

HANDOUT #9

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MICROPROCESSORS & EMBEDDED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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What We Will Learn...

- AVR Timer/Counter Modules
- Operation Modes of AVR Timers
- Interrupt-driven Timer Operations
- PWM Signal Generation
- Pulse Counting
- Bare-Metal C Code Examples
- Arduino API and AVR Timers

Timers vs. Counters

Timer/Counter

- In AVR microcontrollers, there are peripherals called **Timer/Counter modules**.
- The same hardware module can operate in two different ways: as a **timer** or as a **counter**, depending on the selected clock source.

Timer Mode

- A timer counts **internal** clock pulses at a constant rate.
- The clock source is derived from the CPU clock, typically through a **prescaler**.

Counter Mode

- A counter counts **external** events or pulses.
- The clock (trigger) source is provided by an external signal applied to the **T0** (for **Timer0**) or **T1** (for **Timer1**) pin.
- The external signal can be a periodic clock signal or any digital pulse signal.

Timer/Counter Units in ATmega328P

- The **ATmega328P** has three Timer/Counter units:
 - **Timer0** (8-bit), **Timer1** (16-bit) and **Timer2** (8-bit)
 - **ATmega2560**: two 8-bit timers (**Timer0**, **Timer2**) and four 16-bit timers (**Timer1**, **Timer3**, **Timer4**, **Timer5**)
- **Timer1** supports **Input Capture mode**.
 - Used for precise timing measurement of external events via the ICP1 pin.
- **Timer2** supports **asynchronous mode operation**.
 - In asynchronous mode, **Timer2** can use an external 32.768 kHz crystal oscillator connected to the **TOSC1** and **TOSC2** pins.
 - **Timer2** continues running independently of the CPU clock in Power-save mode. This allows periodic wake-up from sleep using **Timer2** overflow interrupts.

AVR Timer/Counter units used by **Arduino API**:

- **Timer0** (8-bit): The **millis()** function of the Arduino API uses Timer0 for timekeeping, **4 usec resolution**.
- **Timer1** (16-bit): Used by the **Arduino Servo library**.
- **Timer2** (8-bit): Used by the **tone()** function of the Arduino API.

Timer/Counter Units in ATmega328P

- **Clock selection block and prescaler**
- **Counter registers (TCNT n), n=0,1,2**
 - 8-bit (Timer0 & Timer2) and 16-bit (Timer1 only)
- **Control registers (TCCRnA, TCCRnB, TCCRnC)**
 - Used to configure the operation of a timer.
- **Output Compare registers (OCRnA, OCRnB)**
 - Compare Match event: The current timer value (**TCNT n**) becomes equal to the value stored in an **OCRnA** or **OCRnB** register.
 - If this event occurs, the CPU can
 - set a flag (**OCFnA** or **OCFnB**),
 - generate an interrupt,
 - toggle / clear / set an output pin (**OCnA** / **OcnB**), and
 - reset the counter (in CTC mode).
- **Interrupt Mask registers (TIMSK n)**
- **Interrupt Flag registers (TIFR n)**

Operation Modes of AVR Timers

- **Normal Mode**
 - In this mode, the counter register increments by one at each clock cycle according to the selected clock frequency.
 - If the timer is 8-bit wide, the counter counts from 0 to 255 and then rolls over back to 0.
 - This event is called a **Timer Overflow**, and an interrupt can be generated when this event occurs.
- **CTC Mode (Clear Timer on Compare Match)**
 - In this mode, the counter does not count up to its maximum value. Instead, it counts up to a predefined value stored in the **Output Compare Register (OCRn)**.
 - When the counter value matches the compare value, it resets to 0.
 - An interrupt can also be generated on this compare match event.
- **PWM Modes: Fast-PWM Mode and Phase-Correct PWM**
 - This mode is used to generate **PWM** signals with adjustable duty cycles.

Clock Prescaler of AVR Timers

- Each timer module includes a **selectable prescaler circuit** used to divide the CPU clock frequency.
- Available prescaler values are: **1, 8, 64, 256, and 1024**
- The prescaler allows the timer to increment at a slower rate than the CPU clock frequency (e.g. 16MHz).
- What is the **longest** time interval for timer overflow ?
 - $T_{\text{overflow}} = 2^n \times \text{prescaler} / F_{\text{CPU}}$, n=8 or 16
 - Choose prescaler = 1024:
 - 8-bit: $T_{\text{overflow}} = 16.384 \text{ ms}$
 - 16-bit: $T_{\text{overflow}} = 4.194304 \text{ sec}$

Types of Timer Interrupts

There are **different types of interrupts** from Timer/Counter units.

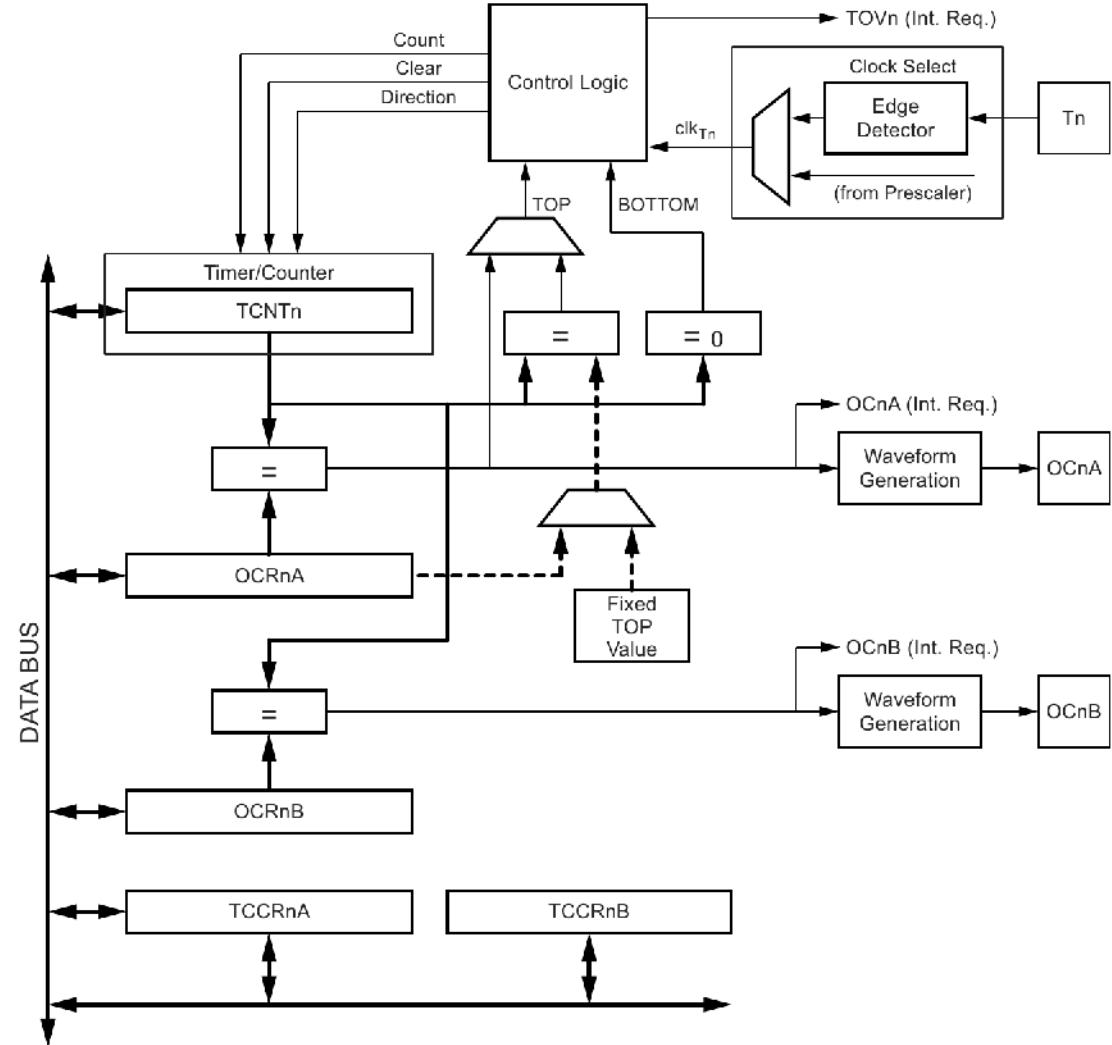
- **Timer Overflow interrupt**
 - Triggered when **TCNT_n** rolls over from **TOP** (maximum value) to 0.
 - For a 8-bit timer: overflow from 0xFF to 0x00
 - For a 16-bit timer: overflow from 0xFFFF to 0x0000
- **Compare Match A interrupt:** **TCNT_n == OCR_{nA}**
- **Compare Match B interrupt:** **TCNT_n == OCR_{nB}**
- **Input Capture (Timer1 only):**
 - Triggered when a selected edge (rising or falling) is detected on the **ICP1** pin.
 - The current value of **TCNT1** is copied into the **ICR1** register.

Timer0 Block Diagram

8-bit Timer/Counter 0

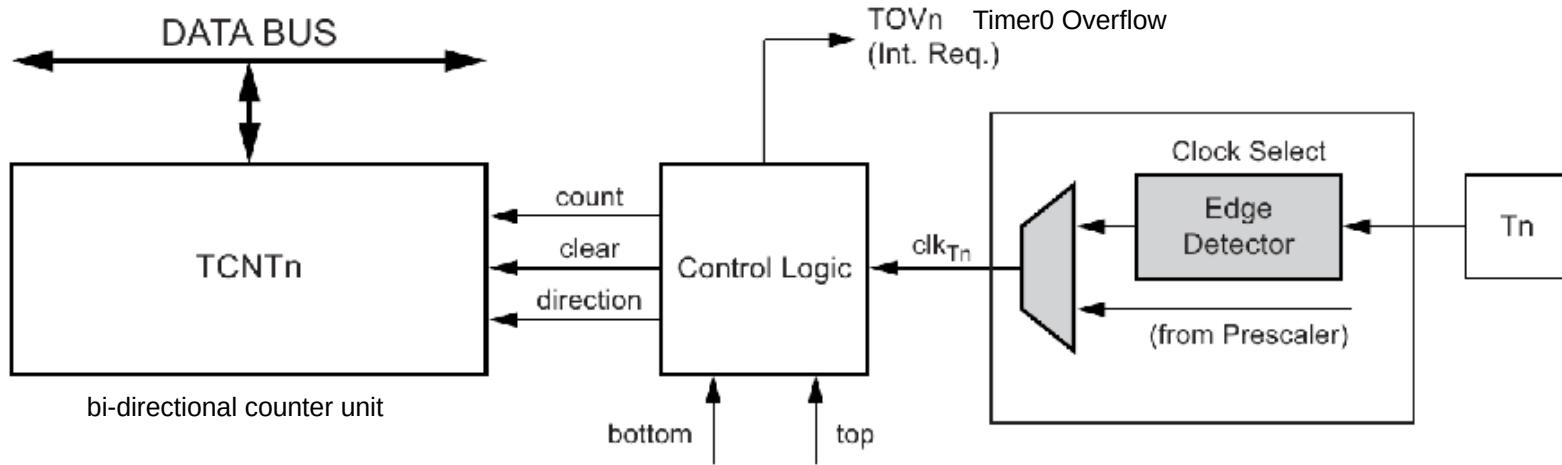
- **T0 pin:** used as an external clock pin or pulse source for **Timer0**
- **OC0A pin:** "Output Compare Match A"
- **OC0B pin:** "Output Compare Match B"
- **TCNT0:** 8-bit count register
- **TCCR0A & TCCR0B:** 8-bit configuration registers for **Timer0**

