# CORE-V-Docs Documentation

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CHAPTER

ONE

# CHANGELOG

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# CHAPTER TWO

# INTRODUCTION

CV32E40S is a 4-stage in-order 32-bit RISC-V processor core. Figure 2.1 shows a block diagram of the core.

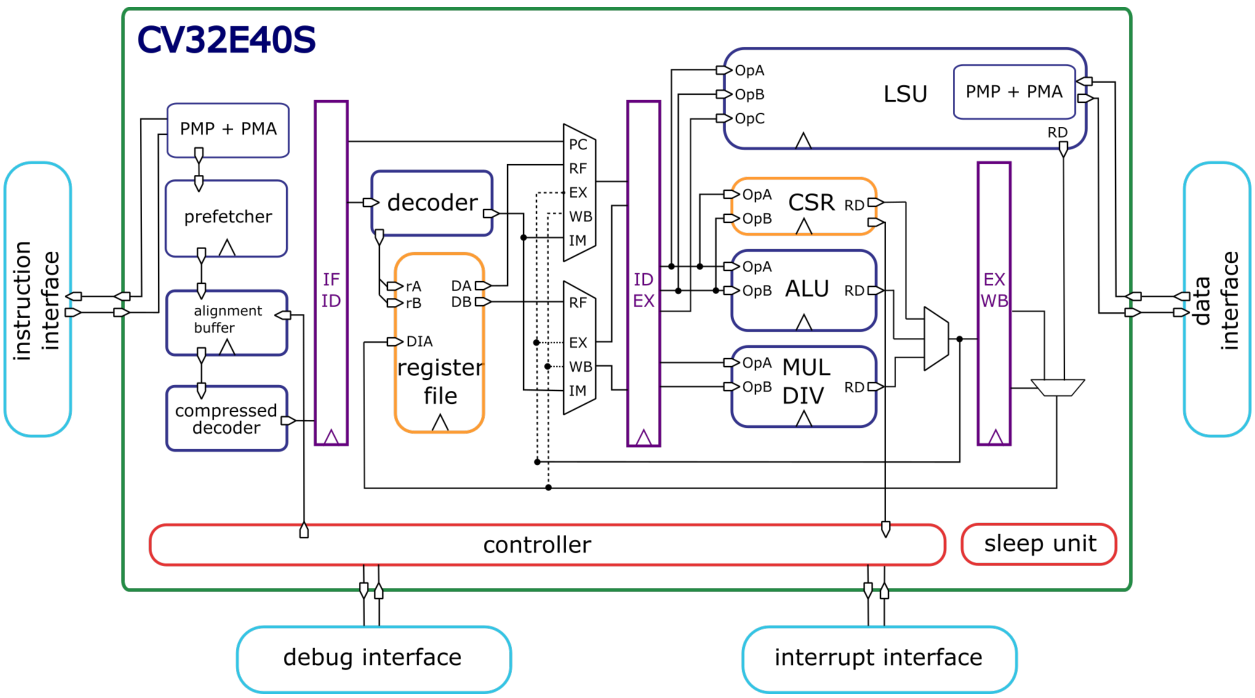


Figure 2.1: Block Diagram of CV32E40S RISC-V Core

## 2.1 License

## 2.2 Standards Compliance

CV32E40S is a standards-compliant 32-bit RISC-V processor. It follows these specifications:

Many features in the RISC-V specification are optional, and CV32E40S can be parameterized to enable or disable some of them.

CV32E40S supports one of the following base integer instruction sets from [RISC-V-UNPRIV].

Table 2.1: CV32E40S Base Instruction Set

| Base Integer Instruction Set | Version | Configurability |
|---|---|---|
| **RV32I**: RV32I Base Integer Instruction Set | 2.1 | optionally enabled based on `RV32` parameter |
| **RV32E**: RV32E Base Integer Instruction Set | 1.9 (not ratified yet) | optionally enabled based on `RV32` parameter |

In addition, the following standard instruction set extensions are available from [RISC-V-UNPRIV], [RISC-V-ZBA_ZBB_ZBC_ZBS], [RISC-V-CRYPTO] and [RISC-V-ZCA_ZCB_ZCMB_ZCMP_ZCMT].

Table 2.2: CV32E40S Standard Instruction Set Extensions

| Standard Extension | Version | Configurability |
|---|---|---|
| **C**: Standard Extension for Compressed Instructions | 2.0 | always enabled |
| **M**: Standard Extension for Integer Multiplication and Division | 2.0 | optionally enabled with the `M_EXT` parameter |
| **Zicsr**: Control and Status Register Instructions | 2.0 | always enabled |
| **Zifencei**: Instruction-Fetch Fence | 2.0 | always enabled |
| **Zca**: Subset of the standard **Zc** Code-Size Reduction extension consisting of a subset of **C** with the FP load/stores removed. | v0.70.1 (not ratified yet; version will change) | optionally enabled with the `ZC_EXT` parameter |
| **Zcb**: Subset of the standard **Zc** Code-Size Reduction extension consisting of simple operations. | v0.70.1 (not ratified yet; version will change) | optionally enabled with the `ZC_EXT` parameter |
| **Zcmb**: Subset of the standard **Zc** Code-Size Reduction extension consisting of load/store byte/half which overlap with **c.fld**, **c.fldsp**, **c.fsd**. | v0.70.1 (not ratified yet; version will change) | optionally enabled with the `ZC_EXT` parameter |
| **Zcmp**: Subset of the standard **Zc** Code-Size Reduction extension consisting of push/pop and double move which overlap with **c.fsdsp**. | v0.70.1 (not ratified yet; version will change) | optionally enabled with the `ZC_EXT` parameter |
| **Zcmt**: Subset of the standard **Zc** Code-Size Reduction extension consisting of table jump. | v0.70.1 (not ratified yet; version will change) | optionally enabled with the `ZC_EXT` parameter |
| **Zba**: Bit Manipulation Address calculation instructions | Version 1.0.0 | optionally enabled with the `B_EXT` parameter |
| **Zbb**: Bit Manipulation Base instructions | Version 1.0.0 | optionally enabled with the `B_EXT` parameter |
| **Zbc**: Bit Manipulation Carry-Less Multiply instructions | Version 1.0.0 | optionally enabled with the `B_EXT` parameter |
| **Zbs**: Bit Manipulation Bit set, Bit clear, etc. instructions | Version 1.0.0 | optionally enabled with the `B_EXT` parameter |
| **Zkt**: Data Independent Execution Latency | Version 1.0.0 | always enabled |
| **Zbkc**: Constant time Carry-Less Multiply | Version 1.0.0 | optionally enabled with the `B_EXT` parameter |
| **Zmmul**: Multiplication subset of the **M** extension | Version 0.1 | optionally enabled with the `M_EXT` parameter |

The following custom instruction set extensions are available.

Table 2.3: CV32E40S Custom Instruction Set Extensions

| Custom Extension | Version | Configurability |
|---|---|---|
| **Xsecure**: Security extensions | 1.0 | always enabled |

Most content of the RISC-V privileged specification is optional. CV32E40S currently supports the following features according to the RISC-V Privileged Specification [RISC-V-PRIV].

- M-Mode and U-mode
- All CSRs listed in *Control and Status Registers*
- Hardware Performance Counters as described in *Performance Counters*
- Trap handling supporting direct mode or vectored mode as described at *Exceptions and Interrupts*
- Physical Memory Attribution (PMA) as described in *Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)*
- Physical Memory Protection ([RISC-V-SMEPMP])

## 2.3 Synthesis guidelines

The CV32E40S core is fully synthesizable. It has been designed mainly for ASIC designs, but FPGA synthesis is supported as well.

All the files in the `rtl` and `rtl/include` folders are synthesizable. The top level module is called `cv32e40s_core`.

The user must provide a clock-gating module that instantiates the clock-gating cells of the target technology. This file must have the same interface and module name of the one provided for simulation-only purposes at `bhv/cv32e40s_sim_clock_gate.sv` (see *Clock Gating Cell*).

The `constraints/cv32e40s_core.sdc` file provides an example of synthesis constraints. No synthesis scripts are provided.

### 2.3.1 ASIC Synthesis

ASIC synthesis is supported for CV32E40S. The whole design is completely synchronous and uses positive-edge triggered flip-flops. A technology specific implementation of a clock gating cell as described in *Clock Gating Cell* needs to be provided.

### 2.3.2 FPGA Synthesis

FPGA synthesis is supported for CV32E40S. The user needs to provide a technology specific implementation of a clock gating cell as described in *Clock Gating Cell*.

## 2.4 Verification

The verification environment (testbenches, testcases, etc.) for the CV32E40S core can be found at core-v-verif. It is recommended that you start by reviewing the CORE-V Verification Strategy.

## 2.5 Contents

- *Getting Started with CV32E40S* discusses the requirements and initial steps to start using CV32E40S.
- *Core Integration* provides the instantiation template and gives descriptions of the design parameters as well as the input and output ports.
- *CV32E40S Pipeline* described the overal pipeline structure.
- The instruction and data interfaces of CV32E40S are explained in *Instruction Fetch* and *Load-Store-Unit (LSU)*, respectively.

- *Xsecure extension* describes the custom **Xsecure** security features.
- *Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)* describes the Physical Memory Attribution (PMA) unit.
- *Physical Memory Protection (PMP)* describes the Physical Memory Protection (PMP) unit.
- The register-file is described in *Register File*.
- *Sleep Unit* describes the Sleep unit.
- The control and status registers are explained in *Control and Status Registers*.
- *Performance Counters* gives an overview of the performance monitors and event counters available in CV32E40S.
- *Exceptions and Interrupts* deals with the infrastructure for handling exceptions and interrupts.
- *Debug & Trigger* gives a brief overview on the debug infrastructure.
- *RISC-V Formal Interface* gives a brief overview of the RVFI module.
- *Glossary* provides definitions of used terminology.

## 2.6 History

CV32E40S started its life as a fork of the CV32E40P from the OpenHW Group <https://www.openhwgroup.org>.

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CHAPTER

THREE

# GETTING STARTED WITH CV32E40S

This page discusses initial steps and requirements to start using CV32E40S in your design.

## 3.1 Clock Gating Cell

CV32E40S requires clock gating cells. These cells are usually specific to the selected target technology and thus not provided as part of the RTL design. A simulation-only version of the clock gating cell is provided in `cv32e40s_sim_clock_gate.sv`. This file contains a module called `cv32e40s_clock_gate` that has the following ports:

- `clk_i`: Clock Input
- `en_i`: Clock Enable Input
- `scan_cg_en_i`: Scan Clock Gate Enable Input (activates the clock even though `en_i` is not set)
- `clk_o`: Gated Clock Output

And the following Parameters: * `LIB` : Standard cell library (semantics defined by integrator)

Inside CV32E40S, the clock gating cell is used in `cv32e40s_sleep_unit.sv`.

The `cv32e40s_sim_clock_gate.sv` file is not intended for synthesis. For ASIC synthesis and FPGA synthesis the manifest should be adapted to use a customer specific file that implements the `cv32e40s_clock_gate` module using design primitives that are appropriate for the intended synthesis target technology.

## 3.2 Register Cells

CV32E40S requires instantiated registers for some logically redundant security features (such as *Hardened CSRs*).

Like clock gating cells these are specific to the target technology and are therefore not provided as part of the RTL design. Simulation-only versions for these cells are provided in cv32e40s_sim_sffr.sv and cv32e40s_sim_sffs.sv. cv32e40s_sim_sffr.sv contains the module `cv32e40s_sffr` with the following ports:

- `clk` : Clock
- `rst_n` : Reset
- `d_i` : Data input
- `q_o` : Flopped data output

And the following parameters: * `LIB` : Standard cell library (semantics defined by integrator)

cv32e40s_sim_sffs.sv contains the module `cv32e40s_sffs` with the following ports:

- `clk` : Clock
- `set_n` : Set (i.e., reset value == 1)
- `d_i` : Data input
- `q_o` : Flopped data output

And the following parameters: * `LIB` : Standard cell library (semantics defined by integrator)

These files are not intended for synthesis. For ASIC synthesis and FPGA synthesis the manifest should be adapted to use customer specific files that implement the `cv32e40s_sffr` and `cv32e40s_sffs` modules using design primitives that are appropriate for the intended synthesis target technology.

CHAPTER

FOUR

# CORE INTEGRATION

The main module is named `cv32e40s_core` and can be found in `cv32e40s_core.sv`. Below, the instantiation template is given and the parameters and interfaces are described.

## 4.1 Synthesis Optimization

`*Important*` The CV32E40S has security features that are logically redundant and likely to be optimised away in synthesis. Special care is therefore needed in synthesis scripts to ensure these features are preserved in the implemented netlist.

The implementaion of following features should be checked: - CSR shadow registers - Register file ECC

Implementing a netlist test verifying these features on the final netlist is recommended.

## 4.2 Instantiation Template

```
cv32e40s_core #(
    .LIB                       (                0 ),
    .RV32                      (            RV32I ),
    .B_EXT                     (             NONE ),
    .M_EXT                     (                M ),
    .ZC_EXT                    (                0 ),
    .DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS          (                1 ),
    .PMP_GRANULARITY           (                0 ),
    .PMP_NUM_REGIONS           (                0 ),
    .PMP_PMPNCFG_RV            ( PMP_PMPNCFG_RV[] ),
    .PMP_PMPADDR_RV            ( PMP_PMPADDR_RV[] ),
    .PMP_MSECCFG_RV            (   PMP_MSECCFG_RV ),
    .PMA_NUM_REGIONS           (                0 ),
    .PMA_CFG                   (        PMA_CFG[] ),
    .SMCLIC                    (                0 ),
    .SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH           (                5 ),
    .LFSR0_CFG                 ( LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT ),
    .LFSR1_CFG                 ( LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT ),
    .LFSR2_CFG                 ( LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT )
) u_core (
    // Clock and reset
    .clk_i                     (),
    .rst_ni                    (),
```

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```
    .scan_cg_en_i             (),

    // Configuration
    .boot_addr_i              (),
    .mtvec_addr_i             (),
    .dm_halt_addr_i           (),
    .dm_exception_addr_i      (),
    .mhartid_i                (),
    .mimpid_patch_i           (),

    // Instruction memory interface
    .instr_req_o              (),
    .instr_reqpar_o           (),
    .instr_gnt_i              (),
    .instr_gntpar_i           (),
    .instr_addr_o             (),
    .instr_memtype_o          (),
    .instr_prot_o             (),
    .instr_achk_o             (),
    .instr_dbg_o              (),
    .instr_rvalid_i           (),
    .instr_rvalidpar_i        (),
    .instr_rdata_i            (),
    .instr_err_i              (),
    .instr_rchk_i             (),

    // Data memory interface
    .data_req_o               (),
    .data_reqpar_o            (),
    .data_gnt_i               (),
    .data_gntpar_i            (),
    .data_addr_o              (),
    .data_be_o                (),
    .data_memtype_o           (),
    .data_prot_o              (),
    .data_dbg_o               (),
    .data_wdata_o             (),
    .data_we_o                (),
    .data_achk_o              (),
    .data_rvalid_i            (),
    .data_rvalidpar_i         (),
    .data_rdata_i             (),
    .data_err_i               (),
    .data_rchk_i              (),

    // Cycle Count
    .mcycle_o                 (),

     // Interrupt interface
    .irq_i                    (),

    .clic_irq_i               (),
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```
    .clic_irq_id_i          (),
    .clic_irq_level_i       (),
    .clic_irq_priv_i        (),
    .clic_irq_shv_i         (),

    // Fencei flush handshake
    .fencei_flush_req_o     (),
    .fencei_flush_ack_i     (),

    // Debug interface
    .debug_req_i            (),
    .debug_havereset_o      (),
    .debug_running_o        (),
    .debug_halted_o         (),

     // Alert interface
    .alert_major_o          (),
    .alert_minor_o          (),

