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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the interface to the 16AI32SSC API Library and to the underlying Linux device driver. The API Library software provides the interface between "Application Software" and the device driver. The driver software provides the interface between the API Library and the actual 16AI32SSC hardware. The API Library and driver interfaces are based on the board's functionality.

1.2. Acronyms

The following is a list of commonly occurring acronyms which may appear throughout this document.

Acronyms	Description
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
API	Application Programming Interface
BMDMA	Block Mode DMA
DMA	Direct Memory Access
DMDMA	Demand Mode DMA
GSC	General Standards Corporation
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect
PIO	Programmed I/O
PMC	PCI Mezzanine Card
PMC66	This is a PMC formfactor device that can operate at up to 66MHz over the PCI bus.
RAG	Rate-A Generator
RBG	Rate-B Generator

1.3. Definitions

The following is a list of commonly occurring terms which may appear throughout this document.

Term	Definition
...	This is a shortcut representation of the 16AI32SSC installation directory or any of its subdirectories.
16AI32SSC	This is used as a general reference to any device supported by this driver.
API Library	This is a library that provides application-level access to 16AI32SSC hardware.
Application	This is a user mode process, which runs in user space with user mode privileges.
Driver	This is the 16AI32SSC device driver, which runs in kernel space with kernel mode privileges.
Library	This is usually a general reference to the API Library.

1.4. Software Overview

1.4.1. Basic Software Architecture

This section describes the general architecture for the basic components that comprise 16AI32SSC applications. The overall architecture is illustrated in Figure 1 below.

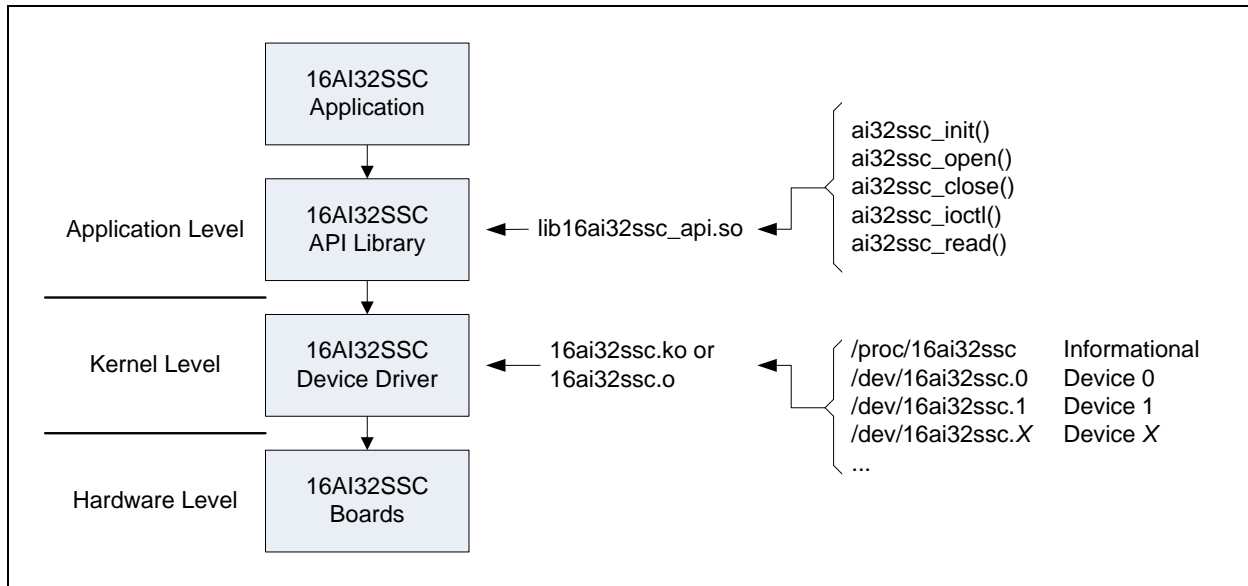


Figure 1 Basic architectural representation.

1.4.2. API Library

The primary means of accessing 16AI32SSC boards is via the 16AI32SSC API Library. This library forms a layer between the application and the driver. Additional information is given in section 4 (page 18). With the library, applications are able to open and close a device and, while open, perform I/O control and read operations.

1.4.3. Device Driver

The device driver is the host software that provides a means of communicating directly with 16AI32SSC hardware. The driver executes under control of the operating system and runs in Kernel Mode as a Kernel Mode device driver. The driver is implemented as a standard dynamically loadable Linux device driver written in the C programming language. While applications can access the driver directly without use of the API Library, it is recommended that all access is made through the library.

1.5. Hardware Overview

The 16AI32SSC is a high-performance, 16-bit analog input board that incorporates up to 32 input channels. The host side connection is PCI based and the form factor is according to the model ordered. The board is capable of acquiring data at up to 200K samples per second over each channel. Internal clocking permits sampling rates from 200K samples per second down to less than one sample per second. Onboard storage permits data buffering of up to 256K samples, for all channels collectively, between the cable interface and the PCI bus. This allows the 16AI32SSC to sustain continuous throughput from the cable interface independent of the PCI bus interface. The 16AI32SSC also permits multiple boards to be synchronized so that all boards sample data in unison. In addition, the board includes autocalibration capability.

1.6. Reference Material

The following reference material may be of particular benefit in using the 16AI32SSC. The specifications provide the information necessary for an in depth understanding of the specialized features implemented on this board.

- The applicable *16AI32SSC User Manual* from General Standards Corporation.
- The *PCI9056 PCI Bus Master Interface Chip* data handbook from PLX Technology, Inc.

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1.7. Licensing

For licensing information please refer to the text file `LICENSE.txt` in the root installation directory.

2. Installation

2.1. CPU and Kernel Support

The driver is designed to operate with Linux kernel versions 6.x, 5.x, 4.x, 3.x, 2.6, 2.4 and 2.2 running on a PC system with one or more x86 processors. This release of the driver supports the below listed kernels.

Kernel	Distribution
6.0.7	Red Hat Fedora Core 37
5.17.5	Red Hat Fedora Core 36
5.14.10	Red Hat Fedora Core 35
5.11.12	Red Hat Fedora Core 34
5.8.15	Red Hat Fedora Core 33
5.6.6	Red Hat Fedora Core 32
5.3.7	Red Hat Fedora Core 31
5.0.9	Red Hat Fedora Core 30
4.18.16	Red Hat Fedora Core 29
4.16.3	Red Hat Fedora Core 28
4.13.9	Red Hat Fedora Core 27
4.11.8	Red Hat Fedora Core 26
4.8.6	Red Hat Fedora Core 25
4.5.5	Red Hat Fedora Core 24
4.2.3	Red Hat Fedora Core 23
4.0.4	Red Hat Fedora Core 22
3.17.4	Red Hat Fedora Core 21
3.11.10	Red Hat Fedora Core 20
3.9.5	Red Hat Fedora Core 19
3.6.10	Red Hat Fedora Core 18
3.3.4	Red Hat Fedora Core 17
3.1.0	Red Hat Fedora Core 16
2.6.38	Red Hat Fedora Core 15
2.6.35	Red Hat Fedora Core 14
2.6.33	Red Hat Fedora Core 13
2.6.31	Red Hat Fedora Core 12
2.6.29	Red Hat Fedora Core 11
2.6.27	Red Hat Fedora Core 10
2.6.25	Red Hat Fedora Core 9
2.6.23	Red Hat Fedora Core 8
2.6.21	Red Hat Fedora Core 7
2.6.18	Red Hat Fedora Core 6
2.6.15	Red Hat Fedora Core 5
2.6.11	Red Hat Fedora Core 4
2.6.9	Red Hat Fedora Core 3

NOTE: Some older kernel versions are supported (the sources are maintained), but are not tested.

NOTE: While only Red Hat Fedora distributions are listed, numerous other distributions are supported and have been tested on an as needed basis.

NOTE: The driver will have to be built before being used as it is provided in source form only.

NOTE: The driver has not been tested with a non-versioned kernel.

NOTE: The driver is designed for SMP support, but has not undergone SMP specific testing.

2.1.1. 32-bit Support Under 64-bit Environments

This driver supports 32-bit applications under 64-bit environments. The availability of this feature in the kernel depends on a 64-bit kernel being configured to support 32-bit application compatibility. Additionally, 2.6 kernels prior to 2.6.11 implemented 32-bit compatibility in a way that resulted in some drivers not being able to take advantage of the feature. (In these kernels a driver's IOCTL command codes must be globally unique. Beginning with 2.6.11 this requirement has been lifted.) If the driver is not able to provide 32-bit support under a 64-bit kernel, the "32-bit support" field in the `/proc/16ai32ssc` file will be "no".

2.2. The `/proc/` File System

While the driver is running, the text file `/proc/16ai32ssc` can be read to obtain information about the driver and the boards it detects. Each file entry includes an entry name followed immediately by a colon, a space character, and the entry value. Below is an example of what appears in the file, followed by descriptions of each entry.

```
version: 2.7.104.47
32-bit support: yes
boards: 1
models: 16AI32SSC
```

Entry	Description
version	This gives the driver version number in the form <code>x.x.x.x</code> .
32-bit support	This reports the driver's support for 32-bit applications. This will be either "yes" or "no" for 64-bit driver builds and "yes (native)" for 32-bit builds.
boards	This identifies the total number of boards the driver detected.
models	This gives a comma separated list of the basic model number for each board the driver detected. The model numbers are listed in the same order that the boards are accessed via the API Library's open function.

2.3. File List

This release consists of the below listed primary files. The archive content is described in following subsections.

File	Description
<code>16ai32ssc.linux.tar.gz</code>	This archive contains the driver, the API Library and all related files.
<code>16ai32ssc_linux_um.pdf</code>	This is a PDF version of this user manual, which is included in the archive.

2.4. Directory Structure

The following table describes the directory structure utilized by the installed files. During installation the directory structure is created and populated with the respective files.

