

Review of C-Programming: C-Programming Basics (for Embedded Controller)

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Firmware programming example

- Example of firmware programming in C

#Define

Pointer

Typecasting

Enum

Structures

Bitwise

```
#ifndef __EC_GPIO_H
#define __EC_GPIO_H

#define INPUT 0x00
#define GPIOA ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOA_BASE)

typedef enum
{
    /*** Cortex-M4 Processor Exceptions Numbers ***/
    RCC_IRQn = 5,    /*!< RCC global Interrupt */
    EXTI0_IRQn = 6,  /*!< EXTI Line0 Interrupt */
    EXTI1_IRQn = 7,  /*!< EXTI Line1 Interrupt */
}

typedef struct
{
    __IO uint32_t MODER; /*!< GPIO port mode register, Address offset: 0x00 */
    __IO uint32_t OTYPER; /*!< GPIO port output type register, Address offset: 0x04 */
    __IO uint32_t ODR; /*!< GPIO port output data register, Address offset: 0x14 */
} GPIO_TypeDef;

// GPIO Mode : Input(00), Output(01), AlterFunc(10), Analog(11, reset)
void GPIO_mode(GPIO_TypeDef* Port, int pin, int mode) {
    Port->MODER &= ~(3UL << (2 * pin));
    Port->MODER |= mode << (2 * pin);
}
```

Firmware programming

● We will concentrate on :

- 1) [Structure and Enum](#)
- 2) [Pointer](#) and Pointer typecasting
- 3) [Bitwise operation](#)

For assignment, you have to submit all the exercises in each topic.

Part 1: Structure and Enum

1) Study on [Structure and Enum](#)

2) Do Exercises.

3) Submit Assignment

Part 2: Pointer and Pointer Type Casting

- 1) Study on [Pointer](#) and Pointer typecasting
- 2) Do Exercises.
- 3) Submit Assignment

Part 3: Bitwise Operation

1) Study on [Bitwise operation](#)

2) Do Exercises.

3) Submit Assignment

Additional Notes on Firmware Programming

Notes on Firmware Programming

C-language has a lot of "built-in" functions

- Definition included in *header files* `#include<header_file.h>`
- You can use these functions on MCUs
- But not all can be used directly . e.g. "printf()"

Compiling process

- Compiler translates C code into assembly code
- Assembler (e.g. built into uVision5) translates assembly code into object code
- Object code runs on machine

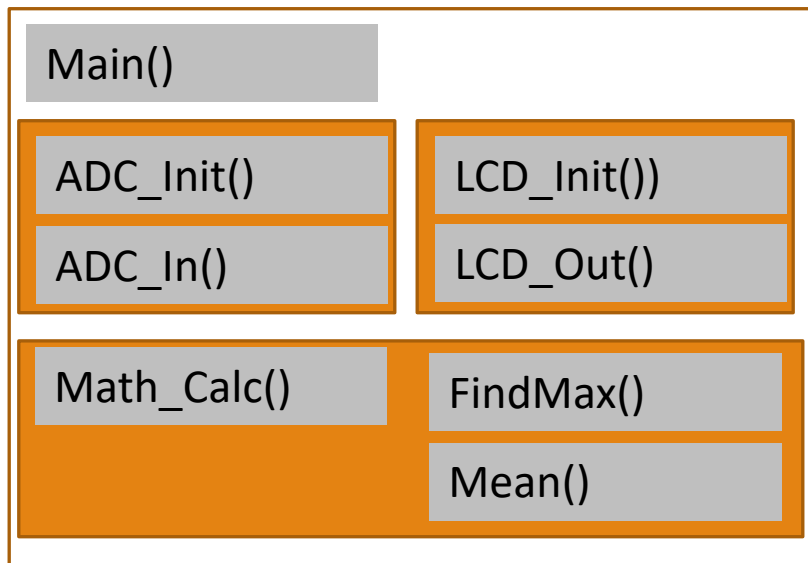
Special function called *main ()*

- Reset vector at ROM location 4 => PC
- Initializes global variables
- At reset of MCU, it jumps to main

