

MTD2A_timer

MTD2A: Model Train Detection And Action – arduino library <https://github.com/MTD2A/MTD2A>

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MTD2A_timer is an easy-to-use, advanced and functional C++ class for non-blocking time control. MTD2A supports parallel processing and asynchronous execution.

The class is among a number of logical building blocks that solve different functions.

Common to all building blocks are:

- They support a wide range of input sensors and output devices
- Are simple to use to build complex solutions with few commands
- They operate non-blocking, process-oriented and state-driven
- Offers extensive control and troubleshooting information
- Thoroughly documented with examples

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Feature Description

MTD2A_binary_input process consists of 3 functions:

1. `MTD2A_timer object_name ("object_name" , CountdownMS);`
2. `object_name.timer ({ RESET_TIMER | START_TIMER | PAUSE_TIMER | STOP_TIMER }, countdownMS);`
Called in `void setup ();`
3. `MTD2A_loop_execute ();` Called as the last instruction in `void loop ();`

The first argument uses the default value and the function can be called with none and up to 2 arguments.

```
MTD2A_timer object_name;  
MTD2A_timer object_name ("Object_name");  
MTD2A_timer object_name ("Object_name", countdownMS);  
Default: ("Object_name", 0 );
```

Example of event management process

```
// Event if-condition controlled. Recommended for simple solutions
// Read infrared sensor. Short detection: One LED blink.
// continuously detection: continuously LED blink
// Suitable for Unpredictable process flows such as object detection with a sensor
if (IR_sensor.get_processState() == ACTIVE) {
    Serial.println ("Object detected");
    if (timer_GL1.get_processState() == COMPLETE) {
        timer_GL1.timer (START_TIMER, 1000); // 1 second
        green_LED_1.activate (500); // 0,5 second
    }
}
```

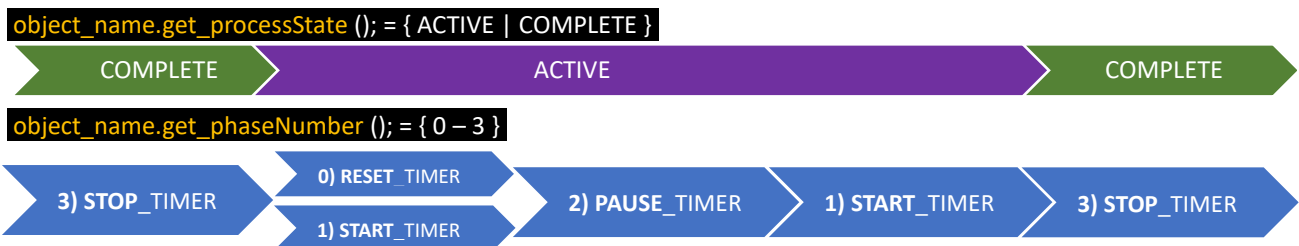
More examples and youtube demo video:

<https://github.com/MTD2A/MTD2A/tree/main/examples>

DEMO video: https://youtu.be/UU4k4_8GWfM

Process phases

Depending on the current configuration, the process is carried out in between 2 and multiple phases with pauses.



3. The initial phase when the program starts **STOP_TIMER**.
0. When function `object_name.timer (RESET_TIMER);` Is called. Can occur at any time.
1. When function `object_name.timer (START_TIMER);` Is called. May occur several times after each pause.
2. When function `object_name.timer (PAUSE_TIMER);` Is called. May occur several times after start and reset.
3. When function `object_name.timer (STOP_TIMER);` Is called or when the time has expired. `remainTimeMS = 0`.

Global Number Constants:

RESET_TIMER, **START_TIMER**, **PAUSE_TIMER** og **STOP_TIMER**

The immediate phase shift can be identified by function: `object_name.get_phaseChange (); = { true | false }`

Proces status

When transitioning to **START_TIMER** or **RESET_TIMER**, ProcessState switches to **ACTIVE**.

When transitioning to **STOP_TIMER**, the processState switches to **COMPLETE**.

ProcessState remains **ACTIVE** during **PAUSE_TIMER**.

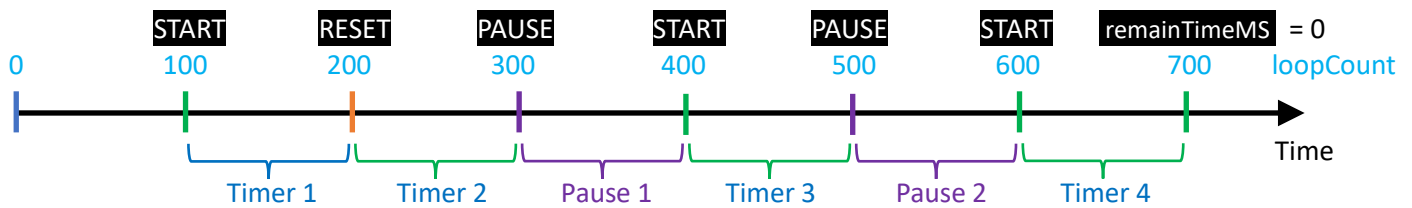
Timing

The time period can be set when the object is instantiated. Subsequently, new time periods can be defined with the funtin: `object_name.set_countDownMS ({ 0 - 4294967295 });` But only when processState is **COMPLETE**

Refer to the document MTD2A.PDF and the section "Cadence", "Synchronization" and "Execution speed".

