

# Smart Software Project

Lecture: Week 5  
UART & Timer

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# Project Proposal Submission

- Project proposal **per team**
  - Due: **5pm on April 22, Friday**
  - What to submit:
    - 1) Report hardcopy (printed report)
    - 2) Report softcopy (report file submission to Cyber Campus)
  - Where to submit:
    - HW box at "HyungJune Lee" in front of Asan **221-1**
  - Language: English or Korean
  - Start discussing what your team will do with your team partner



# Project Proposal

- Project name (in English)
- Project statement
  - Goals of your project
- Project description
  - What will your project be doing?
  - Key functions
- Contributions of your work to research or industry
- Related work
  - Any existing previous works (at least two) similar to your project
  - What's similar and different?
- System overview & architecture
  - Block diagram of main blocks
  - What each block is doing
  - How each block is connected to other blocks, i.e., interface
    - Any message is exchanging between blocks? e.g., request/reply, data, etc?



# Project Proposal

- Development environment
  - Arduino Mega 2560-based SmartCAR (or others if any, e.g., Android device)
  - Androx Studio IDE (or others if any)
  - What kind of sensors are to be used in your project
  - Other information from the connection to Android device or other devices? (location, Internet, etc.)
- Verification procedure
  - How can you test if your project works properly as designed
  - Test cases
- What do you anticipate will be the easiest part of your project?
- What do you anticipate will be the most difficult part of your project?
- Detailed time plan
- References



# Evaluation criteria

- Format requirement
  - 5 points
- Creativity
  - 5 points
- Clarity
  - 5 points
- Concreteness (of software architecture)
  - 5 points
- Implementability
  - 5 points
- Total score: 25 points



# Class Schedule

Week	Lecture Contents	Lab Contents
Week 1	Course introduction	Arduino introduction: platform & programming environment
Week 2	Embedded system overview & source management in collaborative repository (using GitHub)	Lab 1: Arduino Mega 2560 board & SmartCAR platform
Week 3	ATmega2560 Micro-controller (MCU): architecture & I/O ports, Analog vs. Digital, Pulse Width Modulation	Lab 2: SmartCAR LED control
Week 4	Analog vs. Digital & Pulse Width Modulation	Lab 3: SmartCAR motor control (Due: HW on creating project repository using GitHub)
Week 5	ATmega2560 MCU: memory, I/O ports, UART	Lab 4: SmartCAR control via Android Bluetooth
Week 6	ATmega2560 UART control & Bluetooth communication between Arduino platform and Android device	Lab 5: SmartCAR control through your own customized Android app (Due: Project proposal)
Week 7	Midterm exam	
Week 8	ATmega2560 Timer, Interrupts & Ultrasonic sensors	Lab 6: SmartCAR ultrasonic sensing
Week 9	Infrared sensors & Buzzer	Lab 7: SmartCAR infrared sensing
Week 10	Acquiring location information from Android device & line tracing	Lab 8: Implementation of line tracer
Week 11	Gyroscope, accelerometer, and compass sensors	Lab 9: Using gyroscope, accelerometer, and compass sensors
Week 12	Project	Team meeting (for progress check)
Week 13	Project	Team meeting (for progress check)
Week 14	Course wrap-up & next steps	
Week 15	Project presentation & demo I (Due: source code, presentation slides, & poster slide)	Project presentation & demo II
Week 16	Final week (no final exam)	



