
Timer2 Interrupts

Examples

ECE 376 Embedded Systems

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Examples of Timer2 Interrupts:

Once you can keep track of time, there's lots of things you can do. A short list is:

- Build a better wait routine
 - Build a stopwatch that's accurate to 0.0001 second (N=1,000)
 - Generate musical notes
 - Drive a stepper motor (step every 20ms)
 - Vary the light output (pulse width modulation)
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Better Wait Routine:

- Wait X milliseconds (precisely)

Set up Timer2 for 1ms (a nice round number)

- N = 10,000 (1ms)
 - A = 10, B = 250, C = 4

T2CON	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0x4D	-	A3	A2	A1	A0	TMR2ON	C1	C0
	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
	A = 10 (9 + 1)						C = 4	

Binary Clock

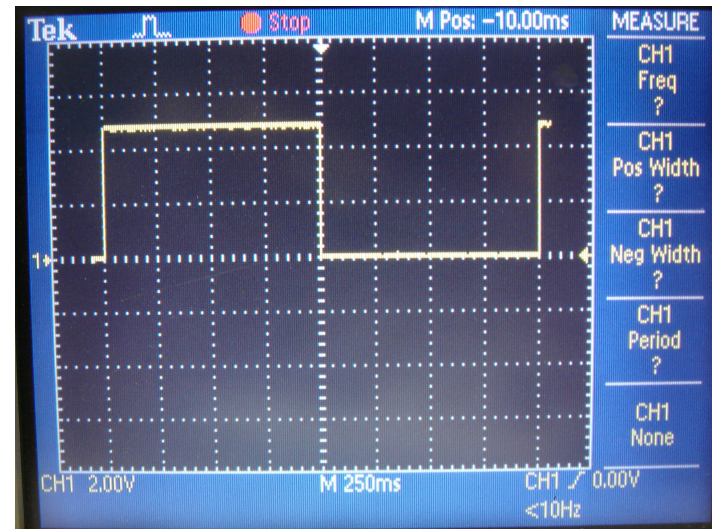
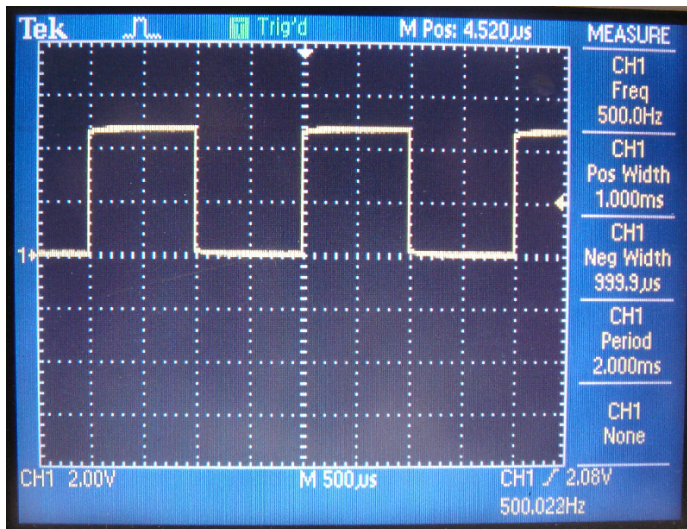
- $N = 10,000$ (1ms)

Interrupt Service Routine

```
void interrupt IS(void)
{
    RA1 = !RA1;
    if(DELAY) DELAY -= 1;
}
```

Main Routine

```
while(1) {
    RA2 = !RA2;
    while(DELAY);
    DELAY = 1000;
    TIME = TIME + 1;
    LCD_Move(1, 0);
    LCD_Out(TIME, 3, 0);
}
```



Build a Stopwatch

- Accurate to 0.0001 second
- 100x better resolution than the Olympics

Functions:

- RB0: Start
- RB1: Stop
- RB2: Clear

$N = 1,000$

- $A = 1, B = 250, C = 4$

T2CON 0x05	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	A3	A2	A1	A0	TMR2ON	C1	C0	
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
	A = 1 (0 + 1)						C = 4	

- $PR2 = 249$
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Stopwatch: Interrupt Service Routine

