

# **Flow Free ARM**

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# 1 Division of Labor

## 1.1 Michael Mu

- Designed the main subroutine
- Half of UART handler (Cursor movement)
- Switch handler
- Pause menu
- Timer handler
- Counting colors
- output\_colors\_completed
- mem\_copy
- randomizer
- reset\_timer
- uart\_init
- read\_string
- read\_character
- num\_digits
- int2str
- read\_from\_push\_btn
- interrupt\_init
- timer\_init

## 1.2 Aryan Pandey

- Designed the boards.
- Designed the lookup table.
- Half of UART handler (Drawing lines)
- output\_board
- output\_RGB
- illuminate\_RGB\_led

- `get_position`
- `del_lines`
- `output_string`
- `output_character`
- `str2int`
- `gpio_init`

Debugged, collaborated, and reviewed all of the code together and separately. The entire project was done while working at the same time, so there was constant input and feedback between both members of the team.

## 2 Program Overview

### 2.1 How to Use Program

How to operate the program.

1. Load and run the code in Code Composer Studio.
2. Set up Putty to communicate to the board using the serial connection type at a speed of 115,200.
3. A starting prompt will print out telling you to press the 'f' key to begin the game. After pressing, a random board is displayed and the game begins.
4. The game screen will print out the number of connected color lines, the time elapsed, and the  $9 \times 9$  game board. There is an impassible border of 'X's along the edges of the game board, making the effective play range a  $7 \times 7$  game board. There will be 14 circles on the game board, evenly split among 7 colors. The cursor begins in the center of the board.
5. The game controls are as follows:
  - (a) Use the "WASD" keys to move the cursor up, left, down, and right, respectively.
  - (b) Press the spacebar on a circle to begin drawing a line. This will also light up the LED on the board to the same color as the circle that the cursor is currently on.
  - (c) Press the spacebar again to stop drawing. This will also turn off the LED on the board.
  - (d) Press the switch key to pause the game.
  - (e) Press the switch key again to unpause the game.

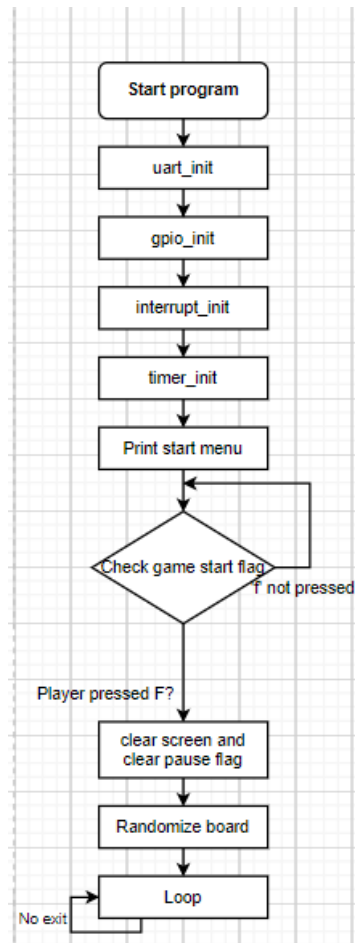
- (f) In the pause menu, use the 'W' and 'S' key to move the cursor up and down to select a menu option.
  - (g) In the pause menu, press the spacebar to select whichever option your cursor is currently on.
6. The game rules are as follows:
- (a) Draw a connection between each pair of similarly colored circles in the game board.
  - (b) To draw a line between each pair, you must press spacebar on a starting circle to start drawing, then press spacebar on the correspondingly colored circle to stop drawing. If you do not press spacebar on a circle to end the drawing, you will overrun the circle, which is not considered a completed correct line, though it will draw.
  - (c) Lines cannot overlap one another. If you try to draw over a line, the older line will be erased to allow the new line to be drawn.
  - (d) The same colored line cannot draw over itself.
  - (e) Whenever a new line begins drawing, any same-colored lines will be erased.
  - (f) When all seven pairs of similarly colored circles are connected, the board is finished and the game is won.
7. Once a game finishes, the timer will stop to report the time taken to beat the board. To begin a new game, press the switch button to open the pause menu. From the pause menu, you can restart the game with the same board, or randomly select a new board.

## 2.2 Program Summary

This program is the final lab of the semester and is an implementation of the popular game Flow. Using WASD, the spacebar, and the pushbutton on the physical board, a user can play the game by connecting the similarly colored circles displayed on the screen. When all of the circles are connected and the board is filled, the player wins. The game is viewable to the user through outputting the game board using PUTTY. The program also features a pause menu that can be used to resume, restart, or start an entirely new board. There's a timer as well as a completed colors counter that keeps track of the player's progress.

This program is a culmination of all the work and knowledge acquired throughout the semester. The game implements UART, GPIO, timers, subroutines, control flow, string manipulations, memory access, interrupts and handlers, and other techniques we've learned and implemented in previous labs. We also took advantage of the fact that many of the same techniques would be used, so we reused a library of prebuilt subroutines from previous labs.

## 2.3 Flowchart



## 3 Subroutine Descriptions

### 3.1 UART0\_Handler

This subroutine interrupts the process whenever the user inputs a character into PuTTY. The UART handler operates in several different ways depending on the mode, which changes how it should interpret input from the keyboard. The UART handler is always guaranteed to clear the interrupt and read the input character. After this, it checks different flags to see if the game has started and if the game is paused. The operations performed will change depending on these modes.

#### 3.1.1 Game Start

When the program first loads, there is a starting page with the instructions “Press the ‘f’ key to start.” The implication here is that no other input should start the game. Therefore, there is a flag to check when the game is started, and if the game has not started, none of the other interrupts can accept input. Timer handler will still run because we need to have some time elapse for our randomizer, but no input is accepted. In UART0\_Handler, if the game flag shows the game has not started, the handler will only check to see if the input was the ‘f’ key. Otherwise, the handler will do nothing by skipping to the end of the handler. Once the ‘f’ key is pressed, the game started flag will be flipped to true and game initialization and normal game operation will begin as a result.

#### 3.1.2 Unpaused

When the game is being played, the user can input W,A,S,D to move up, left, down and right respectively. The subroutine checks the character that was input, and jumps to the proper label accordingly. If an invalid input is given, the subroutine exits without performing anything.

If the spacebar is pressed,

- the character at the current cursor position is checked. If it is an O, its color is checked.
  - If the current color stored in memory does not match this color, it is stored as the new color in memory. We then check line completion conditions.
  - If the current direction of the player is null, the number of lines is not increased (player pressed spacebar twice.)
  - If the previous O position is the same as the current position, the number of lines is not increased (player connected line to same O.)
  - If these conditions are unsatisfied, the number of colors completed can be increased by 1, since the player has completed a line. The



new color is output through the RGB LED on board, and the board is printed again if required.

- Upon reprinting the board, the cursor is first hidden. The number of lines completed, timer and the board is then printed, followed by the cursor being placed at the correct new position. The cursor is then revealed again using ANSI escape sequences.
- If the player presses spacebar on a space, the LED is turned off and the drawing “mode” is turned off.

