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LABORATORY #2

Use of UART/Serial Communication to/from the TivaWare® DK-TM4C123G Board

OBJECTIVES

- Increase the usage and knowledge of the DK-TM4C123G Development Kit
- Implement UART communication between DK-TM4C123G Board and the PC workstation
- Differentiate between UART button press events
- Establish control of the DK-TM4C123G Board functionality through a unique, reliable menu interface
- Continued use of ‘C’ programming language
- Increased understanding and use of functions, variables, and constants in the TivaWare® Peripheral Driver Library

PURPOSE

To establish a connection through a virtual COM port and allow a user to control multiple devices, such as the OLED display and LED out, through a displayed menu screen on the DK-TM4C123G Development Kit. The OLED should display software maintained and continuously updated numerical values which can be useful in later debugging.

SPECIFICATIONS

The objective of the code development in this procedure is to write and execute a program which continues the pseudo-infinite loop based on the previous laboratory exercise. The program will utilize the OLED and LED functions to display the satisfactory UART connection and communication.

The program *must* implement the use of a menu function with two unique and properly functioning additional menu options. A constant communication must be maintained with the PC via UART ensuring a steadfast display of LED operation, loop/button counts, and I/O counts. Toggle functions must also be incorporated for the LED and “flood” character.

At minimum, the program is required to display a unique “splash-screen”, a bi-directional UART communication, and the specifications described in short above.

PROCEDURE

Part 1:

The procedure's onset is easier to set up from the gained knowledge of the use of the IAR workbench from the previous laboratory exercise. To begin the IAR workbench should be set up in the same general manner as CS322 exercise 1. The base files to implement and work off for this procedure are the `uart_echo` file in conjunction with the completed file from exercise 1.

After the initial retrieval, organization, and verification process has been established and the communication settings have been specified between the PC and the DK-TM4C123G UART peripheral the PuTTY application should be opened and waiting for instruction from the IAR workbench.

The set up for this lab, while familiar, demonstrated the delicate nature of the IAR workbench settings in connection with the DK-TM4C123G Development Kit. It is imperative to understand the hardware and software aspects that will be utilized throughout the exercise to ensure a productive and timely procedural execution.

In laboratory exercise 2 a simple insight into the UART's communication set up and execution will allow for the focus of the lab to be maintained on the code execution and correction. The UART communication is present through a USB connection and the microcontroller pins U0RX and U0TX. This information may seem irrelevant in the inauguration of the process but becomes an indispensable bit of information in the later section of the exercise procedure.

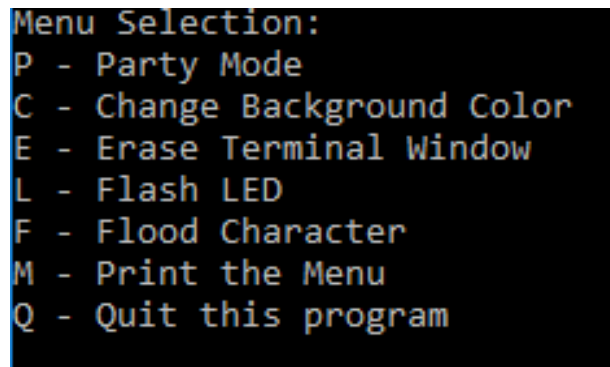
To begin the construction of the project the cardinal objective, and arguably the most effortless task is to change the `uart_echo` string that displays as the "splash-screen" to a unique, team-specific message. The string "Gray & Pietz" was chosen for this program.

Subsequently, the code to enable the UART0 operations is implemented. This code segment employs the usage of interrupts. While not disadvantageous, the maintenance of the interrupt functionality is frivolous when the other required portions of the code obligate attention and adjustment. Additionally, the `ROM_` and `MAP_` prefixes are unnecessary, and their removal is recommended.

After the initial revision and simplification of the code for the program is completed the incorporation of the polled UART I/O functionality is invoked. This portion, with the implementation of the user defined `process_menu()` function and UART checking/gathering functions, seems daunting and the function and constant names are unfamiliar. However, the introductory exposure to the UART communication system code is (fairly) straight forward and does not require multiple application attempts to compile fully. This is a nice, but fleeting, surprise.

For the first `process_menu()` subfunction, the employment of a unique "flood" character is transmitted once per second. Since the prefatory introduction to the DK-TM4C123G Development Kit does not include inessential features such as the use of the built-in crystal main internal clock, the process of ensuring the "flood" character's ('@' in this instance) reiteration per second proves to be the first considerable challenge faced in this exercise. In the end, the timing was speculated, and the "flood" character was output after a certain number of loop iterations in the main process.

The following step is to create the full layout of the menu_process() function to the OLED display. The menu functionalities are as shown below in Figure 1.0.



