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# 1 Synchronization with Distributed Clocks (DC)

DC clock synchronization enables all EtherCAT devices (master and slaves) to share the same EtherCAT System Time.

A “DC-slave” is defined as slave who shall be synchronized by means of distributed clocks. During network start-up several steps have to be performed by the EC-Master to set-up a consistent time base in all DC-slaves:

- Initial propagation delay measurement and compensation (ETG.8000)
- Offset compensation (ETG.8000)
- Set start time (ETG.8000)
- After network start-up: continuous drift compensation (ETG.8000)
- The Master must synchronize itself on the reference clock (ETG.1020) -> DCM

Reference:

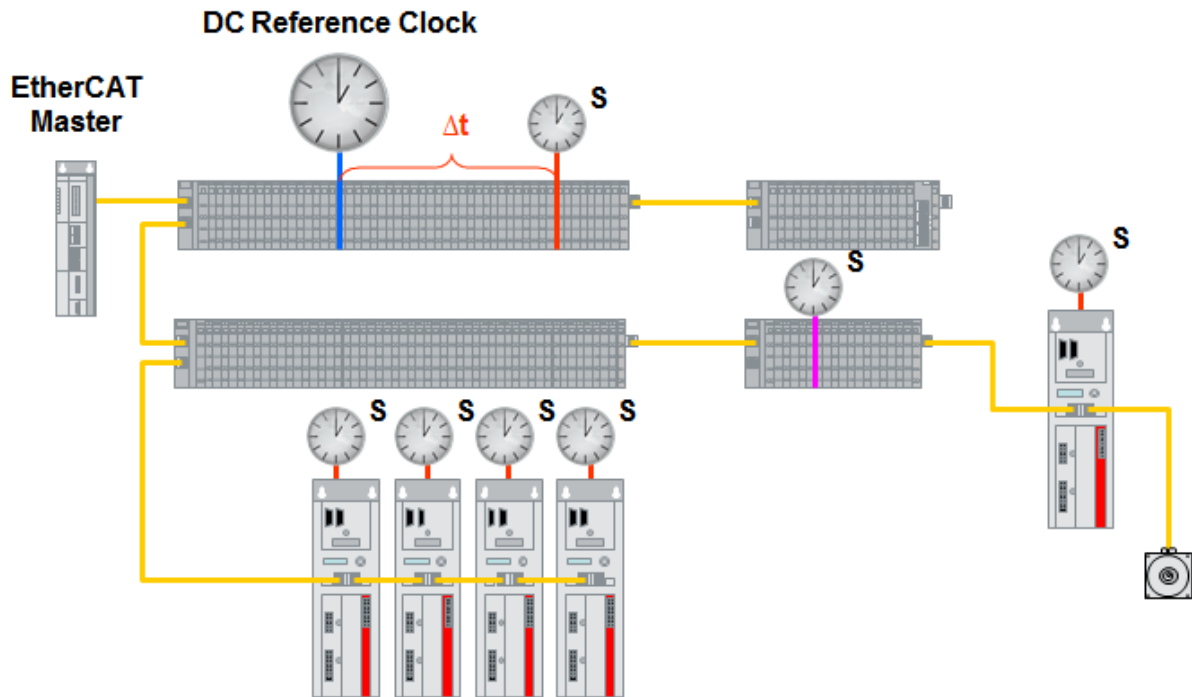
- ETG.1000.3 and ETG.1000.4
- ETG.1020 -> Synchronization
- ETG.8000 -> Distributed Clocks

## 1.1 Technical overview

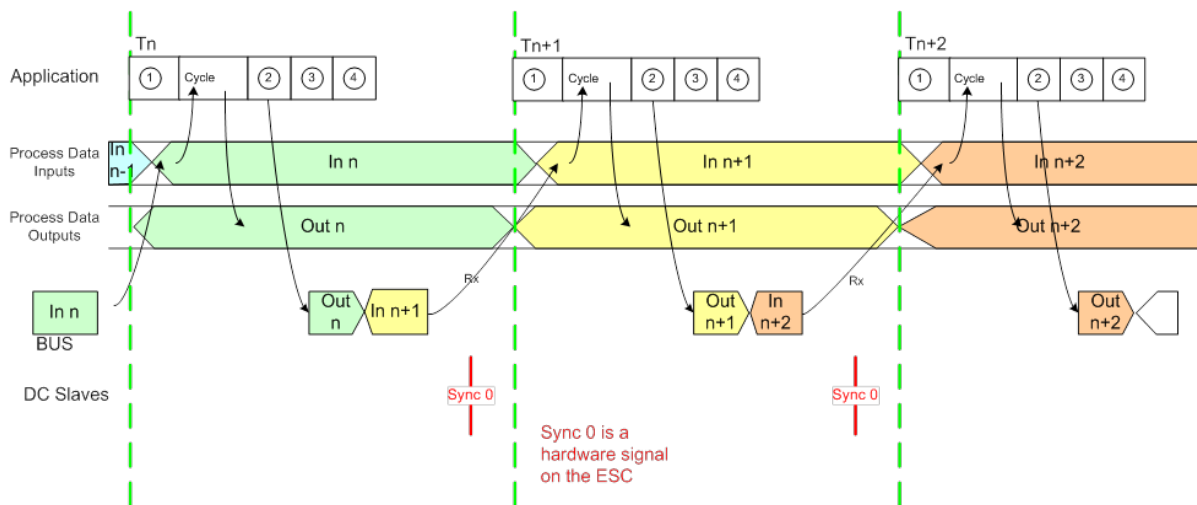
### 1.1.1 Support slaves and topologies

EC-Master supports all currently existing slave types and possible topologies:

- Slaves with 32 bit or 64 bit system time register (0x0910)
- Reference Clock with 32 bit or 64 bit system time register (0x0910)
- Reference Clock as first slave (auto increment address 0) or in the middle. Only slaves behind the reference clock could be synchronized.
- Drift compensation with 32 bit or 64 bit ARMW command in the cyclic frame
- Topologies: Line, Daisy chain, Daisy chain with drop lines, tree structure, star topology with EK1122 junctions



### 1.1.2 Typical Bus Timing



### 1.1.3 Implementation Details

The generation of Sync impulses is started after initialization and sending of 10000 FRMW frames which are required to bring slaves initially into sync. After this FRMW generation a grace period of 50 ms under real-time OSES is used and 500 ms using Windows is configured before start of cyclic operation of slaves, which causes the Sync impulse generation delayed by this grace period.

Initial propagation delay measurement and offset compensation commands are not part of the ENI file. The ARMW command for drift compensation is part of the cyclic frame.

### 1.1.4 Slaves in sync

Slaves in sync means that the system time difference of all DC slaves do not exceed a configured limit. Out of sync is detected individually and immediately for each slaves.

The master awaits that the slaves are in sync in Master state transition INIT->PREOP. Therefore the master state transition may timeout if the slaves do not get in sync.

Due to technology the slaves are always getting in sync as long as there is no error in setup. In order to detect system time difference exceeding, *Sync Window Monitoring* is used.

### 1.1.5 Sync Window Monitoring

Sync Window Monitoring must be explicitly enabled in configuration.

The system time difference exceeding detection in Sync Window Monitoring uses a deviation limit and a settle time and is issued continuously with configured commands (Ado 0x092C) in cyclic frames.

In sync is assumed if there is no violation of the system time difference limit (for all DC slaves!) detected within the settle time. The deviation limit (`dwDevLimit`) and settle time (`dwSettleTime`) can be configured using `emDc-Configure()`.

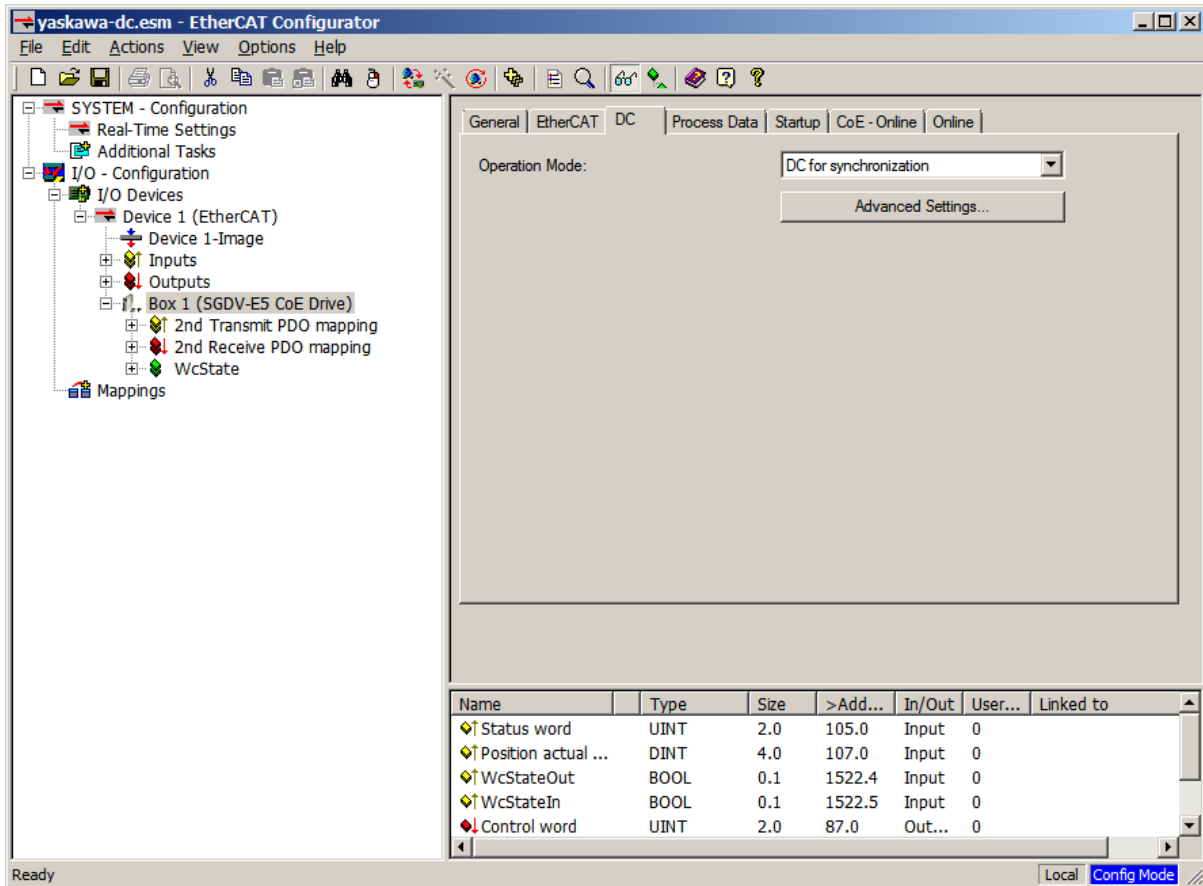
If the configuration only contains the cyclic commands for SAFE-OP or OP (e.g. ET9000) the master queues acyclic datagrams (Ado 0x092C) for system time difference measurement.

If there are at less than two DC slaves on bus (e.g. if the reference clock is the only DC slave on bus), Sync Window Monitoring is skipped. If it is skipped, because it is not enabled in configuration or there are less than two DC slaves on bus, slaves are immediately considered in sync.