Notes on Firmware Programming

● TIP: Write structured Programs

- Draw Flowchart and analyze how the process work
- Divide a SW project into tasks
 - Easier to understand
 - Increase number of modules
 - Decrease the interdependency
- Divide a SW task into Modules
 - Easy to Debug/Understand
 - **Reusable and portable**

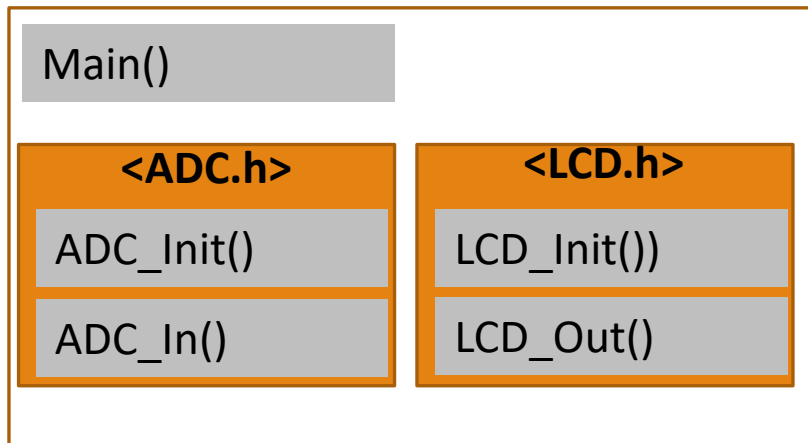


```
unit32_t MaxVoltage=0;
int main()
{
    // other initialization
    ADC_Init();
    LCD_Init();
    while(1) {
        ADC_In(...);
        Math_Calc(...);
        // other subtask
        LCD_Out(MaxVoltage);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Notes on Firmware Programming

● TIP: Define Functions in Header file

- Grouping tasks in similar functions
 - Reusable and portable
 - Easy to Debug/Understand
- Header file (*.h)
 - Declaration of Functions
 - Constant, Variables, Class
- Header definition file (*.c)
 - Definition of Functions



```
#include <ADC.h>
#include <LCD.h>

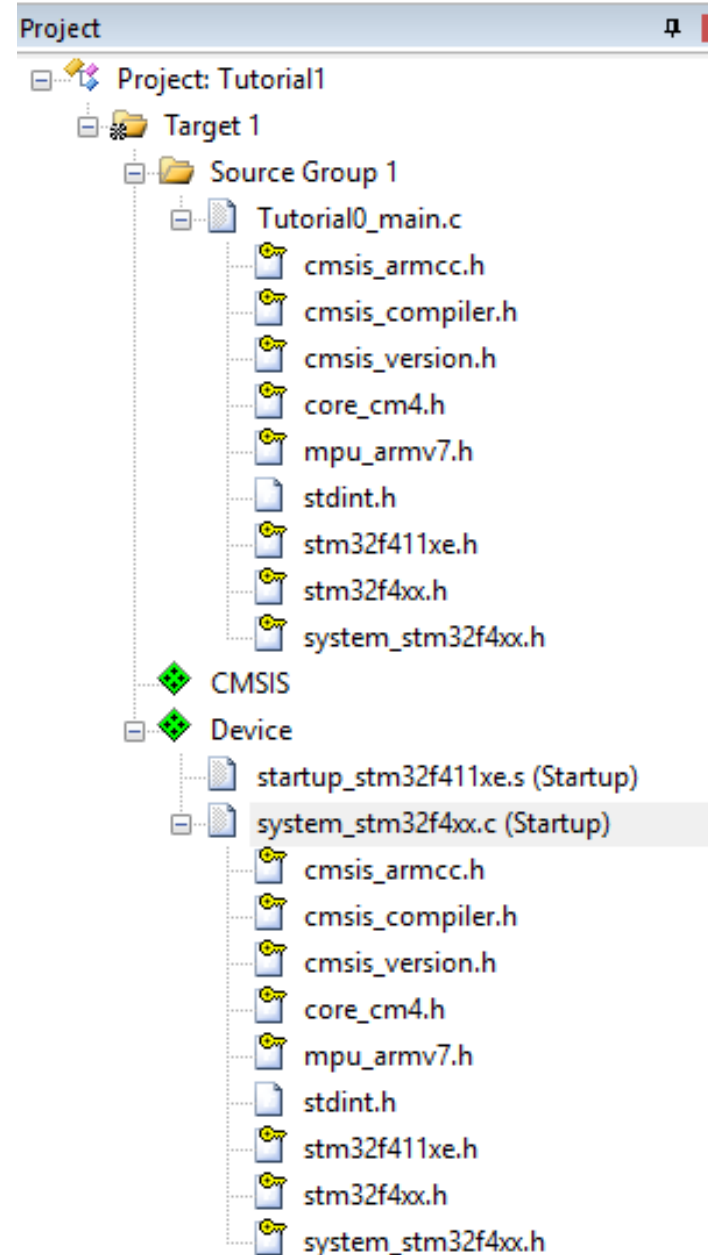
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- **TIP: Define Functions in Header file**