Directory	Description
<code>16ai32ssc/</code>	This is the driver root directory. It contains the documentation, the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13) and the below listed subdirectories.
<code>.../api/</code>	This directory contains the API Library source files (section 4, page 18).
<code>.../docsrc/</code>	This directory contains the source files for the code samples given in this document (section 6, page 57).
<code>.../driver/</code>	This directory contains the device driver source files (section 5, page 53).
<code>.../include/</code>	This directory contains the header files for the various libraries.
<code>.../lib/</code>	This directory contains all of the libraries built from the installed sources.

.../samples/	This directory contains the sample application subdirectories and all of their corresponding source files (section 9, page 61).
.../utils/	This directory contains the source files for the utility libraries used by the sample applications (section 7, page 58).

2.5. Installation

Perform installation following the below listed steps. This installs the device driver, the API Library and all related sources and documentation.

1. Create and change to the directory where the files are to be installed, such as `/usr/src/linux/drivers/`. (The path name may vary among distributions and kernel versions.)
2. Copy the archive file `16ai32ssc.linux.tar.gz` into the current directory.
3. Issue the following command to decompress and extract the files from the provided archive. This creates the directory `16ai32ssc` in the current directory, and then copies all of the archive's files into this new directory.

```
tar -xzvf 16ai32ssc.linux.tar.gz
```

2.6. Removal

Perform removal following the below listed steps. This removes the device driver, the API Library and all related sources and documentation.

NOTE: The following steps may require elevated privileges.

1. Shutdown the driver as described in section 5.6 (page 56).
2. Change to the directory where the driver archive was installed, which may have been `/usr/src/linux/drivers/`. (The path name may vary among distributions and kernel versions.)
3. Issue the below command to remove the driver archive and all of the installed driver files.

```
rm -rf 16ai32ssc.linux.tar.gz 16ai32ssc
```

4. Issue the below command to remove all of the installed device nodes.

```
rm -f /dev/16ai32ssc.*
```

5. If the automated startup procedure was adopted (section 5.3.2, page 54), then edit the system startup script `rc.local` and remove the line that invokes the 16AI32SSC's start script. The file `rc.local` should be located in the `/etc/rc.d/` directory.

2.7. Overall Make Script

An Overall Make Script is included in the root installation directory. Executing this script will perform a make for all build targets included in the release, and it will also load the driver. The script is named `make_all`. Follow the below steps to perform an overall make and to load the driver.

NOTE: The following steps may require elevated privileges.

1. Change to the driver root directory (`.../16ai32ssc/`).

2. Remove existing build targets using the below command line. This does not unload the driver.

```
./make_all clean
```

3. Issue the following command to make all archive targets and to load the driver.

```
./make_all
```

2.8. Environment Variables

Some build environments may require compiler or linker options not present in the provided make files. To accommodate local environment specific requirements, the provided make files incorporate support for the following set of GSC specific environment variables.

2.8.1. GSC_API_COMP_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding compiler command line options when compiling source files for the API Library. The compiler used by the API Library make file is “gcc”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make file’s output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling any other distributed source files or linking of any object files.

Undefined or Empty	== Compiling: init.c == Compiling: ioctl.c == Compiling: open.c
Defined and Not Empty	== Compiling: init.c (added 'xxx') == Compiling: ioctl.c (added 'xxx') == Compiling: open.c (added 'xxx')

2.8.2. GSC_API_LINK_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding linker command line options when linking object files for the API Library. The linker used by the API Library make file is “ld”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make file’s output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling of any source files or linking of any other object files.

Undefined or Empty	==== Linking: ../lib/lib16ai32ssc_api.so
Defined and Not Empty	==== Linking: ../lib/lib16ai32ssc_api.so (added 'xxx')

2.8.3. GSC_LIB_COMP_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding compiler command line options when compiling source files for the utility libraries. The compiler used by the utility library make files is “gcc”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make files’ output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling any other distributed source files or linking of any object files.

Undefined or Empty	== Compiling: close.c == Compiling: init.c == Compiling: ioctl.c
---------------------------	--

Defined and Not Empty	== Compiling: close.c (added 'xxx')
	== Compiling: init.c (added 'xxx')
	== Compiling: ioctl.c (added 'xxx')

2.8.4. GSC_LIB_LINK_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding linker command line options when linking object files for the utility libraries. The linker used by the utility library make files is “ld”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make files’ output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling of any source files or linking of any other object files.

Undefined or Empty	==== Linking: ../lib/16ai32ssc_utils.a
Defined and Not Empty	==== Linking: ../lib/16ai32ssc_utils.a (added 'xxx')

2.8.5. GSC_APP_COMP_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding compiler command line options when compiling source files for the sample applications. The compiler used by the sample application make files is “gcc”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make files’ output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling any other distributed source files or linking of any object files.

Undefined or Empty	== Compiling: main.c
	== Compiling: perform.c
Defined and Not Empty	== Compiling: main.c (added 'xxx')
	== Compiling: perform.c (added 'xxx')

2.8.6. GSC_APP_LINK_FLAGS

This environment variable accommodates adding linker command line options when linking object files for the sample applications. The linker used by the sample application make files is “gcc”. The content of this environment variable is noted in the make files’ output to the screen. The table below shows a portion of the screen output. The “xxx” in the table refers to the contents of the environment variable. This environment variable has no effect on compiling of any source files or linking of any other object files.

Undefined or Empty	==== Linking: id
Defined and Not Empty	==== Linking: id (added 'xxx')

3. Main Interface Files

This section gives general information on the suggested device interface files to use when developing 16AI32SSC based applications.

3.1. Main Header File

Throughout the remainder of this document references are made to various header files included as part of the 16AI32SSC driver installation. For ease of use it is suggested that applications include only the single header file shown below rather than individually including those headers identified separately later in this document. Including this header file pulls in all other pertinent 16AI32SSC specific header files. Therefore, sources may include only this one 16AI32SSC header and make files may reference only this one 16AI32SSC include directory.

Description	File	Location
Header File	16ai32ssc_main.h	.../include/

3.2. Main Library File

Throughout the remainder of this document references are made to various statically linkable libraries included as part of the 16AI32SSC driver installation. For ease of use it is suggested that applications link only the single library file shown below rather than individually linking those libraries identified separately later in this document. Linking this library file pulls in all other static libraries included with the driver. Therefore, make files may reference only this one 16AI32SSC static library and only this one 16AI32SSC library directory.

Description	File	Location
Static Library	16ai32ssc_main.a	.../lib/
	16ai32ssc_multi.a	

NOTE: For applications using the 16AI32SSC and no other GSC devices, link the 16ai32ssc_main.a library. For applications using multiple GSC device types, link the xxxx_main.a library for one of the devices and the xxxx_multi.a library for the others. Linking multiple xxxx_main.a libraries may likely produce link errors due to duplicate symbols being defined. While it may make little or no difference, it is recommended that one choose the xxxx_main.a library from the driver with the largest number in positions three (x.x.X.x.x) and/or four (x.x.x.X.x) in the driver release version number.

NOTE: The 16AI32SSC API Library is implemented as a shared library and is thus not linked with the 16AI32SSC Main Library. The API Library must be linked with applications by adding the argument -l16ai32ssc_api to the linker command line.

3.2.1. Build

The main library is built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13). However, the main library can be built separately following the below steps.

1. Change to the directory where the main library resides (.../lib/).
2. Remove existing build targets using the below command.

```
make clean
```

3. Rebuild the main library by issuing the below command.

```
make
```


3.2.2. System Libraries

In addition to linking the static library named above, as well as the API Library shared object file, applications may need to also link in additional system libraries as noted below.

Library	gcc Link Flag
Math	-lm
POSIX Thread	-lpthread
Real Time	-lrt

4. API Library

The 16AI32SSC API Library is the software interface between user applications and the 16AI32SSC device driver. The interface is accessed by including the header file `16ai32ssc_api.h`.

NOTE: Contact General Standards Corporation if additional library functionality is required.

4.1. Files

The library files are summarized in the table below.

Description	File	Location
Source Files	*.c, *.h/api/
Header File	<code>16ai32ssc_api.h</code>	.../include/
Library File	<code>lib16ai32ssc_api.so</code>	.../lib/ /usr/lib/ †

† The shared object library is automatically copied to `/usr/lib/` when it is built.

4.2. Build

The API Library is built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13), but can be built separately following the below steps.

NOTE: The following steps may require elevated privileges.

1. Change to the directory where the library sources are installed (`.../api/`).
2. Remove existing build targets using the below command.

```
make clean
```

3. Compile the source files and build the library by issuing the below command. This step copies the API Library file to `/usr/lib/`.

```
make
```

4.3. Library Use

The library is used at application compile time, at application link time and at application run time. At compile time include the below listed header file in each source file using a component of the Library interface. Also, edit the include file search path to locate the header file in the below listed directory. At link time the Library's shared object file is linked via the linker command line. This can be done by naming the `.so` file explicitly or by adding the below linker command line argument. At run time the library is found in the directory `/usr/lib/`. (The shared object file is automatically copied to `/usr/lib/` when it is built.)

Description	File	Location	Linker Argument
Header File	<code>16ai32ssc_api.h</code>	.../include/	
Shared Object Library	<code>lib16ai32ssc_api.so</code>	.../lib/ /usr/lib/	<code>-l16ai32ssc_api</code>

4.4. Macros

The API Library and driver interfaces include the following macros, which are defined in `16ai32ssc.h`.

4.4.1. IOCTL Services

The IOCTL macros are documented in section 4.7 (page 24).

4.4.2. Registers

The following gives the complete set of 16AI32SSC registers.

4.4.2.1. GSC Registers

The following table gives the complete set of GSC specific 16AI32SSC registers. Please note that the set of registers supported by any given device may vary according to model and firmware version. For the set of supported registers and their detailed definitions refer to the appropriate *16AI32SSC User Manual*.

NOTE: Refer to the output of the “id” sample application (.../id/) for a complete list of the registers supported by the device being accessed.

