
Timer 0/1/2/3 Interrupts

ECE 376 Embedded Systems

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Timer 0/1/2/3 Interrupts

With a single processor, you can only do one thing at a time:

- You can drive the LCD display, or
- You can measure time, or
- You can output a precise frequency.

With Timer2 interrupts, you can now do two things at the same time:

- One using the Timer2 interrupt (measure time or output a precise frequency), and
- One using the main routine (drive the LCD display, read the buttons, etc.)

With Timer0/1/2/3 interrupts, you can do five things at the same time.

- It can get confusing, but if you can figure out interrupts, they make some problems a *lot* easier to solve
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Timer 0/1/2/3 Set Up

To get each interrupt to run, you need to

- Set the condition of the interrupt (input, N),
- Enable the interrupt, &
- Acknowledge the interrupt (clear flag) when done

Interrupt	Description	Input	Conditions	Enable	Flag
Timer 0	Trigger after N events N = 1 .. 2 ²⁴ 100ns to 1.67 sec	RA4: TOCS = 1 OSC/4: TOCS = 0	N = (PS)(Y) T0CON = 0x88: PS = 1 T0CON = 0x87: PS = 256 TMR0 = -Y	TMR0ON = 1 TMR0IE = 1 TMR0IP = 1 PEIE = 1	TMR0IF
Timer 1	Trigger after N events N = 1 .. 2 ¹⁹ 100ns to 0.52 sec	RC0 TMR1CS = 1 OSC/4 TMR1CS = 0	N = (PS)(Y) T1CON = 0x81: PS = 1 T1CON = 0xB1: PS = 8 TMR1 = -Y	TMR1ON = 1 TMR1IE = 1 TMR1IP = 1 PEIE = 1	TMR1IF
Timer2	Interupt every N clocks N = 1 .. 65,535 100ns to 6.55ms	OSC/4	N = A * B * C A = 1..16 (T2CON 3:6) B = 1..256 (PR2) C = 1, 4, 16 (T2CON 0:1)	T2E = 1 TMR2IE = 1 PEIE = 1	TMR2IF
Timer 3	Trigger after N events N = 1 .. 219 100ns to 0.52 sec	RC1 TMR3CS = 1 OSC/4 TMR3CS = 0	N = (PS)(Y) T3CON = 0x81: PS = 1 T3CON = 0xB1: PS = 8 TMR3 = -Y	TMR3ON = 1 TMR3IE = 1 TMR3IP = 1 PEIE = 1	TMR3IF

Chords (Chord.c)

Do five things at the same time:

- Play note A3/B3/C4 on RC0
- Play note C4/D4/E4 on RC1
- Play note E4/F4/G4 on RC2,
- Monitor the push buttons every 1ms, and
- Display the note being played on the LCD display.

Step #1: Assign interrupts and what note you play on the output pin

	Interrupt	Timer0	Timer1	Timer3	Timer2
	Output Pin	RC0	RC1	RC2	-
Button Pressed	RB0	A3	C4	E4	monitor PORTB T = 1ms
	RB1	B3	D4	F4	
	RB2	C4	E4	G4	

Step 2: Determine N (# clocks between interrupts)

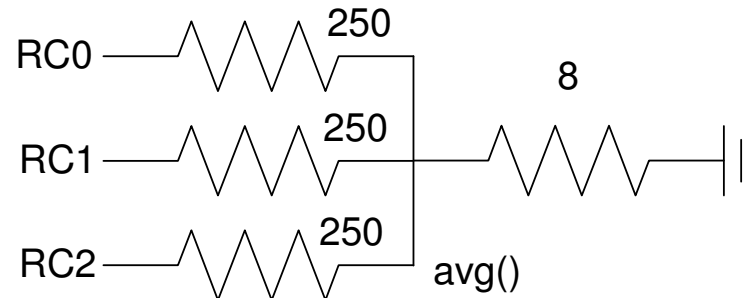
	A3	B3	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	A4
Hz	220	246.94	261.63	293.66	329.63	349.23	392	440
N	22,727.27	20,247.83	19,110.96	17,026.49	15,168.52	14,317.21	12,755.1	11,363.64

Timer2: $N = 10,000$

- $A = 10, B = 250, C = 4$

Step 3 Hardware: Send three different notes to one (or more) speakers

- Limit the current to 20mA



Step 4: Software

Global Variables

```
// Global Variables

const unsigned char MSG0[21] = "Chord.C           ";
const unsigned char MSG1[21] = "Timer 0/1/2/3       ";

const unsigned int  A3 = 22727;
const unsigned int  B3 = 20247;
const unsigned int  C4 = 19110;
const unsigned int  D4 = 17026;
const unsigned int  E4 = 15168;
const unsigned int  F4 = 14317;
const unsigned int  G4 = 12755;
const unsigned int  A4 = 11363;

unsigned int N0, N1, N3;
```

