

# ECE 375 Lab 5

External Interrupts

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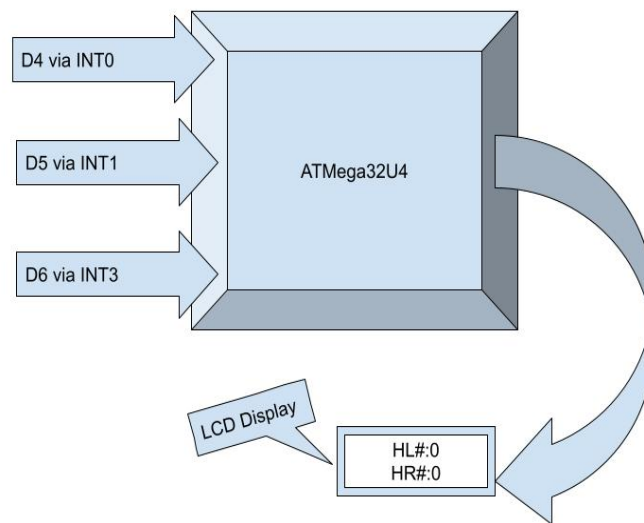
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# 1 Introduction

This is the Fifth lab in the ECE 375 series and it covers using hardware interrupts to preform prescribed "bump bot" operations. Additionally it incorporated use of the LCD Display to show the user how many times the bump bot had been triggered on its left or right side.

## 2 Design

In this lab Lucas and I setup several different interrupt vectors that were able to trigger certain functions. These functions made the program function similarly to the Lab 1 and 2 bump bot script. Once these interrupts were created and working we moved to creating counters and displays for each of the buttons pressed. In the image seen below, one can see an example of what the LCD display would look like upon boot up.



## 3 Assembly Overview

As for the Assembly program an overview can be seen below.

### 3.1 Internal Register Definitions and Constants

Many different constants and registers are assigned in this program, and due to this they will not all be listed. Some more important registers will be highlighted however. The hlcnt and the hrcnt registers were created to count the number of times each button was pressed on either bumper. The strSize is a constant that determines how long the steady state numbers are that need to be

patched in every time to the LCD are. All the other values and register assignments are either taken from Lab 1 or Lab 3 and connect to the bump bot script or the LCD scripts.

## **3.2 Interrupt Vectors**

Vectors setup are; hit right on interrupt 0, hit left on interrupt 1, and clear counters on interrupt 3.

## **3.3 Initialization Routine**

Firstly the stack pointer is initialized then ports B and D are initialized for output and input respectively. The LCD is then initialized in its own subroutines as we set it to turn its backlight on and clear any remaining text on the screen. Then we set it such that it displays clear delimiters for each of our button presses. Next we load up the interrupt control for falling edge detection, and configure the interrupt mask for just the 3 interrupts we had setup earlier. Finally we run the sei command to set the interrupt flag in SREG so that the interrupts can work at all.

## **3.4 Main Routine**

The main routine is very simple due to the fact that most operations are handled outside of the main routine by interrupts. All it does is send the move forward command to the LEDs.

## **3.5 Subroutines**

### **3.6 ClearCounters**

This subroutine clears the counters for each button press, then clears the LCD of any overflowing numbers, and resets it back to its initial state. This is done by loading all 16 characters into the data memory that the display looks at for its characters.

### **3.7 toLCD**

The toLCD subroutine is quite simple with regards to what we have already completed. It sets the first four bits of each row to the characters in data memory then uses the built in Bin2ASCII command to take the mpr register and print it to the LCD display. It then enables the LCD to write the characters to the screen.

#### **3.7.1 HitRight**

This subroutine is nearly the same as the subroutine built for the original bump bot script. The major changes to it are that it increments a register such that it keeps track of how many times the subroutine is called, and it also calls the toLCD command, allowing the update to be pushed to the LCD. Finally it also has a debounce filter, to disable any interrupts that may have run during the method.

### 3.7.2 HitLeft

This subroutine is nearly the same as the one built for the original bump bot script. It's major changes are the same as HitRight's, those being the associated counter, the toLCD command and the filter.

