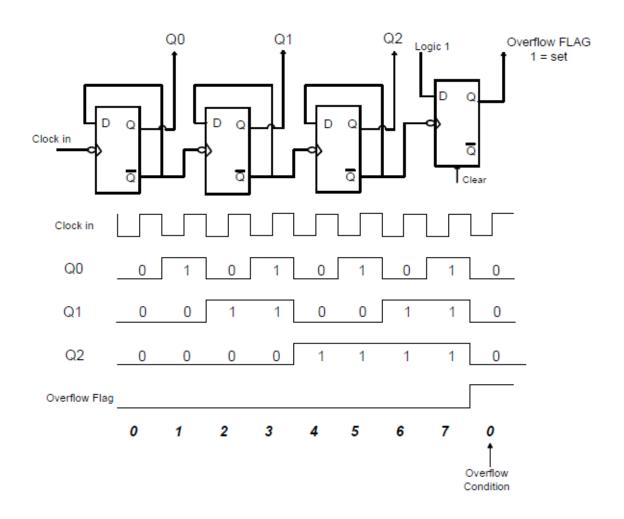
4.4 timer

• PIC18 has two to five timers (Timer0, Timer1, etc.) – depending on family member

```
    timer can be used to
        generate time delay
        count event
        record event arrival time
        generate waveform with certain duty cycle and frequency
        ....
```

A timer/counter can be configured in various modes, typically based on 8-bit or 16-bit operation. It is used to count the number of input pulses.



Timer

- Set the initial value of registers (by software)
- Start the timer (by software) and then the timer counts up
- Input from internal system clock (machine cycle)
- When the timer: FFFF --> 0, the time sets a bit to denote time out

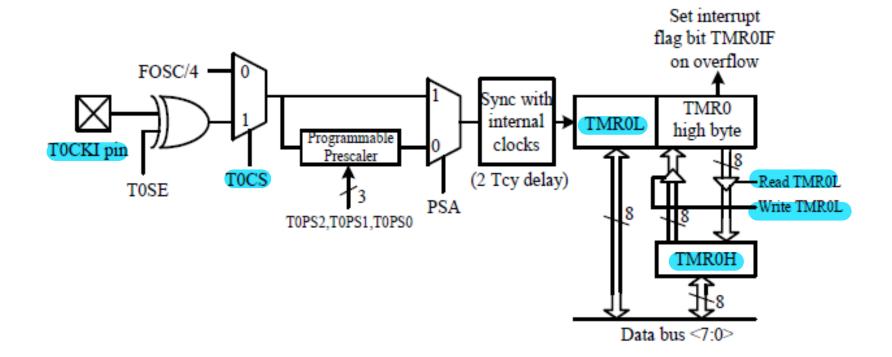
Counter

- Set the initial value of registers (by software)
- Start the timer (by software) and then the timer counts up
- Input from external signal
- When the timer: FFFF --> 0, the timer sets a bit to denote time out

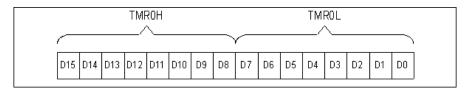
- Every timer needs a clock pulse to tick
- Clock source can be
 - Internal → 1/4th of the frequency of the crystal oscillator on OSC1 and OSC2 pins (Fosc/4) is fed into timer
 - External pulses are fed through one of the PIC18's pins → Counter
- Timers are 16-bit wide (TMRxL & TMRxH)
 - Each timer has TCON (Timer CONtrol) register

4.4.1 Timer0

- can select the internal instruction cycle clock (Fosc/4) time delay
- can use the **RA4/TOCKI** signal as the clock signal count event
- user can choose to divide the clock signal by a prescaler before connecting it to the clock input to Timer0