8-bit Timer/Counter Block Diagram



Timer0 Block Diagram

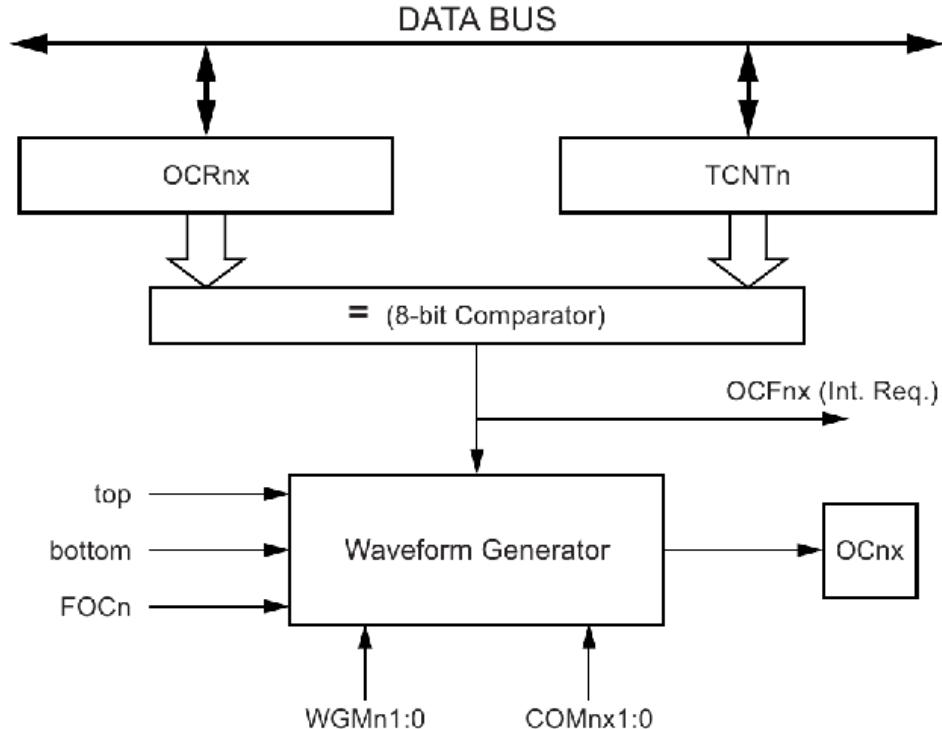
Counter Unit Block Diagram



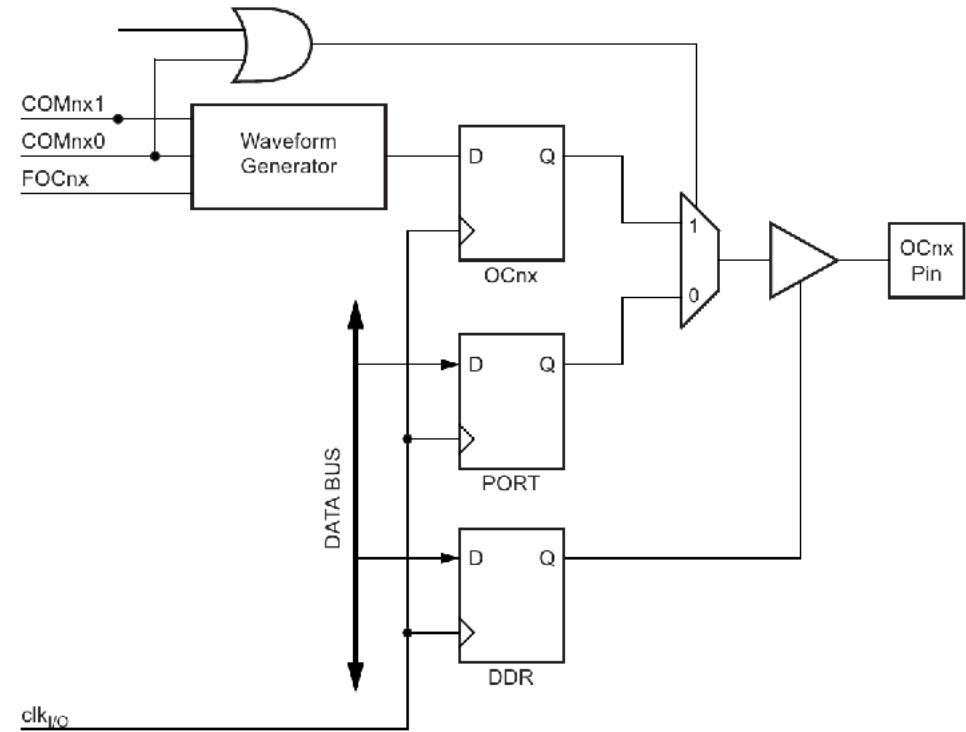
- The counter reaches the **BOTTOM** when it becomes **0x00**.
- The counter reaches its **MAX** (maximum) when it becomes **0xFF** (decimal 255).
- The counter reaches the **TOP** when it becomes equal to the **highest value** in the count sequence.
 - **TOP** can be assigned to be the fixed value **0xFF (MAX)** or the value stored in the **OCR0A** register.
 - The assignment is dependent on the mode of operation.

Timer0 Block Diagram

Compare Unit, Block Diagram



Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic



Timer0 Registers

TCCR0A – Timer/Counter Control Register A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x24 (0x44)	COM0A1	COM0A0	COM0B1	COM0B0	-	-	WGM01	WGM00	TCCR0A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R	R	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

TCCR0B – Timer/Counter Control Register B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x25 (0x45)	FOC0A	FOC0B	-	-	WGM02	CS02	CS01	CS00	TCCR0B
Read/Write	W	W	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

TCNT0 – Timer/Counter Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x26 (0x46)	TCNT0[7:0]								TCNT0
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- Waveform generator mode (**WGM02:0**) bits
- Clock select (**CS02:0**) bits

- Compare output mode (**COM0A1:0**) bits
- Compare output mode (**COM0B1:0**) bits
- Force output compare (**FOC0A** and **FOC0B**) bits

Timer0 Registers

OCR0A – Output Compare Register A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x27 (0x47)					OCR0A[7:0]				OCR0A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

OCR0B – Output Compare Register B

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x28 (0x48)					OCR0B[7:0]				OCR0B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

TIMSK0 – Timer/Counter Interrupt Mask Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0x6E)	-	-	-	-	-	OCIE0B	OCIE0A	TOIE0	
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

TIFR0 – Timer/Counter 0 Interrupt Flag Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x15 (0x35)	-	-	-	-	-	OCF0B	OCF0A	TOV0	
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Timer0 Clock Selection Bits

Clock Select Bit Description

CS02	CS01	CS00	Description
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped)
0	0	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}$ /(no prescaling)
0	1	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/8$ (from prescaler)
0	1	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/64$ (from prescaler)
1	0	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/256$ (from prescaler)
1	0	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{I/O}}/1024$ (from prescaler)
1	1	0	External clock source on T0 pin. Clock on falling edge.
1	1	1	External clock source on T0 pin. Clock on rising edge.

Timer0 Waveform Generation Mode Bits

Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description

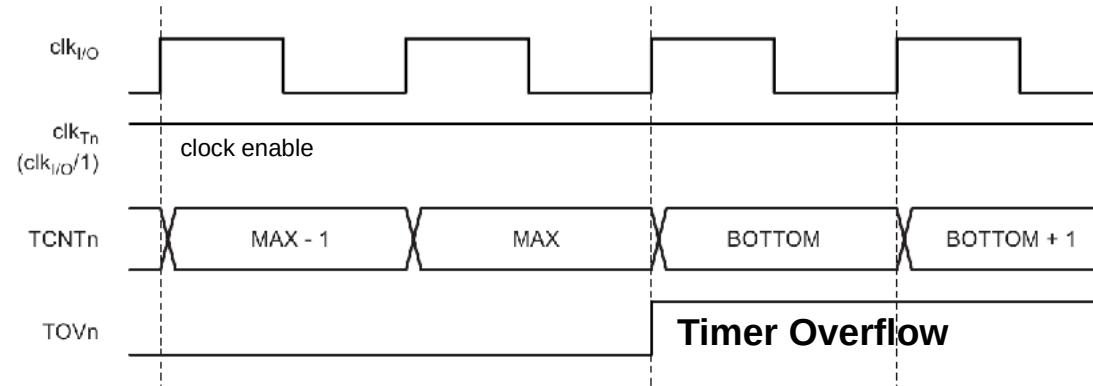
Mode	WGM02	WGM01	WGM00	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	TOP	Update of OCR _x at	TOV Flag Set on ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	1	PWM, phase correct	0xFF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	0	1	0	CTC	OCRA	Immediate	MAX
3	0	1	1	Fast PWM	0xFF	BOTTOM	MAX
4	1	0	0	Reserved	—	—	—
5	1	0	1	PWM, phase correct	OCRA	TOP	BOTTOM
6	1	1	0	Reserved	—	—	—
7	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCRA	BOTTOM	TOP

Notes: 1. MAX = 0xFF

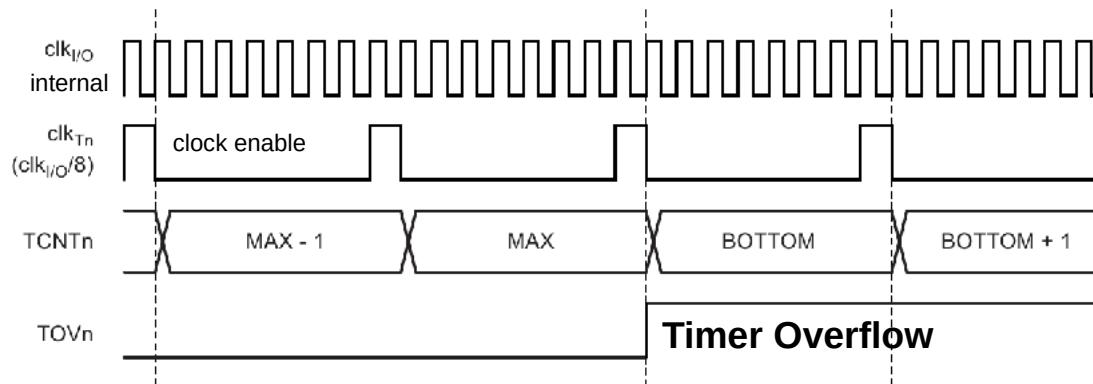
2. BOTTOM = 0x00

Timer0 Overflow

Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, no Prescaling

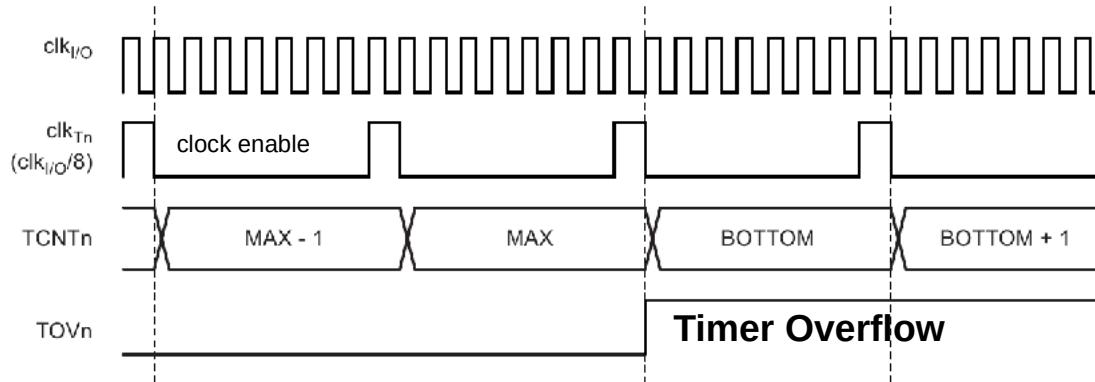


Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_I/O}/8$)