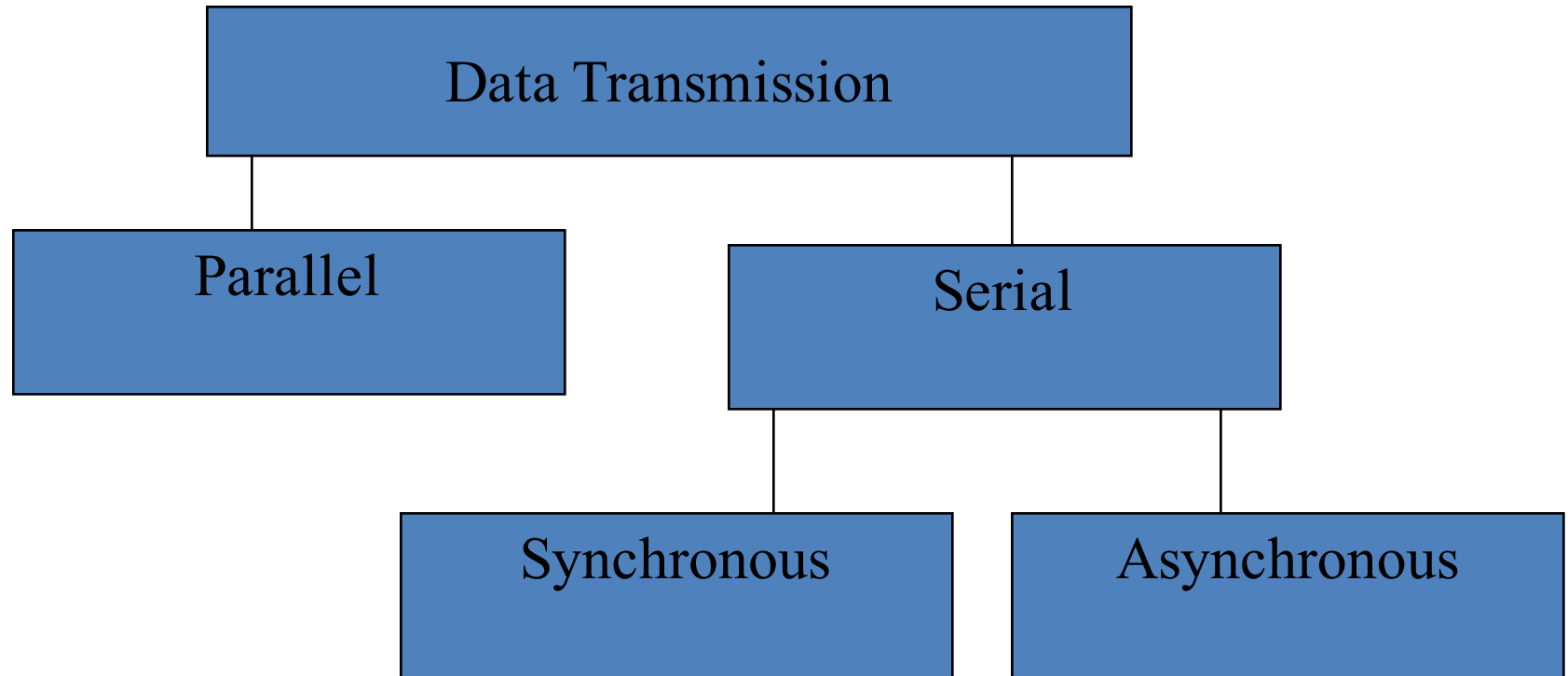
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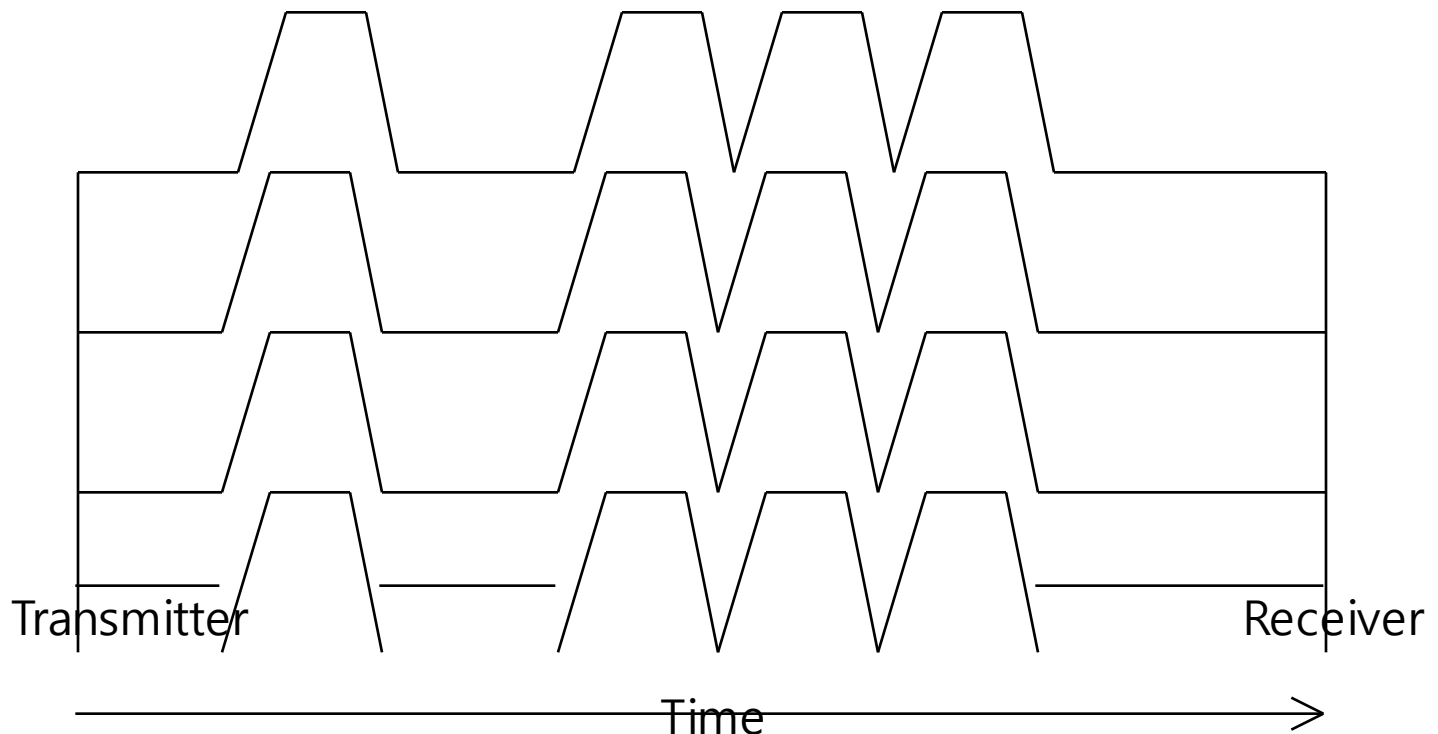


