

### 3. Utilisation d'un timer-compteur

Le but de cette séance est d'utiliser un **compteur programmable** interne au microcontrôleur afin de réaliser des bases de temps précises sans occuper l'unité centrale.

Compétence à acquérir : lire une documentation technique en anglais et en extraire les informations nécessaires pour répondre au cahier des charges.

Comprendre l'intérêt de déporter certaines fonctionnalités vers un coupleur.

#### Références :

Documentation ATMEL ATmega2560 (extraits donnés en Annexe) :

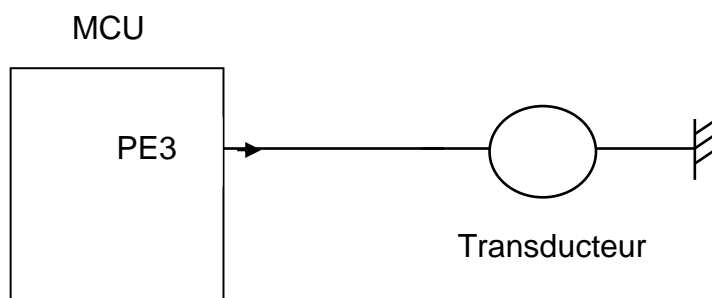
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#### A) Présentation

La sortie PE3 (bit 3 du PORTE) est reliée à un transducteur qui peut émettre un son lorsqu'il reçoit un signal carré de 5V.



Q1. Donner un code tout simple permettant de réaliser un signal carré de période 10ms sur le bit 3 du PORTE, en utilisant la fonction delay() (voir TP1).

Q2. Critiquer cette façon de faire.

#### B) Description et configuration du compteur programmable 16 bits TIMER3

Q3. Physiquement, où se trouve le Timer3 ?

Le Timer3 fonctionnera en mode CTC. Comme nous utilisons le Timer3, par la suite dans la doc n=3.

Q4. *Fonctionnement externe*

Lire 17.9.2 (ignorer les références à ICRn qui ne sera pas utilisé)

Étudier la figure 17-6 :

Q4a. Que vaut probablement OCRnA dans les phases 1 2 3 et 4 du diagramme ?

Q4b. Que veut dire mode toggle ?

Q4c. Voir le brochage du microcontrôleur (cours p.31). À quoi correspond la borne OCnA pour n=3 ?

**Q5. Fonctionnement interne**

Etudier la figure 17-4 avec  $n=3$  et  $X=A$ .

(OCR<sub>n</sub>H/L buffer et OCR<sub>n</sub>H/L peuvent être considérés comme identiques)

Retrouver le fonctionnement externe vu ci-dessus.

Q6. Quels sont les registres du Timer3 ? Indiquer leur type.

On désire obtenir une fréquence de 1kHz sur PE3 en utilisant le mode CTC sur OCR3A.

On rappelle que la fréquence de  $clk_{io}$  est égale à 16 MHz.

Cette fréquence est divisée par un prescaler permettant de la diminuer.

Q7. À quelle fréquence faut-il changer l'état de PE3 ? Si on utilise un prescaler de 8, quelle valeur doit-on mettre dans le registre de comparaison (OCR3A) pour obtenir la bonne fréquence sur PE3 ?

On n'utilise aucune interruption et on laissera FOC3A/B/C à 0. Il n'y a pas de filtrage (inutile car pas de signal externe). Pour générer un signal carré, il faut que OC3A soit en mode toggle. Il faut aussi que OC3A soit programmé en sortie.

Q8. Donner la valeur des registres de configuration utiles à l'application.

**C) Utilisation du Timer3**

Q9. Quel est l'avantage d'utiliser le Timer3 pour générer un signal carré sur PE3 ?

Q10a. Quel sera alors le contenu de la fonction loop() ?

Q10b. Compléter la fonction setup() pour programmer le Timer3.

Q11. *En TP* : Tester.

*En TP* : Dans votre dossier de travail, créez le dossier lib\Timer3, puis deux sous-dossiers lib\Timer3\src et lib\Timer3\examples. Dans src, créez deux fichiers Timer3.h et Timer3.cpp.

Q12. Donner le schéma bloc et le prototype de la fonction `InitTimer3PE3()` permettant d'initialiser correctement le Timer3.

Q13. Coder cette fonction et la tester. Appeler l'enseignant pour vérification de l'entête.

Q14. Analyser, coder, tester les fonctions suivantes :

`StopTimer3PE3(...)` : permet de stopper le signal sur PE3 tout en laissant configuré le coupleur.

