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1 Overview

S32N55 is one of the initial chips in NXP's next-generation 5 nm S32N family of products. This chip is a real-time processor for multi-chip domain control applications and supports multi-application ASIL D control through advanced real-time processing, hardware isolation, and virtualization.

This application note is intended to help users understand the cohort concept and the steps to configure cohorts. The application note is only to be used as a reference, and for any conflicts in sections, users are advised to refer to the S32N55 RM^[1] and FSS FW User Manual^[2]. It is advised to go through the "Resource Management Overview" section of S32N55 RM^[1], and "Cohort Definition", "Booting a Cohort", "Cohort States", and "Cohort Status" sections of Boot Manager in the FSS FW User Manual^[2].

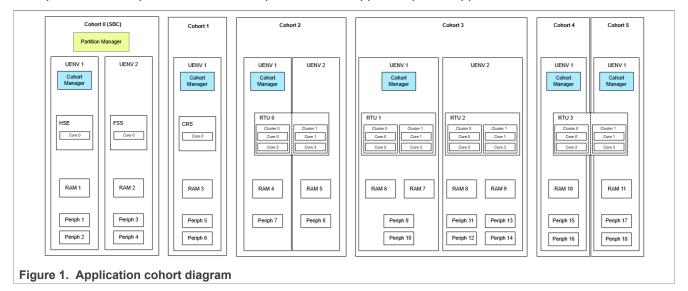
The examples in this application note are developed based on the following software environment:

- FSS: S32N FSS FW R21-11 1.8.1
- RTD: SW32N_RTD_R21-11_1.8.0_CD03
- GrayVIP 1.0.21.0 with 6 cohorts

2 Cohort concept and subsystem

A cohort is a computing environment composed of one or more UENVs that are deployed together to solve a common problem. In a cohort containing multiple UENVs, the UENVs are not required to have the same core architecture or lockstep mode.

Cohorts are defined by the chip's partition manager during the boot process. The figure below illustrates an example of how a chip's resources can be partitioned to support a specific application.



2.1 Uniform environment

A Uniform Environment (UENV) is defined as a group of one or more cores that share the same architecture and lockstep mode, along with a set of associated resources such as memory regions and peripherals, which are accessible by those cores.

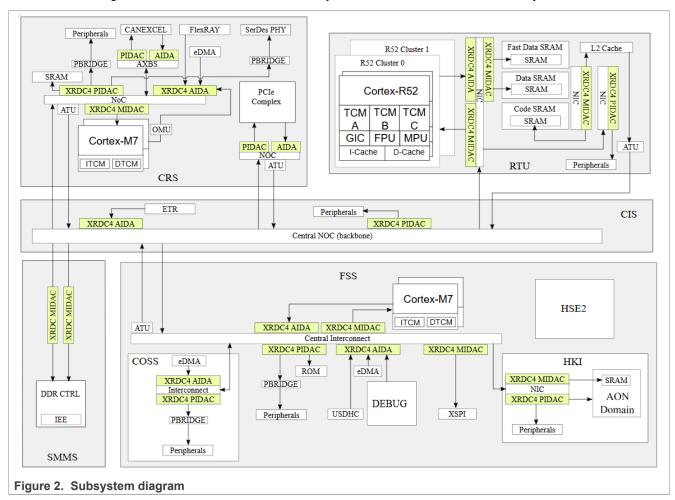
By definition, an RTU instance constitutes a single UENV, meaning it can be assigned to only one cohort. However, each RTU contains two clusters, and each cluster is also considered a UENV. As a result, the two clusters within an RTU can be assigned to different UENVs, even if those UENVs belong to different cohorts.

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Note: A UENV can only be included in at most one cohort.

2.2 Subsystems

Several subsystems exist within the chip through hardware partitioning, such as FSS, CRS, RTU, and CIS. A subsystem is a hardware-defined concept, meaning it is determined during the design phase and cannot be modified by users. Memory and peripherals are assigned to a specific subsystem, indicating that these resources are tightly coupled to a particular bus, and their clock and power are managed by the same control instance. The diagram below illustrates the main subsystems in the S32N55 and how they are interconnected.



2.3 Software components

Each cohort has its own Cohort Manager, allowing different vendors to independently develop or configure their respective managers. Within a cohort, each UENV possesses its own dedicated set of resources. Resource sharing among UENVs in the same cohort is managed by the software logic implemented in the Cohort Manager.

2.3.1 Partition manager

The Partition Manager is a chip-level function executed by software within the System Base Cohort (SBC). It plays a central role in defining and allocating system resources across all other cohorts. As the first software

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component to run during chip boot, the Partition Manager is responsible for resource allocation in the following aspects:

- · Dividing system resources such as memory, peripherals, and processing units.
- · Assigning access rights to each cohort.
- Managing XRDC4 Cohort IDs (CIDs) to enforce hardware-level access control.

The Partition Manager has full access to the configuration of all XRDC4 components, enabling it to completely define the resource boundaries of each cohort. This centralized control is especially effective in scenarios where:

- · A cohort contains only one UENV.
- Multiple cohorts are owned by the same system developer who also controls the Partition Manager.

In the system architecture, the Partition Manager role is implemented by the FSS firmware, working in coordination with HSE2, to partition system resources into well-defined cohorts. The project Firmware_S32N55_FSS always assumes the role of PM. At the same time, it also takes on the role of CM for the SBC, which means all SBC configurations of XRDC can be performed within this project.

2.3.2 Cohort manager

A cohort manager is software that manages resource sharing within a single cohort. The cohort manager is loaded onto a core within a cohort by the partition manager. The cohort manager should do:

- Configures the XRDC4 components within a cohort. It assigns and manages DIDs, thereby allocating cohort
 peripherals to UENVs within the cohort.
- · Loads, runs, verifies, and manages images for UENVs in the cohort.

2.3.3 Hypervisor

A hypervisor is an optional software component within a UENV (Unified Embedded Virtualization Environment) that is responsible for creating, scheduling, and isolating virtual machines (VMs).

To perform these tasks effectively, the hypervisor relies on several hardware mechanisms:

- Privilege level. Processor cores that support virtualization typically implement a dedicated privilege level specifically for hypervisor execution. In ARM architectures, these are defined as Exception Levels (ELx), where x denotes the level of privilege. For example, in the ARMv8-R architecture—such as the Cortex-R52 used in Real-Time Units (RTUs)—the hypervisor operates at EL2, which grants elevated access to system control resources required for managing virtual machines. This privilege level is not available on cores that lack hardware virtualization support, thereby restricting their ability to host hypervisors.
- Isolation mechanism(s). The ARMv8-R architecture introduces a second-stage Memory Protection Unit
 (MPU) to regulate core access to normal memory regions. However, device memory typically demands more
 granular access control than what the MPU can offer. To address this limitation, the Cortex-R52 associates
 a Virtual Machine Identifier (VMID) with memory transactions involving device memory, enabling VM-level
 differentiation. Furthermore, the eXtended Resource Domain Controller (XRDC4) functions as a hardware
 firewall, enforcing isolation between virtual machines executing on the same core. It also provides domainbased partitioning of core resources, ensuring isolation both within a single cohort and across multiple
 cohorts.

2.3.4 EL2 monitor

An EL2 monitor is a lightweight hypervisor implementation based on the Armv8-R architecture. It enforces a strict one-to-one mapping between each physical core and its corresponding virtual core as presented by the monitor. This design simplifies virtualization overhead and ensures deterministic behavior, which is critical in real-time embedded systems.

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2.3.5 Virtual machine

A virtual machine is an abstract computing environment instantiated and managed by a hypervisor. The resources available to a VM may consist of virtualized components—emulated entirely in software—or physical hardware resources explicitly assigned to the VM.

The software running inside a VM can range from full-featured operating systems to bare-metal applications. From the perspective of the software within the VM, the system appears as a unified hardware platform, comprising both physical and virtual resources, seamlessly integrated by the hypervisor.

2.3.6 SW resources allocation

This section introduces the usage of the SW Resources allocation tab in the module Fss_Rem_Pm. These configurations are related to the clock gate(CG) and the software reset domain(SRD).

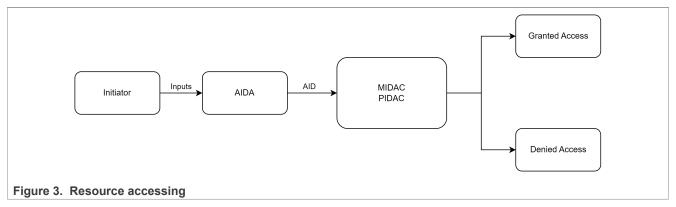
Each resource must be assigned to a single cohort as either an Owner or a User. A resource can have at most one Owner, and it will be released when its owner cohort starts up normally.

Note: The chip will reset when accessing resources that have not been properly deasserted.

2.4 Hardware components

2.4.1 AIDA

This XRDC is located outside the bus mastering interface of the chip IPs. It receives an identity from the bus master and translates it into an outbound AID, which is then used by the target XRDCs to determine whether access should be granted. The following diagram shows a simple process of accessing resources:



The AID comprises two components: CID and DID, where CID denotes the Cohort ID and DID denotes the Domain ID. Certain AID combinations carry special meanings or behaviors, as described below:

- · AID 0.0: Invalid as an access identifier.
- AID 0.1: Represents the partition manager within the system base cohort (CID = 0).
- AID 0.x: Located in the SBC, associated with FSS and HSE.
- AID x.1: Denotes the cohort manager for cohort x, where $x \neq 0$.
- AID x.0: Valid and has no special purpose, where x ≠ 0.

There are two types of AIDA: AIDA_CR(Cortex-R) and AIDA_AD(Accelerators and DMA).

