

Embedded Systems



AVR C Programming

- **Standard C constructs**
- **Extensions for embedded systems: ports, registers, etc.**
- **Different compilers implement embedded extensions differently**
- **Counterintuitive → moving from one compiler to another can be a major undertaking → C code may actually be less portable!**
- **Code can be significantly larger and often slower!**
- **Potential for hidden bugs/“features” the compiler introduces**
- **Compiler optimizations can cause problems!**
- **Potential for much faster program development. Easy to use RAM.**
- **Does not relieve programmer from understanding the AVR core or HW**
- **Can use existing libraries, 16-, 32-bit , floating-point arithmetic, ...**

AVR C Programming

- We will use the WinAVR/GCC compiler and libraries
- Windows port of GNU gcc compiler
- GNU copyright/copyleft

Compiler documentation:

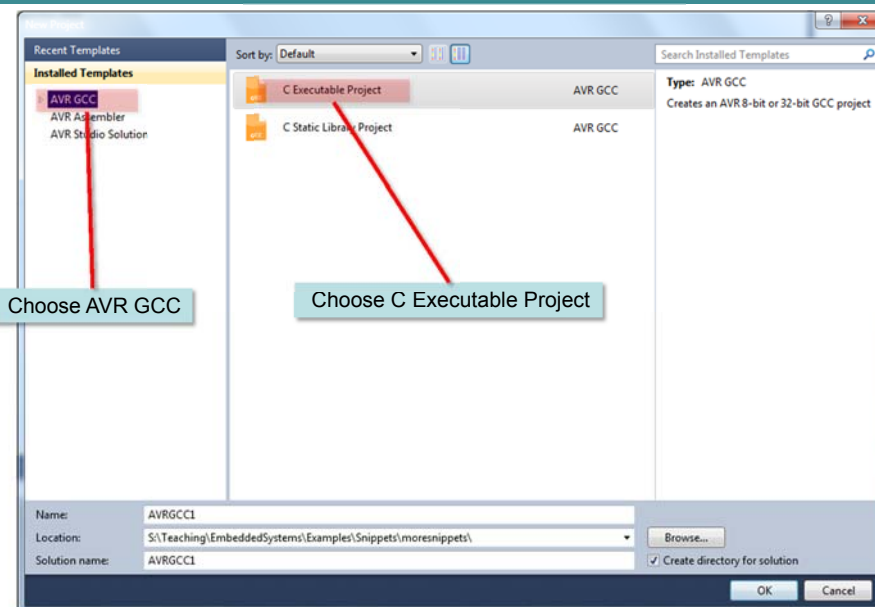
<https://www.microchip.com/webdoc/AVRLibcReferenceManual>

Compiler documentation: <http://www.nongnu.org/avr-libc/user-manual/index.html>

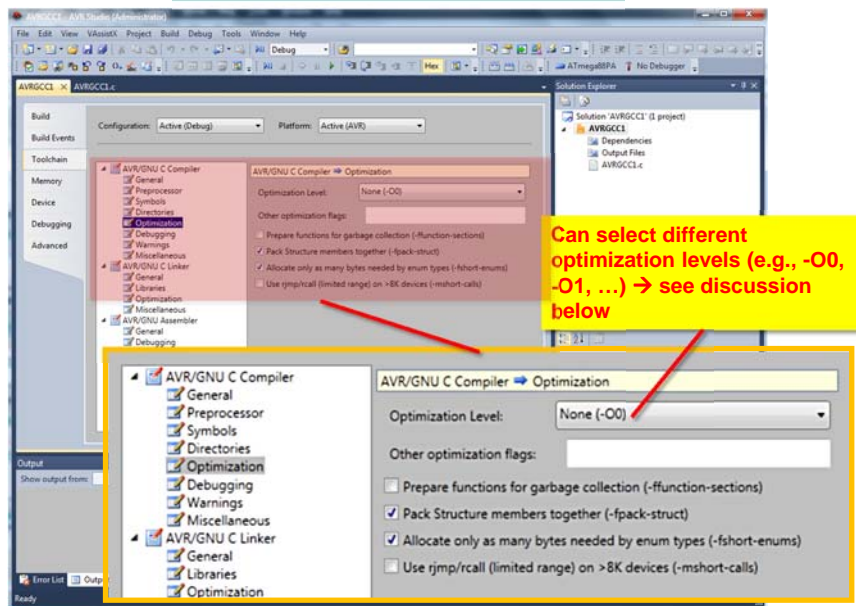
WinAVR home: <http://winavr.sourceforge.net>

