, S25
FADDS S10, S18, S26
FADDS S11, S19, S27
FADDS S12, S20, S28
```

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the Execute 1 cycle of the iteration.

In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks only the fifth iteration source registers, S20 and S28. It clears S20 and S28 in the second Execute 1 cycle of the instruction.

## 21.6.4 Double-precision source register locking

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard locks all source registers in the Issue stage of the instruction. In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks the source registers for only iterations 3 and 4. Table 21-3 summarizes source register locking in double-precision operations.

**Table 21-3 Double-precision source register locking**

LEN	Vector length	Source registers locked in Issue stage	
		Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
b000	1	Iteration 1 registers	-
b001	2	Iteration 1-2 registers	-
b010	3	Iteration 1-3 registers	Iteration 3 registers
b011	4	Iteration 1-4 registers	Iteration 3-4 registers

For the following double-precision, short vector instruction, the LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations:

```
FADDD D4, D8, D12
```

The FADDD instruction performs the following operations:

```
FADDD D4, D8, D12
FADDD D5, D9, D13
FADDD D6, D10, D14
FADDD D7, D11, D15
```

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard locks D8-D11 and D12-D15 in the Issue stage of the instruction.

In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks only the third iteration source registers, D10 and D14, and the fourth iteration source registers, D11 and D15.

## 21.6.5 Double-precision source register clearing

The number of Execute 1 cycles required to clear the source registers of a double-precision instruction depends on the throughput of the instruction, as the following sections show:

- *Instructions with one-cycle throughput* on page 21-11
- *Instructions with two-cycle throughput* on page 21-11.

## Instructions with one-cycle throughput

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the Execute 1 stage of the iteration. In RunFast mode, the source registers for only iterations 3 and 4 are locked, and the source scoreboard begins clearing them in the first Execute 1 cycle of the instruction. Table 21-4 summarizes source register clearing for double-precision one-cycle instructions such as FADDD and FABSD.

**Table 21-4 Double-precision source register clearing for one-cycle instructions**

Source registers cleared in Execute 1 stage of each iteration		
Execute 1 cycle	Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
1	Iteration 1 registers	Iteration 3 registers
2	Iteration 2 registers	Iteration 4 registers
3	Iteration 3 registers	-
4	Iteration 4 registers	-

For the following one-cycle, double-precision short vector instruction, the LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations:

```
FADDD D4, D8, D12
```

The FADDD performs the following operations:

```
FADDD D4, D8, D12
FADDD D5, D9, D13
FADDD D6, D10, D14
FADDD D7, D11, D15
```

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the Execute 1 cycle of the iteration.

In RunFast mode, the source scoreboard locks only the third iteration source registers, D10 and D14, and the fourth iteration source registers, D11 and D15. It clears D10 and D14 in the first Execute 1 cycle of the instruction and clears D11 and D15 in the second Execute 1 cycle.

## Instructions with two-cycle throughput

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the first Execute 1 cycle of the iteration. In RunFast mode, the source registers for only iterations 3 and 4 are locked, and the source scoreboard begins clearing them in the first Execute 1 cycle of the instruction. Table 21-5 summarizes source register clearing for double-precision two-cycle instructions such as FMULD and FMACD.

**Table 21-5 Double-precision source register clearing for two-cycle instructions**

Source registers cleared in Execute 1 stage of each iteration		
Execute 1 cycle	Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
1	Iteration 1 registers	Iteration 3 registers
2	-	-
3	Iteration 2 registers	Iteration 4 registers

**Table 21-5 Double-precision source register clearing for two-cycle instructions**

Source registers cleared in Execute 1 stage of each iteration		
Execute 1 cycle	Full-compliance mode	RunFast mode
4	-	-
5	Iteration 3 registers	-
6	-	-
7	Iteration 4 registers	-
8	-	-

For the following two-cycle, double-precision, short vector instruction, the LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations:

```
FMULD D4, D8, D12
```

The FMULD instruction performs the following operations:

```
FMULD D4, D8, D12
FMULD D5, D9, D13
FMULD D6, D10, D14
FMULD D7, D11, D15
```

In full-compliance mode, the source scoreboard clears the source registers of each iteration in the first Execute 1 cycle of the iteration.

In RunFast mode, only the third iteration source registers, D10 and D14, and the fourth iteration source registers, D11 and D15, are locked. The source scoreboard clears D10 and D14 in the first Execute 1 cycle and clears D11 and D15 in the third Execute 1 cycle of the instruction.

## 21.7 Data hazards in full-compliance mode

The sections that follow give examples of data hazards in full-compliance mode:

- *Status register RAW hazard example*
- *Load multiple-CDP RAW hazard example*
- *CDP-CDP RAW hazard example* on page 21-14
- *Load multiple-short vector CDP RAW hazard example* on page 21-14
- *Short vector CDP-load multiple WAR hazard example* on page 21-15.

### 21.7.1 Status register RAW hazard example

In Example 21-4, the FMSTAT is stalled for four cycles in the Decode stage until the FCMPs updates the condition codes in the FPSCR register. Two cycles later, the FMSTAT writes the condition codes to the ARM11 processor.

#### Example 21-4 FCMPs-FMSTAT RAW hazard

---

FCMPs S1, S2  
FMSTAT

---

Table 21-6 lists the VFP11 pipeline stages for Example 21-4.

Table 21-6 FCMPs-FMSTAT RAW hazard

		Instruction cycle number										
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
FCMPs	D	I	E1	E2	E3	E4	-	-	-	-	-	
FMSTAT	-	D	D	D	D	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	

### 21.7.2 Load multiple-CDP RAW hazard example

In Example 21-5, the FADDS is stalled in the Issue stage for six cycles until the FLDM makes its last transfer to the VFP11 coprocessor. S15 is forwarded from the load in cycle 9 to the FADDS.

#### Example 21-5 FLDM-FADDS RAW hazard

---

FLDM [Rx], {S8-S15}  
FADDS S1, S2, S15

---

Table 21-7 lists the VFP11 pipeline stages for Example 21-5 on page 21-13.

**Table 21-7 FLDM-FADDS RAW hazard**

		Instruction cycle number															
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
FLDM	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FADDS	-	D	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	

### 21.7.3 Load multiple-short vector CDP RAW hazard example

In Example 21-6, the short vector FADDS is stalled in the Issue stage until the FLDM loads all source registers required by the FADDS. In this case, the FADDS is stalled for three cycles. Because the FADDS depends on the FLDM for only one register, S7, it does not have to wait for completion of the FLDM. The S7 data is forwarded in cycle 6. The LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations. The STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one. The first source vector uses registers S7, S0, S1, and S2, and the only FADDS source register loaded by the FLDM is S7. This example is based on the assumption that the remaining source and destination registers are available to the FADDS in cycle 6.

**Example 21-6 FLDM-short vector FADDS RAW hazard**

---

```
FLDM [R2], {S7-S14}
FADDS S16, S7, S25
```

---

Table 21-8 lists the VFP11 pipeline stages of the FLDM and the first iteration of the short vector FADDS for Example 21-6.

**Table 21-8 FLDM-short vector FADDS RAW hazard**

		Instruction cycle number																
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
FLDM	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FADDS	-	D	I	I	I	I	E1	E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	

### 21.7.4 CDP-CDP RAW hazard example

In Example 21-7, the FADDS is stalled in the Issue stage for seven cycles until the FMULS data is written and forwarded in cycle 10 to the Issue stage of the FADDS.

**Example 21-7 FMULS-FADDS RAW hazard**

---

```
FMULS S4, S1, S0
FADDS S5, S4, S3
```

---

Table 21-9 lists the VFP11 pipeline stages of Example 21-7 on page 21-14.

**Table 21-9 FMULS-FADDS RAW hazard**

		Instruction cycle number										
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
FMULS	D	I	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	-	
FADDS	-	D	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	EI	

### 21.7.5 Short vector CDP-load multiple WAR hazard example

In Example 21-8, the load multiple FLDMS creates a WAR hazard to the source registers of the FMULS. The LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one. The VFP11 coprocessor stalls the FLDMS until the FMULS clears the scoreboard locks for all the source registers, S16-S19 and S24-S27.

**Example 21-8 Short vector FMULS-FLDMS WAR hazard**

---

FMULS S8, S16, S24  
 FLDMS [R2], {S16-S27}

---

Table 21-10 lists the VFP11 pipeline stages for the first iteration of Example 21-8.

**Table 21-10 Short vector FMULS-FLDMS WAR hazard**

		Instruction cycle number															
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
FMULS	D	I	E1	E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	-	-	-	
FLDMS	-	D	I	I	I	I	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	W	W	

## 21.8 Data hazards in RunFast mode

In RunFast mode, source registers for the FMAC and FMUL family of instructions are locked:

- when the vector length exceeds four iterations in single-precision instructions
- when the vector length exceeds two iterations in double-precision instructions.

No source registers are locked for scalar instructions.

### 21.8.1 Short vector CDP-load multiple WAR hazard example

Example 21-9 is the same as Example 21-8 on page 21-15. The LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one. Executing these instructions in RunFast mode reduces the cycle count of the FLDMS by four cycles.

#### Example 21-9 Short vector FMULS-FLDMS WAR hazard in RunFast mode

---

```
FMULS S8, S16, S24
FLDMS R2, {S16-S27}
```

---

Table 21-11 shows that the VFP11 coprocessor does not stall the FLDMS operation.

**Table 21-11 Short vector FMULS-FLDMS WAR hazard in RunFast mode**

		Instruction cycle number												
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
FMULS	D	I	E1	E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	
FLDMS	-	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	

## 21.9 Resource hazards

A resource hazard exists when the pipeline required for an instruction is unavailable because of a prior instruction. VFP11 resource stalls are possible in the following cases:

- A data transfer operation following an incomplete data transfer operation can cause a resource stall. The ARM11 processor can stall each data transfer because of unavailable data caused by memory latency or a cache miss, increasing the latency of the data transfer instruction and stalling any following data transfer instructions.
- An arithmetic operation following either a short vector arithmetic operation or a double-precision multiply or multiply and accumulate operation can cause a resource stall. The latency for a double-precision multiply or multiply and accumulate operation is two cycles, causing a single-cycle stall for an arithmetic operation that immediately follows.
- A single-precision divide or square root operation stalls subsequent DS operations for 15 cycles. A double-precision divide or square root operation stalls subsequent DS operations for 29 cycles.
- A short vector divide or square root operation requires the FMAC pipeline for the first cycle of each iteration and stalls any following CDP operation. The following CDP operation stalls until the final iteration of the short vector divide or square root operation completes the Execute 1 stage.

The LS pipeline is separate from the FMAC and DS pipelines. No resource hazards exist between data transfer instructions and arithmetic instructions.

The sections that follow give examples of resource hazards:

- *Load multiple-load-CDP resource hazard example*
- *Load multiple-short vector CDP resource hazard example* on page 21-18
- *Short vector CDP-CDP resource hazard example* on page 21-18.

### 21.9.1 Load multiple-load-CDP resource hazard example

In Example 21-10, the FLDM is executing two transfers to the VFP11 coprocessor. The FLDS is stalled behind the FLDM until the FLDM enters the final Execute cycle. The FADDS is stalled for one cycle until the FLDS begins execution.

#### Example 21-10 FLDM-FLDS-FADDS resource hazard

---

```
FLDM [R2], {S8-S10}
FLDS [R4], S16
FADDS S2, S3, S4
```

---

Table 21-12 lists the pipeline stages for Example 21-10 on page 21-17.

**Table 21-12 FLDM-FLDS-FADDS resource hazard**

		Instruction cycle number												
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
FLDM	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	-	-					
FLDS	-	D	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	-					
FADDS	-	-	-	D	I	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	

### 21.9.2 Load multiple-short vector CDP resource hazard example

In Example 21-11, no resource hazard exists for the FMULS because of the FLDM in the prior cycle. The FMULS is issued to the VFP11 coprocessor in the cycle following the issue of the FLDM, and executes in parallel with it.

The LEN field contains, b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations. The STRIDE field contains b00, selecting a vector stride of one.

**Example 21-11 FLDM-short vector FMULS resource hazard**

---

```
FLDM [R2], {S8-S10}
FMULS S16, S24, S4
```

---

Table 21-13 lists the pipeline stages for Example 21-11.

**Table 21-13 FLDM-short vector FMULS resource hazard**

		Instruction cycle number													
Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
FLDM	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	-	-						
FMULS	-	D	I	E1	E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W	

### 21.9.3 Short vector CDP-CDP resource hazard example

In Example 21-12, a short vector divide is followed by a FADDS instruction. The short vector divide has b001 in the LEN field, selecting a vector length of two iterations. It requires the Execute 1 stage of the FMAC pipeline for the first cycle of each iteration of the divide, resulting in a stall of the FADDS until the final iteration of the divide completes the first Execute 1 cycle. The divide iterates for 14 cycles in the Execute 1 and Execute 2 stages of the DS pipeline, that Table 21-14 on page 21-19 lists, as E1. The first and shared Execute 1 cycle for each divide iteration is designated as E1'.

**Example 21-12 Short vector FDIVS-FADDS resource hazard**

---

```
FDIVS S8, S10, S12
FADDS S0, S0, S1
```

---

Table 21-14 lists the pipeline stages for Example 21-12 on page 21-18.

**Table 21-14 Short vector FDIVS-FADDS resource hazard**

		Instruction cycle number																												
		1	2	3	4	...	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
FDIVS	D	I	E	E	...	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	...	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	W	
			I'	I		I	I	I'	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	2	3	4				
FADDS	-	-	D	D	...	D	D	I	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	W	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
									I	2	3	4	5	6	7															

## 21.10 Parallel execution

The VFP11 coprocessor is capable of execution in each of the three pipelines independently of the others and without blocking issue or writeback from any pipeline. Separate LS, FMAC, and DS pipelines enable parallel operation of CDP and data transfer instructions. Scheduling instructions to take advantage of the parallelism that occurs when multiple instructions execute in the VFP11 pipelines can result in a significant improvement in program execution time.

A data transfer operation can begin execution if:

- no data hazards exist with any currently executing operations
- the LS pipeline is not currently stalled by the ARM11 processor or busy with a data transfer multiple.

A CDP can be issued to the FMAC pipeline if:

- no data hazards exist with any currently executing operations
- the FMAC pipeline is available, that is, no short vector CDP is executing and no double-precision multiply is in the first cycle of the multiply operation
- no short vector operation with unissued iterations is currently executing in either the FMAC or DS pipeline.

A divide or square root instruction can be issued to the DS pipeline if:

- no data hazards exist with any currently executing operations
- the DS pipeline is available, that is, no current divide or square root is executing in the DS pipeline E1 stage
- no short vector operation with unissued iterations is executing in the FMAC pipeline.

Example 21-13 on page 21-21 shows a case of the VFP11 coprocessor executing instructions in parallel in each of the three pipelines:

- a load multiple in the L/S pipeline
- a divide in the DS pipeline
- a short vector add in the FMAC pipeline.

In this example, the LEN field contains b011, selecting a vector length of four iterations, and the STRIDE field contains b00, for a vector stride of one.

### Example 21-13 Parallel execution in all three pipelines

---