    // Special control signals
    .fetch_enable_i         (),
    .core_sleep_o           ()
);
```

## 4.3 Parameters

| Name | Type/Range | Default | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| LIB | int | 0 | Standard cell library (semantics defined by integrator) |
| RV32 | rv32_e | RV32I | Base Integer Instruction Set. RV32 = RV32I: RV32I Base Integer Instruction Set. RV32 = RV32E: RV32E Base Integer Instruction Set. |
| B_EXT | b_ext_e | NONE | Enable Bit Manipulation support. B_EXT = B_NONE: No Bit Manipulation instructions are supported. B_EXT = ZBA_ZBB_ZBS: Zba, Zbb and Zbs are supported. B_EXT = ZBA_ZBB_ZBC_ZBS: Zba, Zbb, Zbc and Zbs are supported. |
| M_EXT | m_ext_e | M | Enable Multiply / Divide support. M_EXT = M_NONE: No multiply / divide instructions are supported. M_EXT = ZMMUL: The multiplication subset of the M extension is supported. M_EXT = M: The M extension is supported. |
| DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS | int (0..4) | 1 | Number of debug triggers, see *Debug & Trigger* |
| ZC_EXT | bit | 0 | Enable Zca, Zcb, Zcmb, Zcmp, Zcmt extension support. |
| PMA_NUM_REGIONS | int (0..16) | 0 | Number of PMA regions |
| PMA_CFG[] | pma_cfg_t | PMA_R_DEFAULT | PMA configuration. Array of pma_cfg_t with PMA_NUM_REGIONS entries, see *Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)* |
| PMP_GRANULARITY | int (0..31) | 0 | Minimum granularity of PMP address matching |
| PMP_NUM_REGIONS | int (0..64) | 0 | Number of PMP regions |
| PMP_PMPNCFG_RV[] | pmpncfg_t | PMPNCFG_DEFAULT | Reset values for pmpncfg bitfileds in pmpcfg CSRs. Array of pmpncfg_t with PMP_NUM_REGIONS entries, see *Physical Memory Protection (PMP)* |
| PMP_PMPADDR_RV[] | logic[31:0] | 0 | Reset values for pmpaddr CSRs. Array with PMP_NUM_REGIONS entries, see *Physical Memory Protection (PMP)* |
| PMP_MSECCFG_RV | mseccfg_t | 0 | Reset value for mseccfg CSR, see *Physical Memory Protection (PMP)* |
| SMCLIC | bit | 0 | Is Smclic supported? |
| SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH | int (1..10) | 6 | Width of clic_irq_id_i and clic_irq_id_o. The maximum number of supported interrupts in CLIC mode is 2^SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH. Trap vector table alignment is restricted as described in *Machine Trap Vector Table Base Address (mtvt)*. |
| LFSR0 | lfsr_cfg_t | LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT | LFSR0 configuration, see *Xsecure extension*. |
| LFSR1 | lfsr_cfg_t | LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT | LFSR1 configuration, see *Xsecure extension*. |
| LFSR2 | lfsr_cfg_t | LFSR_CFG_DEFAULT | LFSR2 configuration, see *Xsecure extension*. |

## 4.4 Interfaces

| Signal(s) | Width | Dir | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| `clk_i` | 1 | in | Clock signal |
| `rst_ni` | 1 | in | Active-low asynchronous reset |
| `scan_cg_en_i` | 1 | in | Scan clock gate enable. Design for test (DfT) related signal. Can be used during scan testing operation to force instantiated clock gate(s) to be enabled. This signal should be 0 during normal / functional operation. |
| `boot_addr_i` | 32 | in | Boot address. First program counter after reset = `boot_addr_i`. Must be word aligned. Do not change after enabling core via `fetch_enable_i` |
| `mtvec_addr_i` | 32 | in | `mtvec` address. Initial value for the address part of *Machine Trap-Vector Base Address (mtvec) - SMCLIC == 0*. Must be 128-byte aligned (i.e. `mtvec_addr_i[6:0]` = 0). Do not change after enabling core via `fetch_enable_i` |
| `dm_halt_addr_i` | 32 | in | Address to jump to when entering Debug Mode, see *Debug & Trigger*. Must be word aligned. Do not change after enabling core via `fetch_enable_i` |
| `dm_exception_addr_i` | 32 | in | Address to jump to when an exception occurs when executing code during Debug Mode, see *Debug & Trigger*. Must be word aligned. Do not change after enabling core via `fetch_enable_i` |
| `mhartid_i` | 32 | in | Hart ID, usually static, can be read from *Hardware Thread ID (mhartid)* CSR |
| `mimpid_patch_i` | 4 | in | Implementation ID patch. Must be static. Readable as part of *Machine Implementation ID (mimpid)* CSR. |
| `instr_*` | | | Instruction fetch interface, see *Instruction Fetch* |
| `data_*` | | | Load-store unit interface, see *Load-Store-Unit (LSU)* |
| `mcycle_o` | | | Cycle Counter Output |
| `irq_*` | | | Interrupt inputs, see *Exceptions and Interrupts* |
| `clic_*_i` | | | CLIC interface, see *Exceptions and Interrupts* |
| `debug_*` | | | Debug interface, see *Debug & Trigger* |
| `alert_*` | | | Alert interface, see *Xsecure extension* |
| `fetch_enable_i` | 1 | in | Enable the instruction fetch of CV32E40S. The first instruction fetch after reset de-assertion will not happen as long as this signal is 0. `fetch_enable_i` needs to be set to 1 for at least one cycle while not in reset to enable fetching. Once fetching has been enabled the value `fetch_enable_i` is ignored. |
| `core_sleep_o` | 1 | out | Core is sleeping, see *Sleep Unit*. |

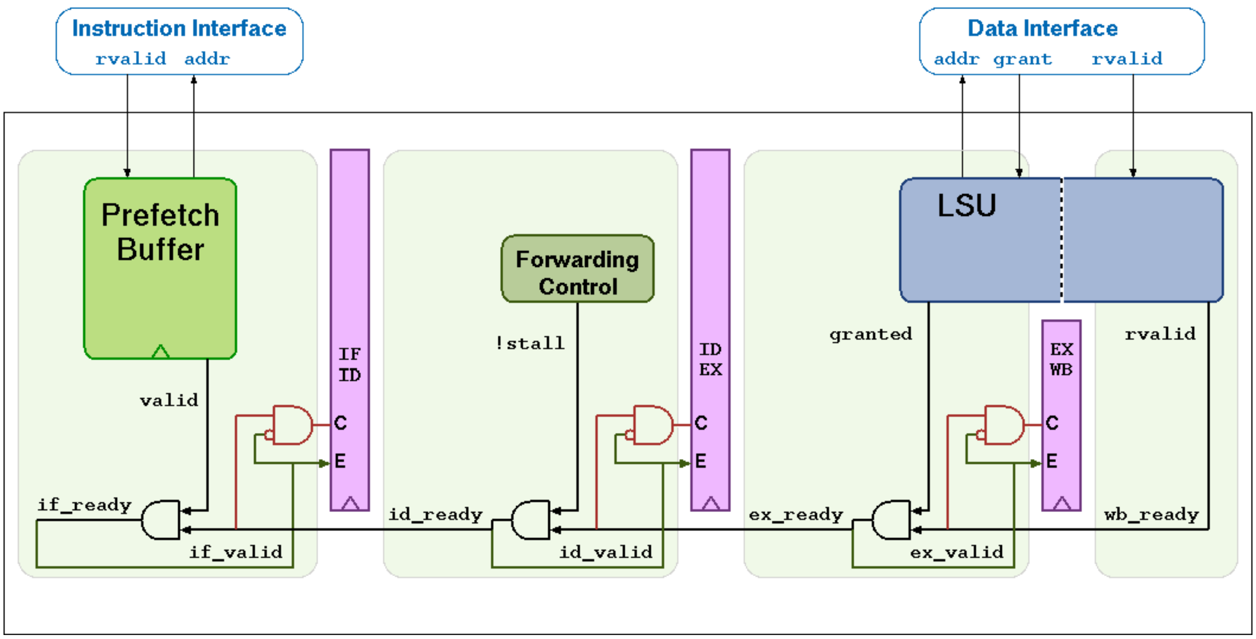


Figure 4.1: CV32E40S Pipeline

CHAPTER

FIVE

# PIPELINE DETAILS

CV32E40S has a 4-stage in-order completion pipeline, the 4 stages are:

**Instruction Fetch (IF)** Fetches instructions from memory via an aligning prefetch buffer, capable of fetching 1 instruction per cycle if the instruction side memory system allows. The IF stage also pre-decodes RVC instructions into RV32I base instructions. See *Instruction Fetch* for details.

**Instruction Decode (ID)** Decodes fetched instruction and performs required register file reads. Jumps are taken from the ID stage.

**Execute (EX)** Executes the instructions. The EX stage contains the ALU, Multiplier and Divider. Branches (with their condition met) are taken from the EX stage. Multi-cycle instructions will stall this stage until they are complete. The address generation part of the load-store-unit (LSU) is contained in EX as well.

**Writeback (WB)** Writes the result of ALU, Multiplier, Divider, or Load instructions instructions back to the register file.

## 5.1 Multi- and Single-Cycle Instructions

Table 5.1 shows the cycle count per instruction type. Some instructions have a variable time, this is indicated as a range e.g. 1..32 means that the instruction takes a minimum of 1 cycle and a maximum of 32 cycles. The cycle counts assume zero stall on the instruction-side interface and zero stall on the data-side memory interface.

Table 5.1: Cycle counts per instruction type

| Instruction Type | Cycles | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Integer Computational | 1 | Integer Computational Instructions are defined in the RISCV-V RV32I Base Integer Instruction Set. |
| CSR Access | 4 (mstatus, mepc, mtvec, mcause, mcycle, minstret, mhpmcounter*, mcycleh, minstreth, mhpmcounter*h, mcountinhibit, mhpmevent*, dscr, dpc, dscratch0, dscratch1)<br>1 (all the other CSRs) | CSR Access Instruction are defined in 'Zicsr' of the RISC-V specification. |
| Load/Store | 1<br>2 (non-word aligned word transfer)<br>2 (halfword transfer crossing word boundary) | Load/Store is handled in 1 bus transaction using both EX and WB stages for 1 cycle each. For misaligned word transfers and for halfword transfers that cross a word boundary 2 bus transactions are performed using EX and WB stages for 2 cycles each. |
| Multiplication | 1 (mul)<br>4 (mulh, mulhsu, mulhu) | CV32E40S uses a single-cycle 32-bit x 32-bit multiplier with a 32-bit result. The multiplications with upper-word result take 4 cycles to compute. |
| Division Remainder | 3 - 35<br>3 - 35<br>35 (cpuctrl.dataindtiming is set) | The number of cycles depends on the divider operand value (operand b), i.e. in the number of leading bits at 0. The minimum number of cycles is 3 when the divider has zero leading bits at 0 (e.g., 0x8000000). The maximum number of cycles is 35 when the divider is 0 |
| Jump | 3<br>4 (target is a non-word-aligned non-RVC instruction) | Jumps are performed in the ID stage. Upon a jump the IF stage (including prefetch buffer) is flushed. The new PC request will appear on the instruction-side memory interface the same cycle the jump instruction is in the ID stage. |
| mret | 3<br>4 (target is a non-word-aligned non-RVC instruction) | Mret is performed in the ID stage. Upon an mret the IF stage (including prefetch buffer) is flushed. The new PC request will appear on the instruction-side memory interface the same cycle the mret instruction is in the ID stage. |
| Branch (Not-Taken) | 2<br>3 (cpuctrl.dataindtiming is set)<br>4 (cpuctrl.dataindtiming is set and target is a non-word-aligned non-RVC instruction) | Any branch where the condition is not met will not stall. |
| Branch (Taken) | 3<br>4 (target is a non-word-aligned non-RVC instruction) | The EX stage is used to compute the branch decision. Any branch where the condition is met will be taken from the EX stage and will cause a flush of the IF stage (including prefetch buffer) and ID stage. |
| Instruction Fence | 5<br>6 (target is a non-word-aligned non-RVC instruction) | The FENCE.I instruction as defined in 'Zifencei' of the RISC-V specification. Internally it is implemented as a jump to the instruction following the fence. The jump performs the required flushing as described above. |

## 5.2 Hazards

The CV32E40S experiences a 1 cycle penalty on the following hazards.

- Load data hazard (in case the instruction immediately following a load uses the result of that load)
- Jump register (jalr) data hazard (in case that a jalr depends on the result of an immediately preceding non-load instruction)

The CV32E40S experiences a 2 cycle penalty on the following hazards.

- Jump register (jalr) data hazard (in case that a jalr depends on the result of an immediately preceding load instruction)

CHAPTER

SIX

# INSTRUCTION FETCH

The Instruction Fetch (IF) stage of the CV32E40S is able to supply one instruction to the Instruction Decode (ID ) stage per cycle if the external bus interface is able to serve one instruction per cycle. In case of executing compressed instructions, on average less than one 32-bit instruction fetch will we needed per instruction in the ID stage.

For optimal performance and timing closure reasons, a prefetcher is used which fetches instructions via the external bus interface from for example an externally connected instruction memory or instruction cache.

The prefetch unit performs word-aligned 32-bit prefetches and stores the fetched words in an alignment buffer with three entries. As a result of this (speculative) prefetch, CV32E40S can fetch up to three words outside of the code region and care should therefore be taken that no unwanted read side effects occur for such prefetches outside of the actual code region.

Table 6.1 describes the signals that are used to fetch instructions. This interface is a simplified version of the interface that is used by the LSU, which is described in *Load-Store-Unit (LSU)*. The difference is that no writes are possible and thus it needs fewer signals.

Table 6.1: Instruction Fetch interface signals

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| instr_req_o | output | Request valid, will stay high until instr_gnt_i is high for one cycle |
| instr_reqpar_o | output | Odd parity signal for instr_req_o |
| instr_gnt_i | input | The other side accepted the request. instr_addr_o, instr_memtype_o and instr_prot_o may change in the next cycle. |
| instr_gntpar_i | input | Odd parity signal for instr_gnt_i |
| instr_addr_o[31:0] | output | Address, word aligned |
| instr_memtype_o[1:0] | output | Memory Type attributes (cacheable, bufferable) |
| instr_prot_o[2:0] | output | Protection attributes |
| instr_achk_o[11:0] | output | Checksum for address phase signals |
| instr_dbg_o | output | Debug mode access |
| instr_rvalid_i | input | instr_rdata_i and instr_err_i are valid when instr_rvalid_i is high. This signal will be high for exactly one cycle per request. |
| instr_rvalidpar_i | input | Odd parity signal for instr_rvalid_i |
| instr_rdata_i[31:0] | input | Data read from memory |
| instr_err_i | input | An instruction interface error occurred |
| instr_rchk_i[4:0] | input | Checksum for response phase signals |

## 6.1 Misaligned Accesses

Externally, the IF interface performs word-aligned instruction fetches only. Misaligned instruction fetches are handled by performing two separate word-aligned instruction fetches. Internally, the core can deal with both word- and half-word-aligned instruction addresses to support compressed instructions. The LSB of the instruction address is ignored internally.

## 6.2 Protocol

The instruction bus interface is compliant to the OBI protocol (see [OPENHW-OBI] for detailed signal and protocol descriptions). The CV32E40S instruction fetch interface does not implement the following optional OBI signals: we, be, wdata, auser, wuser, aid, rready, ruser, rid. These signals can be thought of as being tied off as specified in the OBI specification. The CV32E40S instruction fetch interface can cause up to two outstanding transactions.

Figure 6.1 and Figure 6.3 show example timing diagrams of the protocol.

Figure 6.1: Back-to-back Memory Transactions

Figure 6.2: Back-to-back Memory Transactions with bus errors on A2/RD2 and A4/RD4

Figure 6.3: Multiple Outstanding Memory Transactions

Figure 6.4: Multiple Outstanding Memory Transactions with bus error on A1/RD1

## 6.3 Interface integrity

The CV32E40S implements interface integrity by the `instr_reqpar_o`, `instr_gntpar_i`, `instr_rvalidpar_i`, `instr_achk_o` and `instr_rchk_i` signals (see see *Interface integrity* and [OPENHW-OBI] for further details).

CHAPTER

SEVEN

# LOAD-STORE-UNIT (LSU)

The Load-Store Unit (LSU) of the core takes care of accessing the data memory. Load and stores on words (32 bit), half words (16 bit) and bytes (8 bit) are supported.

Table 7.1 describes the signals that are used by the LSU.

Table 7.1: LSU interface signals

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| data_req_o | output | Request valid, will stay high until data_gnt_i is high for one cycle |
| data_reqpar_o | output | Odd parity signal for data_req_o |
| data_gnt_i | input | The other side accepted the request. data_addr_o, data_be_o, data_mem_type_o[2:0], data_prot_o, data_wdata_o, data_we_o may change in the next cycle. |
| data_gntpar_i | input | Odd parity signal for data_gnt_i |
| data_addr_o[31:0] | output | Address, sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_be_o[3:0] | output | Byte Enable. Is set for the bytes to write/read, sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_mem_type_o[1:0] | output | Memory Type attributes (cacheable, bufferable), sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_prot_o[2:0] | output | Protection attributes, sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_dbg_o | output | Debug mode access, sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_wdata_o[31:0] | output | Data to be written to memory, sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_we_o | output | Write Enable, high for writes, low for reads. Sent together with data_req_o. |
| data_achk_o[11:0] | output | Checksum for address phase signals |
| data_rvalid_i | input | data_rvalid_i will be high for exactly one cycle to signal the end of the response phase of for both read and write transactions. For a read transaction data_rdata_i holds valid data when data_rvalid_i is high. |
| data_rvalidpar_i | input | Odd parity signal for data_rvalid_i |
| data_rdata_i[31:0] | input | Data read from memory. Only valid when data_rvalid_i is high. |
| data_err_i | input | A data interface error occurred. Only valid when data_rvalid_i is high. |
| data_rchk_i[4:0] | input | Checksum for response phase signals |

## 7.1 Misaligned Accesses

Misaligned transaction are supported in hardware for Main memory regions, see *Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)*. For loads and stores in Main memory where the effective address is not naturally aligned to the referenced datatype (i.e., on a four-byte boundary for word accesses, and a two-byte boundary for halfword accesses) the load/store is performed as two bus transactions in case that the data item crosses a word boundary. A single load/store instruction is therefore performed as two bus transactions for the following scenarios:

- Load/store of a word for a non-word-aligned address
- Load/store of a halfword crossing a word address boundary

In both cases the transfer corresponding to the lowest address is performed first. All other scenarios can be handled with a single bus transaction.

Misaligned transactions are not supported in I/O regions and will result in an exception trap when attempted, see *Exceptions and Interrupts*.

## 7.2 Protocol

The data bus interface is compliant to the OBI protocol (see [OPENHW-OBI] for detailed signal and protocol descriptions). The CV32E40S data interface does not implement the following optional OBI signals: auser, wuser, aid, rready, ruser, rid. These signals can be thought of as being tied off as specified in the OBI specification. The CV32E40S data interface can cause up to two outstanding transactions.

The OBI protocol that is used by the LSU to communicate with a memory works as follows.

The LSU provides a valid address on `data_addr_o`, control information on `data_we_o`, `data_be_o` (as well as write data on `data_wdata_o` in case of a store) and sets `data_req_o` high. The memory sets `data_gnt_i` high as soon as it is ready to serve the request. This may happen at any time, even before the request was sent. After a request has been granted the address phase signals (`data_addr_o`, `data_we_o`, `data_be_o` and `data_wdata_o`) may be changed in the next cycle by the LSU as the memory is assumed to already have processed and stored that information. After granting a request, the memory answers with a `data_rvalid_i` set high if `data_rdata_i` is valid. This may happen one or more cycles after the request has been granted. Note that `data_rvalid_i` must also be set high to signal the end of the response phase for a write transaction (although the `data_rdata_i` has no meaning in that case). When multiple granted requests are outstanding, it is assumed that the memory requests will be kept in-order and one `data_rvalid_i` will be signalled for each of them, in the order they were issued.

Figure 7.1, Figure 7.2, Figure 7.3 and Figure 7.4 show example timing diagrams of the protocol.

Figure 7.1: Basic Memory Transaction

Figure 7.2: Back-to-back Memory Transactions

Figure 7.3: Slow Response Memory Transaction

## 7.3 Interface integrity

The CV32E40S implements interface integrity by the `data_reqpar_o`, `data_gntpar_i`, `data_rvalidpar_i`, `data_achk_o` and `data_rchk_i` signals (see *Interface integrity* and [OPENHW-OBI] for further details).

Figure 7.4: Multiple Outstanding Memory Transactions

## 7.4 Physical Memory Protection (PMP) Unit

The CV32E40S core has a PMP module which is optionally enabled. Such unit has a configurable number of entries (up to 16) and supports all the modes as TOR, NAPOT and NA4. Every fetch, load and store access executed in USER MODE are first filtered by the PMP unit which can possibly generated exceptions. For the moment, the MPRV bit in MSTATUS as well as the LOCK mechanism in the PMP are not supported.

## 7.5 Write buffer

CV32E40S contains a a single entry write buffer that is used for bufferable transfers. A bufferable transfer is a write transfer originating from a store instruction, where the write address is inside a bufferable region defined by the PMA (*Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)*).

The write buffer (when not full) allows CV32E40S to proceed executing instructions without having to wait for `data_gnt_i` = 1 and `data_rvalid_i` = 1 for these bufferable transers.

**Note:** On the OBI interface `data_gnt_i` = 1 and `data_rvalid_i` = 1 still need to be signaled for every transfer (as specified in [OPENHW-OBI]), also for bufferable transfers.

Bus transfers will occur in program order, no matter if transfers are bufferable and non-bufferable. Transactions in the write buffer must be completed before the CV32E40S is able to:

- Retire a fence instruction
- Enter SLEEP mode

CHAPTER

EIGHT

# XSECURE EXTENSION

**Note:** Some Xsecure features have not been implemented yet.

CV32E40S has a custom extension called Xsecure, which encompass the following categories of security related features:

- Anti-tampering features
  - Protection against glitch attacks
  - Control flow integrity
  - Autonomous (hardware-based, low latency) response mechanisms
- Reduction of side channel leakage

## 8.1 Security alerts

CV32E40S has two alert outputs for signaling security issues: A major and a minor alert. The major alert (`alert_major_o`) indicates a critical security issue from which the core cannot recover. The minor alert (`alert_minor_o`) indicates potential security issues, which can be monitored by a system over time. These outputs can be used by external hardware to trigger security incident responses like for example a system wide reset or a memory erase. A security output is high for every clock cycle that the related security issue persists.

The following issues result in a major security alert:

- Register file ECC error
- Hardened PC error
- Hardened CSR error
- Interface integrity error

The following issues result in a minor security alert:

- LFSR0, LFSR1, LFSR2 lockup
- Instruction access fault
- Illegal instruction
- Load access fault
- Store/AMO access fault
- Instruction bus fault

## 8.2 Data independent timing

Data independent timing is enabled by setting the `dataindtiming` bit in the `cpuctrl` CSR. This will make execution times of all instructions independent of the input data, making it more difficult for an external observer to extract information by observing power consumption or exploiting timing side-channels.

When `dataindtiming` is set, the DIV, DIVU, REM and REMU instructions will have a fixed (data independent) latency and branches will have a fixed latency as well, regardless of whether they are taken or not. See *CV32E40S Pipeline* for details.

Note that the addresses used by loads and stores will still provide a timing side-channel due to the following properties:

- Misaligned loads and stores differ in cycle count from aligned loads and stores.
- Stores to a bufferable address range react differently to wait states than stores to a non-bufferable address range.

Similarly the target address of branches and jumps will still provide a timing side-channel due to the following property:

- Branches and jumps to non-word-aligned non-RV32C instructions differ in cycle count from other branches and jumps.

These timing side-channels can largely be mitigated by imposing (branch target and data) alignment restrictions on the used software.

## 8.3 Dummy instruction insertion

Dummy instructions are inserted at random intervals into the execution pipeline if enabled via the `rnddummy` bit in the `cpuctrl` CSR. The dummy instructions have no functional impact on processor state, but add difficult-to-predict timing and power disruptions to the executed code. This disruption makes it more difficult for an attacker to infer what is being executed, and also makes it more difficult to execute precisely timed fault injection attacks.

The frequency of injected instructions can be tuned via the `rnddummyfreq` bits in the `cpuctrl` CSR.

Table 8.1: Intervals for `rnddummyfreq` settings

| `rnddummyfreq` | Interval |
|---|---|
| 0000 | Dummy instruction every 1 - 4 real instructions |
| 0001 | Dummy instruction every 1 - 8 real instructions |
| 0011 | Dummy instruction every 1 - 16 real instructions |
| 0111 | Dummy instruction every 1 - 32 real instructions |
| 1111 | Dummy instruction every 1 - 64 real instructions |

Other `rnddummyfreq` values are legal as well, but will have a less predictable performance impact.

The frequency of the dummy instruction insertion is randomized using an LFSR (LFSR0). The dummy instruction itself is also randomized based on LFSR0 and is constrained to ADD, MUL, AND and BLTU opcodes. The source data for the dummy instructions is obtained from LFSRs (LFSR1 and LFSR2) as opposed to sourcing it from the register file.

The initial seed and output permutation for the LFSRs can be set using the following parameters from the CV32E40S top-level:

- `LFSR0_CFG` for LFSR0.
- `LFSR1_CFG` for LFSR1.
- `LFSR2_CFG` for LFSR2.

These parameters are of the type lfsr_cfg_t which has the following fields:

Table 8.2: LFSR Configuration Type

| Field | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| coeffs | logic[31:0] | Coefficient controlling output permutation, must be non-zero |
| default_seed | logic[31:0] | Used as initial seed and for re-seeding in case of lockup, must be non-zero |

Software can periodically re-seed the LFSRs with true random numbers (if available) via the `secureseed*` CSRs, making the insertion interval of dummy instructions much harder to predict.

**Note:** The user is recommended to pick maximum length LFSR configurations and must take care that writes to the `secureseed*` CSRs will not cause LFSR lockup. An LFSR lockup will result in a minor alert and will automatically cause a re-seed of the LFSR with the default seed from the related parameter.

**Note:** Dummy instructions do affect the cycle count as visible via the `mcycle` CSR, but they are not counted as retired instructions (so they do not affect the `minstret` CSR).

## 8.4 Register file ECC

ECC checking is added to all reads of the register file, where a checksum is stored for each register file word. All 1-bit and 2-bit errors will be detected. This can be useful to detect fault injection attacks since the register file covers a reasonably large area of CV32E40S. No attempt is made to correct detected errors, but a major alert is raised upon a detected error for the system to take action (see *Security alerts*).

**Note:** This feature is logically redundant and might get partially or fully optimized away during synthesis. Special care might be needed and the final netlist must be checked to ensure that the ECC and correction logic is still present. A netlist test for this feature is recommended.

## 8.5 Hardened PC

During sequential execution the IF stage PC is hardened by checking that it has the correct value compared to the ID stage with an offset determined by the compressed/uncompressed state of the instruction in ID.

In addition, the IF stage PC is checked for correctness for potential non-sequential execution due to control transfer instructions. For jumps (including mret) and branches, this is done by recomputing the PC target and branch decision (incurring an additional cycle for non-taken branches).

Any error in the check for correct PC or branch/jump decision will result in a pulse on the `alert_major_o` pin.

## 8.6 Hardened CSRs

Critical CSRs (jvt, mstatus, mtvec, pmpcfg, pmpaddr*, mseccfg*, cpuctrl, dcsr, mie, mepc, mtvt, mscratch, mintstatus, mintthresh, mscratchcsw, mscratchcswl and mclicbase) have extra glitch detection enabled. For these registers a second copy of the register is added which stores a complemented version of the main CSR data. A constant check is made that the two copies are consistent, and a major alert is signaled if not (see *Security alerts*).

**Note:** The shadow copies are logically redundant and are therefore likely to be optimized away during synthesis. Special care in the synthesis script is necessary (see *Register Cells*) and the final netlist must be checked to ensure that the shadow copies are still present. A netlist test for this feature is recommended.

## 8.7 Functional unit and FSM hardening

(Encode critical signals and FSM state such that certain glitch attacks can be detected)

## 8.8 Interface integrity

The OBI bus interfaces have associated parity and checksum signals:

- CV32E40S will generate odd parity signals instr_reqpar_o and data_reqpar_o for instr_req_o and data_req_o respectively.
- The environment is expected to drive instr_gntpar_i, instr_rvalidpar_i, data_gntpar_i and data_rvalidpar_i with odd parity for instr_gnt_i, instr_rvalid_i, data_gnt_i and data_rvalid_i respectively.
- CV32E40S will generate checksums instr_achk_o and data_achk_o for the instruction OBI interface and the data OBI interface respectively with checksums as defined in Table 8.3.
- The environment is expected to drive instr_rchk_i and data_rchk_i for the instruction OBI interface and the data OBI interface respectively with checksums as defined in Table 8.4.

Table 8.3: Address phase checksum signal

| Signal | Checksum computation | Comment |
|---|---|---|
| achk[0] | Odd parity(addr[7:0]) | |
| achk[1] | Odd parity(addr[15:8]) | |
| achk[2] | Odd parity(addr[23:16]) | |
| achk[3] | Odd parity(addr[31:24]) | |
| achk[4] | Odd parity(prot[2:0], memtype[1:0]) | |
| achk[5] | Odd parity(be[3:0], we) | For the instruction interface be[3:0] = 4'b1111 and we = 1'b0 is used. |
| achk[6] | Odd parity(dbg) | |
| achk[7] | Odd parity(atop) | atop[5:0] = 6'b0 as the **A** extension is not implemented. |
| achk[8] | Odd parity(wdata[7:0]) | For the instruction interface wdata[7:0] = 8'b0. |
| achk[9] | Odd parity(wdata[15:8]) | For the instruction interface wdata[15:8] = 8'b0. |
| achk[10] | Odd parity(wdata[23:16]) | For the instruction interface wdata[23:16] = 8'b0. |
| achk[11] | Odd parity(wdata[31:24]) | For the instruction interface wdata[31:24] = 8'b0. |

**Note:** CV32E40S always generates its achk[11:8] bits dependent on wdata (even for read transactions). The achk[11:8] signal bits are however not required to be checked against wdata for read transactions (see [OPENHW-OBI]). Whether the environment performs these checks or not is platform specific.

Table 8.4: Response phase checksum signal

| Signal | Checksum computation | Comment |
|---|---|---|
| rchk[0] | Odd parity(rdata[7:0]) | |
| rchk[1] | Odd parity(rdata[15:8]) | |
| rchk[2] | Odd parity(rdata[23:16]) | |
| rchk[3] | Odd parity(rdata[31:24]) | |
| rchk[4] | Odd parity(err, exokay) | exokay = 1'b0 as the **A** extension is not implemented. |

**Note:** CV32E40S always allows its rchk[3:0] bits to be dependent on rdata (even for write transactions). CV32E40S however only checks its rdata signal bits against rchk[3:0] for read transactions (see [OPENHW-OBI]).

CV32E40S checks its OBI inputs against the related parity and checksum inputs (i.e. instr_gntpar_i, data_gntpar_i, instr_rvalidpar_i, data_rvalidpar_i, instr_rchk_i and data_rchk_i) as specified in [OPENHW-OBI] and generates a pulse on the alert_major_o pin in cases of parity or checksum violations. The instr_rchk_i and data_rchk_i checks are only performed if so configured in the PMA (see *Integrity*).

The environment is expected to check the OBI outputs of CV32E40S against the related parity and checksum outputs (i.e. instr_reqpar_o, data_reqpar_o, instr_rchk_o and data_rchk_o) as specified in [OPENHW-OBI]. It is platform defined how the environment reacts in case of parity or checksum violations.

## 8.9 Bus interface hardening

Hardware checks are performed to check that the bus protocol is not being violated.

## 8.10 Reduction of profiling infrastructure

As **Zicntr** and **Zihpm** are not implemented user mode code does not have access to the Base Counters and Timers nor to the Hardware Performance Counters. Furthermore the machine mode Hardware Performance Counters mhpmcounter3(h) - mhpmcounter31(h) and related event selector CSRs mhpmevent3 - mhpmevent31 are hardwired to 0.

# CHAPTER NINE

# PHYSICAL MEMORY ATTRIBUTION (PMA)

The CV32E40S includes a Physical Memory Attribution (PMA) unit that allows compile time attribution of the physical memory map. The PMA is configured through the top level parameters PMA_NUM_REGIONS and PMA_CFG[]. The number of PMA regions is configured through the PMA_NUM_REGIONS parameter. Valid values are 0-16. The configuration array, PMA_CFG[], must consist of PMA_NUM_REGIONS entries of the type pma_cfg_t, defined in cv32e40s_pkg.sv:

```
typedef struct packed {
  logic [31:0] word_addr_low;
  logic [31:0] word_addr_high;
  logic        main;
  logic        bufferable;
  logic        cacheable;
  logic        integrity;
} pma_cfg_t;
```

In case of address overlap between PMA regions, the region with the lowest index in PMA_CFG[] will have priority. The PMA can be deconfigured by setting PMA_NUM_REGIONS=0. When doing this, PMA_CFG[] should be left unconnected.

## 9.1 Address range

The address boundaries of a PMA region are set in word_addr_low/word_addr_high. These contain bits 33:2 of 34-bit, word aligned addresses. To get an address match, the transfer address addr must be in the range {word_addr_low, 2'b00} <= addr[33:0] < {word_addr_high, 2'b00}. Note that addr[33:32] = 2'b00 as the CV32E40S does not support Sv32.

## 9.2 Main memory vs I/O

Memory ranges can be defined as either main (main=1) or I/O (main=0). Code execution is allowed from main memory and main memory is considered to be idempotent. Non-aligned transactions are supported in main memory. Code execution is not allowed from I/O regions and an instruction access fault (exception code 1) is raised when attempting to execute from such regions. I/O regions are considered to be non-idempotent and therefore the PMA will prevent speculative accesses to such regions. Non-aligned transactions are not supported in I/O regions. An attempt to perform a non-naturally aligned load access to an I/O region causes a precise load access fault (exception code 5). An attempt to perform a non-naturally aligned store access to an I/O region causes a precise store access fault (exception code 7).

## 9.3 Bufferable and Cacheable

Accesses to regions marked as bufferable (`bufferable=1`) will result in the OBI `mem_type[0]` bit being set, except if the access was an instruction fetch, a load, or part of an atomic memory operation. Bufferable stores will utilize the write buffer, see *Write buffer*.

Accesses to regions marked as cacheable (`cacheable=1`) will result in the OBI `mem_type[1]` bit being set.

**Note:** The PMA must be configured such that accesses to the external debug module are non-cacheable, to enable its program buffer to function correctly.

## 9.4 Integrity

Accesses to regions marked with `integrity=1` will have their OBI response phase inputs checked against the `instr_rchk_i` and `data_rchk_i` signals as specified in [OPENHW-OBI]. Accesses to regions marked with `integrity=0` will never leads to instruction parity/checksum fault (see *Exceptions and Interrupts*), load parity/checksum fault NMI (see *Exceptions and Interrupts*), store parity/checksum fault NMI (see *Exceptions and Interrupts*) or major alert (see *Interface integrity*) due to unexpected `instr_rchk_i` or `data_rchk_i` values.

**Note:** `data_rdata_i` is never checked against `data_rchk_i` for write transactions (see [OPENHW-OBI]).

**Note:** The `instr_gntpar_i`, `instr_rvalidpar_i`, `data_gntpar_i` and `data_rvalidpar_i` are always checked (also for accesses to regions with `integrity=0`).

## 9.5 Default attribution

If the PMA is deconfigured (`PMA_NUM_REGIONS=0`), the entire memory range will be treated as main memory (`main=1`), non-bufferable (`bufferable=0`), non-cacheable (`cacheable=0`) and no integrity (`integrity=0`).

If the PMA is configured (`PMA_NUM_REGIONS > 0`), memory regions not covered by any PMA regions are treated as I/O memory (`main=0`), non-bufferable (`bufferable=0`), non-cacheable (`cacheable=0`) and no integrity (`integrity=0`).

Every instruction fetch, load and store will be subject to PMA checks and failed checks will result in an exception. PMA checks cannot be disabled. See *Exceptions and Interrupts* for details.

CHAPTER

TEN

# PHYSICAL MEMORY PROTECTION (PMP)

The CV32E40S includes the Physical Memory Protection (PMP) unit. The PMP is both statically and dynamically configurable. The static configuration is performed through the top level parameters PMP_NUM_REGIONS and PMP_GRANULARITY. The dynamic configuration is performed through the CSRs described in *Control and Status Registers*.

The PMP_GRANULARITY parameter is used to configure the minimum granularity of PMP address matching. The minimum granularity is $2^{\text{PMP\_NUM\_REGIONS+2}}$ bytes, so at least 4 bytes.

The PMP_NUM_REGIONS parameter is used to configure the number of PMP regions, starting from the lowest numbered region. All PMP CSRs are always implemented, but CSRs (or bitfields of CSRs) related to PMP entries with number PMP_NUM_REGIONS and above are hardwired to zero.

The reset value of the PMP CSR registers can be set through the top level parameters PMP_PMPNCFG_RV[], PMP_PMPADDR_RV[] and PMP_MSECCFG_RV. PMP_PMPNCFG_RV[] is an array of PMP_NUM_REGIONS entries of the type pmpncfg_t. Entry N determines the reset value of the pmpNcfg bitfield in the pmpcfg CSRs. PMP_PMPADDR_RV[] is an array of PMP_NUM_REGIONS entries of logic [31:0]. Entry N determines the reset value of the pmpaddrN CSR. PMP_MSECCFG_RV is of the type mseccfg_t and determines the reset value of the mseccfg CSR.

The PMP is compliant to [RISC-V-PRIV] and [RISC-V-SMEPMP].

# CHAPTER ELEVEN

# REGISTER FILE

Source file: `rtl/cv32e40s_register_file.sv`

CV32E40S has 31 32-bit wide registers which form registers `x1` to `x31`. Register `x0` is statically bound to 0 and can only be read, it does not contain any sequential logic.

The register file has two read ports and one write port. Register file reads are performed in the ID stage. Register file writes are performed in the WB stage.

## 11.1 General Purpose Register File

The general purpose register file is flip-flop-based. It uses regular, positive-edge-triggered flip-flops to implement the registers.

## 11.2 Error Detection

The register file of CV32E40S has integrated error detection logic and a 6-bit hamming code for each word. This ensures detection of up to two errors in each register file word. Detected errors trigger the core major alert output.

CHAPTER

# TWELVE

# FENCE.I EXTERNAL HANDSHAKE

CV32E40S includes an external handshake that will be exercised upon execution of the fence.i instruction. The handshake is composed of the signals `fencei_flush_req_o` and `fencei_flush_ack_i` and can for example be used to flush an externally connected cache.

The `fencei_flush_req_o` signal will go high upon executing a `fence.i` instruction once possible earlier store instructions have fully completed (including emptying of the the write buffer). The `fencei_flush_req_o` signal will go low again the cycle after sampling both `fencei_flush_req_o` and `fencei_flush_ack_i` high. Once `fencei_flush_req_o` has gone low again a branch will be taken to the instruction after the `fence.i` thereby flushing possibly prefetched instructions.

Fence instructions are not impacted by the distinction between main and I/O regions (defined in *Physical Memory Attribution (PMA)*) and execute as a conservative fence on all operations, ignoring the predecessor and successor fields.

**Note:** If the `fence.i` external handshake is not used by the environment of CV32E40S, then it is recommended to tie the `fencei_flush_ack_i` to 1 in order to avoid stalling `fence.i` instructions indefinitely.

CHAPTER

# THIRTEEN

# SLEEP UNIT

Source File: `rtl/cv32e40s_sleep_unit.sv`

The Sleep Unit contains and controls the instantiated clock gate, see *Clock Gating Cell*, that gates `clk_i` and produces a gated clock for use by the other modules inside CV32E40S. The Sleep Unit is the only place in which `clk_i` itself is used; all other modules use the gated version of `clk_i`.

The clock gating in the Sleep Unit is impacted by the following:

- `rst_ni`
- `fetch_enable_i`
- **wfi** instruction

Table 13.1 describes the Sleep Unit interface.

Table 13.1: Sleep Unit interface signals

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| `core_sleep_o` | output | Core is sleeping because of a **wfi** instruction. If `core_sleep_o` = 1, then `clk_i` is gated off internally and it is allowed to gate off `clk_i` externally as well. See *WFI* for details. |

## 13.1 Startup behavior

`clk_i` is internally gated off (while signaling `core_sleep_o` = 0) during CV32E40S startup:

- `clk_i` is internally gated off during `rst_ni` assertion
- `clk_i` is internally gated off from `rst_ni` deassertion until `fetch_enable_i` = 1

After initial assertion of `fetch_enable_i`, the `fetch_enable_i` signal is ignored until after a next reset assertion.

## 13.2 WFI

The **wfi** instruction can under certain conditions be used to enter sleep mode awaiting a locally enabled interrupt to become pending. The operation of **wfi** is unaffected by the global interrupt bits in **mstatus**.

A **wfi** will not enter sleep mode, but will be executed as a regular **nop**, if any of the following conditions apply:

- `debug_req_i` = 1 or a debug request is pending
- The core is in debug mode
- The core is performing single stepping (debug)
- The core has a trigger match (debug)

If a **wfi** causes sleep mode entry, then `core_sleep_o` is set to 1 and `clk_i` is gated off internally. `clk_i` is allowed to be gated off externally as well in this scenario. A wake-up can be triggered by any of the following:

- A locally enabled interrupt is pending
- A debug request is pending
- Core is in debug mode

Upon wake-up `core_sleep_o` is set to 0, `clk_i` will no longer be gated internally, must not be gated off externally, and instruction execution resumes.

If one of the above wake-up conditions coincides with the **wfi** instruction, then sleep mode is not entered and `core_sleep_o` will not become 1.

Figure 13.1 shows an example waveform for sleep mode entry because of a **wfi** instruction.

Figure 13.1: **wfi** example

CHAPTER

FOURTEEN

# CONTROL AND STATUS REGISTERS

## 14.1 CSR Map

Table 14.1 lists all implemented CSRs. To columns in Table 14.1 may require additional explanation:

The **Parameter** column identifies those CSRs that are dependent on the value of specific compile/synthesis parameters. If these parameters are not set as indicated in Table 14.1 then the associated CSR is not implemented. If the parameter column is empty then the associated CSR is always implemented.

The **Privilege** column indicates the access mode of a CSR. The first letter indicates the lowest privilege level required to access the CSR. Attempts to access a CSR with a higher privilege level than the core is currently running in will throw an illegal instruction exception. The remaining letters indicate the read and/or write behavior of the CSR when accessed by the indicated or higher privilge level:

- **RW**: CSR is **read-write**. That is, CSR instructions (e.g. csrrw) may write any value and that value will be returned on a subsequent read (unless a side-effect causes the core to change the CSR value).
- **RO**: CSR is **read-only**. Writes by CSR instructions raise an illegal instruction exception.

Writes of a non-supported value to **WLRL** bitfields of a **RW** CSR do not result in an illegal instruction exception. The exact bitfield access types, e.g. **WLRL** or **WARL**, can be found in the RISC-V privileged specification.

Reads or writes to a CSR that is not implemented will result in an illegal instruction exception.

Table 14.1: Control and Status Register Map

| CSR Address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Machine CSRs | | | | |
| 0x300 | `mstatus` | MRW | | Machine Status (lower 32 bits). |
| 0x301 | `misa` | MRW | | Machine ISA |
| 0x304 | `mie` | MRW | | Machine Interrupt Enable Register |
| 0x305 | `mtvec` | MRW | | Machine Trap-Handler Base Addres |
| 0x307 | `mtvt` | MRW | `SMCLIC` = 1 | Machine Trap-Handler Vector Table |
| 0x310 | `mstatush` | MRW | | Machine Status (upper 32 bits). |
| 0x320 | `mcountinhibit` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Counter-Inhibit Re |
| 0x323 | `mhpmevent3` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Performance-Mon |
| .... | | | | |
| 0x33F | `mhpmevent31` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Performance-Mon |
| 0x340 | `mscratch` | MRW | | Machine Scratch |
| 0x341 | `mepc` | MRW | | Machine Exception Program Count |
| 0x342 | `mcause` | MRW | | Machine Trap Cause |
| 0x343 | `mtval` | MRW | | Machine Trap Value |
| 0x344 | `mip` | MRW | | Machine Interrupt Pending Register |

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| CSR Address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0x345 | `mnxti` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | Interrupt handler address and enabl |
| 0x346 | `mintstatus` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | Current interrupt levels |
| 0x347 | `mintthresh` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | Interrupt-level threshold |
| 0x348 | `mscratchcsw` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | Conditional scratch swap on priv m |
| 0x349 | `mscratchcswl` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | Conditional scratch swap on level c |
| 0x34A | `mclicbase` | MRW | SMCLIC = 1 | CLIC Base Register |
| 0x7A0 | `tselect` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Select Register |
| 0x7A1 | `tdata1` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Data Register 1 |
| 0x7A2 | `tdata2` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Data Register 2 |
| 0x7A3 | `tdata3` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Data Register 3 |
| 0x7A4 | `tinfo` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Info |
| 0x7A5 | `tcontrol` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Trigger Control |
| 0x7A8 | `mcontext` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Machine Context Register |
| 0x7AA | `mscontext` | MRW | DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS > 0 | Machine Context Register |
| 0x7B0 | `dcsr` | DRW | | Debug Control and Status |
| 0x7B1 | `dpc` | DRW | | Debug PC |
| 0x7B2 | `dscratch0` | DRW | | Debug Scratch Register 0 |
| 0x7B3 | `dscratch1` | DRW | | Debug Scratch Register 1 |
| 0xB00 | `mcycle` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Cycle Counter |
| 0xB02 | `minstret` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Instructions-Retire |
| 0xB03 | `mhpmcounter3` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Performance-Mon |
| . . . . | | | | |
| 0xB1F | `mhpmcounter31` | MRW | | (HPM) Machine Performance-Mon |
| 0xB80 | `mcycleh` | MRW | | (HPM) Upper 32 Machine Cycle Co |
| 0xB82 | `minstreth` | MRW | | (HPM) Upper 32 Machine Instructi |
| 0xB83 | `mhpmcounterh3` | MRW | | (HPM) Upper 32 Machine Performa |
| . . . . | | | | |
| 0xB9F | `mhpmcounterh31` | MRW | | (HPM) Upper 32 Machine Performa |
| 0xF11 | `mvendorid` | MRO | | Machine Vendor ID |
| 0xF12 | `marchid` | MRO | | Machine Architecture ID |
| 0xF13 | `mimpid` | MRO | | Machine Implementation ID |
| 0xF14 | `mhartid` | MRO | | Hardware Thread ID |
| 0xF15 | `mconfigptr` | MRO | | Machine Configuration Pointer |

Table 14.2: Control and Status Register Map (additional custom CSRs)

| CSR Address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Machine CSRs | | | | |
| 0xBF0 | `cpuctrl` | MRW | | CPU control |
| 0xBF9 | `secureseed0` | MRW | | Seed for LFSR0 |
| 0xBFA | `secureseed1` | MRW | | Seed for LFSR1 |
| 0xBFC | `secureseed2` | MRW | | Seed for LFSR2 |

Table 14.3: Control and Status Register Map (Unprivileged and User-Level CSRs)

| CSR Address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unprivileged and User-Level CSRs | | | | |
| 0x017 | `jvt` | URW | ZC_EXT = 1 | Table jump base vector and control register |

Table 14.4: Control and Status Register Map (additional CSRs for User mode support)

| CSR address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Machine CSRs | | | | |
| 0x306 | `mcounteren` | MRW | | Machine Counter Enable |
| 0x30A | `menvcfg` | MRW | | Machine Environment Configuration (lower 32 bits) |
| 0x31A | `menvcfgh` | MRW | | Machine Environment Configuration (upper 32 bits) |

Table 14.5: Control and Status Register Map (additional CSRs for PMP)

| CSR Address | Name | Privilege | Parameter | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Machine CSRs | | | | |
| 0x3A0 | `pmpcfg0` | MRW | | Physical memory protection configuration. |
| 0x3A1 | `pmpcfg1` | MRW | | Physical memory protection configuration. |
| 0x3A2 | `pmpcfg2` | MRW | | Physical memory protection configuration. |
| … | … | … | | … |
| 0x3AF | `pmpcfg15` | MRW | | Physical memory protection configuration. |
| 0x3B0 | `pmpaddr0` | MRW | | Physical memory protection address register. |
| 0x3B1 | `pmpaddr1` | MRW | | Physical memory protection address register. |
| 0x3B2 | `pmpaddr2` | MRW | | Physical memory protection address register. |
| … | … | … | | … |
| 0x3EF | `pmpaddr63` | MRW | | Physical memory protection address register. |
| 0x747 | `mseccfg` | MRW | | Machine Security Configuration (lower 32 bits). |
| 0x757 | `mseccfgh` | MRW | | Machine Security Configuration (upper 32 bits). |

## 14.2 CSR Descriptions

What follows is a detailed definition of each of the CSRs listed above. The **R/W** column defines the access mode behavior of each bit field when accessed by the privilege level specified in Table 14.1 (or a higher privilege level):

- **R**: **read** fields are not affected by CSR write instructions. Such fields either return a fixed value, or a value determined by the operation of the core.
- **RW**: **read/write** fields store the value written by CSR writes. Subsequent reads return either the previously written value or a value determined by the operation of the core.
- **WARL**: **write-any-read-legal** fields store only legal values written by CSR writes. For example, a WARL (0x0) field supports only the value 0x0. Any value may be written, but all reads would return 0x0 regardless of the value being written to it. A WARL field may support more than one value. If an unsupported value is (attempted to be) written to a WARL field, the original (legal) value of the bitfield is preserved.
- **WPRI**: Software should ignore values read from these fields, and preserve the values when writing.

**Note:** The **R/W** information does **not** impact whether CSR accesses result in illegal instruction exceptions or not.

### 14.2.1 Jump Vector Table (`jvt`)

CSR Address: 0x017

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `ZC_EXT` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31: 6 | RW | **BASE**: Base Address, 64 byte aligned. |
| 5: 0 | WARL (0x0) | **MODE**: Jump table mode |

Table jump base vector and control register

### 14.2.2 Machine Status (`mstatus`)

CSR Address: 0x300

Reset Value: 0x0000_1800

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | WARL (0x0) | **SD**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 30:23 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 22 | WARL (0x0) | **TSR**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 21 | WARL | **TW**: Timeout Wait. When set, WFI executed from user mode causes an illegal exception. The time limit is set to 0 for CV32E40S. |
| 20 | WARL (0x0) | **TVM**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 19 | R (0x0) | **MXR**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 18 | R (0x0) | **SUM**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 17 | RW | **MPRV**: Modify Privilege. When MPRV=1, load and store memory addresses are translated and protected as though the current privilege mode were set to MPP. |
| 16:15 | R (0x0) | **XS**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 14:13 | WARL (0x0) | **FS**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 12:11 | WARL (0x0, 0x3) | **MPP**: Machine Previous Priviledge mode. Returns the previous privilege mode. When an mret is executed, the privilege mode is change to the value of MPP. |
| 10:9 | WPRI (0x0) | **VS**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 8 | WARL (0x0) | **SPP**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | RW | **MPIE**: When an exception is encountered, MPIE will be set to MIE. When the mret instruction is executed, the value of MPIE will be stored to MIE. |
| 6 | WARL (0x0) | **UBE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 5 | R (0x0) | **SPIE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | RW | **MIE**: If you want to enable interrupt handling in your exception handler, set the Interrupt Enable MIE to 1 inside your handler code. |
| 2 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 1 | R (0x0) | **SIE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0 |

### 14.2.3 Machine ISA (`misa`)

CSR Address: 0x301

Reset Value: defined (based on `RV32`, `M_EXT`)

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:30 | WARL (0x1) | **MXL** (Machine XLEN). |
| 29:26 | WARL (0x0) | (Reserved). |
| 25 | WARL (0x0) | **Z** (Reserved). |
| 24 | WARL (0x0) | **Y** (Reserved). |
| 23 | WARL (0x1) | **X** (Non-standard extensions present). |
| 22 | WARL (0x0) | **W** (Reserved). |
| 21 | WARL (0x0) | **V** (Tentatively reserved for Vector extension). |
| 20 | WARL (0x1) | **U** (User mode implemented). |
| 19 | WARL (0x0) | **T** (Tentatively reserved for Transactional Memory extension). |
| 18 | WARL (0x0) | **S** (Supervisor mode implemented). |
| 17 | WARL (0x0) | **R** (Reserved). |
| 16 | WARL (0x0) | **Q** (Quad-precision floating-point extension). |
| 15 | WARL (0x0) | **P** (Packed-SIMD extension). |
| 14 | WARL (0x0) | **O** (Reserved). |
| 13 | WARL (0x0) | **N** |
| 12 | WARL | **M** (Integer Multiply/Divide extension). |
| 11 | WARL (0x0) | **L** (Tentatively reserved for Decimal Floating-Point extension). |
| 10 | WARL (0x0) | **K** (Reserved). |
| 9 | WARL (0x0) | **J** (Tentatively reserved for Dynamically Translated Languages extension). |
| 8 | WARL | **I** (RV32I/64I/128I base ISA). |
| 7 | WARL (0x0) | **H** (Hypervisor extension). |
| 6 | WARL (0x0) | **G** (Additional standard extensions present). |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | **F** (Single-precision floating-point extension). |
| 4 | WARL | **E** (RV32E base ISA). |
| 3 | WARL (0x0) | **D** (Double-precision floating-point extension). |
| 2 | WARL (0x1) | **C** (Compressed extension). |
| 1 | WARL (0x0) | **B** Reserved. |
| 0 | WARL (0x0) | **A** (Atomic extension). |

All bitfields in the `misa` CSR read as 0 except for the following:

- **C** = 1
- **I** = 1 if `RV32` == RV32I
- **E** = 1 if `RV32` == RV32E
- **M** = 1 if `M_EXT` == M
- **MXL** = 1 (i.e. XLEN = 32)
- **U** = 1
- **X** = 1

### 14.2.4 Machine Interrupt Enable Register (mie) - SMCLIC == 0

CSR Address: 0x304

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:16 | RW | Machine Fast Interrupt Enables: Set bit x to enable interrupt irq_i[x]. |
| 15:12 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 11 | RW | **MEIE**: Machine External Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[11] is enabled. |
| 10 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 9 | WARL (0x0) | **SEIE**. Hardwired to 0 |
| 8 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | RW | **MTIE**: Machine Timer Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[7] is enabled. |
| 6 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | **STIE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | RW | **MSIE**: Machine Software Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[3] is enabled. |
| 2 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 1 | WARL (0x0) | **SSIE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.5 Machine Interrupt Enable Register (mie) - SMCLIC == 1

CSR Address: 0x304

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

**Note:** In CLIC mode the `mie` CSR is replaced by separate memory-mapped interrupt enables (`clicintie`).

### 14.2.6 Machine Trap-Vector Base Address (mtvec) - SMCLIC == 0

CSR Address: 0x305

Reset Value: Defined

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:7 | RW | **BASE[31:7]**: Trap-handler base address, always aligned to 128 bytes. |
| 6:2 | WARL (0x0) | **BASE[6:2]**: Trap-handler base address, always aligned to 128 bytes. `mtvec[6:2]` is hardwired to 0x0. |
| 1:0 | WARL (0x0, 0x1) | **MODE[0]**: Interrupt handling mode. 0x0 = non-vectored basic mode, 0x1 = vectored basic mode. |

The initial value of mtvec is equal to {**mtvec_addr_i[31:7]**, 5'b0, 2'b01}.

When an exception or an interrupt is encountered, the core jumps to the corresponding handler using the content of the mtvec[31:7] as base address. Both direct mode and vectored mode are supported.

The NMI vector location is at index 15 of the machine trap vector table for both direct mode and vectored mode (i.e. at {**mtvec[31:7]**, 5'hF, 2'b00}).

### 14.2.7 Machine Trap-Vector Base Address (mtvec) - SMCLIC == 1

CSR Address: 0x305

Reset Value: Defined

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:7 | RW | **BASE[31:7]**: Trap-handler base address, always aligned to 128 bytes. |
| 6:2 | WARL (0x0) | **BASE[6:2]**: Trap-handler base address, always aligned to 128 bytes. mtvec[6:2] is hardwired to 0x0. |
| 1:0 | WARL (0x3) | **MODE**: Interrupt handling mode. Always CLIC mode. |

The initial value of mtvec is equal to {**mtvec_addr_i[31:7]**, 5'b0, 2'b11}.

### 14.2.8 Machine Trap Vector Table Base Address (mtvt)

CSR Address: 0x307

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: SMCLIC = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:N | RW | **BASE[31:N]**: Trap-handler vector table base address. N = maximum(6, 2+SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH). See note below for alignment restrictions. |
| N-1:6 | WARL (0x0) | **BASE[N-1:6]**: Trap-handler vector table base address. This field is only defined if N > 6. N = maximum(6, 2+SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH). mtvt[N-1:6] is hardwired to 0x0. See note below for alignment restrictions. |
| 5:0 | R (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

**Note:** The mtvt CSR holds the base address of the trap vector table, which has its alignment restricted to both at least 64-bytes and to 2^(2+SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH) bytes or greater power-of-two boundary. For example if SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH = 8, then 256 CLIC interrupts are supported and the trap vector table is aligned to 1024 bytes, and therefore **BASE[9:6]** will be WARL (0x0).

### 14.2.9 Machine Status (`mstatush`)

CSR Address: 0x310

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:6 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | **MBE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WARL (0x0) | **SBE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3:0 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.10 Machine Counter Enable (`mcounteren`)

CSR Address: 0x306

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

Each bit in the machine counter-enable register allows the associated read-only unprivileged shadow performance register to be read from user mode. If the bit is clear an attempt to read the register in user mode will trigger an illegal instruction exception.

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:3 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 2 | RW | **IR**: `instret` enable for user mode. |
| 1 | WARL (0x0) | **TM**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | RW | **CY**: `cycle` enable for user mode. |

### 14.2.11 Machine Environment Configuration (`menvcfg`)

CSR Address: 0x30A

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:8 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | R (0x0) | **CBZE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 6 | R (0x0) | **CBCFE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 5:4 | R (0x0) | **CBIE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3:1 | R (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | R (0x0) | **FIOM**. Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.12 Machine Environment Configuration (`menvcfgh`)

CSR Address: 0x31A

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | R (0x0) | **STCE**. Hardwired to 0 |
| 30:0 | WPRI (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.13 Machine Counter-Inhibit Register (`mcountinhibit`)

CSR Address: 0x320

Reset Value: 0x0000_0005

The performance counter inhibit control register. The default value is to inihibit all implemented counters out of reset. The bit returns a read value of 0 for non implemented counters.

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:3 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 2 | WARL | **IR**: `minstret` inhibit |
| 1 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | WARL | **CY**: `mcycle` inhibit |

### 14.2.14 Machine Performance Monitoring Event Selector (`mhpmevent3 .. mhpmevent31`)

CSR Address: 0x323 - 0x33F

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.15 Machine Scratch (`mscratch`)

CSR Address: 0x340

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | Scratch value |

### 14.2.16 Machine Exception PC (`mepc`)

CSR Address: 0x341

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:1 | WARL | Machine Expection Program Counter 31:1 |
| 0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

When an exception is encountered, the current program counter is saved in MEPC, and the core jumps to the exception address. When a mret instruction is executed, the value from MEPC replaces the current program counter.

### 14.2.17 Machine Cause (`mcause`) - `SMCLIC` == 0

CSR Address: 0x342

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | RW | **INTERRUPT:** This bit is set when the exception was triggered by an interrupt. |
| 30:11 | WLRL (0x0) | **EXCCODE[30:11]**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 10:0 | WLRL | **EXCCODE[10:0]**. See note below. |

**Note:** Software accesses to *mcause[10:0]* must be sensitive to the WLRL field specification of this CSR. For example, when *mcause[31]* is set, writing 0x1 to *mcause[1]* (Supervisor software interrupt) will result in UNDEFINED behavior.

### 14.2.18 Machine Cause (`mcause`) - `SMCLIC` == 1

CSR Address: 0x342

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | RW | **INTERRUPT:** This bit is set when the exception was triggered by an interrupt. |
| 30 | R | **MINHV**. Set by hardware at start of hardware vectoring, cleared by hardware at end of successful hardware vectoring. |
| 29:28 | **WARL (0x0,** 0x3) | **MPP:** Previous privilege mode. Same as `mstatus.MPP` |
| 27 | RW | **MPIE:** Previous interrupt enable. Same as `mstatus.MPIE` |
| 26:24 | RW | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 23:16 | RW | **MPIL:** Previous interrupt level. |
| 15:12 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 11 | WLRL (0x0) | **EXCCODE[11]** |
| 10:0 | WLRL | **EXCCODE[10:0]** |

**Note:** `mcause.MPP` and `mstatus.MPP` mirror each other. `mcause.MPIE` and `mstatus.MPIE` mirror each other. Reading or writing the fields `MPP`/`MPIE` in `mcause` is equivalent to reading or writing the homonymous field in `mstatus`.

### 14.2.19 Machine Trap Value (`mtval`)

CSR Address: 0x343

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.20 Machine Interrupt Pending Register (`mip`) - `SMCLIC` == 0

CSR Address: 0x344

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:16 | R | Machine Fast Interrupt Enables: Interrupt irq_i[x] is pending. |
| 15:12 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 11 | R | **MEIP**: Machine External Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[11] is pending. |
| 10 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 9 | WARL (0x0) | **SEIP**. Hardwired to 0 |
| 8 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | R | **MTIP**: Machine Timer Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[7] is pending. |
| 6 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | **STIP**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | R | **MSIP**: Machine Software Interrupt Enable, if set, irq_i[3] is pending. |
| 2 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 1 | WARL (0x0) | **SSIP**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 0 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.21 Machine Interrupt Pending Register (`mip`) - `SMCLIC` == 1

CSR Address: 0x344

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

**Note:** In CLIC mode the `mip` CSR is replaced by separate memory-mapped interrupt enables (`clicintip`).

### 14.2.22 Machine Next Interrupt Handler Address and Interrupt Enable (`mnxti`)

CSR Address: 0x345

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | **MNXTI**: Machine Next Interrupt Handler Address and Interrupt Enable. |

This register can be used by the software to service the next interrupt when it is in the same privilege mode, without incurring the full cost of an interrupt pipeline flush and context save/restore.

### 14.2.23 Machine Interrupt Status (`mintstatus`)

CSR Address: 0x346

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:24 | R | **MIL**: Machine Interrupt Level |
| 23:16 | R (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 15: 8 | R (0x0) | **SIL**: Supervisor Interrupt Level, hardwired to 0. |
| 7: 0 | R (0x0) | **UIL**: User Interrupt Level, hardwired to 0. |

This register holds the active interrupt level for each privilege mode. Only Machine Interrupt Level is supported.

### 14.2.24 Machine Interrupt-Level Threshold (`mintthresh`)

CSR Address: 0x347

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31: 8 | R (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7: 0 | RW | **TH**: Threshold |

This register holds the machine mode interrupt level threshold.

### 14.2.25 Machine Scratch Swap for Priv Mode Change (`mscratchcsw`)

CSR Address: 0x348

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | **MSCRATCHCSW**: Machine scratch swap for privilege mode change |

Scratch swap register for multiple privilege modes.

### 14.2.26 Machine Scratch Swap for Interrupt-Level Change (`mscratchcswl`)

CSR Address: 0x349

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | **MSCRATCHCSWL**: Machine Scratch Swap for Interrupt-Level Change |

Scratch swap register for multiple interrupt levels.

### 14.2.27 CLIC Base (`mclicbase`)

CSR Address: 0x34A

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Include Condition: `SMCLIC` = 1

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:12 | RW | **MCLICBASE**: CLIC Base |
| 11: 0 | R (0x0) | Reserved. Hardwired to 0. |

CLIC base register.

### 14.2.28 Trigger Select Register (`tselect`)

CSR Address: 0x7A0

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL<br>(0x0 - (`DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS`-1)) | CV32E40S implements 0 to `DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS` triggers. Selects<br>which trigger CSRs are accessed through the tdata* CSRs. |

### 14.2.29 Trigger Data 1 (`tdata1`)

CSR Address: 0x7A1

Reset Value: 0x6800_1044

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode, depending on **TDATA1.dmode**. The contents of the **data** field depends on the current value of the **type** field. See [RISC-V-DEBUG] for details regarding all trigger related CSRs.

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:28 | WARL<br>(0x5, 0x6) | **type:** 6 = Address match trigger type.<br>5 = Exception trigger |
| 27 | WARL (0x1) | **DMODE:** Only debug mode can write tdata registers |
| 26:0 | WARL | **DATA:** Trigger data depending on type |

### 14.2.30 Match Control Type 6 (`mcontrol6`)

CSR Address: 0x7A1

Reset Value: 0x6800_1044

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode, depending on **TDATA1.DMODE**.

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:28 | WARL (0x6) | **TYPE:** 6 = Address match trigger. |
| 27 | WARL (0x1) | **DMODE:** Only debug mode can write tdata registers |
| 26:25 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 24 | WARL (0x0) | **VS:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 23 | WARL (0x0) | **VU:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 22 | WARL (0x0) | **HIT:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 21 | WARL (0x0) | **SELECT:** Only address matching is supported. |
| 20 | WARL (0x0) | **TIMING:** Break before the instruction at the specified address. |
| 19:16 | WARL (0x0) | **SIZE:** Match accesses of any size. |
| 15:12 | WARL (0x1) | **ACTION:** Enter debug mode on match. |
| 11 | WARL (0x0) | **CHAIN:**. Hardwired to 0 |
| 10:7 | WARL (0x0, 0x2, 0x3) | **MATCH:** 0: Address matches *tdata2*.<br>2: Address is greater than or equal to *tdata2*<br>3: Address is less than *tdata2* |
| 6 | WARL | **M:** Match in M-Mode. |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WARL (0x0) | **S:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | WARL | **U:**. Match in U mode. |
| 2 | WARL | **EXECUTE:** Enable matching on instruction address. |
| 1 | WARL | **STORE:** Enable matching on store address. |
| 0 | WARL | **LOAD:** Enable matching on load address. |

### 14.2.31 Exception Trigger (`etrigger`)

CSR Address: 0x7A1

Reset Value: 0x5800_0201

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode, depending on **TDATA1.DMODE**.

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:28 | WARL (0x5) | **TYPE:** 5 = Exception trigger. |
| 27 | WARL (0x1) | **DMODE:** Only debug mode can write tdata registers |
| 26 | WARL (0x0) | **HIT:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 25:13 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 12 | WARL (0x0) | **VS:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 11 | WARL (0x0) | **VU:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 10 | WARL | **NMI:** Set to enable trigger on NMI. |
| 9 | WARL | **M:** Match in M-Mode. |
| 8 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | WARL (0x0) | **S:**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 6 | WARL | **U:**. Match in U mode. |
