

CMPE 663 Project 1

Timers

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Analysis/Design

This project looked at implementing a timer for input capture. TIM2 was set up for input capture on Channel 1. Microseconds between rising edges on the input pin were timed. A variable frequency square wave generator was used to produce input signals.

The overall flow of the program was quite simple. A Power-on-self-test was created to test the signal of the input pin to verify a valid input wave.

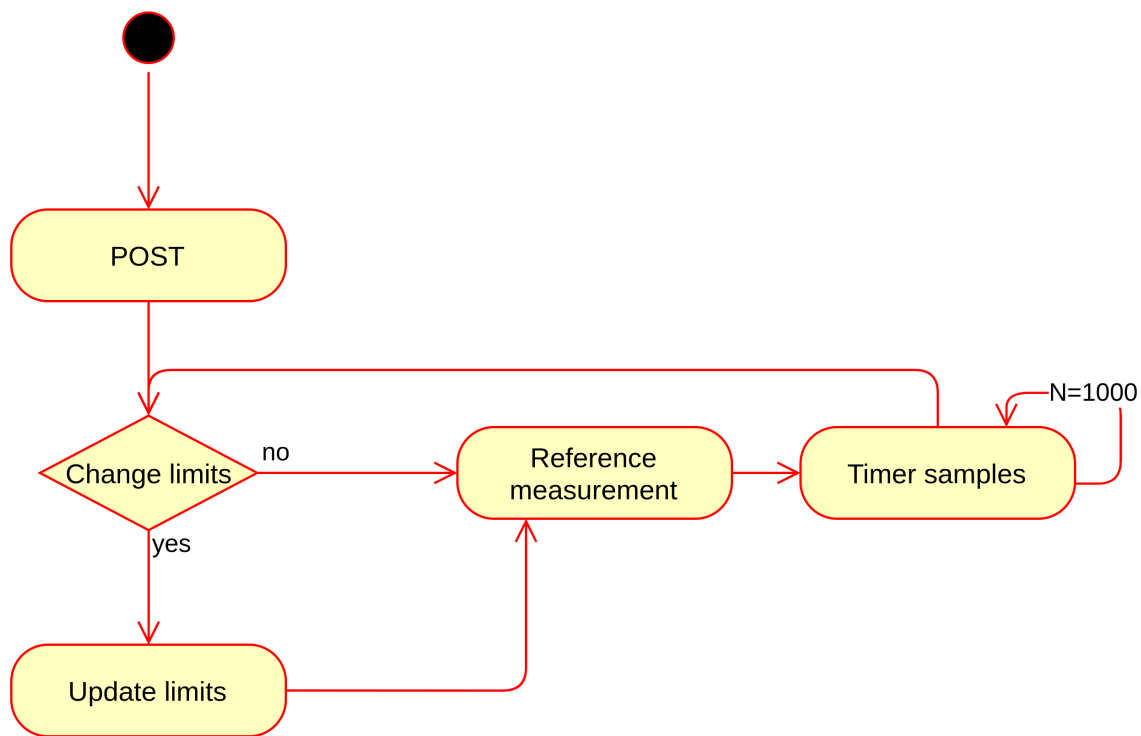


Figure 1: Design of input capture timer

Figure 1 shows the basic control flow of the project. The important thing to note here is that 1001 measurements are taken because the first tick needs to compare its counter to the event before. This is what the reference measurement does.

A UART interface was designed to utilize `printf/getline` features to the UART. Input and output via the uart was standardized to more closely resemble a common C program.

Test plan

The POST routine was used to test the existence of a wave. To test the actual timer, various frequencies were tested to see if the buckets filled around the generated frequency. The sum

of all buckets was verified to equal 1000.

To test the UART portion, the limits of the input were tested as well as invalid inputs. The DEL ASCII code was tested to be handled properly during getline to allow the user to use backspace during inputs.

Project Results

When running the program with a 1 kHz wave connected, I'd expect the output to be grouped around 1000 ms.

```
999      36
1000     144
1001     146
1002     182
1003     195
1004     206
1005      79
1006     12
Enter lower limit period (us) or <ENTER> if no change (950 us): _
```

Figure 2: Input capture performed with a 1 kHz signal

When run again with a 2 kHz, I'd expect the period to be around 500 ms.

```
999      36
1000     144
1001     146
1002     182
1003     195
1004     206
1005      79
1006     12
Enter lower limit period (us) or <ENTER> if no change (950 us): _
```

Figure 3: Input capture performed with a 1 kHz signal

Both of the tests run and output expected results.

Lessons learned

I encountered two major issues while working on the project. The first issue was that the wave generator I was using initially was not configured to pulse to the correct voltage. The timer would never trip even though the wave looked correct on the oscilloscope. The second issue was due to my misunderstanding with how the timer works. I assumed that when an input event was triggered, the counter would be reset. Due to this assumption, the results

would become very skewed after re-running the program a couple of times. Once I realized how the timer works and the reference measurement was implemented, the program worked properly.