Macro	Description
AI32SSC_GSC_ACAR	Active Channel Assignment Register
AI32SSC_GSC_ASIOCR	Auxiliary Sync I/O Control Register
AI32SSC_GSC_AVR	Autocal Values Register
AI32SSC_GSC_AWRR	Auxiliary R/W Register
AI32SSC_GSC_BCFGR	Board Configuration Register
AI32SSC_GSC_BCTLR	Board Control Register
AI32SSC_GSC_BSIZR	Burst Size Register
AI32SSC_GSC_BUFSR	Buffer Size Register
AI32SSC_GSC_IBCR	Input Buffer Control Register
AI32SSC_GSC_IBDR	Input Buffer Data Register
AI32SSC_GSC_ICR	Interrupt Control Register
AI32SSC_GSC_LLCR	Low Latency Control Register
AI32SSC_GSC_RAGR	Rate-A Generator Register
AI32SSC_GSC_RBGR	Rate-B Generator Register
AI32SSC_GSC_SMLWR	Scan Marker Lower Word Register
AI32SSC_GSC_SMUWR	Scan Marker Upper Word Register
AI32SSC_GSC_SSCR	Scan & Sync Control Register

These registers are specific to the Time Tag feature and are present only when the board supports this feature.

Macro	Description
AI32SSC_GSC_TTACMR	Time Tag Active Channel Mask Register
AI32SSC_GSC_TTBSR	Time Tag Burst Size Register
AI32SSC_GSC_TTC00TRR ... AI32SSC_GSC_TTC31TRR	Time Tag Threshold/Reference Registers for channels 0 to 31
AI32SSC_GSC_TTCLR	Time Tag Counter Lower Register
AI32SSC_GSC_TTCR	Time Tag Configuration Register
AI32SSC_GSC_TTCUR	Time Tag Counter Upper Register
AI32SSC_GSC_TTRDR	Time Tag Rate Divider Register

4.4.2.2. PCI Configuration Registers

Access to the PCI registers is seldom required so these registers are not listed here. For the complete list of the PCI register identifiers refer to the driver header file `gsc_pci9056.h`, which is automatically included via `16ai32ssc_api.h`.

4.4.2.3. PLX Feature Set Registers

Access to the PLX registers is seldom required so these registers are not listed here. For the complete list of the PLX register identifiers refer to the driver header file `gsc_pci9056.h`, which is automatically included via `l6ai32ssc_api.h`.

4.5. Data Types

The data types used by the API Library are described with the IOCTL services with which they are used. For additional information refer to section 4.7 (page 24).

4.6. Functions

The interface includes the following functions. The return values reflect the completion status of the requested operation. A return value less than zero always reflects an error condition. The table below summarizes the error status values. For the I/O function, read, non-negative return values reflect the number of bytes transferred between the application and the interface. A value equal to the requested transfer size indicates complete success. Return values less than the requested transfer size indicate that the I/O timeout expired. For the other API function calls a return value of zero indicates success.

Return Value	Description
< 0	This is the value “(-errno)” (see <code>errno.h</code>).

4.6.1. ai32ssc_close()

This function is the entry point to close a connection made via the API's open call (section 4.6.4, page 22). The device is put in an initialized state before this call returns.

Prototype

```
int ai32ssc_close(int fd);
```

Argument	Description
fd	This is the file descriptor obtained from the open service (section 4.6.4, page 22).

Return Value	Description
0	The operation succeeded.
< 0	An error occurred. See error value description above.

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include "l6ai32ssc_dsl.h"

int ai32ssc_close_dsl(int fd)
{
    int errs;
    int ret;

    ret = ai32ssc_close(fd);

    if (ret)
        printf("ERROR: ai32ssc_close() returned %d\n", ret);
}
```

```

    errs    = ret ? 1 : 0;
    return(errs);
}

```

4.6.2. ai32ssc_init()

This function is the entry point to initializing the 16AI32SSC API Library and must be the first call into the Library. This function may be called more than once, but only the first successful call actually initializes the library. Subsequent calls perform no operation at all. All other API calls return a failure status when the API Library is not initialized.

Prototype

```
int ai32ssc_init(void);
```

Return Value	Description
0	The operation succeeded.
< 0	An error occurred. See error value description above.

Example

```

#include <stdio.h>

#include "16ai32ssc_dsl.h"

int ai32ssc_init_dsl(void)
{
    int errs;
    int ret;

    ret = ai32ssc_init();

    if (ret)
        printf("ERROR: ai32ssc_init() returned %d\n", ret);

    errs    = ret ? 1 : 0;
    return(errs);
}

```

4.6.3. ai32ssc_ioctl()

This function is the entry point to performing setup and control operations on a 16AI32SSC. This function should only be called after a successful open of the respective device. The specific operation performed varies according to the `request` argument. The `request` argument also governs the use and interpretation of the `arg` argument. The set of supported options for the `request` argument consists of the IOCTL services supported by the driver, which are defined in section 4.7 (page 24).

NOTE: IOCTL operations are not supported for an open on device index `-1`.

Prototype

```
int ai32ssc_ioctl(int fd, int request, void* arg);
```

Argument	Description
fd	This is the file descriptor obtained from the open service (section 4.6.4, page 22).
request	This specifies the desired operation to be performed (section 4.7, page 24).
arg	This is specific to the IOCTL operation specified by the request argument.

Return Value	Description
0	The operation succeeded.
< 0	An error occurred. See error value description above.

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include "16ai32ssc_dsl.h"

int ai32ssc_ioctl_dsl(int fd, int request, void* arg)
{
    int errs;
    int ret;

    ret = ai32ssc_ioctl(fd, request, arg);

    if (ret)
        printf("ERROR: ai32ssc_ioctl() returned %d\n", ret);

    errs    = ret ? 1 : 0;
    return(errs);
}
```

4.6.4. ai32ssc_open()

This function is the entry point to open a connection to a 16AI32SSC board. Before returning, the initialize IOCTL service is called to reset all hardware and software settings to their defaults.

Prototype

```
int ai32ssc_open(int device, int share, int* fd);
```

Argument	Description						
device	This is the zero-based index of the 16AI32SSC to access. †						
share	Open the device in Shared Access Mode? If non-zero the device is opened in Shared Access Mode (see below). If zero the device is opened in Exclusive Access Mode (see below).						
fd	The device handle is returned here. The pointer cannot be NULL. Values returned are as follows.						
	<table><tr><th>Value</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>>= 0</td><td>This is the handle to use to access the device in subsequent calls.</td></tr><tr><td>-1</td><td>There was an error. The device is not accessible.</td></tr></table>	Value	Description	>= 0	This is the handle to use to access the device in subsequent calls.	-1	There was an error. The device is not accessible.
	Value	Description					
	>= 0	This is the handle to use to access the device in subsequent calls.					
-1	There was an error. The device is not accessible.						

† The index value -1 can also be given to acquire driver information (section 2.2, page 12).

Return Value	Description
0	The operation succeeded.
< 0	An error occurred. See error value description above.

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include "16ai32ssc_dsl.h"

int ai32ssc_open_dsl(int device, int share, int* fd)
{
    int errs;
    int ret;

    ret = ai32ssc_open(device, share, fd);

    if (ret)
        printf("ERROR: ai32ssc_open() returned %d\n", ret);

    errs = ret ? 1 : 0;
    return(errs);
}
```

4.6.4.1. Access Modes

The value of the `share` argument determines the device access mode, as follows.

Shared Access Mode:

Shared Access Mode allows multiple applications to access the same device simultaneously. In this mode, the first successful open request returns with the device in an initialized state. Subsequent successful Shared Access Mode open requests do not affect the state of the device. Once opened in Shared Access Mode, the device access remains in this mode until all Shared Access Mode accesses release the device with a close request.

Exclusive Access Mode:

Exclusive Access Mode allows a single application to acquire exclusive access to a device. In this mode, a successful open request returns with the device in an initialized state. While open in this mode all subsequent open requests will fail regardless of the access mode requested. Once opened in Exclusive Access Mode, the device access remains in this mode until released by the application with a close request.

4.6.5. ai32ssc_read()

This function is the entry point to reading data from an open connection. The function reads up to `bytes` bytes.

NOTE: If an open was performed using an index of `-1`, then read requests will acquire information from the driver (section 2.2, page 12) rather than data from a device.

NOTE: For additional information refer to the Data Transfer Modes section (section 8.5, page 60).

Prototype

```
int ai32ssc_read(int fd, void* dst, size_t bytes);
```

Argument	Description
fd	This is the file descriptor obtained from the open service (section 4.6.4, page 22).
dst	The data read is put here.
bytes	This is the desired number of bytes to read. When reading from a device, this must be a multiple of four (4).

Return Value	Description
0 to bytes	The operation succeeded. When reading from a device, a value less than bytes indicates that the I/O timeout period lapsed (section 4.7.44, page 40) before the entire request could be satisfied.
< 0	An error occurred. See error value description above.

Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include "16ai32ssc_dsl.h"

int ai32ssc_read_dsl(int fd, void* dst, size_t bytes, size_t* qty)
{
    int errs;
    int ret;

    ret = ai32ssc_read(fd, dst, bytes);

    if (ret < 0)
        printf("ERROR: ai32ssc_read() returned %d\n", ret);

    if (qty)
        qty[0] = (ret < 0) ? 0 : (size_t) ret;

    errs = (ret < 0) ? 1 : 0;
    return(errs);
}
```

4.7. IOCTL Services

The 16AI32SSC API Library and device driver implement the following IOCTL services. Each service is described along with the applicable `ai32ssc_ioctl()` function arguments.

4.7.1. AI32SSC_IOCTL_ADC_CLK_SRC

This service configures the source for the A/D sample clock.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_ADC_CLK_SRC
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_ADC_CLK_SRC_BCR	This refers to the Board Control Register's Input Sync bit.
AI32SSC_ADC_CLK_SRC_EXT	This refers to the external clock input signal.
AI32SSC_ADC_CLK_SRC_RAG	This refers to the Rate-A Generator output.
AI32SSC_ADC_CLK_SRC_RBG	This refers to the Rate-B Generator output.

4.7.2. AI32SSC_IOCTL_ADC_ENABLE

This service enables or disables the ADC clocking process.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_ADC_ENABLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_ADC_ENABLE_NO	This disables the ADC process.
AI32SSC_ADC_ENABLE_YES	This enables the ADC process.

4.7.3. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_CLEAR

This service immediately clears the current content from the input buffer. It also clears the associated overflow and underflow status bits. This service does not halt sampling.