If the WASD keys are pressed,

- The future position after movement is checked. If moving would make the players go out of bounds, OR if the player tries to move onto an O of a different color, OR if the player tries to move onto a line or cross of the SAME color being drawn, the subroutine exits without performing anything. The checks are performed using the lookup table values (see output\_board.)
- The character at the next position is checked. If the player is not currently drawing (current\_color=0), the cursor position in memory is modified, and the direction is updated, and the subroutine exits.
- If the character at the new position is an **O of the current color being drawn**, OR if the character at the new position is a **space**, a line or cross of the current color is drawn **if an O wouldn't be overwritten**, according to previous direction. output\_board prints a new board to reflect changes.
- If the character at the new position is not a space, the color of that character is sent to del\_lines. This deletes all lines of that color if the player is currently drawing.
- If cursor position was changed and the new position is not an O, it is replaced by a horizontal or vertical line.
- The cursor is first hidden, and the timer, colors completed and the board are outputted to the terminal if changes occurred.
- The new cursor position is output and then revealed again through an ANSI escape sequence.

At the end of the subroutine, the number of colors completed is checked. If all lines are completed, a flag is set and the timer is paused.

### 3.1.3 Paused

This section of the UART handler subroutine will run when the pause flag is set to true. In the pause menu, the user is presented with three options:

- Resume

- Restart Current Puzzle
- New Puzzle

The allowed inputs of in the pause menu that the UART0\_handler tracks are the 'w' key, 's' key, and spacebar.

If the spacebar is pressed, the option that the cursor is currently on will be selected. The corresponding cursor location that is saved in memory will be checked to determine the next operation.

1. For option 1, or "resume", the program will simply skip past this part to the end of the subroutine where the pause flag is set to false.
2. For option 2, or "Restart Current Puzzle", the program will first load in from memory the selected puzzle board that had been last selected by the randomizer subroutine. Then, it will copy that board to the playing board in memory, effectively clearing the playing board to a starting position of the same board. The saved timer value in memory will then be reset to 0 to simulate a restart of the game. For both option 2 and option 3, the saved number of completed colored lines between endpoints and the timer then resets to 0 in memory since a new game is starting.
3. For option 3, or "New Puzzle", the program will first call the randomizer subroutine, which will select a new board pseudo-randomly based off of the current time elapsed since the start of the program. The randomizer subroutine will also take care of copying the newly selected game board into the playing game board. Afterwards, the saved timer value in memory will be reset to 0 to simulate a restart of the game. For both option 2 and option 3, the saved number of completed colored lines between endpoints and the timer then resets to 0 in memory since a new game is starting.

All of these options will result in the game resuming, whether its a new game or not. For this reason, at the end, the pause flag is set to false, or 0 regardless of the option selected.

If the 'w' key is pressed, the current option being selected is decremented unless the option is already the option 1, which is the top option and the lowest number possible. This happens by incrementing the corresponding value in memory as well as by getting the new cursor position based on the new option and outputting it. If the option is already option 1, then this part simply gets skipped since nothing changes.

If the 's' key is pressed, the current option being selected is incremented unless the option is already the option 3, which is the bottom option and the lowest number possible. This happens by incrementing the corresponding value in memory as well as by getting the new cursor position based on the new option and outputting it. If the option is already option 3, then this part simply gets skipped since nothing changes.

## 3.2 Switch\_Handler

This subroutine interrupts the process whenever the SW1 switch on the board is pressed. First, the subroutine checks the flag that tracks whether the game started. If the game has not started, the switch handler skips to the end, not accepting or performing anything based on input. If the game has started, the subroutine continues to check the pause flag to see if the game is currently paused. If the game is currently unpaused, the program sets the pause flag to true (1), which will then make the game paused. The screen is then cleared by printing a new page, and the pause menu is printed out. The cursor is placed at option 1 by default. If the game is currently paused, the program sets the pause flag to false (0), which will then make the game unpaused. Nothing else is done because the timer handler will eventually overwrite the pause menu at the elapsed second interrupt.

Once the different operations are finished, the interrupt is cleared. This is done at the end in comparison to the other interrupts to prevent bounce issues, where the same button press is registered as several button presses and several interrupts are called consecutively. The added time before allowing a new interrupt from the pushbutton prevents the bounce issue.

## 3.3 Timer\_Handler

This subroutine interrupts the process every 1 second (or 16 million ticks at 16MHz). It clears the interrupt before anything. Then, it checks two flags. The first flag is the pause flag. If the pause flag is true (1), then the subroutine skips to the end and doesn't perform any operations. The second flag is the completed game flag. If the flag is true (1), then all the lines are connected and the game is completed, so the timer handler again skips to the end and doesn't perform any operations. This stops the timer and allows the player to view their completion time once they beat the game.

If none of the flags are set to true, then the timer handler proceeds as normal. In preparation of updating the timer, the board is cleared by printing a new page. The subroutine loads the previous time saved into memory, which is saved as a string, converts the value to an integer using the `str2int` subroutine, and then increments that value by one. If the value happens to overflow past the timer size limit of 4 digits, then the timer resets from 9999 to 0. Before outputting, the cursor is hidden to prevent the cursor from jumping all over the board. Then, in order, the number of colors completed is calculated and outputted by calling the `output_colors_completed` subroutine, the time is converted to a string and outputted, and then the board is outputted by calling the `output_board` subroutine. Finally the cursor is placed by outputting the current position of the cursor that was saved into memory. The cursor is then shown again at the correct location.

### 3.4 output\_colors\_completed

This subroutine counts the number of lines that are confirmed to be connected. This is stored in the memory using a single byte that represents a bitmask, with each bit corresponding to a color being completed. The value would therefore be 0111111b if the board was completed.

Using a loop the subroutine counts the 1's that appear at bit 0, and right shifts each iteration. Once the entire byte is value at 0, the loop ends. The string that stores the number of 1's is updated to the new value and then outputted.

### 3.5 output\_RGB

This subroutine handles the conversion between the RGB formats of ANSI and the LED on-board. This is done by simple switching bits 1 and 2 of the ANSI format. The subroutine utilizes the GPIO ports to output the correct color onto the board. If the player presses spacebar on an O, this function also saves the position of that O into memory if required.

### 3.6 get\_position

This subroutine calculates and converts the 2-D cursor position saved in memory into a one-dimensional offset for easier memory manipulation. The output is in r0, and it represents the memory distance from the start of the board in the top left corner to the memory position where the cursor currently is. It uses the ANSI cursor position stored in memory and converts it into a single offset by calculating the memory of the previous rows and adding that to the memory of the previous columns. It takes the Time and Colors Completed row into account by subtracting 2 from the number of rows. This can be used in order to get the character at the current position, by a simple load instruction while using the returned value as a memory location offset.

### 3.7 del\_lines

This subroutine takes an input in r0, which is the color of the lines to be deleted in its numerical representation, not the bitmask representation. This is accomplished by clearing the bit at the corresponding bitmask location for that color in memory. If the lines were previously connected, the subroutine reduces the count of colors completed. It then loops through the entire board, checking each character's value. If the color of the character matches with the input color, and if it is not an O, the value is replaced with a space. This loop continues until it reaches the end of the board.

### 3.8 mem\_copy

This subroutine takes in an input r0 that is the memory address of the starting board that the program has selected to play in the randomizer subroutine. This

subroutine runs in a loop that loads a byte from the source board provided by input r0 and then copies that same byte into the target playing board. Both memory locations increment for the next iteration. This subroutine only works for strings because it functions by looping through memory until it comes across the null terminator '\0', at which point the loop stops and the subroutine ends.