# Data Transmission Tree



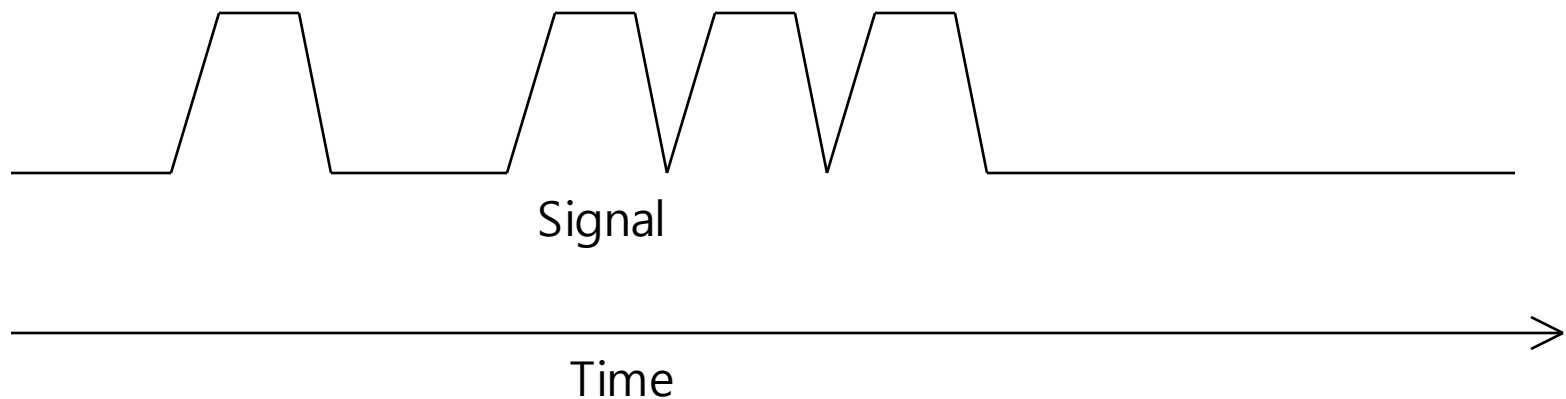
# Definition: Parallel

- Data is sent and received more than one bit at a time
- Transmission on multiple wires
- Many lines of communication, synchronized bursts of data



# Definition: Serial

- Data is sent and received one bit at a time
- Transmission on single wire
- One line of communication, long string of data



