

# ECE 375 Lab 4

## Large Number Arithmetic

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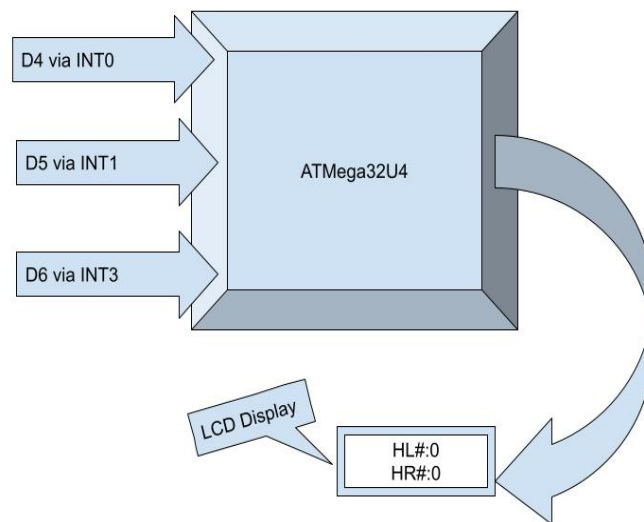
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# 1 Introduction

This is the fourth lab in the ECE 375 series and it covers adding and subtracting words as well as multiplying words together. In this sense words designate 16 bit numbers. It is important to note that this assembly was written for the m128 chipset and not the regular atmega32u4 chipset. This is due to the fact that we can operate a simulation tool when using the m128 chipset that is not available when we use our regular chipset. The student will write their assembly to do these expected operations with large numbers and is given the expected inputs and can calculate the outputs.

## 2 Design

This lab Lucas and I collaborated and built out ideas for multi-byte addition, subtraction, and multiplication. It was quite interesting to see our ideas collide and how different approaches can be taken to the same problem. Addition can be considered very trivial, however subtraction becomes a little more difficult as the programmer has to consider negative values and if they are possible with this code. In the handout it clearly states that in this lab we will only be dealing with a more simple unsigned subtraction so the result can be held in two 8 bit registers. Next the multiplication of two 24 bit numbers. This will be more difficult than the previous two problems. In this case we decided to solve the problem linearly and not worry about looping or recursion. Finally we move on to the compound function, which uses each of the previously implemented methods to solve the problem of  $((G - H) + I)^2$ .



## 3 Assembly Overview

As for the Assembly program an overview can be seen below. It is also important to note that for each of the subroutines all the registers used are pushed and popped to and from the stack unless otherwise stated.

### 3.1 Internal Register Definitions and Constants

The multipurpose register was setup as r16. At r0 and r1 any multiplication output will be set, such that the outputs of any multiplication operation are automatically assigned to them. A default zero register is set to r2. Two other generic variable registers are defined as r3 and r4. Finally two registers named oloop and iloop are used for counting within the assembly itself.

### 3.2 Initialization Routine

Firstly the stack pointer is initialized, then the register defined above as the zero register is cleared.

### 3.3 Main Routine

The main operations that happen in the main routine are those that are initialized below and are called in this order. Firstly the adding operations take place, those being LOADADD16 and ADD16. Next the functions associated with the subtraction operation are called, those being LOADSUB16 and SUB16. Next the functions referencing the MUL24 operation are called. In order they are called LOADMUL24 and MUL24. Finally the compound function set is called, being LOADCOMPOUND and COMPOUND. Once all of these functions have been called the main method loops at the done flag, determining the program to be complete.

### 3.4 Subroutines

#### 3.5 ADD16

This subroutine adds two 16 bit numbers together. It does this by taking each X Y and Z registers and setting them to operator 1 operator 2 and the location to save the result respectively. Next, using the A variable register as an intermediary the two inputs were added together and saved into the Z register location. Finally if the carry flag is set at the end of the whole operation then we can assume the most significant bit needs to be set to 1, so it is done.