### **3.9 randomizer**

This subroutine takes no inputs, but does utilize timer data. The first thing the subroutine does is load the time that has elapsed since the program began in the form of ticks. By getting the value of the first 4 bits, which is equivalent to modulus 16, a pseudorandom number from 0-15 can be acquired. Using this pseudorandom number a board numbered from 0 to 15 is chosen. That board is saved into memory as the selected board that will be played, and then that board is copied into the playing board using the mem\_copy subroutine.

### **3.10 reset\_timer**

This subroutine takes no inputs and simply sets the time in memory back to 0. The timer in the board itself is not changed because we may want to generate a new random board using the board's time elapsed counter. This subroutine loads the point in memory where the time is being stored. Gets a new number valued at 0 and converts it to a string. Then the subroutine writes the new time that is valued at 0 to memory.

### 3.11 output\_board

This subroutine outputs the board being played onto the PuTTY terminal. It utilizes the lookup table that was created for this project.

The table is as follows:

Example:

0x13/ 00010011

The above example converts to a yellow horizontal line, from the table below.

Symbol Table	
00	O
01	-
10	+
11	—

Color Table	
000	Black
001	Red
010	Green
011	Yellow
100	Blue
101	Magenta
110	Cyan
111	White

Special Characters	
0xFF	X
0x20	Space
10 <sub>10</sub>	Newline
13 <sub>10</sub>	Linefeed

The subroutine utilizes the above mapping, and loops through the board stored in memory. Using conditional checks, it outputs the correct ANSI escape sequences if it needs to output a color, and prints the corresponding characters onto the terminal. The loop exits upon reaching a null terminator.

### 3.12 `uart_init`

This subroutine initialized all of the values needed to begin serial communication through UART0. By setting the right values through the memory map I/O, the clock to UART0 was enabled, the clock to PortA was enabled, the UART configurations were set, the system clock was set, UART0 was enabled, and PA0 and PA1 were set as digital ports with alternate function for UART.

### 3.13 `gpio_init`

This subroutine initializes the GPIO Port F pins to allow the SW1 button to act as an input, and the on-board RGB LEDs to act as an output. This is done by enabling the clock, setting the GPIO Port F pin directions, enabling the pull-up resistor and setting pins 1 through 4 to digital.

### 3.14 `timer_init`

This subroutine initializes the built-in timer by enabling its clock. It then disables the timer in order to set its configuration to 32-bit, enable periodic mode and set the correct timer interval load to 16 million. The subroutine returns after enabling the timer again.

### 3.15 `interrupt_init`

This subroutine does additional configurations that relate to the previous init subroutines to allow each peripheral to interrupt the processor. The receive interrupt mask bit in the UART interrupt mask register is set. The processor is configured in the Interrupt 0-31 Set Enable Register (EN0) so that the 30th (GPIOF), 19th (TIMER0A), and 5th (UART0) are all set to 1 to allow them to interrupt the processor. We set the GPIO to be edge-sensitive, turn off both edges, and only enable rising edge to trigger an interrupt. Finally, we set the receive interrupt mask bit in the GPIOM register for GPIOF pin 4.

### 3.16 `read_character`

This subroutine reads in a single character from the memory mapped UART data register. It accomplishes this by waiting until the receiving bit flag in the UART flag register is set to be not empty, signifying that there is data to be read, then copying the value from the data register.

### 3.17 `output_character`

This subroutine takes a character's ASCII value as an input and outputs it onto the PuTTY terminal. It uses a loop that checks the UART Flag Register to see whether the transmitter is full. This is achieved by loading in the value at the Flag Register and isolating the TxFF bit. If the transmitter is empty, the loop

exits and the character is written onto the UART Data Register, which is then transmitted onto the terminal.

### **3.18 read\_string**

This subroutine constantly reads in characters using the `read_character` subroutine from user input in a loop until the user presses the enter key. Each character is stored into memory, and after the input stops, a null terminator is appended.

### **3.19 output\_string**

This subroutine takes an input in `r0` as a pointer to the string that is to be output. The subroutine calls `output_character` in a loop until it reads a null character (`0x00`). Each character can be seen in the PuTTY terminal.

### **3.20 read\_from\_push\_btn**

This subroutine checks the GPIO data register's value for the 4th pin (which corresponds to the SW1 button on-board) to see if the button is being held down or not. The function returns 1 if it is being held down, and 0 if not.

### **3.21 illuminate\_RGB\_LED**

This subroutine takes an input in `r0`, with a size of 3 bits. Bit 0 corresponds to red, bit 1 corresponds to blue, and bit 2 corresponds to green. Since this is already the way that the pins are laid out in memory, the subroutine sets the corresponding GPIO data register values to turn on the RGB LED on board according to the input color.

### **3.22 num\_digits**

This subroutine takes an integer stored within a register and calculates the number of digits within it. It goes through a loop where the number is divided by 10 in each iteration, and exits when 0 is reached, with a counter for each iteration.

### **3.23 int2str**

This takes an integer stored within a register, along with the number of digits and a pointer to where this integer will be stored as a string. This is achieved by isolating each digit and adding the ASCII offset of `0x30`, which is then written onto the correct memory location, along with a null character at the end. If the value was originally negative, a negative sign is appended to the string at the end.