NOTE: If the buffer takes too long to clear, then a message is posted to the system log.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_CLEAR
arg	Not used.

NOTE: With this service the buffer is cleared immediately. This is not timed to occur at a scan boundary and may result in a partial scan being cleared from or entering the buffer. To clear the input buffer on a scan boundary ADC processing must be disabled first (see AI32SSC_IOCTL_ADC_ENABLE, section 4.7.2, page 25).

4.7.4. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_LEVEL

This service returns the current number of 32-bit data items in the input buffer. This may equal the number of A/D data values in the buffer, depending on the board's configuration.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_LEVEL
arg	s32*

The value returned will be from zero to 256K (262,144).

4.7.5. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW

This service operates on the Input Buffer Overflow status.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW
arg	s32*

Valid argument values supplied to the service are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current state.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW_CLEAR	Clear the overflow status.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW_IGNORE	Ignore the current status.

The current state is reported as one of the following values.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW_NO	The buffer has experienced an overflow condition.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_OVERFLOW_YES	The buffer has not experienced an overflow condition.

4.7.6. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_THR_LVL

This service configures the input buffer threshold level.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_THR_LVL
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to 0x3FFFF, and -1. A value of -1 will return the current threshold level setting.

4.7.7. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_THR_STS

This service retrieves the current input buffer threshold level status, which indicates whether or not there are more than Threshold Level number of 32-bit data items in the input buffer.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_THR_STS
arg	s32*

The current status is reported as one of the following values.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_THR_STS_CLEAR	The buffer contains Threshold Level number of data items, or fewer.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_THR_STS_SET	The buffer contains more than Threshold Level number of data items.

4.7.8. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW

This service operates on the Input Buffer Underflow status.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW
arg	s32*

Valid argument values supplied to the service are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current state.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW_CLEAR	Clear the underflow status.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW_IGNORE	Ignore the current status.

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW_NO	The buffer has experienced an underflow condition.
AI32SSC_AIN_BUF_UNDERFLOW_YES	The buffer has not experienced an underflow condition.

4.7.9. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_MODE

This service configures the board's Analog Input Mode.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AIN_MODE_DIFF	Configure the input channels for differential operation.
AI32SSC_AIN_MODE_VREF	Connect the input channels to the onboard VREF signal.
AI32SSC_AIN_MODE_ZERO	Connect the input channels to the onboard zero voltage signal.

4.7.10. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_RANGE

This service configures the analog input voltage range.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AIN_RANGE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AIN_RANGE_2_5V	Set the input voltage range to ± 2.5 volts.
AI32SSC_AIN_RANGE_5V	Set the input voltage range to ± 5 volts.
AI32SSC_AIN_RANGE_10V	Set the input voltage range to ± 10 volts.

4.7.11. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUTOCAL

This service initiates an autocalibration cycle. Most configuration setting should be made before running an autocalibration cycle. The driver waits for the operation to complete before returning.

NOTE: If any of the external clocking options is selected, then make sure the external clocking source is present when requesting autocalibration.

NOTE: This service overwrites the current interrupt selection in order to detect the Autocalibration Done interrupt.

NOTE: When an error is encountered, the service writes a brief, descriptive error message to the system log.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUTOCAL
arg	Not used.

Autocalibration failures are reported via the following IOCTL service return values.

Value	errno.h Macro	Description
-5	-EIO	The autocalibration process completed, but was unsuccessful.
-110	-ETIMEDOUT	The autocalibration process did not complete and took at least five seconds longer than expected.

When -5 is returned it indicates that one or more channels could not be successfully calibrated. In some cases, repeating the process may result in success. If the failure persists though, the board should be returned for examination and repair. Those channels which could not be calibrated will return invalid readings.

When -110 is returned it indicates that the process took at least five seconds longer than documented in the board user manual. In this case applications should wait for bit D13 of the Board Control Register to clear before continuing with any other board operation. The condition must not be ignored. As stated in the board user manual the board must not be exercised until autocalibration completes. If the failure persists the board should be returned for examination and repair.

WARNING: When -110 is returned applications must wait for the autocalibration process to complete before continuing to exercise the board. That is, the application must monitor Board

Control Register, bit D13, until it clears. The board will remain in an otherwise inaccessible state until this bit does clear.

4.7.12. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_CLK_MODE

This service configures the clock signal on the board's auxiliary signal connector.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_CLK_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AUX_CLK_MODE_DISABLE	This disables the signal.
AI32SSC_AUX_CLK_MODE_INPUT	This configures the signal as an input.
AI32SSC_AUX_CLK_MODE_OUTPUT	This configures the signal as an output.

4.7.13. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_IN_POL

This service configures the polarity of the input signals on the board's auxiliary signal connector.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_IN_POL
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AUX_IN_POL_HI_2_LO	Clocking occurs on high-to-low transitions.
AI32SSC_AUX_IN_POL_LO_2_HI	Clocking occurs on low-to-high transitions.

4.7.14. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_NOISE

This service configures the noise sensitivity setting for signals on the board's auxiliary signal connector.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_NOISE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AUX_NOISE_HIGH	This refers to high noise sensitivity.
AI32SSC_AUX_NOISE_LOW	This refers to low noise sensitivity.

4.7.15. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_OUT_POL

This service configures the polarity of the output signals on the board's auxiliary signal connector.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_OUT_POL
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AUX_OUT_POL_HI_PULSE	The active state is generated via high going pulses.
AI32SSC_AUX_OUT_POL_LOW_PULSE	The active state is generated via low going pulses.

4.7.16. AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_SYNC_MODE

This service configures the sync signal on the board's auxiliary signal connector.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_AUX_SYNC_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_AUX_SYNC_MODE_DISABLE	This disables the signal.
AI32SSC_AUX_SYNC_MODE_INPUT	This configures the signal as an input.
AI32SSC_AUX_SYNC_MODE_OUTPUT	This configures the signal as an output.

4.7.17. AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_BUSY

This service reports on the board's burst activity.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_BUSY
arg	s32*

The value returned will be one of the following.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_BURST_BUSY_ACTIVE	A bursting activity is in progress.
AI32SSC_BURST_BUSY_IDLE	No bursting activity is in progress.

4.7.18. AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_SIZE

This service configures the size of a single burst (the count is in scans, which is an A/D conversion of all active channels).

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_SIZE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to 0xFFFFF, or -1 to retrieve the current setting.

4.7.19. AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_SYNC

This service configures the clocking source for burst operations.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_BURST_SYNC
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_BURST_SYNC_BCR	Bursting is driven by the Board Control Register's Input Sync bit.
AI32SSC_BURST_SYNC_DISABLE	Bursting is disabled.
AI32SSC_BURST_SYNC_EXT	Bursting is driven by the cable's Sync Input cable signal.
AI32SSC_BURST_SYNC_RBG	Bursting is driven by the Rate-B Generator.

4.7.20. AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_ACTIVE

This service configures the selection for the number and range of active channels to scan.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_ACTIVE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_0_1	This refers to channels zero through one.
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_0_3	This refers to channels zero through three.
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_0_7	This refers to channels zero through seven.

AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_0_15	This refers to channels zero through 15.
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_0_31	This refers to channels zero through 31.
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_RANGE	This refers to a user specified range of channels from a <i>first</i> selection to a <i>last</i> selection. **
AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_SINGLE	This refers to a single, user specified channel. *

- * The channel selection is specified with the service AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_SINGLE (section 4.7.23, page 32).
- ** The *first* channel is specified with the service AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_FIRST (section 4.7.21, page 32). The *last* channel is specified with the service AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_LAST (section 4.7.22, page 32).

4.7.21. AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_FIRST

This service configures the selection of the first channel to scan when the active channel selection is set to the *range* option (AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_RANGE, section 4.7.20, page 31).

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_FIRST
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to one less than the current *last* setting, or -1 to retrieve the current selection.

4.7.22. AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_LAST

This service configures the selection of the last channel to scan when the active channel selection is set to the *range* option (AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_RANGE, section 4.7.20, page 31).

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_LAST
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from the current *first* setting to one less than the number of channels on the board, or -1 to retrieve the current selection.

4.7.23. AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_SINGLE

This service configures the selection of the channel to scan when the active channel selection is set to the *single* option (AI32SSC_CHAN_ACTIVE_SINGLE, section 4.7.20, page 31).

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_CHAN_SINGLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to one less than the number of channels on the board, or -1 to retrieve the current selection.

4.7.24. AI32SSC_IOCTL_DATA_FORMAT

This service configures the data encoding format.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_DATA_FORMAT
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_DATA_FORMAT_2S_COMP	This refers to the Twos Compliment data format.
AI32SSC_DATA_FORMAT_OFF_BIN	This refers to the Offset Binary encoding format.

4.7.25. AI32SSC_IOCTL_DATA_PACKING

This service configures the data packing feature.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_DATA_PACKING
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_DATA_PACKING_DISABLE	This option disables data packing so that A/D values in the input buffer are 32-bits wide.
AI32SSC_DATA_PACKING_ENABLE	This option enables data packing so that A/D values in the input buffer are 16-bits wide.

4.7.26. AI32SSC_IOCTL_INITIALIZE

This service returns all driver interface settings for the board to the state they were in when the board was first opened. This includes both hardware-based settings and software-based settings.

NOTE: If the initialization service returns an error status, an error message will be posted to the system log briefly describing the error condition.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_INITIALIZE
arg	Not used.

4.7.27. AI32SSC_IOCTL_INPUT_SYNC

This service initiates an Input Sync operation. The driver will wait for completion, but no more than the read timeout period. If the read timeout is zero, then the driver will wait up to one second for completion. (Refer to service AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_MODE (section 4.7.41, page 39).

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_INPUT_SYNC
arg	Not used.

4.7.28. AI32SSC_IOCTL_IO_INV

This service configures the inversion of the cable's clock and sync I/O signals.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_IO_INV
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IO_INV_HIGH	Active signals are asserted high.
AI32SSC_IO_INV_LOW	Active signals are asserted low.