#### 3.6 SUB16

This subroutine takes two different inputs and subtracts the first from the second. The X Y and Z registers are initialized at the beginning of this subroutine first, the same way that they are in the add subroutine. In the actual operation part of this subroutine A and B registers are loaded with the lower values of X and Y and subtracted from each other. This is then preformed again to account for the second word. Due to the fact that we do not need to worry about signage these are each saved directly to the location pointed to by Z

### 3.6.1 MUL24

This subroutine takes 4 different data locations and multiplies 24 bits by 24 bits, resulting in a 48 bit number. It must be built differently to the MUL16 operation. Every time addition occurs we need to check for the carry bit and pass it forward if necessary. This will continue until there is no carry bit to pass upward. In reality this can only ever happen up to 4 times. In this subroutine the first operand is loaded into the Z pointer. Then the second operand is loaded into the Y pointer, finally the result is loaded into the X register. For each of these, they load the start of each because they will increment throughout the method. The data in Y and Z are multiplied and the result is stored in r0 and r1. ADDMUL2x is then called. This fixes the carry bit problem of multiplying by 24 bits and as long as we call ADDMUL2x after our multiplication then everything will work out.

### 3.6.2 ADDMUL2x

This subroutine adds a partial multiplication result to the location x is pointing to. This presumes that x is already pointing to the location where the low result of the current multiplication needs to go. Essentially it takes the multiplication outputs and cycles the carry bit up until it cannot anymore. It utilized a loop moving the carry byte in and out of X when necessary.

### 3.6.3 COMPOUND

Performs the operation  $((G - H) + I)^2$  Using multiplication, addition and subtraction.

### 3.6.4 CLRRES

Clears the result memory locations for each ADD16 SUB16 and MUL24. Makes heavy use of the zero register

### 3.6.5 LOADMUL24, LOADADD16, LOADSUB16, & LOADCOMPOUND

These subroutines have all been combined as they all do essentially the same operation, they just differ in the data they point to. They load all of the numbers used in each subroutine called above from data memory into program memory so that they are more easily accessible.

### 3.6.6 MUL16

A pre-supplied basis subroutine that multiplies 2 16 bit numbers together.

### 3.6.7 FUNC

A pre-supplied boiler plate function template that each subroutine is based off of.

## 4 Testing

Tested Each input value and compared to external calculations.

Case	Expected	Actual meet expected
$\$FCBA + \$FFFF$	\$01FCB9	✓
$\$FCB9 - \$E420$	\$1899	✓
$\$00FFFFFF * \$00FFFFFF$	\$FFFFFFE000001	✓
$((\$FCBA - \$2022) + \$21BB)^2$	\$FCA8CEE9	✓

Table 1: Assembly Testing Cases

## 5 Study Questions

1. Although we dealt with unsigned numbers in this lab, the ATmega32 micro-controller also has some features which are important for performing signed arithmetic. What does the V flag in the status register indicate? Give an example (in binary) of two 8-bit values that will cause the V flag to be set when they are added together.

The V flag is the 2's complement overflow indicator, this would be useful when two negative values are being added or subtracted for example 0b1000\_0000 - 0b1000\_0000. This result would no longer fit in the 2's complement space, and so the V flag would be thrown

2. In the skeleton file for this lab, the .BYTE directive was used to allocate some data memory locations for MUL16's input operands and result. What are some benefits of using this directive to organize your data memory, rather than just declaring some address constants using the .EQU directive?

Using the .BYTE directive allows you to not only assume the space is empty but also it allows you to pre-allocate a size of the space that .equ does not.

3. In computing, there are traditionally two ways for a microprocessor to listen to other devices and communicate: polling and interrupts. Give a concise overview/description of each method, and give a few examples of situations where you would want to choose one method over the other.

Polling is essentially when the computer is constantly asking a device for its status. This might be good when plotting a data stream that is constantly flowing into the computer. Interrupts allow the computer to work on other tasks and if a button or certain signal is received, it stops whatever it is doing, goes and runs the triggered task, and returns to whatever it was doing prior. This would be very good for a mouse and keyboard.

4. Describe the function of each bit in the following ATmega32U4 I/O registers: EICRA, EICRB, and EIMSK. Do not just give a brief summary of these registers; give specific details for each bit of each register, such as its possible values and what function or setting results from each of those values. Also, do not just directly paste your answer from the datasheet, but instead try to describe these details in your own words.

in EICRA bits 0 and 1 determine if the signal is detected on a rising edge, falling edge, any edge, or a low level. These control the first 4 interrupts in a fashion such that interrupt 0 is the 0th and 1st bits, interrupt 1 is the 2nd and 3rd bits, and so on. EICRB is very similar except it only handles external interrupt 6, on its 4th and 5th bits. all of its other bits are reserved. EIMSK is an interrupt mask, to enable an interrupt it must be enabled here, the interrupt is associated with its bit, ie bit 6 masks for interrupt 6. This is active high.

