

How to measure elapsed time using a timer

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| version | 1.1.0 |
| scope | Example. This code is provided as example code for a user to base their code on. |
| description | How to measure elapsed time using a timer |
| boards | Unless otherwise specified, this example runs on the SliceKIT Core Board, but can easily be run on any XMOS device by using a different XN file. |

Timers can be used to measure the amount of time elapsed between two statements. First input the current time from the timer:

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t :> start_time;
```

After performing the action you wish to time, input the time from the timer again:

```
t :> end_time;
```

The difference between the two times gives you the number of timer ticks elapsed.

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printstr("Number of timer ticks elapsed: ");  
printintln(end_time - start_time);
```

This method can be used to measure durations of up to $2^{32} - 1$ timer ticks (approximately 42 seconds).