Low Power Concepts

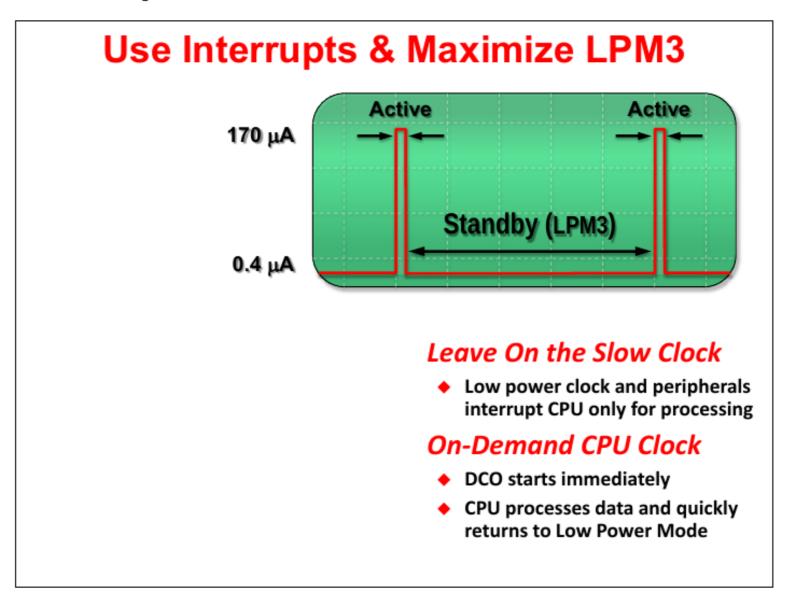
Principles For ULP Applications

- MSP430 is inherently low-power, but your design has a big impact on power efficiency
- Even wall powered devices can become "greener"
- Use interrupts to control program flow
- Maximize the time in LPM3
- Replace software with peripherals
- Configure unused pins properly
- Power manage external devices
- Efficient code makes a difference

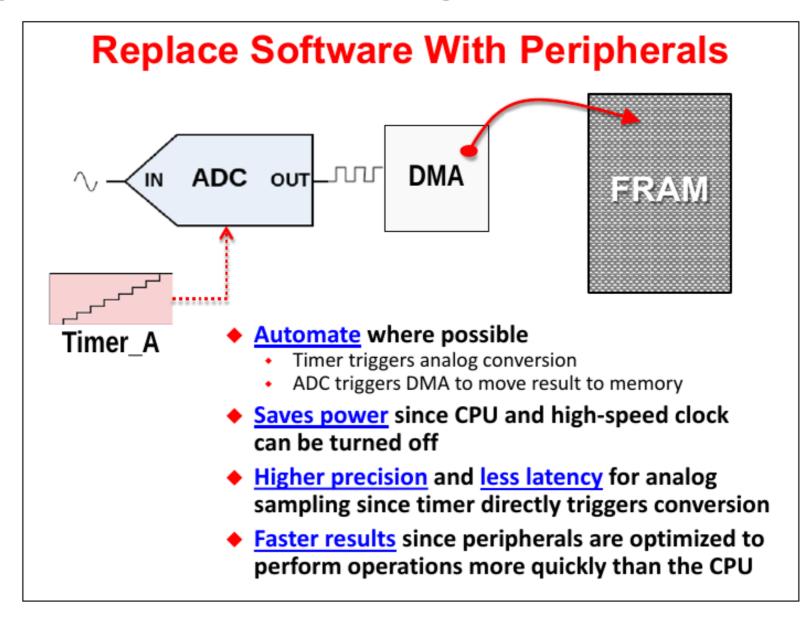
Every unnecessary instruction executed is a portion of the battery that's wasted and gone forever



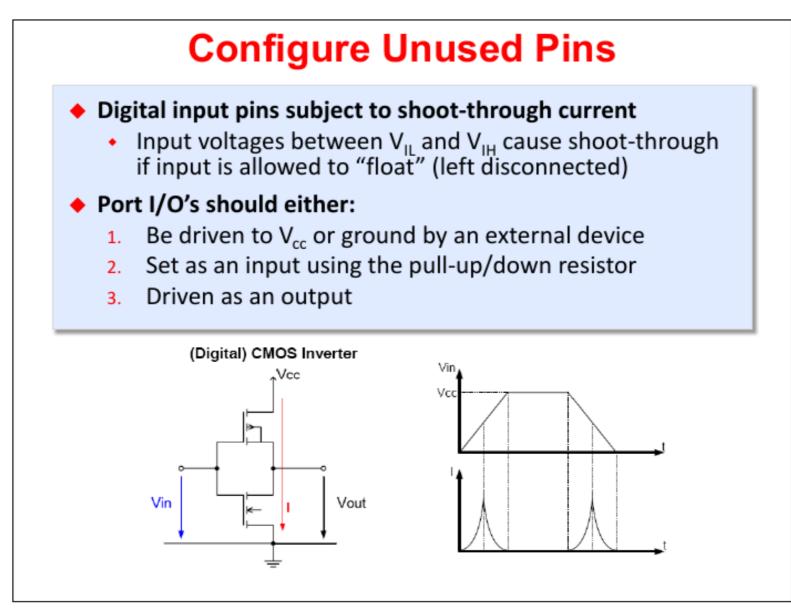
Use Interrupts and Low-Power Modes



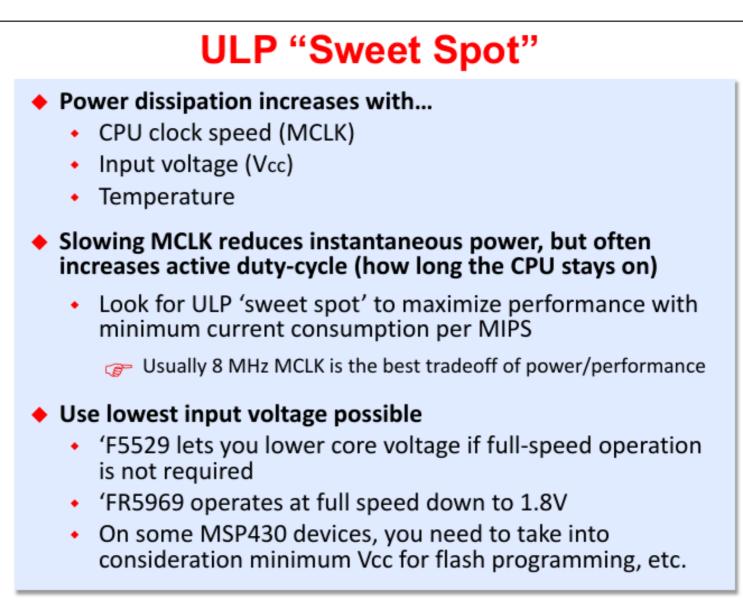
Replace Software with Peripherals



Configure Unused Pins



Efficient Code Makes a Difference



Timer Counter Module Challenge statement: - choose one or many

- Wake up after a time or
- Create timed events or
- Create events at regular intervals or
- Count events for a time or
- Count determined number of events or
- Capture time between events or
- Capture elapsed time or
- Start processes at determined times
- Use your imagination loop back to start

