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 company-standard 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`	Set x to 2

Arithmetic

`+ - * /`	`x+2`	Add up x and 2

Compound (shortcuts)

`+= -= *= /=`	`x*=2`	x = x * 2

Increment and Decrement

`++ --`	`x++`	x = x + 1

Comparison

`== != < <= > >=`	`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 = getPos();
```

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:

```
while( condition )
{
}
```

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 */
}
```

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	(0x08)
	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	(0x80)
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	== 3	(0x03)
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	== 15	(0x0F)

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	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

0x03 & 0x02

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

== 0x02

Bitwise Arithmetic

Compare the bit patterns

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0x03 & 0x02

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

== 0x02

0x03 & 0x08

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

&

0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

== 0x00

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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

== 0x02

0x03 & 0x08

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	&	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

== 0x00

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

0x03 | 0x02

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	|	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

== 0x03

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== 0x03

0x03 | 0x08

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	|	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

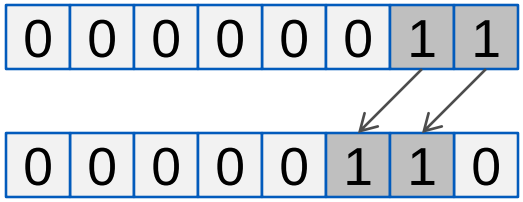
== 0x0B (11)

Bit Shift

<< move all the bits left (up)

>> move all the bits right (down)

0x03 << 1



== 0x06

Bit Shift

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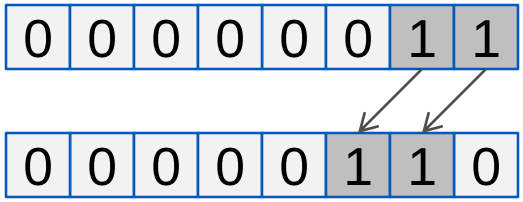
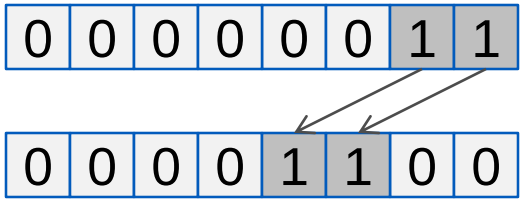


== 0x06

0x03 << 2



== 0x0C

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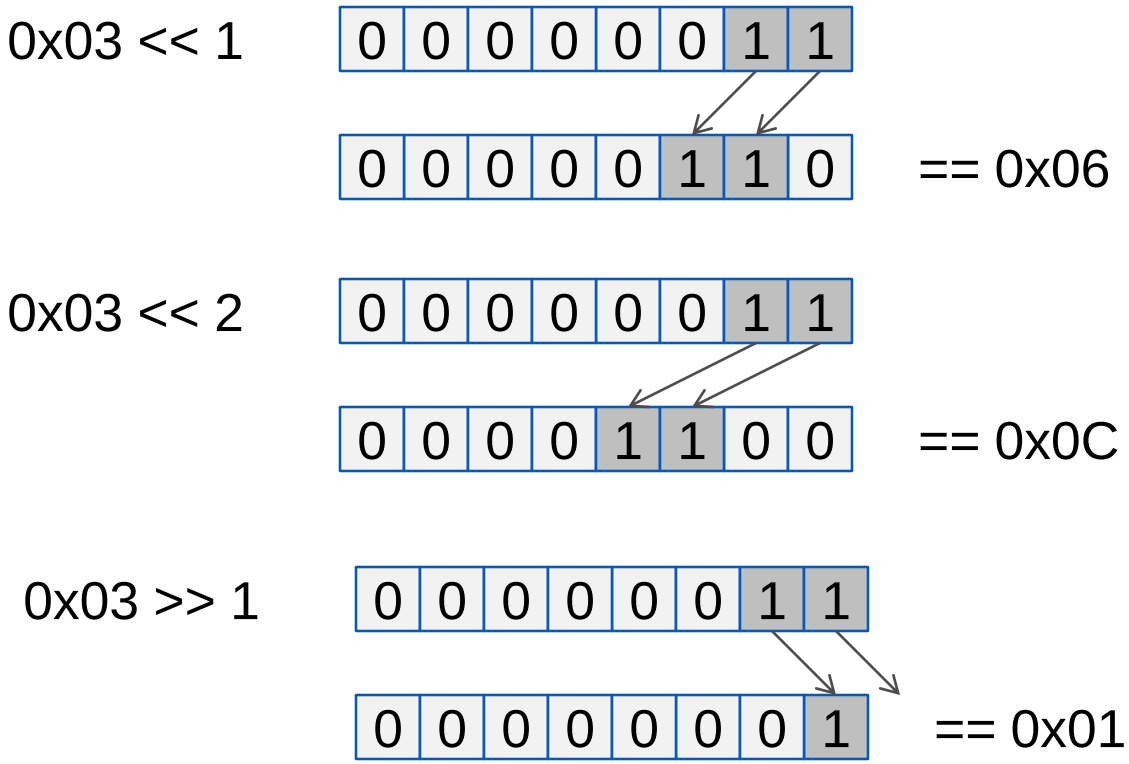