Other resources: AVRFreaks: <http://www.avrfreaks.net>

C Project in AVR Studio



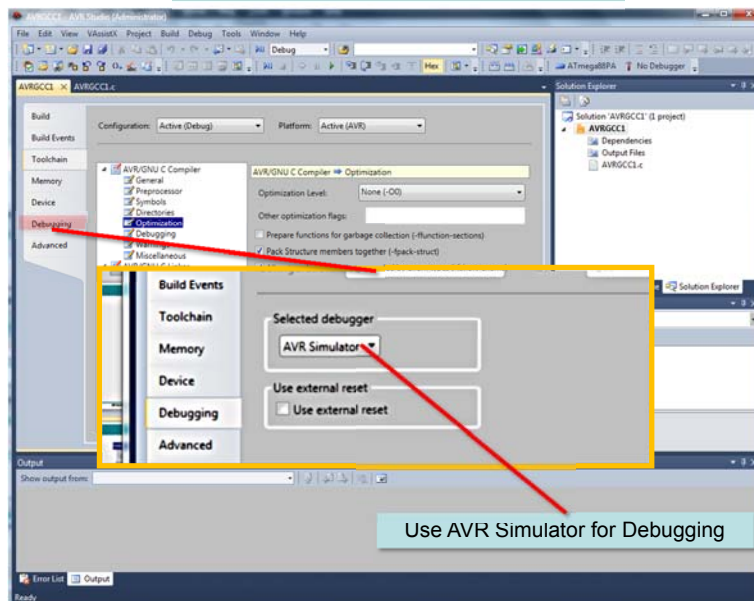
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C Project in AVR Studio

```
AVRGCC1.c S:\Teaching\EmbeddedSystems\Examples\Snippe
/*
 * AVRGCC1.c
 *
 * Created: 3/10/2012 12:48:28 PM
 * Author: Administrator
 */

#include <avr/io.h>

int main(void)
{
    while(1)
    {
        //TODO:: Please write your application code
    }
}
```

AVR Studio creates a skeleton program

C Project in AVR Studio

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AVRGCC1 AVRGCC1.c x
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/*
 * AVRGCC1.c
 *
 * Created: 3/10/2012 12:48:28 PM
 * Author: Administrator
 */

#ifndef F_CPU
#define F_CPU 8000000UL // 8 MHz clock speed
#endif

#include <avr/io.h>

int main(void)
{
    while(1)
    {
        //TODO:: Please write your app
    }
}
```

This is how you define the frequency of your hardware. This should match the actual clock frequency, otherwise delay routines will be wrong...

Blinky Program in C

```
#ifndef F_CPU
#define F_CPU 8000000UL // 8 MHz clock speed
#endif
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20; // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Hardware clock speed.
Most slides do NOT show this, but you should **always** have this in your code

Blinky Program in C

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int main (void)
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    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
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        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Define PORTC, DDRC, PINC, ...

Blinky Program in C

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#include <util/delay.h>

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;          // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20;  // Set bit 5
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        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Various delay routines

Blinky Program in C

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#include <util/delay.h>

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;          // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20;  // Set bit 5
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        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Compiler will take care of placing this in SRAM

Blinky Program in C

```
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#include <util/delay.h>

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20; // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Compare with `sbi DDRC,5`

Blinky Program in C

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

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        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Compare with `sbi portc,5`

Blinky Program in C

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;          // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20;  // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Use predefined delay routine, one of several delay routines.

Exact behavior depends on compiler switches.

Note the floating-point argument: 300.0

Blinky Program in C

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;          // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20;  // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

Compare with `cbi PORTC,5`

Disassembly – C program compiled with “-O0” Option

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;          // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp | 0x20;  // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
        tmp
        POR
        _de
    }
}
```