Header files in MCU programming

- A typical project will include
 - Standard lib of 'C' (C99)
 - STM libraries
 - ARM(CMSIS) libraries
 - User defined Memory mapped I/O
 - etc



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TIP: Define Functions in Header file

- Create a header file (*.h) and declare function in the header
- Create the definition file for the header (*.c) and define functions

```
#include <stdlib.h>           // standard library ( malloc, calloc, free, system, etc )
#include <stdio.h>           // standard input/output (scanf, puts, printf, etc)
#include "../Library/EC_HAL.h"
```

User defined header EC_HAL.h

```
void main()
{
    float x[20] = { 0 };
    float y[20] = { 0 };
    float out[20] = { 0 };
    float out_dotProduct = 0;
    int vecLength = 0;

    ...
    ...

    addVector(x, y, out, vecLength);

    printVec(out, vecLength);
    system("pause");
}
```

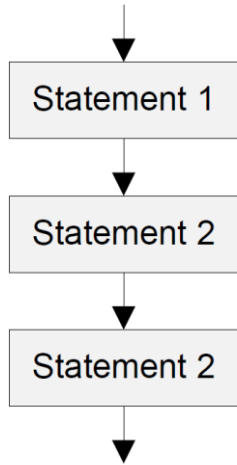
EC_HAL.c

```
#include "EC_HAL.h"

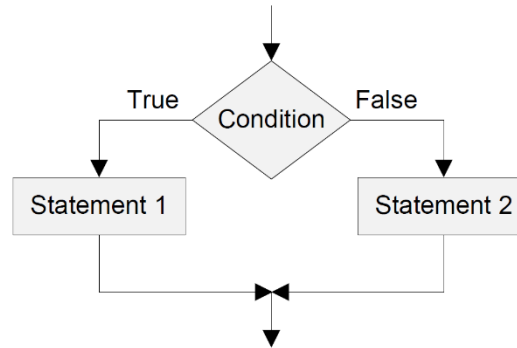
void addVector(float _src1[], float _src2[], float _dst[], int _vecLength) {
    for (int i = 0; i < _vecLength; i++)
        _dst[i] = _src1[i] + _src2[i];
}
```

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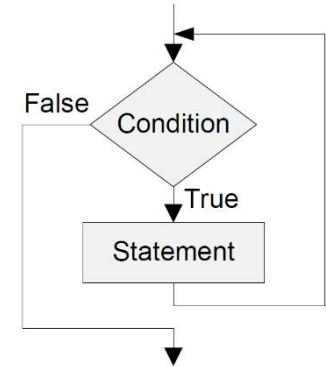
- TIP: Design your algorithm with Flow Chart