| 5:0 | WARL (0x1) | **ACTION:** Enter debug mode on match. |

### 14.2.32 Trigger Data Register 2 (`tdata2`)

CSR Address: 0x7A2

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | **DATA** |

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode, depending on **TDATA1.DMODE**. This register stores the instruction address to match against for a breakpoint trigger or the currently selected exception codes for an exception trigger.

### 14.2.33 Trigger Data Register 3 (`tdata3`)

CSR Address: 0x7A3

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode. CV32E40S does not support the features requiring this register. CSR is hardwired to 0.

### 14.2.34 Trigger Info (`tinfo`)

CSR Address: 0x7A4

Reset Value: 0x0000_0060

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:16 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 15:0 | **R (0x20,** 0x40) | **INFO**. Type 5 and 6 is supported. |

The **INFO** field contains one bit for each possible *type* enumerated in *tdata1*. Bit N corresponds to type N. If the bit is set, then that type is supported by the currently selected trigger. If the currently selected trigger does not exist, this field contains 1.

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode.

### 14.2.35 Trigger Control (`tcontrol`)

CSR Address: 0x7A5

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:8 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 7 | WARL (0x0) | **MPTE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 6:4 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | WARL (0x0) | **MTE**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 2:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

CV32E40S does not support the features requiring this register. CSR is hardwired to 0.

### 14.2.36 Machine Context Register (`mcontext`)

CSR Address: 0x7A8

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode. CV32E40S does not support the features requiring this register. CSR is hardwired to 0.

### 14.2.37 Machine Supervisor Context Register (`mscontext`)

CSR Address: 0x7AA

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

Accessible in Debug Mode or M-Mode. CV32E40S does not support the features requiring this register. CSR is hardwired to 0.

### 14.2.38 Debug Control and Status (`dcsr`)

CSR Address: 0x7B0

Reset Value: 0x4000_0003

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:28 | R (0x4) | **XDEBUGVER:** returns 4 - External debug support exists as it is described in [RISC-V-DEBUG]. |
| 27:18 | WARL (0x0) | Reserved |
| 17 | WARL (0x0) | **EBREAKVS**. Hardwired to 0 |
| 16 | WARL (0x0) | **EBREAKVU**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 15 | RW | **EBREAKM**: Set to enter debug mode on ebreak during M mode. |
| 14 | WARL (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 13 | WARL (0x0) | **EBREAKS**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 12 | WARL | **EBREAKU**: Set to enter debug mode on ebreak during U mode. |
| 11 | WARL | **STEPIE**: Set to enable interrupts during single stepping. |
| 10 | WARL (0x0) | **STOPCOUNT**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 9 | WARL (0x0) | **STOPTIME**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 8:6 | R | **CAUSE**: Return the cause of debug entry. |
| 5 | WARL (0x0) | **V**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 4 | WARL (0x0) | **MPRVEN**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 3 | R | **NMIP**. If set, an NMI is pending |
| 2 | RW | **STEP**: Set to enable single stepping. |
| 1:0 | **WARL (0x0,** 0x3) | **PRV:** Returns the priviledge mode before debug entry. |

### 14.2.39 Debug PC (`dpc`)

CSR Address: 0x7B1

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | **DPC**. Debug PC |

When the core enters in Debug Mode, DPC contains the virtual address of the next instruction to be executed.

### 14.2.40 Debug Scratch Register 0/1 (`dscratch0/1`)

CSR Address: 0x7B2/0x7B3

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | DSCRATCH0/1 |

### 14.2.41 Machine Cycle Counter (`mcycle`)

CSR Address: 0xB00

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | The lower 32 bits of the 64 bit machine mode cycle counter. |

### 14.2.42 Machine Instructions-Retired Counter (`minstret`)

CSR Address: 0xB02

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | The lower 32 bits of the 64 bit machine mode instruction retired counter. |

### 14.2.43 Machine Performance Monitoring Counter (`mhpmcounter3` .. `mhpmcounter31`)

CSR Address: 0xB03 - 0xB1F

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | R (0x0) | Reads return 0x0, writes are ignored. |

### 14.2.44 Upper 32 Machine Cycle Counter (`mcycleh`)

CSR Address: 0xB80

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | The upper 32 bits of the 64 bit machine mode cycle counter. |

### 14.2.45 Upper 32 Machine Instructions-Retired Counter (`minstreth`)

CSR Address: 0xB82

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | The upper 32 bits of the 64 bit machine mode instruction retired counter. |

### 14.2.46 Upper 32 Machine Performance Monitoring Counter (`mhpmcounter3h` .. `mhpmcounter31h`)

CSR Address: 0xB83 - 0xB9F

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | R (0x0) | Reads return 0x0, writes are ignored. |

### 14.2.47 CPU Control (`cpuctrl`)

CSR Address: 0xBF0

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:20 | R (0x0) | Reserved |
| 19:16 | RW | **RNDDUMMYFREQ:** Frequency control for dummy instruction insertion. Dummy instruction inserted every n instructions where n is a range set based on the value written to this register where: 0x0 = 1-4, 0x3 = 1-8, 0x7 = 1-16, 0xF = 1-32, 0x1F = 1-64 |
| 15:4 | R (0x0) | Reserved |
| 3 | RW | **RNDDATA:** Feed random data to unused functional units. (1 = enable) |
| 2 | RW | **RNDHINT:** Replace SLT hint by a random instruction without register fileside effects (1 = enable). |
| 1 | RW | **RNDDUMMY:** Dummy instruction insertion enable (1 = enable). |
| 0 | RW | **DATAINDTIMING:** Data independent timing enable (1 = enable). |

The `cpuctrl` register contains configuration registers for core security features. It will allways read as 0.

### 14.2.48 Secure Seed 0

CSR Address: 0xBF9

Reset Value: `LFSR0_CFG.default_seed`

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | Seed for LFSR0. Always reads as 0x0. |

The `secureseed0` CSR contains seed data for LFSR0.

### 14.2.49 Secure Seed 1

CSR Address: 0xBFA

Reset Value: `LFSR1_CFG.default_seed`

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | Seed for LFSR1. Always reads as 0x0. |

The `secureseed1` CSR contains seed data for LFSR1.

### 14.2.50 Secure Seed 2

CSR Address: 0xBFC

Reset Value: `LFSR2_CFG.default_seed`

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW | Seed for LFSR2. Always reads as 0x0. |

The `secureseed2` CSR contains seed data for LFSR2.

### 14.2.51 Machine Vendor ID (`mvendorid`)

CSR Address: 0xF11

Reset Value: 0x0000_0602

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:7 | R (0xC) | Number of continuation codes in JEDEC manufacturer ID. |
| 6:0 | R (0x2) | Final byte of JEDEC manufacturer ID, discarding the parity bit. |

The `mvendorid` encodes the OpenHW JEDEC Manufacturer ID, which is 2 decimal (bank 13).

### 14.2.52 Machine Architecture ID (`marchid`)

CSR Address: 0xF12

Reset Value: 0x0000_0015

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | R (0x15) | Machine Architecture ID of CV32E40S is 0x15 (decimal 21) |

### 14.2.53 Machine Implementation ID (`mimpid`)

CSR Address: 0xF13

Reset Value: Defined

Detailed:

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:20 | R (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 19:16 | R (0x0) | **MAJOR**. |
| 15:12 | R (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 11:8 | R (0x0) | **MINOR**. |
| 7:4 | R (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 3:0 | R | **PATCH**. **mimpid_patch_i**, see *Core Integration* |

The Machine Implementation ID uses a Major, Minor, Patch versioning scheme. The **PATCH** bitfield is defined and set by the integrator and shall be set to 0 when no patches are applied. It is made available as **mimpid_patch_i** on the boundary of CV32E40S such that it can easily be changed by a metal layer only change.

### 14.2.54 Hardware Thread ID (`mhartid`)

CSR Address: 0xF14

Reset Value: Defined

| Bit # | R/W | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | R | Machine Hardware Thread ID **mhartid_i**, see *Core Integration* |

### 14.2.55 Machine Configuration Pointer (`mconfigptr`)

CSR Address: 0xF15

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | R (0x0) | Reserved |

### 14.2.56 Machine Security Configuration (`mseccfg`)

CSR Address: 0x747

Reset Value: defined (based on `PMP_MSECCFG_RV`)

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:10 | WPRI (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 9 | R (0x0) | **SSEED**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 2 | R (0x0) | **USEED**. Hardwired to 0. |
| 7:3 | WPRI (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |
| 2 | RW | **RLB**. Rule Locking Bypass. |
| 1 | RW | **MMWP**. Machine Mode Whitelist Policy. This is a sticky bit and once set can only be unset due to `rst_ni` assertion. |
| 0 | RW | **MML**. Machine Mode Lockdown. This is a sticky bit and once set can only be unset due to `rst_ni` assertion. |

### 14.2.57 Machine Security Configuration (`mseccfgh`)

CSR Address: 0x757

Reset Value: 0x0000_0000

Detailed:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | WPRI (0x0) | Hardwired to 0. |

### 14.2.58 PMP Configuration (`pmpcfg0-pmpcfg15`)

CSR Address: 0x3A0 - 0x3AF

Reset Value: defined (based on `PMP_PMPNCFG_RV[]`)

Detailed `pmpcfg0`:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:24 | RW | PMP3CFG |
| 23:16 | RW | PMP2CFG |
| 15:8 | RW | PMP1CFG |
| 7:0 | RW | PMP0CFG |

Detailed `pmpcfg1`:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:24 | RW | PMP7CFG |
| 23:16 | RW | PMP6CFG |
| 15:8 | RW | PMP5CFG |
| 7:0 | RW | PMP4CFG |

…

Detailed `pmpcfg15`:

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:24 | RW | PMP63CFG |
| 23:16 | RW | PMP62CFG |
| 15:8 | RW | PMP61CFG |
| 7:0 | RW | PMP60CFG |

The configuration fields for each `pmpxcfg` are as follows:

<table>
<tr><th>Bit#</th><th>R/W</th><th>Definition</th></tr>
<tr><td>8</td><td>WARL (0x0)</td><td>Reserved</td></tr>
<tr><td>7</td><td>RW</td><td>L. Lock</td></tr>
<tr><td>6:5</td><td>WARL (0x0)</td><td>Reserved</td></tr>
<tr><td>4:3</td><td>RW</td><td>A. Mode</td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td rowspan="3">RW / WARL (0x0, 0x1, 0x3, 0x4, 0x5, 0x7)</td><td>X. Execute permission</td></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td>W. Write permission</td></tr>
<tr><td>0</td><td>R. Read permission</td></tr>
</table>

**Note:** pmpxcfg is WARL (0x0) if x >= `PMP_NUM_REGIONS`.

**Note:** The **R**, **W** and **X** together form a collective WARL field for which the combinations with **R** = 0 and **W** = 1 are reserved for future use if **mseccfg.MML** = 0. The value of the collective **R**, **W**, **X** bitfield will remain unchanged when attempting to write **R** = 0 and **W** = 1 while **mseccfg.MML** = 0.

### 14.2.59 PMP Address (`pmpaddr0` - `pmpaddr63`)

CSR Address: 0x3B0 - 0x3EF

Reset Value: defined (based on `PMP_PMPADDR_RV[]`)

| Bit# | R/W | Definition |
|---|---|---|
| 31:0 | RW / WARL (0x0) | ADDRESS[33:2] |

pmpaddrx is RW if x < `PMP_NUM_REGIONS` and WARL (0x0) otherwise.

## 14.3 Hardened CSRs

Some CSRs have been implemeted with error detection using an inverted shadow copy. If an attack is successful in altering the register value, the error detection logic will trigger a major alert.

This applies to the following registers:

- `cpuctrl`
- `dcsr`
- `jvt`
- `mclicbase`
- `mepc`
- `mie`
- `mintstatus`
- `mintthresh`
- `mscratch`
- `mscratchcsw`
- `mscratchcswl`
- `mseccfg*`
- `mstatus`
- `mtvec`
- `mtvt`
- `pmpaddr*`
- `pmpcfg`

# CHAPTER FIFTEEN

# PERFORMANCE COUNTERS

CV32E40S implements performance counters according to [RISC-V-PRIV]. The performance counters are placed inside the Control and Status Registers (CSRs) and can be accessed with the `CSRRW(I)` and `CSRRS/C(I)` instructions.

CV32E40S implements the clock cycle counter `mcycle(h)` and the retired instruction counter `minstret(h)`. The `mcycle(h)` and `minstret(h)` counters are always available and 64 bit wide. The event counters `mhpmcounter3(h)` - `mhpmcounter31(h)` and the corresponding event selector CSRs `mhpmevent3` - `mhpmevent31` are hard-wired to 0. The `mcountinhibit` CSR is used to individually enable/disable the counters.

**Note:** All performance counters are using the gated version of `clk_i`. The **wfi** instruction impact the gating of `clk_i` as explained in *Sleep Unit* and can therefore affect the counters.

## 15.1 Controlling the counters from software

By default, all available counters are disabled after reset in order to provide the lowest power consumption.

They can be individually enabled/disabled by overwriting the corresponding bit in the `mcountinhibit` CSR at address `0x320` as described in [RISC-V-PRIV]. In particular, to enable/disable `mcycle(h)`, bit 0 must be written. For `minstret(h)`, it is bit 2.

The lower 32 bits of all counters can be accessed through the base register, whereas the upper 32 bits are accessed through the `h`-register. Reads of all these registers are non-destructive.

## 15.2 Time Registers (`time(h)`)

The user mode `time(h)` registers are not implemented. Any access to these registers will cause an illegal instruction trap. It is recommended that a software trap handler is implemented to detect access of these CSRs and convert that into access of the platform-defined `mtime` register (if implemented in the platform).

CHAPTER

# SIXTEEN

# EXCEPTIONS AND INTERRUPTS

CV32E40S supports one of two interrupt architectures. If the `SMCLIC` parameter is set to 0, then the basic interrupt architecture is supported (see *Basic Interrupt Architecture*). If the `SMCLIC` parameter is set to 1, then the CLIC interrupt architecture is supported (see *CLIC Interrupt Architecture*).

## 16.1 Basic Interrupt Architecture

If `SMCLIC` == 0, then CV32E40S supports the basic interrupt architecture as defined in [RISC-V-PRIV]. In this configuration only the basic interrupt handling modes (non-vectored basic mode and vectored basic mode) can be used. The `irq_i[31:16]` interrupts are a custom extension that can be used with the basic interrupt architecture.

When entering an interrupt/exception handler, the core sets the `mepc` CSR to the current program counter and saves `mstatus`.MIE to `mstatus`.MPIE. All exceptions cause the core to jump to the base address of the vector table in the `mtvec` CSR. Interrupts are handled in either non-vectored basic mode or vectored basic mode depending on the value of `mtvec`.MODE. In non-vectored basic mode the core jumps to the base address of the vector table in the `mtvec` CSR. In vectored basic mode the core jumps to the base address plus four times the interrupt ID. Upon executing an MRET instruction, the core jumps to the program counter previously saved in the `mepc` CSR and restores `mstatus`.MPIE to `mstatus`.MIE.

The base address of the vector table must be aligned to 128 bytes and can be programmed by writing to the `mtvec` CSR (see *Machine Trap-Vector Base Address (mtvec) - SMCLIC == 0*).

### 16.1.1 Interrupt Interface

Table 16.1 describes the interrupt interface used for the basic interrupt architecture.

Table 16.1: Basic interrupt architecture interface signals

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| irq_i[31:16] | input | Active high, level sensistive interrupt inputs. Custom extension. |
| irq_i[15:12] | input | Reserved. Tie to 0. |
| irq_i[11] | input | Active high, level sensistive interrupt input. Referred to as Machine External Interrupt (MEI), but integrator can assign a different purpose if desired. |
| irq_i[10:8] | input | Reserved. Tie to 0. |
| irq_i[7] | input | Active high, level sensistive interrupt input. Referred to as Machine Timer Interrupt (MTI), but integrator can assign a different purpose if desired. |
| irq_i[6:4] | input | Reserved. Tie to 0. |
| irq_i[3] | input | Active high, level sensistive interrupt input. Referred to as Machine Software Interrupt (MSI), but integrator can assign a different purpose if desired. |
| irq_i[2:0] | input | Reserved. Tie to 0. |

**Note:** The `clic_*_i` pins are ignored in basic mode and should be tied to 0.

### 16.1.2 Interrupts

The `irq_i[31:0]` interrupts are controlled via the `mstatus`, `mie` and `mip` CSRs. CV32E40S uses the upper 16 bits of `mie` and `mip` for custom interrupts (`irq_i[31:16]`), which reflects an intended custom extension in the RISC-V basic (a.k.a. CLINT) interrupt architecture. After reset, all interrupts, except for NMIs, are disabled. To enable any of the `irq_i[31:0]` interrupts, both the global interrupt enable (`MIE`) bit in the `mstatus` CSR and the corresponding individual interrupt enable bit in the `mie` CSR need to be set. For more information, see the *Control and Status Registers* documentation.

If multiple interrupts are pending, they are handled in the fixed priority order defined by [RISC-V-PRIV]. The highest priority is given to the interrupt with the highest ID, except for the Machine Timer Interrupt, which has the lowest priority. So from high to low priority the interrupts are ordered as follows:

- `store parity/checksum fault NMI (1027)`
- `load parity/checksum fault NMI (1026)`
- `store bus fault NMI (1025)`
- `load bus fault NMI (1024)`
- `irq_i[31]`
- `irq_i[30]`
- ...
- `irq_i[16]`
- `irq_i[11]`
- `irq_i[3]`
- `irq_i[7]`

The irq_i[31:0] interrupt lines are level-sensitive. The NMIs are triggered by load/store bus fault events and load/store parity/checksum fault events. To clear the irq_i[31:0] interrupts at the external source, CV32E40S relies on a software-based mechanism in which the interrupt handler signals completion of the handling routine to the interrupt source, e.g., through a memory-mapped register, which then deasserts the corresponding interrupt line.

In Debug Mode, all interrupts are ignored independent of mstatus.MIE and the content of the mie CSR.

CV32E40S can trigger the following interrupts as reported in mcause:

| Interrupt | Exception Code | Description | Scenario(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 | Machine Software Interrupt (MSI) | irq_i[3] |
| 1 | 7 | Machine Timer Interrupt (MTI) | irq_i[7] |
| 1 | 11 | Machine External Interrupt (MEI) | irq_i[11] |
| 1 | 31-16 | Machine Fast Interrupts | irq_i[31]-irq_i[16] |
| 1 | 1024 | Load bus fault NMI (imprecise) | data_err_i = 1 and data_rvalid_i = 1 for load |
| 1 | 1025 | Store bus fault NMI (imprecise) | data_err_i = 1 and data_rvalid_i = 1 for store |
| 1 | 1026 | Load parity/checksum fault NMI (imprecise) | Load parity/checksum fault (imprecise) |
| 1 | 1027 | Store parity/checksum fault NMI (imprecise) | Store parity/checksum fault (imprecise) |

**Note:** Load bus fault, store bus fault, load parity/checksum fault and store parity/checksum fault are handled as imprecise non-maskable interrupts (as opposed to precise exceptions).

**Note:** The NMI vector location is at index 15 of the machine trap vector table for both non-vectored basic mode and vectored basic mode (i.e. at {**mtvec[31:7]**, 5'hF, 2'b00}). The NMI vector location therefore does **not** match its exception code.

### 16.1.3 Nested Interrupt Handling

Within the basic interrupt architecture there is no hardware support for nested interrupt handling. Nested interrupt handling can however still be supported via software.

The hardware automatically disables interrupts upon entering an interrupt/exception handler. Otherwise, interrupts during the critical part of the handler, i.e. before software has saved the mepc and mstatus CSRs, would cause those CSRs to be overwritten. If desired, software can explicitly enable interrupts by setting mstatus.MIE to 1 from within the handler. However, software should only do this after saving mepc and mstatus. There is no limit on the maximum number of nested interrupts. Note that, after enabling interrupts by setting mstatus.MIE to 1, the current handler will be interrupted also by lower priority interrupts. To allow higher priority interrupts only, the handler must configure mie accordingly.

## 16.2 CLIC Interrupt Architecture

If SMCLIC == 1, then CV32E40S supports the Core-Local Interrupt Controller (CLIC) Privileged Architecture Extension defined in [RISC-V-SMCLIC]. In this configuration only the CLIC interrupt handling mode can be used (i.e. mtvec[1:0] = 0x3).

The CLIC implementation is split into a part internal to the core (containing CSRs and related logic) and a part external to the core (containing memory mapped registers and arbitration logic). CV32E40S only provides the core internal part of CLIC. The external part can be added on the interface described in *Interrupt Interface*. CLIC provides low-latency, vectored, pre-emptive interrupts.

### 16.2.1 Interrupt Interface

Table 16.2 describes the interrupt interface used for the CLIC interrupt architecture.

Table 16.2: CLIC interrupt architecture interface signals

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| clic_irq_i | input | Is there any pending-and-enabled interrupt? |
| clic_irq_id_i[SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH-1:0] | input | Index of the most urgent pending-and-enabled interrupt. |
| clic_irq_level_i[7:0] | input | Interrupt level of the most urgent pending-and-enabled interrupt. |
| clic_irq_priv_i[1:0] | input | Associated privilege mode of the most urgent pending-and-enabled interrupt. |
| clic_irq_shv_i | input | Selective hardware vectoring enabled for the most urgent pending-and-enabled interrupt? |

The term *pending-and-enabled* interrupt in above table refers to *pending-and-locally-enabled*, i.e. based on the CLICINTIP and CLICINTIE memory mapped registers from [RISC-V-SMCLIC].

**Note:** Edge triggered interrupts are not supported.

**Note:** The irq_i[31:0] pins are ignored in CLIC mode and should be tied to 0.

### 16.2.2 Interrupts

Although the [RISC-V-SMCLIC] specification supports up to 4096 interrupts, CV32E40S itself supports at most 1024 interrupts. The maximum number of supported CLIC interrupts is equal to 2^SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH, which can range from 2 to 1024. The SMCLIC_ID_WIDTH parameter also impacts the alignment requirement for the trap vector table, see *Machine Trap Vector Table Base Address (mtvt)*.

### 16.2.3 Nested Interrupt Handling

CV32E40S offers hardware support for nested interrupt handling when `SMCLIC` == 1.

CLIC extends interrupt preemption to support up to 256 interrupt levels for each privilege mode, where higher-numbered interrupt levels can preempt lower-numbered interrupt levels. See [RISC-V-SMCLIC] for details.

## 16.3 Non Maskable Interrupts

Non Maskable Interrupts (NMIs) update `mepc`, `mcause` and `mstatus` similar to regular interrupts. However, as the faults that result in NMIs are imprecise, the contents of `mepc` is not guaranteed to point to the instruction after the faulted load or store.

**Note:** Specifically `mstatus.mie` will get cleared to 0 when an (unrecoverable) NMI is taken. [RISC-V-PRIV] does not specify the behavior of `mstatus` in response to NMIs, see https://github.com/riscv/riscv-isa-manual/issues/756. If this behavior is specified at a future date, then we will reconsider our implementation.

The NMI vector location is at index 15 of the machine trap vector table for non-vectored basic mode, vectored basic mode and CLIC mode (i.e. {**mtvec[31:7]**, 5'hF, 2'b00}).

An NMI will occur when a load or store instruction experiences a bus fault. The fault resulting in an NMI is handled in an imprecise manner, meaning that the instruction that causes the fault is allowed to retire and the associated NMI is taken afterwards. NMIs are never masked by the `MIE` bit. NMIs are masked however while in debug mode or while single stepping with `STEPIE` = 0 in the `dcsr` CSR. This means that many instructions may retire before the NMI is visible to the core if debugging is taking place. Once the NMI is visible to the core, at most two instructions will retire before the NMI is taken.

If an NMI becomes pending while in debug mode as described above, the NMI will be taken immediately after debug mode has been exited.

In case of bufferable stores, the NMI is allowed to become visible an arbitrary time after the instruction retirement. As for the case with debugging, this can cause several instructions to retire before the NMI becomes visible to the core.

When a data bus fault occurs, the first detected fault will be latched and used for `mcause` when the NMI is taken. Any new data bus faults occuring while an NMI is pending will be discarded. When the NMI handler is entered, new data bus faults may be latched.

While an NMI is pending, `DCSR.nmip` will be 1. Note that this CSR is only accessible from debug mode, and is thus not visible for machine mode code.

## 16.4 Exceptions

CV32E40S can trigger the following exceptions as reported in `mcause`:

| Interrupt | Exception Code | Description | Scenario(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | Instruction access fault | Execution attempt from I/O region. Execution attempt with address failing PMP check. |
| 0 | 2 | Illegal instruction | |
| 0 | 3 | Breakpoint | Environment break. |
| 0 | 5 | Load access fault | Non-naturally aligned load access attempt to an I/O region. Load-Reserved attempt to region without atomic support. Load attempt with address failing PMP check. |
| 0 | 7 | Store/AMO access fault | Non-naturally aligned store access attempt to an I/O region. Store-Conditional or Atomic Memory Operation (AMO) attempt to region without atomic support. Store attempt with address failing PMP check. |
| 0 | 8 | Environment call from U-Mode (ECALL) | |
| 0 | 11 | Environment call from M-Mode (ECALL) | |
| 0 | 48 | Instruction bus fault | `instr_err_i` = 1 and `instr_rvalid_i` = 1 for instruction fetch |
| 0 | 49 | Instruction parity/checksum fault | `instr_gntpar_i`, `instr_rvalidpar`, `instr_rchk_i` related errors |

If an instruction raises multiple exceptions, the priority, from high to low, is as follows:

- `instruction access fault (1)`
- `instruction parity/checksum fault (49)`
- `instruction bus fault (48)`
- `illegal instruction (2)`
- `environment call from U-Mode (8)`
- `environment call from M-Mode (11)`
- `environment break (3)`
- `store/AMO access fault (7)`
- `load access fault (5)`

Exceptions in general cannot be disabled and are always active. All exceptions are precise. Whether the PMP and PMA will actually cause exceptions depends on their configuration. CV32E40S raises an illegal instruction exception for any instruction in the RISC-V privileged and unprivileged specifications that is explicitly defined as being illegal according to the ISA implemented by the core, as well as for any instruction that is left undefined in these specifications unless the instruction encoding is configured as a custom CV32E40S instruction for specific parameter settings as defined in (see *CORE-V Instruction Set Extensions*). An instruction bus error leads to a precise instruction interface bus fault if an attempt is made to execute the instruction that has an associated bus error. Similarly an instruction fetch with a failing PMA or PMP check only leads to an instruction access exception if an actual execution attempt is made for it.

CHAPTER

# SEVENTEEN

# DEBUG & TRIGGER

CV32E40S offers support for execution-based debug according to [RISC-V-DEBUG]. The main requirements for the core are described in Chapter 4: RISC-V Debug, Chapter 5: Trigger Module, and Appendix A.2: Execution Based.

The following list shows the simplified overview of events that occur in the core when debug is requested:

1. Enters Debug Mode
2. Saves the PC to DPC
3. Updates the cause in the DCSR
4. Points the PC to the location determined by the input port dm_haltaddr_i
5. Begins executing debug control code.

Debug Mode can be entered by one of the following conditions:

- External debug event using the debug_req_i signal
- Trigger Module match event with TDATA1.action set to 1
- ebreak instruction when not in Debug Mode and when DCSR.EBREAKM == 1 (see *EBREAK Behavior* below)

A user wishing to perform an abstract access, whereby the user can observe or control a core's GPR or CSR register from the hart, is done by invoking debug control code to move values to and from internal registers to an externally addressable Debug Module (DM). Using this execution-based debug allows for the reduction of the overall number of debug interface signals.

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**Note:** Debug support in CV32E40S is only one of the components needed to build a System on Chip design with run-control debug support (think "the ability to attach GDB to a core over JTAG"). Additionally, a Debug Module and a Debug Transport Module, compliant with the RISC-V Debug Specification, are needed.

A supported open source implementation of these building blocks can be found in the RISC-V Debug Support for PULP Cores IP block.

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The CV32E40S also supports a Trigger Module to enable entry into Debug Mode on a trigger event with the following features:

- Number of trigger register(s) : Parametrizable 0-4 triggers using parameter `DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS`.
- Supported trigger types: instruction address match (Match Control) and exception trigger.

A trigger match will cause debug entry if TDATA1.action is 1.

The CV32E40S will not support the optional debug features 10, 11, & 12 listed in Section 4.1 of [RISC-V-DEBUG]. Specifically, a control transfer instruction's destination location being in or out of the Program Buffer and instructions depending on PC value shall **not** cause an illegal instruction.

## 17.1 Interface

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---|---|---|
| `debug_req_i` | input | Request to enter Debug Mode |
| `debug_havereset_o` | output | Debug status: Core has been reset |
| `debug_running_o` | output | Debug status: Core is running |
| `debug_halted_o` | output | Debug status: Core is halted |
| `dm_halt_addr_i[31:0]` | input | Address for debugger entry |
| `dm_exception_addr_i[31:0]` | input | Address for debugger exception entry |

`debug_req_i` is the "debug interrupt", issued by the debug module when the core should enter Debug Mode. The `debug_req_i` is synchronous to `clk_i` and requires a minimum assertion of one clock period to enter Debug Mode. The instruction being decoded during the same cycle that `debug_req_i` is first asserted shall not be executed before entering Debug Mode.

`debug_havereset_o`, `debug_running_o`, and `debug_mode_o` signals provide the operational status of the core to the debug module. The assertion of these signals is mutually exclusive.

`debug_havereset_o` is used to signal that the CV32E40S has been reset. `debug_havereset_o` is set high during the assertion of `rst_ni`. It will be cleared low a few (unspecified) cycles after `rst_ni` has been deasserted **and** `fetch_enable_i` has been sampled high.

`debug_running_o` is used to signal that the CV32E40S is running normally.

`debug_halted_o` is used to signal that the CV32E40S is in debug mode.

`dm_halt_addr_i` is the address where the PC jumps to for a debug entry event. When in Debug Mode, an ebreak instruction will also cause the PC to jump back to this address without affecting status registers. (see *EBREAK Behavior* below)

`dm_exception_addr_i` is the address where the PC jumps to when an exception occurs during Debug Mode. When in Debug Mode, the mret or uret instruction will also cause the PC to jump back to this address without affecting status registers.

Both `dm_halt_addr_i` and `dm_exception_addr_i` must be word aligned.

## 17.2 Core Debug Registers

CV32E40S implements four core debug registers, namely *Debug Control and Status (dcsr)*, *Debug PC (dpc)*, and two debug scratch registers. Access to these registers in non Debug Mode results in an illegal instruction.

Several trigger registers are included if `DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS` is set to a value greater than 0. The following are the most relevant: *Trigger Select Register (tselect)*, *Trigger Data 1 (tdata1)*, *Trigger Data Register 2 (tdata2)* and *Trigger Info (tinfo)* If `DBG_NUM_TRIGGERS` is zero, access to the trigger registers will result in an illegal instruction exception.

The TDATA1.DMODE controls write access permission to the currently selected triggers tdata registers. In CV32E40S this bit is tied to 1, and thus only debug mode is able to write to the trigger registers.

## 17.3 Debug state

As specified in RISC-V Debug Specification ([RISC-V-DEBUG]) every hart that can be selected by the Debug Module is in exactly one of four states: `nonexistent`, `unavailable`, `running` or `halted`.

The remainder of this section assumes that the CV32E40S will not be classified as `nonexistent` by the integrator.

The CV32E40S signals to the Debug Module whether it is `running` or `halted` via its `debug_running_o` and `debug_halted_o` pins respectively. Therefore, assuming that this core will not be integrated as a `nonexistent` core, the CV32E40S is classified as `unavailable` when neither `debug_running_o` or `debug_halted_o` is asserted. Upon `rst_ni` assertion the debug state will be `unavailable` until some cycle(s) after `rst_ni` has been deasserted and `fetch_enable_i` has been sampled high. After this point (until a next reset assertion) the core will transition between having its `debug_halted_o` or `debug_running_o` pin asserted depending whether the core is in debug mode or not. Exactly one of the `debug_havereset_o`, `debug_running_o`, `debug_halted_o` is asserted at all times.

Figure 17.1 and show Figure 17.2 show typical examples of transitioning into the `running` and `halted` states.

Figure 17.1: Transition into debug `running` state

Figure 17.2: Transition into debug `halted` state

The key properties of the debug states are:

- The CV32E40S can remain in its `unavailable` state for an arbitrarily long time (depending on `rst_ni` and `fetch_enable_i`).
- If `debug_req_i` is asserted after `rst_ni` deassertion and before or coincident with the assertion of `fetch_enable_i`, then the CV32E40S is guaranteed to transition straight from its `unavailable` state into its `halted` state. If `debug_req_i` is asserted at a later point in time, then the CV32E40S might transition through the `running` state on its ways to the `halted` state.
- If `debug_req_i` is asserted during the `running` state, the core will eventually transition into the `halted` state (typically after a couple of cycles).

## 17.4 EBREAK Behavior

The EBREAK instruction description is distributed across several RISC-V specifications: [RISC-V-DEBUG], [RISC-V-PRIV], [RISC-V-UNPRIV]. The following is a summary of the behavior for three common scenarios.

### 17.4.1 Scenario 1 : Enter Exception

Executing the EBREAK instruction when the core is **not** in Debug Mode and the DCSR.EBREAKM == 0 shall result in the following actions:

- The core enters the exception handler routine located at MTVEC (Debug Mode is not entered)
- MEPC & MCAUSE are updated

To properly return from the exception, the ebreak handler will need to increment the MEPC to the next instruction. This requires querying the size of the ebreak instruction that was used to enter the exception (16 bit c.ebreak or 32 bit ebreak).

*Note: The |corev| does not support MTVAL CSR register which would have saved the value of the instruction for exceptions. This may be supported on a future core.*

### 17.4.2 Scenario 2 : Enter Debug Mode

Executing the EBREAK instruction when the core is **not** in Debug Mode and the DCSR.EBREAKM == 1 shall result in the following actions:

- The core enters Debug Mode and starts executing debug code located at `dm_halt_addr_i` (exception routine not called)
- DPC & DCSR are updated

Similar to the exception scenario above, the debugger will need to increment the DPC to the next instruction before returning from Debug Mode.

*Note: The default value of DCSR.EBREAKM is 0 and the DCSR is only accessible in Debug Mode. To enter Debug Mode from EBREAK, the user will first need to enter Debug Mode through some other means, such as from the external ``debug_req_i``, and set DCSR.EBREAKM.*

### 17.4.3 Scenario 3 : Exit Program Buffer & Restart Debug Code

Execuitng the EBREAK instruction when the core is in Debug Mode shall result in the following actions:

- The core remains in Debug Mode and execution jumps back to the beginning of the debug code located at `dm_halt_addr_i`
- none of the CSRs are modified

CHAPTER

# EIGHTEEN

# RISC-V FORMAL INTERFACE

**Note:** A bindable RISC-V Formal Interface (RVFI) interface will be provided for CV32E40S. See [SYMBIOTIC-RVFI] for details on RVFI.

The module `cv32e40s_rvfi` can be used to create a log of the executed instructions. It is a behavioral, non-synthesizable, module that can be bound to the `cv32e40s_core`.

RVFI serves the following purposes:

- It can be used for formal verification.
- It can be used to produce an instruction trace during simulation.
- It can be used as a monitor to ease interfacing with an external scoreboard that itself can be interfaced to an Instruction Set Simulator (ISS) for verification reasons.

## 18.1 New Additions

**Debug Signals**

