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An introduction to digital systems (1) (2) using VHDL and microcontrollers using C (3)

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NOTE: be aware that materials that are not from this CSD course will contain slightly different symbol diagrams, naming conventions and writing styles, and thus, we will rename and adapt them in order to be used in our CSD subject as study materials.

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1.4.2.1.2. **Optional.** [Multisim](#) (from National Instruments, UPC license available)

1.4.2.2. **Optional.** Digital simulators

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1.4.2.2.2. Deeds: Digital electronics education and design suite

1.4.2.2.3. LogicWorks: is a schematic drawing and interactive digital simulation package for demonstrating logic design principles and practices within the education sector and industry.

1.4.2.3. **Optional.** Printed circuit board (PCB) design.

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1.6.1.2. CMOS. How do NMOS/PMOS transistors work as ideal electronic switches?

1.6.2. Standard chip references for [classic](#) logic families

1.6.3. Electrical characteristics of logic gates

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1.6.3.2. Noise margin high (NMH), noise margin low (NML), logic family compatibility

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- 3.1.2. Microcontroller (μ C), RAM, ROM, I/O
- 3.1.3. Harvard and Von Neumann architectures
- 3.1.4. **PIC18F46K22** chip architecture. 8-bit μ C from Microchip. The architecture of the PIC18F family (**intended for all Chapter III projects**)
- 3.1.5. (**Optional**) Microchip: PIC16F877A, ATmega8535, ATmega328P ([Arduino UNO](#) μ C)
- 3.1.6. Low-level [assembly](#) and high-level C languages

3.2. (**Optional**) Other μ C families and chips

- 3.2.1. Texas Instruments
- 3.2.2. Renesas
- 3.2.3. NXP
- 3.2.4. STMicroelectronics
- 3.2.5. Infineon (Cypress)

3.3. EDA tools for developing and testing

- 3.3.1. Microchip integrated development environment (IDE) [MPLAB X](#) (**intended for all Ch3 CSD projects**)
- 3.3.2. C compiler XC8 (**intended for all Ch3 CSD projects**)
- 3.3.3. [Proteus](#) VSM as the virtual laboratory simulation tool

3.4. Digital I/O. Combinational circuits in C

3.4.1. Specifications

3.4.1.1. Truth table, symbol, timing diagram

3.4.1.2. Symbol

3.4.1.3. Timing diagram

3.4.2. Planning [L9.2] [Lab 9]

3.4.2.1. Hardware schematic

3.4.2.1.1. Connecting switches and buttons

3.4.2.1.2. Oscillator (**PSC**) and **reset** (MCLR_L) circuits

3.4.2.1.3. Interfacing LED [L2.4]

3.4.2.1.4. Tri-state logic gates and wire/**pin** bi-directionality.

3.4.2.2. Software organisation: setup, main loop

3.4.2.2.1. Hardware-software diagram

3.4.2.2.2. RAM variables

3.4.2.2.3. *init_system()*: I/O port pin configuration data direction register TRIS.

3.4.2.2.4. *read_inputs()* [L9.3]

3.4.2.2.5. *truth_table()*, behavioural description, algorithm

3.4.2.2.6. *write_outputs()* [L9.4]

3.4.3. Development and testing

3.4.3.1. Proteus schematic capture: *pdsprj* file

3.4.3.2. MPLABX project for PIC18F46K22: C source file

3.4.3.3. Project compilation and chip configuration files: *hex*, *cof*

3.4.3.4. Proteus simulation and testing. Step by step debugging, watch variables window

3.4.3.5. Software/**assembly** execution time measurements

3.4.4. Example projects

3.4.4.1. Dual 4-channel multiplexer {*Dual_MUX_4*} [Lab9]

3.4.4.2. 1-digit BCD adder {*Adder_BCD_1digit*} (P9)

3.4.5. Prototyping and laboratory experimentation **CSD PICstick** board

3.4.5.1. Chip programmer and program download MPLAB SNAP

3.4.5.2. In-circuit debugging: MPLAB SNAP

3.4.5.3. Measurements and characterisation (compact instrument [VB8012](#))

3.4.6. (optional) Other prototyping [boards](#) (Explorer8, PICDEM2 plus, etc.)

