

In this module, we will discuss about the embedded C programming for microcontroller. C programs for time delay and I/O operations will be discussed. Programs for handling the I/O ports and I/O bit manipulation will also be written and discussed.

1. Need for programming 8051 in embedded C

There are several reasons for using a high-level language such as C to program the 8051 microcontroller. It is easier and less time consuming to write programs in Embedded C than Assembly. C is easier to modify and update. We can also use code available in function libraries. Also, C code is portable to other microcontrollers with little or no modification.

1.1 Flow of Execution

We will first look at a few common structures available in Embedded C. Figure 1.1 shows the flow for sequential execution, selection procedure, and looping structure.

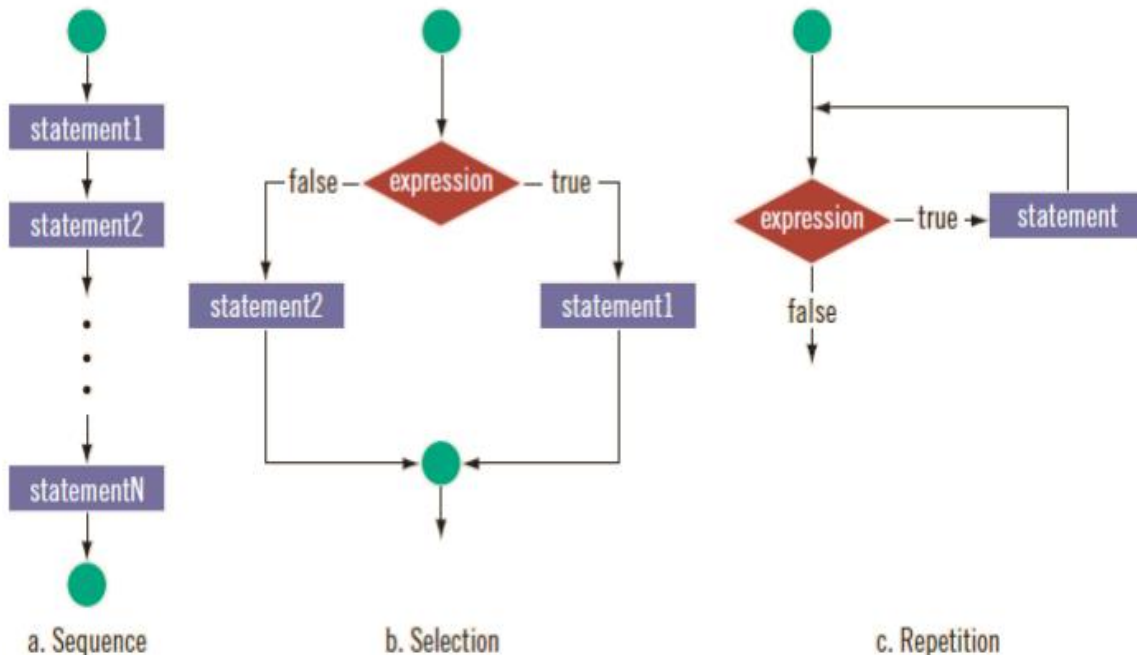


Figure 1.1 a. Sequential, b. Selection and c. Repetition structure

1.2 If and Switch statement(selection) structure

Fig1.2 shows the If -then-else and switch - case statement. Like normal C programming in embedded C also programmers will use if statements and switch case statements.

