Application Report

Programming Examples and Debug Strategies for the DCAN Module



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ABSTRACT

The DCAN peripheral is a CAN implementation on a subset of devices within the C2000™ family. Some devices that have a DCAN peripheral include the TMS320F2837xD, TMS320F2837xS, TMS320F2807x, TMS320F28004x and TMS320F28002x devices. The examples are meant to be run in any C2000 MCU with a DCAN module. For a complete list of devices that contain the DCAN module, see the C2000 Real-Time Control Peripherals Reference Guide. This application report describes several programming examples to illustrate how the DCAN module is set up for different modes of operation. The objective is to help you come up to speed quickly in programming the DCAN. All programs have been extensively commented to aid easy understanding. The examples will not run on the eCAN module on the older C2000 devices. For eCAN examples, see Programming Examples for the TMS320x28xx eCAN.

The code examples were tested on a TMS320F28379D device; however, the examples can be easily adapted to run on any C2000 device that features the DCAN module. Most of the examples need CAN-B (the second CAN node) for operation. For devices that have only one CAN module (CAN-A), a second (external) CAN node is needed to emulate the function of CAN-B. This requirement can be met by any CAN bus analysis tool. Many inexpensive USB-bus based CAN bus analysis tools are currently available. These tools provide visibility to the CAN bus traffic and are also capable of generating CAN bus frames and are an invaluable aid in debugging CAN issues. An oscilloscope with built-in CAN bus triggering/decoding is a vital debugging aid as well.

The project files and examples described in this document are available for download as part of C2000Ware.

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1 Introduction

CAN is a serial protocol that was originally developed for automotive applications. Due to its robustness and reliability, it now finds applications in diverse areas such as Industrial equipment, appliances, medical electronics, trains, air crafts, and so forth. CAN protocol features sophisticated error detection (and isolation) mechanisms and lends itself to simple wiring at the physical level.

Figure 1-1 shows the typical implementation of the CAN bus.

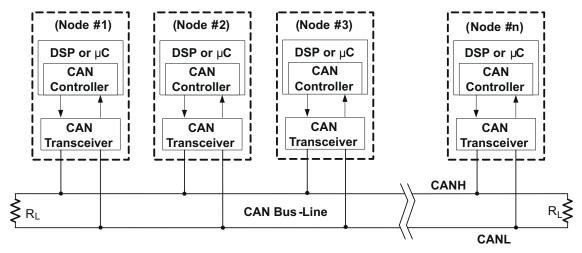


Figure 1-1. Typical Implementation of a CAN Bus

1.1 TMS320F28xx DCAN Features

- Full implementation of CAN protocol, version 2.0B
- 32 mailboxes, each with the following properties:
 - Configurable as receive or transmit
 - Configurable with standard or extended identifier
 - Has a programmable receive mask (every mailbox has its own mask)
 - Supports data and remote frame
 - Composed of 0 to 8 bytes of data
 - Employs a programmable interrupt scheme with two interrupt levels
- Automatic reply to a remote request message
- Automatic retransmission of a frame in case of loss of arbitration or error

2 Program Descriptions

This section provides a brief description of the example projects, along with applicable waveforms captured with an oscilloscope. Note that the examples are within C2000Ware.

· can ex1 loopback.c

This example illustrates the use of self-test mode. A message is transmitted once per second, using a simple delay loop for timing. The message that is sent is a 2 byte message that contains an incrementing pattern. This example sets up the CAN controller in "External" Loopback test mode. Data transmitted is visible on the CANTXA pin and is received internally back to the CAN Core. It is important that the GPIO mapping in device.h file in this project is edited to reflect the GPIO pins that are used for CAN function in your hardware. Otherwise, the transmitted data will not be seen on CANTXA pin.

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Figure 2-1 shows the activity on the CANTXA pin.