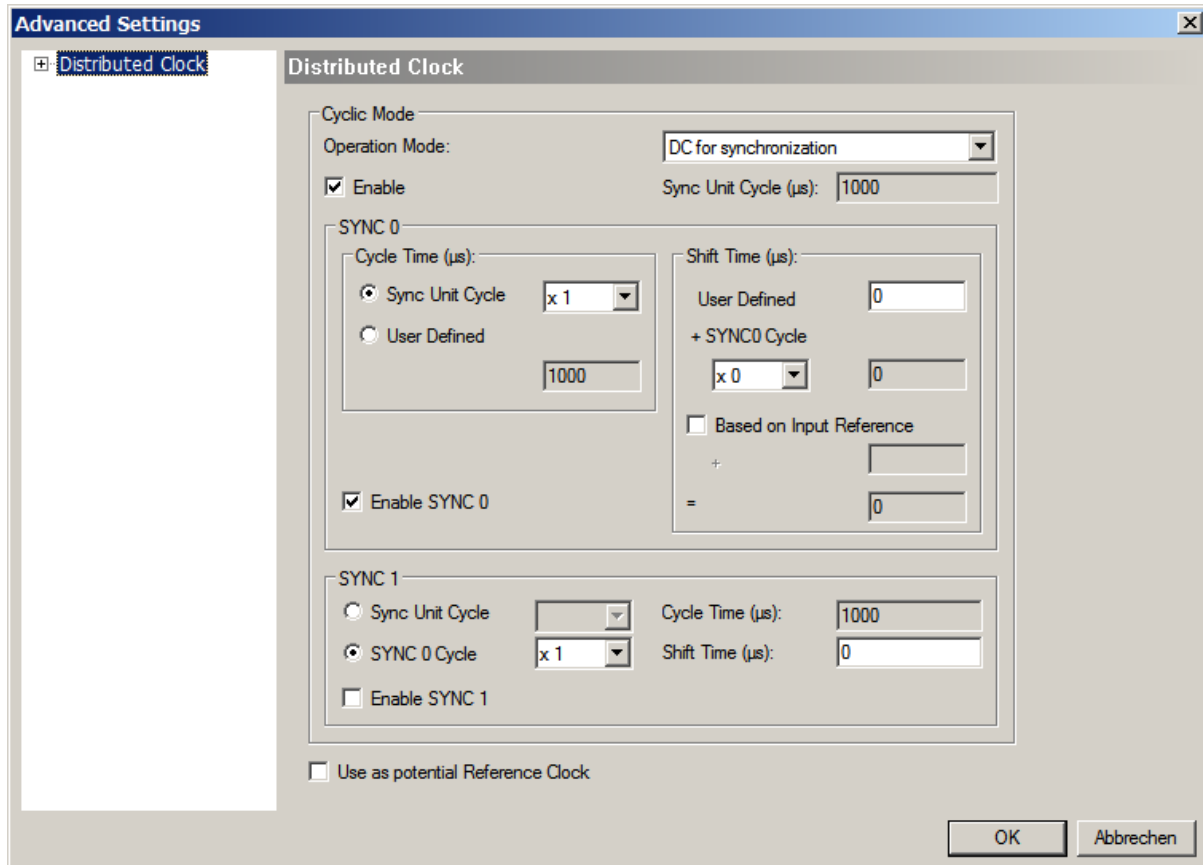
## 1.2 Configuration with ET-9000

### 1.2.1 Enable “DC Mode” for slave

If a slave supports DC, an additional tab in ET9000 appears.



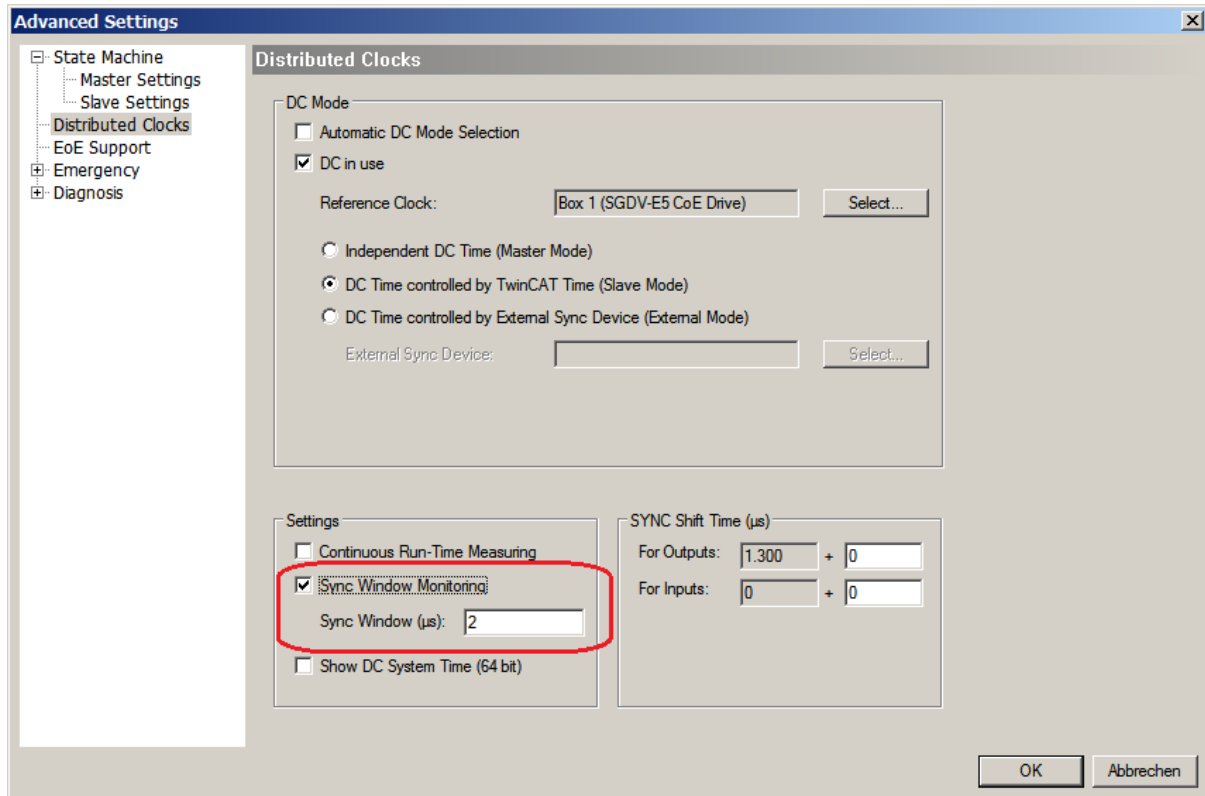
In the “Advanced Settings” additional slave specific parameters may be set. By default the cycle time for “SYNC 0” is equal to the bus cycle time (Sync Unit Cycle).



## 1.2.2 Enable Sync Window Monitoring for master

By enabling the option “Sync Window Monitoring” in the “Advanced Settings” of the master, the EtherCAT configurator will insert a command (datagram) in the cyclic frame to read the ESC registers 0x092C. If this is selected the master will throw the notification *emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC*.

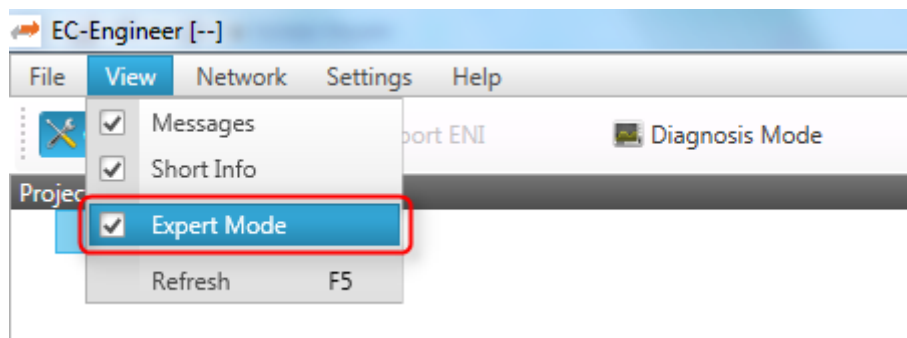




### 1.3 Configuration with EC-Engineer

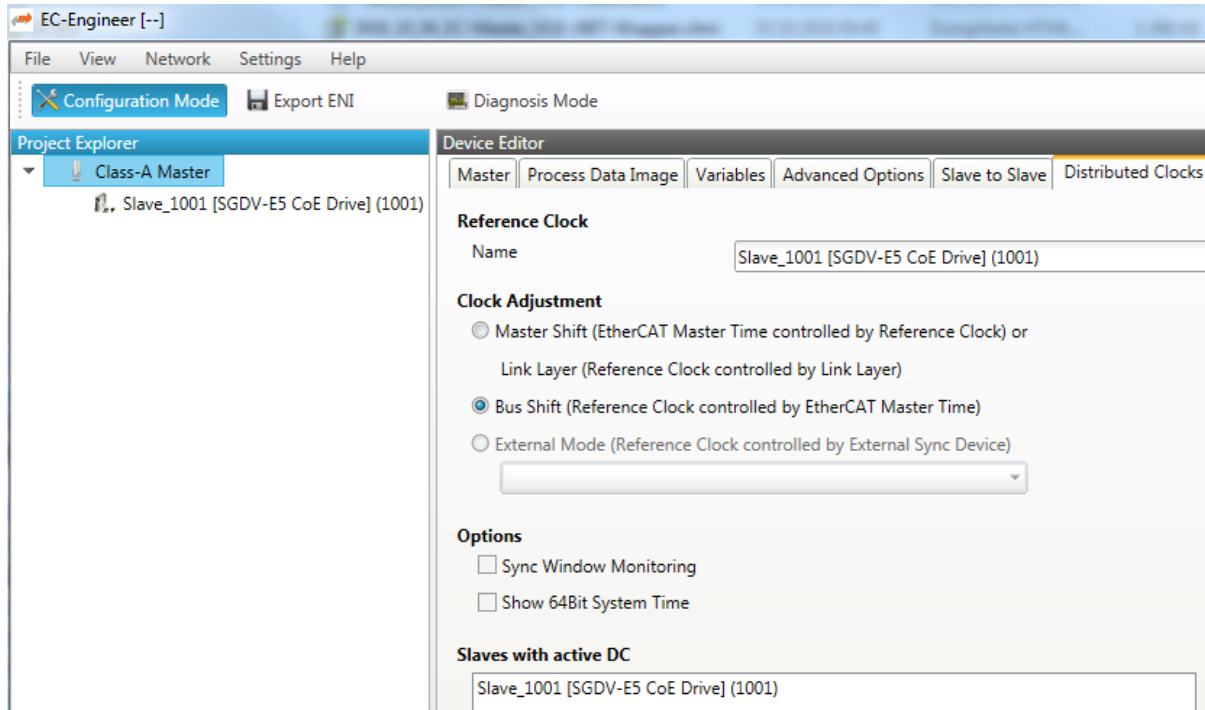
The EC-Engineer automatically chooses the DC settings for slaves as proposed by the device’s vendor and sets DCM mode to bus shift.

The settings can be changed according to the project’s needs. DC options are part of the EC-Engineer Expert Mode. The Expert Mode can be activated from the menu:



### 1.3.1 Distributed Clocks Master settings (Expert)

In this tab, the user can change distributed clocks related settings. The tab is only available if the configuration contains slaves.