Interrupt Service Routines

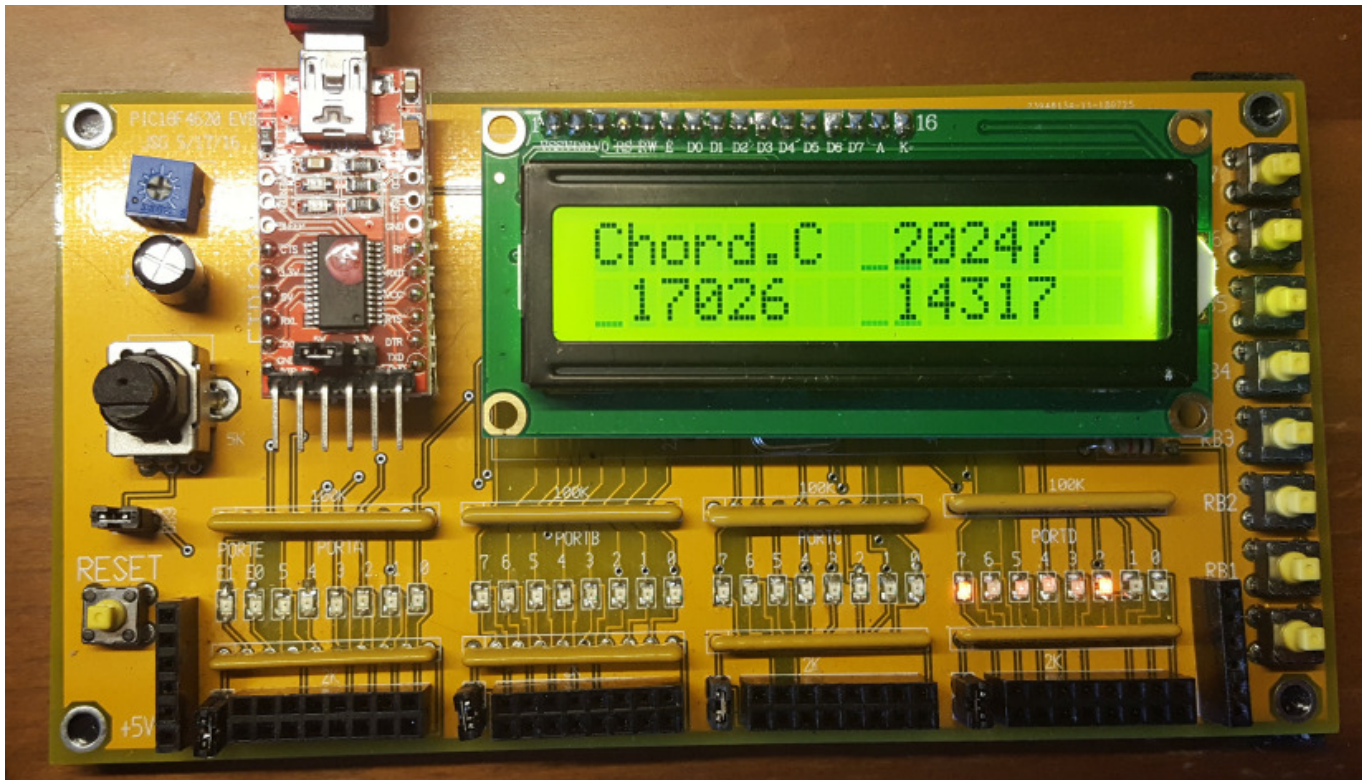
```
// Interrupt Service Routine
void interrupt IntServe(void)
{
    if (TMR0IF) {
        TMR0 = -N0;
        if (PORTB) RC0 = !RC0;
        TMR0IF = 0;
    }
    if (TMR1IF) {
        TMR1 = -N1;
        if (PORTB) RC1 = !RC1;
        TMR1IF = 0;
    }
    if (TMR2IF) {
        if (RB0) { N0 = A3;  N1 = C4;  N3 = E4; }
        if (RB1) { N0 = B3;  N1 = D4;  N3 = F4; }
        if (RB2) { N0 = C4;  N1 = E4;  N3 = G4; }
        if (RB3) { N0 = D4;  N1 = F4;  N3 = A4; }
        TMR2IF = 0;
    }
    if (TMR3IF) {
        TMR3 = -N3;
        if (PORTB) RC2 = !RC2;
        TMR3IF = 0;
    }
}
```

