

Appendix A: Programming the Teensy Microcontroller

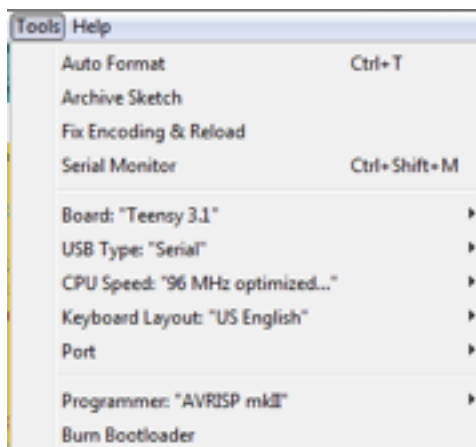
The Teensy microcontroller connects to a computer via a micro-USB cable. Your instructor has already installed the Arduino software it utilizes:

<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>

Your instructor has also installed the Teensyduino software (with all libraries installed – we will make particular use of the FreqCount library):

https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/td_download.html

Connect the microcontroller and open the Arduino.exe program. The following settings need to be selected in the Tools menu for this to function properly:



To program the Teensy, open [Henry's version of the code you'll need](#) (or, alternatively, copy and paste the code shown on the next page) and click the **Upload** button as shown above. Open the **Serial Monitor** to communicate with the Teensy over the serial interface.

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//-----SPADCounter02.ino-----
#include <FreqCount.h>//frequency counting library
#include <Bounce.h>//debouncing library

const int sensePin = 13;//pin for detection events
const int intervalPin = 1;//pin that sets the system into interval counting mode
const int freqPin = 12;//pin that sets the system into frequency counting mode
const int intervalLED = 23;//status indicator for interval mode
const int freqLED = 14;//status indicator for frequency mode

byte oldState;
volatile unsigned int bangTime = 0;//variable created to store the number of
microseconds between detection events
volatile int dataSent;//logical value of whether or not the NEW time interval data has
been sent. 1 true,0 false
const unsigned long senseLength = 1000;//time DURATION to collect interval data
(specified in milliseconds)

Bounce intervalButton = Bounce(intervalPin, 25);//bounce is a library used to
debounce. Bounce is the appearance of spikes of electric signal during
//logic signal switching, such as mechanical effects. Bounce(uint8_t pin, unsigned
long interval_millis ) creates an instance of the
//Bounce class, attaches pin and sets interval to interval_millis. The effect is to
remove bounce of the pin with the chosen parameter. See github bounce libraray
//for more info
Bounce freqButton = Bounce(freqPin, 25);//freqButton is a bounce instance, and the
instance is attached to pin 12 (freqPin=12) with interval 25.
//Bounce is used for mode switching pins because they are attached to mechanical
buttons which need debounce to be stable.

void setup() {
  pinMode(1, INPUT_PULLUP);//set mode of pin to resistive pullup input with internal
pullup resistor. Default electrical value would be HIGH, and becomes LOW when
  //a grounded button is pressed. Search pullup resistor for more information.
  pinMode(12, INPUT_PULLUP);

  pinMode(intervalLED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(freqLED, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(intervalLED, LOW);
  digitalWrite(freqLED, LOW);

  Serial.begin(115200);//set baud rate of serial communication
}

int countMode = 0; //mode = 0: nothing happens; mode = 1: frequency counter
operational; mode = 2: Interval Timer
elapsedMillis elapsedTime;
elapsedMicros senseTest;//a variable that increases as time goes to store the time
elapsed between events

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void loop() {
//pins assigned to a bounce instance can be called (read change in value, read value,
detecting edge, etc.) with bounce methods.
//update, fallingEdge are some bounce methods. See bounce github for more info
  if (freqButton.update()) {
    //if the frequency mode button updates
    if (freqButton.fallingEdge() && countMode == 0) {
//only triggers the code to start the frequency counter when the button is pressed,
which corresponds to LOW electric signal. Remember the pin is in resistive pullup
mode.
//fallingEdge is used so that risingEdge does not trigger the code again to avoid
double triggering.
//This starts frequency counter when the button is pressed and when we are in nothing
mode.
      FreqCount.begin(1000);//FreqCount is a library for counting the number of events
over an INTEGRATION TIME (specified in milliseconds; default setting = 1000)
      elapsedTime = 0;
      Keyboard.print("time [ms]");
      Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_TAB);
      Keyboard.send_now();
      Keyboard.set_key1(0);
      Keyboard.send_now();
      Keyboard.println("Frequency [Hz]");
      digitalWrite(freqLED, HIGH);//indicate frequency counting is in progress
      countMode = 1;//show that we are in frequency counting mode.
    }
    else if (freqButton.fallingEdge() && countMode == 1) {
      //if we are already in frequency counting mode and the button is pressed, stop
the counter.
      FreqCount.end();
      digitalWrite(freqLED, LOW);//indicate frequency counting mode is over
      countMode = 0;//show that we are back to nothing mode
      Keyboard.set_modifier(MODIFIERKEY_CTRL);
      Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_HOME);
      Keyboard.send_now();
      Keyboard.set_modifier(0);
      Keyboard.set_key1(0);
      Keyboard.send_now();
    }
  }
}

if (intervalButton.update()) {
  if (intervalButton.fallingEdge() && countMode == 0) {
    digitalWrite(intervalLED, HIGH);
    countMode = 2;

    Keyboard.print("integration time [ms]: ");
    Keyboard.println(senseLength);
    Keyboard.println("interval time [us]");
  }
}

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    dataSent = 1;
    elapsedTime = 0;
    senseTest = 0;
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensePin), isr, RISING); //enable sensePin
interrupt. Whenever sensePin receives a rising edge electric signal,
    //the interrupt is triggers and executes the interrupt code. The interrupt
function is called isr.

}
}

if (countMode == 1 && FreqCount.available()) {
    unsigned long freq = FreqCount.read();
    Keyboard.print(elapsedTime);
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_TAB);
    Keyboard.send_now();
    Keyboard.set_key1(0);
    Keyboard.send_now();
    Keyboard.println(freq);
    Serial.println(freq);
}

if (countMode == 2 && dataSent == 0) {
    //if in interval counting mode and new time interval data has been obtained but
not yet sent (dataSent=0)
    Keyboard.println(bangTime);
    dataSent = 1; //new data is sent, so the logic becomes true
}

if (countMode == 2 && elapsedTime > senseLength) {
    //if in interval mode and time elapsed exceeds the time intended for data
collection
    detachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensePin)); //disable interrupt of sensePin
    digitalWrite(intervalLED, LOW); //indicate that interval counting mode stopped
    countMode = 0; //shows that we are in nothing mode
}

}

void isr() {
    //when sensePin receives a rising edge electric pulse, the code is executed.
    bangTime = senseTest; //set time taken for a pulse to be detected as senseTest, which
is the time elapsed
    senseTest = 0; //clear the time elapsed between detection events
    dataSent = 0; //since new data of time interval is acquired, we change the logic of
dataSent to false 0 so that the code will send this data.
}

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