

# **Lab 1: Intro to ARM Assembler on R Pi 3**

## **Report**

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## Thinking and Exploring

- 1) *Do you have an alternative way to blink this external LED? If so, write down your answer.*

Besides using assembly to blink the LED, we could have also used another programming language, such as Python in order to accomplish the same result. When using Python, the functions we would have used instead of `pinMode`, `digitalWrite`, and `delay` would have been `GPIO.setup()`, `GPIO.output()`, and `time.sleep()`. This would have allowed us to blink the LED as well by assigning the pin, and setting the GPIO high to turn on, low to turn off, and sleep for a number of seconds similar to the delay function.

- 2) *What can you add/change to the code in section 3.2-3.3 if you want to control the LED on/off time to different numbers? (For example LED on for 3 seconds and off for 4 seconds, repeat.) Can we replace function Delay in our code?*

The function `pinMode` sets the mode of a pin to output in this case considering we are trying to control the LED. The function `digitalWrite` allows us to turn on or off the specific pin number we have assigned. As a result, we could change the delay function in the for loop to last three seconds on (3000 ms), then use `digitalWrite` to turn off the LED and use the delay function to make it last four seconds off (4000 ms), and repeat within the loop. It is also possible to replace the Delay function with a function such as `clock_gettime` (in the `time.h` library). This would involve storing the current time in a variable for each blink, and then doing nothing in a loop until a certain amount of time has passed. This is less efficient than using the Delay function, but it would still work.

- 3) *Can we still produce music by this buzzer using the same way we do to the LED? If yes, provide your solution. If no, what needs to be changed in order to produce music?*

There are two type of buzzers that can be used: active and passive. Depending on which type is implemented, the code will be either similar to the LED (active) or much different due to having to set the frequency and time for beat in a song (passive). If we implemented an active buzzer, than the code and setup are similar to the blinking LED we implemented. Unlike the LED, the buzzer will not need a resistor, simply connecting it to the ground and a GPIO pin will work. As for the code in assembly, nothing will change considering we need `pinMode` to assign the pin and `digitalWrite` to turn the pin on and off. This will allow us to hear the buzzer beeping. If we wanted to hear music instead, the same setup would apply. However, the code would be different where we would be using PWM (pulse width modulation) functions. We would use `pinMode` to assign the pin and set it to `PWM_OUTPUT`, `pwmWrite` in order to assign the initial frequency, a for loop that would change the frequency of a song using `pwmWrite`, and the delay function that would provide the beat based on the time delayed. As a result, the buzzer will be able to produce music.

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1      .data
2      .balign 4
3      pin:      .int 7
4      delay_time: .int 200
5      i:        .int 0
6      error:     .asciz "Error in intitializing\n"
7      OUTPUT     = 1
8
9      .text
10     .global main
11     .extern printf
12     .extern wiringPiSetup
13     .extern pinMode
14     .extern digitalWrite
15     .extern delay
16
17     main:
18         push    {r12, lr}
19         bl      wiringPiSetup
20         mov     r1, #-1
21         cmp     r0, r1
22         bne     init
23         ldr     r0, =error
24         bl      printf
25         b       exit
26
27     @PinMode Setup
28     init:
29         ldr     r0, =pin
30         ldr     r0, [r0]
31         mov     r1, #OUTPUT
32         bl      pinMode
33
34     @ForLoop Setup
35         ldr     r4, =i
36         ldr     r4, [r4]
37         mov     r5, #10
38         mov     r6, #1
39     loop:
40         cmp     r4, r5
41         beq     exit
42
43     @digitalWrite Setup for (pin,1)
44         ldr     r0, =pin
45         ldr     r0, [r0]
46         mov     r1, #1
47         bl      digitalWrite
48     @delay(200)
49         ldr     r0, =delay_time
50         ldr     r0, [r0]
51         bl      delay
52     @digitalWrite Setup for (pin,0)
53         ldr     r0, =pin
54         ldr     r0, [r0]
55         mov     r1, #0
56         bl      digitalWrite
57     @delay(200)
58         ldr     r0, =delay_time
59         ldr     r0, [r0]
60         bl      delay
61     @Adding 1 to i for for loop count
62         add     r4, r4, r6
63         b       loop
64
65     exit:
66         pop     {r12, pc}

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