

Tiny4kOLED

This document provides an overview of the `Tiny4kOLED` library, which is specifically designed for use with small `OLED` displays. The library enables to interact with `OLED` screens, displaying text, graphics, and more, with minimal code. It is particularly useful in `Arduino` projects where an efficient, easy-to-use library is required for visual outputs.

This document will firstly explore the core functionalities of the `Tiny4kOLED` library, including the key features it offers for controlling `OLED` displays. After that, two practical code examples will be illustrated that showcase how to use the library for different tasks.

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Functionalities [🔗](#)

- Initialization

```
oled.begin()
```

Initializes the `OLED` screen.

- Clear the screen

```
oled.clear()
```

Clears the display, removing all content from previous operations.

- Turning display On/Off

```
oled.on()
```

Turns on the `OLED` display.

```
oled.off()
```

Turns off the `OLED` display.

- Display rotation

```
oled.setRotation()
```

Adjusts the orientation of the display. There are two supported orientations, the `oled.begin()` method sets the orientation to 1, it is possible to flip it 180 degrees by switching it to 0.

- Frames

```
oled.switchRenderFrame()
```

Changes the memory area where new data for the screen is being written.

```
oled.switchFrame()
```

Does the same as `oled.switchRenderFrame()` and additionally changes the memory area that is being displayed.

- Font

```
oled.setFont()
```

Sets the font that is going to be used to display text. The two supported font sizes are 8X16 and 6X8.

- Displaying text

```
oled.setCursor(x, y)
```

Sets the position where the text is going to be printed. The vertical alignment can only be set to 0, 1, 2 or 3. This is because the screen is separated into four 8px rows.

X is in pixels and Y is one of the four available rows.

```
oled.print("Text")
```

Prints the text given at the current cursor position.

Millisecond counter [↗](#)

Here is a simple example using the `Tiny4kOLED` library that can be found on the `GitHub` page of the library: [GitHub - datacut e/Tiny4kOLED: Library for an ATtiny85 to use an SSD1306 powered, double buffered, 128x32 pixel OLED, over I2C](#)

```
1  #include <Wire.h>
2  #include <Tiny4kOLED.h>
3
4  void setup() {
5      oled.begin();
6
7      oled.setFont(FONT8X16);
8
9      oled.clear();
10
11     oled.on();
12
13     oled.switchRenderFrame();
14 }
15
16 void loop() {
17     updateDisplay();
18     delay(50);
19 }
20
21 void updateDisplay() {
22     oled.clear();
23
24     oled.setCursor(0, 1);
25
26     oled.print(F("ms: "));
27
28     oled.print(millis());
29
30     oled.switchFrame();
31 }
```

This `Arduino` sketch uses the `Tiny4kOLED` library to display the number of milliseconds that have passed since the program started. The value is continuously updated on the screen.

Main Functionality [↗](#)

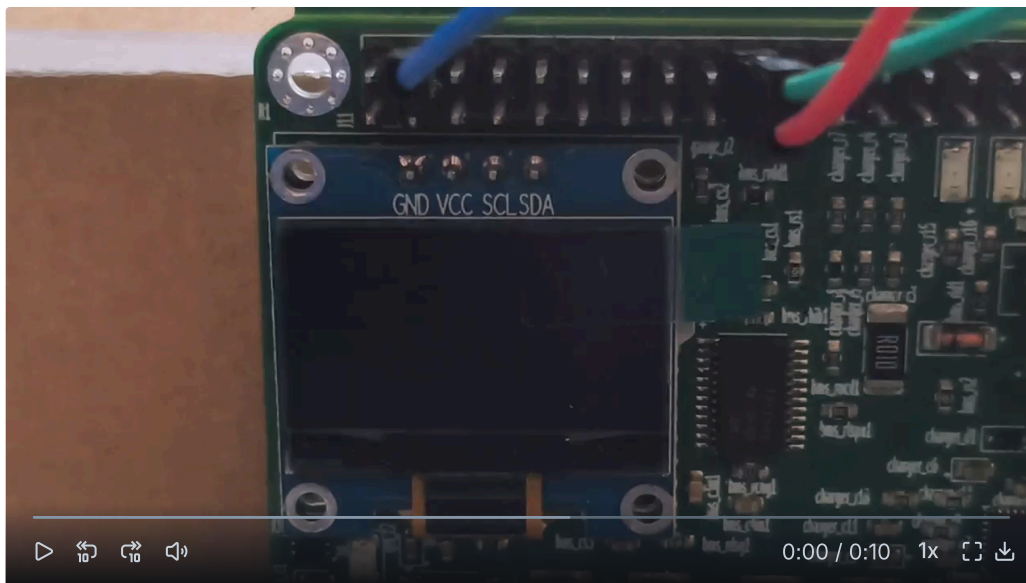
- Display Milliseconds

The main feature of the code is to display the **elapsed time** in milliseconds on the `OLED` screen, starting from when the program begins. The time updates every 50 milliseconds.

