



Experiment-2

- a) Write a program to demonstrate the operation of timers in 8051 microcontroller to generate the delays using interrupts and without interrupts.

Definition

A **timer** is a hardware unit inside the microcontroller that counts clock pulses.

- When it counts up to a certain value (overflow), it signals the CPU that a set time has passed.
- In the 8051, timers can also work as **counters** to count external events.

Key points for students

1. Timer is for measuring time

- Just like a kitchen timer rings after a set time, the microcontroller's timer "rings" by setting a flag (TF0 or TF1).

2. Works on clock pulses

- In 8051, the timer gets pulses from the system clock (usually crystal oscillator).
- Example: With an **11.0592 MHz crystal**, one timer tick happens every **1.085 microseconds**.

3. Modes of operation in 8051

- **Mode 0** → 13-bit timer
- **Mode 1** → 16-bit timer
- **Mode 2** → 8-bit auto-reload
- **Mode 3** → Split timer mode

4. Two main uses

- **Delay generation** (e.g., 5 ms, 1 second)
- **Event counting** (if set to counter mode)

5. Two ways to handle timer completion

- **Polling:** Keep checking the overflow flag until it's set (CPU is busy waiting).



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- **Interrupts:** Let the timer interrupt the CPU when time is up (CPU can do other work meanwhile).

1. Toggling of p1.5 with the delay of 5ms without interrupts using timer 1

ORG 0000H

MOV TMOD, #10H ; Timer1, Mode 1 (16-bit)

AGAIN:

MOV TL1, #0FFH ; Load low byte

MOV TH1, #0EDH ; Load high byte

CPL P1.5 ; Toggle P1.5 pin

SETB TR1 ; Start Timer1

WAIT:

JNB TF1, WAIT ; Wait until Timer1 overflows

CLR TR1 ; Stop Timer1

CLR TF1 ; Clear overflow flag

SJMP AGAIN ; Repeat

END

Step-by-Step for Students

1. ORG 0000H

This tells the assembler: start the program at memory address 0.

2. MOV TMOD, #10H

We are using **Timer1** in **Mode 1** (16-bit timer mode).

- Mode 1 → Timer counts from the loaded value up to 65535 and then overflows.
- #10H means Timer1 is set, Timer0 is not used.

3. MOV TL1, #0FFH & MOV TH1, #0EDH

- TL1 = Low byte, TH1 = High byte of the timer.
- Together (EDFFH), this is our **starting count**.



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- Timer will count from EDFFH to FFFFH → this takes about **5 milliseconds**.

4. CPL P1.5

- CPL = **Complement** (toggle).
- If P1.5 was HIGH → it becomes LOW, and vice versa.
- This creates the blinking/toggling effect.

5. SETB TR1

- This starts Timer1.

6. BACK: JNB TF1, BACK

- JNB = Jump if No Bit.
- We keep checking **TF1** (Timer1 overflow flag).
- If it is **0**, keep waiting here (busy wait).
- When timer overflows, TF1 becomes **1**.

7. CLR TR1

- Stop Timer1 after overflow.

8. CLR TF1

- Clear the overflow flag so the next cycle works properly.

9. SJMP AGAIN

- Jump back and do it again forever.

How this makes **5 ms** delay

- 8051 with 11.0592 MHz crystal:
1 machine cycle = 1.085 μ s
- Counting from EDFFH to FFFFH = 4609 counts.
- Time = $4609 \times 1.085 \mu\text{s} \approx \mathbf{5 \text{ ms}}$.

