

# Timer interrupts

[borrowed from Yunhao's  
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# CPU view: Core-local Interrupt (CLINT)

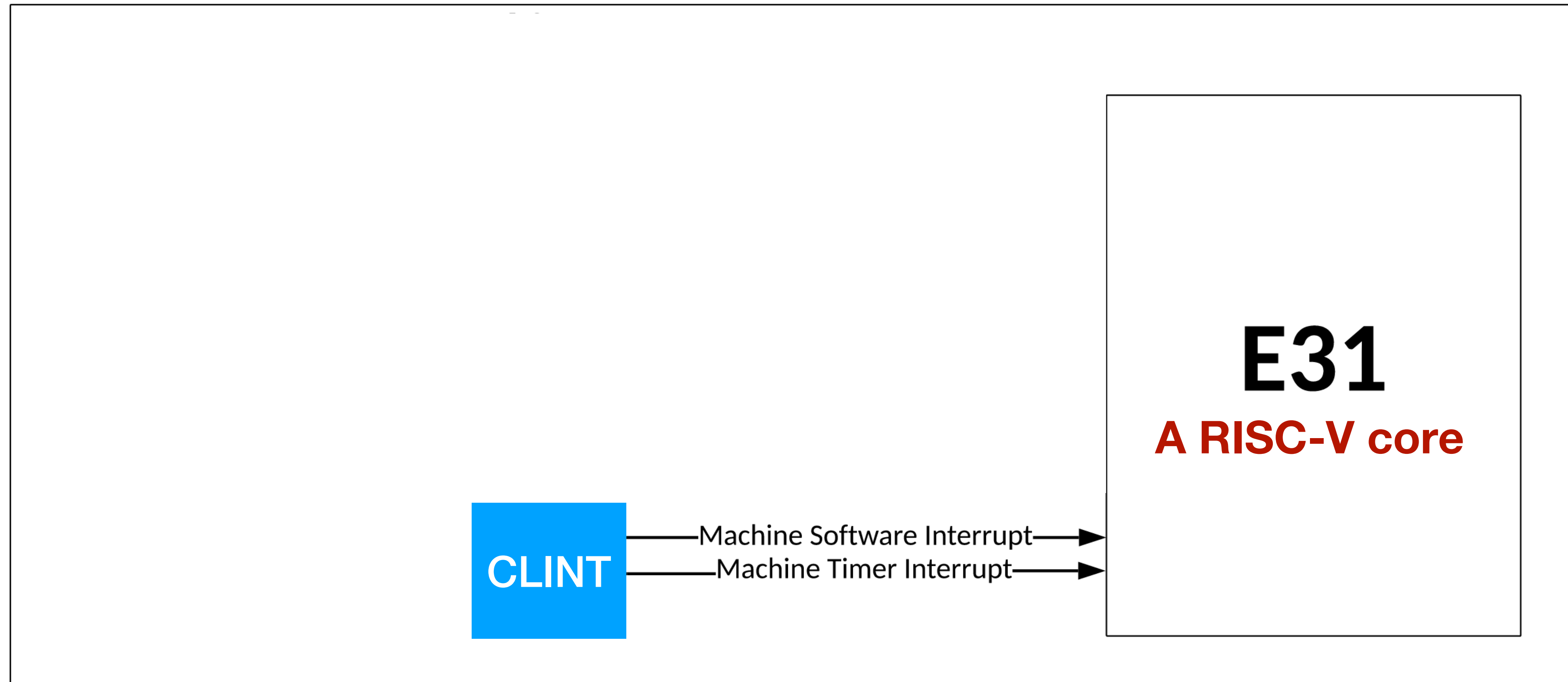


Figure 4 of Sifive FE310 manual

# A programmer's view

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    printf("Got a timer interrupt!");  
    // (4) reset timer  
}  
  
int main() {  
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    // (2) set a timer  
    // (3) enable timer interrupt  
  
