Project 1: AVR Counter

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Project Description:

The goal of CpE 3150 Project 1 was to create a counter using the ATmega324pb microcontroller and accompanying Simon Board. To display the counter, the Simon Board had to be utilized to light up LEDs 1-4 representing a 4-bit binary number. Upon pressing the increment key (switch) on the board, the value of the counter would be incremented and the new count would be displayed on the LEDs. Upon pressing the decrement key (switch) on the board, the value of the counter would be decremented and the new count would be displayed on the LEDs. Since the counter was utilizing a display with four LEDs, the range of values was only 0 to 15. Thus, the counter would overflow upon incrementing at 15 and underflow upon decrementing at 0. When this occurred, the counter was reset to its corresponding value (0 on overflow, and 15 on underflow). To signify that the counter has overflowed or underflowed, an alarm sound was implemented to play for the event. This concluded the core operations of the AVR counter. After completion of the main counter functionality, each group member added additional subroutines to give more depth to the counter. These are explained below at the end of the report.

The only major problem that was encountered during the implementation of the project was the debouncing of the switches. Upon pressing the increment or decrement switches, multiple inputs would be interpreted. That is, for one button press the counter would be incremented or decremented multiple times. To remedy this, a new solution for the button presses had to be developed. This was done by changing the way the switch presses were detected. Instead of using a delay function for checking, the program logic was switched to wait until the button was released before the program continued. This ensured the program would only continue for the button press if the switch was released, guaranteeing only one increment operation is performed at a time.

The main program consists of a loop that runs through six checks to see if switches 1-6 are pressed, and then executes the subroutine associated with that switch. Switches 3-6 are utilized by each team member's individual subroutine, which can each be found in the following sections of the report. The main portion of the project involves switches 1 and 2 which increment and decrement the counter respectively. Once the button press has been detected, the respective increment or decrement function is called. In these functions, the necessary actions to increment or decrement the counter as well as display the new count are implemented. First, the count register is incremented or decremented, then compared with the respective overflow/underflow value. These values were 0x10 for an increment overflow and 0xFF for a decrement underflow. If the BREQ of this compare is true, then the register has overflowed or

underflowed, and the respective speaker function is called. It should be noted that two different speaker functions, one for increment overflow and another for decrement underflow, were created. This was done in case different sounds were to be used for each option, although this was never realized in the program.

If an increment overflow or decrement underflow is encountered, an alarm will play the first four notes of the Megalovania subroutine. See the Megalovania section of the report for the calculation of delays for the alarm. A simplified version of the LED display that is used in the Lightshow section of the report also flashes when the counter overflows or underflows.

Following the overflow and underflow check, the count is prepared for output. Due to the orientation of the LEDs with respect to the Simon Board, the four bits utilized in the counter had to be reversed for correct output. The least significant bit of the counter is the most significant bit in the output, and likewise with the rest of the bits. Thus, the counter value had to be flipped to be outputted properly. To do this, a FLIP function was created.

In the FLIP function, the R18 register is initialized to 0 and the value of register R17 is copied into R19. Then, through a series of RORs and ROLs, the value in register R19 is rotated into R18, creating the reversed value for output. Note that in this process the value of register R17 is not affected in any way, thus the integrity of the counter is kept intact. After four rotations, the function returns.

The last operation to perform before outputting the count is to invert (complement) the value of R18. This was done because the LEDs on the Simon Board are all active low, meaning they light when given a value of 0. After doing this, the value of register R18 is outputted to PORTD, lighting up the current value of the counter on the LEDs. This finishes the operation of the increment or decrement function, and the program returns to the main loop of checking the different switches.

Pin Functions and the ATmega324pb:

Various components of the ATmega324pb microcontroller were utilized for the implementation of Project 1. The first five bits of PORTA were used for gathering input from switches 1-4 and 6. The lower four bits of PORTD were also utilized. These outputted the 4-bit counter value on the Simon Board. Bits 4-6 of PORTE were also used for the speaker, LED5, and switch 5 respectively.

A large variety of registers, including R16-R19 and R24-R31, were also incorporated into the core design. Registers R16-R19 were used mainly for the increment and decrement functions of the counter. Registers R24-R26, and R28 were used for several different delay functions throughout the program. The timer functions specific to the ATmega324pb architecture could have been used here, however, that material was not yet covered in class by the time the design was finalized. Lastly, registers R29-R31 were used in the Megalovania function and R27, and R29 were used in the Lightshow and Flash_Lights functions. See the below table for a full description of the ports utilized.