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Menu Selection:
P - Party Mode
C - Change Background Color
E - Erase Terminal Window
L - Flash LED
F - Flood Character
M - Print the Menu
Q - Quit this program
```

Figure 1.0 : Menu Functionalities

As shown above, the program offers the options to change the color of the OLED screen banner, clear the output shown in the PuTTY window, toggle the “flood” character output, toggle the LED function, a party mode toggle which loops through different OLED color displays, reprinting the menu display, and the option to quit the program (with a goodbye message output to the OLED and PuTTY window). Out of all of these options the hardest to materialize is the clear function due to the fact that the PuTTY window will show all formatting errors (and lack of formatting). The realization of the considerable differences between the DK-TMC123G board programming and the routine programming language (with the common built-in syntax and formatting) is expeditiously overt in the literal manifestation of the program.

Part 2:

The use of the DK-TM4C123G Development Kit’s output signals has primarily been visualized through COM communication and OLED interface interpretation. To show the output from the UART0_RX and UART0_TX pins, the board is connected to the Analog Discovery monitor and projected on the Waveforms graphical application.

The figure offered with the laboratory exercise 2 instruction manual for the demonstration of the Analog Discovery connections to the two pins mentioned above on the DK-TM4C123G board is a critical figure in the establishment of communication between the board and the software. Unfortunately, the shadowed figure offered, reproduced below in Figure 1.1, is quite difficult to decipher and a substantial amount of time is liable to succumb to its essential execution which is detrimental to the performance of the Waveforms program if misinterpreted (witnessed from experience).

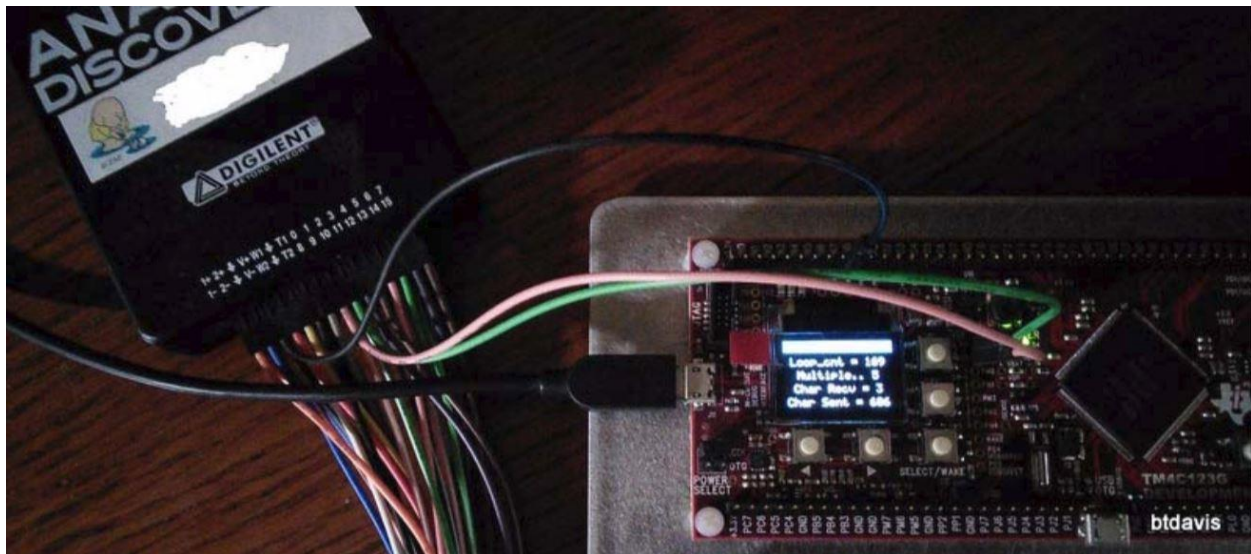


Figure 1.1: Connection Confusion

Once the correct pin/port locations are determined, the consequent trial proved to be the undertaking of the Waveforms program. This application does not reflect the image offered in the laboratory exercise manual and a tutorial to the Waveforms software is not offered. This miscommunication can lead to a considerable misapplication of time as it proved for us.

Once the software was functioning according to the exercise's constraints the capture of the waveforms of the "flood" character output and an extended sequence of characters, shown below in Appendix B, was uncomplicated. The waveforms show the ASCII output interpretation and UART interpreters and an additional display of the harmonious functionality between the hardware and our software development – a rewarding and invigorating sight for sore eyes.

REPORT DISCUSSION

1. PDL functions used for the first time by our team in this lab:
 - i. UARTPutChar()
 - ii. GrContextBackgroundSet()
 - iii. UARTCharsAvail()
 - iv. GrRectFill()
2. The key difference between blocking and non-blocking I/O is that with the former the thread is unable to proceed until the input is processed fully. Moreover, with a blocking I/O there can only be one input at a time when antagonistically a non-blocking I/O can take multiple threads. The trade-off when using the non-blocking I/O is that there is less of a guarantee that the data transmitted was assuredly received.
3. The ASCII value for the "flood" character used in this program, depicted in Appendix B: Figure 1, is 40. The hexadecimal value 40, or h40 as shown in the UART Waveform interpreter, represents the '@' symbol.
