

EE447 Pre Liminary # 2

Q1. (20%) Write a subroutine, DELAY100, that causes approximately 100 msec delay upon calling.

Ans. We were tasked to create a delay that lasts around 100ms approximately, below the code is shown that runs for approximately 100ms according to the clock frequency of the simulation panel which runs at 12 MHz, since we are using 5 cycles the subtraction should be executed from R0 this many times:

$$5 \text{ cycles @ } 12 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow 5 \times \frac{1}{12 \times 10^6} \approx 0.4167 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\text{we need } 100 \text{ ms so } Num = \frac{100 \times 10^{-3}}{0.416667 \times 10^{-6}} = 240,000 \text{ (Dec)} = 3A980 \text{ (Hex)}$$

However, the clocked frequency for the board is 16 MHz therefore the equivalent number value for the board will be:

$$\text{Ratio} \approx \frac{16\text{MHz}}{12\text{MHz}} \approx 1.33333, \text{ now the new Num} = 240,000 \times 1.333 = 320,000 \text{ (Dec)} = 4E200 \text{ (Hex)}$$

The below pictures show the simulation results @ 16 MHz and @ 12 MHz:

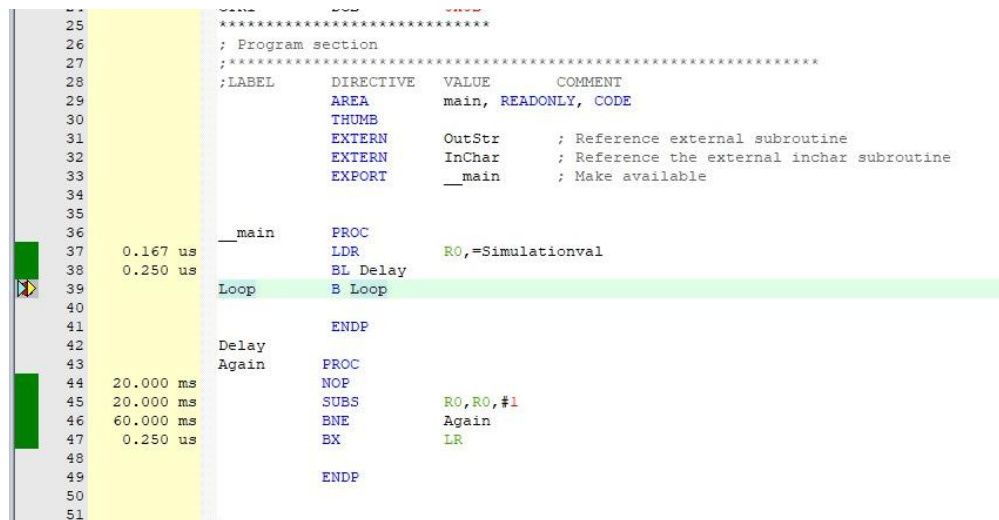


Fig 1. Delay loop for 100 ms @ 12 MHz

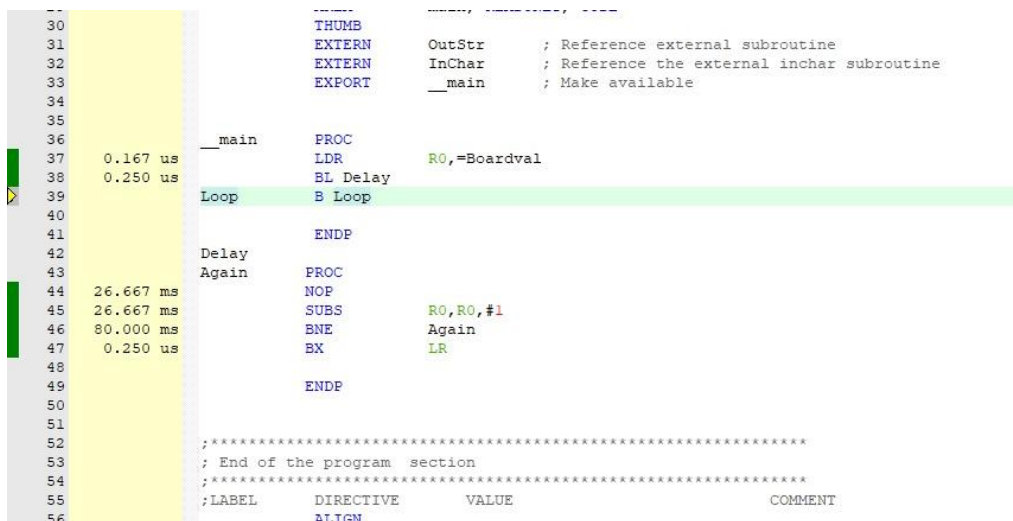


Fig 2. Delay loop for 100 ms @ 16 MHz

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Q2. (20%) Write a program for a simple data transfer scheme. You are required to take inputs from low nibble of Port B (B3 to B0) for inputs, and high nibble of Port B (B7 to B4) for outputs.

Ans. In this part of code debouncing and masking were equally considered, and the equivalent hardcoded masking of the LED's are in the code just for reference so they can be shown at the memory address,

LEDONE	EQU	0xE0
LEDTWO	EQU	0xD0
LEDTHREE	EQU	0xB0
LEDFOUR	EQU	0x70

The delay subroutine is also inside the algorithm which is called almost **40 times** for a 4 second delay until the next key is pressed and the output LED is shown in the pictures below:

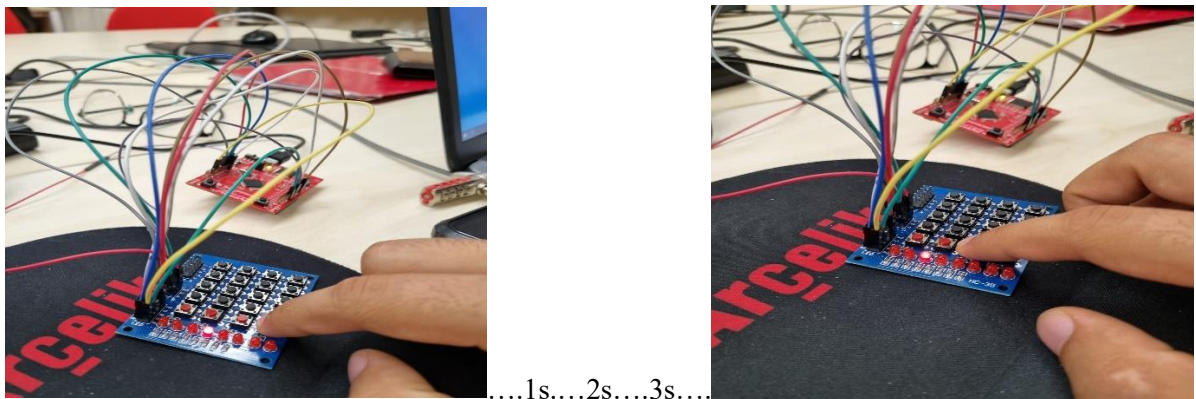


Fig 3. Display of LED's 3 & 4 , after a delay of 4 seconds

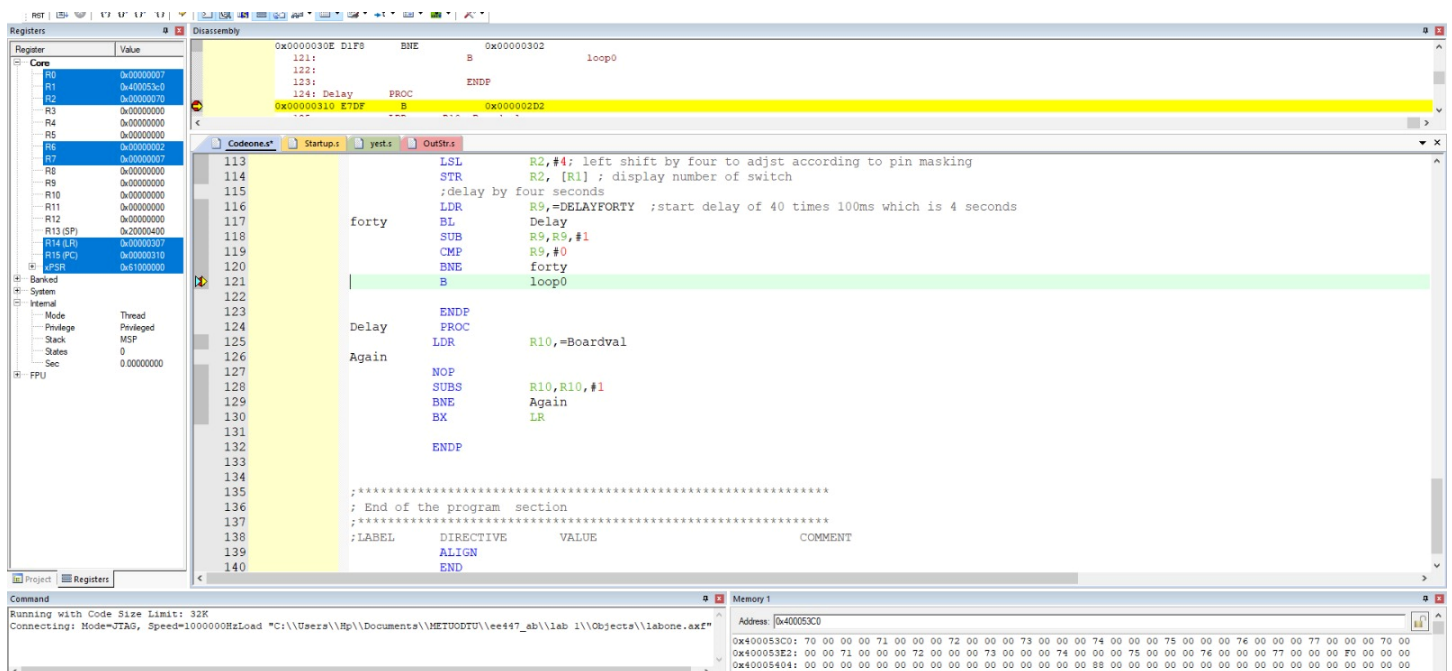


