

PWM (Pulse Width Modulation)

- PWM enable to vary duty cycle of clock (0 to 100%) and effectively power delivered to the load (device).
- $\text{duty cycle} = (\text{Ton} / (\text{Ton} + \text{Toff})) * 100$
- It works like DAC, if clock frequency is too low.
- There are few devices whose behaviour depends on power supplied to them like DC motor.
 - DC motor speed depends on power supplied to that.
 - DC motor direction depends on polarity of the voltage.

Watchdog Timer

- It detects timeout in any activity and reset the processor to handle that problem.
- Resetting system is helpful many times to recover from the problem.
- WDT is a downcounter. It can be programmed for delay of few ms/sec. When counter reach 0, it resets the processor. If counter is disabled before that time, processor continue to function normally.
- Usage:
 - step1: Decide the time duration required for any activity/task.
 - step2: Calculate WDT count for that duration (based on clock).
 - step3: Load the count into the WDT and start the timer.
 - step4: Initiate the activity/task.
 - step5: At the end of task, disable the WDT.
 - If task is completed within duration, WDT will be disabled.
 - If task is not completed within duration, WDT will raise interrupt and reset the processor.
 - step6: Upon reset, check if reset is due to WDT and take necessary action.
- Typical application

```
main() {  
    check if reset due to WDT & take action accordingly  
    while(1) {  
        init WDT  
        // do task  
        stop WDT  
    }  
}
```

AVR WDT

- MCUCSR
- WDTCR

```
int main() {  
    if(MCUCSR & BV(WDRF)) {  
        // reset is due to WDT  
        // do error handling  
    }  
  
    while(1) {  
        // init WDT to wait for 2sec  
        WDTCR = BV(WDE) | BV(WDP2) | BV(WDP1) | BV(WDP0);  
  
        // do the task -- time = 2sec  
  
        // stop WDT  
        WDTCR = BV(WDTOE) | BV(WDE);  
        WDTCR = 0x00;  
    }  
}
```