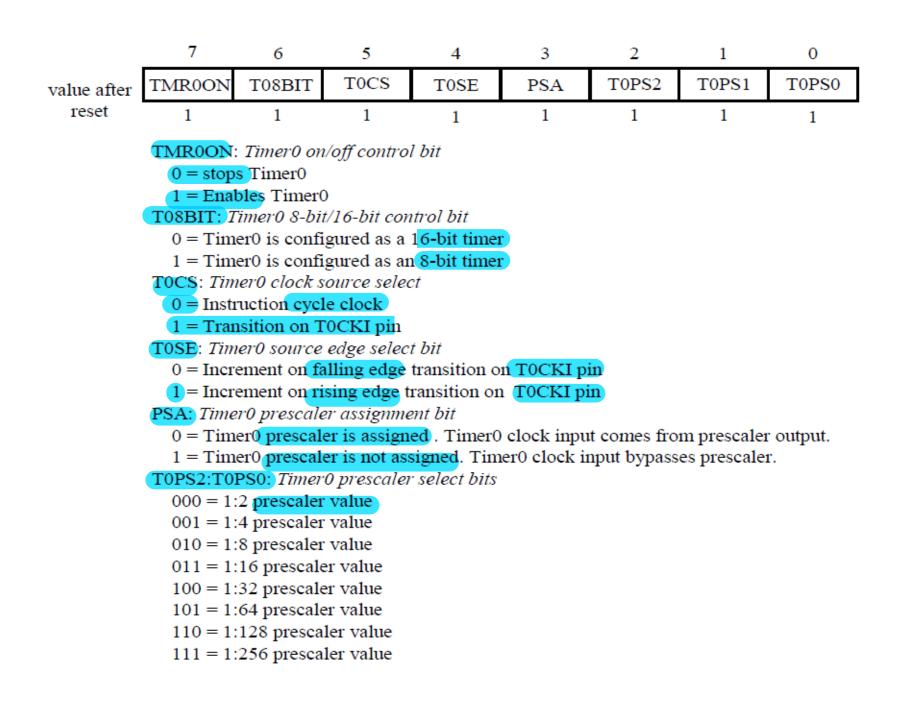


• can be configured as an 8-bit or 16-bit timer or counter



- TMR0H acts as a buffer between TMR0 high byte and data bus
- you can move value in WREG into TMR0 load TMR0H first, then load TMR0L
- when microcontroller reads TMR0L, contents of TMR0 high byte is transferred to TMR0H
- TOCON register controls the operation of Timer0

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
TMR00N	T08BIT	T0CS	TOSE	PSA	T0PS2	T0PS1	T0PS0



Find the value for T0CON if we want to program Timer0 in 16-bit mode, no prescaler. Use PIC18 Fosc/4 crystal oscillator for the clock source, increment on positive-edge.

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ı	TMR0ON	T08BIT	T0CS	TOSE	PSA	T0PS2	T0PS1	T0PS0

TOCON = 0000 1000

Find the timer's clock frequency and its period for various PIC18-based systems, with the following crystal frequencies. Assume that no prescaler is used.

- (1) 10 MHz (2) 16 MHz (3) 4 MHz
- (1) $\frac{1}{4}$ x 10 MHz = 2.5 MHz and T = 0.4 µs
- (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 MHz = 4 MHz and T = 0.25 µs
- (3) $\frac{1}{4}$ x 4 MHz = 1 MHz and T = 1 µs

16-bit timer programming

- 1. Values from 0000 to FFFFH.
- 2. After loading TMR0H and TMR0L, the timer must be started.
- 3. Count up, till it reaches FFFFH, then it rolls over to 0000 and sets TMR0IF bit to 1.
- 4. Then TMR0H and TMR0L must be reloaded with the original value and TMR0IF bit must be reset to 0.

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	TMROIE		TMROIF		
•					

INTCON register with TimerO Interrupt Enable and Interrupt Flag

generate time delay

- 1. Load the value into the TOCON register
- 2. Load register TMR0H followed by register TMR0L with initial values
- 3. Start the timer with instruction BSF TOCON, TMR0ON
- 4. Keep monitoring the timer flag (TMR0IF) to see if it is raised
- 5. Stop the timer with instruction BCF T0CON, TMR0ON
- 6. Clear the TMR0IF flag
- 7. Go back to step 2

Generate a square wave of 50% duty cycle on the PORTB.5 pin. **BCF** TRISB, 5 ; PB5 as an output **MOVLW** 0x08; Timer0, 16-bit, int clk, no prescaler ; load TOCON register **MOVWF** T0CON HERE: **MOVLW** 0xFF; TMR0H = FFH, the high byte TMR0H ; load Timer0 high byte **MOVWF MOVLW** 0xF2; TMR0L = F2H, the low byte ; load Timer0 low byte **MOVWF** TMR0L INTCON, TMR0IF; clear Timer0 interrupt flag bit **BCF** BTG PORTB, 5 ; toggle PB5 **BSF** TOCON, TMROON; start TimerO AGAIN: INTCON, TMR0IF; monitor Timer0 interrupt flag until BTFSS BRA **AGAIN** ; it rolls over TOCON, TMROON; stop timer **BCF** BRA HERE ; load TMR0H, TMR0L again

- 1. TOCON is loaded
- 2. FFF2H is loaded into TMR0H-TMR0L
- 3. The Timer0 interrupt flag is cleared
- 4. PORTB.5 is toggled
- 5. Timer0 is started
- 6. Timer0 counts up from FFF2H until it reaches FFFFH, one more clock rolls it to 0, then TMR0IF = 1, falling through



- 7. Timer0 is stopped
- 8. The process is repeated

In the previous example, calculate the amount of time delay generated by the timer. Assume that the clock frequency is 10MHz.

```
Fosc/4 = 2.5 MHz clock cycle time = 0.4 \mus number of counts = FFFFH - FFF2H + 1 = 0EH = 14 half the pulse = 14 x 0.4 \mus = 5.6 \mus one cycle = 11.2 \mus
```