`DemTimer3PE3(...)` : permet de démarrer la génération du signal sur PE3 sans reconfigurer entièrement le coupleur.

`FreqTimer3PE3(...)` : permet de modifier la fréquence. Quelle est la plage de fréquences possibles que l'on peut générer ?

**D) Pour les plus rapides**

Q15. Créer une classe `CTimer3PE3` dans Timer3.h permettant de regrouper toutes les fonctionnalités codées. Déclarer un objet de cette classe (variable globale) dans votre main.cpp, tester.

Q16. On dispose de TestBP0() identique à TestBP1() mais pour le poussoir 0 connecté au PORTC bit4. Selon l'appui sur les touches, la fréquence doit être modifiée de la façon suivante :

/BP0 /BP1 : 1000 Hz

BP0 /BP1 : 1500 Hz

/BP0 BP1 : 2000 Hz

BP0 BP1 : 2500 Hz

Analyser, coder, tester cette fonctionnalité.

Q17. Déclarez un type structuré TNote qui contient deux entier, fréquence et durée en millisecondes. Créez alors un programme général qui permet de jouer sur le buzzer n'importe quelle mélodie enregistrée dans un tableau de type structuré TNote. Vous pourrez vous aider des fichiers dodeka.h et dodeka.cpp fournis dans la bibliothèque GEIUtil.

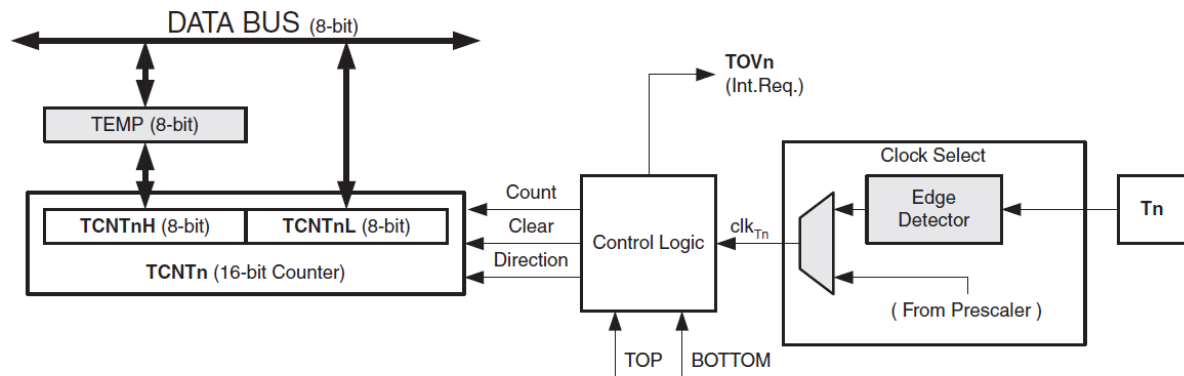
Q18. Ajoutez un moyen de changer le tempo en cours de lecture de la mélodie, en utilisant le potentiomètre et le CAN vu au TP2.

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### 17.5 Counter Unit

The main part of the 16-bit Timer/Counter is the programmable 16-bit bi-directional counter unit. Figure 17-2 shows a block diagram of the counter and its surroundings.

Figure 17-2. Counter Unit Block Diagram



Signal description (internal signals):

<b>Count</b>	Increment or decrement TCNTn by 1.
<b>Direction</b>	Select between increment and decrement.
<b>Clear</b>	Clear TCNTn (set all bits to zero).
<b>clk<sub>Tn</sub></b>	Timer/Counter clock.
<b>TOP</b>	Signalize that TCNTn has reached maximum value.
<b>BOTTOM</b>	Signalize that TCNTn has reached minimum value (zero).

The 16-bit counter is mapped into two 8-bit I/O memory locations: *Counter High* (TCNTnH) containing the upper eight bits of the counter, and *Counter Low* (TCNTnL) containing the lower eight bits. The TCNTnH Register can only be indirectly accessed by the CPU. When the CPU does an access to the TCNTnH I/O location, the CPU accesses the high byte temporary register (TEMP). The temporary register is updated with the TCNTnH value when the TCNTnL is read, and TCNTnH is updated with the temporary register value when TCNTnL is written. This allows the CPU to read or write the entire 16-bit counter value within one clock cycle via the 8-bit data bus. It is important to notice that there are special cases of writing to the TCNTn Register when the counter is counting that will give unpredictable results. The special cases are described in the sections where they are of importance.