Loop Behaviour [↗](#)

- The `loop()` function repeatedly calls the `updateDisplay()` function, which updates the OLED display with the current time in milliseconds.

This is what should be displayed once the code is uploaded:



Accelerated clock with time reminders [↗](#)

Here is another example. In this case, it displays the current date and, at certain hours, a reminder appears on the screen:

```
1  #include <Wire.h>
2  #include <Tiny4kOLED.h>
3
4  const int screenWidth = 128;
5  const int screenHeight = 32;
6  const int margin = 4;
7  const int charWidth = 6;
8  const int charHeight = 8;
9  const int maxCharPerLine = ((screenWidth - (2 * margin)) / charWidth);
10
11 unsigned long startMillis;
12 int hours = 0;
13 int minutes = 0;
14
15 bool justShownReminder = false;
16 void setup() {
17   Wire.begin();
18   oled.begin();
19   oled.setFont(FONT6X8);
20   oled.clear();
21   oled.on();
22   startMillis = millis(); // store the time when the program starts
23   oled.switchRenderFrame();
24 }
25
26 void loop() {
27   updateDisplay(); // update the display with the current time and any reminders
```

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28     delay(100);
29 }
30
31 void updateDisplay() {
32     unsigned long elapsedTime = millis() - startMillis; // calculate the time elapsed since the program started
33     unsigned long fastTime = elapsedTime * 100; // accelerate the time
34
35     updateTime(fastTime);
36     oled.clear();
37     displayTime();
38     oled.switchFrame(); // update the OLED screen with the new display content
39
40     if (!justShownReminder) {
41         checkReminder();
42     }
43 }
44
45 // function to calculate the accelerated minutes and hours
46 void updateTime(unsigned long fastTime) {
47     minutes = (fastTime / 60000) % 60;
48     hours = (fastTime / 360000) % 24;
49 }
50
51 //function to display the time with the proper formatting in the second row of the screen
52 void displayTime() {
53     oled.setCursor(0, 1);
54     oled.print(F("Time: "));
55     if (hours < 10) oled.print("0"); // add leading zero for single-digit hours
56     oled.print(hours);
57     oled.print(F(":"));
58     if (minutes < 10) oled.print("0"); // add leading zero for single-digit minutes
59     oled.print(minutes);
60 }
61
62 // function to check if it's time to show a reminder
63 void checkReminder() {
64     if (hours == 6 && minutes == 0) {
65         showReminder("Time to wake up");
66     } else if (hours == 12 && minutes == 0) {
67         showReminder("It's lunchtime!");
68     } else if (hours == 18 && minutes == 0) {
69         showReminder("Time for exercise");
70     } else if (hours == 21 && minutes == 0) {
71         showReminder("Time for dinner");
72     } else if (hours == 23 && minutes == 0) {
73         showReminder("Time to sleep");
74     } else {
75         justShownReminder = false;
76     }
77 }
78
79 void showReminder(const char* message) {
80     oled.clear();
81
82     // adjust the message to fit within a single line
83     char line[maxCharPerLine + 1] = {0}; // create an empty character array for the line
84     strncpy(line, message, maxCharPerLine); // copy the message into the line array
85

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86  int lineLen = strlen(line); // get the length of the message after it has been copied
87
88  // calculate the position to centre the text on the screen horizontally
89  int x = margin + (screenWidth - 2 * margin - (lineLen * charWidth)) / 2;
90
91  oled.setCursor(x, 1);
92  oled.print(line);
93
94  oled.switchFrame(); // update the OLED screen with the reminder message
95
96  justShownReminder = true;
97  delay(2000); // show the reminder for 2 seconds before moving on to the next update
98 }

```

This `Arduino` sketch simulates a real-time clock that shows the current time on a 128x32 `OLED` display and periodically displays reminders at specific times of the day. The time is accelerated by a factor of 100 to simulate faster passage of time.

Main Functionality [🔗](#)

- **Real-Time Clock:**

The time starts at 00:00, and minutes and hours are updated in real-time (though accelerated by a factor of 100). The time is displayed on the `OLED` screen in the format `HH:MM`.

- **Reminder Messages:**

The sketch checks the current time every loop. When the time matches one of the specified reminder times (6:00, 12:00, 18:00, 21:00, 23:00), a message is displayed, such as "Time to wake up," "It's lunchtime!" etc.

The message is displayed for 2 seconds, and then the screen refreshes to show the time again.

- **Accelerated Time:**

The `fastTime` variable speeds up the time by multiplying the elapsed time by 100. This causes the clock to update faster, showing time as if it passes 100 times quicker than real-time.

- **Display:**

The time is updated and shown on the second row of the `OLED` screen.

When a reminder is triggered, the message is displayed in the centre of the screen.

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