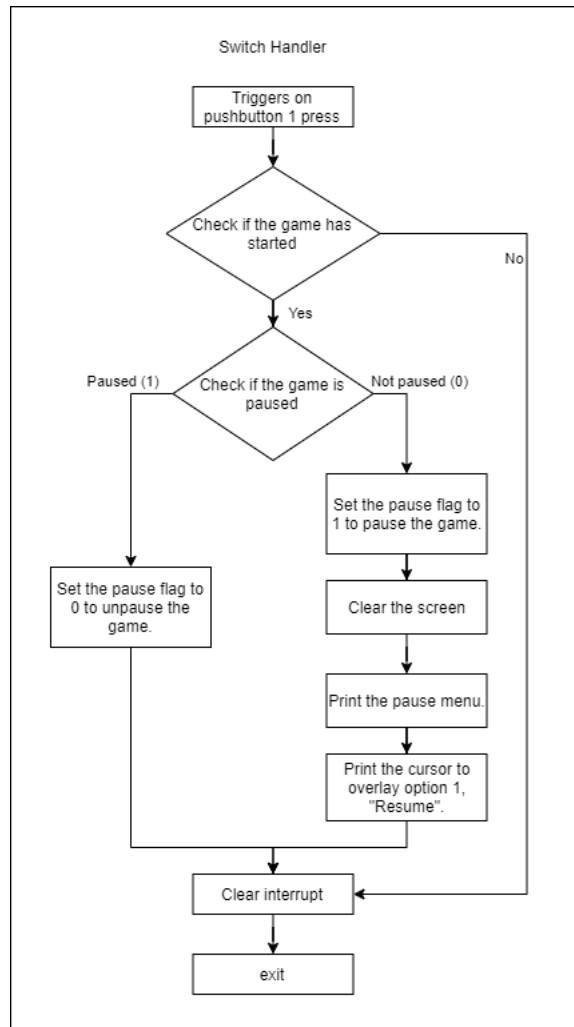


### 3.24 str2int

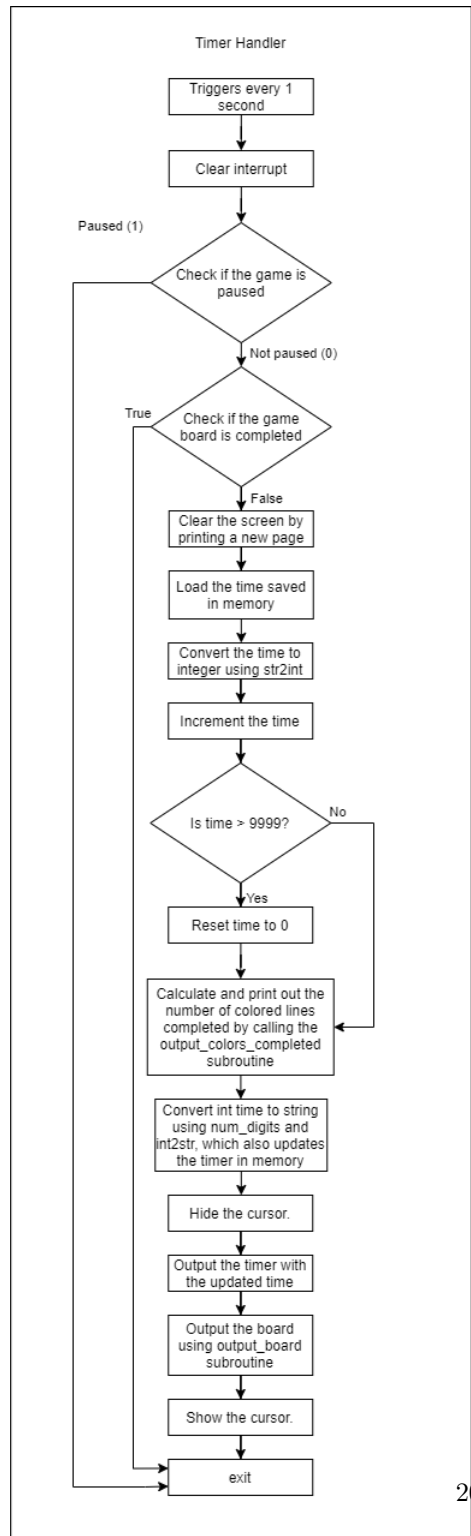
This subroutine was reused from Lab3 and modified to be generalized as a library call. The subroutine now takes the pointer to a string in r0, and reads each character through a loop until it reaches null. The ASCII offset of 0x30 is subtracted from the character's value to give us the digit within the number. If there was a negative sign in the beginning, the value is multiplied by -1 at the end.