Pin	Device	Function	
PD0	LED1	Display counter/Lightshow	
PD1	LED2	Display counter/Lightshow	
PD2	LED3	Display counter/Lightshow	
PD3	LED4	Display counter/Lightshow	
PE5	LED5	Lightshow/Megalovania	
PD4	LED6	Lightshow	
PD5	LED7	Lightshow	
PD6	LED8	Lightshow	
PD7	LED9	Lightshow	
PA0	SW1	Increment counter	
PA1	SW2	Decrement counter	
PA2	SW3	Play Megalovania	
PA3	SW4	Increment counter for the amount of seconds held	
PE6	SW5	Decrement counter for the amount of seconds held	
PA4	SW6	Play Lightshow	
PE4	Speaker	Alarm sound/Megalovania	

Table 1: ATmega324pb pin descriptions and functions

Commented Code:

The following code consists of the routines performed during the operation of the main counter. Note that the following contains more than just the main counter functions. The different individual functions additionally check for switch inputs in the main loop, so they also appear here to avoid confusion or missing code. Switches 0 and 1 are the two switches used for the main counter operation as well as the various functions called inside them.

```
; Set up main registers necessary for program setup
.ORG 0
LDI R16,0xFF
LDI R17,0x00
LDI R20,0x00
; Define PORTD pins used for counter as output
OUT DDRD,R16
OUT PORTD,R16
; Define PORTA pins as input
OUT DDRA,R20
LDI R16, 0b00011111
OUT PORTA,R16
; Define PORTE pins 4, 5 for output, 6 for input
SBI DDRE,4
SBI DDRE,5
SBI PORTE,5
CBI DDRE,6
SBI PORTE,6
; Check for button press on switch index 0 (increment button function)
CHECK_SW0:
               ; If button is not held, check next switch
               SBIC PINA,0
               RJMP CHECK_SW1
               ; If it is, increment counter, loop while button is still held, then move to next switch check
               CALL INCREMENT
               SBIS PINA,0
SW0 Hold:
               RJMP SW0_Hold
               RJMP CHECK_SW1
; Check for button press on switch index 1 (decrement button function)
CHECK_SW1:
               ; If button is not held, check next switch
               SBIC PINA,1
               RJMP CHECK SW2
               ; If it is, decrement counter, loop while button is still held, then move to next switch check
               CALL DECREMENT
SW1_Hold:
               SBIS PINA,1
               RJMP SW1_Hold
               RJMP CHECK_SW2
; Check for button press on switch index 2 (Music button function)
CHECK_SW2:
               ; If button is not held, check next switch
               SBIC PINA,2
               RJMP CHECK SW3
               ; If it is, call Megalovania function, loop while button is held, and move to next switch check
               CALL Megalovania
SW2_Hold:
               SBIS PINA,2
               RJMP SW2_Hold
               RJMP CHECK_SW3
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; Check for button press on switch index 3 (Timer increment function)

CHECK_SW3:

; If button is not held, check next switch

SBIC PINA,3

RJMP CHECK SW4

; If it is, load a value of 0 into R16, and increment it for every second button is held

; Add this to the counter register and display the new value

LDI R16, 0x00

SW3_Hold: INC R16

CALL SEC_DELAY SBIS PINA,3 RJMP SW3_Hold

ADD R17, R16 DEC R17

ANDI R17, 0x0F; Clear upper nibble of R17 in case addition result is greater than 15

CALL INCREMENT RJMP CHECK SW4

; Check for button press on switch index 4 (Timer Decrement function)

CHECK_SW4:

; If button is not held, check next switch (note sw5 is on PINE bit 6)

SBIC PINE,6

RJMP CHECK SW5

; If it is, load a value of 0 into R16, and increment it for every second button is held

; Add this to the counter register and display the new value

LDI R16, 0x00

SW4_Hold: INC R16

CALL SEC_DELAY SBIS PINE,6 RJMP SW4_Hold

SUB R17, R16

INC R17

ANDI R17, 0x0F; Clear upper nibble of R17 in case subtraction result is greater than 15

CALL DECREMENT RJMP CHECK SW5

; Check for button press on switch index 5 (Light Show function) ;ADDED

CHECK_SW5:

; If button is not held, check next switch

SBIC PINA,4 RJMP CHECK SW0

; If it is, call Megalovania function, loop while button is held, then move to next switch check

CALL LIGHT_SHOW

SW5_Hold: SBIS_PINA,4

RJMP SW5_Hold RJMP CHECK_SW0

; Subroutine to handle the increment and display of the counter

INCREMENT:

; Increment R17, check for overflow with 0x10

INC R17

CPI R17, 0x10

BREQ SPEAKER INC

; If no overflow, flip the value for display, complement it for active low, then display and return