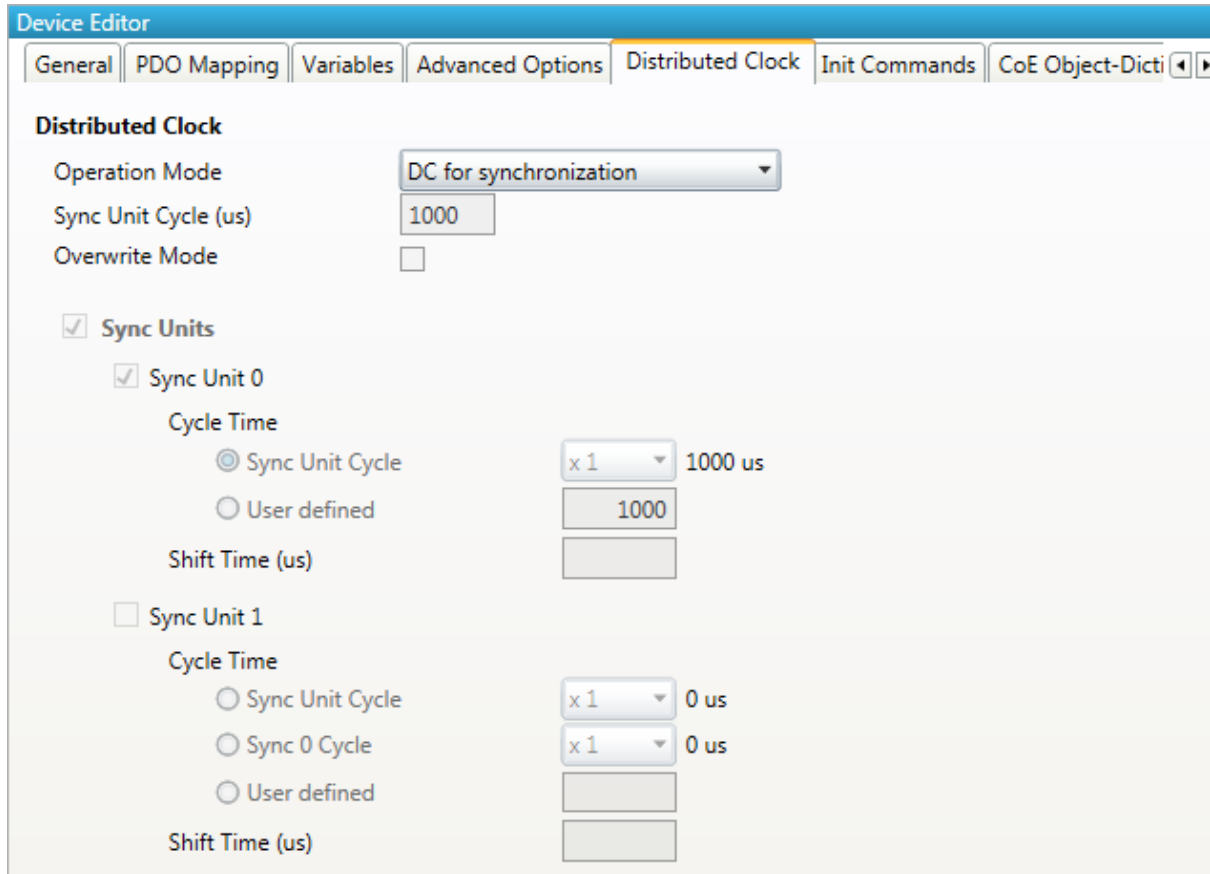


- Reference Clock Name: Name of the reference clock. By default, this is the first slave with DC support.
- Master Shift: The reference clock controls the Master time
- Bus Shift: The Master time controls the reference clock. A command will be inserted in the Cyclic frame to adjust the reference clock system time (write to register 0x0910).
- Continuous Propagation Compensation: A command will be inserted in the Cyclic frame which allows the EtherCAT master to measure and compensate the propagation delay time by time.
- Sync Window Monitoring: A command will be inserted in the cyclic frame to read the ESC registers 0x092C. If this is selected the master will throw a notification.
- Show 64Bit System Time: Master supports slaves with 32bit and 64bit system time register (0x0910). If this is selected he will interpret it as 64bit system time.

**Note:** If no reference clock is displayed, please ensure at least one slave in the network is configured for DC operation mode *Distributed Clocks Slave settings (Expert)*

### 1.3.2 Distributed Clocks Slave settings (Expert)

In this tab, the user can change distributed clocks related settings. The tab is only available if the device's vendor specified the DC usage. Sync signal generation or DC latching is selected automatically according to Operation Mode.



**Device Editor**

General | PDO Mapping | Variables | Advanced Options | **Distributed Clock** | Init Commands | CoE Object-Dicti

**Distributed Clock**

Operation Mode: DC for synchronization

Sync Unit Cycle (us): 1000

Overwrite Mode:

Sync Units

Sync Unit 0

Cycle Time

Sync Unit Cycle: x 1 1000 us

User defined: 1000

Shift Time (us):

Sync Unit 1

Cycle Time

Sync Unit Cycle: x 1 0 us

Sync 0 Cycle: x 1 0 us

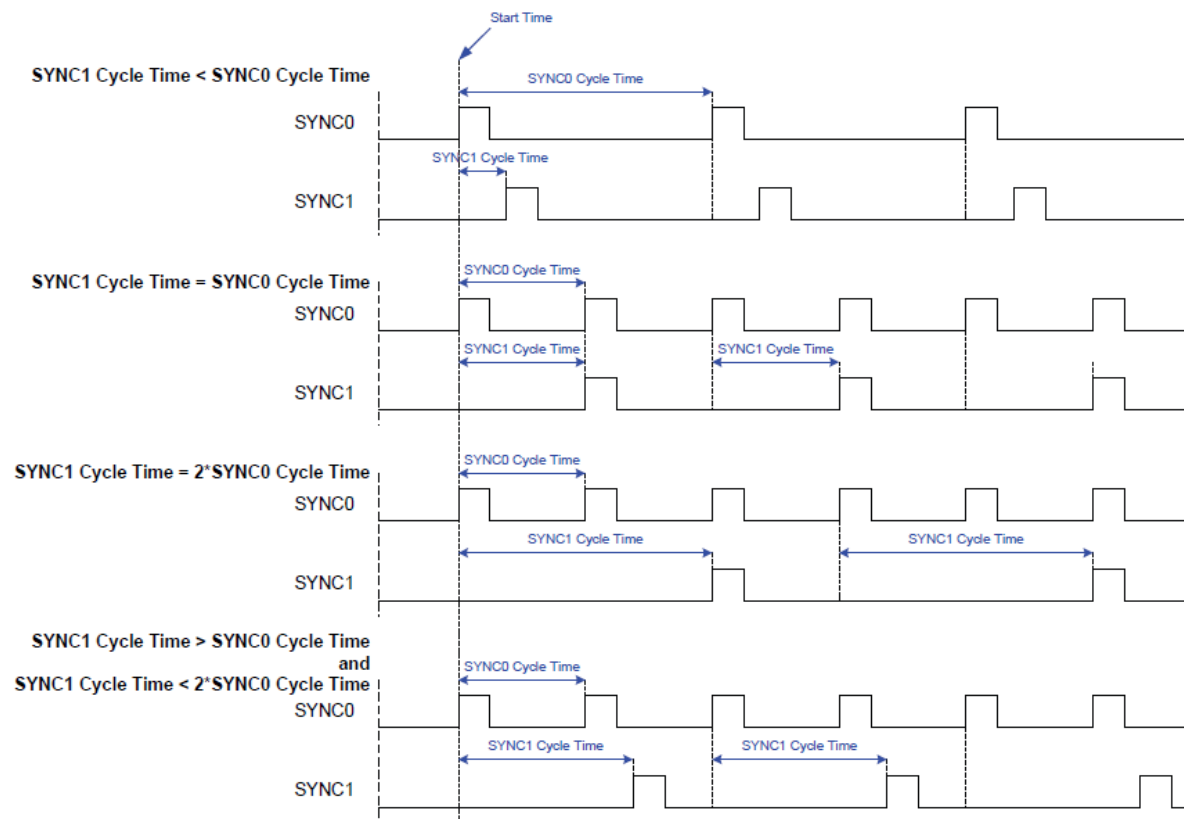
User defined:

Shift Time (us):

- Operation Mode: Selectable DC operation modes. The modes cannot be edited.
- Sync Unit Cycle: Base interval in microseconds which will be used from master. The Sync Units can be activated and configured to generate signals.

**See also:**

SyncSignal Generation in the ET1100 Datasheet for time describing



## 1.4 Programmer's Guide

### 1.4.1 emDcConfigure

```
static EC_T_DWORD ecatDcConfigure (struct _EC_T_DC_CONFIGURE *pDcConfigure)
```

```
EC_T_DWORD emDcConfigure (  
    EC_T_DWORD dwInstanceID,  
    EC_T_DC_CONFIGURE *pDcConfigure  
)
```

Configure the distributed clocks.

- Set the DC synchronization settling time ([ms]).
- Set the DC slave limit for the wire or'ed clock deviation value. This value determines whether the slave clocks are synchronized or not.
- Configure the ARMW burst frames to compensate the static deviations of the clock speeds.

#### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pDcConfigure** – [in] Configuration parameter a pointer to a structure of type *EC\_T\_DC\_CONFIGURE*.

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

struct **EC\_T\_DC\_CONFIGURE**

### Public Members

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwClntId**

[in] Reserved

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwTimeout**

[in] Timeout [ms] for the DC initialization in which time offsets and propagation delays are evaluated.

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwDevLimit**

[in] Maximum permissible deviation of the individual slave clock and the DC reference clock. The maximum deviation is determined by wire or'ed the deviations of the individual slave clocks with one another. The check against the limit is only active if "Sync Window Monitoring" is set in the configuration tool (EC Engineer), which generates a BRD command to read the slave register 0x092C in every cycle. The limit is calculated as follows:

$2^n - 1$  ns, e.g. a dwDevLimit of 4 corresponds to 14 ns.

A value of 0 disables the "Sync Window Monitoring"

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwSettleTime**

[in] Settle time [ms]. At the beginning of the synchronization the slave clocks oscillate strongly. To prevent multiple in-sync and out-of-sync notifications from being generated, a settling time can be set in which no notifications are generated.

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwTotalBurstLength**

[in] Overall amount of burst frames sent. Default 10000.

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwBurstBulk**

[in] Amount of burst frames per cycle during initialization burst. Default 12.

**EC\_T\_BOOL bBulkInLinkLayer**

[in] If EC\_TRUE, bulk is realized by link layer, otherwise by master. The MAC needs to support the frame repeating function. In this case the link layer will repeat the DC burst frames itself, reducing the hardware accesses of the master to the MAC.

**EC\_T\_BOOL bAcycDistributionDisabled**

[in] If EC\_TRUE, acyclic distribution is disabled

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwDcStartTimeGrid**

[in] Time grid [ns] to align DC start time. With the help of the grid, several EtherCAT networks can be synchronized without a random shift value between the SYNC signals.

