

Serial Interfaces: SPI, I2C, UART Demystified

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Objective: learn how to use SPI, I2C, and UART on your AVR microcontroller.

1) INTRODUCTION

It took me a long time to get here. I've used various flavors of AVR microcontrollers, writing to them in assembly, C, and Arduino "wiring/processing". For some reason, I always avoided using the built-in serial communication hardware. Often I used someone else's serial library. Sometimes I emulated the protocol using GPIO pins. But eventually I realized that using the built-in interfaces isn't difficult after all. Here is my collection of quick-'n-dirty serial interface routines. This is all hobby-grade material: no fancy objects, no long list of initialization options, or interrupt-driven code with ring buffers. But follow along, and you'll be able to use the serial hardware with minimal fuss and minimal code. At the end I'll use the UART and I2C interfaces in a small RTC project.

2) SERIAL PERIPHERAL INTERFACE (SPI)

At its core, the SPI algorithm is very straightforward:

- Put a data bit on the serial data line.
- Pulse the clock line.
- Repeat for all the bits you want to send, usually 8 bits at a time.

You must set the microcontroller's SPI control register (SPCR) to enable SPI communication. This is an eight-bit register that contains the following bits:

SPCR = 0x50:

bit 7	bit 6	bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0
SPIE	SPE	DORD	MSTR	CPOL	СРНА	SPR1	SPR0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

The first bit on the left, SPIE, enables the SPI interrupt and is not needed for this application. The SPE bit enables SPI. DORD determines the data direction: when 0, the most-significant bit is sent & received first. MSTR determines if the micro acts as a master (1) or slave (0) device. CPOL and CPHA together determine the transfer mode. Our TFT display works well with Mode 0, in which both bits are zero. Finally, SPR1 and SPR0 determine the transfer speed, as a fraction of the microcontroller's oscillator. When both are 0, the SPI transfer speed is osc/4, which on my 16 MHz micro is 16/4 = 4 MHz. When both bits are 1, the transfer speed is osc/256 = 62.5 kHz.

Using an SPCR value of 0x50, SPI is enabled as Master, in Mode 0 at 4 MHz. The code to open SPI communication can be as simple as the following:

To close SPI, just set the SPE bit to 0. This will stop SPI and return the four dedicated SPI lines (MOSI, MISO, SCLK, SS) to the general purpose I/O functions:

Only one more routine is needed: the SPI transfer routine. SPI is a bidirectional protocol, with two separate data lines. The data is transmitted over MOSI and received over MISO at the same time. Even if we only want to send, we are always going to receive. And vice versa. If you aren't expecting any received data, just ignore what is returned to you.

The data transfer register is SPDR. Load this register with a value, and the data transfer will start automatically. A bit in SPSR, the status register, will tell us when the transfer is complete. As the data bits are serially shifted out of the transfer register, the received bits are shifted in. When the transfer completes, SPDR will hold the received data:

3) TESTING THE SPI INTERFACE

The three routines above are all we need for SPI. Let's make sure they work by doing a serial loop-back test. In this test, the output data on MOSI is looped-back as the input on MISO. Whatever value we put into the data register should come right back in.

Without a working display, we need a way to verify the data. You might want to use your fancy debugger, or send the value to a monitor via UART, but here is something even simpler: flash

the LED on your controller board. Most AVR boards have a connected LED. On many AVR boards, including the Arduino, the status LED is on PB5. Here is a routine to flash it:

Now, disconnect the microcontroller's MOSI (digital 11, PB3) from the TFT display, and connect it to the microcontroller's MISO line (digital 12, PB4). Run the following code:

What happens? If all goes well, the LED will flash 6 times. The value 5 is sent out the MOSI line, comes back in on the MISO line, and is returned from the SPI xfer routine.

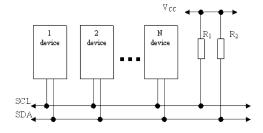
You may wonder if Xfer worked at all. Maybe nothing was transferred: the value 5 could have stayed in the transfer register 'untouched'. How can we know for sure?

For the doubters out there like me, take your wire on the MISO line and put to ground (logic 0). Now, all bits shifted-in will be 0, and the value returned should be 0x00000000 = 0. If you run the program now, the LED should flash only once. To further convince you, connect MISO to +5V. Now, all bits shifted-in will be one, and the value returned will always be 0x11111111 = 255. The LED should not flash at all, since 255+1 = 256 = 0, for byte-sized variables.

