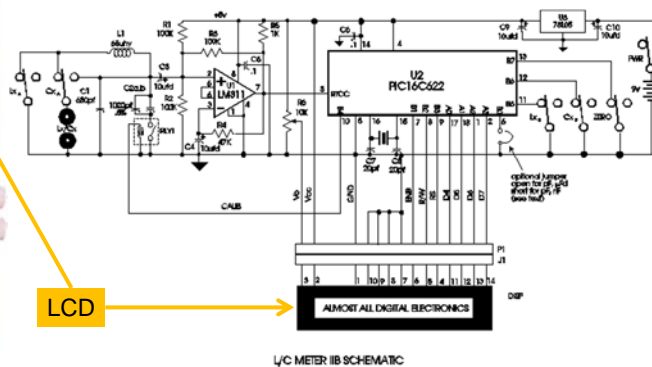


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Lecture 10 - Liquid-Crystal Displays (LCDs)



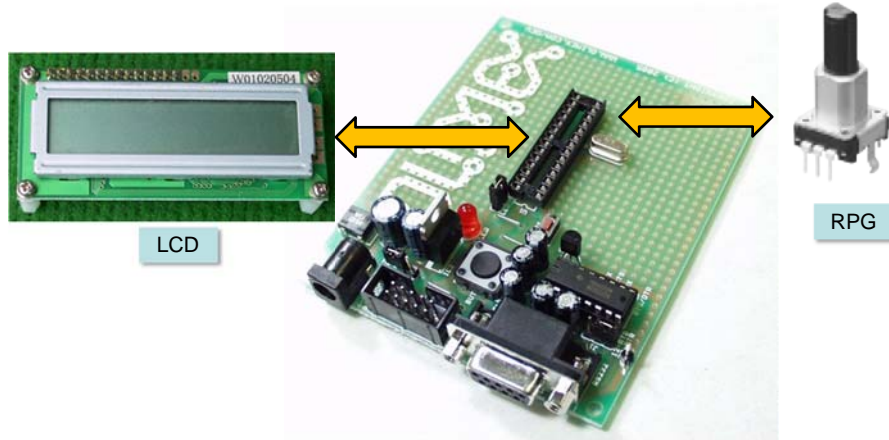
ES Example – L/C Meter



Start thinking about your project!

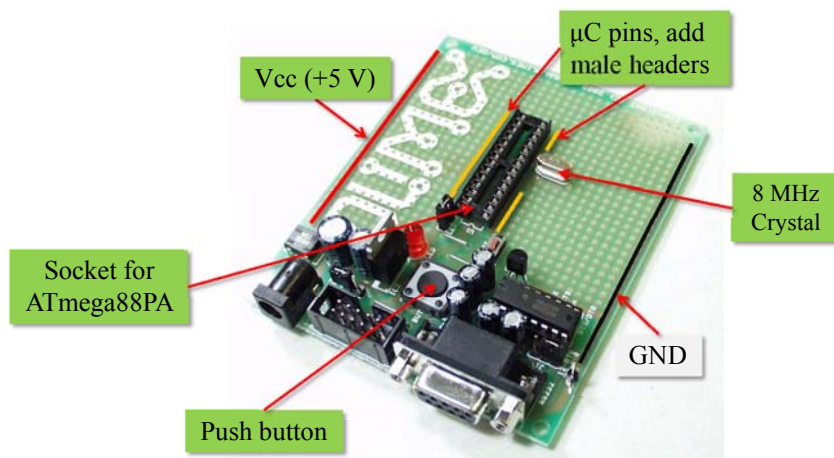
Lab 4 Overview/Preview

Lab 4 will utilize a push button, RPG, and LCD to generate a more elaborated user interface.



28-Pin AVR Development Board

Starting with Lab 4, we will start using a “bigger” controller → get “**Kit B**” from the Electronic Shop



ATmega88 Overview

Will be using ATmega88PA controller, which has more pins, and more resources.

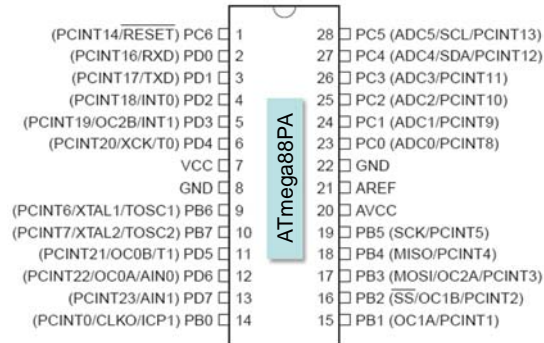
Two 8-bit Timer/Counters with separate Prescaler

$2^8 = 256$ counts

One 16-bit Timer/Counter with separate Prescaler

$2^{16} = 65,536$ counts

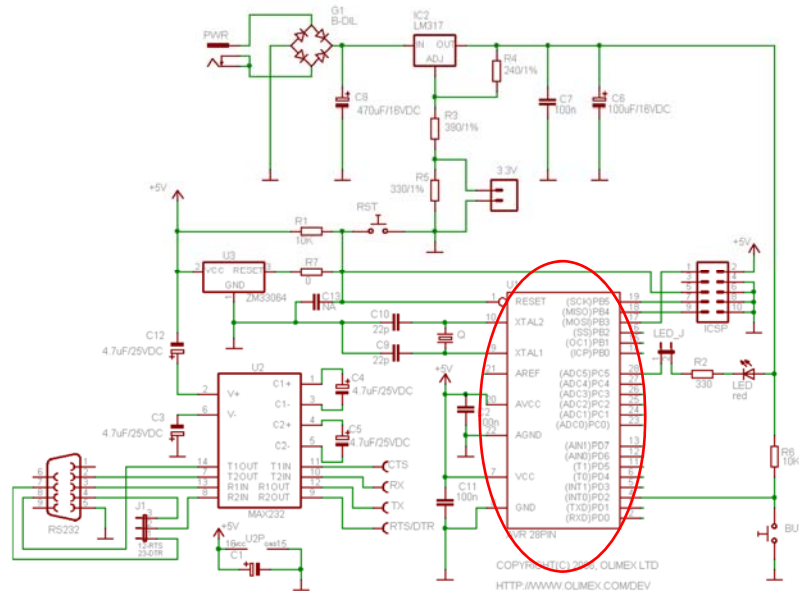
Will use interrupts



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28-Pin AVR Development Schematic



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Versions of the ATmega8??

Versions of the ATmega88

- There are several versions of the ATmega88 microcontroller: ATmega88, ATmega88A, ATmega88P, ATmega88PA, etc.
- What are the differences?

<u>ATmega88</u>	8-bit AVR Microcontroller, 8KB Flash, 28/32-pin
<u>ATmega88A</u>	8-bit AVR Microcontroller, 8KB Flash, 28/32-pin
<u>ATmega88P</u>	8-bit picoPower AVR Microcontroller, 8KB Flash, 28/32-pin
<u>ATmega88PA</u>	8-bit picoPower AVR Microcontroller, 8KB Flash, 28/32-pin

- **picoPower technology** — Selected megaAVR features ultra-low power consumption and individually-selectable low-power sleep modes that make it ideal for battery-powered applications.

ATmega88P vs ATmega88PA

In order to optimize the manufacturing process and to further reduce current consumption, an optimized version of ATmega48P/88P/168P has been introduced.

The **ATmega48PA/88PA/168PA** is a functionally identical, drop-in replacement for the ATmega48P/88P/168P. All devices are subject to the same qualification process and same set of production tests, but as the manufacturing process is not the same some electrical characteristics differ.

