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Program Structure

- Clarity of software is important!
- As we can see from the documentation that is available to us, poor documentation wastes time
- Good documentation in your software ...
 - >Will allow you to better utilize your time when you go back to modify it
 - >Will allow others to more easily interface with it

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Program Structure – Start with Comments and Include - XMEGA

- Describe the function of the program
 - >Note that **more info** than shown below (specified in the *Lab Rules and Policies*) is required for your labs
- /* filename.asm
- * Created: 1/27/2014 5:37:42 PM
- * Author: Joe Mama
- * Description: This program saves the world!
- * (Give details.)

* /

- For XMEGA, include the definitions
- .include "ATxmega128A1Udef.inc"

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EEL 3744 Program Constants (for Assembler) - XMEGA

Define Assembler Constants

- >Below is the syntax for defining program constants with our processor
- .set [VariableName] = [address]
- .equ [VariableName] = [value]

Examples:

- .set IOPORT = 0x5000
- .set DOG = 9
- .equ Var1 = 0x0A
- .equ CAT = 7
- .def Counter = R17

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Variable Examples:

.dseg ;SRAM range for variables
; 0x2000-0x3FFF
.org 0x2000

Var1: .byte 1
Table: .byte 100

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Program Structure - XMEGA

Jump to Program Entry Point:

```
.cseg ;Everything is .CSEG by default,
    ;since we used .DSEG earlier, we must
    ;redeclare the following as a code segment
;***********************
.org 0x0000 ;Place jump to program
    ; at address 0x0000
rjmp MAIN ;Relative jump (or jmp MAIN)
    ; to start of main program
```

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Program Structure - XMEGA

Define **Program** Constants (for Program Memory)

.org 0x100

Num: .db 37

Tab: .db 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

Define Program Entry Point (from previous jmp or rjmp):

.org 0x0200

MAIN: ;Main routine starts here

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EEL 3744 Mode Initializations: Watchdog Timer - XMEGA

- The Watchdog Timer (WDT) is clocked from the 1kHz output from the 32kHz ultra low power (ULP) internal oscillator.
- Bit 1 of the CTRL register is the WDT ENABLE >Writing a 0 to this bit will disable the watchdog timer
- Bit 0 of the CTRL register is the CEN (Change Enable)
 - >You must write a 1 to this bit at the same time in order to make changes to WDT ENABLE

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EEL 3744 Main Routine Instructions

- Usually, a main routine is nothing more than a series of subroutine calls
 - > Subroutines in higher level languages may be called functions, procedures, or methods
 - >It is important to make modular code; organizing in subroutines is a good idea since the subroutines can be used in other programs
- End your program with an endless loop
 - >If you don't, the code that follows your last line will run
 - >This is usually **OLD** code that should **NOT** be run
 - >If the old code is allowed to run, it could create errors or, with bad hardware design, **BOOM!!!**

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Subroutines

- A subroutine should perform **ONE** specific task
 - >In general, subroutines should **NOT** perform multiple functions
 - >Each subroutine needs a header that does the following
 - Describe its purpose
 - Describe the set of inputs and outputs
 - Describe the effected registers (i.e., those that are changed)
 - >Subroutines should generally **NOT** unnecessarily change register values
 - Often, if a subroutine must change registers, the values are stored at the start of the subroutine and restored at the end of the subroutine
 - The **stack** is used for this; **push** puts data on the stack; **pop** (called **pull** in some other processors) restores the data

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Interrupt Service Routines

- An interrupt service routine (**ISR**) is a lot like a subroutine in that it performs a single function, but an ISR occurs **automatically**
 - >ISR will run when a **event** occurs
 - >Events are generated by peripheral systems inside the µP or by external (interrupt) pins
- ISRs need header sections that do the following
 - >Describe its purpose
 - >Describe the set of inputs and outputs
 - >Describe the effected registers (i.e., those that are changed)

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Interrupt Service Routines

- Each interrupt has a flag that is set when the event occurs; this flag must be cleared in the ISR
 - >I suggest that the **first** thing you do in an ISR is to **clear the flag**
 - >In some μ P's the flags are cleared automatically by normally performed tasks in the ISR, e.g., read one register and writing to another
 - Other uP's flags are cleared automatically by getting in the ISR
- Registers are often pushed on a stack at the start of the ISR and popped off the stack at the end of the ISR

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The End!

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