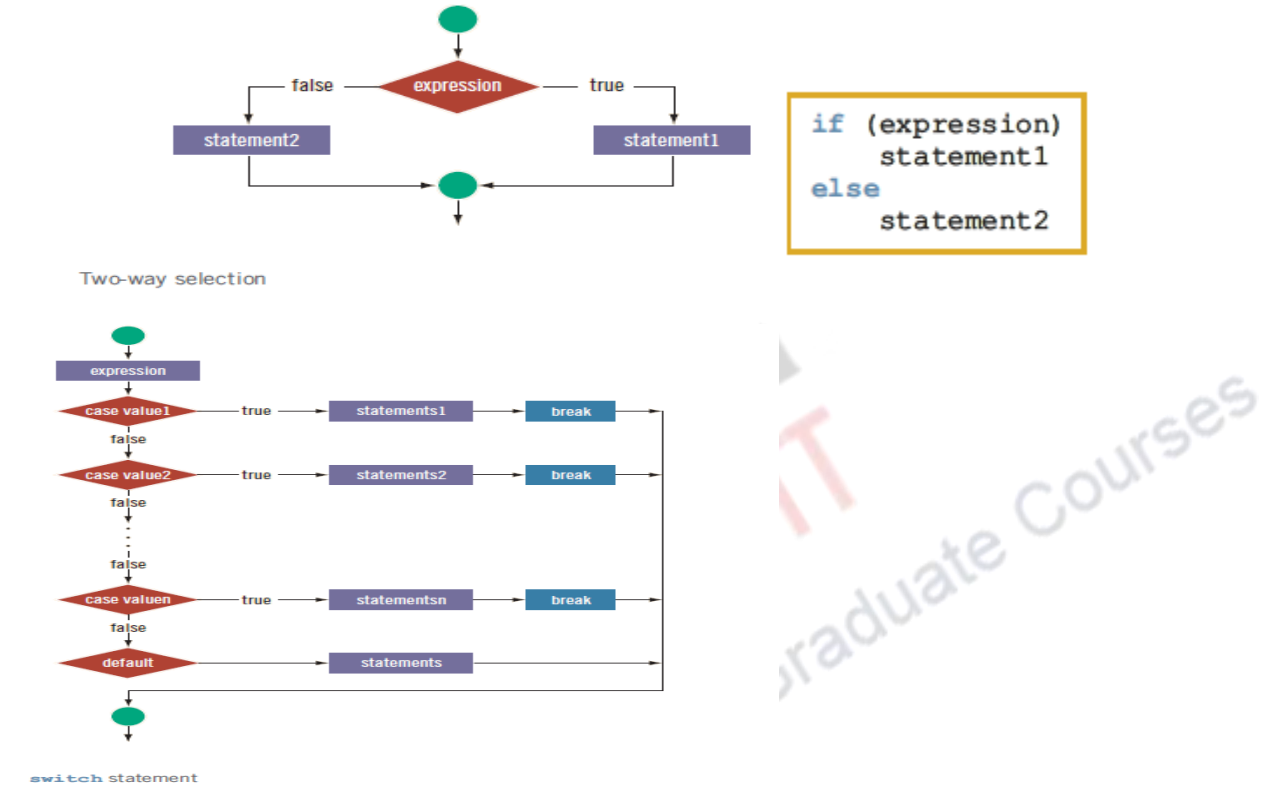


Figure 1.2 If-then else and Switch-case statement

```
switch (expression)
{
case value1:
statements1
break;
case value2:
statements2
break;
.
.
.
case valuen:
statementsn
break;
default:
statements
}
```

1.3 While and for looping(Repetition) structure

For looping fig 1.3 shows the structure of while loop and for looping structure .

