

AVR Microcontroller

Microprocessor Course

Chapter 9

AVR TIMER PROGRAMMING IN

ASSEMBLY AND C

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Many applications need to count an event or generate time delays. So, there are counter registers in microcontrollers for this purpose.

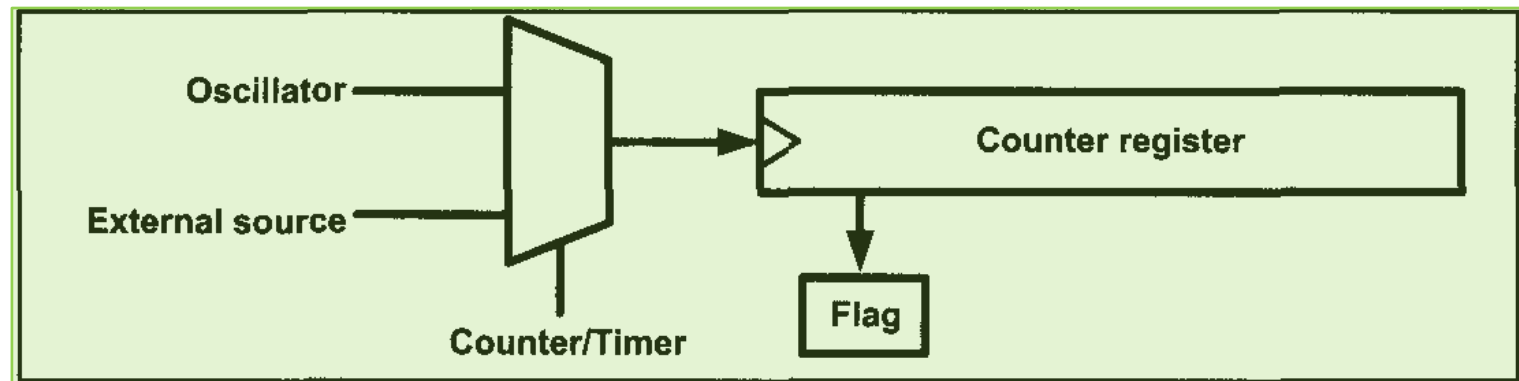


Figure 9-1. A General View of Counters and Timers in Microcontrollers

In the microcontrollers, there is a flag for each of the counters. The flag is set when the counter overflows, and it is cleared by software.

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HOWTO GENERATE DELAYS

So, one way to generate a time delay is to clear the counter at the start time and wait until the counter reaches a certain number.

The second method to generate a time delay is to load the counter register and wait until the counter overflows and the flag is set.

The AVR has **one to six timers** depending on the family member. They are referred to as Timers **0, 1, 2, 3, 4** and **5**. They can be used as timers to generate a time delay or as counters to count events happening outside the microcontroller.

Counter/Timer

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In the AVR some of the timers/counters are 8-bit
and some are 16-bit.

In ATmega32, there are three timers: Timer0,
Timer1, and Timer2.

Timer0 and Timer2 are 8-bit, while Timer1 is 16-bit.

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Internal Clock

Timer: If we use the internal clock source, then the frequency of the crystal oscillator is fed into the timer. Therefore, it is used for time delay generation and consequently is called a timer.

External Clock

Counter: By choosing the external clock option, we feed pulses through one of the AVR's pins. This is called a counter.

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Basic registers of timers

For each of the timers, there is a TCNTn (timer/counter) register. The TCNTn register is a counter. Upon reset, the TCNTn contains zero.

Each timer has a TOVn (Timer Overflow) flag, as well. When a timer overflows, its TOVn flag will be set.

Each timer also has the TCCRn (timer/counter control register) register - for setting modes of operation.

Each timer also has an OCRn (Output Compare Register) register. The content of the OCRn is compared with the content of the TCNTn. When they are equal the OCFn (Output Compare Flag) flag will be set.

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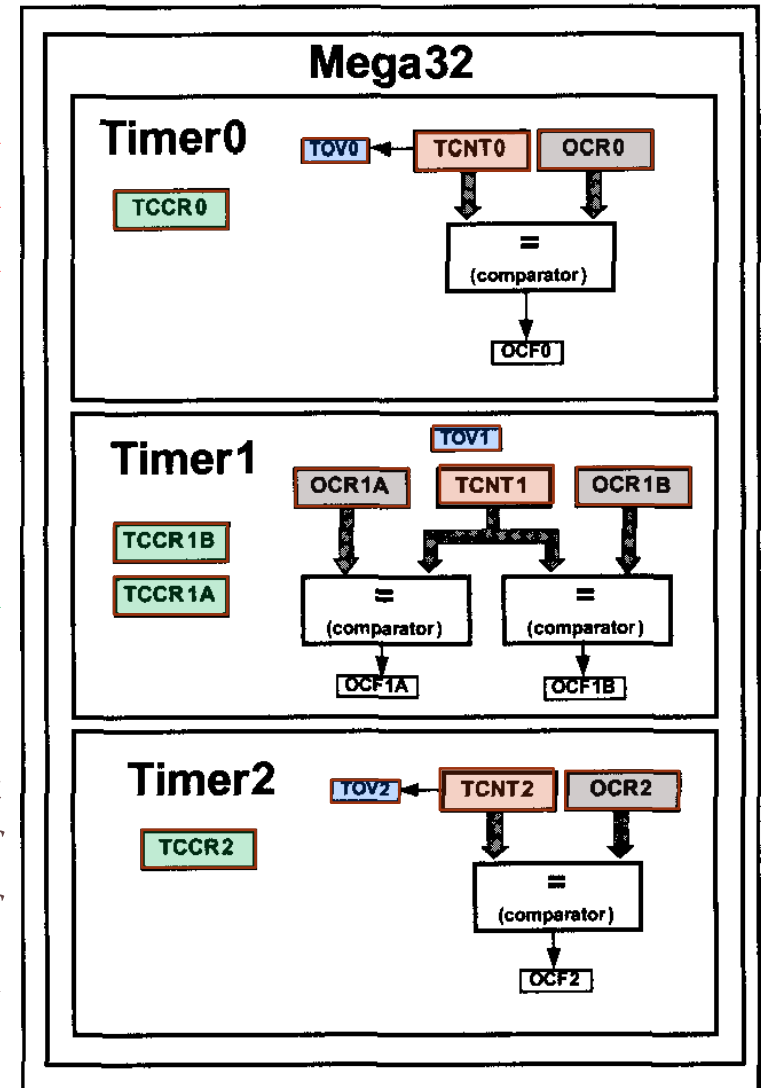


Figure 9-2. Timers in ATmega32

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The timer registers are located in the I/O register memory.

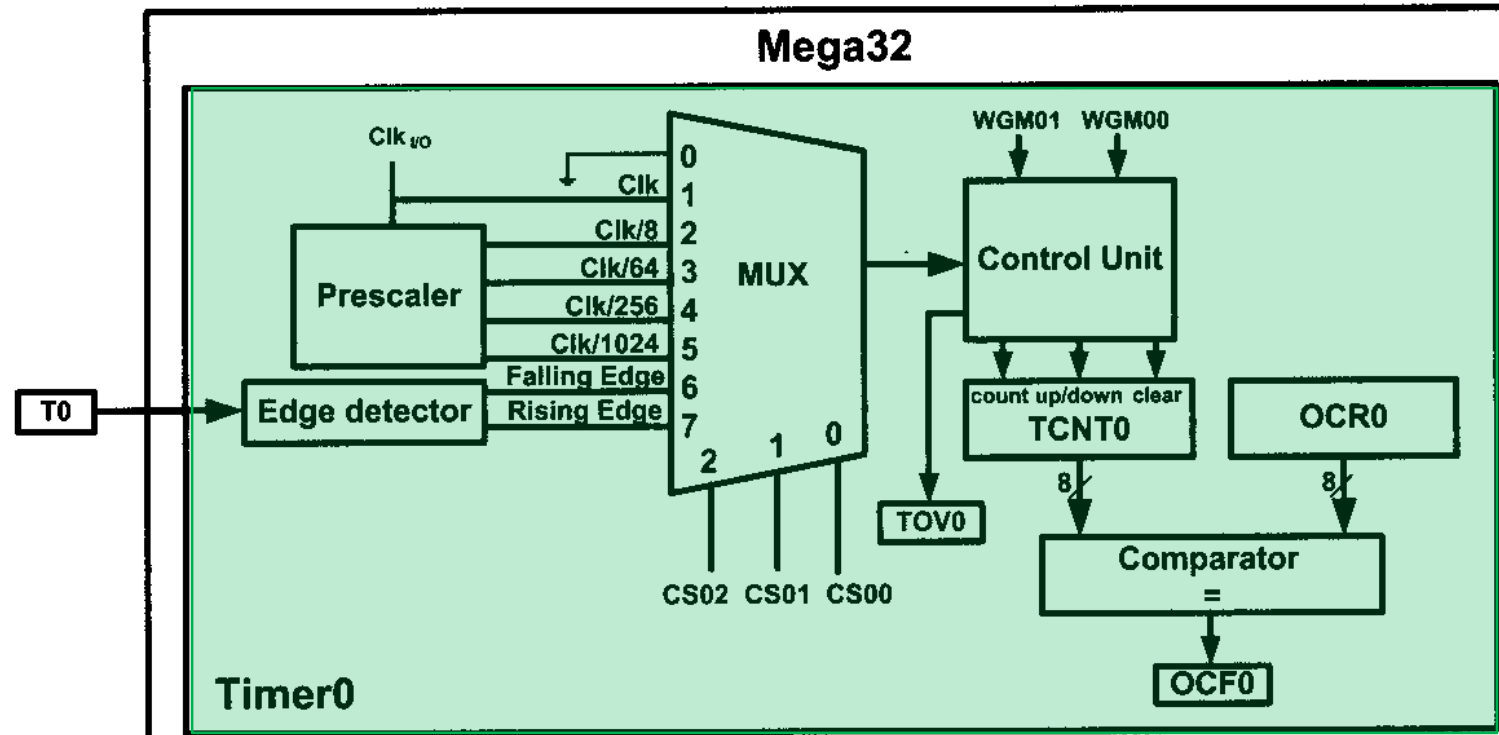
Therefore, you can read or write from timer registers using IN and OUT instructions, like the other I/O registers. For example, the following instructions load TCNT0 with 25:

```
LDI R20,25      ;R20 = 25
OUT TCNT0,R20    ;TCNT0 = R20
```

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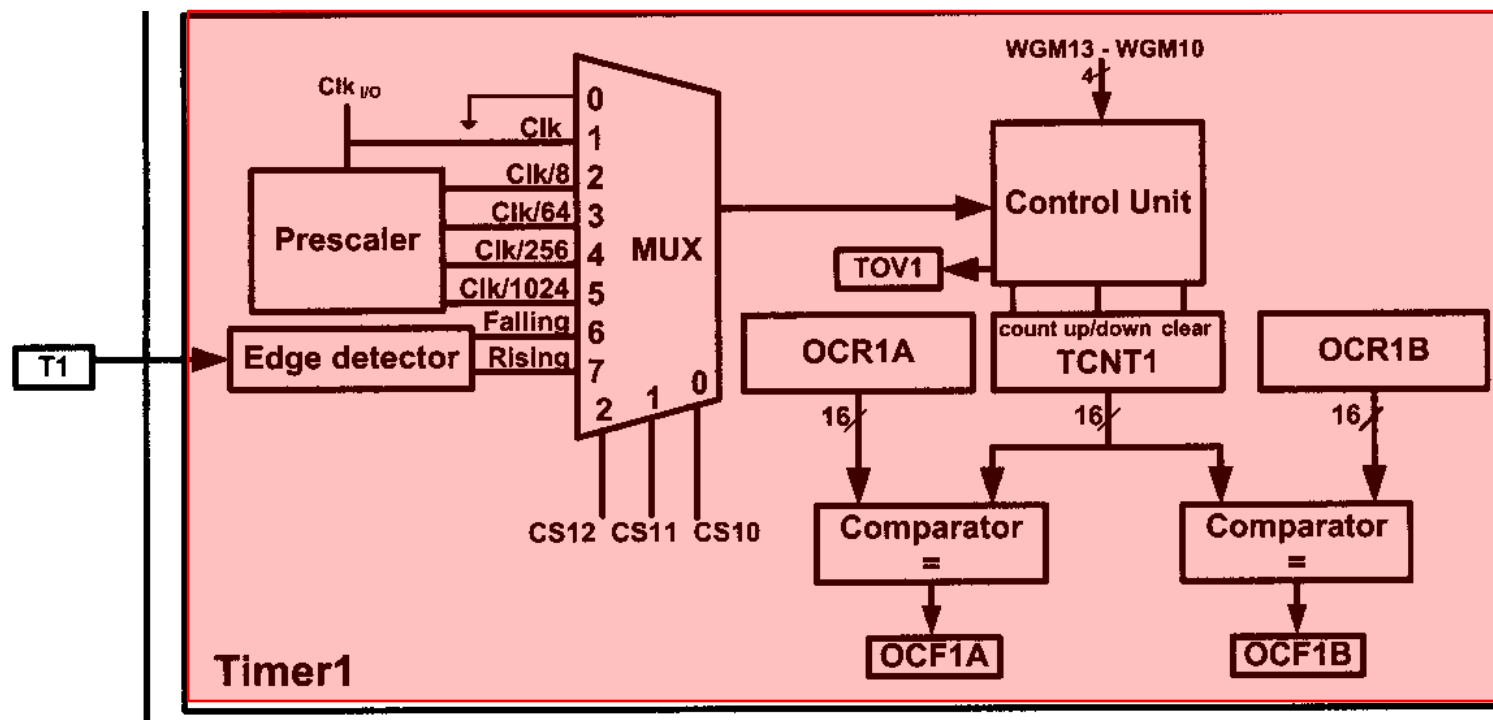
The internal structure of the ATmega32 timer0 is shown in following Figure.



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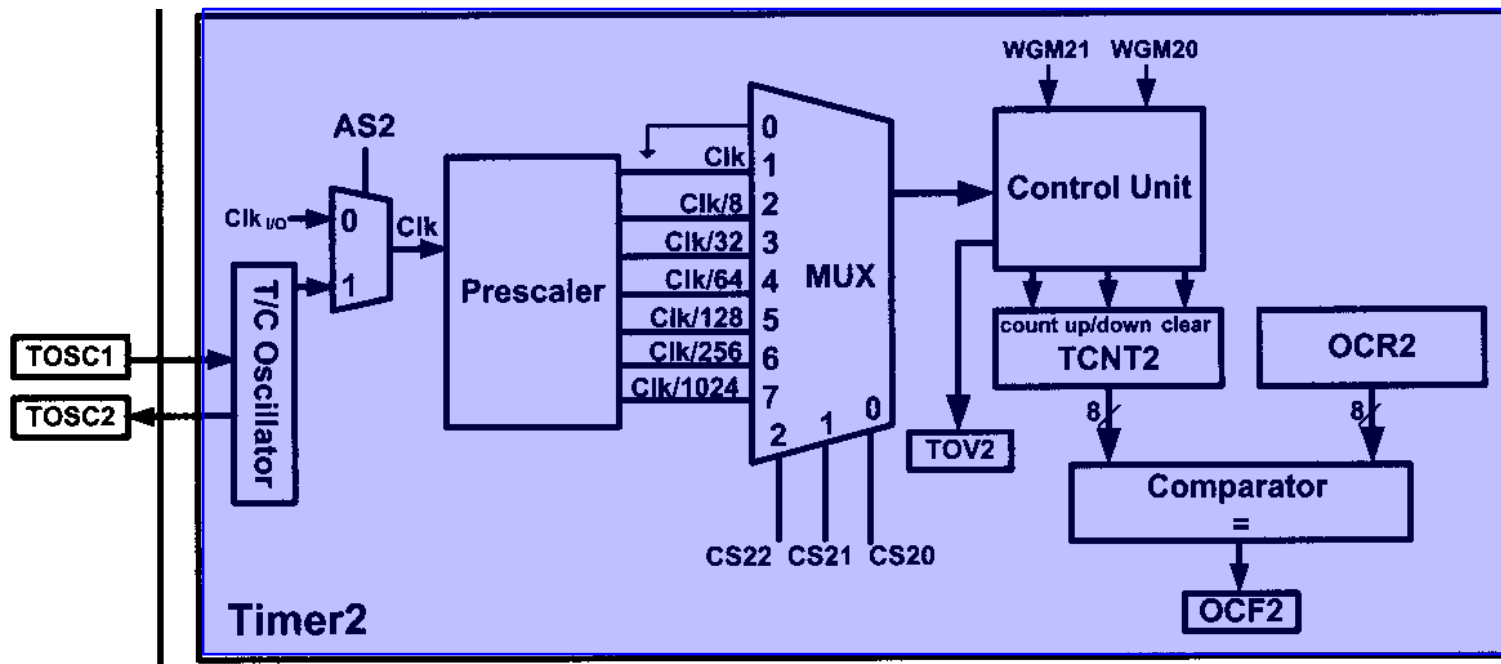
The internal structure of the ATmega32 timer1 is shown in Figure 9-3.