**EC\_T\_BOOL bDcInitBeforeSlaveStateChange**

[in] If EC\_TRUE, DC is initialized before slaves state change to PREOP

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwReserved[4]**

[in/out] Reserved

### See also:

Chapter "Drift Compensation" of the ETG Document "ESC Datasheet Section 1 - Technology"

## 1.4.2 emDcIsEnabled

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcIsEnabled** (EC\_T\_BOOL \*pbDcIsEnabled)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcIsEnabled** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID, EC\_T\_BOOL \*pbDcIsEnabled)

Determines if DC is enabled and used.

### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pbDcIsEnabled** – [out] EC\_TRUE if DC is enabled

### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 1.4.3 emGetBusTime

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatGetBusTime** (EC\_T\_UINT64 \*pqwBusTime)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emGetBusTime** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID, EC\_T\_UINT64 \*pqwBusTime)

This function returns the actual bus time in nanoseconds.

### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pqwBusTime** – [out] Bus time [ns]

### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 1.4.4 emDcContDelayCompEnable

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcContDelayCompEnable** (EC\_T\_VOID)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcContDelayCompEnable** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID)

Enable the continuous propagation delay compensation.

Calling this function generate a propagation delay measurement every 30s. The result of the measurement is used to correct the propagation delay values on the bus.

### Parameters

**dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)

### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 1.4.5 emDcContDelayCompDisable

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcContDelayCompDisable** (EC\_T\_VOID)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcContDelayCompDisable** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID)

Disable the continuous propagation delay compensation.

### Parameters

**dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)

### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 1.4.6 emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC\_STATUS\_GET

Get the last generated *emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC* notification.

### emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC\_STATUS\_GET

#### Parameter

- *pbyInBuf*: [in] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- *dwInBufSize*: [in] Should be set to 0
- *pbyOutBuf*: [out] Pointer to EC\_T\_DC\_SYNC\_NTIFY\_DESC data type
- *dwOutBufSize*: [in] Size of the output buffer in bytes
- *pdwNumOutData*: [out] Pointer to EC\_T\_DWORD. Amount of bytes written to the output buffer *pbyOutBuf*

#### Return

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

#### See also:

*emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC* describes *EC\_T\_DC\_SYNC\_NTIFY\_DESC*

## 1.4.7 emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_SETSYNCSTARTOFFSET

Set the safety offset applied to the “set DC start time” *InitCmd* during the PS transition.

### emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_SETSYNCSTARTOFFSET

#### Parameter

- *pbyInBuf*: [in] Pointer to EC\_T\_DC\_STARTCYCSAFETY\_DESC data type
- *dwInBufSize*: [in] Size of the input buffer provided at *pbyInBuf* in bytes.
- *pbyOutBuf*: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- *dwOutBufSize*: [in] Should be set to 0
- *pdwNumOutData*: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

#### Return

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

struct **EC\_T\_DC\_STARTCYCSAFETY\_DESC**

#### Public Members

EC\_T\_DWORD **dwStartCycSafetyLo**  
[in] Start SYNC Cyc Safety [ns] Lower 32 Bit

EC\_T\_DWORD **dwStartCycSafetyHi**  
[in] Start SYNC Cyc Safety [ns] Upper 32 Bit

Default: 50000000ns

## 1.4.8 emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_FIRST\_DC\_SLV\_AS\_REF\_CLOCK

Enable or disable the usage of the first DC slave on bus overriding the configured reference clock.

### emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_FIRST\_DC\_SLV\_AS\_REF\_CLOCK

#### Parameter

- pbyInBuf: [in] pointer to EC\_T\_BOOL. EC\_FALSE: disable, EC\_TRUE: enable.
- dwInBufSize: [in] Size of the input buffer provided at pbyInBuf in bytes.
- pbyOutBuf: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- dwOutBufSize: [in] Should be set to 0
- pdwNumOutData: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

#### Return

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 1.4.9 emFindInpVarByName - “Inputs.BusTime”

The DC system time (written to ESC register 0x0910) is part of the process data with name “Inputs.BusTime”.

```
static EC_T_DWORD ecatFindInpVarByName (
    const EC_T_CHAR *szVariableName,
    EC_T_PROCESS_VAR_INFO *pProcessVarInfoEntry
)
EC_T_DWORD emFindInpVarByName (
    EC_T_DWORD dwInstanceID,
    const EC_T_CHAR *szVariableName,
    EC_T_PROCESS_VAR_INFO *pProcessVarInfoEntry
)
```

#### See also:

*emFindInpVarByName ()* in the [EC-Master Class B](#) documentation

## 1.4.10 emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_ENABLE\_ALL\_DC\_SLV

Enable or disable the usage of DC at all supporting slaves on bus overriding the configured settings. Perhaps *emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_FIRST\_DC\_SLV\_AS\_REF\_CLOCK* is necessary to set the reference clock at an allowed position.

### emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DC\_ENABLE\_ALL\_DC\_SLV

#### Parameter

- pbyInBuf: [in] pointer to EC\_T\_BOOL. EC\_FALSE: disable, EC\_TRUE: enable.
- dwInBufSize: [in] Size of the input buffer provided at pbyInBuf in bytes.
- pbyOutBuf: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- dwOutBufSize: [in] Should be set to 0
- pdwNumOutData: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

#### Return

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code



### 1.4.11 emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_REFCLOCK\_PRESENCE

Distributed clocks reference clock presence notification. It will be received before *emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC* as soon as reference clock was found on bus or removed from bus.

This notification is disabled by default.

#### emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_REFCLOCK\_PRESENCE

##### Parameter

- pbyInBuf: [in] pointer to notification descriptor EC\_T\_REFCLOCK\_PRESENCE\_NOTIFY\_DESC
- dwInBufSize: [in] sizeof(EC\_T\_REFCLOCK\_PRESENCE\_NOTIFY\_DESC)
- pbyOutBuf: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- dwOutBufSize: [in] Should be set to 0
- pdwNumOutData: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

struct EC\_T\_REFCLOCK\_PRESENCE\_NOTIFY\_DESC

##### Public Members

EC\_T\_BOOL **bPresent**  
[in] Reference clock present

EC\_T\_SLAVE\_PROP **SlaveProp**  
[in] Slave properties

##### See also:

emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_SET\_NOTIFICATION\_ENABLED in the [EC-Master Class B](#) documentation for how to control the activation

### 1.4.12 emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_STATUS

Distributed clocks status notification. It will be received after *emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC* as soon as DC is initialized or topology change was done. After topology was changed it may be received without *emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC* if slaves did not get out of sync.

If EC\_E\_NOERROR is returned and window monitoring is enabled, all slaves are in SYNC

#### emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_STATUS

##### Parameter

- pbyInBuf: [in] Pointer to EC\_T\_DWORD (EC\_E\_NOERROR on success, Error code otherwise)
- dwInBufSize: [in] sizeof(EC\_T\_DWORD)
- pbyOutBuf: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- dwOutBufSize: [in] Should be set to 0
- pdwNumOutData: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

**See also:**

emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_SET\_NOTIFICATION\_ENABLED in the [EC-Master Class B](#) documentation for how to control the deactivation

### 1.4.13 emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC

DC slave synchronization notification. Every time the slaves are coming in sync or getting out of sync the clients will be notified here. The notification is raised in any case if any DC slaves are configured. Slaves can only be out of sync if *Sync Window Monitoring* is enabled otherwise they are considered in sync

This notification is enabled by default.

#### emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC

##### Parameter

- pbyInBuf: [in] pointer to notification descriptor EC\_T\_DC\_SYNC\_NOTIFY\_DESC
- dwInBufSize: [in] sizeof(EC\_T\_DC\_SYNC\_NOTIFY\_DESC)
- pbyOutBuf: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- dwOutBufSize: [in] Should be set to 0
- pdwNumOutData: [out] Should be set to EC\_NULL

struct **EC\_T\_DC\_SYNC\_NOTIFY\_DESC**

##### Public Members

###### EC\_T\_DWORD **IsInSync**

[in] EC\_TRUE : Wire or'ed deviation value meets limit requirements. EC\_FALSE: Wire or'ed deviation value does not meet limit requirements. The limit is set by ecatDcConfigure()

###### EC\_T\_DWORD **IsNegative**

[in] EC\_TRUE : deviation value is negative EC\_FALSE: deviation value is positive

###### EC\_T\_DWORD **dwDeviation**

[in] Wire or'ed deviation value [ns] in case of in sync

###### EC\_T\_SLAVE\_PROP **SlaveProp**

[in] Slave properties in case of out of sync

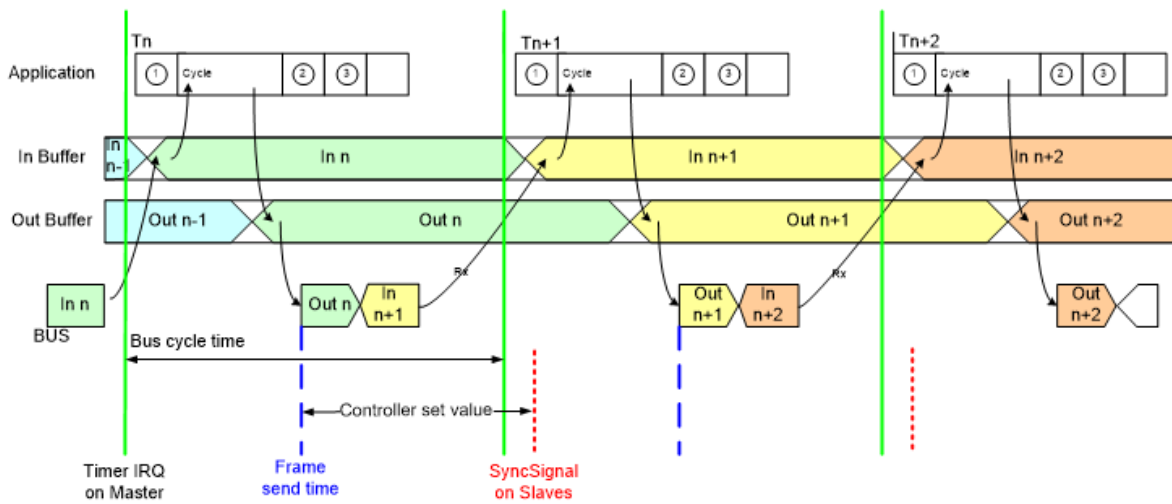
**See also:**

- [emDcConfigure\(\)](#)
- emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_SET\_NOTIFICATION\_ENABLED in the [EC-Master Class B](#) documentation for how to control the deactivation

## 2 Master synchronization (DCM)

In applications like motion control it is necessary that process data update and the slave SYNC pulses are correlated in timely behavior, because otherwise the SYNC Interrupt (on slave) used to apply new process data to the application would use new data on some slaves and old data on some other in case the current cyclic datagram (which updates process data) is on the flow during the SYNC Interrupt is raised on all slaves at the same time.

The Distributed Clocks Master Synchronization (DCM) provides a controller mechanism to synchronize the process data update and the SYNC pulse in slaves.



The DC Master synchronization (DCM) in BusShift mode adjusts the bus time register of the DC reference clock. All the DC slaves converge to this time. This mode is useful to synchronize multiple EtherCAT busses or if adjustment of Master timer is not possible.