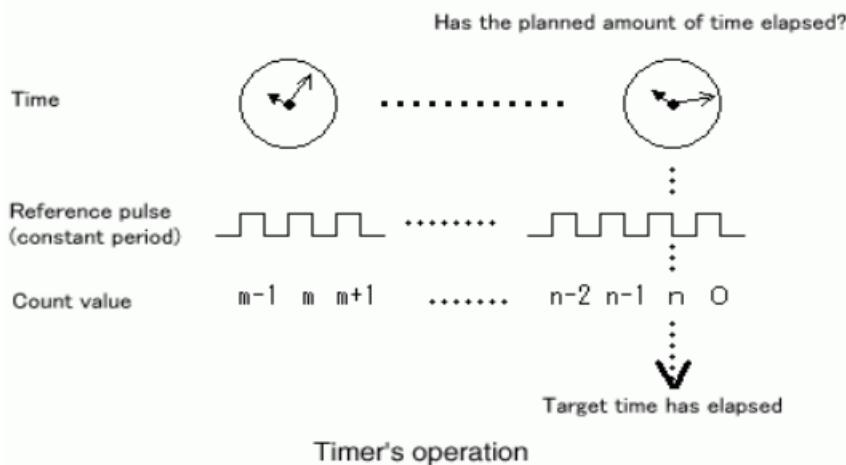
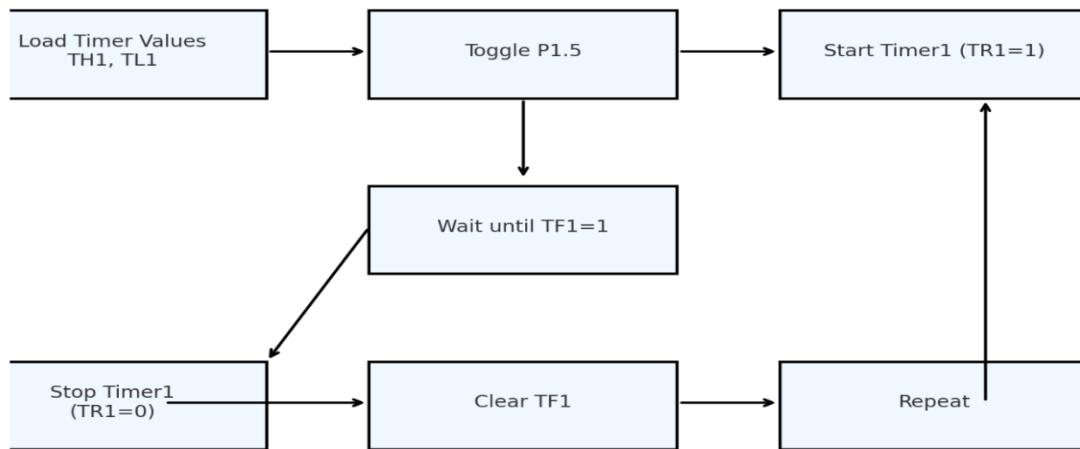
Every loop → Toggle pin → Wait 5 ms → Toggle again → Wait 5 ms → and so on.



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- **Polling** wastes CPU time (here we are just waiting).

8051 Timer1 Delay Process (5 ms, Without Interrupt)



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Explanation of the Logic Analyzer Output

1. Square Wave is Visible

- In your Logic Analyzer, you see a waveform with **regular ON/OFF pulses**.
- That is because CPL P1.5 keeps toggling the pin every time the timer overflows.



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- ON = High state, OFF = Low state.

2. Delay Between Pulses

- Each high/low duration is decided by the **Timer1 overflow period**.
- You loaded TH1 = 0EDH and TL1 = 0FFH.
- This means the timer doesn't start from 0000H, but from **EDFFH**.
- Timer counts from EDFFH → FFFFH before overflowing.
- No. of counts = $65536 - 60927 = \mathbf{4610}$ ticks.
- If 8051 runs at 12 MHz, then one machine cycle = 1 μ s.
So, delay $\approx 4610 \mu\text{s} = \mathbf{4.61 \text{ ms}}$.
- That's why your waveform has **~5 ms ON + 5 ms OFF = ~10 ms total cycle time**.

3. P1 Line in Logic Analyzer

- You attached **P1.5** in Logic Analyzer, so you see toggling.
- Each vertical line shows a toggle event (HIGH → LOW or LOW → HIGH).

4. Flat Top and Bottom

- The flat parts of the waveform = stable HIGH or LOW output.
- The transitions = where your CPL P1.5 executed.

2. Toggling of p1.2 with the delay of 5ms with interrupts using timer 0

ORG 0000H

LJMP MAIN

ORG 000BH ; Timer0 ISR address

CPL P1.2 ; Toggle P1.2 whenever Timer0 overflows

MOV TL0, #0FFH ; Reload Timer0 low byte

MOV TH0, #0EDH ; Reload Timer0 high byte

RETI



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ORG 30H

MAIN:

MOV TMOD, #01h ; Timer0, Mode 1 (16-bit)

MOV TL0, #00 ; Initial value (low byte)

MOV TH0, #0DCH ; Initial value (high byte)

MOV IE, #82H ; Enable Timer0 interrupt

SETB TR0 ; Start Timer0

HERE: SJMP HERE ; Infinite loop (CPU free)