4.7.29. AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ0_SEL

This service configures the interrupt source selection for interrupt number zero.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ0_SEL
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IRQ0_AUTOCAL_DONE	This refers to the completion of an autocalibration cycle.
AI32SSC_IRQ0_BURST_DONE	This refers to the completion of an input burst.
AI32SSC_IRQ0_BURST_START	This refers to the beginning of an input burst.
AI32SSC_IRQ0_INIT_DONE	This refers to the completion of an initialization cycle.

AI32SSC_IRQ0_SYNC_DONE	This refers to the completion of a sync operation.
AI32SSC_IRQ0_SYNC_START	This refers to the beginning of a sync operation.

4.7.30. AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ1_SEL

This service configures the interrupt source selection for interrupt number one.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ1_SEL
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IRQ1_IN_BUF_OVR_UNDR	This refers to the occurrence of either an input buffer overflow or an input buffer underflow.
AI32SSC_IRQ1_IN_BUF_THR_HI	This refers to the input buffer threshold status being asserted.
AI32SSC_IRQ1_IN_BUF_THR_LOW	This refers to the input buffer threshold status being negated.
AI32SSC_IRQ1_NONE	This disabled the interrupt.

4.7.31. AI32SSC_IOCTL_QUERY

This service queries the driver for various pieces of information about the board and the driver.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_QUERY
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_QUERY_AUTOCAL_MS	This returns the maximum duration of the Autocalibration cycle in milliseconds.
AI32SSC_QUERY_CHANNEL_MAX	This returns the maximum number of input channels supported by the board, which may be more than the board's current configuration.
AI32SSC_QUERY_CHANNEL_QTY	This returns the actual number of input channels on the current board. If the value returned is -1, then the driver was unable to determine the number of channels.
AI32SSC_QUERY_COUNT	This returns the number of query options supported by the IOCTL service.
AI32SSC_QUERY_DEVICE_TYPE	This returns the identifier value for the board's type. This should be GSC_DEV_TYPE_16AI32SSC.
AI32SSC_QUERY_FGEN_MAX	This returns the maximum supported FGEN value.
AI32SSC_QUERY_FGEN_MIN	This returns the minimum supported FGEN value.
AI32SSC_QUERY_FIFO_SIZE	This returns the size of the input buffer in 32-bit A/D values.
AI32SSC_QUERY_FSAMP_MAX	This gives the maximum FSAMP value in S/S.
AI32SSC_QUERY_FSAMP_MIN	This gives the minimum FSAMP value in S/S.

AI32SSC_QUERY_INIT_MS	This returns the duration of a board initialization in milliseconds.
AI32SSC_QUERY_LOW_LATENCY	Is the Low Latency feature present? (0 = no, 1 = yes)
AI32SSC_QUERY_MASTER_CLOCK	This returns the master clock frequency in hertz.
AI32SSC_QUERY_NRATE_MASK	This returns the mask for the board's NRATE fields.
AI32SSC_QUERY_NRATE_MAX	This returns the maximum supported NRATE value.
AI32SSC_QUERY_NRATE_MIN	This returns the minimum supported NRATE value.
AI32SSC_QUERY_RATE_GEN_QTY	This returns the number of Rate Generators on the board.
AI32SSC_QUERY_RBG_SYNC_OUTPUT	Is the Rate-B Generator SYNC Output feature present? (0 = no, 1 = yes)
AI32SSC_QUERY_TIME_TAG	Is the Time Tag feature present? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

Valid return values are as indicated in the above table and as given in the below table.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_IOCTL_QUERY_ERROR	Either there was a processing error or the query option is unrecognized.

4.7.32. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RAG_ENABLE

This service enables or disables the Rate-A Generator.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RAG_ENABLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_GEN_ENABLE_NO	This option disables the rate generator.
AI32SSC_GEN_ENABLE_YES	This option enables the rate generator.

4.7.33. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RAG_NRATE

This service configures the NRATE divider value for the Rate-A Generator.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RAG_NRATE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from 250 to 0xFFFF.

4.7.34. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_CLK_SRC

This service configures the clock source selection for the Rate-B Generator.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_CLK_SRC
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_RBG_CLK_SRC_RAG	This refers to the Rate-A Generator output. This option is used for rate generator cascading.
AI32SSC_RBG_CLK_SRC_MASTER	This refers to the board's master clock.

4.7.35. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_ENABLE

This service enables or disables the Rate-B Generator.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_ENABLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_GEN_ENABLE_NO	This option disables the rate generator.
AI32SSC_GEN_ENABLE_YES	This option enables the rate generator.

4.7.36. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_NRATE

This service configures the NRATE divider value for the Rate-B Generator.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_NRATE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from 250 to 0xFFFF.

4.7.37. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_SYNC_OUTPUT

This service enables or disables the Rate-B Generator SYNC Output option.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RBG_SYNC_OUTPUT
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_RBG_SYNC_OUTPUT_DISABLE	This option disables the Rate-B Generator SYNC Output feature.
AI32SSC_RBG_SYNC_OUTPUT_ENABLE	This option enables the Rate-B Generator SYNC Output feature.

4.7.38. AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_MOD

This service performs a read-modify-write of a 16AI32SSC register. This includes only the GSC firmware registers. The PCI and PLX Feature Set Registers are read-only. Refer to `16ai32ssc.h` for the complete list of GSC firmware registers.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_MOD
arg	<code>gsc_reg_t*</code>

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32 reg;
    u32 value;
    u32 mask;
} gsc_reg_t;
```

Fields	Description
reg	This is set to the identifier for the register to access.
value	This contains the value for the register bits to modify.
mask	This specifies the set of bits to modify. If a bit here is set, then the respective register bits is modified. If a bit here is zero, then the respective register bit is unmodified.

4.7.39. AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_READ

This service reads the value of a 16AI32SSC register. This includes the PCI registers, the PLX Feature Set Registers and the GSC firmware registers. Refer to `16ai32ssc.h` and `gsc_pci9056.h` for the complete list of accessible registers.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_READ
arg	<code>gsc_reg_t*</code>

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32 reg;
    u32 value;
    u32 mask;
} gsc_reg_t;
```

Fields	Description
reg	This is set to the identifier for the register to access.
value	This is the value read from the specified register.
mask	This is ignored for read request.

4.7.40. AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_WRITE

This service writes a value to a 16AI32SSC register. This includes only the GSC firmware registers. The PCI and PLX Feature Set Registers are read-only. Refer to `16ai32ssc.h` for a complete list of the GSC firmware registers.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_REG_WRITE
arg	<code>gsc_reg_t*</code>

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32 reg;
    u32 value;
    u32 mask;
} gsc_reg_t;
```

Fields	Description
reg	This is set to the identifier for the register to access.
value	This is the value to write to the specified register.
mask	This is ignored for write request.

4.7.41. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_ABORT

This service aborts an ongoing `read()` request.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_ABORT
arg	<code>s32*</code>

The results are reported as one of the following values.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_IO_ABORT_NO	A <code>read()</code> request was not aborted as none were ongoing.
AI32SSC_IO_ABORT_YES	An ongoing <code>read()</code> request was aborted.

4.7.42. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_MODE

This service sets the I/O mode used for data read requests.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
GSC_IO_MODE_BMDMA	Use Block Mode DMA.
GSC_IO_MODE_DMDMA	Use Demand Mode DMA (transfer data as it becomes possible to do so).
GSC_IO_MODE_PIO	Use PIO mode, which is repetitive register access. This is the default.

4.7.43. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_OVERFLOW

This service configures the read service to check for an input buffer overflow before performing read operations. Sampled data is lost when there is an overflow.

NOTE: The check for an overflow is performed upon entry to the read service. The read service does not check for overflows that occur while the read is in progress. For in-progress overflows an application must perform the check manually or wait for the check performed by a subsequent read request.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_OVERFLOW
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IO_OVERFLOW_CHECK	Perform the check. This is the default.
AI32SSC_IO_OVERFLOW_IGNORE	Do not perform the check.

4.7.44. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_TIMEOUT

This service sets the timeout limit for read requests. The value is expressed in seconds.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_TIMEOUT
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are in the range from zero to 3600, -1, and AI32SSC_IO_TIMEOUT_INFINITE. A value of zero tells the driver not to sleep in order to wait for more data, and should only be used with PIO mode reads. A value of -1 is used to retrieve the current setting. If the option AI32SSC_IO_TIMEOUT_INFINITE is used, then the driver will wait indefinitely rather than timing out. The default is 10 seconds.

4.7.45. AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_UNDERFLOW

This service configures the read service to check for an input buffer underflow before performing the read operation. Sampled data is lost when there is an underflow.

NOTE: The check for an underflow is performed upon entry to the read service. The read service does not check for underflows that occur while the read is in progress. For in-progress underflows an application must perform the check manually or wait for the check performed by a subsequent read request.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_RX_IO_UNDERFLOW
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IOCTL_UNDERFLOW_CHECK	Perform the check. This is the default.
AI32SSC_IOCTL_UNDERFLOW_IGNORE	Do not perform the check.

4.7.46. AI32SSC_IOCTL_SCAN_MARKER

This service configures the insertion of Scan Markers into the input buffer data stream. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_SCAN_MARKER
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_SCAN_MARKER_DISABLE	Scan Markers are not inserted into the data stream.
AI32SSC_SCAN_MARKER_ENABLE	Scan Markers are inserted into the data stream.

4.7.47. AI32SSC_IOCTL_SCAN_MARKER_VAL

This service configures the Scan Marker value that is inserted into the data stream. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_SCAN_MARKER_VAL
arg	u32*

Valid argument values are from zero to 0xFFFFFFFF, and -1. A s32 equivalent value of -1 will return the current Scan Marker value. If this is the value that needs to be applied, then it should be applied by directly

modifying the Scan Marker Upper Word Register and Scan Marker Lower Word Register (AI32SSC_GSC_SMUWR and AI32SSC_GSC_SMLWR, respectively).

4.7.48. AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_CANCEL

This service resumes all threads blocked via AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_EVENT IOCTL calls (section 4.7.49, page 42), according to the provided criteria. When a blocked thread is waiting for any event specified in the structure, then the thread is resumed.

NOTE: The driver itself makes use of the wait services for various internal operations. Driver initiated waits are unaffected by application cancel requests.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_CANCEL
arg	gsc_wait_t*

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32  flags;
    u32  main;
    u32  gsc;
    u32  alt;
    u32  io;
    u32  timeout_ms;
    u32  count;
} gsc_wait_t;
```

Fields	Description
flags	This is unused by wait cancel operations.
main	This specifies the set of GSC_WAIT_MAIN_* events whose wait requests are to be cancelled. Refer to section 4.7.49.2 on page 43.
gsc	This specifies the set of AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_* events whose wait requests are to be cancelled. Refer to section 4.7.49.3 on page 44.
alt	This is unused by the 16AI32SSC driver and should be zero.
io	This specifies the set of AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_* events whose wait requests are to be cancelled. Refer to section 4.7.49.4 on page 44.
timeout_ms	This is unused by wait cancel operations.
count	Upon return this indicates the number of waits that were cancelled.