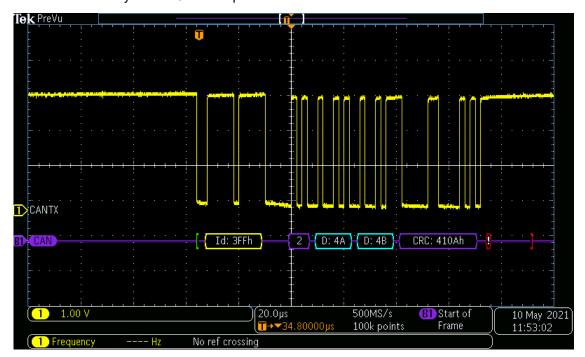


Figure 2-1. can_ex1_loopback

can_ex2_loopback_interrupts.c

Similar to can_ex1_loopback.c, but uses interrupts.

can ex3 external transmit.c

This example shows basic setup of CAN in order to transmit and receive messages. It sets up CAN-A as the transmitter and CAN-B as the receiver. A receive interrupt is asserted on CAN-B to verify the received data.

can ex4 simple transmit.c

This example illustrates how to setup the CAN module for transmission. It could prove very useful to check the hardware connections of the CAN circuit.

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Figure 2-2, Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-4 show how data is stored in the IFxDATA registers.

Figure 2-2. CAN_IF1DATA Register

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
			Dat	a_3							Data	a_2							Data	a_1							Dat	a_0			
R/W-0h								R/W	/-0h							R/W	/-0h							R/W	/-0h						

Figure 2-3. CAN_IF1DATB Register

3	1	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
				Dat	a_7							Dat	a_6							Data	a_5							Dat	a_4			
	R/W-0h								R/W	/-0h							R/W	/-0h							R/W	/-0h						

> 1919 CAN_IF1DATA	0x67452301	IF1 Data A Register [Memory Mapped]
> 1010 CAN_IF1DATB	0xEFCDAB89	IF1 Data B Register [Memory Mapped]

Figure 2-4. IFxDATA Registers in CCS Expressions Window

With the above configurations, data is transmitted in the order shown in Figure 2-5.

Figure 2-5 depicts the waveform on the CANTXA pin.

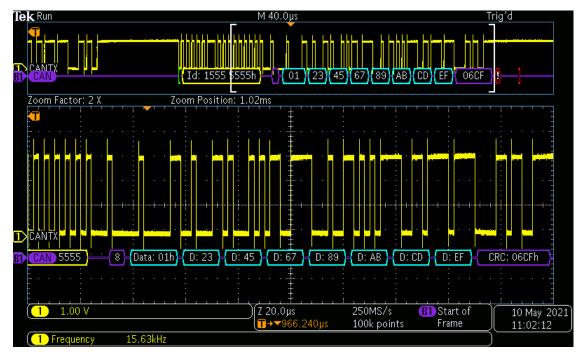


Figure 2-5. can_ex4_simple_transmit

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Figure 2-6 shows the waveform at the CANRXA pin. Note that during the ACK phase, the transmitting node transmits a recessive, but it is driven low by the receiver.

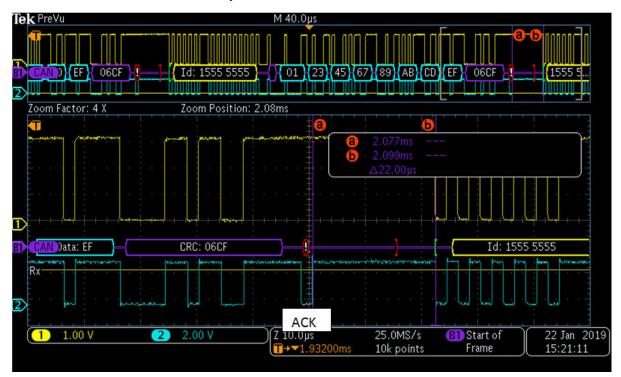


Figure 2-6. Waveform at the CANRXA Pin

· can ex5 simple receive.c

This example is a simple illustration of how to setup the CAN module for reception. This example could prove very useful to generate an ACK for another CAN node.

· can ex8 Remote Tx.c

This example demonstrates the ability of the CAN-A module to transmit a Remote-frame and receive a response in the same mailbox. CAN-B node is configured to respond to the Remote frame. If CAN-B is not available, a CAN bus analyzer may be used to provide a response. Note that the response time from such equipment may be more, because it involves some overhead due to the application running on the PC.

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Figure 2-7 shows the response from a bus analyzer. Note that it takes about 13 ms for the response to show up on the bus.