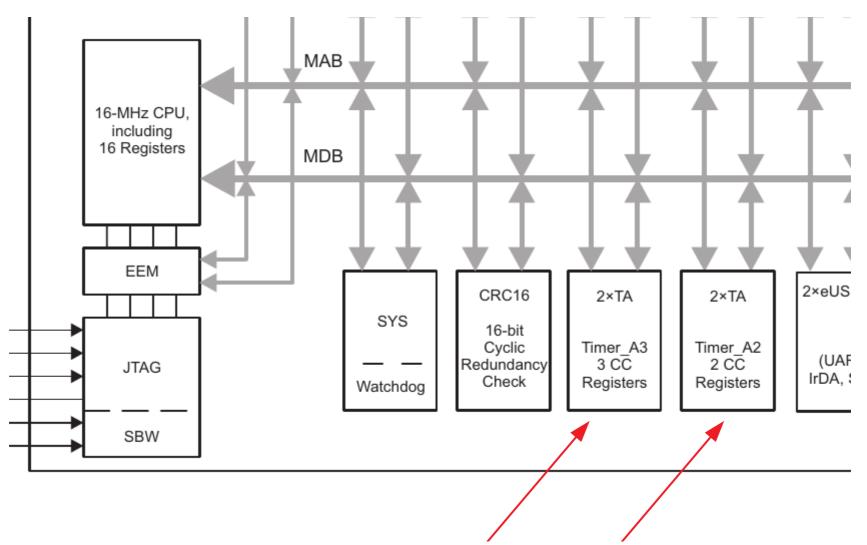
Count

Compare

Capture

Wake Up

Timer_A3 modules in MSP430FR2433



- Each Timer_A3 has three capture/compare registers, but only CCR1 and CCR2 are externally connected. CCR0 registers can be used only for internal period timing and interrupt generation.
- Each Timer_A2 has two capture/compare registers, but only CCR1 is a compare/capture functionality. CCR0 registers can be used only for internal period timing and interrupt generation.

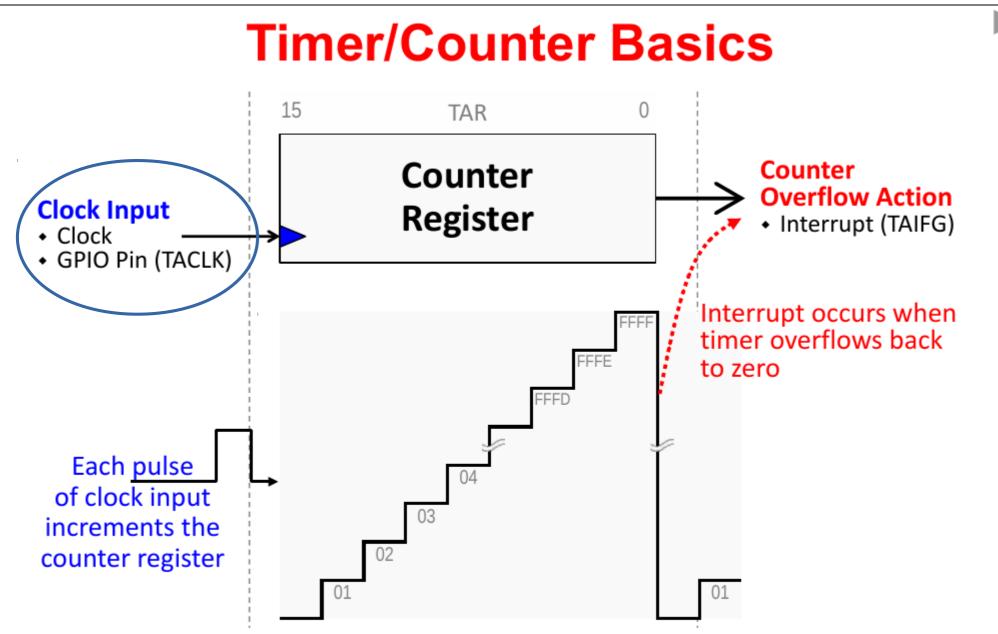
As we will cover in great detail during this chapter, these timers contain one or more Capture and Compare Registers (CCR); these are useful for creating sophisticated timings, interrupts and waveforms. The more CCR registers a timer contains, the more independent waveforms that can be generated. To this end, the documentation often includes the number of CCR registers when listing the name of the timer. For example, if TIMER_A on a given device has 5 CCR registers, they often name it:

Timer_A5

But wait, that's not all. What happens when a device, such as the 'F5529 has more than one instance of TIMER_A? Each of these instances needs to be enumerated as well. This is done by appending the instance number after the word "Timer", as in Timer0.

To summarize, here's the long (and short) names for each of the 'F5529 TIMER_A modules:

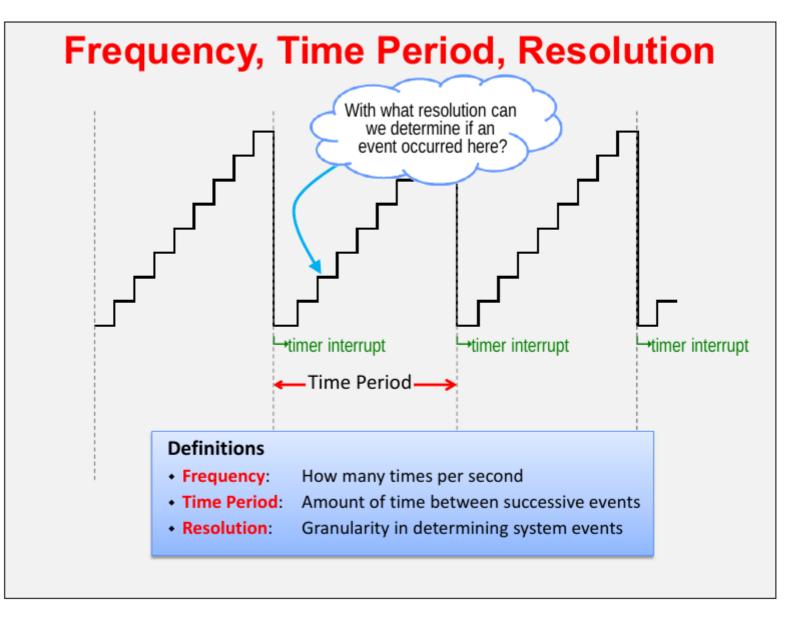
Instance	Long Name	Short Name
0	Timer0_A5	TA0
1	Timer1_A3	TA1
2	Timer2_A3	TA2



Notes

- Timers are often called "Timer/Counters" as a counter is the essential element
- "Timing" is based on counting inputs from a known clock rate
- Actions don't occur when writing value to counter

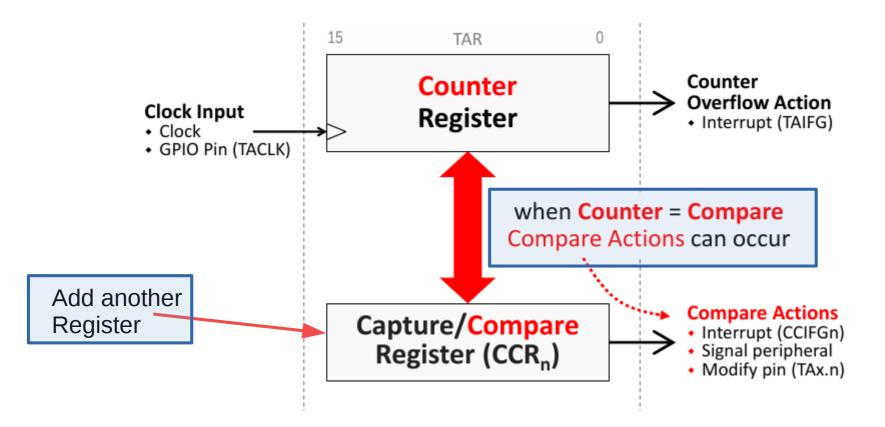
Can I <u>'capture</u>' a count/time value?



