

**EX-94421/A**

**Analog Input and  
Multi-Function Digital I/O Card**

**Software Manual (V1.0)**

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## **1. How to install the software of EX-94421A**

### **1.1 Install the PCI driver**

The PCI card is a plug and play card, once you add a new card the on window system will detect while it is booting. Please follow the following steps to install your new card.

In Windows 2000/XP/Win7 system you should: (take Win XP as example)

1. Make sure the power is off
2. Plug in the interface card
3. Power on
4. A hardware install wizard will appear and tell you it finds a new PCI card
5. Tell the wizard the directory of the driver files (..\EX94421A\software\Win2K\_up\driver or if you download from website please execute the self-unzip file EX94421A\_driver.exe to get the file), then it will automatically setup the driver
6. After installation, power off
7. Power on, it's ready to use

### **1.2 Install the Linux driver**

--To unpack the file, use the "tar" command, Use the syntax :

```
$tar -zvxf <filename>
```

This creates the EX94421A directory, containing installation scripts, Makefile, driver source , dynamic library, demo source and executing.

--Change to <filename> directory.

```
$cd <filename>
```

--First install, type "make" to compile the source.

```
$make clean  
$make
```

You may see the drv94421A.ko module file.

--We will install modules, Dynamic library, Demo and shell script on boot, Use the script command :

```
$./install94421A setup
```

--Then load modules and create device :

```
$./install94421A start
```

--Executing demo, You can use the following commands under any directory.

\$EX94421Ademo

--Want to uninstall EX94421A driver , can use the command :

\$./install94421A uninstall

Note : if you change CardID,please type "./install94421A reload" command first.

Note : if you executing demo and returns error,maybe you have not install QT or KDE library.

Please install QT or KDE by the following instruction:

yum install qt\*(kde\*)

## **2. About the EX-94421A software**

EX-94421A software includes a set of dynamic link library (DLL) and system driver that you can utilize to control the I/O card's ports and points separately.

Your EX-94421A software package includes setup driver, tutorial example and test program that help you how to setup and run appropriately, as well as an executable file which you can use to test each of the EX-94421A functions within Windows' operation system environment.

### **2.1 What you need to get started**

To set up and use your EX-94421A software, you need the following:

- EX-94421A software
- EX-94421A hardware
  - Main board
  - Wiring board (Option)

### **2.2 Software programming choices**

You have several options to choose from when you are programming EX-94421A software. You can use Borland C/C++, Microsoft Visual C/C++, Microsoft Visual Basic, or any other Windows-based compiler that can call into Windows dynamic link libraries (DLLs) for use with the EX-94421A software.

### **3. EX-94421A Language support**

The EX-94421A software library is a DLL used with Windows 2000/XP/Win7. You can use these DLL with any Windows integrating development environment that can call Windows DLLs.

#### **3.1 Building applications with the EX-94421A software library**

The EX94421A function reference topic contains general information about building EX-94421A applications, describes the nature of the EX-94421A files used in building EX-94421A applications, and explains the basics of making applications using the following tools:

##### **Applications tools**

- Borland C/C++
- Microsoft Visual C/C++
- Microsoft Visual Basic

If you are not using one of the tools listed, consult your development tool reference manual for details on creating applications that call DLLs.

#### **3.2 EX-94421A Windows libraries**

The EX-94421A for Windows function library is a DLL called **EX94421A.dll**. Since a DLL is used, EX-94421A functions are not linked into the executable files of applications. Only the information about the EX-94421A functions in the EX-94421A import libraries is stored in the executable files.

Import libraries contain information about their DLL-exported functions. They indicate the presence and location of the DLL routines. Depending on the development tools you are using, you can make your compiler and linker aware of the DLL functions through import libraries or through function declarations.

Refer to **Table 1** to determine to which files you need to link and which to include in your development to use the EX-94421A functions in EX94421A.dll.

<b>Header Files and Import Libraries for Different Development Environments</b>		
Development Environment	Header File	Import Library
Microsoft C/C++	EX94421A.h	EX94421Avc.lib
Borland C/C++	EX94421A.h	EX94421Abc.lib
Microsoft Visual Basic	EX94421A.bas	

**Table 1**

## **4. Function format and language difference**

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### **4.1 Function format**

Every EX-94421A function is consist of the following format:

Status = function\_name (parameter 1, parameter 2, ... parameter n)

Each function returns a value in the **Status** global variable that indicates the success or failure of the function. A returned **Status** equal to zero that indicates the function executed successfully. A non-zero status indicates failure that the function did not execute successfully because of an error, or executed with an error.

**Note** : **Status** is a 32-bit unsigned integer.

The first parameter to almost every EX-94421A function is the parameter **CardID** which is located the driver of EX94421A board you want to use those given operation. The **CardID** is assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW. You can utilize multiple devices with different card CardID within one application; to do so, simply pass the appropriate **CardID** to each function.

**Note:** **CardID** is set by DIP/ROTARY SW (**0x0-0xF**)

## 4.2 Variable data types

Every function description has a parameter table that lists the data types for each parameter. The following sections describe the notation used in those parameter tables and throughout the manual for variable data types.

Primary Type Names					
Name	Description	Range	C/C++	Visual BASIC	Pascal (Borland Delphi)
u8	8-bit ASCII character	0 to 255	char	Not supported by BASIC. For functions that require character arrays, use string types instead.	Byte
i16	16-bit signed integer	-32,768 to 32,767	short	Integer (for example: deviceNum%)	SmallInt
u16	16-bit unsigned integer	0 to 65,535	unsigned short for 32-bit compilers	Not supported by BASIC. For functions that require unsigned integers, use the signed integer type instead. See the i16 description.	Word
i32	32-bit signed integer	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	long	Long (for example: count&)	LongInt
u32	32-bit unsigned integer	0 to 4,294,967,295	unsigned long	Not supported by BASIC. For functions that require unsigned long integers, use the signed long integer type instead. See the i32 description.	Cardinal (in 32-bit operating systems). Refer to the i32 description.
f32	32-bit single-precision floating-point value	-3.402823E+38 to 3.402823E+38	float	Single (for example: num!)	Single
f64	64-bit double-precision floating-point value	-1.797683134862 315E+308 to 1.7976831348623 15E+308	double	Double (for example: voltage Number)	Double

**Table 2**

### 4.3 Programming language considerations

Apart from the data type differences, there are a few language-dependent considerations you need to be aware of when you use the EX94421A API. Read the following sections that apply to your programming language.

**Note:** Be sure to include the declaration functions of EX-94421A prototypes by including the appropriate EX-94421A header file in your source code. Refer to Building Applications with the EX-94421A Software Library for the header file appropriate to your compiler.

#### 4.3.1 C/C++

For C or C++ programmers, parameters listed as Input/Output parameters or Output parameters are pass-by-reference parameters, which means a pointer points to the destination variable should be passed into the function. For example, the Read AD function has the following format:

```
Status = EX94421A_AD_data_read(CardID, channel, *voltage_data);
```

where **CardID** and **channel** are input parameters, and **voltage\_data** is an output parameter. Consider the following example:

```
u8 CardID, channel;  
i16 voltage_data,  
u32 Status;  
Status = EX94421A_AD_data_read (CardID, channel, voltage_data);
```

#### 4.3.2 Visual basic

The file EX94421A.bas contains definitions for constants required for obtaining AIO Card information and declared functions and variable as global variables. You should use these constants symbols in the EX94421A.bas, do not use the numerical values.

In Visual Basic, you can add the entire EX94421A.bas file into your project. Then you can use any of the constants defined in this file and call these constants in any module of your program. To add the EX94421A.bas file for your project in Visual Basic 4.0, go to the **File** menu and select the **Add File... option**. Select EX94421A.bas, which is browsed in the EX94421A \ api directory. Then, select **Open** to add the file to the project.

To add the EX94421A.bas file to your project in Visual Basic 5.0 and 6.0, go to the **Project** menu and select **Add Module**. Click on the Existing tab page. Select EX94421A.bas, which is in the EX94421A \ api directory. Then, select **Open** to add the file to the project.

#### 4.3.3 Borland C++ builder

To use Borland C++ builder as development tool, you should generate a .lib file from the .dll file by  
implib.exe.implib EX94421Abc.lib EX94421A.dll

Then add the **EX94421Abc.lib** to your project and add

#include “EX94421A.h” to main program.

Now you may use the dll functions in your program. For example, the Read AD function has the following format:

```
Status = EX94421A_AD_data_read(CardID, channel, *voltage_data);
```

where **CardID** and **channel** are input parameters, and **voltage\_data** is an output parameter. Consider the following example:

```
u8 CardID, channel;  
i16 voltage_data,  
u32 Status;  
Status =EX94421A_AD_data_read (CardID, channel, voltage_data);
```

## **5. Software overview and dll function**

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These topics describe the features and functionality of the EX-94421A boards and briefly describes the EX-94421A functions.

### 5.1 Initialization and close

You need to initialize system resource each time you start to run your application.

*EX94421A\_initial( )* will do.

Once you want to close your application, call

*EX94421A\_close( )* to release all the resource.

If you want to know the physical address assigned by OS. use

*EX94421A\_info( )* to get the address.