Fig 4. Showing masked LEDFOUR hex code in the memory address 0x400053C0

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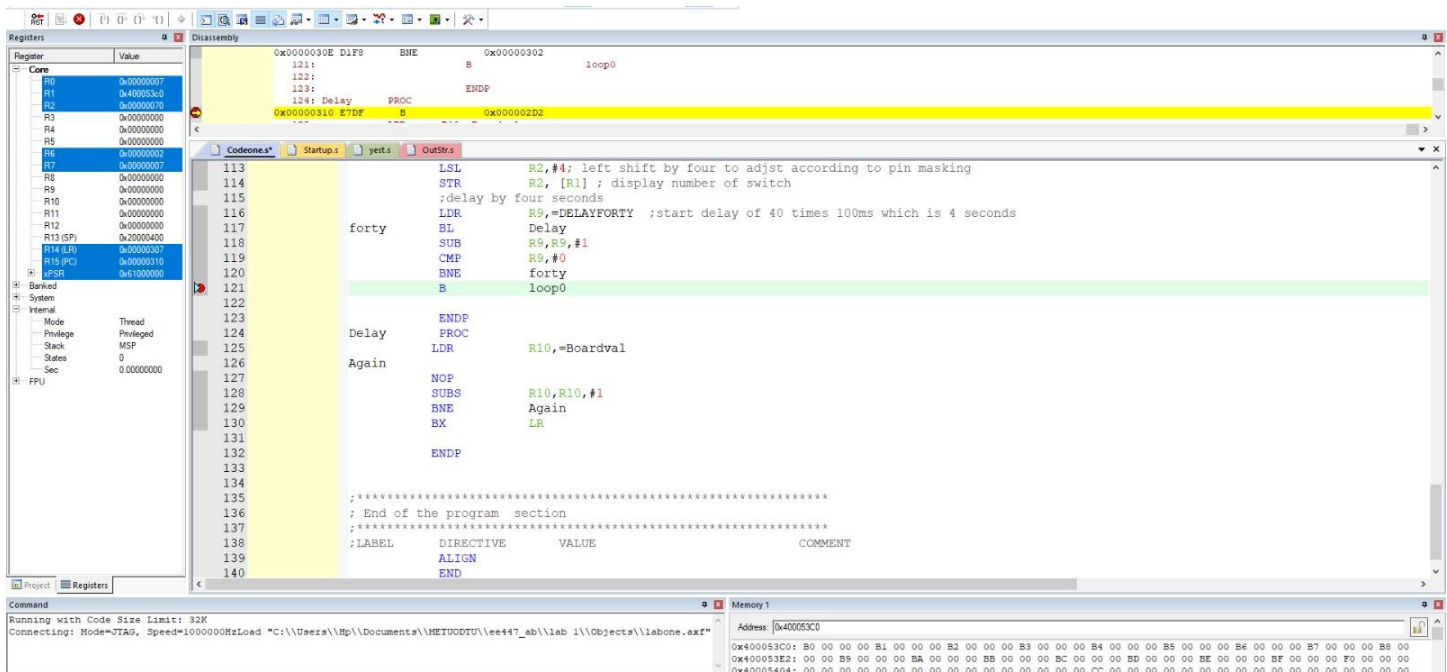