- RA0: Interrupts every 100us
 - RA0 = 5000Hz
 - RA1 = 2500Hz
 - RA2 = 1250Hz

```
nsigned int TIME;  
unsigned char RUN;
```

```
// Subroutines  
#include "LCD_PortD.C"
```

```
void interrupt IntServe(void)  
{  
    if (TMR2IF) {  
        PORTA += 1;  
        if (RB1) RUN = 1;  
        if (RB0) RUN = 0;  
        if (RB2) TIME = 0;  
        if (RUN) TIME += 1;  
        TMR2IF = 0;  
    }  
}
```



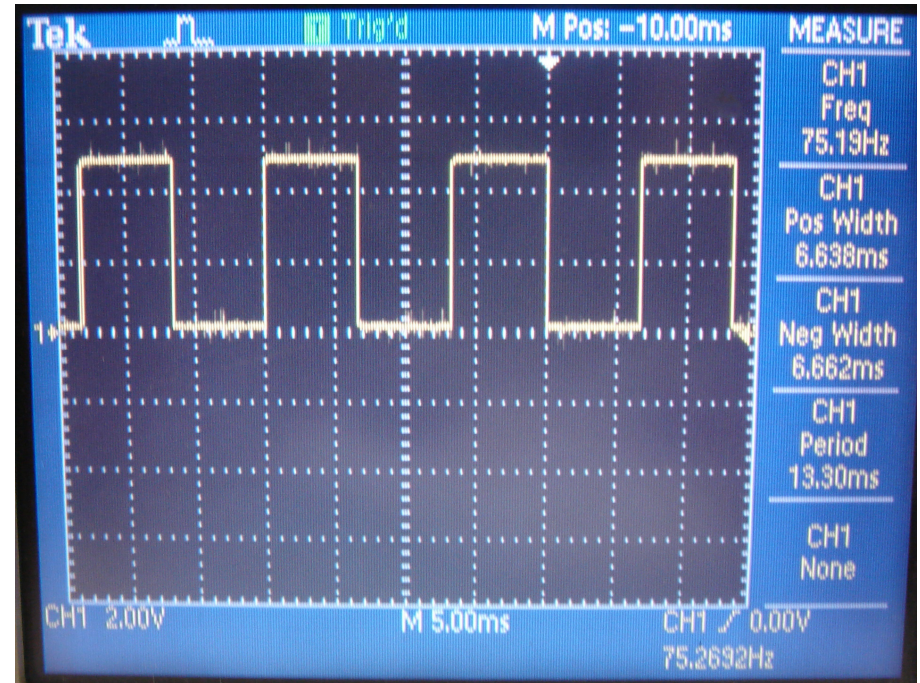
Stopwatch: Main Routine

- The main routine only displays whatever the current time is.
 - RC0: Loop time = 6.638ms
 - Doesn't tell you much...
- The interrupt does all the work.

```
// initialize Timer2 for 1ms
PR2 = 249;
T2CON = 0x4D;
TMR2IE = 1;
PEIE = 1;
TMR2IP = 1;

TIME = 0;
RUN = 0;
GIE = 1;

while(1) {
    RC0 = !RC0;
    LCD_Move(1,0);
    LCD_Out(TIME, 5, 3);
}
}
```





LCD Display of Time, Accurate to 0.0001s (one interrupt)

Build a 3-Key piano:

- You can change the condition of the interrupt (N)
- Example: 3-key piano

$$N = \left(\frac{10,000,000}{2 \cdot Hz} \right)$$

Interrupt:

```
void interrupt IS(void)
{
    if (TMR2IF) {
        if (PORTB) RA1 = !RA1;
        else RA1 = 0;
        TMR2IF = 0;
    }
}
```

Main Routine

```
while(1) {
    if (RB0) PR2 = 236;
    if (RB1) PR2 = 210;
    if (RB2) PR2 = 198;
};
```

Note	A4	B4	C5
Hz	440	493.88	523.25
N	11,363.64	10,123.92	9,555.66
A	12	12	12
B	236.74	210.91	199.08
C	4	4	4

