

Assignment OSEK
Trampoline & Arduino

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1 Structure & Algorithm

The program is developed on Trampoline + Arduino, and the structure chosen is based on a single extended task. The main reason is simplicity. Thanks to a single task, the solution is as straightforward as possible, and the memory occupation is also very low. To guarantee the system's timing, I opted for an event triggered every 100ms.

The conversion is softcoded, thanks to the global variable LED. The external loop reads all sentences, while the internal one analyzes every single letter. The program compares every character against 'A', and it computes the value of pos. Thanks to the variable pos, we can get the morse code of the analyzed letter, convert it into a sequence of 0 and 1, and then save the output inside the variable LED thanks to the **populateLED()** function.

Another critical method is the **string_lenght()** one, which has been included to keep the code as general as possible. Furthermor, by not hardcoding the sentences' length, we can save a little bit of data memory.

To implement the 180s pause, I opted for a counter (variable cnt) which maximum value is 1800. In fact:

$$max_cnt_value = \frac{pause_time}{event_time} = \frac{180 \ s}{0.1 \ s} = 1800 \tag{1}$$

Similarly, the 0.5s pause uses a counter in which the maximum value is 5.

The last thing to mention is **STACKSIZE**. The minimum value I found in order to have a correct output is 112. Because 112 is not a power of 2, I decide to use 128.

2 Timing & Errors

2.1 Timing

As explained in the first paragraph, the code has a periodic alarm (every 100ms) that activates an event. The main problem is that the Trampoline System-Counter is the same as the Systick used in Arduino, which counts a tick every $1024\mu s$. To obtain 100ms period, the value assigned to **CYCLETIME** must be:

$$CYCLETIME = \frac{event_time}{tick_time} = \frac{100ms}{1024\mu s} = \frac{100 \cdot 10^{-3}s}{1024 \cdot 10^{-6}s}$$

= 97.65625 \approx 98

The choice for CYCLETIME is, therefore, 98. We can now compute what the real value for 100ms is:

$$real_100ms = 98 \cdot 1024 \mu s = 100.352ms$$

From this, it is easy to evaluate the default error:

$$Default_Error = \frac{real_100ms - 100ms}{100ms}$$
 (2)

$$Default_Error = \frac{100.352ms - 100ms}{100ms} = 0.352\%$$
 (3)

2.2 Errors

To analyze the program's timing errors, I used the Arduino function **micros()**. We can identify three errors:

1. 100ms: I obtained 0.352% error

$$Error = \frac{value_with_micros - ideal_value}{ideal_value}$$

$$Error = \frac{100352\mu s - 100000\mu s}{100000\mu s} = 0.352\%$$

2. 500ms: I obtained 0.352% error

$$Error = \frac{value_with_micros - ideal_value}{ideal_value}$$

$$Error = \frac{501760\mu s - 500000\mu s}{500000\mu s} = 0.352\%$$

3. 180s: I obtained 0.352% error

$$Error = \frac{value_with_micros - ideal_value}{ideal_value}$$

$$Error = \frac{180633600\mu s - 180000000\mu s}{180000000\mu s} = 0.352\%$$

It's easy to notice that all the errors are the same, and they are all coeherent with the *Default_Error* evaluated in section 2.1, with the equations 2 and 3

3 Memory Occupation

To analyze memory occupation, I compared my solution with a blank code (an empty PeriodicTask triggered every 100ms).

Tex	t	Data	Bss	Dec
5730 B	ytes 2	78 Bytes	382 Bytes	6390 Bytes

Table 1: Blank code memory occupation

Text	Data	Bss	Dec
7034 Bytes	678 Bytes	276 Bytes	7988 Bytes

Table 2: My solution memory occupation

By comparing Table 1 and table Table 2, it's easy to see the benefit of the online translation. Because the program translates letter by letter, the data occupation doesn't increase too much. As a downside, the text size grows slightly, but because Arduino RAM is limited to 2kB, I decided to optimize the program to use the least amount of RAM.