CAB202 Topic 8 – LCD

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Roadmap

Last week:

7. Teensy – Introduction to Microcontrollers; Digital Input/Output; Bitwise operations.

This week:

8. LCD Display – sending digital signals to a device; directly controlling the LCD display.

Still to come:

- 9. Debouncing, Timers and Interrupts asynchronous programming.
- 10. Serial Communication communicating with another computer.
- 11. Analogue to Digital Conversion; Pulse Width Modulation.
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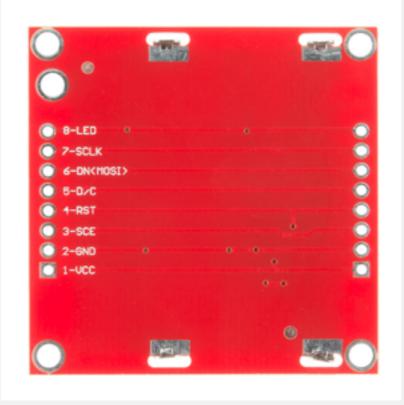
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Recommended reading:

- Blackboard—Learning Resources—Microcontrollers—Nokia5110-LCD-Screen.pdf (PCD8544 Data Sheet).
- Blackboard -> Learning Resources -> Microcontrollers -> TeensyPewPew Schematic.pdf

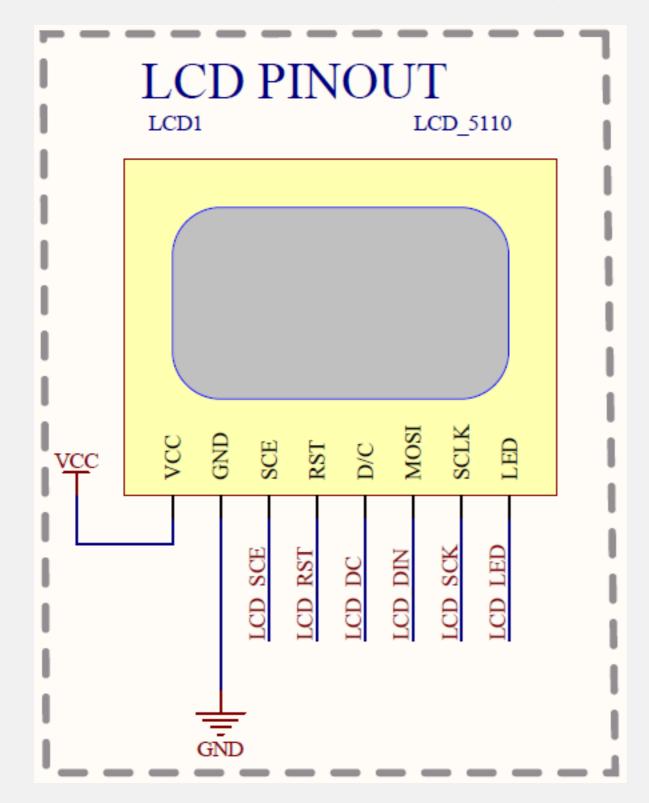
The PCD8544 LCD controller/driver





- Refer: LCD data sheet, p3.
- Low-power LCD controller.
- 48×84 pixel monochrome display.
- Build-in back-light.
- Interfaces to microcontrollers via serial bus interface.
 - Data flow is strictly unidirectional, from microcontroller to LCD.
- The controller has a small amount of RAM which holds the pixel data for display.

LCD Interface (From the LCD Point of View)



LCD has 8 externally accessible pins

- 6 of which are used to control the peripheral.
- the other two are the power connections: VCC and GND.
- Refer: LCD data sheet, p5.

Pins we use:

1. **SCE** – Chip Select Pin

- Tells the LCD there is incoming data.
- Active when 0.

2. **RST** – Reset Pin

- Resets the LCD to its default configuration when switched to 0.
- To resume operation switch back to 1.
- The old standby: "turn it off and on again".

3. **D/C** – Data/Command Pin

- 0 means incoming data must be interpreted as a command.
- 1 means incoming data is pixel data to be displayed.
- Also called DC.

4. **DIN** – Serial Data Input Pin

- Data is transmitted to the LCD one bit at a time over this pin.
- Data is interpreted as pixels if D/C == 1.
- Data is interpreted as command if D/C == 0.
- Also called MOSI, SDIN.

