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(Lab Experiment-2 Report)

Experiment 2: Interrupts and Timers in Atmel AVR Atmega (Title)

1.) Aim: -

Using Atmel AVR assembly language programming, implement interrupts and timers in Atmel Atmega microprocessor. The main constraint is that, it should be emulation only (due to ongoing pandemic). Aims of this experiment are:

- (i) Generate an external (logical) hardware interrupt using an emulation of a push button switch.
- (ii) Write an ISR to switch ON an LED for a few seconds (10 secs) and then switch OFF. (The lighting of the LED could be verified by monitoring the signal to switch it ON).

Also, one needs to implement all of the above using C-interface.

2.) Equipment Required: -

Since this is an emulation-based experiment, we need only a PC with the following software: Microchip studio simulation software.

3.) Tasks: -

You are given two files (apart from this handout in the directory EE2016F21Exprmnt2AVR.IntrrptClntrfcng in moodle): EE2016F21Exp2int1.asm and EE2016F21Exp2.int1.c The former one is an assembly program which implements interrupt using int1, while the later one is a 'C' program using int1.c

1. Fill in the blanks in the assembly code.
2. Use int0 to redo the same in the demo program (duly filled in). Once the switch is pressed the LED should blink 10 times (ON (or OFF) - 1 sec, duty cycle could be 50 %). Demonstrate both the cases.
3. Rewrite the program in 'C' (int1). Rewrite the C program for int0.
4. Demonstrate both the cases (of assembly and C).

4.) Demo code (/Questions from handouts): -

Given demo code for assembly programming: - (INT1 ASM.txt)

```
.org 0x0000
```

```
rjmp reset
```

```
.org 0x0004
```

```
rjmp int1_ISR
```

```
.org 0x0100
```

reset:

; Loading stack pointer address

LDI R16,0x70

OUT SPL, R16

LDI R16,0x00

OUT SPH, R16

; Interface port B pin0 to be output

; so, to view LED blinking

LDI R16,0x00

OUT DDRD, R16

; Set MCUCR register to enable low level interrupt

OUT MCUCR, R16

; Set GICR register to enable interrupt 1

OUT MCUCR, R16

LDI R16,0x00

OUT PORTB, R16

SEI

ind_loop:

rjmp ind_loop

int1_ISR: IN R16, SREG

PUSH R16

LDI R16,0x0A

MOV R0, R16

; Modify below loops to make LED blink for 1 sec

c1: LDI R16,0x01

OUT PORTB, R16

```

        LDI R16,0xFF

a1:      LDI R17,0xFF

a2:      DEC R17

        BRNE a2

        DEC R16

        BRNE a1

        LDI R16,0x00

        OUT PORTB, R16

```

Given demo code for C-interfacing: - (INT1 C PROG.c)

```

#define F_CPU 1000000 // clock frequency

#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR (INT1_vect)
{
    int i;
    for (i=1;i<=10;i++) // for 10 times LED blink

    {
        PORTB=0x01;
        _delay_ms(1000); // delay of 1 sec
        PORTB=0x00;
        _delay_ms(1000);
    }
}

int main(void)
{
    //Set the input/output pins appropriately
    //To enable interrupt and port interfacing
    //For LED to blink
    DDRD=0x00; //Set appropriate data direction for D
    DDRB=0x00; //Make PB0 as output
    MCUCR=0x00; //Set MCUCR to level triggered
    GICR=0x00; //Enable interrupt 1
    PORTB=0x00;
}

```

```
sei();          // global interrupt flag

while (1) //wait
{
}
}
```

5.) Solutions to the questions: - (Logic/flowchart, code)

(i) Logic/Flowchart: (for assembly program)

We need to use the demo code to blink an LED for 10 times with a delay of 1 second.

We define our program space by using “.org” directives. This directive is usually used to indicate the beginning of the address. In this code, .org directive tells where it has to store the interrupt vector and reset and at what memory locations. The memory locations are clearly defined for our microcontroller Atmega8(in the given handout). So, for interrupt0 (int0 shortly) it should be stored at 0x0001 and for interrupt1(int1 shortly) it should be at 0x0002 for our microcontroller (according to manual).

Then stack pointer is initialised to a memory location 0x0070 by loading 0x70 into SPL and 0x00 into SPH.

Make PORT B PIN0 as an output to view the LED blink by loading 0x01 into DDRB. Next DDRD is loaded with 0x00 which will make PIND bits as input to receive the interrupts at PD2(for INT0) and PD3(for INT1).

We next enable low level interrupts for int0 and int1, for this the ISC01 and ISC00 bits of MCUCR should be loaded with 0x00. Therefore, 0x00 is loaded into the MCUCR to enable low level interrupts. And then setting up the GICR register to enable interrupts. (Loading 0x80 into GICR for int1 and loading 0x40 into GICR for int0).