5. The ATmega32U4 microcontroller uses interrupt vectors to execute particular instructions when an interrupt occurs. What is an interrupt vector? List the interrupt vector (address) for each of the following ATmega32U4 interrupts: Timer/Counter0 Overflow, External Interrupt 6, and Analog Comparator.

The atmega32u4 has 43 different reset and interrupt vectors an interrupt vector is a trigger that allows a certain function to be run. Timer/Counter0:\$002E External Interrupt 6:\$000E and Analog Comparator:\$0038

6. Microcontrollers often provide several different ways of configuring interrupt triggering, such as level detection and edge detection. Suppose the signal shown in Figure 1 was connected to a microcontroller pin that was configured as an input and had the ability to trigger an interrupt based on certain signal conditions. List the cycles (or range of cycles) for which an external interrupt would be triggered if that pin's sense control was configured for: (a) rising edge detection, (b) falling edge detection, (c) low level detection, and (d) high level detection. Note: There should be no overlap in your answers, i.e., only one type of interrupt condition can be detected during a given cycle.

- (a) rising edge detection: 7,14
- (b) falling edge detection: 2,11
- (c) low level detection: 3  $\rightarrow$  6, 12  $\rightarrow$  13
- (d) high level detection: 1, 8  $\rightarrow$  10, 15

## 6 Difficulties

This lab was more challenging than the last, however it did not require us to learn anything outside of lecture. This is a good thing, due to the fact that we re only expected to know exactly what we are taught.

## 7 Conclusion

This lab cemented the ideas of logical operands and allowed the student to understand how computers operate with large numbers, especially larger numbers than they might be able to handle naively. Additionally the pencil and paper method described in the handout was not how I was taught how to do multiplication, so the solution may be more or less difficult depending on the students type of education.

## 8 Source Code

Listing 1: Assembly Bump Bot Script

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1  ;*****
2  ;*   This is the skeleton file for Lab 5 of ECE 375
3  ;*
4  ;*   Author: Astrid Delestine & Lucas Plaisted
5  ;*   Date: Enter Date
6  ;*
7  ;*****
8
9  .include "m32U4def.inc"          ; Include definition file
10
11 ;*****
12 ;* Variable and Constant Declarations
13 ;*****
14 .def      mpr = r16              ; Multi-Purpose Register
15 .def      waitcnt = r17          ; Wait Loop Counter
16 .def      ilcnt = r18           ; Inner Loop Counter
17 .def      olcnt = r19           ; Outer Loop Counter
18 .def      hlcnt = r15           ; Hit Left Counter
19 .def      hrcnt = r14           ; Hit Right Counter
20 ;.def      count = r20           ; needed for LCD binToASCII
21
22 .equ      WTime = 50             ; Time to wait in wait loop
23
24 .equ      WskrR = 4              ; Right Whisker Input Bit
25 .equ      WskrL = 5             ; Left Whisker Input Bit
26 .equ      EngEnR = 5            ; Right Engine Enable Bit
27 .equ      EngEnL = 6            ; Left Engine Enable Bit
28 .equ      EngDirR = 4           ; Right Engine Direction Bit
29 .equ      EngDirL = 7           ; Left Engine Direction Bit
30
31 ;//TAKEN FROM LAB3
32
33 .equ      lcdL1 = 0x00          ; Make LCD Data Memory locations constants
34 .equ      lcdH1 = 0x01
35 .equ      lcdL2 = 0x10          ; lcdL1 means the low part of line 1's location
36 .equ      lcdH2 = 0x01          ; lcdH2 means the high part of line 2's location
37 .equ      lcdENDH = 0x01        ; as it sounds, the last space in data mem
38 .equ      lcdENDL = 0x1F        ; for storing lcd text
39
40 ;//END TAKEN FROM LAB3
41
42 .equ      strSize = 4;
43
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44
45 ;////////////////////////////////////
46 ; These macros are the values to make the TekBot Move.
47 ;////////////////////////////////////
48
49 .equ    MovFwd = (1<<EngDirR|1<<EngDirL)    ; Move Forward Command
50 .equ    MovBck = $00                        ; Move Backward Command
51 .equ    TurnR = (1<<EngDirL)                ; Turn Right Command
52 .equ    TurnL = (1<<EngDirR)                ; Turn Left Command
53 .equ    Halt = (1<<EngEnR|1<<EngEnL)        ; Halt Command
54
55 ;*****
56 ;* Start of Code Segment
57 ;*****
58 .cseg                                ; Beginning of code segment
59
60 ;*****
61 ;* Interrupt Vectors
62 ;*****
63 .org    $0000                        ; Beginning of IVs
64         rjmp    INIT                ; Reset interrupt
65
66         ; Set up interrupt vectors for any interrupts being used
67
68
69         ; This is just an example:
70 ;.org    $002E                        ; Analog Comparator IV
71 ;        rcall    HandleAC          ; Call function to handle interrupt
72 ;        reti     ; Return from interrupt
73 .org    $0002 ;INT0
74         rcall    HitRight           ;RIGHT WHISKER
75         reti
76 .org    $0004 ;INT1
77         rcall    HitLeft            ;LEFT WHISKER
78         reti
79 ;.org    $0006 ;INT2
80 .org    $0008 ;INT3
81         rcall    ClearCounters      ;CLEAR COUNTERS
82         reti
83 ;.org    $000E ;INT6
84
85 .org    $0056                        ; End of Interrupt Vectors
86
87 ;*****
88 ;* Program Initialization
89 ;*****