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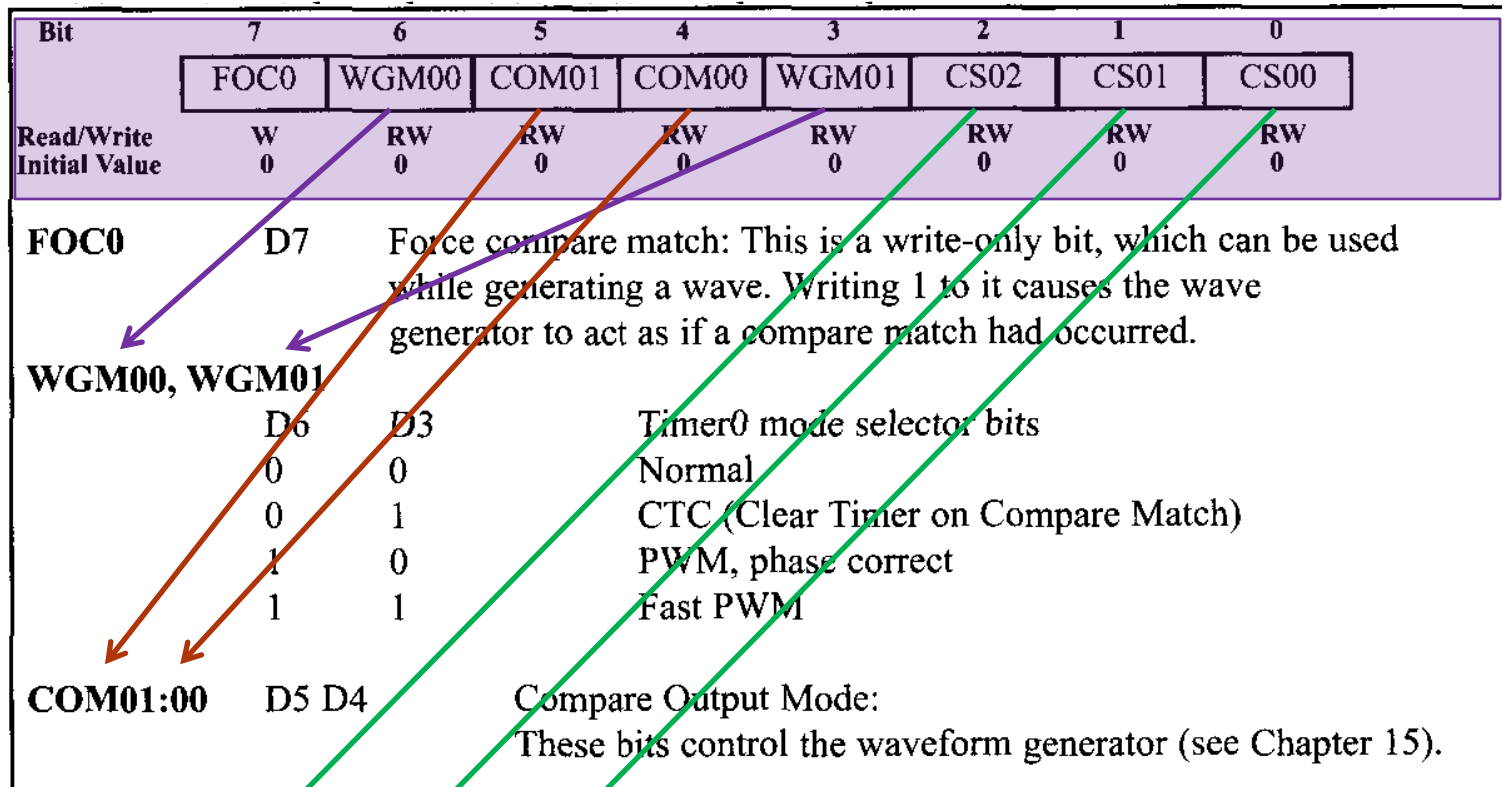
The internal structure of the ATmega32 timer2 is shown in Figure 9-3.



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TCCR0 (Timer/Counter Control Register)



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TCCR0 (Timer/Counter Control Register) register

CS02:00	D2	D1	D0	Timer0 clock selector
	0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped)
	0	0	1	clk (No Prescaling)
	0	1	0	clk / 8
	0	1	1	clk / 64
	1	0	0	clk / 256
	1	0	1	clk / 1024
	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.

Figure 9-5. TCCR0 (Timer/Counter Control Register) Register

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Table 40 shows the COM01:0 bit functionality when the WGM01:0 bits are set to fast PWM mode.

Table 40. Compare Output Mode, Fast PWM Mode⁽¹⁾

COM01	COM00	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC0 disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC0 on compare match, set OC0 at BOTTOM, (nin-inverting mode)
1	1	Set OC0 on compare match, clear OC0 at BOTTOM, (inverting mode)

Table 41 shows the COM01:0 bit functionality when the WGM01:0 bits are set to phase correct PWM mode.

Table 41. Compare Output Mode, Phase Correct PWM Mode⁽¹⁾

COM01	COM00	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC0 disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC0 on compare match when up-counting. Set OC0 on compare match when downcounting.
1	1	Set OC0 on compare match when up-counting. Clear OC0 on compare match when downcounting.

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TIFR (Timer/counter Interrupt Flag Register) register

The TIFR register contains the flags of different timers.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	OCF2	TOV2	ICF1	OCF1A	OCF1B	TOV1	OCF0	TOV0
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
TOV0	D0	Timer0 overflow flag bit 0 = Timer0 did not overflow. 1 = Timer0 has overflowed (going from \$FF to \$00).						
OCF0	D1	Timer0 output compare flag bit 0 = compare match did not occur. 1 = compare match occurred.						
TOV1	D2	Timer1 overflow flag bit						
OCF1B	D3	Timer1 output compare B match flag						
OCF1A	D4	Timer1 output compare A match flag						
ICF1	D5	Input Capture flag						
TOV2	D6	Timer2 overflow flag						
OCF2	D7	Timer2 output compare match flag						

Figure 9-6. TIFR (Timer/Counter Interrupt Flag Register)

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TOV0 (Timer0 Overflow)

when the timer rolls over from \$FF to 00, the TOV0 flag is set to 1 and it remains set until the software clears it.

The strange thing about this flag is that in order to clear it we need to write 1 to it.

```
LDI    R20, 0x01
OUT     TIFR, R20      ; TIFR = 0b00000001
```

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Normal mode

In this mode, the content of the timer/counter increments with each clock. It counts up until it reaches its max of 0xFF. When it rolls over from 0xFF to 0x00, it sets high a flag bit called TOV0 (Timer Overflow). This timer flag can be monitored.

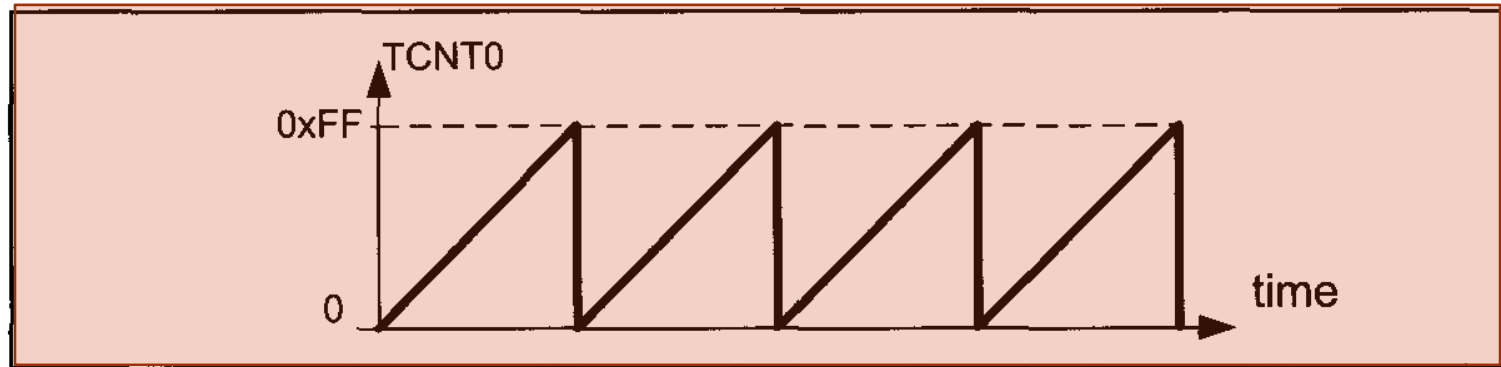


Figure 9-7. Timer/Counter 0 Normal Mode

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Steps to program Timer0 in Normal mode

To generate a time delay using Timer0 in Normal mode, the following steps are taken:

1. Load the TCNT0 register with the initial count value.
2. Load the value into the TCCR0 register, indicating which mode (8-bit or 16-bit) is to be used and the prescaler option. When you select the clock source, the timer/counter starts to count, and each tick causes the content of the timer/counter to increment by 1.
3. Keep monitoring the timer overflow flag (TOV0) to see if it is raised. Get out of the loop when TOV0 becomes high.
4. Stop the timer by disconnecting the clock source, using the following instructions:

```
LDI    R20, 0x00  
OUT    TCCR0, R20    ;timer stopped, mode=Normal
```
5. Clear the TOV0 flag for the next round.
6. Go back to Step 1 to load TCNT0 again.

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Example 9-3

In the following program, we are creating a square wave of 50% duty cycle (with equal portions high and low) on the PORTB.5 bit. Timer0 is used to generate the time delay. Analyze the program.

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2  .MACRO  INITSTACK                      ;set up stack
3      LDI      R20,HIGH(RAMEND)
4      OUT      SPH,R20
5      LDI      R20,LOW(RAMEND)
6      OUT      SPL,R20
7  .ENDMACRO
8      INITSTACK
9      LDI      R16,1<<5                 ;R16 = 0x20 (0010 0000 for PB5)
10     SBI      DDRB,5                   ;PB5 as an output
11     LDI      R17,0
12     OUT      PORTB,R17                ;clear PORTB
13 BEGIN: RCALL  DELAY                   ;call timer delay
14     EOR      R17,R16                  ;toggle D5 of R17 by Ex-Oring with 1
15     OUT      PORTB,R17                ;toggle PB5
16     RJMP     BEGIN
```

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```
18 ;-----Time0 delay
19 DELAY: LDI      R20,0xF2      ;R20 = 0xF2
20         OUT      TCNT0,R20    ;load timer
21         LDI      R20,0x01
22         OUT      TCCR0,R20    ;Timer0, Normal mode, int clk, no prescaler
23 AGAIN:  IN       R20,TIFR     ;read TIFR
24         SBRS     R20,TOV0     ;if TOV0 is set skip next instruction
25         RJMP     AGAIN
26         LDI      R20,0x0
27         OUT      TCCR0,R20    ;stop Timer()
28         LDI      R20,(1<<TOV0)
29         OUT      TIFR,R20     ;clear TOV0 flag by writing a 1 to TIER
30         RET
```

Solution:

In the above program notice the following steps:

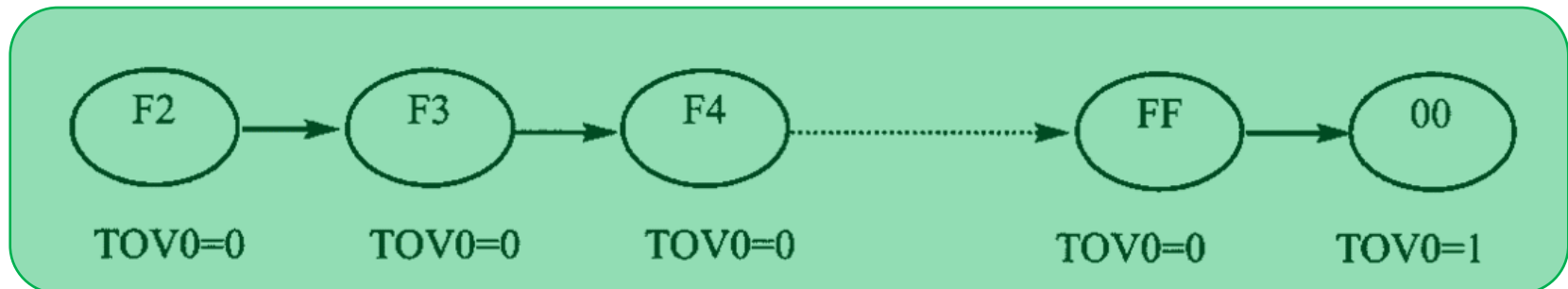
1. 0xF2 is loaded into TCNT0.
2. TCCR0 is loaded and Timer0 is started.

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Solution:

3. Timer0 counts up with the passing of each clock, which is provided by the crystal oscillator. As the timer counts up, it goes through the states of F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, FA, FB, and so on until it reaches 0xFF. One more clock rolls it to 0, raising the Timer0 flag (TOV0 = 1). At that point, the **"SBRS R20,TOV0"** instruction bypasses the **"RJMP AGAIN"** instruction.
4. Timer0 is stopped.
5. The TOV0 flag is cleared.



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Example 9-4

In Example 9-3, calculate the amount of time delay generated by the timer. Assume that XTAL = 8 MHz.

Solution:

We have 8 MHz as the timer frequency. As a result, each clock has a period of

$$T = 1/8 \text{ MHz} = 0.125 \mu\text{s}.$$

In other words, Timer0 counts up each 0.125 its resulting in delay = number of counts x 0.125 μs .

The number of counts for the rollover is $0xFF - 0xF2 = 0x0D$ (13 decimal). However, we add one to 13 because of the extra clock needed when it rolls over from FF to 0 and raises the TOV0 flag. This gives $14 \times 0.125 = 1.75 \mu\text{s}$ for half the pulse.

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Example 9-5

In Example 9-3, calculate the frequency of the square wave generated on pin PORTB.5. Assume that XTAL — 8 MHz.

Solution:

To get a more accurate timing, we need to add clock cycles due to the instructions.

