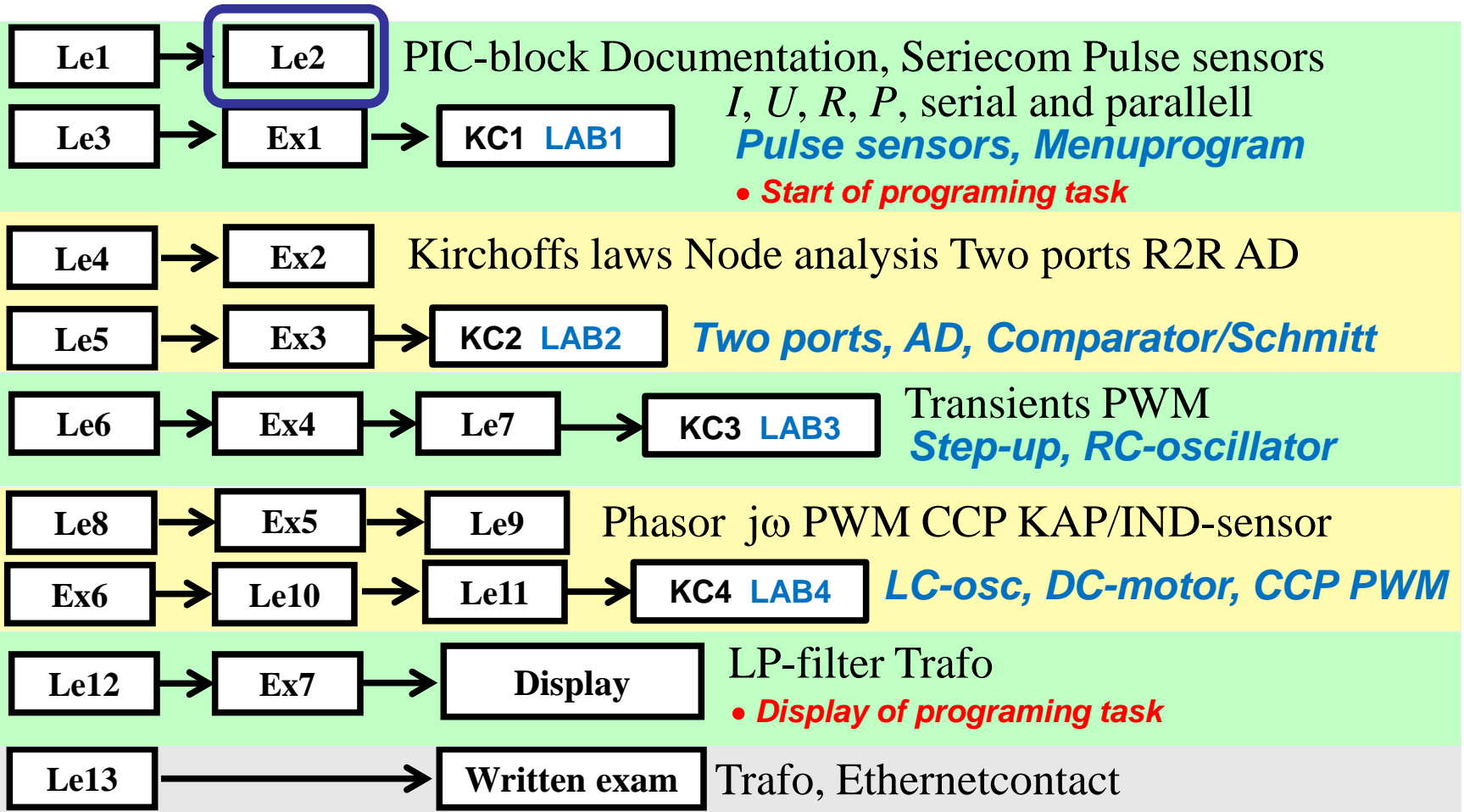


IE1206 Embedded Electronics



Communication



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ASCII-table

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	NUL	DLE	space	0	@	P	`	p
1	SOH	DC1 XON	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	ETX	DC3 XOFF	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
A	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
C	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	|
D	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
E	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	~
F	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	del

Every letter is stored in a **Byte**,
char.

"Hej!"

48 65 6A 21 00

01001000 01100101 01101010

00100

Return



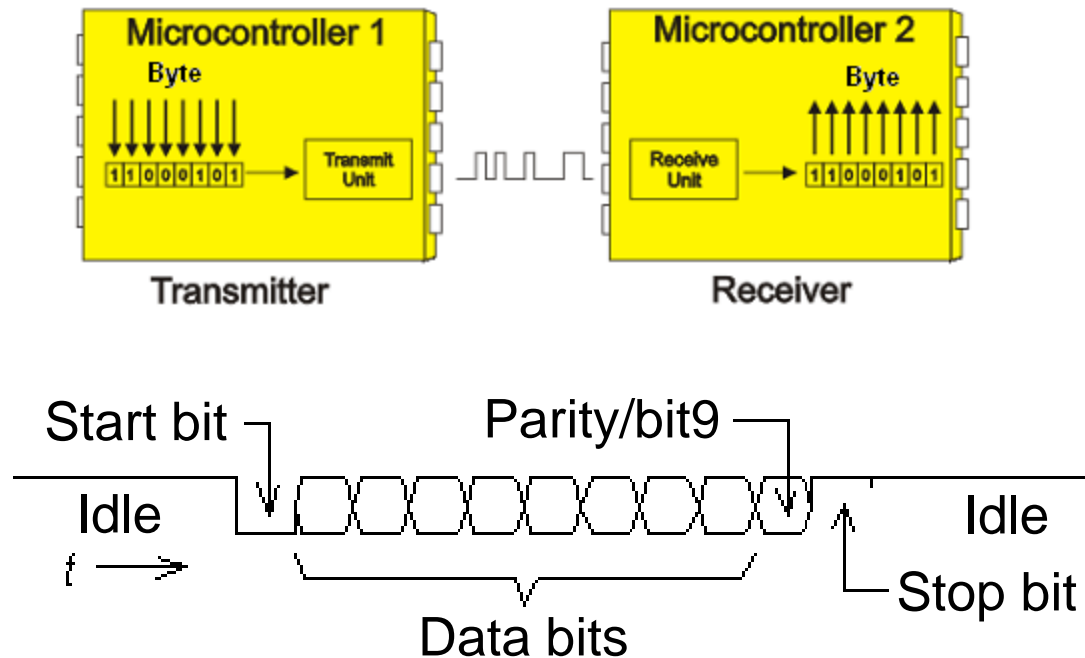
Windows/Dos Mac OS 9 UNIX
CR+LF CR LF
"r\n"