- **EX-94421A\_initial**

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**Format :** **u32 Status =EX94421A\_initial (void)**

**Purpose:** Initial the EX-94421A resource when start the Windows applications.

- **EX-94421A\_close**

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**Format :** **u32 Status =EX94421A\_close (void);**

**Purpose:** Release the EX-94421A resource when close the Windows applications.

- **EX-94421A\_info**

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**Format :** **u32 status =EX94421A\_info(u8 CardID,u16 \*address)**

**Purpose:** Read the physical I/O address assigned by O.S..

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
address	u16	physical I/O address assigned by OS

## 5.2 Analog input

The EX-94421A now is a 16 bit AD cards. You must configure the input range of the specific channel by:

***EX94421A\_AD\_config\_set( )*** and read back the configuration for verification by:

***EX94421A\_AD\_config\_read( )***

To read the input voltage value by:

***EX94421A\_AD\_value\_read( )***, it can be also read data by

***EX94421A\_AD\_data\_read( )***

The EX-94421A hardware only provide the AD conversion data on the fly, in noisy environment the conversion result maybe contaminated by noise, to use the integral of signals will eliminate the high frequency noise. The dll has provide build in software integration functions; to start the function by:

***EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_start( )*** and read the integration data by

***EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_all\_read( )***, if you want to stop the integration function don't forget to release the resource and stop integration by:

***EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_stop( )***

### ● **EX-94421A AD config set**

**Format :** u32 status = ***EX94421A\_AD\_config\_set(u8 CardID,u8 channel,u8 mode)***

**Purpose:** Set A/D config.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
channel	u8	A/D channel number 0~7: EX94421A, 8 channels AD
mode	u8	scale range: 0: 0V ~ 5V 1: -5V ~ +5V 2: 0V ~ 10V 3: -10V ~ +10V 255 : AD stop operation.

### ● EX-94421A AD config read

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_config\_read(u8 CardID,u8 channel,u8 \*mode)

**Purpose:** Read A/D configuration.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
channel	u8	A/D channel number 0~7: EX-94421A, 8 channels AD

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
mode	u8	scale range: 0: 0V ~ 5V 1: -5V ~ +5V (Default) 2: 0V ~ 10V 3: -10V ~ +10V 255 : AD stop operation.

### ● EX-94421A AD value read

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_value\_read(u8 CardID,u8 channel,  
f32 \*voltage\_value)

**Purpose:** Read voltage value with pre-calibration data.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
channel	u8	A/D channel number 0~7: EX-94421A, 8 channels AD

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
voltage_value	f32	Voltage value based on the AD converted and calibrated data. Say if the AD scale range is set at 0~5V then the voltage value returned will be in the 0~5 range.

## ● EX-94421A AD data read

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_data\_read(u8 CardID,u8 channel,  
u16 \*voltage\_data)

Purpose: Read voltage value with pre-calibration data.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
channel	u8	A/D channel number 0~7: EX-94421A, 8 channels AD

Output:

Name	Type	Description
voltage_data	u16	Voltage value based on the AD converted data. If unipolar voltage: 0~5V or 0~10V is 0~65535 If bipolar voltage, please take the data as 2's complement, change to i16 first then -5V~+5V or -10V~+10V is -32768 ~ +32767

## ● EX-94421A AD integral start

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_start(u8 CardID,u8 mode)

Purpose: start AD conversion with integral constant.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by jumper setting
mode	u8	0: immediately access, no integration 1: integration time 100ms 2: integration time 200ms 3: integration time 300ms 4: integration time 400ms 5: integration time 500ms 6: integration time 600ms 7: integration time 700ms 8: integration time 800ms 9: integration time 900ms 10: integration time 1s

## ● EX-94421A AD integral all read

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_all\_read(u8 CardID,i16 data[8])

Purpose: read one port integral result of AD conversion data.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by jumper setting

Output:

Name	Type	Description
data[8]	u16	data[0]: Channel 0 AD data ... data[7]: Channel 7AD data If unipolar voltage: 0~5V or 0~10V is 0~65535 If bipolar voltage, please take the data as 2's complement, change to i16 first then -5V~+5V or -10V~+10V is -32768 ~ +32767

Note:

To read all channels in integral

Start integral mode by EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_start.

Read all channels by EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_all\_read.

Stop AD integration function by EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_stop.

- **EX-94421A AD integral stop**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_AD\_integral\_stop(u8 CardID)

**Purpose:** stop AD integral conversion.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by jumper setting

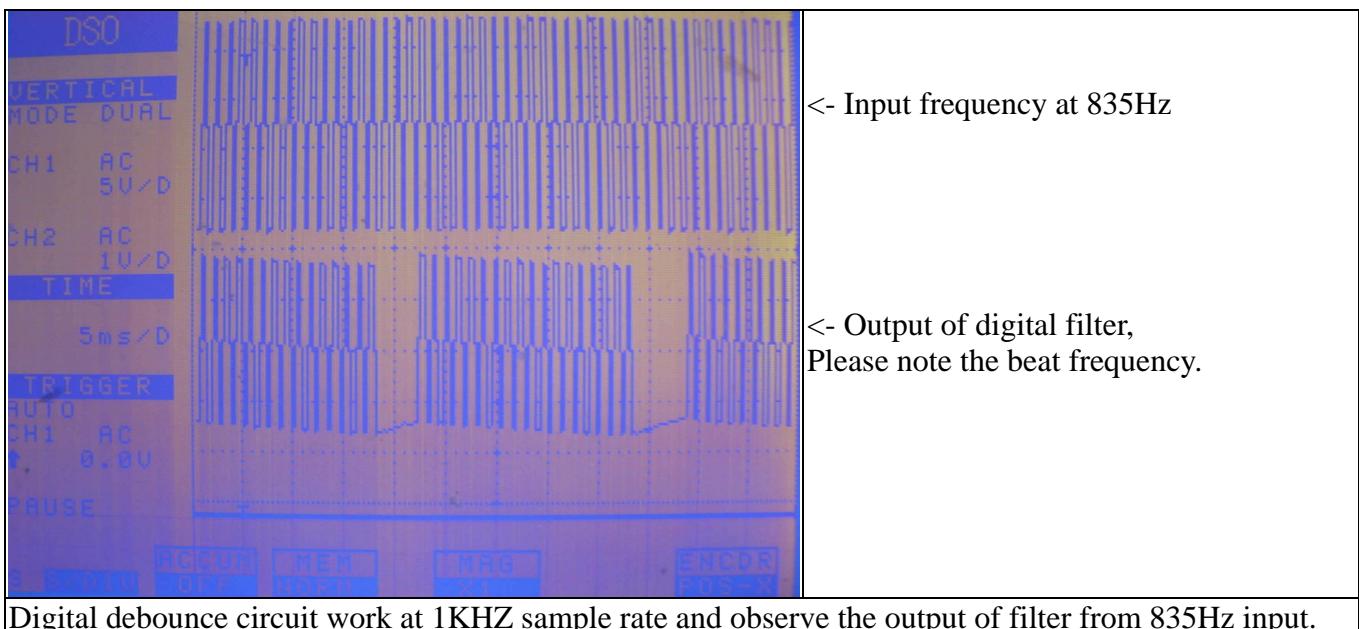
### 5.3 TTL I/O Port R/W

In general, TTL I/O port can be input or output as configured. To work as input, the EX-94421A series cards provide input digital debounce function.

Debounce is the function to filter the input jitters. From the microscope view of a switch input, you will see the contact does not come to close or release to open clearly. In most cases, it will contact-release-contact-release... for many times then go to steady state (ON or OFF). If you do not have the debounce function, you will read the input at high state and then next read will get low state, this maybe an error data for your decision of contact input.

Debounce can be implemented by hardware or software. Analog hardware debounce circuit will have fixed time constant to filter out the significant input signal, if you want to change the response time; the only way is to change the circuit device.

If digital debounce is implemented, maybe several filter frequency you can choose. To choose the filter frequency, please keep the Nyquist–Shannon sampling theorem in mind: **filter sample frequency must at least twice of the input frequency**. The following sample is a bad selection of debounce filter, the input frequency is not as low as less than half of the sample frequency and the output will generate a beat frequency.



Software debounce will consume the CPU time a lot, we do not recommend to use except for you really know you want.

To configure the port as input or output by:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_config\_set()*** and read back the configuration by:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_config\_read()***.

The TTL I/O port can use:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_port\_set()*** to output data and input data by:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_port\_read()***.

For the point output, use:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_point\_set()*** and point input by:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_point\_read()***.

At noisy environment to debounce the signal or to debounce the mechanical contact input, use:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_debounce\_time\_set()*** to set the adequate time constant to drop out the noise and read back to check the setting by:

***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_debounce\_time\_read()***.

## ● **EX-94421A TTL IO config set**

**Format :** u32 status =***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_config\_set(u8 CardID, u8 port, u8 configuration)***

**Purpose:** Sets port configuration.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)
configuration	u8	0: input port (default) 1: output port

## ● **EX-94421A TTL IO config read**

**Format :** u32 status =***EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_config\_read(u8 CardID, u8 port, u8 \*configuration)***

**Purpose:** read port configuration.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
configuration	u8	0: input port (default) 1: output port

## ● EX-94421A TTL IO port set

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_port\_set (u8 CardID,u8 port, u8 data)

**Purpose:** Sets the port data.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)
data	u8	bitmap of output values bit0: DION0 ... bit7: DION7

## ● EX-94421A TTL IO port read

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_port\_read (u8 CardID , u8 port , u8 \*data)

**Purpose:** Read the port data.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
data	u8	bitmap of output/input values bit0: DION0 ... bit7: DION7

### ● EX-94421A TTL IO point set

Format : u32 status =EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_point\_set (u8 CardID, u8 port, u8 point, u8 state)

Purpose: Sets the bit data of output port.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)
point	u8	point number 0~7 for bit0~bit7 (DION0 ~ DION7)
state	u8	point of output state

### ● EX-94421A TTL IO point read

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_point\_read (u8 CardID, u8 port, u8 point, u8 \*state)

Purpose: Read the output port state .