				CYCLES
2				
3		LDI	R16, 0x20	
4		SBI	DDRB, 5	
5		LDI	R17, 0	
6		OUT	PORTB, R17	
7	BEGIN:	RCALL	DELAY	3
8		EOR	R17, R16	1
9		OUT	PORTB, R17	1
10		RJMP	BEGIN	2
11				
12	DELAY:	LDI	R20, 0xF2	1
13		OUT	TCNT0, R20	1
14		LDI	R20, 0x01	1
15		OUT	TCCR0, R20	1
16	AGAIN:	IN	R20, TIFR	1
17		SERS	R20, 0	1 / 2
18		RJMP	AGAIN	2
19		LDI	R20, 0x0	1
20		OUT	TCCR0, R20	1
21		LDI	R20, 0x01	1
22		OUT	TIFR, R20	1
23		RET		4

$$T = 2 \times (14 + 24) \times 0.125 \mu s = 9.5 \mu s \text{ and } F = 1 / T = 105.263 \text{ kHz.}$$

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(a) in hex	(b) in decimal
$(FF - XX + 1) \times 0.125 \mu s$ <p>where XX is the TCNT0, initial value. Notice that XX value is in hex.</p>	<p>Convert XX value of the TCNT0 register to decimal to get a NNN decimal number, then $(256 - NNN) \times 0.125 \mu s$</p>

Figure 9-8. Timer Delay Calculation for XTAL = 8 MHz with No Prescaler

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Example 9-6

Find the delay generated by Timer0 in the following code, using both of the methods of Figure 9-8. Do not include the overhead due to instructions. (XTAL = 8 MHz)

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                      ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x20
4      SBI    DDRB,5                  ;PB5 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      OUT    PORTB,R17
7  BEGIN: RCALL  DELAY
8          EOR    R17,R16              ;toggle D5 of R17
9          OUT    PORTS, R17          ;toggle PB5
10         RJMP   BEGIN
11
12  DELAY: LDI    R20,0x003E
13         OUT    TCNT0,R20            ;load timer°
14         LDI    R20,0x01
15         OUT    TCCR0,R20            ;Timer0, Normal mode, int clk, no prescaler
16  AGAIN: IN     R20,TIFR              ;read TIFR
17         SBRS   R20,TOV0             ;if TOV0 is set skip next instruction
18         RJMP   AGAIN
19         LDI    R20,0x00
20         OUT    TCCR0,R20            ;stop Timer°
21         LDI    R20,(1<<TOV0)        ;R20 = 0x01
22         OUT    TIFR,R20             ;clear TOV0 flag
23         RET
```


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Solution:

- (a) $(FF - 3E + 1) = 0xC2 = 194$ in decimal and $194 \times 0.125 \mu s = 24.25 \mu s$.
- (b) Because $TCNT0 = 0x3E = 62$ (in decimal) we have $256 - 62 = 194$. This means that the timer counts from $0x3E$ to $0xFF$. This plus rolling over to 0 goes through a total of 194 clock cycles, where each clock is $0.125 \mu s$ in duration. Therefore, we have $194 \times 0.125 \mu s = 24.25 \mu s$ as the width of the pulse.

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Finding values to be loaded into the timer

Assuming that we know the amount of timer delay we need, the question is how to find the values needed for the TCNT0 register. To calculate the values to be loaded into the TCNT0 registers, we can use the following steps:

1. Calculate the period of the timer clock using the following formula: $T_{\text{clock}} = 1 / F_{\text{Timer}}$
where F_{Timer} is the frequency of the clock used for the timer. For example, in no prescaler mode, $F_{\text{timer}} = F_{\text{Oscillator}}$. T_{clock} gives the period at which the timer increments.
2. Divide the desired time delay by T_{clock} . This says how many clocks we need.
3. Perform $256 - n$, where n is the decimal value we got in Step 2.
4. Convert the result of Step 3 to hex, where xx is the initial hex value to be loaded into the timer's register.
5. Set $\text{TCNT0} = xx$.

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Example 9-7

Assuming that XTAL = 8 MHz, write a program to generate a square wave with a period of 12.5 μ s on pin PORTB.3.

Solution:

For a square wave with $T = 12.5 \mu$ s we must have a time delay of 6.25 μ s. Because XTAL = 8 MHz, the counter counts up every 0.125 μ s. This means that we need 6.25μ s / 0.125 μ s = 50 clocks. $256 - 50 = 206 = 0xCE$. Therefore, we have TCNT0 = 0xCE.

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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                      ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x08
4      SBI    DDRB,3                  ;PB3 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      OUT    PORTB,R17
7  BEGIN: RCALL    DELAY
8          EOR    R17,R16              ;toggle D3 of R17
9          OUT    PORTB,R17            ;toggle PB3
10         RJMP   BEGIN
11 ;-----Timer0 Delay
12 DELAY:  LDI    R20,0xCE
13         OUT    TCNT0,R20
14         LDI    R20,0x01
15         OUT    TCCR0,R20
16 AGAIN:  IN     R20,TIFR
17         SBRS   R20,TOV0
18         RJMP   AGAIN
19         LDI    R20,0x00
20         OUT    TCCR0,R20
21         LDI    R20,(1<<TOV0)
22         OUT    TIFR,R20              ;clear
23         RET
```

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Example 9-8

Assuming that XTAL = 8 MHz, modify the program in Example 9-7 to generate a square wave of 16 kHz frequency on pin PORTB.3.

Solution:

Look at the following steps.

- (a) $T = 1 / F = 1 / 16 \text{ kHz} = 62.5 \mu\text{s}$ the period of the square wave.
- (b) $1/2$ of it for the high and low portions of the pulse is $31.25 \mu\text{s}$.
- (c) $31.25 \mu\text{s} / 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 250$ and $256 - 250 = 6$, which in hex is 0x06.
- (d) TCNT0 = 0x06.

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Using the Windows calculator to find TCNT0

The calculator in Windows is a handy tool to find the TCNT0 value. Assume that we would like to find the TCNT0 value for a time delay that uses 135 clocks of $0.125\ \mu\text{s}$. The following steps show the calculation:

1. Bring up the scientific calculator in MS Windows and select decimal.
2. Enter 135.
3. Select hex. This converts 135 to hex, which is 0x87.
4. Select $+/-$ to give *-135 decimal (0x79)*.
5. The lowest two digits (79) of this hex value are for TCNT0. We ignore all the Fs on the left because our number is 8-bit data.

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Prescaler and generating a large time delay

As we have seen in the examples so far, the size of the time delay depends on two factors,

- (a) the crystal frequency, and
- (b) the timer's 8-bit register.

Both of these factors are beyond the control of the AVR programmer.

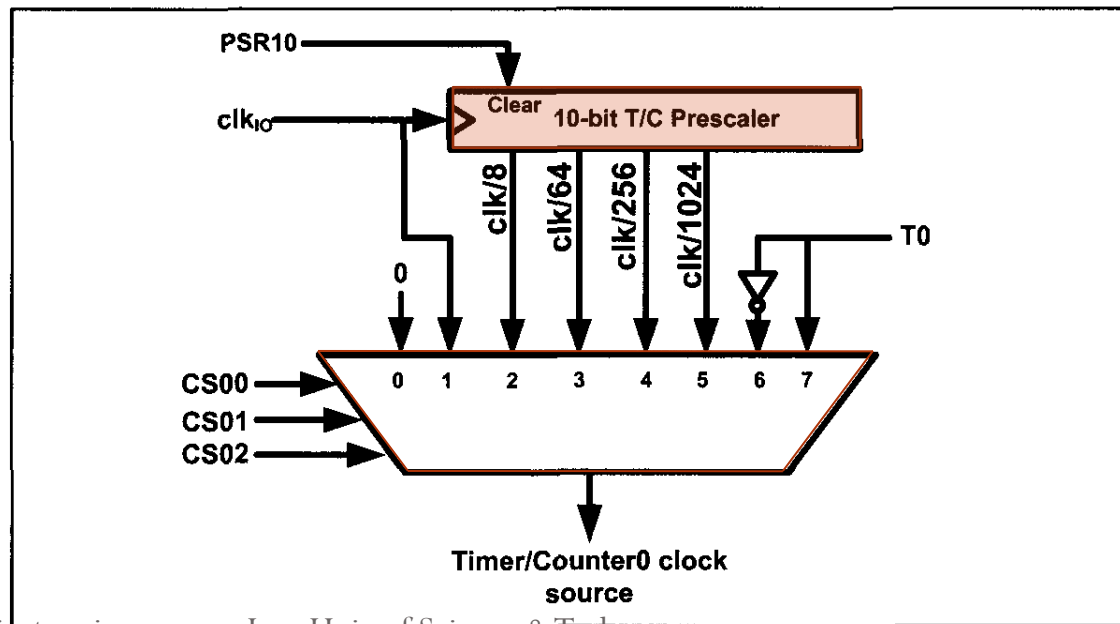


Figure 9-9. Timer/Counter 0 Prescaler

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Example 9-9

Modify TCNT0 in Example 9-7 to get the largest time delay possible. Find the delay in ms. In your calculation, exclude the overhead due to the instructions in the loop.

Solution:

To get the largest delay we make TCNT0 zero. This will count up from 00 to 0xFF and then roll over to zero.

Making TCNT0 zero means that the timer will count from 00 to 0xFF, and then will roll over to raise the TCNT0 flag. As a result, it goes through a total of 256 states. Therefore, we have $\text{delay} = (256 - 0) \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 32 \mu\text{s}$. That gives us the smallest frequency of $1 / (2 \times 32 \mu\text{s}) = 1 / (64 \mu\text{s}) = 15.625 \text{ kHz}$.

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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                      ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x08
4      SBI    DDRB,3                  ;PB3 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      OUT    PORTB,R17
7  BEGIN: RCALL  DELAY
8      EOR    R17,R16                ;toggle D3 of R17
9      OUT    PORTB,R17              ;toggle PB3
10     RJMP   BEGIN
11
12     ;----- Timer0 DELAY
13  DELAY: LDI    R20,0x00
14         OUT    TCNT0,R20           ;load Timer0 with zero
15         LDI    R20,0x01
16         OUT    TCCR0,R20           ;Timer0, Normal mode, int cik, no prescaler
17  AGAIN: IN     R20,TIFR             ;read TIFR
18         SERS   R20,TOV0            ;if TOV0 is set skip next instruction
19         RJMP   AGAIN
20         LDI    R20,0x00
21         OUT    TCCR0,R20           ;stop Timer0
22         LDI    R20,(1<<TOV0)
23         OUT    TIFR,R20           ;clear TOV0 flag
24     RET
```

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We saw in Example 9-9 that the largest time delay is achieved by making TCNT0 zero. What if that is not enough?

We can use the prescaler option in the TCCR0 register to increase the delay by reducing the period. The prescaler option of TCCR allows us to divide the instruction clock by a factor of 8 to 1024 as was shown in Figure 9-5. The prescaler of Timer/Counter0 is shown in Figure 9-9.

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Example 9-10

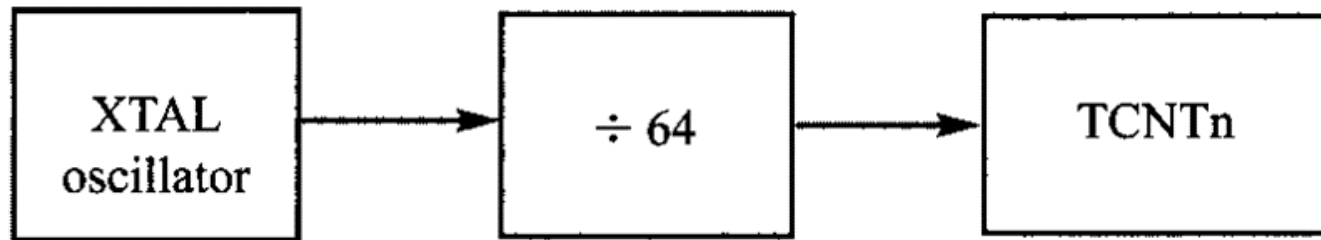
Find the timer's clock frequency and its period for various AVR-based systems, with the following crystal frequencies. Assume that a prescaler of 1:64 is used.

(a) 8 MHz

(b) 16 MHz

(c) 10 MHz

Solution:



(a) $1/64 \times 8 \text{ MHz} = 125 \text{ kHz}$ due to 1:64 prescaler and $T = 1/125 \text{ kHz} = 8 \mu\text{s}$

(b) $1/64 \times 16 \text{ MHz} = 250 \text{ kHz}$ due to prescaler and $T = 1/250 \text{ kHz} = 4 \mu\text{s}$

(c) $1/64 \times 10 \text{ MHz} = 156.2 \text{ kHz}$ due to prescaler and $T = 1/156 \text{ kHz} = 6.4 \mu\text{s}$

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Example 9-11

Find the value for TCCR0 if we want to program Timer0 in Normal mode with a prescaler of 64 using internal clock for the clock source.

Solution:

From Figure 9-5 we have TCCR0 = 0000 0011; XTAL clock source, prescaler of 64.

From Figure 9-5 we have TCCR0 = 0000 0011; XTAL clock source, prescaler of 64.

TCCR0 =

0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FOC0	WGM00	COM01	COM00	WGM01	CS02	CS01	CS00

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Example 9-12

Examine the following program and find the time delay in seconds. Exclude the over-head due to the instructions in the loop. Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x08
4      SBI    DDRB,3            ;PB3 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      OUT    PORTB,R17
7  BEGIN: RCALL    DELAY
8      EOR    R17,R16           ;toggle D3 of R17
9      OUT    PORTB,R17        ;toggle PB3
10     RJMP    BEGIN
```

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```
11 ;----- Timer0 Delay
12 DELAY: LDI    R20,0x10
13         OUT    TCNT0,R20    ;load Timer0
14         LDI    R20,0x03
15         OUT    TCCR0,R20    ;Timer0, Normal mode, int clk, prescaler 64
16 AGAIN:  IN     R20,TIFR     ;read TIFR
17         SBRS   R20,TOV0     ;if TOV0 is set skip next instruction
18         RJMP   AGAIN
19         LDI    R20,0x0
20         OUT    TCCR0,R20    ;stop Timer0
21         LDI    R20,1<<TOV0
22         OUT    TIFR,R20     ;clear TOV0 flag RET
23         ret
```

Solution:

$TCNT0 = 0x10 = 16$ in decimal and $256 - 16 = 240$.

Now $240 \times 64 \times 0.125 \mu s = 1920 \mu s$,

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Example 9-13

Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

- (a) Find the clock period fed into Timer0 if a prescaler option of 1024 is chosen.
- (b) Show what is the largest time delay we can get using this prescaler option and Timer0.

Solution:

- a) $8\text{MHz} \times 1/1024 = 7812.5 \text{ Hz}$ due to 1:1024 prescaler and $T = 1/7812.5 \text{ Hz} = 128 \text{ ms} = 0.128 \text{ s}$
- b) To get the largest delay, we make TCNT0 zero. Making TCNT0 zero means that the timer will count from 00 to 0xFF, and then roll over to raise the TOV0 flag. As a result, it goes through a total of 256 states. Therefore, we have $\text{delay} = (256 - 0) \times 128 \text{ }\mu\text{s} = 32,768 \text{ }\mu\text{s} = 0.032768 \text{ seconds}$.

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Example 9-14

Assuming XTAL = 8 MHz, write a program to generate a square wave of 125 Hz frequency on pin PORTB.3. Use Timer0, Normal mode, with prescaler = 256.

Solution:

Look at the following steps:

- (a) $T = 1 / 125 \text{ Hz} = 8 \text{ ms}$, the period of the square wave.
- (b) $1/2$ of it for the high and low portions of the pulse = 4 ms
- (c) $(4 \text{ ms} / 0.125 \text{ gs}) / 256 = 125$ and $256 - 125 = 131$ in decimal, and in hex it is 0x83.
- (d) TCNT0 = 83 (hex)



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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      .MACRO INITSTACK
3      LDI    R20, HIGH(RAMEND)
4      OUT    SPH, R20
5      LDI    R20, LOW(RAMEND)
6      OUT    SPL, R20
7      .ENDMACRO
8
9      INITSTACK
10     LDI    R16, 0x08
11     SBI    DDRB, 3
12     LDI    R17, 0
13 BEGIN: OUT    PORTS, R17
14     CALL   DELAY
15     EOR    R17, R16
16     RJMP   BEGIN

17 ;-----
18 DELAY: LDI    R20, 0x83
19         OUT    TCNT0, R20
20         LDI    R20, 0x04
21         OUT    TCCR0, R20
22 AGAIN:  IN     R20, TIFR
23         SBRS   R20, TOV0
24         RJMP   AGAIN
25         LDI    R20, 0x0
26         OUT    TCCR0, R20
27         LDI    R20, 1<<TOV0
28         OUT    TIFR, R20
29         RET
```

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Assemblers and negative values

Because the timer is in 8-bit mode, we can let the assembler calculate the value for TCNT0. For example, in the “**LDI R20, -100**” instruction, the assembler will calculate the $-100 = 9C$ and make $R20 = 9C$ in hex. This makes our job easier. See Examples 9-15 and 9-16.

Example 9-15

Find the value (in hex) loaded into TCNT0 for each of the following cases.

1 (a) **LDI R20, -200**
2 **OUT TCNT0, R20**

(b) **LDI R17, -60**
OUT TCNT0, R17

(c) **LDI R25, -12**
OUT TCNT0, R25

Solution:

You can use the Windows scientific calculator to verify the results provided by the assembler. In the Windows calculator, select decimal and enter 200. Then select hex, then +1- to get the negative value. The following is what we get.

