

System-Level Programming

3 Java/Python vs. C – Some Examples

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- Compilation and execution (on a UNIX system)

```
~> gcc -o hello hello.c
~> ./hello
Hello World!
~>
```

Not that complicated at all :-)



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C: Return to the operating system with **return value**. 0 in this case indicates that no error has happened.

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- **Python**

- Usually execution in interpreter
- High-level abstraction level
- Numerous built-in functions
- No explicit include directive required for built-in function

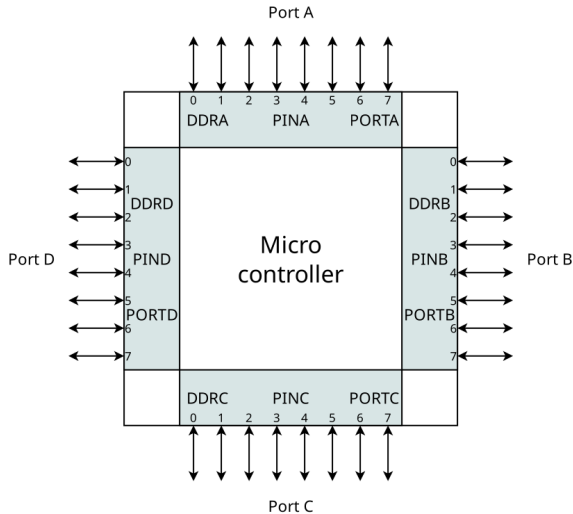
- **C**

- Native execution on machine
- No interpreter required
- Machine orientation
- Explicit include statements for used functions



The First C Program for a μ Controller

Preliminary information:

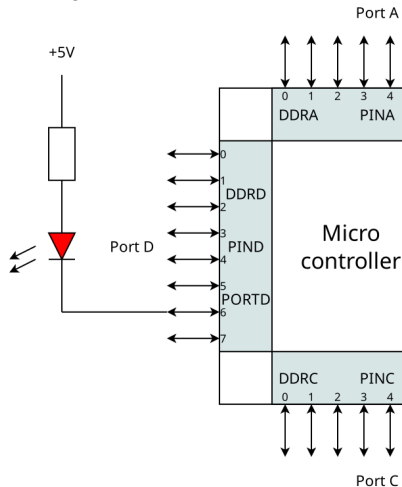


- DDRx: data direction register
- PINx: port input register
- PORTx: port output register (of size 8 bit each)



The First C Program for a μ Controller

Background information:



- LED is not lit:
 - DDRD bit 6: '1' (output)
 - PORTD bit 6: '1' (5V)
- LED lights up:
 - DDRD bit 6: '1' (output)
 - PORTD bit 6: '0' (0V)



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The main()-function has **no return value** (type void). A μ Controller program runs **indefinitely** \leadsto main() does not terminate.



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There will be **no return** to an operating system (which one?). The endless loop assures that `main()` does not terminate.



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First, the **hardware** is initialized (i. e., put in a predefined state). For this, **single bits** in certain **hardware registers** have to be changed.



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The interaction with the environment (in this case: switching on the LED) takes place by **manipulating single bits** in hardware registers.



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To access the hardware registers (DDRD, PORTD, provided as **global variables**), the **library** `avr/io.h` is included with `#include`.



The Second C Program – Input with Linux

- user interaction (reading one character) with Linux:

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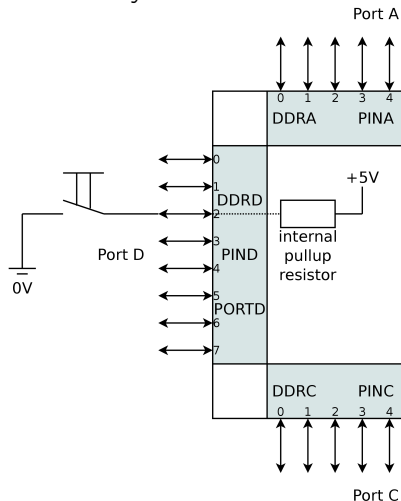
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The `getchar()`-function reads one character from the standard input (here: keyboard). The function “waits”, if necessary, until a character is available.



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Preliminary information:



■ Initialising:

- DDRD bit 2: '0' (input)
- PORTD bit 2: '1' (pull-up switched on)

■ Detection:

- PIND bit 2: '1'
=> button not pressed
- PIND bit 2: '0'
=> button pressed



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Just like the LED, the button is connected to a **digital IO pin** of the μ Controller. We now configure pin 2 at port D as an **input** by **clearing** the corresponding bits in the register **DDRD**.



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By **setting** bit 2 in the register PORTD as 1, the internal pull-up resistor (high resistance) is activated. Which is connected to $V_{CC} \rightsquigarrow$ PD2 = high.



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Active waiting: waits for a button to be pressed, i. e., while PD2 (bit 2 in the register PIND) is *high*. When the button is pressed, PD2 is pulled to ground \rightsquigarrow bit 2 in the register PIND is now *low* and the loop is exited.



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The created button-object sends a message to the input-object.



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- The program cannot be compared to its counterpart in C directly.
 - It uses the (already known to you) **object-oriented paradigm**, which is typical for Java.
 - This difference shall be emphasised here.
- User interaction in Java explained line by line

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1st Takeaway: Java/Python → C (Syntax)

- Java/Python and C have similar **syntax**
(Syntax: “What do **valid** programs of the language look like?”)
- C syntax was used as a reference for the development of Java/Python
 - ~> many language elements are similar or identical
 - blocks, loops, conditions, statements, literals
 - these elements will be looked at in detail in the following chapters
- Major elements from Java/Python are **not** present in C
 - classes, packages, objects, exceptions, . . .



1st Takeaway: Java/Python → C (Idiomatic)

- There are major **idiomatic** differences
(Idiomatic: “What do programs of the language **usually** look like?”)
- **Java: object-oriented paradigm**
 - Central question: From which **things** is a problem made of?
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1st Takeaway: Java/Python → C (Philosophy)

- There are **philosophical** differences as well (Philosophy: “Basic ideas and concepts of a language”)
- **Java:** Security and portability due to **abstracting from machine**
 - Compilation for **virtual machines** (JVM)
 - **Extensive** checks for programming errors during runtime
 - range overflow, division by 0, ...
 - **Problem-centric** memory model
 - Only type-safe memory accesses, automatic garbage collection during runtime.
- **C:** efficiency and lightweight due to **machine orientation**
 - Compilation for **concrete hardware architecture**
 - **No** checks for programming errors during runtime
 - some error are caught by the operating system – **if present**
 - Memory model **directly maps** to the machine
 - **pointers** provide direct memory access
 - coarse-grained access protection and automatic garbage collection (at processor level) by an OS – **if present**



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Approach: Higher abstraction with **problem-oriented libraries**