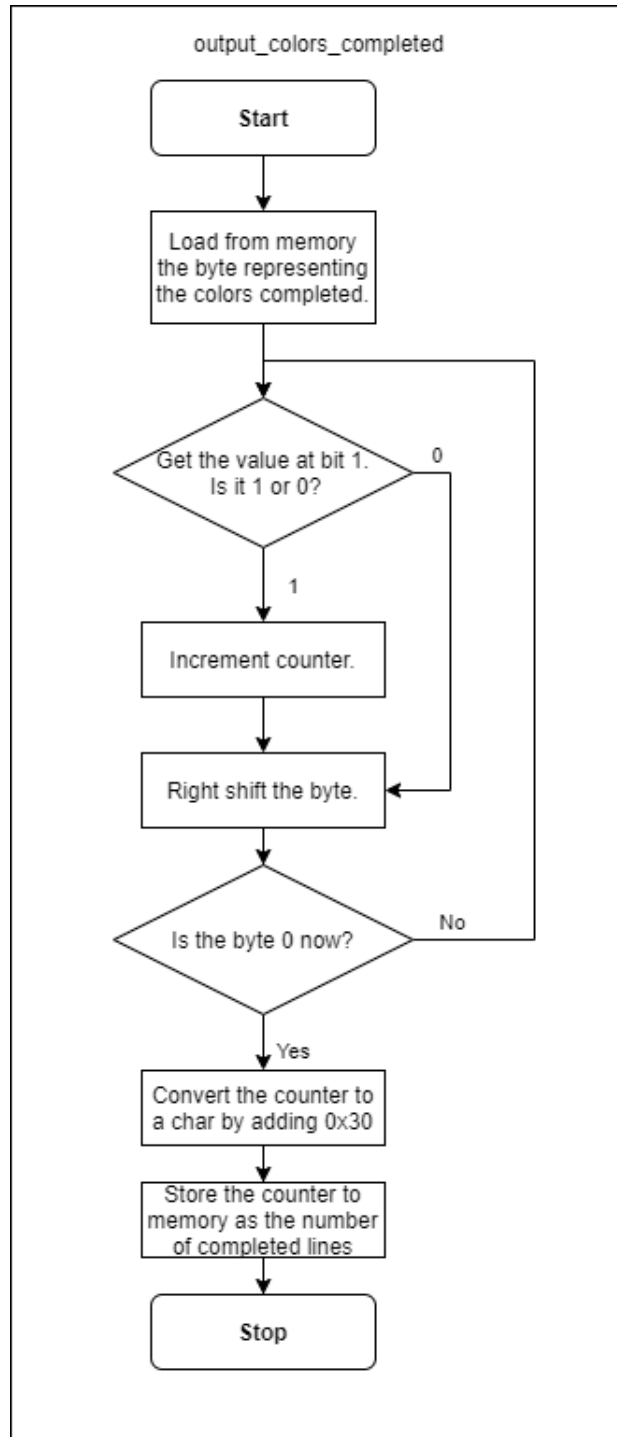
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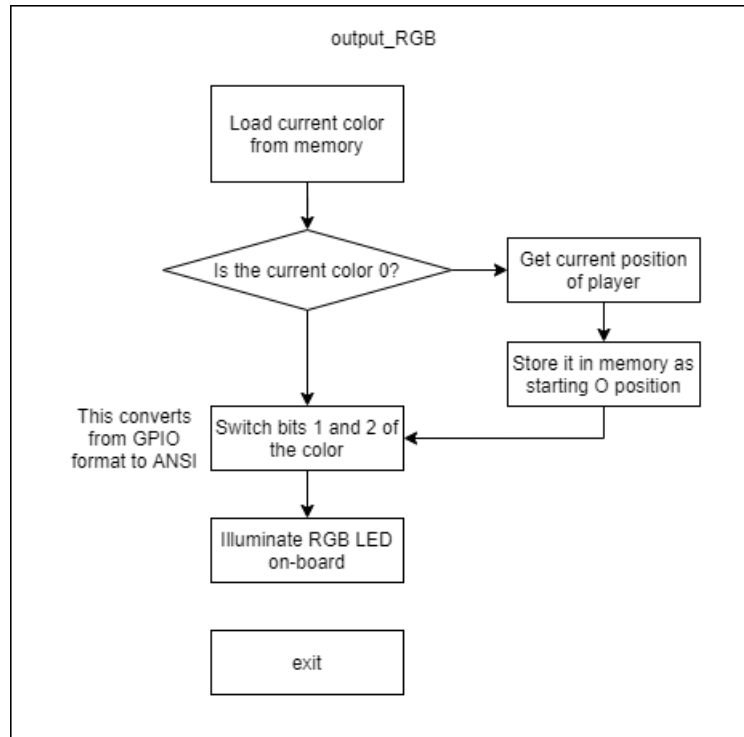
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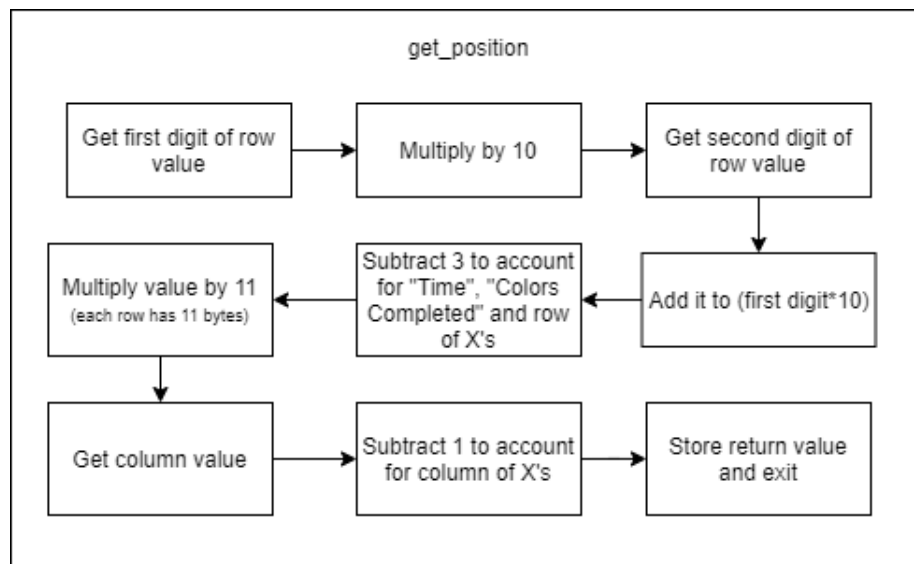
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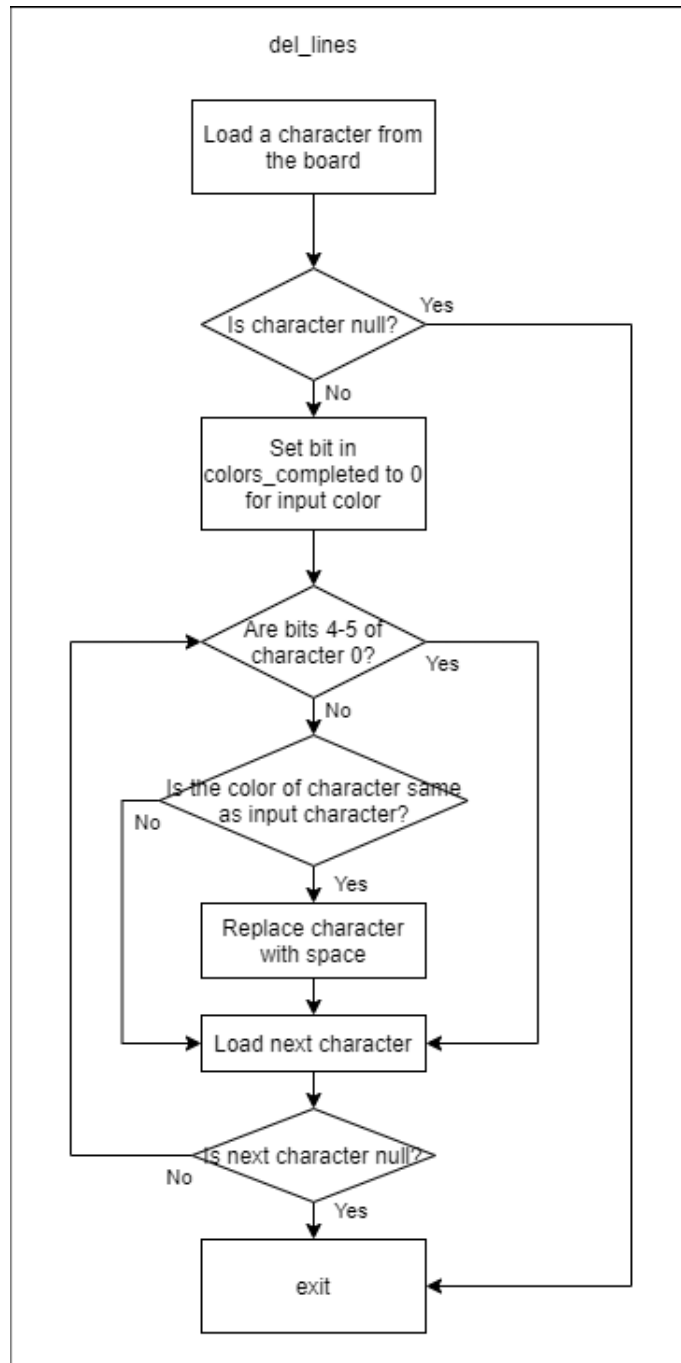
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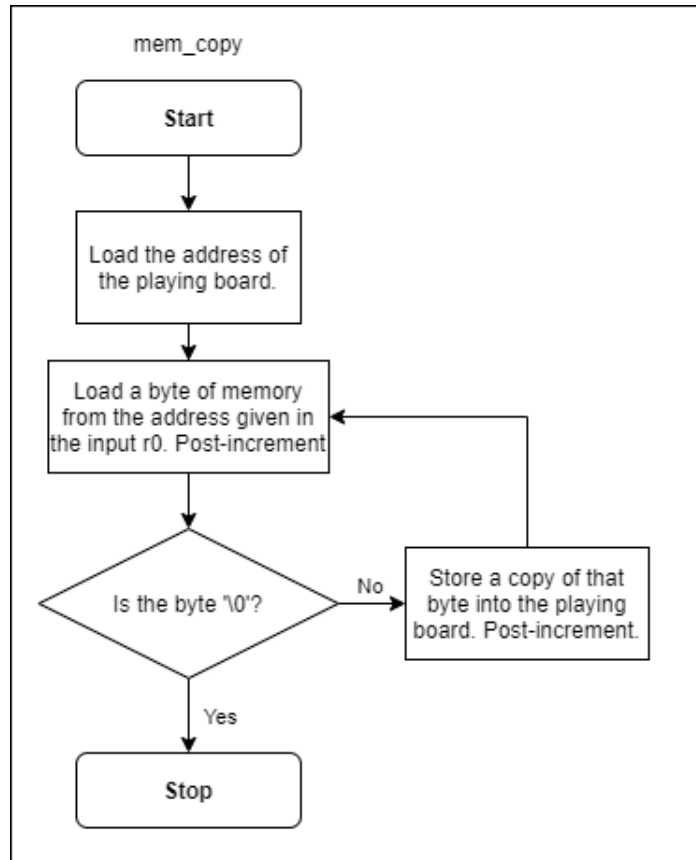
#### 4.6 Subroutine get\_position