```
output [NRET * 3 - 1 : 0] rvfi_dbg
output [NRET     - 1 : 0] rvfi_dbg_mode
```

Debug entry is seen by RVFI as happening between instructions. This means that neither the last instruction before debug entry nor the first instruction of the debug handler will signal any direct side-effects. The first instruction of the handler will however show the resulting state caused by these side-effects (e.g. the CSR `rmask/rdata` signals will show the updated values, `pc_rdata` will be at the debug handler address, etc.).

For the first instruction after entering debug, the `rvfi_dbg` signal contains the debug cause (see table below). The signal is otherwise 0. The `rvfi_dbg_mode` signal is high if the instruction was executed in debug mode and low otherwise.

Table 18.1: Debug Causes

| Cause | Value |
|---|---|
| None | 0x0 |
| Ebreak | 0x1 |
| Trigger Match | 0x2 |
| External Request | 0x3 |
| Single Step | 0x4 |

**NMI signals**

```
output [1:0] rvfi_nmip
```

Whenever CV32E40S has a pending NMI, the `rvfi_nmip` will signal this. `rvfi_nmip[0]` will be 1 whenever an NMI is pending, while `rvfi_nmip[1]` will be 0 for loads and 1 for stores.

**Sleep Signals**

These signals report core sleep and wakeup information.