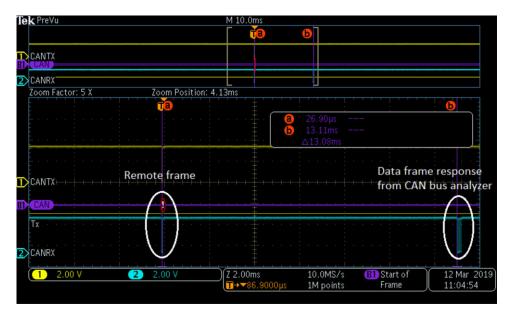


Figure 2-7. can_ex8_Remote_Tx-PEAK

Figure 2-8 shows the response from CAN-B. Response is in microseconds in this case.

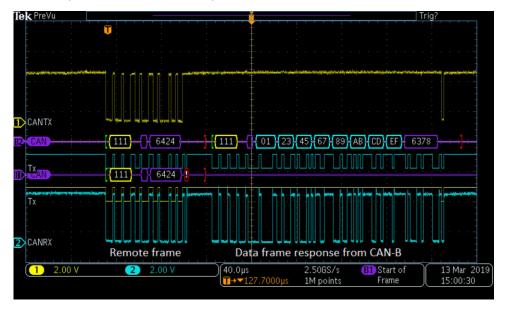


Figure 2-8. can_ex8_Remote_Tx-28x

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can ex9 Remote Answer.c

Figure 2-9 demonstrates the ability of the module to respond to a Remote-frame. A remote frame is transmitted from the CAN bus analyzer and the module responds.

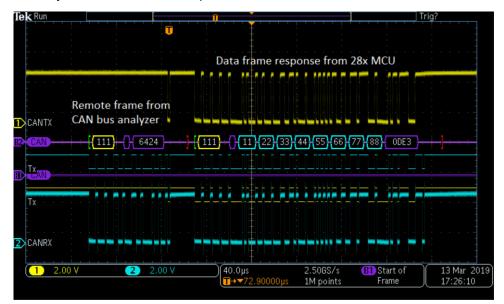


Figure 2-9. can_ex9_Remote_Answer

can ex10 Mask.c

This example demonstrates acceptance mask filtering. It can be used to evaluate the effects of MXtd & MDir bits. Table 2-1 shows the various scenarios and the outcomes. Mailbox direction was set to Receive (Dir = 0), An extended ID was written to the mailbox (Xtd = 1) and filtering enabled (UMask = 1). MXtd and MDir bits were cycled through the four possible combinations.

An Ext ID frame, satisfying the filtering criterion, is transmitted. MXtd & Mdir bits have no bearing on the frame reception in all four cases.

Table 2-1. Extended ID Frame (passing filter criterion)

	<u> </u>						
MXtd	Mdir	Outcome					
1	1	Frame received					
1	0	Frame received					
0	1	Frame received					
0	0	Frame received					

An STD ID frame, with exact match for the 11 applicable bits (bits 28:18), is transmitted. In the case where MXtd is 0, the Xtd bit of the mailbox was not used for filtering. Rather, the 11 applicable bits were found to be matching and, hence, the frame was received.

Table 2-2. Standard ID Frame (exact match)

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MXtd	Mdir	Outcome
1	1	Frame not received
1	0	Frame not received
0	1	Frame received
0	0	Frame received

An STD ID frame, with passing filter criterion for the 11 applicable bits (bits 28:18), is transmitted. In the case
where MXtd is 0, the Xtd bit of the mailbox was not used for filtering. Rather, the 11 applicable bits were
found to be matching and the hence the frame was received.

Table 2-3. Standard ID Frame (passing filter criterion)

MXtd	Mdir	Outcome
1	1	Frame not received
1	0	Frame not received
0	1	Frame received
0	0	Frame received

It is important to remember that the stored Message Identifier will be over-written by the identifier of the received frame. In order for acceptance filtering to work correctly for subsequent frames, the message object must be reinitialized with the original identifier.

3 Debug and Design Tips to Resolve/Avoid CAN Communication Issues

This section illustrates some of the common mistakes and oversights while implementing a CAN bus. This is followed by some debugging tips useful to troubleshoot bus issues.