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)
point	u8	point number of input 0~7 for bit0~bit7 (DION0 ~ DION7)

Output:

Name	Type	Description
state	u8	point of output/input state

- **EX-94421A TTL IO debounce time set**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_debounce\_time\_set (u8 CardID,u8 port ,  
u8 debounce\_time)

**Purpose:** debounce time of the TTL I/O port signal

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)
debounce_time	u8	Debounce time selection: 0: no debounce 1: filter out duration less than 10ms (100Hz, default) 2: filter out duration less than 5ms (200Hz) 3: filter out duration less than 1ms (1KHZ)

**Note:**

only valid for port configured as input

- **EX-94421A TTL IO debounce time read**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TTL\_IO\_debounce\_time\_read (u8 CardID,u8 port ,  
u8 \*debounce\_time)

**Purpose:** To read back configuration of debounce mode

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
port	u8	port number 0: port0 (DIO0x) 1: port1 (DIO1x)

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
debounce_time	u8	Debounce time selection: 0: no debounce 1: filter out duration less than 10ms (default) 2: filter out duration less than 5ms 3: filter out duration less than 1ms

## 5.4 Counter / Timer / PWM function

Many control applications need timer as time base for digital sampled data control systems. The timer consists a counter to count the time base clock on the fly and generate interrupt on a periodic time interval. If the counter do not count the time base but count the signals from external world, we call it “counter”.

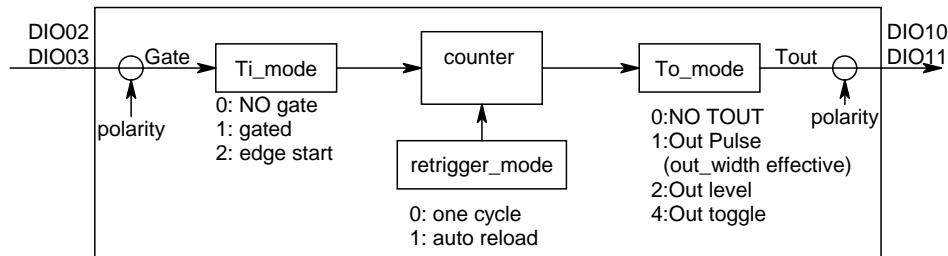
A timer/counter may be multi-functions, if the input signal and control mode and the output can be programmed as various kind of working mode.

### Input signal debounce

The timer / counter input comes from DIO00 ~ DIO03 the signal maybe occasionally contaminated by noise. EX-94421A series card provides wide range of filter frequency from 100Hz up to 1KHz (to drop out noise pulse less than 1ms), even the quadrature signals comes from mechanical contacts the counter can still operate very nice. If you will use faster signals, you can program the debounce as **no debounce** to pass the signal directly to counter. But take care of the noise induced by the environment and wiring, we recommended you to use a high speed isolation type encoder counter card such as LSI3101 (up to 8M counter speed) or LSI3101A (up to 16M counter speed) of TOPSCCC Technology Co Ltd to get better performance.

### Timer function

The timer model used in EX-94421A series is as follows:



In this model, the timer can work in one cycle mode and auto reload mode.

**one cycle mode:** the timer will stop when the timer time up.

**auto reload mode** ( sometimes called continuous mode): the time will reload the time constant while time up.

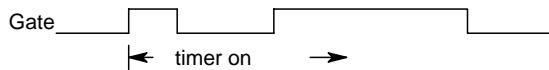
In the timer input control block:

**NO gate:** the timer do not control by any input.

**gated** : the timer only working on the gate input active and stops counting while gate is inactive.



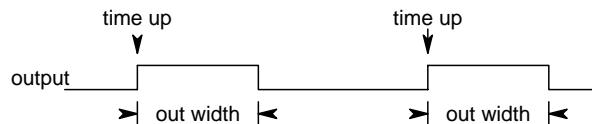
**Edge start:** the timer will start timing while the gate input transition from inactive to active.



In the timer output block:

**NO TOUT:** the timer has no output to control (but timer time up interrupt is available).

**Out\_pulse:** while the timer time up, it will trigger an output pulse and pulse width is controlled by out\_width register at 1us time base.



**Out\_level:** while the timer time up, it will trigger the output active.



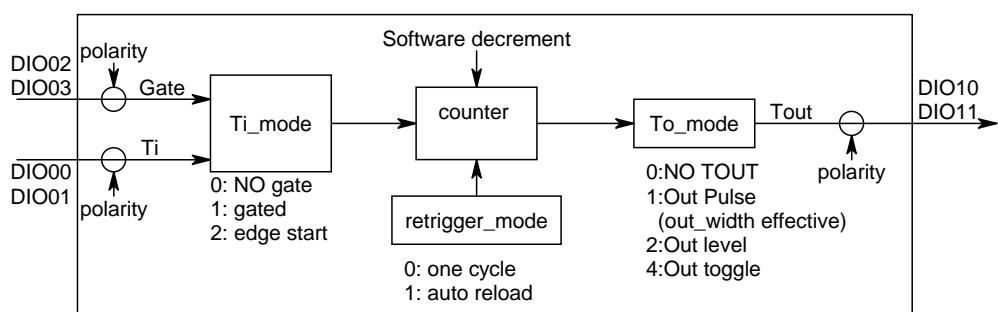
**Out\_toggle:** while the timer time up, it will trigger the output toggled.



**polarity:** set the input/output active high or active low

### Counter function

The counter model used in EX94421A series is as follows:



In this model, the counter can work in one cycle mode and auto reload mode.

**one cycle mode:** the counter will stop when the counter cross zero.

**auto reload mode** ( sometimes called continuous mode): the counter will reload the counter constant while time up.

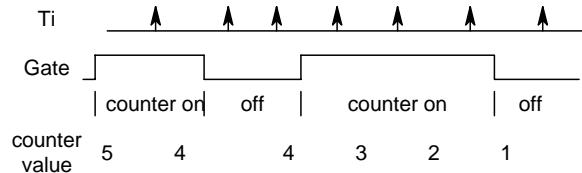
**Software decrement:** the counter value will decrement by software trigger.

In the counter input control block:

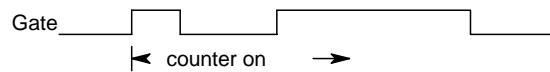
**NO gate**: the counter do not control by any input.

**gated** : while gate input is active and the counter signal input also active the counter will decrement by 1 and stops counting while gate is inactive.

Take the following diagram as example, the counter is initialized at 5 and working in gated mode, while the Ti (counter signal input) is active and gate is also active, the counter will decrease by one.



**Edge start**: the counter will start counting function while the gate input transition from inactive to active.



In the counter output block: (refer the timer function)

**NO TOUT**: the counter has no output to control (but counter cross zero interrupt is available).

**Out\_pulse**: while the counter cross zero, it will trigger a output pulse and pulse width is controlled by out\_width register at 1us time base.

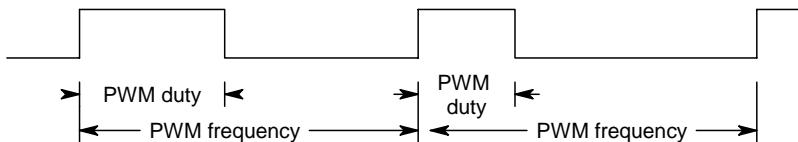
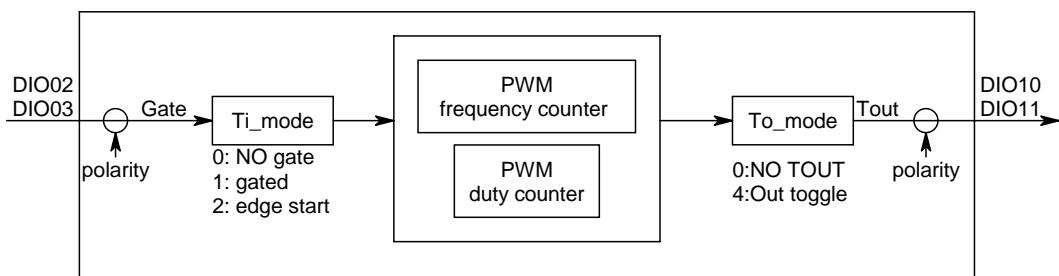
**Out\_level**: while the counter cross zero, it will trigger the output active.

**Out\_toggle**: while the counter cross zero, it will trigger the output toggled.

**polarity**: set the input/output active high or active low

## PWM function

The PWM model used in EX-94421A series is as follows:



In this model, the PWM counter can only work in auto reload mode.

**auto reload mode** ( sometimes called continuous mode): the time will reload the time constant while time up.

In the PWM counter input control block: (refer the counter function)

**NO gate:** the PWM counter do not control by any input.

**gated :** while gate input is active the PWM counter will start working and stops while gate is inactive.

**Edge start:** the PWM counter will start counting function while the gate input transition from inactive to active.

In the PWM counter output block: (refer the timer function)

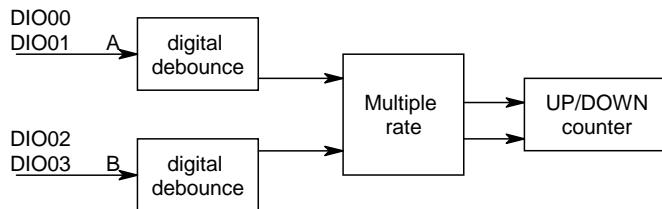
**NO TOUT:** the PWM counter has no output to control.