I_RET: CALL FLIP

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COM R18
               OUT PORTD, R18
               RET
; Subroutine to handle the decrement and display of the counter
DECREMENT:
                ; Decrement R17, check for underflow with 0xFF
               DEC R17
               CPI R17, 0xFF
               BREQ SPEAKER_DEC
               ; If no overflow, flip the value for display, complement it for active low, then display and return
        D_RET: CALL FLIP
               COM R18
               OUT PORTD, R18
               RET
; Subroutine to flip the value of R17 into R18
FLIP:
               : Set R18 to 0 and R19 equal to R17 (this is so the value of the counter itself is not changed)
                Continually use ROR and ROL to rotate each bit of R19 into R18 to flip the value, then return
               LDI R18, 0x00
               MOV R19, R17
               CLC
               ROR R19
               ROL R18
               RET
; Subroutine to handle the speaker call after an incremental overflow
SPEAKER INC:
        ; Call corresponding functions for the notes, reset R17 to 0x00 (from 0x10 of overflow), and jump back
        CALL LD16
       CALL LD16
       CALL D16
       CALL Rst16
       CALL A8
       LDI R17, 0x00
       CALL FLASH_LIGHTS
       RJMP I RET
; Subroutine to handle the speaker call after a decremental underflow
SPEAKER DEC:
        ; Call corresponding functions for the notes, reset R17 to 0x0F (from 0xFF of overflow), and jump back
       CALL LD16
       CALL LD16
       CALL D16
       CALL Rst16
       CALL A8
       LDI R17, 0x0F
       CALL FLASH LIGHTS
        RJMP D_RET
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Work Distribution:

The workload was split into three parts: Counter, Lights, and Sound. Andrew Leise wrote the code for the counter, Tim Crawford implemented the buzzer for the overflow and underflow cases, and Ben Wantland used the LEDs on the board and added them to complement the buzzer in the overflow and underflow. In addition, each member wrote a unique function showcasing their portion of the project. Andrew wrote an alternate counter increment and decrement function that changes the count based on how long the switch is held. Ben created a unique lightshow the flashes the LEDs in an appealing pattern. Tim translated the first four measures of the popular song, Megalovania, into machine code. See the below flowchart for a further description of the work effort. Overall, the work effort was split evenly and every group member properly contributed to the project. Each team member contributed 33% to the overall project.

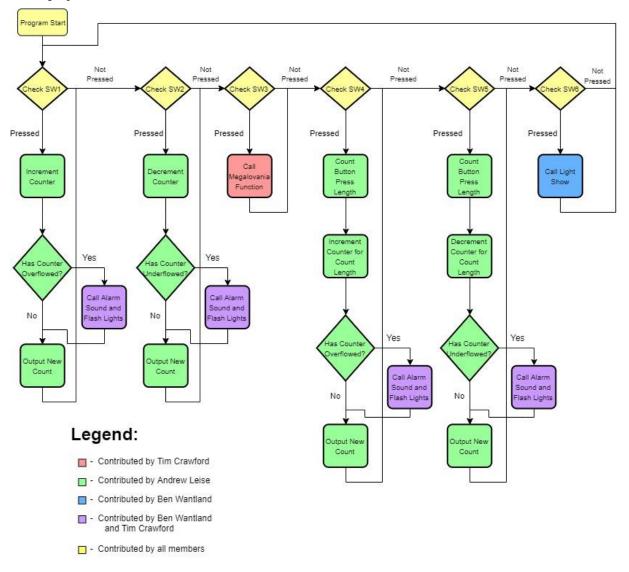


Figure 1: Flowchart of work contributions

Individual Reports:

Lightshow and Flash Lights - Ben Wantland:

The Lightshow function uses all the LEDs of the board to display a short light show. The different functions within Lightshow are used to make different shapes and lines, and the functions could be easily modified to go for a longer or shorter period of time. When each section of Lightshow is called, R27 is modified and outputted to PORTD with a short delay. This was done so the show can be seen and shapes, like arrows, can appear to move across the LEDs. PORTE's 5th bit is also modified to enable the use of LED five.

The Delay function is used for both the counter overflow/underflow and the Lightshow to provide a short delay of around .2 seconds. R26, R27, and R28 are used for the delay loops and their values are all 100. This value is rounded for simplicity. Making "n" equal to:

 $n = 3030304 \rightarrow (3030304)(1s/(16(10 \text{ cc}))) = 0.18939$ second time delay

While this time delay is not exactly .2 seconds it is easy to implement and is close enough to the desired time to fulfill its purpose.

Implementation of the lighting functions didn't cause any issues because the mapping of the registers and functions had been planned ahead of time.

Below is the code for the Flash_Lights, Delay, and also part of the Lightshow function. Flash_Lights has the same initial loaded values and uses some of the same functions as Lightshow but is not as time consuming. The section of the Lightshow function below shows how the Lightshow function operates and the rest of the function works the same way. The Delay function is also shown and is used repeatedly in the other functions.

