Bit Manipulation Cheat Sheet

Note1: "REGX" is not an actual Atmel register, rather "REGX" could be any register, ex. DDRB, PORTC, etc.

Note2: There is nothing special about changing bits 3, 5, or 7, those are simply used as examples here, these numbers could be replaced with any bit in the register

Setting / Clearing / Toggling

REGX |= (1 << 3); // set 3rd bit

REGX |= (1 << 3) | (1 << 5); // set 3rd and 5th bits

REGX &= ~(1 << 3); // clear 3rd bit

REGX &= ~((1 << 3) | (1 << 5)); // clear 3rd and 5th bits

REGX ^= (1 << 3); // toggle 3rd bit

REGX ^= ((1 << 3) | (1 << 5)); // toggle 3rd and 5th bits

// if desired, macros can be used in place of the above, as follows:

#define SET\_BIT(byte, bit) (byte |= (1 << bit))

#define CLEAR\_BIT(byte, bit) (byte &= ~(1 << bit))

#define TOGGLE\_BIT(byte, bit) (byte ^= (1 << bit))

// after using the above macros, we could then do . . .

SET\_BIT(REGX, 3); // set 3rd bit

CLEAR\_BIT(REGX, 3); // clear 3rd bit

TOGGLE\_BIT(REGX, 3); // toggle 3rd bit

Conditionals

if(REGX & (1 << 3)) { // if REGX bit 3 is set . . .

if(!(REGX & (1 << 7))) { // if REGX bit 7 is clear . . .

// if REGX bits 3 and 5 are set and REGX bit 7 is clear . . .

if((REGX & (1 << 3)) && (REGX & (1 << 5)) && !(REGX & (1 << 7))) {

// if desired, macros can be used in place of the above, as follows:

#define BIT\_IS\_SET(byte, bit) (byte & (1 << bit))

#define BIT\_IS\_CLEAR(byte, bit) (!(byte & (1 << bit)))

// after using the above macros, we could then do . . .

if (BIT\_IS\_SET(REGX, 3)) { // if REGX bit 3 is set . . .

if (BIT\_IS\_CLEAR(REGX, 7)) { // if REGX bit 7 is clear . . .

// if REGX bits 3 and 5 are set and REGX bit 7 is clear . . .

if (BIT\_IS\_SET(REGX, 3) && BIT\_IS\_SET(REGX, 5) && BIT\_IS\_CLEAR(REGX, 7)) {