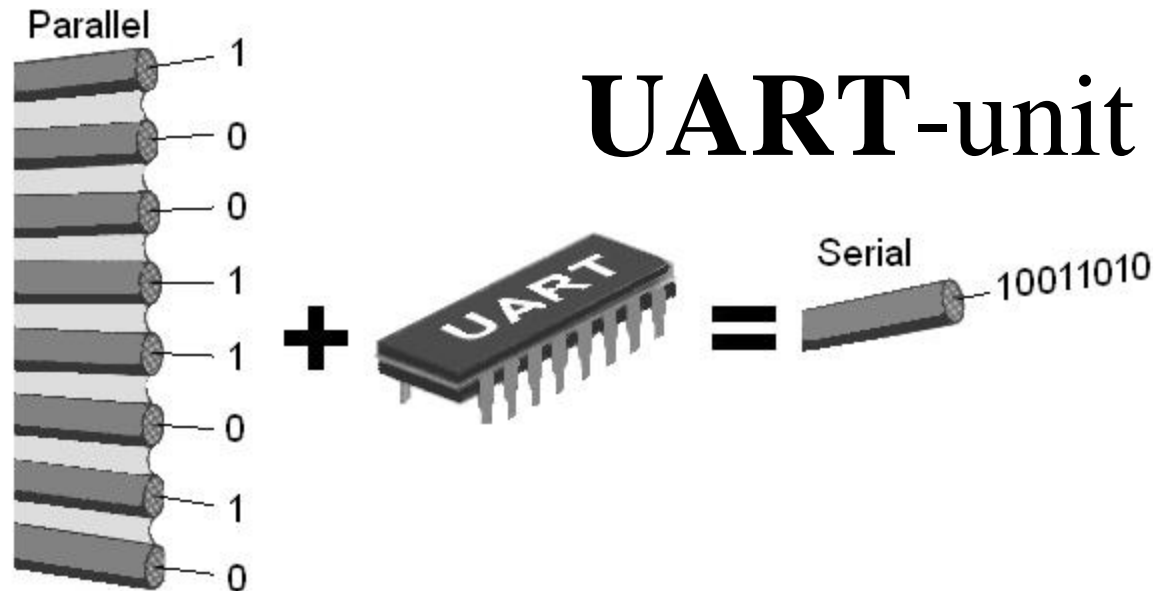
<http://ascii-table.com/>

PICKit 2 UART Tool
uses `\r\n`

Serial communication

parallell-serial-parallell conversion





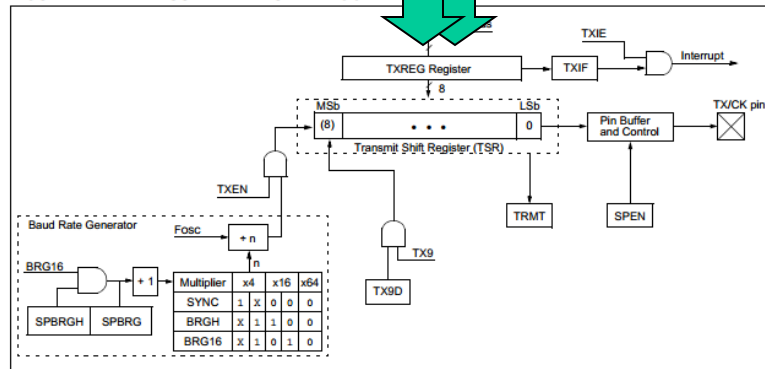
The serial/parallel conversion on a bit level is often taken care of with a special circuit called UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter), so that the processor can deliver/receive full characters.

Such unit is built into most PIC processors (USART/EUSART).

Serial communication unit

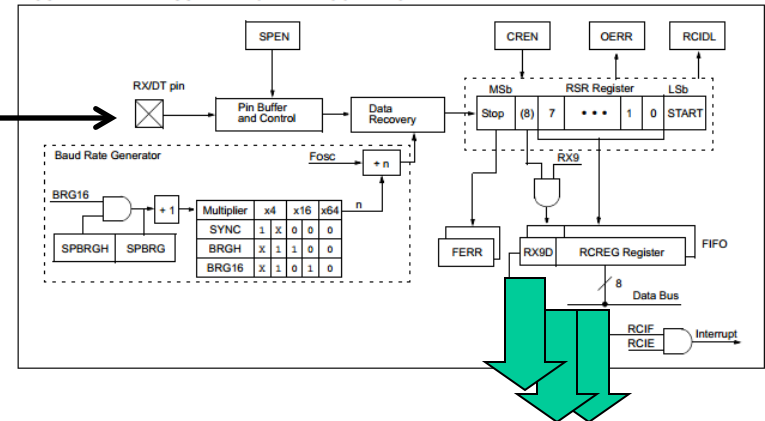
Independently run serial communication unit

FIGURE 12-1: EUSART TRANSMIT BLOCK DIAGRAM



The transmitter can hold two characters in the queue from the processor.

FIGURE 12-2: EUSART RECEIVE BLOCK DIAGRAM



The receiver can receive up to three characters before the processor needs to act.

During communication, the processor can do other things!

PIC16F690 EUSART

PIC 16F690 contains a built-in serial communication unit, EUSART (Enhanced Universal Synchronous or Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter).

As the name implies, this device is useful for both synchronous and asynchronous serial communication, but we will only use it for asynchronous serial communications.

EUSART consists of three parts.

- **SPBRG** (Serial unit Programable BaudRateGenerator) is a programable Baudgenerator for the transmission speed.
- **USART Transmitter** is the transmitter part.
- **USART Receiver** is the receiver part.

Bitrate

In serial communication, it is necessary that the transmitter and receiver are operating with the same in advance agreed upon rate. The rate at which bits are transferred is called the **Bitrate** [bit/sec].

Frequently used Bitrate's are multiples of 75 bit/sek as: 75, 150, 300, 600, 1200, **9600**, 19200 och 38400 bit/sek.

Bitrate clock is taken from a baud rate generator.