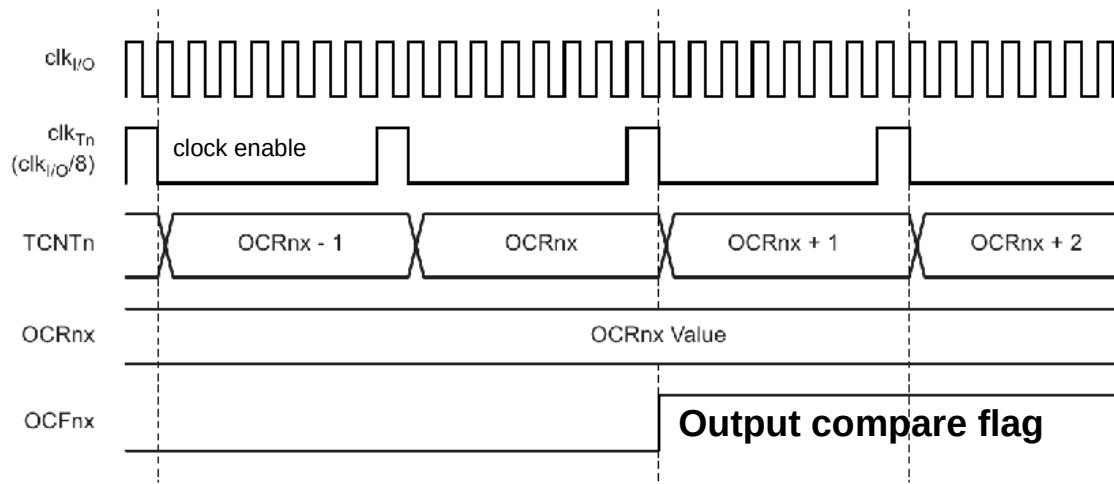


Timer0 Overflow vs. Compare Match

Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_I/O}/8$)

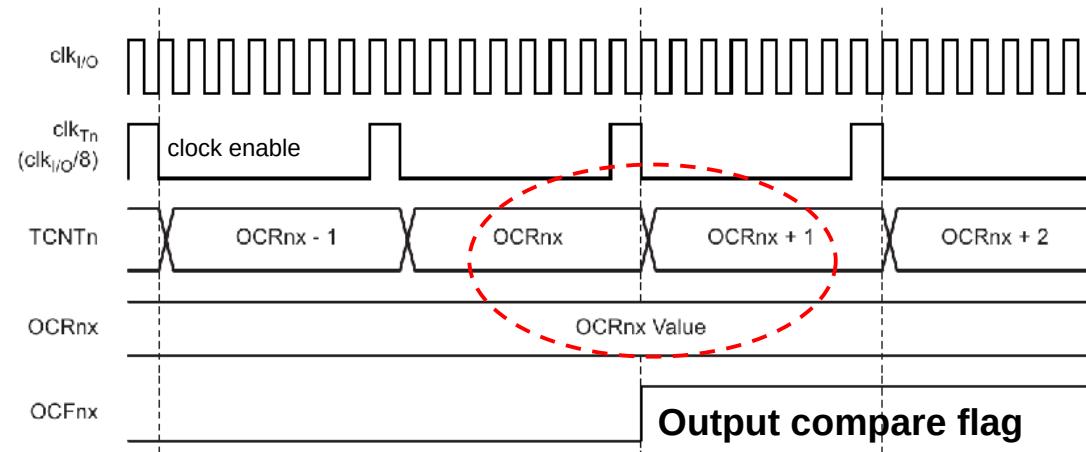


Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Setting of OCF0x, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_I/O}/8$)

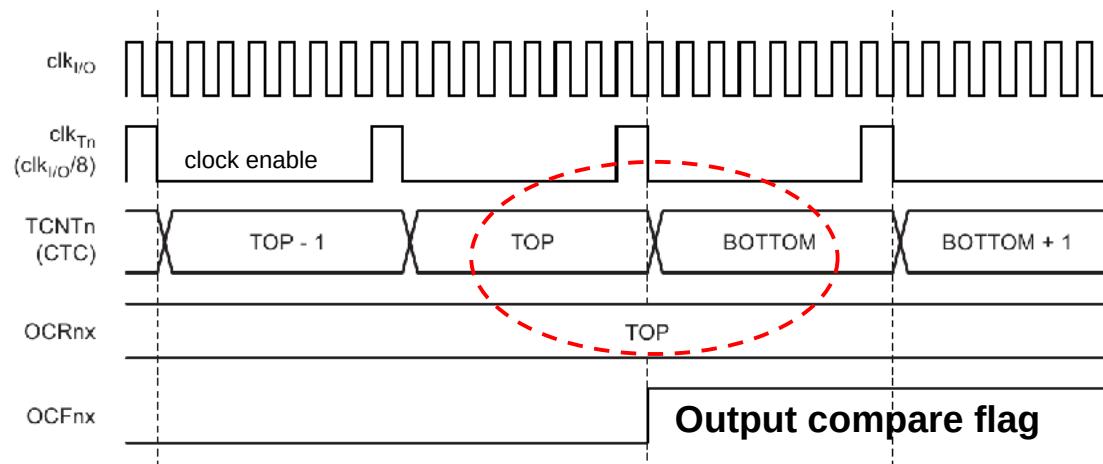


Timer0 Overflow vs. Compare Match

Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Setting of OCF0x, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_I/O}/8$)



Timer/Counter Timing Diagram, Clear Timer on Compare Match mode, with Prescaler ($f_{clk_I/O}/8$)



Arduino Uno / Nano Pins

Arduino function			Arduino function			
reset	(PCINT14/RESET)	PC6	1	28	PC5 (ADC5/SCL/PCINT13)	analog input 5
digital pin 0 (RX)	(PCINT16/RXD)	PD0	2	27	PC4 (ADC4/SDA/PCINT12)	analog input 4
digital pin 1 (TX)	(PCINT17/TXD)	PD1	3	26	PC3 (ADC3/PCINT11)	analog input 3
digital pin 2	(PCINT18/INT0)	PD2	4	25	PC2 (ADC2/PCINT10)	analog input 2
digital pin 3 (PWM)	(PCINT19/OC2B/INT1)	PD3	5	24	PC1 (ADC1/PCINT9)	analog input 1
digital pin 4	(PCINT20/XCK/T0)	PD4	6	23	PC0 (ADC0/PCINT8)	analog input 0
VCC	VCC		7	22	GND	GND
GND	GND		8	21	AREF	analog reference
crystal	(PCINT6/XTAL1/TOSC1)	PB6	9	20	AVCC	VCC
crystal	(PCINT7/XTAL2/TOSC2)	PB7	10	19	PB5 (SCK/PCINT5)	digital pin 13
digital pin 5 (PWM)	(PCINT21/OC0B/T1)	PD5	11	18	PB4 (MISO/PCINT4)	digital pin 12
digital pin 6 (PWM)	(PCINT22/OC0A/AIN0)	PD6	12	17	PB3 (MOSI/OC2A/PCINT3)	digital pin 11(PWM)
digital pin 7	(PCINT23/AIN1)	PD7	13	16	PB2 (SS/OC1B/PCINT2)	digital pin 10 (PWM)
digital pin 8	(PCINT0/CLKO/ICP1)	PB0	14	15	PB1 (OC1A/PCINT1)	digital pin 9 (PWM)

Digital Pins 11,12 & 13 are used by the ICSP header for MOSI, MISO, SCK connections (Atmega168 pins 17,18 & 19). Avoid low-impedance loads on these pins when using the ICSP header.

C Code: Timer0 in Normal Mode + Overflow Interrupt

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

void gpio_init(void) {
    // PB5 (Arduino D13) as output
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB5);
}

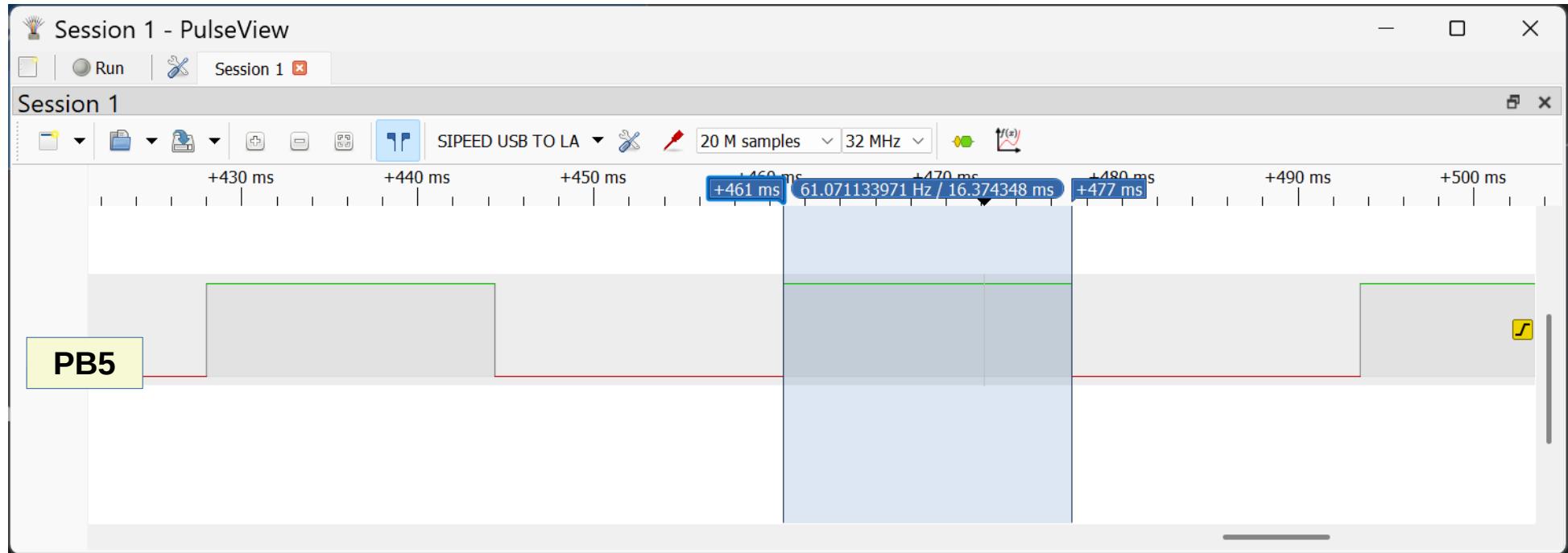
void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0x00; // Normal mode
    TCNT0 = 0;             // Clear counter
    TIMSK0 |= (1<<TOIE0); // Enable overflow interrupt
    // Set prescaler = 1024, start Timer0
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS02) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect) {
    PINB = (1<<PINB5); // Toggle PB5 pin
}

int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    sei(); // Enable global interrupts
    while (1) { }
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Toggle Rate} &= 16\text{MHz} / 1024 / 256 \\ &= 61.035 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 16.384 \text{ msec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode + Compare Match A Interrupt

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

void gpio_init(void) {
    // PB5 (Arduino D13) as output
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB5);
}

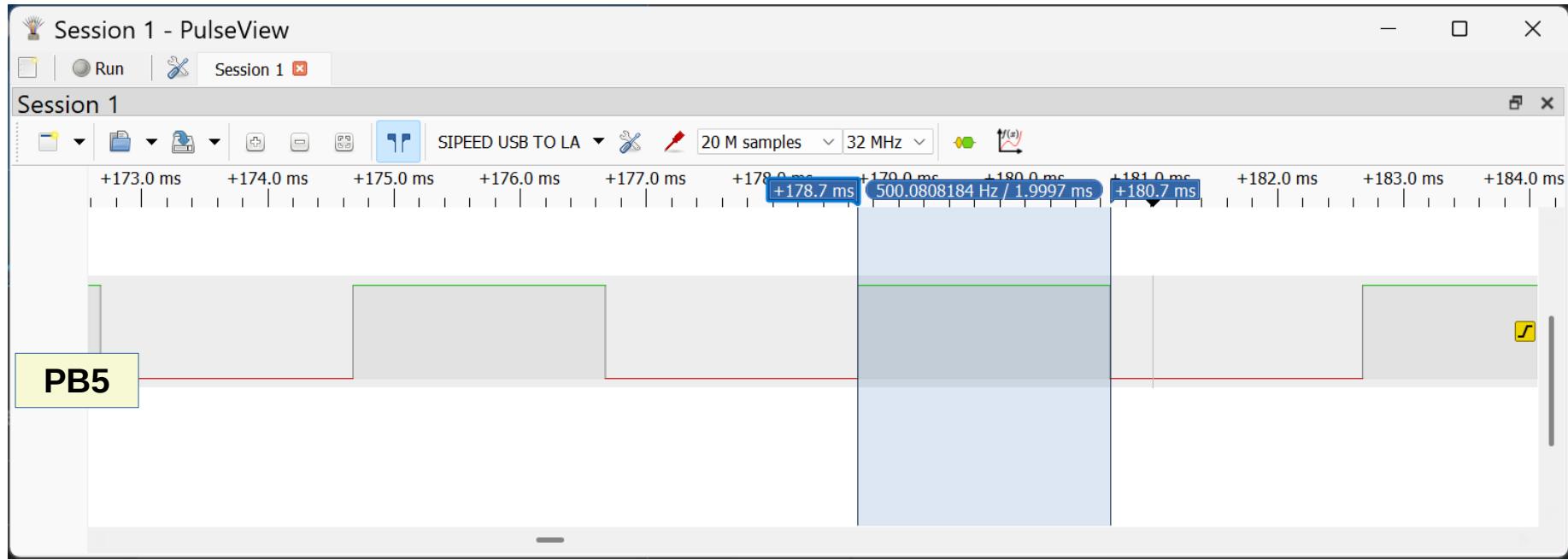
// 16MHz/256/125 = 62500Hz/125 = 500Hz
void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01=1)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // Set compare match A value (TOP)
    OCR0A = (125-1);
    // Enable Compare Match A interrupt
    TIMSK0 |= (1<<OCIE0A);
    // Prescaler = 256
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS02);
}
```