Fig 5. Showing masked LEDTHREE hex code in the memory address 0x400053C0

Q3. Consider the interface of the 4x4 keypadto possible bouncing effect during both pressing and releasing. Please attempt this problem by answering the following items:

a) How can you detect whether any key is pressed?

Ans.

The hex keypad has 8 communication lines namely R1, R2, R3, R4, L1, L2, L3 and L4. R1 to R4 represents the four columns and L1 to L4 represents the four rows. When a particular key is pressed the corresponding row and column to which the terminals of the key are connected gets shorted. For example if key 1 is pressed row L1 and column R1 gets shorted and so on.

The program identifies which key is pressed by a method known as column scanning. In this method a particular row is kept low (other rows are kept high) and the columns are checked for low. If a particular column is found low then that means that the key connected between that column and the corresponding row (the row that is kept low) is been pressed. For example if row L1 is initially kept low and column R1 is found low during scanning, that means key 1 is pressed.

b) How can you detect whether a pressed key is released?

Ans.

A simple algorithm watches the key's status over time to determine when a pressed key is released. Initially, a timestamp and the condition of the key that was identified as pushed are logged. The stability of the pressed state is then continuously verified, taking into consideration bouncing effects that might result in abrupt changes between the pressed and released states. A key is deemed pushed if it is held down for a predetermined steady duration. A timestamp is recorded if the key changes into a released state within this period.

The system then determines if the key stayed steady during the debounce period, signifying a legitimate key release. If this is the case, the system can carry out the intended key release operations. By using this method, bouncing-induced transient states are filtered out and precise key release detection in embedded systems is guaranteed. It is important to adjust the debounce time parameter; depending on the features of the particular keypad and the anticipated bouncing behavior, this may need to be fine-tuned.

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- c) Assuming that you have detected that a key is pressed. Explain your algorithm to determine which one is pressed?

Ans.

For example if key 1 is pressed row L1 and column R1 gets shorted and so on. The program identifies which key is pressed by a method known as column scanning. In this method a particular row is kept low (other rows are kept high) and the columns are checked for low.

If a particular column is found low then that means that the key connected between that column and the corresponding row (the row that is kept low) is been pressed. For example, if row L1 is initially kept low and column R1 is found low during scanning, that means key 1 is pressed.

Starting from the top row, the microcontroller will ground it by providing a low to row L1 only. Now read the columns, if the data read is all 1s, no key in that row is pressed and the process continues for the next row. So, now ground the next row, L2.

Read the columns, check for any zero and this process continues until the row is identified. E.g. In the above case we will get row 2 in which column is not equal to 1111. So, after identification of the row in which the key has been pressed, we can easily find out the key by row and column value.

- d) Discuss what can happen due to bouncing. How can you avoid bouncing effects?

Ans.

Bouncing in switch signals can lead to multiple state transitions, causing issues such as unintended actions, erroneous input, and increased interrupt latency. To mitigate these effects, various methods are employed. Hardware debouncing utilizes components like resistors and capacitors to create low-pass filters that smooth out switch signals. Software debouncing involves implementing algorithms in firmware to filter out transient changes, often using delay loops, state machines, or timers. Mechanical solutions include choosing high-quality switches with low bounce characteristics or those with built-in hardware debouncing circuits.

Adjusting interrupt handling routines to accommodate bouncing and using timers or delays is another effective approach. Requiring a stable switch state for a predefined duration helps filter out brief bouncing events. Additionally, filtering techniques like low-pass filters or median filtering can be applied in software. Some microcontroller platforms offer debouncing libraries or functions to simplify implementation. By employing a combination of hardware and software solutions, these methods contribute to a more reliable switch interface, minimizing the impact of bouncing in embedded systems.