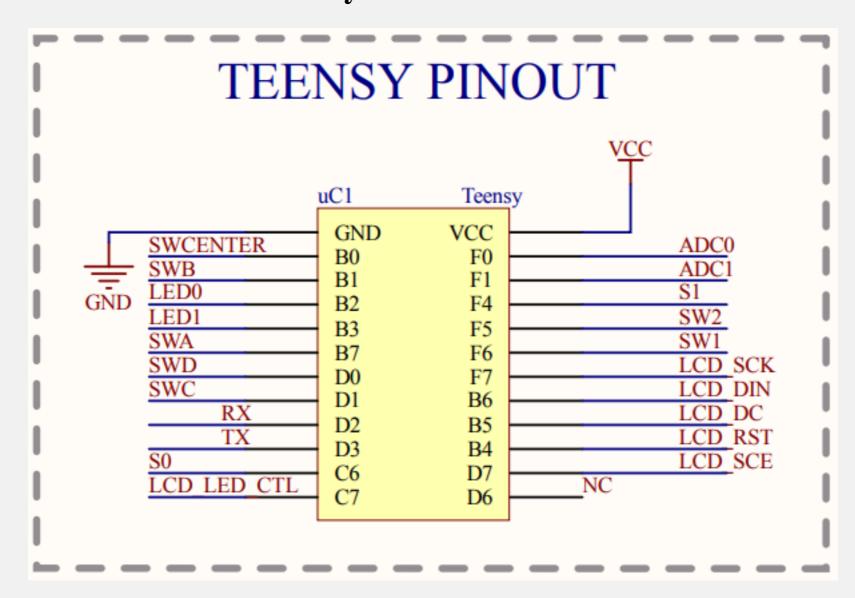
5. SCK – Serial Clock Pin

- Toggled from 0 to 1 during data transfer to signal that a bit is available on DIN.
- Also called SCLK.

6. LED - Back-light

• When 1, turns on the back-light LED.

LCD Interface from the Teensy Point of View

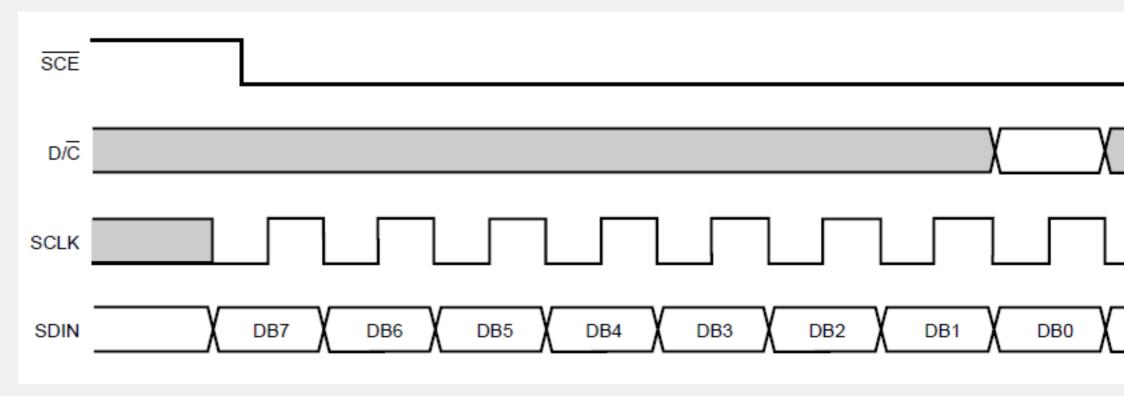


At the Teensy, the LCD pin mappings are:

- Port C, pin $7 \rightarrow LCD$ backlight.
- Port F, pin $7 \rightarrow LCD$ Serial Clock pin.
- Port B, pin 6 → LCD Serial Data Input pin.
- Port B, pin $5 \rightarrow LCD$ Serial Data/Command pin.
- Port B, pin $4 \rightarrow LCD$ Reset pin.
- Port D, pin $7 \rightarrow LCD$ Chip Select pin.