Sequence Structure

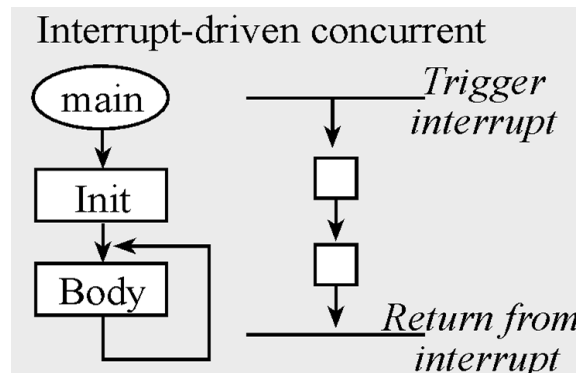


Conditional Structure



Loop Structure

Interrupt Structure

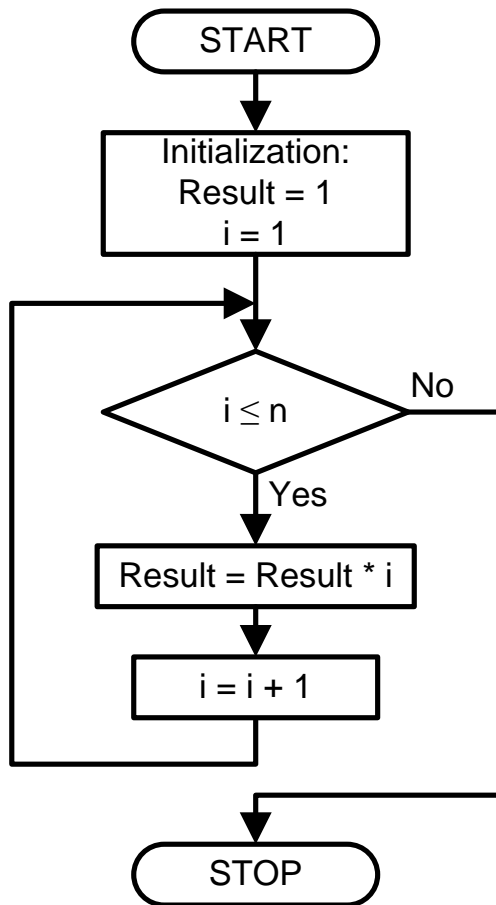


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TIP: Design your algorithm with Flow Chart

Example: Factorial Numbers

$$n! = \prod_{i=1}^n i = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \cdots \times 2 \times 1$$



C Program

```
int main(void) {  
    int result, n, i;  
    result = 1;  
    n = 5;  
    for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
        result = result * i;  
  
    while(1);  
}
```

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- TIP: use specific variable type
 - `int32_t` or `unsigned int32_t` instead of `int`
 - `uint8_t` for flag

Integer: C99 defined in <stdint.h>

C99	Data Type	Data Size (bits)	Data Range
<code>int8_t</code> <code>uint8_t</code>	Char unsigned char	8	-128 - 127(signed) 0 - 255(unsigned)
<code>int32_t</code> <code>uint32_t</code>	int/long int unsigned int	32	-2,147,483,648 - 2,147,483,647(signed) 0 ~ 4,294,967,296(unsigned)
<code>int16_t</code> <code>uint16_t</code>	short int unsigned short int	16	-32,768 - 32,767(signed) 0 ~ 65,536(unsigned)
<code>int64_t</code> <code>uint64_t</code>	long long int unsigned long long int	64	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 ~ 9,223,372,036,854,775,807(signed) 0 ~ 18,446,744,073,709,551,616

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● TIP: General Guidelines for Naming conventions

- Make variable names to be easy to understand and consistent
- Some helpful guidelines
 - Name should have meaning
 - Use capital letters to delimit words: maxTemp
 - Avoid ambiguities. e.g. temp
 - Give hints about the type
 - e.g. Pointer variable: dataPt, timePt, ..
 - e.g. Global var: VoltageIn
 - e.g. Local var: voltageIn
 - Use Prefix to identify public objects
 - e.g. 'underline char' for Public objects: LCD_Init
 - All capital letter for global and constant variables such as I/O port address

Object type	Names
Constants	GPIOA_PIN0
Local Variables	maxTemp, minVoltage
Private Global variables	MaxTemp, MinVoltage
Public global variable	ADC_MaxTemp, DAC_MinVoltage
Private function	ClearTime(), InChar()
Public function	Timer_ClearTime(), LED_Init()

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● TIP: Comments can help in understanding the SW