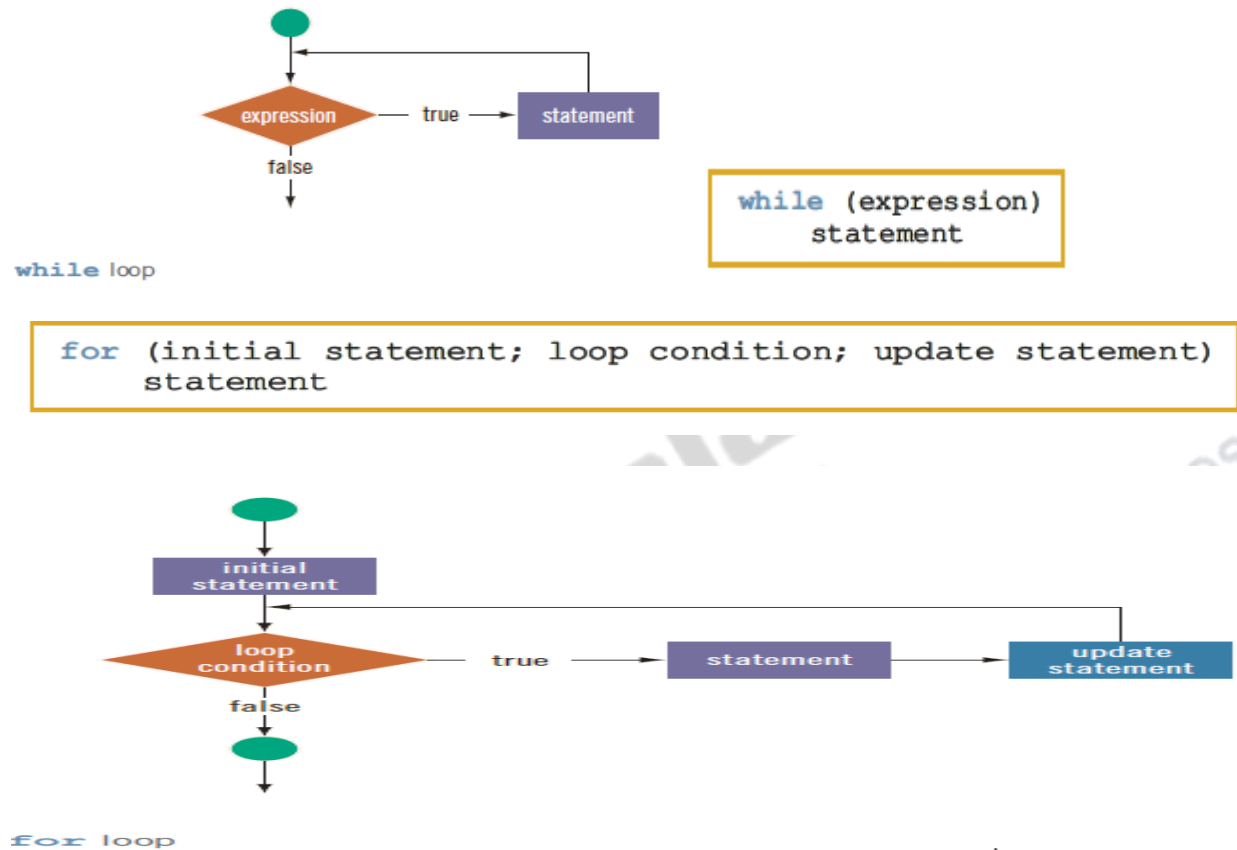


Figure 1.3 Looping Structure

2. Translation between C and Assembly Code

Following is the example on how an assembly program loop will be written in embedded "c" code

A loop in Assembly

```
MOV R2,#255
ABC:  MOV P1,R2
      DJNZ R2,ABC
```

A for-loop in C

```
for (int z=255; z>0; z--)
P1=z;
```

3. Data Type and Time Delay in 8051 C

Specific C data types for 8051 can help programmers to create smaller hex files. They are

- Unsigned char
- Signed char
- Unsigned int
- Signed int
- Sbit (single bit)
- Bit and sfr

Figure 1.4 shows the number of bits needed by each data type. The character data type is the most natural data choice because 8051 is an 8-bit microcontroller. The C compiler will allocate RAM space for the variables based on their data type - char, int, bit etc.

Data Type	Size in Bits	Data Range/Usage
unsigned char	8-bit	0 to 255
(signed) char	8-bit	-128 to +127
unsigned int	16-bit	0 to 65535
(signed) int	16-bit	-32,768 to +32,767
sbit	1-bit	SFR bit-addressable only
bit	1-bit	RAM bit-addressable only
sfr	8-bit	RAM addresses 80 - FFH only

Figure 1.4 Some Widely used Data types for 8051 C

3.1 Unsigned and Signed Char

Unsigned Char:

The most widely used data type for the 8051 is unsigned char. It uses 8-bits. The range of values taken by unsigned char is 0-255(00-FFH).

In a microcontroller setup, we use unsigned char for the following:

- ✓ To set counter value
- ✓ To handle a string of ASCII characters

- ✓ For toggling ports.

Signed Char:

Signed char is an 8-bit data type. It uses a 2's complement representation. The range of unsigned char is -128 to +127 (00-FFH). It is used for the following purposes:

- ✓ To present a given quantity such as temperature which can take both positive and negative values. .

Following are examples of programs using unsigned and signed char.

Example 1 : Write an 8051 C program to send values 00 – FF to port P1.

Solution:

```
#include <reg51.h> // library code for changing the following code to 8051 assembly code
void main(void)
{
    unsigned char z;
    for (z=0;z<=255;z++)
        P1=z;
}
```

Write an 8051 C program to send hex values for ASCII characters of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, A, B, C, and D to port P1.

Solution:

```
#include <reg51.h>
void main(void)
{
    unsigned char mynum[]="012345ABCD";
    unsigned char z;
    for (z=0;z<=10;z++)
        P1=mynum[z];
}
```

Write an 8051 C program to send values of -4 to +4 to port P1.