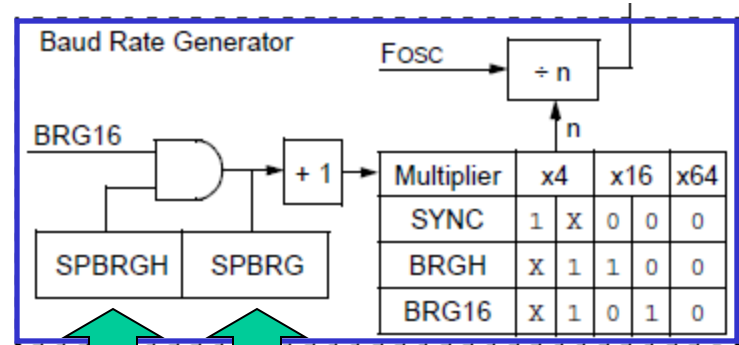
Baud Rate Generator BRG

REGISTER 12-1: TXSTA: TRANSMIT STATUS AND CONTROL REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R-1	R/W-0
CSRC	TX9	TXEN ⁽¹⁾	SYNC	SENDB	BRGH	TRMT	TX9D
bit 7					bit 0		

REGISTER 12-3: BAUDCTL: BAUD RATE CONTROL REGISTER

R-0	R-1	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
ABDOVF	RCIDL	—	SCKP	BRG16	—	WUE	ABDEN
bit 7				bit 0			



(16bit) ↑ ↑ 8bit

TABLE 12-3: BAUD RATE FORMULAS

Configuration Bits		BRG/EUSART Mode	Baud Rate Formula
BRG16	BRGH		
0	0	8-bit/Asynchronous	$F_{osc}/[64(n+1)]$
0	1	8-bit/Asynchronous	$F_{osc}/[16(n+1)]$
1	0	16-bit/Asynchronous	
1	1	16-bit/Asynchronous	$F_{osc}/[4(n+1)]$

One bit **BRGH** determines the low-speed or high-speed mode. One bit **BRG16** introduces 16-bit divisor.

• *Our settings:*

```
/* 9600 Baud @ 4 MHz */
BRG16=0; BRGH=1; SPBRG = 26-1;
```

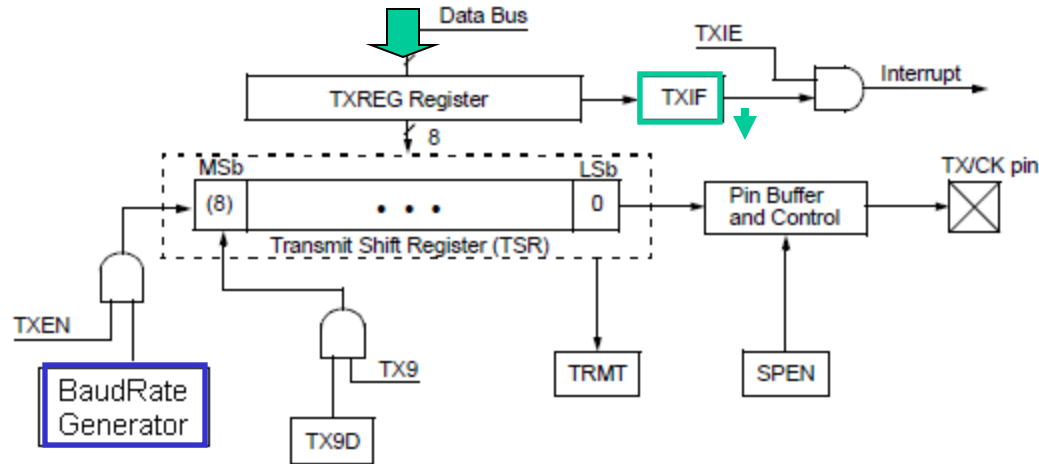
A register **SPBRG** contains a divisor 8/16-bits.

Baud Rate Generator **BRG**

The extensive setting options are there to be able to find a combination that gives the most accurate bitrate as possible.

Two processors that communicate asynchronously with each other must have Bitrate's that conforms better than $\pm 2,5\%$. Otherwise you risk the communication to be distorted.

Transmitter



To send a character, it is enough to put it in the **TXREG** register. When the transmitter register **TSR** is "redy" the character is copied to this and is shifted out serial on the pin **TX/CK**. If there is If you have a further character to send you can now put it in the "waiting queue" for **TXREG**. As fast as **TSR** is empty the next character will be loaded from **TXREG** automatically to **TSR**.

In the blockdiagram the flag **TXIF** (Transmitter Interupt Flag) will tell if the transmitter register **TXREG** is full or not. The flag is zeroed automatically when a character is loaded to **TSR**.

Transmitter settings

REGISTER 12-1: TXSTA: TRANSMIT STATUS AND CONTROL REGISTER

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R-1	R/W-0
CSRC	TX9	TXEN ⁽¹⁾	SYNC	SENDB	BRGH	TRMT	TX9D
bit 7							bit 0

bit 6 = 0 TX9: No nine bit transmission.

bit 5 = 1 TXEN: Transmit Enable bit. Must be on.

bit 4 = 0 SYNC: Usart mode select bit. We chose *asynchronous* operation.

bit 2 = 1 BRGH: High Baudrate select bit. We chose high speed mode.

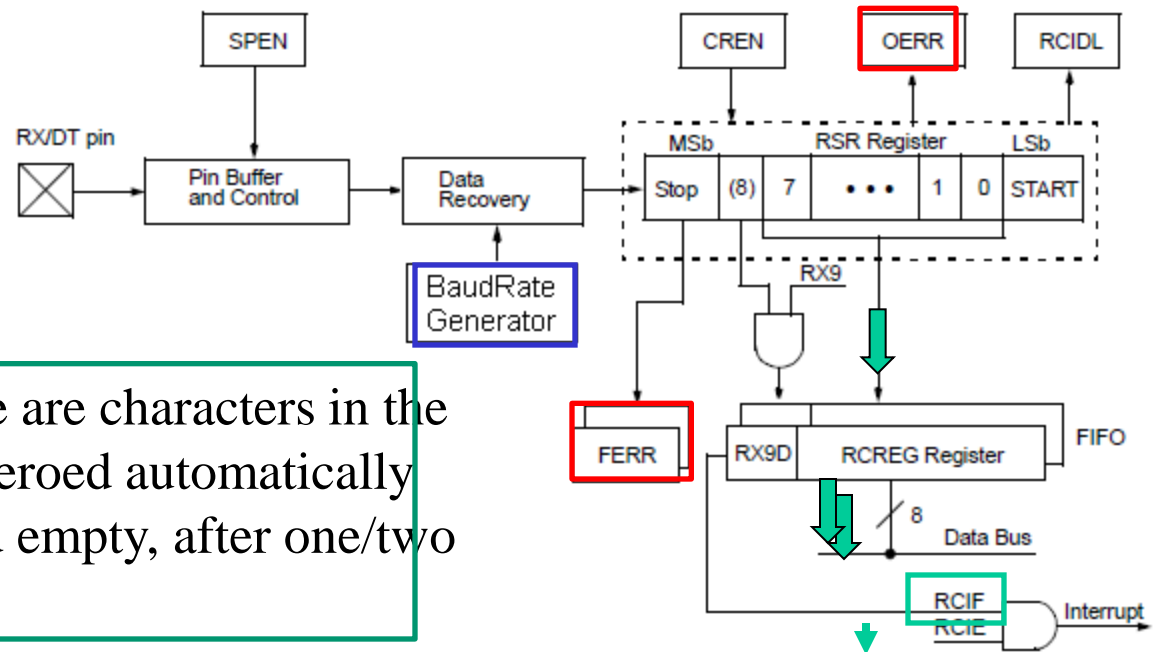
bit 1 TRMT: Flag is "1" if TSR is empty.