Table 2-2. Typical Current Consumption of Device at Room Temperature

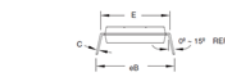
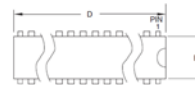
Mode	Condition	ATmega88P	ATmega88PA	Change
Active	$V_{CC}=2V$, $f=1$ MHz	0.3 mA	0.2 mA	-33 %
	$V_{CC}=3V$, $f=4$ MHz	1.7 mA	1.2 mA	-30 %
	$V_{CC}=5V$, $f=8$ MHz	6.3 mA	4.1 mA	-35 %
Idle	$V_{CC}=2V$, $f=1$ MHz	0.05 mA	0.03 mA	-40 %
	$V_{CC}=3V$, $f=4$ MHz	0.3 mA	0.18 mA	-40 %
	$V_{CC}=5V$, $f=8$ MHz	1.4 mA	0.8 mA	-43 %

ATmega88PA - Packages

8.4 ATmega88PA

Speed (MHz) ¹	Power Supply (V)	Ordering Code ²	Package ³	Operational Range
20	1.8 - 5.5	ATmega88PA-AU	32A	Industrial (-40°C to 85°C)
		ATmega88PA-AUR ⁴	32A	
		ATmega88PA-CCU	32CC1	
		ATmega88PA-CCUR ⁴	32CC1	
		ATmega88PA-M8H ⁴	28M1	
		ATmega88PA-MMHR ⁴⁽⁵⁾	28M1	
		ATmega88PA-MU	32M1-A	
		ATmega88PA-MUR ⁴	32M1-A	
		ATmega88PA-PU	28P3	
		ATmega88PA-AN	32A	
		ATmega88PA-ANR ⁴	32A	Industrial (-40°C to 105°C)
		ATmega88PA-MMN ⁴	28M1	
		ATmega88PA-MMNR ⁴⁽⁵⁾	28M1	
		ATmega88PA-MN	32M1-A	
		ATmega88PA-MNR ⁴	32M1-A	
		ATmega88PA-PN	28P3	

- Note:
1. This device can also be supplied in wafer form. Please contact your local Atmel sales office for detailed ordering information and minimum quantities.
 2. Pb-free packaging complies to the European Directive for Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS directive). Also Halide free and fully Green.
 3. See "Speed Grades" on page 308.
 4. NiPdAu Lead Finish.
 5. Tape & Reel.



Note: 1. Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusion. Mold flash or protrusion shall not exceed 0.25mm (0.010").

COMMON DIMENSIONS (Unit of Measure = mm)				
SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX	NOTE
A	-	-	4.6754	
A1	0.508	-	-	
D	34.544	-	34.798	Note 1
E	7.620	-	8.255	
E1	7.112	-	7.620	Note 1
B	0.381	-	0.533	
B1	1.143	-	1.397	
B2	0.762	-	1.143	
L	3.175	-	3.492	
C	0.203	-	0.366	
øB	-	-	15.180	
ø	-	-	2.540 TYP	

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Signature Bytes

28.3 Signature Bytes

All Atmel microcontrollers have a three-byte signature code which identifies the device. This code can be read in both serial and parallel mode, also when the device is locked. The three bytes reside in a separate address space. For the ATmega48A/PA/88A/PA/168A/PA/328/P the signature bytes are given in [Table 28-10](#).

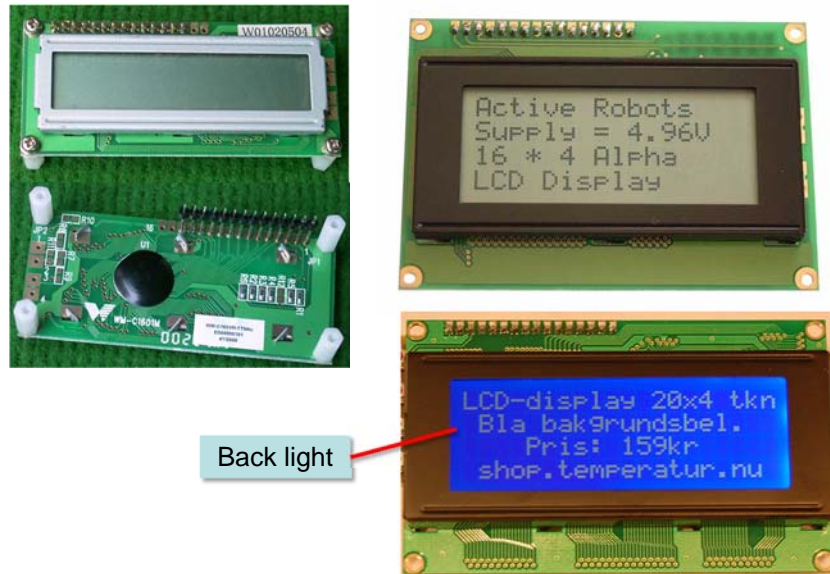
Table 28-10. Device ID

Part	Signature Bytes Address		
	0x000	0x001	0x002
ATmega48A	0x1E	0x92	0x05
ATmega48PA	0x1E	0x92	0x0A
ATmega88A	0x1E	0x93	0x0A
ATmega88PA	0x1E	0x93	0x0F
ATmega168A	0x1E	0x94	0x06
ATmega168PA	0x1E	0x94	0x0B
ATmega328	0x1E	0x95	0x14
ATmega328P	0x1E	0x95	0x0F

Important: select the correct μ C version in Atmel Studio for ISP!

Alphanumeric LCDs

Alphanumeric LCDs



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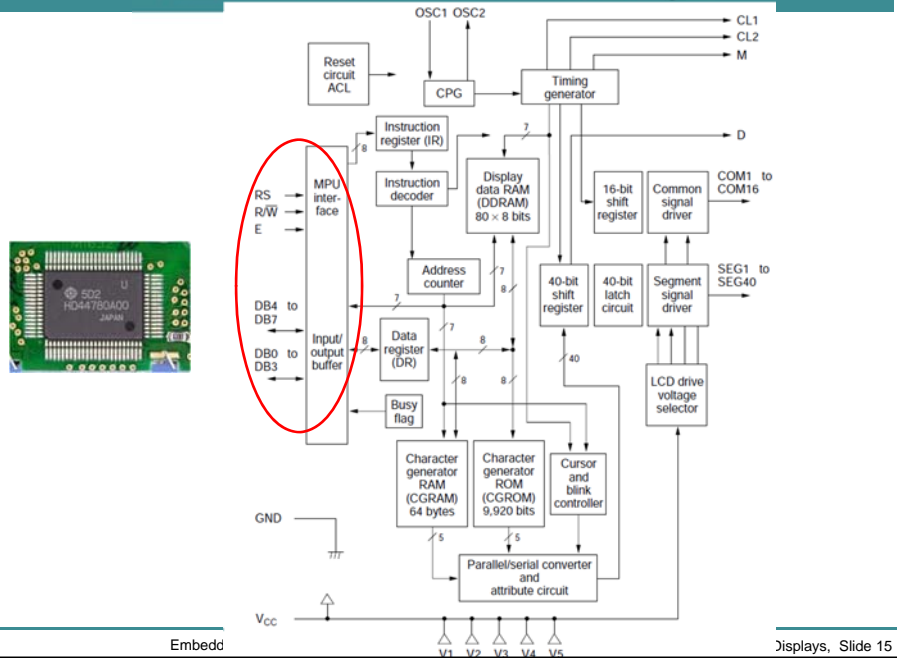
The HD44780 LCD Controller

