

Microprocessors, Lecture 11

AVR Interrupts



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Some WinAVR GCC hints

If you need a variable with exactly known precision, then

#include <stdint.h>

Example usage:

```
uint8_t my_var = 0x55;  
PORTB = my_var;
```

```
stdint.h  
70  
71 /** \ingroup avr_stdint  
72     8-bit signed type. */  
73  
74     typedef signed char int8_t;  
75  
76 /** \ingroup avr_stdint  
77     8-bit unsigned type. */  
78  
79     typedef unsigned char uint8_t;  
80  
81 /** \ingroup avr_stdint  
82     16-bit signed type. */  
83  
84     typedef signed int int16_t;  
85  
86 /** \ingroup avr_stdint  
87     16-bit unsigned type. */  
88  
89     typedef unsigned int uint16_t;
```



If you need to access registers inside an AVR, or their individual bits then `#include <avr/io.h>`

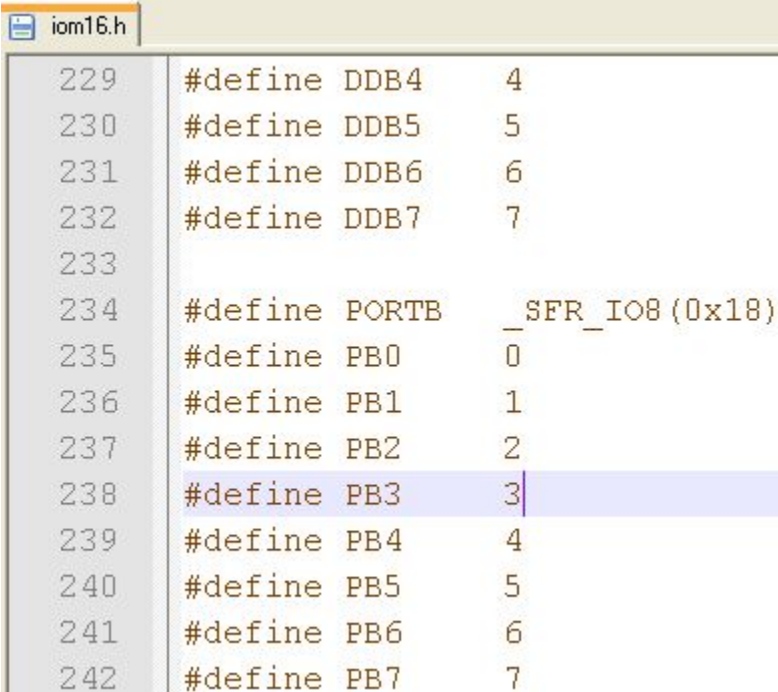
This will effectively include another .h file depending on the platform you are compiling for (for example iom16.h if you are compiling for ATmega16)

Example usage:

```
// Set PB3 to 1
// (Note: bit names are not
// always as straightforward
// as PB3)
PORTB |= (1<<PB3);

// Set PB3 to 1
// Another method
PORTB |= _BV(PB3);

// Clear PB3
PORTB &= ~(1<<PB3);
```



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled 'iom16.h' with the following content:

```
229 #define DDB4 4
230 #define DDB5 5
231 #define DDB6 6
232 #define DDB7 7
233
234 #define PORTB _SFR_IO8(0x18)
235 #define PB0 0
236 #define PB1 1
237 #define PB2 2
238 #define PB3 3
239 #define PB4 4
240 #define PB5 5
241 #define PB6 6
242 #define PB7 7
```



AVR interrupts

Interrupt sources

External interrupts

Triggered by external I/O devices

Different number of external interrupts are provided by different AVR family members

ATmega16: INT0, INT1, INT2

ATmega64: INT0...INT7

Internal interrupts

Triggered by on-chip I/O devices

Timers

Analog to digital converters

Communications subsystem

...



Enabling/Disabling interrupts

Remember **SREG** (Status Register)?