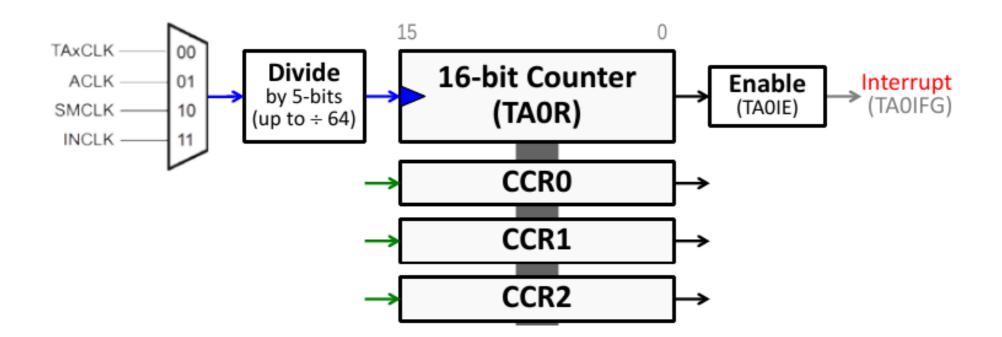
If a timer only consisted of a single counter, its *resolution* would be limited to the size of the counter.

If some event were to happen in a system – say, a user pushed a button – we could only ascertain if that event occurred within a time period. In other words, we can only determine if it happened between two interrupts.

The bottom portion of the diagram differs from the previous diagrams. In this case, rather than using the CCR register for capture, it's used as a *compare* register. In this mode, whenever a match between the Counter and Compare occurs, a compare action is triggered. The compare actions include generating an interrupt, signaling another peripheral (e.g. triggering an ADC conversion), or changing the state of an external pin.



The "modify pin" action is a very powerful capability. Using the timer's compare feature, we can create sophisticated PWM waveforms and/or trigger Analog/Digital Conversions



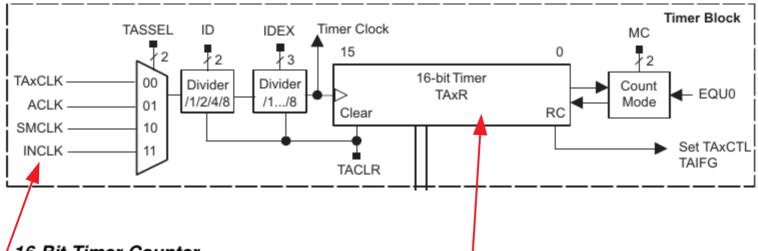
Remember:

- TimerO means it's the first instance of Timer_A on the device.
- _A3 means that it's a Timer_A device and has 3 capture/compare registers (CCR's)
- The clock input, in this example, can be driven by a TACLK signal/pin, ACLK, SMCLK or another internal clock called INCLK.
- The clock input can be further divided down by a 5-bit scalar.
- The TAOIE interrupt enable can be used to allow (or prevent) an interrupt (TAOIFG) from reaching the CPU whenever the counter (TAOR) rolls over.

MSP430 Timer_A



- A 16-bit counter
- 4 modes of operation Stop, Up, Continuous, Up/Down
- 3 capture/compare registers (CCRx)
- 2 interrupt vectors TACCR0 and TAIV

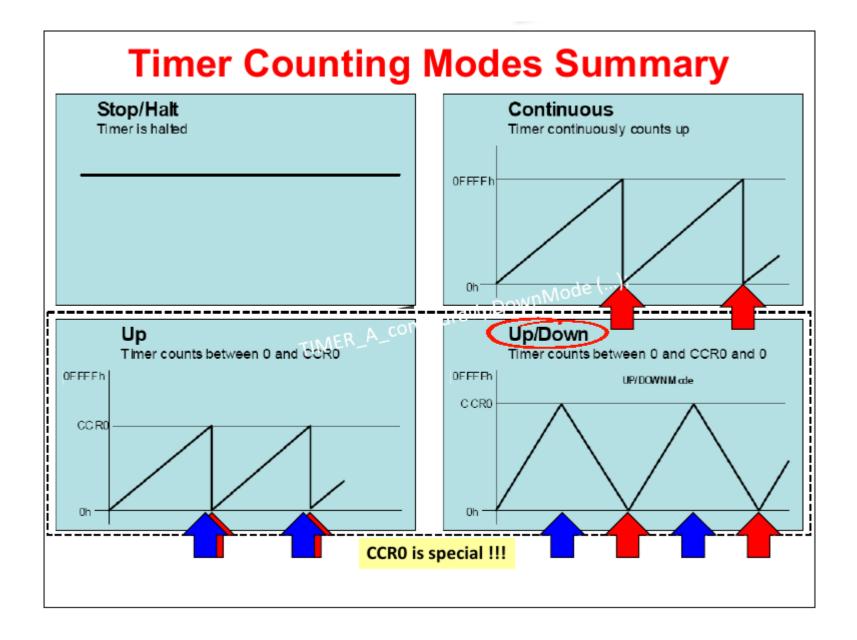


12.2.1 | 16-Bit Timer Counter

The 16-bit timer/counter register, TAxR, increments or decrements (depending on mode of operation) with each rising edge of the clock signal. TAxR can be read or written with software. Additionally, the timer can generate an interrupt when it overflows.

12.2.1.1 Clock Source Select and Divider

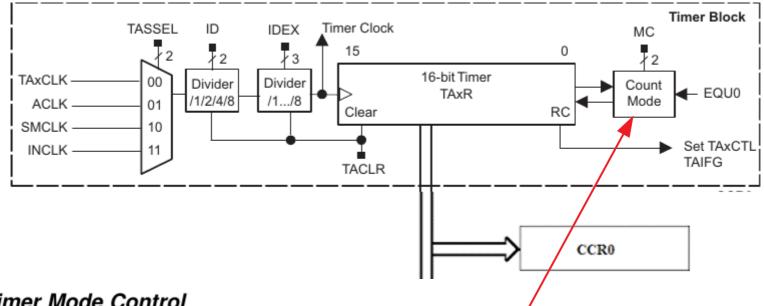
The timer clock can be sourced from ACLK, SMCLK, or externally from TAxCLK or INCLK. The clock source is selected with the TASSEL bits. The selected clock source may be passed directly to the timer or divided by 2, 4, or 8, using the ID bits. The selected clock source can be further divided by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 using the TAIDEX bits. The timer clock divider logic is reset when TACLR is set.



