

[A Beginner's Guide on Interrupt Latency - and Interrupt Latency of the ARM® Cortex®-M processors](#)

Introduction

All experienced embedded system designers know that interrupt latency is one of the key characteristics of a microcontroller, and are aware that this is crucial for many applications with real time requirements. However, the descriptions of interrupt latency in various microcontroller literature often oversimplify exactly what is included in the 'interrupt latency' detail. This article will cover the basics of interrupt latency, and what users need to be aware of when selecting a microcontroller with low interrupt latency requirements.