I have posted an SPI project that drives a TFT display at http://w8bh.net/avr/AvrTFT.pdf

4) THE I²C INTERFACE

Atmel calls their version of L2C the "two-wire" interface, or TWI. It is a serial-data protocol which uses two data lines for communication: a data line (SDA) and a clock (SCL). Devices on the I2C bus can either be masters or slaves. Masters initiate data transfers, and slaves react only to master requests. In this article, the AVRmega328 is the master, and the RTC is always the slave. Slaves are specified by a 7-bit address, plus a read/write bit. The device address for the DS1307 is fixed at 0xd0.



The interface circuit is "open collector", which means that the data lines are passively kept high by resistors to

Vcc. Any device on the bus can actively pull a data line low. Up to 128 devices can be put on the same data bus.

There are plenty of good articles on TWI/I2C programming for AVR microcontrollers. Check out the following for a good start:

- 1. Non-GNU.org: http://www.nongnu.org/avr-libc/user-manual/group twi demo.html
- 2. AVR beginners: http://www.avrbeginners.net/architecture/twi/twi.html
- 3. ATMEL AVR315: http://www.atmel.com/Images/doc2564.pdf

Compared with SPI, using I2C is a bit more involved. The first job is to set the frequency of the serial data clock. Typically, the clock frequency is 10 (slow mode), 100 (standard mode), or 400 (fast mode) kHz. The maximum clock rate is determined by the slowest device on the bus, as well as bus capacitance. As a practical matter, most I2C devices run at 100 kHz. The DS1307 runs at 100 kHz.

Again, keep in mind there are already libraries available for using I2C with your AVR or arduino. You do not need to do this yourself. A search for 'I2C master library' will turn up a few alternatives. Keep reading if you'd like roll your own.

There are two special registers on the ATmega which control the SCL frequency: TWSR and TWBR. TWSR is the TWI status register, and contains prescalar bits used to divide the CPU clock frequency. We do not need a prescalar, so we can ignore these bits. The TWBR is the bit-rate register. The SCL frequency is a function of the CPU frequency and this register, according to the following formula: F_SCL in $MHz = F_CPU/(16+2(TWBR))$. Kinda complicated, isn't it? To determine the value of TWBR we can rewrite it like this: $TWBR = ((F_CPU/F_SCL)-16)/2$. My CPU has a 16 MHz clock, and I want to run the interface in standard 100 kHz mode. So the value of TWBR must be ((16/0.1)-16)/2 = (160-16)/2 = 72.

Here is the protocol for sending data from master to slave: "MT" (master transmit) mode

- Master generates Start Condition, status code 0x08 is returned
- Master sends slave address (0xd0), slave device returns ACK, status code 0x18
- Master sends one or more data bytes, slave device returns ACK, status code 0x28
- Master generates Stop Condition, no status code returned

After each operation, the 'ready' bit in TWCR will go to logic 0, and return to logic 1 when the operation is completed. Byte-sized data is sent/received via the special TWDR register. The start, stop, and data transfer conditions are specified by the TWCR control register. And the

status codes are put in the TWSR register. Let's look at the code and compare it to the protocol. Here is how to generate a start condition:

To generate a start, load TWCR with 0xA4 and wait. That's all there is to it. Why 0xA4? 0xA4 is binary 10100100. The three '1' values correspond to the TWINT, TWSTA, and TWEN bits of the control register. These bits enable the TWI interrupt, the start-condition, and the whole TWI module. You will see many people write it like this: TWCR = (1<<TWINT) | (1<<TWSTA) | (1<<TWEN). Most think that this 'self-documenting' style of coding is preferable, so please use it if you like. For me, start is simply code 0xA4.

The next thing to do is send the bus address of the slave we are communicating with. For example, the DS1307 real-time clock has a bus address of 0xd0. Here is our code to do that:

Put the address of the slave device into TWDR, put the send command in TWCR, and wait. The next operation, sending a data byte, looks almost exactly the same. Notice that the returned status code will be different, however:

For the DS1307 we will do this Write operation twice: once to set the address pointer on the RTC, and again to supply the data for that address.