# Serial Types: RS232, SCI, and SPI

- RS232
  - Typical computer COM port
- SCI
  - Serial Communication Interface, uses the universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter or UART
- SPI
  - Serial Peripheral Interface, part of Port B



# Why Serial?

- Fewer wires translates to
  - Lower cost
  - Simpler set-up



# Definition: Synchronous

- Sender and receiver have their clocks synchronized
- Transmissions occur at specified intervals
- Advantage:
  - Faster



# Definition: Asynchronous

- Devices are not synchronized
- Transmissions happen at unpredicted intervals
- Advantages:
  - Simpler
  - More robust



# Why Asynchronous?

- Disadvantage:
  - Slower due to overhead
- Advantages:
  - Simpler
  - Cheaper
  - Information can be sent when ready





# Please Note:

- Both synchronous and asynchronous must have agreed upon bit transfer rate



# FYI Term: “UART”

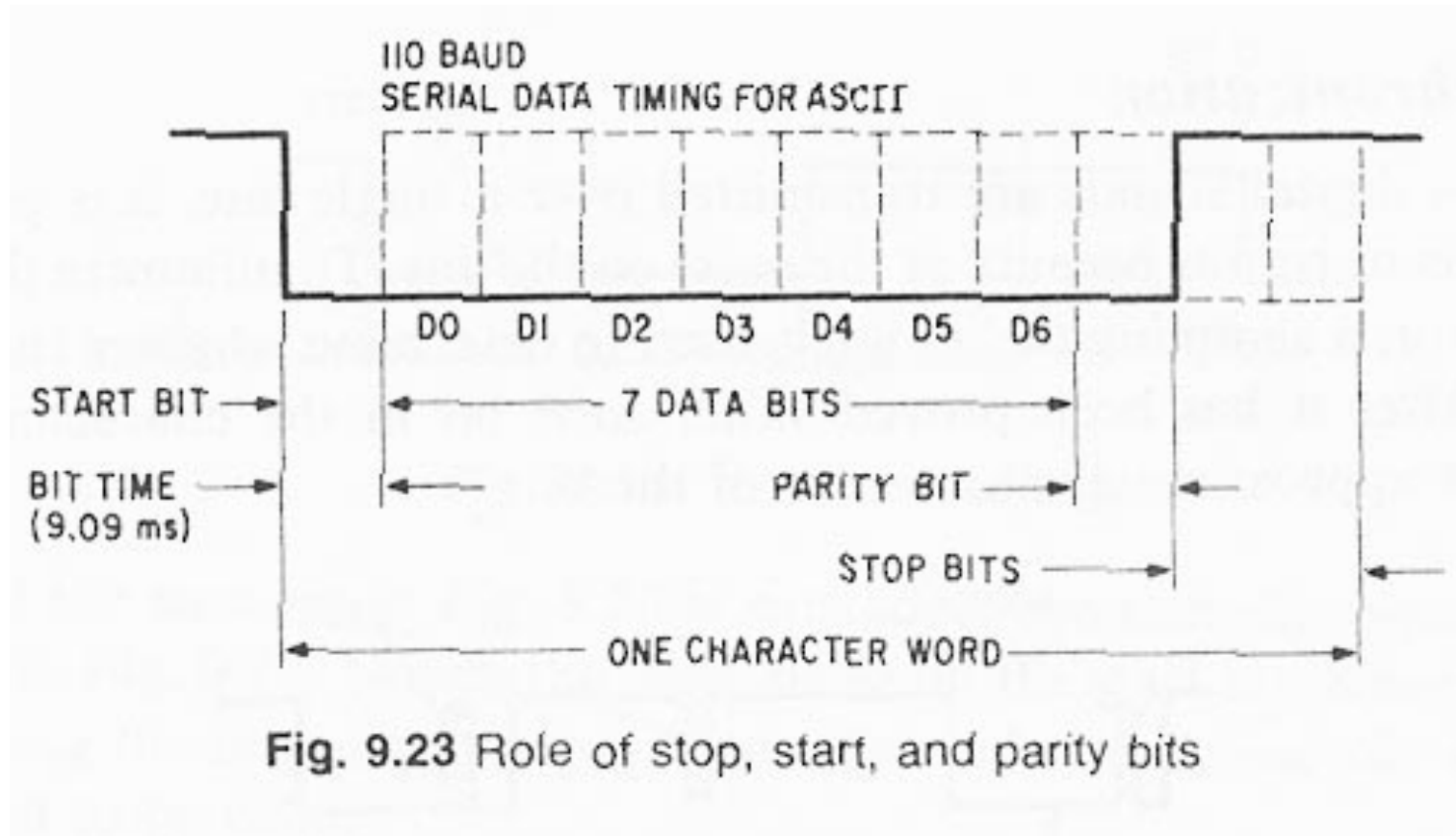
- Universal
- Asynchronous
- Receiver-
- Transmitter

“...a computer component that handles asynchronous serial communication.”