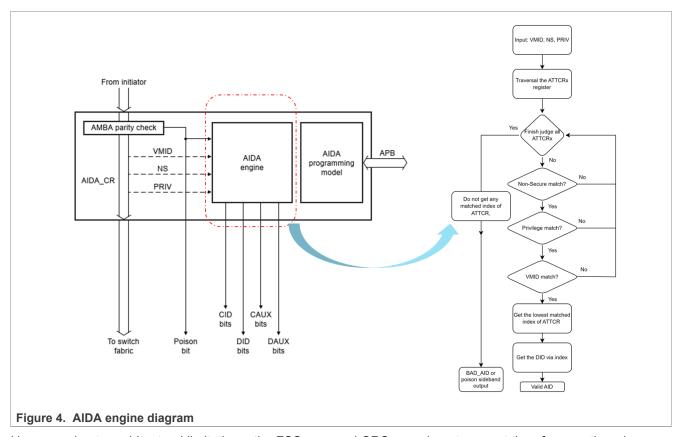
AIDA_CR is optimized for processors that typically provide a VMID, NS, and PRIV attribute with each
bus transaction. For every transaction issued by the manager, AIDA_CR generates an AID, which is a
concatenation of the CID and DID. In addition to the AID, AIDA_CR also produces auxiliary bits, divided into

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CAUX and DAUX. While the XRDC itself does not use these auxiliary bits, they may be useful to other system components.

AIDA_AD, on the other hand, selects CID, DID, CAUX, and DAUX for each transaction based on a set of
programmable entries. It uses a direct index selection method, where the index is derived from transaction
attributes carried on the user sideband of the system bus. The specific attributes used as the index depend
on the function of the manager agent. For example, an AIDA_AD assigned to a DMA manager might use the
DMA channel number as the index selector. Therefore, the DMA channel number must be included in the
transaction's user sideband. A compile-time parameter determines which bits of the user sideband are used
as the index for AIDA_AD.

The inputs to RTU.AIDA_CR come from the VMID, NS, and PRIV attributes, which come from the ARM mechanism.



However, due to architectural limitations, the FSS core and CRS core do not support the aforementioned registers. As a result, they are driven in an alternative manner to allow optional usage and to align with the attributes of the incoming transactions:

Table 1. Inputs of FSS

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Bit position	Description	
[4:0]	Driven by MCM's Task ID(PID) register	
[5]	Driven by CM7's ARMASTER field (which can be used to distinguish between CM7 transactions from the processor versus from its debug port)	
[6]	Read: Reserved Write: Driven by a signal derived from the CM7's AWID field: • 1'b0: Transaction is not the result of an eviction	

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Table 1. Inputs of FSS...continued

Bit position	Description
	1'b1: Transaction is the result of an eviction
[7]	Driven by the FRB GPO[7] signal, which is configured by secure firmware, allowing it to optionally impact the selection of an output AID

The inputs for AIDA_AD differ from those of AIDA_CR. AIDA_AD uses a direct index selection method within the user sideband. For example, DMA modules typically use their channel number as the index, while NETC modules use their LDID.

More details can be found in the corresponding chapter of the Reference Manual. Below is a sample input for FSS.eDMA:

Table 2. Inputs of FSS.eDMA

Bit position	Description
[4:0]	Driven by FSS.eDMA channel number
1	Driven by the FRB GPO[8] signal, which is configured by secure firmware, allowing it to optionally impact the selection of an output AID
[6]	Strapped to 1'b0

The FSS.COSS.eDMA inputs:

Table 3. Inputs of FSS.COSS.eDMA

Bit position	Description
[0]	Driven by internal logic that is set by software, using each channel for both send and receive. This is unique for each FSS.COSS.eDMA AIDA AD instance.
[5:1]	Driven by FSS.COSS.eDMA(0-6) channel number
[6]	Reserved

The CRS.NETC inputs:

Table 4. Inputs of CRS.NETC

Function	Instance	Assigned LDID
EMDIO	0	2
Timer	0	1
Switch	0	3
ENETC	0	4
VSI	0	5
	1	6
	2	7
	3	8
	4	9
	5	10
	6	11

The following table lists the AIDA instances implemented on this chip:

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Table 5. AIDA Instance

Subsystem	Category	Module instance	Master
		XRDC_AIDA_AD1	eSTAM
		XRDC_AIDA_AD2	CSSI
		XRDC_AIDA_AD3	eDMA
		XRDC_AIDA_AD4	Usdhc
		XRDC_AIDA_AD5	APBIC_Debug
	AIDA AD	XRDC_AIDA_AD7	COSS.eDMA0
FSS	AIDA_AD	XRDC_AIDA_AD8	COSS.eDMA1
		XRDC_AIDA_AD9	COSS.eDMA2
		XRDC_AIDA_AD10	COSS.eDMA3
		XRDC_AIDA_AD11	COSS.eDMA4
		XRDC_AIDA_AD12	COSS.eDMA5
		XRDC_AIDA_AD13	COSS.eDMA6
	AIDA_CR	XRDC_AIDA_CR	FSS_CM7
			AHB_CANXL_0
			AHB_CANXL_1
			AHB_CANXL_2
			AHB_CANXL_3
			AHB_FlexRay
	AIDA_AD		AHB_ACCEL_0
CRS	AIDA_AD	-	AHB_ACCEL_1
			AXI_CAAM
			AXI_DMA_0
			AXI_DMA_1
			ACE_PCIe_Inbound
			ACE_NETC
	AIDA_CR		CRS_AXI_CM7
		XRDC_AIDA_CR0	AXIM_Cluster0_Core0
		XRDC_AIDA_CR1	AXIM_Cluster1_Core0
		XRDC_AIDA_CR2	AXIM_Cluster0_Core1
RTU.x		XRDC_AIDA_CR3	AXIM_Cluster1_Core1
	AIDA_CR	XRDC_AIDA_CR4	AXIF_Cluster0_Core0
		XRDC_AIDA_CR5	AXIF_Cluster1_Core0
		XRDC_AIDA_CR6	AXIF_Cluster0_Core1
		XRDC_AIDA_CR7	AXIF_Cluster1_Core1
		XRDC_AIDA_CR8	ETR
CIS	AIDA_AD		Debug ETR

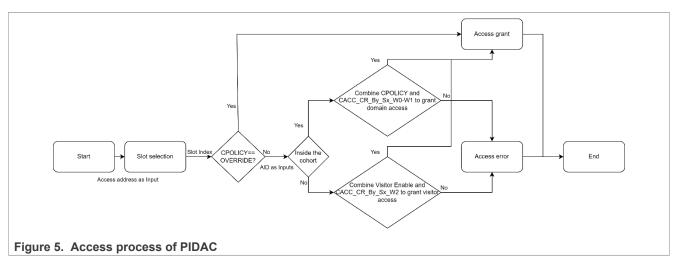
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2.4.2 PIDAC

PIDACs are positioned in front of peripheral targets. They receive the AID associated with each transaction and determine whether to allow or block access to the corresponding peripheral resource.

These components are part of the target-side XRDC4, which manages access control for peripherals and fixed-size regions of the address space.

Typically, PIDACs control access to groups of register banks—such as a set of peripherals sharing the same bus—but they can also manage access to memory regions, provided the fixed-size allocation is sufficient for all intended use cases.



The cohort policy is an attribute of PIDAC and MIDAC that governs the initial gate of access control. The available options are:

- NO_OVERRIDE: Transactions are subject to the read and write permission vectors, which are configured via slot descriptor registers.
- OVERRIDE: Allows both read and write access from any entity.
- **READ_ONLY_OVERRIDE**: Read operations are subject to the read permission vector. Write operations are strictly prohibited, regardless of the write permission vector settings.

Here are some tips for the configuration of PIDAC:

- If a peripheral is accessible for both read and write operations by all requestors, the OCIDR.CPOLICY can simply be configured as OVERRIDE.
- When the PM writes a nonzero value to OCIDR.OCID, the corresponding CACC_CR_By_Sx_W0-1 is automatically asserted to all 1s by hardware. This indicates that all domains within the cohort are granted read and write access to this slot.
- If a slot needs to be accessed by a visitor, the OCIDR.NV register must be deasserted by the PM, and the CACC CR By Sx W2.VEN must be asserted by the CM.

Each PIDAC supports an Access Violation Alarm to help identify denied access attempts from initiators. This feature can be enabled via the AVEN register. When any access is denied, detailed violation information will be recorded. The table below lists the details, including:

Table 6. Details of Access Violation Alarm

Register	Bit	Description
AVEN	-	Access Violation Alarm Enable
AVADDR_HI	-	Access Violation Error Address High Range

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Table 6. Details of Access Violation Alarm...continued

Register	Bit	Description	
AVADDR_LO	-	Access Violation Error Address Low Range	
	0-AVSTAT	When reading 0b - Not captured 1b - Captured When writing 0b - No effect 1b - Clear the flag	
	1-AVPRIV	0b - Violated unprivileged transaction 1b - Violated privileged transaction	
AVATTR	2-AVNS	0b - Violated secure transaction 1b - Violated nonsecure transaction	
	3-AVOF	Access Violation Opcode Fetch 0b - Data access 1b - Opcode fetch	
	5-AVMTX	1b - Mutex ownership denial	
	11~6-AVDID	Access Violation Domain Identifier	
	15~12-AVCID	Access Violation Cohort Identifier	
	23~16-AVMST_ID	Access Violation Manager ID	
	24-AVRW	Access Violation Read/Write 0b - Write transaction 1b - Read transaction	
	29-AVI	Access Violation Inter Cohort	

The following section outlines the PIDAC instances for all subsystems on the chip.