3.5. FSM implementation in C language

3.5.1. Specifications [\[L10.1\]](#)

3.5.1.1. FSM concept adaptation to μ C

3.5.1.2. CLK interface using interrupts

3.5.2. Planning (hardware and software planning as in 3.4.2)

3.5.2.1. Hardware-software diagram. RAM variables

3.5.2.2. Interrupts: interrupt service routine *ISR()*. External event detection [INT](#) (CLK and push-button interface)

3.5.2.3. *output_logic()* and *write_outputs()*. Bitwise logic operations AND, OR, XOR, NOT, shift in C

3.5.2.4. *state_logic()* and *read_inputs()*. Truth table, equivalent behavioural flowcharts

3.5.3. Development and testing (as in 3.4.3)

3.5.4. Examples

3.5.4.1. 4-bit asynchronous serial transmitter [\[L10.2\]](#) ([P10](#)) {[Serial transmitter](#)} (design phase#1)

3.5.4.2. 12-states Johnson sequencer {[Johnson sequencer mod12](#)}

3.5.4.3. 1-digit BCD counter ([plan X](#)) [\[Lab 10\]](#) {[Counter BCD 1digit](#)}

3.5.4.4. Modulo 1572 binary radix-2 counter ([plan Y](#)) [\[Lab 10\]](#) {[Counter mod1572](#)}

3.5.4.5. Traffic light controller

3.5.4.6. Stepper motor driver

3.6. Peripherals: LCD [\[L11\]](#)

3.6.1. LCD technology and controllers

3.6.2. LCD C libraries

3.6.3. Examples

3.6.3.1- 1-digit BCD adder with LCD display {[Adder BCD 1digit LCD](#)}

3.6.3.2. Serial transmitter with LCD display ([P11](#)) {[Serial transmitter LCD](#)} (design phase#2)

3.7. Dedicated processors in C (datapath, control unit) [\[L12.1\]](#)

3.7.1. Hardware-software diagram

3.7.2. Examples: Timer

3.7.2.1. Fixed-time timer with external CLK time-base [Lab 11] {Timer} (design phase#1)

3.7.2.2. Fixed-time timer with LCD [Lab 11] {Timer LCD} (design phase#2)

3.7.3. Examples: event counter

3.7.3.1. Tachometer, speed meter, odometer

3.8. Peripherals: Timer0 (TMR0) [L12.2] and Timer2 (TMR2) [L12.2]

3.8.1. TMR0 hardware circuit and configuration registers

3.8.2. TMR2 hardware circuit and configuration registers

3.8.3. Examples: Timer (continuation)

3.8.3.1. Serial transmitter with TMR0 (P12) {s_trans_LCD_TMR0} (design phase#3)

3.8.3.2. Serial transmitter with TMR2 {s_trans_LCD_TMR2} (design phase#4)

3.8.3.3. Fixed-time timer with LCD and time-base TMR0 [Lab 11] {Timer LCD TMR0} (design phase#3)

3.8.3.4. Fixed-time timer with LCD and time-base TMR2 {Timer LCD TMR2} (design phase#4)

3.8.4. Other examples [L12.3]

3.8.4.1. 6-bit Johnson sequencer using TMR0 {Johnson sequencer mod12 LCD TMR} (design phase#3)

3.8.4.2. Duty-cycle modulator: LED dimmer

3.9. Optional extended content. Other peripherals

3.9.1. Timer1 (TMR1)

3.9.2. A/D, EEPROM, USART, I2C, PWM, etc.

3.9.3. Port B interrupt on change (adapting matrix keypads)

3.10. Optional extended content. Other microcontrollers and microcomputers

3.10.1. PIC16F877, ATmega8535

3.10.2. Arduino. ATmega328P chip

3.10.3. Raspberry Pi.

3.11. [Project](#) examples, final bachelor thesis, research papers, books, etc. [\[L12.3\]](#)

3.12. Additional materials and projects

3.12.1. Sample [questionnaires](#) and controls

3.12.2. Assignment collection: [analysis](#) and [design](#).

3.12.3. [Exam 2](#)

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