The last step is the send the Stop condition. Here we just set the command register to 0x94, the value for TW_STOP. Again, this value sets the TW enable, TW interrupt, and TW stop bits. Go ahead, use (1<<TWINT) | (1<<TWEN) | (1<<TWSTO) if you prefer. We do not have

to wait or check for status codes, so it is just a one-line command. Instead of writing a routine I made a macro instead:

Just a quick note on the status codes: I've written my routines to check the status, but I ignore the results. In my simple setup this works OK. You may want to check each code and show error messages when appropriate.

Reading data is little trickier: we have to write to the device first, to set its internal address pointer, and then read to get the data at that address. Here is the protocol for receiving data from the slave.

- Master generates Start Condition, status code 0x08 is returned
- Master sends slave bus address (0xd0), DS1307 returns ACK, status code 0x18
- Master sends address pointer, slave device returns ACK, status code 0x28
- Master generates another Start Condition = restart, status code 0x10 returned
- Master sends slave bus address + read bit (0xd1), slave returns ACK, status code 0x40
- Master requests data byte with NACK, slave returns byte, status code 0x58
- Master sends Stop condition, no status code returned

The only new code required for reading is the read operation in the next to last step. It looks very similar to the write operation. NACK is used to a request of a single (or last) byte of data.

Putting it all together, here are sample routines for reading and writing registers on the slave device. You will need to check the datasheet of the slave device you intend to use; each device may have its own unique protocol for addressing its registers, memory contents, etc.

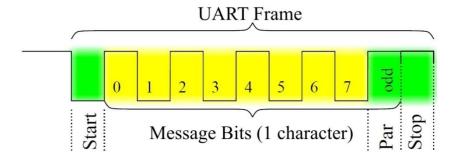
I wrote a RTC tutorial using the I2C interface at http://w8bh.net/avr/AvrDS1307.pdf

5) THE UART INTERFACE

Compared to I2C, using the UART is darn-easy. UART stands for Universal Asynchronous Receive/Transmit. The hardware can also run in synchronous mode, so it is often called a USART. A good article about the hardware is at avrbeginners.net. And a good programming reference is Dean Camera's UART article at fourwalledcubicle.com.

	SPI	I2C	UART
Typical speed	1-20 MHz	100-400 kHz	9 – 56 kHz
Typical use	High-speed hardware	Multiple devices on a common bus	Keyboard, character LCD/Monitor

As opposed to SPI and I2C, which are often used for binary data exchange between hardware devices, UART is often used for transmission of (slower) ASCII data. For example, you might use the UART for keyboard input or monitor/character LCD output. Speedy SPI transfers data to dedicated hardware devices at MHz speeds, while UART transfers are a thousand times slower.



Each data frame consists of a start bit, a variable number of data bits, an optional parity bit, and 1 or 2 stop bits. The most common configuration is 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity bit, and 1 stop bit ("8N1").

In asynchronous mode, there is no clock line: data is transmitted on the transmit line (Tx) and received on the receive line (Rx). The UART is initialized by configuring control registers that determine the baud rate, parity, number of stop bits:

The first control register, UBRR0, controls the data transmission rate. The value is determined from the desired baud rate and CPU frequency. For example, a baud rate of 9600 bps on my

16 MHz controller requires a register value of (16000000/9600/16)-1 = 130. Setting bits 4 and 3 in the second control register UCSR0B, enables the special Rx & Tx data lines. The third control register, UCSR0C, sets the data frame format. For 8N1, the most common data frame format, the register value should be set to 0x06. Check out the AVRmega328 datasheet for information on all of the available options.

Once initialized, the controller handles all of the implementation details. Reading & writing byte-sized data from/to the UART data register, UDR0, looks like this:

In both routines, the first line waits until the UART is ready to send/receive. The second line writes/reads the data register. That's pretty simple, isn't it?

6) TESTING THE UART INTERFACE

The UART uses two data lines, so try a loopback test like the one for SPI. Tie the Tx (PD1/TxD) and Rx (PD0/RxD) lines together, and run the following routine:

If all goes well, the LED should flash 5 times.