Main Routine: Enable all four interrupts

```
// set up Timer0 for PS = 1
T0CON = 0x88;
T0CS = 0;
TMR0ON = 1;
TMR0IE = 1;
TMR0IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
// set up Timer1 for PS = 1
T1CON = 0x81;
TMR1CS = 0;
TMR1ON = 1;
TMR1IE = 1;
TMR1IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
// set up Timer2 for 1ms
T2CON = 0x4D;
PR2    = 249;
TMR2ON = 1;
TMR2IE = 1;
TMR2IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
// set up Timer3 for PS = 1
T3CON = 0x81;
TMR3CS = 0;
TMR3ON = 1;
TMR3IE = 1;
TMR3IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
```

Main Routine: Display the note being played

```
while(1) {  
    LCD_Move(0, 9);    LCD_Out(N0, 4);  
    LCD_Move(1, 0);   LCD_Out(N1, 4);  
    LCD_Move(1, 9);   LCD_Out(N3, 4);  
}
```



Quad Copter Motor Controller (Quad.C)

Interrupts can change the condition of other inter

Example: Quad Copter controller.

Hardware:

- Blue Wires: Motor A,B,C
- Power (black / red wires):
 - Red = +6 to +12V DC, capable of 1A
 - Black = ground
- Signal: (3-wire black / red / white)
 - Black: ground
 - Red: +5V
 - White: Signal:
 - 0.9ms to 2.0ms pulse @ 50Hz



Software: Generate a 50Hz, 0.9ms to 2.0ms 0V/5V pulse

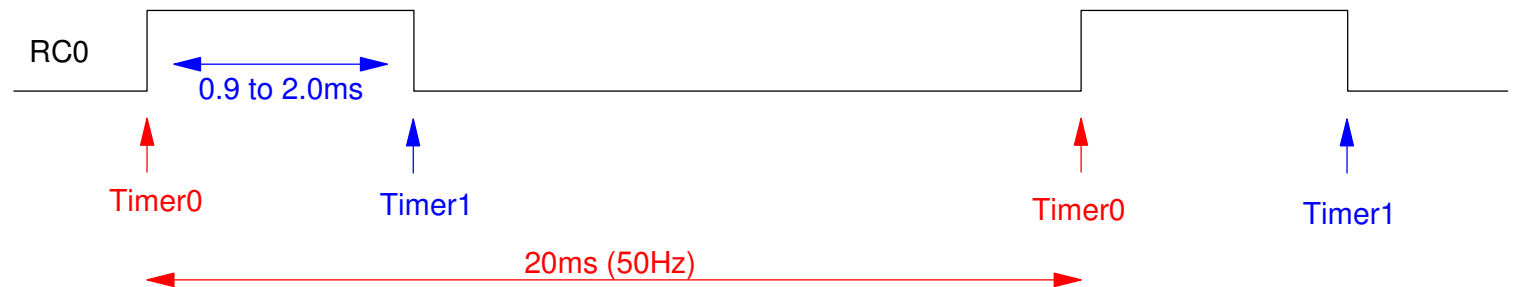
- The white signal wire is TTL logic levels (0 / 5V)
- The frequency of the pulse should be 50Hz
- The pulse width determines the motor speed
 - 0.9ms = Idle & power on
 - 1.2ms = Slow
 - 2.0ms = Fast

Timer0:

- Triggered ever 20ms
- Sets RC0
- Sets up Timer1 interrupt, 0.9ms to 1.2ms later

Timer1:

- Clears RC0



Coding

Timer0 (PS = 4)

```
if (TMR0IF) {  
    TMR0 = -50000;  
    TMR1 = -N;  
    T0 += 1;  
    RCO = 1;  
    TMR1IF = 0;  
}
```

Timer1 (PS = 1)