Decimal	2's complement (TCNT0 value)
-200	0x38
-60	0xC4
-12	0xF4

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Example 9-16

Find

- (a) the frequency of the square wave generated in the following code, and
 - (b) the duty cycle of this wave.
- Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

```

1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      LDI    R16, HIGH (RAMEND)
3      OUT    SPH, R16
4      LDI    R16, LOW (RAMEND)
5      OUT    SPL, R16           ;initialize stack pointer
6      LDI    R16, 0x20
7      SBI    DDRB, 5           ;PB5 as an output
8      LDI    R18, -150
9  BEGIN: SBI    PORTB, 5       ;PB5 = 1
10     OUT    TCNT0, R18       ;load Timer0 byte
11     CALL   DELAY
12     OUT    TCNT0, R18       ;reload Timer0 byte
13     CALL   DELAY
14     CBI    PORTB, 5       ;PB5 = 0
15     OUT    TCNT0, R18       ;reload Timer0 byte
16     CALL   DELAY
17     RJMP   BEGIN
18 ;----- Delay Using Timer0
19 DELAY: LDI    R20, 0x01
20     OUT    TCCR0, R20 ;start Timer0, Normal mode, int clk, no prescaler
21     AGAIN: IN    R20, TIFR ;read TIFR
22     SBRS   R20, TOV0 ;monitor TOV0 flag and skip if high
23     RJMP   AGAIN
24     LDI    R20, 0x0
25     OUT    TCCR0, R20 ;stop Timer0
26     LDI    R20, 1<<TOV0
27     OUT    TIFR, R20 ;clear TOV0 flag bit
28     RET
  
```

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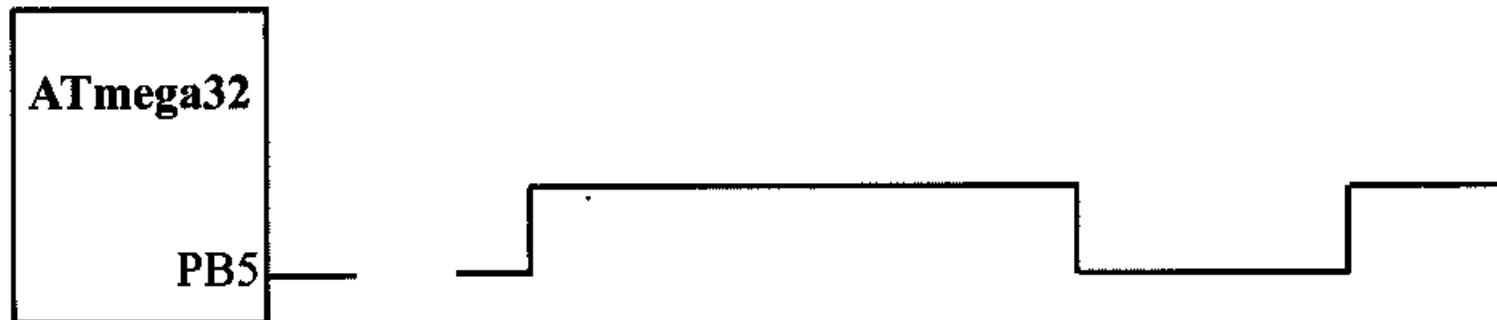
Solution:

For the TCNT0 value in 8-bit mode, the conversion is done by the assembler as long as we enter a negative number. This also makes the calculation easy. Because we are using 150 clocks, we have

time for the DELAY subroutine = $150 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 18.75 \mu\text{s}$.

The high portion of the pulse is twice the size of the low portion (66% duty cycle).

Therefore, we have: $T = \text{high portion} + \text{low portion} = 2 \times 18.75 \mu\text{s} + 18.75 \mu\text{s} = 56.25 \mu\text{s}$ and frequency = $1 / 56.25 \mu\text{s} = 17.777 \text{ kHz}$.



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CTC mode programming (Clear Timer0 on compare match)

The OCR0 register is used with CTC mode. As with the Normal mode, in the CTC mode, the timer is incremented with a clock. But it counts up until the content of the TCNT0 register becomes equal to the content of OCR0 (compare match occurs); then, the timer will be cleared and the OCF0 flag will be set when the next clock occurs. The OCF0 flag is located in the TIFR register.

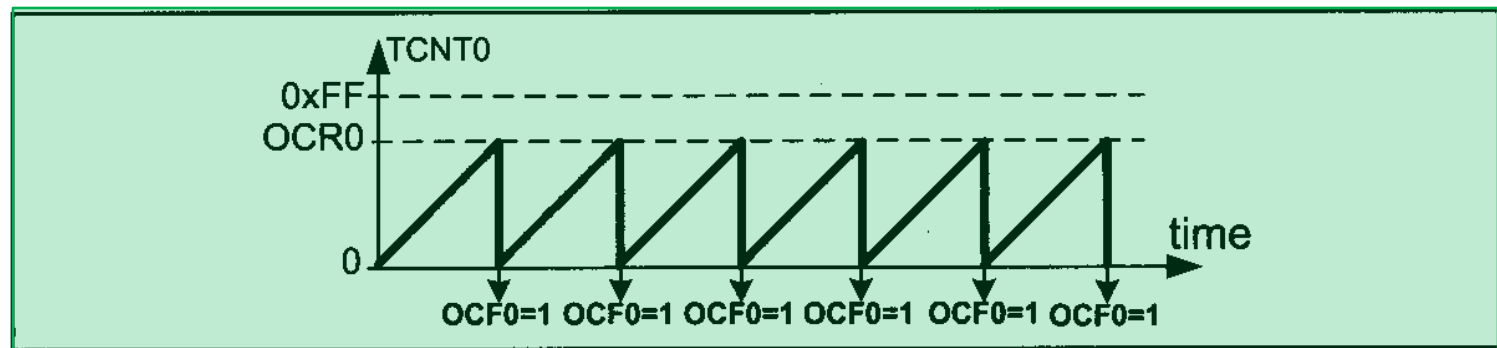


Figure 9-10. Timer/Counter 0 CTC Mode

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Example 9-17

In the following program, we are creating a square wave of 50% duty cycle (with equal portions high and low) on the PORTB.5 bit. Timer0 is used to generate the time delay. **Analyze the program.**

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2  INITSTACK                      ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3  LDI    R16,0x20
4  SBI    DDRB,5                  ;PB3 as an output
5  LDI    R17,0
6  BEGIN: OUT    PORTB,R17        ;PORTB = R17
7  RCALL  DELAY
8  EOR    R17,R16                ;toggle D3 of R17
9  RJMP   BEGIN
```


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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x20
4      SBI    DDRB,5            ;PB3 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6  BEGIN:  OUT    PORTB,R17      ;PORTB = R17
7          RCALL  DELAY
8          EOR    R17,R16        ;toggle D3 of R17
9          RJMP   BEGIN
10         ;-----Timer0 Delay
11  DELAY:  LDI    R20,0
12          OUT    TCNT0,R20
13          LDI    R20,9
14          OUT    OCR0,R20      ;load OCR0
15          LDI    R20,0x09
16          OUT    TCCR0,R20     ;Timer0, CTC mode, int clk
17  AGAIN:  IN     R20,TIFR       ;read TIFR
18          SBRS   R20,OCF0      ;if OCF0 is set skip next inst
19          RJMP   AGAIN
20          LDI    R20,0x0
21          OUT    TCCR0,R20     ;stop Timer0
22          LDI    R20,1<<OCF0
23          OUT    TIFR,R20      ;clear OCF0 flag
24          RET
```

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Solution:

In the above program notice the following steps:

1. 9 is loaded into OCR0.
2. TCCR0 is loaded and Timer0 is started.
3. Timer0 counts up with the passing of each clock, which is provided by the crystal oscillator. As the timer counts up, it goes through the states of 00, 01, 02, 03, and so on until it reaches 9. One more clock rolls it to 0, raising the Timer0 compare match flag ($OCF0 = 1$). At that point, the **"SBRs R20,OCF0"** instruction bypasses the **"RJMP AGAIN"** instruction.
4. Timer0 is stopped.
5. The OCF0 flag is cleared.

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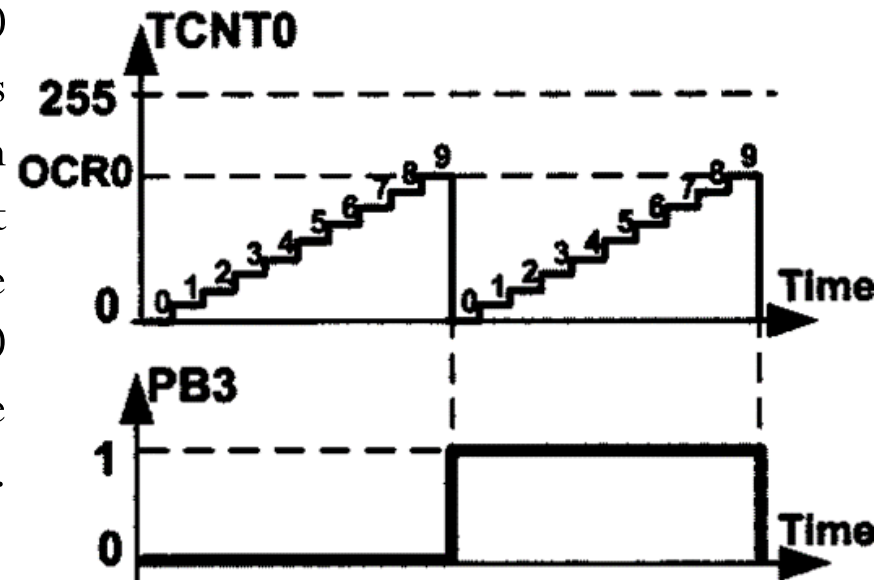
Example 9-18

Find the delay generated by Timer0 in Example 9-17. Do not include the overhead due to instructions. (XTAL = 8 MHz)

Solution:

OCR0 is loaded with 9 and TCNT0 is cleared; Thus, after 9 clocks TCNT0 becomes equal to OCR0. On the next clock, the OCF0 flag is set and the reset occurs. That means the TCNT0 is cleared after $9 + 1 = 10$ clocks. Because XTAL = 8 MHz, the counter counts up every $0.125 \mu\text{s}$. Therefore, we have

$$10 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 1.25 \mu\text{s}.$$



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Example 9-19

Find the delay generated by Timer0 in the following program. Do not include the overhead due to instructions. (XTAL = 8 MHz)

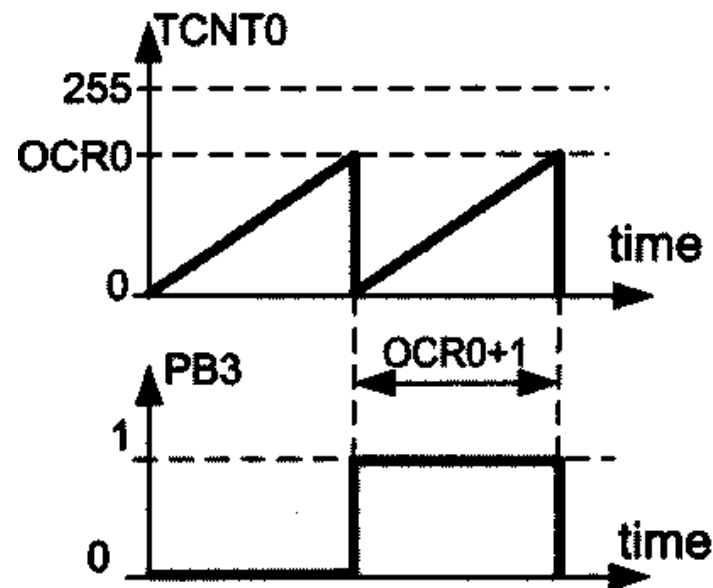
```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INCU"
2      INITSTACK                ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x08
4      SBI    DDRB,3             ;PB3 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      LDI    R20,89
7      OUT    OCR0,R20          ;load Timer0
8  BEGIN: LDI    R20,0x0B
9      OUT    TCCR0,R20         ;Timer0, CTC mode, prescaler=64
10  AGAIN: IN    R20,TIFR        ;read TIFR
11      SBRS   R20,OCF0
12      RJMP   AGAIN
13      LDI    R20,0x0
14      OUT    TCCR0,R20        ;stop Timer0
15      LDI    R20,1<<OCF0
16      OUT    TIFR,R20         ;clear OCF0 flag
17      EOR    R17,R16          ;toggle D3 of R17
18      OUT    PORTB,R17        ;toggle PB3
19      RJMP   BEGIN
```

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Due to prescaler = 64 each timer clock lasts $64 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 8\mu\text{s}$. OCR0 is loaded with 89; thus, after 90 clocks OCF0 is set.

Therefore we have $90 \times 8 \mu\text{s} = 720 \mu\text{s}$.



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Example 9-20

Assuming XTAL = 8 MHz, write a program to generate a delay of 25.6 ms. Use Timer0, CTC mode, with prescaler = 1024.

Solution:

Due to prescaler = 1024 each timer clock lasts $1024 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 1280$. Thus, in order to generate a delay of 25.6 ms we should wait $25.6 \text{ ms} / 128 \mu\text{s} = 200$ clocks. Therefore the OCR0 register should be loaded with $200 - 1 = 199$.

```
1  DELAY:  LDI      R20,0
2           OUT      TCNT0,R20
3           LDI      R20,199
4           OUT      OCR0,R20           ;load OCR0
5           LDI      R20,0x0D
6           OUT      TCCR0,R20         ;Timer0, CTC mode, prescaler = 1024
7  AGAIN:  IN        R20,TIFR          ;read TIFR
8           SBRS     R20,OCF0          ;if OCF0 is set skip next inst.
9           RJMP     AGAIN
10          LDI      R20,0x0
11          OUT      TCCR0,R20         ;stop Timer0
12          LDI      R20,1<<OCF0
13          OUT      TIFR,R20         ;clear OCF0 flag
14          RET
```

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Notice that the comparator checks for equality; thus, if we load the OCR0 register with a value that is smaller than TCNT0's value, the counter will miss the compare match and will count up until it reaches the maximum value of \$FF and rolls over.

This causes a big delay and is not desirable in many cases.

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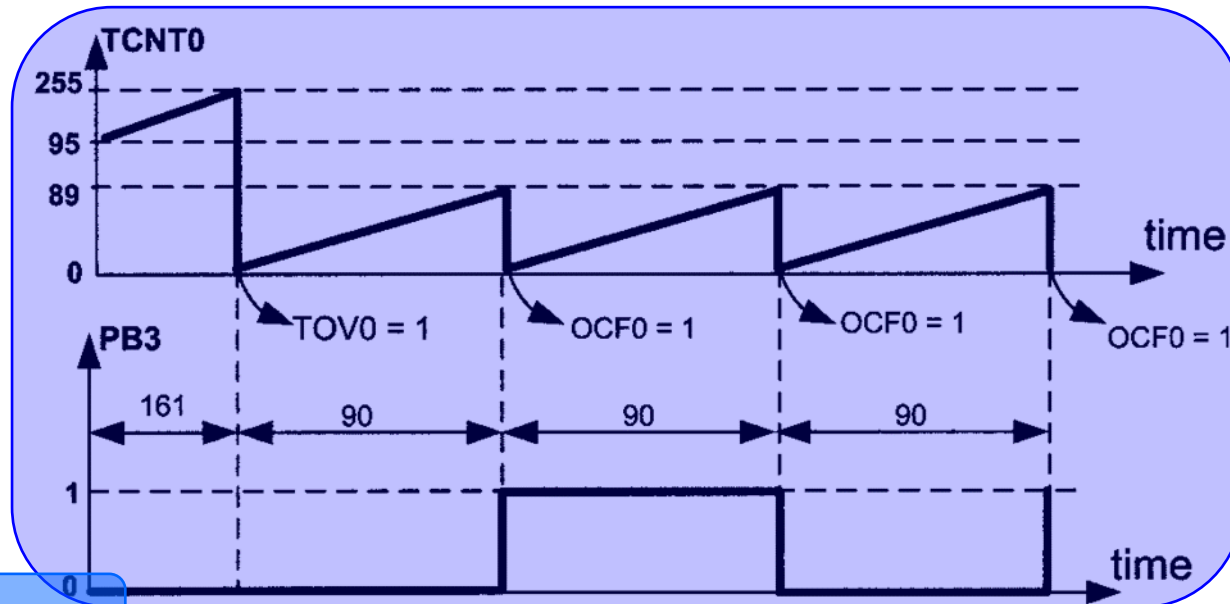
Example 9-22

In the following program, **how long does it take for the PB3 to become one?** Do not include the overhead due to instructions. (XTAL = 8 MHz)

```
1      .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      SBI    DDRB, 3          ;PB3 as an output
3      CBI    PORTB, 3        ;PB3 = 0
4      LDI    R20, 89
5      OUT    OCR0, R20
6      LDI    R20, 95
7      OUT    TCNT0, R20
8      BEGIN: LDI    R20, 0x09
9              OUT    TCCR0, R20      ;Timer0, CTC mode, prescaler=1
10     again: IN     R20, TIFR        ;read TIFR
11             SBRs    R20, OCF0
12             RJMP    AGAIN
13             LDI    R20, 0x0
14             OUT    TCCR0, R20      ;stop Timer0
15             LDI    R20, 1<<OCF0
16             OUT    TIFR, R20      ;clear OCF0 flag
17             EOR    R17, R16       ;toggle D3 of R17
18             OUT    PORTB, R17     ;toggle PB3
19             RJMP    BEGIN
```

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Solution:

Since the value of TCNT0 (95) is bigger than the content of OCR0 (89), the timer counts up until it gets to \$FF and rolls over to zero. The TOV0 flag will be set as a result of the overflow. Then, the timer counts up until it becomes equal to 89 and compare match occurs. Thus, the first compare match occurs after $161 + 90 = 251$ clocks, which means after $251 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 31.375 \mu\text{s}$. The next compare matches occur after 90 clocks, which means after $90 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 11.25 \mu\text{s}$.