**Out\_toggle:** while the PWM counter cross zero, it will trigger the output toggled.

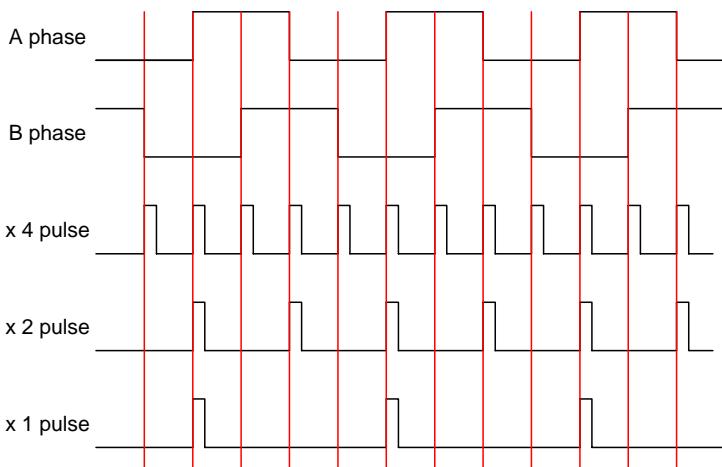
**polarity:** set the input/output active high or active low

### **quadrature encoder counter**

In spite of the flexible multi-function timer/counter, the quadrature encoder counter is another type of application. The EX-94421A series also has the build in function for quadrature encoder input counting.



On the above diagram, you can see the digital debounce function filter out the unwanted high frequency then pass the signal to the multiple rate circuit to determine the pulse and direction, finally the counter counts the pulses.



The left diagram shown that A phase leads B, if we take A leads B as up count and the counting pulse of up count will depends on the multiple rate.

## **DLL functions of timer / counter**

Timer/counter function can work in general mode: as timer, as counter or as PWM generator and in special mode: quadrature counter mode.

In the general timer/counter mode, DIO00, DIO02 and DIO10 can be configured as dedicated I/O for timer1 / counter1 and DIO01, DIO03 and DIO11 can be configured as dedicated I/O for timer2 / counter2.

To configure the working mode use

***EX94421A\_timer\_set( )*** to configure as timer and its output mode

***EX94421A\_counter\_set( )*** to configure as counter and its input and output mode

***EX94421A\_PWM\_set( )*** to configure as PWM generator.

***EX94421A\_quadrature\_set( )*** to configure as quadrature counter.

To start/stop the operation by:

***EX94421A\_TC\_start( )***

***EX94421A\_TC\_stop( )***

To read or load dedicated timer/counter registers, use

***EX94421A\_TC\_set( )*** set TC dedicated registers

***EX94421A\_TC\_read( )*** read TC dedicated registers

If you want to change the input polarity, using

***EX94421A\_TC\_input\_polarity\_set( )*** and read back to verify by:

***EX94421A\_TC\_input\_polarity\_read( )***

If you want to change the output polarity, using

***EX94421A\_TC\_output\_polarity\_set( )*** and read back to verify by:

***EX94421A\_TC\_output\_polarity\_read( )***

## ● EX-94421A timer set

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_timer\_set (u8 CardID, u8 TimerID,  
Timer\_struct \*TC\_struct)

**Purpose:** To setup timer operation mode or update timer

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
TC_struct	struct	<pre> struct TC_struct {     u8 TiGate_MODE,     // 0: NO_GATE     //Always count without gate function,     //DIO02 / DIO03 is digital input.     // 1:GATED     //DIO02 / DIO03 is gate input,     //after command start_TC,     //if internal logic active high will start timer and //low     //will halt the timer counting.     // 2: EDGE_START     //DIO02 / DIO03 is gate input,     //after command start_TC,     //if internal logic active high will start timer     u32 time_constant,         // Timer constant based on 1us clock     u8 Tout_mode,     // 0: NO_TOUT ,     // DIO10 / DIO11: use as general digital output     // 1: OUT_PULSE     //DIO10 / DIO11: timer cross zero output pulse.     //(out_width effective)     // 2: OUT_LEVEL     //DIO10 / DIO11: timer cross zero output will //make.     u8 Tout_mode,     // 0: NO_TOUT ,     // DIO10 / DIO11: use as general digital output     // 1: OUT_PULSE     //DIO10 / DIO11: timer cross zero output pulse.     //(out_width effective)     // 2: OUT_LEVEL     //DIO10 / DIO11: timer cross zero output will //make.     // 4:OUT_TOGGLE     //DIO10 / DIO11: timer cross zero toggles output      u16 Tout_width,     // Output pulse width based on 1us clock, only     //valid in Tout_mode is OUT_PULSE      u8 cont_single,     // 0: SINGLE_CYCLE </pre>

		//single cycle mode, timer will stop operation //when time constant count down to zero. // 1: ALWAYS_RUN //continuous operation mode, timer will reload //time constant and continue operation when //time constant count down to zero. }
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- **EX-94421A counter set**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_counter\_set (u8 CardID, u8 TimerID,  
Counter\_struct \*TC\_struct)

**Purpose:** To setup counter operation mode or update counter

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
TC_struct	struct	<pre>struct TC_struct {     u8 TiGate_MODE,     // 0: NO_GATE     //Always count without gate function,     //Timer/counter0, Timer/counter1:     //DIO00, DIO01 is counter pulse input     //DIO02, DIO03 is digital input.      // 1:GATED     //DIO00, DIO01 is counter pulse input (Ti)     //DIO02, DIO03 is gate input, internal logic active //high     will pass the counter Ti pulse to counter //after command     start_TC      // 2: EDGE_START     //DIO00, DIO01 is counter pulse input (Ti)     //DIO02, DIO03 is gate input, internal logic active //high     will start topass the counter Ti pulse to //counter after     command start_TC      u32 counter_constant,     // Counter constant      u8 Tout_mode,     // 0: NO_TOUT     // Timer/counter0, Timer/counter1:     // DIO10, DIO11 use as general digital output      // 1: OUT_PULSE     //DIO10, DIO11: timer cross zero output pulse.</pre>

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//(out_width effective)

// 2: OUT_LEVEL
//DIO10, DIO11: timer cross zero output will //make.
// 4:OUT_TOGGLE
//DIO10, DIO11: timer cross zero toggles output

u16 Tout_width,
// Output pulse width based on 1us clock, only
//valid in Tout_mode is OUT_PULSE