Features:

- PI drift controller
- Automatic timer adjustment error determination (I controller)

### 2.1 Technical overview

#### 2.1.1 DCM Modes

The following DCM Modes are available:

Name	Purpose
BusShift	Synchronize slaves to master timer (Default)
MasterShift	Synchronize master timer to slave. Feasibility depending on target HW and SW.
LinkLayer-RefClock	Bus Shift using Link Layer clock. Special HW needed.
MasterRef-Clock	Bus Shift excluding reference clock controlling. Lowers CPU usages, but very high timer accuracy needed.
DCX	Synchronization of two or more EtherCAT segments by a bridge device. Only available with Feature Pack External Synchronization.

**See also:***emDcmConfigure()*

## 2.1.2 Sync signal activation

The sync signals are activated during transition PREOP - SAFEOP according to Init Command (Ado 0x0980, 0x0990, 0x09A0, 0x09A8).

## 2.1.3 DCM in sync

DCM in sync means that the synchronization between the send time of the cyclic frames and the system time of the reference clock was successful.

The master awaits that DCM is in sync in Master state transition PREOP->SAFEOP. Therefore the master state transition may timeout if DCM does not get in sync. Due to the Master's DC implementation, DCM may get in sync in transition INIT->PREOP.

In sync is assumed if there is no error reported from the DCM controller within the settle time or if there is no DC slave connected.

## 2.1.4 Controller adjustment

To adjust the controller parameters the diagnostic values in file dcmlog0.0.csv can be used. The generation of logging information can be enabled setting `bLogEnabled` to `EC_TRUE` with the function *emDcmConfigure()*

Controller log file description:

Column name	Description
Time[ms]	Controller execution timestamp
SyncSetVal [ns]	Controller set value (distance between frame send time and SYNC0)
BusTime [ns]	System Time
BusTimeOff	System Time modulo Sync Cycle Time
CtlAdj [ns]	Controller adjust value
CtlErr [ns]	Controller error (EC_T_DCM_SYNC_NTIFY_DESC.nCtlErrorNsecCur)
CtlErrFilt	Filtered controller error
Drift [ppm]	Drift between local clock and DC reference clock
CtlErr [1/10 pmil]	
CtlOutSum	
CtlOutTot	
DCStartTime	DC start time send to the slaves to activate their SYNC signals
DCMErrorCode	Current error code of the DCM controller (same value as returned by <i>emDcmGet-Status</i> )
DCMInSync	Current InSync state of the DCM controller
DCInSync	Current InSync state of the DC slaves
SystemTimeDifference [ns]	Current system time difference of the DC slave if monitoring is enabled

Log file analyze: To understand how the controller values correlates the following table can helps.

Controller error	Drift	Reference-Clock	Output
Positive	Must decrease	Must run faster	Double cycle time
Negative	Must increase	Must run slower	Half cycle time

The DCM Controller reacts if the controller error is positive or negative. E.g. on a positive controller error (CtlErr) the drift is too high and has to be decreased. Therefore the controller will speed up the reference clock.

In some case the drift is too high (EcMasterDemoDc shows error messages) and cannot be balanced by the controller. This holds if the drift is higher than about 400ppm.

Diagram 1: Bus offset in nanoseconds

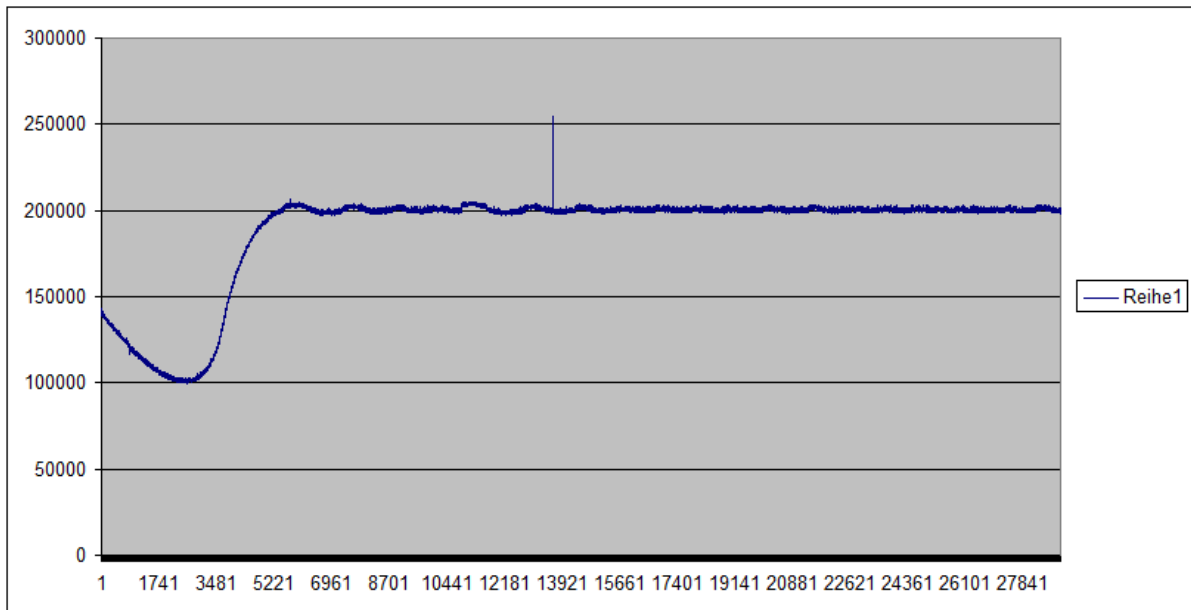


Diagram 2: Drift in ppm (part per million)

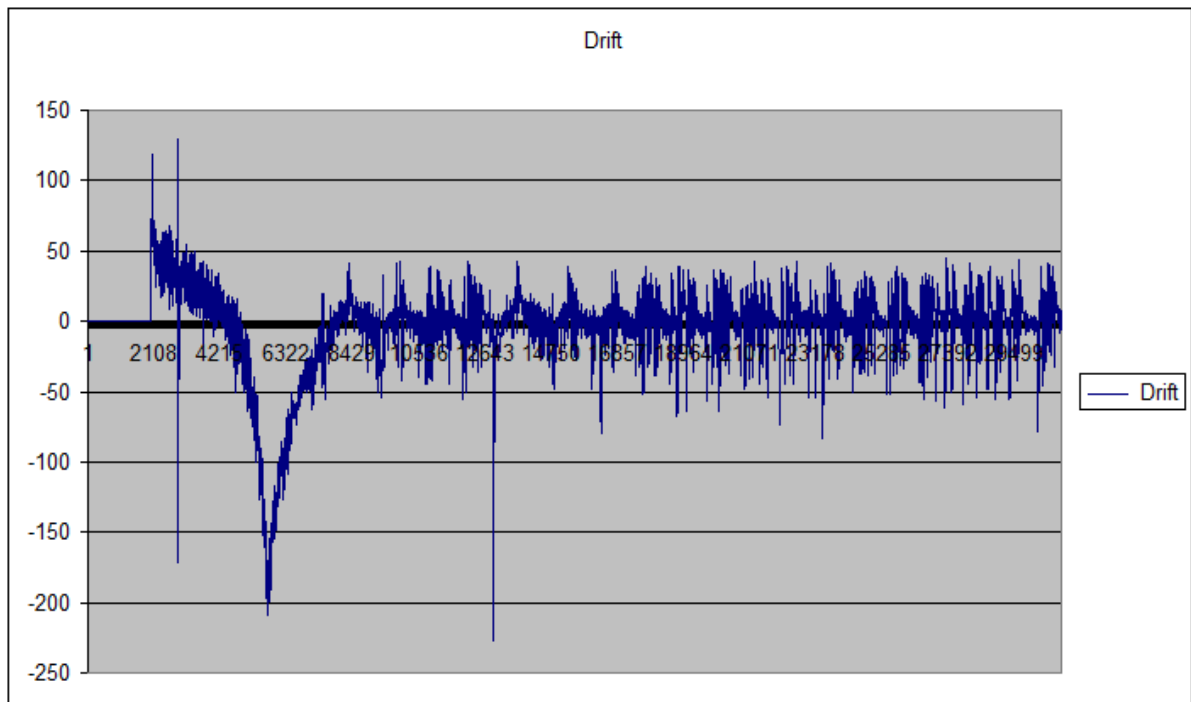


Diagram 3: Controller error in nanoseconds

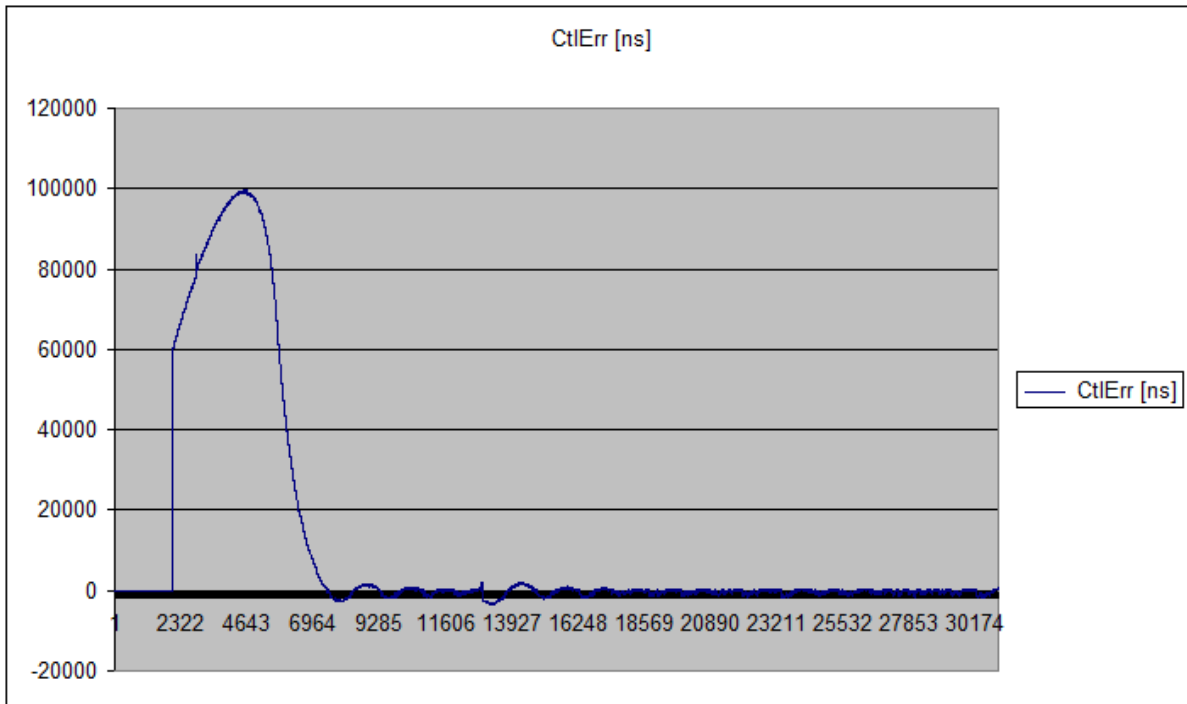
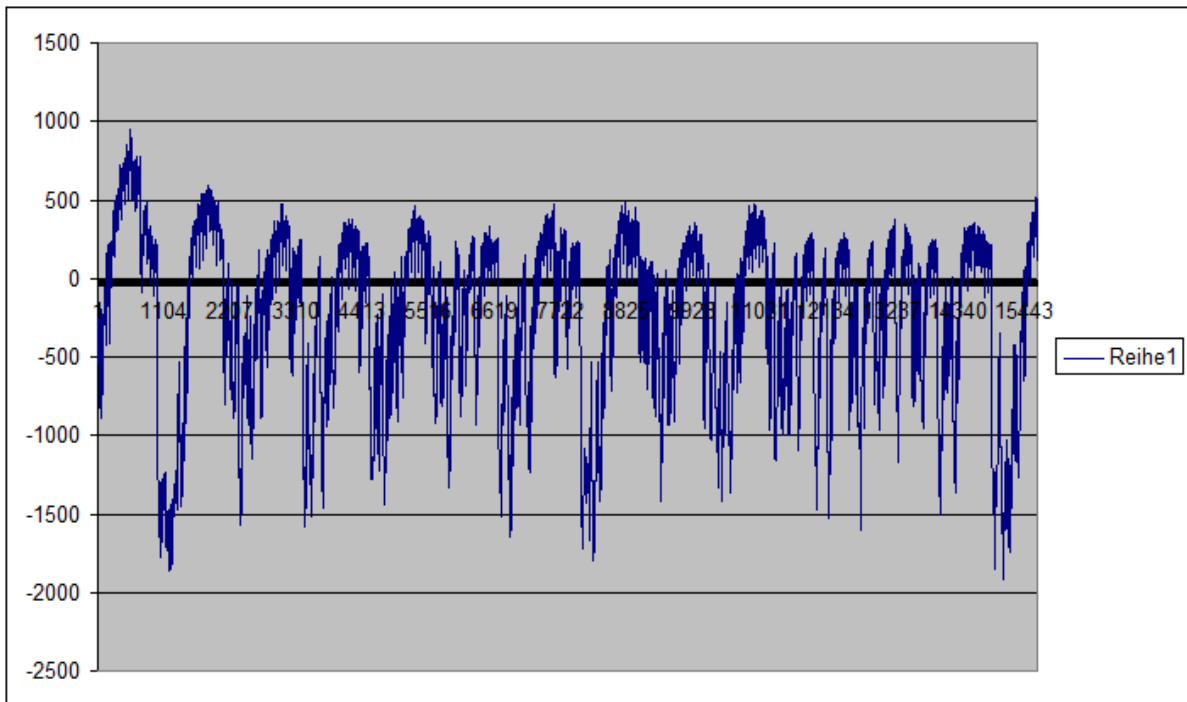


