

# میکرو کنترلرهای AVR برنامه ریزی تایمر

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#### **Timers**

- Many computer applications require accurate timing.
- Examples include
  - recording the time when an event occurs,
  - calculating the time difference between events,
  - performing tasks at specific or periodic time instants,
  - creating accurate time delays,
  - generating waveforms of certain shape, period or duty cycle.

# **Overview of Timers in ATmega32**

- ATmega32 has 3 timers
  - ☐ Timer 0 and Timer 2 are 8 bit timers/counters
  - Timer 1 is 16 bit timer/counter
- Each timer is associated with a counter and a clock signal.
- The counter is incremented by 1 in every period of the timer's clock signal.
- The clock signal of a timer can come from
  - the internal system clock or
  - an external clock source.

# **Overview of Timers in ATmega32**

When the internal system clock is used, a prescaler can be used make the timer count at a slower rate.

### Example:

- Suppose the system clock rate = 1Mhz (1µs per cycle).
- Suppose a timer prescaler of 64 is used.
  - Then, timer will increment every 64μs.
  - ☐ Using ( CSn2:0 from TCCRn) 1/8, 1/64, 1/256, 1/1024 of CLK is possible

# **Timer terminology**

# **Input Capture:** An input signal is connected to a pin, designated as input capture pin, of the timer. When a preset event (rising edge, falling edge, change) occurs on the input capture pin, the current value of the timer is stored in a register. Example PD6: ICP1 (Timer/Counter1 Input Capture Pin) **Output Compare:** A timer usually has a pin designated as output compare pin. When the timer reaches a preset value, the output compare pin can be automatically changed to logic 0 or logic 1. Example

PD7: OC2 (Timer/Counter2 Output Compare Match Output)

# **Overview of Timers in ATmega32**

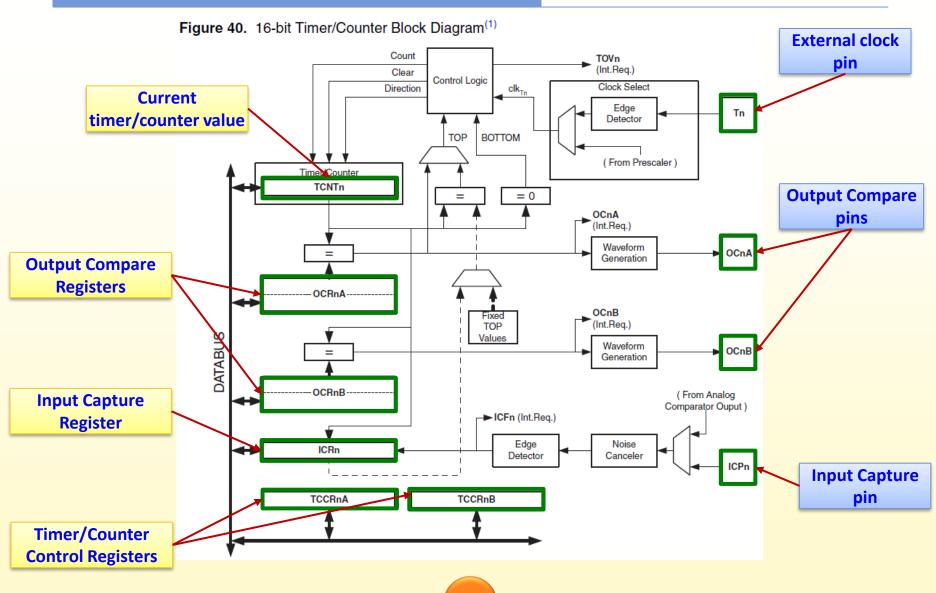
	Timer 0	Timer 1	Timer 2
Overall	- 8-bit counter - 10-bit prescaler	- 16-bit counter - 10-bit prescaler	- 8-bit counter - 10-bit prescaler
Functions	- PWM - Frequency generation - Event counter - Output compare	<ul> <li>PWM</li> <li>Frequency generation</li> <li>Event counter</li> <li>Output compare:</li> <li>2 channels</li> <li>Input capture</li> </ul>	<ul><li>PWM</li><li>Frequency generation</li><li>Event counter</li><li>Output compare</li></ul>
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### > Timer 1 has the most capability among the three timers.