Transmitting Data From Teensy to LCD

Transmitting a byte to the LCD involves four pins:



Refer: LCD data sheet, Fig 10, p12

Data transmission is done by the function lcd_write in lcd.c. This function sends a single byte to the LCD:

```
CAB202 Teensy Library (cab202_teensy)
        lcd.c
       Michael, 32/13/2015 12:34:56 AM
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/pgmspace.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include "lcd.h"
#include "ascii_font.h"
#include "macros.h"
 * Function implementations
void lcd init(uint8_t contrast) {
       // Set up the pins connected to the LCD as outputs
       SET_OUTPUT(DDRD, SCEPIN);
       SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, RSTPIN);
       SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, DCPIN);
       SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, DINPIN);
       SET_OUTPUT(DDRF, SCKPIN);
       CLEAR_BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN);
       SET BIT(PORTD, SCEPIN);
       SET_BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN);
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x21); // Enable LCD extended command set
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x80 | contrast ); // Set LCD Vop (Contrast)
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x04);
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x13); // LCD bias mode 1:48
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x0C); // LCD in normal mode.
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x20); // Enable LCD basic command set
       lcd write(LCD C, 0x0C);
       lcd_write(LCD_C, 0x40); // Reset row to 0
       lcd write(LCD C, 0x80); // Reset column to 0
void lcd write(uint8 t dc, uint8 t data) {
       // Set the DC pin based on the parameter 'dc' (Hint: use the WRITE BIT macro)
       WRITE BIT(PORTB,DCPIN,dc);
       // Pull the SCE/SS pin low to signal the LCD we have data
       CLEAR_BIT(PORTD,SCEPIN);
       // Write the byte of data using "bit bashing"
       for(int i = 7; i >= 0; i--) {
                CLEAR_BIT(PORTF, SCKPIN) ;
                if((data>>i) & (1 == 1)) {
                        SET_BIT(PORTB, DINPIN);
                } else {
                        CLEAR_BIT(PORTB, DINPIN);
                SET_BIT(PORTF, SCKPIN);
       // Pull SCE/SS high to signal the LCD we are done
       SET_BIT(PORTD, SCEPIN);
void lcd_clear(void) {
```

We can see a direct correlation between the code and the diagram:

- Parameters are:
 - \circ **dc** a byte, which should be either 0 or 1.
 - data and arbitrary byte. It may contain either a command (when dc == 0), or pixel data (when dc == 1).
- Before we send any bits, the D/C pin is assigned the value.
 - LCD reads the D/C pin while the last (8th) bit is being read (Data sheet, p11).
 - Setting it early does no harm... the value is ready in plenty of time.
- Next, 0 is written into the Chip Select pin, telling the LCD that data is on the way.
- The 8 bits are then sent, one at a time, starting with the most significant bit (bit 7). For each bit:
 - 0 is written to the Serial Clock pin.
 - The current bit is written to the Serial Data Input pin.
 - 1 is written to the Serial Clock pin. This tells the LCD to read the bit.
- After the bits are written, the Chip Select pin is set back to 1 to tell the LCD there is no more data.

Programming the LCD

The LCD instruction set is set out in Section 8 of the data sheet (pages 14–16). We reproduce Tables 1 and 2 here for convenience. Unused operations have been eliminated from Table 1.

INSTRUCTION	D/C	COMMAND BYTE								DESCRIPTION		
		DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0	•		
(H = 0 or 1) Either	er ins	tructio	on set	,	,	,			,			
NOP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	no operation		
Function set	0	0	0	1	0	0	PD	V	Н	power down control; entry mode; extended instruction set control (H)		
Write data	1	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	writes data to display RAM		
(H = 0) Basic ins	tructi	on set		,	,	,	,	,	,	,		
Display control	0	0	0	0	0	1	D	0	Е	sets display configuration		
Set Y address of RAM	0	0	1	0	0	0	Y2	Y1	Y0	sets Y-address of RAM; 0 ≤ Y ≤ 5		
Set X address of RAM	0	1	X6	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	sets X-address part of RAM; $0 \le X \le 83$		
(H = 1) Extended	l instr	uction	ı set	,	,	,	,	,	,	,		
Temperature control	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	TC1	TC0	set Temperature Coefficient (TCx)		
Bias system	0	0	0	0	1	0	BS2	BS1	BS0	set Bias System (BSx). Determined by number of multiplexed planes. This unit has MUX == 1:48, so the appropriate value for Bias is 3. See page 16 of data sheet.		
Set VOP	0	1	VOP6	VOP5	VOP4	VOP3	VOP2	VOP1	VOP0	write VOP to register; sets the		

operating voltage; $0 \le VOP \le 127 == 0x7f$. Provides adjustable contrast.