```
FLDM    [R4], {S4-S13}
FDIVS   S0, S1, S2
FADDS   S16, S20, S24
```

---

Table 21-15 lists the pipeline progression of the three instructions.

**Table 21-15 Parallel execution in all three pipelines**

	Instruction cycle number														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
FLDM	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-
FDIVS	-	D	I	E1'	E1										
FADDS	-	-	D	I	E1	E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	W

In Example 21-13 on page 21-20, no data hazards exist between any of the three instructions. The load multiple is able to begin execution immediately, and data is transferred to the register file beginning in cycle 6. Because the destination is in bank 0, the FDIVS is a scalar operation and requires one cycle in the FMAC pipeline E1 stage. If the FDIVS were a short vector operation, the FADDS might not begin execution until the last FDIVS iteration passed the FMAC E1 pipeline stage. The FADDS is a short vector operation and requires the FMAC pipeline E1 stage for cycles 5-8.

———— **Note** —————

E1' is the first cycle in E1 and is in both FMAC and DS blocks. Subsequent E1 cycles represent the iteration cycles and occupy both E1 and E2 stages in the DS block.

## 21.11 Execution timing

Complex instruction dependencies and memory system interactions make it impossible to describe briefly the exact cycle timing of all instructions in all circumstances. The timing that Table 21-16 lists is accurate in most cases. For precise timing, you must use a cycle-accurate model of your ARM11 processor.

In Table 21-16, throughput is defined as the cycle after issue in which another instruction can begin execution. Instruction latency is the number of cycles after which the data is available for another operation. Forwarding reduces the latency by one cycle for operations that depend on floating-point data. Table 21-16 lists the throughput and latency for all VFP11 instructions.

**Table 21-16 Throughput and latency cycle counts for VFP11 instructions**

Instructions	Single-precision		Double-precision	
	Throughput	Latency	Throughput	Latency
FABS, FNEG, FCVT, FCPY	1	4	1	4
FCMP, FCMPE, FCMPZ, FCMPEZ	1	4	1	4
FSITO, FUITO, FTOSI, FTOUI, FTOUIZ, FTOSIZ	1	8	1	8
FADD, FSUB	1	8	1	8
FMUL, FNMUL	1	8	2	9
FMAC, FNMAC, FMSC, FNMSC	1	8	2	9
FDIV, FSQRT	15	19	29	33
FLD <sup>a</sup>	1	4	1	4
FST <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>a</sup>	System-dependent	1	System-dependent
FLDM <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>b</sup>	X <sup>b</sup> + 3	X <sup>b</sup>	X <sup>b</sup> + 3
FSTM <sup>a</sup>	X <sup>b</sup>	System-dependent	X <sup>b</sup>	System-dependent
FMSTAT	1	2	-	-
FMSR/FMSRR <sup>c</sup>	1	4	-	-
FMDHR/FMDHC/FMDRR <sup>c</sup>	-	-	1	4
FMRS/FMRRS <sup>c</sup>	1	2	-	-
FMRDH/FMRDL/FMRRD <sup>c</sup>	-	-	1	2
FMXR <sup>d</sup>	1	4	-	-
FMRX <sup>d</sup>	1	2	-	-

- The cycle count for a load instruction is based on load data that is cached and available to the ARM11 processor from the cache. The cycle count for a store instruction is based on store data that is written to the cache and/or write buffer immediately. When the data is not cached or the write buffer is unavailable, the number of cycles also depends on the memory subsystem.
- The number of cycles represented by X is (N/2) if N is even or (N/2 + 1) if N is odd.
- FMDRR and FMRRD transfer one double-precision data per transfer. FMSRR and FMRRS transfer two single-precision data per transfer.
- FMXR and FMRX are serializing instructions. The latency depends on the register transferred and the current activity in the VFP11 coprocessor when the instruction is issued.

# Chapter 22

## VFP Exception Handling

This chapter describes VFP11 exception processing. It contains the following sections:

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## 22.1 About exception processing

The VFP11 coprocessor handles exceptions, other than inexact exceptions, imprecisely with respect to both the state of the ARM11 processor and the state of the VFP11 coprocessor. It detects an exceptional instruction after the instruction passes the point for exception handling in the ARM11 processor. It then enters the *exceptional state* and signals the presence of an exception by refusing to accept a subsequent VFP instruction. The instruction that triggers exception handling bounces to the ARM11 processor. The bounced instruction is not necessarily the instruction immediately following the exceptional instruction. Depending on sequence of instructions that follow, the bounce can occur several instructions later.

The VFP11 coprocessor can generate exceptions only on arithmetic operations. Data transfer operations between the ARM11 processor and the VFP11 coprocessor, and instructions that copy data between VFP11 registers, FCPY, FABS, and FNEG, cannot produce exceptions.

In full-compliance mode the VFP11 hardware and support code together process exceptions according to the IEEE 754 standard. VFP11 exception processing includes calling user trap handlers with intermediate operands specified by the IEEE 754 standard. In RunFast mode, the VFP11 coprocessor generates the default, or trap disabled, value when an overflow, invalid operation, division by zero, or inexact condition occurs. RunFast mode does not provide for user trap handlers.

For descriptions of each of the exception flags and their bounce characteristics, see the sections *Input Subnormal exception* on page 22-12 to *Arithmetic exceptions* on page 22-20.

## 22.2 Bounced instructions

Normally, the VFP11 hardware executes floating-point instructions completely in hardware. However, the VFP11 coprocessor can, under certain circumstances, refuse to accept a floating-point instruction, causing the ARM Undefined Instruction exception. This is known as *bouncing* the instruction.

There are three reasons for bouncing an instruction:

- a prior instruction generates a potential or actual floating-point exception that cannot be properly handled by the VFP11 coprocessor, such as a potential underflow when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode
- a prior instruction generates a potential or actual floating-point exception when the corresponding exception enable bit is set in the FPSCR, such as a square root of a negative value when the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], is set
- the current instruction is Undefined.

When a floating-point exception is detected, the VFP11 hardware sets the EX flag, FPEXC[31], and loads the FPINST register with a copy of the exceptional instruction. The VFP11 coprocessor is now in the *exceptional state*. The instruction that bounces as a result of the exceptional state is referred to as the *trigger* instruction.

See *Exception processing* on page 22-8.

### 22.2.1 Potential or actual exception that the VFP11 coprocessor cannot handle

Three exceptional conditions cannot be handled by the VFP11 hardware:

- an operation that might underflow when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode
- an operation involving a subnormal operand when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in flush-to-zero mode
- an operation involving a NaN when the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode.

For these conditions the VFP11 coprocessor relies on support code to process the operation. See *Underflow exception* on page 22-17 and *Input exceptions* on page 22-19.

### 22.2.2 Potential or actual exception with the exception enable bit set

The VFP11 coprocessor evaluates the instruction for exceptions in the E1 and E2 pipeline stages. No means exist to signal exceptions to the ARM11 processor after the E2 stage. The VFP11 coprocessor enters the exceptional state when it detects that an instruction has a potential to generate a floating-point exception while the corresponding exception enable bit is set. Such an instruction is called a *potentially exceptional instruction*.

An example of an instruction that generates an actual exception is a division of a normal value by zero when the Division by Zero exception enable bit, FPSCR[9], is set. This mechanism provides support for the IEEE 754 trap mechanism and provides programmers a means of halting execution on certain conditions.

As an example of an instruction that generates a potential exception, if the overflow exception enable bit, FPSCR[10], is set, and the initial exponent for a multiply operation is the maximum exponent for a normal value in the destination precision, the VFP11 coprocessor bounces the instruction pessimistically. Because the impact on the exponent because of mantissa overflow and rounding is not known in the E1 or E2 stages of the FMAC pipeline, the decision to bounce

must be made based on the potential for an exception. Support code performs the multiply operation and determines the exception status. If the multiply operation results in an overflow, the processor jumps to the Overflow user trap handler. If the operation does not result in an overflow, it writes the computed result to the destination, sets the appropriate flags in the FPSCR, and returns to user code.

## 22.3 Support code

The VFP11 coprocessor provides floating-point functionality through a combination of hardware and software support.

When an instruction bounces, software installed on the ARM Undefined Instruction vector determines why the VFP11 coprocessor rejected the instruction and takes appropriate remedial action. This software is called the *VFP support code*. The support code has two components:

- a library of routines that perform floating-point arithmetic functions
- a set of exception handlers that process exceptional conditions.

See *Application Note 98, VFP Support Code* for details of support code. Support code is provided with the RealView Compilation Tools, or for the ARM Developer Suite as an add-on downloadable from the ARM web site.

The remedial action is performed as follows:

1. The support code starts by reading the FPEXC register. If the EX flag, FPEXC[31], is set, a potential exception is present. If not, an illegal instruction is detected. See *Illegal instructions* on page 22-6.

The contents of the FPEXC register must be retained throughout exception processing. Any VFP11 coprocessor activity might change FPEXC register bits from their state at the time of the exception.

2. The support code writes to the FPEXC register to clear the EX flag. Failure to do this can result in an infinite loop of exceptions when the support code next accesses the VFP11 hardware.
3. The support code reads the FPSCR to determine if IXE is set or not set. If IXE, FPSCR[12], is set, an inexact exception has occurred, that takes priority over other exceptions and is precise. Other exceptions are imprecise.
4. The support code reads either the FPINST register, or the instruction pointed to by R14-4, depending on whether the exception is precise or not, to determine the instruction that caused the potential exception.
5. The support code decodes the instruction in the FPINST register, reads its operands, including implicit information such as the rounding mode and vector length in the FPSCR register, executes the operation, and determines whether a floating-point exception occurred.
6. If no floating-point exception occurred, the support code writes the correct result of the operation and sets the appropriate flags in the FPSCR register.

If one or more floating-point exceptions occurred, but all of them were disabled, the support code determines the correct result of the instruction, writes it to the destination register, and sets the corresponding flags in the FPSCR register.

If one or more floating-point exceptions occurred, and at least one of them was enabled, the support code computes the intermediate result specified by the IEEE 754 standard, if required, and calls the user trap handler for that exception. The user trap handler can provide a result for the instruction and continue program execution, generate a signal or message to the operating system or the user, or terminate the program.

7. If the potentially exceptional instruction specified a short vector operation, the hardware does not execute any vector iterations after the one that encountered the potentially exceptional condition. The support code repeats steps 4 and 5 for any such iterations. See *Exception processing for CDP short vector instructions* on page 22-8 for more details.

8. If the FP2V flag, FPEXC[28], is set and IXE, FPSCR[12], is clear, the FPINST2 register contains another VFP instruction that was issued between the potentially exceptional instruction and the trigger instruction. This instruction is executed by the support code in the same manner as the instruction in the FPINST register. The FP2V flag must be cleared before returning to user code. See *Instruction registers, FPINST and FPINST2* on page 20-18 for more on FPINST2.
9. The support code finishes processing the potentially exceptional instruction and returns to the program containing the trigger instruction. The ARM11 processor refetches the trigger instruction from memory and reissues it to the VFP11 coprocessor. Unless another bounce occurs, the trigger instruction is executed. Returning in this fashion is called *retrying* the trigger instruction.

The support code can be written to use the VFP11 hardware for its internal calculations, provided that:

- recursive bounces are prevented or handled correctly
- care is taken to restore the state of the original program before returning to it.

Restoring the state of the original program can be difficult if the original program was executing in FIQ mode or in Undefined instruction mode. It is legitimate for support code to prevent or restrict the use of VFP11 instructions in these two processor modes.

### 22.3.1 Illegal instructions

If there is not a potential floating-point exception from an earlier instruction, the current instruction can still be bounced if it is architecturally Undefined in some way. When this happens, the EX flag, FPEXC[31], is not set. The instruction that caused the bounce is contained in the memory word pointed to by R14\_undef – 4.

It is possible that both conditions for an instruction to be bounced occur simultaneously. This happens when an illegal instruction is encountered and there is also a potential floating-point exception from an earlier instruction. When this happens, the EX flag is set, and the support code processes the potential exception in the earlier instruction. If and when it returns, it causes the illegal instruction to be retried and the sequence of events that the paragraph above describes occurs.

The following instruction types are architecturally Undefined. See *ARM Architecture Reference Manual, Rev E, Part C*:

- instructions with opcode bit combinations defined as reserved in the architecture specification
- load or store instructions with Undefined P, W, and U bit combinations
- FMRX/FMXR instructions to or from a control register that is not defined
- User mode FMRX/FMXR instructions to or from a control register that can be accessed only in a privileged mode
- double precision operations with odd register numbers.

Certain instruction types do not have architecturally-defined behavior and are Unpredictable:

- load or store multiple instructions with a transfer count of zero or greater than 32, and any combination of initial register and transfer count so that an attempt is made to transfer a register beyond S31 for single-precision transfers, or D15 for double-precision transfers
- a short vector instruction with a combination of precision, length, and stride that causes the vector to wrap around and make more than one access to the same register

- a short vector instruction with overlapping source and destination register addresses that are not exactly the same.

## 22.4 Exception processing

The ARM11/VFP11 interface specifies that an exceptional instruction that bounces to support code must signal on a subsequent coprocessor instruction. This is known as *imprecise exception handling*. It means that when the exception is processed, the VFP11 and ARM11 user states might be different from their states when the exceptional instruction executed. Parallel execution of VFP11 CDP instructions and data transfer instructions enables the VFP11 and ARM11 register files and memory to be modified outside of the program order.

### 22.4.1 Determination of the trigger instruction

The issue timing of VFP11 instructions affects the determination of the trigger instruction. The last iteration of a short vector CDP can be followed in the next cycle by a second CDP instruction. If there is no hazard, the VFP11 coprocessor accepts the second CDP instruction before the exception status of the last iteration of the short vector CDP is known. The second CDP instruction is said to be in the *pretrigger slot* and is retained in the FPINST2 register for the support code.

The following rules determine the instruction that is the trigger instruction:

- The first nonserializing instruction after the exceptional condition has been detected is the trigger instruction.
- An instruction that accesses the FPSCR register in any processor mode is a trigger instruction.
- An instruction that accesses the FPEXC, FPINST, or FPINST2 register in a privileged mode is not a trigger instruction.
- An instruction that accesses the FPSID register in any mode is not a trigger instruction.
- A data processing instruction that reaches the LS pipeline Execute stage or a CDP instruction that reaches the FMAC or DS pipeline E1 stage is not the trigger instruction. There can be several of these if the exceptional instruction is a sufficiently long short vector instruction, and the exception is detected on a later iteration.

### 22.4.2 Exception processing for CDP scalar instructions

When the VFP11 coprocessor detects an exceptional scalar CDP instruction, it loads the FPINST register with the instruction word for the exceptional instruction and flags the condition in the FPEXC register. It blocks the exceptional instruction from additional execution and completes any instructions currently executing in the FMAC and DS pipelines.

It then examines the pipeline for a trigger instruction:

- If there is a VFP CDP instruction or a load or store instruction in the VFP11 Issue stage, it is the trigger instruction and is bounced in the cycle after the exception is detected.
- If there is no VFP instruction in the VFP11 Issue stage, the VFP11 coprocessor waits until one is issued. The next VFP instruction is the trigger instruction and is bounced.

When the ARM11 processor returns from exception processing, it retries the trigger instruction.

### 22.4.3 Exception processing for CDP short vector instructions

For short vector instructions, any iteration might be exceptional. If an exceptional condition is detected for a vector iteration, the vector iterations issued before the exceptional iteration are permitted to complete and retire.

When a short vector iteration is found to be potentially exceptional, the following operations occur:

1. The EX flag, FPEXC[31], is set.
2. The source and destination register addresses are modified in the instruction word to point to the source and destination registers of the potentially exceptional iteration.
3. The FPINST register is loaded with the operation instruction word.
4. The VECITR field, FPEXC[10:8], is written with the number of iterations remaining after the potentially exceptional iteration.
5. The exceptional condition flags are set in the FPEXC.

#### 22.4.4 Examples of exception detection for vector instructions

In Example 22-1, the FMULD instruction is a short vector operation with b011 in the LEN field for a length of four iterations and b00 in the STRIDE field for a vector stride of one. A potential Underflow exception is detected on the third iteration.

##### Example 22-1 Exceptional short vector FMULD followed by load/store instructions

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```

FMULD D8, D12, D8      ; Short vector double-precision multiply of length 4
FLDD D0, [R5]          ; Load of 1 double-precision register
FSTMS R3, {S2-S9}     ; Store multiple of 8 single-precision registers
FLDS S8, [R9]          ; Load of 1 single-precision register

```

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A double-precision multiply requires two cycles in the Execute 2 stage. The exception on the third iteration is detected in cycle 8. Before the FMULD exception is detected, the FLDD enters the Decode stage in cycle 2, and the FSTMS enters the Decode stage in cycle 3. The FLDD and the FSTMS complete execution and retire. The FLDS stalls in the Decode stage because of a resource conflict with the FSTMS and is the trigger instruction. It is bounced in cycle 9 and can be retried after exception processing. FPINST2 is invalid, and the FP2V flag, FPEXC[28], is not set.

Table 22-1 lists the pipeline stages for Example 22-1.

**Table 22-1 Exceptional short vector FMULD followed by load/store instructions**

Instruction	Instruction cycle number															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
FMULD D8, D12, D8	D	I	E1	E2	E1	E2	E1	E2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLDD D0, [R5]	-	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FSTMS R3, {S2-S9}	-	-	D	I	E	M1	M2	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-
FLDS S8, [R9]	-	-	-	D	D	D	D	I	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

After exception processing begins, the FPEXC register fields contain the following:

```

EX      1    The VFP11 coprocessor is in the exceptional state.
EN      1
FP2V    0    FPINST2 does not contain a valid instruction.
VECITR  000  One iteration remains after the exceptional iteration.
INV     0

```

UFC 1 Exception detected is a potential underflow.  
 OFC 0  
 IOC 0

The FPINST register contains the FMULD instruction with the following fields modified to reflect the register address of the third iteration.

Fd/D 1010/0 Destination of the third exceptional iteration is D10.  
 Fm/M 1010/0 Fm source of the third exceptional iteration is D10.  
 Fn/N 1110/0 Fn source of the third exceptional iteration is D14.

The FPINST2 register contains invalid data.

In Example 22-2, the first FADDS is a short vector operation with b001 in the LEN field for a vector length of two iterations and b00 in the STRIDE field for a vector stride of one. A potential Invalid Operation exception is detected in the second iteration. The second FADDS progresses to the Execute 1 stage and is captured in the FPINST2 register with the condition field changed to AL, the FP2V flag set, and is not the trigger instruction. The FMULS is the trigger instruction and bounces in cycle 6. It can be retried after exception processing.

### Example 22-2 Exceptional short-vector FADDS with a FADDS in the pretrigger slot

---

FADDS S24, S26, S28 ; Vector single-precision add of length 2  
 FADDS S3, S4, S5 ; Scalar single-precision add  
 FMULS S12, S16, S16 ; Short vector single-precision multiply

---

Table 22-2 lists the pipeline stages for Example 22-2.

**Table 22-2 Exceptional short vector FADDS with a FADDS in the pretrigger slot**

Instruction	Instruction cycle number															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
FADDS S24, S26, S28	D	I	E1	E1	E2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FADDS S3, S4, S5	-	D	D	I	E1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FMULS S12, S16, S16	-	-	-	D	I	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

After exception processing begins, the FPExc register fields contains the following:

EX 1 The VFP11 coprocessor is in the exceptional state.  
 EN 1  
 FP2V 1 FPINST2 contains a valid instruction.  
 VECITR 111 No iterations remaining after exceptional iteration.  
 INV 0  
 UFC 0  
 OFC 0  
 IOC 1 Exception detected is a potential invalid operation.

The FPINST register contains the FADDS instruction with the following fields modified to reflect the register address of the second iteration:

Fd/D 1100/1 Destination is of the second exceptional iteration is S25.  
 Fn/N 1101/1 Fn source is of the second exceptional iteration is S27.  
 Fm/M 1110/1 Fm source is of the second exceptional iteration is S29.

The FPINST2 register contains the instruction word for the second FADDS with the condition field changed to AL.

In Example 22-3, FADDD is a short vector instruction with b011 in the LEN field for a vector length of four iterations and b00 in the STRIDE field for a vector stride of one. It has a potential Overflow exception in the first iteration, detected in cycle 4. The following FMACS is stalled in the Decode stage. The FMACS is the trigger instruction and can be retried after exception processing. FPINST2 is invalid and the FP2V flag is not set.

**Example 22-3 Exceptional short vector FADDD with an FMACS trigger instruction**

---

```
FADDD D4, D4, D12      ; Short vector double-precision add of length 4
FMACS S0, S3, S2      ; Scalar single-precision mac
```

---

Table 22-3 lists the pipeline stages for Example 22-3.

**Table 22-3 Exceptional short vector FADDD with an FMACS trigger instruction**

Instruction	Instruction cycle number															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
FADDD D4, D4, D12	D	I	E1	E2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FMACS S0, S3, S2	-	D	D	I	*				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

After exception processing begins, the FPEXC register fields contain the following:

```
EX      1      The VFP11 coprocessor is in the exceptional state.
EN      1
FP2V    0      FPINST2 does not contain a valid instruction.
VECITR  010    Three iterations remain.
INV     0
UFC     0
OFC     1      Exception detected is a potential overflow.
IOC     0
```

The FPINST register contains the FADDD instruction with the following fields modified to reflect the register address of the first iteration:

```
Fd/D    0100/0      Destination of exceptional iteration is D4.
Fn/N    0100/0      Fn source of the first exceptional iteration is D4.
Fm/M    1100/0      Fm source of the first exceptional iteration is D12.
```

FPINST2 contains invalid data.

## 22.5 Input Subnormal exception

The IDC flag, FPSCR[7], is set to 1 whenever the VFP coprocessor is in flush-to-zero mode and a subnormal input operand is replaced by a positive zero. The behavior of the VFP11 coprocessor with a subnormal input operand is a function of the FZ bit, FPSCR[24]. If FZ is not set, the VFP11 coprocessor bounces on the presence of a subnormal input. If FZ is set, the IDE bit, FPSCR[15], determines whether a bounce occurs.

### 22.5.1 Exception enabled

Setting the IDE bit enables Input Subnormal exceptions. An Input Subnormal exception sets the EX flag, FPEXC[31], the INV flag, FPEXC[7], and calls the Input Subnormal user trap handler. The source and destination registers for the instruction are unchanged in the VFP11 register file.

### 22.5.2 Exception disabled

Clearing the IDE bit disables Input Subnormal exceptions. In flush-to-zero mode, the result of the operation, with the subnormal input replaced with a positive zero, is completed and written to the register file. The IDC flag, FPSCR[7], is set.

## 22.6 Invalid Operation exception

An operation is *invalid* if the result cannot be represented, or if the result is not defined.

