

CSE 379 Lab 7
Documentation Report

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Section 1

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Section 2

Program Overview

- 1.) Start running the program on PuTTY
- 2.) A prompt appears informing the user to hold down a number of pushbuttons on the daughterboard (SW2-5) and press S on the keyboard to start the game
- 3.) Based on how many buttons the user holds down, the game will begin with that many rows of bricks (1-row minimum by default if no buttons are pressed, 4 rows maximum)
- 4.) The ball will appear in the center of the screen moving down towards the paddle, and then the user can use A and D keys to move the paddle left and right
- 5.) When the ball hits certain parts of the paddle it will begin moving up at a certain angle (45, 60, or 90 degrees)
- 6.) When the ball hits a brick, the score will increase and the brick will be destroyed. The ball and RGB LED will change to the color of the most recently destroyed brick. Both the ball and LED colors reset on death (White ball, LED off)
- 7.) The user has 4 lives indicated by the LEDs on the daughter board. If the ball hits the bottom of the board past the paddle, a life is lost. At 0 lives the game will end
- 8.) To advance to the next level, the user must clear all the bricks on the board, at which point the board will reset and the ball will begin to move faster. After 4 levels the ball speed will no longer increase
- 9.) To pause the game, the user can press SW1 on the motherboard. The RGB will light up blue and the board will display the word PAUSED. To resume, the same button can be pressed
- 10.) When the game ends, the user can press Y to restart the game or Q to quit

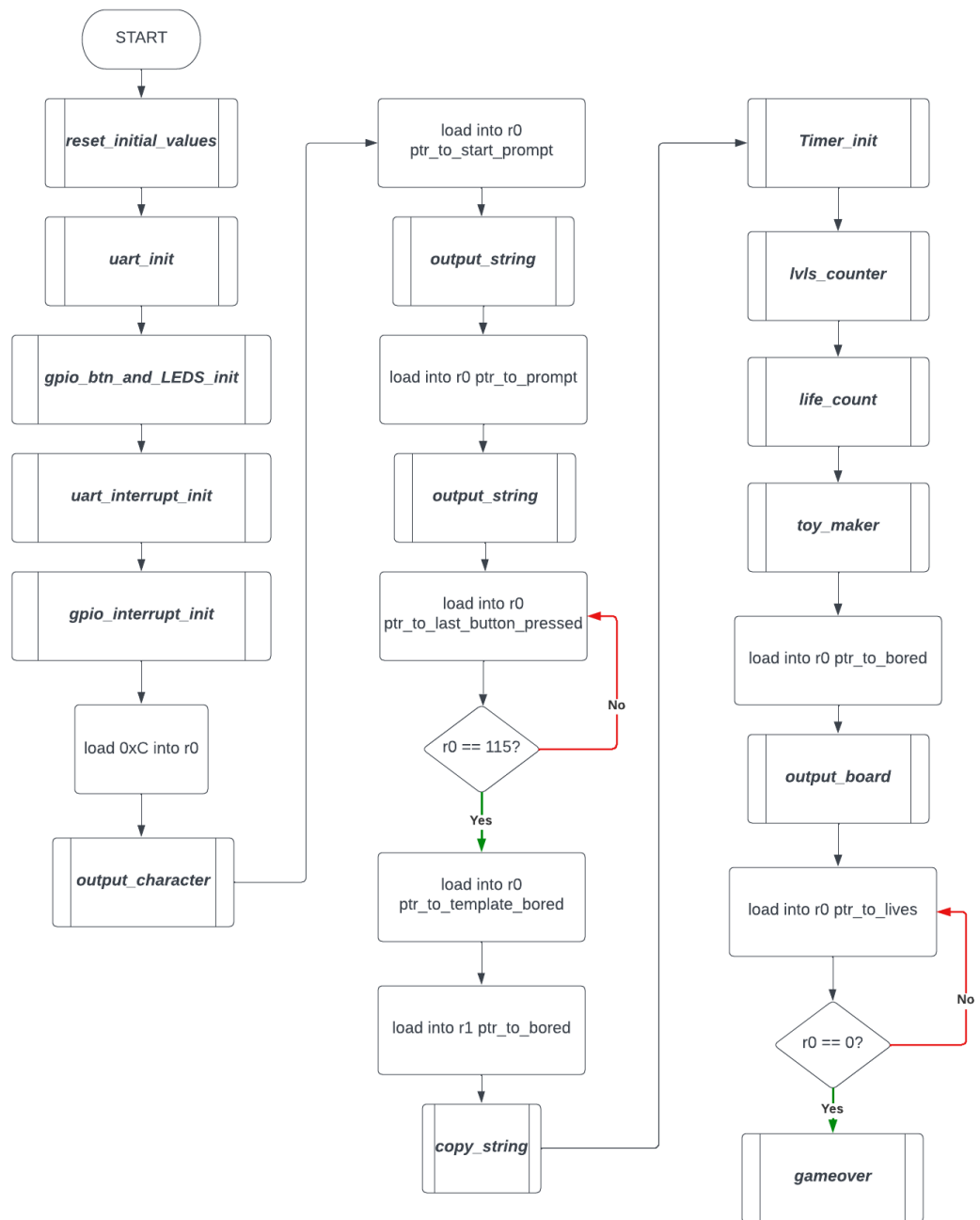
Program Summary

This program integrates several important functions of the ARM processor. These include timers, interrupts, GPIO, lookup tables, escape sequences, and UART communication. The game begins

by telling the user the push down the switch buttons on the motherboard (SW2-SW5) and press S to start the game. The subroutines *lvl_count* and *toy_maker* are responsible for creating the board for the user. *lvl_count* is called once the user presses S, in which it checks the data register for the SW pushbuttons and checks to see how many buttons were pushed, and stores this value in memory. *Toy_maker* is then called which loads this value from memory to determine how many rows to print out. If no buttons were pressed and the user pressed S the default value of 1 is loaded and stored (Default row count is 1). Inside *toy_maker*, an accumulator is set to make sure that 7 bricks are printed per row and the respective number of rows are made. The rows and brick colors are randomly generated by utilizing Timer A1, in which the current time value in that Timer's data register is pulled and has a "mod5" operation applied to the value. Based on the result, a certain colored brick is created by moving to a specific offset inside the board in memory, and writing 3 letters next to each other. Lower case letters *r*, *b*, *g*, *y*, and *p* all correspond to a color brick, which the lookup table prints out an ASCII Escape sequence to make the PuTTY terminal change colors. For example, if the user holds down 3 buttons and presses S the game will begin with 3 layers of bricks on the board. After this, *life_count* is called which loads the pointer to the user's lives and inserts a number into the LED data register based on the number of lives. At the start of the game the user gets 4 lives, so the value 15 is passed into the data register to turn all of the LEDs on. The game begins with the ball moving towards the paddle, with the user being able to press A and D to move the paddle left and right. The ball and paddle's simulated "movement" is handled inside the Timer Handler. In this handler, subroutines *update_paddle* and *update_ball* are constantly being called, which update the position of each inside the board (aka inside memory). Both of these subroutines use the lookup table to keep track of the positioning and color of both the ball and paddle. Based on what part of the paddle connects with the ball (seen in the lookup table), the ball will change its x and y vectors and begin to move at a certain angle. If the ball hits a wall it will bounce off; This is used in *update_ball* which updates the vectors and coordinates based on what character is in the space that it is **about** to connect with. If the ball collides with a brick, the subroutine *wreck_it_ralph* is called, which has the location of the brick that was just hit passed into it in two registers. This function determines what color the brick was (based on the lowercase letter it reads) and stores it at a pointer called *ball_color* which is used by *update_ball* to change the color of the ball, followed by passing a certain value into the RGB LED data register to light it up the same color. After, the subroutine uses the x and y coordinates passed to it to move to an offset in the board, after which it "deletes" the brick by writing 3 spaces in place of the lowercase letters. These spaces in the lookup table correspond to a blank space with a black background. Two pointers in memory are then loaded (level score and score), incremented, and stored back. The level score is based on the number of rows the user has in their board, which they need to clear in order to level up in the game. In the Timer Handler, the subroutine *advance_check* is called to determine if the user has cleared all the bricks by loading this score from memory and comparing it to either 7, 14, 21, or 28. If any of these conditions are met, a boolean in memory is set to 1, in which after *advance_check* returns we then jump to *level_up*. This subroutine speeds up the ball

by subtracting a value from the timer frequency, and then resets the ball and paddle positioning along with the level score, and then creates a new board with newly generated rows of bricks. If the SW1 button is pushed, the Switch Handler is called which handles the interrupt created by the button press. In this handler, it checks a boolean value in memory to determine if this is the user pausing the game or resuming it. If it is a pause, the main timer for the game is disabled along with the RGB LED turning blue and the word "PAUSED" printed underneath the user's board. If it is a resume, the screen is cleared, the RGB LED is turned back to the previous color (stored at a pointer in memory), and the timer is enabled again, which eventually will reprint the board and resume the game. If the ball hits the bottom of the board, aka out of bounds, ***update_ball*** will detect this based on the x and y coordinates of the ball. If it is true, ***update_OOB*** is called which passes 0 to the ***illuminate_RGB_LED*** subroutine which turns the light off. Next, the ball color is reset along with the positioning of the ball and paddle. After that, the pointer holding the user's life count is loaded and decremented, followed by the calling of ***life_count*** to update the LEDs and in essence turn one of the LEDs off. If the user loses all 4 lives, all of the LEDs will turn off and the game will end, displaying a game over prompt. The user will also be able to see their final score, and have the option to restart the game or quit by pressing *y* or *q* respectively.. If the user chooses to restart the game, all initial values are restored (0 for level count, 0 for score, 4 for lives, ball and paddle coordinates reset), and the user has the option to select a new board with a different number of rows. If the user presses *q*, the program ends.

lab7



Section 3

Subroutine Descriptions:

lab7: Initializes GPIO, Timer, UART0, along with the interrupts for them. Resets all base values for pointers in memory, and outputs prompt followed by polling for a user to press S to begin the program. Calls all subroutines to build the board and check constantly if the user has run out of lives

get_length: Takes an integer in r0 and returns the length of the integer in r0.

get_nth: Takes one integer in r0 and another integer in r1, and returns an integer in r0. Returns the digit of the integer in r0 at the index described by the integer in r1. The indexing begins at the least significant digit, with an initial value of 0.

uart_interrupt_init: Configures the processor to allow the UART to interrupt it

gpio_interrupt_init: Turns on the clock for port F and sets the right pins to configure SW1 on the Tiva board to be an input. It also configures SW1 to be an interrupt (single falling edge trigger), clears the interrupt flag, and allows the GPIO port F to use interrupts.

gpio_btn_and_LEDs_init: Turns on the clocks, sets required pins to be inputs and outputs, and sets pull-up registers for required pins to operate the switches and corresponding LEDs on the daughter board.