3-Key Piano: Result

440.00 Hz



493.88 Hz



523.25 Hz



Stepper Motor:

Step every 20ms (200,000 clocks)

- Step every 100th interrupt
- $N = 2,000$
- $A = 10, B = 200, C = 1$

T2CON 0x4C	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	A3	A2	A1	A0	TMR2ON	C1	C0	
0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	
	A = 10 (9 + 1)					C = 1		

Stepper Motor

Let interrupts do the work

Interrupt Service Routine

Main Routine

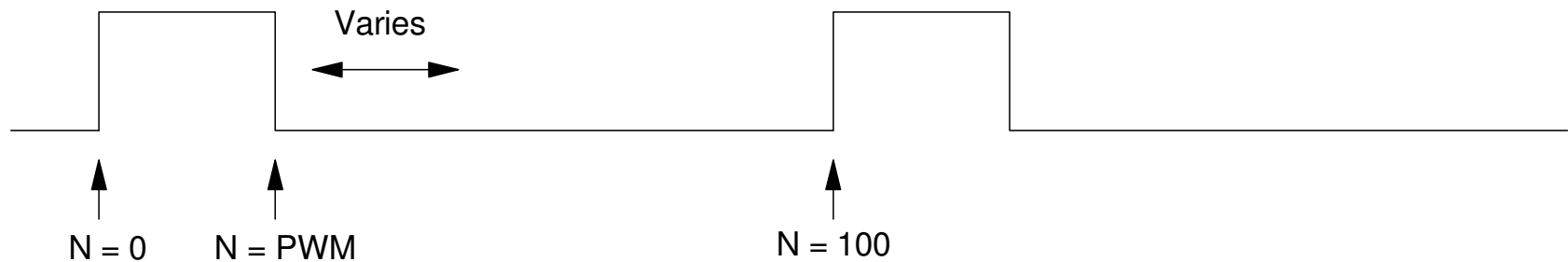
```
void interrupt IS(void)
{
    N = (N + 1) % 100;
    if(N == 0) {
        STEP += 1;
        PORTC = TABLE[STEP % 4];
        RA1 = !RA1;
    }
    TMR2IF = 0;
}
```

```
while(1) {
    LCD_Move(0, 8);
    LCD_Write(STEP, 5, 0);
}
```

Pulse Width Modulation

- A way to make a binary output look like an analog output
- Allow you to output any color on a Piranha RGB LED

Vary the on-time from 0% (PWM = 0) to 100% (PWM = 64)



Pulse Width Modulation

- Set $N = 200$
 - $A = 1, B = 200, C = 1$

Interrupt Service Routine

```
void interrupt IS(void)
{
    N = (N + 1) % 64;
    if(N < PWM) PORTC = 0x3F;
    else PORTC = 0;

    if(N == 0) RA1 = !RA1;

    TMR2IF = 0;
}
```

Main Routine

```
while(1) {
    if(RB0) PWM = 0;
    if(RB1) PWM = 9;
    if(RB2) PWM = 18;
    if(RB3) PWM = 27;
    if(RB4) PWM = 36;
    if(RB5) PWM = 45;
    if(RB6) PWM = 54;
    if(RB7) PWM = 64;

    LCD_Move(1, 0);
    LCD_Write(PWM, 3, 0);
}
```

PWM Validation:

Frequency on RA1

$$N = 200 * 64 = 12,800$$

$$f = (10,000,000) / 2N$$

$$f = 390.625\text{Hz}$$



Voltage on PORTC

RB7: 4.55V

RB6: 3.84V

RB5: 3.20V

RB4: 2.56V

RB3: 1.92V

RB2: 1.28V

RB1: 0.64V

RB0: 0.00V

Summary

With Timer2 Interrupts, the PIC processor can do two things at the same time

Interrupt:

- Measure time
 - Resolution = 1ms (N = 10,000),
 - Resolution = 0.1ms (N = 1,000), or
- Output a frequency
 - $N = \left(\frac{10,000,000}{2 \cdot Hz} \right)$

Main Routine:

- Drive the LCD display, read the buttons, etc. in the main routine

Communication with the main routine is through global variables