Table 22-4 lists the operand combinations that produce Invalid Operation exceptions. In addition to the conditions in Table 22-4, any CDP instruction other than FCPY, FNEG, or FABS causes an Invalid Operation exception if one or more of its operands is an SNaN. See Table 20-1 on page 20-4.

**Table 22-4 Possible Invalid Operation exceptions**

Instruction	Invalid Operation exceptions
FADD	(+infinity) + (-infinity) or (-infinity) + (+infinity).
FSUB	(+infinity) - (+infinity) or (-infinity) - (-infinity).
FCMPE/FCMPEZ	Any NaN operand
FMUL/FNMUL	Zero $\times$ $\pm$ infinity or $\pm$ infinity $\times$ zero. <sup>a</sup>
FDIV	Zero/zero or infinity/infinity. <sup>a</sup>
FMAC/FNMAC	Any condition that can cause an Invalid Operation exception for FMUL or FADD can cause an Invalid Operation exception for FMAC and FNMAC. The product generated by the FMAC or FNMAC multiply operation is considered in the detection of the Invalid Operation exception for the subsequent sum operation.
FMSC/FNMSC	Any of the conditions that can cause an Invalid Operation exception for FMUL or FSUB can cause an Invalid Operation exception for FMSC and FNMSC. The product generated by the FMSC or FNMSC multiply operation is considered in the detection of the Invalid Operation exception for the subsequent difference operation.
FSQRT	Source is less than 0.
FTOUI	Rounded result would lie outside the range $0 \leq \text{result} < 2^{32}$ .
FTOSI	Rounded result would lie outside the range $-2^{31} \leq \text{result} < 2^{31}$ .

a. In flush-to-zero mode, a subnormal input is treated as a positive zero for detecting an Invalid Operation exception.

### 22.6.1 Exception enabled

Setting the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], enables Invalid Operation exceptions.

The VFP11 coprocessor causes a bounce to support code for all the invalid operation conditions that Table 22-4 lists. Any arithmetic operation involving an SNaN also causes a bounce to support code. The VFP11 coprocessor detects most Invalid Operations exceptions conclusively but some are detected based on the possibility of an invalid operation. The potentially invalid operations are:

- FTOUI with a negative input. A small negative input might round to a zero, and this is not an invalid condition.
- A float-to-integer conversion with a maximum exponent for the destination integer and any rounding mode other than round-towards-zero. The impact of rounding is unknown in the Execute 1 stage.
- An FMAC family operation with an infinity in the A operand and a potential product overflow when an infinity with the sign of the product would result in an invalid condition.

When the VFP11 coprocessor detects a potentially invalid condition, the EX flag, FPEXC[31], and the IOC flag, FPEXC[0], are set. The IOC flag in the FPSCR register, FPSCR[0], is not set by the hardware and must be set by the support code before calling the Invalid Operation user trap handler.

The support code determines the exception status of all bounced instructions. If an invalid condition exists, the Invalid Operation user trap handler is called. The source and destination registers for the instruction are valid in the VFP11 register file.

## 22.6.2 Exception disabled

If the IOE bit is not set, the VFP11 coprocessor writes a default NaN into the destination register for all operations except integer conversion operations.

Conversion of a floating-point value that is outside the range of the destination integer is an invalid condition rather than an overflow condition. When an invalid condition exists for a float-to-integer conversion, the VFP11 coprocessor delivers a default result to the destination register and sets the IOC flag, FPSCR[0]. Table 22-5 lists the default results for input values after rounding.

If the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode, an arithmetic instruction with an SNaN operand sets the IOC flag and causes a bounce to support code.

**Table 22-5 Default results for invalid conversion inputs**

Input value after rounding	FTOUIS and FTOUID		FTOSIS and FTOSID	
	Result	FPSCR IOC flag set?	Result	FPSCR IOC flag set?
$x \geq 2^{32}$	0xFFFFFFFF	Yes	0x7FFFFFFF	Yes
$2^{31} \leq x < 2^{32}$	Integer	No	0x7FFFFFFF	Yes
$0 \leq x < 2^{31}$	Integer	No	Integer	No
$0 \geq x \geq -2^{31}$	0x00000000	Yes	Integer	No
$x < -2^{31}$	0x00000000	Yes	0x80000000	Yes
NaN	0x00000000	Yes	0x00000000	Yes
+infinity	0xFFFFFFFF	Yes	0x7FFFFFFF	Yes
-infinity	0x00000000	Yes	0x80000000	Yes

### Note

A negative input to an unsigned conversion that does not round to a true zero in the conversion process sets the IOC flag, FPEXC[0].

## 22.7 Division by Zero exception

The Division by Zero exception is generated for a division by zero of a normal or subnormal value. In flush-to-zero mode, a subnormal input is treated as a positive zero for detection of a division by zero. What happens depends on whether or not the Invalid Operation exception is enabled.

### 22.7.1 Exception enabled

If the DZE bit, FPSCR[9], is set, the Division by Zero user trap handler is called. The source and destination registers for the instruction are unchanged in the VFP11 register file.

### 22.7.2 Exception disabled

Clearing the DZE bit disables Division by Zero exceptions. A correctly signed infinity is written to the destination register, and the DZC flag, FPSCR[1], is set.

## 22.8 Overflow exception

When the OFE bit, FPSCR[10], is set, the hardware detects overflow pessimistically based on the preliminary calculation of the final exponent value. If the OFE bit is not set, the hardware detects overflow conclusively.

### 22.8.1 Exception enabled

Setting the OFE bit enables overflow exceptions. The VFP11 coprocessor detects most overflow conditions conclusively, but it detects some based on the possibility of overflow. The initial computation of the result exponent might be the maximum exponent or one less than the maximum exponent of the destination precision. Then the possibility of overflow because of significand overflow or rounding exists, but cannot be known in the first Execute stage. The VFP11 coprocessor bounces on such cases and uses the support code to determine the exceptional status of the operation.

If there is no overflow, the support code writes the computed result to the destination register and does not set the OFC flag, FPSCR[2]. If there is an overflow, the intermediate result is written to the destination register, OFC is set, and the Overflow user trap handler is called. The support code sets or clears the IXC flag, FPSCR[4], as appropriate.

When the VFP11 coprocessor detects a potential overflow condition, the EX flag, FPEXC[31], and the OFC flag, FPEXC[2], are set. The OFC flag in the FPSCR register, FPSCR[2], is not set by the hardware and must be set by the support code before calling the user trap handler. The source and destination registers for the instruction are unchanged in the VFP11 register file. See *Arithmetic exceptions* on page 22-20 for the conditions that cause an overflow bounce.

### 22.8.2 Exception disabled

Clearing the OFE bit disables overflow exceptions. A correctly signed infinity or the largest signed finite number for the destination precision is written to the destination register as Table 22-6 lists. The OFC and IXC flags, FPSCR[2] and FPSCR[4], are set.

**Table 22-6 Rounding mode overflow results**

Rounding mode	Result
Round to nearest	Infinity, with the sign of the intermediate result.
Round towards zero	Largest magnitude value for the destination size, with the sign of the intermediate result.
Round towards plus infinity	Positive infinity if positive overflow. Largest negative value for the destination size if negative overflow.
Round towards minus infinity	Largest positive value for the destination size if positive overflow. Negative infinity if negative overflow.

## 22.9 Underflow exception

Underflow is detected pessimistically in non-RunFast mode. If the potential underflow is confirmed by the support code for an operation with a floating-point result, an underflow exception is generated. How this is confirmed depends on whether the VFP11 coprocessor is in flush-to-zero mode.

If the FZ bit is set, all underflowing results are forced to a positive signed zero and written to the destination register. The UFC flag is set in the FPSCR. No trap is taken. If the Underflow exception enable bit is set, it is ignored.

If the FZ bit is not set what happens next depends on whether the Underflow exception is enabled.

### 22.9.1 Exception enabled

Setting the UFE bit, FPSCR[11], enables Underflow exceptions. The VFP11 coprocessor detects most underflow conditions conclusively, but it detects some based on the possibility of an underflow. The initial computation of the result exponent might be lower than a threshold for the destination precision. In this case, the possibility of underflow because of massive cancellation exists, but cannot be known in the first Execute stage. The VFP11 coprocessor bounces on such cases and uses the support code to determine the exceptional status of the operation. Underflow is confirmed if the result of the operation after rounding is less in magnitude than the smallest normalized number in the destination format. If there is no underflow, either catastrophic or to a subnormal result, the support code writes the computed result to the destination register and returns without setting the UFC flag, FPSCR[3]. If there is underflow, regardless of any accuracy loss, the intermediate result is written to the destination register, UFC is set, and the Underflow user trap handler is called. The support code sets or clears the IXC flag, FPSCR[4], as appropriate.

When the VFP11 coprocessor detects a potential underflow condition, the EX flag, FPEXC[31], and the UFC flag, FPEXC[3], are set. The UFC flag in the FPSCR register is not set by the hardware and must be set by the support code before calling the user trap handler. The source and destination registers for the instruction are valid in the VFP11 register file. See section *Arithmetic exceptions* on page 22-20 for the conditions that cause an underflow bounce.

### 22.9.2 Exception disabled

Clearing the UFE bit, FPSCR[11], disables Underflow exceptions. When the FZ bit, FPSCR[24], is not set, the VFP11 coprocessor bounces on potential underflow cases in the same fashion as *Exception enabled* describes. The correct result is written to the destination register, setting the appropriate exception flags.

When the FZ bit is set, the VFP11 coprocessor makes the determination of underflow before rounding and flushes any result that underflows. A result that underflows returns a positive zero to the destination register and sets the UFC flag, FPSCR[3].

———— **Note** —————

The determination of an underflow condition in flush-to-zero mode is made before rounding rather than after. This means that the VFP11 coprocessor might not return the minimum normal value when rounding would have produced it. Instead, it flushes to zero an intermediate value with the minimum exponent for the destination precision, a fraction of all ones, and a round increment. If the intermediate value was the minimum normal value before the underflow condition test is made, it is not flushed to zero.

## 22.10 Inexact exception

The result of an arithmetic operation on two floating-point values can have more significant bits than the destination register can contain. When this happens, the result is rounded to a value that the destination register can hold and is said to be *inexact*.

The Inexact exception occurs whenever:

- a result is not equal to the computed result before rounding
- an untrapped Overflow exception occurs
- an untrapped Underflow exception occurs, and there is loss of accuracy.

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**Note**

The Inexact exception occurs frequently in normal floating-point calculations and does not indicate a significant numerical error except in some specialized applications. Enabling the Inexact exception by setting the IXE bit, FPSCR[12], can significantly reduce the performance of the VFP11 coprocessor.

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The VFP11 coprocessor handles the Inexact exception differently from the other floating-point exceptions. It has no mechanism for reporting inexact results to the software, but can handle the exception without software intervention as long as the IXE bit, FPSCR[12], is cleared, disabling Inexact exceptions.

### 22.10.1 Exception enabled

If the IXE bit, FPSCR[12], is set, all CDP instructions are bounced to the support code without any attempt to perform the calculation. The support code is then responsible for performing the calculation, determining if any exceptions have taken place, and handling them appropriately. If the support code detects an Inexact exception, it calls the Inexact user trap handler.

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**Note**

- The inexact exception takes priority over all other exceptions.
  - The inexact exception is taken precisely, unlike other exceptions. This means that when a CDP is bounced, because it is potentially imprecise, the instruction can be found at the address pointed to by R14-4 and is not stored in the FPINST register. There is never a pre-trigger instruction in the FPINST2 register.
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### 22.10.2 Exception disabled

If the IXE bit, FPSCR[12], is not set, the VFP11 coprocessor writes the result to the destination register and sets the IXC flag, FPSCR[4].

## 22.11 Input exceptions

The VFP11 hardware processes most input operands without support code assistance. However, the hardware is incapable of processing some operands and bounces to support code to process the instruction. An arithmetic operation bounces with an Input exception when it has either of the following:

- a NaN operand or operands, and default NaN mode is not enabled
- a subnormal operand or operands, and flush-to-zero mode is not enabled.

———— **Note** —————

In default NaN mode, an SNaN input to an arithmetic operation causes an Invalid Operation exception. When the IOE bit, FPSCR[8], is set, the instruction bounces to the Invalid Operation user trap handler. When the IOE bit is clear, and the VFP11 coprocessor is not in default NaN mode, the instruction bounces to the support code.

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## 22.12 Arithmetic exceptions

This section describes the conditions under which the VFP11 coprocessor bounces an arithmetic instruction based on the potential for the exception. It is the task of the support code to determine the actual exception status of the instruction. The support code must return either the result and appropriate exception status bits, or the intermediate result and a call to a user trap handler.

The following sections describe the circumstances when arithmetic exceptions occur:

- *FADD and FSUB*
- *FCMP, FCMPZ, FCMPE, and FCMPEZ* on page 22-21
- *FMUL and FNMUL* on page 22-22
- *FMAC, FMSC, FNMAC, and FNMSC* on page 22-22
- *FDIV* on page 22-23
- *FSQRT* on page 22-23
- *FCPY, FABS, and FNEG* on page 22-24
- *FCVTDS and FCVTSD* on page 22-24
- *FUITO and FSITO* on page 22-24
- *FTOUI, FTOUIZ, FTOSI, and FTOSIZ* on page 22-24.

### 22.12.1 FADD and FSUB

In an addition or subtraction, the exponent is initially the larger of the two input exponents. For clarity, we define the operation as a *Like-Signed Addition (LSA)* or an *Unlike-Signed Addition (USA)*. Table 22-7 specifies how this distinction is made. In the table, + indicates a positive operand, and – indicates a negative operand.

**Table 22-7 LSA and USA determination**

Instruction	Operand A sign	Operand B sign	Operation type
FADD	+	+	LSA
FADD	+	–	USA
FADD	–	+	USA
FADD	–	–	LSA
FSUB	+	+	USA
FSUB	+	–	LSA
FSUB	–	+	LSA
FSUB	–	–	USA

Because it is possible for an LSA operation to cause the exponent to be incremented if the significand overflows, overflow bounce ranges for an LSA are more pessimistic than they are for a USA. The LSA ranges are made slightly more pessimistic to incorporate FMAC instructions. See *FMAC, FMSC, FNMAC, and FNMSC* on page 22-22.

Underflow bounce ranges for a USA are more pessimistic than they are for an LSA. This is to accommodate a massive cancellation when the result exponent is smaller than the larger operand exponent by as much as the length of the significand. The overflow range for a USA is slightly

pessimistic, it is set to the LSA overflow range, to reduce the number of logic terms. Table 22-8 lists the USA and LSA values and conditions. The exponent values in Table 22-8 are in biased format.

Table 22-8 FADD family bounce thresholds

Initial result exponent value		Condition when not in flush-to-zero mode		
DP <sup>a</sup>	SP <sup>b</sup>	Float value	SP	DP
>0x7FF	-	DP overflow	-	Bounce
0x7FF	-	DP overflow, NaN, or infinity	-	Bounce
0x7FE	-	DP overflow	-	Bounce
0x7FD	-	DP overflow	-	Bounce
0x7FC	-	DP normal	-	Normal
>0x47F	>0xFF	SP overflow	Bounce	Normal
0x47F	0xFF	SP NaN or infinity	Bounce	Normal
0x47E	0xFE	SP overflow	Bounce	Normal
0x47D	0xFD	SP overflow	Bounce	Normal
0x47C	0xFC	SP normal	Normal	Normal
0x3FF	0x7F	e = 0 bias value	Normal	Normal
0x3A0	0x20	SP normal, LSA	Minimum, USA	Normal
0x39F	0x1F	SP underflow, USA	Bounce, USA, or normal, LSA	Normal
0x381	0x01	SP normal, LSA	MIN, LSA	Normal
0x380	0x00	SP subnormal	Bounce	Normal
<0x380	<0x00	SP underflow	Bounce	Normal
0x040	-	DP normal, USA	-	Normal, LSA, or minimum, USA
0x03F	-	DP underflow, USA	-	Normal, LSA, or bounce, USA
0x001	-	DP normal, LSA	-	Minimum, LSA, or bounce, USA
0x000	-	DP subnormal	-	Bounce
<0x000	-	DP underflow	-	Bounce

a. DP = double-precision.

b. SP = single-precision.

### 22.12.2 FCMP, FCMPZ, FCMPE, and FCMPEZ

Compare operations do not generate potential exceptions.

### 22.12.3 FMUL and FNMUL

Detection of a potential exception is based on the initial product exponent, that is the sum of the multiplicand and multiplier exponents. Table 22-9 lists the result for specific values of the initial product exponent. The exponent values in Table 22-9 are in biased format. The exponent can be incremented by a significant overflow condition, and this is the cause for the additional bounce values near the real overflow threshold. The one additional value in the bounce range makes the FMUL and FNMUL overflow detection ranges identical to those in Table 22-8 on page 22-21.

**Table 22-9 FMUL family bounce thresholds**

Initial product exponent value			Condition in full-compliance mode	
DP <sup>a</sup>	SP <sup>b</sup>	Float value	SP	DP
>0x7FF	-	DP overflow	-	Bounce
0x7FF	-	DP NaN or infinity	-	Bounce
0x7FE	-	DP maximum normal	-	Bounce
0x7FD	-	DP normal	-	Bounce
0x7FC	-	DP normal	-	Normal
>0x47F	>0xFF	SP overflow	Bounce	Normal
0x47F	0xFF	SP NaN or infinity	Bounce	Normal
0x47E	0xFE	SP maximum normal	Bounce	Normal
0x47D	0xFD	SP normal	Bounce	Normal
0x47C	0xFC	SP normal	Normal	Normal
0x3FF	0x7F	e = 0 bias value	Normal	Normal
0x381	0x01	SP normal	Normal	Normal
0x380	0x00	SP subnormal	Bounce	Normal
<0x380	<0x00	SP underflow	Bounce	Normal
0x001	-	DP normal	-	Normal
0x000	-	DP subnormal	-	Bounce
<0x000	-	DP underflow	-	Bounce

a. DP = double-precision.

b. SP = single-precision.

### 22.12.4 FMAC, FMSC, FNMAC, and FNMSC

The FMAC family of operations adds to the potential overflow range by generating significant values from zero up to but not including four. In this case it is possible for the final exponent to require incrementing by two to normalize the significant.

The bounce thresholds for the FADD family in Table 22-8 on page 22-21 and for the FMUL family in Table 22-9 incorporate this additional factor. Those ranges are used to detect potential exceptions for the FMAC family.

## 22.12.5 FDIV

The thresholds for divide are simple and based only on the difference of the exponents of the dividend and the divisor. It is not possible in a divide operation for the significand to overflow and cause an increment of the exponent. However, it is possible for the significand to require a single bit left shift and the exponent to be decremented for normalization. To reduce logic complexity, the overflow ranges are the same as those of the LSA operations in *FADD* and *FSUB* on page 22-20. The underflow ranges include the minimum normal exponent,  $0x01$  for single-precision and  $0x001$  for double-precision. Table 22-10 lists the FDIV bounce thresholds. The exponent values shown in Table 22-10 are in biased format.

