Programming Style & Firmware Standards

Numerous opinions exist in academia and industry regarding programming style rules. One common opinion holds true, through – poorly structured and poorly commented code cannot be maintained, and leads to product quality issues.

In this course, students are expected to submit professional quality code. Students will not be forced to follow a specific code style; however, students who do follow a style guide will likely obtain higher results when their code is graded.

C Style Guides

- Many C Style Guides exist on the web. Search the web for "C Style Guide", and you will find a large set of references, including the following:
 - http://www.chris-lott.org/resources/cstyle/
 - http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/dts/pm/Papers/nasa-c-style.pdf
 - http://google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/objcguide.xml
 - http://www.cs.swarthmore.edu/~newhall/unixhelp/c_codestyle.html
 - http://www.cs.uiowa.edu/~jones/syssoft/style.html
- A firmware standards manual is available at:
 - http://www.ganssle.com/
 - http://www.ganssle.com/fsm.pdf
 - http://www.ganssle.com/commenting.pdf

Commenting Style – Header File

Submitted by Andrew Strotheide

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#ifndef _UTIL_5613_IO_H_ #define _UTIL_5613_IO_H_						
* ECEN 5 * Fall 2	w Strotheide 5613, Input/Output Utilities 2006, Prof. McClure rsity of Colorado at Boulder					
* routin * output * is run	file contains the interfaces and definitions for several imp nes and constants that allow programs to identify and use th t facilities provided by the underlying hardware on which th nning. Various additional functions are also provided to as eceipt, handling, and manipulation of input data.	e input and e library				
/* Includes*/ #include "5613_io_hardware.h" #include <stdbool.h></stdbool.h>						
/* Externalized Variables*/ volatile xdata at DEBUG_ADDR unsigned char DEBUG; /* Debug Display */						
/* Macros */ #define NEWLINE putchar('\r'); putchar('\n'); /* Print newline combo */						
/* Protot	types*/					
/* * debug(()					
* Parms: * Return	: c - 8-bit character value to be written to debug n: None	This is ng similar.				
void debug(const unsigned char c);						
/* * putcha						
* Purpos * * Parms:	se: Writes a single character of output to one or more defin determined by the presence of one or more PURCHAR_ <x> syn : c - 7-bit character value to be written to output n: None</x>					
*	*/ char(const char c);					
/*	/					
* getcha *		tion				
* * * Parms:	<pre>specified by the GETCHAR <x> symbol. Only one GETCHAR <i :="" a="" amb.="" appear="" compilation="" in="" may="" none<="" order="" pre="" prevent="" to="" unit=""></i></x></pre>	X> symbol				
*	n: one character of input data* */ Char(raid):					
<pre>char getchar(void);</pre>						
	* safe_gets() *					
	se: This is a version of the popular gets() routine that is a buffer overruns by limiting the input space. Optionally, echo received characters back to the sender and it even phandles the backspace key over a terminal emulator. Note function returns immediately upon filling the buffer or a	, it can properly e that the receiving				
*	and end of line signal. You may wish to ensure the buff digit larger than it needs to be and handle that appropr.					

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             that the Enter key will be required consistently throughout.
             Otherwise, if two characters are possible, on occasions when only
             one is printed, the user will have to finish with Enter, whereas
             when two characters are provided, the function will automatically
             return without pressing Enter. Consistency is good.
             buffer - location at which buffer is located; upon success, the
 * Parms:
                       data at this address will be over-written by the response.
             size - maximum number of characters to retrieve (aka, the amount
                       of space that was allocated for the buffer).
 * echo - Boolean; whether to echo the retried data back as output.
* Return: None directly. But upon success, buffer will be filled with the
 * retrieved data. Upon failure, buffer will be set to NULL. *
void safe gets(char* buffer, const unsigned char size, const bool echo);
 * get_hex_byte()
 * Purpose: Prompts the user to provide one or two hexadecimal digits which are
             considered together as one value. The representation is then
             converted from ASCII to hexadecimal and returned in a single byte.
             Valid range is 0-FF and the user may provide one or two digits.
             This function blocks until valid input is provided.
 * Parms: prompt - the text displayed to the user to ask for the input
 * Return: one byte representing the converted hex value
unsigned char get hex byte(const unsigned char* prompt);
 * a_to_uc()
 * Purpose: Converts the first two of a null-terminated buffer of characters into an unsigned char number. This routine is not very robust, but
             it works well within the specified parameters.
 * Parms: buffer - location of buffer that holds a the string to convert
 * Return: success - numerical value representing the converted string
             failure - 0, which cannot be differentiated from a successful zero
unsigned char a_to_uc(const unsigned char* buffer);
 * aa_to_hex()
 * Purpose: Converts a two-digit ASCII value into their BCD equivalent byte.
             No validation is performed; results are undefined if either digit
             is anything but [0-91[A-F1[a-f1.
 * Parms: high - high-order digit, formatted as ASCII text
tow - low-order digit, formatted as ASCII text
Return: numerical value of the hex digits
unsigned char aa_to_hex(const unsigned char high, const unsigned char low);
 * is_all_ascii_hex()
 * Purpose: Determine whether an entire buffer is comprised of characters whose
             values, when interpreted as ASCII, could all be converted to valid
 * hexadecimal digits. Maximum buffer size = 256.