Table 7. PIDAC Instance

Subsystem	Instance	Module instance	Description
	PIDAC0	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS1	FSS.Pbridge0
	PIDAC1	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS2	FSS.Pbridge1
	PIDAC2	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS3	FSS.Pbridge2
	PIDAC3	XRDC_PIDAC_AXI1	FSS.PRB
	PIDAC5	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB2	FSS.CSSI
	PIDAC6	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_APB1	FSS.Dbg_APBIC
FSS	PIDAC8	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB3	FSS.FTCM
	PIDAC9	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB1	FSS.SDB_NIC
	PIDAC11	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_APB2	FSS.Pbridge2_APB
	PIDAC12	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS4	FSS.COSS.pbridge0
	PIDAC13	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS5	FSS.COSS.pbridge1
	PIDAC14	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS6	FSS.COSS.pbridge2
	PIDAC15	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS7	FSS.COSS.pbridge3

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Table 7. PIDAC Instance...continued

Subsystem	Instance	Module instance	Description
	PIDAC16	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS9	FSS.HKI.Periph_IO
	PIDAC17	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS10	FSS.HKI.Periph.PM2
	PIDAC18	XRDC_PIDAC_PERIPH_IPS8	FSS.HKI.Periph_AON
	PIDAC19	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB4	FSS.HKI.AONSRAM
	PIDAC0	XRDC_PIDAC_IPS_0	LIN, DMA0, FlexCAN
	PIDAC1	XRDC_PIDAC_IPS_1	LIN, DMA1, FlexCAN
	PIDAC2	XRDC_PIDAC_IPS_2	CANHUB, FlexRAY
	PIDAC3	XRDC_PIDAC_PCIe_APB	
CRS	PIDAC4	XRDC_PIDAC_IPS_MAIN	SWT, vGPIO, MRU
CKS	PIDAC5	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB_CANXL_0	
	PIDAC6	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB_CANXL_1	
	PIDAC7	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB_CANXL_2	
	PIDAC8	XRDC_PIDAC_AHB_CANXL_3	
	PIDAC9	XRDC_PIDAC_AES_ACCEL	
	PIDAC0	PBRIDGE2_0	SWT, MRU, SRAMCTL_Cx
	PIDAC1	PBRIDGE2_1	L_VFCCU, OMU, MRU, SRAMCTL_Dx
RTU	PIDAC2	PBRIDGE2_2	MRU
RIU	PIDAC3	XRDC4_PIDAC_AHBrtuf	RTUF_NIC_D
	PIDAC4	XRDC4_PIDAC_AHBrtum	RTUM_NIC_D
	PIDAC5	XRDC4_PIDAC_AHBrtup	RTUP_NIC_B
CMMC	PIDAC0	AIPS_0	DDRC, CMU_FC, L_VFCCU
SMMS	PIDAC1	AIPS_1	DDR PHY
CIS	PIDAC0	SS Pbridge	IRQSTR, L_VFCCU

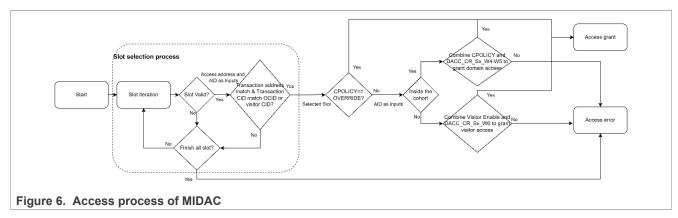
2.4.3 MIDAC

MIDACs are positioned in front of large memory spaces. Specifically, the NETC is protected by MIDAC. They receive the AID associated with each transaction and determine whether to allow or block access to the corresponding memory range.

Configuring the protection rules and defining the address regions managed by each XRDC4_MIDAC slot involves two key parts:

- As the PM role, enable memory regions for cohorts and assign slots to the corresponding cohorts.
- As the CM role, further configure the slot attributes and define access permissions for each slot.

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Only the PM is permitted to update region-related registers, which include address ranges, cohort enable, cohort policy, and the no-visitor setting. The PM also manages the OCID register, which defines the owner cohort ID associated with each slot. Conversely, only the CM can update slot-related registers, which contain address ranges, region selection, domain access vectors, and visitor access permissions. However, certain slot registers are subject to automatic updates.

Each MIDAC instance supports monitoring access violations and modifying alarms, which can be enabled by setting the AVEN and MA_CR bits. The access violation monitor helps users identify detailed information about violations, including the address, AID, and the type of operation (read or write), please find more details in PIDAC chapter or refer to the RM.

The slot registers are automatically updated when the PM writes a nonzero value to the CIDR (Cohort ID Entry Register). Each CIDR register contains entries for four slots.

For slot x, the corresponding OCID field is stored in CIDRm[OCID_S_Nk], where $m = x \div 4$ and $k = x \mod 4$. Here, x is the slot index, and m is the index of the CIDR register.

For example, if the PM writes 0x2 to CIDR5 N3, it means that slot 23 (since $23 = 4 \times 5 + 3$) belongs to cohort 2.

Based on the above example, the automatic updates are listed:

- DACC CR S23 W4-5 will assert all bits to provide full R/W to all domains within the owning cohort.
- DACC_CR_S23_W1.CHRT_REGION_SEL will update with cohort ID, indicating that the slot is associated with region index equal to CID(CID=2). That is why the PM defaults configure a region entry with CID.
- DACC_CR_S23_W0-3 will update the address range with the region address, which is stored in the region-related register with index CID (update with value in CHRT_R2_UPPER and CHRT_R2_LOWER).
- DACC_CR_S23_W7.SVLD will be set by hardware when the region is enabled for the corresponding cohort(through CHRT_Ry_UPPER_ADDRL.CnEn). In case CHRT_R2_UPPER_ADDRL.C2En bit is 1h, hardware will assert DACC_CR_S23_W7.SVLD==1.

The following section outlines the MIDAC instances for all subsystems on the chip.

Table 8. MIDAC Instance

Subsystem	Instance	Module instance	Description
FSS	MIDAC0	XRDC_MIDAC_AXI	FSS.SCB_NIC
1535	MIDAC1	XRDC_MIDAC_AHB	FSS.XSPI
	MIDAC0	XRDC_MIDAC_AXI_PCle_Outbound	Accel, PCIe
CRS	MIDAC1	XRDC_MIDAC_AXI_MainMem_0	CRS.SRAM0
	MIDAC2	XRDC_MIDAC_AXI_MainMem_1	CRS.SRAM1
	MIDAC3	XRDC_MIDAC_AHB_M7	CRS.ITCM, CRS.DTCM

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Table 8. MIDAC Instance...continued

Subsystem	Instance	Module instance	Description
	MIDAC4	XRDC_MIDAC_AXI_NETC	NETC, PCIe
	MIDAC0	XRDC4_MIDAC_D0	DRAM0
	MIDAC1	XRDC4_MIDAC_D1	DRAM1
	MIDAC2	XRDC4_MIDAC_Dx	DRAM2
	MIDAC3	XRDC4_MIDAC_TCM0	Cluster 0 TCM
	MIDAC4	XRDC4_MIDAC_CODE	ОМИ
	MIDAC5	XRDC4_MIDAC_TCM1	Cluster 1 TCM
DTII	MIDAC6	XRDC4_MIDAC0	CRAM0
RTU	MIDAC7	XRDC4_MIDAC1	CRAM1
	MIDAC8	XRDC4_MIDAC2	CRAM2
	MIDAC9	XRDC4_MIDAC3	CRAM3
	MIDAC10	XRDC4_MIDAC4	CRAM4
	MIDAC11	XRDC4_MIDAC5	CRAM5
	MIDAC12	XRDC4_MIDAC6	CRAM6
	MIDAC13	XRDC4_MIDAC_LLC	LLC
SMMS	MIDAC0	XRDC4_MIDAC	DDRC access

3 How to assign the AID for an initiator

3.1 How to assign the AID of AIDA CR

In this section, we aim to demonstrate how to assign an AID to a core initiator. As mentioned, there are three parts of AIDA_CR in this chip.

The process will be explained step by step, with examples to illustrate the configuration.

3.1.1 CRS

The CRS subsystem has only one instance of AIDA_CR. Each instance supports up to 16 domain entries, meaning that a core can be assigned to a maximum of 16 domains with distinct matching configurations simultaneously.

The inputs of the AIDA engine for CRS are mentioned in the previous chapter. For each transaction, the AIDA engine uses an attribute match index selection method. It evaluates the index via a match between the masked transaction NS, PRIV, and VMID with each entry of NS, PRIV, and VMID programmed in the AIDA_CR programming model.

This means that when a bit mask is deasserted, the corresponding bit will be excluded from the matching process. For example, if the NS_MASK of an entry is enabled (i.e., the NS bit is ignored), then the entry will match attributes regardless of the NS value — both secure and non-secure accesses will hit the entry.

AIDA_CR uses the lowest matched index to select the corresponding DID and DAUX entries. Also, it is responsible for generating a BAD_AID or poison sideband output for transactions that contain a parity error, originate from a faulted cohort, or fail to match any entry. For example, if both ATTCR1 and ATTCR5 result in a match, ATTCR1 takes precedence. In this case, index 1h is used to select the corresponding DID and DAUX values from the registers DIDCR1 and DAUXCR1.

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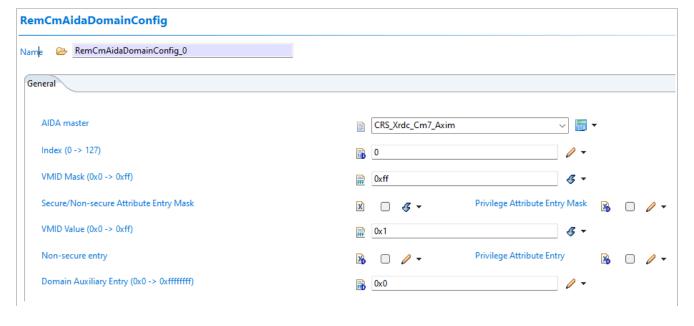
The following section outlines the configuration of CRS.AIDA_CR.