    while(1);  
}
```

# The mtvec CSR



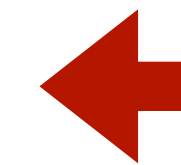
Value	Name	Description
0	Direct	All exceptions set pc to BASE.
1	Vectored	Asynchronous interrupts set pc to $\text{BASE} + 4 \times \text{cause}$ .
$\geq 2$	—	<i>Reserved</i>

Table 3.5: Encoding of mtvec **MODE** field.

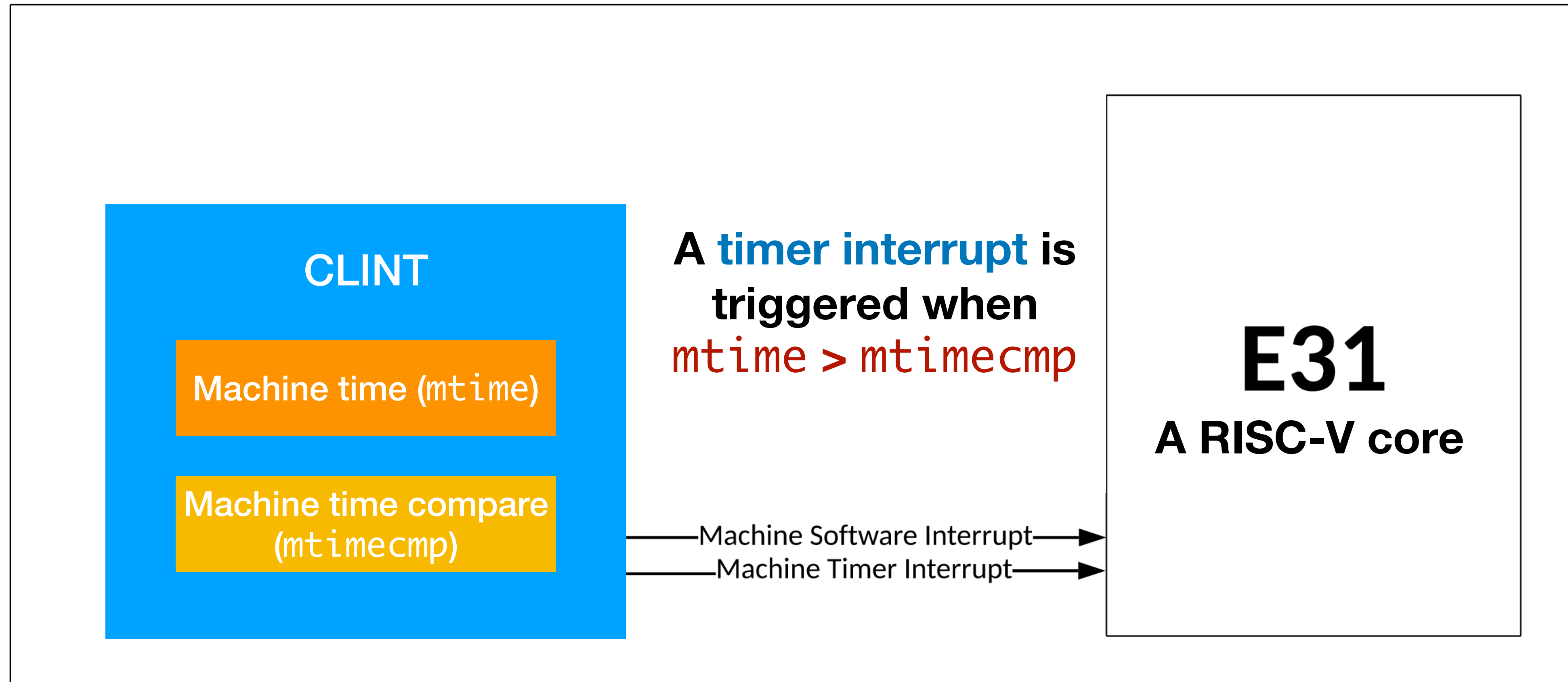
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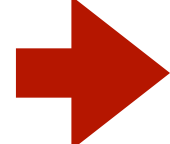


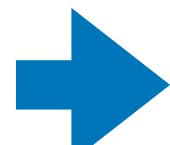
# The `mtime` and `mtimecmp` CSRs



# CLINT CSRs are **memory-mapped**

Address	Width	Attr.	Description
0x20000000	4B	RW	msip for hart 0
0x2004008			Reserved
...			
0x200bff7			
0x2004000	8B	RW	mtimecmp for hart 0
0x2004008			Reserved
...			
0x200bff7			
0x200bff8	8B	RW	mtime
0x200c000			Reserved

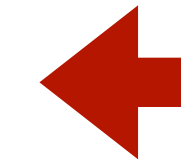
`mtimecmp_set()` writes 8 bytes to 

`mtime_get()` reads 8 bytes from 

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# The **mstatus** CSR

31	30									23	22	21	20	19	18	17
SD	WPRI								TSR	TW	TVM	MXR	SUM	MPRV		
1	8								1	1	1	1	1	1		
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