I	T	H	S	V	N	Z	C
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I is the global interrupt enable bit

Setting I=1 will enable all interrupts (except ones with individual enable/disable bit)

Setting I=0 will disable all interrupts

I is cleared when an interrupt occurs and set when **reti** instruction (return from interrupt) is executed

Programmer can use **sei** and **cli** instructions to set and clear the I

If I is set in ISR, nested interrupts are allowed

SREG is not saved automatically by hardware when entering an ISR

Should be pushed into stack by software at the start of the ISR and retrieved at the end



Interrupt Service Routine

When an (enabled) interrupt occurs

- Microcontroller completes the current instruction

- Stores the address of the next instruction in the stack and clears the global interrupt enable bit

- Starts executing the instructions from the ISR corresponding to the interrupt source

- ISR continues until the return from interrupt instruction (reti) is seen

- Program control then returns back to the main program and the I bit is set

Where are the ISRs located?

- A vector table at the start of the program memory is referred by the microcontroller

- Usually contains a jump instruction for each interrupt



Interrupt vectors

Part of the interrupt vector of ATmega16

The lower the address the higher is the priority level

Vector No.	Program Address	Source	Interrupt Definition
1	\$000	RESET	External Pin, Power-on Reset, Brown-out Reset, Watchdog Reset, and JTAG AVR Reset
2	\$002	INT0	External Interrupt Request 0
3	\$004	INT1	External Interrupt Request 1
4	\$006	TIMER2 COMP	Timer/Counter2 Compare Match
5	\$008	TIMER2 OVF	Timer/Counter2 Overflow
6	\$00A	TIMER1 CAPT	Timer/Counter1 Capture Event
7	\$00C	TIMER1 COMPA	Timer/Counter1 Compare Match A
8	\$00E	TIMER1 COMPB	Timer/Counter1 Compare Match B
9	\$010	TIMER1 OVF	Timer/Counter1 Overflow
10	\$012	TIMER0 OVF	Timer/Counter0 Overflow



Interrupt vectors

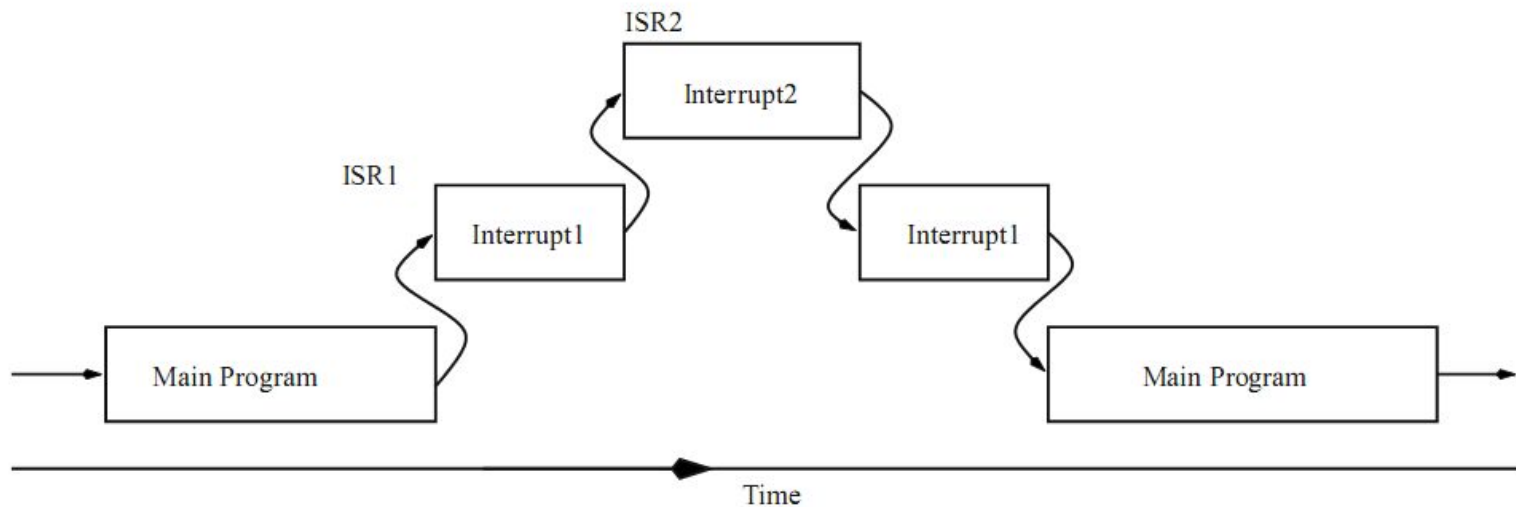
```
org 0
jmp  RESET           ; Reset handler
jmp  EXT_INT0        ; External interrupt 0 handler
jmp  EXT_INT1        ; External interrupt 0 handler
jmp  TIM2_COMP       ; Timer2 compare handler
.
.
.
```