```
ISR(TIMER0_COMPA_vect) {
    PINB = (1<<PINB5); // Toggle PB5
}

int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    sei(); // Enable global interrupts
    while (1) {}
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Toggle Rate} &= 16\text{MHz} / 256 / 125 \\ &= 500 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 2 \text{ msec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode + Compare Match B Interrupt

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

void gpio_init(void) {
    // PB5 (Arduino D13) as output
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB5);
}

void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1, TOP = OCR0A)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // TOP value (set the period)
    OCR0A = 125-1;
    // Set Compare Match B value
    OCR0B = 0; // Can be any value between 0..255
    // Enable Compare Match B interrupt
    TIMSK0 |= (1<<OCIE0B);
    // Prescaler = 256
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS02);
}
```

```
ISR(TIMER0_COMPB_vect) {
    PINB = (1<<PINB5); // Toggle PB5 pin
}

int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    sei();
    while (1) {}
}
```

Toggle Rate = $16\text{MHz} / 256 / 125$
= 500 Hz
 $T = 2 \text{ msec}$

C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode + Compare Match A & B Interrupt

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

void gpio_init(void) {
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB5); // PB5/D13 output
}

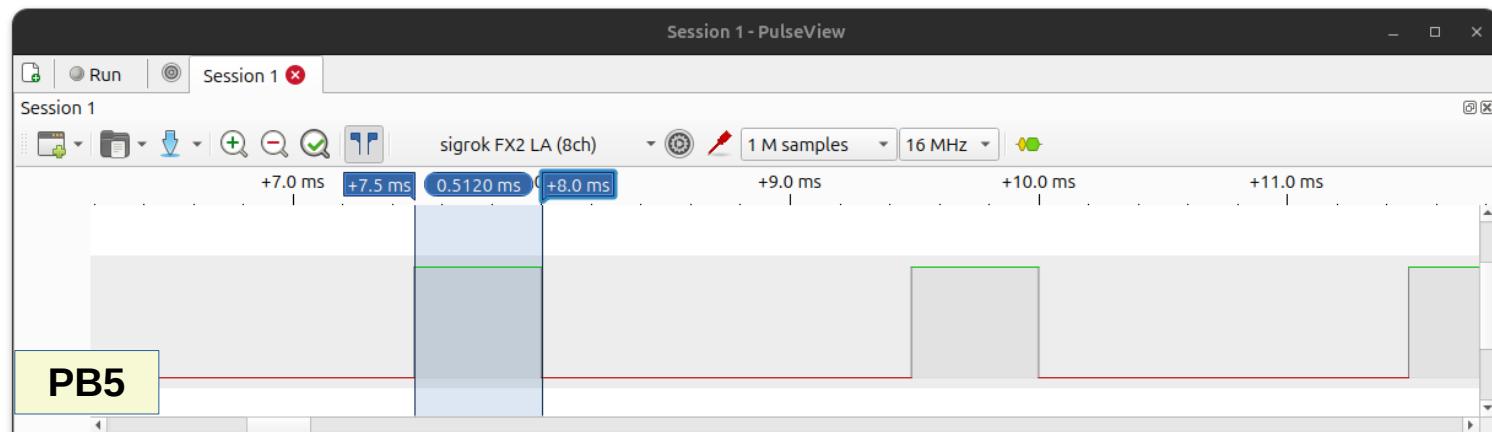
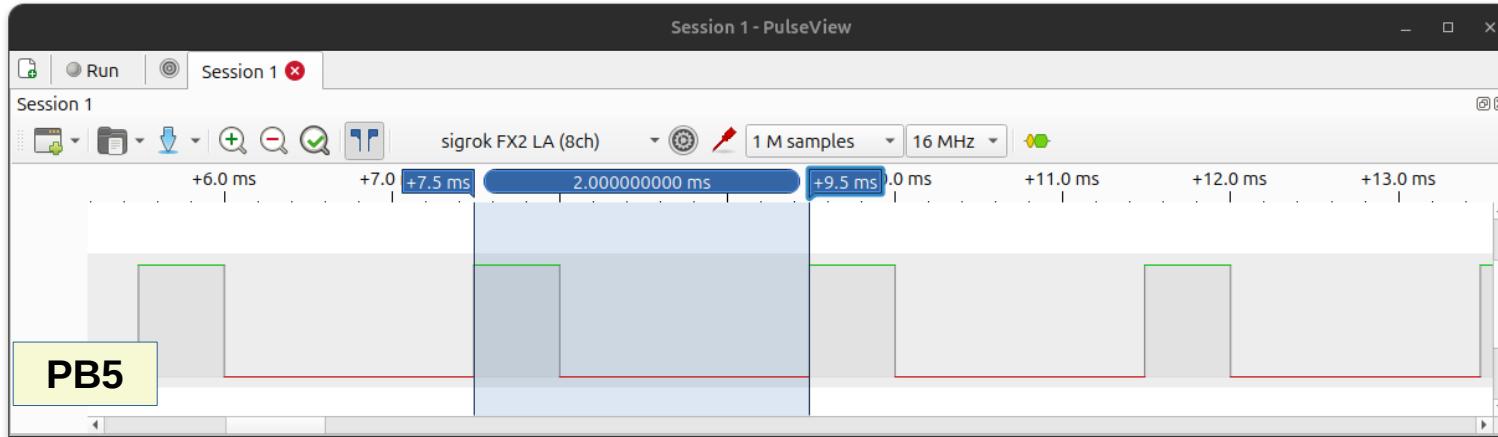
#define PERIOD (125)
void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1, TOP = OCR0A)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // Set TOP value => 500 Hz timer cycle
    OCR0A = PERIOD - 1;
    // Set Compare Match B value
    OCR0B = PERIOD/4; // 25% duty cycle
    // Enable Compare Match A AND B interrupts
    TIMSK0 |= (1<<OCIE0A) | (1<<OCIE0B);
    // Prescaler = 256
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS02);
}
```

```
ISR(TIMER0_COMPA_vect) {
    PORTB |= (1<<PINB5); // PB5 High
}

ISR(TIMER0_COMPB_vect) {
    PORTB &= ~(1<<PINB5); // PB5 Low
}
int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    sei();
    while (1) {}
}
```

Toggle Rate = 16MHz / 256 / 125
= 500 Hz
T = 2 msec

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C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode with Compare Match A + OC0A Toggle

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>

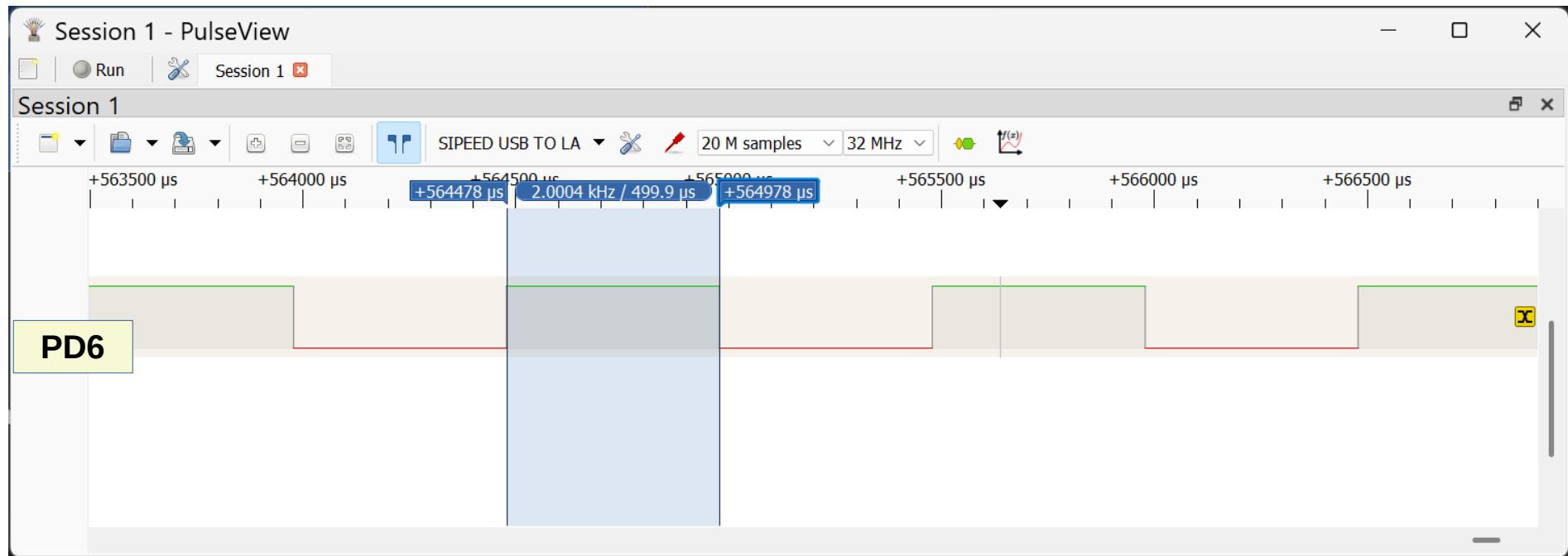
void gpio_init(void) {
    // Must use OC0A = PD6 (Arduino D6) pin as output
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD6);
}