AVR Studio allows one to the corresponding assembly-language instructions in the so-called **disassembly window**.

	tmp = PORTC;	// Get PORTC
0000003F	LDI R24,0x28	Load immediate
00000040	LDI R25,0x00	Load immediate
00000041	MOVW R30,R24	Copy register pair
00000042	LDD R24,Z+0	Load indirect with displacement

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Disassembly – C program compiled with “-O0” Option

When hand-coding, it can be confusing when to **IN/OUT**, when to **LDS/STS**, etc. This is because, even though the registers, ports, etc. are all in SRAM, some instructions can't reach all of SRAM.

However, one can access any SRAM location with **LDS, STS** and the index registers. **PORTC** on the ATmega88, for example, has an equivalent SRAM address 0x28. This is the approach the GCC compiler takes. Rather than using **IN PORTC** instruction, it access **PORTC** via the SRAM.

```
while(1) {
    // Get PORTC
    tmp = tmp | 0x20; // Set bit 5
    PORTC = tmp;      // Update PORTC,5
    _delay_ms(300.0);

    tmp = PORTC;      // Get PORTC
    tmp
    POR
    _de
}
```

SRAM address of **PORTC**

This statement has the effect of

R30:R31 ← R24:R25

Note R30:R31 is the Z register, so that after this statement the Z register points to **PORTC**'s SRAM address.

	tmp = PORTC;	// Get PORTC
0000003F	LDI R24,0x28	Load immediate
00000040	LDI R25,0x00	Load immediate
00000041	MOVW R30,R24	Copy register pair
00000042	LDD R24,Z+0	Load indirect with displacement

After this statement R24 contains a copy of **PORTC**'s contents.

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PIN, PORT, DDR

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;           // PORTC,5 is now output
    tmp = PORTC;           // Get PORTC
    tmp = tmp | 0x20;       // Set bit 5
    PORTC = tmp;           // Update PORTC,5

    tmp = PINC;            // Read in all of PINC
    tmp = tmp & (1 << 3);   // Mask off 3rd bit: PINC,3
    tmp = tmp & (0x08);     // Mask off 3rd bit: PINC,3
    if (tmp) {
        // do something if
        // PINC,3 is set
    }
}
```

Set PORTC,5

PIN, PORT, DDR

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

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20;           // PORTC,5 is now output
    tmp = PORTC;           // Get PORTC
    tmp = tmp | 0x20;       // Set bit 5
    PORTC = tmp;           // Update PORTC,5

    tmp = PINC;            // Read in all of PINC
    tmp = tmp & (1 << 3);   // Mask off 3rd bit: PINC,3
    tmp = tmp & (0x08);     // Mask off 3rd bit: PINC,3
    if (tmp) {
        // do something if
        // PINC,3 is set
    }
}
```

Check PINC,3

Impact of C Compiler Optimization

DDRC = (1<<5);
PORTC = 0x20;

-O0

-O1

```
; DDRC = (1<<5);
LDI R24,0x27
LDI R25,0x00
LDI R18,0x20
MOVW R30,R24
STD Z+0,R18
; PORTC = 0x20;
LDI R24,0x28
LDI R25,0x00
LDI R18,0x20
MOVW R30,R24
STD Z+0,R18
```

```
; DDRC = (1<<5);
LDI R24,0x20
OUT 0x07,R24
; PORTC = 0x20;
LDI R18,0x20
OUT 0x08,R18
```

Note: some functions need optimization turned on to work correctly! → see online documentation

Error List
Entire Solution 0 Errors 1 Warning 0 Messages Build + IntelliSense
Description
Warning "Compiler optimizations disabled; functions from <util/delay.h> won't work as designed" [-Wcpp]

Impact of C Compiler Optimization

...
for(i=1; i<=100; i=i+1);
...

