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M16C/62

Using the M16C/62 Watchdog Timer

1.0 Abstract

The following article introduces and shows an example of how to set up and use the watchdog timer on the M16C/62 microcontroller (MCU).

2.0 Introduction

The M16C/62 MCU has a built-in watchdog timer, which can be used for a variety of applications. For most applications, it is used to recover MCU processing from a program that is out of control. In some cases, it can be used to preserve processor or firmware status after an application runs out of control.

In this example application, we show you how to set up the watchdog timer, the watchdog interrupt vector, and how the application uses the watchdog timer. This example was written for the MSV1632-Board with an oscillator frequency Xin = 16 MHz.

3.0 Watchdog Timer Demo

This section discusses what the watchdog timer demo is and how it works. The key components of the program are discussed in the next section; a program listing appears later in the article.

3.1 M16C/62 Watchdog Timer

The M16C/62 watchdog timer is a 15-bit counter using BCLK as the clock source. BCLK and the watchdog prescaler control the length of time before the timer expires. This BCLK-prescaler combination can be used for a wide range of watchdog timing requirements.

A hardware watchdog interrupt is generated after the timer expires and the program executes the watchdog interrupt routine. To prevent the watchdog timer from expiring, the Watchdog Timer Start Register (WDTS) must be written before the timer underflows. For example, if the watchdog timer is set up for 2s, the WDTS register must be written to within 2s so that the timer does not expire.

For this demo, the timer was set up for 2.097s.

3.2 Watchdog Interrupt Routine

After the watchdog timer expires, a hardware interrupt is generated. An interrupt service routine must be in place for the program to execute when this interrupt occurs. This interrupt routine can be used to store program parameters or register status in RAM. As an added fail-safe feature for your application, it may be used to reset the M16C/62 MCU (the M16C/62 has a built-in software reset).

In this demo, the 3 LEDs are turned on and the program loops inside the watchdog service routine. The only way to exit from the routine is by pressing the reset switch, SW5.



3.3 The Demo Application

The demo application uses two timers (Timer A0, A1), the AD converter using AN0, and I/O ports. Timer A0's output is used as the clock source of Timer A1. Timer A1 is preloaded with the ADC value of the R24 potentiometer and is then used to set up how fast the LED's LED2–4 blink and the WDTS register is written to. The I/O ports are used to turn on or off the LED's LED2–4 and to read the status of the switches SW1–SW4. By adjusting R24 from full clockwise (CW) position to full counterclockwise position (CCW), the period of when WDTS is written varies also. The LEDs will be blinking fast at full CW and very slow (about 2.5s interval) at full CCW. At full CCW, the time period of when WDTS is written is greater than 2.097s, which will then trigger a watchdog interrupt. However, still at full CCW, if any of the switches is pressed within 2s, the watchdog timer is restarted and thus, a watchdog timer interrupt is not generated.

4.0 Watchdog Timer Setup

A watchdog timer interrupts after a certain time has expired. As mentioned earlier, the M16C/62 watchdog timer can be set up for various time periods by configuring the BCLK and watchdog prescaler. The timer period can be calculated from the following equation. These parameters will be discussed later in this section. For more detailed information, see the M16C/62 datasheet.

Watchdog Timer Period = (Prescaler x Timer Count) / BCLK

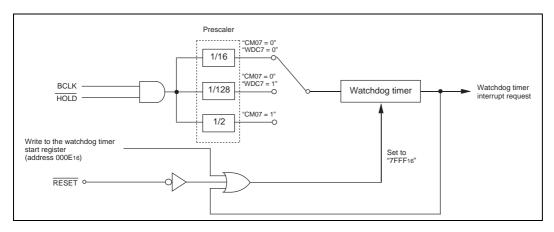


Figure 1 Block Diagram of Watchdog Timer

4.1 BCLK

The clock source of the timer is BCLK, which is the CPU clock for the M16C/62. The value of BCLK can be modified by changing the oscillator circuits of the device or by changing setting in the clock control registers (see "Clock Control" from the datasheet). BCLK can use Xin (f1), XCin (fc), or clock divider output (f2, f4, f8, f16, f32). Modifying the BCLK will then modify the frequency the timer counts down and program operating speed.