3.1 Minimum Number of Nodes Required

Unless working in the self-test mode, a minimum of two nodes are needed on the CAN bus for the following reason: When a node transmits a frame on the CAN bus, it expects an acknowledgment (ACK) from at least one other node on the network. Any time a CAN node successfully receives a message it will automatically transmit an ACK, unless that feature has been turned off "silent mode", where a node receives the frame, but does not provide an ACK; the DCAN module has this feature). The node that provides the ACK does not need to be the intended recipient of the frame, although it could very well be. (All active nodes on the bus will provide an ACK, regardless of whether they are the intended recipients of that frame or not).

When the transmitting node does not receive an ACK, it results in an ACK error and the transmitting node keeps re-transmitting the frame forever. The Transmit Error Counter (TEC) will increment to 128 and stop there. REC stays at 0. Node will not go bus-off. In this situation, the TxRqst bit for the transmitting mailbox does not get set. No interrupts will be generated either. If another node is brought into the network, the TEC will start decrementing (all the way to 0) with every successful transmit.

3.2 Why a Transceiver is Needed

One cannot directly connect CANTX of node-A to CANRX of node-B and vice versa and expect successful CAN communication. In this case, CAN is unlike other serial interfaces like SCI or SPI. For example, SCI can be made to work with a RS232 transceiver or through a direct connection (SCITX of one node to SCIRX of another node and vice versa). However, CAN bus needs a CAN transceiver for the following reason: In addition to converting the single-ended CAN signal for differential transmission, the transceiver also loops back the CANTX pin to the CANRX pin of a node. This is because a CAN node needs to be able to monitor its own transmission. Why?

- This has to do with the ACK requirement mandated by the CAN protocol. When a node transmits a frame on the CAN bus, it expects an ACK from at least one other node on the network. For the ACK phase, the transmitter puts out a 1 and expects to read back a 0.
- During arbitration, a node with a higher-priority MSGID needs to be able to override a 1 with a 0. Here again, the transmitter needs to be able to read back the transmitted data. When a node puts out a 1 and reads back a 0 during the arbitration phase, it loses arbitration.



3.3 Debug Checklist

This section highlights some common mistakes in the design and implementation of a CAN bus network.

3.3.1 Programming Issues

- Is clock to the CAN module enabled? Check for this if writes to CAN registers are not going through. Clock is enabled through a bit in the PCLKCRn register.
- Comment all EDIS from your code until you get it to work. You could add it later. Many registers and bits are EALLOW protected and a write may not go through if EALLOW is not active.
- Try your code without interrupts first. Use polling instead. Once polling works, you can add interrupts later.
- If a specific mailbox is not working, have you attempted to use a different mailbox? Have the mailboxes been enabled and the mailbox direction correctly configured?
- When attempting to initiate communication on the bus for the very first time, ensure that the mailbox in
 the transmitting node and the receiving node are programmed with the same MSGID. Do not use Acceptance
 Mask Filtering initially. Filtering could be added later once it is confirmed there are no hardware issues with
 the bus.

3.3.2 Physical Layer Issues

- Has the bus been terminated correctly (with 120-Ω) at either ends (only)? The bus must be terminated only at either ends and with a 120-Ω resistor. In other words, no more than two terminator resistors may be present on the bus, unless split termination is followed, in which case there will be two resistors on either ends. While designing a CAN bus system, it is important that the termination resistors can be enabled/disabled from outside the system enclosure. This scheme makes it easy when nodes have to be added/removed to/from the network.
- Are all CAN nodes configured for the same bit-rate? Mis-matched node bit rates would repeatedly introduce error frames on the bus. Capture the output of a node on the oscilloscope to physically verify the bit-time.
- Have you tried a lower bit-rate? Say, 50 kbps, for example? Timing issues concerning propagation delays
 may be caught trying a lower bit-rate. Ensure that CANBTR register has the programmed value.
- Have you tried to reduce the bus length and number of nodes?
- Before the occurrence of the error condition, were any error-frames seen on the bus? This could point to timing violations or noise issues.
- How many nodes are there in the bus? (In non-self-test mode, there must be at least two nodes on the network, due to the acknowledge (ACK) requirement mandated by the CAN protocol)