END

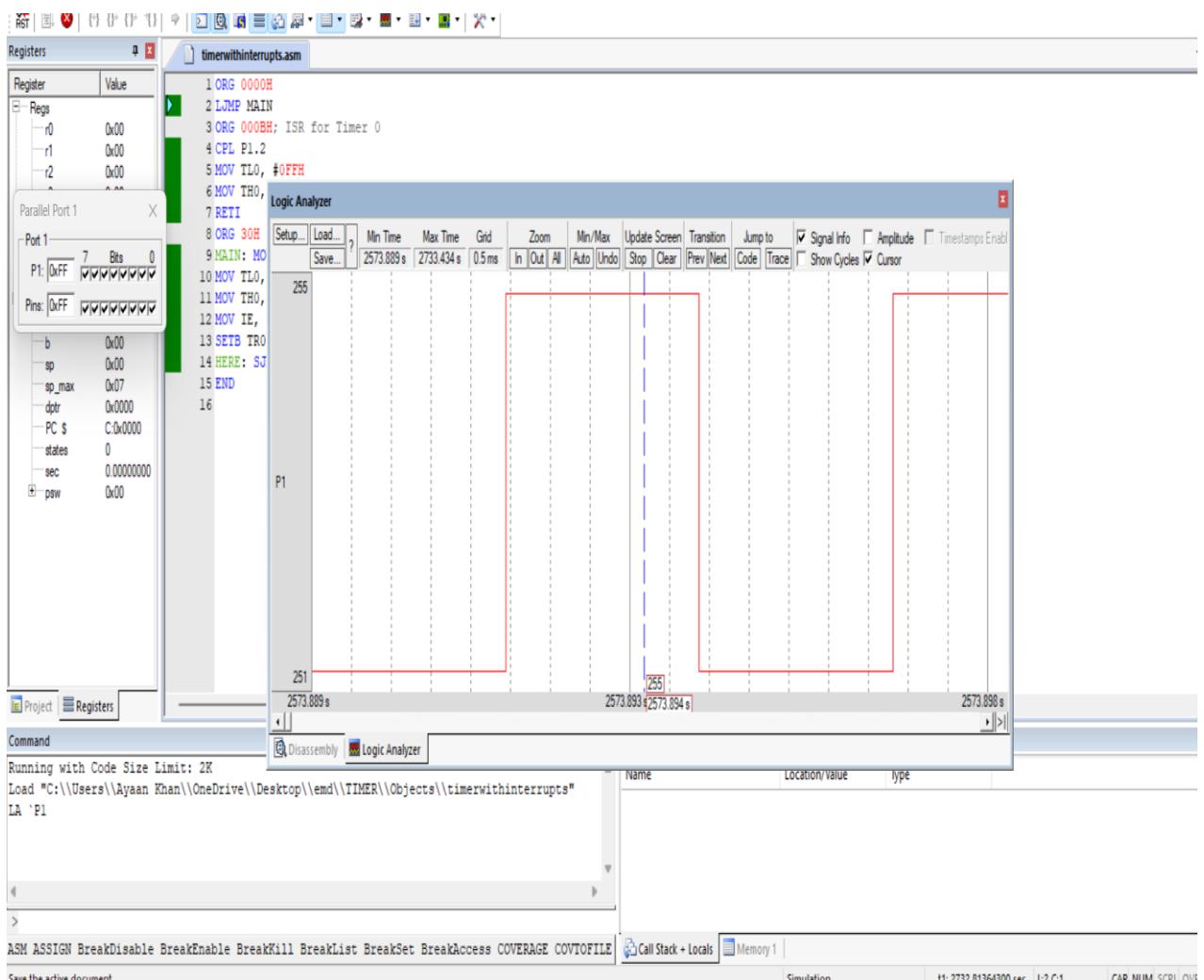
Step-by-step explanation (very simple)

1. ORG 0000H — Put the first instruction at address 0x0000 (CPU reset address).
2. LJMP MAIN — Jump to the main program so CPU doesn't accidentally run the data/ISR area.
3. ORG 000BH — Place the Timer0 ISR at its fixed vector address 0x000B. The CPU goes here when Timer0 overflows and interrupts are enabled.
(ISR = Interrupt Service Routine, the special code that runs automatically when an interrupt happens.)
4. CPL P1.2 — Toggle (flip) the pin P1.2. This makes the pin change from HIGH→LOW or LOW→HIGH on every interrupt.
5. MOV TH0, #0EDH / MOV TL0, #0FFH — Reload timer bytes inside ISR so the same time delay repeats after every interrupt.
6. RETI — End of ISR. Return to whatever the CPU was doing; also tell the CPU the interrupt is finished.
7. ORG 0030H — Put the main program code starting at address 0x0030 (keeps vectors at low addresses).
8. SETB P1.2 — Make sure P1.2 starts HIGH (so toggling is predictable).
9. MOV TMOD, #01H — Configure Timer0 in **Mode 1 (16-bit)**. (Lower nibble 0001 = Timer0 Mode1.)