4. The ASCII value for the character shown ('T') being transmitted by the DK-TM4C123G in Figure 5 in the CS322 Laboratory Exercise 2 Procedure Manual is 54.
5. After examination of Figure 6 from the CS322 Laboratory Exercise 2 Procedure Manual, it is clear to conclude that the shown signal {DIO0} corresponds to UART0_TX and the signal {DIO1} corresponds to UART0_RX. This is apparent considering that the Waveform graph is depicting the

input of a character to the PuTTY menu which then outputs the appropriate response to the menu call to the DK-TM4C123G. Therefore, it is safe to conclude that the output (TX/Transmission) corresponds to the {DIO0} signal due to the significant total of waves being produced in the figure comparative to the single waveform being shown for the {DIO1} signal (a single input character).

6. UART communication is implemented in the TivaWare© DK-TM4C123G by sending a sequence of 8-bit messages in parallel. At the output of the UART signal, these bits are usually represented by logical voltage levels. The RS-232 specifies voltage levels and larger voltage fluctuations make the RS-232 more resistant to interference. A microcontroller UART cannot generate ± 15 voltages by itself. A RS-232 connection is much safer in voltage connections without damage because of the more universal standards and less need for converters and calculations. The voltage of the {idle signal (1), start-bit (0), stop-bit (1)} in UART and RS-232 is {+3.3, 0, +3.3} and {+15, (+3 to +15), (-3 to -15)} respectively. ¹ The board used has a voltage input of +3.3 V so that is the data that is used above. In the TivaWare© manual though, it states: “for both low-power and normal mode operation, the ILPDVSR field in the UARILPR register must be programmed such that $1.42 \text{ MHz} < \text{FIRLPBaud16} < 2.12 \text{ MHz}$ ” ²; so, the true value could be interpreted as such.
7. The Cytron URS232A converter is an industry standard integrated circuit Driver / Receiver which can be used to convert from TTL-Level UART to an RS-232 level UART.
8. The most unanticipated part of the lab was the difficulty of configuring the Waveforms software and the difficulty of working with a substantial amount of code, with all its bugs, in such a limited time frame. Although the implementation of the specific baseline requirements in the laboratory exercise were not strenuous, the incorporation of each individual part into the larger program proved to be formidable. The laboratory exercise timing calculation does not consider how many diminutive errors can be produced in a single block of code; and furthermore, how ambiguous they will seem. After all is resolved and concluded it is safe to assert that a greater effort in research into supplemental software applications would be much more helpful on the student end in the future and an increased photo resolution and varied camera angles for figures would make this exercise go more fluid in the future.

CONCLUSION

The trials, the errors, the frustrating compiling errors, and the relieving breakthroughs all intermingle into a programming experience unparalleled by the novice encounters that have preceded this exercise. The lessons learned throughout the process reflect themes of time management, extended research and preparation efforts, and the realization that the absence of one semi-colon could mean hours of frustrating contemplation. Despite the foreseeable triumphs and tribulations there remains a steadfast ray of awe and admiration at the recognition that the threshold between hardware and software lies a keystroke away.

APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A: Lab Code