3.3.3 Hardware Debug Tips

- To see the waveform until the ACK phase, a transceiver must be connected to the node. Without a transceiver, the node immediately goes into an error state.
- Check if the CAN frame is correctly seen at the CANRX pin of the MCU and it is of the expected bit-rate.
- If using an oscilloscope with a built-in CAN trigger, make sure that the signal configured for triggering
 matches the signal being probed on the board. Many oscilloscopes are capable of triggering on CAN-transmit
 (CANTX), CAN-receive (CANRX), CAN_H and CAN_L signals, in addition to Start-of_Frame (SOF), Remote
 frames, Error frames and specific MSGIDs.
- If the scope does not decode the waveform, make sure input threshold value for the channel is correct. This is similar to the "trigger level" that is normally used for signals.



4 Helpful Migration and Project Execution Tips

This section provides some tips for GPIO reconfiguration, project cloning, migrating from eCAN and bit-timing configuration.

4.1 GPIO Reconfiguration

The example programs run under the Driverlib frame work. They were tested with the following GPIO configuration for the CAN pins (see Table 4-1).

Table 4-1. GPIO Pin Mapping Used for the Examples

	U I
CAN Function	GPIO
CANTXA	GPI071
CANRXA	GPIO70
CANTXB	GPI072
CANRXB	GPIO73

The C2000Ware examples, by default, have the following GPIO configuration for CAN operation:

This may have to be modified depending on which GPIO pins are used for CAN operation in your hardware. This is a very important step and, if applicable, must be done for every example project. Use the procedure discussed in Section 4.1.1 to change the GPIO configuration.

4.1.1 How to Change the GPIO Assignment for the CAN Pins

The example C file has the following statements:

```
GPIO_setPinConfig(DEVICE_GPIO_CFG_CANRXA);
GPIO_setPinConfig(DEVICE_GPIO_CFG_CANTXA);
GPIO_setPinConfig(DEVICE_GPIO_CFG_CANRXB);
GPIO_setPinConfig(DEVICE_GPIO_CFG_CANTXB);
```

- The function GPIO_setPinConfig(uint32_t pinConfig) is in gpio.c file.
- The argument DEVICE GPIO CFG CANRXA is in device.h file.

```
#define DEVICE_GPIO_CFG_CANRXA GPIO_30_CANRXA // "pinConfig" for CANA RX
```

The constant #define GPIO 30 CANRXA 0x00081C01U is defined in pin map.h file.

To change the GPIO mapping, edit the *device.h* file as follows: (Table 4-1 was used as an example).

Note

device.h file is unique to every example directory in the workspace. The edits you make for one project will not get carried over across other projects.

For the ControlCARD, CANTXA is on GPIO31 and CANRXA is on GPIO30. CANTXB is on GPIO8 and CANRXB is on GPIO10. GPIOs will be different on Launchpad. For more information, see the board schematics in the / boards directory in C2000ware.



4.2 How to Duplicate (clone) an Existing Project

 All projects start their life as a .projectspec file. They exist in C:\ti\c2000\C2000Ware_1_00_05_00\driverlib\f2837xd\examples\cpu1\can\CCS directory. Note that the exact path would depend on the version of C2000ware installed in your computer.