**Table 22-10 FDIV bounce thresholds**

Initial quotient exponent value			Condition in full-compliance mode	
DP <sup>a</sup>	SP <sup>b</sup>	Float value	SP	DP
>0x7FF	-	DP overflow	-	Bounce
0x7FF	-	DP NaN or infinity	-	Bounce
0x7FE	-	DP maximum normal	-	Bounce
0x7FD	-	DP normal	-	Bounce
0x7FC	-	DP normal	-	Normal
>0x47F	>0xFF	SP overflow	Bounce	Normal
0x47F	0xFF	SP NaN or infinity	Bounce	Normal
0x47E	0xFE	SP maximum normal	Bounce	Normal
0x47D	0xFD	SP normal	Bounce	Normal
0x47C	0xFC	SP normal	Normal	Normal
0x3FF	0x7F	$e = 0$ bias value	Normal	Normal
0x382	0x02	SP normal	Normal	Normal
0x381	0x01	SP normal	Bounce	Normal
0x380	0x00	SP subnormal	Bounce	Normal
<0x380	<0x00	SP underflow	Bounce	Normal
0x002	-	DP normal	-	Normal
0x001	-	DP normal	-	Bounce
0x000	-	DP subnormal	-	Bounce
<0x000	-	DP underflow	-	Bounce

a. DP = double-precision.

b. SP = single-precision.

## 22.12.6 FSQRT

It is not possible for FSQRT to overflow or underflow.

### 22.12.7 FCPY, FABS, and FNEG

It is not possible for FCPY, FABS, or FNEG to bounce for any operand.

### 22.12.8 FCVTDS and FCVTSD

Only the FCVTSD operation is capable of overflow or underflow. To reduce logic complexity, the overflow ranges are the same as the LSA ranges. Table 22-11 lists the FCVTSD bounce conditions. The exponent values that Table 22-11 lists are in biased format.

**Table 22-11 FCVTSD bounce thresholds**

Double-precision operand exponent value	Float value	FCVTSD condition in full-compliance mode
>0x47F	SP <sup>a</sup> overflow	Bounce
0x47F	SP NaN or infinity	Bounce
0x47E	SP maximum normal	Bounce
0x47D	SP normal	Bounce
0x47C	SP normal	Normal
0x3FF	e = 0 bias value	Normal
0x381	SP normal	Normal
0x380	SP subnormal	Bounce
<0x380	SP underflow	Bounce

a. SP = single-precision.

### 22.12.9 FUITO and FSITO

It is not possible to generate overflow or underflow in an integer-to-float conversion.

### 22.12.10 FTOUI, FTOUIZ, FTOSI, and FTOSIZ

Float-to-integer conversions generate Invalid Operation exceptions rather than Overflow or Underflow exceptions. To support signed conversions with round-towards-zero rounding in the maximum range possible for C, C++, and Java compiled code, the thresholds for pessimistic bouncing are different for the various rounding modes.

Table 22-12 on page 22-25 and Table 22-13 on page 22-26 use the following notation:

In the *VFP Response* column, the response notations are:

<b>all</b>	These input values are bounced for all rounding modes.
<b>S</b>	These input values are bounced for signed conversions in all rounding modes.
<b>SnZ</b>	These input values are bounced for signed conversions in all rounding modes except round-towards-zero.
<b>U</b>	These input values are bounced for unsigned conversions in all rounding modes.
<b>UnZ</b>	These input values are bounced for unsigned conversions in all rounding modes except round-towards-zero.

In the *Unsigned results* and *Signed results* columns, the rounding mode notations are:

<b>N</b>	Round-to-nearest mode.
<b>P</b>	Round-towards-plus-infinity mode.
<b>M</b>	Round-towards-minus infinity mode.
<b>Z</b>	Round-towards-zero mode.

Table 22-12 lists the single-precision float-to-integer bounce range and the results returned for exceptional conditions. The exponent values that Table 22-12 lists are in biased format.

**Table 22-12 Single-precision float-to-integer bounce thresholds and stored results**

Floating-point value	Integer value	Unsigned result	Status	Signed result	Status	Response
NaN	-	0x00000000	Invalid	0x00000000	Invalid	Bounce all
0x7F800000	+infinity	0xFFFFFFFF	Invalid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce all
0x7F7FFFFF to 0x4F800000	+maximum SP <sup>a</sup> to $2^{32}$	0xFFFFFFFF	Invalid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce all
0x4F7FFFFF to 0x4F000000	$2^{32} - 2^8$ to $2^{31}$	0xFFFFFFFF00 to 0x80000000	Valid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce S UnZ
0x4EFFFFF to 0x4E800000	$2^{31} - 2^7$ to $2^{30}$	0x7FFFFFF80 to 0x40000000	Valid	0x7FFFFFF80 to 0x40000000	Valid	Bounce SnZ
0x4E7FFFFF to 0x00000000	$2^{30} - 2^6$ to +0	0x3FFFFFFC0 to 0x00000000	Valid	0x3FFFFFFC0 to 0x00000000	Valid	No bounce
0x80000000 to 0xCE7FFFFF	-0 to $-2^{30} + 2^6$	0x00000000	Invalid <sup>b</sup>	0x00000000 to 0xC0000040	Valid	Bounce U
0xCE800000 to 0xCEFFFFFF	$-2^{30}$ to $-2^{31} + 2^7$	0x00000000	Invalid	0xC0000000 to 0x80000080	Valid	Bounce U
0xCF000000	$-2^{31}$	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000	Valid	Bounce U SnZ
0xCF000000 to 0xFF7FFFFF	$-2^{31}$ to -maximum SP	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000	Invalid	Bounce all
0xFF800000	-infinity	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000	Invalid	Bounce all

a. SP = single-precision.

b. A negative input value that rounds to a zero result returns zero and is not invalid.

Table 22-13 lists the double-precision float-to-integer bounce range and the results returned for exceptional conditions.

**Table 22-13 Double-precision float-to-integer bounce thresholds and stored results**

Floating-point value	Integer value	Unsigned result	Status	Signed result	Status	Response
NaN	-	0x00000000	Invalid	0x00000000	Invalid	Bounce all
0x7FF00000 00000000	+infinity	0xFFFFFFFF	Invalid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce all
0x7FEFFFFFF FFFFFFFF to 0x41F00000 00000000	+maximum DP <sup>a</sup> to $2^{32}$	0xFFFFFFFF	Invalid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce all
0x41EFFFFFF FFFFFFFF to 0x41EFFFFFF FFF00000	$2^{32} - 2^{21}$ to $2^{32} - 2^{-1}$	0xFFFFFFFF N, P 0xFFFFFFFF Z, M	Invalid Valid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce S UnZ
0x41EFFFFFF FFEFFFFFF to 0x41EFFFFFF FFE00001	$2^{32} - 2^{-1} - 2^{21}$ to $2^{32} - 2^0 + 2^{-21}$	0xFFFFFFFF P 0xFFFFFFFF N, Z, M	Invalid Valid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce S UnZ
0x41EFFFFFF FFE00000 to 0x41E00000 00000000	$2^{32} - 2^0$ to $2^{31}$	0xFFFFFFFF to 0x80000000	Valid	0x7FFFFFFF	Invalid	Bounce S UnZ
0x41DFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF to 0x41DFFFFFFF FFE00000	$2^{31} - 2^{22}$ to $2^{31} - 2^{-1}$	0x80000000 N, P 0x7FFFFFFF Z, M	Valid Valid	0x7FFFFFFF N, 0x7FFFFFFF Z, M	Invalid Valid	Bounce SnZ
0x41DFFFFFFF FDFFFFFFF to 0x41DFFFFFFF FFC00001	$2^{31} - 2^{-1} - 2^{-22}$ to $2^{31} - 2^0 + 2^{-22}$	0x80000000 P 0x7FFFFFFF N, Z, M	Valid Valid	0x7FFFFFFF P 0x7FFFFFFF N, Z, M	Invalid Valid	Bounce SnZ
0x41DFFFFFFF FFC00000 to 0x41D00000 00000000	$2^{31} - 2^0$ to $2^{30}$	0x7FFFFFFF to 0x40000000	Valid Valid	0x7FFFFFFF to 0x40000000	Valid Valid	Bounce SnZ
0x41CFFFFFF FFFFFFFF to 0x00000000 00000000	$2^{30} - 2^{23}$ to +0	0x40000000 N, P 0x3FFFFFFF Z, M to 0x00000000	Valid Valid Valid	0x40000000 N, P 0x3FFFFFFF Z, M to 0x00000000	Valid Valid Valid	Bounce none
0x80000000 00000000 to 0xC1CFFFFFF FFFFFFFF	-0 to $-2^{30} + 2^{-23}$	0x00000000 <sup>b</sup>	Invalid	0x00000000 to 0xC0000001 P 0xC0000000 N, M	Valid Valid Valid	Bounce U

Table 22-13 Double-precision float-to-integer bounce thresholds and stored results (continued)

Floating-point value	Integer value	Unsigned result	Status	Signed result	Status	Response
0xC1D00000 00000000	$-2^{30}$	0x00000000	Invalid	0xC0000000	Valid	
to	to			to		
0xC1DFFFFFF FFFFFFFF	$-2^{31} + 2^{-22}$			0x80000001 Z, P	Valid Valid	Bounce U
				0x80000000 N, M		
0xC1E00000 00000000	$-2^{31}$	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000	Valid	Bounce U SnZ
0xC1E00000 00000001	$-2^{31} - 2^{-21}$	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000 N, Z, P	Valid Invalid	Bounce U SnZ
to	to			0x80000000 M		
0xC1E00000 00100000	$-2^{31} - 2^{-1}$					
0xC1E00000 00100001	$-2^{31} - 2^{-1} - 2^{-21}$	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000 Z, P	Valid Invalid	Bounce U SnZ
to	to			0x80000000 N, M		
0xC1E00000 001FFFFFF	$2^{31} - 2^0 + 2^{-21}$					
0xC1E00000 00200000	$2^{31} - 2^0$	0x00000000	Invalid	0x80000000	Invalid	Bounce all
to	to					
0xFFEFFFFFF FFFFFFFF	–maximum DP					
0xFFF00000 00000000	–infinity	0x00000000	Invalid	0x00000000	Invalid	Bounce all

a. DP = double-precision.

b. A negative input value that rounds to a zero result returns zero and is not invalid.

# Appendix A

## Signal Descriptions

This appendix lists and describes the processor signals. It contains the following sections:

- *Global signals* on page A-2
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- *Coprocessor interface signals* on page A-12
- *Debug interface signals, including JTAG* on page A-14
- *ETM interface signals* on page A-15
- *Test signals* on page A-16.

———— **Note** —————

The output signals that Table A-1 on page A-2 to Table A-14 on page A-16 list are set to 0 on reset unless otherwise stated.

## A.1 Global signals

Table A-1 lists the processor global signals.

Free clocks are the free running clocks with minimal insertion delay for clocking the clock gating circuitry. Free clocks must be balanced with the incoming clock signal, but not with the clocks clocking the core logic.

**Table A-1 Global signals**

Name	Direction	Description
CLKIN	Input	Core clock
FREECLKIN	Input	Free running version of the core clock
nPORESETIN	Input	Power on reset, resets debug logic
nRESETIN	Input	Core reset, not for VFP
nVFPRESETIN	Input	VFP reset
STANDBYWFI	Output	Indicates that the processor is in Standby mode
VFPCLAMP	Input	Controls clamping logic between core and VFP
RAMCLAMP	Input	Enables the clamp cells in Dormant mode
CPUCLAMP	Input	Enables the clamp cells between VDD Core and VDD SoC
ACLKENP	Input	Clock enable for the peripheral port to enable it to be clocked at a reduced rate
ACLKEND	Input	Clock enable for the DMA port to enable it to be clocked at a reduced rate
ACLKENI	Input	Clock enable for the instruction port to enable it to be clocked at a reduced rate
ACLKENRW	Input	Clock enable for the data port to enable it to be clocked at a reduced rate
ARESETIn	Input	AXI reset for Instruction IEM Register Slice
ARESETRWn	Input	AXI reset for Data IEM Register Slice
ARESETPn	Input	AXI reset for Peripheral IEM Register Slice
ARESETDn	Input	AXI reset for DMA IEM Register Slice
ACLKI	Input	AXI clock for Instruction IEM Register Slice
ACLKRW	Input	AXI clock for Data IEM Register Slice
ACLKP	Input	AXI clock for Peripheral IEM Register Slice
ACLKD	Input	AXI clock for DMA IEM Register Slice
SYNCMODEREQI	Input	Request for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Instruction IEM Register Slice
SYNCMODEREQRW	Input	Request for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Data IEM Register Slice
SYNCMODEREQP	Input	Request for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Peripheral IEM Register Slice
SYNCMODEREQD	Input	Request for synchronous or asynchronous mode of DMA IEM Register Slice
SYNCMODEACKI	Output	Acknowledge for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Instruction IEM Register Slice

**Table A-1 Global signals (continued)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>SYNCMODEACKRW</b>	Output	Acknowledge for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Data IEM Register Slice
<b>SYNCMODEACKP</b>	Output	Acknowledge for synchronous or asynchronous mode of Peripheral IEM Register Slice
<b>SYNCMODEACKD</b>	Output	Acknowledge for synchronous or asynchronous mode of DMA IEM Register Slice

## A.2 Static configuration signals

Table A-2 lists the processor static configuration signals.

**Table A-2 Static configuration signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>BIGENDINIT</b>	Input	When HIGH indicates v5 Big-endian mode.
<b>CFGBIGEND</b>	Output	Current state of CP15 Bigend bit.
<b>INITRAM</b>	Input	Determines the reset value of the En bit, bit 0, of the Instruction TCM Region Register. When HIGH this bit resets to 1 and the Instruction TCM is enabled on reset. For more information see <i>c9, Instruction TCM Region Register</i> on page 3-91.
<b>UBITINIT</b>	Input	When HIGH indicates ARMv6 unaligned behavior.
<b>VINITHI</b>	Input	When HIGH indicates High Vecs mode.

### A.3 TrustZone internal signals

Table A-3 lists the processor TrustZone internal signals. Depending on the implementation, these signals do not appear at the chip level.

**Table A-3 TrustZone internal signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>CP15SDISABLE</b>	Input	Disables write access to some system control processor registers
<b>SECMONBUS[24:0]</b>	Output	Monitors the state of some of the key signals in the processor

## A.4 Interrupt signals, including VIC interface

Table A-4 lists the interrupt signals, including those used with the VIC interface.

———— **Note** —————

All the outputs listed in this section have their reset values in Standby mode.

**Table A-4 Interrupt signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>INTSYNCEN</b>	Input	When HIGH, indicates that the internal <b>nFIQ</b> and <b>nIRQ</b> synchronizers are bypassed and the interface is synchronous
<b>IRQACK</b>	Output	Interrupt acknowledge
<b>IRQADDR[31:2]</b>	Input	Address of IRQ
<b>IRQADDRV</b>	Input	Indicates <b>IRQADDR</b> is valid
<b>IRQADDRVSYNCEN</b>	Input	When HIGH, indicates that <b>IRQADDRV</b> synchronizer is bypassed and the interface is synchronous
<b>nFIQ<sup>a</sup></b>	Input	Fast interrupt request
<b>nIRQ<sup>a</sup></b>	Input	Interrupt request
<b>nPMUIRQ</b>	Output	Interrupt request from System Metrics
<b>nDMAIRQ</b>	Output	Non-secure DMA Interrupt
<b>nDMASIRQ</b>	Output	Secure DMA Interrupt
<b>nDMAEXTERRIRQ</b>	Output	Not maskable error DMA Interrupt

- a. Because this signal is level-sensitive, to generate an interrupt you must ensure it is held LOW until the processor sends a suitable interrupt response.

## A.5 AXI interface signals

The AXI interface ports operate using standard AXI signals, described in the following sections:

- *Instruction read port signals*
- *Data port signals* on page A-8
- *Peripheral port signals* on page A-9
- *DMA port signals* on page A-10.

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### Note

- All the outputs listed in this section have their reset values during Standby.
  - Full descriptions of the AXI interface signals are given in the *AMBA® AXI Protocol V1.0 Specification*. This section only summarizes how the AXI interfaces are implemented on this processor.
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The AXI signal names have a one or two-letter suffix that indicate the port, as shown in Table A-5.

**Table A-5 Port signal name suffixes**

Port	Suffix	Comment
Instruction fetch	I	Read-only
Data read/write	RW	Read/write
Peripheral	P	Read/write
DMA	D	Read/write

### A.5.1 Instruction read port signals

The instruction read port is a 64-bit wide read-only AXI port. The standard AXI read channel signal names are suffixed with **I**, and the implementation details of the port are:

- **ARID[3:0]** and **RID[3:0]** signals are not implemented
- the read data bus is implemented as **RDATAI[63:0]**
- the **ARSIDEBANDI[4:0]** output is implemented to indicate shared and inner cacheable accesses.

Table A-6 on page A-8 gives more information about the instruction read port AXI implementation. See the *AMBA® AXI Protocol V1.0 Specification* for details of the other signals on this port.

Table A-6 Instruction read port AXI signal implementation

Name	Direction	Type	Description
<b>ARLENI[3:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst length that gives the exact number of transfers: b0000, 1 data transfer b0001, 2 data transfers b0010, 3 data transfers b0011, 4 data transfers, maximum for the instruction read port
<b>ARSIZEI[2:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst size, always set to b011, indicating 64-bit transfer
<b>ARBURSTI[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst type: b01, INCR incrementing burst b10, WRAP Wrapping burst
<b>ARLOCKI[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Lock type, always set to b00, indicating normal access
<b>ARSIDEBANDI[4:0]</b>	Output	-	Indicates accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory

### A.5.2 Data port signals

The data port is a 64-bit wide read/write AXI port. The standard AXI read channel, write channel, and write response channel signal names are suffixed with **RW**, and the implementation details of the port are:

- **AWID[3:0]**, **WID[3:0]**, **BID[3:0]**, **ARID[3:0]**, and **RID[3:0]** signals are not implemented
- the write data bus is implemented as **WDATARW[63:0]**, and therefore the write strobe signal is implemented as **WSTRBRW[7:0]**
- the read data bus is implemented as **RDATARW[63:0]**
- the **ARSIDEBANDRW[4:0]** output and **AWSIDEBANDRW[4:0]** output signals are implemented to indicate shared and inner cacheable accesses
- the **WRITEBACK** output signal is implemented to indicate cache line evictions.

Table A-7 on page A-9 gives more information about the data port AXI implementation. See the AMBA® AXI Protocol V1.0 Specification for details of the other signals on this port.