Calculate the frequency of the square wave generated on pin PORTB.5. Assume that the clock frequency is 10MHz.

```
BCF
                   TRISB,5
          MOVLW 0x08
          MOVWF TOCON
                   INTCON, TMR0IF
          BCF
 HERE:
          MOVLW
                   0xFF
                   TMR0H
                   -D'48'
          CALL
                   DELAY
          BTG
                   PORTB, 5
          BRA
                   HERE
 DELAY:
          BSF
                   TOCON, TMROON
 AGAIN:
          BTFSS
                   INTCON, TMR0IF
                                          1 or 2
          BRA
                   AGAIN
          BCF
                   TOCON, TMROON
          BCF
                   INTCON, TMR0IF
          RETURN
                                          17 or 18
T \cong 2 \times (48 + 17) \times 0.4 \ \mu s = 52 \ \mu s
F = 19.23 \text{ KHz}
```

Calculate the frequency of the square wave generated on pin PORTB 5.

Assume that the clock frequency is 10MHz. Do not include the overhead due to instructions in the loop.

	BCF MOVLW MOVWF		
HERE:		0 = 4	FFFFH - 7634H + 1 = 89CCH = 35,276
	MOVLW		
	MOVWF	_	Delay $35,276 \times 0.4 \mu s = 14.11 \text{ ms}$
	MOVLW	0x34	
	MOVWF		Period = 28.22 ms
	BCF		
	CALL	DELAY	Frequency = 35.44 Hz
	BTG	PORTB,5	
	BRA	HERE	
DELAY:			
	BSF	TOCON, TMROON	
AGAIN:			
	BTFSS	INTCON, TMR0IF	
	BRA	AGAIN	
	BCF	TOCON, TMROON	
	RETURN		

Assuming that clock = 10 MHz, write a problem to generate a square wave with period of 10 ms on pin PORTB.3.

```
T = 10 \text{ ms} = Delay = 5 \text{ ms}. 5 ms/0.4 \mus = 12,500. 65,536 - 12,500 = 53,036 = CF2CH. TMR0H = CFH, TMR0L = 2CH
```

HERE	BCF MOVLW MOVWF		Modify the program to get the lowest frequency.
	MOVLW MOVWF MOVWF BCF CALL BTG	INTCON, TMR0IF	If we set TMR0 = 0000H, the delay generated is $65,536 \times 0.4 \mu s = 26.214 \text{ ms}$. The smallest frequency = 19.07 Hz.
DELAY	BRA BSF	HERE TOCON, TMROON	
AGAIN	BTFSS BRA BCF RETURN	INTCON, TMR0IF AGAIN T0CON, TMR0ON	

Prescaler and generating larger delay

```
The size of time delay depends on
    crystal frequency
    timer's 16-bit register
The largest time delay happens when TMROL = TMROH = 0
Prescaler option is used to duplicate the delay by dividing the clock by a
factor of 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256
    If TOCON = 0000 \ 0101, then T = 4*64/Fosc
             6
                      5
                                                                 0
                    T0CS
           T08BIT
                                              T0PS2
                                                      T0PS1
                                                               T0PS0
 TMR00N
                             T0SE
                                      PSA
```

PSA: Timer0 prescaler assignment bit

0 = Timer0 prescaler is assigned. Timer0 clock input comes from prescaler output.

1 = Timer0 prescaler is not assigned. Timer0 clock input bypasses prescaler.

T0PS2:T0PS0: Timer0 prescaler select bits

000 = 1:2 prescaler value

001 = 1:4 prescaler value

010 = 1:8 prescaler value

011 = 1:16 prescaler value

100 = 1:32 prescaler value

101 = 1:64 prescaler value

110 = 1:128 prescaler value

111 = 1:256 prescaler value

Examine the following program and find the time delay in second and frequency of the wave generated. Assume that XTAL = 10 MHz.

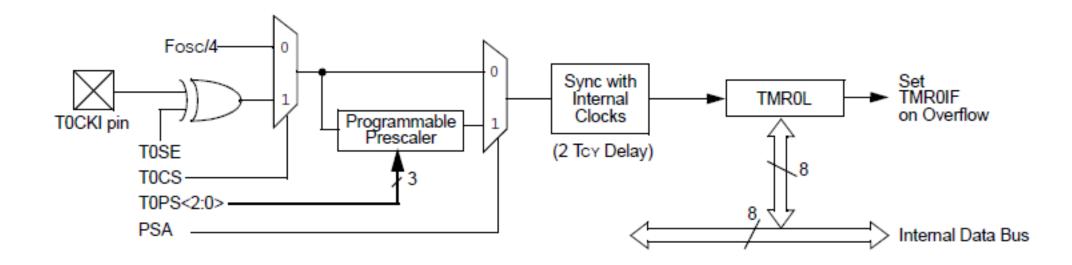
HERE:	BCF CALL	INTCON, TMR0IF DELAY	Prescaler = 64. TMR0 = 0108H = 264 65,536 - 264 = 65,272 $65,272 \times 64 \times 0.4 \text{ ms} = 1.671 \text{ s}$ frequency = 0.299 Hz
DELAY: AGAIN:	BTG BRA BSF BTFSS BRA	PORTB, 2 HERE TOCON, TMR0ON INTCON, TMR0IF AGAIN	If prescaler 256 is chosen, the prescaler clock period to the timer is $0.4 \text{ ms } \times 256 = 0.1024 \text{ ms}.$
	BCF RETURN	T0CON, TMR0ON	The largest delay is 6.7 seconds.