Receiver

Characters received from the pin RX/DT to the receiver register RSR. When the reception of a character is done it is brought over to **RCREG** which is a FIFO-buffer. This buffer contains two characters that are read in the order they arrived.

The buffer means that a program can do other things during the time it takes to receive three characters.

The flag **RCIF** tells if there are characters in the buffer or not. This flag is zeroed automatically when the buffer is read and empty, after one/two characters.



*Flags **OERR**, **FERR** warns for erroneously received characters*

Receiver settings

REGISTER 12-2: RCSTA: RECEIVE STATUS AND CONTROL REGISTER⁽¹⁾

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R-0	R-0	R-x
SPEN	RX9	SREN	CREN	ADDEN	FERR	OERR	RX9D
bit 7							bit 0

bit 7 = 1 SPEN: Enables the serial port.

bit 6 = 0 RX9: No receive of nine bit.

bit 4 = 1 CREN: Continuous Receive Enable bit. Use the buffer.

bit 2 and bit 1 FERR OERR Flags for erroneously received characters.

The bit/bitvariabele **RCIF** indicates when there are characters to fetch.

Initiation of the serial port

```
void initserial( void )
/* initialise serialcom port 16F690 */
{
    SPEN = 1;
    BRGH = 1; /* Async high speed */
    BRG16= 0; /* SPRG n is 8-bit */
    TXEN = 1; /* transmit enable */
    SPBRG = 26-1; /* 9600 Baud @ 4 MHz */
    CREN = 1; /* Continuous receive */
    RX9 = 0; /* 8 bit reception */
    TRISB.7 = 0; /* TX is output */
    TRISB.5 = 1; /* RX is input */
}
```

- Done once in the beginning of program.

Seriecom-functions

```
char getchar( void ) /* recieves one char */
{
    char d_in;
    while ( !RCIF ) ; /* wait for char */
    d_in = RCREG;
    return d_in;
}
```

Note! Blocking function!

Here you will wait until a character is received!

```
void putchar( char d_out ) /* sends one char */
{
    /* wait until previous character transmitted */
    while ( !TXIF ) ;
    TXREG = d_out;
}
```


Warning! Receiver can lock!

The program must read the receiver unit before it has received three characters - otherwise it lock itself!

When connecting the serial connector one may "trembles" on hand such that the "contact bounces" becomes many characters received. If the receiving device then "freezes" this is obviously a very difficult/impossible "bug" to find!

The solution is an unlocking routine to use if necessary. You should call such a unlocking routine directly before you expects input via the serial port.

OverrunRecover ()

```
void OverrunRecover( void )
{
    char trash;
    trash = RCREG;
    trash = RCREG;
    CREN = 0;
    CREN = 1;
}
```

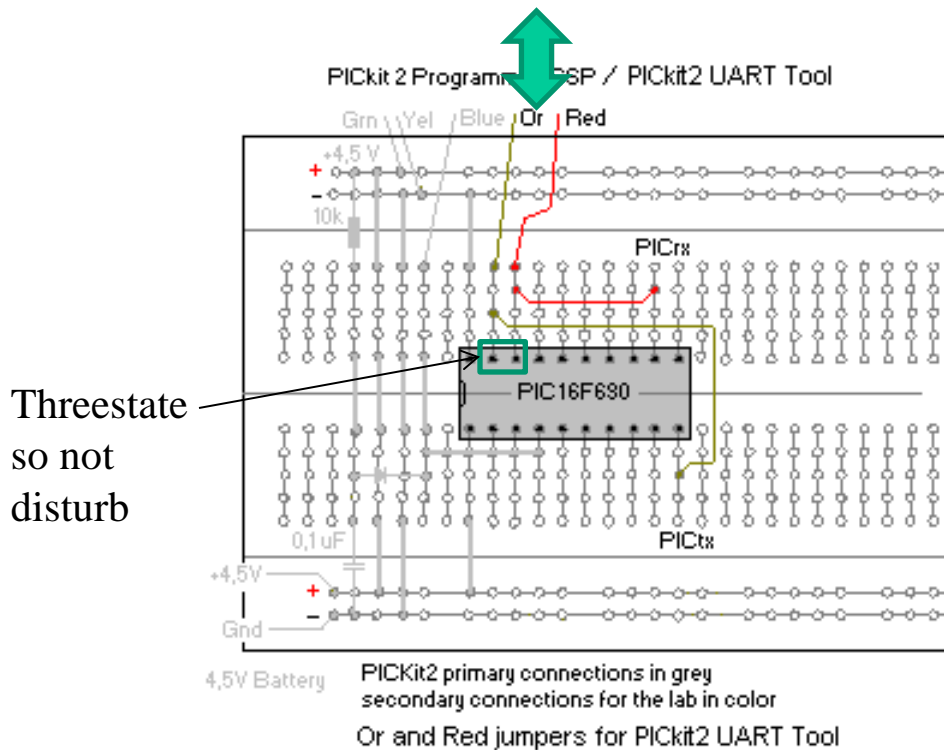
- *Unlocking procedure.*

Note: If the receive FIFO is overrun, no additional characters will be received until the overrun condition is cleared. See **Section 12.1.2.5** “**Receive Overrun Error**” for more information on overrun errors.