- Most low cost Character-based LCD modules use the Hitachi HD44780 controller chip
- De-facto industry standard
 - Typically 8, 16, 20, 24 or 40 characters/line
 - 1, 2, or 4 lines
 - Handles up to $2^7 = 128$ total characters/display
- “Standard” 14-pin interface
- In this course we will use the “1602A-1” LCD, which is HD44780-compatible
- It also has additional two pins for a back-light
- Data sheets and other LCD information are on class website under “Resources” & ICON

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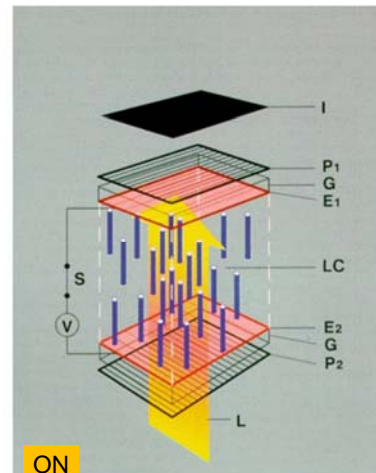
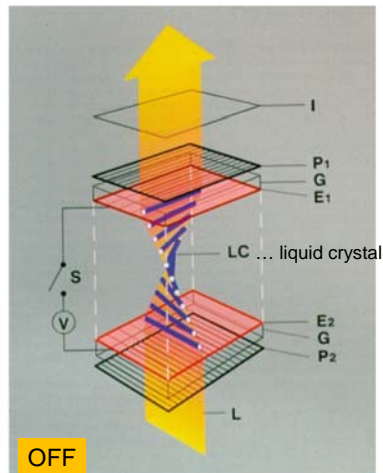
Hitachi HD44780 Controller Chip



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LCD Technology



The twisted nematic effect (TN-effect)



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Limitations of LCDs



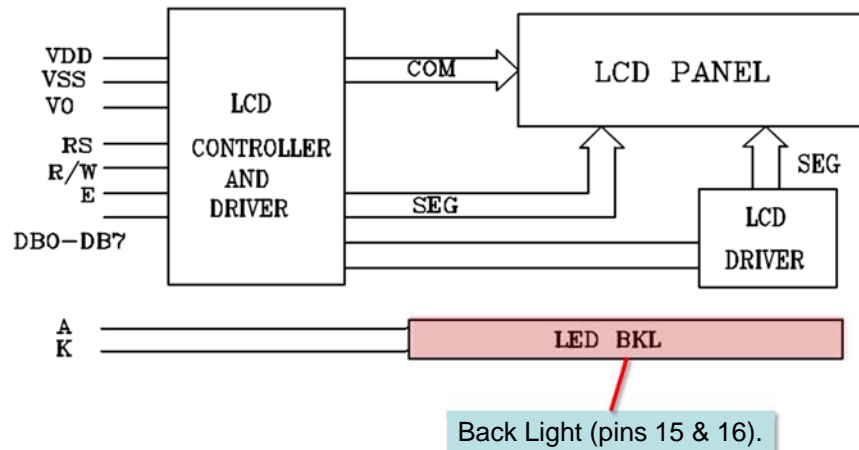
Q: Is this a good (electronics) design?

Limitations of LCDs

- Typically, standard LCD character and graphics modules provide a temperature range of **0°C to +50°C**.
- However, several display manufacturers offer extreme temperature models for industrial and military sectors:
 - **-20°C to +70°C**
 - **-40°C to +85°C**

Typical LCD Display Block Diagram

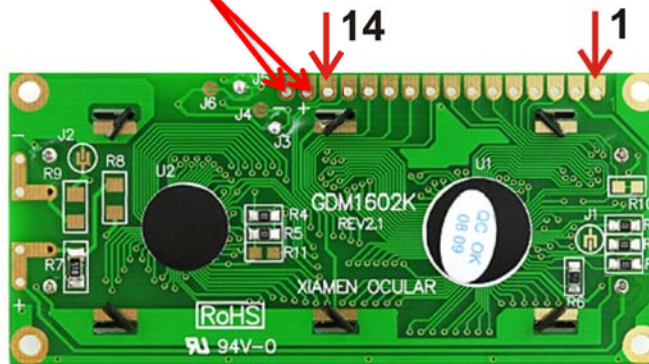
Block diagram



LCD – Pins & Connection to μC

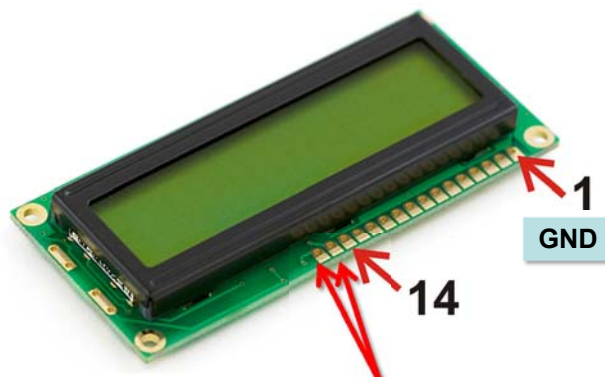
LCD Connections

Back Light (pins 15 & 16).
We will not use back light.



Typical LCD Connections

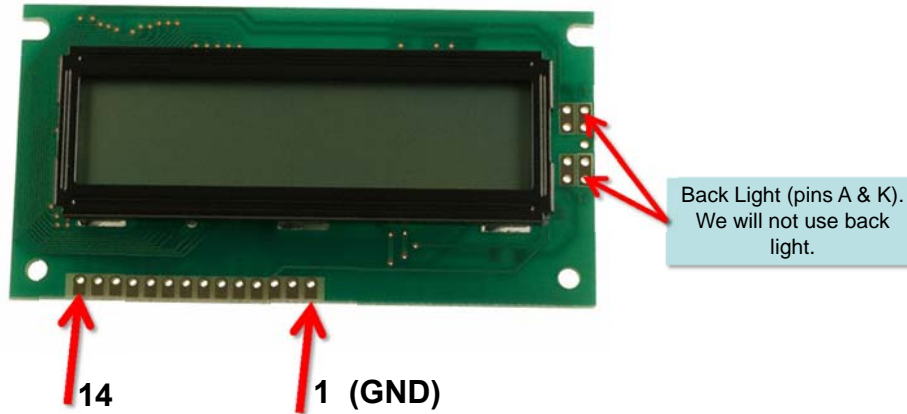
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Typical LCD Connections

Lumex LCM-S01602DSR/B



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LCD Pinouts

Pin number	Symbol	Level	I/O	Function
1	Vss	-	-	Power supply (GND)
2	Vcc	-	-	Power supply (+5V)
3	Vee	-	-	Contrast adjust
4	RS	0/1	I	0 = Instruction input 1 = Data input
5	R/W	0/1	I	0 = Write to LCD module 1 = Read from LCD module
6	E	1, 1→0	I	Enable signal
7	DB0	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 0 (LSB)
8	DB1	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 1
9	DB2	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 2
10	DB3	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 3
11	DB4	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 4
12	DB5	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 5
13	DB6	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 6
14	DB7	0/1	I/O	Data bus line 7 (MSB)

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LCD Control: RS, E, R/W

- **RS (Register Select)**
 - When **low**: data transferred to (from) device are treated as **commands** (status)
 - When **high**: data transferred to/from device are treated as **characters**.
- **R/W (Read/Write)**
 - Controls data transfer direction
 - Low to **write** to LCD
 - High to **read** from LCD
 - If R/W is connected to ground → one cannot read from LCD
- **E (Enable) Input**
 - Initiates data transfer
 - For **write**, data transferred to LCD on **high to low transition**, or a **strobe**
 - For **read**, data available following **low to high transition**