Interpretation:

0	1
chip is active	chip is in Power-down mode
horizontal addressing	vertical addressing
use basic instruction set	use extended instruction set
display blank	
normal mode	
all display segments on	
inverse video mode	
VLCD temperature coefficient 0	
VLCD temperature coefficient 1	
VLCD temperature coefficient 2	
VLCD temperature coefficient 3	
	chip is active horizontal addressing use basic instruction set display blank normal mode all display segments on inverse video mode VLCD temperature coefficient 0 VLCD temperature coefficient 1 VLCD temperature coefficient 2

The information from this table has been distilled into **lcd_model.h**. The enumerated types and macros will probably be helpful fro everybody; the Nokia5110 structure is there for people who are interested in creating software emulations of the LCD.

```
** Nokia 5110 LCD logical model.
       Enumerated types and macros to support learning about the LCD.
       Lawrence Buckingham, 10 Sep 2017.
       (C) Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.
#pragma once
#include <stdint.h>
#if ! defined(LCD_X)
#define LCD X 84
#endif
#if ! defined(LCD_Y)
#define LCD Y 48
#endif
#define LCD_CMD( op_code, args ) lcd_write(0,op_code|args)
// Send a byte of pixel data to the Nokia5110.
typedef enum lcd op code t {
       lcd nop
       lcd_set_function = 1 << 5,</pre>
       // When lcd instr basic has been selected, these op codes are available.
       lcd set display mode = 1 << 3,</pre>
       // When lcd_instr_extended has been selected, these op codes are available.
       lcd_set_temp_coeff = 1 << 2,</pre>
       lcd_set_bias = 1 << 4,
lcd_set_contrast = 1 << 7,
} lcd_op_code_t;
// Arguments for lcd set function
typedef enum lcd_power_mode_t {
       lcd_chip_active = 0,
       lcd_power_down = 1 << 2,</pre>
} lcd power mode t;
// Arguments for lcd set function
typedef enum lcd_addressing_mode_t {
       lcd_addr_horizontal = 0,
       lcd_addr_vertical = 1 << 1,</pre>
} lcd_addressing_mode_t;
```

```
// Arguments for lcd set function
typedef enum lcd instruction mode t {
        lcd instr basic
        lcd instr extended = 1
} lcd instruction mode t;
// Arguments for lcd set display mode
typedef enum lcd display mode t {
        lcd display all off = 0b000, // decimal 0
        lcd display all on = 0b001, // decimal 1
        lcd display normal = 0b100, // decimal 4
        lcd display inverse = 0b101, // decimal 5
} lcd display mode t;
// Arguments for lcd set y addr: numeric values from 0 to 5.
// Arguments for lcd set x addr: numeric values from 0 to 83.
// Arguments for lcd set temp coeff: numeric values from 0 to 3.
// Arguments for lcd set bias: numeric values from 0 to 7. Ref Data Sheet.
// Arguments for lcd set contrast: numeric VOP values from 0 to 127.
        A logical model of the LCD state machine.
        !!! This is not for use in Teensy programs
        !!! But it can be used to implement an emulator !!!
typedef struct Nokia5110 t {
        // PowerDown mode
        lcd power mode t powerMode;
        // Instruction set
        lcd instruction mode t instructionSet;
        // LCD contrast (V {OP} setting. Valid values 0 .. 0x7f
        uint8 t contrast;
        // LCD Bias. Valid values 0 .. 7
        uint8 t bias;
        // LCD Temperature Coefficient. Valid values 0.. 0x03.
        uint8 t temperatureCoefficient;
        // Display mode.
        lcd display mode t displayMode;
        // Addressing mode (cursor direction control)
        lcd addressing mode t addressing;
        // Current horizontal position of data cursor (0..83).
        // When a data byte is received, the byte is inserted at pixels[x][y],
        // after which x and/or y are updated according to the addressing mode.
        uint8 t x;
        // Current vertical position of data cursor (0..5)
        // When a data byte is received, the byte is inserted at pixels[x][y],
        // after which x and/or y are updated according to the addressing mode.
        uint8_t y;
        // Pixel data 2D array
        uint8_t pixels[LCD_X][LCD Y / 8];
} Nokia5110 t;
```

Every LCD command (other than writing pixel data) is an 8-bit value with two parts:

```
• COMMAND = OP_CODE | ARGS or perhaps COMMAND = OP_CODE | ARG1 | ARG2 | ...
```

- OP_CODE == operation code.
- PCD8544 recognises 8 operation codes defined in **lcd_op_code_t**.
- The operation codes are classified as general, basic, or extended.
 - General commands can be sent at any time. They are lcd_nop and lcd_set_function.
 - Basic commands are lcd_set_display_mode, lcd_set_y_addr, and lcd_set_x_addr. These are called frequently.
 - Extended commands are lcd_set_temp_coeff, lcd_set_bias, and lcd_set_contrast. These are called less frequently.
- Each operation code has a particular set of values that are meaningful. They are modelled where possible by an enumerated type.