Using Compare mode (Up and Up/Down)

Continuous Mode Example: TA0

```
22
        msp430fr243x ta0 01.c
     11
     23
24
     #include <msp430.h>
25
26
     int main(void)
27
   ₽{
28
        WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD;
                                               // Stop WDT
29
30
        // Configure GPI0
31
        P1DIR |= BIT0;
                                                  // P1.0 output
32
        P10UT \mid = BIT0;
                                                  // P1.0 high
33
34
        // Disable the GPIO power-on default high-impedance mode to activate
35
        // previously configured port settings
36
        PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;
37
38
        TAOCCTLO |= CCIE;
                                                  // TACCR0 interrupt enabled
        TAOCCRO = 50000:
39
        TAOCTL |= TASSEL_2 | MC_2; // SMCLK, continuous mode
40
41
42
         bis SR register(LPM0_bits | GIE); // Enter LPM3 w/ interrupts
43
         no operation();
                                                // For debug
    L}
44
45
46
     // Timer A0 interrupt service routine for CCR0
47
     #pragma vector = TIMER0 A0 VECTOR
48
     interrupt void Timer A (void)
49
50
   ₽{
51
        P10UT ^{=} BIT0;
52
        TAOCCRO += 50000;
                                                  // Add Offset to TACCR0
    }
53
54
```



12.2.3 Timer Mode Control

The timer has four modes of operation: stop, up, continuous, and up/down (see Table 12-1). The operating mode is selected with the MC bits.

Table 12-1. 1	Timer Modes
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MC	Mode	Description
00	Stop	The timer is halted.
01	Up	The timer repeatedly counts from zero to the value of TAxCCR0
10	Continuous	The timer repeatedly counts from zero to 0FFFFh.
11	Up/down	The timer repeatedly counts from zero up to the value of TAxCCR0 and back down to zero.

To move from one mode to another, first stop the timer by writing zero to the MC bits (MC = 0), then set the MC bits to the desired mode (see Table 12-1 for details).

Table 12-4. TAxCTL Register Description

Bit	Field	Туре	Reset	Description
15-10	Reserved	RW	0h	Reserved
9-8	TASSEL	RW	Oh	Timer_A clock source select 00b = TAxCLK 01b = ACLK 10b = SMCLK 11b = INCLK
7-6	ID	RW	Oh	Input divider. These bits along with the TAIDEX bits select the divider for the input clock. 00b = /1 01b = /2 10b = /4 11b = /8
5-4	MC	RW	0h	Mode control. Setting MC = 0 when Timer_A is not in use conserves power. 00b = Stop mode: Timer is halted 01b = Up mode: Timer counts up to TAxCCR0 10b = Continuous mode: Timer counts up to 0FFFFh 11b = Up/Down mode: Timer counts up to TAxCCR0 then down to 0000h
3	Reserved	RW	0h	Reserved
2	TACLR	RW	0h	Timer_A clear. Setting this bit resets TAxR, the timer clock divider logic (the divider setting remains unchanged), and the count direction. The TACLR bit is automatically reset and always reads as zero.
1	TAIE	RW	0h	Timer_A interrupt enable. This bit enables the TAIFG interrupt request. 0b = Interrupt disabled 1b = Interrupt enabled
0	TAIFG	RW	0h	Timer_A interrupt flag 0b = No interrupt pending 1b = Interrupt pending

12.2.3.2 Continuous Mode

In the Continuous mode, the timer repeatedly counts up to 0FFFFh and restarts from zero as shown in Figure 12-4. The capture/compare register TAxCCR0 works the same way as the other capture/compare registers.

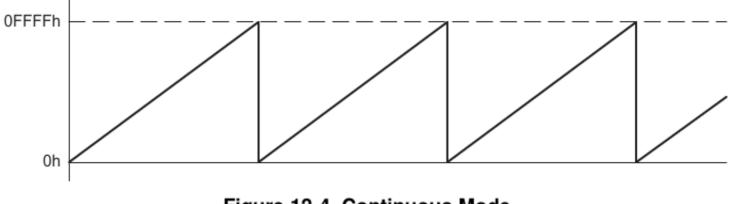
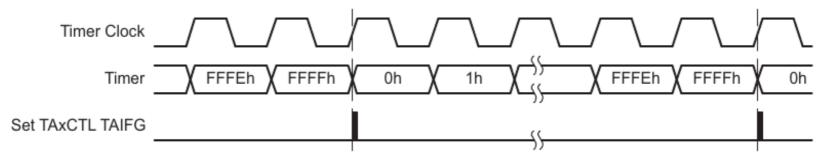


Figure 12-4. Continuous Mode

The TAIFG interrupt flag is set when the timer *counts* from 0FFFFh to zero. Figure 12-5 shows the flag set cycle.

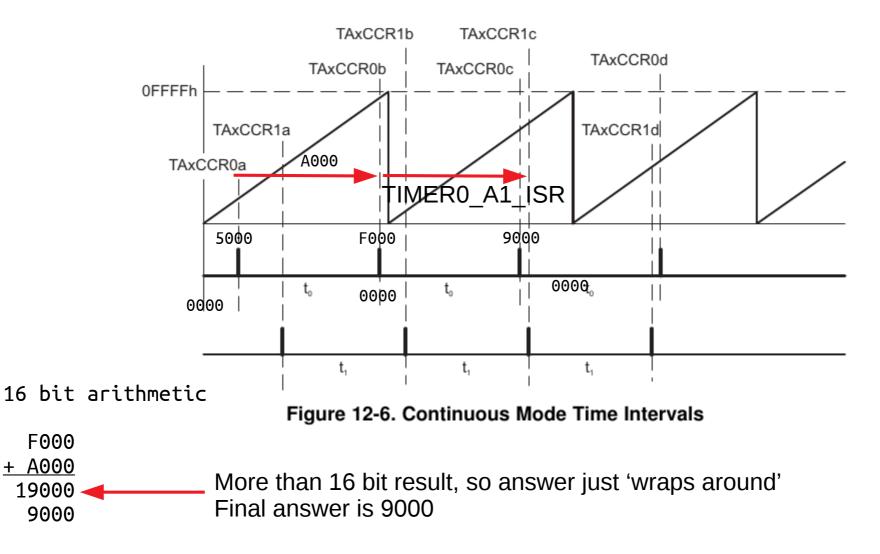


Continuous Mode: Timer1_A3 – using TA1

```
65
     11
         msp430fr243x tal 05.c
     66
67
     #include <msp430.h>
68
69
     int main(void)
70
   ₽{
71
        WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD;
                                               // Stop WDT
72
73
        // Configure GPI0
74
        P1DIR |= BIT0;
                                               // Set Pin as output
75
        P10UT \mid = BIT0;
76
77
        // Disable the GPIO power-on default high-impedance mode to activate
78
        // previously configured port settings
        PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;
79
80
81
        // Timer1 A3 setup
82
        TA1CCTL0 = CCIE;
                                               // TACCR0 interrupt enabled
83
        TA1CCR0 = 50000;
        TA1CTL = TASSEL 1 | MC 2;
84
                                              // ACLK, continuous mode
85
86
         bis SR register(LPM3 bits | GIE); // Enter LPM3 w/ interrupt
    L}
87
88
89
     // Timer A1 interrupt service routine
     #pragma vector = TIMER1 A0 VECTOR
90
      interrupt void Timer1 A0 ISR(void)
91
    ₽{
92
93
        P10UT ^= BIT0:
94
        TA1CCR0 += 50000;
                                               // Add Offset to TA1CCR0
                                                                          Т
                                                                          T
95
    }
96
```