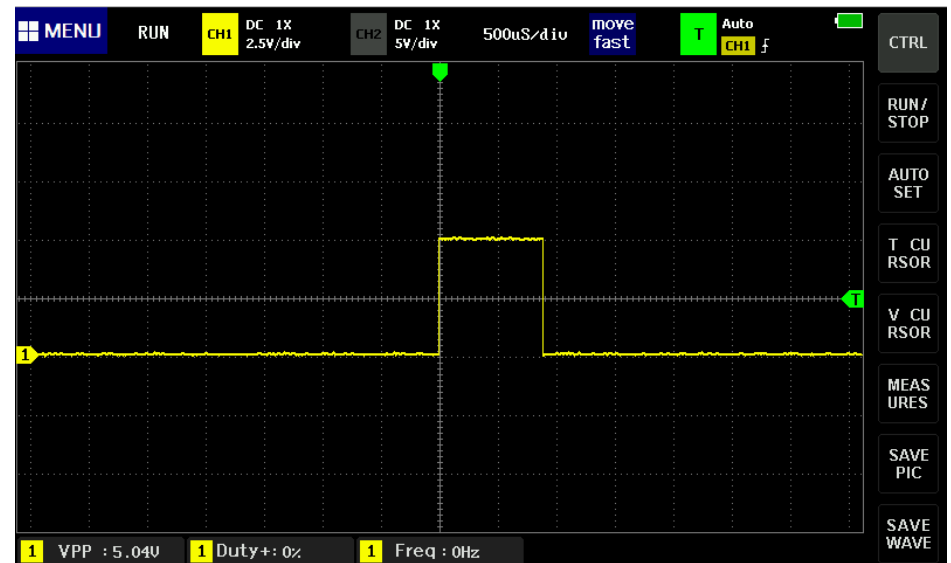
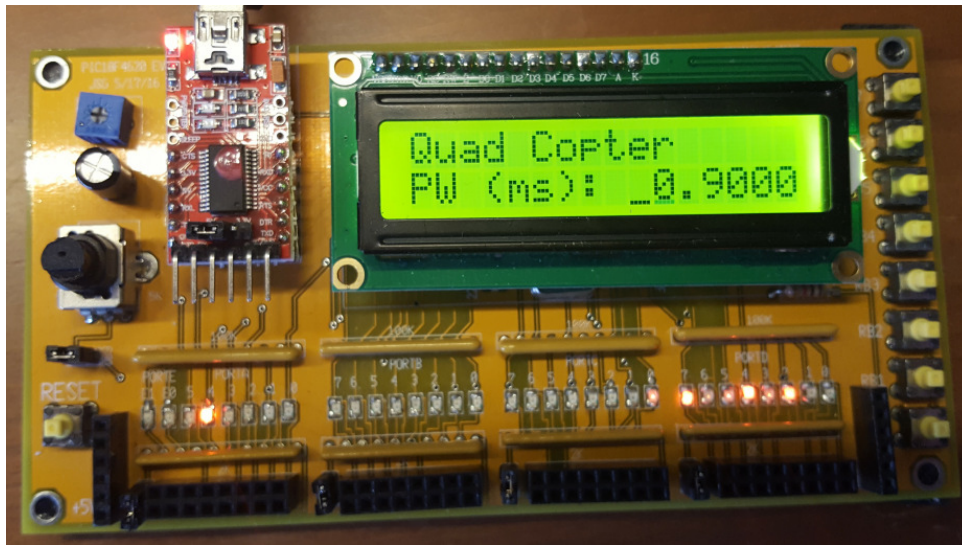
```
if (TMR1IF) {  
    RCO = 0;  
    T1 += 1;  
    TMR1IF = 0;  
}
```

Main

```
while(1) {  
    if (RB0) N = 9000;  
    if (RB1) N = 12000;  
    if (RB2) N = 13000;  
    if (RB3) N = 14000;  
    if (RB4) N = 15000;  
    if (RB5) N = 16000;  
    if (RB6) N = 17000;  
    if (RB7) N = 18000;  
    LCD_Move(1, 9);  
    LCD_Out(N, 4);  
}
```

Quad Copter Results:

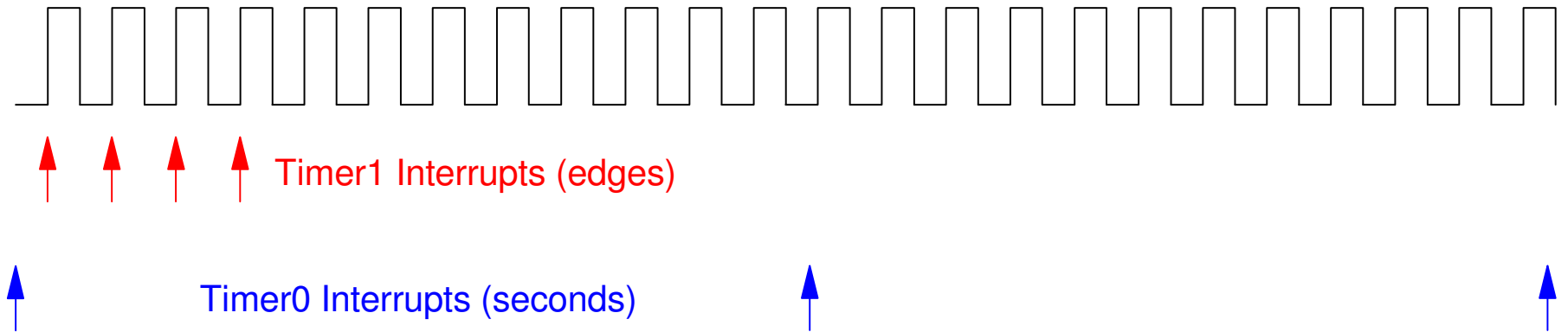
- 50 Hz square wave (Timer0)
- 0.9ms to 1.2ms pulse (Timer1)