[www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com)



# UART Character Frame



# UART Character Frame Example

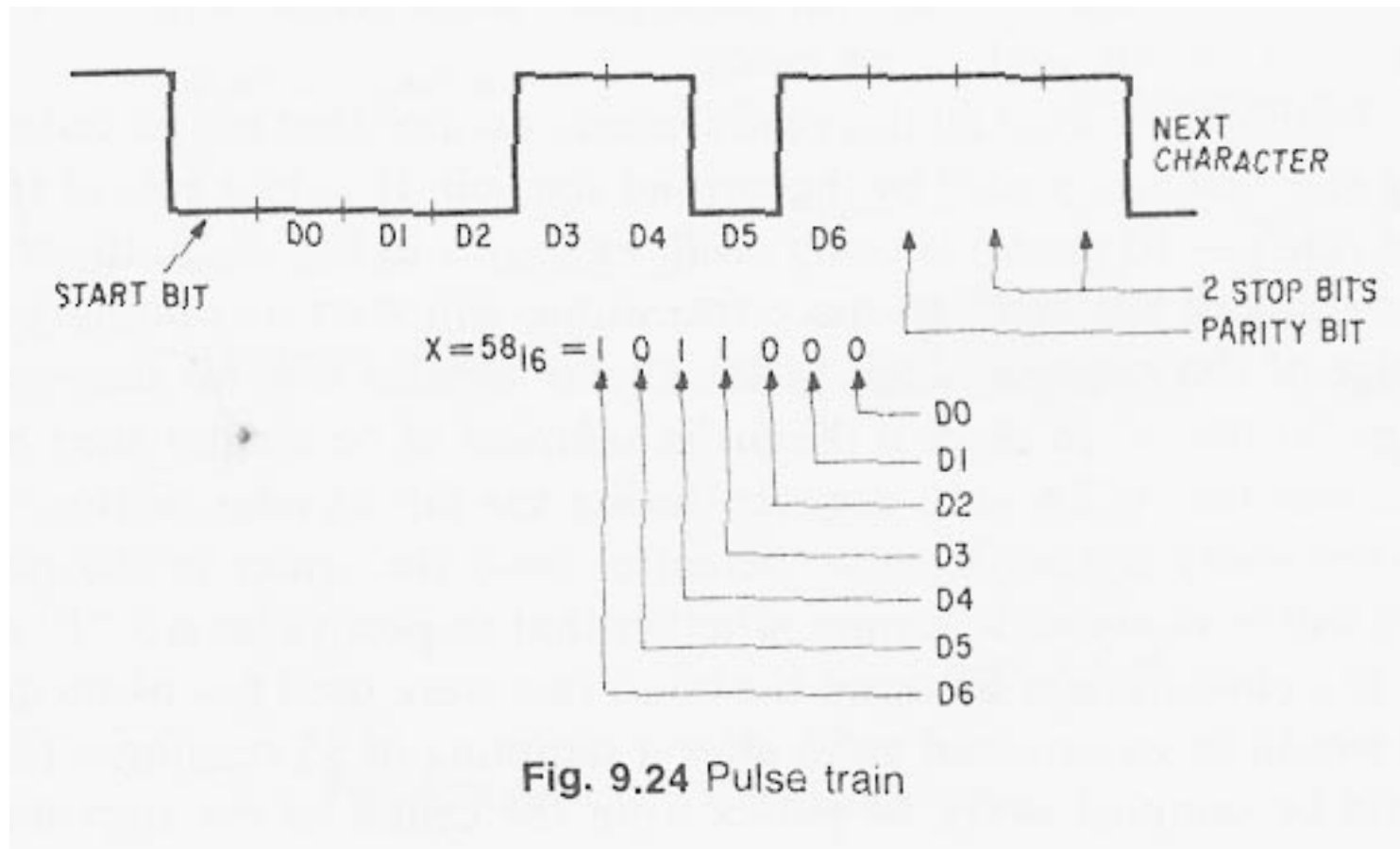


Fig. 9.24 Pulse train

# Definitions

- Start Bit
  - Signals the beginning of the data word
  - A low bit after a series of high bits
- Data Bits
  - The meat of the transmission
  - Usually 7 or 8 bits
- Parity Bit
  - An error check bit placed after the data bits
  - Can be high or low depending on whether odd parity or even parity is specified
- Stop Bit/s
  - One or two high bits that signal the end of the data word
- Data Word
  - Start Bit, Data Bits, Parity Bit, & Stop Bit/s



# BAUD RATE

# BIT RATE



# Baud Rate

- Baud Rate = bits transferred/second
- baud rate INCLUDES start, stop, and parity
- “bit rate” refers to JUST data bits transferred per second (may include parity)
- baud rate > bit rate



# ATmega2560 USART Port

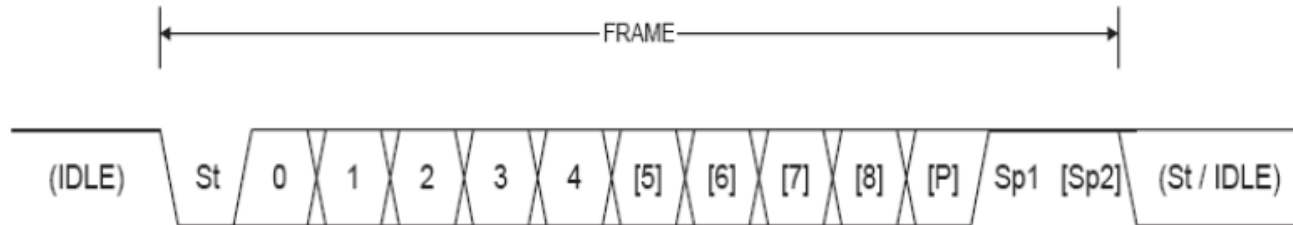
- Send: 8-bit parallel data are converted to serial data, and sent
- Receive: Serial data are converted to parallel data that enter CPU
- 4 USART(Universal Synchronous and Asynchronous Receive and Transmitter) ports
  - USART0, USART1, USART2, USART3
  - Full-Duplex
  - Support both Synchronous mode and Asynchronous mode
- Asynchronous transmission mode
  - Interrupt
    - TX complete
    - TX Data Register Empty
    - RX Complete





# ATmega2560 USART Port

- ATmega2560 USART Data Frame Format
  - USART data frame



- Start bit
  - 1bit '0' is automatically generated upon transmission
- Data bit