#### 4.7 Subroutine del\_lines

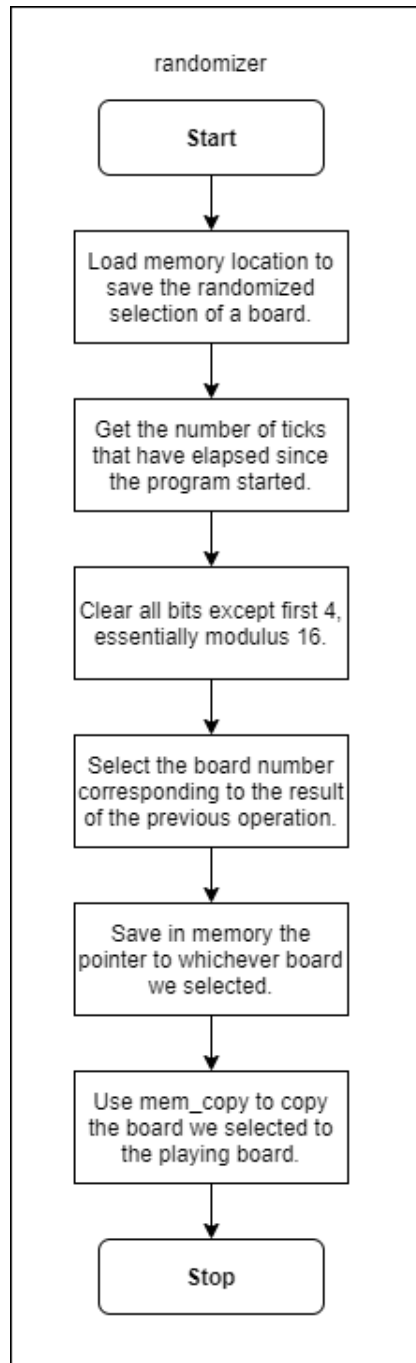


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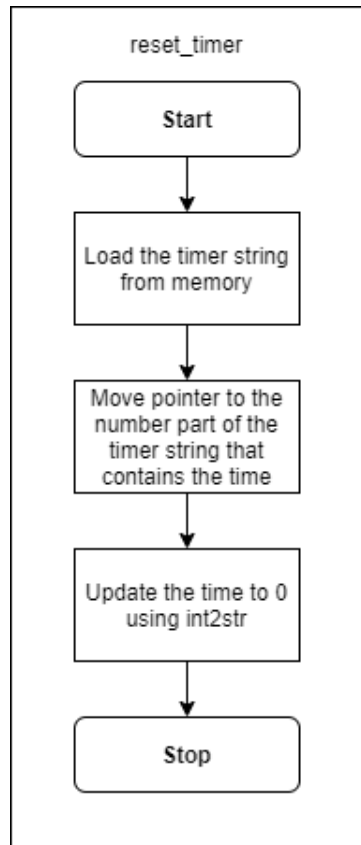




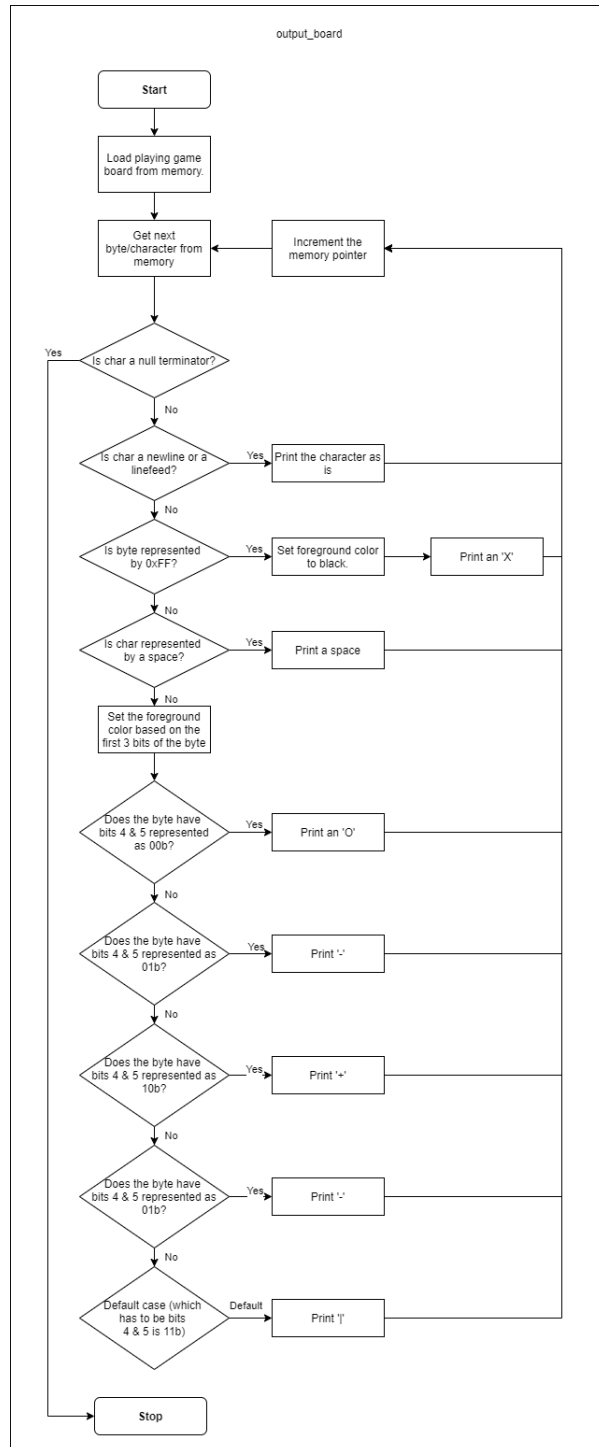
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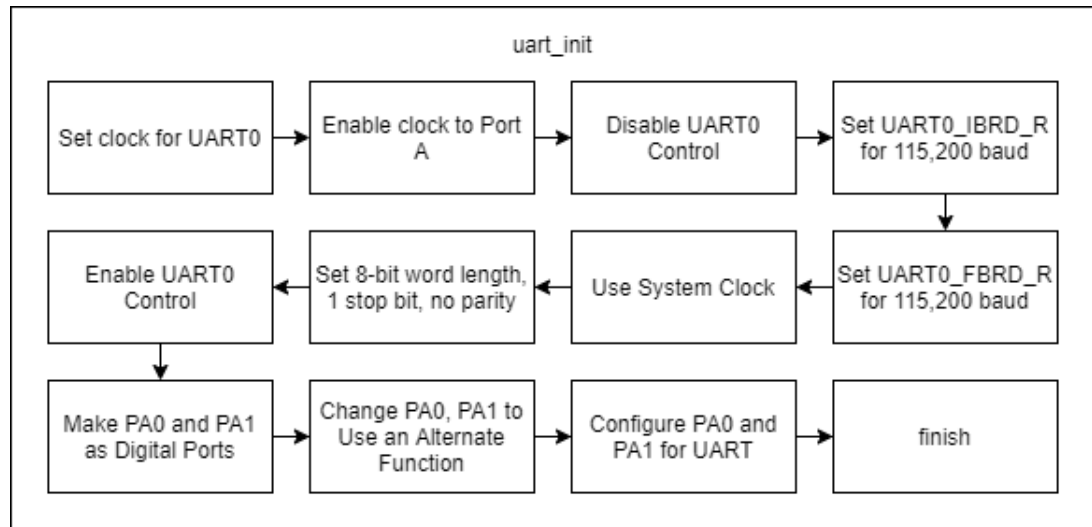
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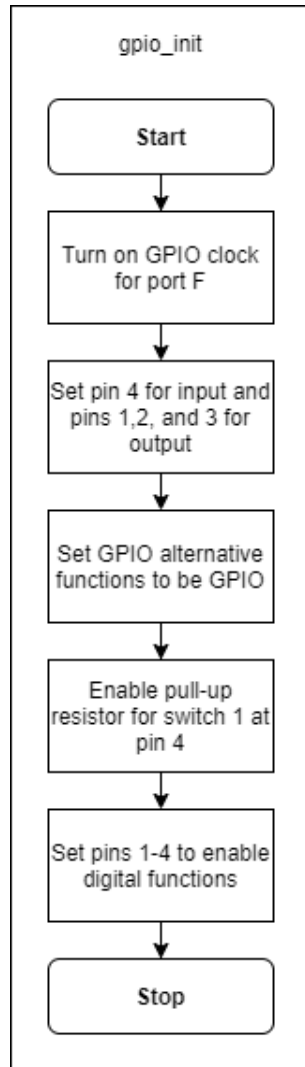
## 4.11 Subroutine output\_board