LCD Interface Modes

- **8-bit mode**
 - Uses all 8 data lines DB0-DB7
 - Data transferred to LCD in byte units
 - Interface requires 10 (sometimes 11) I/O pins of microcontroller (DB0-DB7, RS, E) (sometimes R/W)
- **4-bit mode**
 - 4-bit (nibble) data transfer
 - Doesn't use DB0-DB3
 - Each byte transfer is done in **two steps**: **high order nibble**, then **low order nibble**
 - Interface requires only 6 (sometimes 7) I/O pins of microcontroller (DB4-DB7, RS, E) (sometimes R/W)

PIN NO	Symbol	Fuction	
1	VSS	GND	GND and +5 V
2	VDD	+5V	
3	V0	Contrast adjustment	Contrast
4	RS	H/L Register select signal	Control Signals
5	R/W	H/L Read/Write signal	
6	E	H/L Enable signal	
7	DB0	H/L Data bus line	Bi-directional data bus
8	DB1	H/L Data bus line	
9	DB2	H/L Data bus line	
10	DB3	H/L Data bus line	
11	DB4	H/L Data bus line	
12	DB5	H/L Data bus line	
13	DB6	H/L Data bus line	
14	DB7	H/L Data bus line (MSB)	
15	A	+4.2V for LED	Back Light (pins 15 & 16). We will not use back light.
16	K	Power supply for BKL(0V)	

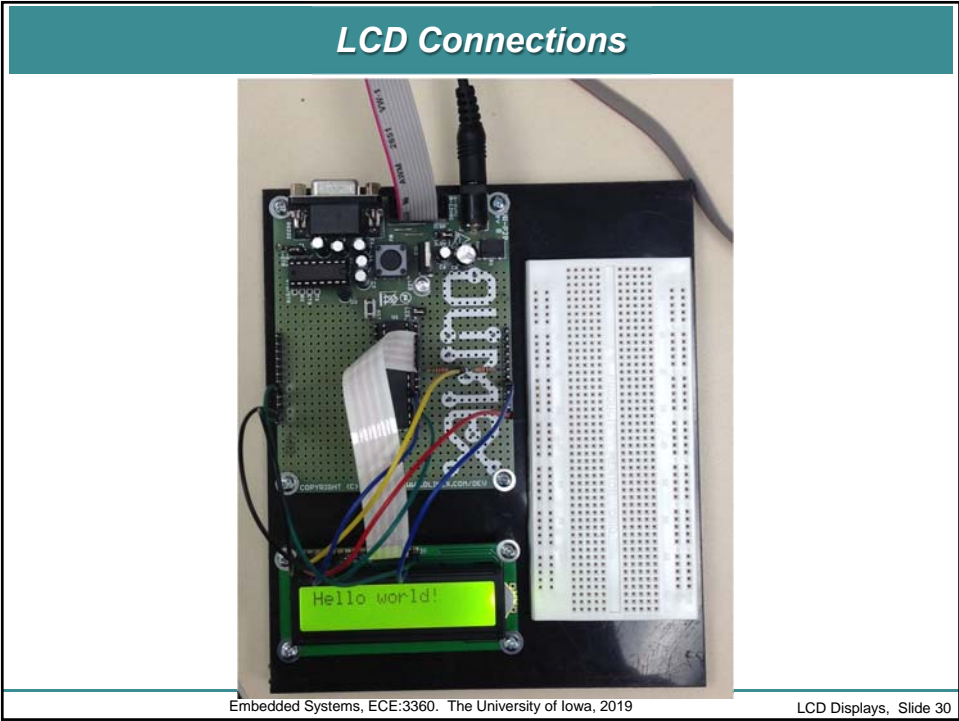
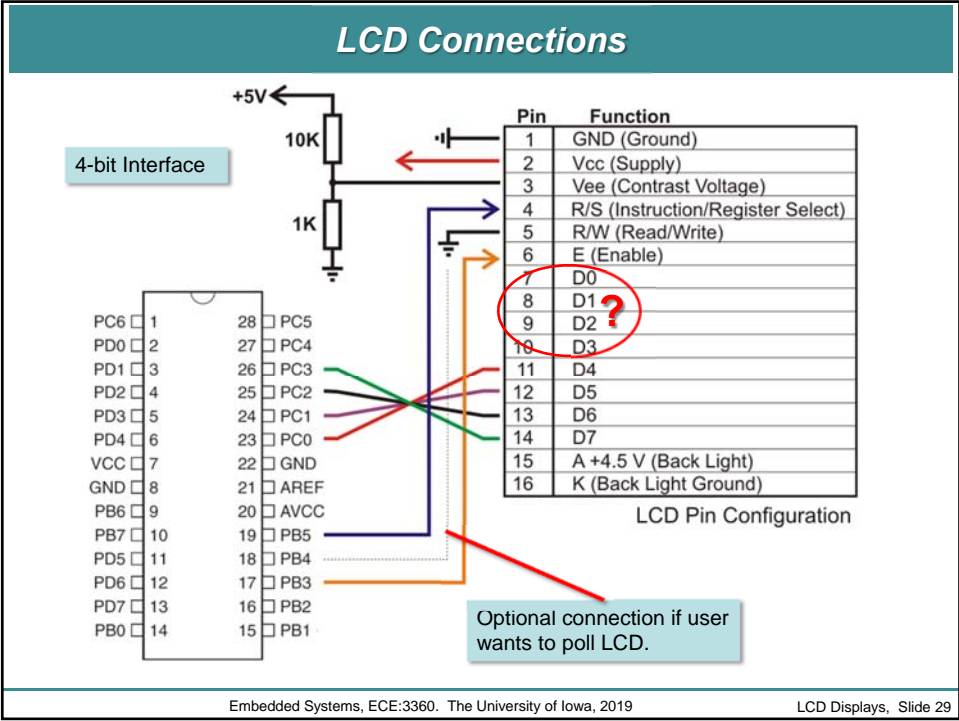
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PIN NO	Symbol	Fuction	
1	VSS	GND	GND and +5 V
2	VDD	+5V	
3	V0	Contrast adjustment	Contrast
4	RS	H/L Register select signal	Control Signals
5	R/W	H/L Read/Write signal	
6	E	H/L Enable signal	
7	DB0	H/L Data bus line	Can use LCD in 4-bit mode, where only these lines are used
8	DB1	H/L Data bus line	
9	DB2	H/L Data bus line	
10	DB3	H/L Data bus line	
11	DB4	H/L Data bus line	
12	DB5	H/L Data bus line	
13	DB6	H/L Data bus line	
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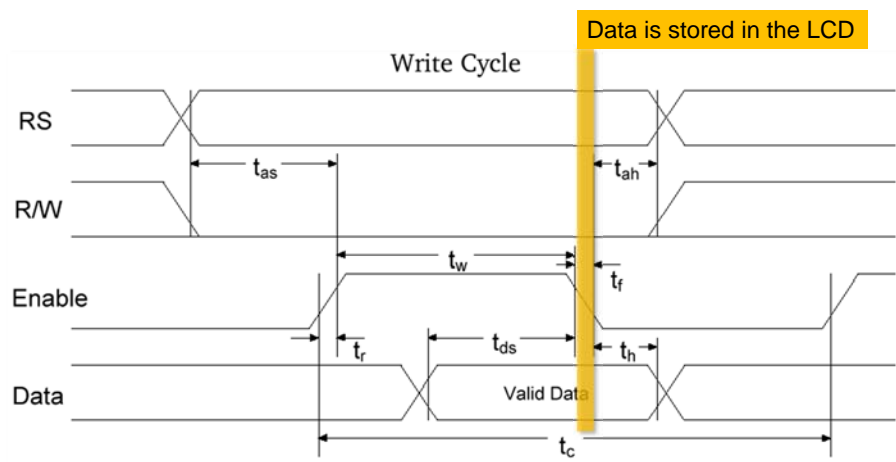
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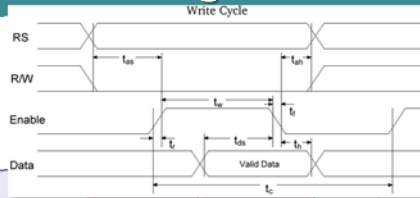