  - 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 bits
- Parity bit
  - 0 or 1 parity bit (odd parity or even parity)
- Stop bit
  - 1 or 2 stop bits '1' are automatically generated upon transmission

# ATmega2560 USART Port API

- Arduino Serial Port API
  - Serial.begin(speed)
    - Set baud rate for USART
      - TX/RX speed
        - » 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 38400, 57600, 115200
  - To use USART, you should use this function to initialize the serial port
  - For each USART,
    - For USART0, Serial.begin(speed)
    - For USART1, Serial1.begin(speed)
    - For USART2, Serial2.begin(speed)
    - For USART3, Serial3.begin(speed)

Reference: <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Serial>



# ATmega2560 USART Port API

- Serial.end()
  - Disable the USART
- Serial.available()
  - Get the number of bytes (characters) available for reading from the serial port
  - The data has already arrived and stored in the serial receive buffer
- Serial.read()
  - Read incoming 1 byte data from the serial port
  - After reading, the data is **erased** in the serial receive buffer
- Serial.peek()
  - Read incoming 1 byte data from the serial port
  - After reading, the data is **not erased** in the serial receive buffer
    - » After reading data using peek(), if you use read(), the returned data are the same as before
- Serial.write(val)
  - Write binary data and send them to the serial port
  - Val: a single byte or a string consisting of a series of bytes
  - Return: the number of bytes written and sent