u8 cont_single
// 0: SINGLE_CYCLE
//single cycle mode, counter will stop operation //when
time constant count down to zero.
// 1: ALWAYS_RUN
// continuous operation mode, counter will reload //time
constant and continue operation when time //constant
count down to zero.
}

```

## ● EX-94421A PWM set

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_PWM\_set(u8 CardID, u8 TimerID,  
PWM\_struct \*PWM\_struct)

**Purpose:** To setup PWM operation mode or update PWM.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
PWM_struct	struct	<pre> PWM_struct { u8 TiGate_MODE, // 0: NO_GATE //Always count without gate function, //Timer/counter0, Timer/counter1: //DIO00, DIO01 is counter pulse input //DIO02, DIO03 is digital input.  // 1:GATED //DIO00, DIO01 is counter pulse input (Ti) //DIO02, DIO03 is gate input, internal logic active //high will pass the counter Ti pulse to counter //after command start_TC  u16 PWM_freq; // PWM frequency clock count based on 33MHz // clock  u16 PWM_duty; //PWM duty clock count based on 33MHz clock  //DIO10, DIO11 use as PWM output } </pre>

**Note:**

1. PWM base clock is based on 33MHz, say if you want your PWM frequency is 20KHz, please put the  $\text{PWM\_freq} = (33\text{MHz}/20\text{KHz}) = 1650$
2. PWM duty must less than PWM\_freq for proper operation, from the example above, the PWM\_duty value can be 1 ~ 1649. For 50% duty, the PWM\_duty will be  $1650/2 = 825$

## ● EX-94421A quadrature set

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_quadrature\_set (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID,  
u8 Multiple\_rate)

**Purpose:** To setup quadrature counter operation mode

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
Multiple_rate	u8	Only valid for quadrature mode, in other mode, this parameter is ignored. 0: MULTIPLE_4 (default) A,B phase input multiple rate is 4 1: MULTIPLE_2 A,B phase input multiple rate is 2 2: MULTIPLE_1 A,B phase input multiple rate is 1

**Note:**

1. Port0 is forced to be input.
2. DIO00 is A phase input and DIO02 is B phase input for counter0.
3. DIO01 is A phase input and DIO03 is B phase input for counter1.

## ● EX-94421A TC start

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_start (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID)

**Purpose:** To start timer/counter/PWM/quadrature counter operation mode

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1

## ● EX-94421A TC stop

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_stop (u8 CardID, u8 TimerID)

**Purpose:** To stop timer/counter/PWM/quadrature counter operation mode

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY switch
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1

## ● EX-94421A TC set

**Format :** u32 status=EX94421A\_TC\_set (u8 CardID, u8 TimerID, u8 index,u32 data)

**Purpose:** To set data to counter/timer register

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
index	u8	0: TC_CONTROL 1: TC_MODE 2: TiGate_MODE 3: To_MODE 4: RETRIGGER_MODE 5: PRELOAD 6: COUNTER 7: OUT_WIDTH 8: MULTIPLE_RATE
data	u32	register data to be set

**Note:**

1. please refer the next segment “Note: Meaning of setting or return value of different index”
2. Write to IRQ\_STATUS will reset the corresponding bit. Say, if write with bit0=1, the status bit0 will reset but other bit will not effect.

## ● EX-94421A TC read

**Format :** u32 status=EX94421A\_TC\_read (u8 CardID, u8 TimerID, u8 index,u32 \*data)

**Purpose:** To read data from counter/timer

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
index	u8	0: TC_CONTROL 1: TC_MODE 2: TiGate_MODE 3: Tout_MODE 4: RETRIGGER_MODE 5: PRELOAD 6: COUNTER 7: OUT_WIDTH 8: MULTIPLE_RATE

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
data	u32	Data read back

**Note:**

Meaning of setting or return value of different index

index	register	value	meaning
0	TC_CONTROL	0	STOP, stop operation of TC
		1	START, start operation of TC
1	TC_MODE	0	TIMER_MODE
		1	COUNTER_MODE
		3	SW_DEC (a write will software decrease counter by 1 and return to COUNTER_MODE.)
		4	PWM_MODE
		8	QUADRATURE_MODE
2	TiGate_MODE	0	NO_GATE
		1	GATED
		2	EDGE_START