LCD Signal Timing

LCD Timing (Write Cycle)



LCD Timing Parameters



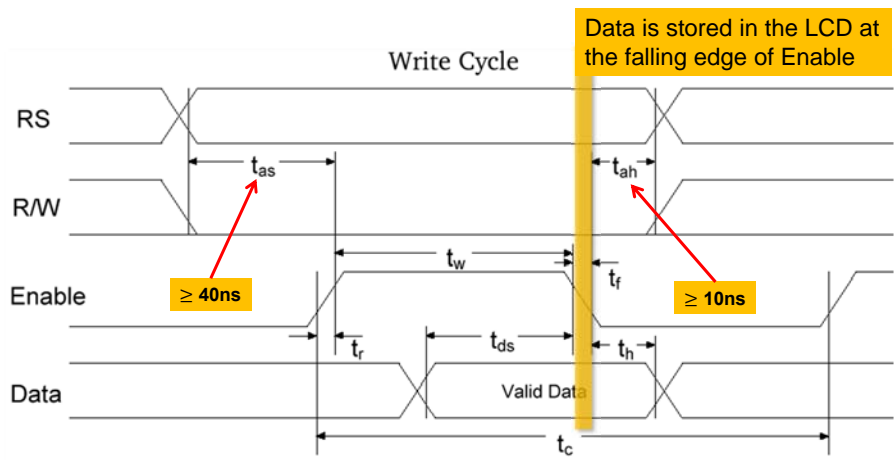
Write-Cycle	V_{DD}	2.7 - 4.5 V	4.5 - 5.5 V		2.7 - 4.5 V	4.5 - 5.5 V	
Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit		
Enable Cycle Time	t_c	1000	500	-	-	-	ns
Enable Pulse Width (High)	t_w	450	230	-	-	-	ns
Enable Rise/Fall Time	t_r, t_f	-	-	-	25	20	ns
Address Setup Time	t_{as}	60	40	-	-	-	ns
Address Hold Time	t_{ah}	20	10	-	-	-	ns
Data Setup Time	t_{ds}	195	80	-	-	-	ns
Data Hold Time	t_h	10	10	-	-	-	ns

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LCD Timing (Write Cycle @ 5V)

1) RS and R/W signals must be stable before and after Enable pulse!

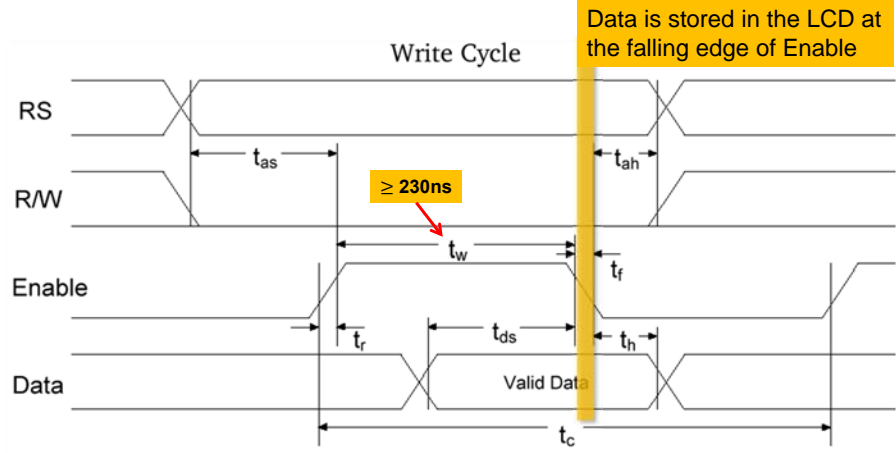


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LCD Timing (Write Cycle @ 5V)

2) The Enable pulse must have a minimum length!

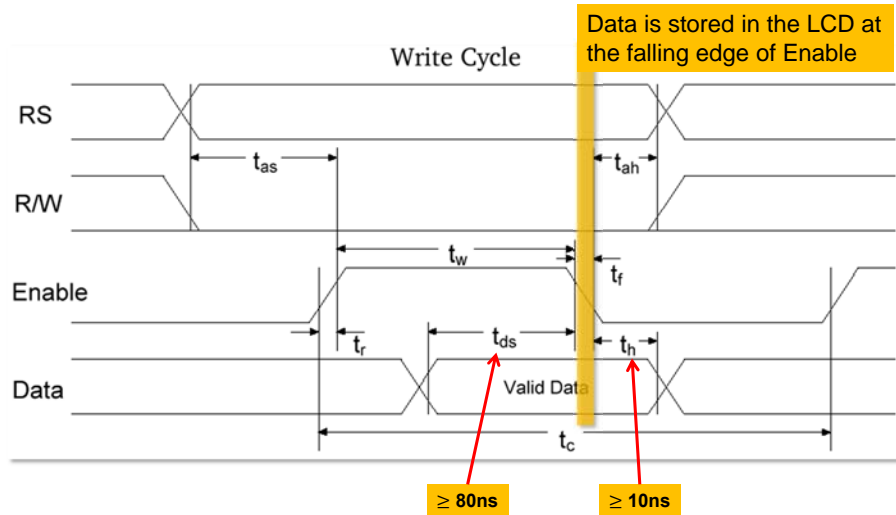


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LCD Timing (Write Cycle @ 5V)

3) Data must be stable before and after the falling edge of Enable!

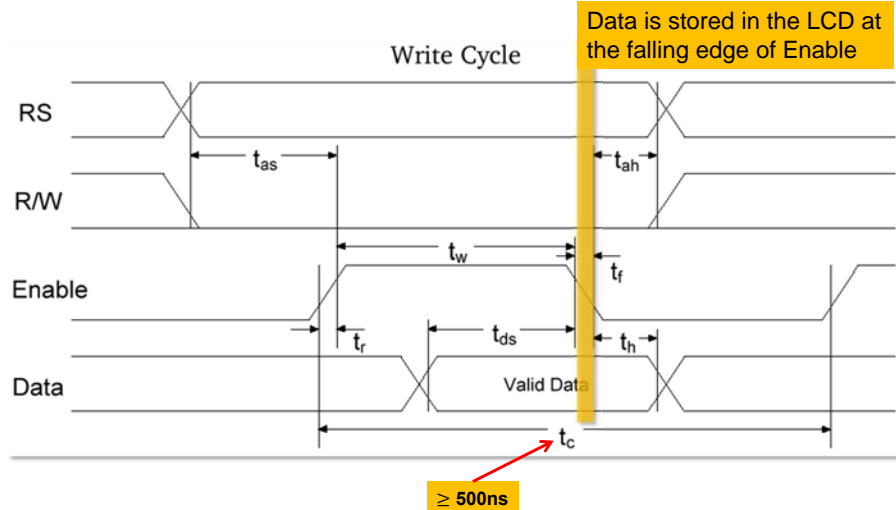


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LCD Timing (Write Cycle @ 5V)

4) There must be a minimum time interval between Enable pulses!