Table A-7 Data port AXI signal implementation

Name	Direction	Type	Description
<b>AWSIZERW[2:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst size: 000, 8-bit transfers 001, 16-bit transfers 010, 32-bit transfers 011, 64-bit transfers, maximum for the data port.
<b>AWBURSTRW[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst type: 01, INCR Incrementing burst 10, WRAP Wrapping burst.
<b>AWLOCKRW[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write lock type: 00, Normal access 01, Exclusive access.
<b>ARLENRW[3:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst length that gives the exact number of transfer: b0000, 1 data transfer b0001, 2 data transfers b0010, 3 data transfers b0011, 4 data transfers b0100, 5 data transfers b0101, 6 data transfers b0110, 7 data transfers.
<b>ARSIZEW[2:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst size: b000, indicating 8-bit transfer b001, indicating 16-bit transfer b010, indicating 32-bit transfer b011, indicating 64-bit transfer.
<b>ARBURSTRW[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst type: b01, INCR, Incrementing burst b10, WRAP, Wrapping burst.
<b>ARSIDEBANDRW[4:0]</b>	Output	Read	Indicates read accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory.
<b>AWSIDEBANDRW[4:0]</b>	Output	Write	Indicates write accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory.
<b>WRITEBACK</b>	Output	-	Indicates that the current transaction is a cache line eviction. This signal has the same timing as the write address channel signals.

### A.5.3 Peripheral port signals

The peripheral port is a 32-bit wide read/write AXI port. The standard AXI read channel, write channel, and write response channel signal names are suffixed with **P**, and the implementation details of the port are:

- **AWID[3:0]**, **WID[3:0]**, **BID[3:0]**, **ARID[3:0]**, and **RID[3:0]** signals are not implemented
- the write data bus is implemented as **WDATAP[31:0]**, and therefore the write strobe signal is implemented as **WSTRBP[3:0]**

- the read data bus is implemented as **RDATAP[31:0]**
- the **ARSIDEBANDP[4:0]** output and **AWSIDEBANDP[4:0]** output signals are implemented to indicate shared and inner cacheable accesses. These signals have fixed values.

Table A-8 gives more information about the peripheral port AXI implementation. See the AMBA® AXI Protocol V1.0 Specification for details of the other signals on this port.

**Table A-8 Peripheral port AXI signal implementation**

Name	Direction	Type	Description
<b>AWSIZEP[2:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst size: b000, 8-bit transfers b001, 16-bit transfers b010, 32-bit transfers, maximum for the peripheral port.
<b>AWBURSTP[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst type, always set to b01, INCR, Incrementing burst.
<b>AWLOCKP[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write lock type, always set to b00, Normal access.
<b>AWCACHEP[3:0]</b>	Output	Write	Cache type giving additional information about cacheable characteristics for write accesses. Always set to 0x1.
<b>ARLENP[3:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst length that gives the exact number of transfer: b0000, 1 data transfer b0001, 2 data transfers.
<b>ARSIZEP[2:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst size: b000, 8-bit transfer b001, 16-bit transfer b010, 32-bit transfer.
<b>ARBURSTP[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Read burst type, always set to b01, INCR, Incrementing burst.
<b>ARLOCKP[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Lock type: b00, normal access b10, locked transfer.
<b>ARCACHEP[3:0]</b>	Output	Read	Cache type giving additional information about cacheable characteristics. Always set to 0x1.
<b>ARSIDEBANDP[4:0]</b>	Output	Read	Indicates read accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory. Always set to 0x2.
<b>AWSIDEBANDP[4:0]</b>	Output	Write	Indicates write accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory. Always set to 0x2.

#### A.5.4 DMA port signals

The DMA port is a 64-bit wide read/write AXI port. The standard AXI read channel, write channel, and write response channel signal names are suffixed with **D**, and the implementation details of the port are:

- **AWID[3:0]**, **WID[3:0]**, **BID[3:0]**, **ARID[3:0]**, and **RID[3:0]** signals are not implemented
- the write data bus is implemented as **WDATAD[63:0]**, and therefore the write strobe signal is implemented as **WSTRBD[7:0]**

- the read data bus is implemented as **RDATAD[63:0]**
- the **ARSIDEBANDD[4:0]** output and **AWSIDEBANDD[4:0]** output signals are implemented to indicate shared and inner cacheable accesses
- the **WRITEBACK** output signal is implemented to indicate cache line evictions.

The DMA port is a 64-bit wide AXI port that is read/write. Table A-9 lists the DMA port signals.

**Table A-9 DMA port signals**

Name	Direction	Type	Description
<b>AWLEND[3:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst length: b0000, 1 data transfer b0001, 2 data transfers b0010, 3 data transfers b0011, 4 data transfers, maximum for the DMA port.
<b>AWSIZED[2:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst size: b000, indicating 8-bit transfer b001, indicating 16-bit transfer b010, indicating 32-bit transfer b011, indicating 64-bit transfer.
<b>AWBURSTD[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write burst type: b00, FIXED, fixed burst b01, INCR, incrementing burst.
<b>AWLOCKD[1:0]</b>	Output	Write	Write lock type, always set to b00, indicating normal access.
<b>ARLEND[3:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst length that gives the exact number of transfer: b0000, 1 data transfer b0011, 4 data transfers.
<b>ARSIDED[2:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst size: b000, indicating 8-bit transfer b001, indicating 16-bit transfer b010, indicating 32-bit transfer b011, indicating 64-bit transfer.
<b>ARBURSTD[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Burst type: b00, FIXED, fixed burst b01, INCR, incrementing burst.
<b>ARLOCKD[1:0]</b>	Output	Read	Lock type, always set to b00, indicating normal access.
<b>ARSIDEBANDD[4:0]</b>	Output	Read	Indicates read accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory.
<b>AWSIDEBANDD[4:0]</b>	Output	Write	Indicates write accesses to shared and inner cacheable memory.

## A.6 Coprocessor interface signals

Table A-10 lists the interface signals from the core to the coprocessor.

**Table A-10 Core to coprocessor signals**

Name	Direction	Description
ACPCANCEL	Output	Asserted to indicate that the instruction is to be canceled.
ACPCANCELT [3:0]	Output	The tag accompanying the cancel signal in ACPCANCEL.
ACPCANCELV	Output	Asserted to indicate that ACPCANCEL is valid.
ACPENABLE[11:0]	Output	Enables the coprocessor when this is asserted. All lines driven by the coprocessor must be held to zero when the coprocessor is not enabled.
ACPFINISHV	Output	The finish token from the core WBIs stage to the coprocessor Ex6 stage.
ACPFLUSH	Output	Flush broadcast from the core.
ACPFLUSHT[3:0]	Output	The tag to be flushed from.
ACPINSTR [31:0]	Output	The instruction passed from the core Fe2 stage to the coprocessor Decode stage.
ACPINSTRT [3:0]	Output	The tag accompanying the instruction in ACPINSTR.
ACPINSTRV	Output	Asserted to indicate that ACPINSTR carries a valid instruction.
ACPLDDATA [63:0]	Output	The load data from the core to the coprocessor.
ACPLDVALID	Output	Asserted to indicate that the data in ACPLDDATA is valid.
ACPPRIV	Output	Asserted to indicate that the core is in Privileged mode.
ACPSTSTOP	Output	Asserted by the core to tell the coprocessor to stop sending store data.

Table A-11 lists the interface signals from the coprocessor to the core.

If no coprocessor is connected, the following control signals must be driven LOW:

- **CPALENGTHHOLD**
- **CPAACCEPT**
- **CPAACCEPTHOLD.**

**Table A-11 Coprocessor to core signals**

Name	Direction	Description
CPAACCEPT	Input	The bounce signal from the coprocessor issue stage to the core Ex2 stage.
CPAACCEPTHOLD	Input	Asserted to indicate that the bounce information in CPAACCEPT is not valid.
CPAACCEPTT [3:0]	Input	The tag accompanying the bounce signal in CPAACCEPT.
CPALENGTH [3:0]	Input	The length information from the coprocessor Decode stage to the core Ex1 stage.
CPALENGTHHOLD	Input	Asserted to indicate that the length information in CPALENGTH is not valid.
CPALENGHTHT [3:0]	Input	The tag accompanying the length signal in CPALENGTH.
CPAPRESENT[11:0]	Input	Indicates the coprocessors that are present.

Table A-11 Coprocessor to core signals (continued)

Name	Direction	Description
CPASTDATA [63:0]	Input	The store data passing from the coprocessor to the core.
CPASTDATAT [3:0]	Input	The tag accompanying the store data in CPASTDATA.
CPASTDATAV	Input	Indicates that the store data to the core is valid.

## A.7 Debug interface signals, including JTAG

Table A-12 lists the debug interface signals including JTAG.

**Table A-12 Debug interface signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>TCK</b>	Input	Debug clock.
<b>RTCK</b>	Output	Returned <b>TCK</b> .
<b>JTAGSYNCBYPASS</b>	Input	Bypass enable of JTAG synchronizers.
<b>DBGTCKEN</b>	Output	Debug clock enable.
<b>DBGnTRST</b>	Input	Debug <b>nTRST</b> .
<b>TDI</b>	Input	JTAG <b>TDI</b> .
<b>TMS</b>	Input	JTAG <b>TMS</b> .
<b>DBGTDI</b>	Output	Synchronized <b>TDI</b> .
<b>DBGTMS</b>	Output	Synchronized <b>TMS</b> .
<b>EDBGRQ</b>	Input	External debug request.
<b>DBGEN</b>	Input	Debug enable.
<b>DBGVERSION[3:0]</b>	Input	JTAG ID Version field. See <i>Device ID code register</i> on page 14-8.
<b>DBGMANID[10:0]</b>	Input	JTAG manufacturer ID field. See <i>Device ID code register</i> on page 14-8.
<b>DBGTDO</b>	Output	Debug <b>TDO</b> .
<b>DBGnTDOEN</b>	Output	Debug <b>nTDOEN</b> .
<b>COMMTX</b>	Output	Comms channel transmit.
<b>COMMRX</b>	Output	Comms channel receive.
<b>DBGACK</b>	Output	Debug acknowledge.
<b>DBGNOPWRDWN</b>	Output	Debugger has requested core is not powered down.
<b>SPIDEN</b>	Input	Secure Privileged Invasive Debug Enable.
<b>SPNIDEN</b>	Input	Secure Privileged Non-Invasive Debug Enable.

## A.8 ETM interface signals

Table A-13 lists the ETM interface signals.

**Table A-13 ETM interface signals**

Name	Direction	Description
ETMDA[31:3]	Output	ETM data address.
ETMDACTL[17:0]	Output	ETM data control, address phase.
ETMDD[63:0]	Output	ETM data.
ETMDCTL[3:0]	Output	ETM data control, data phase.
ETMEXTOUT[1:0]	Input	ETM external event to be monitored.
ETMIA[31:0]	Output	ETM instruction address.
ETMIACTL[17:0]	Output	ETM instruction control.
ETMIASECCTL[1:0]	Output	TrustZone trace information.
ETMIARET[31:0]	Output	ETM return instruction address.
ETMPADV[2:0]	Output	ETM pipeline advance.
ETMPWRUP	Input	When HIGH, indicates that the ETM is powered up. When LOW, logic supporting the ETM must be clock gated to conserve power.
nETMWFIREADY	Input	When LOW, indicates ETM can accept Wait For Interrupt.
ETMCPADDRESS[14:0]	Output	Coprocessor address.
ETMCPSECCTL[1:0]	Output	Coprocessor Non-secure access and prohibited trace.
ETMCPCOMMIT	Output	Coprocessor commit.
ETMCPENABLE	Output	Coprocessor interface enable.
ETMCPRDATA[31:0]	Input	Coprocessor read data.
ETMCPWDATA[31:0]	Output	Coprocessor write data.
ETMCPWRITE	Output	Coprocessor write control.
EVNTBUS[19:0]	Output	System metrics event bus.
WFIPENDING	Output	Indicates a Pending Wait For Interrupt. Handshakes with nETMWFIREADY.

## A.9 Test signals

Table A-14 lists the test signals.

**Table A-14 Test signals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>SE</b>	Input	Scan enable
<b>RSTBYPASS</b>	Input	Bypass of reset repeaters
<b>MTESTON</b>	Input	BIST enable
<b>MBISTDIN[63:0]</b>	Input	MBIST data in
<b>MBISTADDR[12:0]</b>	Input	MBIST address
<b>MBISTCE[19:0]</b>	Input	MBIST chip enable
<b>MBISTWE[7:0]</b>	Input	MBIST write enable
<b>MBISTDOUT[63:0]</b>	Output	MBIST data out
<b>nVALIRQ</b>	Output	Request for an interrupt
<b>nVALFIQ</b>	Output	Request for a fast interrupt
<b>nVALRESET</b>	Output	Request for a reset
<b>VALEDBGREQ</b>	Output	Request for an external debug request

## Appendix B

# Summary of ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S Processor Differences

This appendix describes the main differences between the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors. It contains these sections:

- *About the differences between the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors on page B-2*
- *Summary of differences on page B-3.*

## B.1 About the differences between the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors

The ARM11 family of high performance processors implements the ARMv6 architecture and includes the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors. These have:

- an integer core
- a level one memory system that comprises caches, write buffers, TCM, and MMU
- level two interfaces
- integrated VFP units
- high performance coprocessor interfaces
- debug and trace support.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor adds:

- the TrustZone architecture for enhanced OS security
- level two interfaces that use AXI busses compatible with AMBA 3.0
- support for IEM for improved low power operation
- support for ARMv6k extensions.

For details of the behavior of the ARM1136JF-S processor, see the *ARM1136 Technical Reference Manual*.

## B.2 Summary of differences

The main differences between the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors are:

- *TrustZone*
- *Power management* on page B-4
- *SmartCache* on page B-5
- *CPU ID* on page B-5
- *Block transfer operations* on page B-5
- *Tightly-Coupled Memories* on page B-6
- *Fault Address Register* on page B-6
- *Prefetch Unit* on page B-7
- *System control coprocessor operations* on page B-7
- *DMA* on page B-9
- *Debug* on page B-10
- *Level two interface* on page B-10
- *Memory BIST* on page B-11.

### B.2.1 TrustZone

The ARM1176JZF-S processor fully implements the TrustZone architecture for OS security enhancements. This leads to numerous differences between ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors in the core and the Level 1 Memory System, see also *Debug* on page B-10. The ARM1176JZF-S processor embodies, for TrustZone:

- operation in Secure or Non-secure states
- a new exception model
- a new mode, Secure Monitor mode
- a new instruction, SMC, to switch to Secure Monitor mode
- new CP15 registers to support the TrustZone architecture
- some CP15 registers that are:
  - only accessible in Secure Privileged mode
  - duplicated, banked, between Secure and Non-secure worlds
- a Level 1 Memory System that supports the Secure and Non-secure memory accesses
- a new NS attribute in the Level 1 page table descriptors to indicate if the targeted memory is Secure or Non-secure.
- VA to PA operations

In addition:

- In the ARM1176JZF-S processor, in Non-secure state, the PLD instruction has no effect on the memory system so it behaves like a NOP. In Secure state, this instruction behaves as a cache preload instruction as implemented in ARM1136JF-S processor.
- The ARM1136JF-S CP15 c15 Cache Debug Control Register is the Cache Behavior Override Register in the ARM1176JZF-S processor and is architectural with:
  - Opcode\_1=0
  - Crn=9
  - Crm=8

— Opcode\_2=0.

## B.2.2 ARMv6k extensions support

The ARM1176JZF-S processor adds extra support for the ARMv6k extensions that are not present in the ARM1136JF-S r0p2 processor.

### ———— Note —————

These extensions are present in the ARM1136JF-S r1p0 processor though.

This includes:

- New Store and Load Exclusive instructions for bytes, halfwords and doublewords and a new Clear Exclusive instruction.
- A new true no-operation instruction and yield instruction.
- Architectural remap registers. The memory remap registers in the ARM1136JF-S processor are replaced by registers in CP15 c10 in the ARM1176JZF-S processor.
- Cache size restriction through CP15 c1. Cache size can be restricted to 16KB for OSs that do not support page coloring.
- Revised use of TEX bits.
- Revised use of AP bits.

### Behavior of TEX bits

The ARMv6 MMU page table descriptors use a large number of bits to describe all of the options for inner and outer cachability. In reality, it is believed that no application requires all of these options simultaneously. Therefore, it is possible to configure the ARM1176JZF-S processor to support only a small number of options by means of the TEX remap mechanism. This implies a level of indirection in the page table mappings.

Recent cores, that include ARM1136JF-S processors support this mapping with the MMU remap capability, that was originally designed for debug of the hardware, in CP15 register 15.

By moving one entry in the ARM1176JZF-S processor TEX CB encoding table, with an alias for compatibility, TEX[2:1] is freed for use as two OS managed page table bits. Because binary compatibility is important with existing ARMv6 ports of OSs, this change consists of a separate mode of operation of the MMU. This is called the TEX remap configuration and is controlled by bit [28] TR in CP15 Register 1. The MMU remap registers, other than the Peripheral Remap Register, become architectural and move from CP15 register 15 to CP15 register 10.

### Access permissions

In the ARM1176JZF-S processor the APX and AP[1:0] encoding b111 becomes Privileged or User mode read only access. This releases AP[0] to indicate a new abort type, Access Bit fault, when CP15 c1[29] is 1. In the ARM1136JF-S the encoding b111 was reserved.

## B.2.3 Power management

The differences in power management between the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors are in two areas:

- *Intelligent Energy Management* on page B-5
- *VFP* on page B-5.

## Intelligent Energy Management

The ARM1136JF-S processor provides partial support for Dormant mode. The ARM1176JZF-S processor extends this functionality and provides optional support for IEM and Dormant mode.

For Dormant mode the ARM1176JZF-S processor provides the option to instantiate a placeholder that contains all the necessary input clamps to RAM blocks.

The ARM1176JZF-S RTL hierarchy is separated into three blocks to support three different power domains:

- all the RAMs
- the core logic, clocked by **CLKIN** and **FREECLKIN**
- four optional IEM Register Slices.

The register slices can provide an asynchronous interface between:

- the Level 2 ports, powered by  $V_{Core}$  and clocked by **CLKIN**
- the AXI system, powered by  $V_{Soc}$  and clocked by **ACLK** signals, one clock for each port.

Level shifters and clamps must be instantiated between power domains. ARM1176JZF-S processors do not implement the asynchronous interface present in the ARM1136JF-S processor and, if implemented, you can use the IEM Register Slices to provide the asynchronous interface in the Level 2 ports of the ARM1136JF-S processor.

## VFP

The power domains in the ARM1176JZF-S processor are divided for:

- the VFP
- all other logic outside the VFP
- a placeholder for clamping logic between these two blocks.

With this hierarchy you can switch off the VFP power, to save power, when the VFP is not in use.

### B.2.4 SmartCache

Unlike ARM1136JF-S processors, the ARM1176JZF-S processor does not implement the SmartCache feature for the Tightly-Coupled Memories. As a consequence, the TCMs in ARM1176JZF-S processors always behave as local RAMs and the SC bit, bit [1], of each TCM Region Register is Read As Zero and Ignored on writes. The SmartCache dedicated valid and dirty RAMs are not implemented in the ARM1176JZF-S processor.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor does not include these RAMs:

- ITCValidRAM
- DTCValidRAM
- DTCDirtyRAM.

### B.2.5 CPU ID

The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements the revised ARMv7 CPU ID scheme using CP15 c0.