void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // Toggle OC0A pin on Compare Match A (TOP)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0A0);
    // Set Compare Match A value (TOP)
    OCR0A = (125-1);
    // Prescaler = 64
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    while (1) { }
}
```

Toggle Rate = $16\text{MHz} / 64 / 125$
= 2000 Hz
 $T = 500 \mu\text{sec}$

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C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode with Compare Match + OC0B Toggle

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>

void gpio_init(void) {
    // Must use OC0B = PD5 (Arduino D5) as output
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD5);
}

void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // Toggle OC0B pin on Compare Match B
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0B0);
    // Set Compare Match A (TOP) value
    OCR0A = (125-1);
    // Set Compare Match B value
    OCR0B = OCR0A;
    // Prescaler = 64
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    while (1) { }
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Toggle Rate} &= 16\text{MHz} / 64 / 125 \\ &= 2000 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 500 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode, Compare Match + OC0A & OC0B Toggle

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>

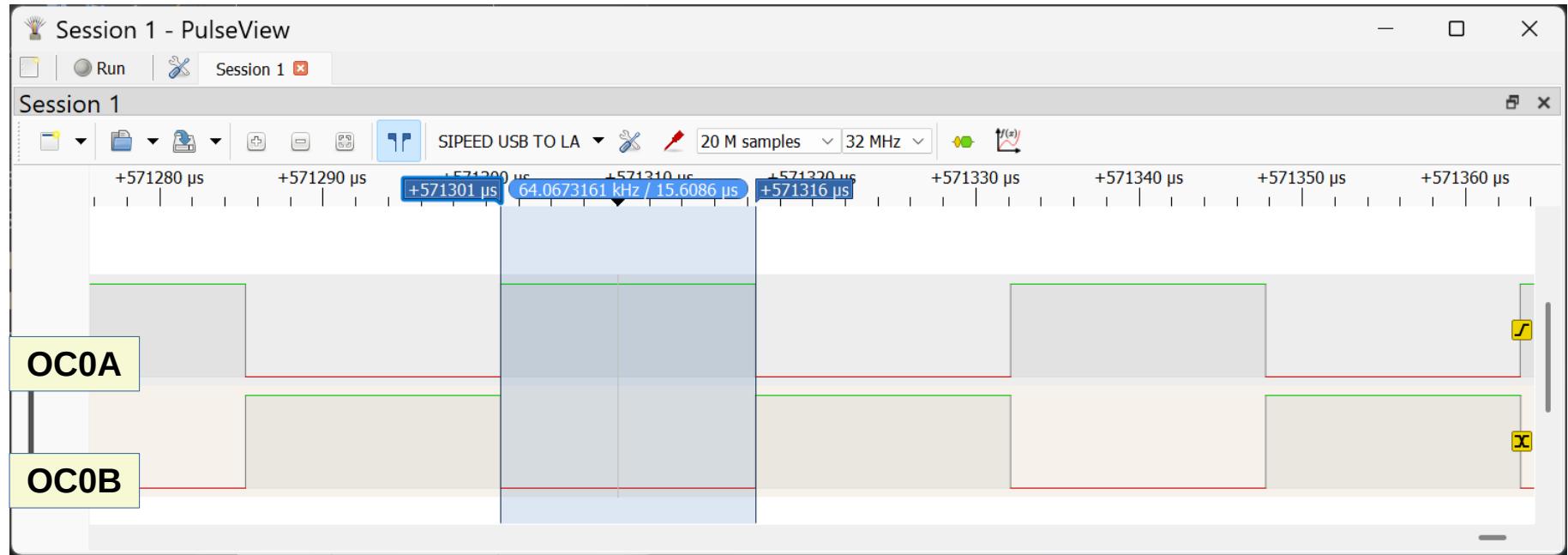
void gpio_init(void) {
    // Use OC0A and OC0B pins as output
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD5) | (1<<DDD6);
}

void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1)
    TCCR0A |= (1 << WGM01);
    // Enable toggle on OC0A and OC0B pins
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0A0) | (1<<COM0B0);
    // Set Compare Match A (TOP)
    OCR0A = OCR0B = 250-1;
    // Prescaler=1, Force Output Compare on OC0A
    // Immediately toggles OC0A once
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS00) | (1<<FOC0A);
}
```

```
int main(void) {
    gpio_init();
    timer0_init();
    while (1) {}
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Toggle Rate} &= 16\text{MHz} / 1 / 250 \\ &= 64\ 000 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 15.625 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 in CTC Mode, Compare Match + OC0A & OC0B Toggle

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>

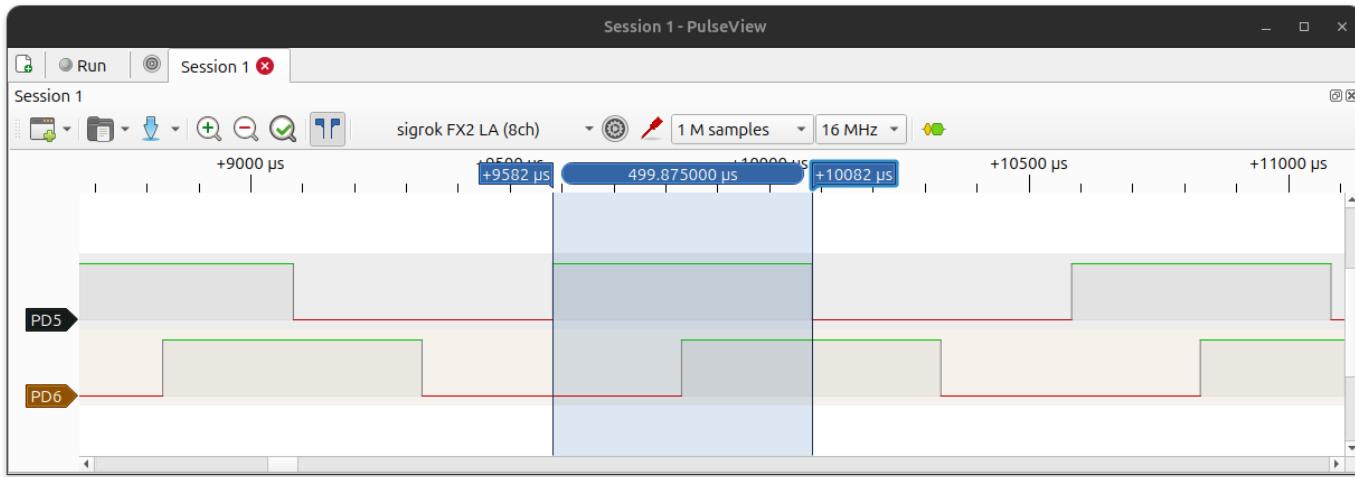
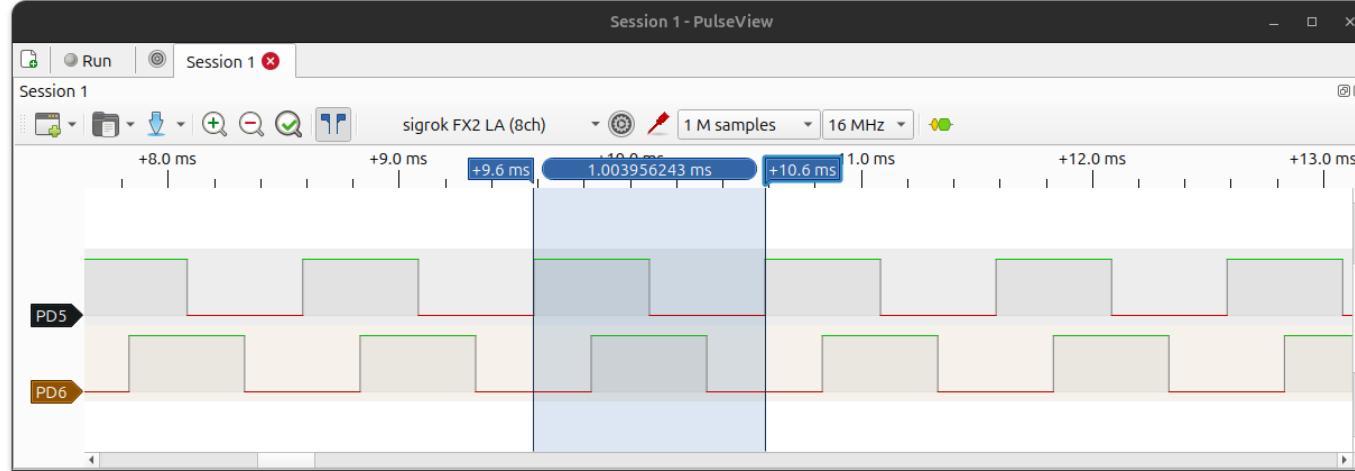
#define TOP (125-1)

void timer0_init(void) {
    // OC0A/PD6 and OC0B/PD5 output
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD6) | (1<<DDD5);
    // Stop timer first
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // CTC mode (WGM01 = 1)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01);
    // Toggle OC0A and OC0B on Compare Match
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0A0) | (1<<COM0B0);
    // Set Compare Match A and B values
    OCR0A = TOP;
    OCR0B = TOP / 2;
    // Prescaler = 64 (start timer)
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
int main(void) {
    timer0_init();
    while (1) {}
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Toggle Rate} &= 16\text{MHz} / 64 / 125 \\ &= 2000 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 500 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 Pulse Counting

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <stdio.h>

extern void usart_init(void);
extern void usart_print(const char *s);

#define NUM_PULSES 10

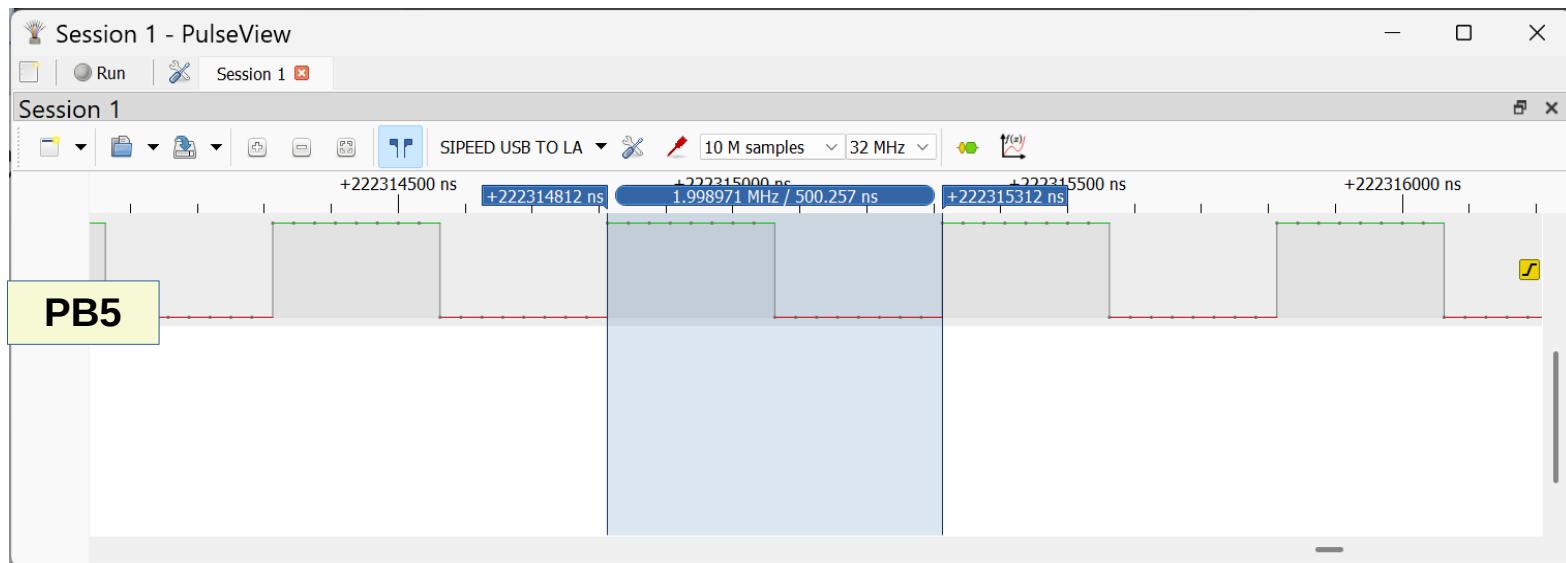
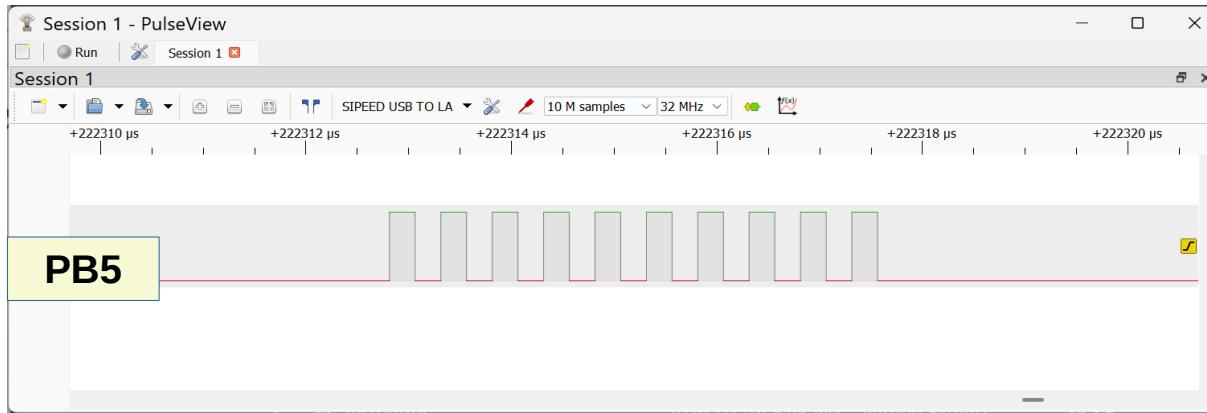
// PB5 (D13) --- wire jumper --- PD4 (T0/D4)
void gpio_init() {
    // PB5 as output
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB5);
    // PD4 (T0) as input
    DDRD &= ~(1<<DDD4);
}

// TIMER0 as External Counter
void timer0_init(void) {
    TCCR0A = 0x00; // Normal mode
    // External Clock on T0 pin, Rising Edge
    TCCR0B = (1<<CS02)|(1<<CS01)|(1<<CS00);
}
```

```
void generate_pulses(uint8_t num_pulses) {
    uint8_t n = 2*num_pulses;
    // output frequency: 2MHz
    for (uint8_t i=0; i < n; i++) {
        PINB = (1<<PB5);
    }
}

int main(void) {
    char sbuf[20];
    gpio_init();
    usart_init();
    timer0_init();
    usart_print("Pulse Counting using Timer 0\r\n");
    _delay_ms(1000);
    while (1) {
        TCNT0 = 0; // Reset counter
        generate_pulses(NUM_PULSES);
        _delay_ms(1);
        uint8_t counted = TCNT0;
        sprintf(sbuf, sizeof(sbuf),
                "Count=%u\r\n", counted);
        usart_print(sbuf);
        _delay_ms(100);
    }
}
```

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Timer in Fast PWM Mode

On AVR devices like the ATmega328P, **Timer0 Fast PWM** has two important sub-modes depending on what defines **TOP**.