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More on LCD Timing

- **One approach to sending a character:**
 - Make sure that E is low (==default state)
 - Drive RS high (characters) or low (commands)
 - Write upper nibble of data
 - **Pulse E**
 - Drive E high (for at least 230 ns @ 5V)
 - Drive E low
 - Write lower nibble of data
 - **Pulse E**
 - Drive E high (for at least 230 ns @ 5V)
 - Drive E low
 - Wait until command is executed!
- **Note: must consider various timing requirements!**
 - Could use longer delays to be on the safe side

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LCD Instructions

LCD Commands

Command	Binary								Hex
	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
Clear Display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	01
Display & Cursor Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	02 or 03
Character Entry Mode	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	04 to 07
Display On/Off & Cursor	0	0	0	0	1	D	U	B	08 to 0F
Display/Cursor Shift	0	0	0	1	D/C	R/L	x	x	10 to 1F
Function Set	0	0	1	8/4	2/1	10/7	x	x	20 to 3F
Set CGRAM Address	0	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	40 to 7F
Set Display Address	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	80 to FF
I/D: 1=Increment*, 0=Decrement R/L: 1=Right shift, 0=Left shift S: 1=Display shift on, 0=Display shift off* 8/4: 1=8 bit interface*, 0=4 bit interface D: 1=Display On, 0=Display Off* 2/1: 1=2 line mode, 0=1 line mode* U: 1=Cursor underline on, 0=Underline off* 10/7: 1=5x10 dot format, 0=5x7 dot format* B: 1=Cursor blink on, 0=Cursor blink off* D/C: 1=Display shift, 0=Cursor move x = Don't care * = Initialisation settings									

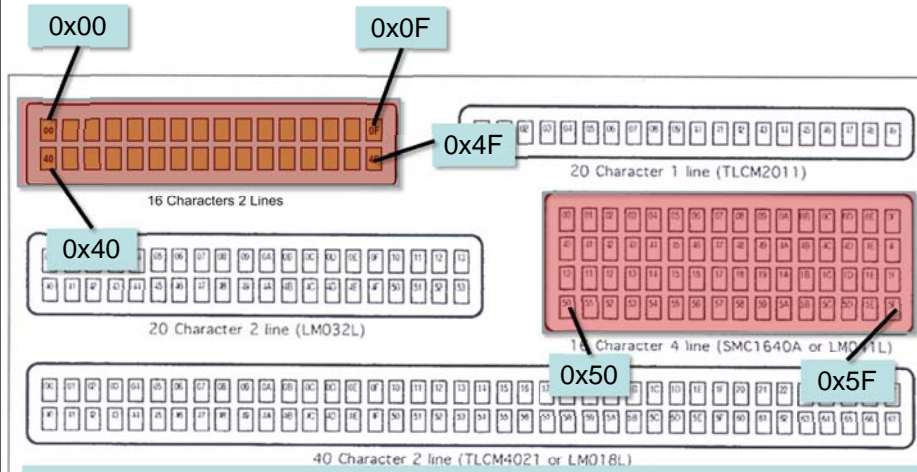
Command Execution Times

- Most HD44780 commands take 40 μs to execute
- The **Clear Display** and **Cursor Home** commands can take much longer (up to 1.64 ms!)
- Can't issue another command until previous one has finished
- Two options
 - **Busy-wait:**
After issuing a command, continuously monitor HD44780 status until device is not busy
On the schematic shown earlier, R/W is connected to ground—i.e., one can't read from LCD
 - Insert at least a 40 μs (or, in some cases, much longer) delay between commands

LCD Command Execution Times

Instruction	Time (Max)
Clear Display	82 μs to 1.64ms
Display & Cursor Home	40 μs to 1.64ms
Character Entry Mode	40 μs
Display On/Off & Cursor	40 μs
Display/Cursor Shift	40 μs
Function Set	40 μs
Set CGRAM Address	40 μs
Set Display Address	40 μs
Write Data	40 μs
Read Data	40 μs
Read Status	1 μs

LCD Cursor Position - Display Addresses



Note: The HD44780 always maintains an internal buffer of 128 character positions. For a given LCD, not all of these are displayable. You can still write characters to these positions, but they won't appear on the screen

The Cursor Position Map for the LCD

The LCD used in this course is a 16x2 character LCD

Display character address code:

Display position

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DDRAM address	00	01	02	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0FH
DDRAM address	40	41	42	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4FH

LCD Initialization

Initialization

- The HD44780 has some initialization quirks.
- The recommended initialization sequence for the 4-bit mode (default: 8-bit mode), following power-up is:
 - Wait for 100 ms
 - Set the device to 8-bit mode
 - Wait 5 ms
 - Set the device to 8-bit mode
 - Wait at least 200 μs
 - Set the device to 8-bit mode
 - Wait at least 200 μs
 - Set device to 4-bit mode
 - Wait at least 5 ms
 - Complete additional device configuration
 - Clear screen, Entry Mode, display shift, ...

Initialization - 4-Bit Mode

4 Bit Initialization

Remember: Data/Command writes of the size one byte are done high-nibble, delay, low-nibble, delay. (1 nibble = 4 bits)

8-bit MODE!
Write only
upper nibble!

4-bit MODE!
Write upper &
lower nibble!

	General Initialization	Example Initialization
1		Wait 100ms for LCD to power up
2		Write D7-4 = 3 hex, with RS = 0
3		Wait 5ms
4		Write D7-4 = 3 hex, with RS = 0, again
5		Wait 200us
6		Write D7-4 = 3 hex, with RS = 0, one more time
7		Wait 200us
8		Write D7-4 = 2 hex, to enable four-bit mode
9		Wait 5ms
10	Write Command "Set Interface"	Write 28 hex (4-Bits, 2-lines)
11	Write Command "Enable Display/Cursor"	Write 08 hex (don't shift display, hide cursor)
12	Write Command "Clear and Home"	Write 01 hex (clear and home display)
13	Write Command "Set Cursor Move Direction"	Write 06 hex (move cursor right)
14	--	Write 0C hex (turn on display)
	Display is ready to accept data.	

Credits: <http://joshuagalloway.com/lcd.html>

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, **a nibble at a time** (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first, and observe delays as indicated on previous slide):

LCDstr: .db 0x33, 0x32, 0x28, 0x01, 0x0c, 0x06

Function set 8-bit mode

Command	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Hex
Clear Display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	01
Display & Cursor Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	02 or 03
Character Entry Mode	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	04 to 07
Display On/Off & Cursor	0	0	0	0	1	D	U	B	08 to 0F
Display/Cursor Shift	0	0	0	1	D/C	R/L	x	x	10 to 1F
Function Set	0	0	1	B/4	Z/1	10/7	x	x	20 to 3F
Set CGRAM Address	0	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	40 to 7F
Set Display Address	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	80 to FF

I/D: 1=Increment*, 0=Decrement
 S: 1=Display shift on, 0=Display shift off*
 D: 1=Display On, 0=Display Off*
 U: 1=Cursor underline on, 0=Underline off*
 B: 1=Cursor blink on, 0=Cursor blink off*
 D/C: 1=Display shift, 0=Cursor move
 R/L: 1=Right shift, 0=Left shift
 B/4: 1=8 bit interface*, 0=4 bit interface
 Z/1: 1=2 line mode, 0=1 line mode*
 10/7: 1=5x10 dot format, 0=5x7 dot format*
 x = Don't care * = Initialization settings

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Function set 8-bit mode

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Function set 8-bit mode

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Function set 4-bit mode

Command	Binary								Hex
	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
Clear Display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	01
Display & Cursor Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	02 or 03
Character Entry Mode	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	04 to 07
Display On/Off & Cursor	0	0	0	0	1	D	U	B	08 to 0F
Display/Cursor Shift	0	0	0	1	D/C	R/L	x	x	10 to 1F
Function Set	0	0	1	B/4	2/1	10/7	x	x	20 to 3F
Set CGRAM Address	0	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	40 to 7F
Set Display Address	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	80 to FF