4.7.49. AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_EVENT

This service blocks a thread until any one of a specified set of events occurs, or until a timeout lapses, whichever occurs first. The set of possible events to wait for are specified in the structure's main, gsc, alt and io fields. All field values must be valid and at least one event must be specified. If the thread is resumed because one of the referenced events has occurred, then the bit for the respective event is the only event bit that will be set. All other event bits and fields will be zero. (Multiple event bits will be set only if the events occur simultaneously.)

NOTE: The service waits only for the first of the specified events, not for all specified events.

NOTE: A wait timeout is reported via the `gsc_wait_t` structure's `flags` field having the `GSC_WAIT_FLAG_TIMEOUT` flag set, rather than via an `ETIMEDOUT` error.

Usage

Argument	Description
<code>request</code>	<code>AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_EVENT</code>
<code>arg</code>	<code>gsc_wait_t*</code>

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32  flags;
    u32  main;
    u32  gsc;
    u32  alt;
    u32  io;
    u32  timeout_ms;
    u32  count;
} gsc_wait_t;
```

Fields	Description
<code>flags</code>	This must initially be zero. Upon return this indicates the reason that the thread was resumed. Refer to section 4.7.49.1 on page 43.
<code>main</code>	This specifies any number of <code>GSC_WAIT_MAIN_*</code> events that the thread is to wait for. Refer to section 4.7.49.2 on page 43.
<code>gsc</code>	This specifies any number of <code>AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_*</code> events that the thread is to wait for. Refer to section 4.7.49.3 on page 44.
<code>alt</code>	This is unused by the 16AI32SSC driver and must be zero.
<code>io</code>	This specifies any number of <code>AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_*</code> events that the thread is to wait for. Refer to section 4.7.49.4 on page 44.
<code>timeout_ms</code>	This specified the maximum amount of time, in milliseconds, that the thread is to wait for any of the referenced events. A value of zero means do not timeout at all. If non-zero, then upon return the value will be the approximate amount of time actually waited.
<code>count</code>	This is unused by wait event operations and must be zero.

4.7.49.1. `gsc_wait_t.flags` Options

Upon return from a wait request the wait structure's `flags` field will indicate the reason that the thread was resumed. Only one of the below options will be set.

Fields	Description
<code>GSC_WAIT_FLAG_CANCEL</code>	The wait request was cancelled.
<code>GSC_WAIT_FLAG_DONE</code>	One of the referenced events occurred.
<code>GSC_WAIT_FLAG_TIMEOUT</code>	The timeout period lapsed before a referenced event occurred.

4.7.49.2. `gsc_wait_t.main` Options

The wait structure's `main` field may specify any of the below primary interrupt options. These interrupt options are supported by the 16AI32SSC and other General Standards products.

Fields	Description
<code>GSC_WAIT_MAIN_DMA0</code>	This refers to the DMA Done interrupt on DMA engine number zero.

GSC_WAIT_MAIN_DMA1	This refers to the DMA Done interrupt on DMA engine number one.
GSC_WAIT_MAIN_GSC	This refers to any of the Interrupt Control/Status Register interrupts.
GSC_WAIT_MAIN_OTHER	This generally refers to an interrupt generated by another device sharing the same interrupt as the 16AI32SSC.
GSC_WAIT_MAIN_PCI	This refers to any interrupt generated by the 16AI32SSC.
GSC_WAIT_MAIN_SPURIOUS	This refers to board interrupts which should never be generated.
GSC_WAIT_MAIN_UNKNOWN	This refers to board interrupts whose source could not be identified.

4.7.49.3. gsc_wait_t.gsc Options

The wait structure's `gsc` field may specify any combination of the below interrupt options. These are the interrupt options referenced in the Interrupt Control Register. Applications are responsible for selecting the desired interrupt options. Refer to `AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ0_SEL` (section 4.7.29, page 34) and `AI32SSC_IOCTL_IRQ1_SEL` (section 4.7.30, page 35).

Value	Description
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_AUTOCAL_DONE	This refers to the completion of an autocalibration cycle.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_BURST_DONE	This refers to the completion of an input burst.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_BURST_START	This refers to the beginning of an input burst.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_IN_BUF_OVR_UNDR	This refers to the occurrence of either an input buffer overflow or an input buffer underflow.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_IN_BUF_THR_H2L	This refers to the input buffer threshold status being negated.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_IN_BUF_THR_L2H	This refers to the input buffer threshold status being asserted.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_INIT_DONE	This refers to the completion of an initialization cycle.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_SYNC_DONE	This refers to the completion of a sync operation.
AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_SYNC_START	This refers to the beginning of a sync operation.

4.7.49.4. gsc_wait_t.io Options

The wait structure's `io` field may specify any of the below event options. These events are generated in response to application board data read requests.

Fields	Description
AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_RX_ABORT	This refers to read requests which have been aborted.
AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_RX_DONE	This refers to read requests which have been satisfied.
AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_RX_ERROR	This refers to read requests which end due to an error.
AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_RX_TIMEOUT	This refers to read requests which end due to the timeout period lapse.

4.7.50. AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_STATUS

This service count all threads blocked via the `AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_EVENT` IOCTL service (section 4.7.49, page 42), according to the provided criteria. A match is made when a waiting thread's wait criteria matches any of the criteria specified in the structure passed to this service.

NOTE: The driver itself makes use of the wait services for various internal operations. Driver initiated waits are ignored by application status requests.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_WAIT_STATUS
arg	gsc_wait_t*

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32  flags;
    u32  main;
    u32  gsc;
    u32  alt;
    u32  io;
    u32  timeout_ms;
    u32  count;
} gsc_wait_t;
```

Fields	Description
flags	This is unused by wait status operations.
main	This specifies the set of GSC_WAIT_MAIN_* events whose wait requests are to be counted. Refer to section 4.7.49.2 on page 43.
gsc	This specifies the set of AI32SSC_WAIT_GSC_* events whose wait requests are to be counted. Refer to section 4.7.49.3 on page 44.
alt	This is unused by the 16AI32SSC driver and should be zero.
io	This specifies the set of AI32SSC_WAIT_IO_* events whose wait requests are to be counted. Refer to section 4.7.49.4 on page 44.
timeout_ms	This is unused by wait status operations.
count	Upon return this indicates the number of waits that met any of the specified criteria.

4.8. Low Latency IOCTL Services

The 16AI32SSC driver implements the following Low Latency specific IOCTL services. (For the common services refer to section 4.7 on page 24.) Each service is described along with the applicable `ai32ssc_ioctl()` function arguments.

WARNING: Reading device data should not be performed while using the Low Latency Read IOCTL service. Interrupts are disabled while the service is active and would interfere with DMA and DMDMA operations.

4.8.1. AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_DOH

This service report if the device is in a Low Latency Data On Hold state. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_DOH
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
AI32SSC_LL_DOH_NO	The board is not in a Low Latency Data On Hold state.
AI32SSC_LL_DOH_YES	The board is in a Low Latency Data On Hold state.

4.8.2. AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_HOLD

This service configures the *hold* register index for the Low Latency data retrieval operation. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_HOLD
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to one less than the number of board channels.

4.8.3. AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_READ

This service retrieves the Low Latency registers according to the board's current configuration and the *mask* field in the referenced structure. The currently configured *hold* channel register is always read first. If the *hold* and *release* channels are the same, then no additional action takes place. Otherwise, the channel data is read according to the description given below for the *mask* field, followed by reading the *release* channel register.

WARNING: Reading device data should not be performed while using the Low Latency Read IOCTL service. Interrupts are disabled while the service is active and would interfere with DMA and DMDMA operations.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_READ
arg	ai32ssc_ll_data_t*

Definition

```
typedef struct
{
    u32 mask;
    u32 data[32];
} ai32ssc_ll_data_t;
```

Fields	Description
mask	This specifies the set of Low Latency registers to read. If a bit is set, then the corresponding Low Latency register is retrieved. If a bit is clear, then the corresponding register is ignored. The bits for the <i>hold</i> and <i>release</i> channels are ignored.
data	This retrieved data is recorded here.

4.8.4. AI32SSCIOCTL_LL_RELEASE

This service configures the *release* register index for the Low Latency data retrieval operation. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_LL_RELEASE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from zero to one less than the number of board channels.

4.9. IOCTL Services: Time Tag Specific

The API Library supports the following Time Tag specific IOCTL services. Each service is described along with the applicable `ai32ssc_ioctl()` function arguments and return values.

4.9.1. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ADC_CLK_SRC

This service configures the source for the Time Tag A/D sample clock.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ADC_CLK_SRC
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_ADC_CLK_SRC_EXT_REF	This refers to the external Reference Clock Input signal.
AI32SSC_TT_ADC_CLK_SRC_EXT_SAMP	This refers to the external Sample Clock Input signal.
AI32SSC_TT_ADC_CLK_SRC_RAG	This refers to the Rate-A Generator output.

4.9.2. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ADC_ENABLE

This service enables or disables the Time Tag ADC clocking process.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ADC_ENABLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_ADC_ENABLE_NO	This disables the ADC process.
AI32SSC_TT_ADC_ENABLE_YES	This enables the ADC process.

4.9.3. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_CHAN_MASK

This service configures the selection of active channels to scan.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_CHAN_MASK
arg	u32*

NOTE: The argument type for this service is an unsigned 32-bit data type. All other services which use a pointer to a unary data type use a signed 32-bit data type.