The goal is to:

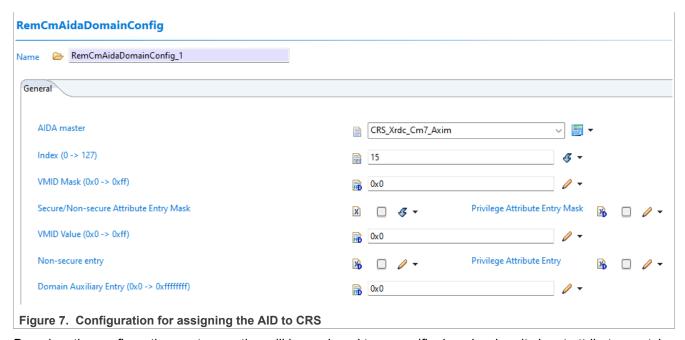
- Add Domain 1 to enable access at the lowest hit level.
- Add Domain 2 to target transactions with VMID = 1.

Steps are listed:

- 1. Ensure that CRS.AIDA CR.XRDC CM7 AXIM is assigned to Cohort 1 (CRS) in the FSS project.
- 2. Navigate to the Domain Config tab in the Rem Cm module of the CRS project.
- 3. Add an entry for Domain 2.
- 4. Configure the match settings for Domain 2. Go to the RemCmAidaDomainConfig tab and add an entry with the following parameters:
 - a. Index: 0
 - b. VMID Mask: 0xFF
 - c. Non-secure Mask: deasserted
 - d. Privilege Mask: deasserted
 - e. VMID Value: 0x1
- 5. Back to the Domain Config tab. Open the domain 1 entry.
- 6. Configure the match settings for Domain 3. Go to the RemCmAidaDomainConfig tab and add an entry with the following parameters:
 - a. Index: 15
 - b. VMID Mask: 0x0
 - c. Non-secure Mask: deasserted
 - d. Privilege Mask: deasserted

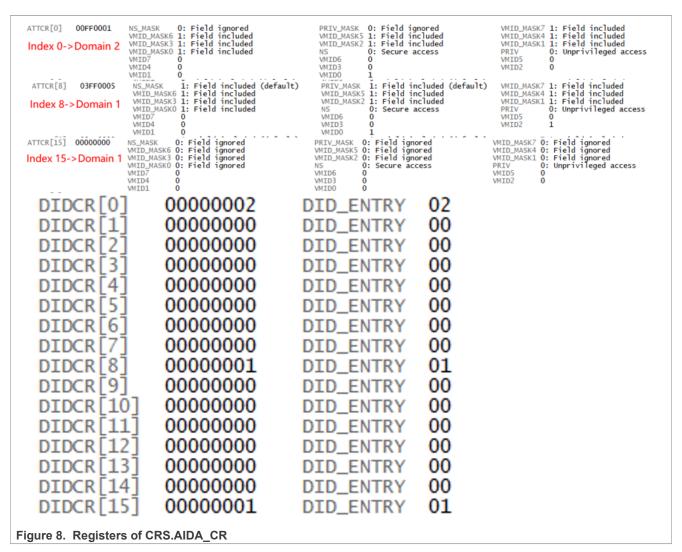


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Based on the configurations, a transaction will be assigned to a specific domain when its input attributes match a domain entry. If multiple entries match, the one with the lowest index takes precedence. Additionally, there is an entry with index 15. Even if all previous entries fail to match, this entry will still be hit. The transaction will be assigned DID 1 because this entry has all input masks enabled, allowing it to match any transaction.

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As previously mentioned, the cohort manager uses AID x.1. Therefore, the XRDC can only be configured by an initiator with AID x.1. This requires that the XRDC configuration for the cohort manager include an entry with DID = 1 before the entire XRDC initialization process can be completed.

Note: All entries for the Cohort Manager in the FSS project must be configured with DID = 1 to ensure successful XRDC configuration.

3.1.2 RTU

Each RTU contains four R52 cores, which are distributed across two clusters. Each core includes two instances of AIDA_CR: AXIM and AXIF. According to ARM architecture restrictions, there are limitations on the VMID values of transactions.

- For the AXIM interface, a valid VMID is only guaranteed for Device memory accesses. For Normal memory accesses, the VMID is set to 0.
- · For the AXIF interface, the VMID is always set to 0.

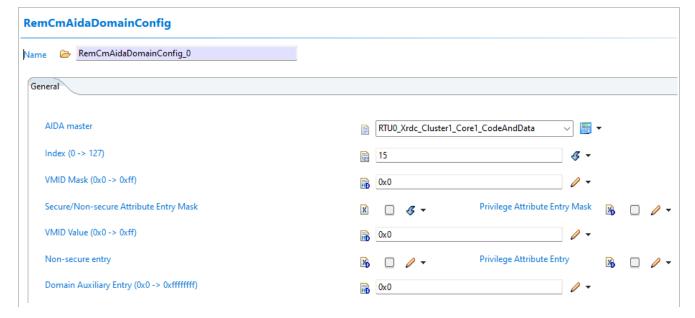
This section focuses on the configuration of the AXIM instance.

The cohort manager of the RTU0_R52_3 AXIM (AIDA_CR3) instance is Cohort 2 (RTU0). Therefore, it allows RTU0_R52_0, which serves as the Cohort Manager of Cohort 2, to further configure RTU0.AIDA_CR3.

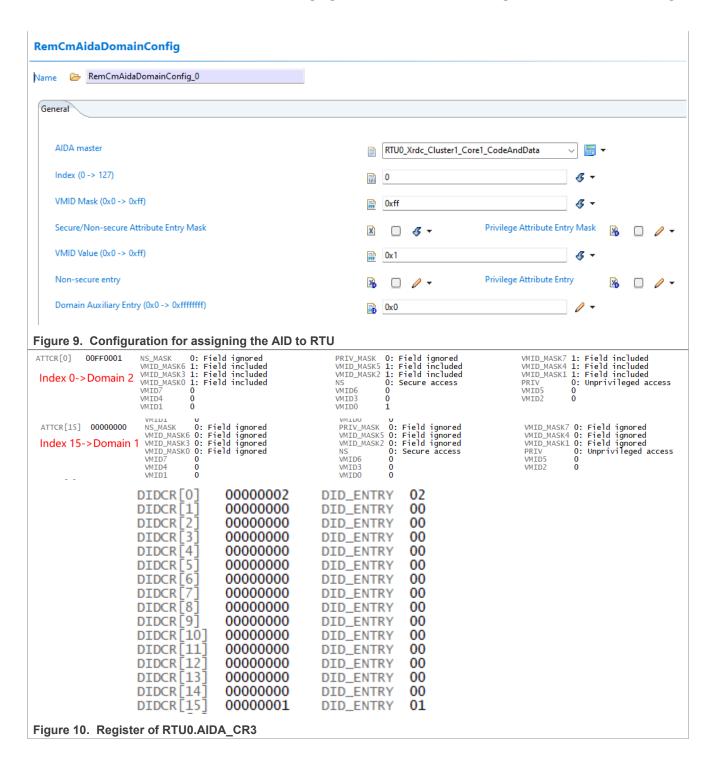
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The AIDA_CR3 is expected to be assigned to Domain 1 and Domain 2 in this section. The steps are listed below:

- 1. Navigate to the Domain Config tab under the module Rem_Cm in the project S32N5_RTU0_R52_0_VIP_App.
- 2. Assign AIDA_CR3 to Domain 1. Open the entry of XRDC4_DOMAIN1, add a new entry for RTU0_Xrdc_ Cluster1_Core1_CodeAndData AIDA master under the RecmCmAidaDomainConfig tab. The parameters are listed:
 - a. Index: 15
 - b. VMID Mask: 0x0
 - c. Non-Secure Mask: deassert
 - d. Privilege Mask: deassert
- 3. The purpose of the previous entry is to assign AIDA_CR3 to Domain 1 when entries 0–14 are not matched. This ensures that the transaction is assigned to at least one domain, rather than being granted a BAD_AID.
- 4. Assign AIDA_CR3 to Domain 2. Navigate back to the Domain Config tab. Open the entry for XRDC4_DOMAIN2, and add a new entry for the RTU0_Xrdc_Cluster1_Core1_CodeAndData AIDA master with the following parameters:
 - a. Index: 0
 - b. VMID Mask: 0xFF
 - c. Non-Secure Mask: deassert
 - d. Privilege Mask: deassert
 - e. VMID: 0x1
- 5. The purpose of the previous entry is to assign AIDA_CR3 to Domain 2 when the VMID is 0x1.



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3.2 How to assign the AID of AIDA AD

3.2.1 eDMA

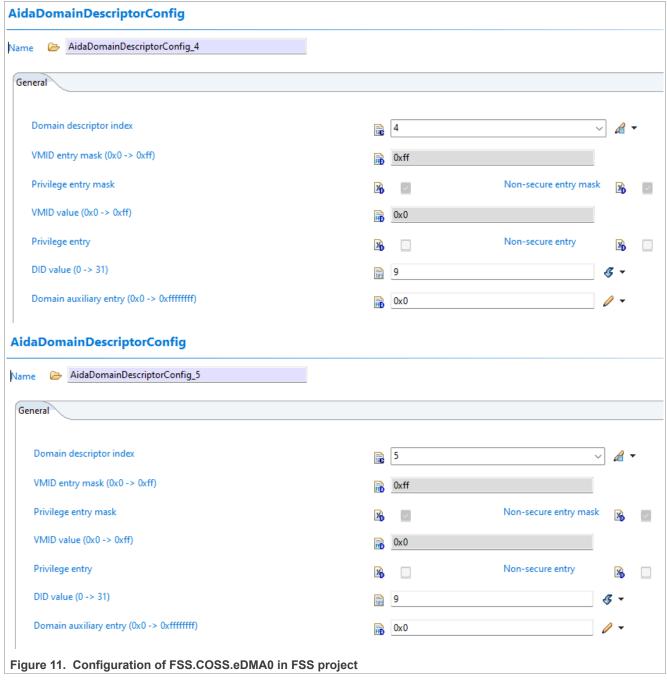
This section aims to illustrate the domain assignment for FSS.COSS.eDMA.