7) MAKING LIBRARIES

Each of the interfaces is a great candidate for a library. For example, put the three SPI routines in a file called spi.c. Then make a header file called spi.h that includes only the function declarations. Do the same for UART and I2C. Now you can include whichever interface you need like this:

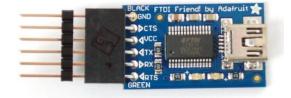
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include "spi.h"
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8) DS1307 RTC REVISITED

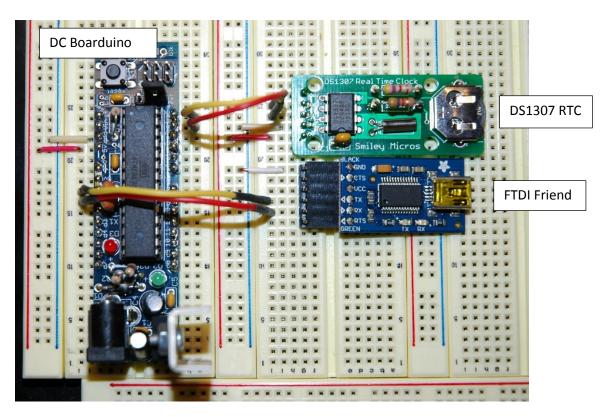


In the <u>DS1307 tutorial</u> I used a character LCD for output. Let's use the UART interface to use our computer screen instead. The AVR TxD and RxD lines require additional hardware to connect back to your PC. In the 'old days', all PCs had RS232 serial ports, and you would use a Max232 chip to convert the +/- 12V signals from the computer to the TTL (+5V) logic levels on the micro. A quick internet search for "Max232 module" will give you several options costing around \$5. To the left is one available for around \$3 at NewEgg.

However, most modern PCs have abandoned RS232 ports and use USB ports instead. To connect AVR serial lines to USB I use the "FTDI friend" adapter from Adafruit. It will set you back about \$15. Connect TxD to the adapter input line (Rx), RxD to the output line (Tx), and GND to ground.



Next, connect your DS1307 module. Run the SDA line to A4/PC4. Run the SCL line to A5/PC5. And power the module with +5V and GND. Your module must include pullup resistors on the SDA and SCL lines.



You should have two lines running from the clock module to the micro, and two lines from the micro your USB adapter.

Once everything is connected, verify that your computer recognizes the FTDI board. Connect a USB cable between your computer and the adapter, and then check the computer's device manager -> ports. You should see a USB serial port listed, such as 'COM9'. If not, follow the device manufacturer's recommendation for installing the appropriate driver.

Next, you need a console application. Windows used to have a preinstalled application called 'Hypertext', but it is no longer available on all computers. I recommend one called 'PuTTY', which available at putty.org and elsewhere. In putty.exe, select connection type: serial and enter the name of the communication port, such as 'COM9', that you got from the device manager.

If you are doing this for the very first time, you can easily verify that the USB adapter and console app are configured correctly: temporarily disconnect both data lines between the micro and the adapter. Now do a loopback test by connecting the adapter's Tx and Rx lines together. Anything you type in the console application will be sent out the Tx line, back into Rx, and be displayed on the console screen. If you have more than one application running on your computer, make sure the console app is 'on top' and has focus.

Once the console app and USB adapter are working, let's add our microcontroller and extend the loopback test:

This code will read a byte from the UART and echo it back to the console. There is a check for the return character, since <return> doesn't bump the cursor to the next line on my console.

Now, instead of writing to the LCD via LCD_Char(), we send the data to the computer screen via UART_Write(). The source code below shows the slightly modified routines. In addition, we can prompt the user for updated time information, and get the information via keyboard input.

Many console applications do terminal-emulation, and allow you to control the cursor and display colors via escape-codes. See http://ascii-table.com/ansi-escape-sequences.php for a list of these codes. In the source code, ANSI escape sequences are used for clearing the screen and for setting cursor position.