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Timer2 programming

Timer2 is an 8-bit timer. Therefore it works the same way as Timer0. But there are two differences between Timer0 and Timer2:

1. Timer2 can be used as a real time counter. To do so, we should connect a crystal of 32.768 kHz to the TOSC1 and TOSC2 pins of AVR and set the AS2 bit. See Figure 9-12.
2. In Timer0, when CS02-CS00 have values 110 or 111, Timer0 counts the external events. But in Timer2, the multiplexer selects between the different scales of the clock. In other words, the same values of the CS bits can have different meanings for Timer0 and Timer2. Compare Figure 9-11 with Figure 9-5 and examine Examples 9-23 through 9-25.

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Timer2 programming

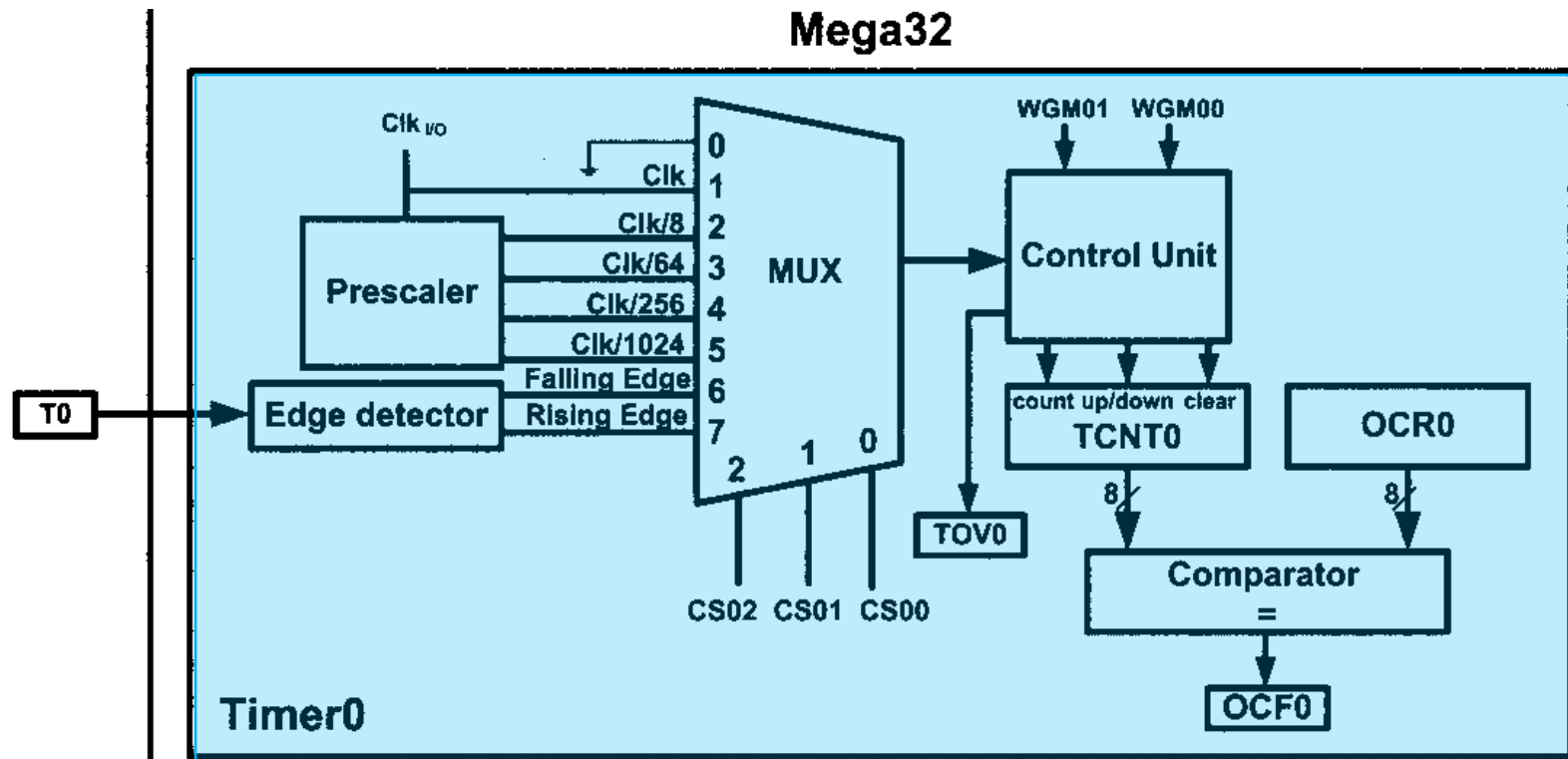


Figure 9-13 Atmega32 Timer

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Timer2 programming

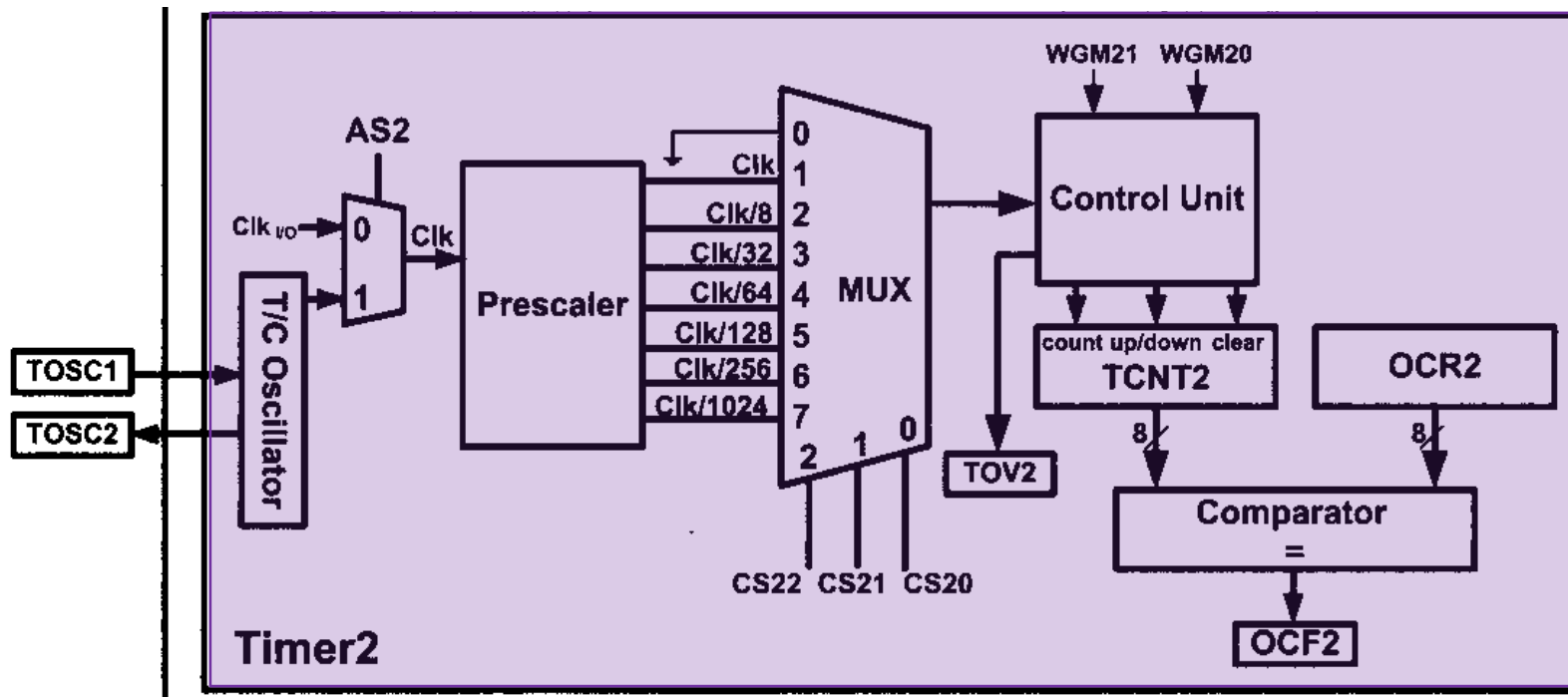


Figure 9-13 Atmega32 Timer

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Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	FOC2	WGM20	COM21	COM20	WGM21	CS22	CS21	CS20
Read/Write	W	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FOC2	D7	Force compare match: a write-only bit, which can be used while generating a wave. Writing 1 to it causes the wave generator to act as if a compare match had occurred.						
WGM20, WGM21	D6	D3	Timer2 mode selector bits					
	0	0	Normal					
	0	1	CTC (Clear Timer on Compare Match)					
	1	0	PWM, phase correct					
	1	1	Fast PWM					
COM21:20	D5	D4	Compare Output Mode: These bits control the waveform generator (see Chapter 15).					
CS22:20	D2	D1	D0	Timer2 clock selector				
	0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped)				
	0	0	1	clk (No Prescaling)				
	0	1	0	clk / 8				
	0	1	1	clk / 32				
	1	0	0	clk / 64				
	1	0	1	clk / 128				
	1	1	0	clk / 256				
	1	1	1	clk / 1024				

Figure 9-11. TCCR2 (Timer/Counter Control Register) Register

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Example 9-23

Find the value for TCCR2 if we want to program Timer2 in normal mode with a prescaler of 64 using internal clock for the clock source.

Solution:

From Figure 9-11 we have TCCR2 = 0000 0100; XTAL clock source, prescaler of 64.

TCCR2 =	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	FOC2	WGM20	COM21	COM20	WGM21	CS22	CS21	CS20

Compare the answer with Example 9-11.

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Example 9-24

Using a prescaler of 64, write a program to generate a delay of 1920 μ s. Assume XTAL 8 MHz.

Solution:

Timer clock = 8 MHz/64 = 125 kHz \Rightarrow Timer Period = 1 / 125 kHz = 8 μ s \Rightarrow

Timer Value = 1920 μ s / 8 μ s = 240

```
1 ;----- Timer2 Delay
2 DELAY: LDI R20,-240 ;R20 = 0x10
3 OUT TCNT2,R20 ;load Timer2
4 LDI R20,0x04
5 OUT TCCR2,R20 ;Timer2, Normal mode, int clk, prescaler 64
6 AGAIN: IN R20,TIFR ;read TIFR
7 SBRs R20,TOV2 ;if TOV2 is set skip next instruction
8 RJMP AGAIN
9 LDI R20,0x0
10 OUT TCCR2,R20 ;stop Timer2
11 LDI R20,1<<TOV2
12 OUT TIFR,R20 ;clear TOV2 flag
13 RET
```

Compare the above program with the DELAY subroutine in Example 9-12.

There are two differences between the two programs:

1- The register names are different. TCNT2 instead of TCNT0

2- The values of TCCRn are different for the same prescaler.

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Example 9-25

Using CTC mode, write a program to generate a delay of 8 ms. Assume XTAL = 8 MHz

Solution:

As XTAL = 8 MHz, the different outputs of the prescaler are as follows:

Prescaler	Timer Clock	Timer Period	Timer Value
None	8 MHz	$1/8 \text{ MHz} = 0.125 \mu\text{s}$	$8\text{ms}/0.125\mu\text{s}=64\text{k}$
8	$8 \text{ MHz}/8 = 1 \text{ MHz}$	$1/1 \text{ MHz} = 1 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 1 \mu\text{s} = 8000$
32	$8 \text{ MHz}/32 = 250 \text{ kHz}$	$1/250 \text{ kHz} = 41.1 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 41.1 \mu\text{s} = 2000$
64	$8 \text{ MHz}/64 = 125 \text{ kHz}$	$1/125 \text{ kHz} = 8 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 8 \mu\text{s} = 1000$
128	$8 \text{ MHz}/128 = 62.5 \text{ kHz}$	$1/62.5 \text{ kHz} = 16 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 16 \mu\text{s} = 500$
256	$8 \text{ MHz}/256 = 31.25 \text{ kHz}$	$1/31.25 \text{ kHz} = 32 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 32 \mu\text{s} = \mathbf{250}$
1024	$8 \text{ MHz}/1024 = 7.8125 \text{ kHz}$	$1/7.8125 \text{ kHz} = 128 \mu\text{s}$	$8 \text{ ms} / 128 \mu\text{s} = \mathbf{62.5}$

From the above calculation we can only use options Prescaler = 256 or Prescaler = 1024. We should use the option Prescaler = 256 since we cannot use a decimal point. To wait 250 clocks we should load OCR2 with $250 - 1 = 249$.

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Example 9-25 (Cont.)

TCCR2 =

0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
FOC2	WGM20	COM21	COM20	WGM21	CS22	CS21	CS20

```
1 ;----- Timer2 Delay
2 DELAY: LDI R20,0
3 OUT TCNT2,R20 ;TCNT2 = 0
4 LDI R20,249
5 OUT OCR2,R20 ;OCR2 = 249
6 LDI R20,0x0E
7 OUT TCCR2,R20 ;Timer2, CTC mode, prescaler = 256
8 AGAIN: IN R20,TIFR ;read TIFR
9 SBRs R20,OCF2 ;if OCF2 is set skip next inst.
10 RJMP AGAIN
11 LDI R20,0x0
12 OUT TCCR2,R20 ;stop Timer2
13 LDI R20,1<<OCF2
14 OUT TIFR,R20 ;clear OCF2 flag
15 RET
```

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Timer1 programming

Timer1 has the prescaler options of 1:1, 1:8, 1:64, 1:256, and 1:1024.

There are two registers in Timer1: OCR1A and OCR1B.

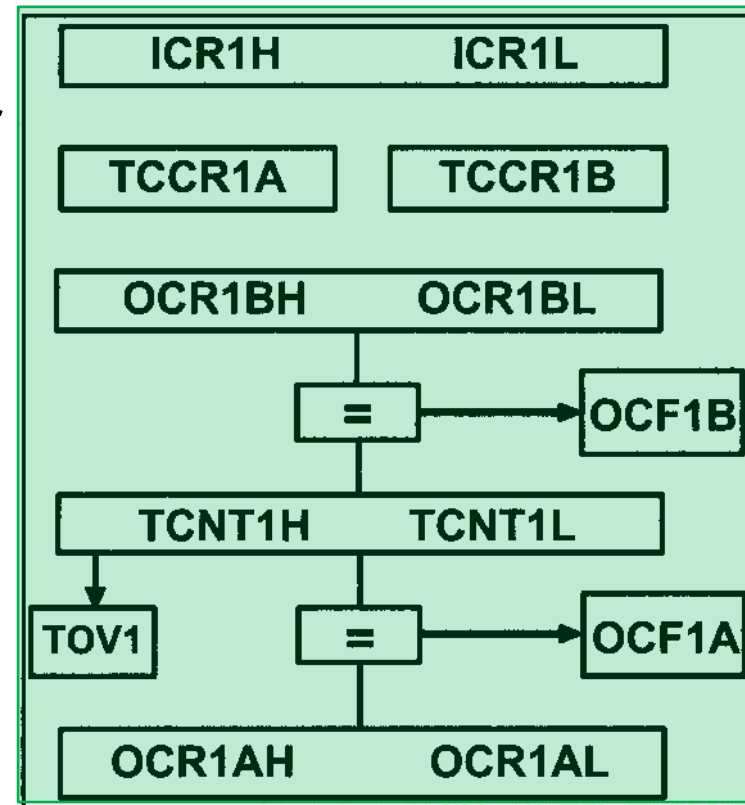


Figure 9-14. Simplified Diagram of Timer1

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Timer/Counter 16-bit

As Timer1 is a 16-bit timer, the OCR registers are 16-bit registers as well and they are made of two 8-bit registers. For example, OCR1A is made of OCR1AH (OCR1A high byte) and OCR1AL (OCR1A low byte).