Solution:

```
//Signed numbers
#include <reg51.h>
```

```

void main(void)
{
    char mynum[]={+1,-1,+2,-2,+3,-3,+4,-4};
    signed char z;
    for (z=0;z<=8;z++)
        P1=mynum[z];
}

```

4. Integer

The **unsigned int** is a 16-bit data type. It takes a value in the range of 0 to 65535 (0000 – FFFFH). It is used to

- Define 16-bit variables such as memory addresses.
- Set counter values of more than 256.

Since registers and memory accesses are in 8-bit chunks, the misuse of int variables will result in a larger hex file.

Signed int is a 16-bit data type. It uses the most significant bit D15 to represent the sign : – or + . We have 15 bits for the magnitude of the number, giving a range from –32768 to +32767.

Following code shows examples for using unsigned bit and sbit.

Write an 8051 C program to toggle bit D0 of the port P1 (P1.0) 50,000 times.

Solution:

```

#include <reg51.h>
sbit MYBIT=P1^0;
void main(void)
{
    unsigned int z;
    for (z=0;z<=50000;z++)
    {
        MYBIT=0;
        MYBIT=1;
    }
}

```

5. Time Delay

There are two ways to create a time delay in 8051 C : (i) using the 8051 timer and (ii) using a simple for-loop. When using a loop to create the time delay, there are three factors that can affect the accuracy of the time delay. They are: (i) Crystal frequency of the 8051 system, (ii) 8051 machine cycle timing and (iii) Compiler used for 8051 C.

Following are example programs for creating time delay:

Write an 8051 C program to toggle bits of P1 continuously forever with some delay.

Solution:

```
//Toggle P1 forever with some delay in between "on" and "off"
```

```
#include <reg51.h>
void main(void)
{
    unsigned int x;
    for (;;) //repeat forever
    {
        p1=0x55;
        for (x=0;x<40000;x++); //delay size unknown
        p1=0xAA;
        for (x=0;x<40000;x++);
    }
}
```

Write an 8051 C program to toggle bits of P1 ports continuously with a 250 ms delay.

Solution:

```
#include <reg51.h>
void MSDelay(unsigned int);
void main(void)
{
    while (1) //repeat forever
    {
        p1=0x55;
        MSDelay(250);
        p1=0xAA;
        MSDelay(250);
    }
}

void MSDelay(unsigned int itime)
{
    unsigned int i,j;
    for (i=0;i<itime;i++)
    for (j=0;j<1275;j++);
}
```

The operating modes of the 8051 can be changed by manipulating the values of the 8051's Special Function Registers (SFRs). SFRs are accessed as if they were normal Internal RAM. The only difference is that Internal RAM is from address 00h through 7Fh whereas SFR registers exist in the address range of 80h through FFh. Each SFR has an address (80h through FFh) and a name.

Write an 8051 C program to toggle all the bits of P0, P1, and P2 continuously with a 250 ms delay. Use the sfr keyword to declare the port addresses.

Solution:

```
//Accessing Ports as SFRs using sfr data type
```

```
sfr P0=0x80;
```

```
sfr P1=0x90;
```

```
sfr P2=0xA0;
```

```
void MSDelay(unsigned int);
```

```
void main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
while (1)
```

```
{
```

```
    P0=0x55;
```

```
    P1=0x55;
```

```
    P2=0x55;
```

```
    MSDelay(250);
```

```
    P0=0xAA;
```

```
    P1=0xAA;
```

```
    P2=0xAA;
```

```
    MSDelay(250);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

6. I/O programming in 8051 C

The Figure 1.5 shows the address for the SFR registers. Through which you can access individual bit of SFR also.

Byte address	Bit address	SFR
FFH		
F0	F7 F6 F5 F4 F3 F2 F1 F0	B
E0	E7 E6 E5 E4 E3 E2 E1 E0	Acc
D0	D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0	PSW
B8	BF BE BD BC BB BA B9 B8	IP
B0	B7 B6 B5 B4 B3 B2 B1 B0	P3
A8	AF AE AD AC AB AA A9 A8	IE
A0	A7 A6 A5 A4 A3 A2 A1 A0	P2
99	not bit addressable	SBUF
98	9F 9E 9D 9C 9B 9A 99 98	SCON
90	97 96 95 94 93 92 91 90	P1
8D	not bit addressable	TH1
8C	not bit addressable	TH0
8B	not bit addressable	TL1
8A	not bit addressable	TL0
89	not bit addressable	TMOD
88	8F 8E 8D 8C 8B 8A 89 88	TCON
87	not bit addressable	PCON
83	not bit addressable	DPH
82	not bit addressable	DPL
81	not bit addressable	SP
80H	87 86 85 84 83 82 81 80	P0

Figure 1.5 Special Function Register

Following program is an example for the use of sbit and name of SFR

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