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90 INIT:
91     ; Initialize the Stack Pointer (VERY IMPORTANT!!!!)
92     ldi     mpr, low(RAMEND)
93     out     SPL, mpr           ; Load SPL with low byte of RAMEND
94     ldi     mpr, high(RAMEND)
95     out     SPH, mpr          ; Load SPH with high byte of RAMEND
96
97     ; Initialize Port B for output
98     ldi     mpr, $FF          ; Set Port B Data Direction Register
99     out     DDRB, mpr         ; for output
100    ldi     mpr, $00           ; Initialize Port B Data Register
101    out     PORTB, mpr         ; so all Port B outputs are low
102
103    ; Initialize Port D for input
104    ldi     mpr, $00           ; Set Port D Data Direction Register
105    out     DDRD, mpr         ; for input
106    ldi     mpr, $FF          ; Initialize Port D Data Register
107    out     PORTD, mpr        ; so all Port D inputs are Tri-State
108
109
110
111    ;init the LCD
112    rcall   LCDInit
113    rcall   LCDBacklightOn
114    rcall   LCDClr
115    rcall   toLCD
116
117    rcall   ClearCounters
118
119
120    ; Initialize external interrupts
121    ; Set the Interrupt Sense Control to falling edge
122    ldi mpr, 0b10001010
123    sts EICRA, mpr;
124
125    ; Configure the External Interrupt Mask
126    ldi mpr, 0b0000_1011 ; x0xx_0000 ; all disabled
127    out EIMSK, mpr;
128    ; Turn on interrupts
129    ; NOTE: This must be the last thing to do in the INIT function
130    sei ; Turn on interrupts
131
132    ;*****
133    ;*   Main Program
134    ;*****
135 MAIN:                                ; The Main program

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136
137         ldi      mpr, MovFwd      ; Load Move Forward Command
138         out      PORTB, mpr
139
140         rjmp     MAIN              ; Create an infinite while loop to
141                                   ; signify the end of the program.
142
143 ; *****
144 ;*  Functions and Subroutines
145 ; *****
146
147 ;-----
148 ;   You will probably want several functions, one to handle the
149 ;   left whisker interrupt, one to handle the right whisker
150 ;   interrupt, and maybe a wait function
151 ;-----
152
153 ;-----
154 ; Func: Template function header
155 ; Desc: Cut and paste this and fill in the info at the
156 ;       beginning of your functions
157 ;-----
158 ClearCounters:                    ; Begin a function with a label
159
160         ; Save variable by pushing them to the stack
161
162         ; Execute the function here
163         clr      hrcnt              ; sets hlcnt and hrcnt to zero by
164         clr      hlcnt              ; doing an xor operation with itself
165
166         push     ZL                  ; Save vars to stack
167         push     ZH
168         push     XL
169         push     XH
170         push     mpr
171         push     ilcnt
172
173         ldi      ZL , low(String_Beg<<1) ; Sets ZL to the low bits
174                                   ; of the first string location
175         ldi      ZH , high(String_Beg<<1) ; Sets ZH to the first
176                                   ; of the first string location
177         ldi      XH , lcdH1
178         ldi      XL , lcdL1
179         ldi      ilcnt , 16
180
181 CCL1: ; While ilcnt != zero 1