Write a program to generate a square wave of 50Hz on pin PORTB.7. Use Timer0, 16-bit mode with prescaler = 128. Assume that XTAL = 10 MHz.

```
BCF
                 TRISB,7
                                       (1) F = 50 \text{ Hz}, T = 20 \text{ ms}
        MOVLW
                 0x06
                                       (2) Delay = 10 ms
        MOVWF
                 T0CON
HERE:
                                       (3) 10 \text{ ms}/0.4 \mu\text{s}/128 = 195
         MOVLW 0xFF
         MOVWF TMR0H
                                       (4) 65,536 - 195 = 65,341 = FF3DH
         MOVLW 0x3D
         MOVWF TMR0L
         BCF
                 INTCON, TMR0IF
         CALL
                 DELAY
         BTG
                 PORTB, 7
         BRA
                 HERE
DELAY:
         BSF
                 TOCON, TMROON
AGAIN:
         BTFSS
                 INTCON, TMR0IF
                 AGAIN
         BRA
                 TOCON, TMROON
         BCF
         RETURN
```

Timer0 8-bit mode

- 1. Load the TOCON value
- 2. Load TMR0L only
- 3. Start timer
- 4. Keep monitor the timer flag (TMR0IF)



Assume that XTAL=10 MHz, find (a) the frequency of the square wave generated on PORTB.0 in the following program, and (b) the smallest frequency achievable in this program, and the TMR0L value to do that.

				255-5+1
HERE:	BCF MOVLW MOVWF BCF MOVLW MOVWF CALL BTG BRA	TRISB, 0 0x48 TOCON INTCON, TMR0IF 0x5 TMR0L DELAY PORTB, 0 HERE	a) b)	Delay = $251 \times 0.4 \mu s = 100.4 ms$ Cycle = $200.8 ms$ Frequency = 4.98 KHz To get the smallest frequency, we set TMR0L = 00 Cycle = $256 \times 0.4 \mu s \times 2 = 204.8 ms$
DELAY: AGAIN:	BSF BTFSS BRA BCF BCF RETURN	TOCON, TMROON INTCON, TMROIF AGAIN TOCON, TMROON INTCON, TMROIF		Frequency = 4.88 KHz

Assume XTAL = 10MHz. Find the clock cycle time if Timer0 prescaler is set to 256. Determine the largest time delay for this prescaler option.

Fosc/4 = 2.5 MHz clock cycle time = 256/2.5 MHz = 102.4 μ s

Set TMR0L = $\frac{0}{256 \times 102.4} \mu s = 26.21 \text{ ms}$

Load negative value

```
MOVLW -D'100'
```

MOVWF TMR0L

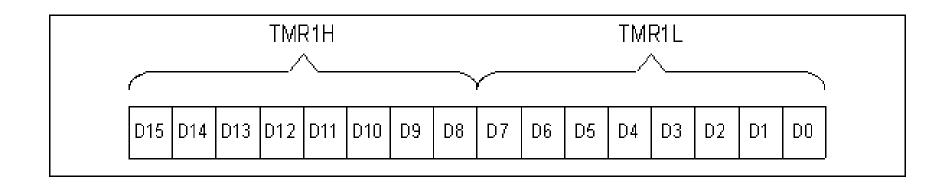
is identical to move 9CH into TMR0L. Then FFH - 9CH + $1 = 100_{10}$

