

RX Family

System Timer Module Firmware Integration Technology

Introduction

This application note describes the System Timer module which uses Firmware Integration Technology (FIT). This module uses System Timer to counts the year/month/day/hour/minute/seconds, and has simple scheduler function. In this document, this module is referred to as the System Timer FIT module.

Target Device

RX Family

Target Compilers

- Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family
- GCC for Renesas RX
- IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX

Related Documents

- Firmware Integration Technology User's Manual (R01AN1833)
- RX Family Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685)
- RX Family Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)
- RX Family Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to CS+ Projects (R01AN1826)
- RX Smart Configurator User's Guide: e² studio (R20AN0451)
- RX Smart Configurator User's Guide: CS+ (R20AN0470)
- RX Smart Configurator User's Guide: IAREW (R20AN0535)
- CMT Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1856)

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1. Overview

1.1 System Timer FIT Module

The System Timer FIT module can be used by being implemented in a project as an API. See section 2.12 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project for details on methods to implement this FIT module into a project.

1.2 Overview of the System Timer FIT Module

The system timer counts the year/month/day/hour/minute/seconds using CMT in RX Family MCUs. And, this module also has the scheduler function. Users can be executed cyclic function by the system timer to register the function pointer with interval.

1.3 API Overview

Table 1.1 lists the API functions included in this module.

Table 1.1 API Functions

Function	Description
R_SYS_TIME_Open()	Open system timer module
R_SYS_TIME_GetCurrentTime()	Get system time from system timer
R_SYS_TIME_SetCurrentTime()	Set system timer to system timer
R_SYS_TIME_ConvertUnixTimeToSystemTime()	Convert Unix time to system time format
R_SYS_TIME_RegisterPeriodicCallback()	Register the cyclic function (max: 30)
R_SYS_TIME_UnregisterPeriodicCallback()	Unregister the cyclic function
R_SYS_TIME_IsPeriodicCallbackRegistered()	Confirm cyclic functions
R_SYS_TIME_Close()	Close system timer module
R_SYS_TIME_GetVersion()	Get the system timer version information

1.4 File Structure

This application note includes following files.

Table1.1 File Structure 1

File/Directory(Bold) Names	Description
r20an0431ej0103-rx-middle.pdf	System timer module application note. (English, this document)
r20an0431jj0103-rx-middle.pdf	System timer module application note. (Japanese)
r_sys_time_rx_v1.03_sbom.spdx	SBOM information file(spdx)
r_sys_time_rx_v1.03_sbom.json	SBOM information file(json)
FITModules	FIT Module Folder
r_sys_time_rx_v1.03.zip	System timer module
r_sys_time_rx_v1.03.xml	System timer module e2 studio XML file for FIT configurator

The folder to which the contents of r_sys_time_rx_v1.03.zip is extracted will contain the files listed in table 1.2 below.

Table1.2 File Structure 2

File/Directory(Bold) Names	Description
r_config	System timer config file folder
r_sys_time_rx_config.h	System timer config file (default settings)
r_sys_time_rx	System timer FIT Module folder
src	System timer source code folder
r_sys_time_rx.c	System timer source code
r_sys_time_rx_private.h	System timer header file for internal
doc	System timer document folder
ja	System timer document folder (Japanese)
r20an0431jj0103-rx-middle.pdf	System timer application note (Japanese)
en	System timer document folder (English)
r20an0431ej0103-rx-middle.pdf	System timer application note (English)
ref	System timer config file (template) folder
r_sys_time_rx_config_reference.h	System timer config file (template)
r_sys_time_rx_if.h	System timer header file
readme.txt	readme

2. API Information

This FIT module has been confirmed to operate under the following conditions.

2.1 Hardware Requirements

- CMT

2.2 Software Requirements

This driver is dependent upon the following FIT module:

- r_bsp
- r_cmt_rx

2.3 Supported Toolchain

This driver has been confirmed to work with the toolchain listed in 4.1, Confirmed Operation Environment.

2.4 Interrupt Vector

None.

2.5 Header Files

All API calls and their supporting interface definitions are located in r_sys_time_rx_if.h.

2.6 Integer Types

This project uses ANSI C99. These types are defined in stdint.h.

2.7 Configuration Overview

The configuration option settings of this module are located in r_sys_time_rx_config.h. The option names and setting values are listed in the table below:

Configuration options in r_sys_time_rx_config.h	
None	-

2.8 Code Size

The sizes of ROM, RAM and maximum stack usage associated with this module are listed below.

The values in the table below are confirmed under the following conditions.

Module Revision: r_sys_time_rx Rev.1.01

Compiler Version: Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.01.00

(The option of "lang = c99" is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment.)

GCC for Renesas RX 4.8.4.201801

(The option of "-std=gnu99" is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment.)

IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.11.1

(The default settings of the integrated development environment.)

Configuration Options: Default settings

ROM, RAM and Stack Code Sizes				
Device	Category	Memory Used		
		Renesas Compiler	GCC	IAR Compiler
RX64M	ROM	2.0k bytes	3.2k bytes	2.5k bytes
	RAM	0.5k bytes	0.5k bytes	0.5k bytes
	STACK (Note 1)	108 bytes	-	80 bytes

Note 1: in executing R_SYS_TIME_SetCurrentTime().