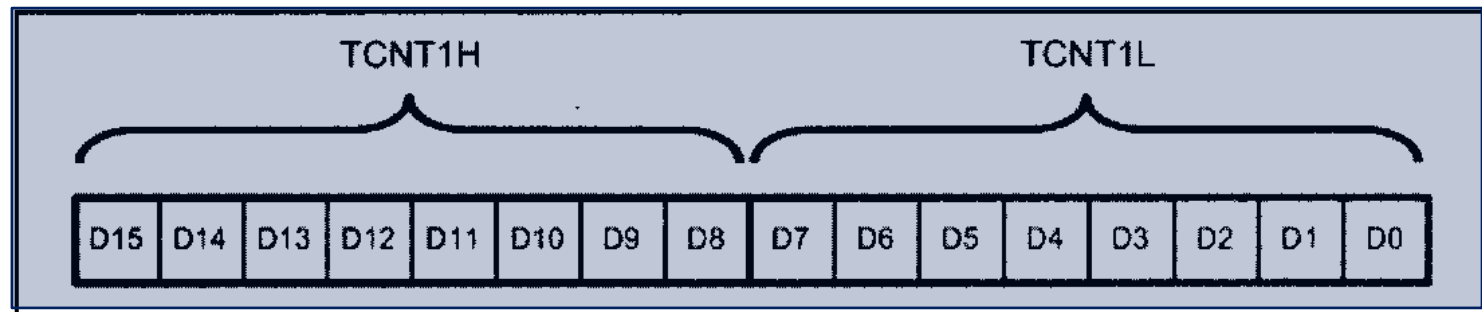


Figure 9-15. Timer1 High and Low Registers

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Input Capture Register

There is also an auxiliary register named ICR1, which is used in operations such as capturing. ICR1 is a 16-bit register made of ICR1H and ICR1L.

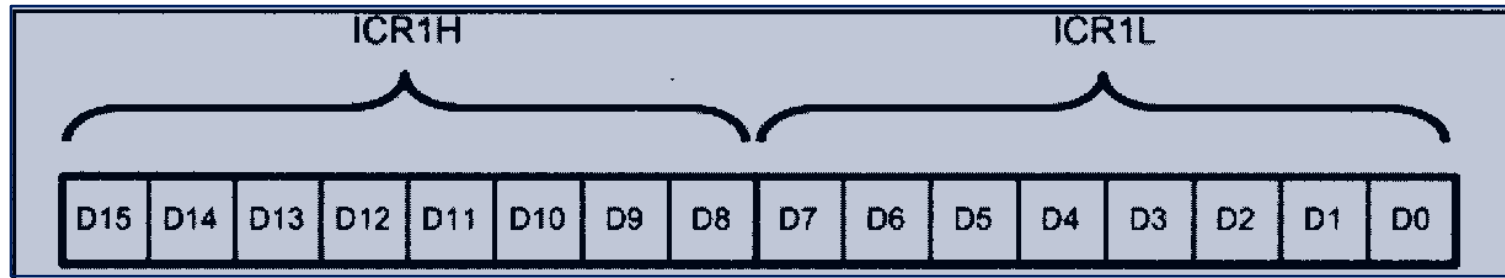


Figure 9-19. Input Capture Register (ICR) for Timer1

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TCCR1A Control Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	FOC1A	FOC1B	WGM11	WGM10
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COM1A1:COM1A0 D7 D6 Compare Output Mode for Channel A (discussed in Section 9-3)								
COM1B1:COM1B0 D5 D4 Compare Output Mode for Channel B (discussed in Section 9-3)								
FOC1A D3 Force Output Compare for Channel A (discussed in Section 9-3)								
FOC1B D2 Force Output Compare for Channel B (discussed in Section 9-3)								
WGM11:10 D1 D0 Timer1 mode (discussed in Figure 9-18)								

Figure 9-17. TCCR1A (Timer 1 Control) Register

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TCCR1B Control Register – Figure 9-18

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	ICNC1	ICES1	-	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10	TCCR1B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ICNC1		D7	Input Capture Noise Canceler 0 = Input Capture is disabled. 1 = Input Capture is enabled.						
ICES1		D6	Input Capture Edge Select 0 = Capture on the falling (negative) edge 1 = Capture on the rising (positive) edge						
		D5	Not used						
WGM13:WGM12		D4 D3	Timer1 mode						

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TCCR1B Control Register – Figure 9-18

Mode	WGM13	WGM12	WGM11	WGM10	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	Top	Update of OCR1x	TOV1 Flag Set on
0	0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFFFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	0	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	BOTTOM
3	0	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	BOTTOM
4	0	1	0	0	CTC	OCR1A	Immediate	MAX
5	0	1	0	1	Fast PWM, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	TOP
6	0	1	1	0	Fast PWM, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	TOP
7	0	1	1	1	Fast PWM, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	TOP
8	1	0	0	0	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	ICR1	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
9	1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	OCR1A	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
10	1	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct	ICR1	TOP	BOTTOM
11	1	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCR1A	TOP	BOTTOM
12	1	1	0	0	CTC	ICR1	Immediate	MAX
13	1	1	0	1	Reserved	-	-	-
14	1	1	1	0	Fast PWM	ICR1	TOP	TOP
15	1	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCR1A	TOP	TOP

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TCCR1B Control Register – Figure 9-18

CS12:CS10	D2D1D0	Timer1 clock selector
	0 0 0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped)
	0 0 1	clk (no prescaling)
	0 1 0	clk / 8
	0 1 1	clk / 64
	1 0 0	clk / 256
	1 0 1	clk / 1024
	1 1 0	External clock source on T1 pin. Clock on falling edge.
	1 1 1	External clock source on T1 pin. Clock on rising edge.

Figure 9-18. TCCR1B (Timer 1 Control) Register

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Timer1 operation modes

Normal mode (WGM13:10 = 0000)

In this mode, the timer counts up until it reaches \$FFFF and then it rolls over from \$FFFF to 0000. When the timer rolls over, the TOV1 flag will be set.

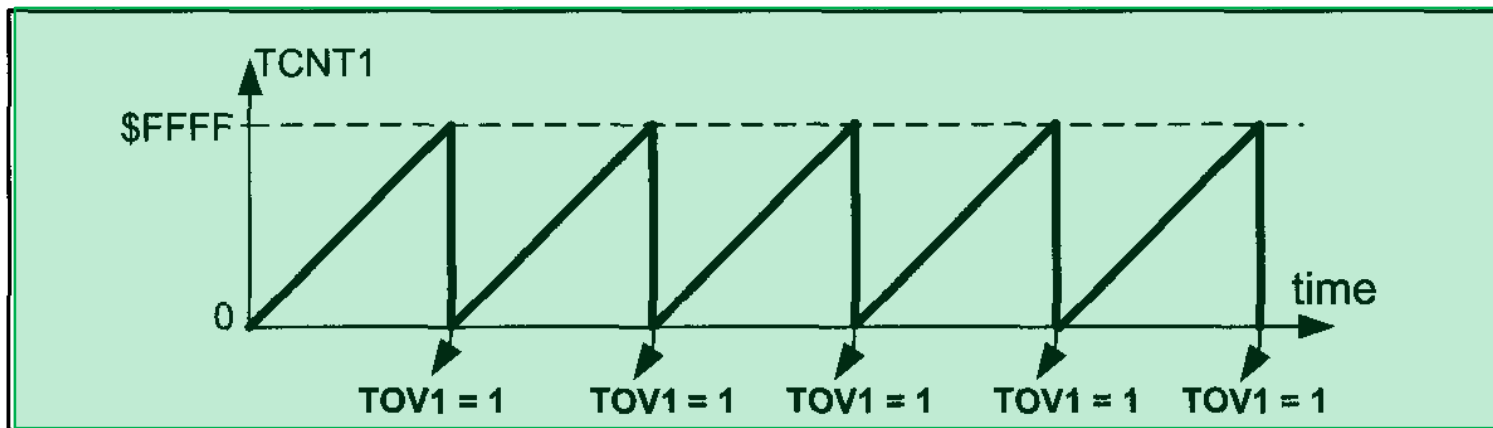


Figure 9-20. TOV in Normal and Fast PWM

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CTC mode (WGM13:10 = 0100)

In mode 4, the timer counts up until the content of the TCNT1 register becomes equal to the content of OCR1A (compare match occurs); then, the timer will be cleared when the next clock occurs. The OCF1A flag will be set as a result of the compare match as well.

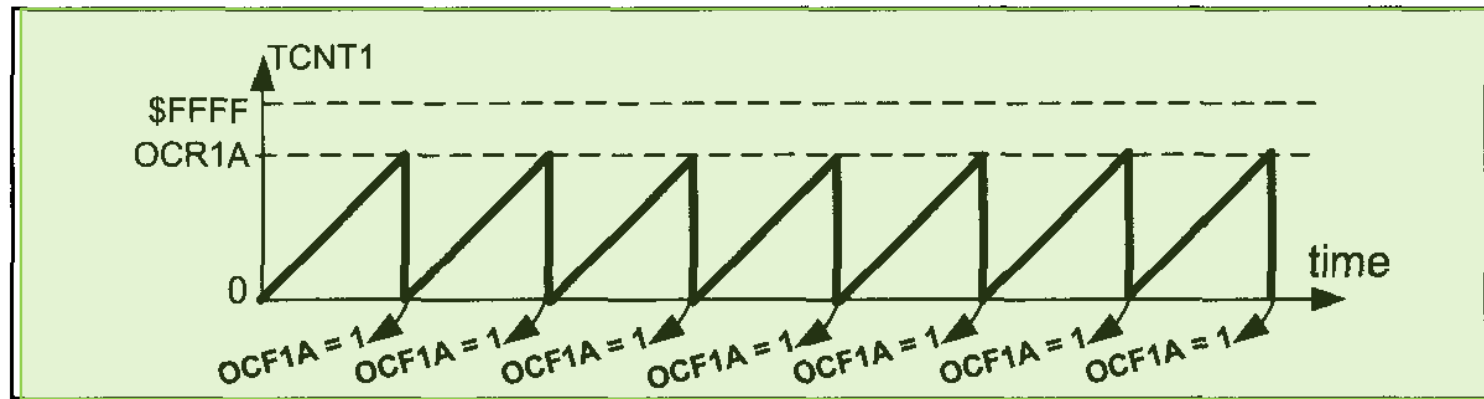


Figure 9-21. OCF1A in CTC Mode

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Example 9-26

Find the values for TCCR1A and TCCR1B if we want to program Timer1 in mode 0 (Normal), with no prescaler. Use AVR's crystal oscillator for the clock source.

Solution:

TCCR1A = 0000 0000

WGM11 = 0,

WGM10 = 0

TCCR1B = 0000 0001

WGM13 = 0,

WGM12 = 0, oscillator clock source, no

prescaler

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Example 9-27

Find the frequency of the square wave generated by the following program if XTAL=8MHz. In your calculation do not include the overhead due to instructions in the loop.

```

1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      INITSTACK                      ;add its definition from Example 9-3
3      LDI    R16,0x20
4      SBI    DDRB,5                  ;PB5 as an output
5      LDI    R17,0
6      OUT    PORTB,R17              PB5 = 0
7  BEGIN: RCALL  DELAY
8      EOR    R17,R16                ;toggle D5 of R17
9      OUT    PORTB,R17              ;toggle PB5
10     RJMP   BEGIN
11     ;----- Timer1 delay
12  DELAY: LDI    R20,0xD8
13         OUT    TCNT1H,R20          ;TCNT1H = 0xD8
14         LDI    R20,0xF0
15         OUT    TCNT1L,R20          ;TCNT1L = 0xF0
16         LDI    R20,0x00
17         OUT    TCCR1A,R20          ;WGM11:10 = 00
18         LDI    R20,0x01
19         OUT    TCCR1B,R20          ;WGM13:12 = 00, Normal mode, prescaler = 1
20  AGAIN: IN     R20,TIFR             ;read TIFR
21         SBRS   R20,TOV1            ;if TOV1 is set skip next instruction
22         RJMP   AGAIN
23         LDI    R20,0x00
24         OUT    TCCR1B,R20          ;stop Timer1
25         LDI    R20,0x04
26         OUT    TIFR,R20           ;clear TOV1 flag RE
27     RET
    
```

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Solution:

WGM13:10 = 0000 = 0x00, so Timer1 is working in mode 0, which is Normal mode, and the top is 0xFFFF.

$$FFFF + 1 - D8F0 = 0x2710 = 10,000 \text{ clocks,}$$

which means that it takes 10,000 clocks. As XTAL = 8 MHz each clock lasts $1/(8M) = 0.125 \mu s$ and delay = $10,000 \times 0.125 \mu s = 1250 \mu s = 1.25 \text{ ms}$ and frequency = $1 / (1.25 \text{ ms} \times 2) = 400 \text{ Hz}$. In this calculation, the overhead due to all the instructions in the loop is not included.

Notice that instead of using hex numbers we can use HIGH and LOW directives:

```
LDI    R20, HIGH(65535-10000)
OUT     TCNT1H, R20
LDI    R20, LOW(65535-10000)
OUT     TCNT1L, R20
```

Or we can simply write it as follows:

```
LDI    R20, HIGH(-10000)
OUT     TCNT1H, R20
LDI    R20, LOW(-10000)
OUT     TCNT1L, R20
```

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Example 9-28

Find the values for TCCR1A and TCCR1B if we want to program Timer1 in mode 4 (CTC, Top = OCR1A), no prescaler. Use AVR's crystal oscillator for the clock source.

Solution:

TCCR1A = 0000 0000

WGM11 = 0,

WGM10 = 0

TCCR1B = 0000 1001

WGM13 = 0,

WGM12 = 1, oscillator clock

source, no prescaler

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Example 9-29

Find the frequency of the square wave generated by the following program if $XTAL = 8\text{ MHz}$. do not include the overhead due to instructions in the loop.

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      SBI      DDRB, 5          ;PB5 as an output
3  BEGIN: SBI      PORTB, 5       ;PB5 = 1
4          RCALL  DELAY
5          CBI      PORTB, 5       ;PBS = 0
6          RCALL  DELAY
7          RJMP   BEGIN
8  ;----- Timer1 delay
9  DELAY: LDI      R20, 0x00
10         OUT     TCNT1H, R20
11         OUT     TCNT1L, R20     ;TCNT1 = 0
12         LDI      R20, 0
13         OUT     OCR1AH, R20
14         LDI      R20, 159
15         OUT     OCR1AL, R20     ;OCRIA = 159 = 0x9F
16         LDI      R20, 0x0
17         OUT     TCCR1A, R20     ;WGMII:10 = 00
18         LDI      R20, 0x09
19         OUT     TCCR1B, R20     ;WGM13:12 = 01, CTC mode, prescaler = 1
```

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```
20 AGAIN: IN R20,TIFR ;read TIFR
21 SBRS R20,OCF1A ;if OCF1A is set skip next instruction
22 RJMP AGAIN
23 LDI R20,1<<OCF1A
24 OUT TIFR,R20 ;clear OCF1A flag
25 LDI R19,0
26 OUT TCCR1B,R19 ;stop timer
27 OUT TCCR1A,R19
28 RET
```

Solution:

WGM13:10 = 0100 = 0x04 therefore, Timer1 is working in mode 4, which is a CTC mode, and max is defined by OCR1A.

$$159 + 1 = 160 \text{ clocks}$$

XTAL = 8 MHz, so each clock lasts $1/(8\text{M}) = 0.125 \mu\text{s}$.

$$\text{Delay} = 160 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 20 \mu\text{s} \text{ and frequency} = 1 / (20 \mu\text{s} \times 2) = 25 \text{ kHz.}$$

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Accessing 16-bit registers

The AVR is an 8-bit microcontroller, which means it can manipulate data 8 bits at a time, only. But some Timer1 registers, such as TCNT1, OCR1A, ICR1, and so on, are 16-bit; in this case, the registers are split into two 8-bit registers, and each one is accessed individually. This is fine for most cases. For example, when we want to load the content of SP (stack pointer), we first load one half and then the other half, as shown below:

```
LDI    R16,0x12
OUT     SPL,R16
LDI     R16,0x34
OUT     SPH,R16      ;SP = 0x3412
```

In 16-bit timers, however, we should read/write the entire content of a register at once, otherwise we might have problems.

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For example, imagine the following scenario:

The TCNT1 register contains 0x15FF. We read the low byte of TCNT1, which is 0xFF, and store it in R20. At the same time a timer clock occurs, and the content of TCNT1 becomes 0x1600; now we read the high byte of TCNT1, which is now 0x16, and store it in R21. If we look at the value we have read, R21 :R20 = 0x16FF. So, we believe that TCNT1 contains 0x16FF, although it actually contains 0x15FF.