```
; Flashes the LEDs after the short segment of megalovania, when
                                                                ;In Lightshow
overflow or underflow is triggered.
                                                                               :flash horizontal lines
FLASH LIGHTS:
                       LDI R27, 0b11111111
                                                                               LDI R29, 2
               OUT DDRD, R27
                                                                       LOOP: LDI R27, 0b11010110; left col
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               LDI R27, 0b1111111
               OUT DDRA, R27
                                                                               SBI PORTE, 5
               LDI R27, 0b01000000
                                                                               CALL Delay
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b10111101; mid col
               OUT PORTA, R27
               LDI R27, 0b11111111
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               OUT PORTD, R27
                                                                               CBI PORTE, 5
                                                                               CALL Delay
               SBI DDRE, 5
               SBI PORTE, 5
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b01101011; right col
               toggle outside with middle light;
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               LDI R29, 5
                                                                               SBI PORTE, 5
       LOOP8: LDI R27, 0b01011010
                                                                               CALL Delay
               OUT PORTD, R27
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b11111111; all off
               CBI PORTE, 5
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               CALL Delay
                                                                               CALL Delay
               LDI R27, 0b10100101
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b01101011; right col
               OUT PORTD, R27
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
                                                                               CALL Delay
               CALL Delay
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b10111101; mid col
               DEC<sub>R29</sub>
               BRNE LOOP8
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               turn off all lights
                                                                               CBI PORTE, 5
               LDI R27, 0b11111111
                                                                               CALL Delay
               OUT PORTD, R27
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b11010110; left col
               SBI PORTE, 5
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
               RET
                                                                               SBI PORTE, 5
; Delay used for use of FLASH_LIGHTS and LIGHT_SHOW
                                                                               CALL Delay
Delay:
                                                                               LDI R27, 0b111111111; all off
               LDI R26, 100
                                                                               OUT PORTD, R27
       loopA: LDI R27, 100
                                                                               CALL Delay
       loopB: LDI R28, 100
                                                                               DEC R29
       loopC: DEC R28
                                                                               BRNE LOOP
               BRNE loopC
               DEC<sub>R27</sub>
               BRNE loopB
               DEC<sub>R26</sub>
               BRNE loopA
               RET
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Figure 2: Code for different light show subroutines

Time-Based Increment/Decrement - Andrew Leise:

The time-based increment and decrement functionalities add and subtract from the current count based on how long the button has been pressed. The time-based increment function is a part of the "Check_SW3" and the time-based increment function is a part of the "Check_SW4" subroutines respectively. If switch 4 (noted as index 3 in "Check_SW3") is pressed, then the program enters a loop that checks if the button is still pressed every second. Every time the loop is entered, the counter is incremented. After the button is released, the loop is exited and the time value is added to the counter. It should also be noted that the upper nibble of the counter is cleared to avoid any overflow issues going forward in the program. Lastly, the counter is decremented and the Increment subroutine is called to properly output the new value to PORTD. The subroutine for the time-based decrement function is exactly the same, however, instead of adding R16 to R17, R16 is subtracted from R17. Additionally, the counter is incremented before the Decrement function is called for displaying the output to PORTD. This effectively decreases the counter by the value of the button press length. The following calculations explain the loop for the 1s delay.