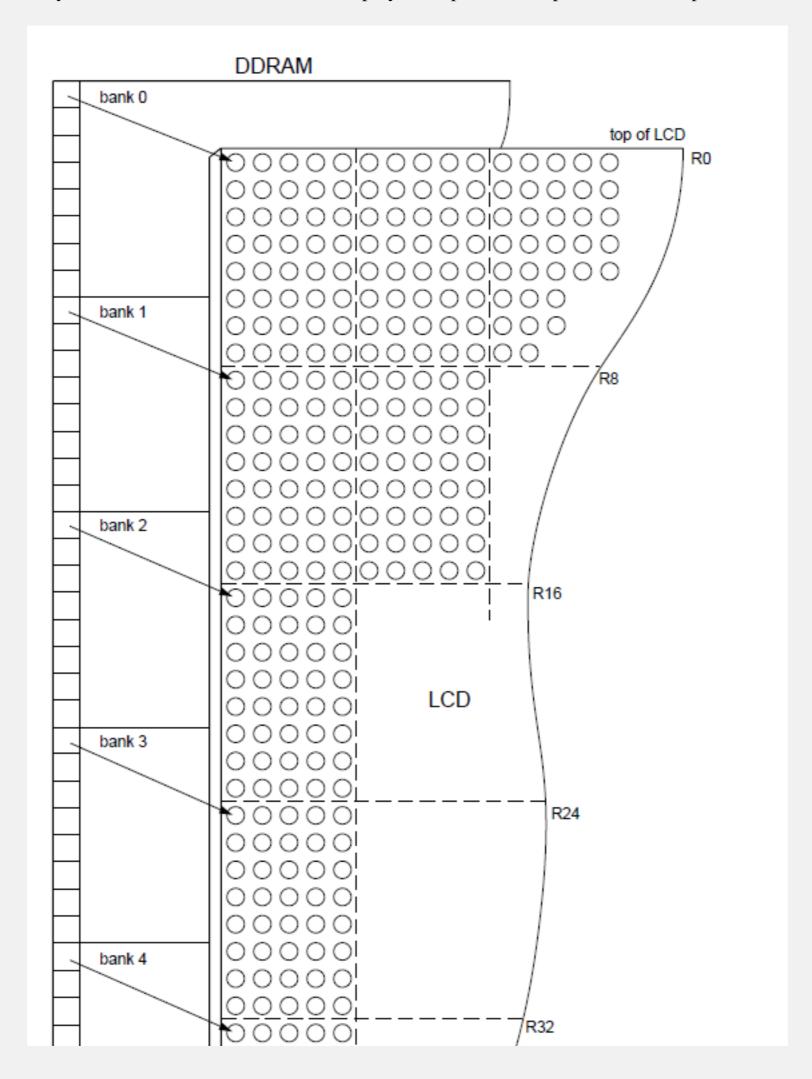
```
    lcd_nop → nothing.
    lcd_set_function → up to three arguments: lcd_power_mode_t, lcd_addressing_mode_t, and lcd_instruction_mode_t.
    lcd_set_display_mode → lcd_display_mode_t
    lcd_set_y_addr → 0..5
    lcd_set_x_addr → 0..83
    lcd_set_temp_coeff → 0..3
    lcd_set_bias → 0..7
```

Pixel data storage

 \circ lcd set contrast \rightarrow 0..127

The LCD contains 504 bytes of display data RAM which is organised as 6 banks, each of which has 84 bytes of storage.

- Each bank contains a horizontal band of pixels which stretches from the left to right side of the display.
- The pixels are arranged in vertical blocks of 8, and each block of 8 pixels is packed into a byte.
- Every time we write data to the LCD display we replace a complete block of 8 pixels.