For this demo, the clock divider output f8 was used as the BCLK. With an Xin frequency of 16 MHz, BCLK frequency is 2 MHz.

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4.2 Prescaler

Besides BCLK, the other parameter that can adjust the timer is the watchdog prescaler. The prescaler further divides BCLK for larger time periods. The prescaler that can be used differs depending on whether Xin or XCin is used as the BCLK source. If Xin is used, the prescaler can be either div 16 or div 128. If XCin is used, the prescaler is fixed to div 2.

For this demo, the prescaler used is div 128 since our BCLK source is Xin.

4.3 Timer Count

Besides BCLK and the prescaler, the other parameter is the timer count. This parameter, however, cannot be modified. Regardless of what value is written to the WDTS register, the default value of 07FFFh is loaded into the timer.

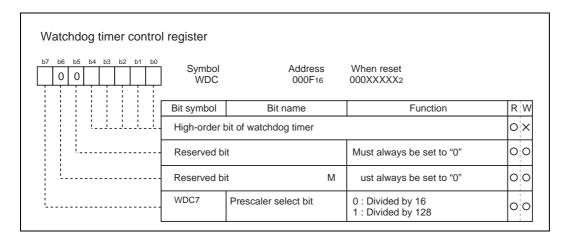


Figure 2 Watchdog Timer Control and Start Registers

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6.0 Software Code

The example program was written to run on the MSV1632-62 Board but could be modified to implement in a user application. The program is written in C (Renesas' NC30 Compiler).

```
/**************************
     File Name: main wdt.c
     Content: This program demonstrates how to setup and use the watchdog
            function of an MCU when the firmware program malfunctions
           The watchdog is setup to generate an interrupt after 2.097s.
           To prevent the watchdog interrupt from occuring, either of the
           following conditions listed below must be true:
           1. at least one of the switches (SW1 - SW4) is pressed every 2s; or,
           2. R24 should NOT be in full CCW position. The position of R24 is
             read by the ADC and used to vary Timer 1 period. R24 full CW to
             full CCW corresponds to 8.23ms to 2.0986s. At a value of
             greater than 254, the WDI will occur.
     This program was written to run on the MSV1632-62 SKP Board.
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*-----
     $Log:$
#include "sfr62.h"
#pragma INTERRUPT /B TimerA1 ISR
        sw1
#define
               p8 2
         sw2
                p8 3
#define
#define
         sw3 p8_4
#define
          sw4 p9 7
#define red_led
#define
         yellow led p7 4
#define
          green led p8 0
```



```
void WD Init (void);
                               //routine that initializes watchdog operations
void WD Loop ISR(void);
                               //routine when a watchdog interrupt is
                               // generated (timer expires)
static int value;
static unsigned int out1;
/************************
Name: main
Parameters:
Returns:
Description: Main program loop and initialization
*****************************
main() {
      pd7 2 = 0x1; // Change port 7 to all outputs (connected to LEDs)
      pd7_4 = 0x1;
      pd8 \ 0 = 0x1;
      red led = 0x1;
                       // turn on LEDs
      green led = 0x1;
      yellow led = 0x1;
      // ******* USE A/D FOR READING POT. VALUE ********
      // Set up A/D register for ANO
      // - ANO selected, One shot mode, Software trigger, Frequency /4
      adcon0 = 0x00;
      adcon1 = 0x20;
                              // Set up 8 bit conversion & Vref connected
      adcon2 = 0x01;
                              // Set up sample and hold
      // ***** USE TIMERS FOR SETTING BLINK RATE ******
      // Timer A0 mode register
      // - Timer mode, no pulse output, not using Gate function, count source is
           f32 (500KHz)
      ta0mr = 0x80;
      ta0ud = 0;
                              // Set timer for down count
      ta0 = 0x1013;
                              // Preload Timer A0 to overflow every
                              // 10ms (ta0 = 10ms*500KHz)
                              // 10ms x 255 (2.55s) > 2.097s watchdog setting
      // Timer A1 mode register
      // -event counter mode (Timer AO overflow, count on falling edge)
```



```
talmr = 0x01;
      ta1tgh = 1;
      ta1tgl = 0;