### 3.7.3 Wait

This is the stock wait function. It is unchanged from the original bump bot script.

## 4 Testing

Tested Each button press and compared to external calculations.

Case	Expected	Actual meet expected
d4	an increment on the LCD, and the bump bot right hit function to be called	✓
d5	an increment on the LCD, and the bump bot left hit function to be called	✓
d6	The two numbers listed on the screen reset	✓
d7	nothing	✓

Table 1: Assembly Testing Cases

## 5 Study Questions

1. In this lab, you used the Fast PWM mode of 16-bit Timer/Counter, which is only one of many possible ways to implement variable speed on a Tek-Bot. Suppose instead that you used Normal mode, and had it generate an interrupt for every overflow. In the overflow ISR, you manually toggled both Motor Enable pins of the TekBot, and wrote a new value into the Timer/Counter's register. (If you used the correct sequence of values, you would be manually performing PWM.) Give a detailed assessment (in 1-2 paragraphs) of the advantages and disadvantages of this new approach, in comparison to the PWM approach used in this lab.
2. the previous question outlined a way of using a single 16-bit Timer/Counter in Normal mode to implement variable speed. How would you accomplish the same task (variable TekBot speed) using in CTC mode? Provide a rough-draft sketch of the Timer/Counter-related parts of your design, using either a flow chart or some pseudocode (but not actual assembly code)
3. In the next lab, you will be utilizing Timer/Counter1, which can make use of several 16 bit timer registers. The datasheet describes a particular manner in which these registers must be manipulated. To illustrate the process, write a snippet of assembly code that configures OCR1A with a value of 0x1234. For the sake of simplicity, you may assume that no interrupts are triggered during your code's operation.
4. Each ATmega32U4 USART module has two flags used to indicate its current transmitter state: the Data Register Empty (UDRE) flag and Transmit Complete (TXC) flag. What is the difference between these two flags, and which one always gets set first as the transmitter

runs? You will probably need to read about the Data Transmission process in the datasheet (including looking at any relevant USART diagrams) to answer this question.

5. Each ATmega32U4 USART module has one flag used to indicate its current receiver state (not including the error flags). For USART1 specifically, what is the name of this flag, and what is the interrupt vector address for the interrupt associated with this flag? This time, you will probably need to read about Data Reception in the datasheet to answer this question

## 6 Difficulties

This Lab challenged the thinking power of implementation of ideas we have learned in lecture. It was not too difficult however did require referencing both the AVR manual and the atmega32u4 datasheet.

## 7 Conclusion

In conclusion, this lab introduced and allowed the student to understand many more aspects of how to program a function using interrupts and modify an existing program to work with an LCD in conjunction with those interrupts. This lab proves that the student is learning how to modify certain code structures and is becoming more fluent in the AVR programming scheme