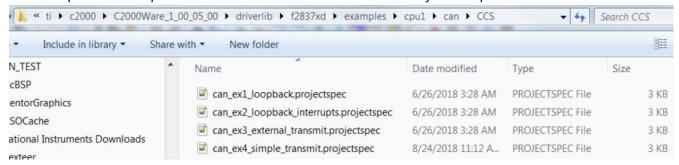


Figure 4-1. Directory Containing the .projectspec Files

- 2. Make a copy of an existing .projectspec file. For example, suppose you want to create a new project called can_ex4_simple_transmit. Start by making a copy of can_ex1_loopback.projectspec and rename it as can_ex4_simple_transmit.projectspec.
- 3. Open *can_ex4_simple_transmit.projectspec* and replace the two instances of *can_ex1_loopback* with *can_ex4_simple_transmit*, the name of the new testcase.
- 4. In the C:\ti\c2000\C2000Ware_1_00_05_00\driverlib\f2837xd\examples\cpu1\can directory, make a copy of the can_ex1_loopback.c file and rename it as can_ex4_simple_transmit.c. This is very important because when the .projectspec file is imported into Code Composer Studio™, it copies the new file into the target directory when it executes the following statement: <file action="copy" path="../can_ex4_simple_transmit.c" targetDirectory=""/>.
- 5. Import the can_ex4_simple_transmit.projectspec file into CCS. Note that the project directories are created under C:\Users\Your_name\workspace_v8, not in: \ti\c2000\C2000Ware_1_00_05_00\driverlib\f2837xd\examples\cpu1\can.

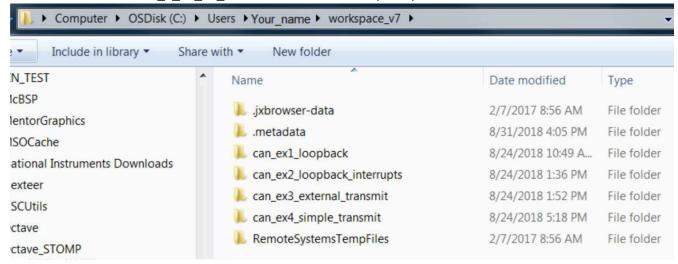


Figure 4-2. Project Directories in CCS Workspace



4.3 How to Get Visibility Into Driverlib Files

While single-stepping through the test cases, if the code calls a function in a Driverlib file, CCS may display an error message as shown in Figure 4-3.



Figure 4-3. CCS Error Message

If this happens, click on "Locate File" and point to the Driverlib directory. For example, C:\Users\Your_name\workspace_v7\can_ex2_loopback_interrupts\ device\driverlib.

4.4 Migrating From eCAN

This section provides some helpful hints if you are migrating from the eCAN module to the DCAN module. DCAN follows a very different register structure compared to eCAN and hence code written for one module cannot be migrated to another. The following section highlights the differences, but also illustrates the functional similarities between the two modules.

The following features are available in DCAN that are not available in eCAN:

- · Parity check mechanism for all RAM modules.
- Automatic Retransmission (upon loss of arbitration) can be disabled.
- Silent mode (Node listens passively).
- Mailbox RAM may be combined to form FIFO buffers.
- Data can be monitored on CANTX pin in self-test mode.

The following are the features that are available in eCAN that are not available in DCAN:

- Timestamping of messages.
- Transmission priority configuration (TPL).
- Data-byte order configuration (DBO).
- Direct access to the mailbox RAM by the CPU In DCAN, mailbox RAM is accessed through the Interface (IFx) registers. The IFx registers may be thought of as a "window" through which the mailbox RAM is accessed.



Table 4-2 shows the equivalent registers and bit-fields in eCAN and DCAN and also some functional differences.