Timer_init: Initializes the timers A0 and A1 and configures the processor to allow the timer A0 to interrupt it. The timer will interrupt the processor at a specific interval (5 interrupts per second).

read_character: Detects a character input from a keyboard and stores the ASCII value of the character in r0.

output_character: Takes an ASCII value of a character in r0 and stores the corresponding character to the memory-mapped I/O of a UART.

output_string: Takes a memory address as an input in r0. Reads a null-terminated string from the address in r0 and sequentially stores the values of the characters to memory-mapped I/O of a UART

uart_init: Modifies values in the memory-mapped I/O of a UART to prepare it to send and receive data in ways meaningful to the lab6 program. With this initialization, `output_character` and `output_string` will cause the value(s) they store in memory to be converted to a character(s) and printed to a PuTTY terminal.

int2string: Takes an integer in `r0` and a memory address of a string buffer in `r1`. Converts the integer in `r0` into a null-terminated string describing the number, and stores it at the buffer pointed to by `r1`.

illuminate_RGB_LED: Starts by loading the address offset for port F, setting pins F1-F3 to outputs as well as setting them to digital. Next, it loads the data register for port F, and inserts the 3 bits that were passed into the routine in `r0` into the data register. This will turn on the corresponding pins and turn on the RGB LED with the specific color (according to the 3-bit combination)

illuminate_LEDs: Starts by loading the data register for port B, and inserting the 4 bits that were passed into the routine in `r0` into the first 4 bits of `r1`. This new value is stored in the port B data register, hence turning on the corresponding LEDs.

UART0_Handler: Reads the key that the user last pressed using ***read_character*** and updates the direction that the paddle is moving using pointers in memory which are loaded in ***update_paddle***.

Switch_Handler: Pauses or resumes the game based on a boolean value that gets set each time SW1 is pressed. If set to a 0, the timer is disabled, RGB LED turned blue, and the word PAUSED is printed to the screen. If the boolean is a 1, RGB LED is turned to the previous color before being paused, and the timer is reenabled with PAUSED getting cleared from the screen

Timer_Handler: Checks to see if the user has completed the level first. Then it updates the positioning of the ball, paddle, and score count in memory, clears the screen and prints it all to the terminal.

Output_board: Similar to the `output_string` function, except when it comes across specific characters in the string to print, it instead accesses a lookup table full of strings and prints one that corresponds to the specific character. This allows the lookup table to be filled with escape sequences that when printed out in PuTTY, have formatting applied to characters.

update_paddle: Accesses an address in memory that contains either "a" or "d"; whichever was pressed most recently on the keyboard. Based on the value, loads the position of the paddle and moves it left or right. The value at the address can also be a space (which is only the case if "a" or "d" have not been pressed yet), and in this default case the paddle position does not change. The position will also not change if the paddle is trying to move past the boundaries of the board.

update_ball: Loads the x and y coordinates of the ball, and the movement vector of the ball. Adds the movement vector to the coordinates, and checks to see what character on the board is there. If it is not a space (there is a collision), the movement vector of the ball is updated according to the character that is being collided with. Also, if a block is being collided with, ***wreck_it_ralph*** is called to destroy the block. After updating the vector, the position of the ball is added to the new movement vector, and one more collision check is made. If there is a collision, the routine ends. If there is not, a character for the ball is placed in the new location, and a space is placed in the old location.

copy_string: Takes the address of a null-terminated string in r0 and an address to store a null-terminated string of the same size in r1. Copies all the characters in the string at r0 to the location in r1, with the null terminator. Does not destroy the string at r0. Used to reset the game board.

update_OOB: Resets the color of the ball and RGB LED based on a pointer in memory, repositions the ball and its vectors to its starting values, subtracts 1 from the user's life count value stored in memory followed by calling ***life_count***

gameover: Disables the timer, clears the screen and outputs the final score along with an option to restart the game or quit

wreck_it_ralph: Given the board position of the most recently hit brick (in r0 and r1), updates the color of the ball and RGB LED based on the color of the brick, increments the overall score and the level score, then writes spaces over the brick in memory to "destroy" the brick

toy_maker: Loads pointers from memory to check how many rows of bricks to print as well as how many bricks have been printed so far in a row (Default number of rows is 1). Loads current value of Timer A1, performs "mod5" operation on it to determine what color to make the brick and place it in the board in memory.

lvls_counter: Loads the data register from the GPIO SW2-SW5 buttons and determines how many buttons were pressed, then it updates the pointer in memory to the corresponding number.

life_count: Loads a pointer from memory corresponding to the number of lives the user has available. Once this value is determined, a respective value is loaded into the GPIO SW2-SW5 data register to turn on the LEDs (3 -> 7 loaded into data register)

startup: Loads the starting prompts for the user and polls for the user to press S to start. If so, the subroutine exits

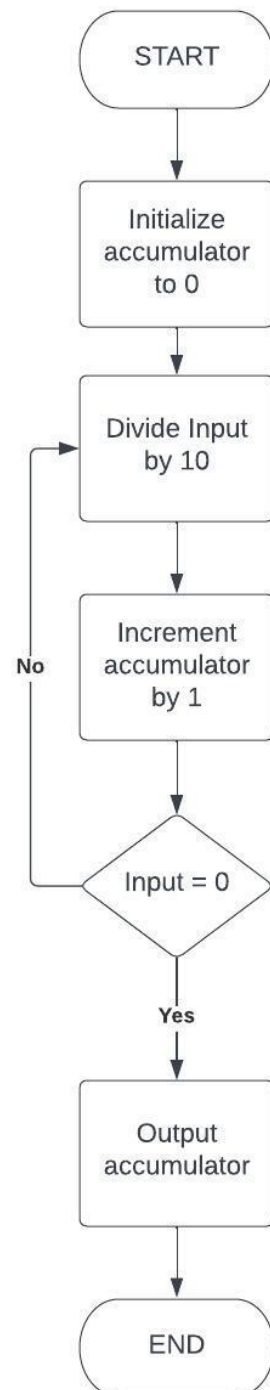
advance_check: Checks to see if the user has cleared all the bricks on the board based on the row count and level score. If conditions are met, a boolean value is set to 1 in memory

levelup: Speeds up the ball movement, resets the ball and paddle positioning to its initial states, and creates a new board for the user to clear

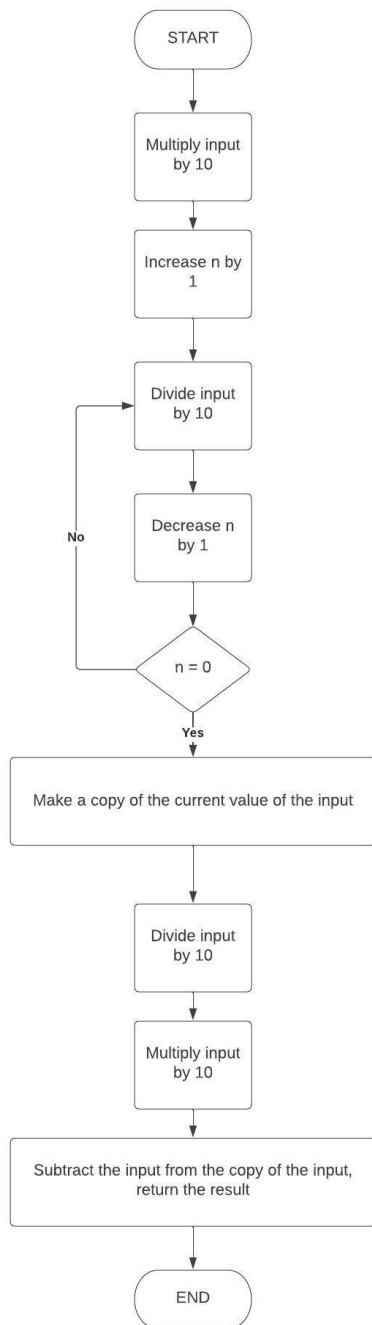
reset_initial_values: Resets all values in memory to their initial state, such as the life count, level count, boolean values, etc.