I/D: 1=Increment*, 0=Decrement
 S: 1=Display shift on, 0=Display shift off*
 D: 1=Display On, 0=Display Off*
 U: 1=Cursor underline on, 0=Underline off*
 B: 1=Cursor blink on, 0=Cursor blink off*
 D/C: 1=Display shift, 0=Cursor move
 R/L: 1=Right shift, 0=Left shift
 B/4: 1=8 bit interface*, 0=4 bit interface
 2/1: 1=2 line mode, 0=1 line mode*
 10/7: 1=5x10 dot format, 0=5x7 dot format*
 x = Don't care * = Initialisation settings

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Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Function set 4 bit mode, two rows, 5x7 characters

Command	Binary								Hex
	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
Clear Display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	01
Display & Cursor Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	02 or 03
Character Entry Mode	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	04 to 07
Display On/Off & Cursor	0	0	0	0	1	D	U	B	08 to 0F
Display/Cursor Shift	0	0	0	1	D/C	R/L	x	x	10 to 1F
Function Set	0	0	1	B/4	2/1	10/7	x	x	20 to 3F
Set CGRAM Address	0	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	40 to 7F
Set Display Address	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	80 to FF

I/D: 1=Increment*, 0=Decrement
 S: 1=Display shift on, 0=Display shift off*
 D: 1=Display On, 0=Display Off*
 U: 1=Cursor underline on, 0=Underline off*
 B: 1=Cursor blink on, 0=Cursor blink off*
 D/C: 1=Display shift, 0=Cursor move
 R/L: 1=Right shift, 0=Left shift
 B/4: 1=8 bit interface*, 0=4 bit interface
 2/1: 1=2 line mode, 0=1 line mode*
 10/7: 1=5x10 dot format, 0=5x7 dot format*
 x = Don't care * = Initialisation settings

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Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Clear display

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Display on,
Cursor underline off,
Cursor blink off

Initialization, Continued

The LCD can be properly initialized by writing the following command string to the controller, a nibble at a time (Must be in **Command** mode (RS=0); also, must wait 0.1 s first):

```
LCDstr:.db 0x33,0x32,0x28,0x01,0x0c,0x06
```

Display shift off,
Address increment

This causes display address (cursor position) to be automatically incremented following each character write.
Can also set controller to automatically decrement the address

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Sending Characters in 4-bit Mode

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Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Let's send the ASCII character 'E' which is equivalent to '0x45'

Important → set RS line!

```
; Send the character 'E' to the LCD. The ASCII
; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi  r25,0x04
out  PORTC,r25      ; Send upper nibble
rcall LCDStrobe     ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u   ; wait
ldi  r25,0x05
out  PORTC,r25      ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe     ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble (**RS=1**). Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Load upper nibble and send it to **PORTC** (where the LCD is connected)

```
; Send the character 'E' to the LCD. The ASCII
; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi  r25,0x04
out  PORTC,r25      ; Send upper nibble
rcall LCDStrobe     ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u   ; wait
ldi  r25,0x05
out  PORTC,r25      ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe     ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```


Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Strobe Enable line

```
; Send the character 'E' to the LCD. The ASCII
; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi r25,0x04
out PORTC,r25 ; Send upper nibble
rcall LCDStrobe ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u ; wait
ldi r25,0x05
out PORTC,r25 ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Wait at least Enable Cycle Time (t_e). (recall previous slide)

```
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; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi r25,0x04
out PORTC,r25 ; Send upper nibble
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rcall _delay_100u ; wait
ldi r25,0x05
out PORTC,r25 ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Load lower nibble and send it to **PORTC** (where the LCD is connected)

```
; Send the character 'E' to the LCD. The ASCII
; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi r25,0x04
out PORTC,r25      ; Send upper nibble
rcall LCDStrobe    ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u  ; wait
ldi r25,0x05
out PORTC,r25      ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe    ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode

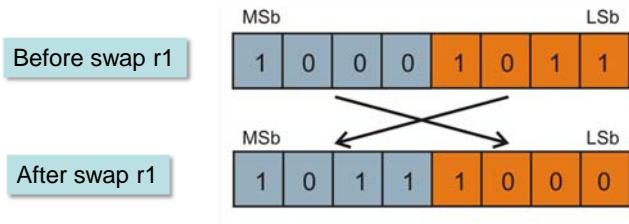
Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Strobe Enable line

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ldi r25,0x04
out PORTC,r25      ; Send upper nibble
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rcall _delay_100u  ; wait
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rcall LCDStrobe    ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u
```

SWAP – Swap Nibbles

Swaps high and low nibbles in a register.



Example:

```
inc    r1    ; Increment r1
swap   r1    ; Swap high and low nibble of r1
inc    r1    ; Increment high nibble of r1
swap   r1    ; Swap back
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode, Take 2

Assume LCD has been initialized in 4-bit mode. To send data, one sends upper nibble, then lower nibble. Assume **PC0...PC3** are connected to **D4...D7**.

Let's send the ASCII character 'E' which is equivalent to '0x45'

```
; Send the character 'E' to the LCD. The ASCII
; character 'E' is 0x45
ldi    r25, 'E'
swap   r25          ; Swap nibbles
out     PORTC, r25   ; Send upper nibble
rcall  LCDStrobe    ; Strobe Enable line
rcall  _delay_100u   ; Wait
swap   r25          ; Get lower nibble ready
out     PORTC, r25   ; Send lower nibble
rcall  LCDStrobe    ; Strobe Enable line
...
```

Sending Characters to LCD, 4-bit Mode, Take 2

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rcall LCDStrobe   ; Strobe Enable line
rcall _delay_100u ; Wait
swap r25          ; Get lower nibble ready
out  PORTC,r25    ; Send lower nibble
rcall LCDStrobe   ; Strobe Enable line
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```

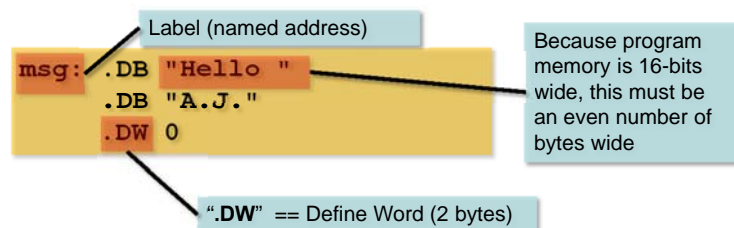
Writing a Character String

To Write a String of Characters LCD

- Drive **RS** low (command mode)
- Send a **Set Display Address** command to the LCD to establish initial display position
- Drive **RS** high (character mode)
- Send first character to LCD
- Send second character to LCD
- etc.
- The display position will automatically increment or decrement depending upon how you configured the LCD with the **Character Entry Command**
- Need to wait at least 100 μ s between characters

Tables and Static Strings in Program Memory

- Data (RAM) memory is limited, one does not want to use this for storing constants, tables etc.
- One can create tables in program (Flash) memory during assembly. "Tables" can be quite large.
- The `lpm` (load program memory) instruction allows one to access data stored in program memory



Tables and Static Strings in Program Memory

Rather than hard-coding the LCD nibble-write instructions, here is how one would want to set things up:

```
; Configure lower nibble of PORTC as output.
ldi  r23,0x0F
out  DDRC,r23

; Configure PB5-PB3 output.
ldi  r23,0x38
out  DDRB,r23

; Initialize the LCD: set to 4-bit mode, proper
; cursor advance, clear screen.
rcall LCDInit

; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
      .DB "A.J."
      .DW 0

; Display the string.
rcall displayCString
```

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Tables and Static Strings in Program Memory

```
msg: .DB "Hello "
      .DB "A.J."
      .DW 0
```

```
msg: .DB "Hello A.J."
      .DW 0
```

Both these are equivalent, and the Assembler will lay out the bytes in program memory identical

Tables and Static Strings in Program Memory

```
msg: .DB "Hi A.J."
```

This will generate a warning, since there are an odd number of bytes.

The assembler will pad (add) a zero byte at the end to get 16-bit alignment

```
LCD01.asm(30): warning: .cseg .db misalignment - padding zero byte
```

Tables and Static Strings in Program Memory

The **lpm** (load program memory) instruction is used for accessing tables and strings from program (Flash) memory.

First, one loads the address on the string/table into the **Z** pointer register. Recall, the **R30** and **R31** register pair forms the **Z** pointer register.

Next, execute the **lpm** instruction. This copies what **Z** register points to, into **R0**.

To load another byte, increment the **Z** register and repeat.