Diagram 4: Controller error in steady state in nanoseconds



Troubleshooting:

DCM BusShift needs a very deterministic and accurate time base.

The following statements have to be true:

- The timer input frequency must be determined with an accuracy greater than 600 ppm (333333 Hz vs 333000 Hz. E.g. at 1 ms, the cycle time must be between 999.400 µs and 1000.600 µs)
- The timer frequency must never change after the application start

On a PC platform the following settings have to be disabled in the BIOS. Be sure that these settings are really applied.

- System management interrupt
- Legacy USB support
- Intel C-STATE tech
- Intel Speedstep tech
- Spread Spectrum

### 2.1.5 DCM Master Shift mode

In this mode, the local time base will be adjusted to synchronize it with the network “bus time”. The following function pointers have to be implemented to enable the adjustment:

```
EC_T_OS_PARMS::pfHwTimerGetInputFrequency
```

```
EC_T_OS_PARMS::pfHwTimerModifyInitialCount
```

The master shift must not be enabled in the ENI file because it doesn't need any cyclic command. This mode can be activate using *emDcmConfigure()*

### 2.1.6 DCM Master Ref Clock mode

The DCM Master Ref Clock mode is similar to the bus shift mode, without its control loop. This reduces the CPU load and makes it a good alternative for low performance CPU. Because of the missing control loop, the reaction time on disturbance is longer and the cycle must be very accurate.

The bus shift time must be enabled in the ENI file because it use the same cyclic command to synchronize the EtherCAT network with master system This mode can be activate using *emDcmConfigure()*

### 2.1.7 DCM Linklayer Ref Clock mode

In this mode the link layer should provide the time base for the cyclic frames. `EC_LINKIOCTL_GETTIME` will be called during the DC initialization to initialize the DC related registers of the DC slaves and during the slave transition PREOP to SAFEOP to start the DC SYNC signals if needed.

`EC_LINKIOCTL_GETTIME` should return the current 64 bits value in nanosecond of a time counter running continuously.

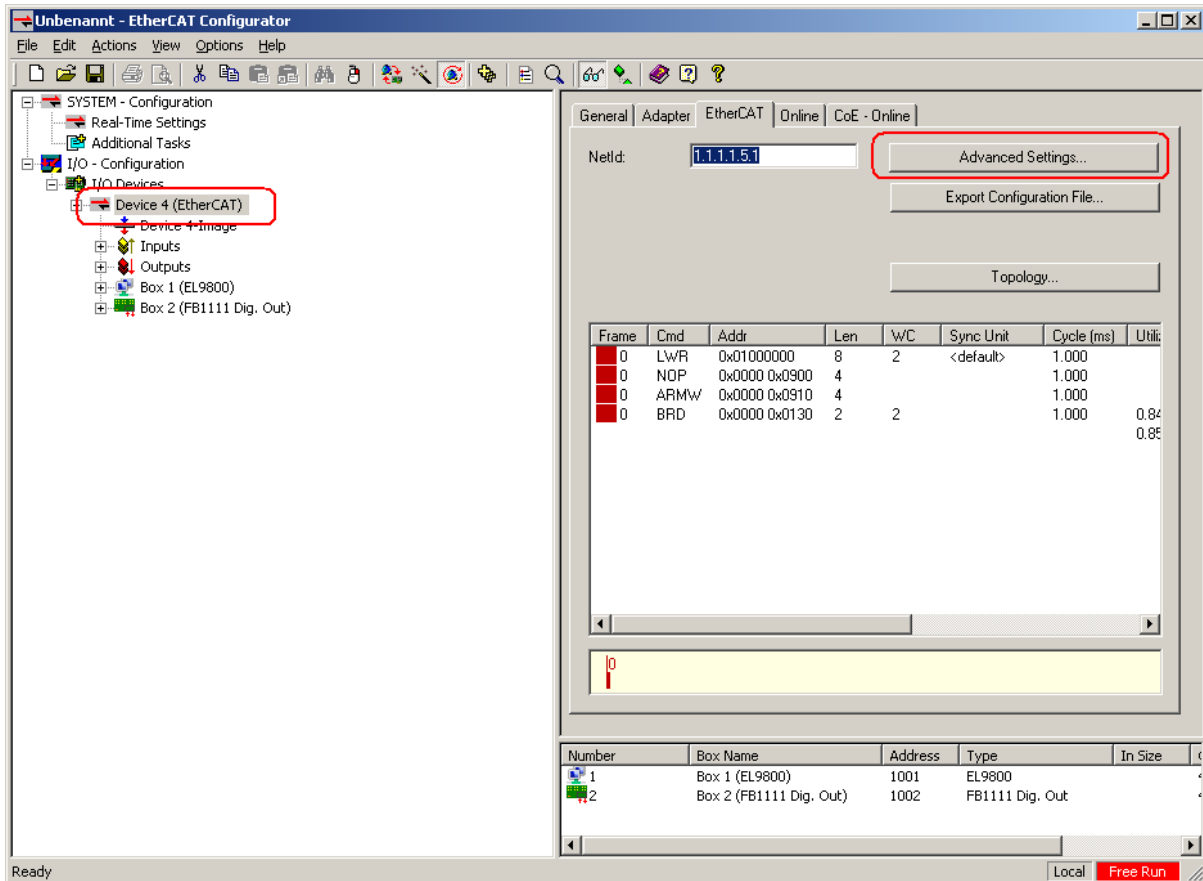
During the call to `EcLinkSendFrame`, the link layer should insert the send time of the frame following the instruction given by `EC_T_LINK_FRAMEDESC::wTimestampOffset` and `EC_T_LINK_FRAMEDESC::wTimestampSize` of the parameter `pLinkFrameDesc`. A value of 0 means that no time stamp should be inserted.

## 2.2 Configuration with ET9000

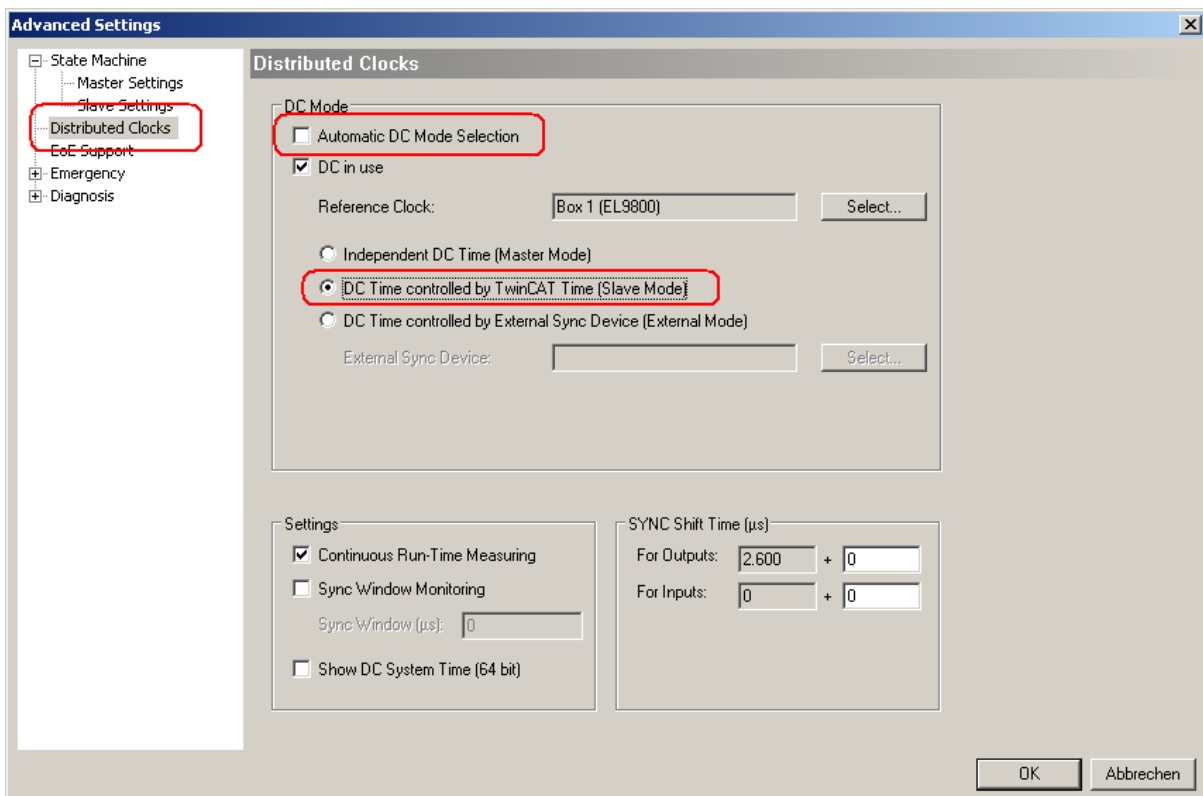
Since version 2.11.0 of the EtherCAT Configurator from Beckhoff explicitly setup whether the DC time shall be controlled by the EtherCAT master or not.