Serial com - Hardware

1) PICKIT 2 UART Tool by the programing wires

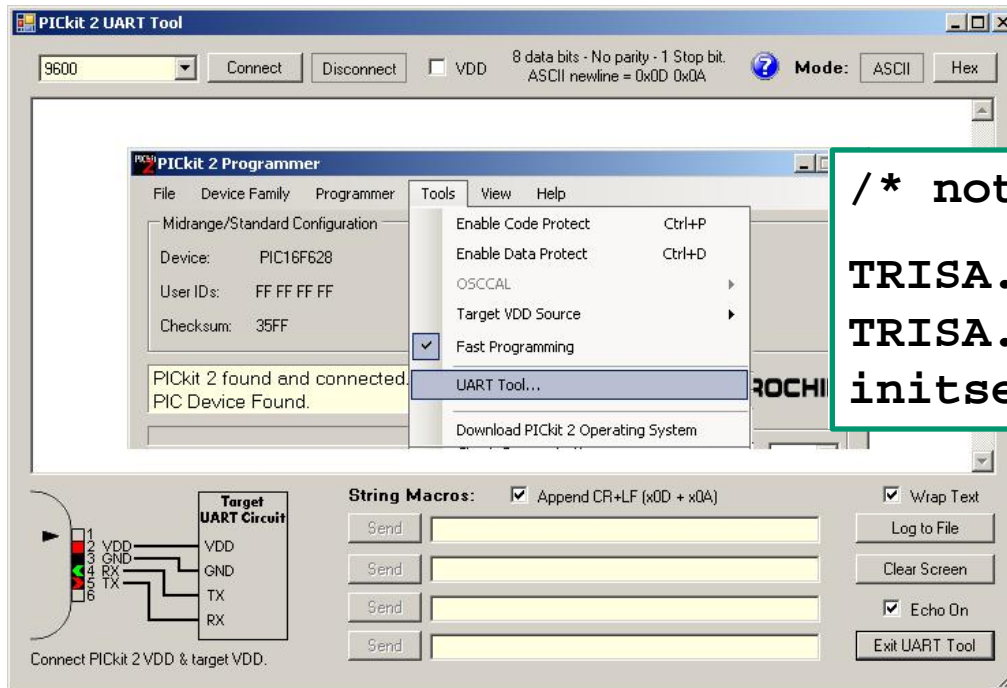


Place jumpers between PIC-processor serial port to the programing wires (Or, Red).



Serial com – Console program

1) PICKIT 2 UART Tool, can be used as a console program through the programming wires.



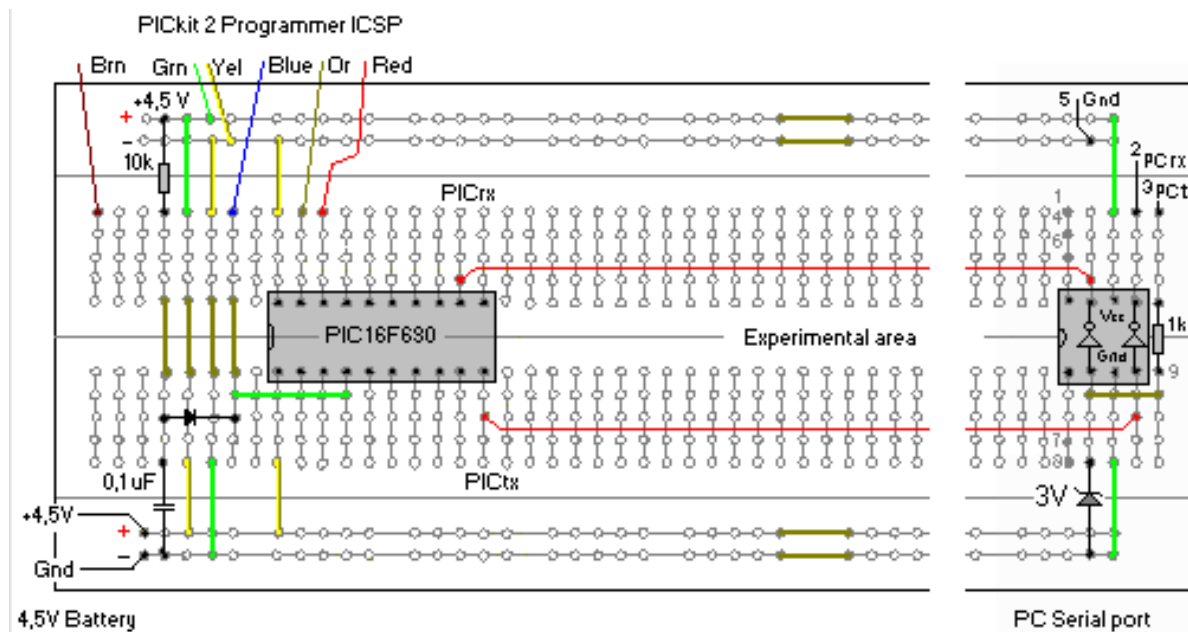
```
/* not disturb UART-Tool */  
TRISA.0 = 1;   Threestate on the  
TRISA.1 = 1;   programming  
initserial();  wires!
```

(Serial com – Hardware)



2) PC with serial port

PC-serieport



Invert signals to/from PIC-processor serial port before it is connected to PC serial port. (Should be $\pm 12V$, but inverters use to be enough).

(There are special circuits that generate $\pm 12V$ signals for serial communication.)