As mentioned earlier, AIDA_AD uses a direct index selection method to hit the entry and retrieve the corresponding DID.

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For example, FSS.XRDC_AIDA_AD7 (associated with FSS.COSS.eDMA0) supports up to 64 entries (indexed from 0 to 63) for both CIDR and DIDCR. This means each channel of FSS.COSS.eDMA0 is allocated two entries for CIDR and DIDCR, allowing each channel to be assigned to up to two different domains simultaneously under different scenarios.

There are two approaches to achieve this goal. One is to configure it directly within the FSS project. The other is to assign entry ownership to a specific cohort and configure its domain within the CM project. In the FSS project, the eDMA0.CH2 default be assigned to Domain 9.



Based on the default configuration, FSS.COSS.eDMA0 is assigned to Cohort 2. The next step is to switch to Cohort 2 and further assign it to the appropriate domain.

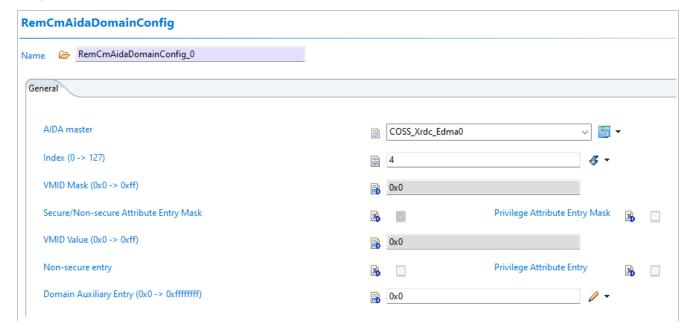
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The goal is to:

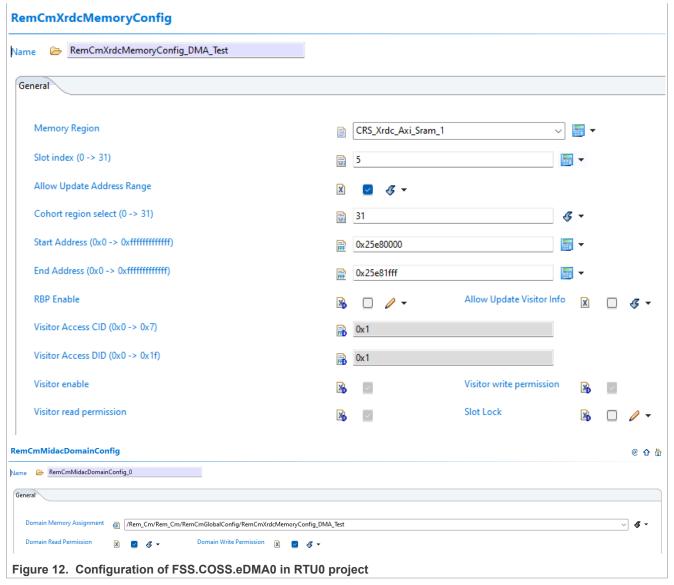
- Assign FSS.COSS.eDMA0.CH2 to Domain 5.
- Ensure FSS.COSS.eDMA0.CH2 grants access to CRS.SRAM1

Steps are listed:

- 1. Navigate to the Domain Config tab under the module Rem Cm in project S32N5 RTU0 R52 0 VIP App.
- 2. Add an entry for Domain 5.
- 3. Configure the match settings for Domain 5. Go to the RemCmAidaDomainConfig tab and add an entry with the following parameters:
 - a. AIDA master: COSS_XRDC_eDMA0
 - b. Index: 4
- 4. Assign slot 5 of XRDC.CRS.SRAM1 to Cohort 2. Navigate to the tab Cohorts configuration. Add an entry with index 5 to Cohort 2, which is located at RTU0_AppCohort-> Subsystems configuration(Subsystem CRS)->MIDAC configuration(XRDC4_PIDAC2)->Slots configuration.
- 5. Configure the attributes of Slot 5 in XRDC.CRS.SRAM1. Return to the Rem_Cm module in the project S32N5_RTU0_R52_0_VIP_App, and navigate to the XRDC Memory Config tab. Add a new entry with the following parameters:
 - a. Memory Region: CRS XRDC AXI SRAM 1
 - b. Slot Index: 5
 - c. Allow Update Address Range: True
 - d. Cohort Region select: 31
 - e. Start Address: 0x25E8 0000
 - f. End Address: 0x25E8_1FFF
- 6. Link the memory to Domain 5. Return to the configuration page of Domain 5, navigate to the RemCmMidacDomainConfig tab, and add an entry that links to the previously configured memory with R/W permissions.

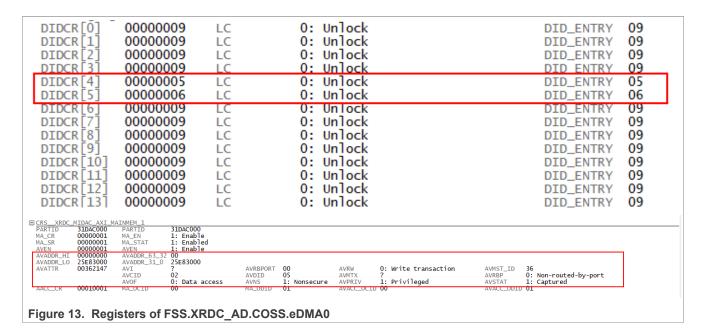


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Based on the previous configuration, FSS.COSS.eDMA0.CH2 is assigned to Domain 5, and Domain 5 is granted access to the address range 0x25E80_000~0x25E8_1FFF of CRS.SRAM1. For example, if the channel is triggered with a start address of 0x25E8_0000 and an end address of 0x25E8_1000, the transaction will complete successfully. However, if the channel is triggered with a start address of 0x25E8_0000 and an end address of 0x25E8_3000, the write operation will be denied. If the violation alarm is enabled, the violation attributes will be recorded accordingly.

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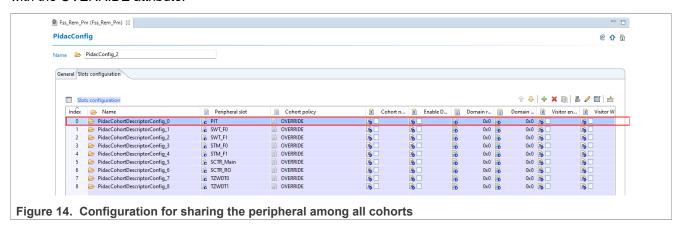


4 How to assign the peripheral

This section aims to detail how a peripheral can be shared across multiple cohorts or exclusively assigned to a single cohort. It will be divided into multiple subsections to cover different scenarios.

4.1 Share a peripheral among all cohorts

To share a peripheral among all cohorts, the only approach is to assign the cohort policy of the peripheral slot with the OVERRIDE attribute.



4.2 Share a peripheral inside one cohort

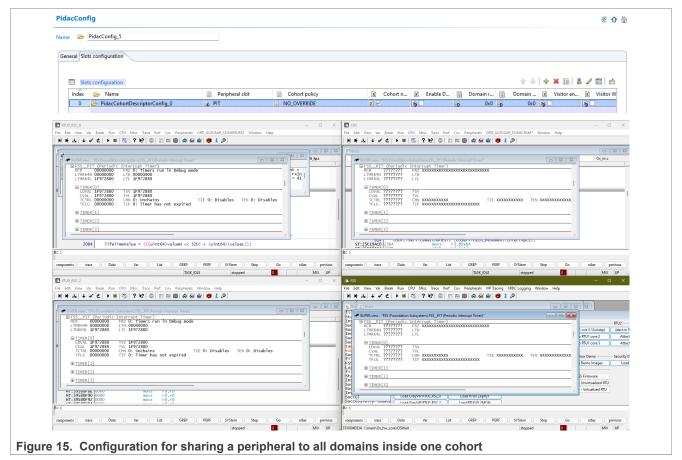
Based on GrayVIP's default 6-cohort configuration, try relocating FSS.PIT to Cohort 2 (RTU0) and enable intracohort sharing.

4.2.1 Share a peripheral slot to all domains

To assign a peripheral to a specific cohort and ensure it is inaccessible to other cohorts, follow these main steps:

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- 1. Navigate to the Cohorts configuration tab under the Fss_Rem_Pm module in the project Firmware S32N55 FSS.
- 2. The FSS.PIT default assigned to SBC. Remove the configuration of FSS.PIT, which is located at Subsystems configuration(Subsystem FSS)->PIDAC configuration(XRDC4_PIDAC2)->Slots configuration(PIT).
- Add FSS.PIT slot to cohort 2, with the cohort policy is NO_OVERRIDE. Configuration path: Cohorts configuration(RTU0_AppCohort)->Subsystems configuration(Subsystem FSS)->PIDAC configuration(XRDC4_PIDAC2)->Slots configuration(PIT).



According to the description of FSS.PIDAC, the FSS.PIT peripheral is associated with XRDC PIDAC PERIPH IPS3.Slot0.