Depending on the mode of operation used, the counter is cleared, incremented, or decremented at each *timer clock* (clk<sub>Tn</sub>). The clk<sub>Tn</sub> can be generated from an external or internal clock source, selected by the *Clock Select* bits (CSn2:0). When no clock source is selected (CSn2:0 = 0) the timer is stopped. However, the TCNTn value can be accessed by the CPU, independent of whether clk<sub>Tn</sub> is present or not. A CPU write overrides (has priority over) all counter clear or count operations.

The counting sequence is determined by the setting of the *Waveform Generation mode* bits (WGMn3:0) located in the *Timer/Counter Control Registers A and B* (TCCRnA and TCCRnB). There are close connections between how the counter behaves (counts) and how waveforms are generated on the Output Compare outputs OCnx. For more details about advanced counting sequences and waveform generation, see [“Modes of Operation” on page 144](#).

The Timer/Counter Overflow Flag (TOVn) is set according to the mode of operation selected by the WGMn3:0 bits. TOVn can be used for generating a CPU interrupt.

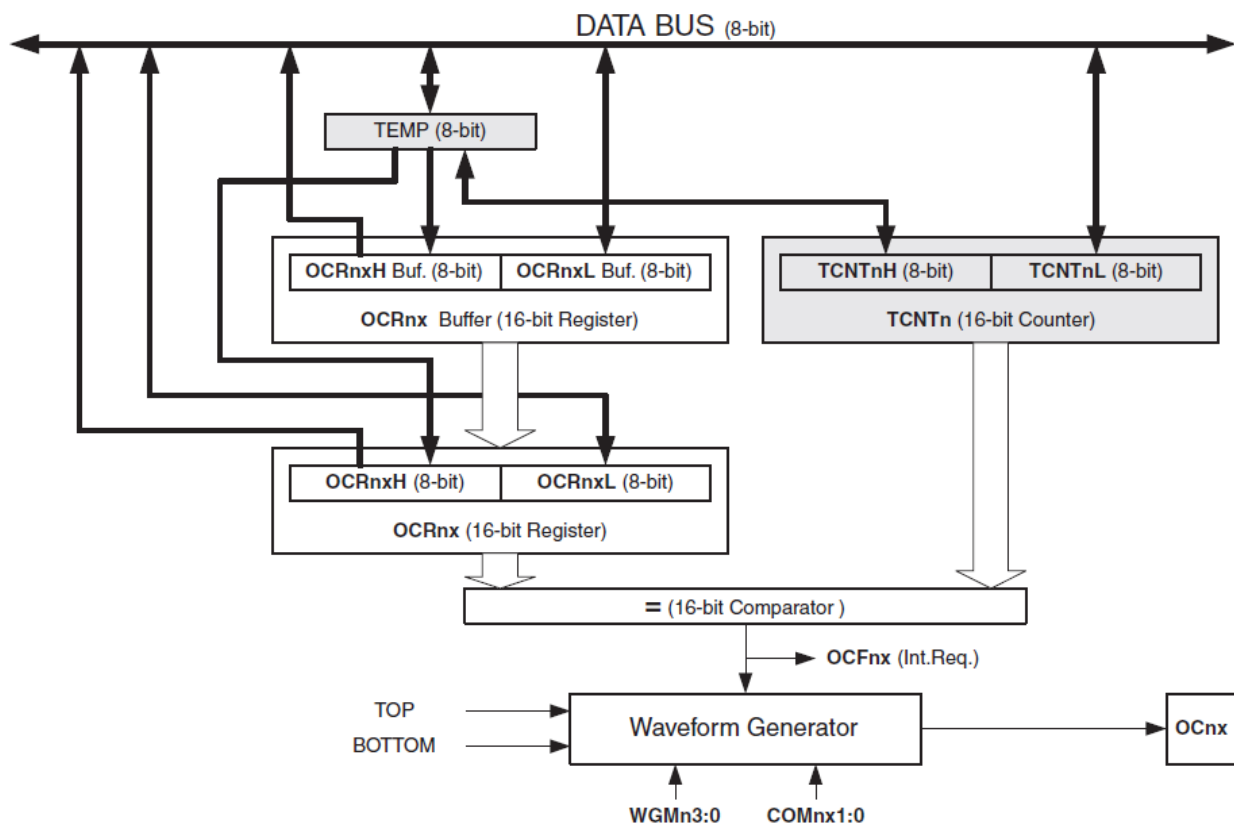
## 17.7 Output Compare Units

The 16-bit comparator continuously compares TCNTn with the *Output Compare Register* (OCRnx). If TCNT equals OCRnx the comparator signals a match. A match will set the *Output Compare Flag* (OCFnx) at the next timer clock cycle. If enabled (OCIE<sub>nx</sub> = 1), the Output Compare Flag generates an Output Compare interrupt. The OCFnx Flag is automatically cleared when the interrupt is executed. Alternatively the OCFnx Flag can be cleared by software by writing a logical one to its I/O bit location. The Waveform Generator uses the match signal to generate an output according to operating mode set by the *Waveform Generation mode* (WGMn3:0) bits and *Compare Output mode* (COMn1:0) bits. The TOP and BOTTOM signals are used by the Waveform Generator for handling the special cases of the extreme values in some modes of operation. See “Modes of Operation” on page 144.

A special feature of Output Compare unit A allows it to define the Timer/Counter TOP value (that is, counter resolution). In addition to the counter resolution, the TOP value defines the period time for waveforms generated by the Waveform Generator.

Figure 17-4 shows a block diagram of the Output Compare unit. The small “n” in the register and bit names indicates the device number (n = n for Timer/Counter n), and the “x” indicates Output Compare unit (A/B/C). The elements of the block diagram that are not directly a part of the Output Compare unit are gray shaded.