Section 4

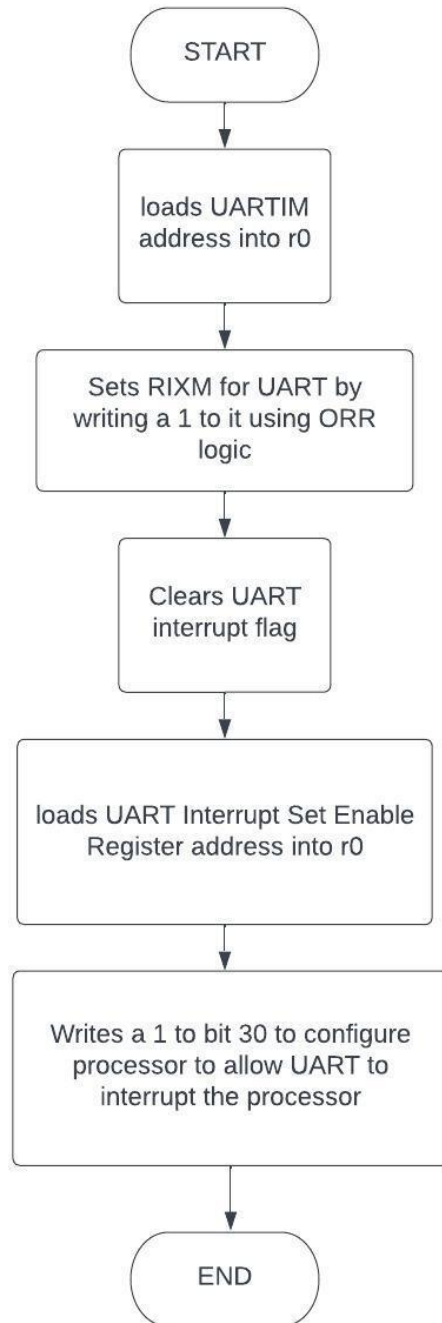
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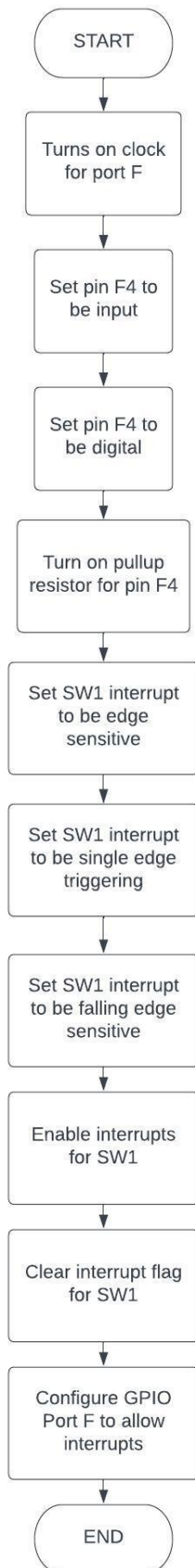
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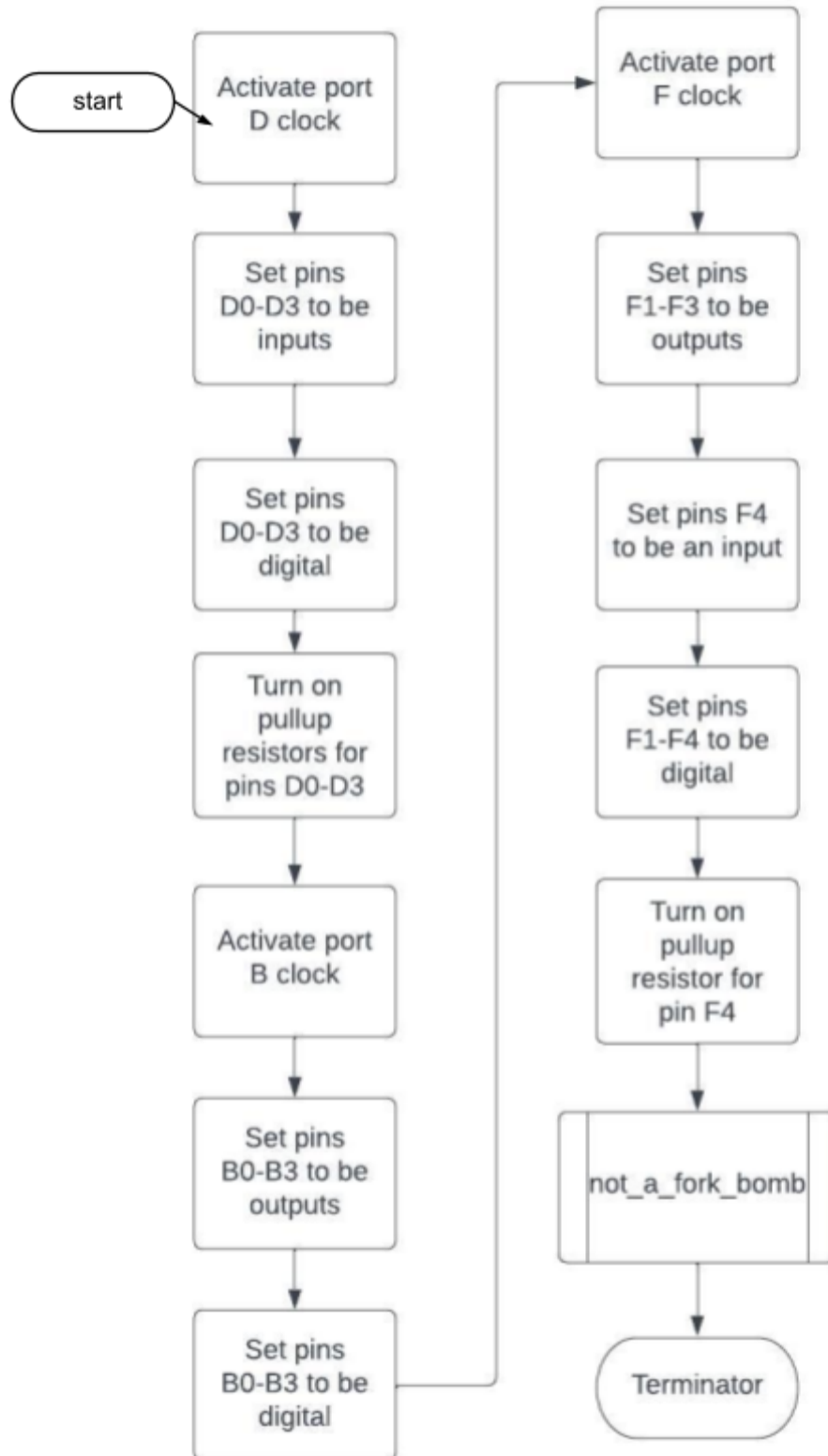
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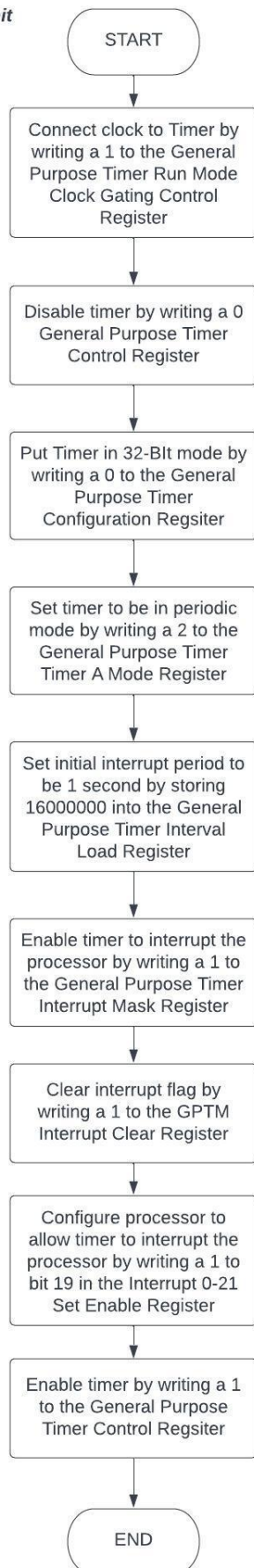
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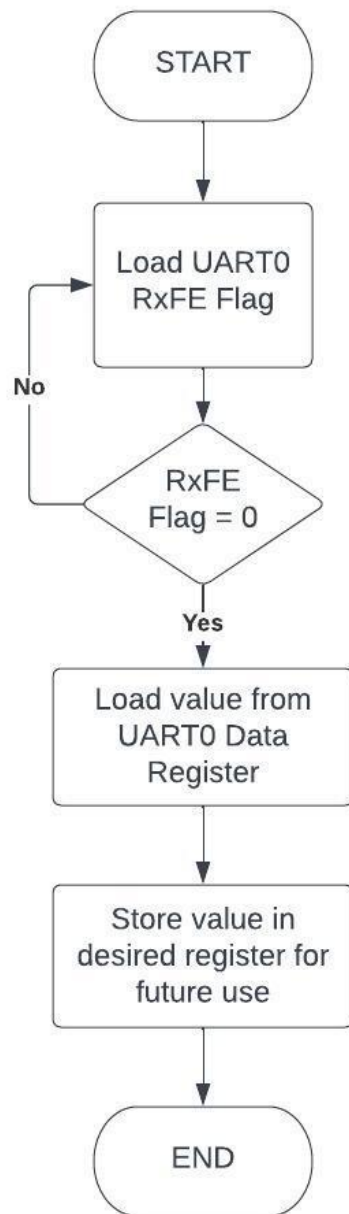