12.2.3.3 Use of Continuous Mode

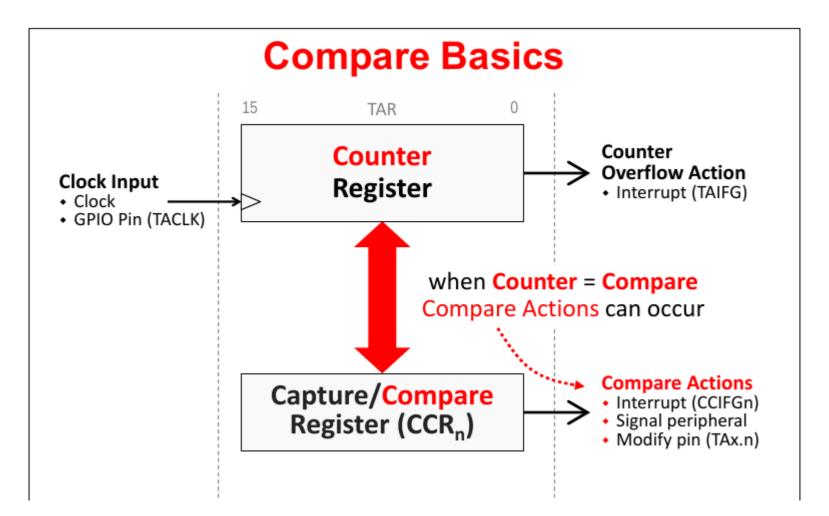
The Continuous mode can be used to generate independent time intervals and output frequencies. Each time an interval is completed, an interrupt is generated. The next time interval is added to the TAxCCRn register in the interrupt service routine. Figure 12-6 shows two separate time intervals, t_0 and t_1 , being added to the capture/compare registers. In this usage, the time interval is controlled by hardware, not software, without impact from interrupt latency. Up to n (where n = 0 to 6), independent time intervals or output frequencies can be generated using capture/compare registers.

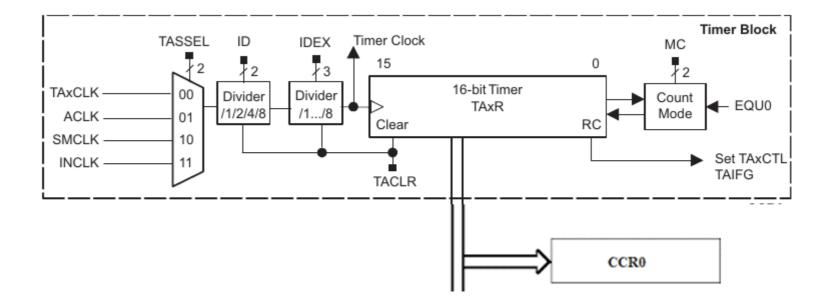


Compare

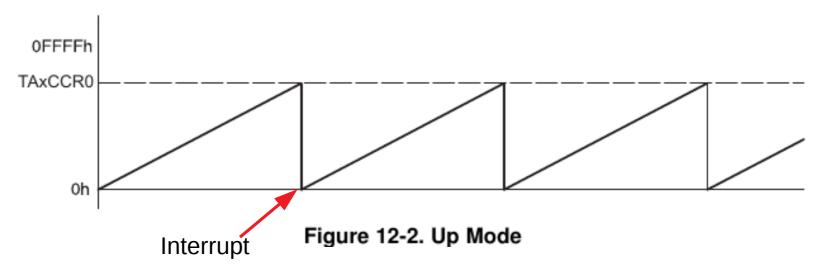
A key feature for timers is the ability to create a consistent, periodic interrupts.

As we know, TIMER_A can do this, but the timer's frequency (i.e. time period) is limited to dividing the input clock by 2¹⁶. So, while the timer may be *consistent*, but not very flexible. Thankfully, the *Compare* feature of TIMER_A (TIMER_B & TIMER_D) solves this problem.





The Up mode is used if the timer period must be different from 0FFFFh counts. The timer repeatedly counts up to the value of compare register TAxCCR0, which defines the period (see Figure 12-2). The number of timer counts in the period is TAxCCR0 + 1. When the timer value equals TAxCCR0, the timer restarts counting from zero. If Up mode is selected when the timer value is greater than TAxCCR0, the timer immediately restarts counting from zero.

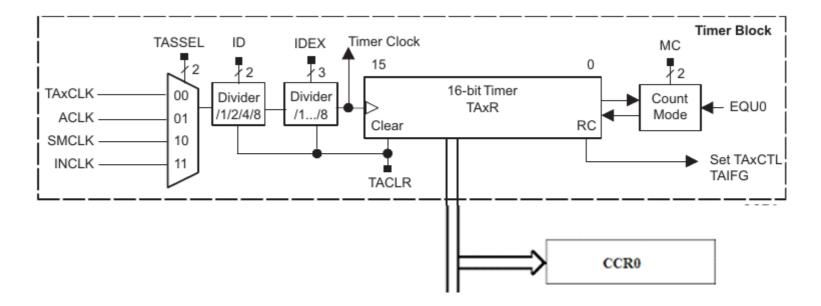


Count Up Mode – Interrupt & Zero when TA0 == CCR0

```
22
     // msp430fr243x ta0 02.c
23
     // Modified for Energia - H Watson 20180710
24
     **********************************
25
26
     #include <msp430.h>
27
28
     int main(void)
29
    ₽{
30
         WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD;
                                                    // Stop WDT
31
32
        // Configure GPI0
33
        P1DIR |= BIT0;
                                                    // P1.0 output
34
         P10UT \mid = BIT0;
                                                    // P1.0 high
35
36
        // Disable the GPIO power-on default high-impedance mode to activate
37
        // previously configured port settings
         PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;
38
39
40
        TAOCCTLO |= CCIE;
                                                    // TACCR0 interrupt enabled
41
        TAOCCRO = 50000;
         TAOCTL = TASSEL 2 | MC 1; // SMCLK, UP mode
42
43
44
         __bis_SR_register(LPM0_bits | GIE); // Enter LPM0 w/ interrupt
45
         no operation();
                                                // For debug
46
    L}
47
48
     // Timer A0 interrupt service routine
49
     #pragma vector = TIMER0 A0 VECTOR
50
       interrupt void Timer A (void)
51
    ₽{
52
        P10UT ^{=} BIT0;
53
    }
54
```

Same: Count Up Mode – Interrupt when TA1 == CCR1

```
// msp430fr243x tal 06.c
#include <msp430.h>
int main(void)
{
   WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD;
                                            // Stop WDT
   // Configure GPI0
   PIDIR |= BIT0;
                                            // Set Pin as output
   Plout |= BIT0;
   // Disable the GPIO power-on default high-impedance mode to activate
   // previously configured port settings
   PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;
   // Timerl A3 setup
   TA1CCTL0 = CCIE;
                                            // TACCR0 interrupt enabled
   TA1CCR0 = 50000;
   TA1CTL = TASSEL 1 | MC 1;
                                            // ACLK, up mode
    bis SR register(LPM3 bits | GIE);
                                           // Enter LPM3 w/ interrupt
}
// Timer Al interrupt service routine
#pragma vector = TIMER1 A0 VECTOR
                                         Note the designation of TA1 instead
__interrupt void Timer1_A0_ISR(void)
                                         of TA0
{
   Plout ^= BIT0;
}
```



The Up/Down mode is used if the timer period must be different from 0FFFFh counts, and if symmetrical pulse generation is needed. The timer repeatedly counts up to the value of compare register TAxCCR0 and back down to zero (see Figure 12-7). The period is twice the value in TAxCCR0.

