

Instrumentation and Microcontrollers using Automatic Code Generation

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Class Purpose

- Redesign the classic first course in microcontrollers to use Simulink, and automatic code generation to program microcontrollers.
- Open the world of microcontrollers to all fields of study.
 - Open to students of all technical disciplines
 - Target non-Computer Engineering students
- Teach students the basic skills for using microcontrollers and also give them some practical applications like data collection, reading sensors, and generating physical outputs.





General Topics

- Electronics (Useful Circuits)
- Sensors
- Logic
- Number Systems and Data Types
- ADC and DAC
- Communication Ports
- Programming Methods





List of Laboratories

- Hello World!
- Counters, Digital Input, Stateflow, Truth Tables
- Analog Input, Sensors, Triggered Subsystems, and Lookup Tables
- Analog Output (PWM)
- Serial Communication
- S-Functions, Drivers, and Intelligent Sensors (I2C)





List of Laboratories

- Memory structures and memory types

 MATLAB structures (RAM)
 EEPROM (s-function)
- Collecting data using serial communication with MATLAB.
- Collecting data using an SD card (SPI bus)
- Motors
 - Stepper
 - DC Motor
 - Servo Motor

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Course Format

- Two Credit Laboratory Course
- Elective
- Three 2-hour labs
- Hands-on Laboratory



- Students required to demonstrate all programs.
- No exams
- Lot's of work
- All work done on breadboard.
- Use breakout boards for the external circuits:
 - Temp sensor, RTC, SD card reader, accelerometer.

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Parts List

- Arduino Mega 2560 R3 (\$60)
- DC Motor, Servo Motor, Stepper Motor
- Serial port (\$15)
- Serial Enabled LCD Display (\$25)
- BMP085 Pressure/Temp Sensor (I2C) (\$10)
- TC74 Temperature Sensor (I2C) (\$1.50)
- RTC Clock Module (I2C) (\$15)
- MicroSD Card reader and SD Card (SPI) (\$15)
- Lamps (LED, incandescent), wire kit, breadboard
- Capacitors, thermistor, BJT
- Pushbuttons, potentiometers, resistors
- Stepper motor driver IC (L293)





Counters



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- Ring Counter
- Up/Down Counter
- Variable Speed Counter
- Voltmeter
- Logic
 - Simulink Counter
 - Stateflow Counter
 - Memory Block Counter
 - Basic Logic Blocks
 - Truth Table Decoder



Truth Tables

A Block: LAB2_Project6/Truth Table

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1	Count is zero.	Count==0	Т	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	-	
2	Count is one.	Count==1	F	Т	F	F	F	F	F	F	-	
3	Count is two.	Count==2	F	F	Т	F	F	F	F	F	-	
4	Count is three.	Count==3	F	F	F	Т	F	F	F	F	-	
5	Count is four.	Count==4	F	F	F	F	Т	F	F	F	-	
6	Count is five.	Count==5	F	F	F	F	F	Т	F	F	-	
7	Count is six.	Count==6	F	F	F	F	F	F	Т	F	-	
8	Count is seven.	Count==7	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	Т	-	
		Actions: Specify a row from the Action Table	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	

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#	Description	Action					
1	Light up bit 0.	Bit0=1;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
2	Light up Bit 1.	Bit0=0;Bit1=1;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
3	Light up Bit 2.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=1;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
4	Light up Bit 3.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=1;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
5	Light up Bit 4.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=1;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
6	Light up Bit 5.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=1;Bit6=0;Bit7=0;					
7	Light up Bit 6.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=1;Bit7=0;					
8	Light up Bit 7.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=1;					
8	Light up Bit 7.	Bit0=0;Bit1=0;Bit2=0;Bit3=0;Bit4=0;Bit5=0;Bit6=0;Bit7=1;					



Lookup Tables Integrators, Data Type Conversion, State Machines





Chart





State Machine Logic



Triggered Subsystems







I2C Temperature Sensor



MATLAB Functions



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1 E	function Output_String = sprintf(Number_In)									
2 E	% This block supports an embeddable subset of the MATLAB language.									
3	-% See the help menu for details.									
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5	%% Allocate Storage									
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7 -	<pre>lenMax = 32; % Maximum string length including null padding.</pre>									
8 -	<pre>data_array = ones(1,lenMax, 'uint8').*32;</pre>									
9 -	Output String = ones(lenMax,1, 'uint8').*32;									
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12 -	coder.ceval('sprintl',coder.wref(data_array),coder.opaque('const char *', "The temperature is: %4.1f F. "'),Number_In);									
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14 -	data_array(data_array==0)=32;									
15 -	Output_String=data_array(1:lenMax);									
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Drinking Bird Controller







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Music Player







Software Requirements

- MATLAB and Simulink Student Suite
 - MATLAB
 - Simulink
 - Control System Toolbox
 - Signal Processing Toolbox
- Additional tools
 - Stateflow
 - Arduino Support Package







Lessons Learned

- Non-computer engineers can get a quick start easily.
 - Tool chain is simple
 - Communication with target is simple
- Using Simulink to program an Arduino has a much easier learning curve than using C.
 - Programming basic functions, complex look-up tables, and state machines are greatly simplified.
- Students can quickly get to the point where they can implement non-trivial algorithms on a microcontroller with a high degree of functionality.
 - Non-computer engineers would have difficulty getting to this point if they were using C.





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