#### **Timer 1: An overview**

- 16-bit counter.
- > 10-bit prescaler: 8, 64, 256, 1024
- Can trigger a timer overflow interrupt when counter reaches MAX.
- Can trigger an input capture interrupt when an event occurs on the input capture pin.
  - timer value is stored automatically in a register.
  - input capture pin for Timer 1 is ICP1 (PD.6).
- can trigger an output compare match interrupt when timer reaches a preset value.
- There are two independent output compare channels A and B.

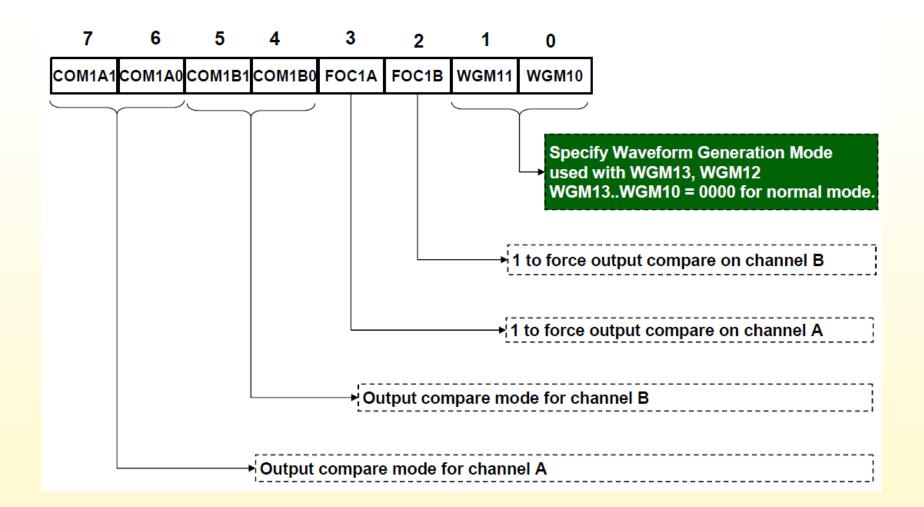
### **Timer 1: Block diagram**



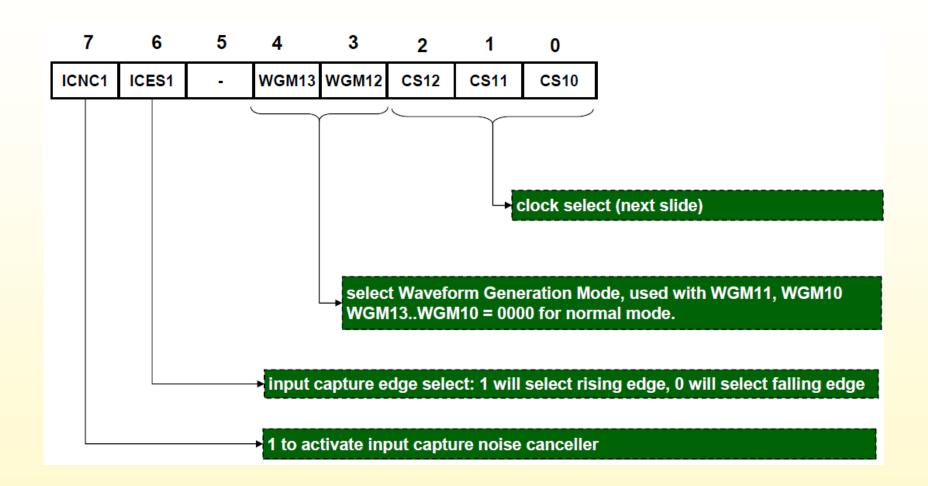
# Timer 1 – Five groups of registers

- 1) Timer/Counter 1
  - TCNT1
  - 16-bit register that stores the current value of the timer.
- 2) Timer/Counter 1 Control Registers
  - TCCR1A and TCCR1B
  - To configure the operations of Timer 1.
- 3) Input Capture Register
  - ICR1
  - to store timer value when an event occurs on input capture pin.
- 4) Interrupt registers
  - TIMSK to enable timer interrupts
  - TIFR to monitor status of timer interrupts.
- 5) Output Compare Registers
  - OCR1A, OCR1B
  - To store the preset values for output compare.

