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## Cortex-M

Shown if low power mode debugging is enabled.

This status is displayed when SYStem.Option PWRDWNRecover is set to ON and running (power down)

the target doesn't respond at all over JTAG/SWD.

With SYStem.Option PWRDWNRecover OFF a debug port fail would be reported.

running (secured) Chip security is enabled, which affects all cores

Low power mode that turns off the clock on chip level running (clock down)

running (reset) Reset on the core is asserted

running (core secured) Debug interface secured on core level. Other cores may not be affected

Core is powered down. Other cores may not be affected. State is checked by reading running (core power the CPUID register of the Cortex-M core. If reading this register returns an error or down)

an invalid value, then this state is displayed.

running (bus error) Cortex-M bus not accessible

Core is in sleep deep state indicated by the Cortex-M debug registers (DHCSR running (deep sleeping)

register), memory access on Cortex-M bus is blocked

Core is in sleep state indicated by the Cortex-M debug registers (DHCSR register), running (sleeping) memory access on Cortex-M bus still allowed

running (secure zone) Core is executing code in secure zone (TrustZone), but debugging is not allowed there

Core entered an illegal state and stopped working (locked up). Main reason is, that running (locked up)

during execution of an HARDFAULT handler another exception occurs.

## Armv8/v9 Cortex-A/R

running (power down) The core is not powered.

running (secured) Core is secured. Access by debugger not possible. Armv8.3 DoPD is implemented.

running (sticky reset) Core is running with sticky reset bit set.

running (OS lock) Core is running with OS-lock bit set. Core is running with OS-lock bit set and OS catch event is enabled for this core when

running (OS lock/catch) **SYStem.Option.BreakOS** is **OFF**.

CTI not accessible, but DAP accessible (probably cluster powered down), Armv8.3 running (no CTI)

DoPD not implemented

CPU not accessible via CoreSight (probably cluster powered down), Armv8.3 DoPD not running (no CPU)

implemented

CTI not accessible, but DAP accessible (probably cluster powered down), Armv8.3 running (no CTI DoPD)

DoPD implemented

CPU not accessible, but CTI accessible (probably cluster powered down), Armv8.3 running (no CPU DoPD)

DoPD implemented

The debugger detected that CSW.DeviceEn is low. The debugger assumes the device is running (disabled) currently suspended. It will wait up to 10 minutes for the device to become available.

The core is not powered and the CTI is accessible. A halt event is pending, waiting to

running (CTI hlt) stop the CPU. Armv8.3 DoPD is not implemented.

The core is not powered and the CTI is accessible. A halt event is pending, waiting to running (CTI DoPD)

stop the CPU. Armv8.3 DoPD is implemented.

## Armv7 Cortex-A/R

running (power down)

The core is not powered. This is detected by the core's PRSR register or can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information. This status is also displayed when the core is temporarily not powered (detected if the SYStem.Option.PWRDWNRecover can be used on this device)

running (clock down)

The core is not clocked. This can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information.

running (secured)

The core is secured. This can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information.

running (standby WFI)

The core is in wait-for-interrupt (WFI; low power) state. This can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information.

running (standby

The core is in wait-for-event (WFE; low power) state. This can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information.

running (standby)

The core is in a low power state. This can be detected on some chips that have additional control logic that provides this information.

running (secure world)

The core is in the secure world and debugging in secure world is not allowed on this device. This is detected by the core's DSCR register on cores that support TrustZone (Cortex-A).

running (GPMC-

The used chip includes a module called GPMC (general purpose memory controller), which allows waiting for a slow memory device response by holding off bus activity. When the GPMC function is enabled, the device activates a wait input and keeps it asserted. In this state, any attempt to stop the core will be ignored. Only once the WAIT input is disabled, the debugger will become able to control the CPU again.

This status is displayed when the core is out of control due to this GPMC bus freeze.

running (GPMC-WAIT1)

WAIT0)

See GPMC-WAIT0

running (mon fail)

Monitor error when TrkMON is selected for debugging (SYStem.MemAccess TrkMON)

running (OS lock)

Debug operation is currently not possible because the operating system has temporarily locked the debug register probably in order to restore the debug register after a power recovery. This is detected by the core's OSLSR register on chips supporting this mechanism, e.g. Cortex-A7/A15/A17.