Example of time-controlled process

Timer function is activated at 1000 millisecond intervals (100 loopCount).



Timer 1 deleted

ElapsedTimeMS = Timer 2 + Timer 3 + Timer 4 = approx 3.000 milliseconds.

remainTimeMS = countDownMS – elapsedTimeMS = 0 milliseconds.

PauseTimeMS = Pause 1 + Pause 2 = approx 2.000 milliseconds.

```
MTD2A_timer object_name ("Timer", 3000);
```

```
// Standard Loop executing time = 10 milliseconds
if (loopCount == 0) { T1.set_debugPrint (); }
if (loopCount == 100) { T1.timer (START_TIMER); } // 1 second
if (loopCount == 200) { T1.timer (RESET_TIMER); } // 2 seconds
if (loopCount == 300) { T1.timer (PAUSE_TIMER); } // 3 seconds
if (loopCount == 400) { T1.timer (START_TIMER); } // 4 seconds
if (loopCount == 500) { T1.timer (PAUSE_TIMER); } // 5 seconds
if (loopCount == 600) { T1.timer (START_TIMER); } // 6 seconds

loopCount++;
if (loopCount == 700) { // 7 seconds
    T1.print_conf ();
    loopCount = 0;
}
```

IDE Serial Monitor

```
18:04:52.200 -> Timer [1] Start timer
18:04:53.204 -> Timer [0] Reset timer
18:04:54.205 -> Timer [2] Pause timer
18:04:55.216 -> Timer [1] Start timer
18:04:56.216 -> Timer [2] Pause timer
18:04:57.250 -> Timer [1] Start timer
18:04:58.222 -> Timer [3] Stop timer
```

```
MTD2A_timer:
-----
objectName      : Timer
processState    : COMPLETE
phaseText       : [3] Stop timer
debugPrint      : ENABLE
globalDebugPr   : DISABLE
errorPrint      : DISABLE
globalErrorPr   : ENABLE
errorNumber     : 0 OK
countDownMS     : 3000
remainTimeMS    : 0
elapsedTimeMS   : 3000
startTimeMS     : 3012
stopTimeMS      : 8026
pauseTimeMS     : 2012
pauseBeginMS    : 6032
pauseEndMS      : 7038 Last measured pause period
```

Print_conf();

object_name.print_conf ();

Maximum time accuracy with Arduino ESP32 and cadence **DELAY_1MS**

```
MTD2A_timer:
-----
objectName      : Timer
processState    : COMPLETE
phaseText       : [3] Stop timer
debugPrint      : ENABLE
globalDebugPr   : DISABLE
errorPrint      : DISABLE
globalErrorPr   : ENABLE
errorNumber     : 0 OK
countDownMS     : 8000
remainTimeMS    : 6000
elapsedTimeMS   : 2000
startTimeMS     : 4576
stopTimeMS      : 9576
pauseTimeMS     : 3000
pauseBeginMS    : 6576
pauseEndMS      : 9576  Last measured pause period
```

If there are multiple breaks during the time period, it shows the total pause time **pauseTimeMS**, but **pauseBeginMS** and **pauseEndMS** only appear for the last pause.

Set and Get Features Overview

Set functions	Comment
set_countDownMS ({0- 4294967295});	Set new count down time in milliseconds
set_debugPrint ({ ENABLE DISABLE});	Activate print phase number and text.
set_errorPrint ({ ENABLE DISABLE});	Activate error messages.

Get functions	Comment
get_processtState (); return bool {ACTIVE COMPLETE}	Process state
get_phaseChange (); return bool {true false}	Momentarily phase change (one loop time)
get_phaseNumber (); return uint8_t {0- 3}	RESET_TIMER = 0, START_TIMER = 1, PAUSE_TIMER = 2, STOP_TIMER = 3
get_startTimeMS (); return uint32_t milliseconds	Last START_TIMER
get_stopTimeMS (); return uint32_t milliseconds	STOP_TIMER or remainTimeMS is zero
get_pauseTimeMS (); return uint32_t milliseconds	Acuumulated pause time (sum of all pause periods). Zero if no pause initiated
get_remainTimeMS (); return uint32_t milliseconds	Remining time since first start
get_elapsedTimeMS (); return uint32_t milliseconds	elapsed time since first start
get_reset_error (); return uint8_t {0-255}	Get error/warning number and reset number: Error [1 – 127] warning [128 – 255]

Operator overloading	Function
object_name_1 == object_name_2	bool processState_1 == processState_2
object_name_1 != object_name_2	bool processState_1 != processState_2
object_name_1 > object_name_2	bool processState_1 = ACTIVE & processState_2 = COMPLETE
object_name_1 < object_name_2	bool processState_1 = COMPLETE & processState_2 = ACTIVE
object_name_1 >> object_name_2	bool stopTimeMS_1 > stopTimeMS_2
object_name_1 << object_name_2	bool stopTimeMS_1 < stopTimeMS_2