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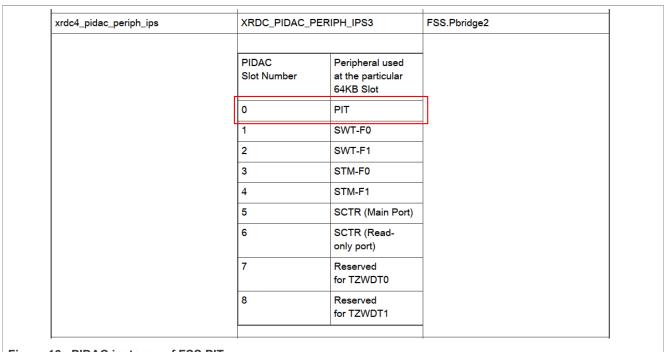
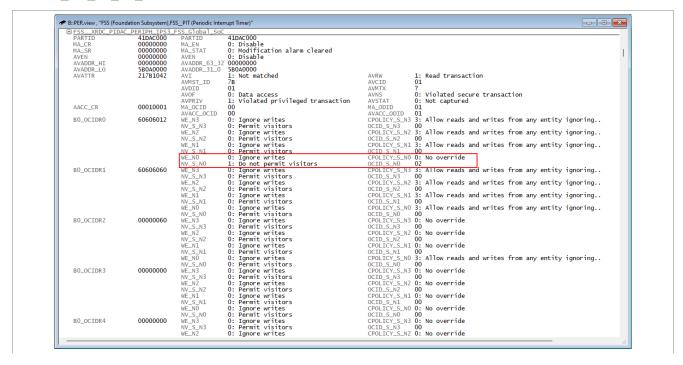


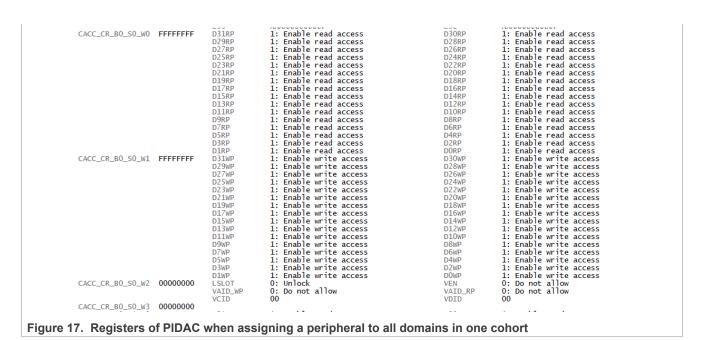
Figure 16. PIDAC instance of FSS.PIT

Therefore:

- Its Cohort ID Entry register is B0 OCIDR0.OCID S No.
- Its slot-related registers (Cohort Access Control Word 0–3) are CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W0 to CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W3.



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From the debug tool's register view, the slot is associated with FSS.PIT belongs to Cohort 2, with the policy set to NO_OVERRIDE, and the "no visitor" attribute enabled—meaning it does not allow access from any external entities.

At the same time, this slot is accessible within the same cohort through CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W0 and CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W1:

- CAAC CR B0 S0 W0 enables read access for all domains.
- CAAC CR B0 S0 W1 enables write access for all domains.

The registers CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W0 and CAAC_CR_B0_S0_W1 are automatically asserted when a non-zero modification is made to B0_OCIDR0.OCID_S_N0.

4.2.2 Assign a peripheral slot to one or multiple domains

This section is based on the configuration of Fss_Rem_Pm in the previous section.

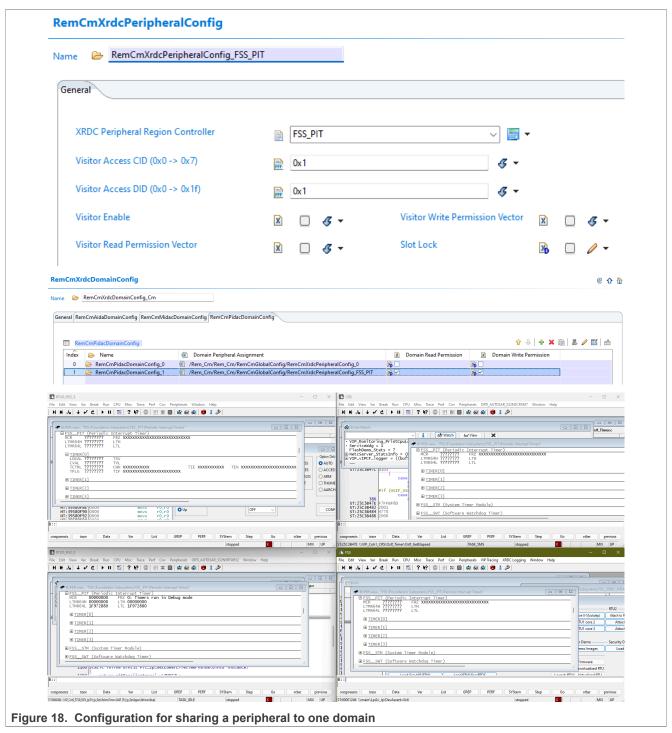
Here are the steps:

- 1. Navigate to the XRDC Peripheral Config tab under the Rem_Cm module in the project S32N5 RTU0 R52 0 VIP App.
- 2. Add a new configuration named FSS_PIT as shown below. The visitor attribute will not take effect if OCIDR.NV is asserted, which is configured in the Fss_Rem_Pm module.
- 3. Navigate to the Domain Config tab.
- 4. Add RemCmPidacDomainConfig of FSS PIT to Domain 1 and enable its read and write permissions.
 - a. Open XRDC4 DOMAIN1 entry.
 - b. Navigate to the RemCmPidacDomainConfig tab.
 - c. Add an entry and link it to the Domain Peripheral Assignment of FSS_PIT. Enable both read and write permissions.

Note: If a peripheral is never linked to any domain(without steps 3 and 4), it will deny all access attempts.

Note: If a peripheral requires access from multiple inner-cohort domains, you need to repeat Step 4 to configure each domain individually.

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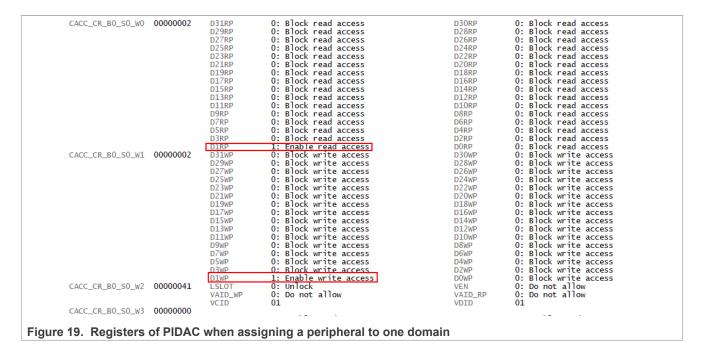
After completing these configurations and once RTU0_R52_0 finishes executing the Rem_Cm_Init function, the peripheral slot for FSS_PIT can only be accessed by AID 2.1.

Both RTU0_R52_0 and RTU0_R52_2 are associated with AID 2.1, so these two initiators are allowed to access FSS_PIT.

In contrast, RTU0_R52_3 is assigned to Domain 3. Therefore, its access to FSS_PIT is denied by XRDC.

The corresponding slot-related register values are shown below.

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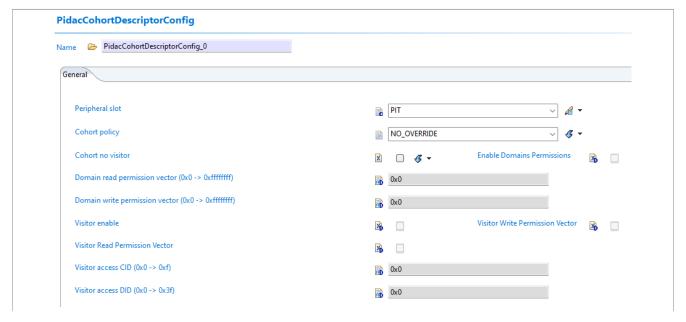


4.3 Share a peripheral between two cohorts

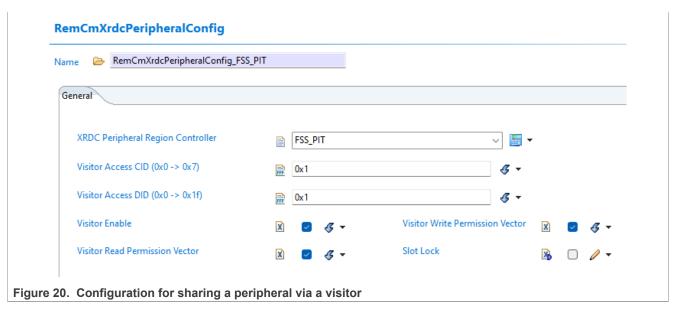
For a peripheral slot, only one outer-cohort visitor is allowed. In other words, if the cohort policy of the peripheral slot is not set to OVERRIDE, the peripheral can only be accessed by two cohorts at most.

The steps for enabling a visitor are listed below:

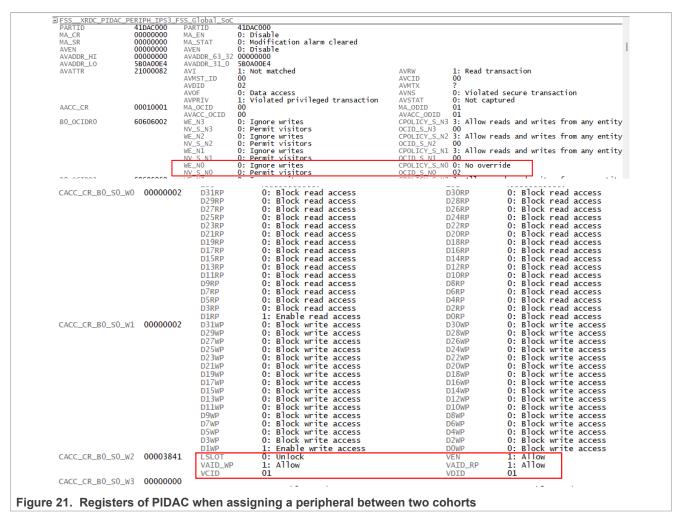
- 1. Deassert the NV attribute of the peripheral slot in the Fss Rem Pm module.
- 2. Enable the VEN attribute in the Rem Cm module.
- 3. Enable the VAID WP and VAID RP, depending on write and read access requirements.
- 4. Fill in the VCID and VDID fields to ensure that the corresponding initiator is granted access rights.



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In this example, the granted initiator is associated with AID 1.1, which means FSS_PIT can be accessed by domain 1 of cohort 1.