                             // Set timer for down count
      ta1ud = 0;
      ta1 = 0;
                              // Preload Timer A1
      talic = 0x05;
                              // TA1 Interrupt enabled, Level 5
      ta0s = 1;
                             // Start the timers
      ta1s = 1;
                              // Turn on interrupts
      asm("FSET I");
      // ******** PROGRAM LOOP ************
      while(1) {
            adst = 1;
                             // Start A2D conversion
            while(adst == 1);
                             // wait for A/D conversion start bit to return
                            // to 0
                              // read value from A/D register and preload
            value = ad0;
                            // TimerA1,
           ta1 = value;
                              // this value is used to vary the blink rate
           if(sw1 == 0 ||sw2 == 0||sw3 == 0||sw4 == 0) {// check if any of the}
                                                    // switches is pressed
                  green led = 1;
                                                // restart watchdog timer
                  wdts = 0;
            }
/*************************
Name: WD Init
Parameters:
Returns:
Description: Initializes variables needed for watchdog operations.
            This demo is written for the MSV1632 Board running at Xin =
            16MHz. BCLK, which is the clock source of the watchdog
            block, is configured to run at 2MHz.
            With the setup shown here, the watchdog register must be
            written to within 2 seconds or a watchdog interrupt will occur.
*************************
```



```
void WD Init(void){
     cm06 = 1;
                      // BCLK = 2MHz (Xin div by 8, default)
     wdc7 = 1;
                      // prescaler is div by 128
                       // Watchdog Timer Period = 128 x 32768 / 2MHz
                                             = 2.097s
     wdts = 0;
                       // start watchdog timer by writing any value to
                       // wdts register (value always reset to 0x7fff when
                       // written to)
}
Name: WD Loop ISR
Parameters:
Returns:
Description: When a watchdog interrupt occurs, the program gets stuck here
           so we know the watchdog timer expired. All LED's will be ON.
          For some applications, you can use this ISR to save some values
          in RAM or other processes for debug purposes.
*****************************
void WD Loop ISR (void) {
     while (1) {
           red led = 1;
                           // turn on all LEDs
           yellow led = 1;
           green led = 1;
     }
}
Name: TimerA1 ISR
Parameters:
Returns:
Description: TIMER INTERRUPT ROUTINE - This routine turns on one LED at a
          time and shifts that LED left to right (D3 to D6). The LEDs are
          connected to the upper byte of P7 and we don't want to change the
          data on the lower byte.
          If none of the switches are pressed, the watchdog timer is restarted
          every time a Timer 1 interrupt occurs. If the period of Timer 1 exceeds
          2.097s (R24 potentiometer in almost full CCW), watchdog interrupt
          will occur.
*****************************
```



```
void TimerA1 ISR( void) {
      static unsigned int out1;
      wdts = 0;
                                      // restart Watchdog Timer
      ++out1;
      if (out1 > 3)
            out1 = 0;
      switch (out1) {
            case 1:
                   red led = 1;
                   yellow led = 0;
                   green led = 0;
                   break;
            case 2:
                   red led = 0;
                   yellow led = 1;
                   green \overline{led} = 0;
                   break;
            case 3:
                   red led = 0;
                   yellow led = 0;
                   green led = 1;
                   break;
             default:
                   red led = 0;
                   yellow led = 0;
                   green led = 0;
      }
******************
```