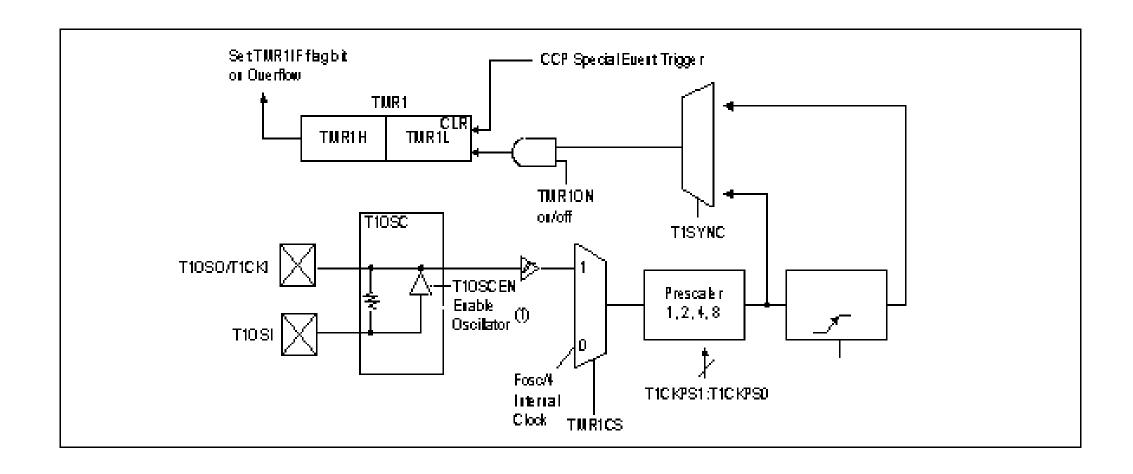
Assume 10 MHz

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HERE:	BCF BCF MOVLW MOVWF MOVWF MOVWF CALL MOVWF CALL BCF MOVWF CALL BCF MOVWF CALL BCF	TRISB,3 INTCON, TMR0IF 0x48 T0CON -D'150' TMR0L PORTB, 3 DELAY TMR0L DELAY PORTB, 3 TMR0L DELAY PORTB, 3	Delay = $150 \times 0.4 \mu s = 60 \mu s$ High portion of the pulse = $120 \mu s$ Low portion of the pulse = $60 \mu s$ Frequency = 5.56 KHz (120e-6+60e-6)^-1
DELAY: AGAIN:	BSF BTFSS BRA BCF BCF RETURN	T0CON, TMR0ON INTCON, TMR0IF AGAIN T0CON,TMR0ON INTCON,TMR0IF	

4.4.2 Timer1

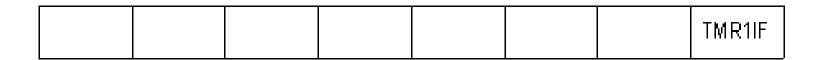
- can be programmed in 16-bit mode only
- it has 2 bytes named as TMR1L and TMR1H
- it also has T1CON and TMR1IF
- TMR1IF is in PIR1 register
- TMR1IF goes HIGH when TMR1H:TMR1L overflows (FFFFH \rightarrow 0000H)
- prescaler options: 1, 2, 4, 8





	RD16		T1CKPS1	T1CKP90	T10SCEN	T1SYNC	TMR1CS	TMR10N		
RD16		D7	16-bit read/write enable bit 1 = Timer1 16-bit is accessible in one 16-bit operation. 0 = Timer1 16-bit is accessible in two 8-bit operations.							
		D6	Not used							
тіскі	P S2 : T1C	CKPSO	D5 D4 Tin 0 0 = 1:1 0 1 = 1:2 1 0 = 1:4 1 1 = 1:8	Pres Pres Pres	caler selec scale value scale value scale value scale value	e e				
TIOSC	CEN (D 3	Timer1 oso 1 = <mark>Timer1</mark> 0 = Timer1	oscill ato	r is enable					
TISYN	iC	D2	Timer1 syr counter mo If TMR1C	de to syn	ichronize i	external c				
TMR1	CS	D1	Timer1 clo 1 = Extern 0 = Interna	al clock f	rom pin R	.C0/T1CK				
TMR1	ON	D0	Timer1 ON 1 = Enable 0 = Stop Ti	(start) Ti		oit				

PIR1 (Interrupt Control Register 1)



TMRHF

D1 Timer1 Interrupt overflow flag bit

0 = Timer1 did not overflow.

1 = Timer1 has overflowed (FFFF to 0000).

The importance of TMR11F: When TMR1H:TMR1L overflows from FFFF to 0000, this flag is raised. We monitor this flag bit before we reload the TMR1H:TMR1L registers.

Write a program to generate a square wave of 50Hz on pin PORTB.5. Use Timer1 in 16-bit mode with the maximum prescaler. Assume that the clock frequency is 10 MHz.

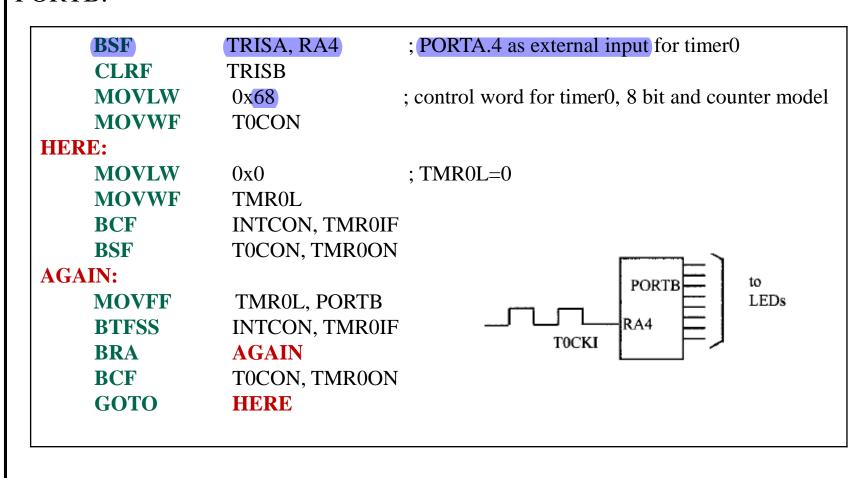
	BCF	,	(1) F = 50 Hz, T = 20 ms
	MOVLW		
	MOVWF	T1CON	(2) Delay = 10 ms
HERE: DELAY: AGAIN:	MOVWF MOVLW MOVWF MOVWF BCF CALL BTG BRA BSF BTFSS BRA BCF	TICON 0xF3 TMR1H	(2) Delay = 10 ms (3) 10 ms/0.4 µs/8 = 3125 = C35H (4) FFFF - C34H = F3CBH
	RETURN	,	

