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A demonstration program for GCBASIC.

Mechanical switches play an important and extensive role in practically every computer, microprocessor and microcontroller application.

Mechanical switches are inexpensive, simple and reliable. However, switches can be very noisy electrically.

The apparent noise is caused by the closing and opening action that seldom results in a clean electrical transition.

The connection makes and breaks several, perhaps even hundreds, of times before the final switch state settles.

The problem is known as switch `bounce`. Some of the intermittent activity is due to the switch contacts actually bouncing off each other.

Imagine slapping two billiard balls together. The hard non-resilient material doesn't absorb the kinetic energy of motion.

Instead, the energy dissipates over time and friction in the bouncing action against the forces push the billiard balls together.

Hard metal switch contacts react in much the same way. Also, switch contacts are not perfectly smooth. As the contacts move against each other, the imperfections and impurities on the surfaces cause the electrical connection to be interrupted.

The result is switch `bounce`.

The consequences of uncorrected switch bounce can range from being just annoying to catastrophic.

For example, imagine advancing the TV channel, but instead of getting the next channel, the selection

skips one or two.

This is a situation a designer should strive to avoid.

Switch bounce has been a problem even before the earliest computers. The classic solution involved filtering, such as through a resistor-capacitor circuit, or through re-settable shift registers (see Figure 3-4 and Figure 3-5, PDF 40001296b.pdf).

These methods are still effective but they involve additional cost in material, installation and board real estate.

Debouncing in software eliminates these additional costs. This is the purpose of this demonstration.

The demonstration use a function that examines the state of the button and returns one of four values. You can test the value and determine the correct action.

The values are `BUTTON_UP`, `BUTTON_PRESSED`, `BUTTON_DOWN` or `BUTTON_RELEASED`. The function also includes a debounce by using a wait to determine if the switch is still depressed.

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#chip 16F887

#option explicit

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	-----PORTA-----							
Bit#:	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	-0
IO:								AN0
IO:								

	-----PORTB-----							
Bit#:	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	-0
IO:								SW
IO:								

	-----PORTC-----							
Bit#:	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	-0
IO:								
IO:								

	-----PORTD-----							
Bit#:	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	-0
IO:	-DS8	-DS7	-DS6	-DS5	-DS4	-DS3	-DS2	-DS1
IO:								

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DIR PORTD OUT

PORTD.7 = 1

DIR PORTB.0 In

#define SWITCH PORTB.0

Do

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// when the switch is down, then, process
If switch_event = BUTTON_DOWN Then

    // Ensure the Carry bit is clear
    Set C OFF

    //Rotate the port to the right, shift the
bits of the port to the right
    ROTATE PORTD RIGHT

    //Did the rotate set the carry bit? If,
yes, set the bit to 1
    IF C = 1 Then PORTD.7 = 1

    'wait until the switch is release
    Wait Until switch_event = BUTTON_RELEASED

End If

Loop

End

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// Methods and subs

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#define BUTTON_UP      0
#define BUTTON_PRESSED 1
#define BUTTON_DOWN    2
#define BUTTON_RELEASED 3
#define BUTTON_UNKNOWN 4

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' Function:
' input_event()
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' Summary:
' Processes the single button into the states UP,
DOWN, PRESSED & RELEASED.
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' Description:
' This function helps write user interface state
machines by determining when
' the button was pressed, released
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' Precondition:
' None
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' Parameters:
' None
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' Returns:
' value of the current button events.
' Valid responses are BUTTON_UP, BUTTON_DOWN,
BUTTON_PRESSED, BUTTON_RELEASED
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' Remarks:
' state_switch inverts the port. If high then use
state_switch=off

' #define SWITCH PORTB.0
' Dir SWITCH In
 #define STATE_SWITCH OFF
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function switch_event()

    Dim previous_switch_state  as Byte
    Dim current_switch_state as Byte

    current_switch_state = input_switch

    if !current_switch_state & !previous_switch_state
then
        ' button is not pressed now nor was it pressed
        previously
            switch_event = BUTTON_UP
        END if
        if current_switch_state & !previous_switch_state
then
            ' button is pressed now but it wasn't
            previously
                switch_event = BUTTON_PRESSED
            End if
            if current_switch_state & previous_switch_state
then
                ' button was pressed previously and is
                still pressed
                switch_event = BUTTON_DOWN
            end if
            if !current_switch_state & previous_switch_state
then
                ' button is not pressed now but it was
                previously
                switch_event = BUTTON_RELEASED
            End If

            previous_switch_state  = current_switch_state

End Function

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' Debounce button, Debounce switch
' This works by examination of port define by the
constant SWITCH
' If the SWITCH has been held down for 15 ms then the
SWITCH is pushed.
Function input_switch ( )

    Dim ButtonCount as byte

    input_switch = false

    If SWITCH = STATE_SWITCH Then
        ButtonCount = 0
        Do While SWITCH = STATE_SWITCH and ButtonCount
< 4
            wait 5 ms
            ButtonCount += 1
        Loop
    end if
    If ButtonCount > 3 then
        input_switch = true
        ButtonCount = 0
    end if

End Function

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