Figure 17-4. Output Compare Unit, Block Diagram



The OCRnx Register is double buffered when using any of the twelve *Pulse Width Modulation* (PWM) modes. For the Normal and *Clear Timer on Compare* (CTC) modes of operation, the double buffering is disabled. The double buffering synchronizes the update of the OCRnx Compare Register to either TOP or BOTTOM of the counting sequence. The synchronization prevents the occurrence of odd-length, non-symmetrical PWM pulses, thereby making the output glitch-free.

The OCRnx Register access may seem complex, but this is not case. When the double buffering is enabled, the CPU has access to the OCRnx Buffer Register, and if double buffering is disabled the CPU will access the OCRnx directly. The content of the OCR1x (Buffer or Compare) Register is only changed by a write operation (the Timer/Counter does not update this register automatically as the TCNT1 and ICR1 Register). Therefore OCR1x is not read via the high byte temporary register (TEMP). However, it is a good practice to read the low byte first as when accessing other 16-bit registers. Writing the OCRnx Registers must be done via the TEMP Register since the

compare of all 16 bits is done continuously. The high byte (OCRnxH) has to be written first. When the high byte I/O location is written by the CPU, the TEMP Register will be updated by the value written. Then when the low byte (OCRnxL) is written to the lower eight bits, the high byte will be copied into the upper 8-bits of either the OCRnx buffer or OCRnx Compare Register in the same system clock cycle.

## 17.8 Compare Match Output Unit

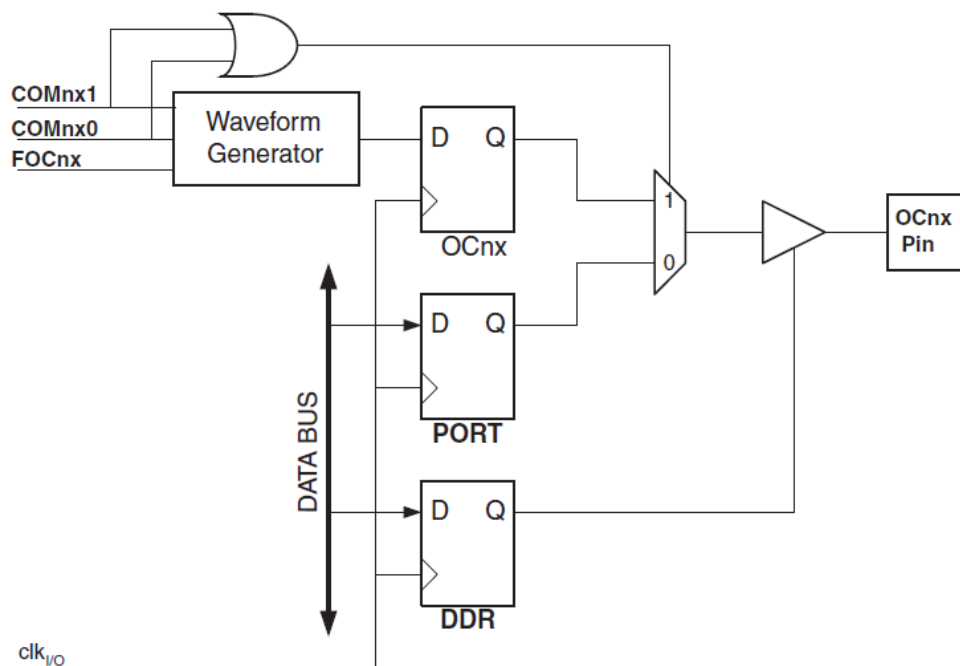
The Compare Output mode (COMnx1:0) bits have two functions. The Waveform Generator uses the COMnx1:0 bits for defining the Output Compare (OCnx) state at the next compare match. Secondly the COMnx1:0 bits control the OCnx pin output source. [Figure 17-5 on page 144](#) shows a simplified schematic of the logic affected by the COMnx1:0 bit setting. The I/O Registers, I/O bits, and I/O pins in the figure are shown in bold. Only the parts of the general I/O Port Control Registers (DDR and PORT) that are affected by the COMnx1:0 bits are shown. When referring to the OCnx state, the reference is for the internal OCnx Register, not the OCnx pin. If a system reset occur, the OCnx Register is reset to "0".