# ATmega2560 USART Port API

- `Serial.print(val, format)`
  - Print data to USART as human-readable ASCII text
    - » `val`: string or data to send via serial
    - » `format`: number base (for integer type) or number of decimal places (for floating point type)
  - Return: the number of bytes written
  - `Serial.print(val, format)` Example
    - » `Serial.print(78)` ; → "78" will be sent
    - » `Serial.print('N')`; → "N" will be sent
    - » `Serial.print("Hello world.")`; → "Hello world." will be sent
    - » `Serial.print(78, BIN)`; → "1001110" will be sent in ASCII
    - » `Serial.print(78, OCT)`; → "116" will be sent in ASCII
    - » `Serial.print(78, DEC)`; → "78" will be sent in ASCII
    - » `Serial.print(78, HEX)`; → "4E" will be sent in ASCII
    - » `Serial.print(1.23456)`; → "1.23" will be sent  
(rounded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> decimal place by default)
    - » `Serial.print(1.23456, 0)` ; → "1" will be sent  
(rounded to the 0<sup>th</sup> decimal place)
    - » `Serial.print(1.23456, 2)` ; → "1.23" will be sent  
(rounded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> decimal place by default)
    - » `Serial.print(1.23456, 4)` ; → "1.2346" will be sent  
(rounded to the 4<sup>th</sup> decimal place by default)

# ATmega2560 USART Port API

- `Serial.println(val, format)`
  - Print data to the serial port as human-readable ASCII text followed by a carriage return character ('`\r`') and a newline character ('`\n`')
- `Serial.flush()`
  - Wait for the transmission of outgoing serial data to complete
  - If `Serial.write()` is called, data will be transmitting in background
  - Sometimes, you need to wait for TX to be completed
    - » `Serial.write();`
    - » `Serial.flush(); //Wait for the TX to be completed at here`
- `void serialEvent()`
  - Is triggered upon receiving data from USART
    - » On USART0, `serialEvent()` is called
    - » On USART1, `serialEvent1()` is called
    - » On USART2, `serialEvent2()` is called
    - » On USART3, `serialEvent3()` is called
  - Inside `serialEvent()` function, `Serial.read()` should be used to read data



# SmartCAR UART Port Configuration

- UART0 port is used for both **program port to PC** and **Bluetooth port to Bluetooth wireless**
  - Cannot be used at the same time
- UART0 can be used for **debugging on your Arduino program**

UART No.	Name	Port / Number	Etc
UART0	RXD0	PE0 / -	Program port Bluetooth port
	TXD0	PE1 / -	
UART1	RXD1	PD2 / 19	Ultrasonic sensor
	TXD1	PD3 / 18	
UART2	RXD2	PH0 / 17	Extension board 1
	TXD2	PH1 / 16	
UART3	RXD3	PJ0 / 15	Extension board 2
	TXD3	PJ1 / 14	

- Baud rate should be set to **115,200 bps**



# SmartCAR UART Example

- UART\_Echo.cpp

```
001: #include "UART_Echo.h"
002:
003: unsigned char text[] = "\r\n Welcome! Arduino Mega 2560 \r\n UART0 Test Program.\r\n";
004:
005: void setup()
006: {
007:     int i=0;
008:     Serial.begin(115200);
009:     while(text[i] != '\0')
010:         Serial.write(text[i++]);
011:     Serial.print("ECHO >>");
012: }
013:
014: void loop()
015: {
016:     if(Serial.available() > 0)
017:         Serial.write(Serial.read());
018: }
```



# SmartCAR Example Code Analysis

- Global variable
  - text[]
    - Initial serial communication message

```
003: unsigned char text[] = "\r\n Welcome! Arduino Mega 2560 \r\n UART0 Test Program.\r\n";
```

- setup()
  - Serial.begin(speed): set the baud rate for serial port
    - 115200 bps
  - while(): use Serial.write(val) for text[] to write 1 byte ASCII value out of text[]
    - Execute until all bytes in text[] are sent

```
007:     int i=0;
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009:     while(text[i] != '\0')
010:         Serial.write(text[i++]);
011:     Serial.print("ECHO >>");
```





# SmartCAR Example Code Analysis

- loop()
  - Serial.available(): check the number of bytes
    - Serial.available() > 0
      - if there is any data that are received in the receive buffer,
      - Then, Serial.write(Serial.read())
    - Serial.read(): read 1 byte from the receive buffer
    - Serial.write(): write the received value back to the serial port (echo)

```
016:    if(Serial.available() > 0)
017:        Serial.write(Serial.read());
```