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5 How to assign the memory

5.1 Share memory among all cohorts

There are two ways to share memory among all cohorts:

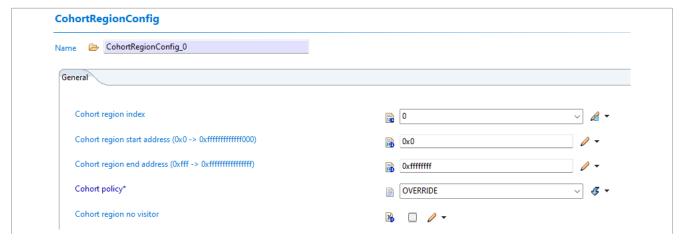
- 1. Ensure that all transactions match a slot that grants access to all cohorts.
- 2. Configure multiple slots to allow each cohort access individually.

In this section, the first method will be chosen to share memory across all cohorts. As previously mentioned, the slot with the lowest index—where the OCID or visitor CID matches the transaction CID and the address region bounds the transaction address—will be selected. Furthermore, if the Cohort Policy of the region associated with that slot is set to OVERRIDE, the slot will also be selected for all initiators. Therefore, it is preferable to choose the first memory slot that has the OVERRIDE attribute.

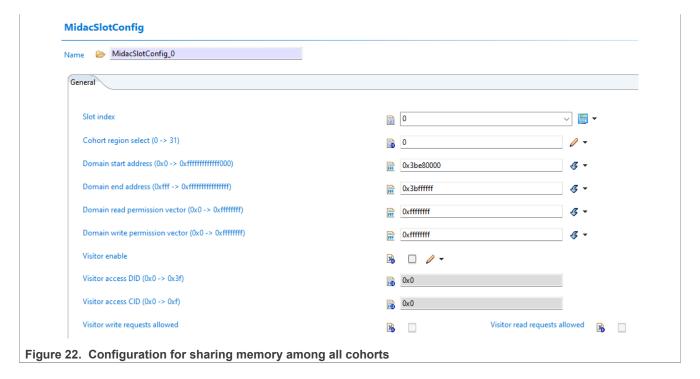
The goal is to: share RTU1.CRAM6 among all cohorts.

Steps are listed:

- 1. Navigate to the Cohorts configuration tab under the Fss_Rem_Pm module in the project Firmware_S32N55_FSS.
- Adaptions for RTU1.MIDAC.CRAM6 in Cohort 0. Go to SBC_Cohort0->Subsystems configuration(RTU1)->MIDAC configuration(XRDC4_MIDAC12)->Cohort regions configuration. Add a new entry for the region with below configurations:
 - a. Cohort region index: 0
 - b. Cohort region start address: 0x0
 - c. Cohort region end address: 0xFFFF FFFF
 - d. Cohort policy: OVERRIDE
- 3. Add a new entry for slot:
 - a. Slot index: 0
 - b. Cohort region select: 0
 - c. Domain start address: 0x3BE8_0000
 - d. Domain end address: 0x3BFF_FFFF
- 4. Remove the duplicate slot and region configuration for RTU1.MIDAC.CRAM6 from other cohort configuration pages.



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5.2 Share memory inside one cohort

This section demonstrates how to share memory within a single cohort. In the previous section, RTU1.CRAM6 was configured to be accessible by all initiators. First, the Cohort Policy for that configuration needs to be changed to NO_OVERRIDE. After this change, RTU1.CRAM6 will only be accessible by Cohort 0 and will follow a set of XRDC rules. Finally, Cohort 2 (RTU0) will be granted a series of permissions to access RTU1.CRAM6.

5.2.1 Share a memory among all domains

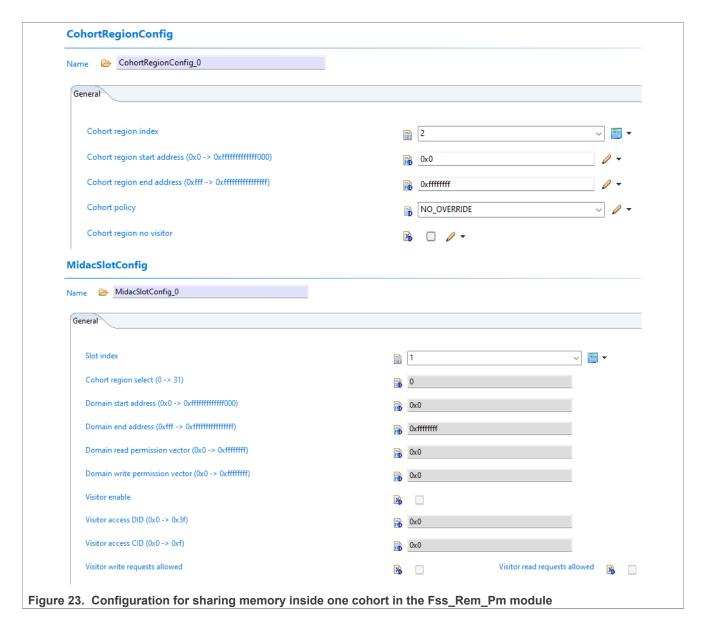
The objective is to grant Cohort 2 access to RTU1.CRAM6.

Steps are listed:

- Navigate to the Cohorts configuration tab under the Fss_Rem_Pm module in the project Firmware S32N55 FSS.
- 2. Change the Cohort Policy from OVERRIDE to NO OVERRIDE in Cohort 0.
- 3. After the change, RTU1.CRAM6 can only be accessed by Cohort 0.
- 4. Add permission of RTU1.CRAM6 to Cohort 2. Go to Cohorts configuration(RTU0_AppCohort)-> Subsystems configuration(RTU1)->MIDAC configuration(XRDC4_MIDAC12)->Cohort regions configuration. Add a new region entry:
 - a. Cohort region index: 2(In this case, due to the automatic update mechanism, Region 2 is assigned to Cohort 2.)
 - b. Cohort region start address: 0x0
 - c. Cohort region end address: 0xFFFF_FFFF
 - d. Cohort policy: NO OVERRIDE
- 5. Add a new slot entry.
 - a. Slot index: 1

Note: The slot will automatically link to Region 2, as it belongs to Cohort 2. If Region 2 does not belong to Cohort 2, the slot becomes invalid.

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5.2.2 Assign a memory to one or multiple domains

Based on the above configurations, all domains in Cohort 2 have the read and write permissions for RTU1.CRAM6. Next, we will demonstrate how to control memory access for different domains, while also narrowing down the accessible memory regions.

The goal is to grant the AID 2.1 to access the memory, and memory range narrowing down with 0x3BF0 0000~0x3BFF FFFF.

Steps are listed:

- 1. Navigate to the XRDC Memory Config tab under the Rem_Cm module in the project S32N5_RTU0_R52_0_VIP_App.
- 2. Add a new entry named with RemCmXrdcMemoryConfig RTU1 CRAM6:
 - a. Memory Region: RTU1_Xrdc_Axim_Sram6_Cram6
 - b. Slot index: 1

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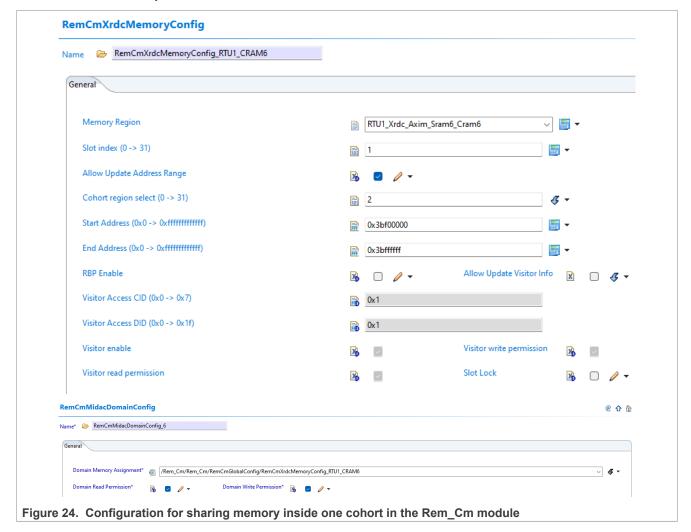
- c. Allow Update Address Range: asserted
- d. Cohort region select: 2
- e. Start Address: 0x3BF0 0000
- f. End Address: 0x3BFF_FFFF
- g. RBP Enable: deasserted
- h. Allow Update Visitor Info: deasserted

Note: The selected region MUST be assigned to its own cohort, otherwise the slot will be excluded by deasserting SVLD.

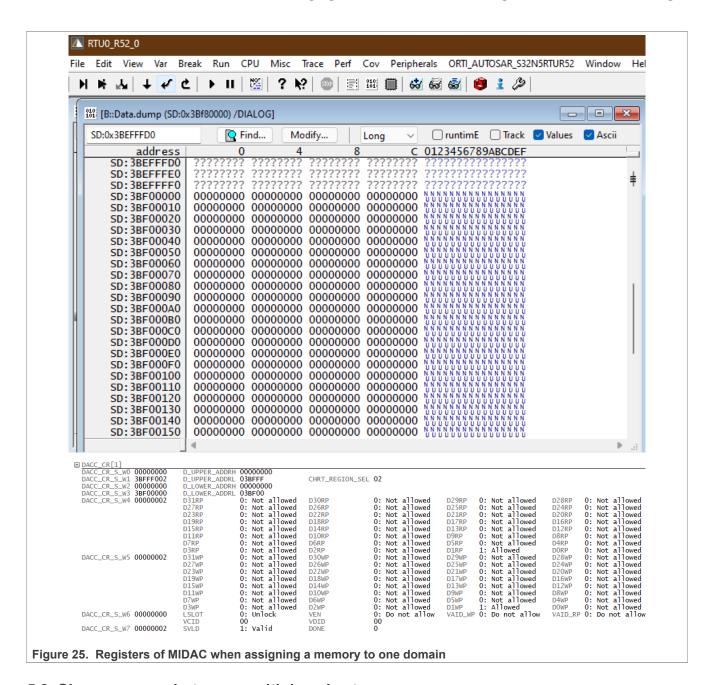
- 1. Navigate to the Domain Config tab.
- 2. Add RemCmMidacDomainConfig to Domain 1 and enable its read and write permissions.
 - a. Open XRDC4_DOMAIN1 entry.
 - b. Navigate to the RemCmMidacDomainConfig tab.
 - c. Add an entry and link it to the Domain Memory Assignment of RTU1.CRAM6. Enable both read and write permissions

Note: If a memory is never linked to any domain(without steps 3 and 4), it will deny all access attempts.