In order to receive interrupts globally, the D7 bit of the SREG register must be set high. Can be achieved using instruction “SEI”.

Next step is to define our ISR for the interrupt (INT1 or INT0). For this, we save the current context (SREG register) into the stack using “PUSH”. We then load the counter into R0 with a value of 0x0A (decimal equivalent is 10) to count for the number of blinks.

Next, we turn “ON” the LED by loading PORTB with value 0x01 indicating that PB0 pin is set to HIGH i.e., digital level HIGH. Since, the XTAL frequency is 1MHz (one cycle takes 1µs) therefore we need approximately 10^6 machine cycles to create a time delay of 1s when LED is “ON”.

```
LDI R16, 0x63
a1: LDI R17, 0x63
a2: LDI R18, 0x21
a3: DEC R18
BRNE a3
DEC R17
BRNE a2
DEC R16
BRNE a1
```

Total delay in (we use the beside generator code to generate a delay of 1 second) given code =

$$[(5 + (((3*33-1) + 4)99 - 1)) * 99 - 1] \times 1 \mu s = 1000097 \mu s \approx 1 \text{ second } (\sim 10^6 \mu s)$$

Then next we set the PORTB to 0(low level) to turn "OFF" the LED.

Total delay (between ON and OFF now equals to $(1000097+2)\times 1\mu\text{s} = 1000099\mu\text{s} \approx 10^6\mu\text{s} = 1 \text{ second}$

Similarly, again 1s delay is done when the LED turns ON again (from the OFF state).

In order for LED to blink 10 times, we decrement the counter by one each time the bulb has blinked once. When the counter becomes 0x00(zero) i.e., it has blinked for 10 times, we stop and pop out the contents from stack and store it back in SREG. Upon executing the RETI instruction, the microcontroller returns to the position where it was interrupted i.e., to the main loop(reset).

(ii) Codes:

ASSEMBLY INTERRUPT PROGRAM USING INT1

```
.include "m8def.inc"

.org 0x0000;
rjmp reset;

.org 0x0002;
rjmp int1_ISR;

.org 0x0100;

reset:
    ; loading stack pointer address
    LDI R16,0x70;
    OUT SPL, R16;
    LDI R16,0x00;
    OUT SPH, R16;

    LDI R16,0x01;
    OUT DDRB, R16; interface port B pin 0(PB0) to be output

    LDI R16,0x00;
    OUT DDRD, R16;

    ; Set MCUCR register to enable low level interrupt
    LDI R16, 0x00;
    OUT MCUCR, R16;

    ; Set GICR register to enable interrupt 1
    LDI R16, 0x80;
    OUT GICR, R16;

    LDI R16, 0x00;
    OUT PORTB, R16;

    SEI;

ind_loop:
    RJMP ind_loop;

int1_ISR:
    IN R16, SREG;
    PUSH R16; push R16 on stack

    LDI R16, 0x0A; to blink led 10 times
    MOV R0, R16; i.e., R0 is the counter
```

```

; loops to make LED blink for 1 second
c1: LDI R16, 0x01
    OUT PORTB, R16;

    LDI R16, 0x63
a1: LDI R17, 0x63
a2: LDI R18, 0X21
a3: DEC R18
    BRNE a3
    DEC R17
    BRNE a2
    DEC R16
    BRNE a1

c2: LDI R16, 0x00
    OUT PORTB, R16

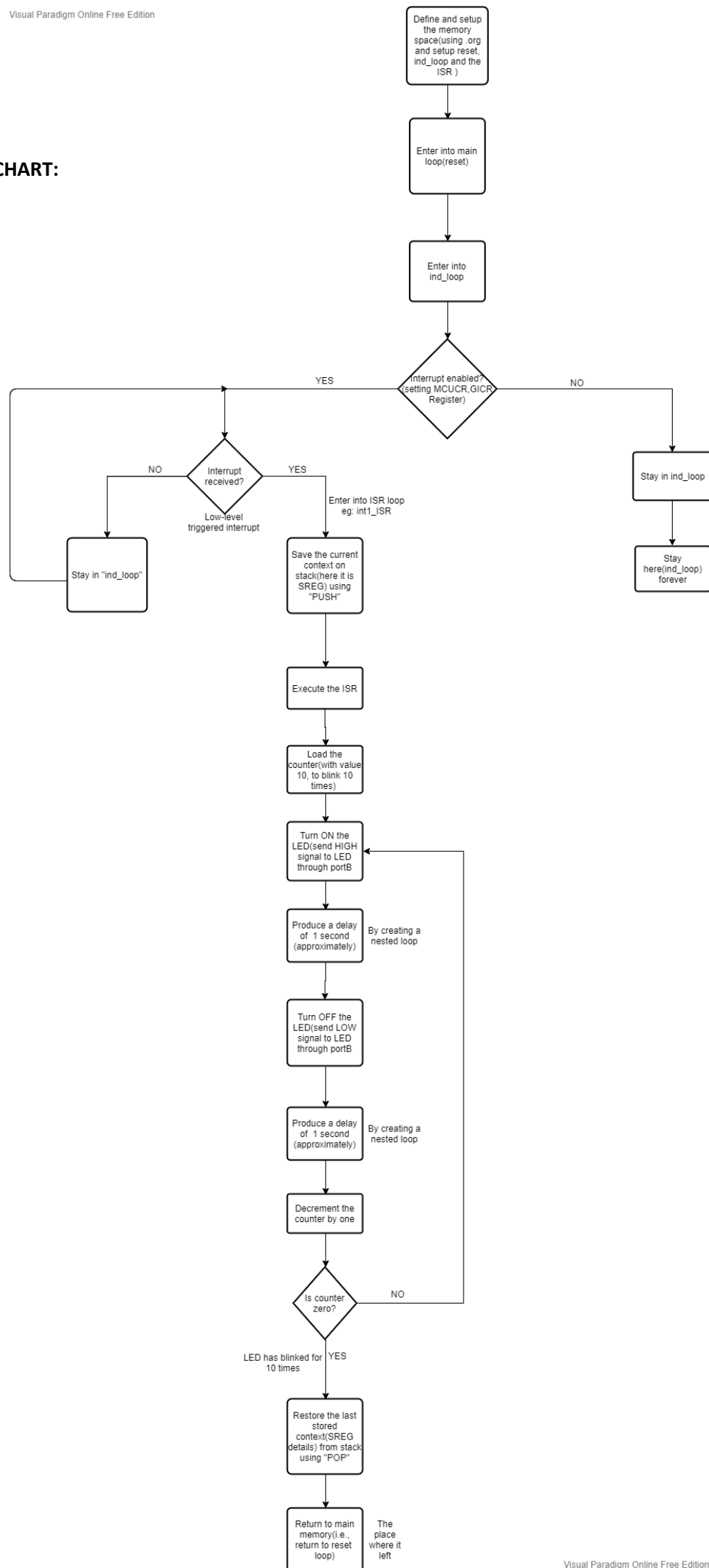
    LDI R16, 0x63
b1: LDI R17, 0x63
b2: LDI R18, 0X21
b3: DEC R18
    BRNE b3
    DEC R17
    BRNE b2
    DEC R16
    BRNE b1

DEC R0; Each decrement corresponds to one blink in led
BRNE c1; blink until R0 != 0, i.e., blink 10 times
POP R16; pop R16 from stack (when led has blinked 10 times)
OUT SREG, R16;

RETI; after POPing I = 0

```

- ➔ Below flowchart (for an idea) is attached which is applicable for both int1 and int0(with just slight modifications).
- ➔ Same flowcharts can also be used to make C-interface programs.

FLOWCHART:

ASSEMBLY INTERRUPT PROGRAM USING INT0

```
.include "m8def.inc"

.org 0x0000;
rjmp reset;

.org 0x0001;
rjmp int0_ISR;

.org 0x0100;

reset:
    ; loading stack pointer address
    LDI R16,0x70;
    OUT SPL, R16;
    LDI R16,0x00;
    OUT SPH, R16;

    LDI R16,0x01;
    OUT DDRB, R16; interface port B pin 0(PB0) to be output

    LDI R16,0x00;
    OUT DDRD, R16;

    ; Set MCUCR register to enable low level interrupt
    LDI R16, 0x00;
    OUT MCUCR, R16;

    ; Set GICR register to enable interrupt 0
    LDI R16, 0x40;
    OUT GICR, R16;

    LDI R16, 0x00;
    OUT PORTB, R16;

    SEI;

ind_loop:
    RJMP ind_loop;

int0_ISR:
    IN R16, SREG;
    PUSH R16; push R16 on stack

    LDI R16, 0x0A; to blink led 10 times
    MOV R0, R16; i.e., R0 is the counter

    ; loops to make LED blink for 1 second
c1: LDI R16, 0x01
    OUT PORTB, R16;

    LDI R16, 0x63
a1: LDI R17, 0x63
a2: LDI R18, 0x21
a3: DEC R18
    BRNE a3
    DEC R17
    BRNE a2
    DEC R16
    BRNE a1
```



```

c2: LDI R16, 0x00
    OUT PORTB, R16

    LDI R16, 0x63
b1: LDI R17, 0x63
b2: LDI R18, 0x21
b3: DEC R18
    BRNE b3
    DEC R17
    BRNE b2
    DEC R16
    BRNE b1

    DEC R0; Each decrement corresponds to one blink in led
    BRNE c1; blink until R0 != 0, i.e., blink 10 times
    POP R16; pop R16 from stack (when led has blinked 10 times)
    OUT SREG, R16;

    RETI; after POPing I = 0

