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Hello all,

I want to simulate running erikaOS on Trace32 simulator for tricore.

I wrote a config file and an cmm file and it seems to run correctly but without clock (no board thus no oscillator)

Iv'e read that I can try to use the trace32 VCO and config my clock to sync with the VCO and then use its internal clock.

1. Does the internal clock work in simulator?

2. How can I configure the VCO in tc399?

3. Is there another way?

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**Khaled Jmal**

1 year ago

Hello, VCO only affects the trace timestamps in the simulator. To simulate the clock, you can use a peripheral simulation model. An STM example can be found in the TRACE32 installation directory under `demo\tricore\simulator\stm_aurix` More information under `simulator_api.pdf`

OO **Ofer Orgal**

1 year ago

Hello Khaled, Thank you for your reply. I'm looking at the `demo\tricore\simulator\stm_aurix` and the pdf file and i'm trying to understand how can I integrate this into my project. Should I replace my `clock_init` with `SIMUL_Interface` or `SIMUL_Init`? what do I use for processor? Its not clear how to use the example. Any clarification would be great.

**Houcem Dammak**

1 year ago

Hello Ofer, The simulator API functions are not to be integrated into your application code (erikaOS). The peripheral simulation model is an additional software layer to be loaded into the TRACE32 instruction set simulator to mimic the behavior of a certain chip peripheral. For better understanding of the concept, please take a look at the "Overview" paragraph from `simulator_api.pdf` The demo script

`~~\demo\tricore\simulator\stm_aurix\demo_stm_tc3xx.cmm` shows how to load a simulation model for STM timers (see `SIM.LOAD` command). The source code of the simulation model is available in the `src` folder: `~~\demo\tricore\simulator\stm_aurix\src` The model entry point is the function `SIMUL_Init` in `stm_aurix.c`

OO **Ofer Orgal**

1 year ago

Thank you for your help. I got it working. How can I control the frequency of the ticks? Using: `SIMUL_SetClockFrequency` or `SIMUL_SetClockCycle` doesn't really change anything. All the best, Ofer.

**Houcem Dammak**

1 year ago

Hello Ofer, In the provided example, the mode "`SIMUL_TIMER_CLOCKS`" is used. This means that the clock is increased with each step of the simulator. Then the `VCO` command is used to set the simulated clock. e.g. `VCO.Frequency 300.MHz`