```
1 //*****
2 //
3 // CS322.50 Labratory 2 Software File
4 // Developed by: Andrea Gray and Daniel Pietz (c)
5 // Version: 1.30 28-JAN-2019
6 //
7 //*****
8
9 //*****
10 //
11 // uart_echo.c - Example source for reading data from and writing data to the
12 //                UART in an interrupt driven fashion for Labratory Exercise 2.
13 //
14 // Copyright (c) 2011-2017 Texas Instruments Incorporated.
15 //
16 // This is part of revision 2.1.4.178 of the DK-TM4C123G Firmware Package.
17 //
18 //*****
19
20 //*****
21 //
22 //                !!! DISCLAIMER !!!
23 //
24 // Functions in the code below have been wrapped without syntax consideration
25 // in reference to compiling to fit lab report width specifications.
26 // The code file (.c) used in the execution of the project does not include
27 // these text wraps for proper compilation.
28 //
29 //*****
30
31 #include <stdint.h>           // Standard library header for integers
32                               // with varying widths
33 #include <stdio.h>           // Standard library header for input
34                               // and outputs -- sprintf in this
35                               // program specifically
36 #include <stdbool.h>         // Standard library header for boolean
37                               // data types
38 #include <time.h>            // Header file with four main variable
39                               // types for manipulating date and
40                               // time information
41 #include <stdlib.h>          // Standard C library header -- malloc
42                               // in this program specifically
43 #include <string.h>          // Header file for the use and
44                               // manipulation of strings
45 #include "inc/hw_memmap.h"   // Header file for BASE call use
46 #include "driverlib/debug.h" // TM4C123G debugging header file
47 #include "driverlib/fpu.h"   // Header for FPULazyStackingEnable
48                               // function
49 #include "driverlib/gpio.h"  // Header file for all GPIO function calls
50 #include "driverlib/sysctl.h" // Header file for System Control Specs
51 #include "driverlib/uart.h"  // Header file for UART function calls
52 #include "gplib/grlib.h"     // Header file for output calls
53 #include "drivers/cfal96x64x16.h" // Header file for OLED display dimension
54                               // specifications
55 #include "drivers/buttons.h"  // Header file for push-buttons counter
56 #define LEDon 20000          // defines the on period of the LED in ms
57 #define LEDoff 380000        // defines the off period of the LED in ms
58
59 //*****
60 //
61 // This example application utilizes the UART to echo text. All characters
62 // recoeved on the UART are transmitted back to the UART.
63 //
64 //*****
65
66
67 //*****
68 // Function Declarations
69 //*****
70 void printScreen(char *str);
71 void clear();
72 void printMenu();
73 void blinky(volatile uint32_t ui32Loop);
74
75 //*****
76 //
77 // The error routine that is called if the driver library encounters an error.
78 //
```

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79 //*****
80 #ifndef DEBUG
81 void __error__(char *pcFilename, uint32_t ui32Line) {
82 }
83 #endif
84
85 //*****
86 //
87 // Holds the current, debounced state of each button. 0 = pressed.
88 // We assume that we start with all the buttons released (though if one is
89 // pressed when the application starts, this will be detected).
90 //
91 //*****
92 static uint8_t g_ui8ButtonStates = ALL_BUTTONS;
93
94 //*****
95 //
96 // Initializes the GPIO pins used by the board pushbuttons with a weak
97 // pull-up.
98 //
99 //*****
100 void ButtonsInit(void) {
101 //
102 // Enable the GPIO port to which the pushbuttons are connected.
103 //
104 SysCtlPeripheralEnable(BUTTONS_GPIO_PERIPH);
105
106 //
107 // Set each of the button GPIO pins as an input with a pull-up.
108 //
109 GPIODirModeSet(BUTTONS_GPIO_BASE, ALL_BUTTONS, GPIO_DIR_MODE_IN);
110 GPIOPadConfigSet(BUTTONS_GPIO_BASE, ALL_BUTTONS,
111                 GPIO_STRENGTH_2MA, GPIO_PIN_TYPE_STD_WPU);
112
113 //
114 // Initialize the debounced button state with the current state read from
115 // the GPIO bank.
116 //
117 g_ui8ButtonStates = GPIOPinRead(BUTTONS_GPIO_BASE, ALL_BUTTONS);
118 }
119
120 //*****
121 //
122 // Send a string to the UART.
123 //
124 //*****
125 void UARTSend(const uint8_t *pui8Buffer, uint32_t ui32Count) {
126 // Loop while there are more characters to send.
127 while(ui32Count--) {
128 // Write the next character to the UART.
129 UARTCharPutNonBlocking(UART0_BASE, *pui8Buffer++);
130 }
131 }
132
133 //*****
134 //
135 // The main function to initialize the UART, LED, OLED, and run through the
136 // program
137 //
138 //*****
139
140 int main(void) {
141     tRectangle sRect; // OLED rectangle
142                       // variable
143     tContext sContext; // OLED graphics buffer
144     int gNumCharRecv = 0; // Count for characters