### B.2.6 Block transfer operations

Unlike ARM1136JF-S processors, the ARM1176JZF-S processor does not implement some block transfer operations and these operations are Undefined in ARM1176JZF-S processors:

- Prefetch Range operations, Instruction and Data

- Stop Prefetch Range operations
- Read Block Transfer Status Register operations.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements all the other block transfer operations:

- Invalidate Cache Range, Instruction and Data
- Clean Data Cache Range
- Clean and Invalidate Data Cache Range.

## B.2.7 Tightly-Coupled Memories

The ARM1136JF-S processor implements zero or one Tightly Coupled Memories on each side, Instruction and Data. The possible TCM sizes for ARM1136JF-S for each side are:

- 0KB
- 4KB
- 8KB
- 16KB
- 32KB
- 64KB.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor implements zero, one or two Tightly Coupled Memories on each side. For each side, the two TCMs are physically located within one RAM. Table B-1 lists the possible configurations for ARM1176JZF-S Tightly-Coupled Memories for each side:

**Table B-1 TCM for ARM1176JZF-S processors**

Number of TCM	TCM size	RAM size
0	0 KB	0 KB
1	4 KB	4 KB
2	4 KB	8 KB
2	8 KB	16 KB
2	16 KB	32 KB
2	32 KB	64 KB

## B.2.8 Fault Address Register

ARM1136JF-S processors includes an Instruction Fault Address Register in the system control coprocessor, CP15, with the encoding:

- Opcode\_1 = 0
- Crn = 6
- Crm = 0
- Opcode\_2 = 1.

The ARM1136JF-S IFAR is only updated on watchpoints.

The ARM1136JF-S IFAR is the Watchpoint Fault Address Register in ARM1176JZF-S processors. The WFAR is in the CP14 coprocessor with the encoding:

- Opcode\_1 = 0
- Crn = 0
- Crm = 6
- Opcode\_2 = 0.

The CP15 access to this register is deprecated and only possible in Secure Privileged modes.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor introduces a new Instruction Fault Address Register in the system control coprocessor with the encoding:

- Opcode\_1 = 0
- Crn = 6
- Crm = 0
- Opcode\_2 = 2.

This new IFAR is updated on prefetch aborts and contains the faulty instruction address.

———— **Note** ————

In Jazelle state, the IFAR is not as accurate as in ARM and Thumb states. In Jazelle state the IFAR does not contain the address of the faulty bytecode but only the address of the word or double-word that includes the faulty bytecode.

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### B.2.9 Fault Status Register

The fault status registers in the ARM1176JZF-S processor now use bit[12] to determine if the external aborts are SLVERR or DECERR.

### B.2.10 Prefetch Unit

In ARM1136JF-S processors, the Prefetch Unit has a three stage instruction buffer.

In ARM1176JZF-S processors, the Prefetch Unit has a seven stage instruction buffer. This improves the performance of branch folding.

### B.2.11 System control coprocessor operations

The CP15 c15 debug operations and registers are Implementation Defined and there is no roadmap for debuggers to use them. These functionalities add complexity to the logic, require a large validation effort and might introduce some security holes. As a consequence, many CP15 c15 debug operations and registers that are part of the ARM1136JF-S processor are removed in ARM1176JZF-S processors. The ARM1176JZF-S processor only retains a small subset of the ARM1136JF-S functionality. Direct read/write access to the TLB lockdown entries is present in the two cores but the exact implementation of this feature has been changed.

Table B-2 lists the CP15 c15 registers and operations common to both ARM1176JZF-S and ARM1136JF-S processors.

**Table B-2 CP15 c15 features common to ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors**

CRn	Opcode_1	CRm	Opcode_2	Register Function
c15	0	c2	4	Peripheral Memory Remap
		c12	0	Performance Monitor Control
			1	Cycle Counter
			2	Count Register 0
			3	Count Register 1
3		c8	0	Instruction Cache Master Valid
		c12	0	Data Cache Master Valid
5 <sup>a</sup>		c4	2	TLB Lockdown Index
		c5	2	TLB Lockdown VA
		c6	2	TLB Lockdown PA
		c7	2	TLB Lockdown Attributes

a. Only applies for Lockdown entries.

Table B-3 lists the features that are implemented in the ARM1136JF-S processor but not in ARM1176JZF-S processors.

**Table B-3 CP15 c15 only found in ARM1136JF-S processors**

CRn	Opcode_1	CRm	Opcode_2	Register Function		
c15	0	c2	0	Data Memory Remap Register		
			1	Instruction Memory Remap Register		
			2	DMA Memory Remap Register		
3		C0	0	Data Debug Cache		
			1	Instruction Debug Cache		
		C2	0	Data TAG RAM Read Operation		
			1	Instruction TAG RAM Read Operation		
		C4	1	Instruction Cache RAM Data Read Operation		
		5		C4	0	Data MicroTLB Entry Operation
1	Instruction MicroTLB Entry Operation					
2	Read Main TLB Entry <sup>a</sup>					
4	Write Main TLB Entry <sup>a</sup>					
C5	0			Data MicroTLB VA		
	1			Instruction MicroTLB VA		
	2			Main TLB VA <sup>a</sup>		
C6	0			Data MicroTLB PA		
	1			Instruction MicroTLB PA		
	2			Main TLB PA <sup>a</sup>		
C7	0			Data MicroTLB Attribute		
	1			Instruction MicroTLB Attribute		
	2			Main TLB Attribute <sup>a</sup>		
c15	5			C14		Main TLB Valid
	7			C0	0	Cache Debug Control
		1	TLB Debug Control			

a. In the ARM1136JF-S processor it is possible to read and write all TLB entries. In ARM1176JZF-S processor you can only read or write the lockdown entries.

## B.2.12 DMA

The ARM1176JZF-S processor transfers all data as part of the DMA transfer from TCM to external memory. ARM1136JF-S processors only transfer dirty data at a granularity of four words for the Data TCM.

The DMA in the ARM1176JZF-S processor now supports burst accesses in addition to single accesses.

## B.2.13 Debug

Debug changes between ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors include:

- *TrustZone*
- *Debug test access port*
- *ETM*
- *System metrics.*

### TrustZone

The ARM1136JF-S processor implements the debug v6 architecture but ARM1176JZF-S processors implement the debug v6.1 architecture. Debug v6.1 architecture accounts for TrustZone implementations.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor supports three levels of debug:

- debug everywhere
- debug in Non-secure and Secure user
- debug in Non-secure only.

Additional input signals, **SPIDEN** and **SPNIDEN**, configure the level of debug with corresponding bits, **SUIDEN** and **SUNIDEN**, in the CP15 Control Register where:

- SU stands for Secure User
- SP for Secure Privileged
- I for Invasive, for example watchpoints and breakpoints
- NI for Non-invasive, for example trace and performance monitoring
- DEN for Debug Enable.

### EDBGRQ

In the ARM1176JZF-S processor Halting debug-mode is entered when **EDBGRQ** is asserted regardless of the selection of Debug state in DSCR[15:14].

### Debug test access port

The ARM1136JF-S processor requires external synchronization of the system and test clocks, that is outside processor core.

The ARM1176JZF-S processor performs this synchronization internally.

### ETM

The ETM11RV macrocell supports the ARM1136JF-S processor whereas the CoreSight™ ETM11 macrocell supports both the ARM1136JF-S and ARM1176JZF-S processors.

### System metrics

In Debug state the system metrics counters are disabled in the ARM1176JZF-S processor.

## B.2.14 Level two interface

The external interfaces of the two processors are different to this extent:

- The ARM1136JF-S processor has four 64-bit AHB-Lite interfaces:
  - Instruction
  - Data Read

- Data Write
- DMA

It has one 32-bit AHB-Lite Peripheral interface.

- The ARM1176JZF-S processor has three 64-bit AXI interfaces:
  - Instruction
  - Data Read/Write
  - DMA

It has one 32-bit AXI Peripheral interface.

### B.2.15 Memory BIST

**MBISTWE** from the ARM1136JF-S processor is extended to 8 bits, **MBISTWE[7:0]**, in ARM1176JZF-S processors to enable control of individual write enables for bit and byte write RAMs.

# Appendix C

## Revisions

This appendix describes the technical changes between released issues of this book.

**Table C-1 Differences between issue G and issue H**

<b>Change</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Affects</b>
Change description of Main ID Register.	Table 3-4 on page 3-20	All revisions
Correct description of Control Register bit functions	Table 3-39 on page 3-45	All revisions
Expanded Note to include description of Monitor mode access to non-secure banked copies of registers.	<i>c1, Secure Configuration Register</i> on page 3-52	All revisions
Improve description of MVA alignment for L1 operations.	Table 3-69 on page 3-73	All revisions
Improve description of DMA user access bits	Table 3-107 on page 3-108	All revisions
Correct B and C bit descriptions for the TLB Lockdown Attributes Register	Table 3-152 on page 3-151	All revisions
Correct user permissions for memory regions.	Table 6-1 on page 6-12	All revisions
Improve description of page table attribute restrictions.	<i>Restriction on page table attributes</i> on page 7-9	All revisions
Improve description of <b>INTSYNCEN</b> signal.	Table 12-1 on page 12-3 <i>Synchronization of the VIC port signals</i> on page 12-4 Table A-4 on page A-6	All revisions
Improve description of <b>DBGEN</b> signal.	Table 13-22 on page 13-33 <i>External signals</i> on page 13-52	All revisions

**Table C-1 Differences between issue G and issue H (continued)**

<b>Change</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Affects</b>
Correct instruction for entering debug state	<i>Entering Debug state</i> on page 14-31	All revisions
Deselect DTR in debug sequence.	<i>Writing memory as words</i> on page 14-37	All revisions
Correct description of <b>nETMWFIREADY</b> signal.	Table A-13 on page A-15	All revisions

# Glossary

This glossary describes some of the terms used in ARM manuals. Where terms can have several meanings, the meaning presented here is intended.

**Abort** A mechanism that indicates to a core that the value associated with a memory access is invalid. An abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid instruction or data memory. An abort is classified as either a Prefetch or Data Abort, and an internal or External Abort.

*See also* Data Abort, External Abort and Prefetch Abort.

**Abort model** An abort model is the defined behavior of an ARM processor in response to a Data Abort exception. Different abort models behave differently with regard to load and store instructions that specify base register write-back.

**Addressing modes** A mechanism, shared by many different instructions, for generating values used by the instructions. For four of the ARM addressing modes, the values generated are memory addresses, the traditional role of an addressing mode. A fifth addressing mode generates values to be used as operands by data-processing instructions.

## **Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI)**

A bus protocol that supports separate address/control and data phases, unaligned data transfers using byte strobes, burst-based transactions with only start address issued, separate read and write data channels to enable low-cost DMA, ability to issue multiple outstanding addresses, out-of-order transaction completion, and easy addition of register stages to provide timing closure. The AXI protocol also includes optional extensions to cover signaling for low-power operation.

AXI is targeted at high performance, high clock frequency system designs and includes a number of features that make it very suitable for high speed sub-micron interconnect.

**Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB)**

A bus protocol with a fixed pipeline between address/control and data phases. It only supports a subset of the functionality provided by the AMBA AXI protocol. The full AMBA AHB protocol specification includes a number of features that are not commonly required for master and slave IP developments and ARM Limited recommends only a subset of the protocol is usually used. This subset is defined as the AMBA AHB-Lite protocol.

*See also* Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture and AHB-Lite.

**Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA)**

A family of protocol specifications that describe a strategy for the interconnect. AMBA is the ARM open standard for on-chip buses. It is an on-chip bus specification that details a strategy for the interconnection and management of functional blocks that make up a *System-on-Chip* (SoC). It aids in the development of embedded processors with one or more CPUs or signal processors and multiple peripherals. AMBA complements a reusable design methodology by defining a common backbone for SoC modules.

**Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB)**

A simpler bus protocol than AXI and AHB. It is designed for use with ancillary or general-purpose peripherals such as timers, interrupt controllers, UARTs, and I/O ports. Connection to the main system bus is through a system-to-peripheral bus bridge that helps to reduce system power consumption.

**AHB**

*See* Advanced High-performance Bus.

**AHB Access Port (AHB-AP)**

An optional component of the DAP that provides an AHB interface to a SoC.

**AHB-AP**

*See* AHB Access Port.

**AHB-Lite**

A subset of the full AMBA AHB protocol specification. It provides all of the basic functions required by the majority of AMBA AHB slave and master designs, particularly when used with a multi-layer AMBA interconnect. In most cases, the extra facilities provided by a full AMBA AHB interface are implemented more efficiently by using an AMBA AXI protocol interface.

**Aligned**

A data item stored at an address that is divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be aligned. Aligned words and halfwords have addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively. The terms word-aligned and halfword-aligned therefore stipulate addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively.

**AMBA**

*See* Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture.

**Advanced Trace Bus (ATB)**

A bus used by trace devices to share CoreSight capture resources.

**APB**

*See* Advanced Peripheral Bus.

**Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)**

An integrated circuit that has been designed to perform a specific application function. It can be custom-built or mass-produced.

**Application Specific Standard Part/Product (ASSP)**

An integrated circuit that has been designed to perform a specific application function. Usually consists of two or more separate circuit functions combined as a building block suitable for use in a range of products for one or more specific application markets.

**Architecture**

The organization of hardware and/or software that characterizes a processor and its attached components, and enables devices with similar characteristics to be grouped together when describing their behavior, for example, Harvard architecture, instruction set architecture, ARMv6 architecture.

**Arithmetic instruction**

Any VFPv2 Coprocessor Data Processing (CDP) instruction except FCPY, FABS, and FNEG.

See also CDP instruction.

**ARM instruction**

A word that specifies an operation for an ARM processor to perform. ARM instructions must be word-aligned.

**ARM state**

A processor that is executing ARM (32-bit) word-aligned instructions is operating in ARM state.

**ASIC**

See Application Specific Integrated Circuit.

**ASSP**

See Application Specific Standard Part/Product.

**ATB**

See Advanced Trace Bus.

**ATB bridge**

A synchronous ATB bridge provides a register slice to facilitate timing closure through the addition of a pipeline stage. It also provides a unidirectional link between two synchronous ATB domains.

An asynchronous ATB bridge provides a unidirectional link between two ATB domains with asynchronous clocks. It is intended to support connection of components with ATB ports residing in different clock domains.

**ATPG**

See Automatic Test Pattern Generation.

**Automatic Test Pattern Generation (ATPG)**

The process of automatically generating manufacturing test vectors for an ASIC design, using a specialized software tool.

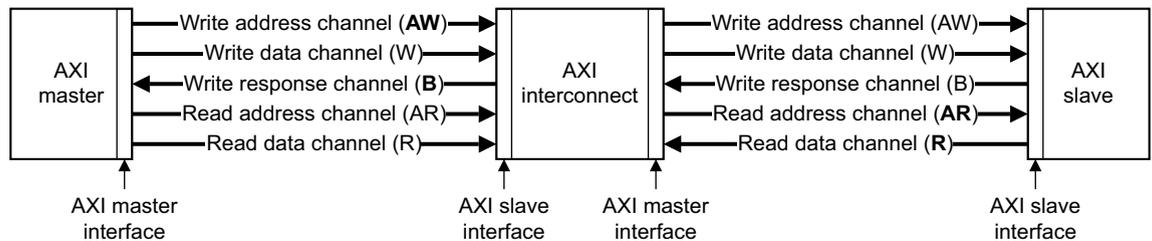
**AXI**

See Advanced eXtensible Interface.

**AXI channel order and interfaces**

The block diagram shows:

- the order in which AXI channel signals are described
- the master and slave interface conventions for AXI components.

**AXI terminology**

The following AXI terms are general. They apply to both masters and slaves:

**Active read transaction**

A transaction for which the read address has transferred, but the last read data has not yet transferred.

**Active transfer**

A transfer for which the **xVALID**<sup>1</sup> handshake has asserted, but for which **xREADY** has not yet asserted.

**Active write transaction**

A transaction for which the write address or leading write data has transferred, but the write response has not yet transferred.

**Completed transfer**

A transfer for which the **xVALID/xREADY** handshake is complete.

**Payload** The non-handshake signals in a transfer.

**Transaction** An entire burst of transfers, comprising an address, one or more data transfers and a response transfer (writes only).

**Transmit** An initiator driving the payload and asserting the relevant **xVALID** signal.

**Transfer** A single exchange of information. That is, with one **xVALID/xREADY** handshake.

The following AXI terms are master interface attributes. To obtain optimum performance, they must be specified for all components with an AXI master interface:

**Combined issuing capability**

The maximum number of active transactions that a master interface can generate. This is specified instead of write or read issuing capability for master interfaces that use a combined storage for active write and read transactions.

**Read ID capability**

The maximum number of different **ARID** values that a master interface can generate for all active read transactions at any one time.

**Read ID width**

The number of bits in the **ARID** bus.

**Read issuing capability**

The maximum number of active read transactions that a master interface can generate.

**Write ID capability**

The maximum number of different **AWID** values that a master interface can generate for all active write transactions at any one time.

**Write ID width**

The number of bits in the **AWID** and **WID** buses.

**Write interleave capability**

The number of active write transactions for which the master interface is capable of transmitting data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

**Write issuing capability**

The maximum number of active write transactions that a master interface can generate.

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1. The letter **x** in the signal name denotes an AXI channel as follows:

<b>AW</b>	Write address channel.
<b>W</b>	Write data channel.
<b>B</b>	Write response channel.
<b>AR</b>	Read address channel.
<b>R</b>	Read data channel.

The following AXI terms are slave interface attributes. To obtain optimum performance, they must be specified for all components with an AXI slave interface

**Combined acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active transactions that a slave interface can accept. This is specified instead of write or read acceptance capability for slave interfaces that use a combined storage for active write and read transactions.

**Read acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active read transactions that a slave interface can accept.

**Read data reordering depth**

The number of active read transactions for which a slave interface can transmit data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

**Write acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active write transactions that a slave interface can accept.

**Write interleave depth**

The number of active write transactions for which the slave interface can receive data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

<b>Banked registers</b>	Those physical registers whose use is defined by the current processor mode. The banked registers are R8 to R14.
<b>Base register</b>	A register specified by a load or store instruction that is used to hold the base value for the instruction's address calculation. Depending on the instruction and its addressing mode, an offset can be added to or subtracted from the base register value to form the virtual address that is sent to memory.
<b>Base register write-back</b>	Updating the contents of the base register used in an instruction target address calculation so that the modified address is changed to the next higher or lower sequential address in memory. This means that it is not necessary to fetch the target address for successive instruction transfers and enables faster burst accesses to sequential memory.
<b>Beat</b>	Alternative word for an individual transfer within a burst. For example, an INCR4 burst comprises four beats.  <i>See also</i> Burst.
<b>BE-8</b>	Big-endian view of memory in a byte-invariant system.  <i>See also</i> BE-32, LE, Byte-invariant and Word-invariant.
<b>BE-32</b>	Big-endian view of memory in a word-invariant system.  <i>See also</i> BE-8, LE, Byte-invariant and Word-invariant.
<b>Big-endian</b>	Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of decreasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.  <i>See also</i> Little-endian and Endianness.
<b>Big-endian memory</b>	Memory in which:  - a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the most significant byte or halfword within the word at that address

- a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the most significant byte within the halfword at that address.