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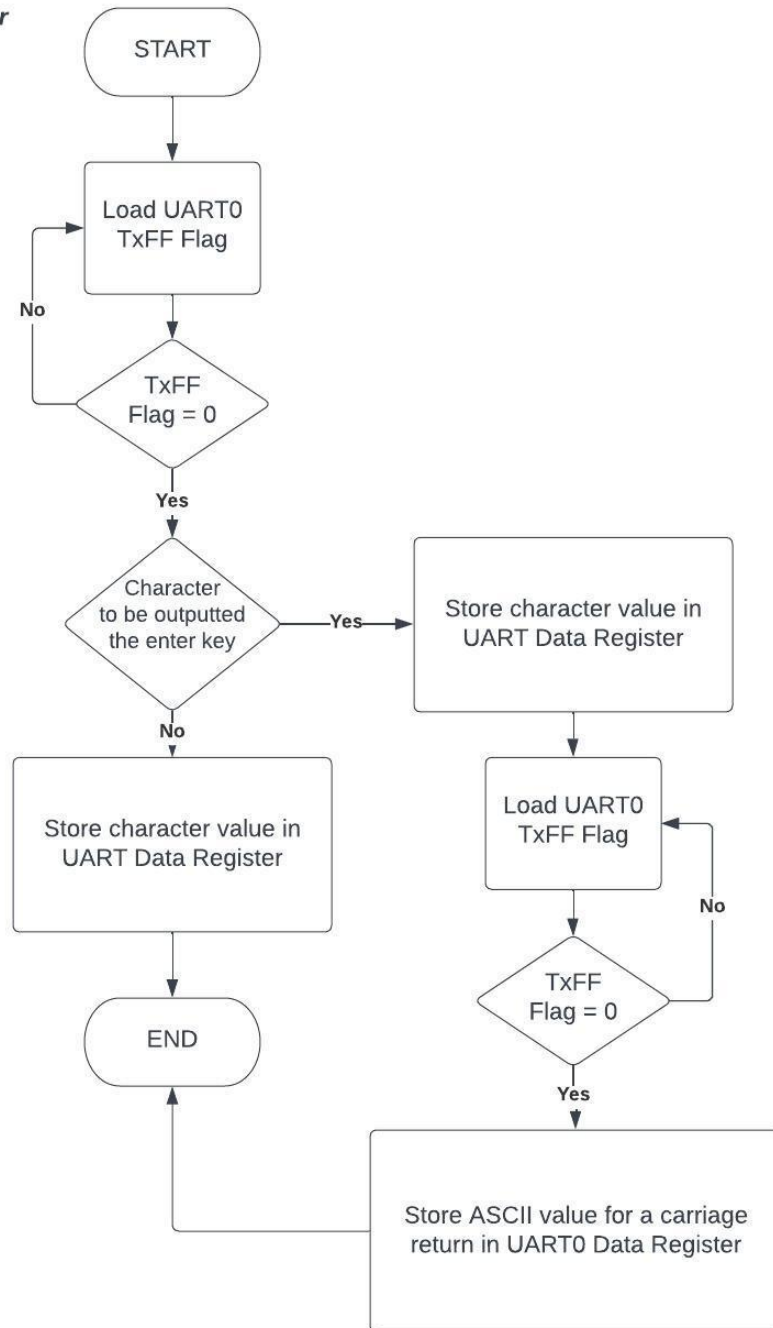
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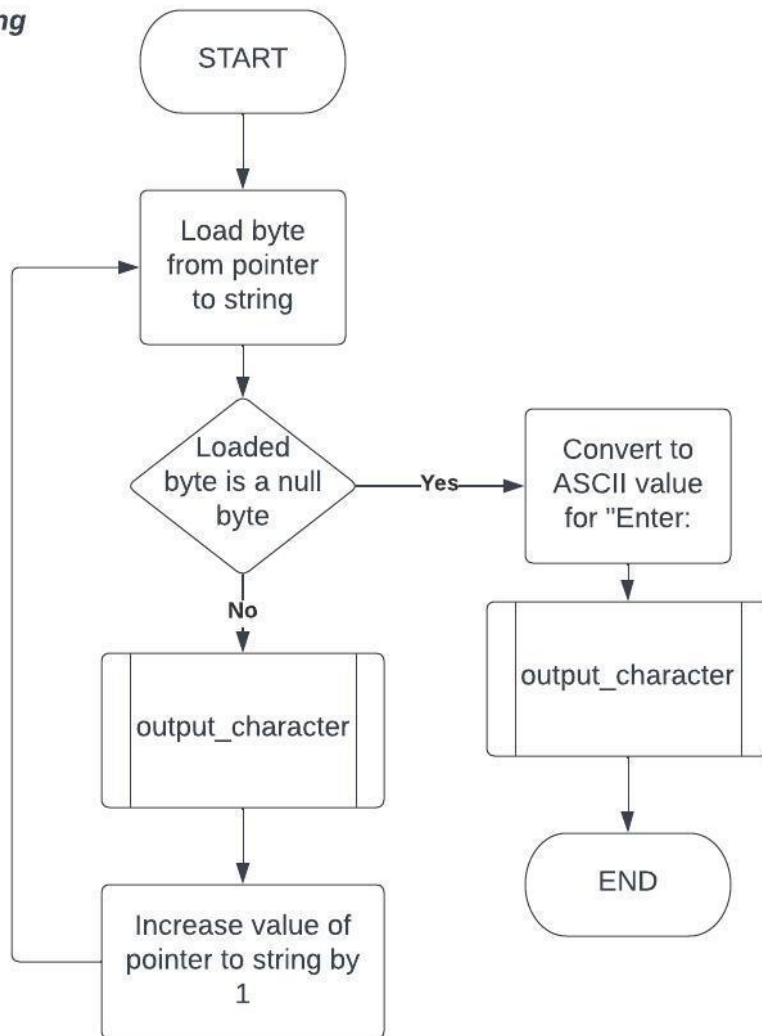
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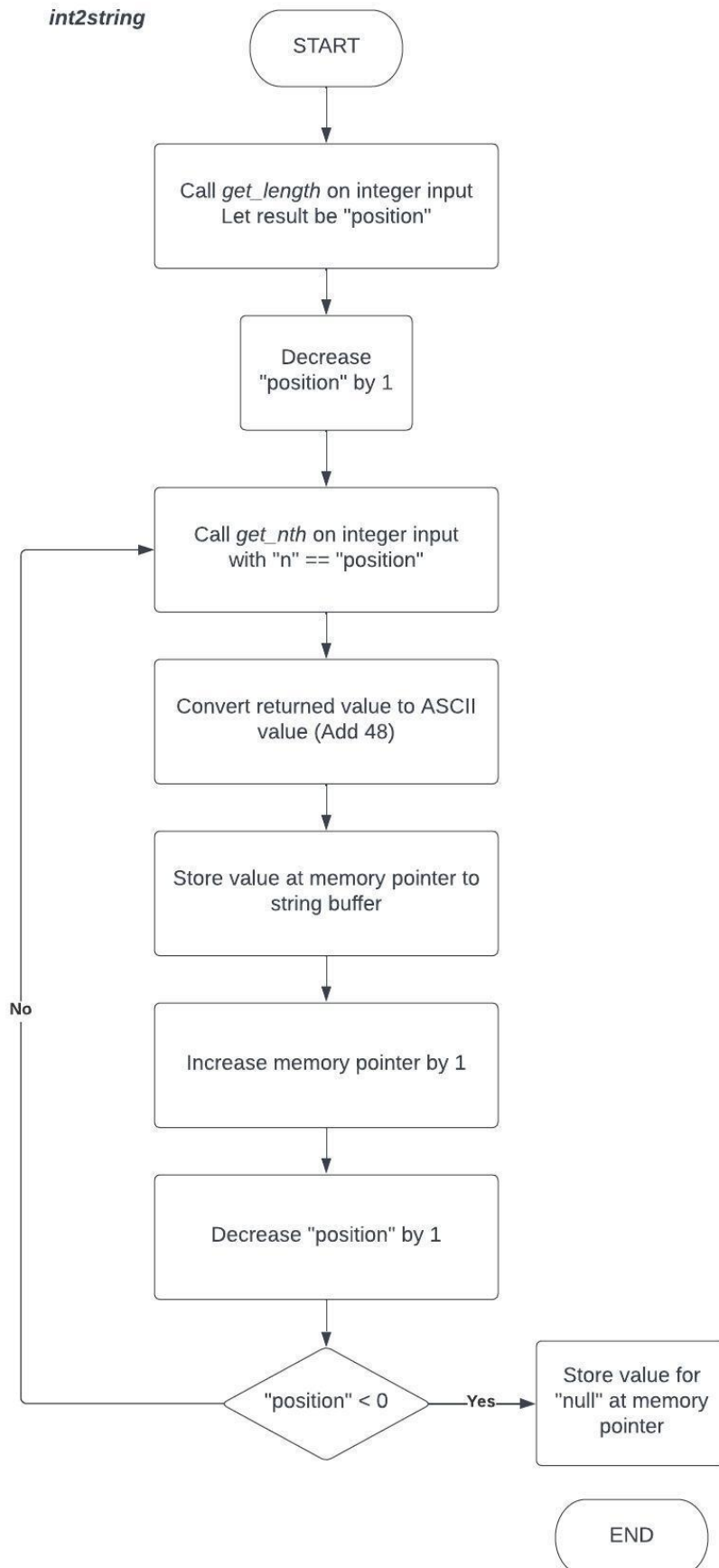
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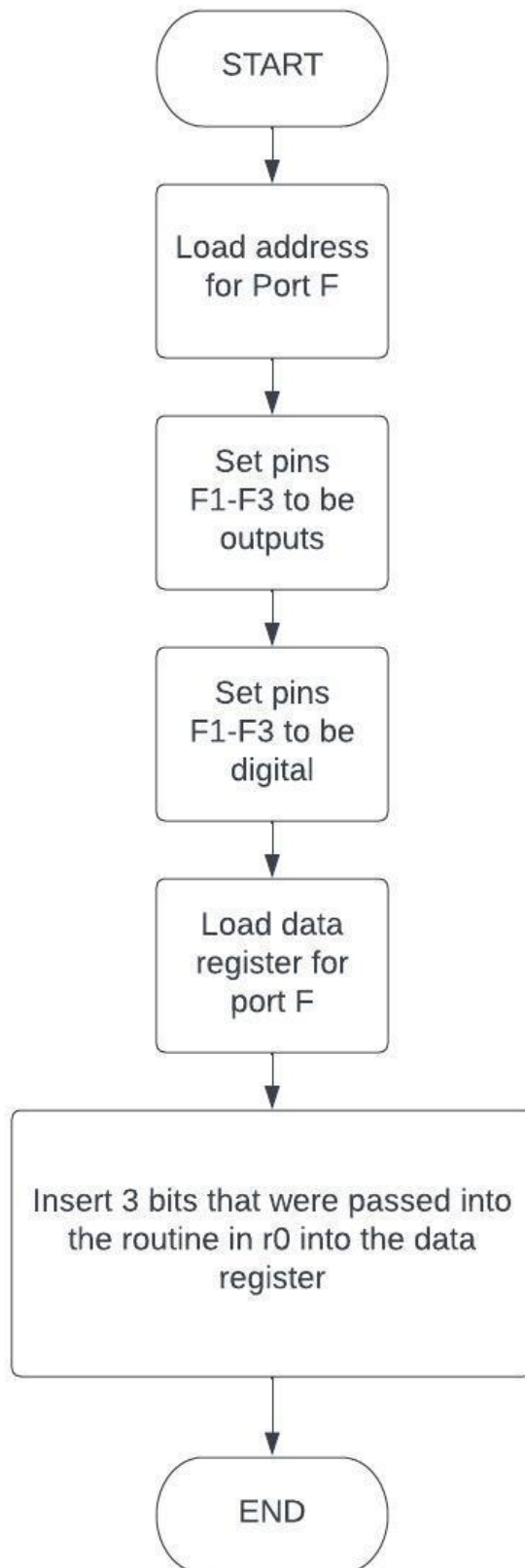
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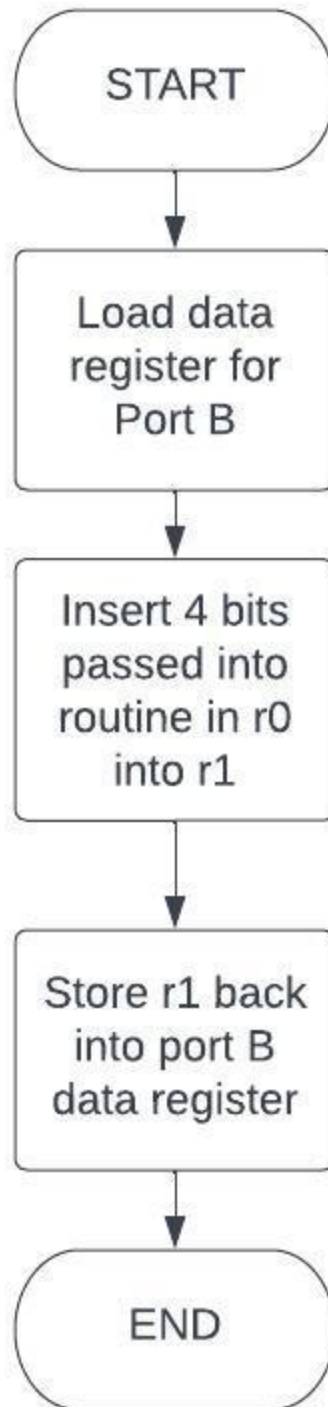