Nested interrupts

The user software ISR can write logic one to the I-bit to enable nested interrupts

The ISR of a lower priority interrupts may be interrupted by an interrupt of a higher priority



External interrupts

Can be triggered in different ways

rising edge-triggered

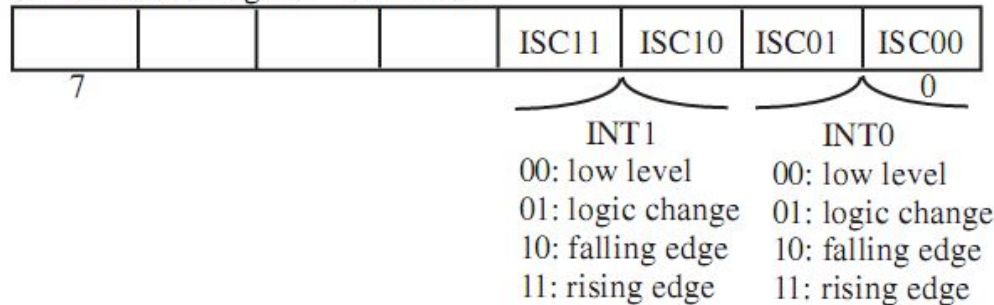
falling edge-triggered

change-triggered

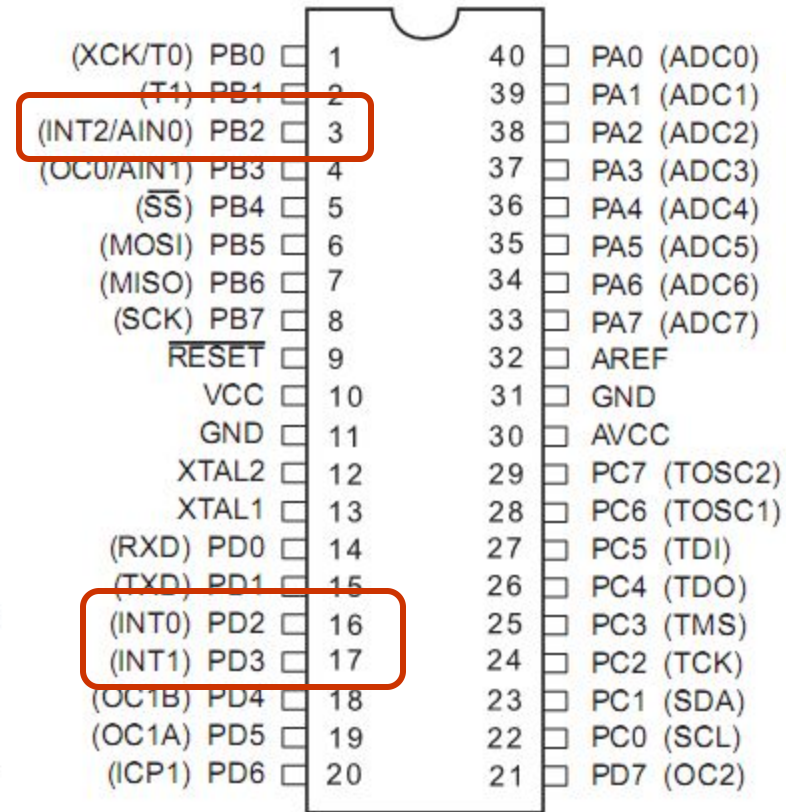
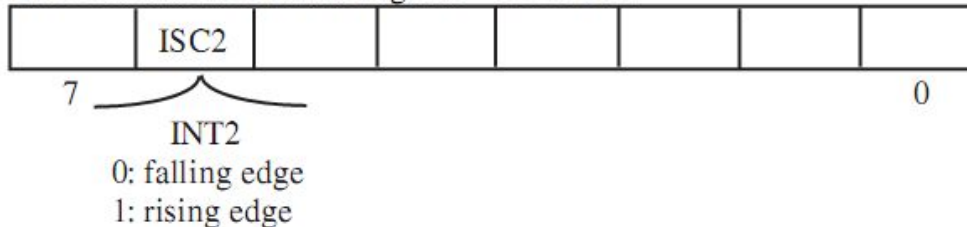
level-triggered