*See also* Little-endian memory.

**Block address** An address that comprises a tag, an index, and a word field. The tag bits identify the way that contains the matching cache entry for a cache hit. The index bits identify the set being addressed. The word field contains the word address that can be used to identify specific words, halfwords, or bytes within the cache entry.

*See also* Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.

**Bounce** The VFP coprocessor bounces an instruction when it fails to signal the acceptance of a valid VFP instruction to the ARM processor. This action initiates Undefined instruction processing by the ARM processor. The VFP support code is called to complete the instruction that was found to be exceptional or unsupported by the VFP coprocessor.

*See also* Trigger instruction, Potentially exceptional instruction, and Exceptional state.

**Boundary scan chain**

A boundary scan chain is made up of serially-connected devices that implement boundary scan technology using a standard JTAG TAP interface. Each device contains at least one TAP controller containing shift registers that form the chain connected between **TDI** and **TDO**, through which test data is shifted. Processors can contain several shift registers to enable you to access selected parts of the device.

**Branch folding** Branch folding is a technique where, on the prediction of most branches, the branch instruction is completely removed from the instruction stream presented to the execution pipeline. Branch folding can significantly improve the performance of branches, taking the CPI for branches lower than one.

**Branch phantom** The condition codes of a predicted taken branch.

**Branch prediction** The process of predicting if conditional branches are to be taken or not in pipelined processors. Successfully predicting if branches are to be taken enables the processor to prefetch the instructions following a branch before the condition is fully resolved. Branch prediction can be done in software or by using custom hardware. Branch prediction techniques are categorized as static, in which the prediction decision is decided before run time, and dynamic, in which the prediction decision can change during program execution.

**Breakpoint** A breakpoint is a mechanism provided by debuggers to identify an instruction at which program execution is to be halted. Breakpoints are inserted by the programmer to enable inspection of register contents, memory locations, variable values at fixed points in the program execution to test that the program is operating correctly. Breakpoints are removed after the program is successfully tested.

*See also* Watchpoint.

**Burst** A group of transfers to consecutive addresses. Because the addresses are consecutive, there is no requirement to supply an address for any of the transfers after the first one. This increases the speed at which the group of transfers can occur. Bursts over AXI buses are controlled using the **AxBURST** signals to specify if transfers are single, four-beat, eight-beat, or 16-beat bursts, and to specify how the addresses are incremented.

*See also* Beat.

**Byte** An 8-bit data item.

<b>Byte-invariant</b>	<p>In a byte-invariant system, the address of each byte of memory remains unchanged when switching between little-endian and big-endian operation. When a data item larger than a byte is loaded from or stored to memory, the bytes making up that data item are arranged into the correct order depending on the endianness of the memory access.</p> <p>The ARM architecture supports byte-invariant systems in ARMv6 and later versions. When byte-invariant support is selected, unaligned halfword and word memory accesses are also supported. Multi-word accesses are expected to be word-aligned.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Word-invariant.</p>
<b>Byte lane strobe</b>	<p>An AXI signal, <b>WSTRB</b>, that is used for unaligned or mixed-endian data accesses to determine which byte lanes are active in a transfer. One bit of <b>WSTRB</b> corresponds to eight bits of the data bus.</p>
<b>Byte swizzling</b>	<p>The reverse ordering of bytes in a word.</p>
<b>Cache</b>	<p>A block of on-chip or off-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used instructions and/or data. This is done to greatly reduce the average speed of memory accesses and so to increase processor performance.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.</p>
<b>Cache contention</b>	<p>When the number of frequently-used memory cache lines that use a particular cache set exceeds the set-associativity of the cache. In this case, main memory activity increases and performance decreases.</p>
<b>Cache hit</b>	<p>A memory access that can be processed at high speed because the instruction or data that it addresses is already held in the cache.</p>
<b>Cache line</b>	<p>The basic unit of storage in a cache. It is always a power of two words in size (usually four or eight words), and is required to be aligned to a suitable memory boundary.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.</p>
<b>Cache line index</b>	<p>The number associated with each cache line in a cache way. Within each cache way, the cache lines are numbered from 0 to (set associativity) -1.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.</p>
<b>Cache lockdown</b>	<p>To fix a line in cache memory so that it cannot be overwritten. Cache lockdown enables critical instructions and/or data to be loaded into the cache so that the cache lines containing them are not subsequently reallocated. This ensures that all subsequent accesses to the instructions/data concerned are cache hits, and therefore complete as quickly as possible.</p>
<b>Cache miss</b>	<p>A memory access that cannot be processed at high speed because the instruction/data it addresses is not in the cache and a main memory access is required.</p>
<b>Cache set</b>	<p>A cache set is a group of cache lines (or blocks). A set contains all the ways that can be addressed with the same index. The number of cache sets is always a power of two.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.</p>
<b>Cache way</b>	<p>A group of cache lines (or blocks). It is 2 to the power of the number of index bits in size.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.</p>
<b>Cast out</b>	<p><i>See</i> Victim.</p>

<b>CDP instruction</b>	<p>Coprocessor data processing instruction. For the VFP11 coprocessor, CDP instructions are arithmetic instructions and FCPY, FABS, and FNEG.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Arithmetic instruction.</p>
<b>Clean</b>	<p>A cache line that has not been modified while it is in the cache is said to be clean. To clean a cache is to write dirty cache entries into main memory. If a cache line is clean, it is not written on a cache miss because the next level of memory contains the same data as the cache.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Dirty.</p>
<b>Clock gating</b>	<p>Gating a clock signal for a macrocell with a control signal and using the modified clock that results to control the operating state of the macrocell.</p>
<b>Clocks Per Instruction (CPI)</b>	<p><i>See</i> Cycles Per Instruction (CPI).</p>
<b>Coherency</b>	<p><i>See</i> Memory coherency.</p>
<b>Cold reset</b>	<p>Also known as power-on reset. Starting the processor by turning power on. Turning power off and then back on again clears main memory and many internal settings. Some program failures can lock up the processor and require a cold reset to enable the system to be used again. In other cases, only a warm reset is required.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Warm reset.</p>
<b>Communications channel</b>	<p>The hardware used for communicating between the software running on the processor, and an external host, using the debug interface. When this communication is for debug purposes, it is called the Debug Comms Channel. In an ARMv6 compliant core, the communications channel includes the Data Transfer Register, some bits of the Data Status and Control Register, and the external debug interface controller, such as the DBGTap controller in the case of the JTAG interface.</p>
<b>Condition field</b>	<p>A four-bit field in an instruction that specifies a condition under which the instruction can execute.</p>
<b>Conditional execution</b>	<p>If the condition code flags indicate that the corresponding condition is true when the instruction starts executing, it executes normally. Otherwise, the instruction does nothing.</p>
<b>Context</b>	<p>The environment that each process operates in for a multitasking operating system. In ARM processors, this is limited to mean the Physical Address range that it can access in memory and the associated memory access permissions.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Fast context switch.</p>
<b>Control bits</b>	<p>The bottom eight bits of a Program Status Register (PSR). The control bits change when an exception arises and can be altered by software only when the processor is in a privileged mode.</p>
<b>Coprocessor</b>	<p>A processor that supplements the main processor. It carries out additional functions that the main processor cannot perform. Usually used for floating-point math calculations, signal processing, or memory management.</p>
<b>Copy back</b>	<p><i>See</i> Write-back.</p>
<b>Core</b>	<p>A core is that part of a processor that contains the ALU, the datapath, the general-purpose registers, the Program Counter, and the instruction decode and control circuitry.</p>
<b>Core reset</b>	<p><i>See</i> Warm reset.</p>
<b>CPI</b>	<p><i>See</i> Cycles per instruction.</p>

<b>CPSR</b>	<i>See</i> Current Program Status Register
<b>Current Program Status Register (CPSR)</b>	The register that holds the current operating processor status.
<b>Cycles Per instruction (CPI)</b>	Cycles per instruction (or clocks per instruction) is a measure of the number of computer instructions that can be performed in one clock cycle. This figure of merit can be used to compare the performance of different CPUs that implement the same instruction set against each other. The lower the value, the better the performance.
<b>CoreSight</b>	The infrastructure for monitoring, tracing, and debugging a complete system on chip.
<b>Data Abort</b>	An indication from a memory system to a core that it must halt execution of an attempted illegal memory access. A Data Abort is attempting to access invalid data memory.  <i>See also</i> Abort, External Abort, and Prefetch Abort.
<b>Data cache</b>	A block of on-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used data. This is done to greatly reduce the average speed of memory accesses and so to increase processor performance.
<b>DBGTAP</b>	<i>See</i> Debug Test Access Port.
<b>Debugger</b>	A debugging system that includes a program, used to detect, locate, and correct software faults, together with custom hardware that supports software debugging.
<b>Debug Test Access Port (DBGTAP)</b>	The collection of four mandatory and one optional terminals that form the input/output and control interface to a JTAG boundary-scan architecture. The mandatory terminals are <b>DBGTDI</b> , <b>DBGTDO</b> , <b>DBGTMS</b> , and <b>TCK</b> . The optional terminal is <b>TRST</b> . This signal is mandatory in ARM cores because it is used to reset the debug logic.
<b>Default NaN mode</b>	A mode in which all operations that result in a NaN return the default NaN, regardless of the cause of the NaN result. This mode is compliant with the IEEE 754 standard but implies that all information contained in any input NaNs to an operation is lost.
<b>Denormalized value</b>	<i>See</i> Subnormal value.
<b>Direct-mapped cache</b>	A one-way set-associative cache. Each cache set consists of a single cache line, so cache look-up selects and checks a single cache line.
<b>Direct Memory Access (DMA)</b>	An operation that accesses main memory directly, without the processor performing any accesses to the data concerned.
<b>Dirty</b>	A cache line in a write-back cache that has been modified while it is in the cache is said to be dirty. A cache line is marked as dirty by setting the dirty bit. If a cache line is dirty, it must be written to memory on a cache miss because the next level of memory contains data that has not been updated. The process of writing dirty data to main memory is called cache cleaning.  <i>See also</i> Clean.
<b>Disabled exception</b>	An exception is disabled when its exception enable bit in the FPCSR is not set. For these exceptions, the IEEE 754 standard defines the result to be returned. An operation that generates an exception condition can bounce to the support code to produce the result defined by the IEEE 754 standard. The exception is not reported to the user trap handler.
<b>DMA</b>	<i>See</i> Direct Memory Access.
<b>DNM</b>	<i>See</i> Do Not Modify.

**Do Not Modify (DNM)**

In Do Not Modify fields, the value must not be altered by software. DNM fields read as Unpredictable values, and must only be written with the same value read from the same field on the same processor.

DNM fields are sometimes followed by RAZ or RAO in parentheses to show which way the bits should read for future compatibility, but programmers must not rely on this behavior.

**Double-precision value**

Consists of two 32-bit words that must appear consecutively in memory and must both be word-aligned, and that is interpreted as a basic double-precision floating-point number according to the IEEE 754-1985 standard.

**Doubleword**

A 64-bit data item. The contents are taken as being an unsigned integer unless otherwise stated.

**Doubleword-aligned**

A data item having a memory address that is divisible by eight.

**EmbeddedICE logic**

An on-chip logic block that provides TAP-based debug support for ARM processor cores. It is accessed through the TAP controller on the ARM core using the JTAG interface.

**EmbeddedICE-RT**

The JTAG-based hardware provided by debuggable ARM processors to aid debugging in real-time.

**Embedded Trace Macrocell (ETM)**

A hardware macrocell that, when connected to a processor core, outputs instruction and data trace information on a trace port. The ETM provides processor driven trace through a trace port compliant to the ATB protocol.

**Enabled exception**

An exception is enabled when its exception enable bit in the FPCSR is set. When an enabled exception occurs, a trap to the user handler is taken. An operation that generates an exception condition might bounce to the support code to produce the result defined by the IEEE 754 standard. The exception is then reported to the user trap handler.

**Endianness**

Byte ordering. The scheme that determines the order in which successive bytes of a data word are stored in memory. An aspect of the system's memory mapping.

*See also* Little-endian and Big-endian

**ETM**

*See Embedded Trace Macrocell.*

**Event**

- 1 (Simple) An observable condition that can be used by an ETM to control aspects of a trace.
- 2 (Complex) A boolean combination of simple events that is used by an ETM to control aspects of a trace.

**Exception**

A fault or error event that is considered serious enough to require that program execution is interrupted. Examples include attempting to perform an invalid memory access, external interrupts, and undefined instructions. When an exception occurs, normal program flow is interrupted and execution is resumed at the corresponding exception vector. This contains the first instruction of the interrupt handler to deal with the exception.

**Exceptional state**

When a potentially exceptional instruction is issued, the VFP11 coprocessor sets the EX bit, FPEXC[31], and loads a copy of the potentially exceptional instruction in the FPINST register. If the instruction is a short vector operation, the register fields in FPINST are altered to point to the potentially exceptional iteration. When in the exceptional state, the issue of a trigger instruction to the VFP11 coprocessor causes a bounce.

*See also* Bounce, Potentially exceptional instruction, and Trigger instruction.

**Exception service routine**

*See* Interrupt handler.

<b>Exception vector</b>	<i>See</i> Interrupt vector.
<b>Exponent</b>	The component of a floating-point number that normally signifies the integer power to which two is raised in determining the value of the represented number.
<b>External Abort</b>	An indication from an external memory system to a core that it must halt execution of an attempted illegal memory access. An External Abort is caused by the external memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid memory.  <i>See also</i> Abort, Data Abort and Prefetch Abort.
<b>Fast context switch</b>	In a multitasking system, the point at which the time-slice allocated to one process stops and the one for the next process starts. If processes are switched often enough, they can appear to a user to be running in parallel, in addition to being able to respond quicker to external events that might affect them.  In ARM processors, a fast context switch is caused by the selection of a non-zero PID value to switch the context to that of the next process. A fast context switch causes each Virtual Address for a memory access, generated by the ARM processor, to produce a Modified Virtual Address which is sent to the rest of the memory system to be used in place of a normal Virtual Address. For some cache control operations Virtual Addresses are passed to the memory system as data. In these cases no address modification takes place.  <i>See also</i> Fast Context Switch Extension.
<b>Fast Context Switch Extension (FCSE)</b>	An extension to the ARM architecture that enables cached processors with an MMU to present different addresses to the rest of the memory system for different software processes, even when those processes are using identical addresses.  <i>See also</i> Fast context switch.
<b>FCSE</b>	<i>See</i> Fast Context Switch Extension.
<b>Fd</b>	The destination register and the accumulate value in triadic operations. Sd for single-precision operations and Dd for double-precision.
<b>Flat address mapping</b>	A system of organizing memory in which each Physical Address contained within the memory space is the same as its corresponding Virtual Address.
<b>Flush-to-zero mode</b>	In this mode, the VFP11 coprocessor treats the following values as positive zeros: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arithmetic operation inputs that are in the subnormal range for the input precision</li> <li>• arithmetic operation results, other than computed zero results, that are in the subnormal range for the input precision before rounding.</li> </ul> <p>The VFP11 coprocessor does not interpret these values as subnormal values or convert them to subnormal values.</p> <p>The subnormal range for the input precision is <math>-2^{E_{min}} &lt; x &lt; 0</math> or <math>0 &lt; x &lt; 2^{E_{min}}</math>.</p>
<b>Fm</b>	The second source operand in dyadic or triadic operations. Sm for single-precision operations and Dm for double-precision.
<b>Fn</b>	The first source operand in dyadic or triadic operations. Sn for single-precision operations and Dn for double-precision.
<b>Fraction</b>	The floating-point field that lies to the right of the implied binary point.

<b>Front of queue pointer</b>	Pointer to the next entry to be written to in the write buffer.
<b>Fully-associative cache</b>	A cache that has only one cache set that consists of the entire cache. The number of cache entries is the same as the number of cache ways.  <i>See also</i> Direct-mapped cache.
<b>Halfword</b>	A 16-bit data item.
<b>Halting debug-mode</b>	One of two mutually exclusive debug modes. In Halting debug-mode all processor execution halts when a breakpoint or watchpoint is encountered. All processor state, coprocessor state, memory and input/output locations can be examined and altered by the JTAG interface.  <i>See also</i> Monitor debug-mode.
<b>High vectors</b>	Alternative locations for exception vectors. The high vector address range is near the top of the address space, rather than at the bottom.
<b>Hit-Under-Miss (HUM)</b>	A buffer that enables program execution to continue, even though there has been a data miss in the cache.
<b>Host</b>	A computer that provides data and other services to another computer. Especially, a computer providing debugging services to a target being debugged.
<b>HUM</b>	<i>See</i> Hit-Under-Miss.
<b>IEM</b>	<i>See</i> Intelligent Energy Management.
<b>Illegal instruction</b>	An instruction that is architecturally Undefined.
<b>IMB</b>	<i>See</i> Instruction Memory Barrier.
<b>Implementation-defined</b>	Means that the behavior is not architecturally defined, but should be defined and documented by individual implementations.
<b>Implementation-specific</b>	Means that the behavior is not architecturally defined, and does not have to be documented by individual implementations. Used when there are a number of implementation options available and the option chosen does not affect software compatibility.
<b>Imprecise tracing</b>	A filtering configuration where instruction or data tracing can start or finish earlier or later than expected. Most cases cause tracing to start or finish later than expected.  For example, if <b>TraceEnable</b> is configured to use a counter so that tracing begins after the fourth write to a location in memory, the instruction that caused the fourth write is not traced, although subsequent instructions are. This is because the use of a counter in the <b>TraceEnable</b> configuration always results in imprecise tracing.
<b>Index</b>	<i>See</i> Cache index.
<b>Index register</b>	A register specified in some load or store instructions. The value of this register is used as an offset to be added to or subtracted from the base register value to form the virtual address, which is sent to memory. Some addressing modes optionally enable the index register value to be shifted prior to the addition or subtraction.
<b>Infinity</b>	In the IEEE 754 standard format to represent infinity, the exponent is the maximum for the precision and the fraction is all zeros.