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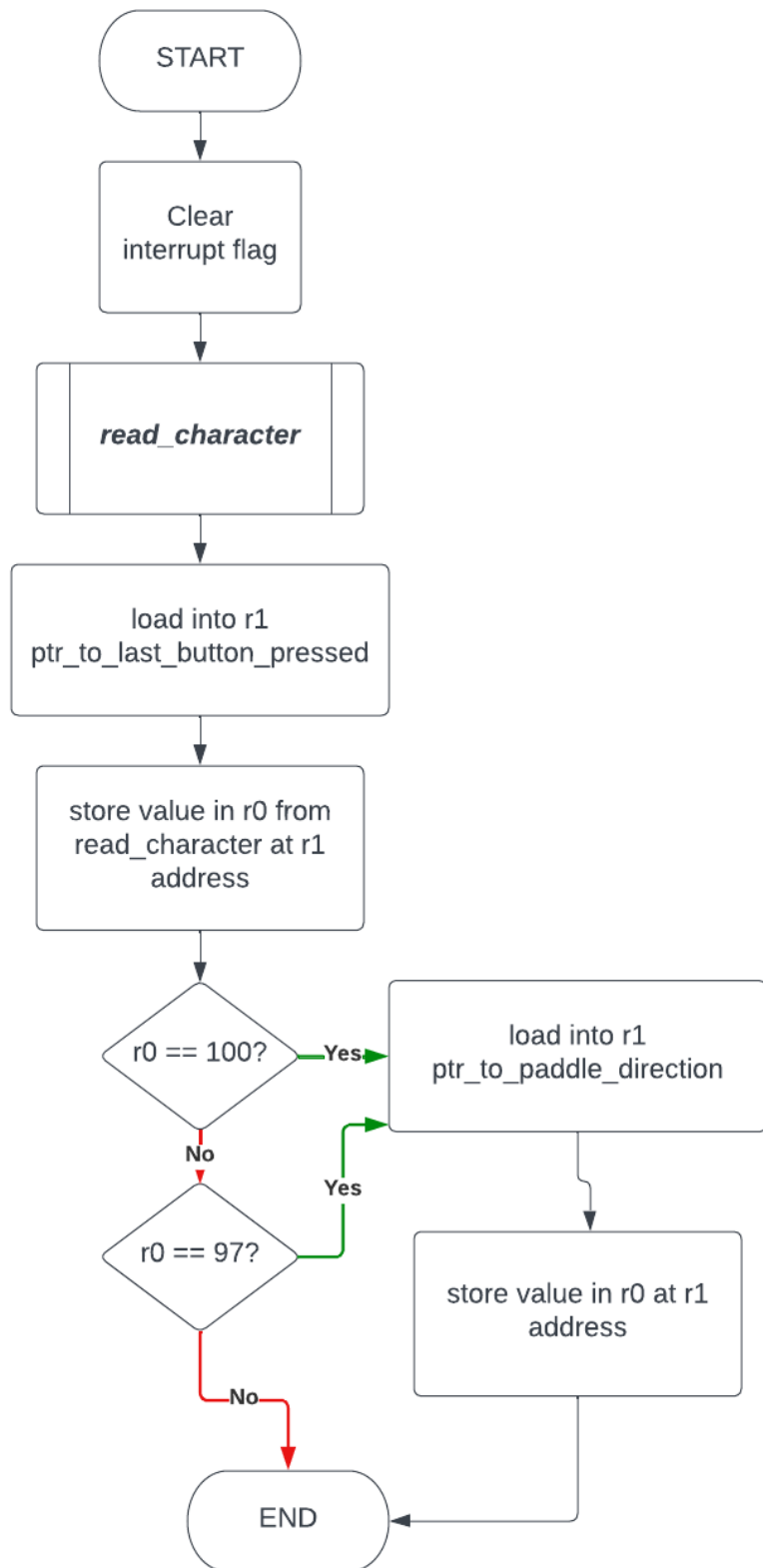
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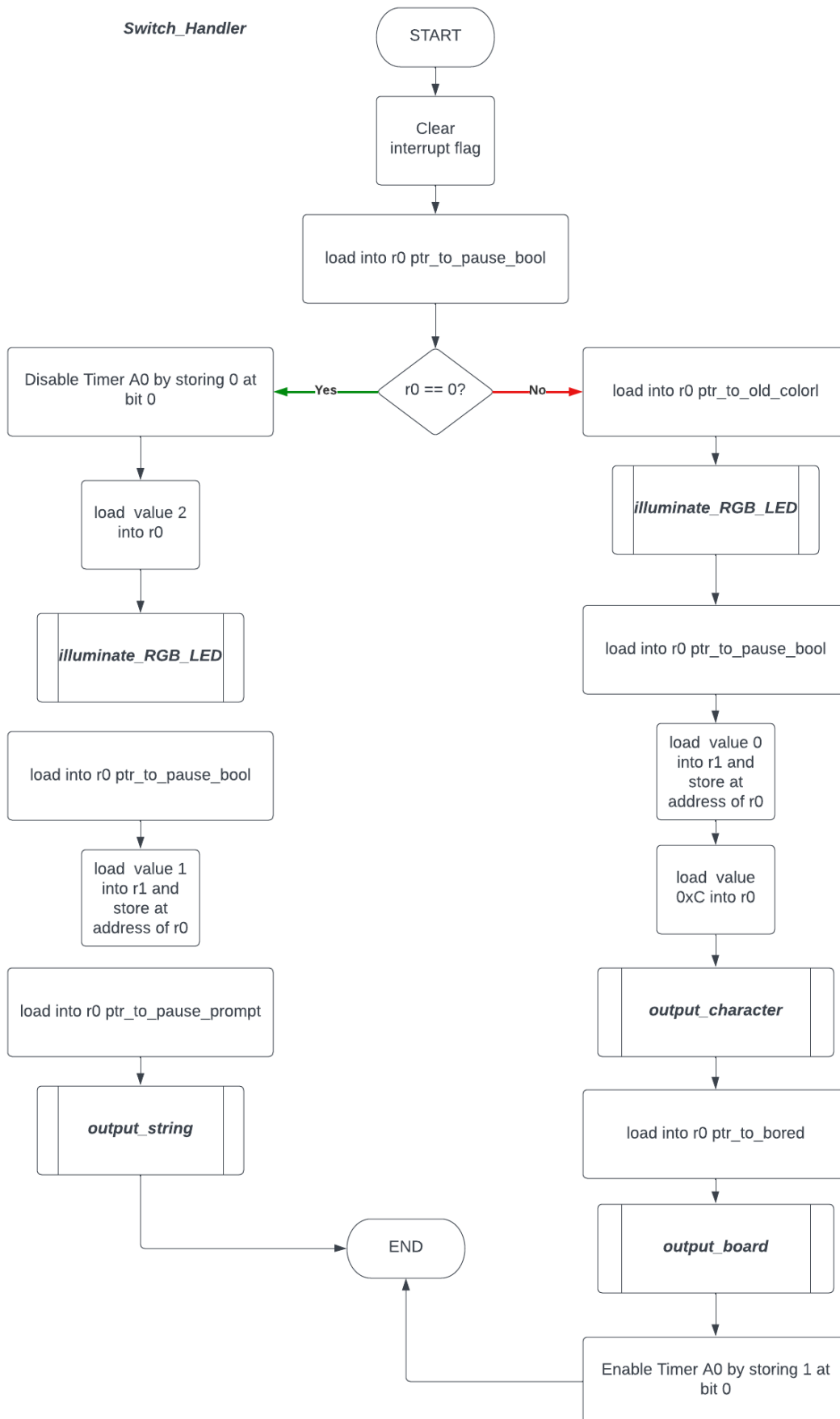
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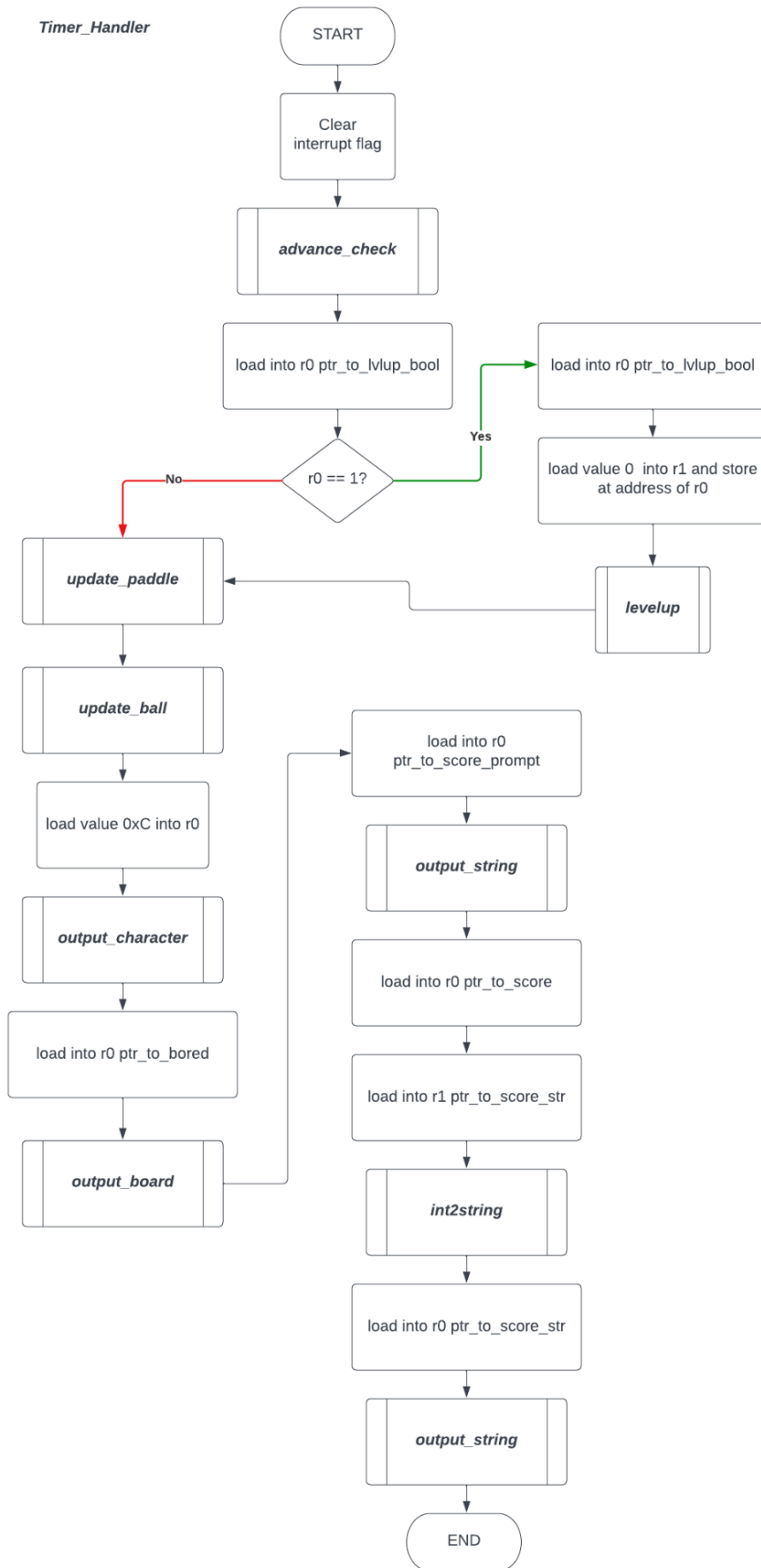
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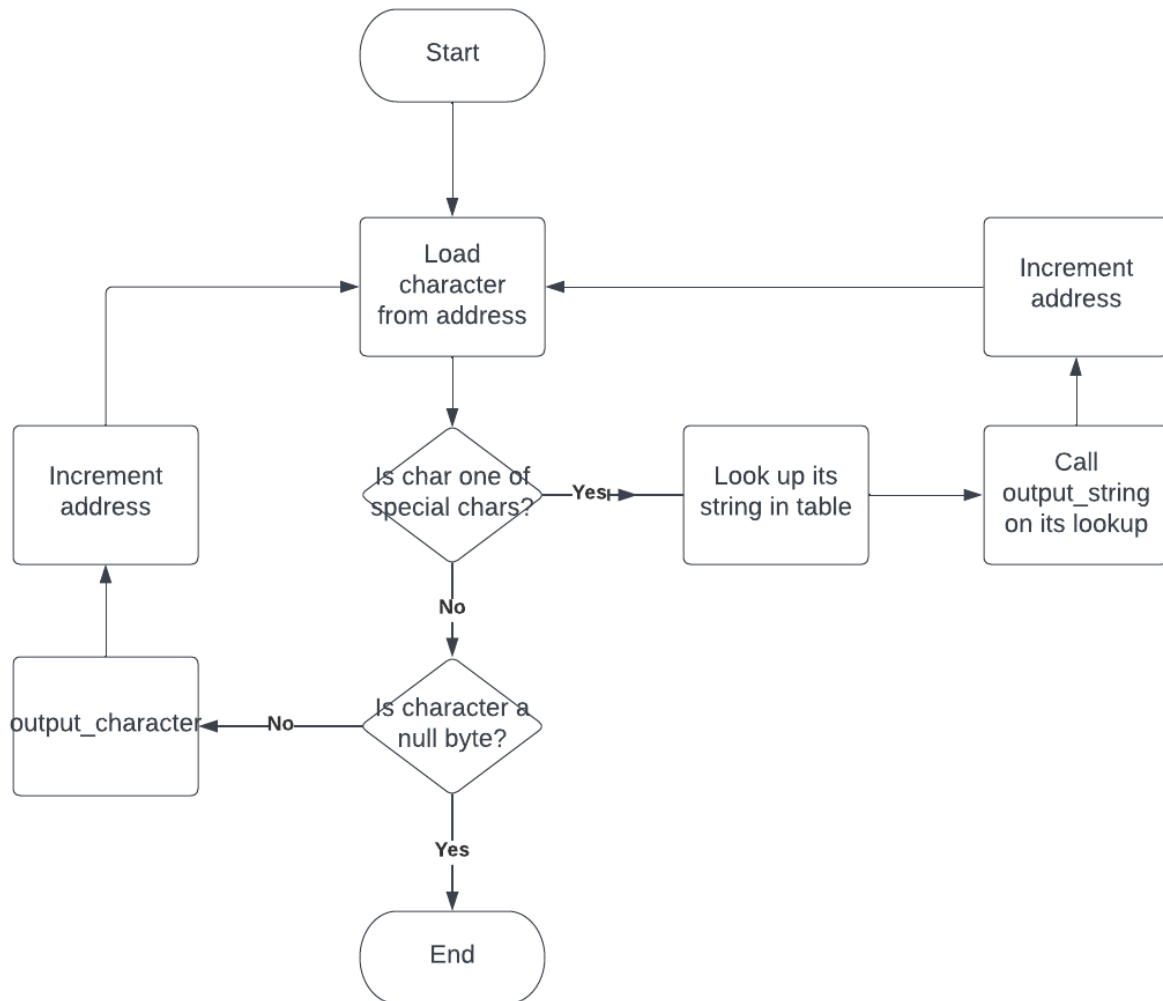