145                          // recieved by the UART
146     volatile uint32_t ui32Loop; // Blinky LED volatile
147                                // loop.
148     bool shouldFlood = false; // "Flood" character
149                               // toggle
150     bool shouldBlink = true; // LED blinky toggle
151
152     //*****
153     // Counter variables
154     //*****
155     int tickCount = 0; // Clock ticks for flood
156                       // character.

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157 int whileLoop = 1;
158 int colorSwitch = 0; // OLED Color toggle
159 int shouldCycle = 0; // Boolean for Party Mode
160 uint32_t buttonState = 0; // Boolean to check if a
161 // button was pressed.
162 int buttonCounter = 0; // Counting how many
163 // times a button was
164 // pressed.
165 int lastPressed = 0; // Saves the number of
166 // the last button
167 // pressed for OLED
168 // output.
169
170 //*****
171 //
172 // Enable lazy stacking for interrupt handlers. This allows floating-point
173 // instructions to be used within interrupt handlers, but at the expense of
174 // extra stack usage.
175 //
176 //*****
177 FPLazyStackingEnable();
178
179 //*****
180 //
181 // Set the clocking to run directly from the crystal.
182 //
183 //*****
184 SysCtlClockSet(SYSCTL_SYSDIV_1 | SYSCTL_USE_OSC | SYSCTL_OSC_MAIN |
185               SYSCTL_XTAL_16MHZ);
186
187 //*****
188 //
189 // Enable the GPIO port that is used for the on-board LED.
190 //
191 //*****
192 SysCtlPeripheralEnable(SYSCTL_PERIPH_GPIOG);
193
194 //*****
195 //
196 // Check if the LED peripheral access is enabled.
197 //
198 //*****
199 while(!SysCtlPeripheralReady(SYSCTL_PERIPH_GPIOG)) {
200 }
201
202 //*****
203 //
204 // Enable the GPIO pin for the LED. Set the direction as output, and
205 // enable the GPIO pin for digital function.
206 //
207 //*****
208 GPIOPinTypeGPIOOutput(GPIO_PORTG_BASE, GPIO_PIN_2);
209
210
211 //*****
212 //
213 // Initialize the OLED display driver.
214 //
215 //*****
216 CFAL96x64x16Init();
217
218 //*****
219 //
220 // Initialize the OLED graphics context.
221 //
222 //*****
223 GrContextInit(&sContext, &q_sCFAL96x64x16);
224
225 //*****
226 //
227 // Fill the top part of the screen with blue to create the banner.
228 //
229 //*****
230 sRect.i16XMin = 0; // left edge
231 sRect.i16YMin = 0; // top edge
232 sRect.i16XMax = GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) - 1; // right edge
233 sRect.i16YMax = 9; // bottom edge
234 GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue); // dark blue banner

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235 GrRectFill(&sContext, &sRect); // fill the rectangle
236 // area
237
238 //*****
239 //
240 // Change foreground for white text.
241 //
242 //*****
243 GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrWhite);
244
245 //*****
246 //
247 // Put the application name in the middle of the banner.
248 //
249 //*****
250 GrContextFontSet(&sContext, g_psFontFixed6x8);
251 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "Gray & Pietz", -1,
252 GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 4, 0);
253
254 //*****
255 //
256 // Initialize the display and write instructions.
257 //
258 //*****
259 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "Choose an", -1,
260 GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 20, false);
261 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "option", -1,
262 GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 30, false);
263 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "from the", -1,
264 GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 40, false);
265 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "menu.", -1,
266 GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 50, false);
267
268 //*****
269 //
270 // Enable the peripherals used by this example.
271 //
272 //*****
273 SysCtlPeripheralEnable(SYSCTL_PERIPH_GPIOA); // GPIO Pin Set
274 SysCtlPeripheralEnable(SYSCTL_PERIPH_UART0); // UART0 Set
275
276 //*****
277 //
278 // Set GPIO 0 and 1 as UART pins.
279 //
280 //*****
281 GPIOPinTypeUART(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, GPIO_PIN_0 | GPIO_PIN_1);
282
283 //*****
284 //
285 // Configure the UART for custom 115,200 baud rate.
286 //
287 //*****
288 UARTConfigSetExpClk(UART0_BASE, SysCtlClockGet(), 115200,
289 (UART_CONFIG_WLEN_8 | UART_CONFIG_STOP_ONE |
290 UART_CONFIG_PAR_NONE));
291
292 //*****
293 //
294 // Check to see if the GPIO peripheral is ready.
295 //
296 //*****
297 SysCtlPeripheralEnable(SYSCTL_PERIPH_GPIOG);
298 while(!SysCtlPeripheralReady(SYSCTL_PERIPH_GPIOG)) {
299 }
300
301 //*****
302 //
303 // Set the LED Pin output to pin 2.
304 //
305 //*****
306 GPIOPinTypeGPIOOutput(GPIO_PORTG_BASE, GPIO_PIN_2); // GPIO output is pin 2.
307 ButtonsInit(); // Enable buttons for
308 // each loop iteration.
309 int Looper = 0; // Set loop variable and
310 // initialize to 0.
311
312