* Parms: buffer - A null-terminated buffer of characters

* Return: true if every character is [0-9][A-F][a-f]; false otherwise
bool is all ascii hex(const unsigned char* buffer);
#endif
```

Commenting Style – Source File

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* Andrew Strotheide
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* This file contains the implementations for several important routines that
* allow programs to identify and use the input and output facilities provided
* by the underlying hardware on which the library is running, as well as a
* number of convenient functions for input manipulation. For more
* information, please see the master file, 5613 io.h
/* Includes -
#include "5613_io.h"
/* Only include serial header when necessary */
#if (defined GETCHAR SERIAL | | defined PUTCHAR SERIAL)
#include "5613 serial.h"
#endif
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
void debug(const unsigned char c)
#ifndef NO DEBUG
 DEBUG = C;
#endif
void putchar(const char c)
 c; /* Drevent compiler from optimizing this away */ /* Serial port output */
#ifdef PUTCHAR SERIAL
 util serial putc(c); /* Andrew's non-interrupt-based serial output */
//serial_putc(c); /* SDCC built-in interrupt-based serial output */
/* Debug display output */
#ifdef PUTCHAR DEBUG
 DEBUG = c;
#endif
  /* LCD display output */
#ifdef PUTCHAR_LCD
#warning purchar() cannot write to LCD; unimplemented.
#if (!defined PUTCHAR LCD && !defined PUTCHAR DEBUG && !defined PUTCHAR SERIAL)
#warning putchar() is null; no output device specified
#endif
#ifdef GETCHAR SERIAL
char getchar(void)
  char c = 0:
  /* Serial port input */
    c = util_serial_getc(); /* Non-interrupt-based serial input */
//c = serial getc(); /* SDCC built-in interrupt-based serial input */
 return (c):
#warning getchar() unavailable; no input method specified.
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void safe_gets(char* buffer, const unsigned char size, const bool echo)
 bool finished = false;
 unsigned char i = 0;
  unsigned char temp;
  /* Size must be > 1 to allow for null char and some input. */
 if (size > 1)
       /* Get input until max size reached or newline encountered. */
      while ((i < (size - 1)) && (!finished) )
          temp = getchar();
if (temp == '\r' | temp == '\n')
               /* Newline encountered; set flag to bail out. */
               finished = true:
             Process backspace or delete if other chars in buffer. */
          else if (temp == 127 || temp == 8)
               /* Only allow deletion up to first character, no more. */
               if (i > 0)
                    /* Echo the key's effects, if necessary. */
                   if (echo)
                        putchar(temp); /* Rewind the display cursor. */
putchar(''); /* Blank out the deleted character. */
putchar(temp); /* Rewind the display cursor again. */
                   i--; /* Backup i to update remove last char from buffer */
          else
               /* Add character to buffer, then increment to next position, */
               buffer[i++] = temp;
                   putchar(temp); /* Echo the value if necessary. */
      buffer[i] = '\0': /* Null-terminate the obtained string */
 else
      /* There was a problem; bail out with empty string. */
buffer = '\0':
unsigned char get hex byte(const unsigned char* prompt)
 unsigned char buffer[31:
  /* Get selections from user; use a buffer-overload-immune gets() function
   * that guarantees null-terminated results. Keep asking for input until
  * the user gets it right. */
 while (true)
      /* Prompt for data */
      puts(prompt);
      putchar('\r');
      putchar('>');
      putchar('');
buffer[0] = '\0';
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Many thanks to former student, Andrew Strotheide, who provided the "pretty_pdf.bat" tool, described on the following pages. That tool was used to create the formatted output shown on the previous pages. From: Andrew Strotheide To: Prof. Linden McClure

Subject: Source code formatting using a2ps under Windows

Date: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:43 PM

Prof. McClure,

Here's the information about the source code formatter.

When I did my undergraduate work at CU, the Computer Science department required us to print out our source code using "a2ps", a common UNIX tool which converts "anything" to PostScript. a2ps handles all of the source code formatting as well as the table of contents and it is very easy to use. The undergrad lab had only UNIX machines and PostScript printers, so it was a very simple matter to run the program and direct the output directly to the printer. I continue to use the program today when I need "pretty-printed" source code, as it is available by default on Mac OSX and Linux. It can also be used from Windows, although it requires a bit more work, which is the nature of this email.