The general I/O port function is overridden by the Output Compare (OCnx) from the Waveform Generator if either of the COMnx1:0 bits are set. However, the OCnx pin direction (input or output) is still controlled by the *Data Direction Register* (DDR) for the port pin. The Data Direction Register bit for the OCnx pin (DDR\_OCnx) must be set as output before the OCnx value is visible on the pin. The port override function is generally independent of the Waveform Generation mode, but there are some exceptions. Refer to [Table 17-3 on page 155](#), [Table 17-4 on page 155](#) and [Table 17-5 on page 155](#) for details.

The design of the Output Compare pin logic allows initialization of the OCnx state before the output is enabled. Note that some COMnx1:0 bit settings are reserved for certain modes of operation. See "Register Description" on [page 154](#).

The COMnx1:0 bits have no effect on the Input Capture unit.

**Figure 17-5.** Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic



### 17.8.1 Compare Output Mode and Waveform Generation

The Waveform Generator uses the COMnx1:0 bits differently in normal, CTC, and PWM modes. For all modes, setting the COMnx1:0 = 0 tells the Waveform Generator that no action on the OCnx Register is to be performed on the next compare match. For compare output actions in the non-PWM modes refer to [Table 17-3 on page 155](#). For fast PWM mode refer to [Table 17-4 on page 155](#), and for phase correct and phase and frequency correct PWM refer to [Table 17-5 on page 155](#).

A change of the COMnx1:0 bits state will have effect at the first compare match after the bits are written. For non-PWM modes, the action can be forced to have immediate effect by using the FOCnx strobe bits.



## 17.9 Modes of Operation

The mode of operation, that is, the behavior of the Timer/Counter and the Output Compare pins, is defined by the combination of the *Waveform Generation mode* (WGMn3:0) and *Compare Output mode* (COMnx1:0) bits. The Compare Output mode bits do not affect the counting sequence, while the Waveform Generation mode bits do. The COMnx1:0 bits control whether the PWM output generated should be inverted or not (inverted or non-inverted PWM). For non-PWM modes the COMnx1:0 bits control whether the output should be set, cleared or toggle at a compare match. See “Compare Match Output Unit” on page 143.

### 17.9.1 Normal Mode

The simplest mode of operation is the *Normal mode* (WGMn3:0 = 0). In this mode the counting direction is always up (incrementing), and no counter clear is performed. The counter simply overruns when it passes its maximum 16-bit value (MAX = 0xFFFF) and then restarts from the BOTTOM (0x0000). In normal operation the *Timer/Counter Overflow Flag* (TOVn) will be set in the same timer clock cycle as the TCNTn becomes zero. The TOVn Flag in this case behaves like a 17<sup>th</sup> bit, except that it is only set, not cleared. However, combined with the timer overflow interrupt that automatically clears the TOVn Flag, the timer resolution can be increased by software. There are no special cases to consider in the Normal mode, a new counter value can be written anytime.

The Input Capture unit is easy to use in Normal mode. However, observe that the maximum interval between the external events must not exceed the resolution of the counter. If the interval between events are too long, the timer overflow interrupt or the prescaler must be used to extend the resolution for the capture unit.

The Output Compare units can be used to generate interrupts at some given time. Using the Output Compare to generate waveforms in Normal mode is not recommended, since this will occupy too much of the CPU time.

