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This watchdog timer can be used to monitor system software operation and take corrective action if the software fails to function after the programmed period. This section describes the operation of the watchdog timer and how to program it.

### **A.1.1 Watchdog timer overview**

The watchdog timer is built-in the super I/O controller W83627EHG-A. It provides the following functions for user programming:

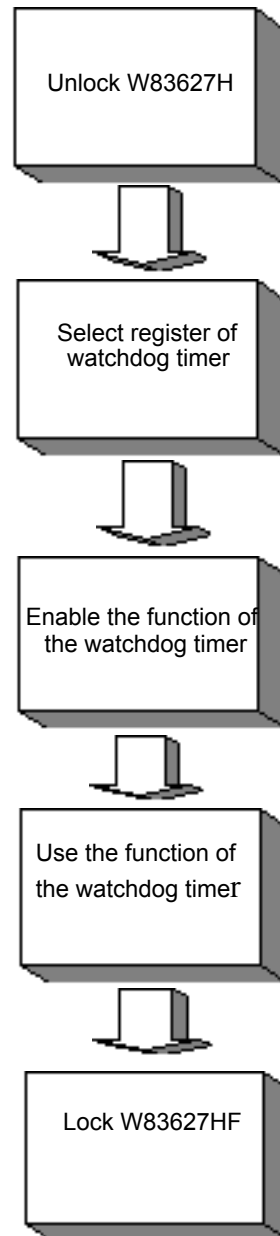
- Can be enabled and disabled by user's program
- Timer can be set from 1 to 255 seconds or 1 to 255 minutes
- Generates an interrupt or resets signal if the software fails to reset the timer after time-out

### **A.1.2 Programming the Watchdog Timer**

The I/O port address of the watchdog timer is 2E (hex) and 2F (hex).

2E (hex) is the address port. 2F (hex) is the data port.

You must first assign the address of register by writing address value into address port 2E(hex), then write/read data to/from the assigned register through data port 2F (hex).



Watchdog Timer Registers		
Address of register (2E)	Attribute	
Read/Write	Value (2F) and description	
87 (hex)	-----	Write this address to I/O address port 2E (hex) twice to unlock the W83627HF
07 (hex)	write	Write 08 (hex) to select register of watchdog timer.
30 (hex)	write	Write 01 (hex) to enable the function of the watchdog timer. Disabled is set as default.
F5 (hex) Bit 3: set second as counting unit	write	Select WDTO# count mode. 0: Second Mode 1: Minute Mode
F5 (hex) Bit 1: set minute as counting unit	write	Disable / Enable the WDTO# output, low pulse to the KBRST# pin (PIN60) 0: Disable 1: Enable

F6 (hex)	write	0: stop timer [default] 01~FF (hex): The amount of the count, in seconds or minutes, depends on the value set in register F5 (hex). This number decides how long the watchdog timer waits for strobe before generating an interrupt or reset signal. Writing a new value to this register can reset the timer to count with the new value.
F7 (hex)Bit 7	Read/write	Mouse interrupt reset watch-dog timer enable 0: Watchdog timer is not affected by mouse interrupt 1: Watchdog timer is reset by mouse interrupt
F7 (hex)Bit 6	Read/write	Keyboard interrupt reset watch-dog timer enable 0: Watchdog timer is not affected by keyboard interrupt 1: Watchdog timer is reset by keyboard interrupt
F7 (hex)Bit 5	Read/write	Trigger WDTO# event. This bit is self clearing.
F7 (hex)Bit 4	Read/write	WDTO# Status bit 0: Watchdog timer is running 1: Watchdog timer issues time-out event
F7 (hex)Bit 3~0	Read/write	These bits select IRQ resource for WDTO# (02h for SMI# event)

AA (hex)	-----	Write this address to I/O port 2E (hex) to lock the watchdog timer. <sup>2</sup>
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**Table A.1: Watchdog timer registers**

### **A.1.3 Example Program**

Example1. Enable watchdog timer and set 10 sec. as timeout interval and issue KBRST#

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;-----
Mov dx,2eh          ; Unlock W83627HF/EHG-A
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al
Out dx,al

;-----
Mov al,07h          ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al

;-----
Dec dx              ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al

;-----
Dec dx              ; Set second as counting unit and enable the WDTO#
Mov al,0f5h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx

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And al, 0f7h
Or    al, 02h
Out   dx, al
;-----
Dec dx                ; Set timeout interval as 10 seconds and start
counting
Mov   al, 0f6h
Out   dx, al
Inc   dx
Mov   al, 10
Out   dx, al
;-----
Dec dx                ; lock W83627HF
Mov   al, 0aah
Out   dx, al

```

Example2. Enable watchdog timer and set 5 minutes as timeout interval and issue KBRST#

```

;-----
Mov dx, 2eh           ; unlock W83627H
Mov al, 87h
Out dx, al
Out dx, al
;-----
Mov al, 07h           ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx, al
Inc   dx
Mov   al, 08h
Out   dx, al
;-----
Dec dx                ; Enable the function of watchdog timer

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Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Set minute as counting unit and enable the WDTO#
Mov al,0f5h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,08h
Or al,02h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; Set timeout interval as 5 minutes and start counting
Mov al,0f6h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,5
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx          ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al

```

Example3. Enable watchdog timer to be reset by mouse

```

;-----
Mov dx,2eh      ; unlock W83627H
Mov al,87h

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Out dx,al
Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h          ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out  dx,al
Inc  dx
Mov  al,08h
Out  dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov  al,30h
Out  dx,al
Inc  dx
Mov  al,01h
Out  dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; Enable watchdog timer to be reset by mouse
Mov  al,0f7h
Out  dx,al
Inc  dx
In   al,dx
Or   al,80h
Out  dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; lock W83627HF
Mov  al,0aah
Out  dx,al

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Example4. Enable watchdog timer to be reset by keyboard

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Mov dx,2eh          ; unlock W83627H
Mov al,87h
Out dx,al
Out dx,al
;-----
Mov al,07h          ; Select registers of watchdog timer
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,08h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; Enable the function of watchdog timer
Mov al,30h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
Mov al,01h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; Enable watchdog timer to be strobed reset by
keyboard
Mov al,0f7h
Out dx,al
Inc dx
In al,dx
Or al,40h
Out dx,al
;-----
Dec dx              ; lock W83627HF
Mov al,0aah
Out dx,al

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Example5. Generate a time-out signal without timer counting

```
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Mov dx,2eh          ; unlock W83627H  
Mov al,87h  
Out dx,al  
Out dx,al  
-----  
Mov al,07h          ; Select registers of watchdog timer  
Out dx,al  
Inc dx  
Mov al,08h  
Out dx,al  
-----  
Dec dx              ; Enable the function of watchdog timer  
Mov al,30h  
Out dx,al  
Inc dx  
Mov al,01h  
Out dx,al  
-----  
Dec dx              ; Generate a time-out signal  
Mov al,0f7h  
Out dx,al           ; Write 1 to bit 5 of F7 register  
Inc dx  
In al,dx  
Or al,20h  
Out dx,al  
-----  
Dec dx              ; lock W83627HF  
Mov al,0aah
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Out dx,al

#### **A.1.4 Watchdog Memo**

There is no reset/interrupt selection on this hardware design. The example code in this document uses the internal path for Time out event which is KBRST#. This internal signal in the Winbond 83627EHG-A will reset the system when watchdog timeout event happen. These sample code is also workable for some for motherboard which has “Reset/Interrupt” Selection. But the example code in the motherboard which has “Rset/Interrupt” Selection may not workable on this motherboard.