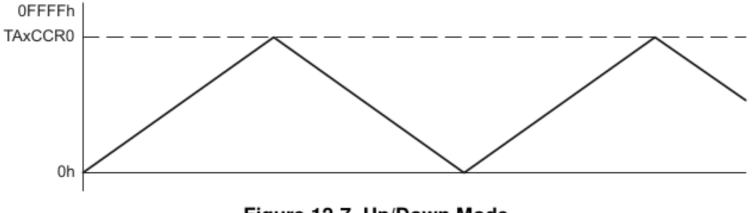
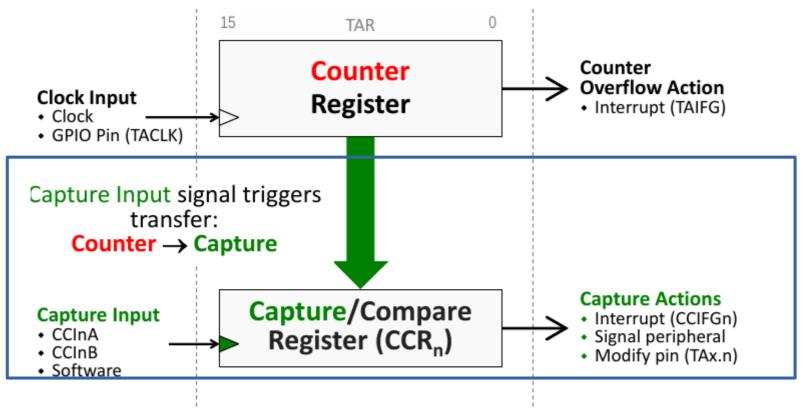


Figure 12-7. Up/Down Mode

Mainly with PWM

Using the second register with the **Capture** feature allows the contents of the **Counter** to be captured (the **Counter** value is copied into the **Capture** register with no latency and very low power)

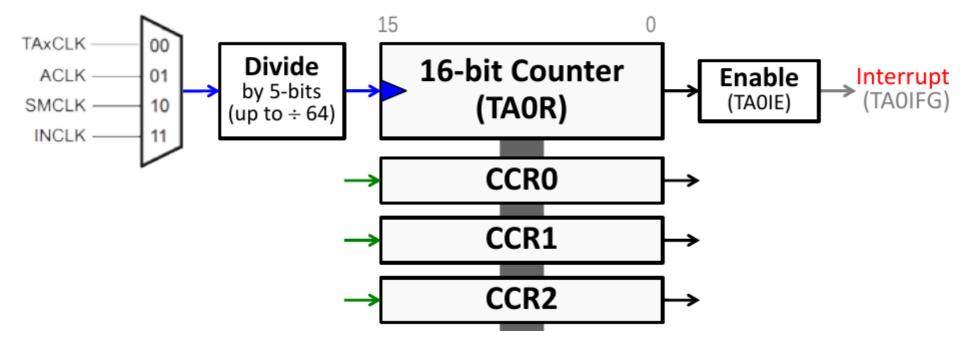
When a **Capture Input** signal occurs, the value from the Counter Register (**TAR**) is copied into the capture register (i.e. **CCR**)



Notes

- · Capture time (i.e. count value) when Capture Input signal occurs
- When capture is triggered, count value is placed in CCR and an interrupt is generated
- Capture Overflow (COV): indicates 2nd capture to CCR before 1st was read

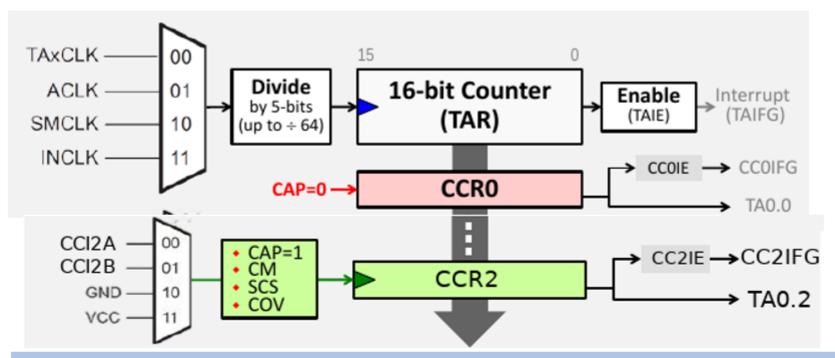
Summary Example: Timer0_A3 Summary



Remember:

- Timer0 means it's the first instance of Timer_A on the device.
- _A3 means that it's a Timer_A device and has 3 capture/compare registers (CCR's)
- The clock input, in this example, can be driven by a TACLK signal/pin, ACLK, SMCLK or another internal clock called INCLK.
- The clock input can be further divided down by a 5-bit scalar.
- The TA0IE interrupt enable can be used to allow (or prevent) an interrupt (TA0IFG) from reaching the CPU whenever the counter (TA0R) rolls over.

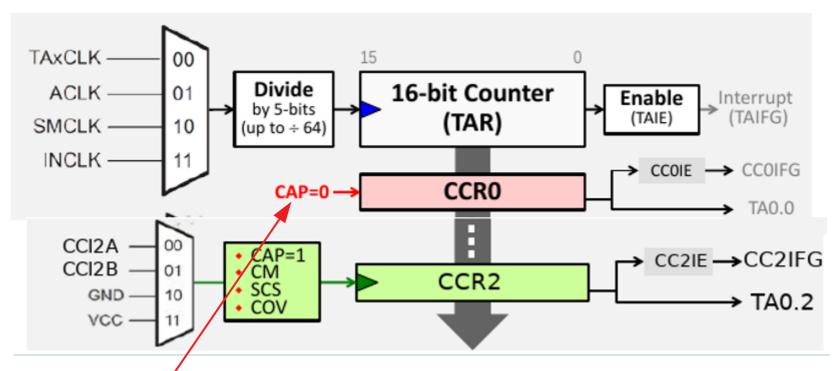
Timer_A3 Summary



Timer0_A3:

- Is the first instance (Timer0 or TA0) of Timer_A3 on the device
- _A3 means it has 3 Capture/Compare Registers (CCR's) CCR registers can be configured for:
- Compare (set when CAP=0) generates interrupt (CCnIFG) and modifies OUT signal when TAR = CCRn
- Capture (when CAP=1) grabs the TAR value and sets an interrupt (CcnIFG) when triggered by the selected CCIx input