### 17.9.2 Clear Timer on Compare Match (CTC) Mode

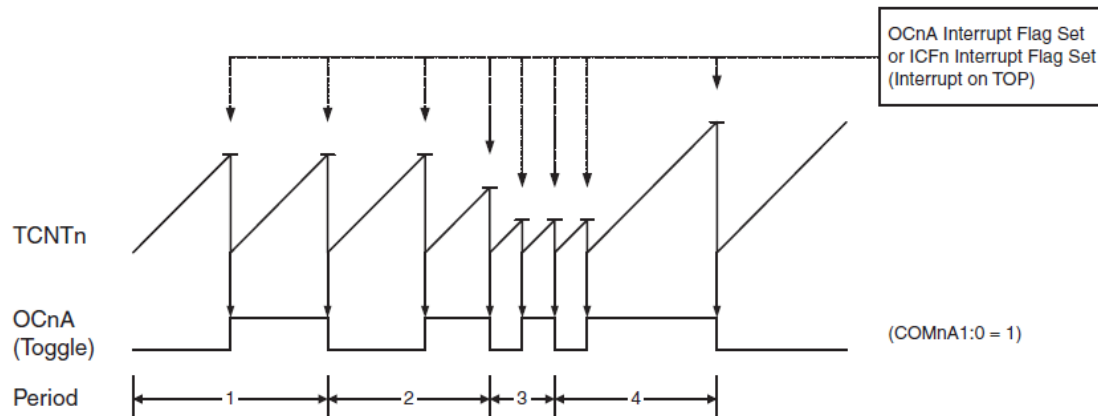
In *Clear Timer on Compare* or CTC mode (WGMn3:0 = 4 or 12), the OCRnA or ICRn Register are used to manipulate the counter resolution. In CTC mode the counter is cleared to zero when the counter value (TCNTn) matches either the OCRnA (WGMn3:0 = 4) or the ICRn (WGMn3:0 = 12). The OCRnA or ICRn define the top value for the counter, hence also its resolution. This mode allows greater control of the compare match output frequency. It also simplifies the operation of counting external events.

The timing diagram for the CTC mode is shown in Figure 17-6. The counter value (TCNTn) increases until a compare match occurs with either OCRnA or ICRn, and then counter (TCNTn) is cleared.

**Table 17-2.** Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description<sup>(1)</sup>

Mode	WGMn3	WGMn2 (CTCn)	WGMn1 (PWMn1)	WGMn0 (PWMn0)	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	TOP	Update of OCRnx at	TOVn Flag Set on
0	0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFFFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	0	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	BOTTOM
3	0	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	BOTTOM
4	0	1	0	0	CTC	OCRnA	Immediate	MAX
5	0	1	0	1	Fast PWM, 8-bit	0x00FF	BOTTOM	TOP
6	0	1	1	0	Fast PWM, 9-bit	0x01FF	BOTTOM	TOP
7	0	1	1	1	Fast PWM, 10-bit	0x03FF	BOTTOM	TOP
8	1	0	0	0	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	ICRn	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
9	1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	OCRnA	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
10	1	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct	ICRn	TOP	BOTTOM
11	1	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCRnA	TOP	BOTTOM
12	1	1	0	0	CTC	ICRn	Immediate	MAX
13	1	1	0	1	(Reserved)	–	–	–
14	1	1	1	0	Fast PWM	ICRn	BOTTOM	TOP
15	1	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCRnA	BOTTOM	TOP

Note: 1. The CTCn and PWMn1:0 bit definition names are obsolete. Use the WGMn2:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.

**Figure 17-6.** CTC Mode, Timing Diagram

An interrupt can be generated at each time the counter value reaches the TOP value by either using the OCFnA or ICFn Flag according to the register used to define the TOP value. If the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt handler routine can be used for updating the TOP value. However, changing the TOP to a value close to BOTTOM when the counter is running with none or a low prescaler value must be done with care since the CTC mode does not have the double buffering feature. If the new value written to OCRnA or ICRn is lower than the current value of TCNTn, the counter will miss the compare match. The counter will then have to count to its maximum value (0xFFFF) and wrap around starting at 0x0000 before the compare match can occur. In many cases this feature is not desirable. An alternative will then be to use the fast PWM mode using OCRnA for defining TOP (WGMn3:0 = 15) since the OCRnA then will be double buffered.

For generating a waveform output in CTC mode, the OCnA output can be set to toggle its logical level on each compare match by setting the Compare Output mode bits to toggle mode (COMnA1:0 = 1). The OCnA value will not be visible on the port pin unless the data direction for the pin is set to output (DDR\_OCnA = 1). The waveform generated will have a maximum frequency of  $f_{OCnA} = f_{clk\_I/O}/2$  when OCRnA is set to zero (0x0000). The waveform frequency is defined by the following equation:

$$f_{OCnA} = \frac{f_{clk\_I/O}}{2 \cdot N \cdot (1 + OCRnA)}$$

The  $N$  variable represents the prescaler factor (1, 8, 64, 256, or 1024).