To create a DCM capable configuration, please accomplish the following steps.

1. Scan the EtherCAT Bus
2. **Select the EtherCAT device and press the button “Advanced Settings...”**



3. In the open dialog please select “Distributed Clocks” on the left column. Then de-select “Automatic DC Mode Selection” and select the option “DC Time controlled by TwinCAT Time (Slave Mode)”.





4. Now the DC time can be controlled by the EtherCAT master. Don't forget to enable DC for the slaves.

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**Note:** Don't forget to enable DC for the slaves.

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## 2.3 Programmer's Guide

### 2.3.1 emDcmConfigure

```
static EC_T_DWORD ecatDcmConfigure (
    struct _EC_T_DCM_CONFIG *pDcmConfig,
    EC_T_DWORD dwInSyncTimeout
)
```

```
EC_T_DWORD emDcmConfigure (
    EC_T_DWORD dwInstanceID,
    EC_T_DCM_CONFIG *pDcmConfig,
    EC_T_DWORD dwInSyncTimeout
)
```

Configure DC master synchronization.

#### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pDcmConfig** – [in] Configuration information, a pointer to a structure of type *EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG*.
- **dwInSyncTimeout** – [in] Currently not implemented.

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

```
struct EC_T_DCM_CONFIG
```

#### Public Members

*EC\_T\_DCM\_MODE* **eMode**  
[in] DCM mode

*EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_BUSSHIFT* **BusShift**  
[in] BusShift configuration. Valid if eMode is set to eDcmMode\_BusShift

*EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_MASTERSHIFT* **MasterShift**  
[in] MasterShift configuration. Valid if eMode is set to eDcmMode\_MasterShift

*EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_LINKLAYERREFCLOCK* **LinkLayerRefClock**  
[in] LinkLayerRefClock configuration. Valid if eMode is set to eDcmMode\_LinkLayerRefClock

*EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_MASTERREFCLOCK* **MasterRefClock**  
[in] MasterRefClock configuration. Valid if eMode is set to eDcmMode\_MasterRefClock

*EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_DCX* **Dcx**  
[in] DCX configuration. Valid if eMode is set to eDcmMode\_Dcx

enum **EC\_T\_DCM\_MODE**

*Values:*

enumerator **eDcmMode\_Off**  
DCM disabled

enumerator **eDcmMode\_BusShift**  
DCM BusShift mode

enumerator **eDcmMode\_MasterShift**  
DCM MasterShift mode

enumerator **eDcmMode\_LinkLayerRefClock**  
DCM LinkLayer Ref Clock mode

enumerator **eDcmMode\_MasterRefClock**  
DCM Master Ref Clock mode

enumerator **eDcmMode\_Dcx**  
DCM DCX External synchronization mode

enumerator **eDcmMode\_MasterShiftByApp**  
DCM MasterShift controlled by application mode

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_BUSSHIFT**

## Public Members

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlSetVal**  
[in] Controller set value [ns]. This is the time distance between the cyclic frame send time and the DC base on bus (SYNC0 if shift is zero).

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlGain**  
[in] Proportional gain in ppt (part per thousand). Default is value 2. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified.

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlDriftErrorGain**  
[in] Multiplier for drift error. Default value is 3. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_INT nMaxValidVal**  
[in] Error inputs above this value are considered invalid. If error input prediction is valid then the difference between the error input and the expected value is taken. Default value is 3000. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_BOOL bLogEnabled**  
[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, logging information are generated and can be get calling emDcmGetLog

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncLimit**  
[in] Limit [ns] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 4000. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncSettleTime**  
[in] Settle time [ms] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 1500. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_BOOL bCtlOff**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, control loop is disabled. Combined with bLogEnabled, it makes possible to analyze the natural drift between the stack cycle and the reference clock

**EC\_T\_BOOL bUseDcLoopCtlStdValues**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, the values of ESC DC time loop control register 0x930 and 0x934 are not changed by master. This could increase the time it takes to get the InSync. Use only if there are a problems with the reference clock to get InSync

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncStartDelayCycle**

[in] Delay time [ms] before InSync monitoring start

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_MASTERSHIFT**

**Public Members****EC\_T\_INT nCtlSetVal**

[in] Controller set value [ns]. This is the time distance between the cyclic frame send time and the DC base on bus (SYNC0 if shift is zero)

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlGain**

[in] Proportional gain in ppt (part per thousand). Default is value 2. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlDriftErrorGain**

[in] Multiplier for drift error. Default value is 3. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_INT nMaxValidVal**

[in] Error inputs above this value are considered invalid. If error input prediction is valid then the difference between the error input and the expected value is taken. Default value is 3000. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_BOOL bLogEnabled**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, logging information are generated and can be get calling emDcmGetLog

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncLimit**

[in] Limit [ns] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 4000. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncSettleTime**

[in] Settle time [ms] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 1500. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_BOOL bCtlOff**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, control loop is disabled. Combined with bLogEnabled, it makes possible to analyze the natural drift between the stack cycle and the reference clock. Also it provides reading of current adjustment value using emDcmGetAdjust function

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncStartDelayCycle**

[in] Delay time [ms] before InSync monitoring start

***EC\_T\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB\_DESC* DcStartTimeCallbackDesc**

[in] If not null, DC start time calculated by application, otherwise by master. See also *EC\_T\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB\_DESC*. Shift value configured in ENI will still be applied

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_LINKLAYERREFCLOCK**

### Public Members

**EC\_T\_INT nCtl1SetVal**

[in] Controller set value [ns]. This is the time distance between the cyclic frame send time and the DC base on bus (SYNC0 if shift is zero)

**EC\_T\_BOOL bLogEnabled**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, logging information are generated and can be get calling emDcmGetLog

***EC\_T\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB\_DESC DcStartTimeCallbackDesc***

[in] If not null, DC start time calculated by application, otherwise by master. See also *EC\_T\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB\_DESC*. Shift value configured in ENI will still be applied.

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_MASTERREFCLOCK**

### Public Members

**EC\_T\_INT nCtl1SetVal**

[in] Controller set value [ns]. This is the time distance between the cyclic frame send time and the DC base on bus (SYNC0 if shift is zero)

**EC\_T\_BOOL bLogEnabled**

[in] If set to EC\_TRUE, logging information are generated and can be get calling emDcmGetLog

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncLimit**

[in] Limit [ns] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 4000. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncSettleTime**

[in] Settle time [ms] for InSync monitoring. Default value is 1500. A value of 0 let the current setting unmodified

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwInSyncStartDelayCycle**

[in] Delay time [ms] before InSync monitoring start

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG\_DCX**

Contains the configuration information for the DCX external synchronization mode.

### See also:

Feature Pack “External Synchronization” for further details.

struct **EC\_T\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB\_DESC**

## Public Members

**EC\_T\_VOID \*pvContext**

[in] Context pointer. It is used as parameter when the callback function is called

**EC\_PF\_DC\_STARTTIME\_CB pfnCallback**

[in] Dc start time callback function pointer. If not null, DC start time calculated by application, otherwise by master

```
typedef EC_T_DWORD (*EC_PF_DC_STARTTIME_CB)(EC_T_VOID *pvContext, EC_T_WORD
wSlaveFixedAddr, EC_T_UINT64 *pqwDcStartTime)
```

EC-Master requests DC start time for every single slave from a given callback DcStartTimeCallbackDesc with slave station address as input parameter. The slave specific DC start time value will be passed directly to the slave without modifications by master. This means no other values like nCtlSetVal will be added. Shift value configured in ENI will still be applied.

### Parameters

- **pvContext** – [in] Context pointer. It is used as parameter when the callback function is called.
- **wSlaveFixedAddr** – [in] Slave fixed address.
- **pqwDcStartTime** – [out] DC start time for specific slave.

### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

## 2.3.2 emDcmGetStatus

```
static EC_T_DWORD ecatDcmGetStatus (
    EC_T_DWORD *pdwErrorCode,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffCur,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffAvg,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffMax
)
```

```
EC_T_DWORD emDcmGetStatus (
    EC_T_DWORD dwInstanceID,
    EC_T_DWORD *pdwErrorCode,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffCur,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffAvg,
    EC_T_INT *pnDiffMax
)
```

Get DC master synchronization controller status.

### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pdwErrorCode** – [out] Pointer to current error code of the DCM controller. Possible values are:
  - EC\_E\_NOTREADY DCM control loop is not running
  - EC\_E\_BUSY DCM control loop is running and try to get InSync
  - *DCM\_E\_MAX\_CTL\_ERROR\_EXCEED* Set if the controller error exceeds the InSyncLimit

- *DCM\_E\_DRIFT\_TO\_HIGH* DCM control loop not able to compensate drift. Drift above 600ppm.
- **pnDiffCur** – [out] Pointer to current difference between set value and actual value of controller in nanoseconds.
- **pnDiffAvg** – [out] Pointer to average difference between set value and actual value of controller in nanoseconds
- **pnDiffMax** – [out] Pointer to maximum difference between set value and actual value of controller in nanoseconds

#### Returns

- EC\_E\_NOERROR if status retrieval was successful
- EC\_E\_NOTSUPPORTED the DC feature is not supported/switched off. EC-Master stack has to be compiled with DC support see “define INCLUDE\_DC\_SUPPORT”
- EC\_NULL does not appear in normal flow, if EC\_NULL is returned we are in a very exceptional case where m\_poDcm == NULL (SW error detection)

### 2.3.3 emDcmResetStatus

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcmResetStatus** (EC\_T\_VOID)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcmResetStatus** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID)

Reset DC master synchronization controller status, average and maximum difference between set value and actual value.

#### Parameters

**dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

### 2.3.4 emDcmGetBusShiftConfigured

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcmGetBusShiftConfigured** (EC\_T\_BOOL \*pbBusShiftConfigured)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcmGetBusShiftConfigured** (

EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID,

EC\_T\_BOOL \*pbBusShiftConfigured

)

Determines if DCM Bus Shift is configured/possible in configuration (ENI file)

#### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pbBusShiftConfigured** – [out] EC\_TRUE if DCM bus shift mode is supported by the current configuration

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

### 2.3.5 emDcmGetLog

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcmGetLog** (EC\_T\_CHAR \*\*pszLog)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcmGetLog** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID, EC\_T\_CHAR \*\*pszLog)

Get logging information from the DCM controller.

This function returns non-zero pointer only if bLogEnabled was set to EC\_TRUE in *EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG*.

#### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pszLog** – [out] Pointer to a string containing the current logging information

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

#### See also:

*Controller adjustment* for content description of pszLog

### 2.3.6 emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DCM\_GET\_LOG

Get logging information from the DCM controller.