```
msg: .DB "Hello "  
...  
ldi  r30,LOW(2*msg)    ; Load Z register low  
ldi  r31,HIGH(2*msg)   ; Load Z register high  
→ lpm                  ; r0 <-- load byte  
...  
adiw zh:zl,1           ; Increment Z pointer
```

```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0
...
     rcall displayCString:
...
displayCString:
    ldi    r24,10          ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg)  ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg) ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm                    ; r0 <-- first byte
    swap   r0              ; Upper nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0        ; Send upper nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    swap   r0              ; Lower nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0        ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    adiw   zh:zl,1         ; Increment Z pointer
    dec    r24              ; Repeat until
    brne   L20             ; all characters are out
    ret

```

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```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0
...
     rcall displayCString:
...
displayCString:
    ldi    r24,10          ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg)  ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg) ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm                    ; r0 <-- first byte
    swap   r0              ; Upper nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0        ; Send upper nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    swap   r0              ; Lower nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0        ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    adiw   zh:zl,1         ; Increment Z pointer
    dec    r24              ; Repeat until
    brne   L20             ; all characters are out
    ret

```

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```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0
...
     rcall displayCString:
...
displayCString:
    ldi    r24,10                ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg)        ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg)       ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm                                ; r0 <-- first byte
    swap   r0                      ; Upper nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0               ; Send upper nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe              ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u            ; Wait
    swap   r0                      ; Lower nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0               ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe              ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u            ; Wait
    adiw   zh:zl,1                ; Increment Z pointer
    dec    r24                    ; Repeat until
    brne   L20                    ; all characters are out
    ret

```

Now Z register points to start of string/table in Flash

```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0
...
     rcall displayC
...
displayCString:
    ldi    r24,10                ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg)        ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg)       ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm                                ; r0 <-- first byte
    swap   r0                      ; Upper nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0               ; Send upper nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe              ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u            ; Wait
    swap   r0                      ; Lower nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0               ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall  LCDStrobe              ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u            ; Wait
    adiw   zh:zl,1                ; Increment Z pointer
    dec    r24                    ; Repeat until
    brne   L20                    ; all characters are out
    ret

```

lpm instructions loads byte pointed to by Z register into R0

```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0

...
    rcall displayCString:
...
displayCString:
    ldi r24,10          ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi r30,LOW(2*msg)  ; Load Z register low
    ldi r31,HIGH(2*msg) ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm                ; r0 <-- first byte
    swap r0             ; Upper nibble in place
    out PORTC,r0        ; Send upper nibble out
    rcall LCDStrobe     ; Latch nibble
    rcall _delay_100u   ; Wait
    swap r0             ; Lower nibble in place
    out PORTC,r0        ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall LCDStrobe     ; Latch nibble
    rcall _delay_100u   ; Wait
    adiw zh:zl,1        ; Increment Z pointer
    dec r24             ; Repeat until
    brne L20            ; all characters are out
    ret

```

Send out contents of R0,
one nibble at a time

```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0

...
    rcall displayCString
...
displayCString:
    ldi r24,10          ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi r30,LOW(2*msg)  ; Load Z register low
    ldi r31,HIGH(2*msg) ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm
    swap r0
    out PORTC,r0
    rcall LCDStrobe     ; Latch nibble
    rcall _delay_100u   ; Wait
    swap r0
    out PORTC,r0        ; Send lower nibble out
    rcall LCDStrobe     ; Latch nibble
    rcall _delay_100u   ; Wait
    adiw zh:zl,1        ; Increment Z pointer
    dec r24             ; Repeat until
    brne L20            ; all characters are out
    ret

```

Increment Z register so it points to
next byte in Flash. Note the use of
the **adiw** instruction

```

...
; Create a static string in program memory.
msg: .DB "Hello "
     .DB "A.J."
     .DW 0

...
    rcall displayCString
...
displayCString:
    ldi    r24,10          ; r24 <-- length of the string
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg)  ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg) ; Load Z register high
L20:
    lpm
    swap   r0
    out    PORTC,r0
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    swap   r0
    out    PORTC,r0
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rcall  _delay_100u     ; Wait
    adiw   zh:zl,1         ; Increment Z pointer
    dec    r24              ; Repeat until
    brne   L20             ; all characters are out
    ret

```

Keep going until all characters are sent out

A Better displayCString

```

...
; Create static strings in program memory.

.cseg
msg1: .db "DC = ",0x00
    ldi    r30,LOW(2*msg1) ; Load Z register low
    ldi    r31,HIGH(2*msg1) ; Load Z register high

    rcall  displayCString

; Displays a constant null-terminated string stored in program
; on the LCD.
;
displayCString:
    lpm    r0,Z+           ; r0 <-- first byte
    tst    r0              ; Reached end of message ?
    breq   done            ; Yes => quit
    swap   r0              ; Upper nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    swap   r0              ; Lower nibble in place
    out    PORTC,r0
    rcall  LCDStrobe       ; Latch nibble
    rjmp   displayCString
done:
    ret

```


User-defined characters

- HD44780 supports up to 8 user-defined characters
- Character codes 0x00 – 0x07 or 0x08 – 0x0F
- Before use, the characters must be defined by storing the pixel pattern in a character-generating RAM (CGRAM) on the controller chip

CGRAM Address Map

For 5 × 8 dot character patterns																													
Character Codes (DDRAM data)								CGRAM Address								Character Patterns (CGRAM data)													
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0								
High				Low				High				Low				High				Low									
0	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	↑							
																										0	0	0	1
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Writing to the CGRAM requires using the **Set CGRAM Address** command (01XX XXXX)

LCD - Checklist

- Connect LCD to μC
- Test LCD setup by downloading test program from ES website
- Implement software (subroutines) for:
 - Performing LCD initialization sequence (clear, set mode, ...)
 - Displaying strings
- Integrate LCD subroutines with other software ...
- Important: must meet all timing requirements!
 - Note: longer delays could simplify software design

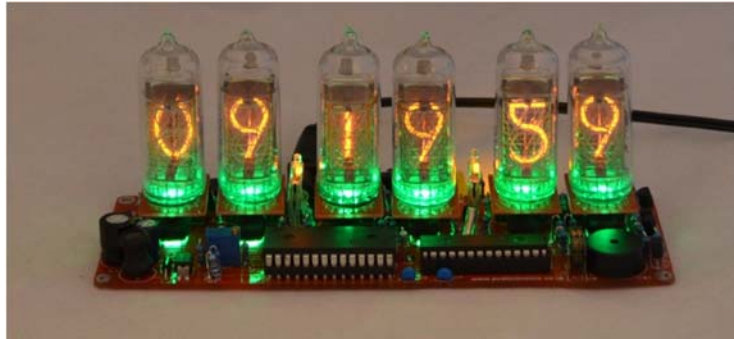
Resources

"Google" LCD Simulator

DigiKey Electronics - Electronic Components Distributor
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