```

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313 clear();
314 printMenu(); // Print the menu out.
315
316 //*****
317 //
318 // Indefinite while loop
319 //
320 //*****
321 while(whileLoop != 0) {
322
323     // Variable incrementations.
324     Looper++;
325     whileLoop++;
326     tickCount++;
327
328     //*****
329     //
330     // Flood character output description and timing.
331     //
332     //*****
333     if(tickCount == 3) {
334         tickCount = 0;
335         if(shouldFlood == 1) {
336             UARTCharPut(UART0_BASE, '@'); // Toggle catch
337         }
338     }
339
340     //*****
341     //
342     // Blinky function toggle catch
343     //
344     //*****
345     if(shouldBlink) {
346         blinky(ui32Loop);
347     }
348
349     //*****
350     //
351     // Checking for a button press and displaying output as designated and
352     // incrementing counts accordingly.
353     //
354     //*****
355     buttonState = (~GPIOPinRead(BUTTONS_GPIO_BASE, ALL_BUTTONS)
356                   && ALL_BUTTONS);
357     if(GPIOPinRead(BUTTONS_GPIO_BASE, ALL_BUTTONS)) {
358         buttonCounter++;
359         switch (buttonState) {
360             case UP_BUTTON:
361                 lastPressed = 1; // UP = 1
362                 break;
363             case DOWN_BUTTON:
364                 lastPressed = 2; // DOWN = 2
365                 break;
366             case LEFT_BUTTON:
367                 lastPressed = 3; // LEFT = 3
368                 break;
369             case RIGHT_BUTTON:
370                 lastPressed = 4; // RIGHT = 4
371                 break;
372             case SELECT_BUTTON:
373                 lastPressed = 5; // SELECT = 5
374                 break;
375         }
376     }
377
378     //*****
379     //
380     // Changing the OLED output depending on Party Mode toggle and Banner
381     // Color menu selection.
382     //
383     //*****
384     if(shouldCycle == 1) {
385         if(colorSwitch == 2) {
386             colorSwitch = -1; // End case catch
387         }
388
389         // Setting OLED display as full available rectangle output.
390         colorSwitch++;

```



```

391 sRect.i16XMin = 0;
392 sRect.i16YMin = 0;
393 sRect.i16XMax = GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) - 1;
394 sRect.i16YMax = GrContextDpyHeightGet(&sContext) - 1;
395
396 // Switch case to determine the next OLED color output.
397 switch (colorSwitch) {
398     case 0: // 0 = Dark Blue
399         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
400         GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
401         break;
402     case 1: // 1 = Red
403         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrRed);
404         GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrRed);
405         break;
406     case 2: // 2 = Green
407         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrGreen);
408         GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrGreen);
409         break;
410     default: // Default = Dark Blue
411         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
412         GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
413         break;
414 }
415
416 // Re-draw the OLED rectangular output with above determined color
417 // and correct banner message.
418 GrRectFill(&sContext, &sRect);
419 GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrWhite);
420 GrContextFontSet(&sContext, g_psFontFixed6x8);
421 GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "Gray & Pietz", -1,
422                     GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 4, 0);
423 } // end shouldCycle()
424
425 //*****
426 //
427 // While loop when a character is inputted in the PuTTY window.
428 //
429 //*****
430 while (UARTCharsAvail(UART0_BASE)) {
431     char str[50]; // Empty string
432                 // declaration for
433                 // line 469
434     int32_t local_char; // Setting the input
435                       // character to a
436                       // local variable.
437
438     //*****
439     //
440     // Re-draw the OLED with updated statistics
441     //
442     //*****
443     sRect.i16XMin = 0;
444     sRect.i16YMin = 10;
445     sRect.i16XMax = GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) - 1;
446     sRect.i16YMax = GrContextDpyHeightGet(&sContext) - 1;
447     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrBlack);
448     GrRectFill(&sContext, &sRect);
449     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrWhite);
450     sprintf(str, "Loop: %d", Looper);
451     GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, str, -1,
452                         GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 20, false);
453     sprintf(str, "Last Pressed: %d", lastPressed);
454     GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, str, -1,
455                         GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 30, false);
456     sprintf(str, "Press Counter: %d", buttonCounter);
457     GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, str, -1,
458                         GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2, 40, false);
459     local_char = UARTCharGetNonBlocking(UART0_BASE);
460
461     //*****
462     //
463     // If the input character is not invalid, begin the character
464     // matching statement below through the switch statement and act
465     // accordingly to the user input.
466     //
467     //*****
468     if (local_char != -1) {

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```

469 gNumCharRecv++; // Characters recieved
470 // counter incrementation
471 UARTCharPut(UART0_BASE, local_char); // Sending a single
472 // character through the
473 // UART TX (transmitting)
474 // channel
475
476 // Begin character input matching to menu option.
477 switch(local_char) {
478     case 67: // Switch banner color
479             // - C
480             if(colorSwitch == 2) {
481                 colorSwitch = -1;
482             }
483             colorSwitch++; // Color cycle counter
484                             // incrementation
485
486             // sRect below is specifying banner area.
487             sRect.i16XMin = 0;
488             sRect.i16YMin = 0;
489             sRect.i16XMax = GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) - 1;
490             sRect.i16YMax = 9;
491             switch (colorSwitch) {
492                 case 0:
493                     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
494                     GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
495                     break;
496                 case 1:
497                     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrRed);
498                     GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrRed);
499                     break;
500                 case 2:
501                     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrGreen);
502                     GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrGreen);
503                     break;
504                 default:
505                     GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
506                     GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrDarkBlue);
507                     break;
508             }
509
510             // Filling in the rest of the OLED screen after banner is
511             // updated.
512             GrRectFill(&sContext, &sRect);
513             GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrWhite);
514             GrContextFontSet(&sContext, g_psFontFixed6x8);
515             GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "Gray & Pietz", -1,
516                                     GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2,
517                                     4, 0);
518             break;
519
520     case 69: //Clear PuTTY window - E
521             clear();
522             break;
523
524     case 70: // Flood toggle - F
525             if(shouldFlood == 0) {
526                 shouldFlood = 1;
527             }
528             else {
529                 shouldFlood = 0;
530             }
531             break;
532
533     case 76: //LED toggle - L
534             if(shouldBlink == 0)
535                 shouldBlink = 1;
536             else
537                 shouldBlink = 0;
538             break;
539
540     case 77: // Re-print menu - M
541             printMenu();
542             break;
543
544     case 80: // Party Mode Toggle - P
545             if(shouldCycle == 0) {
546                 shouldCycle = 1;

