


## Programming Lab 8C

# Resistor Color Codes

Topics: Replacing division by reciprocal multiplication, replacing multiplication by a sequence of addition, subtraction and shift instructions.

Prerequisite Reading: Chapters 1-8

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**Background<sup>1</sup>:** Resistors use color bands to identify their value (in ohms) and a percentage tolerance. In 1952, the code was standardized by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in IEC 62:1952 and since 1963 also published as EIA (Electronic Industries Alliance) RS-279. Originally only meant to be used for fixed resistors, the color code was extended to also cover capacitors with IEC 62:1968.

To distinguish left from right there is a gap between the last two bands. The most common type of resistors has four color bands; the two left-most bands specify the two most-significant digits of the resistance, the third band specifies a multiplier (the number of trailing zeros), and the fourth specifies the percentage tolerance. If there is no fourth band, the tolerance is  $\pm 20\%$ . (Although not considered here, resistors that require more precision use an additional band for a third significant digit.)

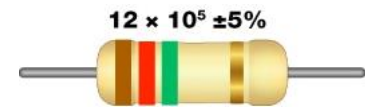
**Assignment:** The main program may be compiled and executed without writing any assembly. However, your task is to create alternative assembly language replacements for the three C functions shown below that translate the color code into a resistance value. The original C functions are defined as “weak”, so that the linker will automatically replace them in the executable image by those you create in assembly; you do not need to remove the C version.

```
uint32_t Mul32X10(uint32_t multiplicand) ;  
uint64_t Mul64X10(uint64_t multiplicand) ;  
uint32_t Div32X10(uint32_t dividend) ;
```

The first function (Mul32X10) returns the 32-bit unsigned product of ten times its 32-bit argument, the second (Mul64X10) returns the 64-bit unsigned product of ten times its 64-bit argument, and the third (Div32X10) returns the 32-bit unsigned quotient of its argument divided by 10.


**Important:** Unlike the C versions of these functions, the objectives of this assignment are to (1) implement the first two functions without using a multiply instruction, and (2) to implement the third function without a divide instruction. No loops, IT blocks, or conditional branch instructions are allowed. Use [this](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unsigned_division) webpage to find instruction sequences to perform unsigned division by a constant.

Test your code with the main program. Touching any of the color bands on the displayed resistor changes the color of that band and thus the displayed values.



Color	1 <sup>st</sup> Band	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band (Multiplier)	4 <sup>th</sup> Band (Tolerance)
Black	0	0	$10^0$	
Brown	1	1	$10^1$	
Red	2	2	$10^2$	
Orange	3	3	$10^3$	
Yellow	4	4	$10^4$	
Green	5	5	$10^5$	
Blue	6	6	$10^6$	
Violet	7	7	$10^7$	
Gray	8	8	$10^8$	
White	9	9	$10^9$	
Gold				$\pm 5\%$
Silver				$\pm 10\%$
No Color				$\pm 20\%$

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**Resistance:**  
**2.600 MegaOhms**

**Minimum:**  
**2.470 MegaOhms**

**Maximum:**  
**2.730 MegaOhms**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic\\_color\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_color_code)