The clock frequency of the AtMega342PB is 16 MHz and every machine cycle takes one clock cycle. Let n be the number of machine cycles required for this operation. Thus, the number of machine cycles that need to execute for a 1s delay is

$$n = 16,000,000$$

The following equation was determined by the structure of the SEC_DELAY function in the code. This was used to derive the necessary number of iterations for each loop. It should also be noted that the outermost loop was preset to 250 for simplicity in calculating the other values, and to give an even outer number.

$$n = (1 + (1 + (1 + (1 + 1 + 1 + 2) * x_1 - 1 + 1 + 2) * x_2 - 1 + 1 + 2) * x_3 - 1 + 4)$$

With n = 16,000,000 and $x_3 = 250$.

$$16,000,000 = (1 + (1 + (1 + (1 + 1 + 1 + 2) * x_1 - 1 + 1 + 2) * x_2 - 1 + 1 + 2) * 250 - 1 + 4)$$

There are numerous different solutions to this equation, thus the closest, near-whole values were chosen. Solving for x_1 and x_2 yielded:

$$x_1 = 149.926$$

$$x_2 = 85$$

Which were then rounded to...

$$x_1 = 150$$

$$x_2 = 85$$

Utilizing these values causes the delay function to take n = 16,002,004 machine cycles, which is extremely close to the desired value of 16,000,000. Solving for the real time delay yielded:

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t = 16,002,004 * (1s/(16x10 cc)) = 1.00013s time delay.
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As stated previously, this delay function is called every time the button press (for indices SW3 and SW4) is rechecked. The number of total loops is counted and then added or subtracted to the counter, creating the time-based increment and decrement operations. The additional overhead of the increment/decrement operation in the switch loop and the branch checks should be noted, although is likely negligible. This would only add three additional clock cycles per loop, which would not have a significant impact.