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182      lpm   mpr, Z+
183      st    X+ , mpr
184      dec   ilcnt
185      brne  CC11
186
187      ldi   ZL, low(String2_Beg<<1)
188      ldi   ZH, high(String2_Beg<<1)
189      ; z is already pointing at the second
190      ; string due to how memory is stored
191      ldi   XH , lcdH2
192      ldi   XL , lcdL2
193      ldi   ilcnt , 16
194
195 CC12: ; While ilcnt != zero 2
196      lpm   mpr, Z+
197      st    X+ , mpr
198      dec   ilcnt
199      brne  CC12
200
201      rcall LCDWrite
202
203      pop   ilcnt
204      pop   mpr
205      pop   XH
206      pop   XL
207      pop   ZH
208      pop   ZL                ; Pop vars off of stack
209      ; Restore variable by popping them from the stack
210      ; in reverse order
211
212      ret                    ; End a function with RET
213
214
215 ;-----
216 ; Func: toLCD
217 ; Desc: Takes various info and pushes it to the LCD
218 ;      *HL#:0
219 ;      *HR#:0
220 ;-----
221 toLCD:
222      push  ZL                ; Save vars to stack
223      push  ZH
224      push  XL
225      push  XH
226      push  mpr
227      push  ilcnt

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228
229      ; Sets ZL to the low bits of the first string location
230      ldi  ZL , low(STRING_BEG<<1)
231      ldi  ZH , high(STRING_BEG<<1)
232      ; points to the data location where LCD draws from
233      ldi  XH , lcdH1
234      ldi  XL , lcdL1
235      ldi  ilcnt , 4
236
237 Line1Loop: ; While ilcnt != zero
238      lpm  mpr, Z+
239      st   X+ , mpr
240      dec  ilcnt
241      brne Line1Loop
242      //end loop
243
244      mov mpr, hlcnt; copies the counter to mpr
245
246      rcall Bin2ASCII
247      ; Takes a value in MPR and outputs
248      ; the ascii equivalent to XH:XL
249      ; convineintly X is currently pointing where
250      ; I would like this number to go
251
252
253      ldi  ZL, low(STRING2_BEG<<1)
254      ldi  ZH, high(STRING2_BEG<<1)
255
256      ldi  XH , lcdH2
257      ldi  XL , lcdL2
258      ldi  ilcnt , 4
259
260 Line2Loop: ; While ilcnt != zero 2
261      lpm  mpr, Z+
262      st   X+ , mpr
263      dec  ilcnt
264      brne Line2Loop
265
266
267      mov mpr, hrcnt;
268      rcall Bin2ASCII
269
270      rcall LCDWrite
271
272
273

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274
275
276
277     pop    ilcnt
278     pop    mpr
279     pop    XH
280     pop    XL
281     pop    ZH
282     pop    ZL                ; Pop vars off of stack
283
284
285     ret
286 ;-----
287 ; Sub:   HitRight
288 ; Desc:  Handles functionality of the TekBot when the right whisker
289 ;        is triggered.
290 ;-----
291 HitRight:
292     push    mpr                ; Save mpr register
293     push    waitcnt            ; Save wait register
294     in      mpr, SREG          ; Save program state
295     push    mpr                ;
296
297     ; Move Backwards for a second
298     ldi     mpr, MovBck ; Load Move Backward command
299     out     PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
300     ldi     waitcnt, (WTime<<1) ; Shifted bit back by 1,
301                                ; making the wait time two seconds
302     rcall   Wait                ; Call wait function
303
304     ; Turn left for a second
305     ldi     mpr, TurnL  ; Load Turn Left Command
306     out     PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
307     ldi     waitcnt, WTime ; Wait for 1 second
308     rcall   Wait                ; Call wait function
309
310     ; Move Forward again
311     ldi     mpr, MovFwd ; Load Move Forward command
312     out     PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
313
314     pop     mpr                ; Restore program state
315     out     SREG, mpr          ;
316     pop     waitcnt            ; Restore wait register
317     pop     mpr                ; Restore mpr
318
319     inc     hrcnt;

