## Embedded C programming basics:

# Factors for Selecting the Programming Language

- •Size: The memory that the program occupies is very important as Embedded Processors like Microcontrollers have a very limited amount of ROM.
- •Speed: The programs must be very fast i.e. they must run as fast as possible. The hardware should not be slowed down due to a slow running software.

**Portability:** The same program can be compiled for different processors.

- •Ease of Implementation
- •Ease of Maintenance
- Readability

## **Embedded systems programming**

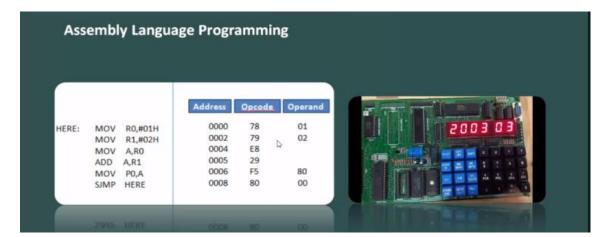
- Embedded devices have resource constraints
- •embedded systems typically uses smaller, less power consuming components.
- •Embedded systems are more tied to the hardware.

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# **Embedded systems programming**

- •Machine Code
- •Low level language, i.e., assembly
- •High level language like C, C++, Java, Ada, etc.
- •Application level language like Visual Basic, scripts, Access, etc.

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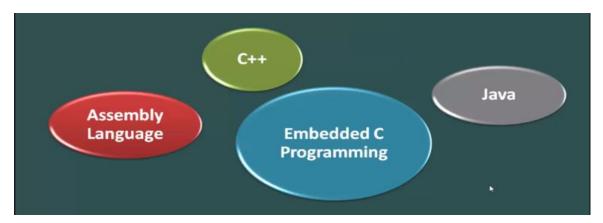
# Use of C in embedded systems is driven by following advantages

- •it is small and reasonably simpler to learn, understand, program and debug.
- •C Compilers are available for almost all embedded devices

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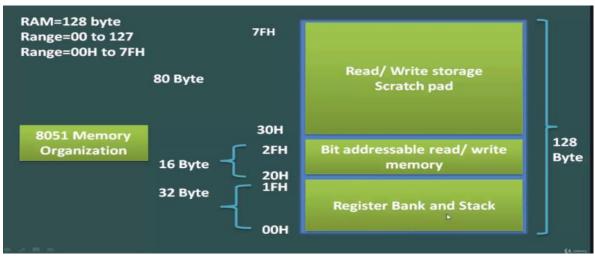
- •C has advantage of processor-independence
- •C combines functionality of assembly language and features of high level languages
- •it is fairly efficient

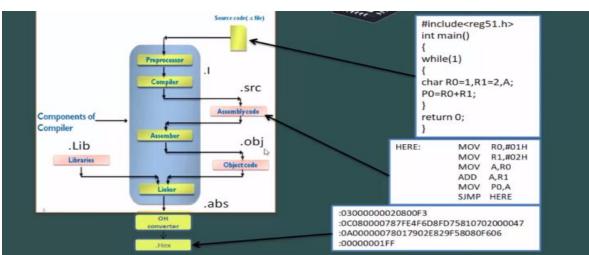
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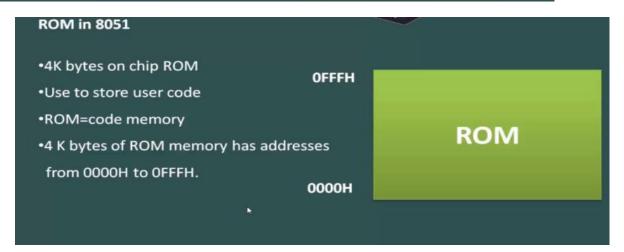


### Difference between C and Embedded C

Though **C** and embedded **C** appear different and are used in different contexts, they have more similarities than the differences. Most of the constructs are same; the difference lies in their applications







#### **Automatic variables**

Declare within a function/procedure

Variable is visible (has scope) only within that function

Space for the variable is allocated on the system stack when the procedure is entered

De-allocated, to be re-used, when the procedure is exited

If only 1 or 2 variables, the compiler may allocate them to registers within that procedure, instead of allocating memory

Values are not retained between procedure calls

### **Program variables**

Int x,y,z; //declares 3 variables of type "int" char a,b; //declares 2 variables of type "char"

Space for variables may be allocated in registers, RAM, or ROM/Flash

Variables can be automatic or static

### Static variables

Retained for use throughout the program in RAM locations that are not reallocated during program execution.

Declare either within or outside of a function

If declared outside a function, the variable is global in scope, i.e. known to all functions of the program

Use "normal" declarations.