Arrays and Strings

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

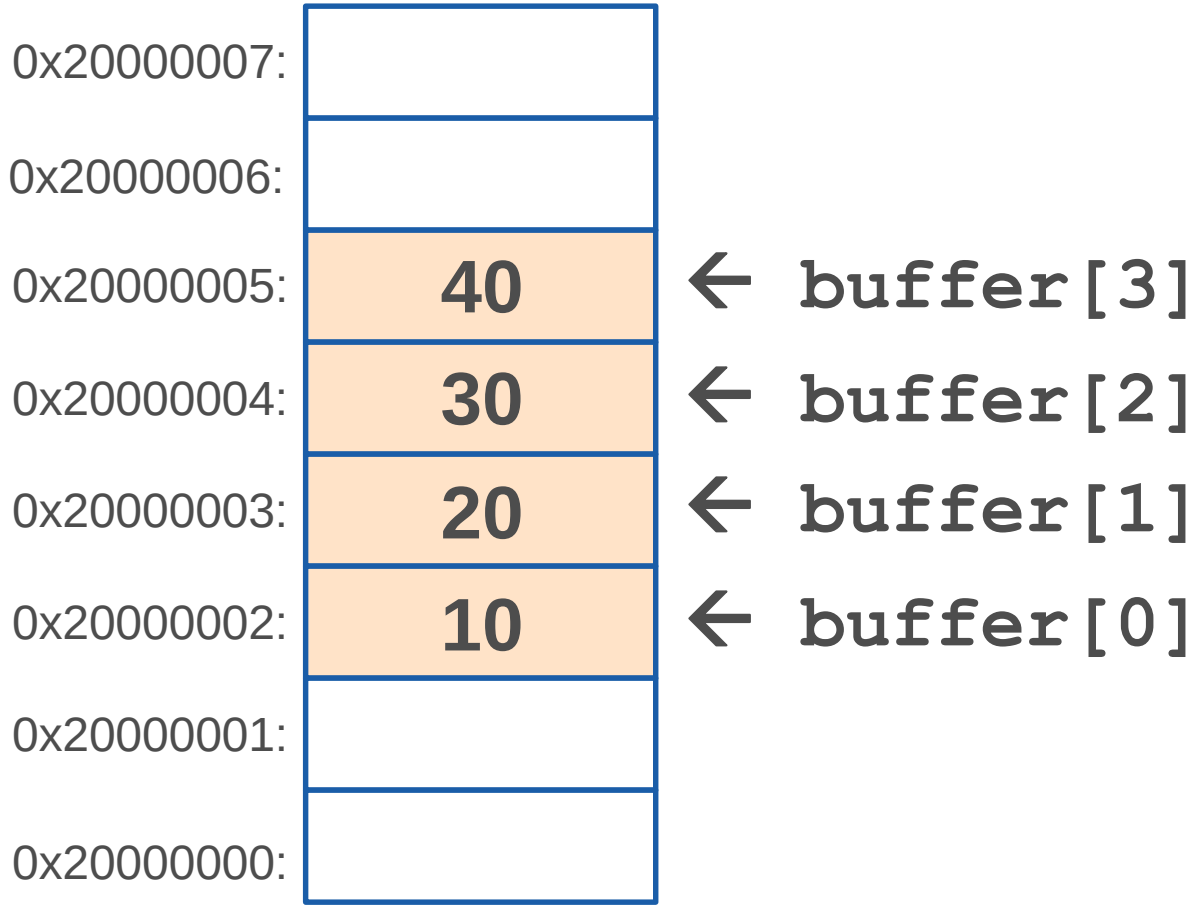
Strings are arrays of chars

Use double quotes “Print me”