In order for this program to run properly, the Watchdog Timer and TimerA1 interrupt vector needs to point to the service routines for those interrupts. The interrupt vector table information is included in the startup file "sect30.inc". Insert the function label "TimerA1_ISR" and the function label "WD_Loop_ISR WD_Loop_ISR" into the interrupt vector table locations as shown below.



```
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            $Id:
;-----
; variable vector section
; For proper interrupt operation, replace "dummy int" with the assembler
; label or absolute address of the interrupt service routine
;-----
           .section vector ; variable vector table
           .org VECTOR ADR
           .lword dummy int
                                                       ; BRK (vector 0)
           .org (VECTOR_ADR+16)
                                                      ; int3(for user)(vector 4)
           .lword dummy int
          .lword dummy_int
                                               ; timerB5(for user) (vector 5)
; timerB4(for user) (vector 6)
; timerB3(for user) (vector 7)
; si/o4 /int5(for user) (vector 8)
; si/o3 /int4(for user) (vector 9)
; Bus collision detection(for user) (v10)
; DMA0(for user) (vector 11)
; DMA1(for user) (vector 12)
; Key input interrupt(for user) (vect 14)
; A-D(for user) (vector 14)
; uart2 transmit(for user) (vector 15)
; uart2 receive(for user) (vector 16)
; uart0 transmit(for user) (vector 17)
; uart1 transmit-used by ROM Monitor(vector 19)
; uart1 receive-used by ROM Monitor(vector 20)
                                                      ; timerB5(for user)(vector 5)
          .lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
           .lword dummy int
           .lword Off900h
           .lword Off900h
                                                       ; uart1 receive-used by ROM Monitor(vector 20)
           .lword dummy int
                                                       ; timer A0 (for user) (vector 21)
           .qlb TimerA1 ISR;
.lword _TimerA1_ISR; ; timer A1(for user)(vector 22)
.lword dummy_int ; timer A2(for user)(vector 23)
.lword dummy_int ; timer A3(for user)(vector 24)
.lword dummy_int ; timer A4(for user)(vector 25)
           .lword dummy int
                                                       ; timer B0 (for user) (vector 26)
                                                      ; timer B1(for user)(vector 27)
           .lword dummy int
                                                ; timer B2(for user)(vector 29); int1 (for user)(vector 30); int2 (for user)(vector 31)
           .lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
.lword dummy_int
                                                      ; timer B2(for user)(vector 28)
           .lword dummy int
           .lword dummy_int ; vector 32 (for user or MR30)
.lword dummy_int ; vector 33 (for user or MR30)
.lword dummy_int ; vector 34 (for user or MR30)
```



```
.lword dummy int
                                ; vector 35 (for user or MR30)
                                ; vector 36 (for user or MR30)
      .lword dummy int
      .lword dummy int
                                ; vector 37 (for user or MR30)
                                ; vector 38 (for user or MR30)
      .lword dummy int
                           ; vector 38 (for user or MR30)
; vector 39 (for user or MR30)
; vector 40 (for user or MR30)
; vector 41 (for user or MR30)
; vector 42 (for user or MR30)
; vector 43 (for user or MR30)
; vector 44 (for user or MR30)
; vector 45 (for user or MR30)
      .lword dummy_int
      .lword dummy_int
      .lword dummy_int
      .lword dummy int
      .lword dummy int
      .lword dummy int
      .lword dummy int
                                ; vector 46 (for user or MR30)
; vector 47 (for user or MR30)
      .lword dummy int
      .lword dummy int
:-----
; fixed vector section
;-----
                                             ; fixed vector table
      .section
                  fvector
; special page definition
;-----
; Set-up special page vector table. Calls the macro "SPECIAL" to put
; the jump addresses of functions defined as special page into the
; special page vector table. Uncomment the line below that corresponds
; to the C function defined using the "#pragma SPECIAL" directive. See
; the M16C Software Manual and the NC30 manual for more information
; on special page vectors.
;-----
      SPECIAL 255 ; example use
     SPECIAL 254
     SPECIAL 253
      :
      etc
    SPECIAL 24
    SPECIAL 23
    SPECIAL 22
;
    SPECIAL 21
    SPECIAL 20
    SPECIAL 19
    SPECIAL 18
```



```
:-----
; fixed vector section. The 7 or'ed values below (commented out) are for
; specifying the ID codes for serial I/O flash programming
; (highest 8 bits of the vectors). See data sheets for
; more information. Current setting = all zeros by default.
; The highest 8 bits of the reset vector is the parallel protection
; 'register'. Caution! Setting these codes could result in loss of
; all flash programming. See M30624 data sheets before operating
; on these values.
;-----
     .org Offfdch
UDI:
      .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
OVER FLOW:
      .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
BRKT:
      .lword dummy int
ADDRESS MATCH:
      .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
SINGLE STEP:
     .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
WDT:
     .glb
                  WD Loop ISR WD Loop ISR;
.lword _ WD_Loop_ISR WD_Loop_ISR dummy_int ;
     .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
NMT:
      .lword dummy int ; | Off000000h
RESET:
     .lword start ; | 0ff000000h
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