4.4.3 counter

- use timer to count events happening outside PIC18
 - increments the TMR0H and TMR0L registers
- T0CS in T0CON register decides the clock source
 - If TOCS = 1, the timer is used as a counter
 TMR0 count up (NOT count down)
 - count up as pulses are fed from pin RA4/T0CKI
 - What does TOCON = 0110 1000 mean?

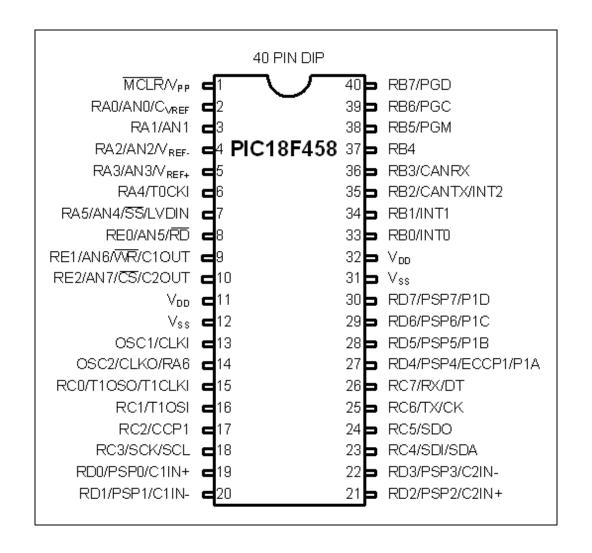
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
TMR00N	T08BIT	T0CS	TOSE	PSA	T0PS2	T0PS1	T0PS0

Assuming that a signal is fed into pin T0CKI, write a program for counter 0 in 8-bit mode to count the pulses and display the state of the TMR0L count on PORTB.



Using external crystal for Timer1 clock

- for Timer1, when TMR1CS = 1, clock pulse coming from pin
 RCO/T1CKI makes the counter count up
- alternatively, set T1OSCEN = 1, feed clock pulse from crystal to T1OSI and T1OSO pins



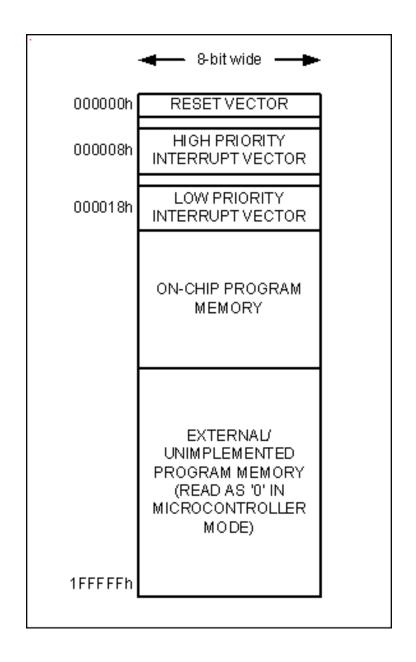
	RD16		T1CKPS1	T1CKP90	T10SCEN	T1SYNC	TMR1CS	TMR10N
RD16			16-bit read 1 = Timer1 0 = Timer1	16-bit is	accessibl		-	
		D6	Not used					
тіск	P\$2:T10	KP80	D5 D4 Tin 0 0 = 1:1 0 1 = 1:2 1 0 = 1:4 1 1 = 1:8	Pres Pres Pres	caler selec cale value cale value cale value cale value	; ;		
TIOS	CEN		Timer1 oso 1 = Timer1 0 = Timer1	oscillato	r is enable			
T1SY	NC		Timer1 syr counter mo If TMR1C	de to syn	chronize (external o		
[MR]	ıcs		Timer1 clo 1 = Extern 0 = Interna	al clock f	rom pin R	CO/TICK		
TMR	ION		Timer1 Of 1 = Enable 0 = Stop T	(start) Ti		oit		