```
Sbit MYBIT = P1^5; //D5 of P1
```

Use sbit to declare the bit of SFR and declare

```
Sbit MYBIT = 0x95; //D5 of P1
```

•reg51. h is not necessary.

Following figure 1.6 shows 8051 256 Byte RAM

Byte address	Bit address								SFR
7FH	General purpose RAM								
30									
2F	7F	7E	7D	7C	7B	7A	79	78	
2E	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	
2D	6F	6E	6D	6C	6B	6A	69	68	
2C	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	
2B	5F	5E	5D	5C	5B	5A	59	58	
2A	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	
29	4F	4E	4D	4C	4B	4A	49	48	
28	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	
27	3F	3E	3D	3C	3B	3A	39	38	
26	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	
25	2F	2E	2D	2C	2B	2A	29	28	
24	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	
23	1F	1E	1D	1C	1B	1A	19	18	
22	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	
21	0F	0E	0D	0C	0B	0A	09	08	
20	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00	
1F	Bank 3								
18	Bank 2								
17	Bank 1								
10	Bank 0 (R0 -- R7)								
08									
07									
00H									

Byte address	Bit address								SFR
FFH									
F0	F7	F6	F5	F4	F3	F2	F1	F0	B
E0	E7	E6	E5	E4	E3	E2	E1	E0	Acc
D0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	PSW
B8	BF	BE	BD	BC	BB	BA	B9	B8	IP
B0	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	P3
A8	AF	AE	AD	AC	AB	AA	A9	A8	IE
A0	A7	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0	P2
99	not bit addressable								SBUF
98	9F	9E	9D	9C	9B	9A	99	98	SCON
90	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	P1
8D	not bit addressable								TH1
8C	not bit addressable								TH0
8B	not bit addressable								TL1
8A	not bit addressable								TLO
89	not bit addressable								TMOD
88	8F	8E	8D	8C	8B	8A	89	88	TCON
87	not bit addressable								PCON
83	not bit addressable								DPH
82	not bit addressable								DPL
81	not bit addressable								SP
80H	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	P0

Figure 1.6 8051 256 byte RAM

Write an 8051 C program to toggle all the bits of P0, P1, and P2 continuously with a 250 ms delay. Use the sfr keyword to declare the port addresses.

Solution:

```
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sfr P0=0x80;
sfr P1=0x90;
sfr P2=0xA0;
void MSDelay(unsigned int);
void main(void)
{
while (1)
{
P0=0x55;
P1=0x55;
P2=0x55;
MSDelay(250);
P0=0xAA;
P1=0xAA;
P2=0xAA;
MSDelay(250);
}
```

```
}  
}
```

Access Single Bit of SFR

Way to access a single bit of SFR

- Use sbit and name of SFR

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

```
Sbit MYBIT = P1^5; //D5 of P1
```

- Use sbit to declare the bit of SFR and declare by yourself

```
Sbit MYBIT = 0x95; //D5 of P1
```

- reg51. h is not necessary.

Write an 8051 C program to turn bit P1.5 on and off 50,000 times.

Solution

```
Sbit MYBIT = 0x95; // P1^5
```

```
void main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
unsigned intz;
```

```
for (z=0;z<50000;z++)
```

```
{
```

```
MYBIT=1;
```

```
MYBIT=0;
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

This program is similar to Example for unsigned int.

Access Bit-addressable RAM

You can use bit to access one bit of bit-addressable section of the data RAM space 20H-2FH.

```
#include <reg51.h>
```

```
Sbit inbit= P1^0;
```

```
bit membit; //C compiler assign a RAM
```

```
space for mybit
```

```
membit= inbit; //Read P1^0 to RAM
```

Write an 8051 C program to get the status of bit P1.0, save it, and send it to P2.7 continuously.

Solution:

```
#include <reg51.h>
sbit inbit= P1^0;
sbit outbit= P2^7;
bit membit;
void main(void)
{
while(1) { //repeat forever
membit= inbit;
outbit= membit
}
}
```

7.Summary

In this lecture we discussed C data type for 8051. Discussed C programs for time delay and I/O operations. Written C code for I/O bit and I/O port manipulations.

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