Frequency Counter (Freq.C)

Measure the frequency of a square wave

- Timer1: Cycles
- Timer0: Seconds
- $\text{Cycles} / \text{Second} = \text{Hz}$



Timer0 Interrupts (seconds)

Timer1 Interrupts (edges)

Why? Optical Encoders:

- Convert motor speed to a frequency
- $(100 \text{ pulses / rotation }) * (N \text{ rotations / second }) = 100N \text{ Hz}$

Wiring:

- +5V & Ground
- A: 100 pulses / rotation
- B: 100 pulses / rotation

A & B are 90 degrees out of phase



Interrupt Selection

Timer0:

- Time in seconds
- $N = 10,000,000$
- $= 256 * 39250$

Timer1:

- Counts edges
- Assume $f < 65,536$ Hz

Timer2:

- Test signal
- Output 500Hz

```
// Global Variables
unsigned int T0, T1, T2;

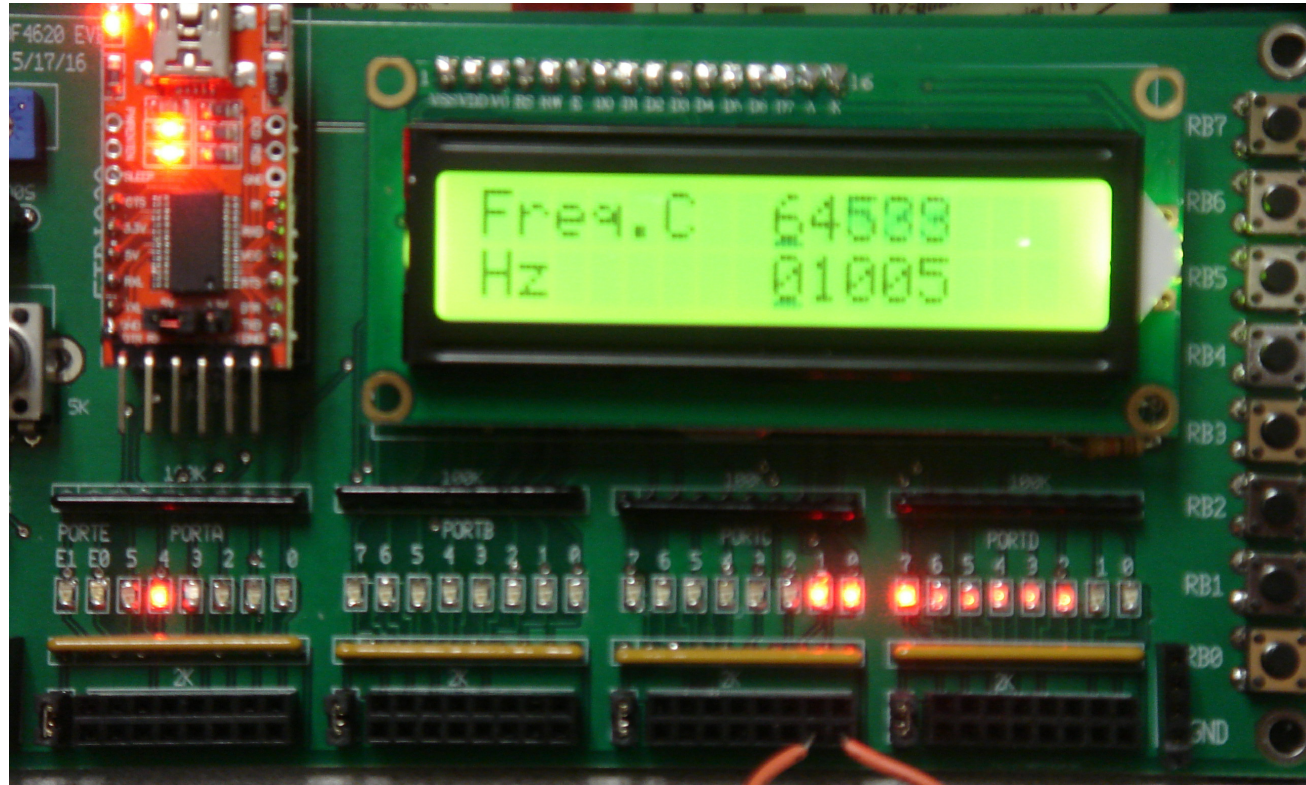
// Interrupt Service Routine
void interrupt IntServe(void)
{
    if (TMR0IF) {
        TMR0 = -39250;
        T0 += 1;
        T2 = T1;
        T1 = TMR1;
        TMR0IF = 0;
    }
    if (TMR1IF) {
        TMR1IF = 0;
    }
    if (TMR2IF) {
        RC0 = !RC0;
        TMR2IF = 0;
    }
}
```