```
output rvfi_wu_t [NRET - 1 : 0] rvfi_wu
output logic     [NRET - 1 : 0] rvfi_sleep
```

Where the rvfi_wu_t struct contains following fields:

Table 18.2: RVFI wu type

| Field | Type | Bits |
|---|---|---|
| wu | logic | [0] |
| interrupt | logic | [1] |
| debug | logic | [2] |
| cause | logic [10:0] | [13:3] |

`rvfi_sleep` is set on the last instruction before the core enters sleep mode. `rvfi_wu.wu` is set for the first instruction executed after waking up. `rvfi_wu.interrupt` is set if the wakeup was caused by an interrupt, and `rvfi_wu.debug` is set if the wakeup was caused by a debug request. `rvfi_wu.cause` signals the wakeup cause exception code.

## 18.2 Compatibility

This chapter specifies interpretations and compatibilities to the [SYMBIOTIC-RVFI].

**Interface Qualification**

All RVFI output signals are qualified with the `rvfi_valid` signal. Any RVFI operation (retired or trapped instruction) will set `rvfi_valid` high and increment the `rvfi_order` field. When `rvfi_valid` is low, all other RVFI outputs can be driven to arbitrary values.

**Trap Signal**

The trap signal indicates that a synchronous trap has ocurred and side-effects can be expected.