It occurred to me that it would probably be incredibly helpful to you if all of your future students were to use the same program for formatting and printing their source code output. I've put together some information that will allow you to install the required programs on the Windows lab machines and use them to generate PDF files of the source code that can be easily viewed and printed using Adobe Reader. My primary goals here were to make it as easy as possible to install and run the software, despite the quirk of using it under Windows instead of UNIX. If you decide to use this and you or your lab techs need any further information, please let me know.

Basically, here's what's involved. You have to download and install a2ps and GhostScript. Although these programs can be used directly, it's tedious. Therefore, I created the attached batch file program to wrap the ugliness of the underlying interfaces so that you can create PDF files in the same format as the one I gave you, using a very simple interface. All of the required programs are free. Mine has a BSD license and the others have GPL licenses. The attached file is .txt; you need to save it as a .bat file instead (I had to rename it to get past the University's email scanner).

Installation:

1) Download and install a2ps

http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/downlinks/a2ps.php

2) Download and install GhostScript

http://mirror.cs.wisc.edu/pub/mirrors/ghost/GPL/gs860/gs860w32.exe

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- 3) Save the attached .txt file as **pretty_pdf.bat** file on the target machine. Place it either in the a2ps binary directory, or another directory of your choosing.
- 4) Add the bin directories for a2ps and GhostScript, and the location of the batch file to the system path so that they will be accessible to all users from the command line.

Usage:

From a command prompt, execute the batch program as follows:

pretty pdf <output file.pdf> input file1 input file2 ...

Wildcards (such as *.h *.c) are valid here.

The result is that all of the input files will be processed by a2ps and combined (in the order provided) into a nicely formatted PostScript file with a table of contents. Then the PostScript will be converted automatically to PDF using GhostScript. At that point, the file can be emailed for electronic submission, viewed using Adobe Reader, or printed to any Windows printer, regardless of whether it speaks PostScript, PCL, etc.

It is certainly possible to call a2ps directly instead of using my wrapper program. However, a2ps cannot handle any wildcards, so if using a2ps directly, all files must be listed with their complete names. Consult the batch file program for the specific usage requirements of a2ps and GhostScript. If you use GhostScript to convert to PDF as I've provided with my batch file, you won't need a PostScript viewer. However, if you want one anyway, you can get GSView here:

http://mirror.cs.wisc.edu/pub/mirrors/ghost/ghostgum/gsv49w32.exe

As another aside, I should mention that you could also set this up by downloading the cygwin environment and during install, indicating a desire to add the a2ps and GhostScript packages. Then you can just use everything straight from cygwin. However, using cygwin adds another level of complexity that I don't think you'll want to deal with, which is why I didn't describe that process.

This may be far more information than you want or need, but given how potentially useful this could be for your classes, I didn't want to leave you hanging by simply saying, "I used a2ps; go get it and figure it out." This should easily allow you to obtain, install, and use it. I hope it helps.

Andrew Strotheide

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@echo off
.. ------
:: pretty pdf.bat
:: -----
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::
:: Description:
:: -----
:: This program is a wrapper to pretty-print files using a2ps and convert the
:: formatted PostScript output to PDF using GhostScript (on Windows, without
:: Cygwin). The most important feature is the support for wildcards in the
:: list of files to be pretty-printed. This is normally difficult because
:: a2ps was originally written for UNIX and expects wildcards to have already
:: been expanded by the command interpreter before program invocation, whereas
:: DOS and Windows programs receive the wildcard characters directly and must
:: perform their own expansions. Since a2ps cannot handle wildcards that have
:: not been expanded, this batch program provides a rudimentary means by which
:: to expand the names before providing them to a2ps. Also, the output from
:: a2ps is a PostScript file, which is generally of little use when running
:: under Windows. Therefore, this program takes the next step of converting
:: the output from PostScript to PDF so it is accessible from programs such
:: as Adobe Reader.
:: Prerequisites:
:: -----