Interrupt Initialization

```
// set up Timer0 for PS = 256, input = clock
T0CS = 0;
T0CON = 0x87;
TMR0ON = 1;
TMR0IE = 1;
TMR0IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
// set up Timer1 for PS = 1, input = RC0
T1CON = 0x81;
TMR1ON = 1;
TMR1IE = 0;
TMR1IP = 0;
PEIE = 0;
TMR1CS = 1;
TRISC0 = 1;
// set up Timer2 for 0.5ms (1kHz reference signal on RC0)
T2CON = 0x4D;
PR2    = 124;
TMR2ON = 1;
TMR2IE = 1;
TMR2IP = 1;
PEIE = 1;
// turn on all interrupts
GIE = 1;
```

Main Loop:

```
while(1) {  
    Hz = T1 - T2;  
    LCD_Move(1,8);    LCD_Out(Hz, 0);  
}
```

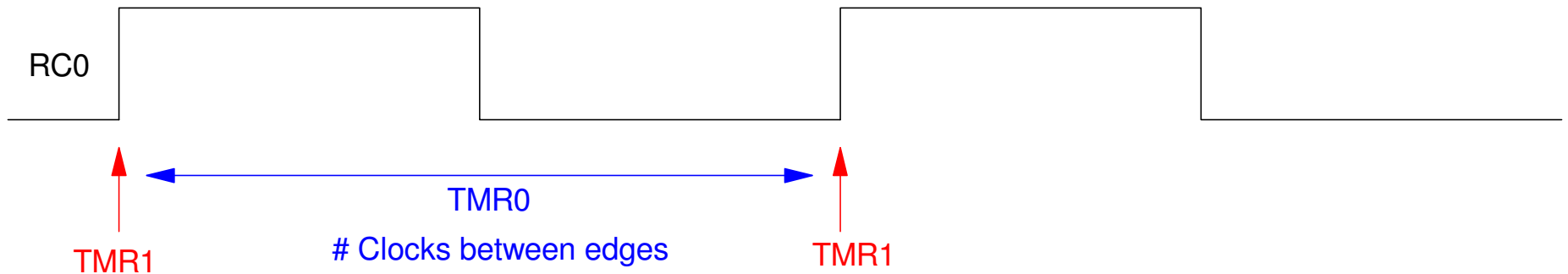


Frequency Counter (take 2: Tach.C)

Measure the period of a square wave

- More accurate for low-frequency signals
- 1000 Hz = 1000 edges / second
- 1000 Hz = 10,000 clocks between edges

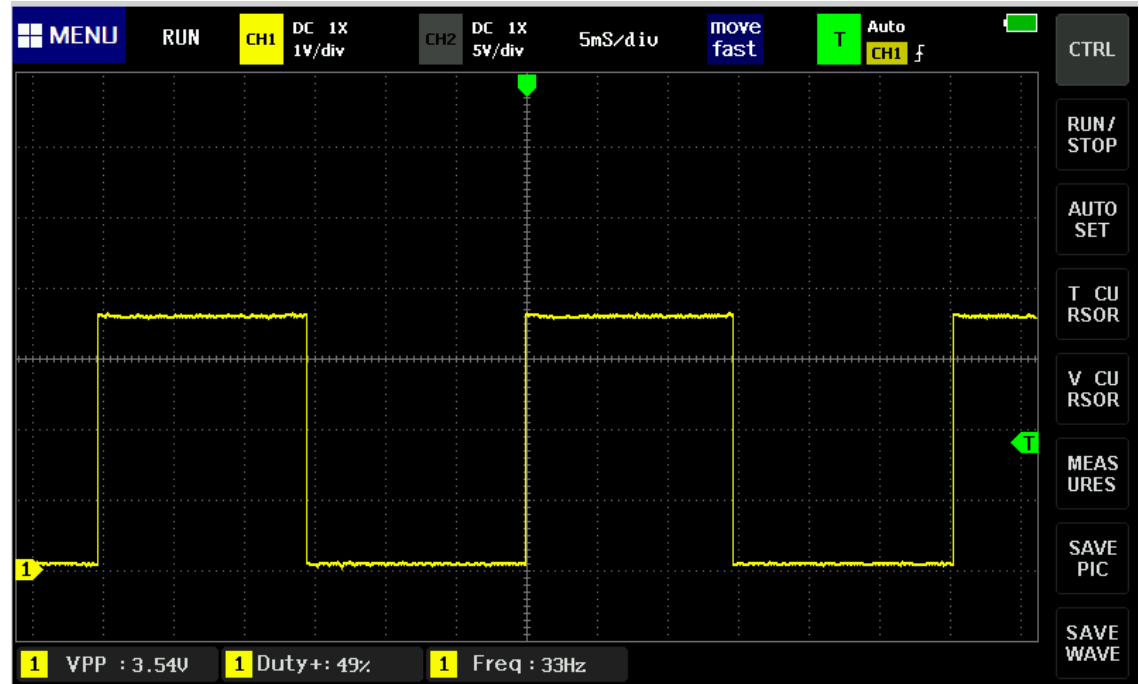
It's actually more accurate to measure clocks per edge than edges per second. Plus, you get a reading every 1ms.