```
output rvfi_trap_t[NRET - 1 : 0] rvfi_trap
```

Where the rvfi_trap_t struct contains the following fields:

Table 18.3: RVFI trap type

| Field | Type | Bits |
|---|---|---|
| trap | logic | [0] |
| exception | logic | [1] |
| debug | logic | [2] |
| exception_cause | logic [5:0] | [8:3] |
| debug_cause | logic [2:0] | [11:9] |
| cause_type | logic [1:0] | [13:12] |

`rvfi_trap` consists of 14 bits. `rvfi_trap.trap` is asserted if an instruction causes an exception or debug entry. `rvfi_trap.exception` is set for synchronous traps that do not cause debug entry. `rvfi_trap.debug` is set for synchronous traps that do cause debug mode entry. `rvfi_trap.exception_cause` provide information about non-debug traps, while `rvfi_trap.debug_cause` provide information about traps causing entry to debug mode. `rvfi_trap.cause_type` differentiates between fault causes that map to the same exception code in `rvfi_trap.exception_cause` and `rvfi_trap.debug_cause`. When an exception is caused by a single stepped instruction, both `rvfi_trap.exception` and `rvfi_trap.debug` will be set. When `rvfi_trap` signals a trap, CSR side effects and a jump to a trap/debug handler in the next cycle can be expected. The different trap scenarios, their expected side-effects and trap signalling are listed in the table below:

Table 18.4: Table of synchronous trap types

| Scenario | Trap Type | rvfi_trap | | | | | | CSRs updated | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | trap | exception | debug | exception_cause | debug_cause | cause_type | | |
| Instruction Access Fault | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x01 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | PMA detects instruction execution from non-executable memory. |
| | | | | | | | 0x1 | `mcause`, `mepc` | PMP detects instruction execution from non-executable memory. |
| Illegal Instruction | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x02 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Illegal instruction decode. |
| Breakpoint | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x03 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | EBREAK executed with `dcsr.ebreakm` = 0. |
| Load Access Fault | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x05 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Non-naturally aligned load access attempt to an I/O region. |
| | | | | | | | 0x2 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Load attempt with address failing PMP check. |
| Store/AMO Access Fault | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x07 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Non-naturally aligned store access attempt to an I/O region. |
| | | | | | | | 0x2 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Store attempt with address failing PMP check. |
| Environment Call | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x08<br>0x0B | X<br>X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | ECALL executed from User mode. |
| | | | | | | | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | ECALL executed from Machine mode. |
| Instruction Bus Fault | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x30 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | OBI bus error on instruction fetch. |
| Instruction Parity / Checksum Fault | Exception | 1 | 1 | X | 0x31 | X | 0x0 | `mcause`, `mepc` | Instruction parity / checksum fault. |
| Breakpoint to debug | Debug | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 0x1 | 0x0 | `dpc`, `dcsr` | EBREAK from non-debug mode executed with `dcsr.ebreakm` == 1. |
| Breakpoint in debug | Debug | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 0x1 | 0x0 | No CSRs updated | EBREAK in debug mode jumps to debug handler. |
| Debug Trigger Match | Debug | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 0x2 | 0x0 | `dpc`, `dcsr` | Debug trigger address match with `mcontrol.timing` = 0. |
| Single step | Debug | 1 | X | 1 | X | 0x4 | X | `dpc`, `dcsr` | Single step. |

**Interrupts**

Interrupts are seen by RVFI as happening between instructions. This means that neither the last instruction before the interrupt nor the first instruction of the interrupt handler will signal any direct side-effects. The first instruction of the handler will however show the resulting state caused by these side-effects (e.g. the CSR rmask/rdata signals will show the updated values, pc_rdata will be at the interrupt handler address etc.).