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320      rcall    toLCD;
321      ;fix debounce
322      ldi mpr , 0b0000_0001
323      out EIFR, mpr
324      ret      ; Return from subroutine
325
326 ;-----
327 ; Sub:  HitLeft
328 ; Desc: Handles functionality of the TekBot when the left whisker
329 ;       is triggered.
330 ;-----
331 HitLeft:
332      push     mpr      ; Save mpr register
333      push     waitcnt   ; Save wait register
334      in       mpr, SREG ; Save program state
335      push     mpr      ;
336
337      ; Move Backwards for a second
338      ldi      mpr, MovBck ; Load Move Backward command
339      out      PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
340      ldi      waitcnt, (WTime<<1) ; Wait for 1 second
341      rcall    Wait      ; Call wait function
342
343      ; Turn right for a second
344      ldi      mpr, TurnR ; Load Turn Left Command
345      out      PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
346      ldi      waitcnt, WTime ; Wait for 1 second
347      rcall    Wait      ; Call wait function
348
349      ; Move Forward again
350      ldi      mpr, MovFwd ; Load Move Forward command
351      out      PORTB, mpr ; Send command to port
352
353      pop      mpr      ; Restore program state
354      out      SREG, mpr ;
355      pop      waitcnt   ; Restore wait register
356      pop      mpr      ; Restore mpr
357
358      inc      hlcnt     ;
359      rcall    toLCD;
360      ;fix debounce
361      ldi mpr , 0b0000_0010
362      out EIFR, mpr
363      ret      ; Return from subroutine
364
365 ;-----

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366 ; Sub:   Wait
367 ; Desc:  A wait loop that is  $16 + 159975 * \text{waitcnt}$  cycles or roughly
368 ;         $\text{waitcnt} * 10\text{ms}$ . Just initialize wait for the specific amount
369 ;        of time in 10ms intervals. Here is the general equation
370 ;        for the number of clock cycles in the wait loop:
371 ;         $(((((3 * \text{ilcnt}) - 1 + 4) * \text{olcnt}) - 1 + 4) * \text{waitcnt}) - 1 + 16$ 
372 ;
373 Wait:
374     push    waitcnt        ; Save wait register
375     push    ilcnt          ; Save ilcnt register
376     push    olcnt          ; Save olcnt register
377
378 Loop:    ldi    olcnt, 224    ; load olcnt register
379 OLoop:   ldi    ilcnt, 237    ; load ilcnt register
380 ILoop:   dec    ilcnt        ; decrement ilcnt
381         brne   ILoop        ; Continue Inner Loop
382         dec    olcnt        ; decrement olcnt
383         brne   OLoop        ; Continue Outer Loop
384         dec    waitcnt      ; Decrement wait
385         brne   Loop         ; Continue Wait loop
386
387         pop    olcnt        ; Restore olcnt register
388         pop    ilcnt        ; Restore ilcnt register
389         pop    waitcnt      ; Restore wait register
390         ret                ; Return from subroutine
391
392
393
394 ;
395 ; Func:  Template function header
396 ; Desc:  Cut and paste this and fill in the info at the
397 ;        beginning of your functions
398 ;
399 FUNC:                                ; Begin a function with a label
400
401     ; Save variable by pushing them to the stack
402
403     ; Execute the function here
404
405     ; Restore variable by popping them from the stack in reverse order
406
407     ret                                ; End a function with RET
408
409 ; *****
410 ; *   Stored Program Data
411 ; *****

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412
413 ; Enter any stored data you might need here
414 ;.org
415 STRING_BEG:
416 .DB      "HL#:0_" ; Declaring data in ProgMem
417 STRING2_BEG:
418 .DB      "HR#:0_"
419 STRING_END:
420
421
422 ;*****
423 ;*   Additional Program Includes
424 ;*****
425 .include "LCDDriver.asm" ; Include the LCD Driver

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