Assuming that a signal is fed into pin T1CKI, write a program for counter 1 to count the pulses and display the state of the count on PORTB and D

```
TRISC, 0
                               ; PORTC.0 as external input for timer1
    BSF
    CLRF
                TRISB
    CLRF
                TRISD
                               ; control word for timer1
    MOVLW
                0x02
    MOVWF
                T1CON
HERE:
    MOVLW
                0x0
                                ; TMR1L=0
    MOVWF
                TMR1L
    MOVWF
                TMR1H
    BCF
                 PIR1, TMR1IF
    BSF
                 T1CON, TMR1ON
                                                  PIC18
AGAIN:
    MOVFF
                 TMR1L, PORTB
                                                             to
    MOVFF
                 TMR1H, PORTD
                                                             LEDs.
    BTFSS
                PIR1, TMR1IF
    BRA
                AGAIN
                                       clock T1CKI RC0
    BCF
                T1CON, TMR1ON
    GOTO
                 HERE
```

4.4.4 timer interrupt

- previously, we program timer with polling method monitor TMR0IF
 wait until TMR0IF is raised
- here, we use interrupt to program the timer when the timer rolls over, TMR0IF is raised microcontroller jumps to interrupt vector table service the ISR
- TMR0IE enables the interrupt for Timer0



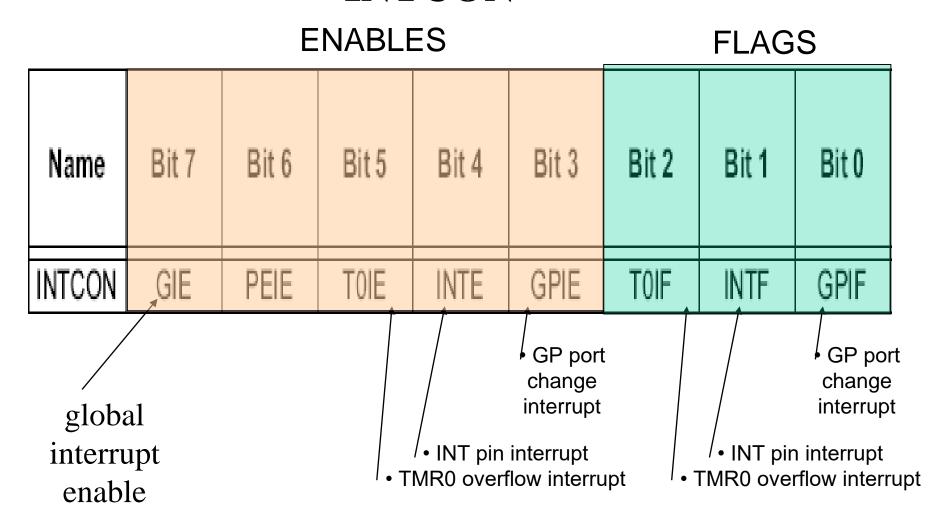
Interrupt	Flag Bit	Register	Enable Bit	Register
Timer0	TMR0IF	INTCON	TMR0IE	INTCON
Timer1	TMR1IF	PIR1	TMR1IE	PIE1
Timer2	TMR2IF	PIR1	TMR2IE	PIE1
Timer3	TMR3IF	PIR3	TMR3IE	PIE2

Timer Interrupt Flag Bits and Associated Registers

	TMR0IE		TMROIF		
<u> </u>					

INTCON Register with TimerO Interrupt Enable and Interrupt Flag

INTCON



GIE/GIEH: Global Interrupt Enable bit

When IPEN = 0:

- 1 = Enables all unmasked interrupts
- 0 = Disables all interrupts

When IPEN = 1:

- 1 = Enables all high-priority interrupts
- 0 = Disables all interrupts

PEIE/GIEL: Peripheral Interrupt Enable bit

When IPEN = 0:

- 1 = Enables all unmasked peripheral interrupts
- 0 = Disables all peripheral interrupts

When IPEN = $\underline{1}$:

- 1 = Enables all low-priority peripheral interrupts
- 0 = Disables all low-priority peripheral interrupts

TMR0IE: TMR0 Overflow Interrupt Enable bit

- 1 = Enables the TMR0 overflow interrupt
- 0 = Disables the TMR0 overflow interrupt

INTOIE: INTO External Interrupt Enable bit

- 1 = Enables the INT0 external interrupt
- 0 = Disables the INT0 external interrupt

RBIE: RB Port Change Interrupt Enable bit

- 1 = Enables the RB port change interrupt
- 0 = Disables the RB port change interrupt

