

# **Project 3: 7-Segment Display Counter**

## Overview

This project will introduce you to the shift register, the seven segment display, and the active piezoelectric buzzer. You will incorporate many of the lessons previously learned including digital inputs and filtering, interrupts, digital outputs, mode selection, and counting.

# **Undergraduate Students**

You will only be focussed on working with the four digit seven segment display counter. You wire up the display with the 74HC595 shift register IC and increment the display based on the current millisecond reading of the Arduino since time on *or* a count reset button press. When the reset count button is pressed, the counter will reset back to 0 and a buzzer will sound for auditory feedback.

For heaps of extra credit, you may elect to do the graduate student section of this project.

Since this project is more complicated than previous ones, the schematic for the breadboard and the psuedocode are provided in this document. It is *strongly* suggested you start this project early and do not wait to work on it.

In decimal, the display can only display up to four non-negative digits meaning you can only display a maximum of 9999. Make sure your code is capable of resetting the counter when this value is reached. For extra credit: figure out how to make it count higher than 9999.

# Requirements

For this project you will be required to have the following:

- 1. A button wired to an interrupt-capable input
  - ► These buttons will be attached to digital interrupts to trigger the counter reset and sound a buzzer
- 2. The current counter value will be displayed on a 4-digit, 7-segment display
- 3. A "neat" breadboard where wires are easy to track, components are visible, cross jumps are minimized, and wire colors are somewhat sensible (i.e. all orange for the shift register, white for digit selectors, etc.).

For extra credit: Figure out how to change the buzzer's volume without changing the circuit every time

#### **Submission**

Grading

You will be required to submit the following on Canvas:

- 1. the source code file
- 2. a picture of your Arduino and breadboard set up.

You will be graded along the following criteria:

Criterion	Points
Efficacy	70
Breadboard neatness	10
Code neatness	20
Extra credit	10

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# Miscellanea

Since working with bits and registers and 7-segment displays can be tricky for beginners, the binary sequences for various numbers and letters are provided in the table below. Note that these values will change depending on how the shift register is wired to the 7-segment display. The values provided are known and tested to have worked with the schematics shown above.

Character	Hex Code
0	0x3F
1	0x06
2	0x5B
3	0x4F
4	0x66
5	0x6D
6	0x7D
7	0x07
8	0x7F
9	0x6F
A	0x77
b	0x7c
C	0x39
d	0x5E
E	0x79
F	0x71
	0x00