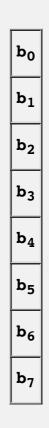
• Although reality may be different, it is useful to think of the LCD pixel data storage as a system with three variables:

```
uint8_t x; // Horizontal cursor position, ranging from 0 to 83
uint8_t y; // Vertical cursor position, ranging from 0 to 5
uint8_t pixels[6][84]; // Pixel data, indexed by (y,x)
```

- Here \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} specify where the next byte of pixel data will be placed when it arrives.
 - \circ (y,x) == (0,0) is the top left corner of the display.
 - The values of x and y can be set via lcd_set_y_addr and lcd_set_x_addr commands.
 - After each byte of pixel data arrives, x, y, or possibly both, change.
 - If horizontal addressing is active, then **x** increments after each byte is drawn. When **x** reaches 84, it wraps back to 0, and **y** increments. When **y** reaches 6, it wraps back to 0.
 - If vertical addressing is active, then **y** increments after each byte is drawn. When **y** reaches 6, it wraps back to 0, and **x** increments. When **x** reaches 84, it wraps back to 0.
 - If 504 bytes are written, the cursor will return to its original location (because it will have travelled over every block in every bank in the display).
- 8 pixels are packed into each byte of display memory.
 - Pixel data is sent in batches of 8 bits, so 8 pixels are overwritten each time pixel data is sent.
 - The pixels in a block are laid out vertically on the physical display, with the pixel corresponding to the least significant bit (the "ones") appearing at the top of the bank. So a block containing bits:

b ₇	b ₆	b ₅	b ₄	b ₃	b ₂	b ₁	b ₀
1	- 1		1	1			

will be drawn to the LCD as below:



(Remember, $(b_i \in \{0, 1\})$.)

- There is no mechanism to combine new pixels with old.
 - If you want to blend new content in with old, all processing must be done before the pixels are sent to the LCD display.
 - Depending on the kind of drawing tasks that must be done, it may be necessary to keep a screen buffer in microcontroller RAM, and periodically flush it to the LCD.
 - This is what we do with cab202_teensy/graphics.c.
- To write an 8-bit block of pixel data (pixel_block) at screen coordinates (px,py):
 - Get the cursor position:

```
x = px;
y = py / 8;
```

Move LCD internal cursor:

```
LCD_CMD(lcd_set_function, lcd_instr_basic | lcd_addr_horizontal);
LCD_CMD(lcd_set_x_addr, x);
LCD_CMD(lcd_set_y_addr, y);
```

• Write the byte value:

```
LCD_DATA(pixel_block);
```

The lcd_init function in the library was written with no regard for readability. In the following code listing (TeensyLines.c) it is rewritten using more comprehensible notation.

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <cpu speed.h>
#include <graphics.h>
#include <macros.h>
#include "lcd model.h"
void new_lcd_init(uint8_t contrast) {
        // Set up the pins connected to the LCD as outputs
        SET_OUTPUT(DDRD, SCEPIN); // Chip select -- when low, tells LCD we're sending data
        SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, RSTPIN); // Chip Reset
        SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, DCPIN); // Data / Command selector
        SET_OUTPUT(DDRB, DINPIN); // Data input to LCD
        SET_OUTPUT(DDRF, SCKPIN); // Clock input to LCD
        CLEAR_BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Reset LCD
        SET_BIT(PORTD, SCEPIN); // Tell LCD we're not sending data.
        SET BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Stop resetting LCD
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_function, lcd_instr_extended);
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_contrast, contrast);
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_temp_coeff, 0);
        LCD CMD(lcd set bias, 3);
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_function, lcd_instr_basic);
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_display_mode, lcd_display_normal);
        LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, 0);
        LCD_CMD(lcd_set_y_addr, 0);
void setup(void) {
        set_clock_speed(CPU_8MHz);
        new_lcd_init(LCD_DEFAULT_CONTRAST);
        clear_screen();
        show_screen();
void process(void) {
        static double fraction = 0.0;
        clear_screen();
        for ( int y = 0; y < LCD_Y; y++ ) {
                draw_line(0, y, LCD_X - 1, y, FG_COLOUR);
        int x1 = LCD X * fraction;
        int x2 = LCD X - x1;
        int y1 = LCD_Y * fraction;
        int y2 = LCD_Y - y1;
        fraction += 0.01;
        if ( fraction >= 0.5 ) fraction = 0.0;
        draw line(x1, y1, x2, y1, BG COLOUR);
        draw_line(x1, y2, x2, y2, BG_COLOUR);
        draw_line(x1, y1, x1, y2, BG_COLOUR);
        draw line(x2, y1, x2, y2, BG COLOUR);
        show screen();
int main(void) {
        setup();
        for (;;) {
                process();
                // _delay_ms(10);
```

Worked example 2: Changing Contrast

Due to physical variations in the LCD it is a good idea to make it possible for the user to select a contrast level that suits the ambient lighting and temperature. In **contrastDemo** we see how to adjust the contrast of the display.