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10. MOV TH0, #0EDH & MOV TL0, #0FFH — Load the same 16-bit start value used in ISR so the first delay equals later delays.
11. MOV IE, #82H — Enable interrupts: EA=1 (global enable) and ET0=1 (Timer0 interrupt). Hex 82h = 1000 0010b.
12. SETB TR0 — Start Timer0 counting.
13. HERE: SJMP HERE — Main just loops; the ISR runs in the background on each timer overflow.
14. END — End of program source.



Working Logic

- TMOD = #01h → Timer0, Mode 1 → **16-bit timer**.
- TL0 & TH0 → preload values → timer starts from 0xDC00.
 - Max count of timer = 65536



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- Initial value = DC00H = 56320
- Overflow after = $65536 - 56320 = 9216$ counts.

👉 If XTAL = 11.0592 MHz:

- 1 machine cycle = $12 / 11.0592 \text{ MHz} \approx 1.085 \mu\text{s}$
- Delay = $9216 \times 1.085 \mu\text{s} \approx \mathbf{10 \text{ ms}}$ per interrupt.
- Inside ISR: CPL P1.2 → toggles P1.2 on each overflow.
 - So P1.2 is HIGH for 10 ms, LOW for 10 ms → **20 ms total period.**
 - That means frequency ≈ **50 Hz square wave.**

3. Logic Analyzer (Right Side of Screenshot)

- The red waveform is **P1.2**.
- It is toggling between **0 and 1** → square wave output.
- Each high pulse = ~10 ms, each low pulse = ~10 ms.
- This matches the calculation above.

So the waveform confirms:

- Timer0 overflows → generates interrupt → ISR toggles P1.2.
 - Square wave of ~50 Hz is observed.
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4. Registers & Port Window (Left Side of Screenshot)

- **Port 1 shows FF (all high)**, but P1.2 is being toggled, so Logic Analyzer shows it clearly.
- Registers window confirms timer registers (TH0/TL0) are running.
- IE = 82H → Timer0 interrupt enabled.
- TR0 set → Timer0 running.



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B. Time delay Generation Using Timers of 8051.

1. Count no. Of pulses without interrupts using counter 0

ORG 0000H

MOV TMOD, #05h

SETB P3.4

MOV TL0, #00H

MOV TH0, #00H

SETB TR0

BACK: MOV A, TL0

MOV P1, A

MOV A, TH0

MOV P2, A

SJMP BACK

END

Explanation:

Step-by-Step Explanation

1. Program start

ORG 0000H

- This tells the assembler: “Start putting my code at memory address 0000H.”

2. Set Timer/Counter mode

MOV TMOD, #05H

- TMOD = Timer Mode register.
- #05H means:
 - Counter 0
 - Mode 1 (16-bit mode)
- In Mode 1, Counter 0 counts from 0000H to FFFFH, then overflows.



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- Counter mode counts **external pulses** on pin P3.4 (**T0**) instead of counting CPU cycles.
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3. Configure input pin

SETB P3.4

- Sets P3.4 as input (logic high) so pulses can come into **T0**.
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4. Clear the counter registers

MOV TL0, #00H ; Low byte = 0

MOV TH0, #00H ; High byte = 0

- This makes sure the counter starts from **0**.
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5. Start the counter

SETB TR0

- TR0 = Timer/Counter 0 Run Control bit.
 - Setting it starts counting **external pulses** coming on **P3.4**.
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6. Main loop – keep reading the count

BACK: MOV A, TL0

MOV P1, A

MOV A, TH0

MOV P2, A

SJMP BACK

- **MOV A, TL0** → Copy low byte of the count into **Accumulator**.
- **MOV P1, A** → Send low byte to **Port 1** (shows on LEDs or debugger).
- **MOV A, TH0** → Copy high byte of the count.
- **MOV P2, A** → Send high byte to **Port 2**.



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SJMP BACK → Keep repeating forever.