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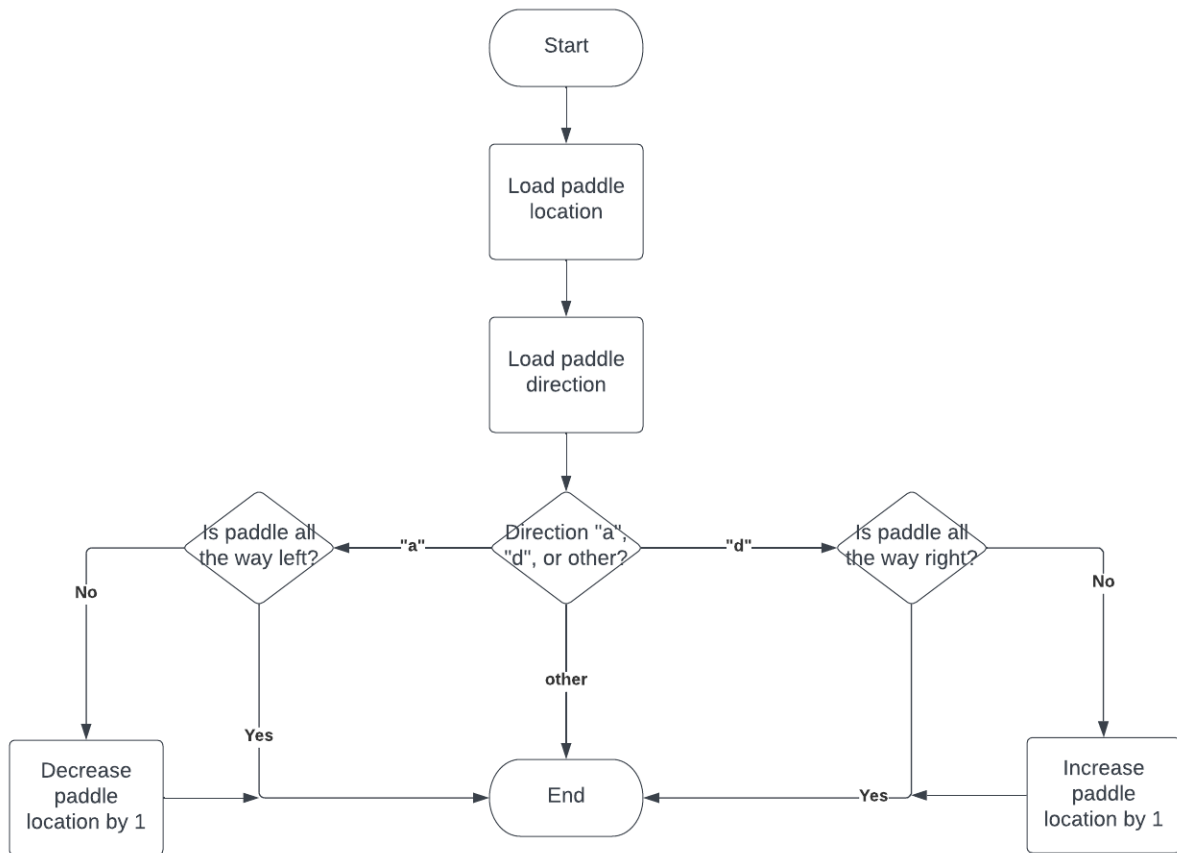
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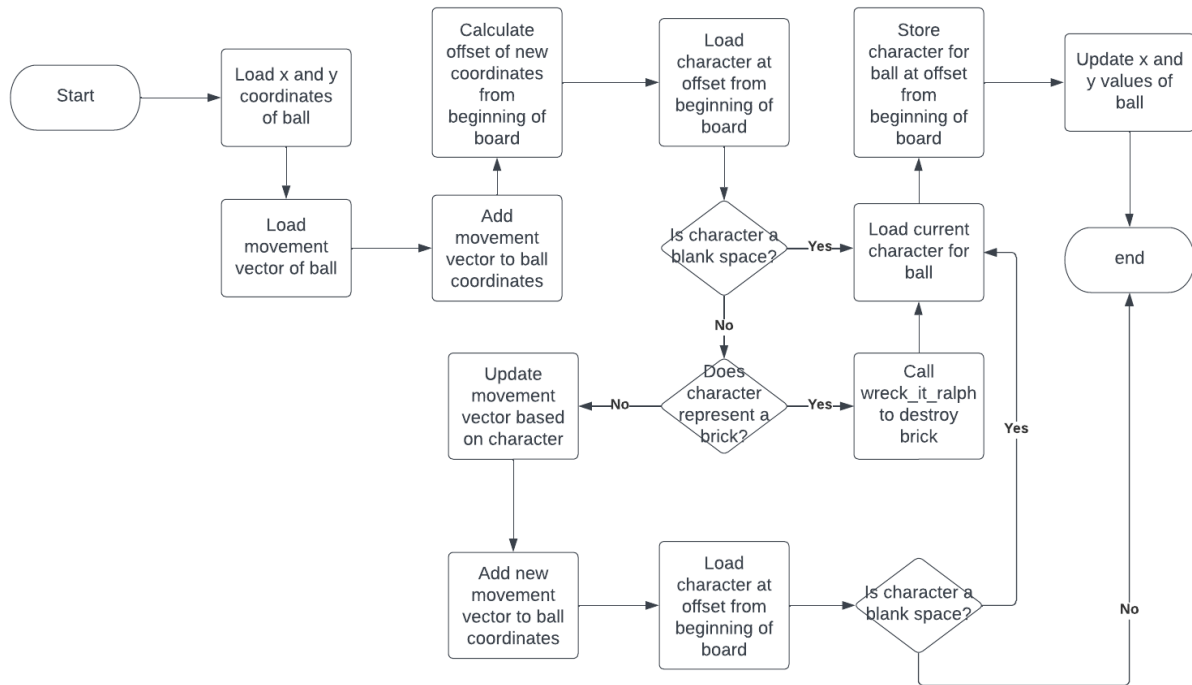
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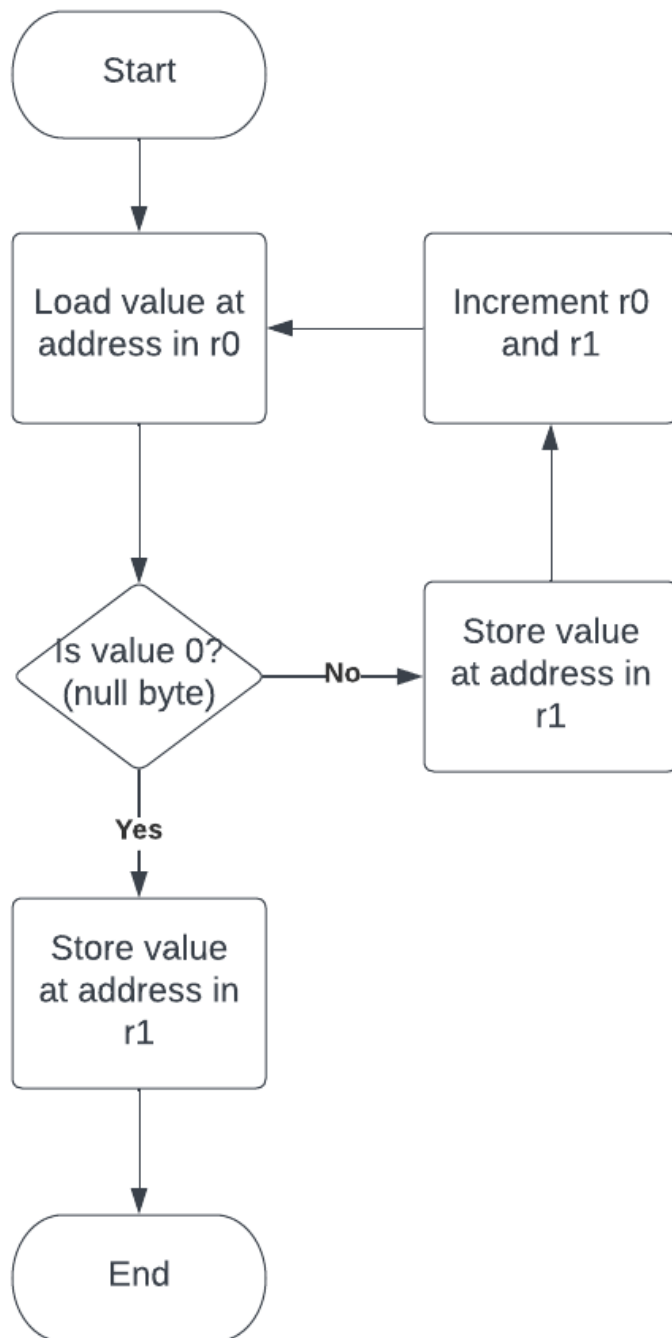
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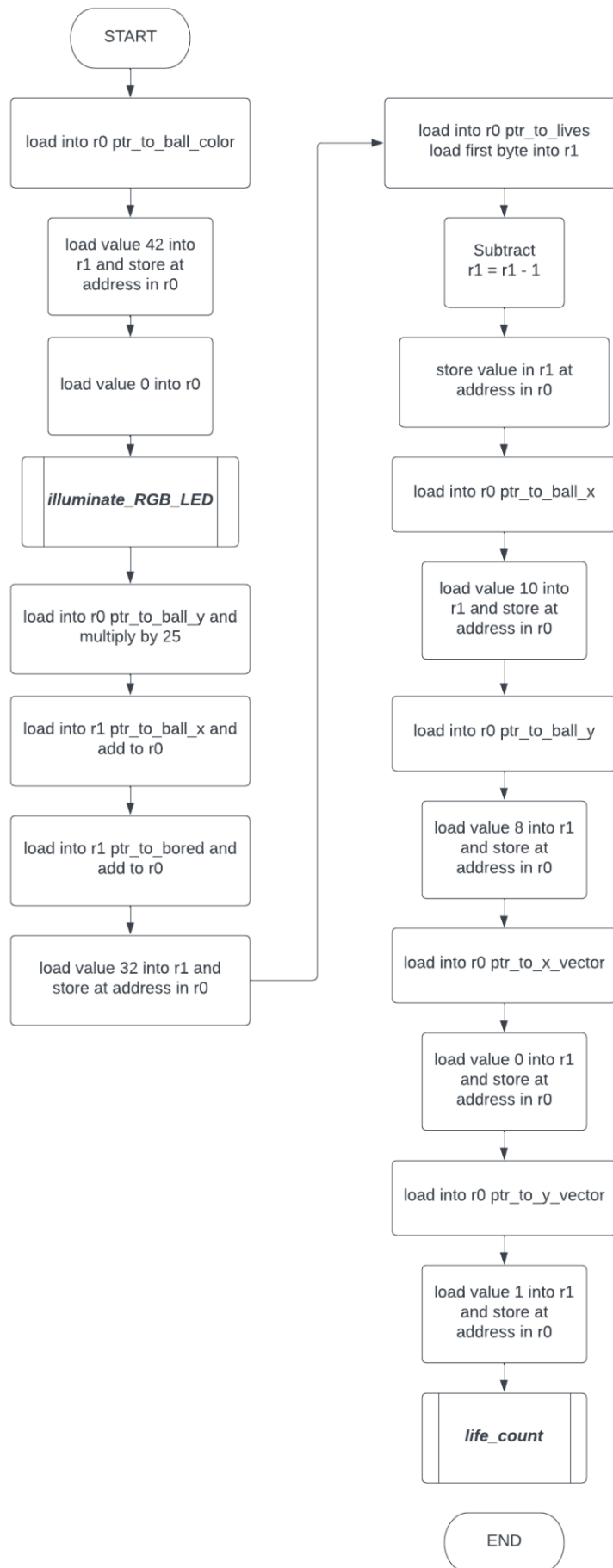
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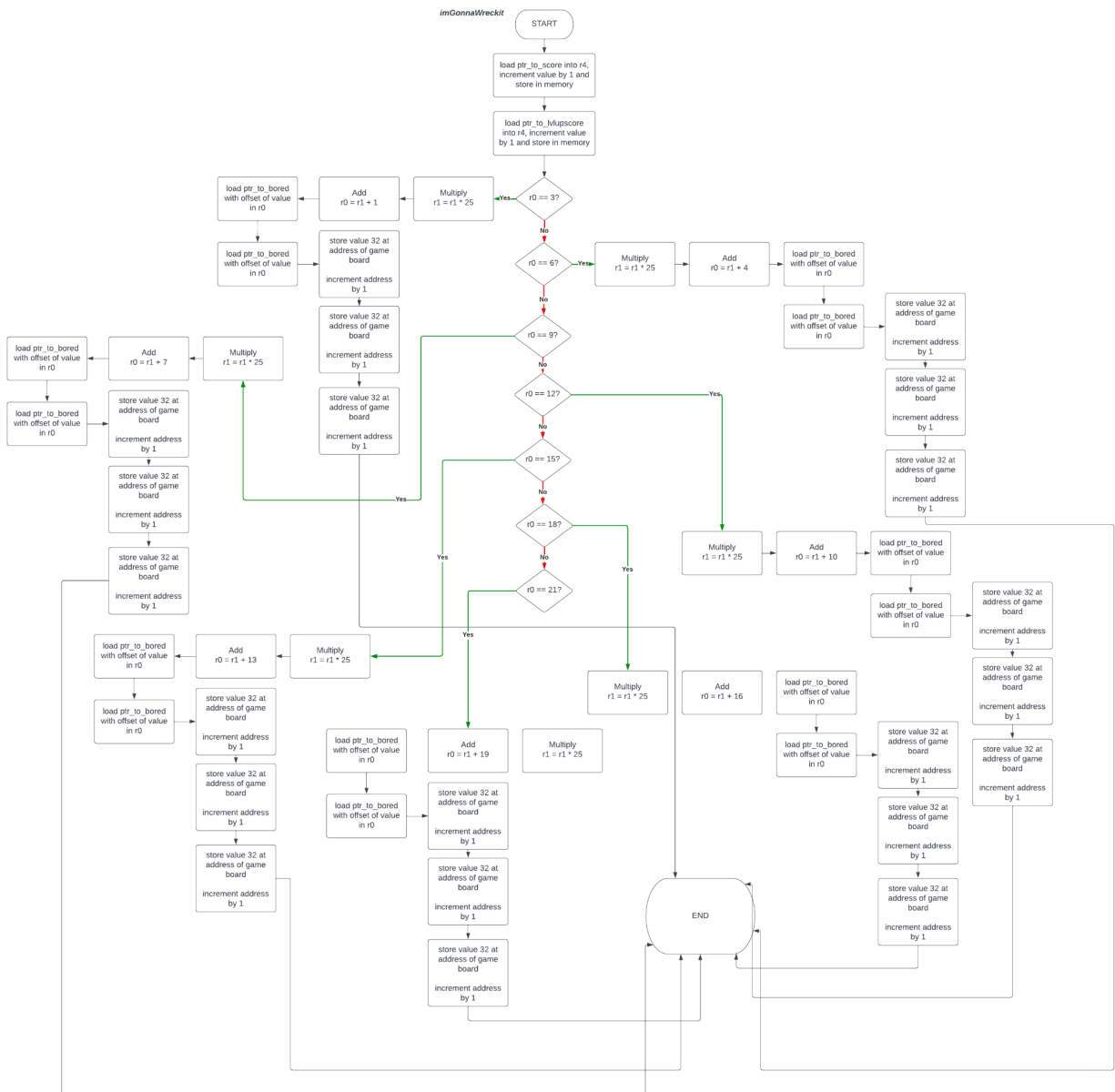