The AVR designers have resolved this issue with an 8-bit register called TEMP, which is used as a buffer.

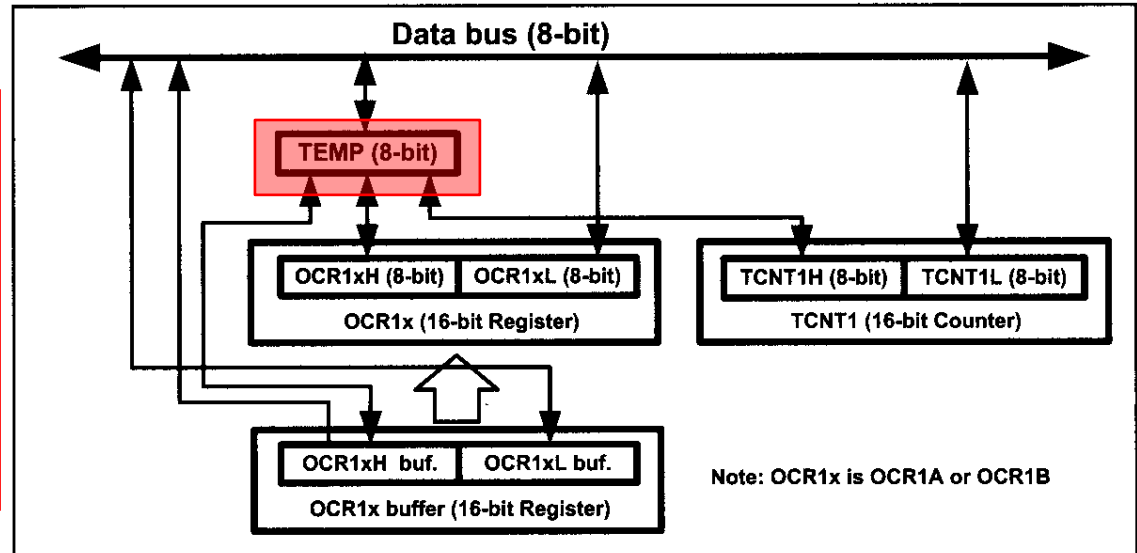


Figure 9-22. Accessing 16-bit Registers through TEMP

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For example, consider the following program:

```
LDI    R16, 0x15
OUT    TCNT1H, R16      ;store 0x1b in TEMP of Timer1
LDI    R16, 0xFF
OUT    TCNT1L, R16      ;TCNT1L = R16, TCNT1H = TEMP
```

After the execution of “**OUT TCNT1H, R16**”, the content of R16, 0x15, will be stored in the TEMP register. When the instruction “**OUT TCNT1L, R16**” is executed, the content of R16, 0xFF, is loaded into TCNT1L, and the content of the TEMP register, 0x15, is loaded into TCNT1H. So, 0x15FF will be loaded into the TCNT1 register at once.

We should first write into the high byte of the 16-bit registers and then write into the lower byte. Otherwise, the program does not work properly.

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When we read the low byte of 16-bit registers, the content of the high byte will be copied to the TEMP register. So, the following program reads the content of TCNT1 :

```
IN    R20, TCNT1L  
IN    R21, TCNT1H
```

```
;R20 = TCNT1L, TEMP = TCNT1H  
;R21 = TEMP of Timer1
```

We must pay attention to the order of reading the high and low bytes of the 16-bit registers.

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9.1 PROGRAMMING TIMERS 0,1 AND 2

Example 9-30

Assuming XTAL = 8 MHz, write a program that toggles PB5 once per millisecond.

Solution:

XTAL = 8 MHz means that each clock takes $0.125 \mu\text{s}$. Now for 1ms delay, we need $1\text{ms}/0.125\mu\text{s} = 8000 \text{ clocks} = 0\text{x}1\text{F}40 \text{ clocks}$. We initialize the timer so that after 8000 clocks the OCF1A flag is raised, and then we will toggle the PB5.

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      LDI    R16, HIGH(RAMEND)
3      OUT    SPH, R16
4      LDI    R16, LOW(RAMEND)
5      OUT    SPL, R16           ;initialize the stack
6      SBI    DDRB, 5           ;PB5 as an output
7  BEGIN: SBI    PORTB, 5       ;PB5 = 1
8          RCALL DELAY_1ms
9          CBI    PORTE, 5     ;PB5 = 0
10         RCALL  DELAY_1ms
11         RJMP   BEGIN
```

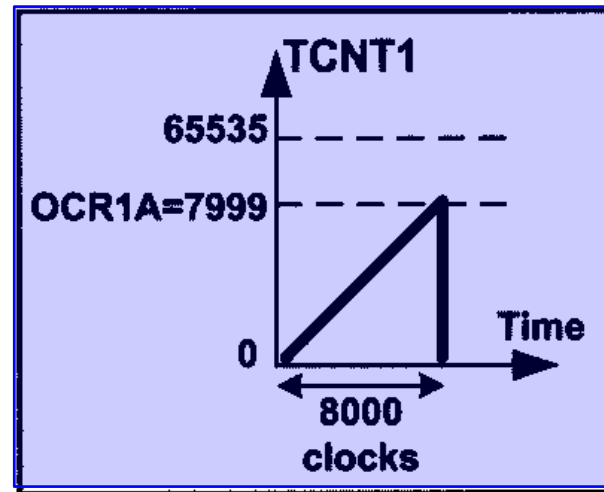
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```
12 ;----- Timer1 Delay
13 DELAY_1ms:
14     LDI     R20, 0x00
15     OUT     TCNT1H, R20           ;TEMP = 0
16     OUT     TCNT1L, R20           ;TCNT1L = 0, TCNT1H = TEMP
17
18     LDI     R20, HIGH(8000-1)
19     OUT     OCR1AH, R20           ;TEMP = 0x1F
20     LDI     R20, LOW(8000-1)
21     OUT     OCR1AL, R20           ;OCR1AL = 0x3F, OCR1AH = TEMP
22     LDI     R20, 0x0
23     OUT     TCCR1A, R20           ;WGM11:10 = 00
24     LDI     R20, 0x09
25     OUT     TCCR1B, R20           ;WGM13:12 = 01, CTC mode, CS = 1
26 AGAIN: IN     R20, TIFR           ;read TIFR ;if OCF1A is set skip next instruction
27     SBRS    R20, OCF1A
28     RJMP    AGAIN
29     LDI     R20, 1<<OCF1A         ;clear OCF1A flag
30     OUT     TIFR, R20
31     LDI     R19, 0
32     OUT     TCCR1B, R19           ;stop timer
33     OUT     TCCR1A, R19
34     RET
```

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Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	<div>COM1A1</div> <div>COM1A0</div> <div>COM1B1</div> <div>COM1B0</div> <div>FOC1A</div> <div>FOC1B</div> <div>WGM11</div> <div>WGM10</div>								TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	W	W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	<div>ICNC1</div> <div>ICES1</div> <div>—</div> <div>WGM13</div> <div>WGM12</div> <div>CS12</div> <div>CS11</div> <div>CS10</div>								TCCR1B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Example 9-31

Rewrite Example 9-30 using the TOV1 flag.

Solution:

To wait 1 ms we should load the TCNT1 register so that it rolls over after **8000 = 0x1F40** clocks. In Normal mode the top value is $0xFFFF = 65535$. $65535 + 1 - 8000 = 57536 = 0xE0C0$. Thus, we should load TCNT1 with 57536, or 0xE0C0 in hex, or we can simply use $65536 - 8000$, as shown below:

```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      LDI    R16, HIGH(RAMEND)      ;initialize stack pointer
3      OUT    SPH, R16
4      LDI    R16, LOW(RAMEND)
5      OUT    SPL, R16
6
7      SBI    DDRB, 5                ;PB5 as an output
8  BEGIN: SBI    PORTB, 5            ;PB5 = 1
9      RCALL  DELAY_1ms
10     CBI    PORTB, 5              ;PB5 = 0
11     RCALL  DELAY_1ms
12     RJMP   BEGIN
```

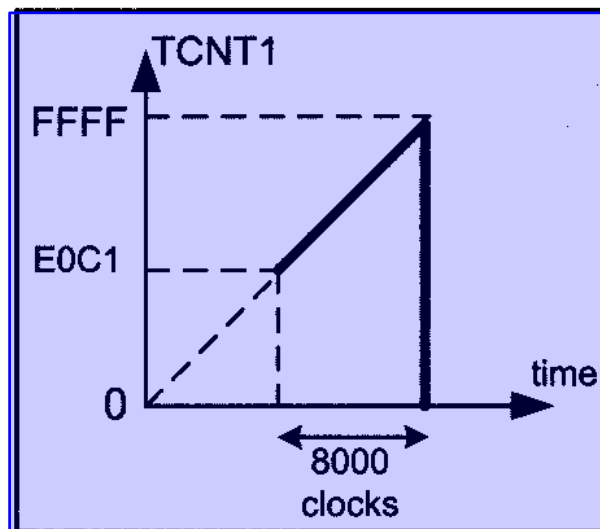
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```
13 ;----- Timer1 DELAY
14 DELAY_lms:
15     LDI     R20,HIGH(65536-8000)    ;R20 = high byte of 57536
16     OUT     TCNT1H,R20             ;TEMP = 0xE0
17     LDI     R20,LOW(65536-8000)    ;R20 = low byte of 57536
18     OUT     TCNT1L,R20             ;TCNT1L = 0xC1, TCNT1H = TEMP
19     LDI     R20,0x0
20     OUT     TCCR1A,R20             ;WGM11:10 = 00
21     LDI     R20,0x1
22     OUT     TCCR1B,R20             ;WGM13:12 = 00, Normal mode, CS = 1
23 AGAIN: IN     R20,TIFR              ;read TIFR
24     SBRS    R20,TOV1               ;if OCF1A is set skip next instruction
25     RJMP    AGAIN
26     LDI     R20,1<<TOV1
27     OUT     TIFR,R20              ;clear TOV1 flag
28     LDI     R19,0
29     OUT     TCCR1B,R19             ;stop timer
30     OUT     TCCR1A,R19
31     RET
```

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Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	FOC1A	FOC1B	WGM11	WGM10	TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	W	W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	ICNC1	ICES1	–	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10	TCCR1B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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9.1 PROGRAMMING TIMERS 0,1 AND 2

Generating a large time delay using prescaler

Size of time delay depends on

- (a) Crystal frequency
- (b) The timers's 16-bit register

Both of these factors are beyond the control of the AVR programmer. We can use the prescaler option in the TCCR1B register to increase the delay by reducing the period.

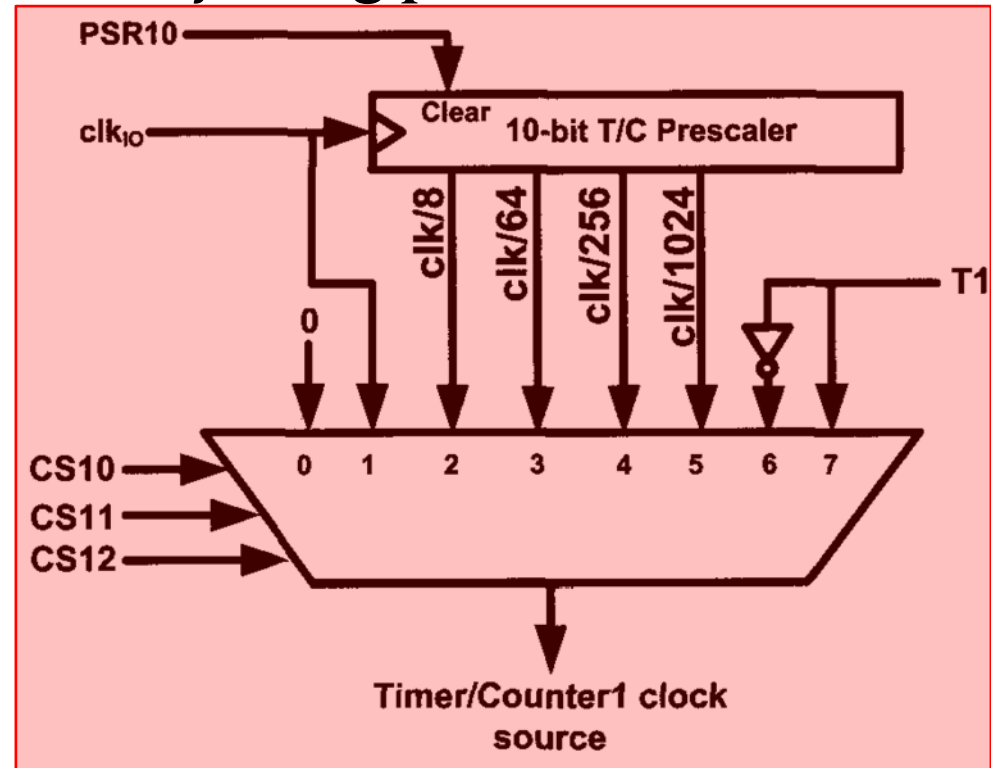


Figure 9-23. Timer/Counter 1 Prescaler

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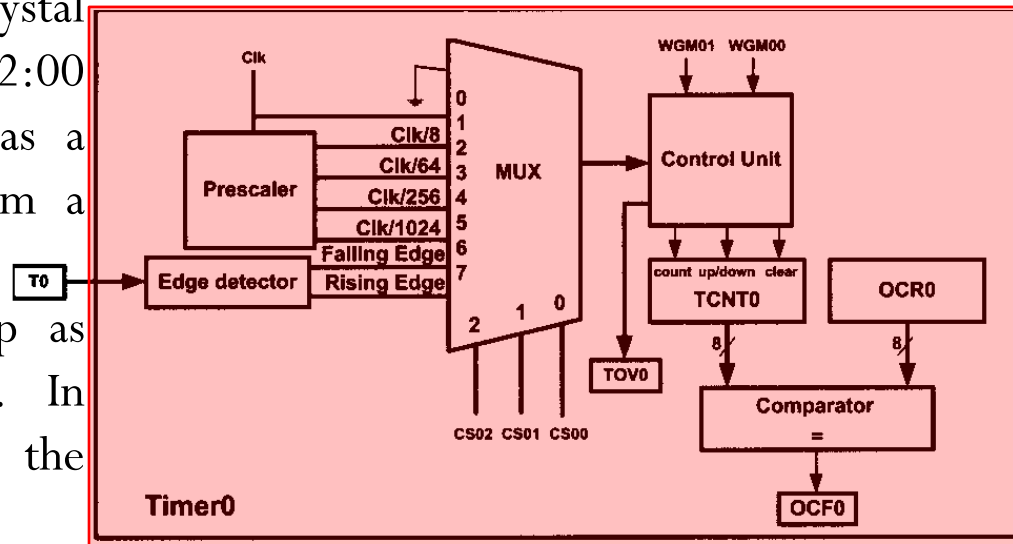
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CS00, CS01, and CS02 bits in the TCCR0 register

When the timer is used as a timer, the AVR's crystal is used as the source of the frequency. When it is used as a counter, however, it is a pulse outside the AVR that increments the TCNTx register.

If CS02:00 is between 1 and 5, the timer gets pulses from the crystal oscillator. In contrast, when CS02:00 is 6 or 7, the timer is used as a counter and gets its pulses from a source outside the AVR chip.

The TCNT0 counter counts up as pulses are fed from pin T0. In ATmega32/ATmega16, T0 is the alternative function of PORTB.0.



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Example 9-34

Find the value for TCCR0 if we want to program Timer0 as a Normal mode counter. Use an external clock for the clock source and increment on the positive edge.

Solution:

TCCR0 = 0000 0111 Normal, external clock source, no prescaler

In the case of Timer0, when CS02:00 is 6 or 7, pin T0 provides the clock pulse and the counter counts up after each clock pulse coming from that pin. Similarly, for Timer1, when CS12:10 is 6 or 7, the clock pulse coming in from pin T1 (Timer/Counter 1 External Clock input) makes the TCNT1 counter count up.

When CS12:10 is 6, the counter counts up on the negative (falling) edge. When CS12:10 is 7, the counter counts up on the positive (rising) edge. In ATmega32/ATmega16, T1 is the alternative function of PORTB.1.

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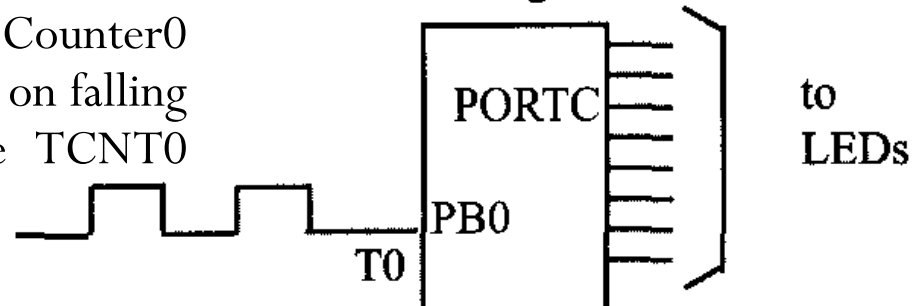
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Example 9-35

Assuming that a 1Hz clock pulse is fed into pin T0 (PB0), write a program for Counter0 in normal mode to count the pulses on falling edge and display the state of the TCNT0 count on PORTC.

PORTC is connected to 8 LEDs
and input T0 (PB0) to 1 Hz pulse.

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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      CBI    DDRB,0                ;make T0 (PB0) input
3      LDI    R20,0xFF
4      OUT    DDRC,R20             ;make PORTC output
5      LDI    R20,0x06
6      OUT    TCCR0,R20            ;counter, falling edge
7  AGAIN:
8      IN     R20,TCNT0
9      OUT    PORTC,R20            ;PORTC = TCNT0
10     IN     R16,TIFR              ;monitor TOV0 flag
11     SBRS   R16,TOV0             ;keep doing if Timer() flag is low
12     RJMP   AGAIN
13     LDI    R16,1<<TOV0
14     OUT    TIFR,R16             ;clear TOV0 flag
15     RJMP   AGAIN                ;keep doing it
```