-O0

-O1

```
...
LDI R24,0x01
LDI R25,0x00
STD Y+2,R25
STD Y+1,R24
RJMP PC+0x0006
LDD R24,Y+1
LDD R25,Y+2
ADIW R24,0x01
STD Y+2,R25
STD Y+1,R24
LDD R24,Y+1
LDD R25,Y+2
SBIW R24,0x0B
BRLT PC-0x08
...
```

```
...
LDI R24,0x64
LDI R25,0x00
SBIW R24,0x01
BRNE PC-0x01
...
```

Note:

- a) Differences in running time!
- b) Some C compilers might completely ignore the for loop when optimization is turned on!

Delays

There are several methods for creating delays with using WinAVR/gcc

1) Ad-hoc cycle wasting. Write your own delay loop in C.

2) Simple delay loops that perform a busy-waiting. Does not use interrupts, should be used for short delays only.

`void _delay_loop_1(uint8_t count)` 3 CPU cycles per count (0-255) excluding overhead

`void _delay_loop_2 (uint16_t count)` 4 CPU cycles per count (0-65535) excluding overhead

3) Wrappers around `_delay_loop_1()` and `_delay_loop_2()`. Needs the clock frequency, set by for example: `#define F_CPU 8000000UL` or the `-DF_CPU=8000000UL` compiler switch. Note: compiler switches affect behavior!

`void _delay_ms(double ms)` Delays ms, uses `_delay_loop_2()`

`void _delay_us(double us)` Delays μ s, uses `_delay_loop_1()`

4) Hardware timers. Program the hardware timers as you would in assembly language

Delays

Question. Estimate the approximate delay; the following statements will affect with WinAVR, ATmega88PA, 8 MHz clock, no clock division using CLKDIV fuse, and `-DF_CPU=8000000UL` compiler switch:

```
#include <util/delay.h>
main(){

    unsigned char counter;

    counter = 0;
    while (counter !=10) {
        _delay_loop_2(30000);
        counter++;
    }
}
```

Answer. The function `_delay_loop_2` takes 4 cycles,

so that `_delay_loop(30000)` takes 120,000 cycles.

The system clock is 8 MHz, so 120,000 cycles will take 15 ms.

The `while` loop executes 0,1,...9, => total of 10 times, so the total delay is **150 ms**. The other statements (branch, increment, ...) make the actual delay slightly longer.

Delays

Use caution when using `_delay_ms()`!

The maximal possible accurate delay is **262.14 ms / F_CPU in MHz**.

→ Thus, when using a 10 MHz clock, the maximum accurate delay using `_delay_ms()` is 26.214 ms.

When the user request delay which exceed the maximum possible accurate one, `_delay_ms()` provides a decreased resolution functionality.

In this mode `_delay_ms()` will work with a resolution of 1/10 ms, providing delays up to 6.5535 seconds (independent from CPU frequency).

The user will not be informed about decreased resolution!

Question. How long will `_delay_ms(300.623)` delay with a 10 MHz clock?

Answer: Since 300.623 ms > 26.214 ms, the `_delay_ms` routine has a resolution of 1/10 ms and will delay 300.6 ms.

See link below for more information:

http://www.nongnu.org/avr-libc/user-manual/group_util_delay.html

Interrupts

```
// Toggle PB5 on INT0, high --> low
//
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR(INT0_vect) { // INT0 ISR

    PINC = PINC | 0x20;      // Toggle PORTC,5
}

int main (void)
{
    DDRC = 0x20;             // PORTC,5 is now output
    EICRA = EICRA | 0x02;    // INT0 if high --> low
    EIMSK = EIMSK | 1 << INT0; // Enable INT0
    sei();                   // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Contains #defines for
INT0, DDRC, EIMSK,
etc.

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}
```

Contains #defines for
ISR vector numbers

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    EICRA = EICRA | 0x02;    // INT0 if high --> low
    EIMSK = EIMSK | 1 << INT0; // Enable INT0
    sei();                   // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

The ISR for INT0. Note
that the compiler generates
the `reti`

The compiler also takes
care of saving/restoring
SREG and other registers
that the compiler may use.

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    EIMSK = EIMSK | 1 << INT0; // Enable INT0
    sei();                   // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Set the proper bits in EICRA and EIMSK to configure and enable INT0

Note: we don't have to keep track of whether cbi/sbi, or in/out, or sts, etc. are needed.