# **Timer/Counter 1 Control Register A (TCCR1A)**



# **Timer/Counter 1 Control Register B (TCCR1B)**

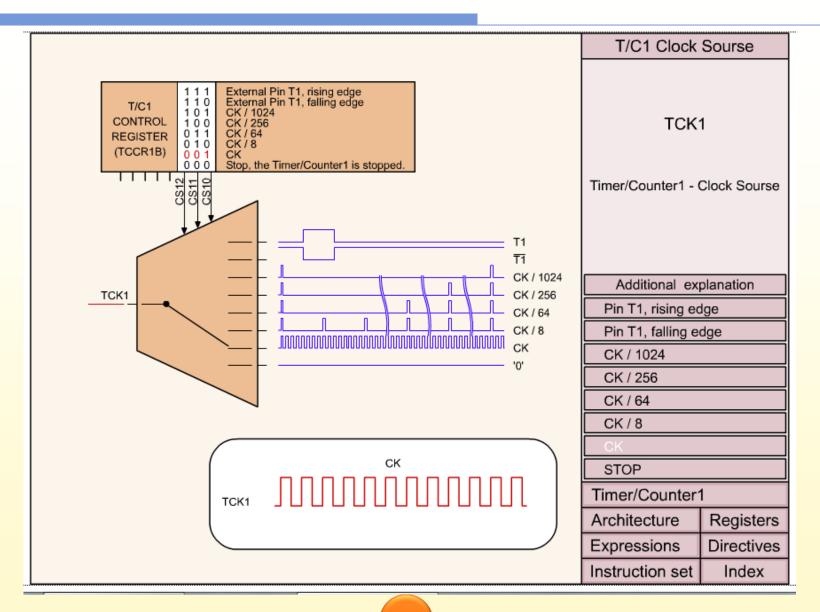


#### **Clock select**

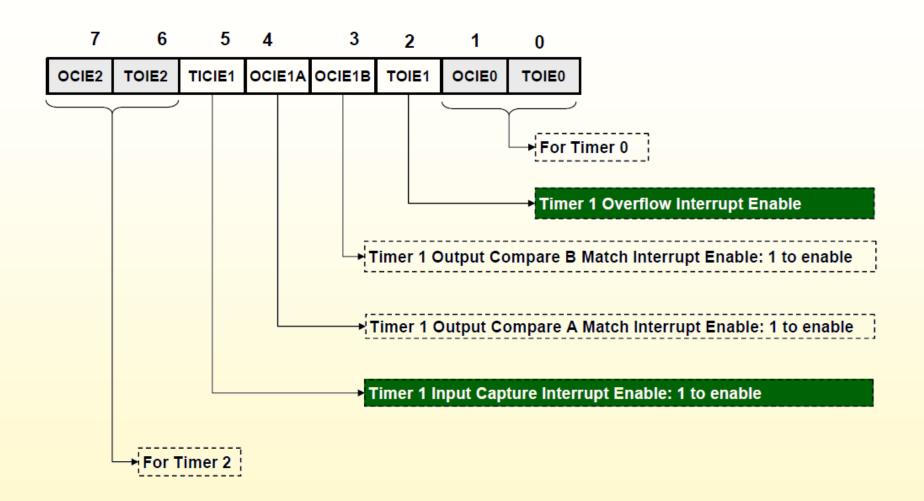
CS12	CS11	CS10	DESCRIPTION
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped).
0	0	1	clk <sub>I/O</sub> /1 (No prescaling)
0	1	0	clk <sub>I/O</sub> /8 (From prescaler)
0	1	1	clk <sub>I/O</sub> /64 (From prescaler)
1	0	0	clk <sub>I/O</sub> /256 (From prescaler)
1	0	1	clk <sub>I/O</sub> /1024 (From prescaler)
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.

- For ATmega32, the internal clock is set by default at clk<sub>1/0</sub> = 1MHz.
- Timer 1 can run using the internal or external clock.
- If using the internal clock, we can set Timer 1 to run at a speed that is 8, 64, 256 or 1024 times slower than the internal clock.
- In Timer 2, prescalers 32 and 128 are also available but External clock is not.