- e) Now, develop your overall end-to-end algorithm that outputs ID of the pressed key to the terminal window and draw its flow chart.

Ans.

Initialization: The algorithm begins with the initialization phase, where the required GPIO pins for the keypad's rows and columns are configured. Additionally, crucial variables are set up, including a 16 msg key to map the combinations of rows and columns to specific key IDs. A debounce duration is defined to confirm a stable state after a key press, addressing potential bouncing effects.

Key Detection Loop: The algorithm enters a continuous loop responsible for scanning through each row of the keypad. For each row, the corresponding columns are activated and read. The algorithm checks if a key press is detected by examining whether any column in the activated row is low. If a key press is identified, the corresponding key ID is recorded, and the system transitions to the debounce phase.

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Debouncing: Upon detecting a key press, the algorithm initiates a debounce phase to mitigate the bouncing effects. It waits for a predefined debounce duration, continually checking for stability during this period. If the key remains stable, the algorithm proceeds to the key identification phase; otherwise, it continues debouncing until stability is achieved.

Key Identification: In the key identification phase, the algorithm determines the specific key that was pressed based on the row and column information. The corresponding key ID is then output to the terminal window.

Continue Scanning: The algorithm concludes each iteration by returning to the key detection loop, ensuring the continuous monitoring of the keypad for new key presses. This cyclic process repeats until the program is terminated.

Flowchart:

Start → Initialization → Key Detection Loop →

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Key Press Detected ? →

Yes →

Record Key ID →

Enter Debounce Phase →

Wait for Stable State →

Stable State Reached? →

Yes →

Identify Key →

Output Key ID →

Continue Scanning →

No →

Continue Debouncing →

Continue Scanning →

No →

Continue Scanning →

End

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f) Implement the developed algorithm in part-e by using assembly language.

The code is given in the pre-liminary files and the output can be shown in termite as below:

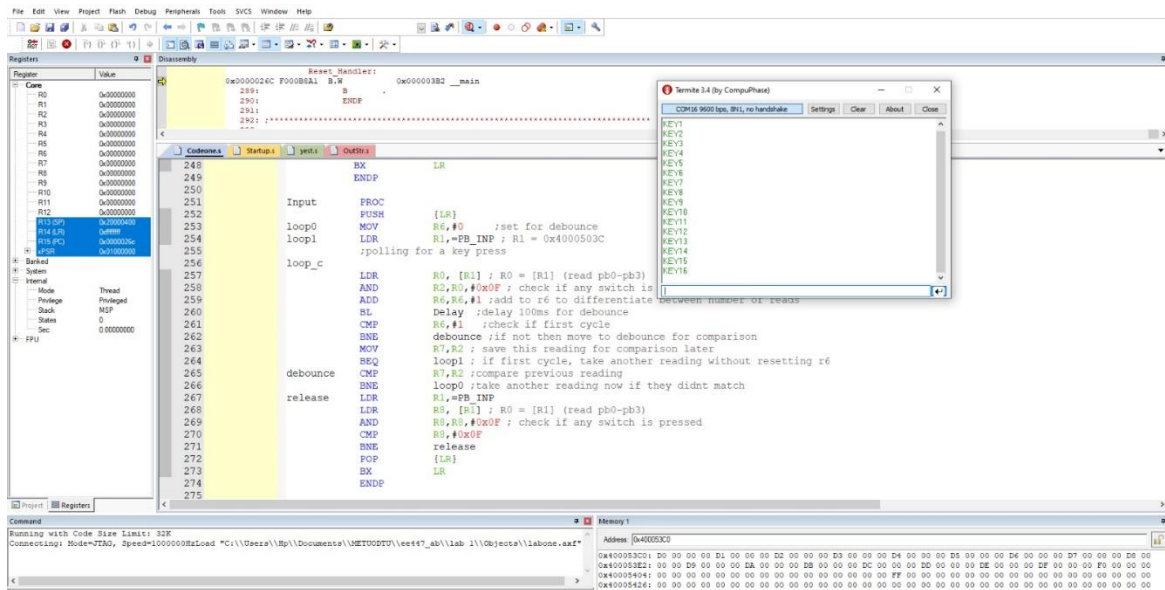


Fig 6. Different key presses and their specific KEYID is displayed in TERMITE