3	Tout_MODE	0	NO_TOUT
		1	OUT_PULSE
		2	OUT_LEVEL
		4	OUT_TOGGLE
4	RETRIGGER_MODE	0	SINGLE_CYCLE
		1	ALWAYS_RUN
5	PRELOAD	1~0xffffffff	Counter or timer or PWM preload value
6	COUNTER	1~0xffffffff	Set (write): will write preload and counter Read : will read counter on the fly
7	OUT_WIDTH	1~0xffff	Output pulse width based on 1us
8	MULTIPLE_RATE	0	0: MULTIPLE_4 (default) A,B phase input multiple rate is 4
		1	1: MULTIPLE_2 A,B phase input multiple rate is 2
		2	2: MULTIPLE_1 A,B phase input multiple rate is 1

### ● EX-94421A TC input polarity set

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_input\_polarity\_set (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID,  
u8 input,u8 polarity)

Purpose: Set TC input polarity.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	timer/counter designation 0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
input	u8	input: 0: Gate. 1: Ti (clock input).
polarity	u8	polarity values: 0: means normal. 1: means invert.

Note:

timer/counter0, DIO00 clock input , DIO02 gate input.

timer/counter1, DIO01 clock input , DIO03 gate input.

### ● EX-94421A TC input polarity read

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_input\_polarity\_read (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID,  
u8 input,u8 \*polarity)

Purpose: Read TC input polarity.

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	timer/counter designation 0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
input	u8	input: 0: Gate. 1: Ti (clock input).

Output:

Name	Type	Description
polarity	u8	polarity values: 0: means normal. 1: means invert.

## ● EX-94421A TC output polarity set

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_output\_polarity\_set (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID,  
u8 polarity)

Purpose: Set TC output polarity

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	timer/counter designation 0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1
polarity	u8	TC output polarity: 0: means normal 1: means invert

Note:

timer/counter0, DIO10 Signal output.

timer/counter1, DIO11 Signal output.

## ● EX-94421A TC output polarity read

Format : u32 status = EX94421A\_TC\_output\_polarity\_read (u8 CardID,u8 TimerID,  
u8 \* polarity)

Purpose: Read TC output polarity

Parameters:

Input:

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
TimerID	u8	timer/counter designation 0: timer/counter0 1: timer/counter1

Output:

Name	Type	Description
polarity	u8	TC output polarity: 0: means normal 1: means invert

## 5.5 Interrupt function

Interrupt is a efficient method to quick response without occupy too much system resource.

EX-94421A provide timer/counter and TTL port0 as interrupt source, to use interrupt function use

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_link\_process()*** to link your irq service routine,

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_enable()*** to enable it and

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_disable()*** to disable it.

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_mask\_set()*** to mask off the undesired source;

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_mask\_read()*** to read back for verify the mask setting

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_IO\_polarity\_set()*** to set the polarity of port0 IRQ generation.

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_IO\_polarity\_read()*** to read back for verifying.

After you enable and link interrupt, you can enable/disable timer/counter function or enable/disable interrupt function as you need.

To check the irq status

***EX94421A\_IRQ\_status\_read()*** will do.

### ● **EX-94421A IRQ link process**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_link\_process(u8 CardID,  
void (\*\_\_stdcall \*callbackAddr)(u8 CardID))

**Purpose:** To link the interrupt source with the callback function.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
callbackAddr	void	the address of your callback function