9) SOURCE CODE

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// Serial interfaces: useful SPI, I2C, and UART routines
/// Author : Bruce E. Hall <bhall66@gmail.com>
// Website : http://w8bh.net/avr/serial.pdf
// Version : 1.0
// Date : 12 May 2014

// Target : ATmega328P microcontroller

// Language : C, using AVR studio 6

// Size : 1994 bytes
// Fuse settings: 8 MHz osc with 65 ms Delay, SPI enable; *NO* clock/8
// Demo will get time & date info from from DS1307-RTC module via I2C
// and display time & date on computer console via UART.
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      GLOBAL DEFINES
INCLUDES
                                 // deal with port registers
// used for _delay_ms function
// used for itoa, atoi
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
     TYPEDEFS
typedef uint8 t byte;
                                          // I just like byte & sbyte better
typedef int8 t sbyte;
     GLOBAL VARIABLES
      MISC ROUTINES
void msDelay(int delay)
                                         // put into a routine
                                      // to remove code inlining
// at cost of timing accuracy
   for (int i=0;i<delay;i++)</pre>
   delay ms(1);
void FlashLED(byte count)
// flash the on-board LED at \sim 3 Hz
    SetBit(DDRB, LED);
                                         // make sure PB5 is an output
   for (;count;count--)
         SetBit(PORTB, LED);
                                         // turn LED on
                                    // wait
// turn LED off
         msDelay(100);
         msDelay(100);
ClearBit(PORTB, LED);
         msDelay(200);
                                          // wait
    }
long IntToBCD (int i)
// converts an integer into its Hex BCD equivalent. Ex: decimal 32 --> 0x32
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long ans = 0;
    byte digit, shiftvalue = 0;
    while (i>0)
        digit = (i % 10);
                                        // get least significant decimal digit
        ans += (digit << shiftvalue); // add it in proper position
i /= 10; // remove least significant digit</pre>
        shiftvalue += 4;
                                        // bump up digit position in answer
    return ans;
       SPT ROUTINES
//
   How to use the SPI:
   1. The data rate is set in SPI Init, by setting bits in the SPCR (below).
        By default, the rate is FCPU/2 = 8 MHz for a 16 MHz board.
//
        The microcontroller is Master, and the external device is Slave.
   2. Connect the transmit line (MOSI/D11/PB3) to the external device MOSI line.
   3. Connect the receive line (MISO/D12/PB4) to the external device MISO line.
4. Connect the serial clock (SCK/D13/PB5) to the external device SCK line
   5. Ground the external device select line; usually select is active-low.
   6. Start the SPI with SPI Init.
   7. Transfer bytes between micro and device with SPI Xfer
   SPI Status Control Register (SPCR) -----
//
                 b6
                        b5
                              b4
                                    b3
                                           b2
                                                 b1
   SPCR: SPIE SPE DORD MSTR CPOL CPHA SPR1 SPR0
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//
            Ω
                 1
                       0
                             1 . 0
                                          Ω
                                                Ω
                                                      1
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// SPIE - enable SPI interrupt
   SPE - enable SPI
// DORD - 0=MSB first, 1=LSB first
// MSTR - 0=slave, 1=master
// CPOL - 0=clock starts low, 1=clock starts high
// CPHA - 0=read on rising-edge, 1=read on falling-edge
// SPRx - 00=osc/4, 01=osc/16, 10=osc/64, 11=osc/128
// SPCR = 0x50: SPI enabled as Master, mode 0, at 16/4 = 4 MHz
void SPI Init()
   SPCR = 0x50;
                                        // SPI enabled as Master, Mode0 at 4 MHz
   SetBit(SPSR,SPI2X);
                                        // double the SPI rate: 4-->8 MHz
void SPI Close()
   SPCR = 0x00;
                                        // clear SPI enable bit
byte SPI Xfer(byte data)
                                       // initiate transfer
    SPDR = data;
    while (!(SPSR & 0x80));
                                        // wait for transfer to complete
   return SPDR;
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       I2C (TWI) ROUTINES
//
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   How to use the I2C:
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//
   1. Set the data transmission speed in the F_SCL define.
        Common speeds are 100 kHz (100000L) and 400 kHz (400000L).
        The microcontroller is Master, and the external device is Slave.