#### **Pseudocode**

```
1 Program: 4-Digit 7-Segment Display Counter
2
3 Define the 74HC595 data pin as some Arduino pin
4 Define the 74HC595 latch pin as some Arduino pin
  Define the 74HC595 clock pin as some Arduino pin
6 Define the digit control pins as an array of some Arduino pins
  Initialize the display digital values as an array of values with Digit One being index 0 (MSB last)
  Initialize an array of hex values corresponding to letters and numbers
10
11 Define the button reset pin on some interrupt-capable Arduino pin
12
13 Define the buzzer pin as some Arduino pin
14 Define the buzzer active time as some time in milliseconds
15 Initialize the buzzer active flag as false
16 Initialize the buzzer start time as 0
17
  Initialize the start time as 0 or the current millisecond value
18
19
20 Function: Setup
       Set up 7-segment display pins as outputs
21
22
       Set up button input pin as an input pullup
       Attach the counter reset ISR function to the button input to trigger on the falling edge
23
24
       Set up the buzzer output pin
       Set the buzzer output pin to LOW to ensure buzzer is off
25
26
27
  Function: Loop
28
      Update the display
29
      If one second has passed since the last execution then
           Reset execution timer
30
           update the counter
31
32
       If the buzzer active flag is true then
33
           If the buzzer active time has not elapsed then
34
35
               Turn the buzzer on
           Else
36
               Set the buzzer active flag to false
37
               Turn off the buzzer
38
39
  Function: Turn off Display
40
      For every pin in the digit display pins array
41
42
           Set the pin to low to turn off the digit
43
  Function: Display
44
       Arguments: Index of value to be displayed, found in the table of values
45
       Set the latch pin to low to enable shift register writing
46
       Shift out the value of table at the specified index to the shift register
47
       Set the latch pin to high to disable shift register writing
48
49
50 Function: Update Display
51
       For every digit in the display digits array
          Turn off the display
52
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Display the value of the current digit
53
54
           Turn on the specific digit in the display
           Delay a little bit to give everything time to process (~1 ms)
55
56
       Turn off the display to reduce power consumption
57
  Function: Update Counter
58
       If every digit in the digit display array is equal to 9 then
59
           Reset every value in the digit display array to 0
60
61
      Initialize the an increment value flag as true
62
63
       For every digit in the digit display array
           Store the value of the specific digit in a temporary variable
64
           If the increment value flag is true then
65
               Increment the temporary variable by one
66
               Set the increment value flag to false
67
               If the temporary variable is greater than 9 then
68
                   Reset the specific digit to 0
69
                   Set the increment value flag to true
70
               Else
71
                   Set the specific digit to the new value of the temporary variable
72
73
  Function: Counter Reset ISR
74
       For every digit in the display digits array
75
76
           Set the specific digit value to 0
77
       Set the buzzer active flag to true
78
       Set the buzzer start time to the current millisecond value
79
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## **Schematic**

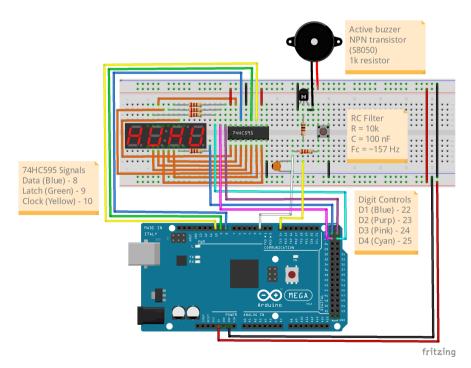


Figure D.1: Breadboard schematic for Project 3

# **Graduate Students**

You will wire up five (5) buttons to your Arduino as digital inputs. Three buttons will determine the counter increment (e.g. 1, 10, 100), and two buttons will determine the increment direction (increasing or decreasing) and be attached to interrupts to trigger the counter change. When you hold one of the size buttons and then press either the decrement or increment button, an internal counter will increase or decrease by the size specified and update the number in the 4-digit 7-segment display. When the decrement button is held for a certain amount of time, the counter will be reset back to 0. For each press of the decrement or increment button, you will make an active buzzer sound as audible feedback to your inputs. For extra credit: Figure out how to play a different tone for increment or decrement.

Since this project is a little more complicated than previous ones, the schematic has been provided. However, the coding portion is up to you.

Reminder: Some filtering, either software or hardware-based will be required to accurately change the counter and prevent false readings.

The display is only capable of showing up to four non-negative digits. So the limits of your counter will be between 0 and 9999. For extra credit: Figure out how to make it count higher.

# Requirements

For this project you will be required to have the following:

- 1. A button wired to an interrupt-capable input
  - ► Three (3) of those buttons will determine how much the counter changes
  - ➤ Two (2) of them will determine the counter's change in direction (either increment or decrement)
  - ► These buttons will be attached to digital interrupts to trigger the change in the counter
  - ► Each press of these buttons will sound a buzzer for auditory feedback
- 2. The current counter value will be displayed on a 4-digit, 7-segment display

#### **Submission**

You will be required to submit the following on Canvas:

- 1. the source code file
- 2. a neat and detailed schematic of your Arduino and breadboard setup (not Fritzing, "professional-looking").
- 3. A "neat" breadboard where wires are easy to track, components are visible, cross jumps are minimized, and wire colors are somewhat sensible (i.e. all orange for the shift register, white for digit selectors, blue for buttons, etc.).

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Efficacy	50
Breadboard neatness	10
Code neatness	20
Schematic neatness	20
Extra credit	10

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