### ● **EX-94421A IRQ enable**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_enable (u8 CardID,HANDLE \*phEvent)

**Purpose:** Enable interrupt.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
phEvent	HANDLE	The returned handle of event

- **EX-94421A IRQ disable**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_disable (u8 CardID)

**Purpose:** To disable interrupt.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW

- **EX-94421A IRQ mask set**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_mask\_set(u8 CardID,u16 mask)

**Purpose:** Set IRQ mask.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW
mask	u16	b0: 0, disable DIO00 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO00 as interrupt source ... b6: 0, disable DIO06 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO06 as interrupt source b7: 0, disable DIO07 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO07 as interrupt source b8: 0, disable TC0 counter counts to zero as interrupt source 1, enable TC0 counter counts to zero as interrupt source b9: 0, disable TC1 counter counts to zero as interrupt source 1, enable TC1 counter counts to zero as interrupt source

- **EX-94421A IRQ mask read**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_mask\_read(u8 CardID,u16 \*mask)

**Purpose:** Read IRQ mask.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
mask	u16	b0: 0, disable DIO00 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO00 as interrupt source ... b6: 0, disable DIO06 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO06 as interrupt source b7: 0, disable DIO07 as interrupt source 1, enable DIO07 as interrupt source b8: 0, disable TC0 counter counts to zero as interrupt source 1, enable TC0 counter counts to zero as interrupt source b9: 0, disable TC1 counter counts to zero as interrupt source 1, enable TC1 counter counts to zero as interrupt source

- **EX-94421A IRQ IO polarity set**

**Format :** u32 status =EX94421A\_IRQ\_IO\_polarity\_set (u8 CardID, u8 polarity)

**Purpose:** Sets the interrupt polarity of TTL port0

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW
polarity	u8	port0 polarity values: 0: any bit of port0 from low to high (default) can generate IRQ 1: any bit of port0 from high to low can generate IRQ

- **EX-94421A IRQ IO polarity read**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_IO\_polarity\_read (u8 CardID, u8 \* polarity)

**Purpose:** Read the I/O IRQ polarity of the TTL port0.

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by Rotary SW

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
polarity	u8	port0 polarity values: 0: any bit of port0 from low to high(default) can generate IRQ 1: any bit of port0 from high to low can generate IRQ

- **EX-94421A IRQ status read**

**Format :** u32 status = EX94421A\_IRQ\_status\_read(u8 CardID,u16 \* state)

**Purpose:** To read IRQ state

**Parameters:**

**Input:**

Name	Type	Description
CardID	u8	assigned by DIP/ROTARY SW

**Output:**

Name	Type	Description
state	u16	Bit 0: DIO00 generate IRQ. ... Bit 7: DIO07 generate IRQ. Bit 8: timer/counter0 generate IRQ. Bit 9: timer/counter1 generate IRQ.

**Note:**

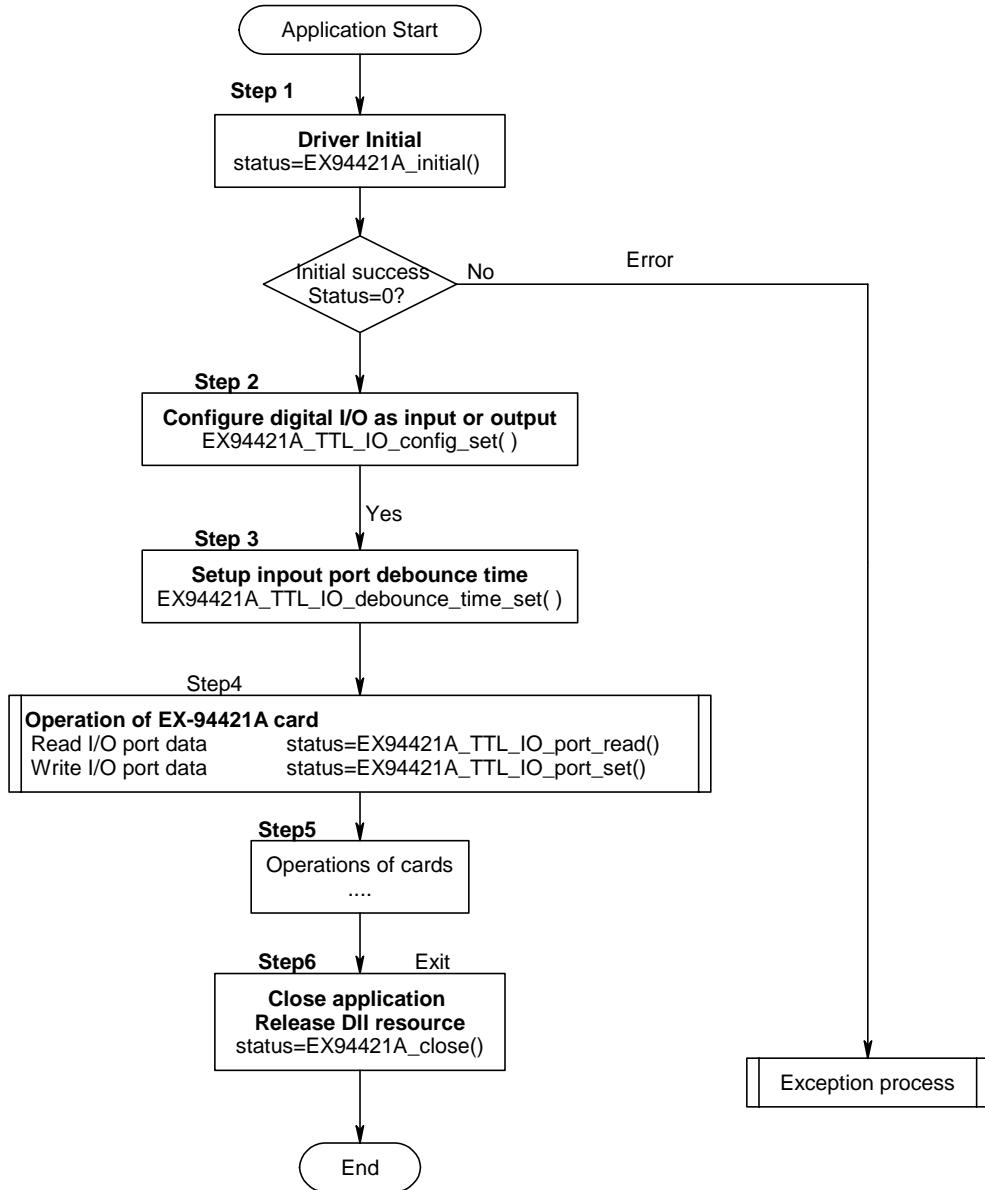
This command will also clear the on board IRQ\_status register, the second read will not be correct.

## 5.6 Error conditions

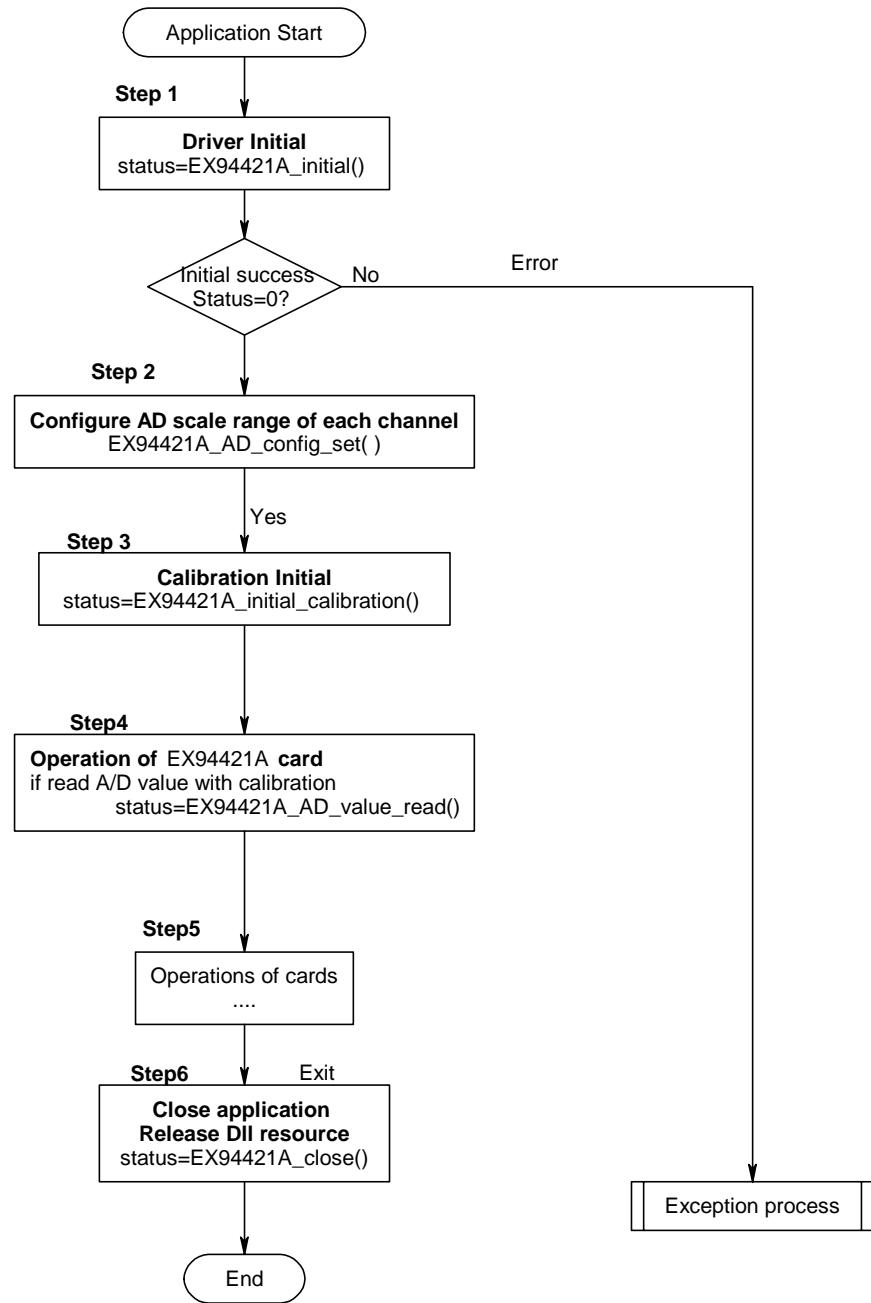
These error types may indicate an internal hardware problem on the board. Error Codes summary contains a detailed listing of the error status returned by EX-94421A functions.

## 6. Flow chart of application implementation

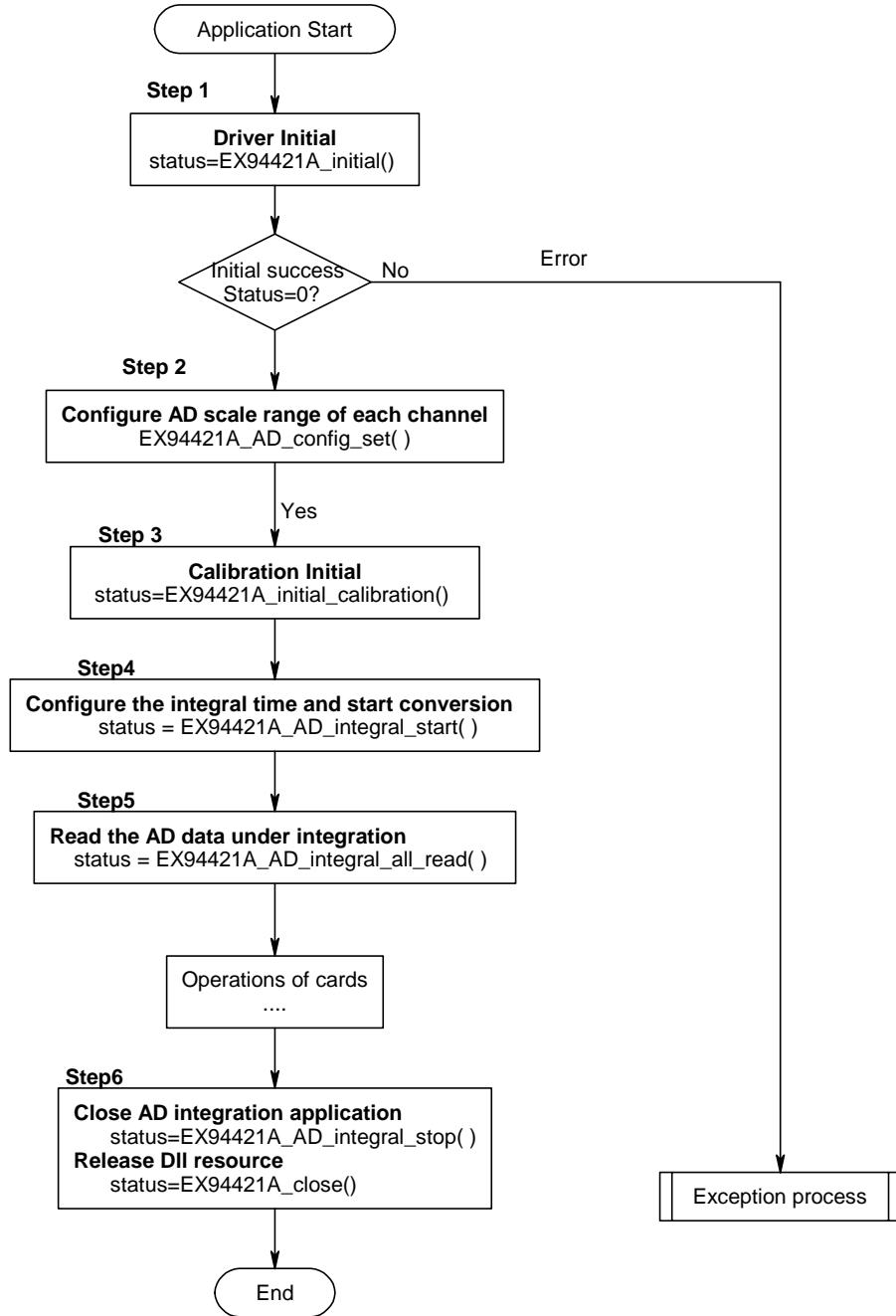
### 6.1 EX-94421A Flow chart of digital I/O application implementation



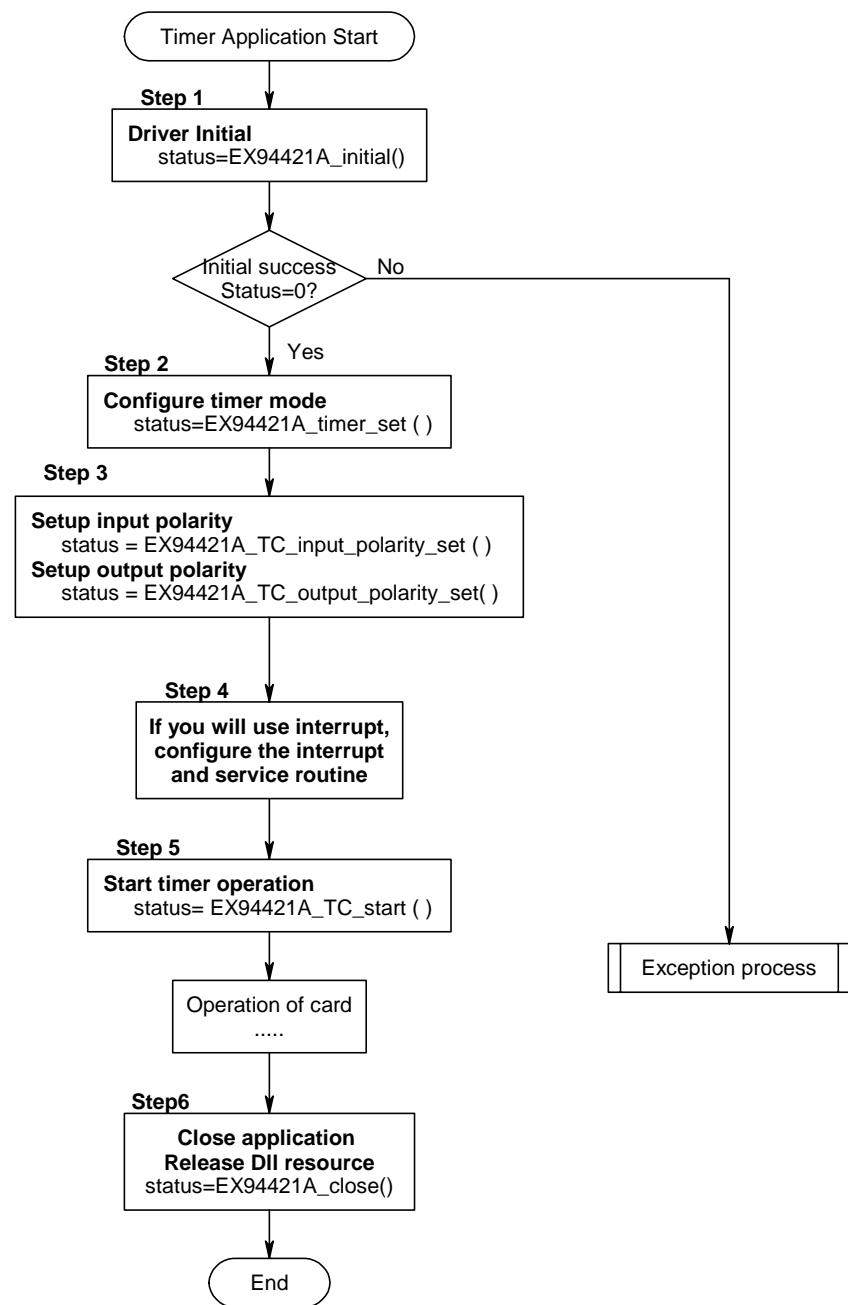
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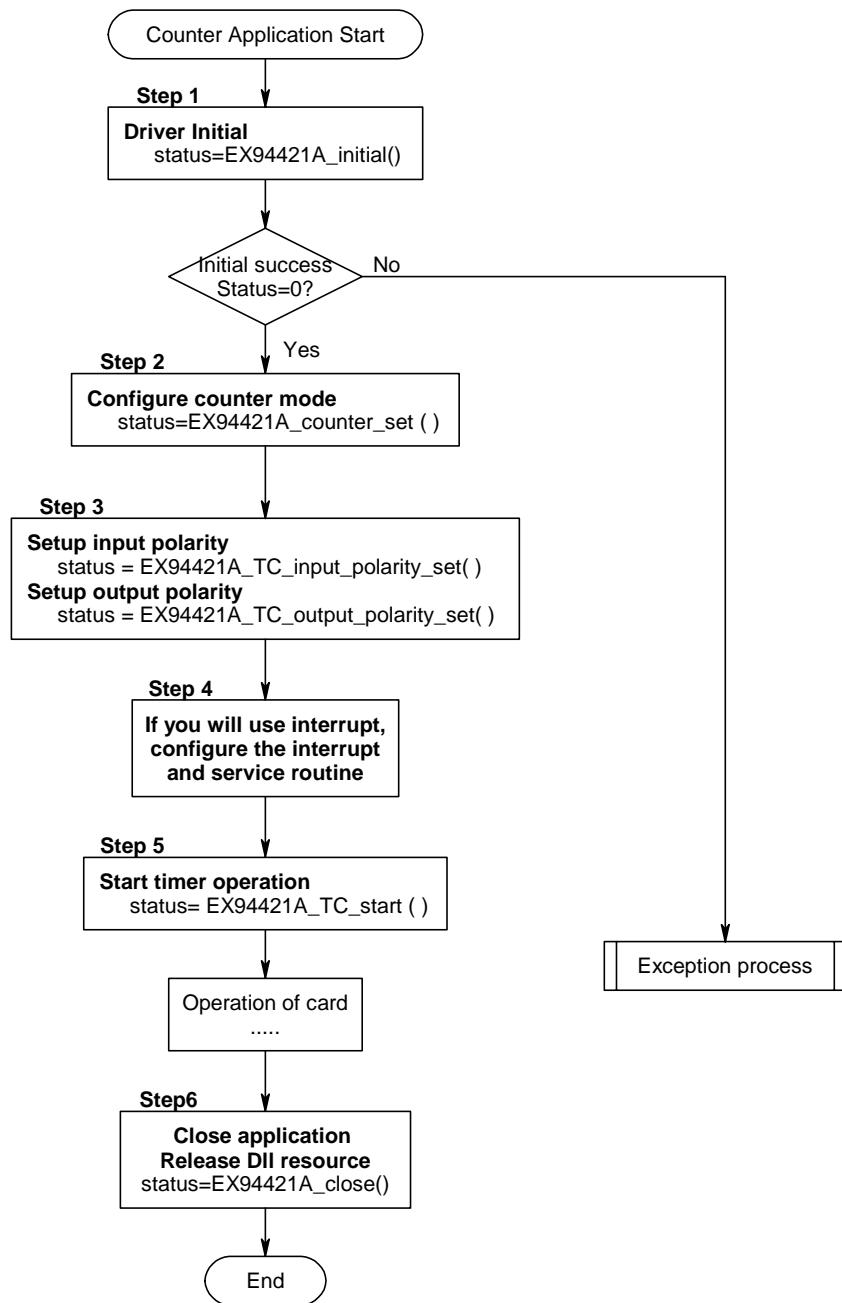
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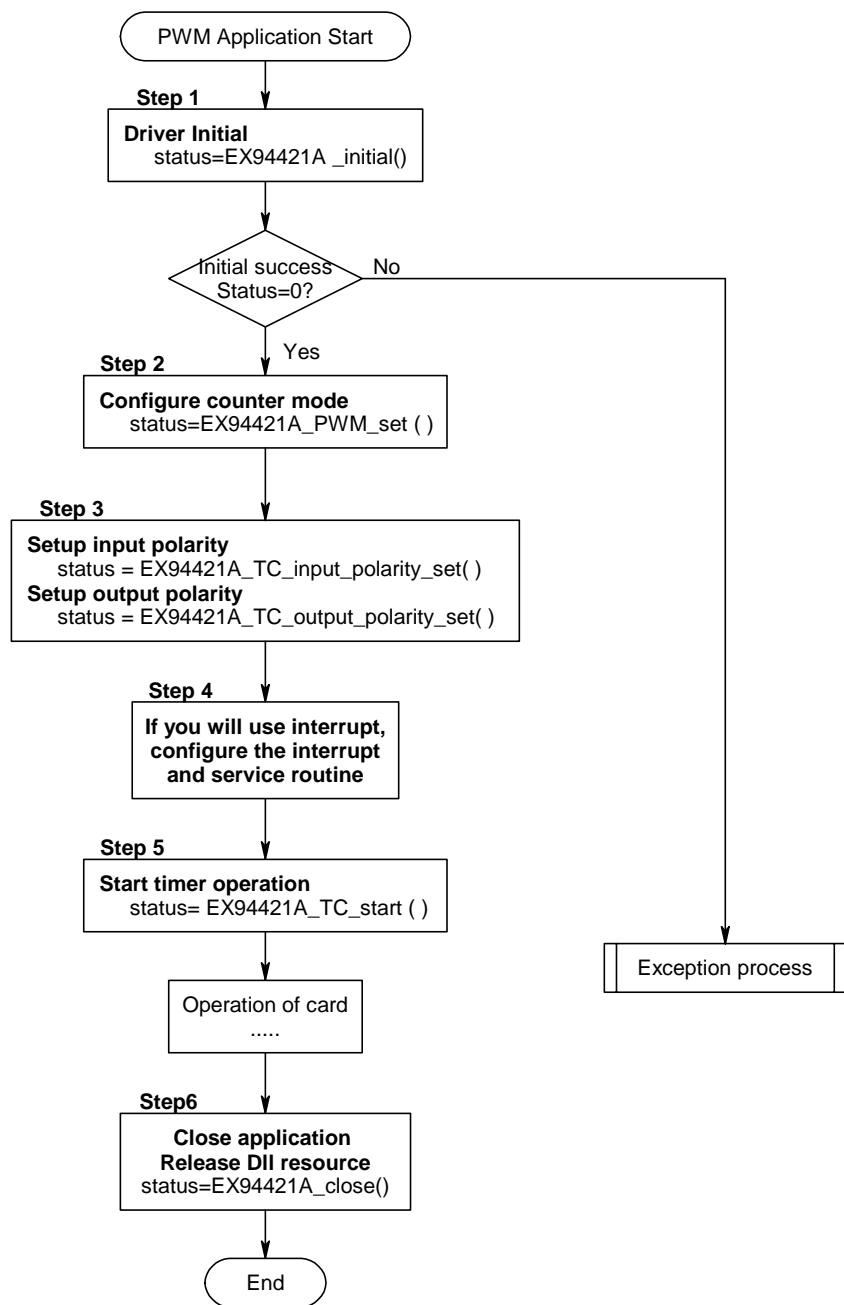
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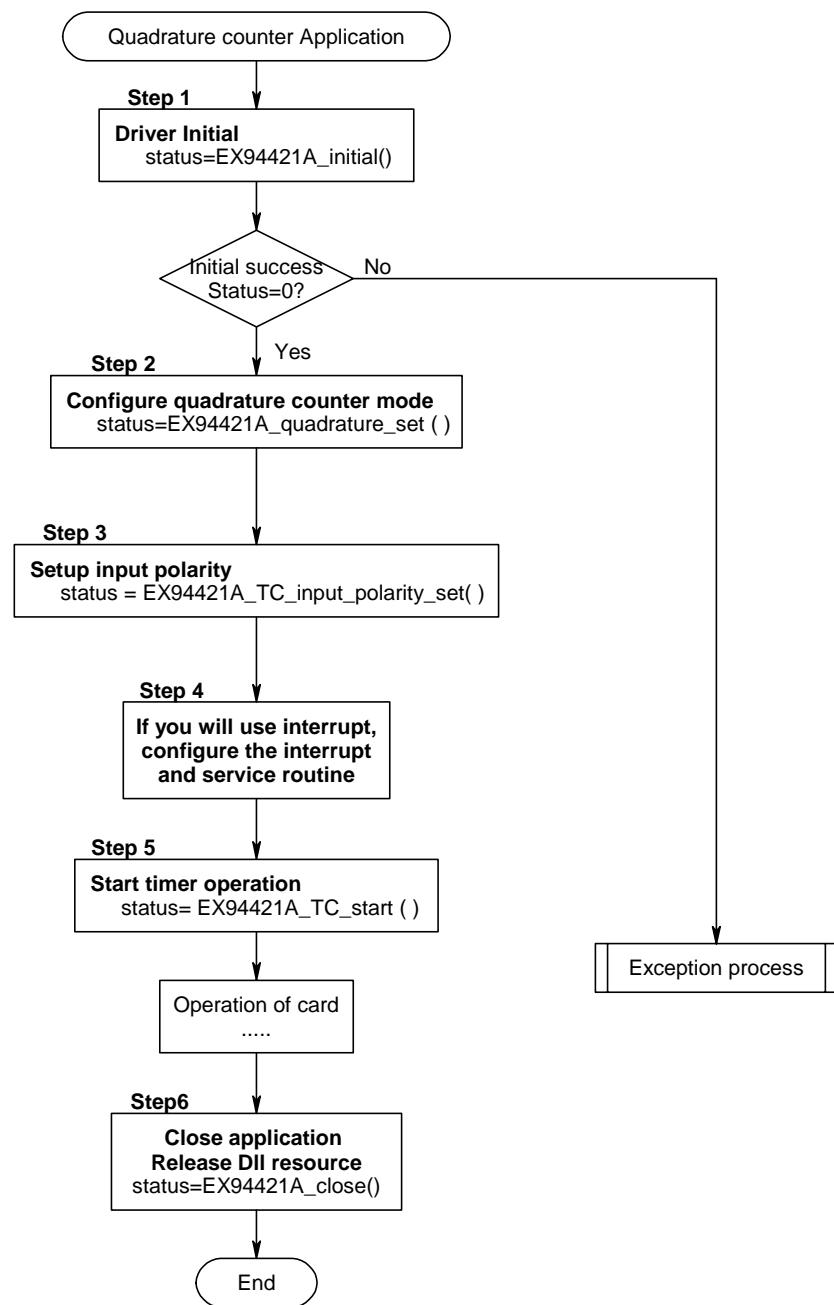
## 6.2 EX-94421A Flow chart of Counter application



### 6.3 EX-94421A Flow chart of PWM application



## 6.4 EX-94421A Flow chart of quadrature counter application



## 7. Dll list

	Function Name	Description