```

(i) Logic/Flowchart: (for C program)

We define `F_CPU` with a value of 10^6 (in Hz) which is the value of clock frequency for Atmega8 microcontroller. Also include `avr` library, `delay` library and `interrupt` library. Then we code our ISR for corresponding interrupt (`INT0/INT1`) and start with a for loop that does 10 iterations (10 times for led to blink).

Setting `PORTB` with a value of `0x01` to turn “ON” the LED and then we add a delay of 1000ms (i.e., 1 second) with the help of `_delay_ms()` function. After this, `PORTB` is set to `0x00` to turn “OFF” the LED and we again add a delay of 1000ms before it glows again.

In the main loop, `DDRD` is set to `0x00` which gives the direction to make `PIND` bits as input and where we receive the interrupts. To make `PB0` (`PORTB` PIN 0) as output, `DDRB` is set as `0x01`. For low level triggered interrupt to occur, we need both `ISC01` and `ISC00` to be 0 by setting `MCUCR` with `0x00`.

Corresponding `GICR` values are loaded for the interrupt (`GICR = 0x80` for `INT1` and `GICR = 0x40` for `INT0`). `PORTB` being set to `0x00` indicates that LED is turned “OFF” initially.

Global interrupt bit `I` is enabled by using `sei()` function and an infinite loop (`while (1)`) is defined indicating that the microcontroller is doing some work continuously (until and unless interrupted).

So, shortly the program will be implemented in a way that LED blinks for 10 times when the interrupt is received. It (microcontroller) stops what it’s doing and jumps to the ISR loop and executes the ISR by blinking of LED for 10 times, and then it returns to the main loop.

NOTE: The `ind_loop` in above assembly program is analogous to the infinite loop (`while (1)`) in C-Program. Also, the same flowchart above (in assembly one) can be used to code in C-interface too (logic remains the same, just some change in name of variables and implementation).

(ii) Codes: -

C-PROGRAM USING INT1

```
#define F_CPU 1000000 // clock frequency

#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR (INT1_vect)
{
    int i;
    for (i=1;i<=10;i++) // for 10 times LED blink
    {
        PORTB=0x01;
        _delay_ms(1000); // delay of 1 sec
        PORTB=0x00;
        _delay_ms(1000);
    }
}

int main(void)
{
    //Set the input/output pins appropriately
    //To enable interrupt and port interfacing
    //For LED to blink
    DDRD=0x00; //Set appropriate data direction for D
    DDRB=0x01; //Make PB0 as output
    MCUCR=0x00; //Set MCUCR to level triggered
    GICR=0x80; //Enable interrupt 1
    PORTB=0x00;
    sei(); // global interrupt flag

    while (1) //wait
    {
    }
}
```

C-PROGRAM USING INTO

```
#define F_CPU 1000000 // clock frequency

#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR (INT1_vect)
{
    int i;
    for (i=1;i<=10;i++) // for 10 times LED blink
    {
        PORTB=0x01;
        _delay_ms(1000); // delay of 1 sec
        PORTB=0x00;
        _delay_ms(1000);
    }
}

int main(void)
{
    //Set the input/output pins appropriately
    //To enable interrupt and port interfacing
    //For LED to blink
    DDRD=0x00; //Set appropriate data direction for D
    DDRB=0x01; //Make PB0 as output
    MCUCR=0x00; //Set MCUCR to level triggered
    GICR=0x40; //Enable interrupt 0
    PORTB=0x00;
    sei(); // global interrupt flag

    while (1) //wait
    {
    }
}
```

6.) Inferences/Learning: -

- We learnt how to generate and manage hardware interrupts using a push button in AVR microcontroller (atmega8) in both assembly program and C language.
- We learnt how to set (reset, change etc.) the various registers related to interrupts (MCUCR, GICR etc.) to implement our task.
- We also learnt AVR I/O Programming, i.e., how enable the port as input or output.
- We learnt about the instruction delays for various instructions (like LDI, DEC, BRNE etc.) which generate time delays.
- Using the above (point 3) instruction delays we learnt how to add a time delay in assembly program by manipulating the number of instructions used. Whereas a simple delay function is available in C-language to generate required delays.