As for the Normal mode of operation, the TOVn Flag is set in the same timer clock cycle that the counter counts from MAX to 0x0000.

## 17.11 Register Description

### 17.11.1 TCCR1A – Timer/Counter 1 Control Register A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x80)	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	COM1C1	COM1C0	WGM11	WGM10	TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### 17.11.2 TCCR3A – Timer/Counter 3 Control Register A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x90)	COM3A1	COM3A0	COM3B1	COM3B0	COM3C1	COM3C0	WGM31	WGM30	TCCR3A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



- **Bit 7:6 – COMnA1:0: Compare Output Mode for Channel A**
- **Bit 5:4 – COMnB1:0: Compare Output Mode for Channel B**
- **Bit 3:2 – COMnC1:0: Compare Output Mode for Channel C**

The COMnA1:0, COMnB1:0, and COMnC1:0 control the output compare pins (OCnA, OCnB, and OCnC respectively) behavior. If one or both of the COMnA1:0 bits are written to one, the OCnA output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. If one or both of the COMnB1:0 bits are written to one, the OCnB output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. If one or both of the COMnC1:0 bits are written to one, the OCnC output overrides the normal port functionality of the I/O pin it is connected to. However, note that the Data Direction Register (DDR) bit corresponding to the OCnA, OCnB or OCnC pin must be set in order to enable the output driver.

When the OCnA, OCnB or OCnC is connected to the pin, the function of the COMnx1:0 bits is dependent of the WGMn3:0 bits setting. [Table 17-3 on page 155](#) shows the COMnx1:0 bit functionality when the WGMn3:0 bits are set to a normal or a CTC mode (non-PWM).

- **Bit 1:0 – WGMn1:0: Waveform Generation Mode**

Combined with the WGMn3:2 bits found in the TCCRnB Register, these bits control the counting sequence of the counter, the source for maximum (TOP) counter value, and what type of waveform generation to be used, see [Table 17-2 on page 145](#). Modes of operation supported by the Timer/Counter unit are: Normal mode (counter), Clear Timer on Compare match (CTC) mode, and three types of Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) modes. For more information on the different modes, see “[Modes of Operation](#)” on page 144.

**Table 17-3.** Compare Output Mode, non-PWM

COMnA1 COMnB1 COMnC1	COMnA0 COMnB0 COMnC0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OCnA/OCnB/OCnC disconnected
0	1	Toggle OCnA/OCnB/OCnC on compare match
1	0	Clear OCnA/OCnB/OCnC on compare match (set output to low level)
1	1	Set OCnA/OCnB/OCnC on compare match (set output to high level)

### 17.11.5 TCCR1B – Timer/Counter 1 Control Register B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x81)	ICNC1	ICES1	–	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10	TCCR1B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

### 17.11.6 TCCR3B – Timer/Counter 3 Control Register B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x91)	ICNC3	ICES3	–	WGM33	WGM32	CS32	CS31	CS30	TCCR3B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- **Bit 7 – ICNCn: Input Capture Noise Canceler**

Setting this bit (to one) activates the Input Capture Noise Canceler. When the Noise Canceler is activated, the input from the Input Capture Pin (ICPn) is filtered. The filter function requires four successive equal valued samples of the ICPn pin for changing its output. The input capture is therefore delayed by four Oscillator cycles when the noise canceler is enabled.

- **Bit 6 – ICESn: Input Capture Edge Select**

This bit selects which edge on the Input Capture Pin (ICPn) that is used to trigger a capture event. When the ICESn bit is written to zero, a falling (negative) edge is used as trigger, and when the ICESn bit is written to one, a rising (positive) edge will trigger the capture.

When a capture is triggered according to the ICESn setting, the counter value is copied into the Input Capture Register (ICRn). The event will also set the Input Capture Flag (ICFn), and this can be used to cause an Input Capture Interrupt, if this interrupt is enabled.

When the ICRn is used as TOP value (see description of the WGMn3:0 bits located in the TCCRnA and the TCCRnB Register), the ICPn is disconnected and consequently the input capture function is disabled.

- **Bit 5 – Reserved Bit**

This bit is reserved for future use. For ensuring compatibility with future devices, this bit must be written to zero when TCCRnB is written.