1) Fast PWM: WGM02:0 = 0b011 (Mode 3), TOP = 0xFF

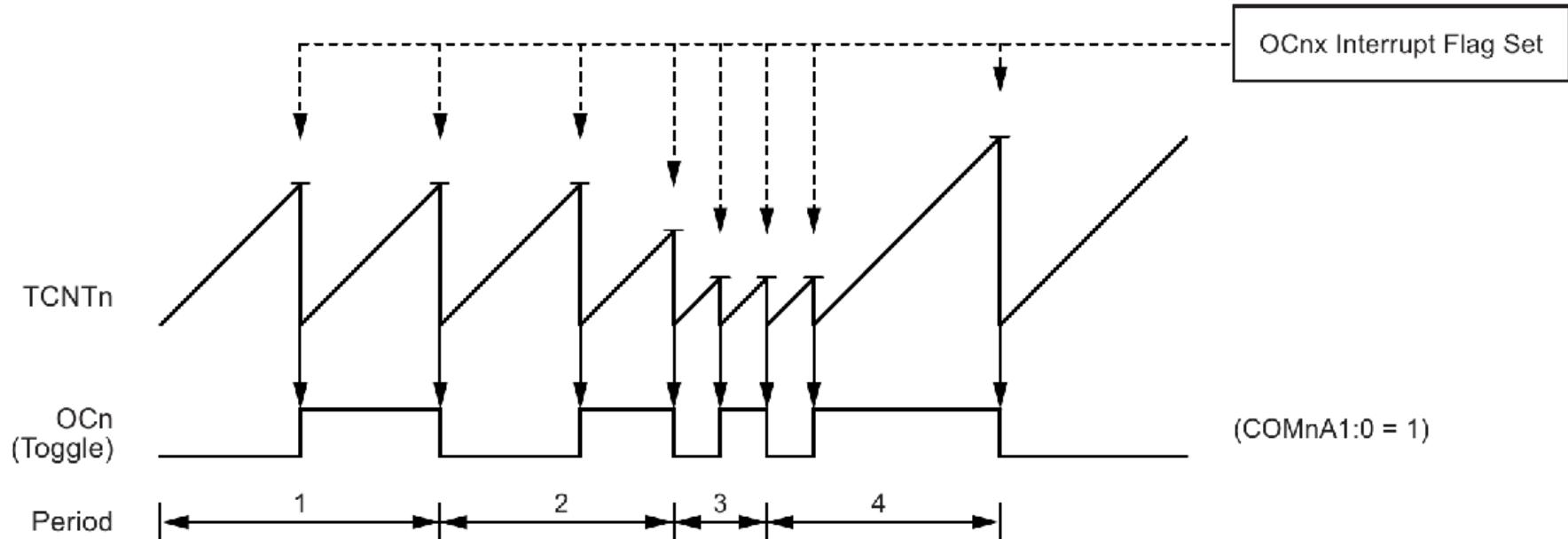
- **OCR0A** and **OCR0B** are used to control the duty cycles of the **OC0A** and **OC0B** pins.
- The PWM frequency is fixed (**TOP = 255**).
- When to use this mode: two PWM channels operating at the same fixed frequency.

2) Fast PWM: WGM02:0 = 0b111 (Mode 7), TOP = OCR0A

- **OCR0A** defines the **TOP** value and therefore controls the PWM frequency.
- **OCR0B** can be used as a normal PWM channel.
- **OC0A** cannot be used as a normal PWM output (except in toggle mode).
- When to use this mode: one PWM channel with an adjustable PWM frequency.

Timer in CTC Mode

CTC Mode, Timing Diagram



Fast PWM Mode vs. Phase-Correct PWM

1) Fast PWM

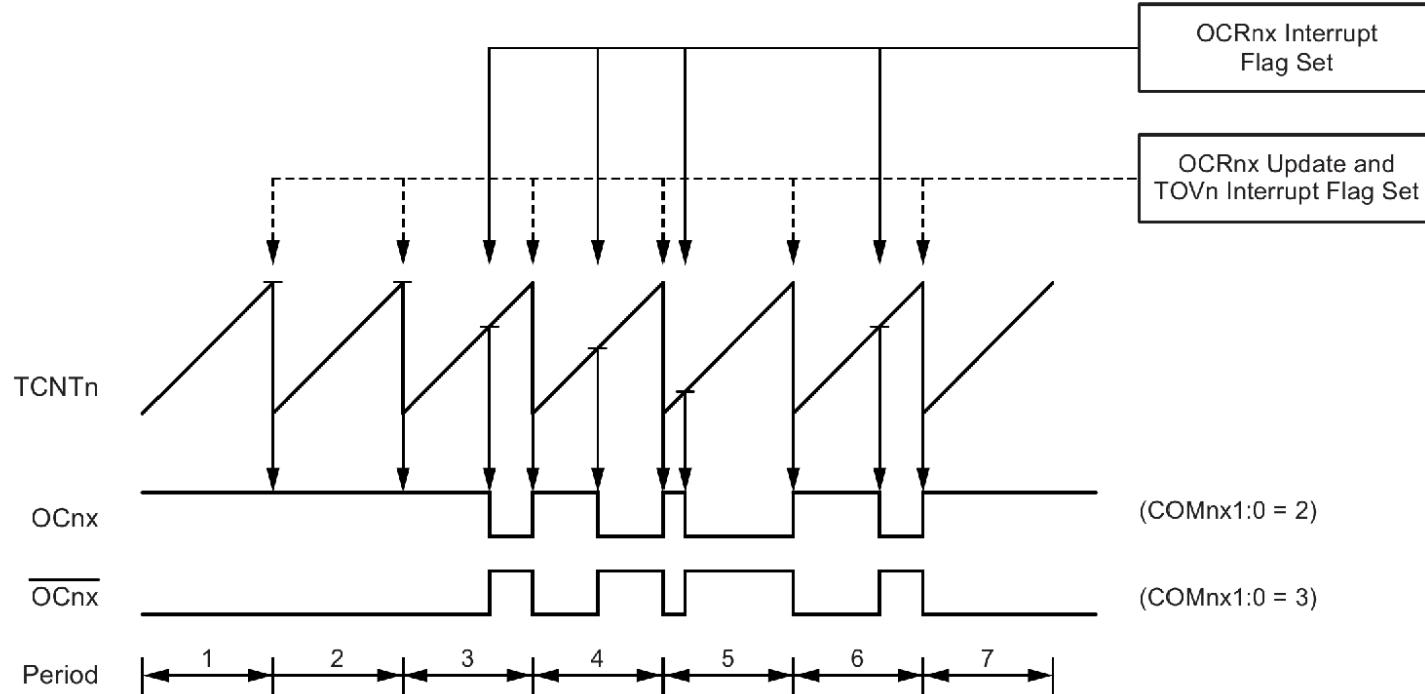
- The timer counts up only (single-slope).
- Pulse always starts at **BOTTOM** (0).

2) Phase-Correct PWM

- The timer counts up and down (dual-slope).
- Phase-Correct is half the frequency of Fast PWM.
- Center-Aligned: Pulse is centered in the period and symmetrical around midpoint.

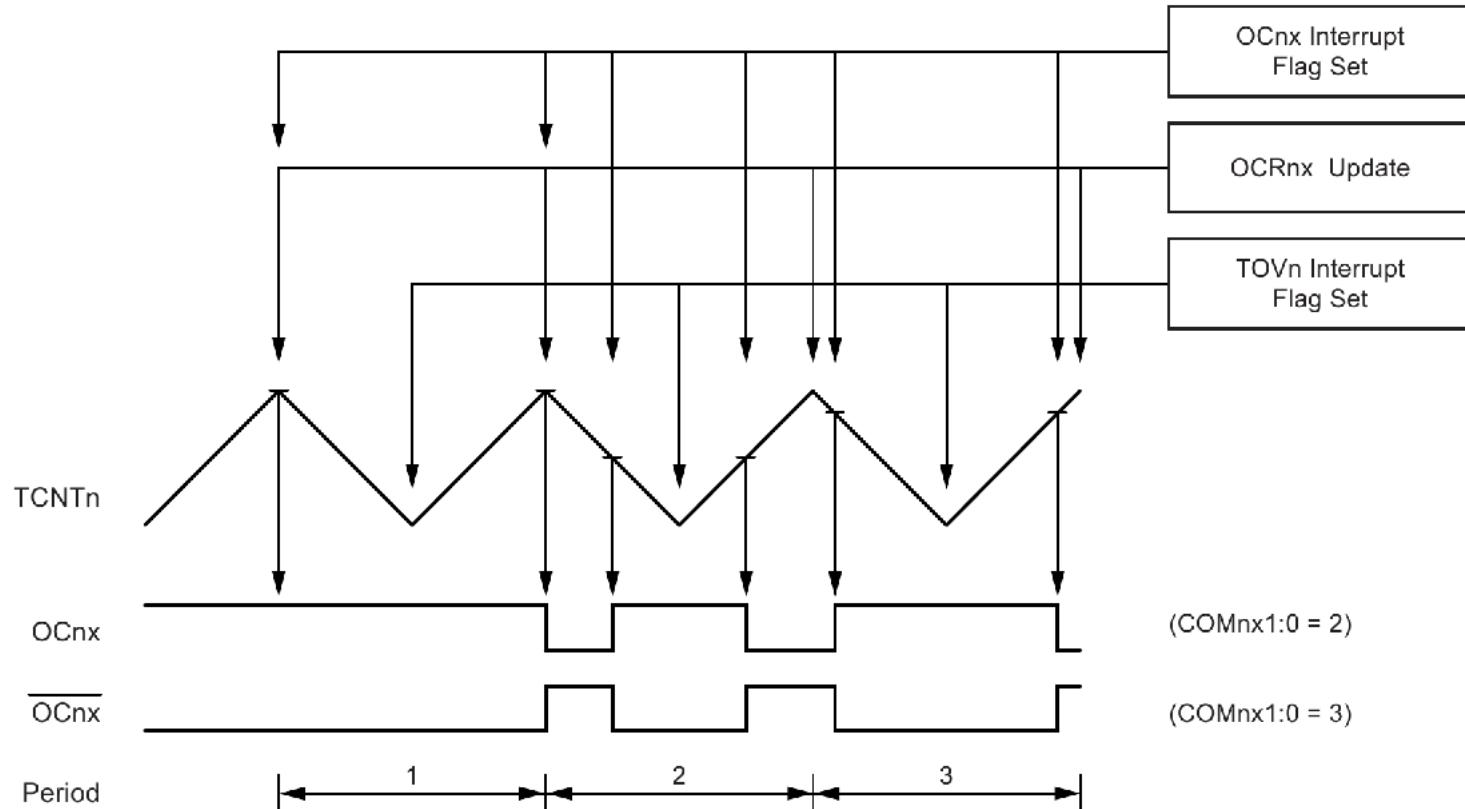
Timer in Fast-PWM Mode

Fast PWM Mode, Timing Diagram



Timer in Phase-Correct PWM Mode

Phase Correct PWM Mode, Timing Diagram



C Code: Timer0 Fast PWM Mode 3 (Two PWM Outputs)