ATmega16 as an example

MCU Control Register - MCUCR



MCU Control and Status Register - MCUCSR



External interrupts

External interrupt 1 is enabled when

(INT1 is 1 in GICR) and (I is 1 in SREG)

Activity on interrupt pin will cause an interrupt even if the pin is set as an output

In response to interrupt request on INT1 pin

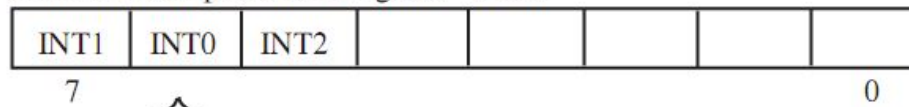
INTF1 will be set to 1 in GIFR (Even if the interrupt is disabled)

The flag is cleared when the interrupt routine is executed

Alternatively, the flag can be cleared by writing a logical **one** to it

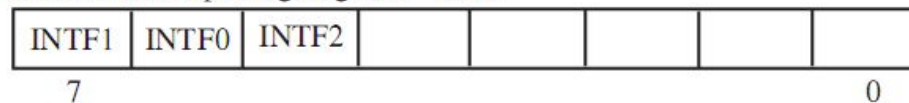
This flag is always cleared when INT1 is configured as a level interrupt

General Interrupt Control Register - GICR



0: interrupt disabled
1: interrupt enabled

General Interrupt Flag Register - GIFR



Notes:

- INTFx flag sets when corresponding interrupt occurs.
- INTFx flag reset by executing ISR or writing logic one to flag.



External interrupt example

An example circuit to test external interrupt functionality

One of the switches turns the LED on and the other turns it off

What should the programmer do?

Initialize PB0 as output

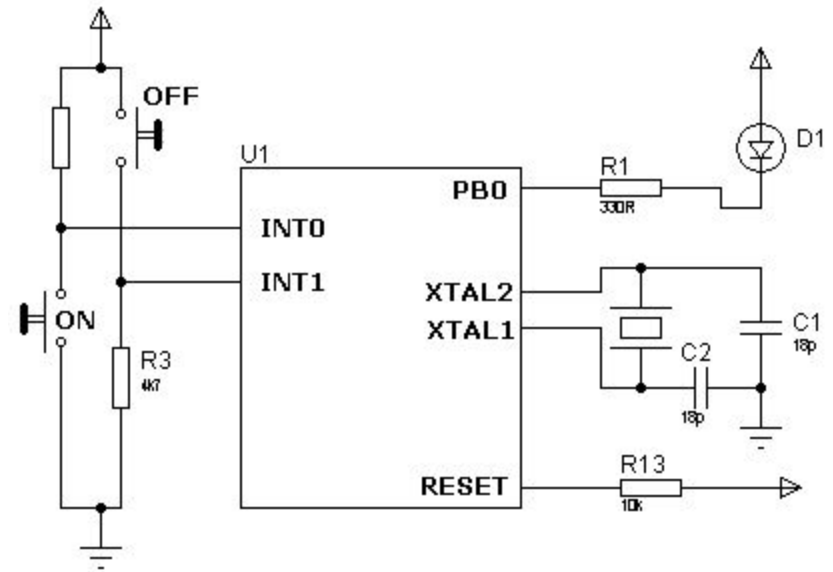
Write proper ISRs for INT0, INT1

Set INT0 to be falling edge-triggered

Set INT1 to be rising edge-triggered

Enable INT0, INT1

Enable interrupts globally



External interrupt example

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <avr/sfr_defs.h>
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <avr/interrupt.h>

volatile uint8_t led;    // Variable to hold LED status

ISR(INT0_vect)
{
    led = 1; // On state
}

ISR(INT1_vect)
{
    led = 0; // Off state
}

int main()
{
    // ISC10=0
    MCUCR &= ~(1<<ISC00);

    // ISC00=1, ISC01=1, ISC11=1
    MCUCR |= (1<<ISC01) | (1<<ISC10) | (1<<ISC11);

    // INT1=1, INT0=1
    GICR |= (1<<INT0) | (1<<INT1);

    led = 0;
}
```

```
sei();
while (1)
{
    // Update led state
    if (led)
        PORTB &= ~(1<<PB0);
    else
        PORTB |= (1<<PB0);
}
```



Internal interrupts

Will be discussed as we study each internal I/O peripheral