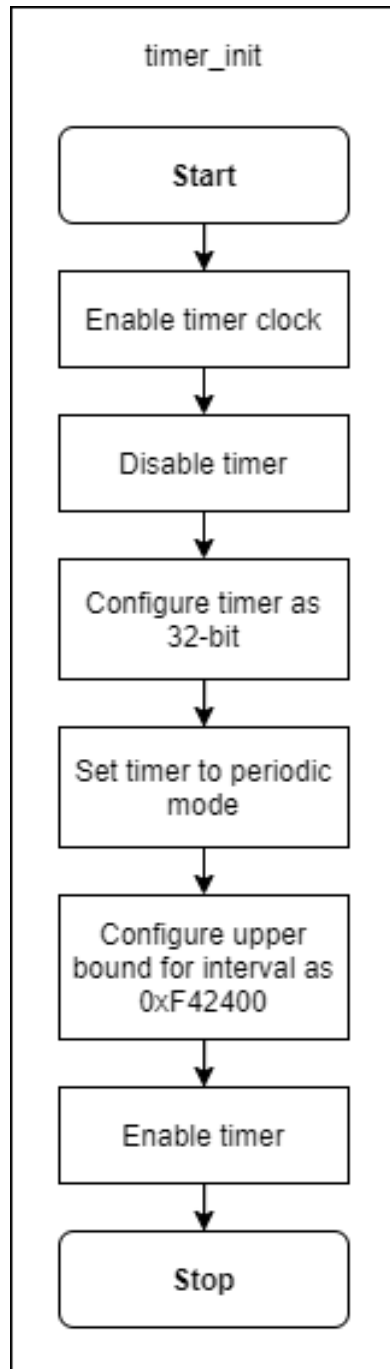
#### 4.12 Subroutine uart\_init



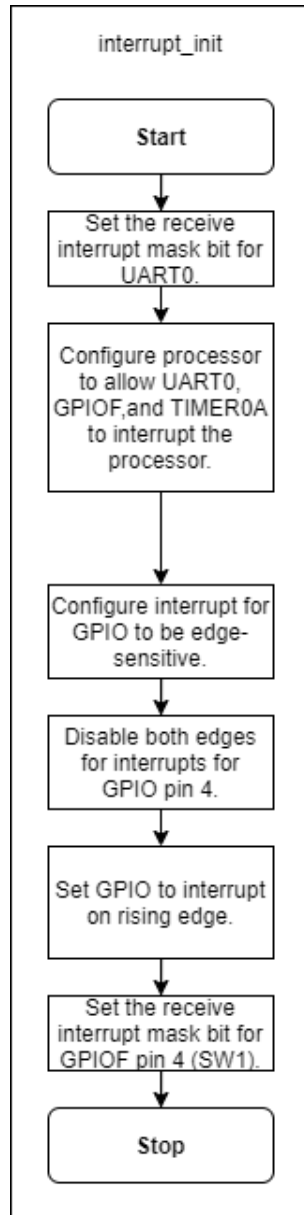
#### 4.13 Subroutine gpio\_init



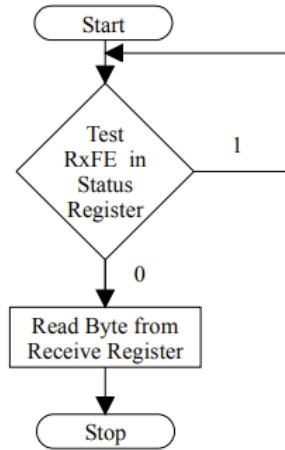
#### 4.14 Subroutine timer\_init



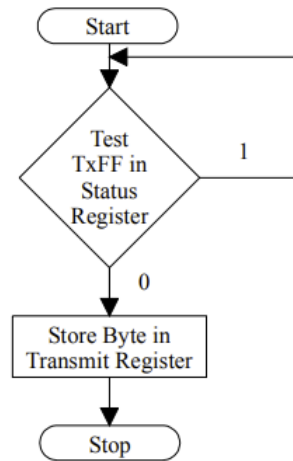
#### 4.15 Subroutine interrupt\_init



#### 4.16 Subroutine read\_character

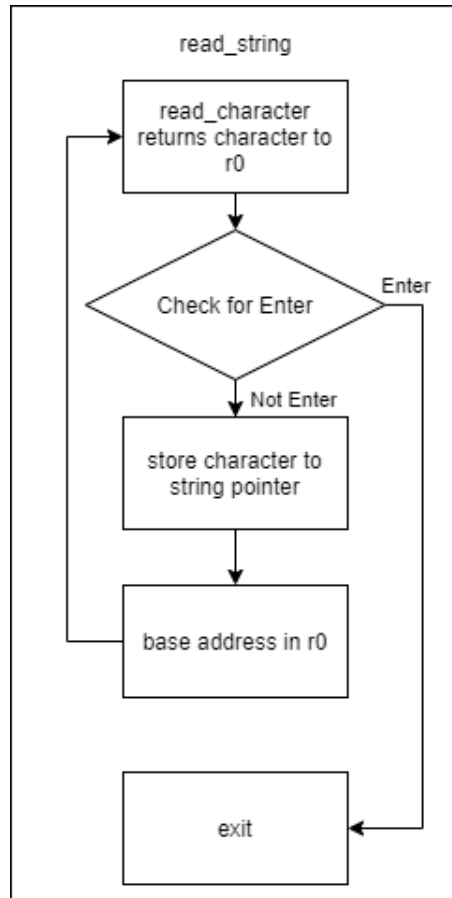


#### 4.17 Subroutine output\_character

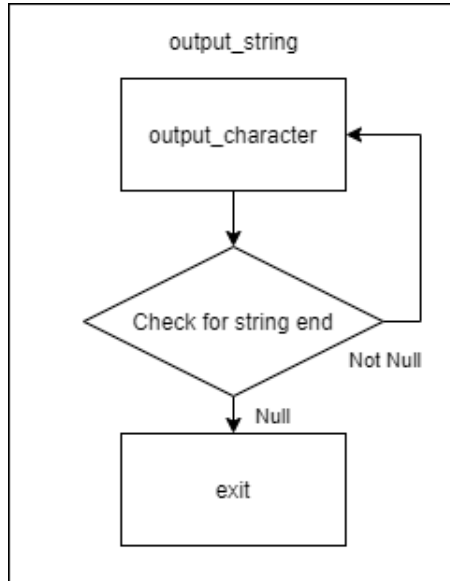




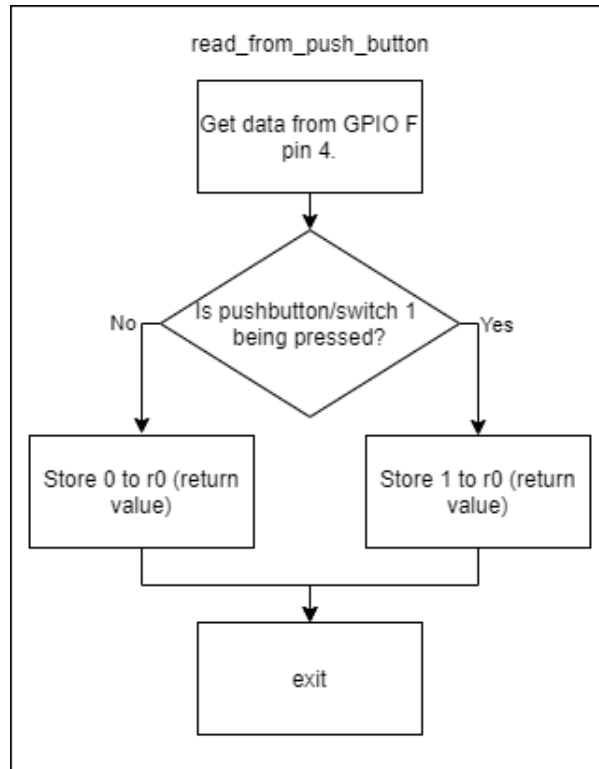