**emIoControl - EC\_IOCTL\_DCM\_GET\_LOG**

#### Parameter

- **pbyInBuf**: [in] Should be set to EC\_NULL
- **dwInBufSize**: [in] Should be set to 0
- **pbyOutBuf**: [out] Pointer to struct EC\_T\_DCM\_LOG
- **dwOutBufSize**: [in] Size of the output buffer in bytes
- **pdwNumOutData**: [out] Pointer to EC\_T\_DWORD. Amount of bytes written to the output buffer pbyOutBuf

#### Return

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_LOG**

#### Public Members

EC\_T\_DWORD **dwMsecCounter**  
[out] Current MsecCounter

EC\_T\_INT **nCtl1SetVal**  
[out] Configured controller set val [ns]

EC\_T\_UINT64 **qwBusTime**  
[out] Current BusTime

EC\_T\_INT **nCtlErrorNsec**  
[out] Current controller error [ns]

**EC\_T\_INT nDrift**  
[out] Current calculated drift [ppm]

**EC\_T\_DWORD dwErrorCode**  
[out] Last returned error code by controller

**EC\_T\_BOOL bDcmInSync**  
[out] EC\_TRUE if DCM is in sync, EC\_FALSE if out of sync

**EC\_T\_BOOL bDcInSync**  
[out] EC\_TRUE if DC is in sync, EC\_FALSE if out of sync

**EC\_T\_UINT64 qwDcStartTime**  
[out] Last used DC StartTime

**EC\_T\_INT nSystemTimeDifference**  
[out] Last read System Time Difference (ESC register 0x092C)

### 2.3.7 emDcmShowStatus

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcmShowStatus** (EC\_T\_VOID)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcmShowStatus** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID)  
Show DC master synchronization status as DbgMsg (for development purposes only).

#### Parameters

**dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code

### 2.3.8 emDcmGetAdjust

static EC\_T\_DWORD **ecatDcmGetAdjust** (EC\_T\_INT \*pnAdjustPermil)

EC\_T\_DWORD **emDcmGetAdjust** (EC\_T\_DWORD dwInstanceID, EC\_T\_INT \*pnAdjustPermil)  
Returns the current adjustment value for the timer.

bCtlOff must be set to EC\_TRUE in *EC\_T\_DCM\_CONFIG* to enable external adjustment.

#### Parameters

- **dwInstanceID** – [in] Instance ID (Multiple EtherCAT Network Support)
- **pnAdjustPermil** – [out] Current adjustment value of the timer.

#### Returns

EC\_E\_NOERROR or error code



### 2.3.9 DCM specific error codes

**DCM\_E\_ERROR**

0x981201C0: Unspecific DCM Error

**DCM\_E\_NOTINITIALIZED**

0x981201C1: Not initialized

**DCM\_E\_MAX\_CTL\_ERROR\_EXCEED**

0x981201C2: DCM controller - synchronization out of limit

**DCM\_E\_NOMEMORY**

0x981201C3: Not enough memory

**DCM\_E\_INVALID\_HWLAYER**

0x981201C4: Hardware layer - (BSP) invalid

**DCM\_E\_TIMER\_MODIFY\_ERROR**

0x981201C5: Hardware layer - error modifying timer

**DCM\_E\_TIMER\_NOT\_RUNNING**

0x981201C6: Hardware layer - timer not running

**DCM\_E\_WRONG\_CPU**

0x981201C7: Hardware layer - function called on wrong CPU

**DCM\_E\_INVALID\_SYNC\_PERIOD**

0x981201C8: Invalid DC sync period length (invalid clock master?)

**DCM\_E\_INVALID\_SETVAL**

0x981201C9: DCM controller SetVal to small

**DCM\_E\_DRIFT\_TO\_HIGH**

0x981201CA: DCM controller - Drift between local timer and ref clock to high

**DCM\_E\_BUS\_CYCLE\_WRONG**

0x981201CB: DCM controller - Bus cycle time (dwBusCycleTimeUsec) doesn't match real cycle

**DCX\_E\_NO\_EXT\_CLOCK**

0x981201CC: DCX controller - No external synchronization clock found

**DCM\_E\_INVALID\_DATA**

0x981201CD: DCM controller - Invalid data

### 2.3.10 Notifications

At startup the master raises the notifications *emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC*, *emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_STATUS* and *emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC* at master state transition from INIT to PREOP.

The order is typically as follows ( *emNotify* - *EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC* may be before or after reaching PREOP):

EC\_NOTIFY\_STATECHANGED(INIT)[...]

EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_SLV\_SYNC [...]

EC\_NOTIFY\_DC\_STATUS [...]  
 [EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC] [...]  
 EC\_NOTIFY\_STATECHANGED(PREOP) [...]  
 [EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC] [...]  
 EC\_NOTIFY\_STATECHANGED(SAFEOP) [...]  
 EC\_NOTIFY\_STATECHANGED(OP) [...]

### 2.3.11 emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC

DCM InSync notification.

This notification is enabled by default.

**emNotify - EC\_NOTIFY\_DCM\_SYNC**

#### Parameter

- `pbyInBuf`: [in] pointer to notification descriptor `EC_T_DCM_SYNC_NOTIFY_DESC`
- `dwInBufSize`: [in] `sizeof(EC_T_DCM_SYNC_NOTIFY_DESC)`.
- `pbyOutBuf`: [out] Should be set to `EC_NULL`
- `dwOutBufSize`: [in] Should be set to 0
- `pdwNumOutData`: [out] Should be set to `EC_NULL`

struct **EC\_T\_DCM\_SYNC\_NOTIFY\_DESC**

#### Public Members

**EC\_T\_DWORD IsInSync**

[in] `EC_TRUE` as long as time of master and reference clock are in sync. False if the `InSyncLimit` from the bus shift configuration is exceeded

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlErrorNsecCur**

[in] Current difference [ns] between set value and actual value of controller

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlErrorNsecAvg**

[in] Average difference [ns] between set value and actual value of controller

**EC\_T\_INT nCtlErrorNsecMax**

[in] Maximum difference [ns] between set value and actual value of controller

#### See also:

`emIoControl - EC_IOCTL_SET_NOTIFICATION_ENABLED` in the [EC-Master Class B](#) documentation for how controls the deactivation

## 2.4 Example codes

A master application which includes DCM API needs to call following steps:

### Main Thread:

Master initialization and controller configuration, main loop, shutdown.

```
#include <AtEthercat.h>

/* initialize the master */
dwRes = emInitMaster(&oInitParms);

/* configure the master */
dwRes = emConfigureMaster(eCnfType_Filename, (EC_T_PBYTE)szCfgFile,
↳OsStrlen(szCfgFile));

/* register client */
dwRes = emRegisterClient(emNotifyCallback, pNotification, &oRegisterResults);

/* configure DCM bus shift */
OsMemset(&oDcmConfigure, 0, sizeof(EC_T_DCM_CONFIG_BUSSHIFT));
oDcmConfigure.nCtlSetVal = DCM_CONTROLLER_SETVAL_NANOSEC;
oDcmConfigure.bLogEnabled = EC_FALSE;
dwRes = emDcmConfigure(&oDcmConfigure, 0);

/* set master and bus state to OP */
dwRes = emSetMasterState(dwStartTimeout+dwScanBustimeout, eemState_OP);

/* application loop */
while (bRun)
{
    dwRes = emDcmGetStatus(&dwStatus, &nDiffCur, &nDiffAvg, &nDiffMax);
}

/* stop master operation */
dwTmpRes = emStop(dwStartTimeout);
```

### Cyclic (Job) Thread:

Master jobs and dcm logging.

```
EC_T_VOID tEcJobTask(EC_T_VOID* pvAppThreadParamDesc)
{
    while (!pDemoThreadParam->bJobThreadShutdown)
    {
        dwRes = emExecJob(eUsrJob_ProcessAllRxFrames, &bPrevCycProcessed);

        /* get logging information */
        dwRes = emDcmGetLog(&pszLog);

        /* send all cyclic frames */
        dwRes = emExecJob(eUsrJob_SendAllCycFrames, EC_NULL);

        /* run the master timer handler */
        dwRes = emExecJob(eUsrJob_MasterTimer, EC_NULL);

        /* send all queued acyclic EtherCAT frames */
        dwRes = emExecJob(eUsrJob_SendAcycFrames, EC_NULL);

        OsSleep(CYCLE_TIME);
    }
}
```

For closer details find a DCM example in project “EcMasterDemoDc” in the folder “Examples”.

## 3 Running EcMasterDemoDc

The EcMasterDemoDc is available “out of the box” for different operating systems. It is an EC-Master example application that handles the following tasks:

- Showing basic EtherCAT communication
- Master stack initialization into OPERATIONAL state
- DC and DCM configuration
- Process Data operations for e.g. Beckhoff EL2004, EL1004 and EL4132
- Periodic diagnosis task
- Periodic Job Task in polling mode
- Logging

Start the EcMasterDemoDc from the command line to put the EtherCAT network into operation. At least a Link Layer must be specified.

```
> EcMasterDemoDc -winpcap 192.168.157.2 1 -f eni.xml -t 0 -v 3 -dcmmode busshift
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### 3.1 Command line parameters

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EcMasterDemoDc <LinkLayer> [-f ENI-FileName] [-t time] [-b cycle time] [-a affinity] [-v level] [-perf [level]] [-log prefix [msg cnt]] [-lic key] [-oem key] [-maxbussslaves cnt] [-flash address] [-sp [port]] [-auxclk period] [-dcmmode mode] [-ctloff] [-rec [prefix [frame cnt]]]
```

The parameters are as follows:

**-f** <configFileName>  
Path to ENI file

**-t** <time>  
Running duration in msec. When the time expires the demo application exits completely.

**<time>**  
Time in msec, 0 = forever (default = 120000)

**-b** <cycle time>  
Specifies the bus cycle time. Defaults to 1000 µs (1 ms).

**<cycle time>**  
Bus cycle time in µsec

**-a** <affinity>  
The CPU affinity specifies which CPU the demo application ought to use.

**<affinity>**  
0 = first CPU, 1 = second, ...

**-v** <level>  
The verbosity level specifies how much console output messages will be generated by the demo application. A high verbosity level leads to more messages.

**<level>**  
Verbosity level: 0=off (default), 1..n=more messages

**-perf** [<level>]  
Enable max. and average time measurement in µs for all EtherCAT jobs (e.g. ProcessAllRxFrames).

- <level>**  
Depending on level the performance histogram can be activated as well.
- log** <prefix> [<msg cnt>]  
Use given file name prefix for log files.
- <prefix>**
- <msg cnt>**  
Messages count for log buffer allocation
- lic** <key>  
Use License key.
- <key>**  
26 characters long license key.
- oem** <key>  
Use OEM key
- <key>**  
64 bit OEM key.
- maxbusslaves** <cnt>  
Set max number of slaves
- flash** <address>  
Flash outputs
- <address>**  
0=all, >0 = slave station address
- sp** [<port>]  
If platform has support for IP Sockets, this command-line option enables the Remote API Server to be started. The Remote API Server is going to listen on TCP Port 6000 (or port parameter if given) and is available for connecting Remote API Clients.
- <port>**  
RAS server port
- auxclk** <period>  
Use auxiliary clock
- <period>**  
Clock period in  $\mu$ s (if supported by Operating System).
- rec** [<prefix> [<frame cnt>]]  
Packet capture file recording
- <prefix>**  
File name prefix
- <frame cnt>**  
Frame count for log buffer allocation
- dcmmode** <mode>  
Set DCM mode
- <mode>**  
off | busshift | mastershift | masterrefclock | linklayerrefclock
- ctlloff**  
Disable DCM control loop for diagnosis