## 8 Source Code

Listing 1: Assembly Bump Bot Script

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1  ;*****
2  ;*
3  ;*   This is the skeleton file for Lab 6 of ECE 375
4  ;*
5  ;*   Author: Astrid Delestine & Lucas Plaisted
6  ;*   Date: 3/1/23
7  ;*
8  ;*****
9
10 .include "m32U4def.inc"           ; Include definition file
11
12 ;*****
13 ;*   Internal Register Definitions and Constants
14 ;*****
15 .def      mpr = r16                ; Multipurpose register
16 .def      waitcnt = r17            ; Wait Loop Counter,
17                                           ; waitcnt*10ms for delay
18 .def      ilcnt = r18              ; Inner Loop Counter
19 .def      olcnt = r19              ; Outer Loop Counter
20 .def      speed = r20               ; Speed register, max of 15
21
22 ;*****
23 ;*   Start of Code Segment
24 ;*****
25 .cseg                               ; beginning of code segment
26
27 ;*****
28 ;*   Interrupt Vectors
29 ;*****
30 .org      $0000
31          rjmp      INIT             ; reset interrupt
32
33          ; place instructions in interrupt vectors here, if needed
34
35 .org      $0056                     ; end of interrupt vectors
36
37 ;*****
38 ;*   Program Initialization
39 ;*****
40 INIT:
41          ; Initialize the Stack Pointer
42          ldi        mpr, low(RAMEND)
43          out        SPL, mpr        ; Load SPL with low byte of RAMEND
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44      ldi      mpr, high(RAMEND)
45      out      SPH, mpr          ; Load SPH with high byte of RAMEND
46
47      ; Configure I/O ports
48      ; Initialize Port B for output
49      ldi      mpr, $FF          ; Set Port B Data Direction Register
50      out      DDRB, mpr        ; for output
51      ldi      mpr, $00          ; Initialize Port B Data Register
52      out      PORTB, mpr       ; so all Port B outputs are low
53      ; Initialize Port D for input
54      ldi      mpr, $00          ; Set Port D Data Direction Register
55      out      DDRD, mpr        ; for input
56      ldi      mpr, $FF          ; Initialize Port D Data Register
57      out      PORTD, mpr       ; so all Port D inputs are Tri-State
58      ; Configure External Interrupts, if needed
59      ; Should not need any
60      ; Configure 16-bit Timer/Counter 1A and 1B
61      ; TCCR1A Bits:
62      ; 7:6 - Timer/CounterA compare mode, 10 = non-inverting mode
63      ; On compare match clears port B pin 5
64      ; 5:4 - Timer/CounterB compare mode, 10 = non-inverting mode
65      ; On compare match clears port B pin 6
66      ; 3:2 - Timer/CounterC compare mode, 00 = disabled
67      ; 1:0 - Wave gen mode low half, 01 for 8-bit fast pwm
68      ldi mpr, 0b10_10_00_01
69      sts TCCR1A, mpr
70      ; TCCR1B Bits:
71      ; 7:5 - not relevant, 0's
72      ; 4:3 - Wave gen mode high half, 01 for 8 bit fast pwm
73      ; 2:0 - Clock selection, 001 = no prescale
74      ldi mpr, 0b000_01_001
75      sts TCCR1B, mpr
76      ; Fast PWM, 8-bit mode, no prescaling
77      ; In inverting Compare Output mode output is cleared on compare
78      ;
79
80      ; Set TekBot to Move Forward (1<<EngDirR|1<<EngDirL) on Port B
81      ldi mpr, $F0
82      out PINB, mpr
83      ; Set initial speed, display on Port B pins 3:0
84      ldi speed, $0F
85      rcall WRITESPD
86      ; Enable global interrupts (if any are used)
87      ; Not used
88      ldi waitcnt, 5 ; Set wait timer to be 100ms
89

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90 ;*****
91 ;*   Main Program
92 ;*****
93 MAIN:
94     ; poll Port D pushbuttons (if needed)
95     in mpr, PIND
96     sbrs mpr, 7 ; Run next command if button 7 presed (active low)
97     rcall MAXSPD
98     sbrs mpr, 5
99     rcall DECSPD
100    sbrs mpr, 4
101    rcall INCSPD
102
103    rjmp     MAIN                ; return to top of MAIN
104
105 ;*****
106 ;*   Functions and Subroutines
107 ;*****
108
109 ;-----
110 ; Func: INCSPD
111 ; Desc: Increases the "speed" of the motor by increasing
112 ;       the width of the pulse. Has built in debouncing.
113 ;       Prevents going over the max speed.
114 ;-----
115 INCSPD:
116     ; Push to stack
117     push mpr
118
119     inc speed                ; increase the speed
120     sbrc speed, 5            ; Skip next command if bit 5 is cleared
121                                ; If bit 5 is set then we are 16+, 15 is max
122     ldi speed, 15            ; If we are over 15, set speed to 15
123     rcall WRITESPD
124 INCHOLD:                    ; Don't leave until we let go of the button
125     rcall Wait                ; Wait 50ms, debouncing
126     in mpr, PIND                ; Grab current button value
127     sbrs mpr, 4                ; Check if button is still held
128     rjmp INCHOLD                ; Stay in loop if held
129     ; Pop from stack
130     pop mpr
131     ret                        ; End a function with RET
132
133 ;-----
134 ; Func: DECSPD
135 ; Desc: Decreases the "speed" of the motor by decreasing