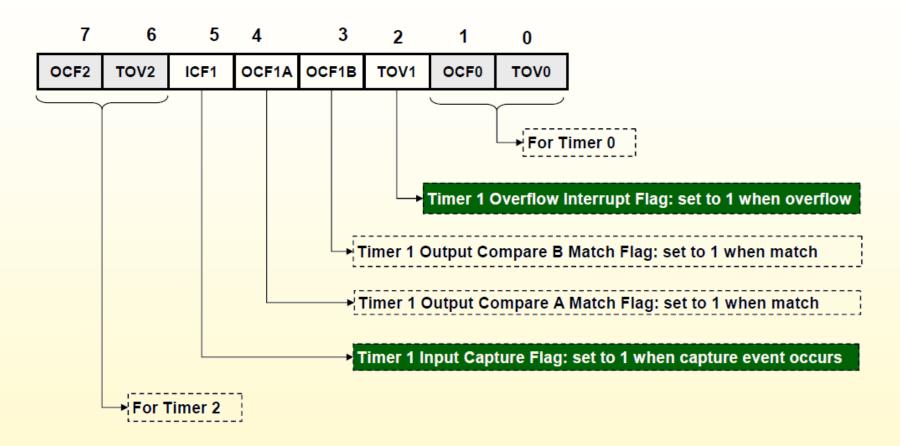
#### **Clock Select**



# **Timer/Counter Interrupt Mask Register (TIMSK)**



# Timer/Counter Interrupt Flag Register (TIFR)



This register has flags that indicate when a timer interrupt occurs.



- TOVn 🔲
- وقتی شمارنده سرریز کند و از مقدار FF به OO (برای تایمرهای  $\Lambda$  بیتی) برود پرچم TOVn یک شده و باید به صورت نرمافزاری صفر شود.
  - موضوع عجیب اینکه برای صفر شدن باید در آن مقدار یک را بنویسیم
     □ این قاعده برای تمام پرچمها در AVR صادق است!

# **Timer applications**

- In this section, we consider three applications of Timer 1.
  - ☐ Creating an accurate delay using timer overflow interrupt.
  - ☐ Measuring elapsed time between two events.
  - Measuring the period of a square signal using input capture interrupt.

# **Example**

#### **Create Delay using Timer 0**

```
#include <avr/io.h>
void T0Delay();
int main()
{
   DDRB = 0xFF;
   PORTB = 0xAA;
   while(1){
      PORTB = ~PINB;
      TODelay();
   }
}
void T0Delay()
{
   TCNT0 = 0x05;//count 0xFF - 0x05 = 250 times
   TCCR0 = 0x01;//normal mode, clk/1
   while ( (TIFR & 0x1) == 0); //wait until overflow
   TCCR0 = 0;//stop timer
   TIFR = 0x1;//writing 1 on a flag will clear it!!!
}
```

## **Creating an accurate delay**

Write a C program for ATmega32 to toggle PORTB every 2 seconds. It should use timer 1 overflow interrupt to create delays of 2s each.

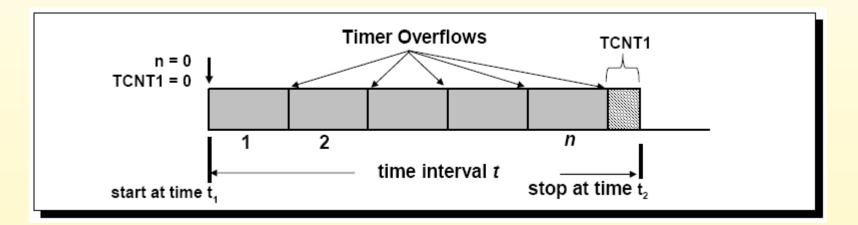
- Analysis
- Internal system clock: 1MHz.
- With no prescaler, Timer 1 will increment every 1 µs.
- Because Timer 1 is 16-bit counter, it will overflow every 2<sup>16</sup>μs (65536 μs).
- To have a 2s delay, we need Timer 1 to overflow for 2s/2<sup>16</sup> μs = 31 times.
- Coding
- Write code to enable & intercept Timer 1 overflow interrupt.
- Use interrupt handler to count the number of overflows.
- When number of overflows = 31, toggle port B.