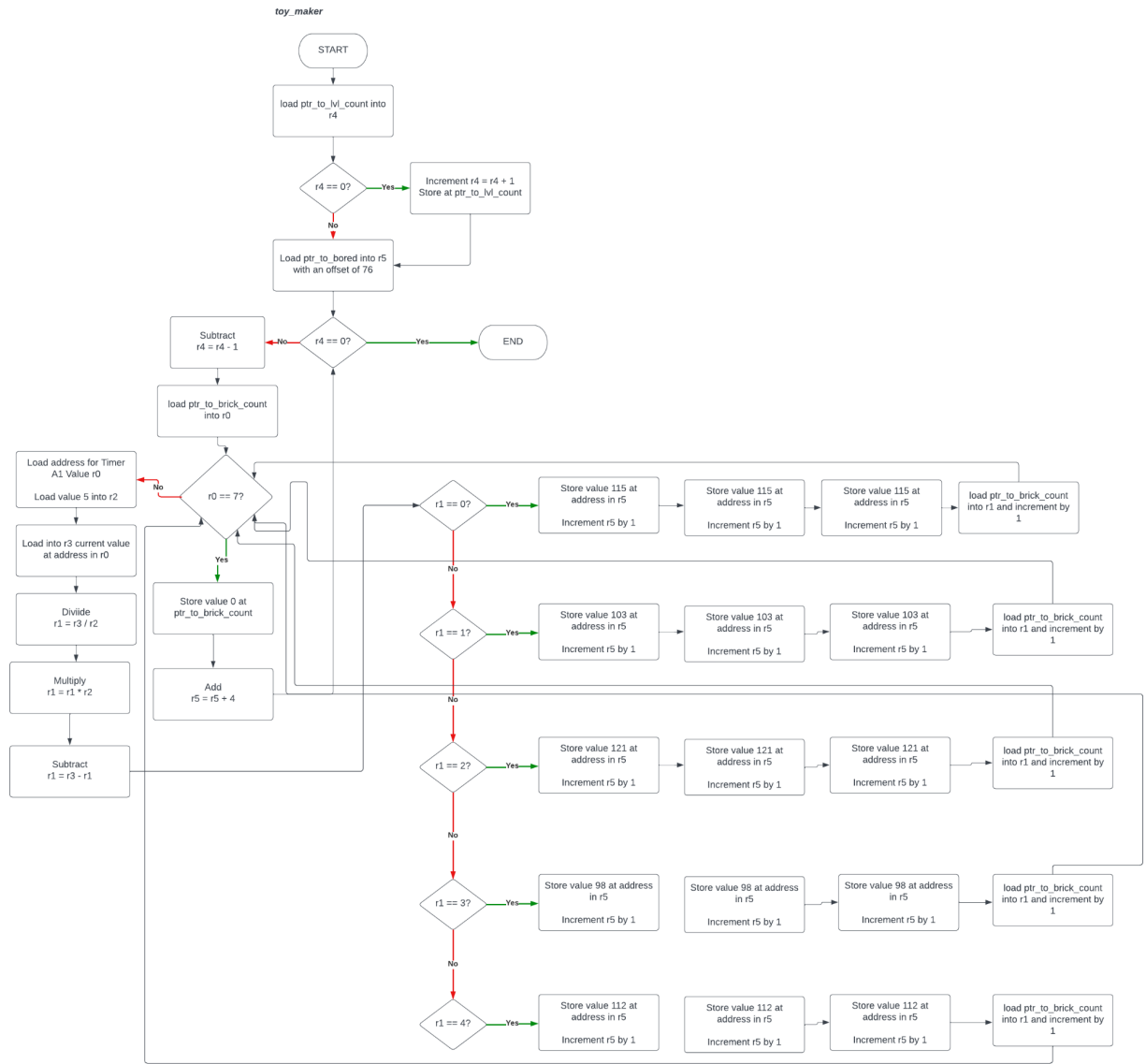
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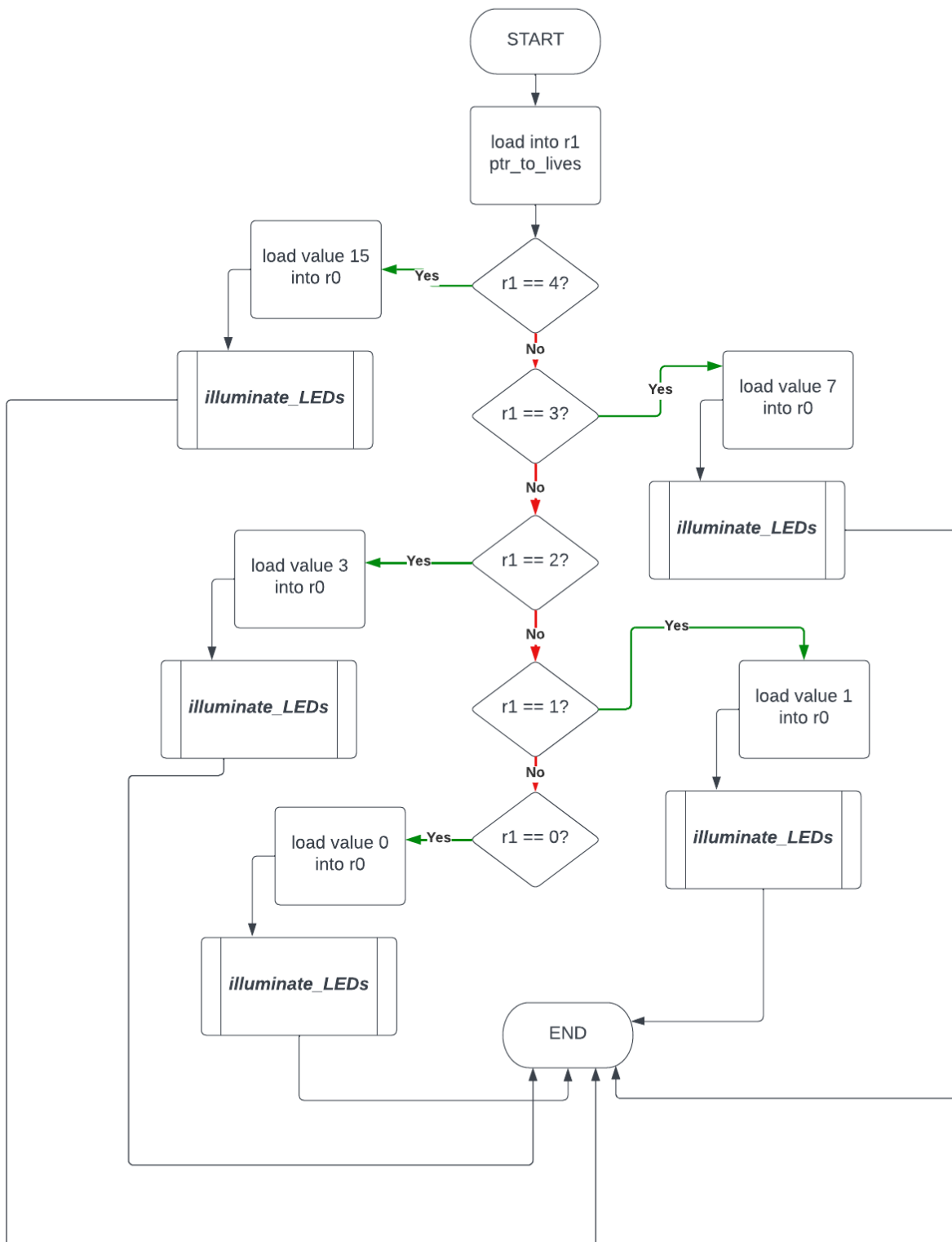
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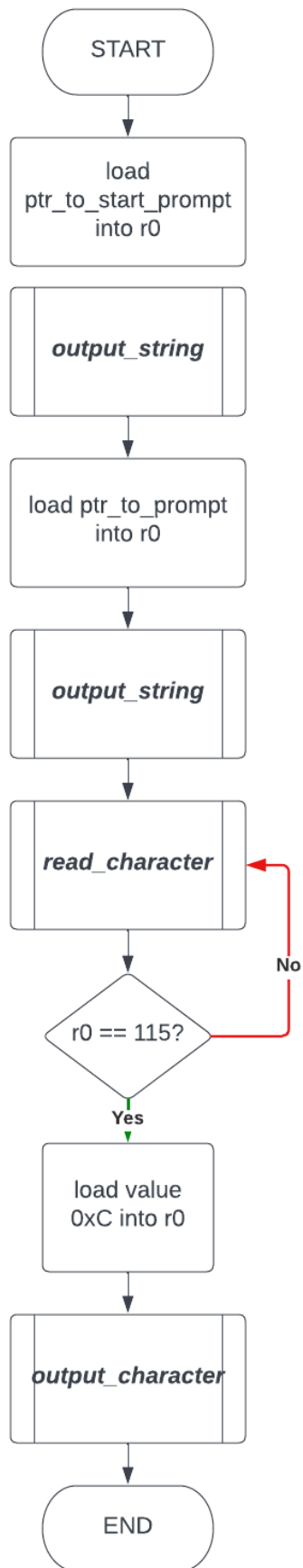