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// 2. Connect the data line (SDA/PC4) to the external device SDA line.
   3. Connect the clock (SCL/PC5) to the external device SCL line 4. Attach 3.3K pullup resistors from SDA to Vcc and SCL to Vcc.
// 5. Start the SPI with I2C Init.
   6. Reading & Writing data to is often device specific:
        use I2C_Send to send a 'raw' byte over the bus use I2C_Write to send a byte to a specific bus address
//
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        use I2C WriteRegister to send a byte to a specific device register
//
        use I2C_ReadAck to read a byte from slave, with an acknowledgment
        use I2C ReadNACK to read a byte from slave, with no acknowledgment
        use I2C ReadRegister to read a byte from a specific device register
#define F SCL
                      100000L
                                        // I2C clock speed 100 KHz
#define READ
                      1
#define TW_START
                      0 \times A4
                                         // send start condition (TWINT, TWSTA, TWEN)
#define TW STOP
                      0x94
                                         // send stop condition (TWINT, TWSTO, TWEN)
#define TW ACK
                                         // return ACK to slave
                      0xC4
#define TW NACK
                     0x84
                                         // don't return ACK to slave
#define TW SEND
                      0x84
                                         // send data (TWINT, TWEN)
                   (TWCR & 0x80)
#define TW READY
                                        // ready when TWINT returns to logic 1.
#define TW STATUS (TWSR & 0xF8)
                                         // returns value of status register
#define I2\overline{C}_{Stop}() TWCR = TW STOP
                                        // inline macro for stop condition
void I2C Init()
// at 16^{\mathrm{MHz}}, the SCL frequency will be 16/(16+2(\mathrm{TWBR})), assuming prescalar of 0.
// so for 100KHz SCL, TWBR = ((F CPU/F SCL) - 16)/2 = ((16/0.1) - 16)/2 = 144/2 = 72.
{
                                         // set prescalar to zero
    TWBR = ((F CPU/F SCL)-16)/2;
                                         // set SCL frequency in TWI bit register
byte I2C Detect(byte addr)
// look for device at specified address; return 1=found, 0=not found
    TWCR = TW START;
                                         // send start condition
                                         // wait
// load device's bus address
    while (!TW_READY);
    TWDR = addr;
    TWCR = TW SEND;
                                         // and send it
                                         // wait
    while (!TW READY);
    return (TW STATUS==0x18);
                                         // return 1 if found; 0 otherwise
}
byte I2C FindDevice(byte start)
// returns with address of first device found; 0=not found
    for (byte addr=start;addr<0xFF;addr++) // search all 256 addresses</pre>
        if (I2C Detect(addr))
                                         // I2C detected?
        return addr;
                                         // leave as soon as one is found
    return 0;
                                         // none detected, so return 0.
void I2C Start(byte slaveAddr)
    I2C Detect(slaveAddr);
byte I2C_Send(byte data)
                                         // sends a data byte to slave
    TWDR = data;
                                          // load data to be sent
                                          // and send it
    TWCR = TW SEND;
                                          // wait
    while (!TW READY);
    return (TW STATUS!=0x28);
byte I2C ReadACK()
                                         // reads a data byte from slave
                                          // ack = will read more data
    TWCR = TW ACK;
    while (!T\overline{W} READY);
                                          // wait
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return TWDR;
   //return (TW_STATUS!=0x28);
byte I2C ReadNACK()
                                       // reads a data byte from slave
   TWCR = TW NACK;
                                       // nack = not reading more data
                                        // wait
   while (!TW READY);
   return TWDR;
   //return (TW STATUS!=0x28);
void I2C Write(byte busAddr, byte data)
   I2C Start(busAddr);
                                        // send bus address
   I2C_Send(data);
                                        // then send the data byte
   I2C Stop();
void I2C WriteRegister(byte busAddr, byte deviceRegister, byte data)
                                       // send bus address
   I2C Start(busAddr);
   byte I2C ReadRegister(byte busAddr, byte deviceRegister)
   byte data = 0;
   I2C_Start(busAddr);
I2C_Send(deviceRegister);
I2C_Start(busAddr+READ);
                                        // send device address