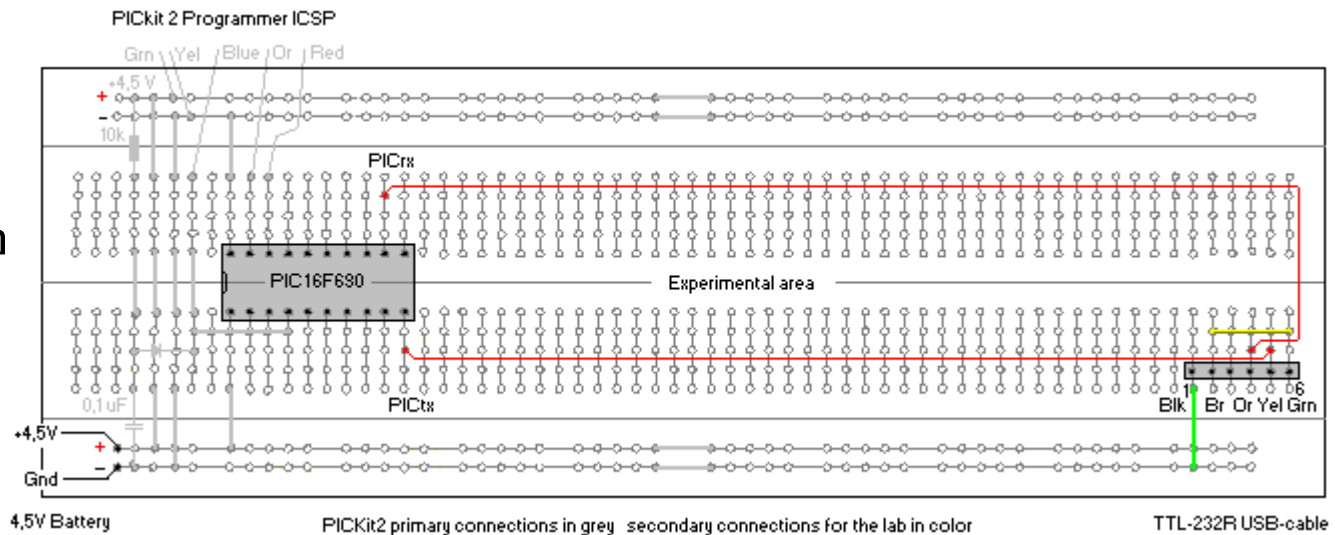
Serial communication USB-serial-TTL

3) FTDI TTL232R connects *directly* to the processor pins.



Most PC lacks nowadays serial port, a driver can install a virtual USB serial port.
Noninverted logic levels

The driver is now already in Windows



Fritzing Serial Monitor

The image shows a composite of elements related to Fritzing's Serial Monitor. On the left, a breadboard schematic features a PIC16F890 microcontroller, a red pushbutton, and various resistors. A callout box identifies the PIC16F890. Below the breadboard is the 'fritzing' logo. To the right, a USB cable is shown with a callout box identifying it as 'FTDI TTL_232R-5V USB for serial monitor'. The main part of the image is a screenshot of the Fritzing application window titled 'pic_example.fzz - Fritzing'. The 'Code' tab is active, showing a C program named 'hello_blink.inc'. The code includes comments about the PIC16F890 and the breadboard setup, and defines a function 'led' for controlling an LED. The 'Serial Monitor' window is open, displaying the same code and its output: 'LED ON'. The Serial Monitor window also shows connection settings: 'Connected to COM4 : 9600, 8, None, 1, None'. At the bottom of the Fritzing window, the 'Serial Monitor' tab is selected, and the 'Upload' button is visible.

ICP02 PICKIT2 programmer

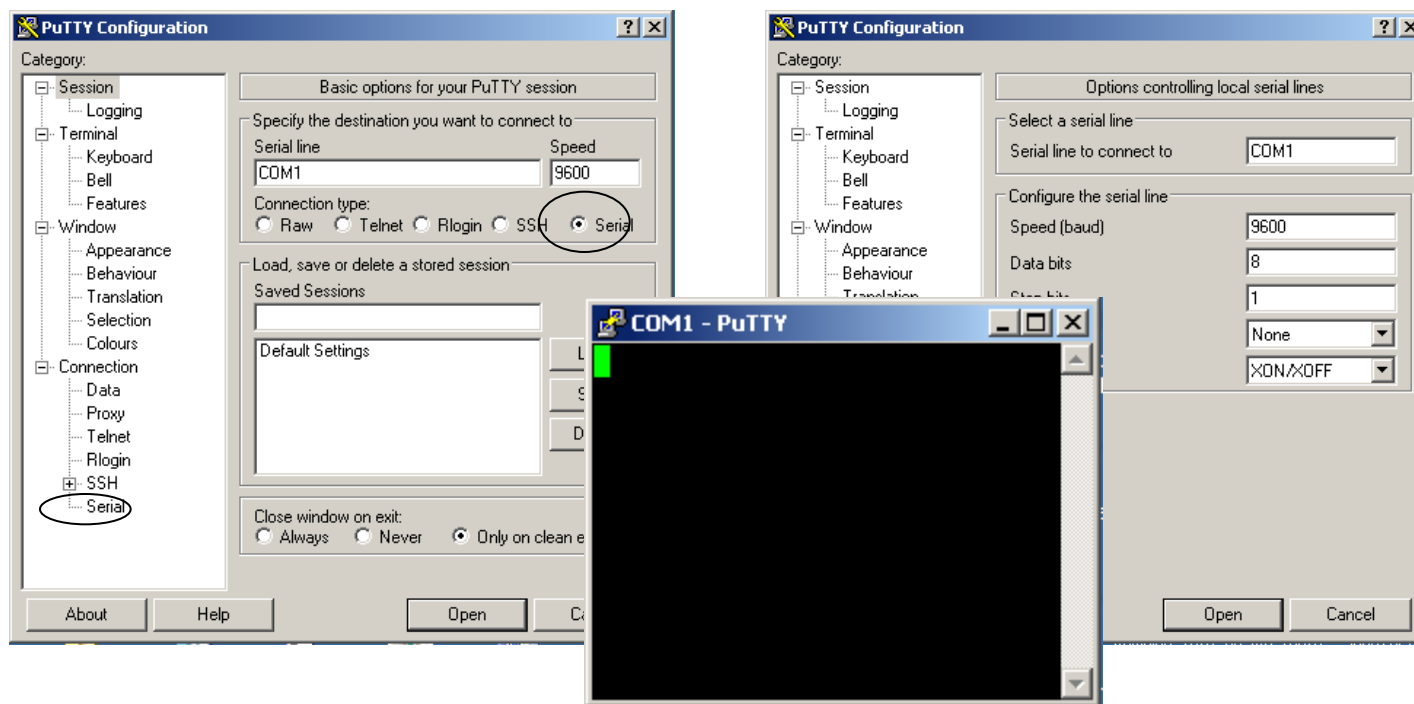
PIC16F890

FTDI TTL_232R-5V USB for serial monitor

```
File Edit Code View Window Help
Welcome Breadboard Schematic PCB Code
hello_blink.inc <
/* Compile with PK2CC5X Tool chain
https://github.com/williamsandy/Fritzing-PK2-C
/* hello_blink.c PICKIT 2 breadboard LED
/* Program for testing components on breadb
/* Blink with LED, serial menu LED on/off b
ANSI-C
er variab
g used by
yte used
ars at
Serial Monitor
Monitor Tools
Connect Disconnect Configure Clear
h
h (L)ed On, led (O)ff, led (B)link, (S)witch, delay
(*), (-)
1
1 LED ON
Connected to COM4 : 9600, 8, None, 1, None
Arduino Arduino UNO COM4 Serial Monitor Upload
186 %
```

Console program to PC

If you uses a USB-virtual serial port – first find out the COM port number (with Device / Device Manager)...