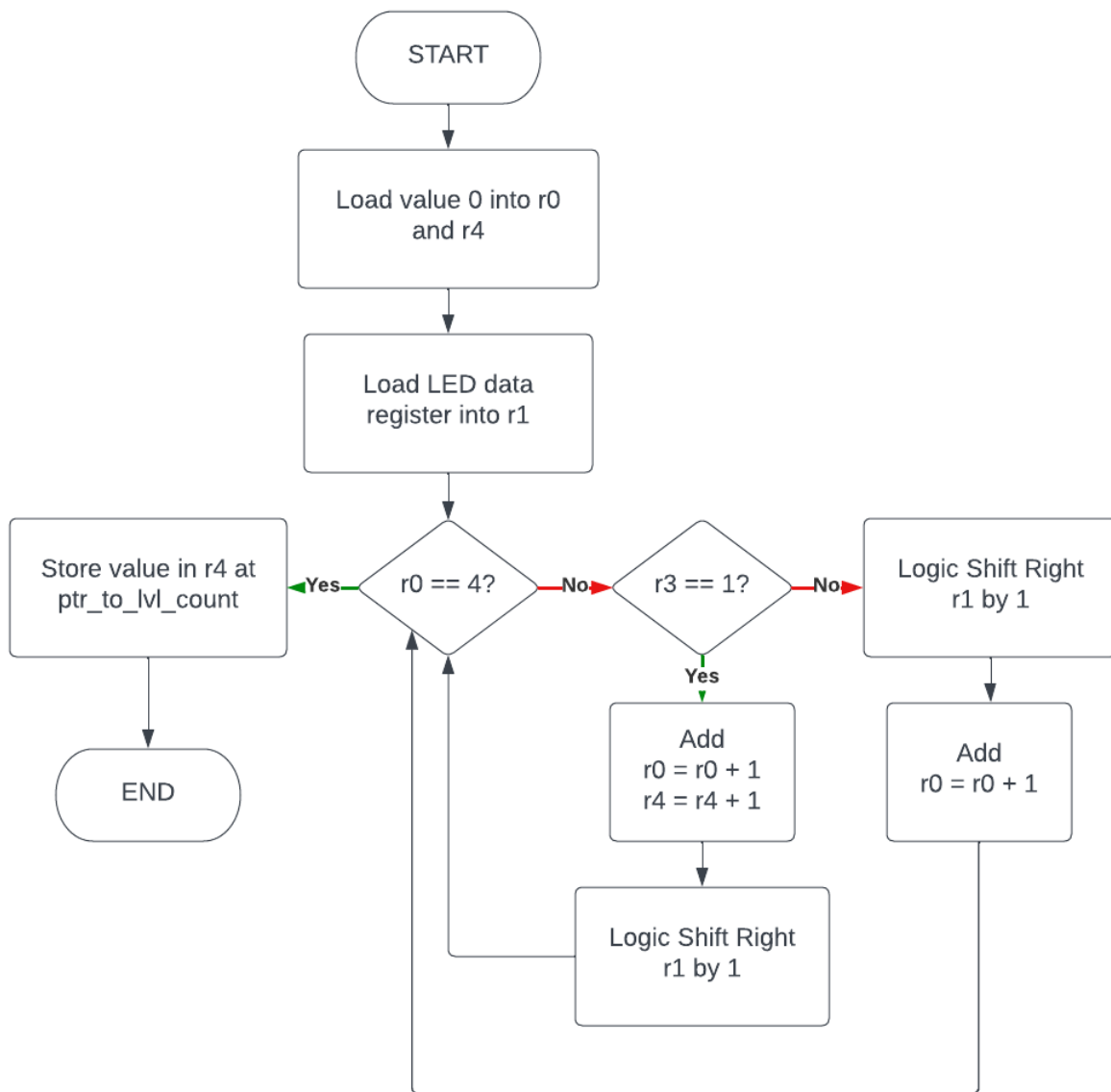
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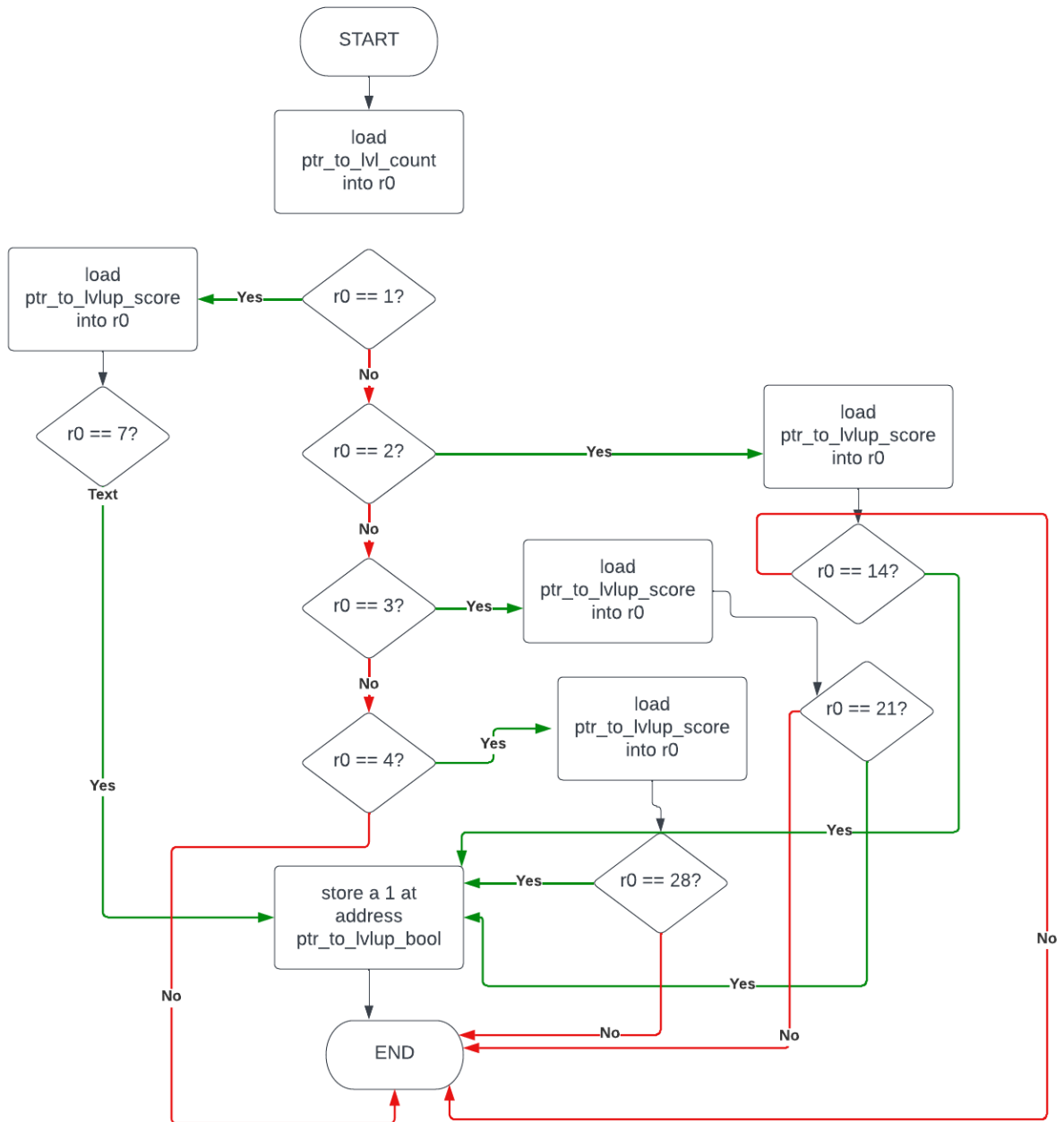
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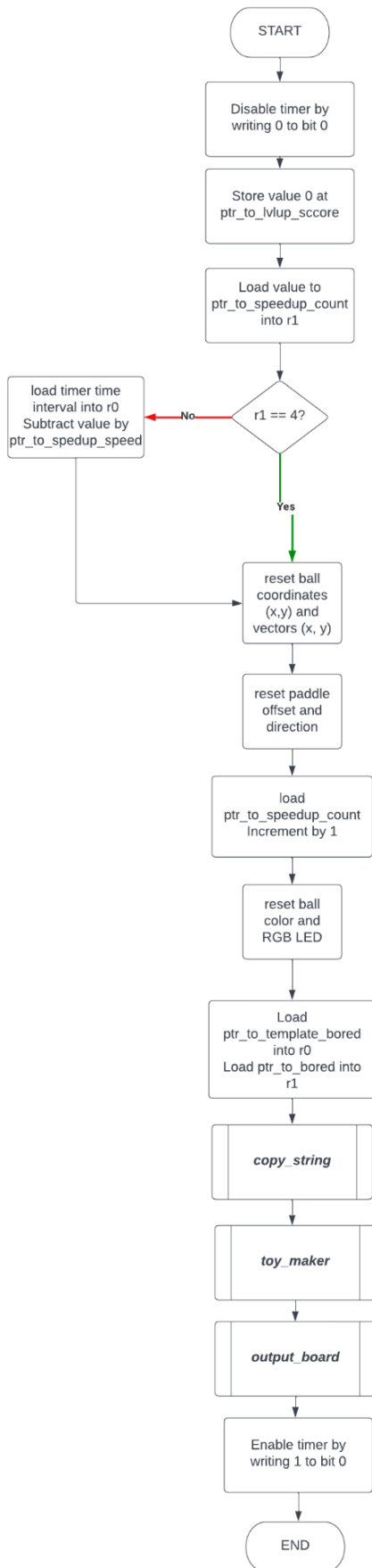
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