Note: If a memory requires access from multiple inner-cohort domains, you need to repeat Step 4 to configure each domain individually.



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5.3 Share memory between multiple cohorts

PIDAC provides only one method for sharing a peripheral between two cohorts, which is through the visitor mechanism. In contrast, there are two approaches to sharing memory across multiple cohorts. One method is to assign different slot entries to each cohort, and the other is to use the visitor mechanism associated with the slot.

Based on the previous configuration, the CRS core cannot access RTU1.CRAM6. In this section, we will demonstrate how to grant the CRS core access to RTU1.CRAM6 using the two approaches mentioned above.

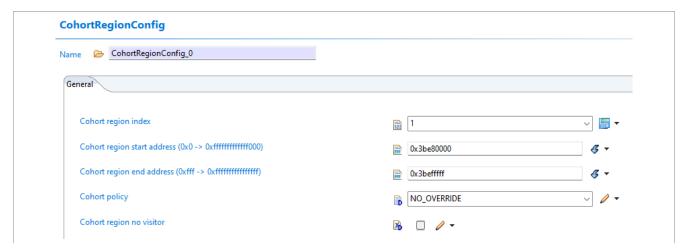
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5.3.1 The method of the multiple slot entry

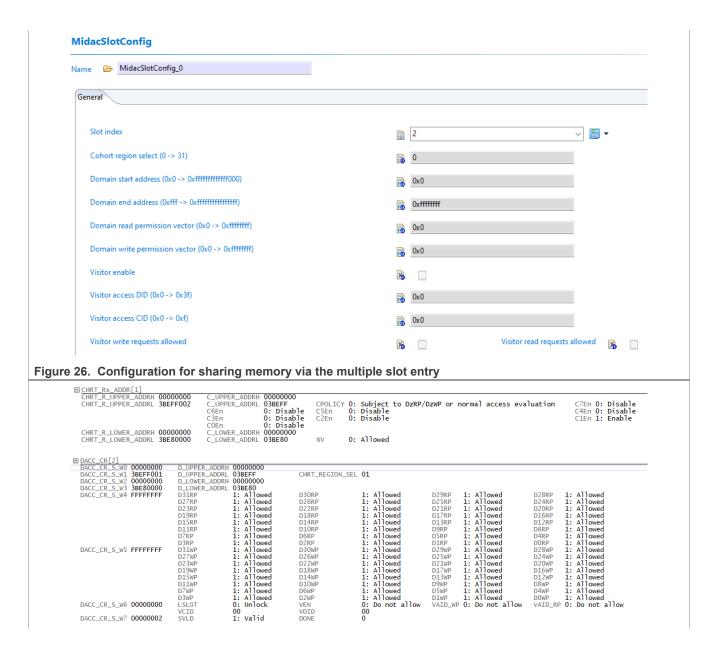
The goal is to grant CRS access to RTU1.CRAM6 with address range 0x3BE8_0000~0x3BEF_FFFF and 0x3BF0_0000~0x3BFF_FFFF.

Steps are listed:

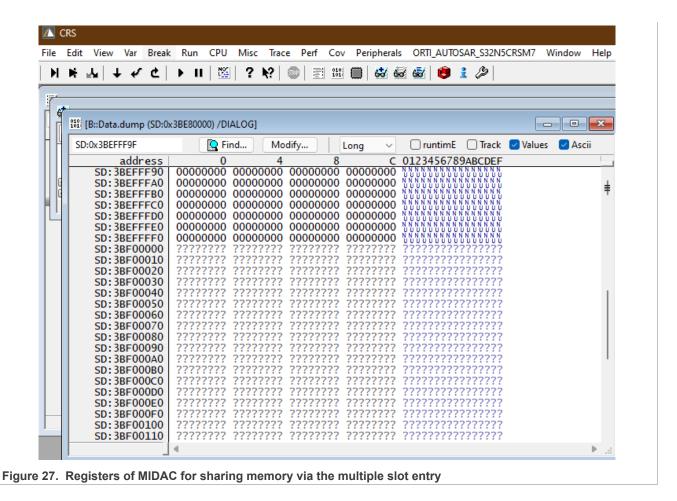
- 1. Navigate to the Cohorts configuration tab under the Fss_Rem_Pm module in the project Firmware S32N55 FSS.
- 2. Add permission of RTU1.CRAM6 to Cohort 1. Go to Cohorts configuration(RTU0_AppCohort)-> Subsystems configuration(RTU1)->MIDAC configuration(XRDC4_MIDAC12)->Cohort regions configuration. Add a new region entry:
 - a. Cohort region index: 1
 - b. Cohort region start address: 0x3BE8 0000
 - c. Cohort region end address: 0x3BEF FFFF
 - d. Cohort policy: NO_OVERRIDE
- 3. Add a new slot entry.
 - a. Slot index: 2



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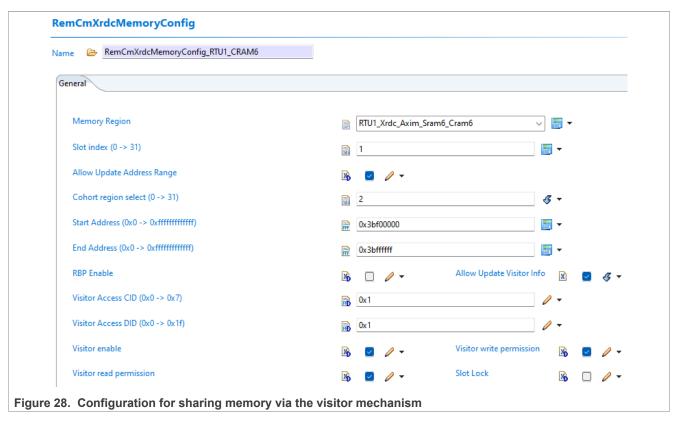
5.3.2 The method of the visitor mechanism

After completing the configuration in the previous section, the CRS core can access RTU1.CRAM6 within the address range 0x3BE8_0000 to 0x3BEF_FFFF. Next, we will demonstrate how to share the address range 0x3BF0_0000 to 0x3BFF_FFFF using the visitor mechanism.

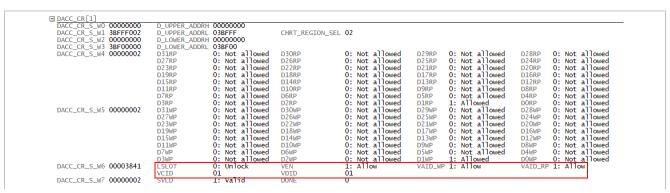
Steps are listed:

- 1. Navigate to the Fss_Rem_Pm module. Go to Cohorts configuration(RTU0_AppCohort)-> Subsystems configuration(RTU1)->MIDAC configuration(XRDC4_MIDAC12)->Cohort regions configuration(Cohort RegionConfig 0). Ensure that the "Cohort Region No Visitor" attribute is deasserted.
- 2. Navigate to the XRDC Memory Config tab under the Rem_Cm module in the project S32N5_RTU0_R52_0_VIP_App.
- 3. Modify the RemCmXrdcMemoryConfig_RTU1_CRAM6 entry:
 - a. Allow Update Visitor Info: asserted
 - b. Visitor Access CID: 0x1
 - c. Visitor Access DID: 0x1
 - d. Visitor enable: asserted
 - e. Visitor write permission: asserted
 - f. Visitor read permission: asserted

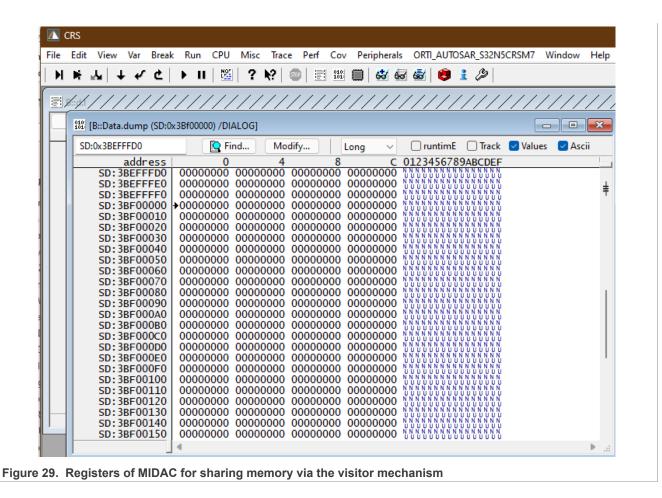
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When the CM of Cohort 2 completes the XRDC initialization by calling the Rem_Cm_Init() function, the CRS core is granted access to RTU1.CRAM6 within the address range 0x3BF0_0000 to 0x3BFF_FFFF via the visitor mechanism.



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6 Acronyms and abbreviations

Table 9. Acronyms and abbreviations

Abbreviation	Explanation
UENV	Uniform Environment
PM	Partition Manager
СМ	Cohort Manager
FSS	Foundation Subsystem
PaCo	Partition Contract
CoDef	Cohort Definition
PIDAC	Peripheral Identifier Access Control
MIDAC	Memory Identifier Access Control
AIDA	Access ID assignment
AID	Access Identifier
SBC	System Base Cohort

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