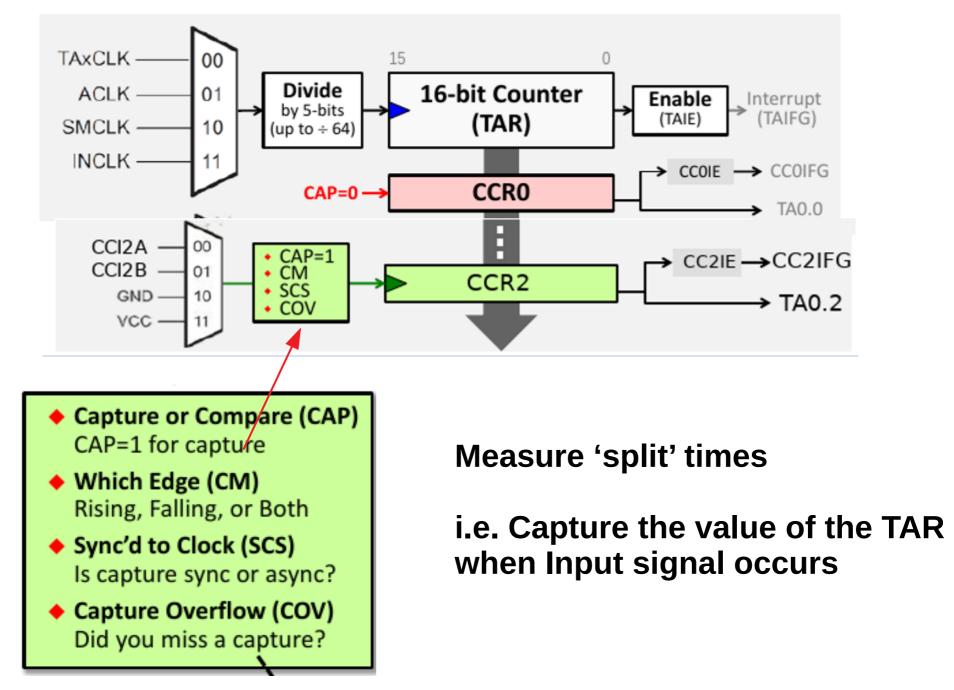
Timer_A3 Compare Mode Summary



CAP=0 (Capture off)

- Compare mode on
- If CCR = TAR (named EQU0): Interrupt occurs (if enabled) OUT is set/reset/toggled
- OUT can be:
 - Connected to pin (TA0.0) Routed to peripherals OUT bit can be polled
- Many OUT signal options (up to 7 options)

Timer_A3 Capture Mode Summary



There are two interrupt flags (CCIFG and TAIFG) and its corresponding two interrupt vectors (TACCR0 and TAIV) available for Timers in MSP430 as shown in the figure 1.3.

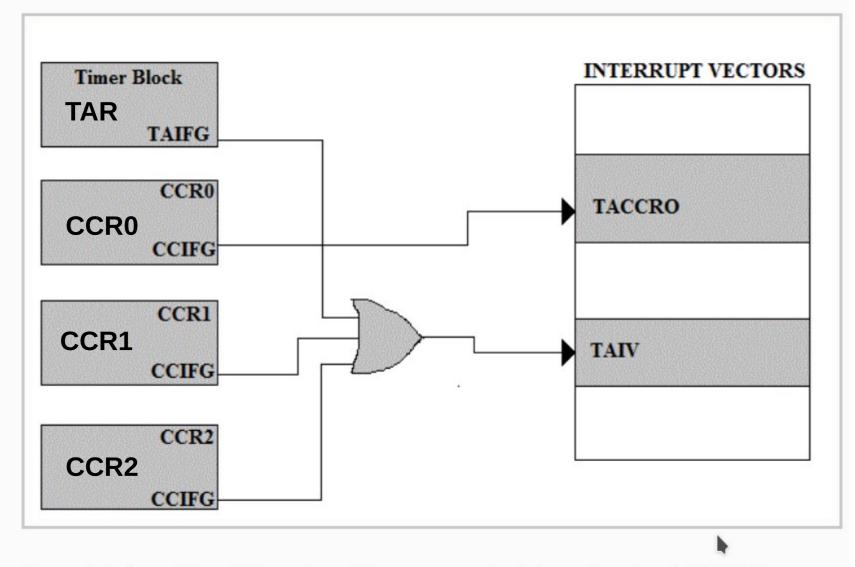
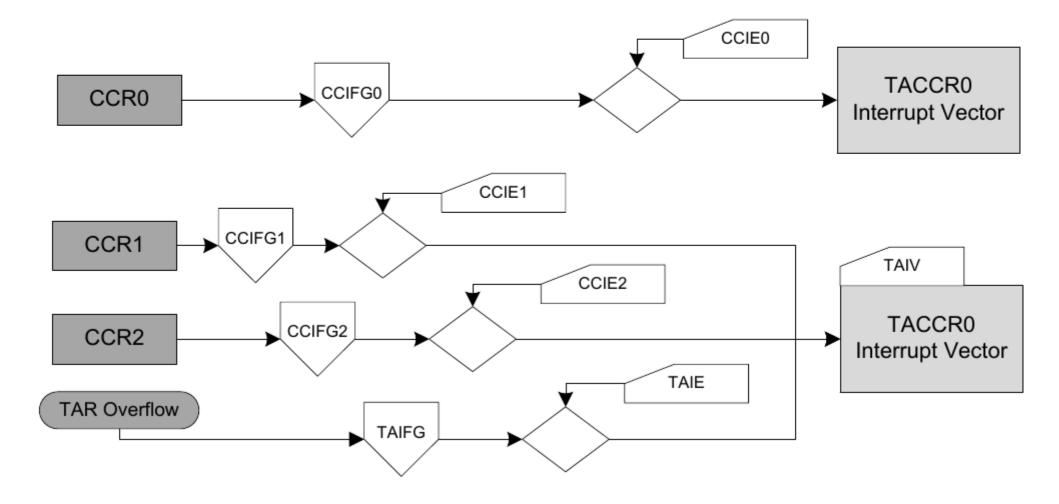


Figure 1.3 shows Timer interrupts and its corresponding interrupt vectors in MSP430

Timer_A Interrupt Vectors

- TACCR0 interrupt vector for CCIFG of CCR0
- TAIV interrupt vector for TAIFG and CCIFGs of CCR1,CCR2



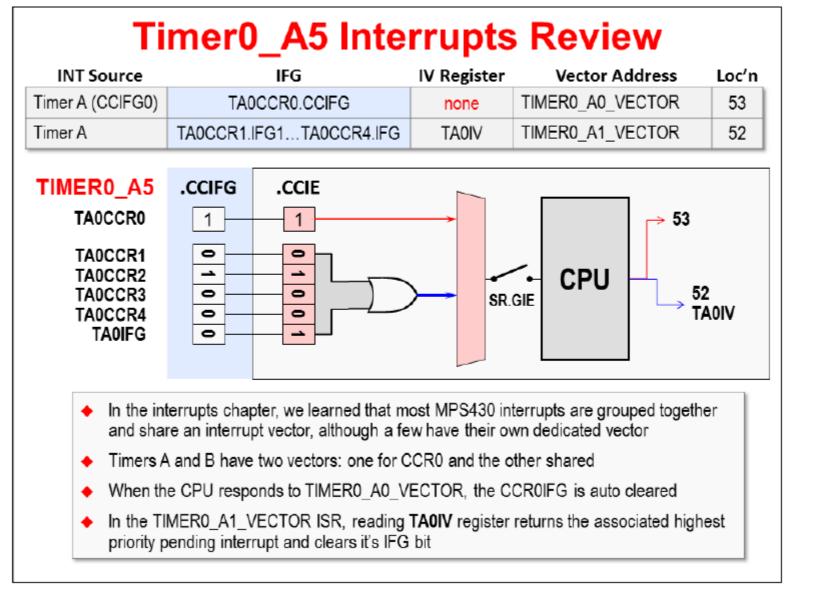
```
// msp430Tr243X tab 04A.c Modified by H watson for Energia - 20180/10
25
26
      #include <msp430.h>
27
28
      int main(void)
29
    ₽{
         WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD;
                                                      // Stop WDT
30
31
32
         // Configure clock use default frequencies
33
         // Configure GPIO
34
35
         PIDIR = BIT0;
36
         Plout |= BIT0;
37
38
         // Disable the GPIO power-on default high-impedance mode to activate
         PM5CTL0 &= ~LOCKLPM5;
39
40
41
         // Configure Timer_A
         TAOCTL = TASSEL 1 | MC 2 | TACLR | TAIE; // ACLK, continuous mode, clear TAR, enable interrupt
42
43
         // ACLK = 32768 - P1.0 (RED LED) = 32768/(2^16) = 0.5Hz toggle = 2 seconds on, then 2 seconds off
44
          __bis_SR_register(LPM3_bits | GIE); // Enter LPM3, enable interrupts
45
          no operation();
46
                                                       // For debugger
47
     L٦
48
49
     // Timer0_A3 Interrupt Vector (TAIV) handler
      #pragma vector = TIMER0 A1 VECTOR
50
51
       interrupt void TIMER0 A1 ISR(void)
52
    ₽{
53
         switch(TA0IV)
54
    白
          {
55
              case TA0IV NONE:
56
                 break;
                                                       // No interrupt
              case TA0IV TACCR1:
57
58
                  break;
                                                       // CCR1 not used
59
              case TA0IV TACCR2:
                 break;
                                                       // CCR2 not used
60
              case TA0IV TAIFG:
61
                                                       // overflow
62
                 PloUT ^= BIT0;
                 break;
63
              default:
64
                 break;
65
         }
66
67
```