Various ATmega324pb features were utilized and implemented for this functionality. Registers R16 and R17 were utilized for storing the added/subtracted value and counter respectively. The different instructions utilized included INC, SBIS, RJMP, ADD, DEC, ANDI, and CALL. These were used to perform the different operations needed to output the new count to PORTD. It should be noted that the on-board timer functions could have been utilized for the 1 second delay function. If this project were to be redone, these would most likely be used, however, the timer functions were taught just after the design and implementation had already been finalized. Thus, the general delay function that was calculated for above was utilized. PINE bit 6 and PINA bit 3 were also used, as they were the indices for the index 4 and 3 switches respectively. See the code snippet below for the two functions.

```
; Check for button press on switch index 3 (Timer increment function) CHECK SW3:
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; If button is not held, check next switch
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SBIC PINA,3

RJMP CHECK_SW4

; If it is, load a value of 0 into R16, and increment it for every second button is held

; Add this to the counter register and display the new value

LDI R16, 0x00

SW3_Hold:

INC R16

CALL SEC_DELAY SBIS PINA,3 RJMP SW3_Hold

ADD R17, R16 DEC R17

; Clear upper nibble of R17 in case addition caused value greater than 15

ANDI R17, 0x0F CALL INCREMENT RJMP CHECK_SW4

; Check for button press on switch index 4 (Timer Decrement function) CHECK_SW4:

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; If button is not held, check next switch (note sw5 is on PINE bit 6)
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SBIC PINE,6

RJMP CHECK_SW5

; If it is, load a value of 0 into R16, and increment it for every second button is held

; Add this to the counter register and display the new value

LDI R16, 0x00

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SW4_Hold: INC R16
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CALL SEC_DELAY SBIS PINE,6 RJMP SW4_Hold

SUB R17, R16

INC R17

; Clear upper nibble of R17 in case subtraction caused value greater than 15

ANDI R17, 0x0F CALL DECREMENT RJMP CHECK SW5

; Subroutine to handle the delay of 1 second

SEC_DELAY:

; Simply iterate through three loops then return

LDI R24,250 D0: LDI R25,85 D1: LDI R26,150 D2: NOP

NOP DEC R26 BRNE D2 DEC R25 BRNE D1 DEC R24 BRNE D0 RET

Megalovania - Tim Crawford:

The Megalovania subroutine plays the first four measures of Megalovania and increments the counter on every beat. Pressing switch 3, which is located on PA2, will run the Megalovania subroutine and turn on the blue LED located on PE5 for the duration of the song. The notes used are low B flat (116.54 Hz), low B (123.47 Hz), low C (130.81 Hz), low D (146.83 Hz), low F (174.61 Hz), low G (196 Hz), A flat (207.65 Hz), A (220 Hz), and D (293.66 Hz). Calculating the required number of machine cycles to produce a square wave for each note involves finding the period of the wave and the amount of time it takes to complete one machine cycle. Half of T divided by t_{MC} is equal to the number of machine cycles required for the delay to produce the frequency for each note. The number of MCs to play a low B flat 16th note is:

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\begin{split} T &= 1/f = 1/(116.54 \text{ Hz}) = 8.581 \text{ ms} \\ t_{MC} &= (1\text{cc}/1\text{MC})(1\text{s}/(16\text{x}10^{\circ}\text{cc})) = 0.0625 \text{ }\mu\text{s} \\ n_{LBF} &= (T/2)/t_{MC} = (8.581 \text{ ms}/2)/0.0625 \text{ }\mu\text{s} = 68646 \text{ MCs} \end{split}
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The rest of the notes can be calculated in the same way:

 $\begin{aligned} n_{LB} &= 64,793 \text{ MCs} & n_{LC} &= 61158 \text{ MCs} & n_{LD} &= 54484 \text{ MCs} & n_{LF} &= 45816 \text{ MCs} \\ n_{LG} &= 40816 \text{ MCs} & n_{AF} &= 38526 \text{ MCs} & n_{A} &= 36364 \text{ MCs} & n_{D} &= 27242 \text{ MCs} \end{aligned}$

Megalovania is played at 120 bpm which means a quarter note is played every 0.5s. The length of time of a quarter note in MCs can be found with t_{MC} .

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t_{MC 8th note} = (1cc/1MC)(0.5s/0.0625\mu s) = 8 \text{ million MCs}
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Since a quarter note is 8 million MCs, 8th notes are 4 million MCs and 16th notes are 2 million MCs. The number of loops required to create the delay for each note function can be calculated by solving for each x where x where x is the number of MCs for each note and x is the number of MCs for the length of the note:

$$n = 1 + 1 + (1 + (1 + 2) * x_1 + 2) * x_2 - 1$$

$$t_{MC} = 1 + (2n + 1 + 2) * x_3 - 1 + 4$$

The above functions were derived by calculating the delay of the LB16 subroutine which is in figure 2 below. The highlighted section of the code represents the delay of half the period. The delay for the 16th rest subroutine utilizes three nested loops. Each x for the number of loops in the 16th rest function is calculated in a similar way:

2000000 MCs =
$$1 + (1 + (1 + 2) * 100 + 2) * x_1 + 2) * x_2 - 1 + 4$$

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Megalovania:	CBI PORTE,5 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LD16;M1 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LD16 CALL MINCREMENT CALL D16 CALL MINCREMENT CALL A8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL A8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL AF8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LG8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LG8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LG8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LF8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LF8 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LF16 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LF16 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LF16 CALL MINCREMENT CALL LG16	LB16: LB16_Loop: LB16_Loop_set_2: LB16_Loop_set_1:	LDI R29,15;16th Low B Note LDI R30,142 SBI PORTE,4 LDI R31,151 DEC R31 BRNE LB16_Loop_set_1 DEC R30
		LB16_Loop_clr_2: LB16_Loop_clr_1:	BRNE LB16_Loop_set_2 LDI R30,142 CBI PORTE,4 LDI R31,151 DEC R31 BRNE LB16_Loop_clr_1 DEC R30 BRNE LB16_Loop_clr_2 DEC R29 BRNE LB16_Loop RET
		Rst16: Rst16_Loop_3: LDI R3 Rst16_Loop_2: LDI R3 Rst16_Loop_1: DEC R	31,28

Figure 3: First measure of Megalovania (left) along with low B 16th note and 16th rest (right).

This concludes the main report for CpE 3150 Project 1. Overall, the project implementation was a success. The primary counter was corrected programed and tested (see the attached video in drive submission), numerous additional functions were provided by the three group members, and the ATmega324pb was correctly utilized. Numerous skills were gained throughout the development process, displaying that the project was a success. In total, counter and its subsequent functions were fully implemented and tested, completing the first CpE 3150 project.