```
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <cpu_speed.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <graphics.h>
#include <macros.h>
#include "lcd model.h"
void new lcd init(uint8_t contrast) {
       // Set up the pins connected to the LCD as outputs
       SET OUTPUT(DDRD, SCEPIN); // Chip select -- when low, tells LCD we're sending data
       SET OUTPUT(DDRB, RSTPIN); // Chip Reset
       SET OUTPUT(DDRB, DCPIN); // Data / Command selector
       SET OUTPUT(DDRB, DINPIN); // Data input to LCD
       SET OUTPUT(DDRF, SCKPIN); // Clock input to LCD
       CLEAR BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Reset LCD
       SET_BIT(PORTD, SCEPIN); // Tell LCD we're not sending data.
       SET BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Stop resetting LCD
       LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr extended);
       LCD CMD(lcd set contrast, contrast);
       LCD CMD(lcd set temp coeff, 0);
       LCD CMD(lcd set bias, 3);
       LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr basic);
       LCD CMD(lcd set display mode, lcd display normal);
       LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, 0);
       LCD CMD(lcd set y addr, 0);
void setup(void) {
       set clock speed(CPU 8MHz);
       new_lcd_init(LCD_DEFAULT_CONTRAST);
       clear screen();
       draw_string( 10, 10, "Hello Cab202!", FG COLOUR );
       show screen();
char buffer[10];
void draw int(uint8 t x, uint8 t y, int t) {
       snprintf( buffer, 10, "%d", t );
       draw_string( x, y, buffer, FG_COLOUR );
void process(void) {
       static uint8 t contrast = 0;
       contrast ++;
       if ( contrast > 127 ) contrast = 0;
       draw int( 10, 20, contrast );
       show screen();
       LCD_CMD( lcd_set_function, lcd_instr_extended );
       LCD CMD( lcd set contrast, contrast );
       LCD CMD( lcd set function, lcd instr basic );
int main(void) {
       setup();
       for (;;) {
               delay ms(50);
```

Worked example 3: Direct screen write to the LCD

There may be situations where it makes sense to draw objects directly to the screen.

For example, some applications require text output only. Since sophisticated graphical effects are not required, we can use the memory occupied by the screen buffer for other purposes.

Another case would be where (for performance reasons) we wish to selectively update a small part of the screen but leave the remainder unchanged. This might be applicable for example if a sprite is moving over a static background.

DirectDemo.c shows how to write bit patterns directly to the LCD.

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <cpu_speed.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <macros.h>
#include <lcd model.h>
#include <ascii font.h>
#include <graphics.h>
** Initialise the LCD display.
void new lcd init(uint8 t contrast) {
    // Set up the pins connected to the LCD as outputs
    SET_OUTPUT(DDRD, SCEPIN); // Chip select -- when low, tells LCD we're sending data
    SET OUTPUT(DDRB, RSTPIN); // Chip Reset
    SET OUTPUT(DDRB, DCPIN); // Data / Command selector
    SET OUTPUT(DDRB, DINPIN); // Data input to LCD
    SET OUTPUT(DDRF, SCKPIN); // Clock input to LCD
    CLEAR BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Reset LCD
    SET BIT(PORTD, SCEPIN); // Tell LCD we're not sending data.
    SET BIT(PORTB, RSTPIN); // Stop resetting LCD
    LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr extended);
    LCD CMD(lcd set contrast, contrast);
    LCD CMD(lcd set temp coeff, 0);
    LCD CMD(lcd set bias, 3);
    LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr basic);
    LCD CMD(lcd set display mode, lcd display normal);
    LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, 0);
    LCD CMD(lcd set y addr, 0);
uint8 t smiley original[8] = {
    0b00111100,
    0b01000010,
    0b10100101,
    0b10000001,
    0b10100101,
    0b10011001,
    0b01000010,
    0b00111100,
};
uint8 t smiley direct[8];
uint8 t x, y;
** Convert smiley into vertical slices for direct drawing.
** This will need to be amended if smiley is larger than 8x8.
void setup smiley(void) {
    // Visit each column of output bitmap
    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        // Visit each row of output bitmap