Valid argument values are in the range of zero to 0xFFFFFFFF. The value is defined to be a bitmap of the channels to scan. The least significant bit refers to channel zero. The most significant bit refers to channel 31. If a bit is set, then the channel is scanned. If a bit is clear, then the channel is not scanned. An error is produced if attempting to enable a channel not present on the board.

4.9.4. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ENABLE

This service enables or disables the Time Tag feature.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_ENABLE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_ENABLE_NO	This disables the Time Tag feature.
AI32SSC_TT_ENABLE_YES	This enables the Time Tag feature.

4.9.5. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_LOG_MODE

This service controls which channels log data to the input buffer.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_LOG_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_LOG_MODE_ALL	All channels log data to the input buffer.
AI32SSC_TT_LOG_MODE_TRIG	Only triggered channels log data to the input buffer.

4.9.6. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_NRATE

This service configures the NRATE divider value for the Time Tag Rate Divider.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT NRATE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are from 2 to 0xFFFFF.

4.9.7. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_REF_XX

This refers to the below listed services, which configure the reference value for the respective channel. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Service	Description
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 00	Channel 0
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 01	Channel 1
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 02	Channel 2
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 03	Channel 3
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 04	Channel 4
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 05	Channel 5
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 06	Channel 6
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 07	Channel 7
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 08	Channel 8
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 09	Channel 9
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 10	Channel 10
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 11	Channel 11
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 12	Channel 12
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 13	Channel 13
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 14	Channel 14
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 15	Channel 15
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 16	Channel 16
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 17	Channel 17
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 18	Channel 18
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 19	Channel 19
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 20	Channel 20
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 21	Channel 21
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 22	Channel 22
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 23	Channel 23
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 24	Channel 24
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 25	Channel 25
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 26	Channel 26
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 27	Channel 27
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 28	Channel 28
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 29	Channel 29
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 30	Channel 30
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF 31	Channel 31

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT REF XX
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are in the range of zero to 0xFFFF, or -1 to retrieve the current setting.

4.9.8. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_REF_CLK_SRC

This service configures the source selection for the time tag reference clock.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_REF_CLK_SRC
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_REF_CLK_SRC_EXT	This refers to the external Reference Clock Input signal.
AI32SSC_TT_REF_CLK_SRC_INT	This refers to the internal rate generator.

4.9.9. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_REF_VAL_MODE

This service configures the reference value operating mode.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_REF_VAL_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_TT_REF_VAL_MODE_AUTO	The reference value is updated automatically.
AI32SSC_TT_REF_VAL_MODE_CONST	The reference value remains constant.

4.9.10. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_RESET

This service resets the time tag counter to zero.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_RESET
arg	Not used.

4.9.11. AI32SSC_IOCTL_TT_RESET_EXT

This service enables or disables the Clock Reset Input cable signal.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT RESET EXT
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT RESET EXT DISABLE	The cable signal cannot reset the Time Tag counter.
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT RESET EXT ENABLE	The cable signal can reset the Time Tag counter.

4.9.12. AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_TAGGING

This service enables or disables insertion of the Time Tag header in the Input Buffer data stream.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT TAGGING
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT TAGGING DISABLE	The header is not inserted into the data stream.
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT TAGGING ENABLE	The header is inserted into the data stream.

4.9.13. AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_XX

This refers to the below listed services, which configure the threshold value for the respective channel. Refer to the board user manual for additional information.

Service	Description
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_00	Channel 0
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_01	Channel 1
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_02	Channel 2
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_03	Channel 3
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_04	Channel 4
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_05	Channel 5
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_06	Channel 6
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_07	Channel 7
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_08	Channel 8
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_09	Channel 9
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_10	Channel 10
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_11	Channel 11
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_12	Channel 12
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_13	Channel 13
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_14	Channel 14
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_15	Channel 15
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_16	Channel 16
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT_THR_17	Channel 17

AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 18	Channel 18
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 19	Channel 19
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 20	Channel 20
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 21	Channel 21
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 22	Channel 22
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 23	Channel 23
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 24	Channel 24
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 25	Channel 25
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 26	Channel 26
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 27	Channel 27
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 28	Channel 28
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 29	Channel 29
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 30	Channel 30
AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR 11	Channel 31

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT THR XX
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are in the range of zero to 0xFFFF, or -1 to retrieve the current setting.

4.9.14. AI32SSC_IOCTL TT TRIG_MODE

This service configures the time tag triggering mode.

Usage

Argument	Description
request	AI32SSC_IOCTL TT TRIG_MODE
arg	s32*

Valid argument values are as follows.

Value	Description
-1	Retrieve the current setting.
AI32SSC TT TRIG_MODE CONTIN	This refers to the Free-Running mode.
AI32SSC TT TRIG_MODE REF TRIG	This refers to the Referenced-Triggered mode.

5. The Driver

NOTE: Contact General Standards Corporation if additional driver functionality is required.

5.1. Files

The device driver files are summarized in the table below.

Description	Files	Location
Source Files	*.c, *.h/driver/
Header File	16ai32ssc.h	
Driver File	16ai32ssc.ko † 16ai32ssc.o ‡	

† This is for kernel versions 2.6 and later.

‡ This is for kernel versions 2.4 are earlier.

5.2. Build

NOTE: Building the driver requires installation of the kernel headers and possibly other packages.

The device driver is built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13), but can be built separately following the below steps.

1. Change to the directory where the driver and its sources are installed (.../driver/).
2. Remove existing build targets by issuing the below command.

```
make clean
```

3. Build the driver by issuing the below command.

```
make
```

NOTE: Due to the differences between the many Linux distributions some build errors may occur. These errors may include system header location differences, which should be easily corrected.

5.3. Startup

NOTE: The driver will have to be built before being used as it is provided in source form only.

The startup script used in this procedure is designed to load the device driver and create fresh device nodes. This is accomplished by unloading the current driver, if loaded, and then loading the accompanying driver executable. In addition, the script deletes and recreates the device nodes. This is done to ensure that the device nodes in use have the same major number as assigned dynamically to the driver by the kernel, and so that the number of device nodes corresponds to the number of boards identified by the driver.

5.3.1. Manual Driver Startup Procedures

Start the driver manually by following the below listed steps.

NOTE: The following steps may require elevated privileges.

1. Change to the directory where the driver sources are installed (.../driver/).
2. Install the driver module and create the device nodes by executing the below command. If any errors are encountered then an appropriate error message will be displayed.

```
./start
```

NOTE: This script must be executed each time the host is booted.

NOTE: The 16AI32SSC device node major number is assigned dynamically by the kernel. The minor numbers and the device node suffix numbers are index numbers beginning with zero, and increase by one for each additional board installed.

3. Verify that the device driver module has been loaded by issuing the below command and examining the output. The module name `16ai32ssc` should be included in the output.

```
lsmod
```

4. Verify that the device nodes have been created by issuing the below command and examining the output. The output should include one node for each installed board.

```
ls -l /dev/16ai32ssc.*
```

5.3.2. Automatic Driver Startup Procedures

Start the driver automatically with each system reboot by following the below listed steps.

1. Locate and edit the system startup script `rc.local`, which should be in the `/etc/rc.d/` directory. Modify the file by adding the below line so that it is executed with every reboot. The example is based on the driver being installed in `/usr/src/linux/drivers/`, though it may have been installed elsewhere.

```
/usr/src/linux/drivers/16ai32ssc/driver/start
```

NOTE: For `systemd` installations the file `rc.local` may be located under the `/etc/` directory rather than under `/etc/rc.d/`.

2. Load the driver and create the required device nodes by rebooting the system.
3. Verify that the driver is loaded and that the device nodes have been created. Do this by following the verification steps given in the manual startup procedures.

5.3.2.1. File `rc.local` Not Present

Some distributions may not install a default version of `rc.local`. Some may not even create the directory `/etc/rc.d/`. If the directory is not present, then it may be created. The directory must be created with the owner and group set to `root`. The directory permissions must be set to `rwxr-xr-x`. If the file `/etc/rc.d/rc.local` is not present, then it too may be created. The file must also be created with the owner and group set to `root`. Additionally, the file permissions must also be set to `rwxr-xr-x`. After the directory and file are created as described, reboot to verify boot time loading of the driver. Here is an example of a default version of `rc.local`.

```
#!/bin/bash

# Add your local content here.
```

5.3.2.2. Default `rc.local` File Permissions

The `rc.local` script may fail to run at boot time because some distributions install a default version of the file without execute permissions. Without execute permissions, boot time invocation of the script fails, which inhibits boot time loading of the driver. If this is the case, then change the file permissions to `rxwxr-xr-x`. After the file permissions are adjusted as described, reboot to verify boot time loading of the driver.

5.3.2.3. `systemd` Installations

With the advent of the `systemd` startup implementation, `rc.local` may be accessed via a `systemd` startup service. The service name may be `rc-local`, `rc-local.service` or something similar. This service may or may not be enabled by default. If the service is disabled, then the script will not execute, which prevents boot time loading of the driver. The service can be enabled with the below command line. After the service is enabled, reboot to verify boot time loading of the driver.

```
systemctl enable rc-local
```

NOTE: For `systemd` installations the file `rc.local` may be located under the `/etc/` directory rather than under `/etc/rc.d/`.

5.3.2.4. `systemd` and `rc.local` Timing

If the above steps have been performed but the driver still does not start then examine the `dmesg` output for driver messages. If the output shows that the driver starts and immediately stops, then the problem may be timing. That is, since `systemd` doesn't serialize startup initialization as done in the past, driver loading may fail if required services have not completed their own initialization. If this is the problem, then it may be corrected simply by inserting a delay in `rc.local` prior to it calling the driver's start script (i.e., sleep for one or more seconds).