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547     }
548     else
549     {
550         shouldCycle = 0;
551     }
552     break;
553
554     case 81: // Quit program - Q
555         putString("\n\rBYE!"); // Goodbye message to
556                                // PuTTY window.
557
558         // Re-draw OLED with goodbye statment in red font.
559         sRect.i16XMin = 0;
560         sRect.i16YMin = 0;
561         sRect.i16XMax = GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) - 1;
562         sRect.i16YMax = GrContextDpyHeightGet(&sContext) - 1;
563         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrBlack);
564         GrContextBackgroundSet(&sContext, ClrBlack);
565         GrRectFill(&sContext, &sRect);
566         GrContextForegroundSet(&sContext, ClrRed);
567         GrContextFontSet(&sContext, g_psFontFixed6x8);
568         GrStringDrawCentered(&sContext, "Goodbye", -1,
569                               GrContextDpyWidthGet(&sContext) / 2,
570                               30, false);
571         whileLoop = 0;
572         break;
573
574     } // End menu switch block
575 } // End valid character
576 // check
577 } // End character
578 // detection
579 // loop.
580 // End indefinite while()
581 // End of main()
582
583 //*****
584 //
585 // PuTTY window clearing function.
586 //
587 //*****
588 void clear() {
589     UARTCharPut(UART0_BASE, 12);
590 }
591
592 //*****
593 //
594 // Using the character output function as a base for a parent function
595 // used to output an entire string to the OLED one character at a time.
596 //
597 //*****
598 void putString(char *str) {
599     for(int i = 0; i < strlen(str); i++) {
600         UARTCharPut(UART0_BASE, str[i]);
601     }
602 }
603
604 //*****
605 //
606 // Print menu function that takes the complete menu as a string and
607 // utilizes the print string function created above to output the entire menu
608 // in one transmission block to the PuTTY window.
609 //
610 //*****
611 void printMenu() {
612     // string below is wrapped for printing and elongated for compiling.
613     char*menu = "\rMenu Selection: \n\rP - Party Mode\n\rC - Change Background
614                 Color\n\rE - Erase Terminal Window\n\rL - Flash LED\n\rF
615                 - Flood Character\n\rM - Print the Menu\n\rQ - Quit this
616                 program\n\r";
617     putString(menu, UART0_BASE);
618 }
619
620 //*****
621 //
622 // Blinky LED "heartbeat" function.
623 //
624 //*****