        for (int j = 0; j < 8; j++) {
            // Kind of like: smiley direct[i][j] = smiley original[j][7-i].
            // Flip about the major diagonal.
            uint8 t bit val = BIT VALUE(smiley original[j], (7 - i));
            WRITE BIT(smiley direct[i], j, bit val);
    // Choose any random (x,y)
    x = rand() % (LCD X - 8);
   y = rand() % (LCD_Y - 8);
** Draw smiley face directly to LCD.
    (Notice: we cheat on the y-coordinate.)
void draw smiley(void) {
    LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr basic | lcd addr horizontal);
    LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, x);
    LCD_CMD(lcd_set_y_addr, y / 8);
    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        LCD_DATA(smiley_direct[i]);
** Draw character directly to LCD.
** Bypasses the screen buffer used by <lcd.h>.
```

```
Parameters:
       x, y: Integer coordinates at which the character will be placed.
               The y-position will be truncated to the nearest multiple of 8.
               The character to draw.
        colour: The colour. If FG COLOUR, the characters are rendered normally.
               If BG COLOUR, the text is drawn as a negative (inverse).
** Returns:
       No result is returned.
void draw char direct(int x, int y, char ch, colour t colour) {
    // Do nothing if character does not fit on LCD.
    if (x < 0 \mid | x > LCD X - CHAR WIDTH \mid | y < 0 \mid | y > LCD Y - CHAR HEIGHT) {
        return;
    // Move LCD cursor to starting spot.
   LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr basic | lcd addr horizontal);
   LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, (x \& 0x7f));
   LCD CMD(lcd set y addr, (y \& 0x7f) / 8);
    // Send pixel blocks.
    for (int i = 0; i < CHAR WIDTH; i++) {
        uint8 t pixelBlock = pgm_read_byte(&(ASCII[ch - ' '][i]));
        if (colour == BG COLOUR) {
           pixelBlock = ~pixelBlock;
        LCD DATA(pixelBlock);
        Draw string directly to LCD.
   Bypasses the screen buffer used by <lcd.h>.
        Parameters:
       x, y: Integer coordinates at which the character will be placed.
* *
               The y-position will be truncated to the nearest multiple of 8.
**
               The text to draw.
       str:
        colour: The colour. If FG COLOUR, the characters are rendered normally.
                If BG COLOUR, the text is drawn as a negative (inverse).
** Returns:
       No result is returned.
void draw string direct(int x, int y, char * str, colour t colour) {
    for (int i = 0; str[i] != 0; i++, x += CHAR WIDTH) {
        draw char direct(x, y, str[i], colour);
        Remove smiley from LCD.
void erase smiley(void) {
    LCD CMD(lcd set function, lcd instr basic | lcd addr horizontal);
   LCD CMD(lcd set x addr, x);
   LCD CMD(lcd set y addr, y / 8);
    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        LCD_DATA(0);
void setup(void) {
    set clock speed(CPU 8MHz);
    new lcd init(LCD DEFAULT CONTRAST);
    lcd clear();
    draw_string_direct((LCD_X - 6 * CHAR_WIDTH) / 2, 4 * CHAR_HEIGHT, "Direct", FG_COLOUR);
    draw_string_direct((LCD_X - 6 * CHAR_WIDTH) / 2, 5 * CHAR_HEIGHT, "Writer", FG_COLOUR);
    setup smiley();
    draw_smiley();
void process(void) {
    erase smiley();
   x = (x + 1) % (LCD_X - 8);
   draw_smiley();
int main(void) {
    setup();
    for (;; ) {
        process();
        _delay_ms(100);
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- The left-to-right, top-down declaration of a bitmap that works well in a text editor is not suitable for the LCD due to the pixel layout.
- We create a second image of smiley which conforms to the LCD topology by transposing smiley.
 - The rows of original smiley become columns in transposed smiley, and vice-versa.
- Because pixels are transferred in batches of 8, it is somewhat more difficult to draw smiley at pixel y-coordinates that aren't divisible by 8.
 - Today, we cheat by just truncating the vertical position to the nearest multiple of 8 vertical pixels.
- Something to look forward to: In AMS exercises you will be guided through the process of creating larger bitmaps, and drawing objects at arbitrary screen positions.

The End