- **Bit 4:3 – WGMn3:2: Waveform Generation Mode**

See TCCRnA Register description.

- **Bit 2:0 – CSn2:0: Clock Select**

The three clock select bits select the clock source to be used by the Timer/Counter, see [Figure 17-10](#) and [Figure 17-11](#) on page 152.

**Table 17-6.** Clock Select Bit Description

CSn2	CSn1	CSn0	Description
0	0	0	No clock source. (Timer/Counter stopped)
0	0	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/1$ (No prescaling)
0	1	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/8$ (From prescaler)
0	1	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/64$ (From prescaler)
1	0	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/256$ (From prescaler)
1	0	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/1024$ (From prescaler)
1	1	0	External clock source on Tn pin. Clock on falling edge
1	1	1	External clock source on Tn pin. Clock on rising edge

If external pin modes are used for the Timer/Counter, transitions on the Tn pin will clock the counter even if the pin is configured as an output. This feature allows software control of the counting.

#### 17.11.9 TCCR1C – Timer/Counter 1 Control Register C

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x82)	FOC1A	FOC1B	FOC1C	–	–	–	–	–	TCCR1C
Read/Write	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

#### 17.11.10 TCCR3C – Timer/Counter 3 Control Register C

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x92)	FOC3A	FOC3B	FOC3C	–	–	–	–	–	TCCR3C
Read/Write	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- **Bit 7 – FOCnA: Force Output Compare for Channel A**
- **Bit 6 – FOCnB: Force Output Compare for Channel B**
- **Bit 5 – FOCnC: Force Output Compare for Channel C**

The FOCnA/FOCnB/FOCnC bits are only active when the WGMn3:0 bits specifies a non-PWM mode. When writing a logical one to the FOCnA/FOCnB/FOCnC bit, an immediate compare match is forced on the waveform generation unit. The OCnA/OCnB/OCnC output is changed according to its COMnx1:0 bits setting. Note that the FOCnA/FOCnB/FOCnC bits are implemented as strobes. Therefore it is the value present in the COMnx1:0 bits that determine the effect of the forced compare.

A FOCnA/FOCnB/FOCnC strobe will not generate any interrupt nor will it clear the timer in Clear Timer on Compare Match (CTC) mode using OCRnA as TOP.

The FOCnA/FOCnB/FOCnC bits are always read as zero.

- **Bit 4:0 – Reserved Bits**

These bits are reserved for future use. For ensuring compatibility with future devices, these bits must be written to zero when TCCRnC is written.

## 17.11.13 TCNT1H and TCNT1L – Timer/Counter 1

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x85)	TCNT1[15:8]								TCNT1H
(0x84)	TCNT1[7:0]								TCNT1L
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## 17.11.14 TCNT3H and TCNT3L – Timer/Counter 3

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x95)	TCNT3[15:8]								TCNT3H
(0x94)	TCNT3[7:0]								TCNT3L
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The two *Timer/Counter* I/O locations (TCNTnH and TCNTnL, combined TCNTn) give direct access, both for read and for write operations, to the Timer/Counter unit 16-bit counter. To ensure that both the high and low bytes are read and written simultaneously when the CPU accesses these registers, the access is performed using an 8-bit temporary High Byte Register (TEMP). This temporary register is shared by all the other 16-bit registers. [See “Accessing 16-bit Registers” on page 135.](#)

Modifying the counter (TCNTn) while the counter is running introduces a risk of missing a compare match between TCNTn and one of the OCRnx Registers.

Writing to the TCNTn Register blocks (removes) the compare match on the following timer clock for all compare units.

## 17.11.20 OCR3AH and OCR3AL – Output Compare Register 3 A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x99)	OCR3A[15:8]								OCR3AH
(0x98)	OCR3A[7:0]								OCR3AL
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## 17.11.21 OCR3BH and OCR3BL – Output Compare Register 3 B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x9B)	OCR3B[15:8]								OCR3BH
(0x9A)	OCR3B[7:0]								OCR3BL
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## 17.11.22 OCR3CH and OCR3CL – Output Compare Register 3 C

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x9D)	OCR3C[15:8]								OCR3CH
(0x9C)	OCR3C[7:0]								OCR3CL
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The Output Compare Registers contain a 16-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNTn). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OCnx pin.

The Output Compare Registers are 16-bit in size. To ensure that both the high and low bytes are written simultaneously when the CPU writes to these registers, the access is performed using an 8-bit temporary High Byte Register (TEMP). This temporary register is shared by all the other 16-bit registers. [See “Accessing 16-bit Registers” on page 135.](#)