PuTTY

PuTTY

Test program: `echo()` / `crypto()`

```
void main( void)
{
```

```
    char c;
```

```
    TRISB.6 = 1; /* not to disturb UART-Tool */
```

```
    TRISB.7 = 1; /* not to disturb UART-Tool */
```

```
    initserial();
```

```
    delay10(100); /* 1 sek delay */
```

```
    /* 1 sek to turn on VDD and Connect UART-Tool */
```

```
    while( 1)
```

```
    {
```

```
        c = getchar( ); /* input 1 character */
```

```
        if( c == '\r' || c == '\n')
```

```
            putchar(c);
```

```
        else putchar(c); /* echo the character */
```

```
        /* putchar(c+1) => Crypto! */
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

If PIC-processor "echoes" the characters so does the communication work.

Safer version: crypto ! A→B

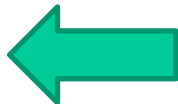
Serial communication directly, with with an optional pin!

Bit-banging

It is very common to program serial communication "bit by bit". Any port pin can be used. This is a very good debugging tool.

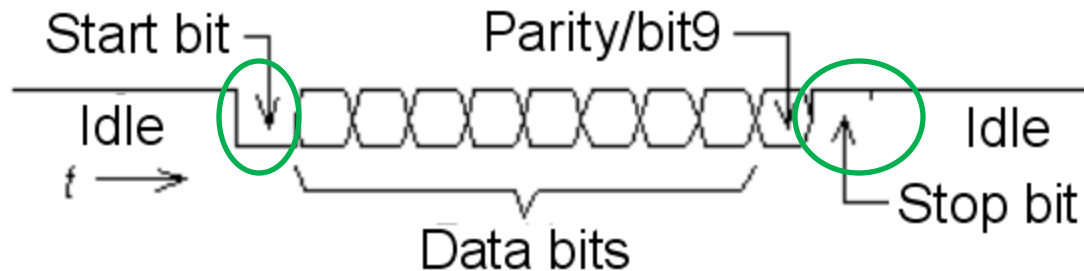
A suitable bitrate is then **9600**. $T = 1/9600 = 104.17 \mu\text{s}$. If the processor's clock frequency is 4 MHz a delay loop that takes 104 instructions is needed.

```
/* delay one bit 104 usec at 4 MHz */  
/* 5+18*5-1+1+9=104 without optimization */  
i = 18;  
do ;  
while( --i > 0 );  
nop();
```



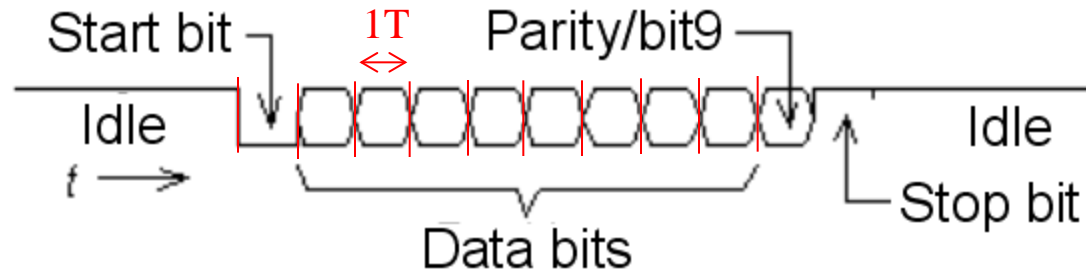
*Look at the assembly code
and count the instructions.
Every instruction takes 1 μs .*

Bits and extra bits



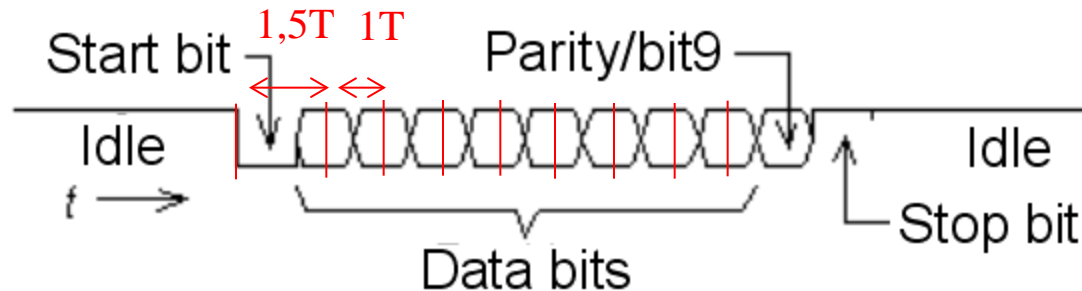
The asynchronous transfer technique means that for every byte one adds extra bits that will make it possible to separate out the byte from the bitstream. Often you in addition put in a bit for error indication.

Send a character ...



- The data transfer starts with the data line is held low "0" during a time interval that is one bit long ($T = 1/\text{bitrate}$). This is *start bit*.
- During 8 equally long time interval then follows the data bits, ones or zeros, with the least significant bit first and the most significant bit last.
- (Thereafter *could* a *parity bit* follow, an aid in the detection of transmission errors.)
- The transfer ends finally to the data line for at least one bit interval is high. This is the *stop bit*.

Recieve a character



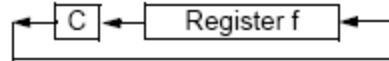
The reception of data is done by first waiting for the start bit negative edge, and then register the first data after $1.5T$ delay and then the next data bits after $1T$ (registration at the data bits "midpoints").

The receiver is "resynchronized" again at every start bit edge.

Rotation av numbers

RLF Rotate Left f through Carry

Syntax: [label] RLF f,d
 Operands: $0 \leq f \leq 127$
 $d \in [0,1]$
 Operation: See description below
 Status Affected: C
 Description: The contents of register 'f' are rotated one bit to the left through the Carry flag. If 'd' is '0', the result is placed in the W register. If 'd' is '1', the result is stored back in register 'f'.



Words: 1

Cycles: 1

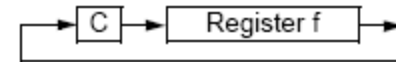
Example:

```

RLF    REG1, 0
Before Instruction
REG1   = 1110 0110
C      = 0
After Instruction
REG1   = 1110 0110
W      = 1100 1100
C      = 1
  
```

RRF Rotate Right f through Carry

Syntax: [label] RRF f,d
 Operands: $0 \leq f \leq 127$
 $d \in [0,1]$
 Operation: See description below
 Status Affected: C
 Description: The contents of register 'f' are rotated one bit to the right through the Carry flag. If 'd' is '0', the result is placed in the W register. If 'd' is '1', the result is placed back in register 'f'.

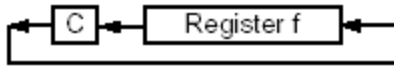


PIC-processors has two instructions for "rotate" numbers **RLF** and **RRF**.

These instructions, we need in the future...

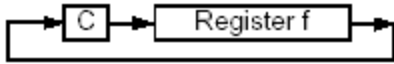
Cc5x has *internal* functions `rl()` and `rr()`

RLF Rotate Left f through Carry



```
char rl( char );
```

RRF Rotate Right f through Carry



```
char rr( char );
```

C language has two shift operators shift right `>>` and shift left `<<`, no actual "rotate" -operator does not exist.

In order to nevertheless be able to use PIC processors' rotation instructions, the compiler **Cc5x** has added two *internal* functions `char rl(char);` and `char rr(char);`.

These functions directly generates assembly instrctions **RLF** and **RRF**.

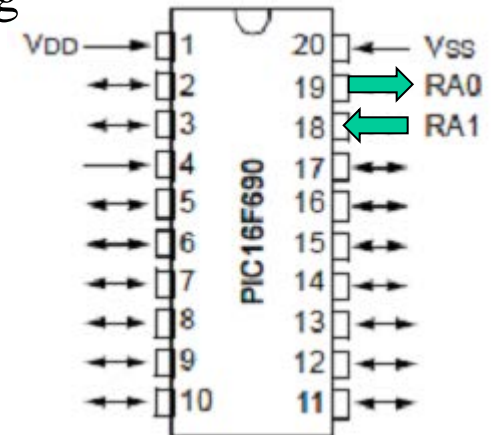
The Carryflag is reached as a internal bit variable `bit Carry;`

Debug-communication

PICKit2 UART-tool can be used as a simple debugging tool. The same wires that are used for the chip programming are used by the UART-tool for serial communication.

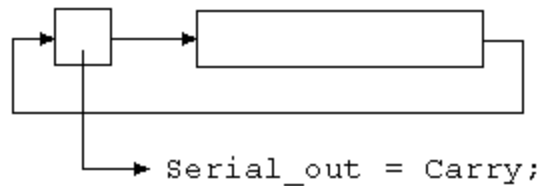
What is needed is therefore a bitbanging-routine for serial communication with these pins.

Chip-programing
and communication.



```
void initserial( void ) /* init PIC16F690 serialcom */
{
    ANSEL.0 = 0; /* No AD on RA0 */
    ANSEL.1 = 0; /* No AD on RA1 */
    PORTA.0 = 1; /* marking line */
    TRISA.0 = 0; /* output to PK2 UART-tool */
    TRISA.1 = 1; /* input from PK2 UART-tool */
}
```

void putchar(char)



```
void putchar(char d_out)
{ char count, i;
  Serial_out = 0; /* set startbit */
  for(count = 10; count > 0; count--)
  { /* delay 104 usec          */
    i = 18; do ; while( --i > 0); nop();
    Carry = 1;
    d_out = rr(d_out);
    Serial_out = Carry;
  }
}
```

char getchar(void)

```
char getchar( void )
```

```
{
```

```
    char d_in, count, i;
```

```
    while( Serial_in == 1) /* wait for startbit */;
```

```
    /* 1.5 bit 156 usec no optimization */
```

```
    i = 28; do ; while( --i > 0); nop(); nop2();
```

```
    for(count = 8; count > 0; count--)
```

```
    {
```

```
        Carry = Serial_in;
```

```
        d_in = rr( d_in );
```

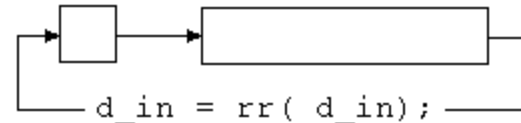
```
        /* 1 bit 104 usec no optimization */
```

```
        i = 18; do ; while( --ti > 0); nop();
```

```
    }
```

```
    return d_in;
```

```
}
```

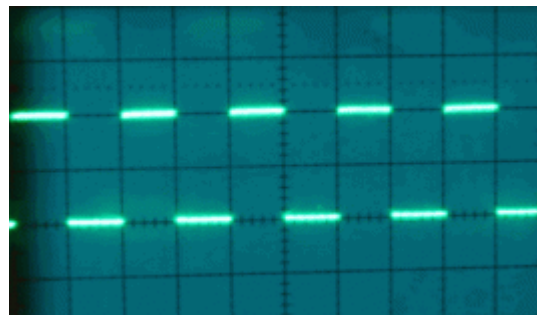


Test program: squarewave

You can check if the bitrate is correct with an oscilloscope.

9600 bit/sek. If you transmits continuously 8 bit with **start bit** and **stop bit** the letter 'U' (**1**0101010**10**) you will get a squarewave with $f = 4800$ Hz. This test is useful to know.

```
while(1) putchar('U');
```



If you don't have any oscilloscope?

```
while(1) putchar('U');
```

PICKit2
Logic
Tool

The screenshot shows two windows from the PICKit 2 software. The top window is the 'PICKit 2 UART Tool' with a terminal window displaying a stream of 'U' characters. The bottom window is the 'PICKit 2 Logic Tool' showing a digital logic analyzer trace for Ch.1. The trace shows a square wave with a period of approximately 209 microseconds. A green arrow labeled 'PIC Tx' points from the UART tool to the Logic Tool. The Logic Tool interface includes settings for VDD, Mode (Logic I/O), Sample Rate (1 MHz), and Trigger Position (Start of Data). A frequency measurement box indicates 'Y-X = -209 us (4784.69 Hz)'. A diagram at the bottom left shows the 'Target UART Circuit' with connections for VDD, GND, TX, and RX.

We can see details such as that the stop bit are a little longer than the other bits.

To measure the frequency, click the markers in place with left and right mouse buttons. The frequency is 4785 Hz (≈ 4800).

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