2.9 Parameters

This section describes the parameter structure used by the API functions in this module. The structure is located in r_sys_time_rx_if.h as are the prototype declarations of API functions.

2.10 Return Values

This section describes return values of API functions. This enumeration is located in `r_sys_time_rx_if.h` as are the prototype declarations of API functions.

```
typedef enum e_sys_time_err
{
    SYS_TIME_SUCCESS=0,                /* Normally terminated. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_CHANNEL,          /* Non-existent channel number. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_INTERVAL,        /* Bad interval parameter is
                                        specified. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_TIME_OFFSET,     /* Bad time offset is set. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_FUNCTION_POINTER, /* Bad function pointer is set. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_SYS_TIME,        /* Bad system timer value is input */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_ALREADY_STARTED,     /* System timer is already started. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_NOT_STARTED,         /* System timer is not started. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_FULL_REGISTERED,     /* All register table is used. */
    SYS_TIME_ERR_ALREADY_REGISTERED,  /* Specified function pointer has been
                                        already registered. */
}
sys_time_err_t;
```

2.11 Callback Function

In this module, the callback function specified by the user is called when the CMT interrupt occurs.

The callback function is specified by storing the address of the user function in the "function_pointer" argument in `R_SYS_TIME_ConvertUnixTimeToSystemTime()` function.

```
/* Callback function usage example */
void my_sys_time_callback(void)
{
    ...
}
```

2.12 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project

This module must be added to each project in which it is used. Renesas recommends the method using the Smart Configurator described in (1) or (3) below. However, the Smart Configurator only supports some RX devices. Please use the methods of (2) or (4) for RX devices that are not supported by the Smart Configurator.

- (1) Adding the FIT module to your project using the Smart Configurator in e² studio
By using the Smart Configurator in e² studio, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “Renesas e² studio Smart Configurator User Guide (R20AN0451)” for details.
- (2) Adding the FIT module to your project using the FIT Configurator in e² studio
By using the FIT Configurator in e² studio, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)” for details.
- (3) Adding the FIT module to your project using the Smart Configurator in CS+
By using the Smart Configurator Standalone version in CS+, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “Renesas e² studio Smart Configurator User Guide (R20AN0451)” for details.
- (4) Adding the FIT module to your project in CS+
In CS+, please manually add the FIT module to your project. Refer to “Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to CS+ Projects (R01AN1826)” for details.

2.13 "for", "while" and "do while" statements

In this module, "for", "while" and "do while" statements (loop processing) are used in processing to wait for register to be reflected and so on. For these loop processing, comments with "WAIT_LOOP" as a keyword are described. Therefore, if user incorporates fail-safe processing into loop processing, user can search the corresponding processing with "WAIT_LOOP".

The following shows example of description.

```
while statement example :
/* WAIT_LOOP */
while(0 == SYSTEM.OSCOVFSR.BIT.PLOVF)
{
    /* The delay period needed is to make sure that the PLL has stabilized. */
}

for statement example :
/* Initialize reference counters to 0. */
/* WAIT_LOOP */
for (i = 0; i < BSP_REG_PROTECT_TOTAL_ITEMS; i++)
{
    g_protect_counters[i] = 0;
}

do while statement example :
/* Reset completion waiting */
do
{
    reg = phy_read(ether_channel, PHY_REG_CONTROL);
    count++;
} while ((reg & PHY_CONTROL_RESET) && (count < ETHER_CFG_PHY_DELAY_RESET)); /* WAIT_LOOP */
```

2.14 Section information

System timer module uses the default sections.

3. API Functions

R_SYS_TIME_Open ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"
sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_Open(void);
```

Parameters

None

Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_CHANNEL	No CMT channel is exist
SYS_TIME_ERR_ALREADY_STARTED	Already started

Description

Open system timer module.

R_SYS_TIME_GetCurrentTime ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"
```

```
sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_GetCurrentTime(SYS_TIME *sys_time);
```

Parameters

sys_time	input/output	Area for acquiring the system time from the system timer
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Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
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Description

Get the system time from system timer.

R_SYS_TIME_SetCurrentTime ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"
```

```
sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_SetCurrentTime(SYS_TIME *sys_time);
```

Parameters

sys_time	input/output	Area of system time setting to system time
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Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_SYS_TIME	Illegal system time is set

Description

Set the system time to the system timer. And, update Unix time is included into the system timer.

R_SYS_TIME_ConvertUnixTimeToSystemTime ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"

sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_ConvertUnixTimeToSystemTime(
    uint32_t unix_time, SYS_TIME *sys_time, uint8_t *time_offset);
```

Parameters

unix_time	input	Unix time
sys_time	input/output	Area of system time setting to system time
time_offset	input	String to specify the time zone

Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_TIME_OFFSET	Illegal time zone is set

Description

Set the system time to the system timer using Unix time. To set the string that represents the time zone to time_offset. The strings that represents the time zone are defined into r_sys_time_rx_if.h.