Timer1 interrupts on rising edges on RC0. Timer0 measures the time between interrupts to 100ns

Example: Measure the speed of a 12V DC motor

- Black: Ground
- Red: Power (0V to +12V DC, capable of 10mA)
- Blue: Tachometer output (add a 1k pull-up resistor to +5V to read this signal)
- Output = 33Hz @ 5.00V DC



Software:

Timer0

time accurate to 100ns

```
if (TMR0IF) {  
    TIME = TIME+0x10000;  
    TMR0IF = 0;  
}
```

Timer1

time of rising edges

```
if (TMR1IF) {  
    TMR1 = -1;  
    T2 = T1;  
    T1 = TIME + TMR0;  
    PERIOD = T1 - T2;  
    TMR1IF = 0;  
}
```

Timer2

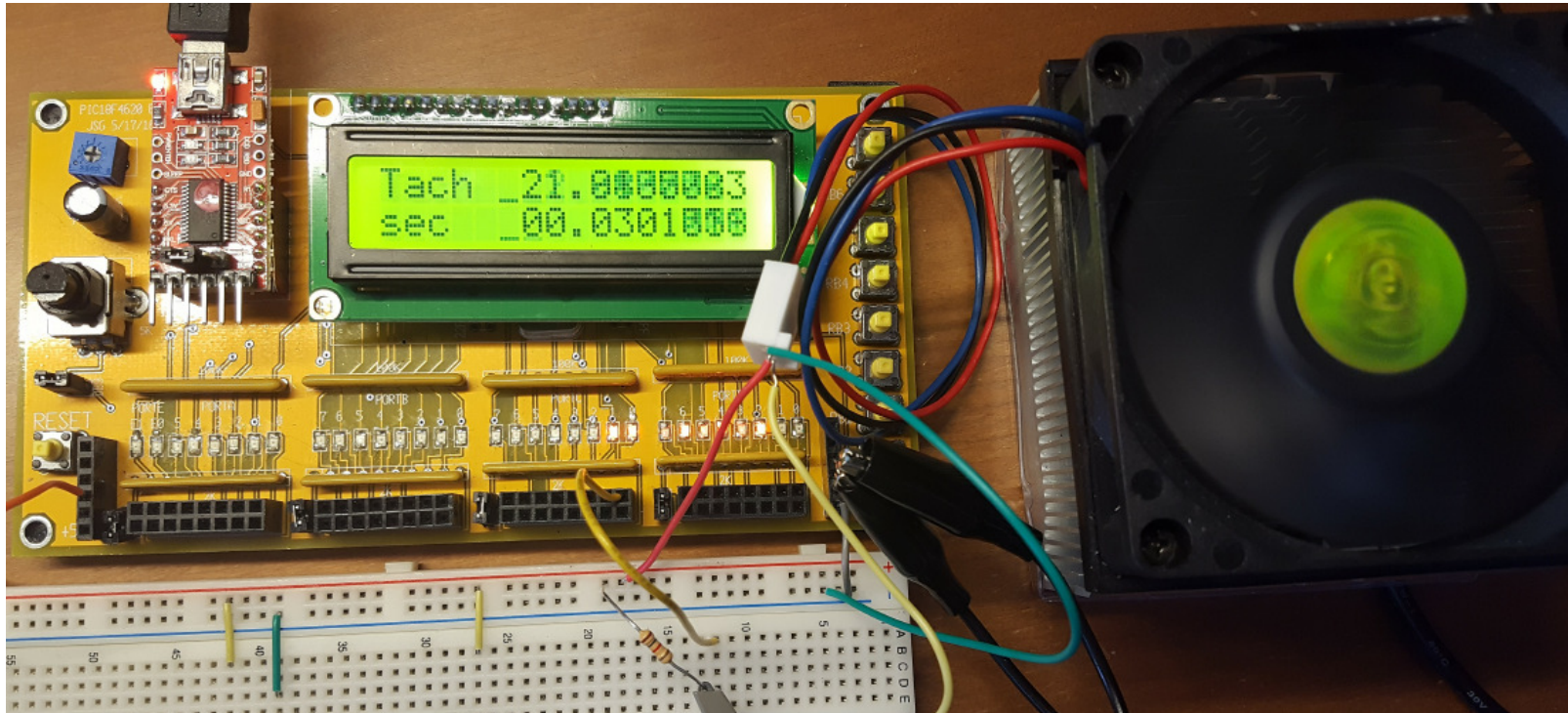
1kHz test signal

```
if (TMR2IF) {  
    RC1 = !RC1;  
    TMR2IF = 0;  
}
```