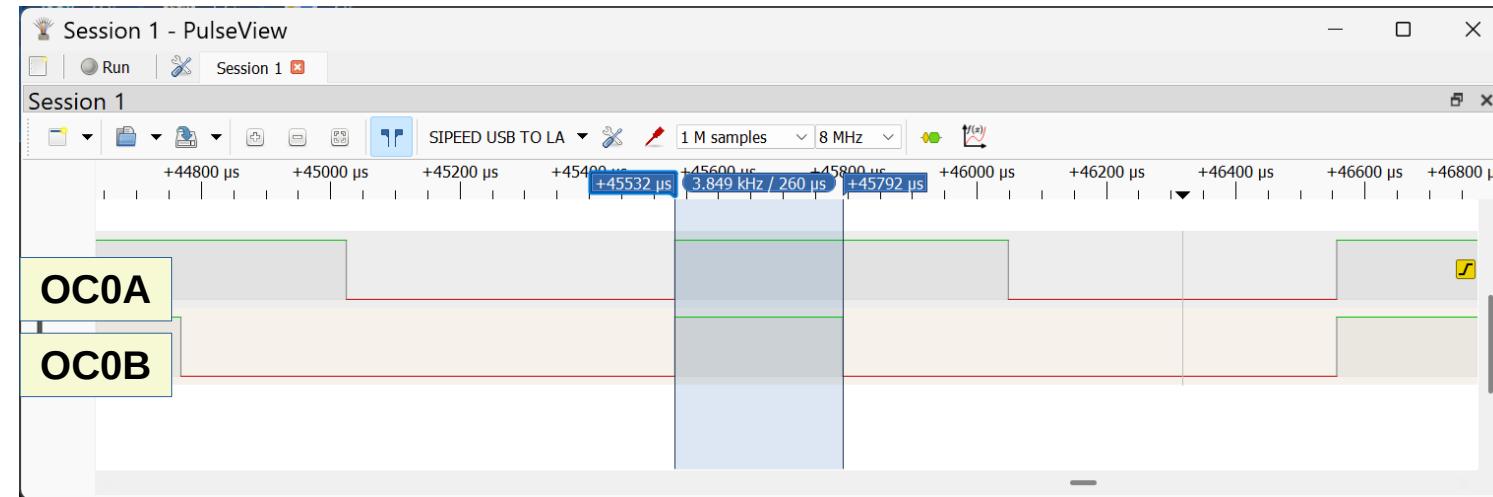
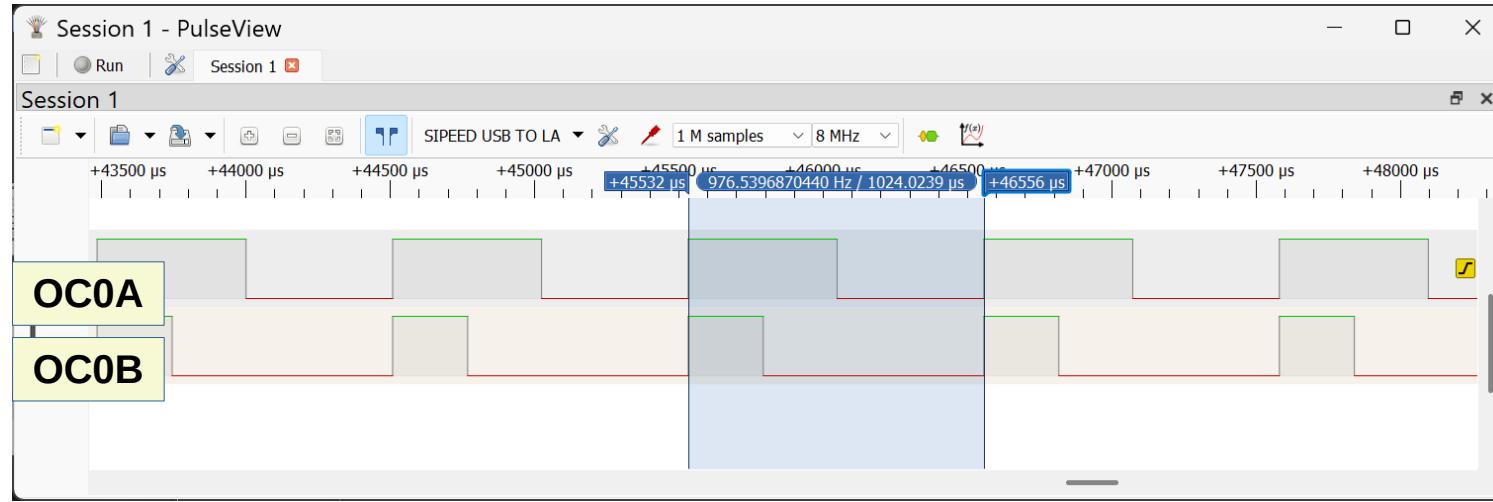
```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

void pwm_init(void) {
    // Set OC0A (PD6) and OC0B (PD5) as outputs
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD6) | (1<<DDD5);
    // Clear control registers
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // Fast PWM Mode 3: WGM02:0 = 0b011
    // WGM01 = 1, WGM00 = 1
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01) | (1<<WGM00);
    // (WGM02 = 0 by default)
    // Non-inverting mode on OC0A and OC0B
    // Clear on compare match, set at BOTTOM
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0A1) | (1<<COM0B1);
    // Set duty cycles (0-255)
    OCR0A = 128;      // 50% duty on OC0A
    OCR0B = 64;       // 25% duty on OC0B
    // Prescaler = 64 (CS02:0 = 0b011)
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

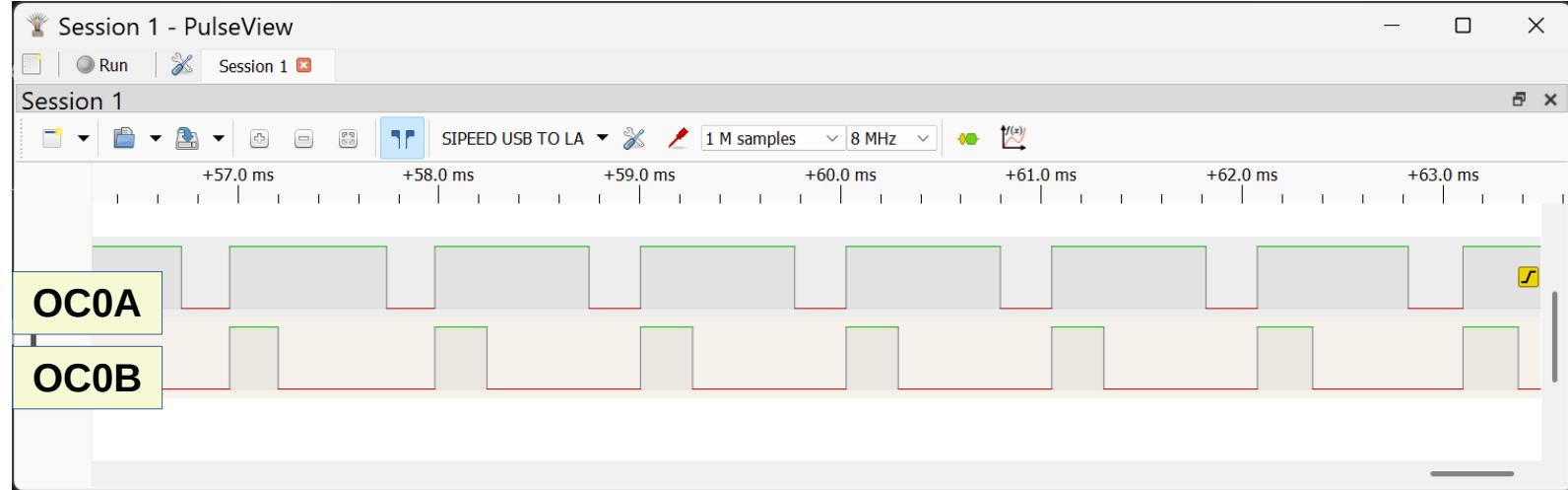
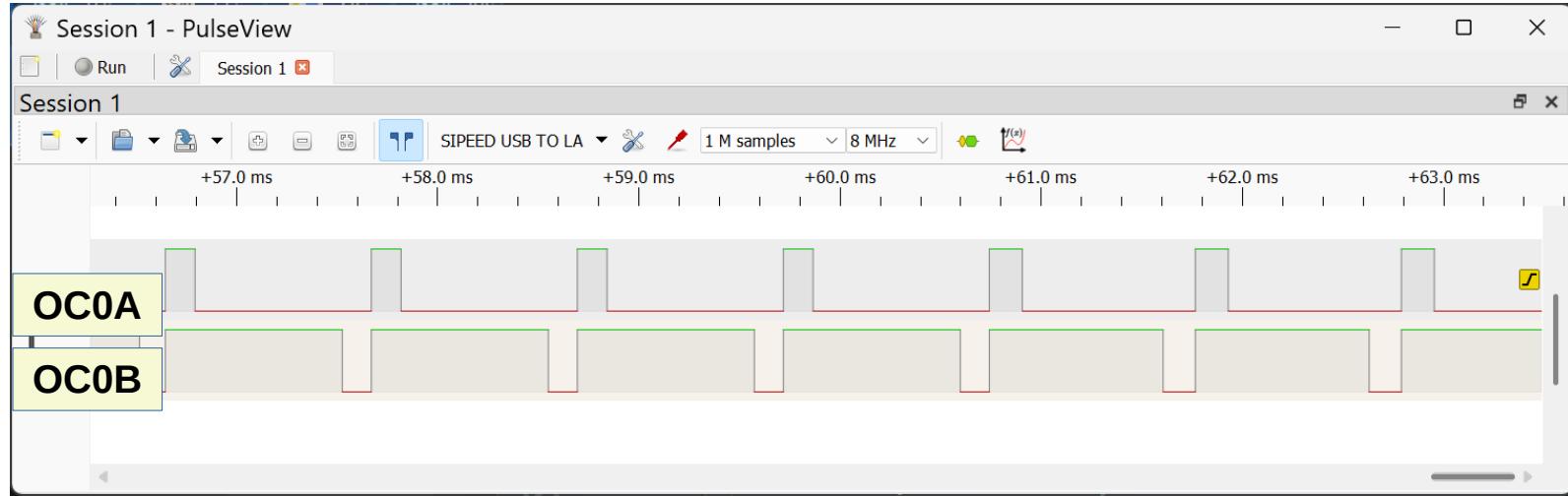
```
int main(void) {
    uint16_t count = 0;
    uint8_t dc;
    pwm_init();
    _delay_ms(1000);
    while (1) {
        count = (count + 4) % 512;
        dc = (count > 255) ? (511-count) : count;
        OCR0A = dc;
        OCR0B = 255-dc;
        _delay_ms(4);
    }
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PWM Freq.} &= 16\text{MHz} / 64 / 256 \\ &= 976.56 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 1024 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 Fast PWM Mode 7 (Single PWM Output)