Example: int count;

If declared within a function, insert key word static before the variable definition. The variable is local in scope, i.e. known only within this function.

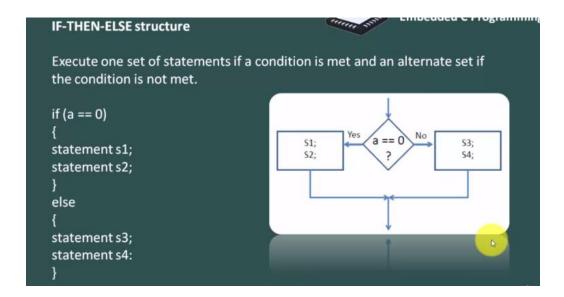
Example: static int count;

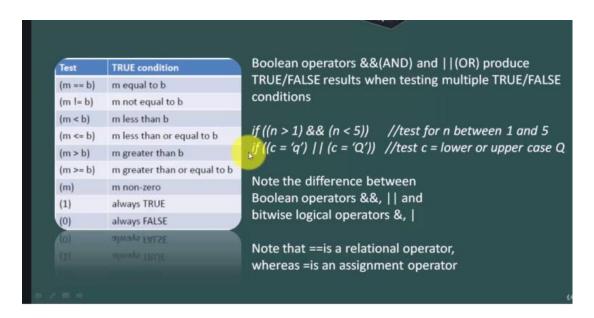
### C control structures

Control order in which instructions are executed

- Conditional execution
  - •Execute a set of statements if some condition is met
  - Select one set of statements to be executed from several options, depending on one or more conditions
- Iterative execution
  - •Repeated execution of a set of statements
    - •A specified number of times, or
    - ·Until some condition is met, or
    - •While some condition is true

# IF-THEN structure Execute a set of statements if and only if some condition is met if (a < b) { statement s1; statement s2; ... }





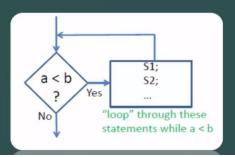
### **SWITCH statement**

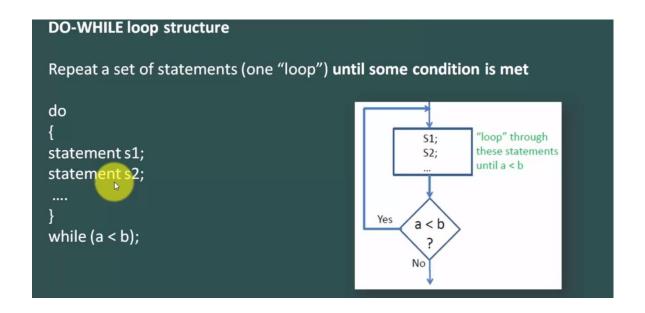
Compact alternative to ELSE-IF structure, for multiway decision that tests one variable or expression for a number of constant values.

## WHILE loop structure

Repeat a set of statements (a "loop") as long as some condition is met

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while (a < b)
{
statement s1;
statement s2;
....
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```





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FOR loop structure

FOR loop is a more compact form of the WHILE loop structure

Condition for Operation(s) at end of each loop

for (m = 0; m < 200; m + +)

{

statement s1;

statement s2;
}
```

### C function

Functions partition large programs into a set of smaller tasks

- •Helps manage program complexity
- •Smaller tasks are easier to design and debug
- •Functions can often be reused instead of starting over
- •Can use of "libraries" of functions developed by 3rdparties, instead of designing your own
- •The function may return a result to the caller
- •One or more arguments may be passed to the function/procedure