The compiler generates the proper code.

Interrupts

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//
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#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR(INT0_vect) { // INT0 ISR

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}

int main (void)
{
    DDRC = 0x20;             // PORTC,5 is now output
    EICRA = EICRA | 0x02;    // INT0 if high --> low
    EIMSK = EIMSK | 1 << INT0; // Enable INT0
    sei();                   // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Enable interrupts and enter main loop.

16-Bit Timer Interrupt

```
// Toggle PB5 on Timer1 overflow
//
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR(TIMER1_OVF_vect) {    // TIMER1 Overflow ISR

    PINC = PINC | 0x20;    // Toggle PORTC,5
}

int main (void)
{
    DDRC = 0x20;           // PORTC,5 is now output
    TCCR1B = TCCR1B | 1 << CS10;    // 8 MHz clock
    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1;    // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
    sei();                 // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Contains #defines for
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    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1;    // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
    sei();                 // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Contains #defines for
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16-Bit Timer Interrupt

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#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR(TIMER1_OVF_vect) { // TIMER1 Overflow ISR

    PINC = PINC | 0x20; // Toggle PORTC,5
}

int main (void)
{
    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    TCCR1B = TCCR1B | 1 << CS10; // 8 MHz clock
    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1; // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
    sei(); // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Note carefully the #define for Timer 1 overflow vector. It is NOT

TIMER1_OVF1_vect

but

TIMER1_OVF_vect

http://www.nongnu.org/avr-libc/user-manual/group_avr_interrupts.html

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}

int main (void)
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    TCCR1B = TCCR1B | 1 << CS10; // 8 MHz clock
    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1; // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
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        ;
    }
}
```

Timer 1 source is the system clock with no prescaling.

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}

int main (void)
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    TCCR1B = TCCR1B | 1 << CS10;    // 8 MHz clock
    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1;    // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
    sei();                 // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Enable Timer1 overflow interrupt.

With 8 MHz clock, the timer will overflow every $2^{16}/(8 \times 10^6) = 8.192$ ms

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//
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#include <avr/interrupt.h>

ISR(TIMER1_OVF_vect) {    // TIMER1 Overflow ISR

    PINC = PINC | 0x20;    // Toggle PORTC,5
    TCNT1H = 0x0E;
    TCNT1L = 0xF0;
}

int main (void)
{
    DDRC = 0x20;           // PORTC,5 is now output
    TCCR1B = TCCR1B | 1 << CS10;    // 8 MHz clock
    TIMSK1 = TIMSK1 | 1 << TOIE1;    // Enable Timer1 Overflow Int
    sei();                 // Enable interrupts
    while(1) {
        ;
    }
}
```

Reload Timer1 counter. Notice, we load the low byte last (see ATmega88PA documentation).

0x0EF0 = 3824 ($2^{16} \rightarrow$ rolling over)

With 8MHz clock, this translates to ~7.71 ms

Thus, this generates a 64.82 Hz wave, but the actual frequency will be lower, because of the time of calling ISR, returning, toggling pin, etc.

Inline Assembly Language Code

One can embed assembly language instructions in C code by using the **asm** key word.