TMR0IF: TMR0 Overflow Interrupt Flag bit

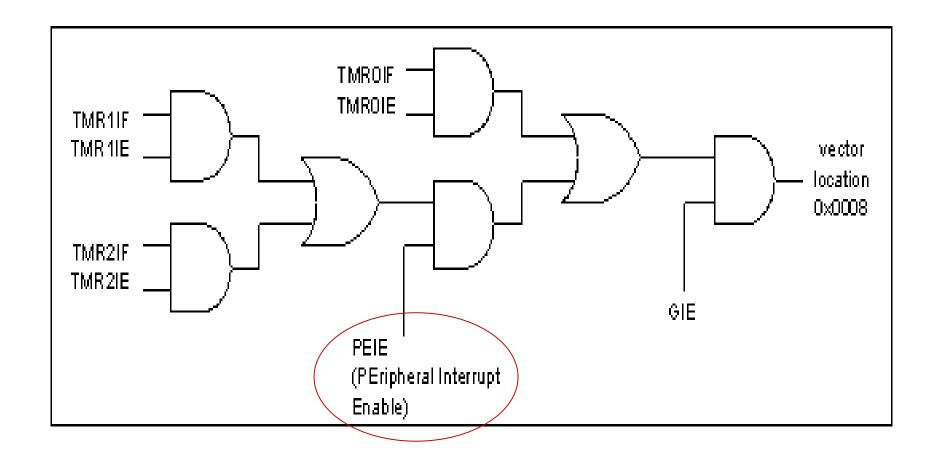
- 1 = TMR0 register has overflowed (must be cleared in software)
- 0 = TMR0 register did not overflow

INT0IF: INT0 External Interrupt Flag bit

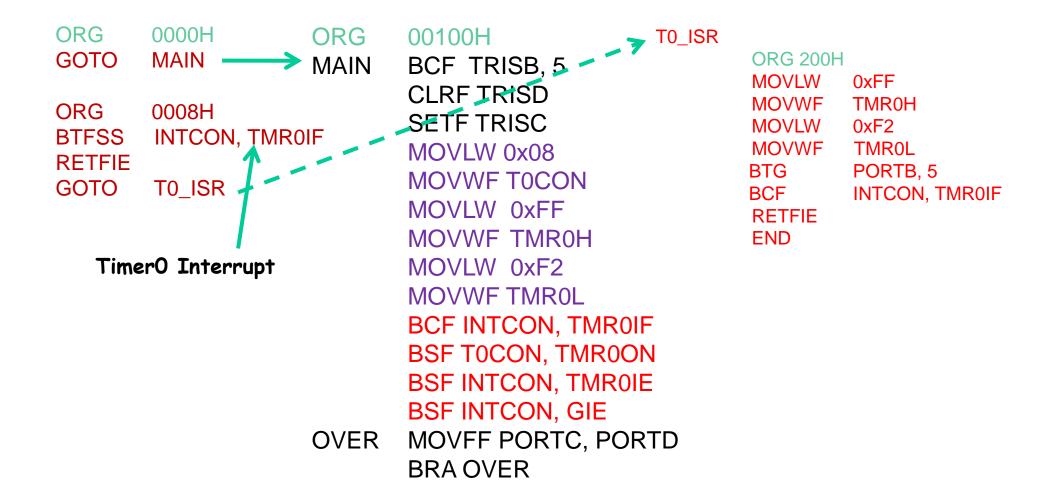
- 1 = The INT0 external interrupt occurred (must be cleared in software)
- 0 = The INT0 external interrupt did not occur

RBIF: RB Port Change Interrupt Flag bit(1)

- 1 = At least one of the RB<7:4> pins changed state (must be cleared in software)
- 0 = None of the RB<7:4> pins have changed state



Program



Use Timer0 and Timer1 interrupts to generate square waves on pins RB1 and RB7 respectively, while data is being transferred from PORTC to PORTD.

	ORG	0000H		MOVLW 0x0	T0_ISR		
	GOTO	MAIN		MOVWF TICON		ORG 200H	
	ORG	H8000		MOVLW 0xFF		MOVLW	0xFF
	GOTO	CHK_INT		MOVWF TMR1H		MOVWF	TMR0H
	ORG	0040H		MOVLW 0xF2		MOVLW	0xF2
CHK_INT				MOVWF TMR1L		MOVWF	TMR0L
	BTFSC	INTCON, TMR0IF		BCF PIR1, TMR1IF		BTG	PORTB, 1
	CALL	T0_ISR		BSF INTCON, TMR0IE		BCF INTCO	ON, TMR0IF
	BTFSC	PIR1, TMR1IF		BSF PIE1, TMR1IE		RETURN	
	CALL	T1_ISR		BSF INTCON, PEIE	T1_ISR		
	RETFIE			BSF INTCON, GIE		ORG 300H	
	ORG	0100H		BSF T0CON, TMR0ON		MOVLW	0xFF
MAIN	BCF	TRISB, 1		BSF T1CON, TMR1ON		MOVWF	TMR1H
	BCF	TRISB, 7				MOVLW	0xF2
	CLRF	TRISD	OVER	MOVFF PORTC, PORTD		MOVWF	TMR1L
	SETF	TRISC		BRA OVER		BTG	PORTB, 7
	MOVLW	0x08				BCF PIR1,	TMR1IF
	MOVWF	T0CON				RETURN	
	MOVLW	0xFF				END	
	MOVWF	TMR0H					
	MOVLW	0xF2					
	MOVWF	TMR0L					
	BCF	INTCON, TMR0IF					
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Summary

- ◆ programming Timer0
- ◆ programming Timer1
- ◆ counter programming
- ♦ timer interrupt