Main Loop:

- Period = 301,536 clocks

```
while(1) {  
    LCD_Move(0, 5);    LCD_Out(TIME + TMR0, 7);  
    LCD_Move(1, 5);   LCD_Out(PERIOD, 7);  
}
```



Pulse Width Modulation (PWM.C)

Objective: Turn on and off a motor / light / heater from 0% on to 100% on

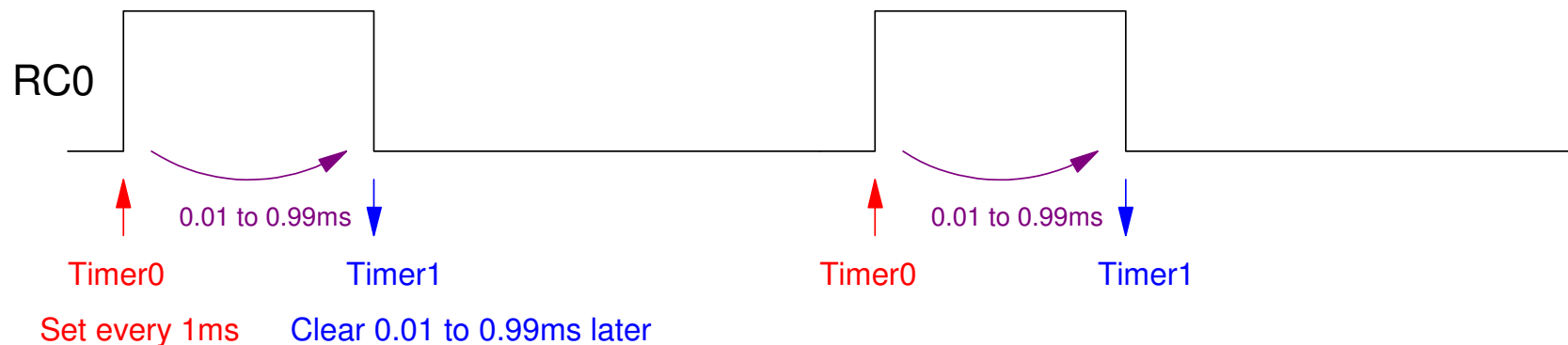
- With 10,000 levels of grey, and
- At 1kHz

Timer0 sets RC0

- Timer0 interrupts every 1ms for 1kHz
- When called, it sets up a Timer1 interrupt from 100 to 9900 clocks in the future

When Timer0 kicks in

- Timer1 clears RC0



Software:

Timer0
Set RC0

Set up Timer1 0..1ms later

```
if (TMR0IF) {  
    TMR0 = -10000;  
    TMR1 = -PWM;  
    TIME += 1;  
    RC0 = 1;  
    TMR0IF = 0;  
}
```

Timer1
Clear RC0

```
if (TMR1IF) {  
    RC0 = 0;  
    TMR1IF = 0;  
}
```

Main Loop
Define PWM
Drive LCD display

```
while(1) {  
    if (RB0) PWM = 100;  
    if (RB1) PWM = 1000;  
    if (RB2) PWM = 2000;  
    if (RB3) PWM = 3000;  
    if (RB4) PWM = 4000;  
    if (RB5) PWM = 5000;  
    if (RB6) PWM = 6000;  
    if (RB7) PWM = 9900;  
    LCD_Move(0, 7);  
    LCD_Out(TIME, 3);  
    LCD_Move(1, 7);  
    LCD_Out(PWM, 2);  
}
```

Result

- 1kHz
- 0.5% to 99.5% PWM