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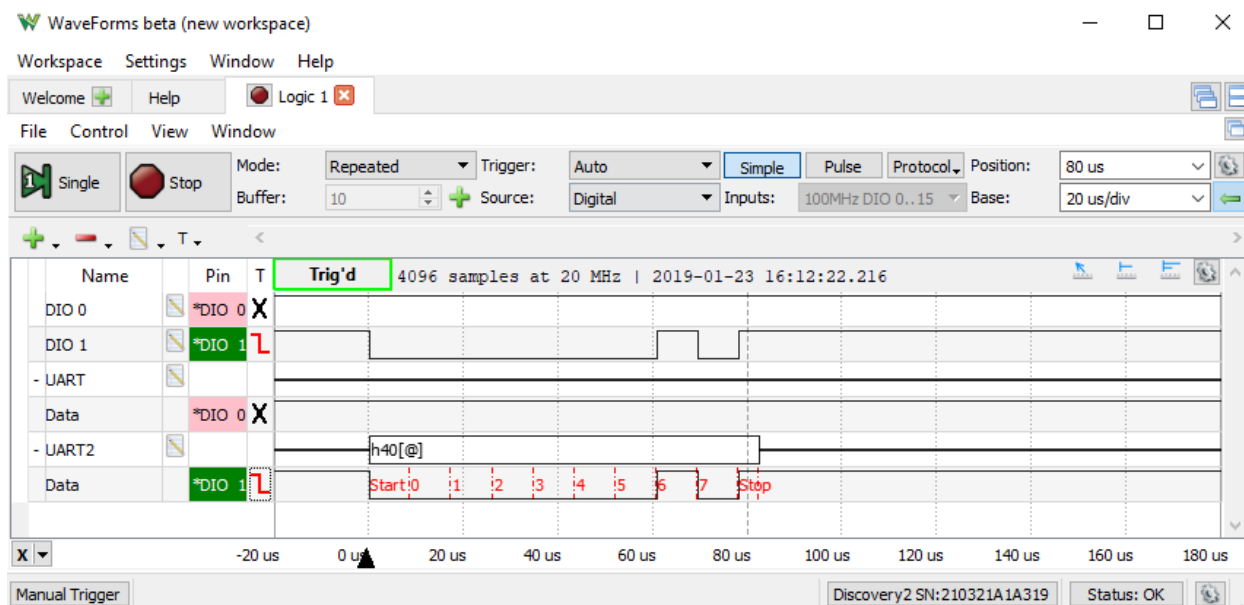
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625 void blinky(volatile uint32_t ui32Loop) {
626     // Turn on the LED.
627     GPIOPinWrite(GPIO_PORTG_BASE, GPIO_PIN_2, GPIO_PIN_2);
628
629     // Delay for amount specified in the LEDon #define at the top.
630     for(ui32Loop = 0; ui32Loop < LEDon; ui32Loop++) {
631     }
632
633     // Turn off the LED.
634     GPIOPinWrite(GPIO_PORTG_BASE, GPIO_PIN_2, 0);
635
636     // Delay for amount specified in the LEDoff #define at the top.
637     for(ui32Loop = 0; ui32Loop < LEDoff; ui32Loop++) {
638     }
639 }
640
641 //*****
642 // End of program!
643 //*****

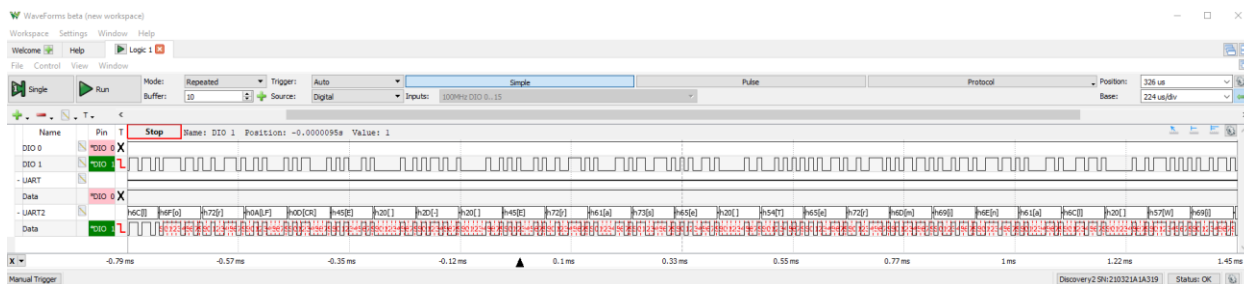
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APPENDIX B: Waveform Graphs

In the waveform graphs below, the UART0 input (RX-receiving) and output (TX-transmitting) signal displays are graphically exhibited. In Figure 1 the single “flood” character is shown with the ASCII interpreter below. In Figure 2 the menu_process() function output is delineated through its electrical transmittance.



Appendix B: Figure 1: Waveform



Appendix B: Figure 2: Extended Waveform

APPENDIX C: Instructor Sign Off

Instructor Sign-off

Each laboratory group must complete a copy of this sheet.

Student A Name Andrea Gray

Student B Name Daniel Pietz

DK-TM4C123G Board Used 28

Lab Station Used 05

IAR EWARM Version Used 7.70.1

TI Tivaware Version Used 2.1.4.178

1. Demonstrate communication between a terminal program on the Windows workstation and the DK-TM4C123 development kit. Software should display menu and responses to menu selections to the UART and use these interactions to modify data being displayed to the OLED. List the specific functionality toggles implemented in the solution below.

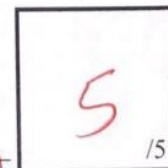
- "Flood" character toggle '@'
 - LED 'L'
 - Party Mode ✓
- Loop count
Buttons All OP
Grant UI - Above Regs

Instructors's Initials 23-Jr Date/Time 23-Jan 4:07pm

2. Verify the figure captured on the Analog Discovery is a valid UART character capable of being converted to ASCII by analysis of the signal.

Answer any questions the lab faculty may have, and demonstrate to the lab faculty that you have met the requirements of this laboratory exercise.

Instructors's Initials [Signature] Date/Time 23-Jan 4:10pm



APPENDIX D: Definitions

- **UART:** Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
- **I/O:** input and output
- **OLED:** Organic LED display
- **DK-TM4C123G:** The Texas-Instrument development kit board utilized for the physical laboratory exercise implementation

APPENDIX E: Citation

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