```
asm volatile("cli");
```

```
asm volatile( "sei" "\n\t"  
    :);
```

```
asm volatile( "nop ; This is a comment" "\n\t"  
    "nop ; This ASM inline includes 2 nops" "\n\t"  
    :);
```

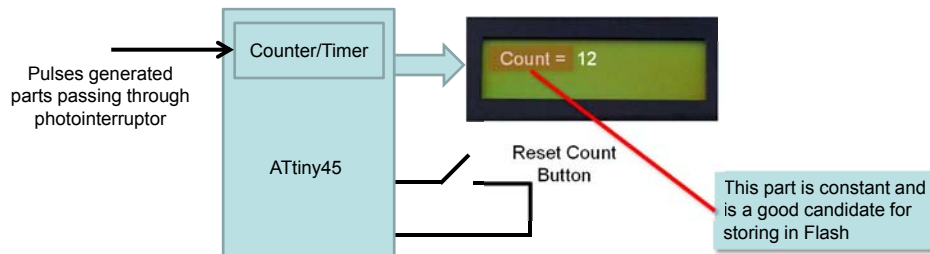
For more details see: www.nongnu.org/avr-libc/user-manual/inline_asm.html

Constant Strings and Tables

SRAM is limited and one would normally not use it for constant strings and tables.

Constant means: does not change at run-time

Program memory (Flash) on the other hand, is much more plentiful, and while one cannot write to it during run-time, one can read from it at run-time.



We used the AVR `lpm` instruction previously when writing software to display constant strings on LCDs

The WinAVR/GCC compiler has built-in keywords/modifiers, macros, and functions for working with constant strings.

Constant Strings

```
// Code snippet shows how to use program memory
// (i.e., flash) using WinAVR/GCC to store
// constant strings.

#include <avr/pgmspace.h>

static const char flashstr[] PROGMEM = "Frequency =";

int main(void)
{
    char c;
    int i;

    for (i=0;i<=strlen_P(flashstr)-1;i++){
        ... flashstr[i] ...
        ...
    }

    return(1);
}
```

Contains function prototypes, macros, typedefs for accessing program (flash) memory, including `strlen_P` routine below

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```

PROGMEM attribute makes the compiler place the string in program (flash) memory

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"static const" required for PROGMEM

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{
    char c;
    int i;

    for (i=0;i<=strlen_P(flashstr)-1;i++){
        c = pgm_read_byte(&flashstr[i]);
        c = pgm_read_byte(flashstr+i);
        ...
    }

    return(1);
}
```

WinAVR/GCC implements a whole range of flash memory string functions.

They end in _P and work very much like normal string functions.

Main requirement is that strings in flash cannot be modified.

Constant Strings

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```

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```

```
static const char flashstr[] PROGMEM = "Frequency ="
```

Read a byte from a program memory (flash) location

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    char c;
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i=0; i<=strlen_P(flashstr)-1; i++){
```

```
        c = pgm_read_byte(&flashstr[i]);
```

```
        c = pgm_read_byte(flashstr+i);
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    return(1);
```

```
}
```

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Constant Strings

```
// Code snippet shows how to use program memory  
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```

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```

```
static const char flashstr[] PROGMEM = "Frequency =";
```

Another way to read a byte from a program memory (flash) location

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    char c;
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i=0; i<=strlen_P(flashstr)-1; i++){
```

```
        c = pgm_read_byte(&flashstr[i]);
```

```
        c = pgm_read_byte(flashstr+i);
```

```
        ...
```

```
    }
```

```
    return(1);
```

```
}
```

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Inline Constant Strings

```
// Code snippet shows how to use program memory
// (i.e., flash) using WinAVR/GCC to store
// constant strings.

#include <avr/pgmspace.h>

int main(void)
{
    char c;
    int i;

    ...
    uart_puts( (PSTR("Frequency")) );
    ...
}
```

Create the string on-the-fly or inline.

Can't later reuse the string.

Other Data in Program Memory

```
static const unsigned int LCD_SegTable[] PROGMEM =
{
    0xEAA8,    // '*'
    0x2A80,    // '+'
    0x4000,    // ','
    0x0A00,    // '-'
    0x0A51,    // '.' Degree sign
    0x4008,    // '/'
}
```

Note: ints are 16-bits wide, so
`pgm_read_byte` will not
work

If we wanted to grab the fifth element of the array:

```
pgm_read_word(&LCD_SegTable[4])
```

However, there is a
`pgm_read_word` macro that
will work

Caution

One has to be careful, with C programming. Consider the following short program (BLINKY.C). If one compiles this and check the program memory (Flash) usage, it shows that it uses more than **40% of the Flash memory!**

```
#ifndef F_CPU
#define F_CPU 8000000UL // 8 MHz clock speed
#endif
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

int main (void)
{
    unsigned char tmp;