```
Function in Embedded C
#include<reg51.h>
                                                                        Embedded C Programming
  Int math_func( int k; int n)
                                              Function Declaration
  Void main()
  Int a,b,c;
  a = 10; b = 20;
  c=math_func (a,b);
                                               Function call
  Int math_func( int k; int n)
                //local variable
  Int j;
                                              Function definition
  j = n + k - 5; //function body
  return(j);
               //return the result
```

# Constant/literal

Constants in C programming language, as the name suggests are the data that doesn't change. Constants are also known as literals.

# **Integer constants**

123 /\* decimal constant\*/
0x9b /\* hexadecimal constant\*/
0456 /\* octal constant\*/

For decimal literals : no prefix is used.

Prefix used for hexadecimal: 0x / 0X

Prefix used for octal: 0

### **Character constants**

Character constants hold a single character enclosed in single quotations marks

## **String Constants/Literals**

String constants consist of any number of consecutive characters in enclosed quotation marks (").

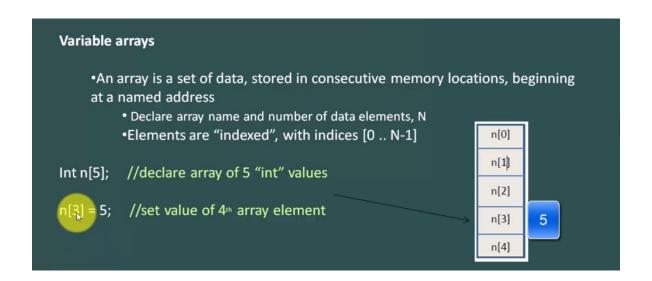
String(array) of characters:

char my\_string[] = "My String";

// Compiler will interpret the above statement as

Null Character

char my\_string[10] = {'M', 'y', ' ', 'S', 't', 'r', 'i', 'n', 'g', '\0'}



sic data types in C51 compiler			
Data Type	Bits	Bytes	Value Range
bit	1		0 to 1
signed char	8	1	-128 to +127
unsigned char	8	1	0 to 255
enum	16	2	-32768 to +32767
signed short	16	2	-32768 to +32767
unsigned short	16	2	0 to 65535
signed int	16	2	-32768 to +32767
unsigned int	16	2	0 to 65535
signed long	32	4	-2147483648 to 2147483647
unsigned long	32	4	0 to 4294967295
float	32	4	+/-1.175494E-38 to +/-3.402823E+38
sbit	1		0 to 1
sfr	8	1	0 to 255
sfr16	16	2	0 to 65535

```
Int i, j, k;  // 32-bit signed integers
uint8_t m,n,p;  // 8-bit unsigned numbers

i= j + k;  // add 32-bit integers
m = n -5;  // subtract 8-bit numbers
j = i* k;  // multiply 32-bit integers
m = n / p;  // quotient of 8-bit divide
m = n % p;  // remainder of 8-bit divide
i= (j + k) * (i-2);  // arithmetic expression

*, /, % are higher in precedence than +, -(higher precedence applied 1st)
Example: j * k + m / n = (j * k) + (m / n)
```

# **Basic Embedded C program structure**

```
#include <reg51.h> /* I/O port/register names/addresses
for the 8051xx microcontrollers */

int count; /* Global variables – accessible by all functions */
//global (static) variables – placed in RAM

int fun_delay (int x) /* Function definitions*/
//parameter x passed to the function, function returns an integer value
{

int i; //local (automatic) variables – allocated to stack or registers

for(i=0;i<=x;i++); // instructions to implement the function
}
```

```
void main(void) /* Main program */
int k;
                                //local (automatic) variable (stack or registers)
P1=0x00;
                /* Initialization section */ // instructions to initialize
                                //variables, I/O ports, devices, function registers
k = 10;
                /* Endless loop */
while (1)
                                //Can also use: for(;;)
                /* repeat forever */
P1=0x0FF;
                     // function call
Fun_delay(k);
P1=0x00;
Fun_delay(k);
                              // instructions to be repeated
```

### Bit level Operations in C

- 1. Bitwise OR operator denoted by '|'
- 2. Bitwise AND operator denoted by '&'
- 3. Bitwise Complement or Negation Operator denoted by '~'
- 4. Bitwise Right Shift & Left Shift denoted by '>>' and '<<' respectively
- 5. Bitwise XOR operator denoted by 'A'

```
AND Truth Table
      Output
      Y = A.B
                   C = A & B;
                                       A 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0
                    (AND)
                                      В
                                           1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
                                           0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0
        0
unsigned char A,B,C; //we can declare an 8-bit number as a char
                       // binary A = 01100110;
A = 0x66;
B = 0xB3;
                       // binary B = 10110011;
                     // binary C = 00100010; i.e 0x22;
C = A \& B;
```

```
OR Truth Table
        Y = A + B
                        C = A \mid B;
                                                  0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0
0
          0
                                                  0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
                        (OR)
                                             B
0
                                             C
                                                  0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0
          1
          1
   unsigned int A,B,C;
                           //binary A = 01100100
   A = 0x64;
                          //binary B = 00010000
   B = 0x10;
                         // C=0x74 which is binary 01110100
   C = A \mid B;
```

```
XOR Truth Table
        Output
Inputs
       Y = A \oplus B
                           C = A ^ B;
                                                     0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0
         0
                           (XOR)
                                                B
                                                     1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
0
    1
         1
                                                       1 0 1 0 1 1 1
          1
1
    1
          0
   unsigned int A,B,C;
   A = 0x64;
                           //binary A = 01100100
                           //binary B = 10110011
   B = 0xB3;
   C = A^B;
                        // C = 0xD7 which is binary 11010111
```