R_SYS_TIME_RegisterPeriodicCallback ()**Format**

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"

sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_RegisterPeriodicCallback(
    callback_from_sys_time_t function_pointer, uint32_t interval)
```

Parameters

function_pointer	input	Function pointer
interval	input	Cyclic interval (unit=10ms)

Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_FUNCTION_POINTER	Illegal function pointer is set
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_INTERVAL	Illegal interval is set
SYS_TIME_ERR_FULL_REGISTERED	Reach the upper limit of registration
SYS_TIME_ERR_ALREADY_REGISTERED	Known function pointer is specified

Description

Users can be executed cyclic function by the system timer to register the function pointer with interval. Max 30 functions can be registered. The function pointer is executed into CMT interrupt. This CMT interrupt enables interrupt. Please execute process that needs realtime into the interrupt function that has higher priority than CMT interrupt priority (can be set at r_cmt_rx_config.h).

R_SYS_TIME_UnregisterPeriodicCallback ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"

sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_UnregisterPeriodicCallback(callback_from_sys_time_t
function_pointer);
```

Parameters

function_pointer	input	Function pointer
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Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_FUNCTION_POINTER	Illegal function pointer is set

Description

Unregister the cyclic function.

R_SYS_TIME_IsPeriodicCallbackRegistered ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"
```

```
bool R_SYS_TIME_IsPeriodicCallbackRegistered(callback_from_sys_time_t function_pointer);
```

Parameters

function_pointer	input	Function pointer
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Return Values

true	Already registered
false	Not registered yet

Description

Confirm the registration of cyclic function

R_SYS_TIME_Close ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"

sys_time_err_t R_SYS_TIME_Close(void);
```

Parameters

None.

Return Values

SYS_TIME_SUCCESS	Normal terminated
SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_CHANNEL	Failed CMT channel close
SYS_TIME_NOT_STARTED	Not executed system timer yet

Description

Stop the system timer

R_SYS_TIME_GetVersion ()

Format

```
#include "r_sys_time_rx_if.h"
uint32_t R_SYS_TIME_GetVersion(void);
```

Parameters

None

Return Values

Version information about this module.

Description

The function returns the version of this module. The version number is encoded such that the top two bytes are the major version number and the bottom two bytes are the minor version number.

4. Appendices

4.1 Confirmed Operation Environment

This section describes confirmed operation environment for the System Timer FIT module.

Table 4.1 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev. 1.01)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio Version 7.3.0 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.11.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.01.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
	GCC for Renesas RX 4.8.4.201801 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99
	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.11.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.01
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N-2MB (RTK50565Nxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX64M (R0K50564Mxxxxxx)

Table 4.2 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev. 1.02)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio Version 2025-01 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 5.10.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.07.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
	GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202411 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99
	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.10.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.02
Board used	-

Table 4.3 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev. 1.03)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio Version 2025-12 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 5.20.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.07.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
	GCC for Renesas RX 14.2.0.202511 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99
	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.20.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.03
Board used	-

4.2 Troubleshooting

(1) Q: I have added the FIT module to the project and built it. Then I got the error: Could not open source file "platform.h".

A: The FIT module may not be added to the project properly. Check if the method for adding FIT modules is correct with the following documents:

- Using CS+:

Application note "Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to CS+ Projects (R01AN1826)"

- Using e² studio:

Application note "Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)"

When using this FIT module, the board support package FIT module (BSP module) must also be added to the project. Refer to the application note "Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685)".

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.03	Mar.20.2026	-	Included spdx file in the package.
1.02	Mar.20.2025	3	Changed 1.4 File Structure.
		18	Added Table 4.2 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev. 1.02).
		program	Changed the disclaimers in program sources.
1.01	Jun.28.2019	-	Added Target Compiler: GCC for Renesas RX, IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX Changed Return Values from SYS_TIME_BAD_XXX to SYS_TIME_ERR_BAD_XXX. Bug Fix: - Fixed the problem that time information is incorrect when an interrupt occurs during R_SYS_TIME_GetCurrentTime ().
1.00	Nov 30, 2016	-	First Release.

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3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

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Handle unused pins in accordance with the directions given under handling of unused pins in the manual. The input pins of CMOS products are generally in the high-impedance state. In operation with an unused pin in the open-circuit state, extra electromagnetic noise is induced in the vicinity of the LSI, an associated shoot-through current flows internally, and malfunctions occur due to the false recognition of the pin state as an input signal become possible.

5. Clock signals

After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal becomes stable. When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal is stabilized. When the clock signal is generated with an external resonator or from an external oscillator during a reset, ensure that the reset line is only released after full stabilization of the clock signal. Additionally, when switching to a clock signal produced with an external resonator or by an external oscillator while program execution is in progress, wait until the target clock signal is stable.

6. Voltage application waveform at input pin

Waveform distortion due to input noise or a reflected wave may cause malfunction. If the input of the CMOS device stays in the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.) due to noise, for example, the device may malfunction. Take care to prevent chattering noise from entering the device when the input level is fixed, and also in the transition period when the input level passes through the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.).

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