1.	EX94421A_initial()	Card initial.
2.	EX94421A_close()	Card Close.
3.	EX94421A_info()	Read Card Address.
4.	EX94421A_AD_config_set()	Set AD config.
5.	EX94421A_AD_config_read()	Read AD config.
6.	EX94421A_AD_value_read()	Read AD value.
7.	EX94421A_AD_data_read()	Read AD data value.
8.	EX94421A_AD_integral_start()	start AD conversion with integral constant
9.	EX94421A_AD_integral_all_read()	read port integral result of AD conversion data
10.	EX94421A_AD_integral_stop()	stop AD integral conversion
11.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_config_set()	Set port config (input or output)
12.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_config_read()	Read port config (input or output)
13.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_port_set()	Write data to port
14.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_port_read()	Read port data
15.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_point_set()	Write bit of data to port
16.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_point_read()	Read data of a specific point
17.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_debounce_time_set()	Write Ti point debounce time.
18.	EX94421A_TTL_IO_debounce_time_read()	Read debounce time.
19.	EX94421A_timer_set()	setup timer operation mode or update timer
20.	EX94421A_counter_set()	setup counter operation mode or update counter
21.	EX94421A_PWM_set()	setup PWM operation mode or update PWM
22.	EX94421A_quadrature_set()	setup quadrature counter operation mode
23.	EX94421A_TC_start()	start timer/counter/PWM/quadrature counter operation mode
24.	EX94421A_TC_stop()	stop timer/counter/PWM/quadrature counter operation mode
25.	EX94421A_TC_set()	set data to counter/timer register
26.	EX94421A_TC_read()	read data from counter/timer register
27.	EX94421A_TC_input_polarity_set()	Set TC input polarity
28.	EX94421A_TC_input_polarity_read()	Read back TC input polarity setting
29.	EX94421A_TC_output_polarity_set()	Set TC output polarity
30.	EX94421A_TC_output_polarity_read()	Read back TC output polarity setting
31.	EX94421A_IRQ_link_process()	Link process IRQ.
32.	EX94421A_IRQ_enable()	Enable IRQ.
33.	EX94421A_IRQ_disable()	Disable IRQ.
34.	EX94421A_IRQ_mask_set()	Set mask.
35.	EX94421A_IRQ_mask_read()	Read mask.
36.	EX94421A_IRQ_IO_polarity_set()	Set IO polarity.
37.	EX94421A_IRQ_IO_polarity_read()	Read IO polarity.
38.	EX94421A_IRQ_status_read()	Read IRQ status.

## **8. EX-94421A Error codes summary**

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### **8.1 EX-94421A Error codes table**

<b>Error Code</b>	<b>Symbolic Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
0	DRV_NO_ERROR	Success, No error.
2	DRV_INIT_ERROR	Driver initial error
3	DRV_UNLOCK_ERROR	Security unlock failure
4	DRV_LOCK_COUNTER_ERROR	Dead lock, unclock failure more than 10 times
5	SDRV_SET_SECURITY_ERROR	Password overwrite error
100	DEVICE_RW_ERROR	Device Read/Write error
101	DRV_NO_CARD	No EX-94421A card on the system.
102	DRV_DUPLICATE_ID	EX-94421A CardID duplicate error.
104	DRV_PAR_ERROR	Bad parameter or illegal parameter
300	EXDIO_ID_ERROR	Function input parameter error. CardID setting error, CardID doesn't match the DIP/ROTARY SW setting
301	EXAIO_MODE_ERROR	Mode parameter error. Parameter out of range.
302	EXAIO_CHANNEL_ERROR	Channel parameter error. Parameter out of range.
305	EXAIO_CONVERSION_ERROR	Conversion time over. Maybe no hardware or bad hardware.
306	EXAIO_CONVERSION_BUSY	A/D is busy in conversion
400	EXAIO_PORT_ERROR	Port parameter error. Parameter out of range.
401	EXAIO_STATE_ERROR	State parameter error. Parameter out of range.
402	EXAIO_POINT_ERROR	Point parameter error. Parameter out of range.
403	EXAIO_EEPROM_RW_ERROR	Eeprom R/W error
405	EXAIO_CALIBRATION_ERROR	Calibration error. Maybe out of range.
406	EXAIO_TIMERID_ERROR	TimerID parameter error. Parameter out of range.
407	EXAIO_TO_MODE_ERROR	To_mode parameter error. Parameter out of range.
408	EXAIO_TI_MODE_ERROR	Ti_mode parameter error. Parameter out of range.
409	EXAIO_PARAMETER_ERROR	Parameter error. Parameter out of range.
500	EXAIO_EVENT_ERROR	Event error. Maybe no event created.