#### 4.18 Subroutine read\_string



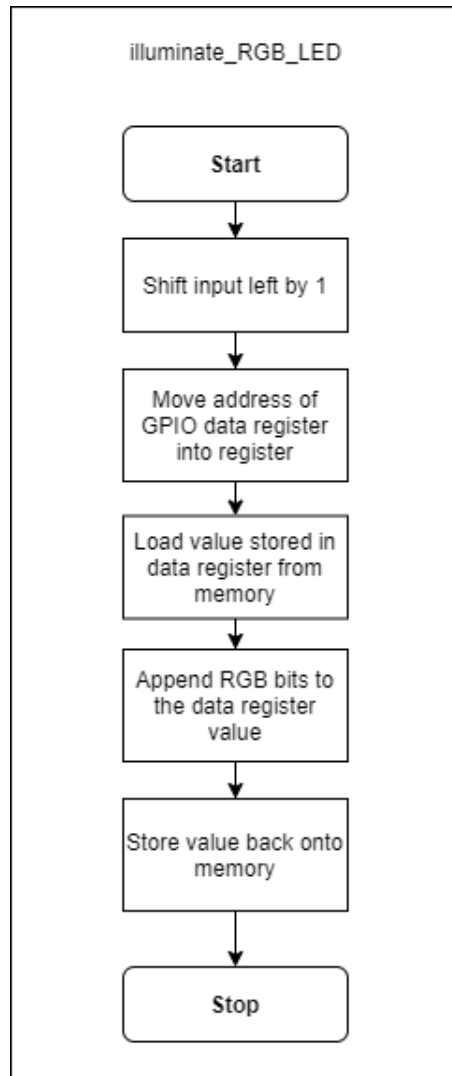
#### 4.19 Subroutine output\_string



#### 4.20 Subroutine read\_from\_push\_btn

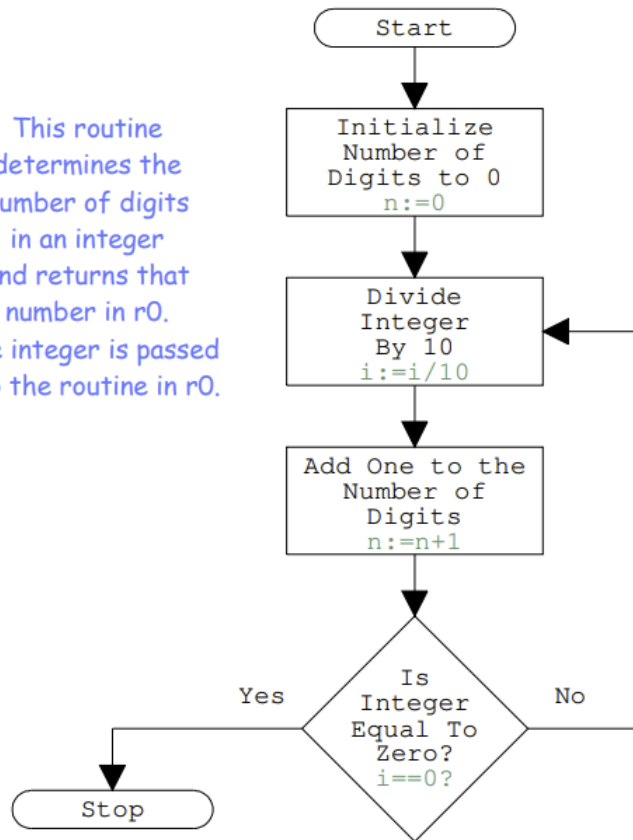


#### 4.21 Subroutine illuminate\_RGB\_LED

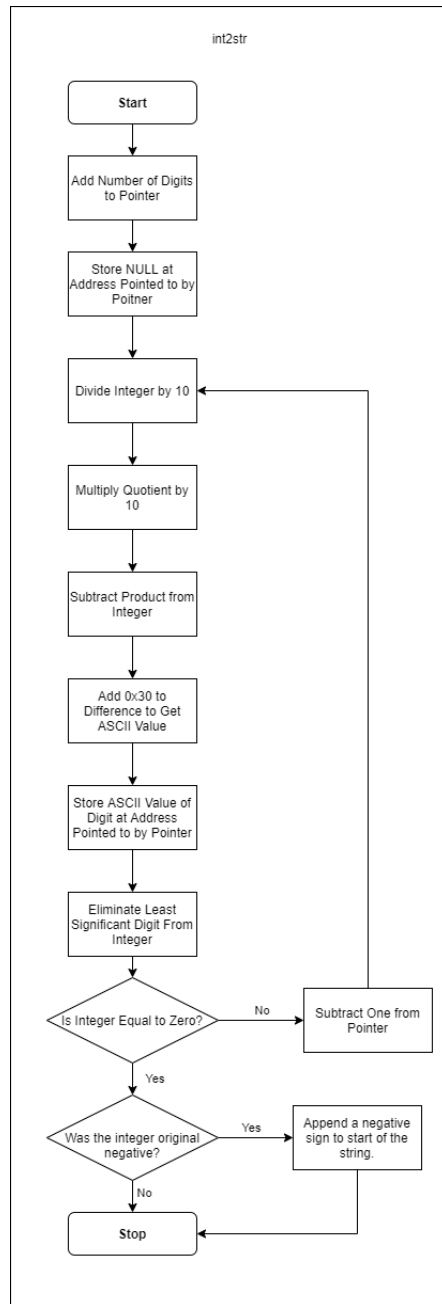


#### 4.22 Subroutine num\_digits

This routine determines the number of digits in an integer and returns that number in r0. The integer is passed into the routine in r0.



## 4.23 Subroutine int2str



## 4.24 Subroutine str2int