### Creating an accurate delay: timer\_delay.c

```
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
volatile int overflow_count;
overflow_count++;  // increment overflow count
 if (overflow count >= 31)  // when 2s has passed
   overflow_count = 0;  // start new count
   PORTB = ~PORTB;  // toggle port B
}
int main(void)
 DDRB = 0xFF; // set port B for output
             // initial value of PORTB
 PORTB = 0x00;
 overflow_count = 0;  // initialise overflow count
 TCCR1A = 0b000000000; // normal mode
 TCCR1B = 0b00000001;  // no prescaler, internal clock
 TIMSK = 0b00000100; // enable Timer 1 overflow interrupt
 sei();
                        // enable interrupt subsystem globally
                         // infinite loop
 while (1){;}
 return 0;
```

### Measuring elapsed time

- To measure a time interval using Timer 1, we must keep track of both
  - the number of times that Timer 1 has overflowed: n
  - the current counter value: TCNT1
- If we reset n and TCNT1 at the beginning of the interval, then the time elapse is (assuming no prescaler, 1MHz clock)
- $\rightarrow$  t = n x 65536 + TCNT1 (µs)



# Measuring elapsed time

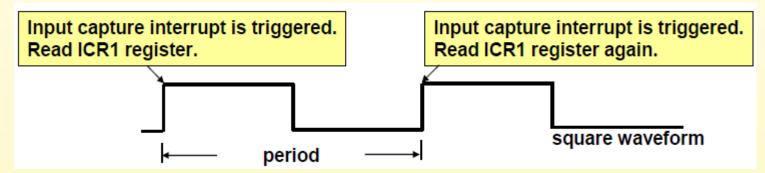
- Use Timer 1 to measure the execution time of some custom C code.
- Approach:
  - Clear Timer 1 when the code starts.
  - Record Timer 1 when the code finishes.
  - □ Also, use Timer 1 Overflow Interrupt to keep track of how many times it has overflowed.

## Measuring elapsed time: measure\_time.c

```
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
#include <inttypes.h>
volatile uint32 t n;
ISR(TIMER1_OVF_vect){      // handler for Timer1 overflow interrupt
            // increment overflow count
   n++;
int main(void) {
  int i, j;
  uint32 t elapse time;
  TCCR1A = 0b00000000; // normal mode
  TCCR1B = 0b00000001; // no prescaler, internal clock
  TIMSK = 0b00000100: // enable Timer 1 overflow interrupt
  n = 0; // reset n
  TCNT1 = 0; // reset Timer 1
  sei():
                    // enable interrupt subsystem globally
  // ---- start code -----
  for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
   for (j = 0; j < 1000; j++){;}
  // ---- end code -----
  elapse_time = n * 65536 + TCNT1;
  cli();  // disable interrupt subsystem globally
  return 0;
```

# Measuring period of a square signal

- How can we measure the period of a square signal?
- Use Timer 1 input capture interrupt to measure the period of a square signal.
- Analysis:
  - The period of a square wave = the time difference between two consecutive rising edges.
  - Connect the square wave to input capture pin of Timer 1.
  - Configure input capture module to trigger on a rising edge.



# Measuring period of a square signal

- Assumption:
  - ☐ The input signal has a high frequency, hence timer overflow can be ignored.
  - Can anyone explain why? and what is the safe range?
- Implementation:
  - Select timer operations: normal, no prescaler, internal clock 1MHz, noise canceller enabled, input capture for rising edges. ±
    - $\square$  TCCR1A = 0b00000000;
    - $\square$  TCCR1B = 0b11000001;
  - Enable input capture interrupt:
    - $\square$  TIMSK = 0b00100000

#### **Measure Period**

```
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>
#include <inttypes.h>
uint16 t period;
ISR(TIMER1 CAPT vect) { // handler for Timer1 input capture interrupt
  period = ICR1; // period = value of Timer 1 stored in ICR1
  TCNT1 = 0; // reset Timer 1
}
int main(void) {
 // setup LCD
 TCCR1A = 0b000000000; // normal mode
  TCCR1B = 0b11000001; // no prescaler, rising edge, noise canceller
  TIMSK = 0b00100000; // enable Timer 1 input capture interrupt
  sei(); // enable interrupt subsystem globally
 while (1) {
    // display period on LCD
  } // infinite loop
                                 Run Period_meter_codevision
  return 0;
```