                                       // set register pointer
                                       // restart as a read operation // read the register data // stop
   data = I2C ReadNACK();
   I2C Stop();
   return data;
      USART ROUTINES
// How to use the USART:
   1. Set the serial transmission speed in the BAUDRATE define. Common baud
       rates are: 300, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 57600.
       The mode is set at 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity (most common).
// 2. Connect the transmit line (Tx/PD1) to the external device Rx line. // 3. Connect the receive line (Rx/PD0) to the external device Tx line.
// 4. Start the UART with UART Init.
// 5. Send bytes with UART Write; Receive bytes with UART Read.
#define BAUDRATE 9600
#define RX READY (UCSR0A & 0x80)
                                    // check bit7 of UCSRA0
#define TX READY (UCSROA & 0x20)
                                       // check bit5 of UCSRA0
void UART Init()
{
   UBRRO = F CPU/(BAUDRATE*16L)-1; // set speed according to BAUDRATE define
   UCSR0B = 0x18;
                                       // enable UART: set Rx, Tx enable bits
                                       // set mode: 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit
   UCSROC = 0x06;
void UART Close()
   UCSROB = 0x00;
                                       // disable Rx,Tx
void UART Write(byte data)
                           // wait until ready to send
   while (!TX READY);
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UDR0 = data;
                                     // OK, send it now!
}
byte UART Read()
                                     // wait until byte rec'd
   while (!RX READY);
   return UDR0;
                                      // OK, return it.
byte UART KeyPressed()
// returns 0x80 if input available; 0 otherwise
  return RX READY;
void UART SendString(char *st)
// send a string to the UART
                                     // for each non-nul character
   for (;*st;st++)
      UART Write(*st);
                                     // send it to uart
char * UART_GetString(char *st)
// get a string of characters [80 max!!] from the UART
// string is returned when <enter> key is pressed
   char c:
   byte count=0;
   while ((count<80) && ((c = UART Read()) != '\r'))</pre>
       UART Write(c);
                                      // echo char back to console
                                     // add char to string
       st[count++] = c;
   st[count]='\0';
                                     // add NULL termination
   return st;
// -----
// DS1307 RTC ROUTINES
                                     // I2C bus address of DS1307 RTC
#define DS1307 0xD0
#define SECONDS REGISTER 0x00
#define MINUTES REGISTER 0x01
#define HOURS REGISTER 0x02
#define DAYOFWK REGISTER 0x03
#define DAYS REGISTER 0x04
#define MONTHS REGISTER 0x05
#define YEARS REGISTER 0x06
#define CONTROL REGISTER 0x07
#define RAM BEGIN 0x08
#define RAM END 0x3F
void DS1307 GetTime(byte *hours, byte *minutes, byte *seconds)
// returns hours, minutes, and seconds in BCD format
{
   *hours = I2C ReadRegister(DS1307, HOURS REGISTER);
   *minutes = I2C_ReadRegister(DS1307,MINUTES_REGISTER);
    *seconds = I2C ReadRegister(DS1307, SECONDS REGISTER);
   if (*hours & 0x40) // 12hr mode:
   *hours &= 0x1F; // use bottom 5 bits (pm bit = temp & 0x20)
   else *hours &= 0x3F; // 24hr mode: use bottom 6 bits
void DS1307 GetDate(byte *months, byte *days, byte *years)
// returns months, days, and years in BCD format
{
   *months = I2C ReadRegister(DS1307, MONTHS REGISTER);
   *days = I2C ReadRegister(DS1307, DAYS REGISTER);
   *years = I2C ReadRegister(DS1307, YEARS REGISTER);
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void DS1307 Now(byte *months, byte *days, byte *years, byte *hours, byte *minutes, byte *seconds)
    DS1307 GetDate(months, days, years);
   DS1307 GetTime(hours, minutes, seconds);
void DS1307 SetTimeDate(byte mon, byte day, byte year, byte hour, byte min)
// note: hours are 0-23, years are 2-digit (2014 is 14).
    byte adj = 0;
   if (hour>11)
       hour -= 12;
       adj = 0x40;
                                       // set 12-hr mode
    I2C WriteRegister (DS1307, MONTHS REGISTER, IntToBCD (mon));
    I2C WriteRegister(DS1307, DAYS REGISTER, IntToBCD(day));
    I2C_WriteRegister(DS1307,YEARS_REGISTER, IntToBCD(year));
    I2C WriteRegister(DS1307, HOURS REGISTER, IntToBCD(hour) +adj);
   I2C WriteRegister(DS1307,MINUTES_REGISTER, IntToBCD(min));
    I2C WriteRegister (DS1307, SECONDS REGISTER, 0x00);
                                                                 // seconds at :00
// APPLICATION ROUTINES
void Generic PutChar(char ch)
// called when its time to output a character
// output device can be UART, LCD, whatever...
{
   UART Write(ch);
void TwoDigits(byte data)
// helper function for WriteDate() & WriteTime()