- Write concise comments
- It is recommended to write a separate document file to explain the functions or your library
- Beginning of every file
 - File name, purpose , hardware, programmer, date, copyright etc.
- Beginning of every function
 - Function purpose, Input/output parameters, special conditions etc

```
/**
*****
* @authorSSSLAB
* @Mod2021-8-12 by YKKIM
* @briefEmbedded Controller: EC_HAL_for_student_exercise
*
*****
*/

#include "ecGPIO.h"

/* Timer Configuration */
void TIM_init(TIM_TypeDef* timerx, uint32_t msec) {
    // 1. Enable Timer CLOCK
    if (timerx == TIM1) RCC->APB2ENR |= RCC_APB2ENR_TIM1EN;
    ...
}
```

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● TIP: Preprocessor and Macro

- What is preprocessor?
 - not a part of the compiler, a separate step in the compilation process
 - a text substitution tool and it instructs the compiler to do required pre-processing before the actual compilation
 - **can create a macro**
- Examples of preprocessor
 - #include
 - #define
 - #ifdef #if #elif #else #endif

```
#define PERIPH_BASE      0x40000000UL    /*!< Peripheral base address in the alias region */
```

Header file

```
// stm32f4xx.h  
  
#ifndef __STM32F4xx_H  
#define __STM32F4xx_H  
...  
#endif /* __STM32F4xx_H */
```

Macro

```
// macro  
#define SET_BIT(REG, BIT)    ((REG) |= (BIT))  
#define CLEAR_BIT(REG, BIT) ((REG) &= ~(BIT))  
#define READ_BIT(REG, BIT)  ((REG) & (BIT))
```

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● TIP: Volatile keyword

- **Volatile:** Do not do compiler optimization
 - that can change in ways that **cannot be determined by the compiler**
 - allows the variables to be changed from outside the program

```
volatile uint8_t variable;  
// uint8_t volatile variable;  
  
volatile uint8_t * variable;  
  
uint8_t volatile * variable;
```

- Examples of declaring as volatile:
 - 1) Global variables modified by interrupt service routine (ISR)
 - 2) Global variables within a multi-threaded application / RTOS
 - 3) Memory-mapped I/O register variables

```
#define PORTB (*(volatile uint8_t*)(0x18 + 0x20))
```

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- Example of 'volatile'

```
uint16_t x;  
  
void main(void)  
{  
    x=10;  
    x=30;  
}
```

Optimized:

The compiler ignores 'x=10' to reduce codes

Not Optimized:

The compiler creates machine code for both 'x=10' and 'x=30'

Example : Interrupt variables

```
static int power;  
void Power_ON_OFF()  
{  
    power = 0;  
    while(power!=1);  
}
```

After optimization
-> makes it inf loop



```
void Power_ON_OFF()  
{  
    power = 0;  
  
    while(true);  
}
```

But we may change 'power' by interrupt
→ Declare it as '*volatile static int power;*'

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● TIP: Static keyword

- Allocated memory in Data Segment (NOT Stack Segment)
- Local static: preserving their value even after they are out of their scope
- Global static: global variables but CANNOT be accessed by other files (as extern)

```
int fun(){
    static int count = 0;
    count++;
    return count;
}

int main(){
    printf("%d ", fun());
    printf("%d ", fun());
    return 0;
}
```

Output: 1 2

```
int fun(){
    int count = 0;
    count++;
    return count;
}

int main(){
    printf("%d ", fun());
    printf("%d ", fun());
    return 0;
}
```

Output: 1 1

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● TIP: Extern keyword

- Extern variables is declared as global variable which **CAN be** accessed in other source files
- Should be defined only once, but can be declared number of times

extern uint32_t var ← declared but not defined (no memory allocated)

extern uint32_t var=0; ← declared & defined (memory allocated)

```
// system_Stm32f4xx.h
extern uint32_t SystemCoreClock;    /*!< System Clock Frequency (Core Clock) */
```

No error:
Declared only

```
int var;
int main(void)
{
    var = 10;
    return 0;
}
```

Compilation error:
Not defined

```
extern int var;
int main(void)
{
    var = 10;
    return 0;
}
```

No error:
Defined

```
extern int var = 0;
int main(void)
{
    var = 10;
    return 0;
}
```

No error:
If defined in a file in the project

```
#include "somefile.h"
extern int var;
int main(void)
{
    var = 10;
    return 0;
}

-----

// "somefile.h"
extern int var=1;
```