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136 ;           the width of the pulse. Has built in debouncing
137 ;-----
138 DECSPD:
139     ; Push to stack
140     push mpr
141     cpi speed, 0      ; If speed is 0
142     breq DECSKIP      ; Don't decrement
143     dec speed
144     rcall WRITESPD
145     ; Pop from stack
146 DECHOLD:                ; Don't leave until we let go of the button
147     rcall Wait          ; Wait 50ms, debouncing
148     in mpr, PIND         ; Grab current button value
149     sbrs mpr, 5          ; Check if button is still held
150     rjmp DECHOLD        ; Stay in loop if held
151 DECSKIP:
152     pop mpr
153     ret                  ; End a function with RET
154
155 ;-----
156 ; Func: MAXSPD
157 ; Desc: Increases the "speed"
158 ;-----
159 MAXSPD:
160     push mpr
161     ldi speed, 15
162     rcall WRITESPD
163 MAXHOLD:                ; Don't leave until we let go of the button
164     rcall Wait          ; Wait 100ms, debouncing
165     in mpr, PIND         ; Grab current button value
166     sbrs mpr, 7          ; Check if button is still held
167     rjmp MAXHOLD        ; Stay in loop if held
168     pop mpr
169     ret                  ; End a function with RET
170
171 ;-----
172 ; Func: WRITESPD
173 ; Desc: Sets the timer compares for the current speed as
174 ;       well as setting the lower nibble of
175 ;-----
176 WRITESPD:
177     push mpr
178     ldi mpr, 17          ; 255/15 = 17
179     mul speed, mpr      ; speed*17 = pulse width
180     clr mpr             ; set mpr to 0
181     sts OCR1AH, mpr     ; write to high byte of both compares

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182      mov mpr, R0      ; place output into mpr. Max 255 = 1 reg
183      sts OCR1AL, mpr ; write to low byte of both compares
184      clr mpr
185      sts OCR1BH, mpr ; only done because requiried
186      mov mpr, R0      ; place output into mpr. Max 255 = 1 reg
187      sts OCR1BL, mpr ; write to low byte of both compares
188      ldi mpr, 0b10010000
189      add mpr, speed
190      out PINB, mpr
191      pop mpr
192      ret
193
194      ;-----
195 ; Sub:   Wait
196 ; Desc:  A wait loop that is 16 + 159975*waitcnt cycles or roughly
197 ;         waitcnt*10ms. Just initialize wait for the specific amount
198 ;         of time in 10ms intervals. Here is the general eqaution
199 ;         for the number of clock cycles in the wait loop:
200 ;         (((((3*ilcnt)-1+4)*olcnt)-1+4)*waitcnt)-1+16
201 ;-----
202 Wait:
203      push    waitcnt      ; Save wait register
204      push    ilcnt        ; Save ilcnt register
205      push    olcnt        ; Save olcnt register
206
207 Loop:  ldi     olcnt, 224   ; load olcnt register
208 OLoop: ldi     ilcnt, 237   ; load ilcnt register
209 ILoop: dec     ilcnt       ; decrement ilcnt
210      brne    ILoop        ; Continue Inner Loop
211      dec     olcnt        ; decrement olcnt
212      brne    OLoop        ; Continue Outer Loop
213      dec     waitcnt      ; Decrement wait
214      brne    Loop         ; Continue Wait loop
215
216      pop     olcnt        ; Restore olcnt register
217      pop     ilcnt        ; Restore ilcnt register
218      pop     waitcnt      ; Restore wait register
219      ret              ; Return from subroutine
220
221 ; *****
222 ; *   Stored Program Data
223 ; *****
224      ; Enter any stored data you might need here
225
226 ; *****
227 ; *   Additional Program Includes

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228 ;*****
229      ; There are no additional file includes for this program
```