Timer_Ax Interrupt Vector Register

Figure 12-20. TAxIV Register								
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
TAIV								
r0	r0	r0	r0	r0	rO	r0	rO	
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
TAIV								
r0	r0	r0	r0	r-(0)	r-(0)	r-(0)	r0	

Table 12-8. TAxIV Register Description

Bit	Field	Туре	Reset	Description
15-0	TAIV	R	0h	Timer_A interrupt vector value
				00h = No interrupt pending
				02h = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 1; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR1 CCIFG; Interrupt Priority: Highest
				04h = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 2; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR2 CCIFG
				06h = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 3; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR3 CCIFG
				08h = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 4; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR4 CCIFG
				0Ah = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 5; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR5 CCIFG
				0Ch = Interrupt Source: Capture/compare 6; Interrupt Flag: TAxCCR6 CCIFG
				0Eh = Interrupt Source: Timer overflow; Interrupt Flag: TAxCTL TAIFG; Interrupt Priority: Lowest



TIMER0_A0_VECTOR is exclusively used for the CCR0 capture/compare event. Since CCR0 has the capability to reset the timer in up or up/down mode and therefore define the timer cycle, it has been given an own, higher priority interrupt. The CCIFG bit in CCTL0 is also automatically reset when entering this ISR, as there is only one possible reason for this interrupt.

On A1_VECTOR, you'll have to check what was causing the interrupt and manually clear the IFG bits (or any access, read or write, of the TAIV register automatically resets the highest pending interrupt flag). If another interrupt flag is set, another interrupt is immediately generated after servicing the initial interrupt.

The separate A0_VECTOR allows extremely short reaction times to the CCR0 event, which is necessary for controlling a PWM duty-cycle change or other situations.

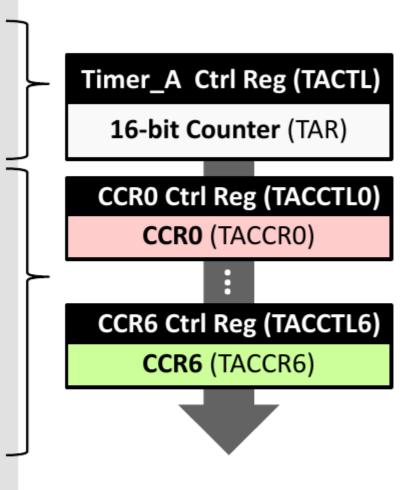
4 Steps to Program Timer_A

Timer Setup Code

- 1. Configure Timer/Counter (TACTL)
 - Clocking
 - Which Count Mode
 - Interrupt on TAR rollover?
- 2. Setup Capture and/or Compare Registers
 - Capture (TACCTL):
 - Input
 - Interrupt on Capture?
 - Compare (TACCTL, TACCR):
 - Compare-to Value
 - Output mode (How output signal changes at compare (EQU) events)
 - Interrupt on Compare?
- 3. Clear interrupt Flags & Start Timer

Timer Interrupt Service Routine(s)

4. Write 1-2 ISR's (CCR0, others)

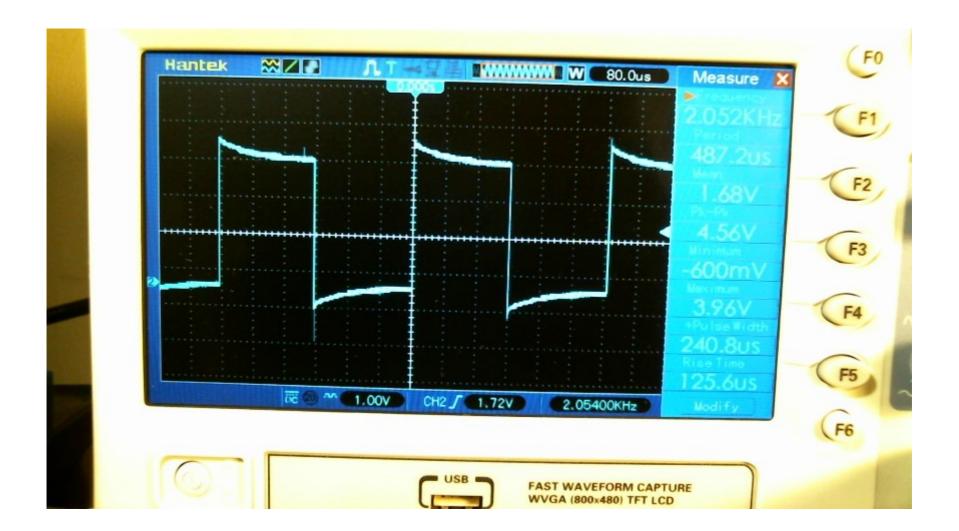


Offset	Acronym	Register Name	Туре	Access	Reset	Section
00h	TAxCTL	Timer_Ax Control	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.1
02h	TAxCCTL0	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare Control 0	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.3
04h	TAxCCTL1	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare Control 1	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.3
06h	TAxCCTL2	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare Control 2	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.3
10h	TAxR	Timer_Ax Counter	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.2
12h	TAxCCR0	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare 0	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.4
14h	TAxCCR1	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare 1	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.4
16h	TAxCCR2	Timer_Ax Capture/Compare 2	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.4
2Eh	TAxIV	Timer_Ax Interrupt Vector	Read only	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.5
20h	TAxEX0	Timer_Ax Expansion 0	Read/write	Word	0000h	Section 12.3.6

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- TAxCTL register
 - Clock source select (TASSEL)
 - Input divider (ID)
 - Mode control (MC) (Note: Switching to Stop mode can be performed at any time)
 - Timer_A clear (TACLR)
- TAxCCTLn registers
 - Capture mode (CM) (Note: Switching to no capture mode can be performed any time)
 - Capture/compare input select (CCIS) (Note: Switching between GND an VCC can be performed at any time)
 - Synchronize capture source (SCS)
 - Capture mode (CAP)
 - Output mode (OUTMOD)
- TAxEX0 register
 - Input divider expansion (TAIDEX)



View Timer0_A3 Example: msp430fr243x_ta0_08A.c M6V2 video