```
output rvfi_intr_t[NRET - 1 : 0] rvfi_intr
```

Where the rvfi_intr_t struct contains the following fields:

Table 18.5: RVFI intr type

| Field | Type | Bits |
|---|---|---|
| intr | logic | [0] |
| exception | logic | [1] |
| interrupt | logic | [2] |
| cause | logic [10:0] | [13:3] |

`rvfi_intr` consists of 14 bits. `rvfi_intr.intr` is set for the first instruction of the trap handler when encountering an exception or interrupt. `rvfi_intr.exception` indicates it was caused by synchronous trap and `rvfi_intr.interrupt` indicates it was caused by an interrupt. `rvfi_intr.cause` signals the cause for entering the trap handler.

`rvfi_intr` is not set for debug traps unless a debug entry happens in the first instruction of an interrupt handler (see `rvfi_intr` == X in the table below). In this case CSR side-effects (to `mepc`) can be expected.

Table 18.6: Table of scenarios for 1st instruction of exception/interrupt/debug handler

| Scenario | rvfi_intr | | | | rvfi_dbg[2:0] | mcause[31] | dcsr[8:6] (cause) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | intr | exception | interrupt | cause | | | |
| Synchronous trap | 0 | 1 | 1 | Sync trap cause | 0x0 | 0 | X |
| Interrupt (includes NMIs from bus errors) | 1 | 0 | 1 | Interrupt cause | 0x0 | 1 | X |
| Debug entry due to EBREAK (from non-debug mode) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0x0 | 0x1 | X | 0x1 |
| Debug entry due to EBREAK (from debug mode) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0x0 | 0x1 | X | X |
| Debug entry due to trigger match | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0x0 | 0x2 | X | 0x2 |
| Debug entry due to external debug request | X | X | X | X | 0x3 or 0x5 | X | 0x3 or 0x5 |
| Debug handler entry due to single step | X | X | X | X | 0x4 | X | 0x4 |

**Program Counter**

The `pc_wdata` signal shows the predicted next program counter. This prediction ignores asynchronous traps (asynchronous debug requests and interrupts) and single step debug requests that may have happened at the same time as the instruction.

**Memory Access**

For cores as CV32E40S that support misaligned access `rvfi_mem_addr` will not always be 4 byte aligned. For misaligned accesses the start address of the transfer is reported (i.e. the start address of the first sub-transfer).

**CSR Signals**

To reduce the number of signals in the RVFI interface, a vectorized CSR interface has been introduced for register ranges.

```
output [<NUM_CSRNAME>-1:0] [NRET * XLEN - 1 : 0] rvfi_csr_<csrname>_rmask
output [<NUM_CSRNAME>-1:0] [NRET * XLEN - 1 : 0] rvfi_csr_<csrname>_wmask
output [<NUM_CSRNAME>-1:0] [NRET * XLEN - 1 : 0] rvfi_csr_<csrname>_rdata
output [<NUM_CSRNAME>-1:0] [NRET * XLEN - 1 : 0] rvfi_csr_<csrname>_wdata
```

Example:

```
output [31:0] [31:0] rvfi_csr_name_rmask
output [31:0] [31:0] rvfi_csr_name_wmask
output [31:0] [31:0] rvfi_csr_name_rdata
output [31:0] [31:0] rvfi_csr_name_wdata
```

Instead of:

```
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name0_rmask
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name0_wmask
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name0_rdata
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name0_wdata
. . .
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name31_rmask
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name31_wmask
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name31_rdata
output [31:0] rvfi_csr_name31_wdata
```

**Machine Counter/Timers**

In contrast to [SYMBIOTIC-RVFI], the **mcycle[h]** and **minstret[h]** registers are not modelled as happening "between instructions" but rather as a side-effect of the instruction. This means that an instruction that causes an increment (or decrement) of these counters will set the `rvfi_csr_mcycle_wmask`, and that `rvfi_csr_mcycle_rdata` is not necessarily equal to `rvfi_csr_mcycle_wdata`.

**Halt Signal**

The `rvfi_halt` signal is meant for liveness properties of cores that can halt execution. It is only needed for cores that can lock up. Tied to 0 for RISC-V compliant cores.

**Mode Signal**

The `rvfi_mode` signal shows the *current* privilege mode as opposed to the *effective* privilege mode of the instruction. I.e. for load and store instructions the reported privilege level will therefore not depend on `mstatus.mpp` and `mstatus.mprv`.

## 18.3 Trace output file

Tracing can be enabled during simulation by defining **CV32E40S_TRACE_EXECUTION**. All traced instructions are written to a log file. The log file is named `trace_rvfi.log`.

## 18.4 Trace output format

The trace output is in tab-separated columns.

1. **PC**: The program counter
2. **Instr**: The executed instruction (base 16). 32 bit wide instructions (8 hex digits) are uncompressed instructions, 16 bit wide instructions (4 hex digits) are compressed instructions.
3. **rs1_addr** Register read port 1 source address, 0x0 if not used by instruction
4. **rs1_data** Register read port 1 read data, 0x0 if not used by instruction
5. **rs2_addr** Register read port 2 source address, 0x0 if not used by instruction
6. **rs2_data** Register read port 2 read data, 0x0 if not used by instruction
7. **rd_addr** Register write port 1 destination address, 0x0 if not used by instruction
8. **rd_data** Register write port 1 write data, 0x0 if not used by instruction
9. **mem_addr** Memory address for instructions accessing memory
10. **rvfi_mem_rmask** Bitmask specifying which bytes in `rvfi_mem_rdata` contain valid read data
11. **rvfi_mem_wmask** Bitmask specifying which bytes in `rvfi_mem_wdata` contain valid write data
12. **rvfi_mem_rdata** The data read from memory address specified in `mem_addr`
13. **rvfi_mem_wdata** The data written to memory address specified in `mem_addr`

```
PC        Instr     rs1_addr  rs1_rdata  rs2_addr  rs2_rdata  rd_addr  rd_wdata    mem_
↪addr mem_rmask mem_wmask mem_rdata mem_wdata
00001f9c  14c70793        0e   000096c8        0c   00000000       0f  00009814   ␣
↪00009814         0         0  00000000  00000000
00001fa0  14f72423        0e   000096c8        0f   00009814       00  00000000   ␣
↪00009810         0         f  00000000  00009814
00001fa4  0000bf6d        1f   00000000        1b   00000000       00  00000000   ␣
↪00001fa6         0         0  00000000  00000000
00001f5e  000043d8        0f   00009814        04   00000000       0e  00000000   ␣
↪00009818         f         0  00000000  00000000
00001f60  0000487d        00   00000000        1f   00000000       10  0000001f   ␣
↪0000001f         0         0  00000000  00000000
```

CHAPTER

NINETEEN

# CORE-V INSTRUCTION SET EXTENSIONS

CV32E40S does support custom security configuration related CSRs as described in *Control and Status Registers*. No custom instructions are present.

CHAPTER

# TWENTY

# CORE VERSIONS AND RTL FREEZE RULES

The CV32E40S is defined by the `marchid` and `mimpid` tuple. The tuple identify which sets of parameters have been verified by OpenHW Group, and once RTL Freeze is achieved, no further non-logically equivalent changes are allowed on that set of parameters.

The RTL Freeze version of the core is indentified by a GitHub tag with the format cv32e40s_vMAJOR.MINOR.PATCH (e.g. cv32e40s_v1.0.0). In addition, the release date is reported in the documentation.

## 20.1 What happens after RTL Freeze?

### 20.1.1 A bug is found

If a bug is found that affect the already frozen parameter set, the RTL changes required to fix such bug are non-logically equivalent by definition. Therefore, the RTL changes are applied only on a different `mimpid` value and the bug and the fix must be documented. These changes are visible by software as the `mimpid` has a different value. Every bug or set of bugs found must be followed by another RTL Freeze release and a new GitHub tag.

### 20.1.2 RTL changes on non-verified yet parameters

If changes affecting the core on a non-frozen parameter set are required, then such changes must remain logically equivalent for the already frozen set of parameters (except for the required mimpid update), and they must be applied on a different `mimpid` value. They can be non-logically equivalent to a non-frozen set of parameters. These changes are visible by software as the `mimpid` has a different value. Once the new set of parameters is verified and achieved the sign-off for RTL freeze, a new GitHub tag and version of the core is released.

### 20.1.3 PPA optimizations and new features

Non-logically equivalent PPA optimizations and new features are not allowed on a given set of RTL frozen parameters (e.g., a faster divider). If PPA optimizations are logically-equivalent instead, they can be applied without changing the `mimpid` value (as such changes are not visible in software). However, a new GitHub tag should be released and changes documented.

## 20.2 Released core versions

The verified parameter sets of the core, their implementation version, GitHub tags, and dates are reported here.

CHAPTER

# TWENTYONE

## GLOSSARY

- **ALU**: Arithmetic/Logic Unit
- **ASIC**: Application-Specific Integrated Circuit
- **Byte**: 8-bit data item
- **CPU**: Central Processing Unit, processor
- **CSR**: Control and Status Register
- **Custom extension**: Non-Standard extension to the RISC-V base instruction set (RISC-V Instruction Set Manual, Volume I: User-Level ISA)
- **EXE**: Instruction Execute
- **FPGA**: Field Programmable Gate Array
- **FPU**: Floating Point Unit
- **Halfword**: 16-bit data item
- **Halfword aligned address**: An address is halfword aligned if it is divisible by 2
- **ID**: Instruction Decode
- **IF**: Instruction Fetch (*Instruction Fetch*)
- **ISA**: Instruction Set Architecture
- **KGE**: kilo gate equivalents (NAND2)
- **LSU**: Load Store Unit (*Load-Store-Unit (LSU)*)
- **M-Mode**: Machine Mode (RISC-V Instruction Set Manual, Volume II: Privileged Architecture)
- **NMI**: Non-Maskable Interrupt
- **OBI**: Open Bus Interface
- **PC**: Program Counter
- **PMA**: Physical Memory Attribution
- **PMP**: Physical Memory Protection
- **ePMP**: Enhanced Physical Memory Protection
- **PULP platform**: Parallel Ultra Low Power Platform (<https://pulp-platform.org>)
- **RV32C**: RISC-V Compressed (C extension)
- **RV32F**: RISC-V Floating Point (F extension)
- **SIMD**: Single Instruction/Multiple Data

- **Standard extension**: Standard extension to the RISC-V base instruction set (RISC-V Instruction Set Manual, Volume I: User-Level ISA)
- **WARL**: Write Any Values, Reads Legal Values
- **WB**: Write Back of instruction results
- **WLRL**: Write/Read Only Legal Values
- **Word**: 32-bit data item
- **Word aligned address**: An address is word aligned if it is divisible by 4
- **WPRI**: Reserved Writes Preserve Values, Reads Ignore Values

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