Table 4-2. eCAN-DCAN Registers and Bits Equivalence

Function	eCAN	DCAN	Comments
CAN module software reset bit	CANMC.SRES	CAN CTL.SWR	
Automatic bus-on (after bus-off)	CANMC.ABO	CAN CTL.ABO	
Self-test mode	CANMC.STM	CAN_CTL.Test	Further selection needed for DCAN in CAN_TEST register
Configuration mode	CANMC.CCR	CAN_CTL.Init	
Configuration mode enabled	CANES.CCE	CAN_CTL.CCE	
Mailbox interrupt source	CANGIFx.MIVy	CAN_INT.INTnID	
Interrupt line selection (for mailbox)	CANMIL	CAN_IP_MUX21	
Interrupt line selection (for error & status)	CANGIM.GIL	Hardwired to CANINT0	
CAN to PIE interrupt line0 enable	CANGIM.I0EN	CAN_CTL.IE0	
CAN to PIE interrupt line1 enable	CANGIM.I1EN	CAN_CTL.IE1	
Transmit Error Counter	CANTEC.TEC	CAN_ERRC.TEC	
Receive Error Counter	CANREC.REC	CAN_ERRC.REC	
Bus-off status	CANES.BO	CANES.Boff	
Early warning (TEC or REC = 96)	CANES.EW	CANES.EWarn	
Error passive	CANES.EP	CANES.EPass	
Acceptance mask register	LAM	CAN_IFxMSK	
Acceptance mask filter for a Mailbox	LAM.LAM	CAN_IFnMSK.Msk	Mask bit behavior is opposite
Mailbox message-ID register	MSGID	CAN_IF1ARB	
Mailbox enable or disable	CANME.MEn	CAN_IFnARB.MsgVal	In DCAN, MBX can remain "enabled" while configuring the MSGID.
Extended Identifier	MSGID.IDE	CAN_IFxARB.Xtd	
Mailbox direction	CANMD.MDn	CAN_IFxARB.Dir	
Message ID	MSGID.ID	CAN_IFxARB.Id	
Lost message indication	CANRML.RMLn	CAN_IFxMCTL.MsgLst	
Transmission request	CANTRS.TRSn	CAN_IFxMCTL.TxRqst	
# of bytes in a frame	MSGCTRL.DLC	CAN_IFxMCTL.DLC	
Transmit or Receive priority	Higher numbered MBX has priority	Lower numbered MBX has priority	
Enabling/disabling interrupts for a specific mailbox	CANMIM	IFnMCTL.TxIE or IFnMCTL.RxIE	

4.5 Configuring the CANBTR Register

In this section, the usage of the various bit-fields in the CANBTR register is illustrated.

The formula for bit-rate is:

$$Bit - rate = \frac{CAN \ module \ input \ clock}{BRP \times Bit - time}$$
(1)

Where BRP is the value of (BRP_{req} + 1) and Bit-time = (TSEG1_{req} + 1) + (TSEG2_{req} + 1) + 1

In the above equations BRP_{reg} , $TESG1_{reg}$ and $TSEG2_{reg}$ represent the actual values written in the corresponding fields in the CANBTR register. The parameters $TSEG1_{reg}$, $TSEG2_{reg}$, SJW_{reg} , and BRPreg are automatically enhanced by 1 when the CAN module accesses these parameters. If the BRPE field is used, it should be concatenated with the BRP field.

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Example 1

Assume the following parameters are desired with a CAN module clock of 200 MHz:

Bit-rate = 500 kbps, SJW = 4, TSEG1 = 9 & TSEG2 = 6.

This is achieved by writing a value of 0x000058D8 in the CANBTR register. Here, TSEG1_{reg} = 8, TSEG2_{reg} = 5, SJW_{reg} = 3, and BRP_{reg} = 24

Effective BRP value = $(BRP_{reg} + 1) = 25$

Effective TSEG1 value = $(TSEG1_{reg} + 1) = 9$

Effective TSEG2 value = (TSEG2_{req} + 1) = 6

Effective SJW value = $(SJW_{reg} + 1) = 4$

Bit-time =
$$(TSEG1_{req} + 1) + (TSEG2_{req} + 1) + 1 = 16$$

Plugging these numbers into the bit-rate equation:

$$Bit - rate = \frac{200 \text{ MHz}}{25 \times 16} = 500 \text{ kbps}$$
 (2)

Example 2

Assume the following parameters are desired with a CAN module clock of 200 MHz:

Bit-rate = 50 kbps, SJW = 4, TSEG1 = 9 & TSEG2 = 6.

This is achieved by writing a value of 0x000358F9 in the CANBTR register. Here, TSEG1_{reg} = 8, TSEG2_{reg} = 5, SJW_{reg} = 3, BRPE = 11b , BRP = 111001b. Effective BRP_{reg} = 11111001b (249). Note that BRPE field is concatenated with the BRP field.

Effective BRP value = $(BRP_{reg} + 1) = 250$

Effective TSEG1 value = $(TSEG1_{reg} + 1) = 9$

Effective TSEG2 value = $(TSEG2_{req} + 1) = 6$

Effective SJW value = $(SJW_{req} + 1) = 4$

Bit-time =
$$(TSEG1_{req} + 1) + (TSEG2_{req} + 1) + 1 = 16$$

Plugging these numbers into the bit-rate equation:

$$Bit - rate = \frac{200 \ MHz}{250 \times 16} = 50 \ kbps$$
 (3)

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