XS[1:0]	FS[1:0]	MPP[1:0]	WPRI	SPP	MPIE	WPRI	SPIE	UPIE	MIE	WPRI	SIE	UIE				
2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**MIE** stands for machine interrupt enable

# The **mie** CSR (not mstatus.MIE)

XLEN-1	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>WPRI</b>	MEIE	<b>WPRI</b>	SEIE	UEIE	<b>MTIE</b>	<b>WPRI</b>	STIE	UTIE	MSIE	<b>WPRI</b>	SSIE	USIE	
XLEN-12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

**MTIE** stands for machine timer interrupt enable

# Next...

- two bummers in setting timers
- interrupts beyond CLINT
- RISC-V fine-grained control of interrupts
- how to know which interrupt is triggered?

# a bummer: mtime rollover

Higher 4 bytes

Lower 4 bytes

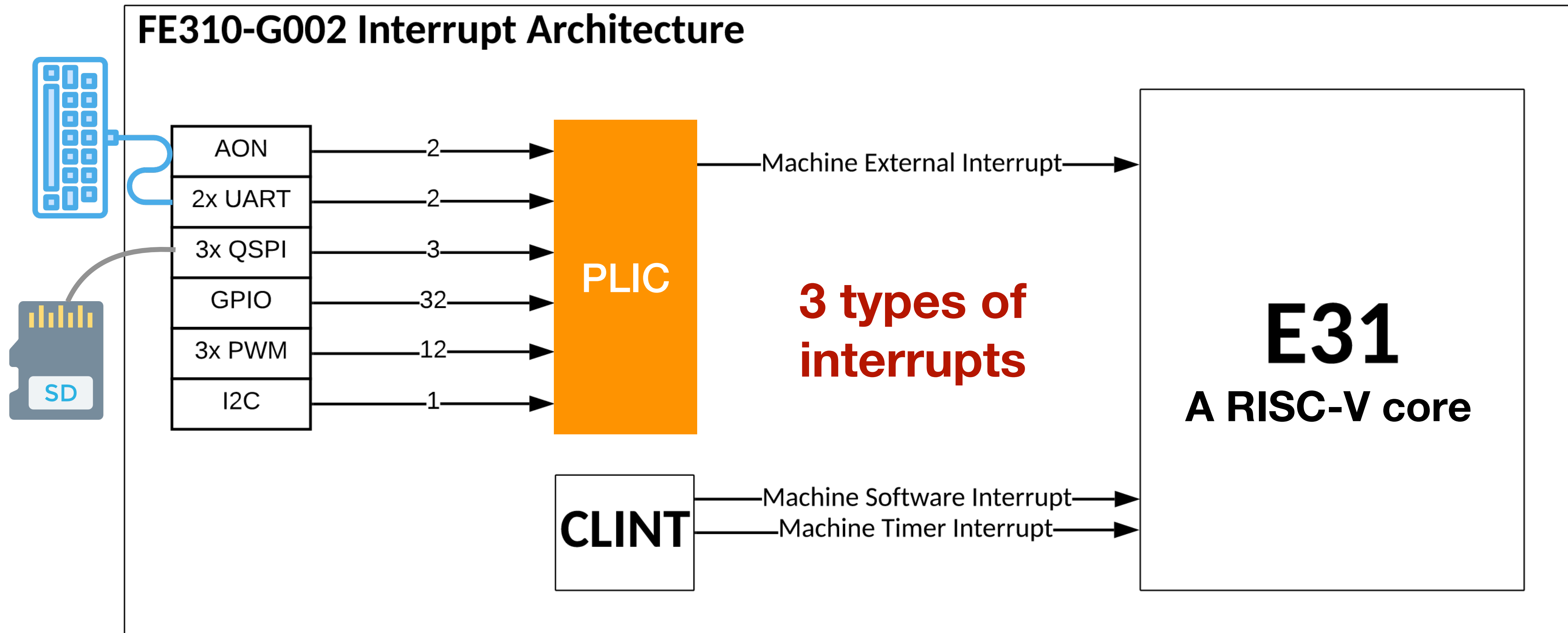
When reading the **lower** 4 bytes, mtime is  
`0x00000000` `0xffffffff`

When reading the **higher** 4 bytes, mtime is  
`0x00000001` `0x00000000`

Combine the two `0x00000001ffffffff` is wrong!

There is another bummer: mtime overflow

# Platform Interrupt Controller (**PLIC**)



# mie provides fine-grained control

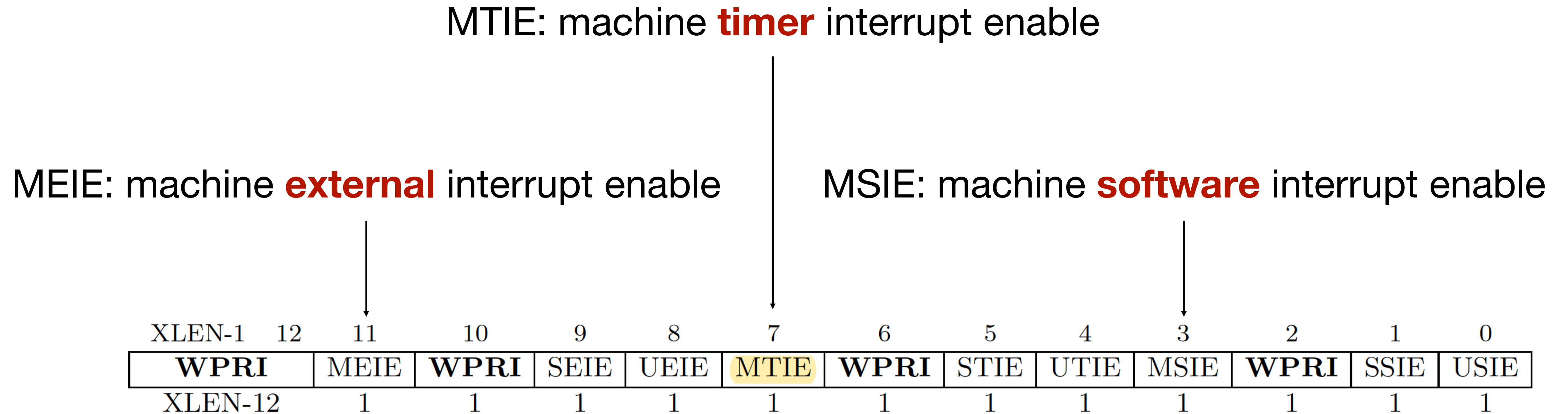


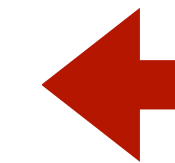
Figure 3.12: Machine interrupt-enable register (mie).

# Timer is interrupt #7

Interrupts

Exceptions

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1	1	Supervisor software interrupt
1	2	<i>Reserved</i>
1	3	Machine software interrupt
1	4	<i>Reserved</i>
1	5	Supervisor timer interrupt
1	6	<i>Reserved</i>
1	7	Machine timer interrupt
1	8	<i>Reserved</i>
1	9	Supervisor external interrupt
1	10	<i>Reserved</i>
1	11	Machine external interrupt
1	12–15	<i>Reserved</i>
1	≥16	<i>Designated for platform use</i>
0	0	Instruction address misaligned
0	1	Instruction access fault
0	2	Illegal instruction
0	3	Breakpoint
0	4	Load address misaligned
0	5	Load access fault
0	6	Store/AMO address misaligned
0	7	Store/AMO access fault
0	8	Environment call from U-mode
0	9	Environment call from S-mode
0	10	<i>Reserved</i>
0	11	Environment call from M-mode
0	12	Instruction page fault
0	13	Load page fault
0	14	<i>Reserved</i>
0	15	Store/AMO page fault
0	16–23	<i>Reserved</i>
0	24–31	<i>Designated for custom use</i>
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# System calls?

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