    DDRC = 0x20; // PORTC,5 is now output
    while(1) {

        tmp = PINC5; // Get PORTC
        tmp = PINC;
        tmp = tmp | 0x20; // Set bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(300.0);

        tmp = PORTC; // Get PORTC
        tmp = tmp & ~(0x20); // Clear bit 5
        PORTC = tmp; // Update PORTC,5
        _delay_ms(100.0);
    }
}
```

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Caution

This says that 41% of the FLASH has been used

```
----- Build started: Project: AVRGCC1, Configuration: Debug AVR -----
Build started.
Project "AVRGCC1.avrgccproj" (default targets):
...
AVR Memory Usage
-----
Device: atmega88pa
Program: 3398 bytes (41.5% Full)
(.text + .data + .bootloader)
Data: 8 bytes (0.8% Full)
(.data + .bss + .noinit)
Done executing task "RunAvrGCC".
Done building target "CoreBuild" in project "AVRGCC1.avrgccproj".
Done building project "AVRGCC1.avrgccproj".

Build succeeded.
===== Build: 1 succeeded or up-to-date, 0 failed, 0 skipped =====
```

How can this be? The culprit turns out to be the `_delay_ms()` routine

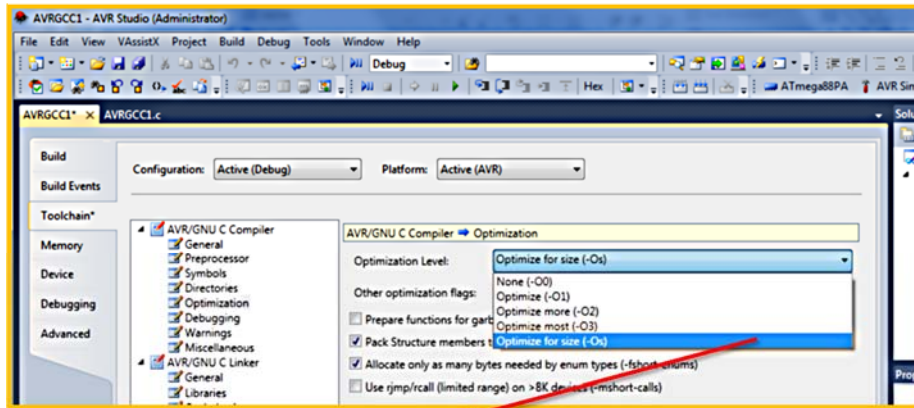
The `_delay_ms()` and `_delay_us()` routines use a significant program memory (they call floating-point math routines to convert arguments to timer ticks). Either use the lower level `_delay_loop_1()` and `_delay_loop_2()` routines or use the `-Os` options.

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Optimize for Size

Using `_delay_ms()` and `_delay_us()` routines use a significant program memory (they call floating-point math routines to convert arguments to times ticks). Either use the lower level `_delay_loop_1()` and `_delay_loop_2()` routines or use the `-Os` options.



Select `-Os` to optimize for size

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Optimization – Issues (...from *avr-libc* documentation)

- **Q: My program doesn't recognize a variable updated within an interrupt routine when using the optimizer:**

```
uint8_t flag;  
  
...  
ISR(SOME_vect) {  
    flag = 1;  
}  
  
...  
int main(void) {  
    ...  
    while (flag == 0) { ...  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

- The compiler will typically access `flag` only once, and optimize further accesses completely away, since its code path analysis shows that nothing inside the loop could change the value of `flag` anyway.
- To tell the compiler that this variable could be changed outside the scope of its code path analysis (e. g. from within an interrupt routine), the variable needs to be declared like: **`volatile uint8_t flag;`**

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C & LCD

Option: port existing assembly language LCD routines

Find LCD routines on Web. For example:

<http://winavr.scienceprog.com/example-avr-projects/avr-4-bit-lcd-interface-library.html>

has a collection of routines for 4-bit interfacing on an ATmega88. We can't guarantee it works, but it is worth a try.

Here is another candidate:

http://homepage.hispeed.ch/peterfleury/doxygen/avr-gcc-libraries/group__pfleury__lcd.html

Again, we can't guarantee it works, but it is worth a try. In the past, students had very good results using these routines.

... EOL