Array Example

Initialize arrays with { comma-separated list }

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



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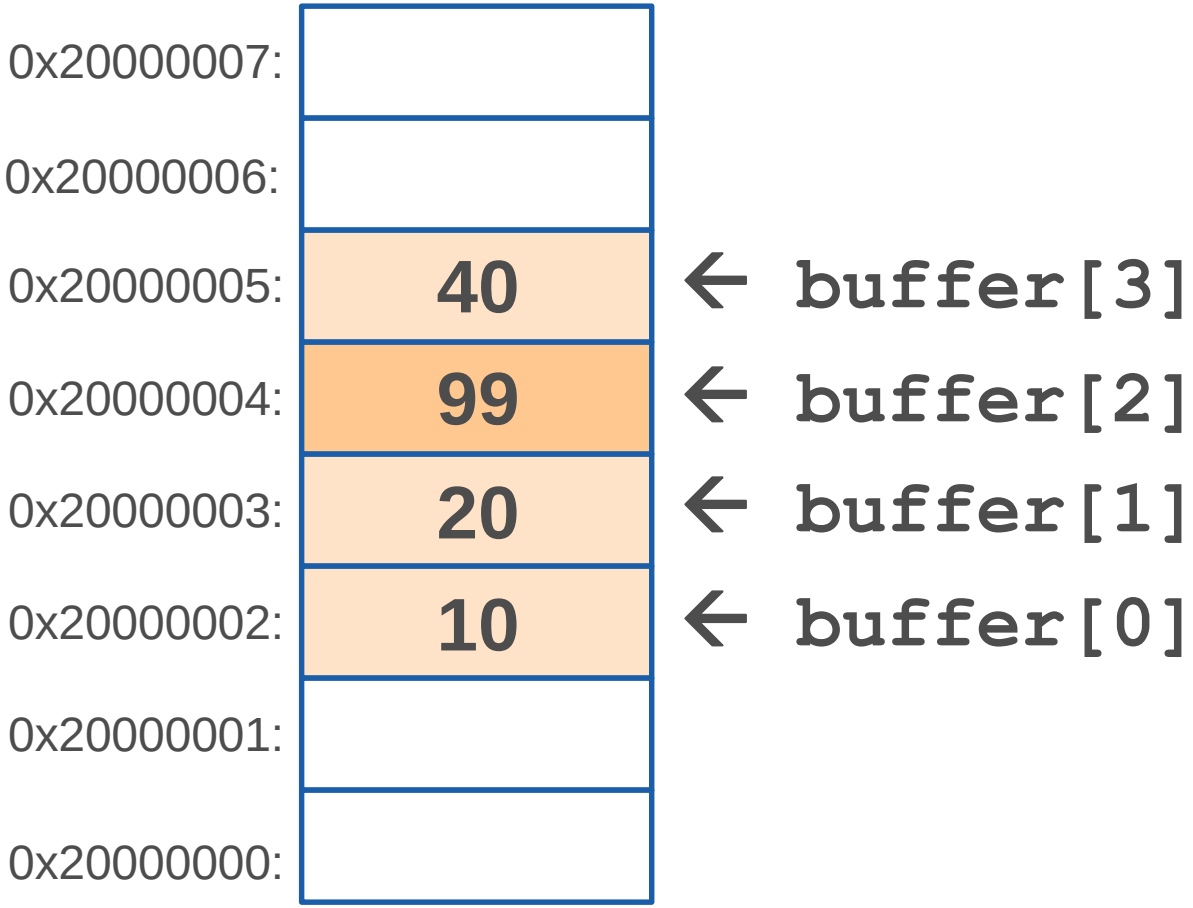

Macros - #define

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}
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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

Q & A


Detector - PSoC Creator 2.0 [C:\Creator\Detector\Detector.cydsn\TopDesign\TopDesign.cysch]
File Edit View Debug Project Build Tools Window Help
Start Page TopDesign.cysch Detector.cydwr main.c
Workspace Explorer
Component Catalog
Component Preview
Datasheet
Page 2
Ready
DAC
LCD Drive
PWM
UART
ADC
MCU
PGA
Amplifier
Filter
8051
ARM Cortex-M3
Wireless
USB
I2C
CAN