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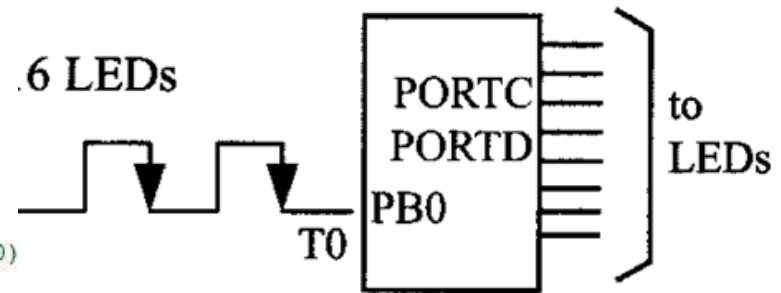
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Example 9-36

Assuming that a 1Hz clock pulse is fed into pin T0, use the TOV0 flag to extend Timed to a 16-bit counter and display the counter on PORTC and PORTD.

PORTC and PORTD are connected to 16 LEDs and input T0 (PB0) to 1 Hz pulse.

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```

1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      LDI R19,0
3      CBI DDRB,0
4      LDI R20,0xFF
5      OUT DDRC,R20
6      OUT DDRD,R20
7      LDI R20,0x06
8      OUT TCCR0,R20
9  AGAIN:
10     IN R20,TCNT0
11     OUT PORTC,R20
12     IN R16,TIFR
13     SBRS R16,TOV0
14     RJMP AGAIN
15     LDI R16,1<<TOV0
16     OUT TIFR,R16
17     INC R19
18     OUT PORTD,R19
19     RJMP AGAIN

```

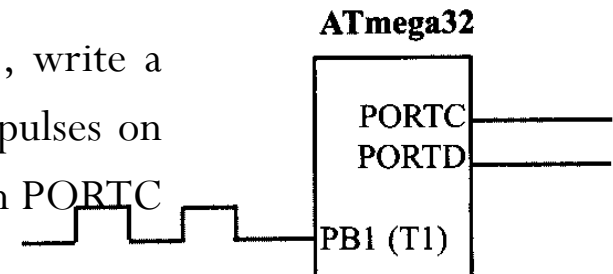
;R19 = 0
 ;make T0 (PB0)
 ;make PORTC output
 ;make PORTD output
 ;counter, falling edge
 ;PORTC = TCNT0
 ;keep doing it
 ;clear TOV0 flag
 ;R19 = R19 + 1
 ;PORTD = R19
 ;keep doing it

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Example 9-37

Assuming that clock pulses are fed into pin T1 (PB1), write a program for Counter1 in Normal mode to count the pulses on falling edge and display the state of the TCNT1 count on PORTC and PORTD.



```

1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      CBI      DDRB, 1          ;make T1 (PB1) input
3      LDI      R20, 0xFF
4      OUT      DDRC, R20       ;make PORTC output
5      OUT      DDRD, R20       ;make PORTD output
6      LDI      R20, 0x0
7      OUT      TCCR1A, R20
8      LDI      R20, 0x06
9      OUT      TCCR1B, R20     ;counter, falling edge
10     AGAIN:
11         IN      R20, TCNT1L    ;R20 = TCNT1L, TEMP = TCNT1H
12         OUT      PORTC, R20    ;PORTC = TCNT0
13         IN      R20, TCNT1H    ;R20 = TEMP
14         OUT      PORTD, R20    ;PORTD = TCNT0
15         IN      R16, TIFR
16         SBRS    R16, TOV1
17         RJMP    AGAIN          ;keep doing it
18         LDI      R16, 1<<TOV1 ;clear TOV1 flag
19         OUT      TIFR, R16
20         RJMP    AGAIN          ;keep doing it
    
```

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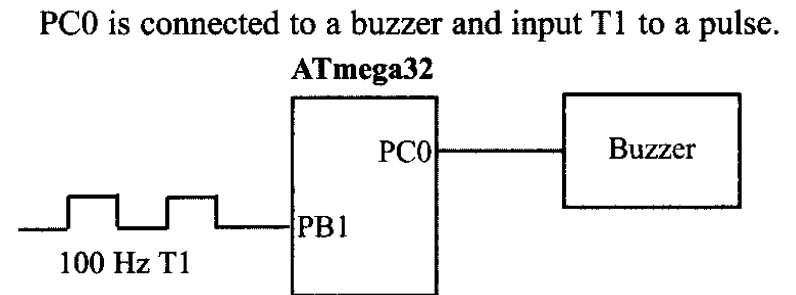
9.2 COUNTER PROGRAMMING

Example 9-38

Assuming that clock pulses are fed into pin T1 (PB1) and a buzzer is connected to pin PORTC.0, write a program for Counter 1 in CTC mode to sound the buzzer every 100 pulses.

Solution:

To sound the buzzer every 100 pulses, we set the OCR1A value to 99 (63 in hex), and then the counter counts up until it reaches OCR1A. Upon compare match, we can sound the buzzer by toggling the PORTC.0 pin.



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```
1  .INCLUDE "M32DEF.INC"
2      CBI      DDRB,1          ;make T1 (PB1) input
3      SBI      DDRC,0          ;PC0 as an output
4      LDI      R16,0x1
5      LDI      R17,0
6      LDI      R20,0x0
7      OUT      TCCR1A,R20      ;CTC, counter, falling edge
8      LDI      R20,0x0E
9      OUT      TCCR1B,R20
10     AGAIN:  LDI      R20,0
11             OUT      OCR1AH,R20    ;TEMP = 0
12             LDI      R20,99
13             OUT      OCR1AL,R20    ;ORC1L = R20, OCR1H = TEMP
14     L1:     IN       R20,TIFR
15             SBRS     R20,OCF1A
16             RJMP     L1            ;keep doing it
17             LDI      R20,1<<OCF1A ;clear OCF1A flag
18             OUT      TIFR,R20
19             EOR      R17,R16
20             OUT      PORTC,R17
21             RJMP     AGAIN        ;toggle DO of RI7
                                     ;toggle PC0
                                     ;keep doing it
```


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9.3 PROGRAMMING TIMERS IN C

Example 9-39

Write a C program to toggle all the bits of PORTB continuously with some delay. Use Timer0, Normal mode, and no prescaler options to generate the delay.

```
1  #include 'Tavr/io.h'
2  void T0Delay ( );
3  int main ( )
4  {
5      DDRB = 0xFF;           //PORTB as output port
6      while (1)
7      {
8          PORTB = 0x55;      //repeat forever
9          T0Delay ( );       //delay size unknown
10         PORTB = 0xAA;      //repeat forever
11         T0Delay ( );
12     }
13 }
14
15 void T0Delay ( )
16 {
17     TCNT0 = 0x20;           //load TCNT0
18     TCCR0 = 0x01;           //Timer0, Normal mode, no prescaler
19     while ((TIFR & 1)==0); //wait for TF0 to roll over
20     TCCR0 = 0;              //stop Timer
21     TIFR = 0x1;            //clear TF0
22 }
```

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Calculating delay length using timers

As we saw in the last two sections, the delay length depends primarily on two factors:

- (a) the crystal frequency, and
- (b) the prescaler factor. A third factor in the delay size is the C compiler because various C compilers generate different hex code sizes, and the amount of overhead due to the instructions varies by compiler.

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Example 9-40

Write a C program to toggle only the PORTB.4 bit continuously every 70 μ s. Use Timer0, Normal mode, and 1:8 prescaler to create the delay. Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

Solution:

$$\text{XTAL} = 8\text{MHz} \Rightarrow T_{\text{machine cycle}} = 1/8 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\text{Prescaler} = 1:8 \Rightarrow T_{\text{clock}} = 8 \times 1/8 \text{ MHz} = 1\mu\text{s}$$

$$70 \mu\text{s} / 1 \mu\text{s} = 70 \text{ clocks} \Rightarrow 1 + 0\text{xFF} - 70 = 0\text{x100} - 0\text{x46} = 0\text{xBA} = 186$$

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```
1  #include "avr/io.h"
2
3  void T0Delay ( );
4  int main ( )
5  {
6      DDRB = 0xFF;           //PORTB output port
7      while (1)
8      {
9          T0Delay();         //Timer0, Normal mode
10         PORTB = PORTB ^ 0x10; //toggle PORTB.4
11     }
12 }
13
14 void T0Delay ( )
15 {
16     TCNT0 = 186;           //load TCNT0
17     TCCR0 = 0x02;          //Timer0, Normal mode, 1:8 prescaler
18     while ((TIFR & (1<<TOV0)) == 0); //wait for TOV0 to roll over
19
20     TCCR0 = 0;             //turn off Timer0
21     TIFR = 0x1;           //clear TOV0
22 }
23
```

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Example 9-41

Write a C program to toggle only the PORTB.4 bit continuously every 2 ms. Use Timer1, Normal mode, and no prescaler to create the delay. Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

Solution:

$$\text{XTAL} = 8 \text{ MHz} \Rightarrow T_{\text{machine cycle}} = 1/8 \text{ MHz} = 0.125 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\text{Prescaler} = 1:1 \quad T_{\text{Clock}} = 0.125 \mu\text{s}$$

$$2 \text{ ms} / 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 16,000 \text{ clocks} = 0x3E80 \text{ clocks}$$

$$1 + 0xFFFF - 0x3E80 = 0xC180$$

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```
1  #include "avr/io.h"
2  void T1Delay ( );
3  int main ()
4  {
5      DDRB = 0xFF;           //PORTE output port
6      while (1)
7      {
8          PORTB = PORTB ^ (1<<PB4); //toggle PB4
9          T1Delay();           //delay size unknown
10     }
11 }
12
13 void T1Delay ( )
14 {
15     TCNT1H = 0xC1;           //TEMP = 0xC1
16     TCNT1L = 0x80;
17
18     TCCR1A = 0x00;           //Normal mode
19     TCCR1B = 0x01;           //Normal mode, no prescaler
20
21     while ((TIFR & (0x1<<TOV1)) == 0); //wait for TOV1 to roll over
22
23     TCCR1B = 0;
24     TIFR = 0x1<<TOV1;       //clear TOV1
25 }
```

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Example 9-42 (C version of Example 9-32)

Write a C program to toggle only the PORTB.4 bit continuously every second. Use Timer1, Normal mode, and 1:256 prescaler to create the delay. Assume XTAL = 8 MHz.

Solution:

$$\text{XTAL} = 8 \text{ MHz} \Rightarrow T_{\text{machine cycle}} = 1/8 \text{ MHz} = 0.125 \mu\text{s} = T_{\text{Clock}}$$

$$\text{Prescaler } 1:256 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Clock}} = 256 \times 0.125 \mu\text{s} = 32 \mu\text{s}$$

$$1\text{s}/32 \mu\text{s} = 31,250 \text{ clocks} = 0x7A12 \text{ clocks} \Rightarrow 1 + 0xFFFF - 0x7A12 = 0x85EE$$

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```
#include "avr/io.h"
void T0Delay ();
int main ()
{
    DDRB = 0xFF;

    while(1)
    {
        PORTB = PORTB ^ (1<<PB4);
        T0Delay ();
    }
}

void T0Delay ()
{
    TCNT1H = 0x85;
    TCNT1L = 0xEE;
    TCCR1A = 0x00;
    TCCR1B = 0x04;
    while ((TIFR & (0x1<<TOV1)) == 0);
    TCCR1B = 0;
    TIFR = 0x1<<TOV1;
}
```


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9.3 PROGRAMMING TIMERS IN C

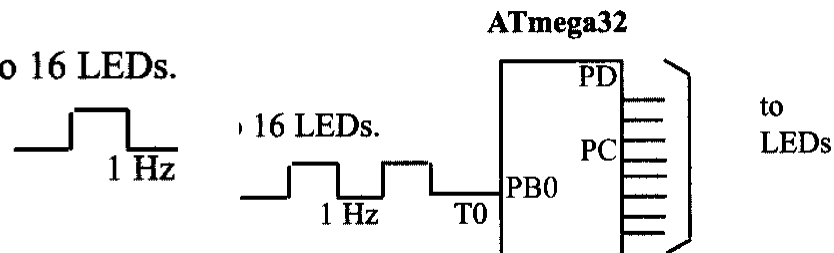
C programming of Timers 0 and 1 as counters

Timers can be used as counters if we provide pulses from outside the chip instead of using the frequency of the crystal oscillator as the clock source. By feeding pulses to the T0 (PB0) and T1 (PB1) pins, we use Timer0 and Timer1 as Counter 0 and Counter 1, respectively.

Example 9-43 (C version of Example 9-36)

Assuming that a 1 Hz clock pulse is fed into pin T0, use the TOV0 flag to extend Timer0 to a 16-bit counter and display the counter on PORTC and PORTD.

PORTC and PORTD are connected to 16 LEDs.
T0 (PB0) is connected to a
1-Hz external clock.



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```
1  #include "avr/io.h"
2
3  int main ()
4  {
5      PORTB = 0x01;           //activate pull-up of PB0
6      DDRC = 0xFF;           //PORTC as output
7      DDRD = 0xFF;           //PORTD as output
8
9      TCCR0 = 0x06;           //output clock source
10     TCNT0 = 0x00;
11
12     while (1)
13     {
14         do
15         {
16             PORTC = TCNT0;
17         }
18         while( (TIFR & (0x1 << TOV0)) == 0 ); //wait for TOV0 to roll over
19         TIFR = 0x1 << TOV0; //clear TOV0
20         PORTD ++;           //increment PORTD
21     }
22 }
```

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Example 9-44 (C version of Example 9-37)

Assume that a 1-Hz external clock is being fed into pin T1 (PB1). Write a C program for Counter1 in rising edge mode to count the pulses and display the TCNT1H and TCNT1L, registers on PORTD and PORTC, respectively.

```
1  #include "avr/io.h"
2  int main ()
3  {
4      PORTB = 0x01;           //activate pull-up of
5      DDRC = 0xFF;            //PORTC as output
6      DDRD = 0xFF;            //PORTD as output
7
8      TCCR1A = 0x00;           //output clock source
9      TCCR1B = 0x06;           //output clock source
10
11     TCNT1H = 0x00;            //set count to 0
12     TCNT1L = 0x00;            //set count to 0
13     while (1)                //repeat forever
14     {
15         do
16         {
17             PORTC = TCNT1L;
18             PORTD = TCNT1H;    //place value on pins
19         }
20         while (TIFRE & (0x1 << TOV1)) == 0; //wait for TOV1
21
22         T1FR = 0x1 << TOV1;   //clear TOV1
23     }
24 }
```

The diagram shows an ATmega32 microcontroller. A 1 Hz clock signal is connected to pin T1 (PB1). The microcontroller has several pins, with PC and PD pins connected to LEDs.