// input is two digits in BCD format
// output is two ASCII numeric characters
    byte temp = data >> 4;
                                      // get upper digit
// send it
    Generic_PutChar(temp+'0');
   data \&=0x0F;
                                       // get lower digit
   Generic_PutChar(data+'0');
                                       // send it
void WriteDate()
// outputs the current date in mm/dd/yy format
   byte months, days, years;
   DS1307_GetDate(&months, &days, &years);
    TwoDigits (months);
                                     // mm
    Generic PutChar('/');
   TwoDigits (days);
                                       // dd
    Generic PutChar('/');
    TwoDigits(years);
                                       // yy
   Generic_PutChar(' ');
}
void WriteTime()
// outputs the current time in hh:mm:ss format
    byte hours, minutes, seconds;
    DS1307 GetTime (&hours, &minutes, &seconds);
    TwoDigits (hours);
    Generic PutChar(':');
    TwoDigits (minutes);
                                       // mm
    Generic PutChar(':');
   TwoDigits(seconds);
                                       // ss
    Generic PutChar(' ');
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void UART SendInt(int data)
// sends the integer value to output console
    char st[8] = "";
                                        // save enough space for result
                                        // convert to ascii string, base 10
// display it on LCD
    itoa(data, st, 10);
    UART SendString(st);
void UART SendHex(int data)
// sends the hexadecimal value to output console
    char st[8] = "";
                                        // save enough space for result
    itoa(data,st,16);
                                        // convert to ascii string, base 16
    UART SendString(st);
                                        // display it on LCD
void ANSI GotoXY(int x, int y)
// send ANSI escape code to console that move cursor to x,y
    UART SendString("\033[");
    UART SendInt(x);
    UART_Write(';');
   UART_SendInt(y);
UART_Write('H');
void ANSI ClearScreen()
// sends ANSI escape codes to console that clear the screen
// see: http://ascii-table.com/ansi-escape-sequences.php
    UART SendString("\033[2J\033[;H");  // clear & goto top-left
void UART LoopbackTest()
                                        // send a '5' out the Tx line
    UART Write(5);
    byte b = UART Read();
                                        // list on Rx line
                                        // indicate value returned
    FlashLED(b);
int PromptInt(char *prompt)
// prompts user for integer input; returns input value
{
    char st[80];
                                        // temp buffer for user input
   UART SendString(prompt);
                                        // display the prompt on console
    UART GetString(st);
                                        // get user's input
   return atoi(st);
                                        // convert to integer & return it
}
int PromptHex(char *prompt)
// prompts user for hexadecimal input; returns input value
{
    char st[80];
                                        // temp buffer for user input
    UART SendString(prompt);
                                        // display the prompt on console
                                       // get user's input
// convert to integer & return it
    UART GetString(st);
   return strtol(st,NULL,16);
void Console_SetTimeDate()
// interactive way to set DS1307 date & time via TTY console
    int mon, day, year, hour, min;
   mon = PromptInt("\r\nEnter the month (1-12, or 0 to skip): ");
    if (!mon) return;
    day = PromptInt("\rnEnter the day (1-31): ");
    year = PromptInt("\r\nEnter the 2-digit year: ");
    hour = PromptInt("\r\nEnter the hours (0-23): ");
    min = PromptInt("\r\nEnter the minutes (0-59): ");
   DS1307 SetTimeDate(mon, day, year, hour, min);
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void Typewriter()
   \label{lambda} {\tt UART\_SendString("\r\n> Welcome to W8BH. Type '!' to stop.\r\n");}
   for(char ch=0; ch!='!';) // wait for stop char '!'
       ch = UART_Read();
                                  // get byte from keyboard
       UART_Write(ch);
                                    // send it to output
       UART_SendString("\r\n> Bye!\r\n");
      MAIN PROGRAM
int main()
   UART Init();
   I2C_Init();
   //Typewriter();
   ANSI ClearScreen();
   Console SetTimeDate();
   ANSI_ClearScreen();
UART_SendString("Welcome to W8BH. Current Time:");
   while (1)
                                    // forever...
   {
                                    // goto line 4, col 6
// show date/time
       ANSI GotoXY(4,6);
       WriteDate();
       WriteTime();
       msDelay(5000);
                                   // wait 5 seconds
    }
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