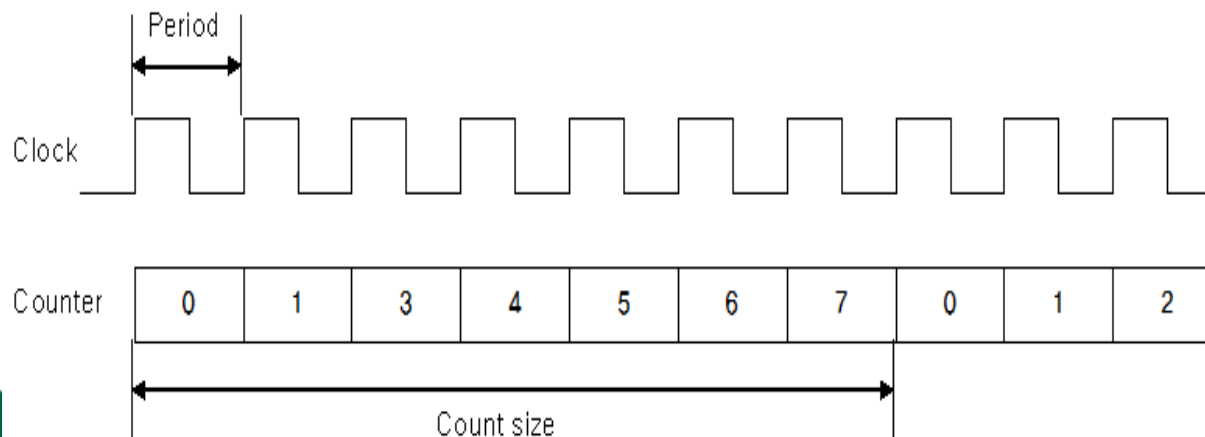
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# Timer: Clock & Counter

- Clock
  - Fundamental “Clock” in computer system
  - Generated by an oscillator crystal
  - Period: one cycle of ‘1’ and ‘0’
  - Counter: counts the number of clock cycles



# ATmega2560 Timers

- 0 ~ 5: Total 6 timers
- Timer0, Timer2
  - 8 bit counter (count 0~255)
- Timer1, Timer3, Timer4, Timer5
  - 16 bit counter (count 0~65535)



# ATmega2560 Timers

- Timer<sub>x</sub> function (x = 0~5)
  - Timer<sub>x</sub> library function: use timer and counter x
  - Timer0 & Timer2
    - 8-bit timer: count 0 ~ 255, and then when it comes to 0, it will generate a timer overflow interrupt
  - All other timers, Timer1, Timer3, Timer4, & Timer5
    - 16-bit timer: count 0 ~ 65535, and then when it comes to 0, it will generate a timer overflow interrupt



# ATmega2560 Timers

- 3 Functions
  - Timerx::set(unsigned long us, void (\*f)())
    - Set an timer period & Interrupt Service Routine function
      - us: interrupt period in **micro second**
      - void(\*f)(): Interrupt Service Route to execute when an timer overflow interrupt occurs
  - Timerx::start()
    - Start the timer
  - Timerx::stop()
    - Stop the timer



# ATmega2560 Timers

```
#include <Timer2.h>

#define FRONT_LED 10

int LED_state = 0;

void Timer2_ISR() {
    digitalWrite(FRONT_LED, LED_state);
    if (LED_state)
        LED_state = 0;
    else
        LED_state = 1;
}

void setup() {
    pinMode(FRONT_LED, OUTPUT);
    Timer2::set(1000000, Timer2_ISR);
    Timer2::start();
}

void loop() {
}
```

- What is this program doing?



# Delay vs. Timer Approach

```
#define FRONT_LED 10

int LED_state = 0;

void setup() {
    pinMode(FRONT_LED, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
    digitalWrite(FRONT_LED, LED_state);
    delay(1000);

    if (LED_state)
        LED_state = 0;
    else
        LED_state = 1;
}
```

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void loop() {
}
```

- Which one is better in terms of what?





# Course Announcement

- For lab session, we will cover
  - SmartCAR Bluetooth Communication with Android device
- Next week, we will have midterm
  - 2pm - 4:30pm, Mon Apr 11
  - Closed book & closed classnote
  - Coverage: lecture & lab over week 1 ~ this week