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

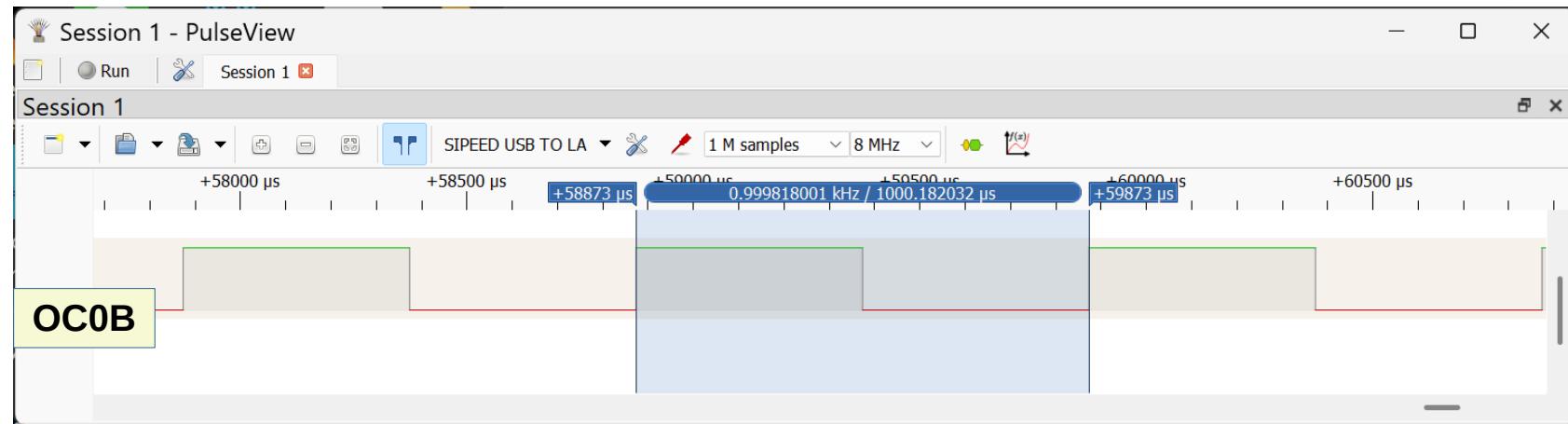
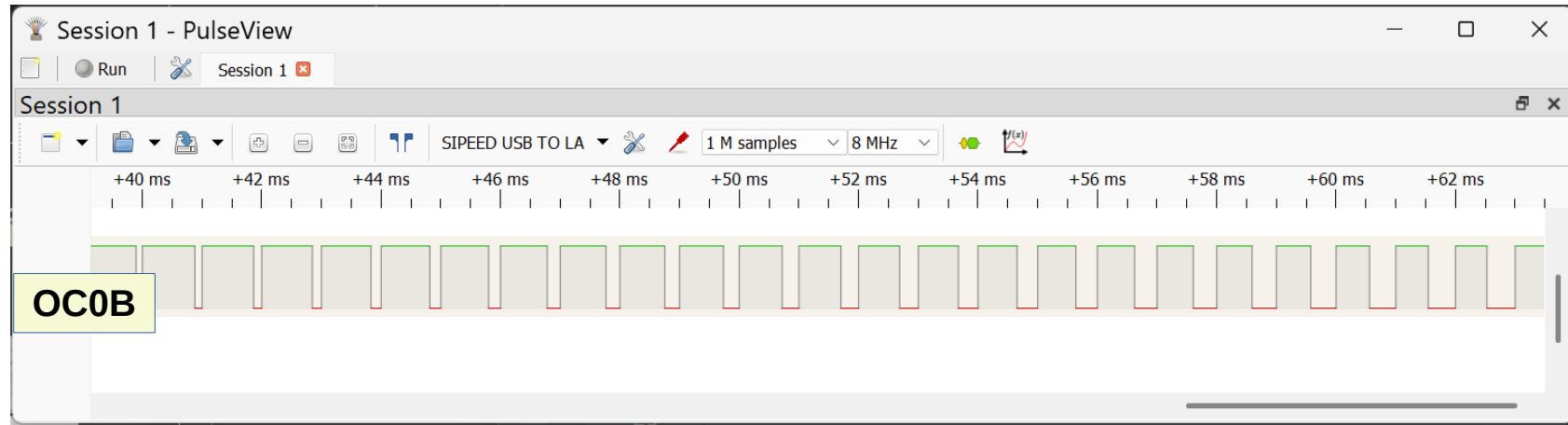
#define PERIOD 250 // 8-bit unsigned

void pwm_init(void) {
    // Set OC0B (PD5) as output
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD5);
    // Clear control registers
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // Fast PWM Mode 7 (WGM02:0 = 0b111)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM01) | (1<<WGM00);
    TCCR0B |= (1<<WGM02);
    // Non-inverting mode on OC0B
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0B1);
    // Set TOP for ~1kHz
    OCR0A = PERIOD - 1; // Define PWM frequency
    // Initially set the duty cycle
    OCR0B = PERIOD / 2; // ~50%
    // Prescaler = 64
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
int main(void) {
    uint16_t MAX = 2 * PERIOD;
    uint16_t count = 0;
    uint8_t dc;
    pwm_init();
    _delay_ms(1000);
    while (1) {
        count = (count + 4) % MAX;
        dc = (count >= PERIOD)
            ? (MAX - 1 - count) : count;
        // Must stay within 0..OCR0A
        OCR0B = dc;
        _delay_ms(1);
    }
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PWM Freq.} &= 16\text{MHz} / 64 / 250 \\ &= 1000 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 1000 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer0 Phase-Correct PWM (Mode 1)

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

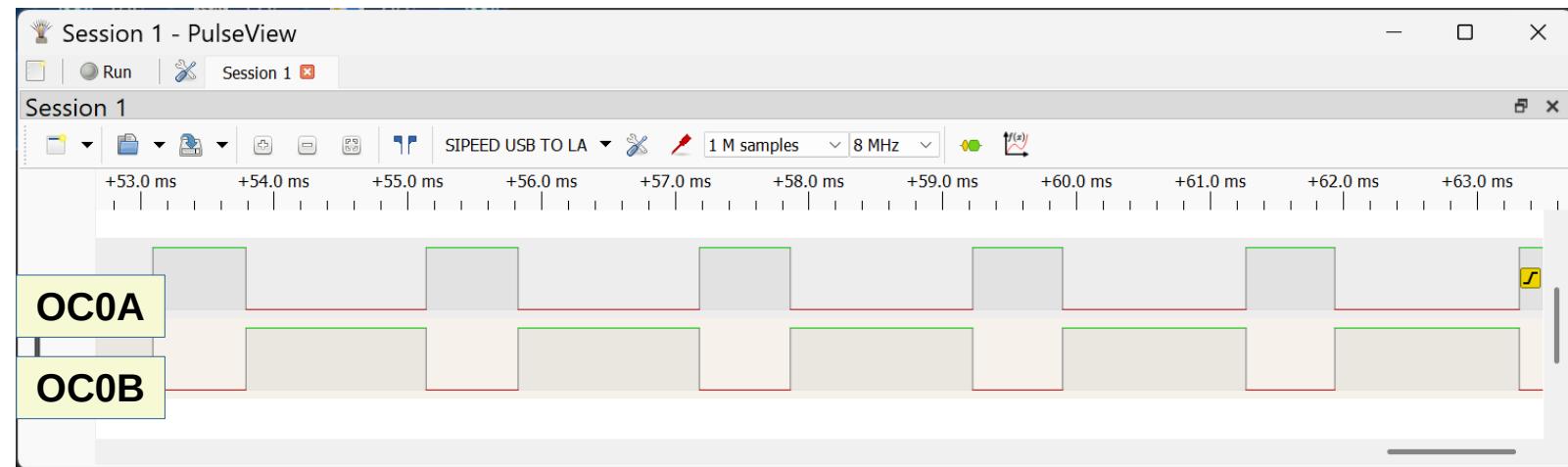
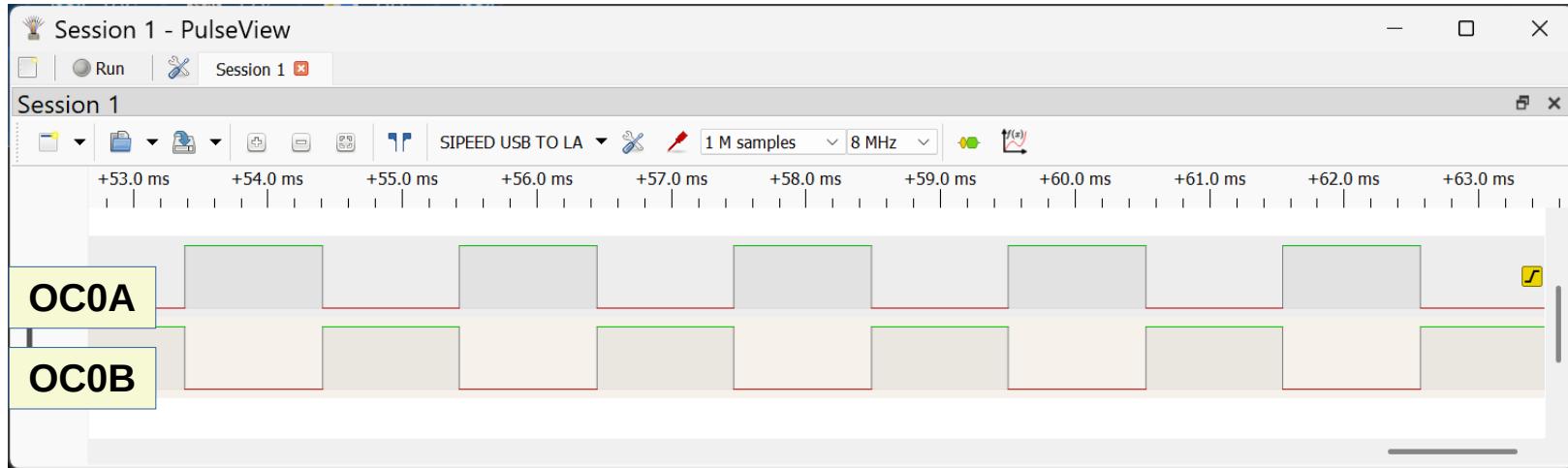
void pwm_init(void) {
    // OC0A (PD6) and OC0B (PD5) as outputs
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD6) | (1<<DDD5);
    TCCR0A = TCCR0B = 0;
    // Phase-Correct PWM Mode 1 (WGM02:0 = 0b001)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<WGM00);
    // OC0A non-inverting
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0A1);
    // OC0B inverting (complementary)
    TCCR0A |= (1<<COM0B1) | (1<<COM0B0);
    // Initially set duty cycle (0..255)
    OCR0A = 128;
    OCR0B = 128;
    // Prescaler = 64
    TCCR0B |= (1<<CS01) | (1<<CS00);
}
```

```
#define DC_MIN (10)
#define DC_MAX (255 - DC_MIN)

int main(void) {
    uint8_t duty = 40;
    int8_t step = 1;
    pwm_init();
    while (1) {
        if (duty < DC_MIN) step = 1;
        if (duty > DC_MAX) step = -1;
        duty += step;
        OCR0A = duty;
        OCR0B = duty;
        _delay_ms(2);
    }
}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PWM Freq.} &= 16\text{MHz} / 64 / 510 \\ &= 490.19 \text{ Hz} \\ T &= 2040 \text{ usec}\end{aligned}$$

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C Code: Timer2 Phase-Correct PWM (Mode 1)

```
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

void pwm_init(void) {
    // Set OC2A (PB3) and OC2B (PD3) as outputs
    DDRB |= (1<<DDB3); // OC2A pin
    DDRD |= (1<<DDD3); // OC2B pin
    TCCR2A = TCCR2B = 0;
    // Phase-Correct PWM Mode 1 (WGM22:0 = 0b001)
    TCCR2A |= (1<<WGM20);
    // OC2A non-inverting
    TCCR2A |= (1<<COM2A1);
    // OC2B inverting (complementary output)
    TCCR2A |= (1<<COM2B1) | (1<<COM2B0);
    // Initially set duty (0..255)
    OCR2A = 128;
    OCR2B = 128;
    // Prescaler = 64
    TCCR2B |= (1<<CS22);
}
```

```
#define DC_MIN (10)
#define DC_MAX (255 - DC_MIN)

int main(void) {
    uint8_t duty = 40;
    int8_t step = 1;
    pwm_init();
    while (1) {
        if (duty < DC_MIN) step = 1;
        if (duty > DC_MAX) step = -1;
        duty += step;
        OCR2A = duty;
        OCR2B = duty;
        _delay_ms(2);
    }
}
```