:: In order to use this program, you must install some third-party software.
:: Installation of such software is subject to the license agreements of each
:: package, which is almost certainly different than the license under which
:: this batch program is provided. The following programs are required:
:: * a2ps, which is available as part of the gnuwin32 suite of programs on
      SourceForge, but can be installed standalone
::
       (http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/a2ps.htm).
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:: * GhostScript, which has two distributions: AFPL or GNU license
    (http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/).
    * Optionally, you may wish to install a PostScript viewer, such as GSView
     which will allow you to preview pure PostScript files and convert or
      print them manually. GSView requires GhostScript and is available from
      from the GhostScript link above.
::
::
:: Usage:
:: ----
:: prettty pdf <output file.pdf> input files ...
:: * The output file must have a .pdf extension and may optionally include
     a full pathname.
    * One or more input file must be provided.
:: * Wildcard characters are acceptable in the input file listing (ex. *.c)
    * Executables for GhostScript and a2ps must be accessible directly from
. .
::
     the command line, so their binary folders must be in the PATH variable
::
      (see http://www.computerhope.com/issues/ch000549.htm for assistance).
::
:: Initialization
:: -----
SET EXITCODE=0
SETLOCAL ENABLEDELAYEDEXPANSION
SET USAGE=Usage: %0 {output_file.pdf} input_file1 [input_file2 ...]
:: Errorlevels
:: -----
SET EXIT NO OUTPUT FILE=1
SET EXIT OUTPUT FILE EXT=2
SET EXIT NO OUTPUT PATH=3
SET EXIT NO INPUT FILES=4
SET EXIT BAD INPUT FILES=5
SET EXIT PS EXISTS=6
SET EXIT GENERATE=7
SET EXIT PS MISSING=8
SET EXIT PDF EXISTS=9
SET EXIT CONVERT=10
SET EXIT PDF MISSING=11
:: -----
:: Validate output file
.. ______
IF () == (%~1) GOTO Error No_Output_File
IF NOT EXIST (%~dp1) GOTO Error No Output Path 2> NUL
IF NOT (.pdf) == (%~x1) GOTO Error Output File Ext
SET PS NAME="%~f1.ps"
SET PDF NAME="%~f1"
IF EXIST %PS NAME% GOTO Error PS Exists
IF EXIST %PDF NAME% GOTO Error PDF Exists
:: Validate input files
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IF () == (%*) GOTO Error No Input Files
SET INPUT FILES=
FOR /F \%\%\overline{f} in ('dir /l/b/-p \%*') DO SET INPUT_FILES=!INPUT FILES! "\%\%f"
IF NOT ERRORLEVEL 0 GOTO Error Bad Input Files
:: Use a2ps to create PostScript code listing
:: -----
:Generate
ECHO Generating temporary PostScript file...
a2ps %INPUT FILES% --medium=letter --toc -o %PS NAME%
IF NOT ERRORLEVEL 0 GOTO Error Generate
IF NOT EXIST %PS NAME% GOTO Error PS Missing
:: ------
:: Use GhostScript to convert PostScript to PDF
:: ------
:Convert
ECHO Generating PDF file %PDF NAME%...
qswin32c -dNOPAUSE -sDEVICE=pdfwrite -sOutputFile=%PDF NAME% -q %PS NAME% -c quit
IF NOT ERRORLEVEL 0 GOTO Error Convert
IF NOT EXIST %PDF NAME% GOTO Error PDF Missing
IF EXIST %PS NAME% DEL %PS NAME%
GOTO End
., ______
:: Error Conditions
:: ------
:Error No Output File
ECHO *** Error: No output file specified.
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT NO OUTPUT FILE%
GOTO End
:Error Output File Ext
ECHO *** Error: Output file extension must be ".pdf".
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT OUTPUT FILE EXT%
GOTO End
:Error No Output Path
ECHO *** Error: Output file path "%~dp1" does not exist.
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT NO OUTPUT PATH%
GOTO End
:Error No Input Files
ECHO *** Error: No input files provided.
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT NO INPUT FILES%
GOTO End
:Error Bad Input Files
ECHO *** Error: Input file list contains invalid item(s).
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT_BAD_INPUT_FILES%
GOTO End
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:Error PS Exists
ECHO *** Error: Cannot overwrite PostScript file %PS NAME%; remove it or use a
different output name.
ECHO %USAGE%
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT PS EXISTS%
GOTO End
:Error Generate
ECHO *** Error: A2PS returned an error.
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT GENERATE%
GOTO End
:Error PS Missing
ECHO *** Error: The PostScript file was not generated.
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT_PS_MISSING%
GOTO End
:Error PDF Exists
ECHO *** Error: Cannot overwrite PDF file %PDF_NAME%; remove it or use a different
output name.
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT PDF EXISTS%
GOTO End
:Error Convert
ECHO *** Error: GhostScript returned an error.
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT_CONVERT%
GOTO End
:Error PDF Missing
ECHO *** Error: The PDF file was not created.
SET EXITCODE=%EXIT_PDF_MISSING%
GOTO End
:: Clean up and exit
:: ------
:End
EXIT /B %EXITCODE%
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