<b>Input exception</b>	A VFP exception condition in which one or more of the operands for a given operation are not supported by the hardware. The operation bounces to support code for processing.
<b>Instruction cache</b>	A block of on-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used instructions. This is done to greatly reduce the average speed of memory accesses and so to increase processor performance.
<b>Instruction cycle count</b>	The number of cycles for which an instruction occupies the Execute stage of the pipeline.
<b>Instruction Memory Barrier (IMB)</b>	An operation to ensure that the prefetch buffer is flushed of all out-of-date instructions.
<b>Instrumentation trace</b>	A component for debugging real-time systems through a simple memory-mapped trace interface, providing printf style debugging.
<b>Intelligent Energy Management (IEM)</b>	A technology that enables dynamic voltage scaling and clock frequency variation to be used to reduce power consumption in a device.
<b>Intermediate result</b>	An internal format used to store the result of a calculation before rounding. This format can have a larger exponent field and fraction field than the destination format.
<b>Internal scan chain</b>	A series of registers connected together to form a path through a device, used during production testing to import test patterns into internal nodes of the device and export the resulting values.
<b>Interrupt handler</b>	A program that control of the processor is passed to when an interrupt occurs.
<b>Interrupt vector</b>	One of a number of fixed addresses in low memory, or in high memory if high vectors are configured, that contains the first instruction of the corresponding interrupt handler.
<b>Invalidate</b>	To mark a cache line as being not valid by clearing the valid bit. This must be done whenever the line does not contain a valid cache entry. For example, after a cache flush all lines are invalid.
<b>Jazelle architecture</b>	The ARM Jazelle architecture extends the Thumb and ARM operating states by adding a Jazelle state to the processor. Instruction set support for entering and exiting Java applications, real-time interrupt handling, and debug support for mixed Java/ARM applications is present. When in Jazelle state, the processor fetches and decodes Java bytecodes and maintains the Java operand stack.
<b>Joint Test Action Group (JTAG)</b>	The name of the organization that developed standard IEEE 1149.1. This standard defines a boundary-scan architecture used for in-circuit testing of integrated circuit devices. It is commonly known by the initials JTAG.
<b>JTAG</b>	<i>See</i> Joint Test Action Group.
<b>LE</b>	Little endian view of memory in both byte-invariant and word-invariant systems. <i>See also</i> Byte-invariant, Word-invariant.
<b>Line</b>	<i>See</i> Cache line.
<b>Little-endian</b>	Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of increasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.  <i>See also</i> Big-endian and Endianness.
<b>Little-endian memory</b>	Memory in which:  - a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the least significant byte or halfword within the word at that address

- a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the least significant byte within the halfword at that address.

*See also* Big-endian memory.

**Load/store architecture**

A processor architecture where data-processing operations only operate on register contents, not directly on memory contents.

**Load Store Unit (LSU)**

The part of a processor that handles load and store transfers.

**LSU**

*See* Load Store Unit.

**Macrocell**

A complex logic block with a defined interface and behavior. A typical VLSI system comprises several macrocells, such as a processor, an ETM, and a memory block, plus application-specific logic.

**Memory bank**

One of two or more parallel divisions of interleaved memory, usually one word wide, that enable reads and writes of multiple words at a time, rather than single words. All memory banks are addressed simultaneously and a bank enable or chip select signal determines which of the banks is accessed for each transfer. Accesses to sequential word addresses cause accesses to sequential banks. This enables the delays associated with accessing a bank to occur during the access to its adjacent bank, speeding up memory transfers.

**Memory coherency**

A memory is coherent if the value read by a data read or instruction fetch is the value that was most recently written to that location. Memory coherency is made difficult when there are multiple possible physical locations that are involved, such as a system that has main memory, a write buffer and a cache.

**Memory Management Unit (MMU)**

Hardware that controls caches and access permissions to blocks of memory, and translates virtual addresses to physical addresses.

**Microprocessor**

*See* Processor.

**Miss**

*See* Cache miss.

**MMU**

*See* Memory Management Unit.

**Modified Virtual Address (MVA)**

A Virtual Address produced by the ARM processor can be changed by the current Process ID to provide a *Modified Virtual Address* (MVA) for the MMUs and caches.

*See also* Fast Context Switch Extension.

**Monitor debug-mode**

One of two mutually exclusive debug modes. In Monitor debug-mode the processor enables a software abort handler provided by the debug monitor or operating system debug task. When a breakpoint or watchpoint is encountered, this enables vital system interrupts to continue to be serviced while normal program execution is suspended.

*See also* Halting debug-mode.

**Multi-ICE**

A JTAG-based tool for debugging embedded systems.

**Multi-layered**

An AMBA scheme to break a bus into segments that are controlled in access. This enables local masters to reduce lock overhead.

**Multi master**

An AMBA bus sharing scheme (not in AMBA Lite) where different masters can gain a bus lock (Grant) to access the bus in an interleaved fashion.

**MVA**

*See* Modified Virtual Address.

<b>NaN</b>	Not a number. A symbolic entity encoded in a floating-point format that has the maximum exponent field and a nonzero fraction. An SNaN causes an invalid operand exception if used as an operand and a most significant fraction bit of zero. A QNaN propagates through almost every arithmetic operation without signaling exceptions and has a most significant fraction bit of one.
<b>PA</b>	See Physical Address.
<b>Penalty</b>	The number of cycles in which no useful Execute stage pipeline activity can occur because an instruction flow is different from that assumed or predicted.
<b>Potentially exceptional instruction</b>	<p>An instruction that is determined, based on the exponents of the operands and the sign bits, to have the potential to produce an overflow, underflow, or invalid condition. After this determination is made, the instruction that has the potential to cause an exception causes the VFP11 coprocessor to enter the exceptional state and bounce the next trigger instruction issued.</p> <p>See also Bounce, Trigger instruction, and Exceptional state.</p>
<b>Power-on reset</b>	See Cold reset.
<b>Prefetching</b>	In pipelined processors, the process of fetching instructions from memory to fill up the pipeline before the preceding instructions have finished executing. Prefetching an instruction does not mean that the instruction has to be executed.
<b>Prefetch Abort</b>	<p>An indication from a memory system to a core that it must halt execution of an attempted illegal memory access. A Prefetch Abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid instruction memory.</p> <p>See also Data Abort, External Abort and Abort.</p>
<b>Processor</b>	A processor is the circuitry in a computer system required to process data using the computer instructions. It is an abbreviation of microprocessor. A clock source, power supplies, and main memory are also required to create a minimum complete working computer system.
<b>Programming Language Interface (PLI)</b>	For Verilog simulators, an interface by which so-called foreign code (code written in a different language) can be included in a simulation.
<b>Physical Address (PA)</b>	<p>The MMU performs a translation on <i>Modified Virtual Addresses</i> (MVA) to produce the <i>Physical Address</i> (PA) which is given to AHB to perform an external access. The PA is also stored in the data cache to avoid the necessity for address translation when data is cast out of the cache.</p> <p>See also Fast Context Switch Extension.</p>
<b>Read</b>	Reads are defined as memory operations that have the semantics of a load. That is, the ARM instructions LDM, LDRD, LDC, LDR, LDRT, LDRSH, LDRH, LDRSB, LDRB, LDRBT, LDREX, RFE, STREX, SWP, and SWPB, and the Thumb instructions LDM, LDR, LDRSH, LDRH, LDRSB, LDRB, and POP. Java instructions that are accelerated by hardware can cause a number of reads to occur, according to the state of the Java stack and the implementation of the Java hardware acceleration.
<b>RealView ICE</b>	A system for debugging embedded processor cores using a JTAG interface.
<b>Region</b>	A partition of instruction or data memory space.
<b>Remapping</b>	Changing the address of physical memory or devices after the application has started executing. This is typically done to enable RAM to replace ROM when the initialization has been completed.

<b>Reserved</b>	A field in a control register or instruction format is reserved if the field is to be defined by the implementation, or produces Unpredictable results if the contents of the field are not zero. These fields are reserved for use in future extensions of the architecture or are implementation-specific. All reserved bits not used by the implementation must be written as 0 and read as 0.
<b>Rounding mode</b>	<p>The IEEE 754 standard requires all calculations to be performed as if to an infinite precision. For example, a multiply of two single-precision values must accurately calculate the significand to twice the number of bits of the significand. To represent this value in the destination precision, rounding of the significand is often required. The IEEE 754 standard specifies four rounding modes.</p> <p>In round-to-nearest mode, the result is rounded at the halfway point, with the tie case rounding up if it would clear the least significant bit of the significand, making it even.</p> <p>Round-towards-zero mode chops any bits to the right of the significand, always rounding down, and is used by the C, C++, and Java languages in integer conversions.</p> <p>Round-towards-plus-infinity mode and round-towards-minus-infinity mode are used in interval arithmetic.</p>
<b>RunFast mode</b>	In RunFast mode, hardware handles exceptional conditions and special operands. RunFast mode is enabled by enabling default NaN and flush-to-zero modes and disabling all exceptions. In RunFast mode, the VFP11 coprocessor does not bounce to the support code for any legal operation or any operand, but supplies a result to the destination. For all inexact and overflow results and all invalid operations that result from operations not involving NaNs, the result is as specified by the IEEE 754 standard. For operations involving NaNs, the result is the default NaN.
<b>Saved Program Status Register (SPSR)</b>	The register that holds the CPSR of the task immediately before the exception occurred that caused the switch to the current mode.
<b>SBO</b>	<i>See</i> Should Be One.
<b>SBZ</b>	<i>See</i> Should Be Zero.
<b>SBZP</b>	<i>See</i> Should Be Zero or Preserved.
<b>Scalar operation</b>	A VFP coprocessor operation involving a single source register and a single destination register.  <i>See also</i> Vector operation.
<b>Scan chain</b>	A scan chain is made up of serially-connected devices that implement boundary scan technology using a standard JTAG TAP interface. Each device contains at least one TAP controller containing shift registers that form the chain connected between <b>TDI</b> and <b>TDO</b> , through which test data is shifted. Processors can contain several shift registers to enable you to access selected parts of the device.
<b>SCREG</b>	The currently selected scan chain number in an ARM TAP controller.
<b>Set</b>	<i>See</i> Cache set.
<b>Set-associative cache</b>	In a set-associative cache, lines can only be placed in the cache in locations that correspond to the modulo division of the memory address by the number of sets. If there are $n$ ways in a cache, the cache is termed $n$ -way set-associative. The set-associativity can be any number greater than or equal to 1 and is not restricted to being a power of two.

<b>Short vector operation</b>	A VFP coprocessor operation involving more than one destination register and perhaps more than one source register in the generation of the result for each destination.
<b>Should Be One (SBO)</b>	Should be written as 1 (or all 1s for bit fields) by software. Writing a 0 produces Unpredictable results.
<b>Should Be Zero (SBZ)</b>	Should be written as 0 (or all 0s for bit fields) by software. Writing a 1 produces Unpredictable results.
<b>Should Be Zero or Preserved (SBZP)</b>	Should be written as 0 (or all 0s for bit fields) by software, or preserved by writing the same value back that has been previously read from the same field on the same processor.
<b>Significand</b>	The component of a binary floating-point number that consists of an explicit or implicit leading bit to the left of the implied binary point and a fraction field to the right.
<b>SPSR</b>	<i>See</i> Saved Program Status Register
<b>Stride</b>	In the VFP extension, specifies the increment applied to register addresses in short vector operations. A stride of 00, specifying an increment of +1, causes a short vector operation to increment each vector register by +1 for each iteration, while a stride of 11 specifies an increment of +2.
<b>Subnormal value</b>	A value in the range $(-2^{E_{min}} < x < 2^{E_{min}})$ , except for 0. In the IEEE 754 standard format for single-precision and double-precision operands, a subnormal value has a zero exponent and a nonzero fraction field. The IEEE 754 standard requires that the generation and manipulation of subnormal operands be performed with the same precision as normal operands.
<b>Support code</b>	Software that must be used to complement the hardware to provide compatibility with the IEEE 754 standard. The support code has a library of routines that performs supported functions, such as divide with unsupported inputs or inputs that might generate an exception in addition to operations beyond the scope of the hardware. The support code has a set of exception handlers to process exceptional conditions in compliance with the IEEE 754 standard.
<b>Synchronization primitive</b>	The memory synchronization primitive instructions are those instructions that are used to ensure memory synchronization. That is, the LDREX, STREX, SWP, and SWPB instructions.
<b>Tag</b>	The upper portion of a block address used to identify a cache line within a cache. The block address from the CPU is compared with each tag in a set in parallel to determine if the corresponding line is in the cache. If it is, it is said to be a cache hit and the line can be fetched from cache. If the block address does not correspond to any of the tags, it is said to be a cache miss and the line must be fetched from the next level of memory.  <i>See also</i> Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.
<b>TAP</b>	<i>See</i> Test access port.
<b>TCM</b>	<i>See</i> Tightly coupled memory.
<b>Test Access Port (TAP)</b>	The collection of four mandatory and one optional terminals that form the input/output and control interface to a JTAG boundary-scan architecture. The mandatory terminals are <b>TDI</b> , <b>TDO</b> , <b>TMS</b> , and <b>TCK</b> . The optional terminal is <b>TRST</b> . This signal is mandatory in ARM cores because it is used to reset the debug logic.
<b>Thumb instruction</b>	A halfword that specifies an operation for an ARM processor in Thumb state to perform. Thumb instructions must be halfword-aligned.

<b>Thumb state</b>	A processor that is executing Thumb (16-bit) halfword aligned instructions is operating in Thumb state.
<b>Tightly coupled memory (TCM)</b>	<p>An area of low latency memory that provides predictable instruction execution or data load timing in cases where deterministic performance is required. TCMs are suited to holding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- critical routines (such as for interrupt handling)</li> <li>- scratchpad data</li> <li>- data types whose locality is not suited to caching</li> <li>- critical data structures, such as interrupt stacks.</li> </ul>
<b>Tiny</b>	A nonzero result or value that is between the positive and negative minimum normal values for the destination precision.
<b>TLB</b>	<i>See</i> Translation Look-aside Buffer.
<b>Trace hardware</b>	A term for a device that contains an Embedded Trace Macrocell.
<b>Trace port</b>	A port on a device, such as a processor or ASIC, used to output trace information.
<b>Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)</b>	A cache of recently used page table entries that avoid the overhead of page table walking on every memory access. Part of the Memory Management Unit.
<b>Translation table</b>	A table, held in memory, that contains data that defines the properties of memory areas of various fixed sizes.
<b>Translation table walk</b>	The process of doing a full translation table lookup. It is performed automatically by hardware.
<b>Trap</b>	An exceptional condition in a VFP coprocessor that has the respective exception enable bit set in the FPSCR register. The user trap handler is executed.
<b>Trigger instruction</b>	<p>The VFP coprocessor instruction that causes a bounce at the time it is issued. A potentially exceptional instruction causes the VFP11 coprocessor to enter the exceptional state. A subsequent instruction, unless it is an FMXR or FMRX instruction accessing the FPExc, FPINST, or FPSID register, causes a bounce, beginning exception processing. The trigger instruction is not necessarily exceptional, and no processing of it is performed. It is retried at the return from exception processing of the potentially exceptional instruction.</p> <p><i>See also</i> Bounce, Potentially exceptional instruction, and Exceptional state.</p>
<b>Undefined</b>	Indicates an instruction that generates an Undefined instruction trap. <i>See the ARM Architecture Reference Manual</i> for more details on ARM exceptions.
<b>UNP</b>	<i>See</i> Unpredictable.
<b>Unpredictable</b>	Unpredictable refers to Architecturally Unpredictable behavior. Unpredictable results of a particular instruction or operation cannot be relied on. Unpredictable instructions or results do not represent security holes and do not halt or hang the processor, or any parts of the system.
<b>Unsupported values</b>	Specific data values that are not processed by the VFP coprocessor hardware but bounced to the support code for completion. These data can include infinities, NaNs, subnormal values, and zeros. An implementation is free to select which of these values is supported in hardware fully or partially, or requires assistance from support code to complete the operation. Any exception resulting from processing unsupported data is trapped to user code if the corresponding exception enable bit for the exception is set.

<b>VA</b>	<i>See</i> Virtual Address.
<b>Vector operation</b>	A VFP coprocessor operation involving more than one destination register, perhaps involving different source registers in the generation of the result for each destination.  <i>See also</i> Scalar operation.
<b>Victim</b>	A cache line, selected to be discarded to make room for a replacement cache line that is required as a result of a cache miss. The way in which the victim is selected for eviction is processor-specific. A victim is also known as a cast out.
<b>Virtual Address (VA)</b>	The MMU uses its page tables to translate a Virtual Address into a Physical Address. The processor executes code at the Virtual Address, which might be located elsewhere in physical memory.  <i>See also</i> Fast Context Switch Extension, Modified Virtual Address, and Physical Address.
<b>Warm reset</b>	Also known as a core reset. Initializes the majority of the processor excluding the debug controller and debug logic. This type of reset is useful if you are using the debugging features of a processor.
<b>Watchpoint</b>	A watchpoint is a mechanism provided by debuggers to halt program execution when the data contained by a particular memory address is changed. Watchpoints are inserted by the programmer to enable inspection of register contents, memory locations, and variable values when memory is written to test that the program is operating correctly. Watchpoints are removed after the program is successfully tested. <i>See also</i> Breakpoint.
<b>Way</b>	<i>See</i> Cache way.
<b>WB</b>	<i>See</i> Write-back.
<b>Word</b>	A 32-bit data item.
<b>Word-invariant</b>	In a word-invariant system, the address of each byte of memory changes when switching between little-endian and big-endian operation, in such a way that the byte with address A in one endianness has address A EOR 3 in the other endianness. As a result, each aligned word of memory always consists of the same four bytes of memory in the same order, regardless of endianness. The change of endianness occurs because of the change to the byte addresses, not because the bytes are rearranged. The ARM architecture supports word-invariant systems in ARMv3 and later versions. When word-invariant support is selected, the behavior of load or store instructions that are given unaligned addresses is instruction-specific, and is in general not the expected behavior for an unaligned access. It is recommended that word-invariant systems should use the endianness that produces the required byte addresses at all times, apart possibly from very early in their reset handlers before they have set up the endianness, and that this early part of the reset handler should use only aligned word memory accesses.  <i>See also</i> Byte-invariant.
<b>Write</b>	Writes are defined as operations that have the semantics of a store. That is, the ARM instructions SRS, STM, STRD, STC, STRT, STRH, STRB, STRBT, STREX, SWP, and SWPB, and the Thumb instructions STM, STR, STRH, STRB, and PUSH. Java instructions that are accelerated by hardware can cause a number of writes to occur, according to the state of the Java stack and the implementation of the Java hardware acceleration.
<b>Write-back (WB)</b>	In a write-back cache, data is only written to main memory when it is forced out of the cache on line replacement following a cache miss. Otherwise, writes by the processor only update the cache. It is also known as copyback.
<b>Write buffer</b>	A block of high-speed memory, arranged as a FIFO buffer, between the data cache and main memory, whose purpose is to optimize stores to main memory.

**Write completion**

The memory system indicates to the processor that a write has been completed at a point in the transaction where the memory system is able to guarantee that the effect of the write is visible to all processors in the system. This is not the case if the write is associated with a memory synchronization primitive, or is to a Device or Strongly Ordered region. In these cases the memory system might only indicate completion of the write when the access has affected the state of the target, unless it is impossible to distinguish between having the effect of the write visible and having the state of target updated.

This stricter requirement for some types of memory ensures that any side-effects of the memory access can be guaranteed by the processor to have taken place. You can use this to prevent the starting of a subsequent operation in the program order until the side-effects are visible.

**Write-through (WT)**

In a write-through cache, data is written to main memory at the same time as the cache is updated.

**WT**

See Write-through.

**Cache terminology diagram**

The following diagram illustrates the following cache terminology:

- block address
- cache line
- cache set
- cache way
- index
- tag.