5.3.2.5. SELinux Implications

If not disabled, then SELinux may prevent boot time loading of the driver. If this is the case, then it can be verified and corrected using SELinux related tools and utilities. First, install the necessary software using the below command. (As necessary, replace the `yum` command line with that which is available for your distribution.)

```
yum install setroubleshoot setools
```

Next, run the below command to determine if SELinux is preventing the driver from loading at boot time.

```
sealert -a /var/log/audit/audit.log
```

If SELinux is preventing the driver from loading, then the output from the above command should include a reference to the driver's start script, the `insmod` command that loads the driver or the name of the driver executable. If so, then the output should also indicate the commands necessary to resolve the issue. The following is an example of the instructions given when the culprit is `insmod`, which is the start script command that loads the driver. After running these commands reboot the system to verify boot time loading of the driver.

```
ausearch -c 'insmod' --raw | audit2allow -M my-insmod
semodule -X 300 -i my-insmod.pp
```

5.4. Verification

Follow the below steps to verify that the driver has been properly installed and started.

1. Verify that the file `/proc/16ai32ssc` is present. If the file is present then the driver is loaded and running. Verify the file's presence by viewing its content with the below command.

```
cat /proc/16ai32ssc
```

5.5. Version

The driver version number can be obtained in a variety of ways. It is reported by the driver both when the driver is loaded and when it is unloaded (depending on kernel configuration options, this may be visible only in places such as `/var/log/messages`). It is reported in the text file `/proc/16ai32ssc` while the driver is loaded and running. The version number is also given in the file `release.txt` in the root install directory.

5.6. Shutdown

Shutdown the driver following the below listed steps.

NOTE: The following steps may require elevated privileges.

1. If the driver is currently loaded then issue the below command to unload the driver.

```
rmmod 16ai32ssc
```

2. Verify that the driver module has been unloaded by issuing the below command. The module name `16ai32ssc` should not be in the listed output.

```
lsmod
```


6. Document Source Code Examples

The source code examples included in this document are built into a statically linkable library usable with console applications. The purpose of these files is to verify that the documentation samples compile and to provide a library of working sample code to assist in a user's learning curve and application development effort.

6.1. Files

The library files are summarized in the table below.

Description	Files	Location
Source Files	*.c, *.h/docsrc/
Header File	16ai32ssc_dsl.h	.../include/
Library File	16ai32ssc_dsl.a	.../lib/

6.2. Build

The library is built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13), but can be built separately following the below steps.

1. Change to the directory where the documentation sources are installed (.../docsrc/).
2. Remove existing build targets by issuing the below command.

```
make clean
```

3. Compile the sample files and build the library by issuing the below command.

```
make
```

4. Rebuild the Main Library (section 3.2.1, page 16).

6.3. Library Use

The library is used both at application compile time and at application link time. At compile time include the above listed header file in each source file using a component of the library interface. At link time include the above listed static library file with the objects being linked with the application.

7. Utilities Source Code

The API Library installation includes a body of utility source code designed to aid in the understanding and use of the interface calls and IOCTL services. Utility sources are also included for device independent and common, general-purpose services. Most of the utilities are implemented as visual wrappers around the corresponding services to facilitate structured console output for the sample applications. The utility sources are compiled and linked into static libraries to simplify their use. An additional purpose of these utility services is to provide a library of working sample code to assist in a user's learning curve and application development effort.

For each API function there is a corresponding utility source file with a corresponding utility service. As an example, for the API function `ai32ssc_open()` there is the utility file `open.c` containing the utility function `ai32ssc_open_util()`. The naming pattern is as follows: API function `ai32ssc_xxxx()`, utility file name `xxxx.c`, utility function `ai32ssc_xxxx_util()`. Additionally, for each IOCTL code there is a corresponding utility source file with a corresponding utility service. As an example, for IOCTL code `AI32SSC_IOCTL_QUERY` there is the utility file `util_query.c` containing the utility function `ai32ssc_query()`. The naming pattern is as follows: IOCTL code `AI32SSC_IOCTL_XXXX`, utility file name `util_xxxx.c`, utility function `ai32ssc_xxxx()`.

7.1. Files

The utility files are summarized in the table below.

Description	Files	Location
Source Files	*.c, *.h/utils/
Header File	16ai32ssc_utils.h	.../include/
Library Files	16ai32ssc_utils.a gsc_utils.a os_utils.a plx_utils.a	.../lib/

7.2. Build

The libraries are built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13), but can be built separately following the below steps.

1. Change to the directory where the utility sources are installed (.../utils/).
2. Remove existing build targets by issuing the below command.

```
make clean
```

3. Compile the sample files and build the library by issuing the below command.

```
make
```

4. Rebuild the Main Library (section 3.2.1, page 16).

7.3. Library Use

The library is used both at application compile time and at application link time. At compile time include the above listed header file in each source file using a component of the library interface. At link time include the above listed static library file with the objects being linked with the application.

8. Operating Information

This section explains some basic operational procedures for using the 16AI32SSC. This is in no way intended to be a comprehensive guide. This is simply to address a very few issues relating to their use.

8.1. Debugging Aids

The driver package includes the following items useful for development and/or debugging aids.

8.1.1. Device Identification

When communicating with technical support complete device identification is virtually always necessary. The *id* example application is provided for this specific purpose. This is a text only console application. The output can be piped to a file, which can then be emailed to GSC technical support when requested. Locate the application as follows.

Description	File	Location
Application	<i>id</i>	.../id/

8.1.2. Detailed Register Dump

Among the utility services provided is a function to generate a detailed listing of device registers to the console. When used, the function is typically used to verify device configuration. In these cases, the function should be called after complete device configuration and before the first I/O call. When intended for sending to GSC tech support, please set the *detail* arguments to 1. The function arguments are as follows. The utility location is given in the subsequent table.

Argument	Description
<i>fd</i>	This is the file descriptor used to access the device.
<i>detail</i>	If non-zero the register dump will include details of each register field.

Description	File/Name	Location
Function	<i>ai32ssc_reg_list()</i>	Source File
Source File	<i>util_reg.c</i>	.../utils/
Header File	<i>16ai32ssc_utils.h</i>	.../include/
Library File	<i>16ai32ssc_utils.a</i>	.../lib/

8.2. Analog Input Configuration

The basic steps for Analog Input configuration are illustrated in the utility function noted below. The table also gives the location of the source file, the header file and the corresponding library containing the executable code. The referenced files are included via the Main Header and Main Library.

Item	Name/File	Location
Function	<i>ai32ssc_config_ai()</i>	Source File
Source File	<i>util_config_ai.c</i>	.../utils/
Header File	<i>16ai32ssc_utils.h</i>	.../include/
Library File	<i>16ai32ssc_utils.a</i>	.../lib/

8.3. Auxiliary I/O Configuration

The basic steps for Auxiliary I/O configuration are illustrated in the utility function noted below. The table also gives the location of the source file, the header file and the corresponding library containing the executable code.

Item	Name/File	Location
Function	ai32ssc_config_aux()	Source File
Source File	util_config_aux.c	.../utils/
Header File	16ai32ssc_utils.h	.../include/
Library File	16ai32ssc_utils.a	.../lib/

8.4. Time Tag Configuration

The basic steps for Time Tag configuration are illustrated in the utility function noted below. The table also gives the location of the source file, the header file and the corresponding library containing the executable code.

Item	Name/File	Location
Function	ai32ssc_config_tt()	Source File
Source File	util_config_tt.c	.../utils/
Header File	16ai32ssc_utils.h	.../include/
Library File	16ai32ssc_utils.a	.../lib/

8.5. Data Transfer Modes

All device I/O requests move data through intermediate driver buffers on its way between the device and application memory. The data is processed in chunks no larger than the size of this intermediate buffer. The process used to perform this transfer is according to the I/O mode selection. Movement of data between the application buffers and the intermediate driver buffers is performed by the kernel.

8.5.1. PIO - Programmed I/O

In this mode data is transferred using repetitive register accesses. This is most applicable for low throughput requirements or for small transfer requests. The driver continues the operation until either the I/O request is fulfilled or the I/O timeout expires, whichever occurs first. This is generally the least efficient mode, but for very small transfers it is more efficient than DMA.

8.5.2. BMDMA - Block Mode DMA

For Block Mode DMA the driver initiates DMA transfers only after a sufficient volume of data has been received into the input buffer. In this mode the volume is sufficient when the input buffer content satisfies the request or when it meets or exceeds the threshold value. After that amount of data is in the input buffer the driver initiates a DMA then sleeps until the DMA Done interrupt is received. Using this DMA mode, a user request typically consists of numerous individual DMA transfers.

8.5.3. DMDMA - Demand Mode DMA

This DMA mode is similar to the block mode, except that the transfer is initiated immediately. Here however, the actual movement of data occurs as the data becomes available in the buffer instead of after it has been accumulated. Using this DMA mode, a user request typically consists of a single individual DMA transfer.

9. Sample Applications

The driver archive includes a variety of sample and test applications located under the `samples` subdirectory. While they are provided without support and without any external documentation, any problems reported will be addressed as time permits. The applications are command line based and produce text output for display on a console. All of the applications are built via the Overall Make Script (section 2.7, page 13), but each may be built individually by changing to its respective directory and issuing the commands “`make clean`” and “`make`”. The initial output from each application includes information on its supported command line arguments. The following gives a brief overview of each application.

9.1. `id` - Identify Board - `.../id/`

This application reports detailed board identification information. This can be used with tech support to help identify as much technical information about the board as possible from software.

9.2. `regs` - Register Access - `.../regs/`

This application provides menu based interactive access to the board’s registers, and reports other pertinent information to the console.

9.3. `rxrate` - Receive Rate - `.../rxrate/`

This application configures the board for its highest ADC sample rate then reads the input as fast as possible. The purpose is to measure the peak sustainable input rate for the host, per the provided command line arguments.

9.4. `savedata` - Save Acquired Data - `.../savedata/`

This application configures the board for a modest sample rate, reads a megabyte of data, then saves the data to a hex file.

9.5. `sbtest` - Single Board Test - `.../sbtest/`

This application performs functional testing of the driver and a user specified board, at least to the extent possible with just a single board and no additional equipment.

9.6. `signals` - Digital Signals - `.../signals/`

This application configures the board to drive the digital output signals for a user specified period of time. This is done to facilitate setup of test equipment to capture those signals during actual use.

9.7. `tt` - Time Tag - `.../tt/`

This application configures the board for Time Tag operation at a modest sample rate, reads a megabyte of data, then saves the data to a hex file.

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