

C Language Primer



What is C?



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Language for controlling the ARM processor

Lets you run sequences of instructions from Flash Manipulate data variables in SRAM

C code is written in text files (extension ".c")

Comments



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Tell the reader what the code does

Compiler ignores comments

Often have a companystandard copyright notice

/* block comment */
// end of line comment

Variables



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SRAM-based data int8 / int16 / int32

Simple numbers

int8: -128..127

int16: -32768..32767

uint8 / uint16 / uint32

Unsigned numbers

uint8: 0..255

uint16: 0..65535

Use memorable names

int8 ADCvalue; // good name

int8 myvar; // bad name

Operators



Assignment

$$x=2$$

$$x=2$$
 Set x to 2

Arithmetic

$$x+2$$

x+2 Add up x and 2

Compound (shortcuts)

$$x*=2$$

$$x^*=2$$
 $x = x * 2$

Increment and Decrement

$$X++$$

$$x^{++}$$
 $x = x + 1$

Comparison

$$x = = 2$$

== != < <= >= x==2 Compare x with 2

Functions



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Bundles of instructions

Better than copy-paste of similar code

Run functions by typing the name and parentheses

```
function1();
```

Pass values inside the parentheses

```
function2(5);
```

Get data back in the "return value"

```
pos = qetPos();
```

Logical Arithmetic – AND and OR



Compare true with false

Zero means false

Non-zero means true, operators yield 1

Logical AND (&&) is true if BOTH are true

```
0 && 1 yields 0
1 && 2 yields 1
```

Logical OR (||) is true if EITHER are true

```
0 || 1 yields 1
1 || 2 yields 1
0 || 0 yields 0
```

Often use multiple comparisons

```
((x > 7) & (y < 10))
```

Conditionals – "if"



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Execute instructions if a condition is true

Format:

```
if( condition )
{
   /* Execute block */
}
```

If the condition is not true, skip the block

Always use a block { ... }

Conditionals - "if" and "else"



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Alternative action If the condition is not true, do something else

```
if( condition )
{
   /* Execute if true */
}
else
{
   /* Execute if false */
}
```

Note: Indenting (tabbing) the code is good style

Loops – "while"



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Repeat instructions until the condition is not true

Format:

Condition typically the changes in the loop

```
while(x!=0)
{
   x = ADC_GetResult16();
   /* more code */
}
```

Loops – "for"



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Three expressions

Format:

```
for( init; cond; incr )
{
}
```

Bundle loop controls into one statement

```
int i;
for( i=0; i<100; i++ )
{
   /* Loop 100 times */
}</pre>
```

Infinite Loops



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Embedded systems never stop

Power on and run forever

Use never-false condition

```
while( 1 )
{
}
```

Can also omit for-loop conditions

```
for( ; ; )
{
}
```

Understanding Numbers – uint8



Bit #	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	== 0	(0x00)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	== 1	(0x01)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	== 2	(0x02)
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	== 4	(0x04)
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	== 8	(80x0)
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	== 16	(0x10)
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	== 32	(0x20)
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	== 64	(0x40)
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	== 128	(0x80)

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	== 128	(08x0)
	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	== 3	(0x03)
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	== 15	(0x0F)

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							4			(0.00)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	== 3	(0x03)
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	== 15	(0x0F)
	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	== 240	(0xF0)
	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	== 51	(0x33)

Bitwise Arithmetic – AND and OR



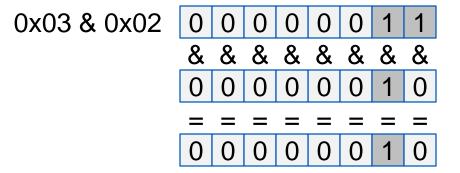
Compare the bit patterns Bitwise AND (&) sets the bit if BOTH are 1

== 0x02

Bitwise Arithmetic



Compare the bit patterns Bitwise AND (&) sets the bit if BOTH are 1



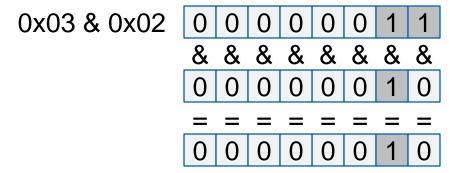
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== 0x00

Bitwise Arithmetic



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== 0x02

0x03 & 0x08

&

== 0x00

Bitwise OR (|) sets the bit if EITHER are 1

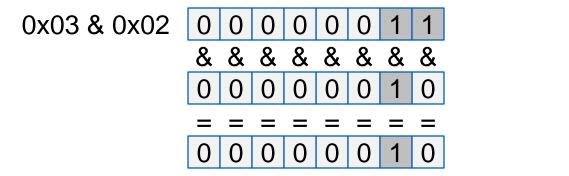
0x03 | 0x02

== 0x03

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0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1

& 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

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$$== 0x03$$

$$== 0x0B (11)$$

Bit Shift

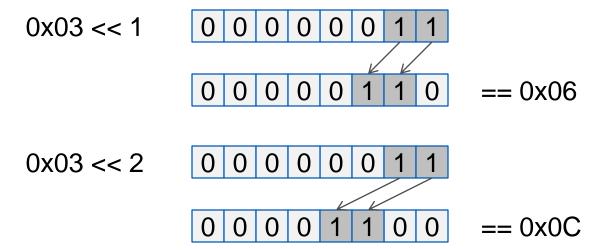


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Bit Shift



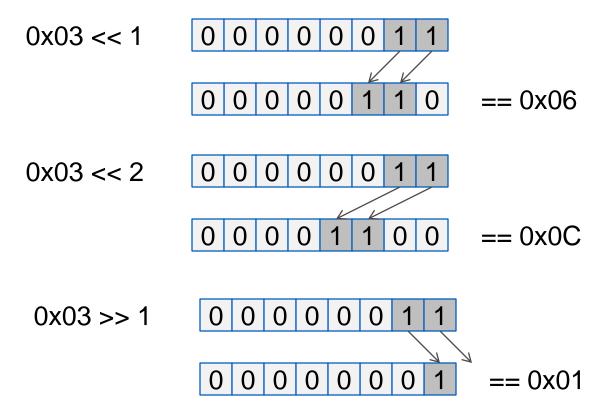
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Arrays and Strings



Consecutive group of variables

e.g. lookup tables

Use square brackets to create and use arrays

```
/* Array of four 8-bit signed integers */
int8 buffer[4];
/* set the specific element to 99 */
buffer[2] = 99;
```

Arrays always start at zero

buffer[0] is the first element in the array

buffer[3] is the last element in the array

Strings are arrays of chars

Use double quotes "Print me"

Array Example



Initialize arrays with { comma-separated list }

int8 buffer[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 };

0x20000007:

0x20000006:

0x20000005:

0x20000004:

0x20000003:

0x20000002:

0x20000001:

0x20000000:

← buffer[3]

← buffer[2]

← buffer[1]

← buffer[0]

40

30

20

10

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 40

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Macros - #define



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Simple text substitution

```
#define MYCHANNEL 0
#define MSG "Hello!"
```

Improve readability

Magic numbers

Improve quality

Need to change the ADC channel?

Just one edit and rebuild

Cannot forget to change every use



