



# A Better Mouse Trap

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### APPLICATION OPERATION:

My application uses a PIC12C508 to produce realistic sounding mouse-like coos that all mice are sure to find seductive. The entire circuit should be imbedded in, or at least placed, near a baited mouse-trap for best effect.

The heart of the circuit is a pseudo-random number generator that determines both the time between squeaks, and the number of chirps in each squeak. In operation, the watchdog timer is used to wake the mouse up at a constant half-second rate. If the randomly determined, one to sixteen periods have passed, the mouse will emit a squeak. Squeaks consist of from one to four chirps, and each chirp is a tone that sweeps from about 5KHz to 10KHz, in about 30mSec.

The circuit operates on two AAA dry cells, and drives a standard piezoelectric buzzer through a 4.7K resistor via a two pin push-pull output. No other components are required.

### Block Diagram:

Operation is straight-forward, as described above.

### Flow Chart:

Operation is straight-forward, as described above.

### Graphical hardware representation:

This is probably described easier than I can draw it:

- The heart of the circuit is an 8-pin PIC12C508.
- Two AAA dry cells are connected in series to form a 3V supply, then connected with the positive lead to pin 1 of the PIC12C508, and the negative one to pin 8.

- Unused pins 2, 3, 4, and 5 are all connected to pin 1.
- Pin 7 has a 4.7K resistor connected to it with the other side of the resistor connected to either one of the wires on a piezoelectric buzzer. The other buzzer wire goes to pin 6.
- The value of the 4.7K resistor is not critical. It should be at least 1K to limit the current into the buzzer, and increased from there, to limit the volume to a pleasing level (depends on the efficiency of the buzzer).

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## APPENDIX A: SOURCE CODE

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;                               MouseTrap
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;
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;  A solid state mouse (the four legged kind) simulator, using the PIC12C508.
;
;  This circuit produces realistic-sounding mouse-like coos that all mice
;  are sure to find seductive. The circuit should be installed near
;  a baited mouse-trap for best effect.
;
;  This circuit is powered by a 3V source, and directly drives a
;  piezoelectric buzzer. Circuit connections are as follows:
;  A piezoelectric buzzer is connected through a series 4.7K
;
;  resistor to pins 6&7 (GP0&1)
;  +3V is connected to pin 1, gnd to pin 8
;  pins 2,3,4, and 5 should be tied to either pin 1 or 8
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; Program equates
TMin    EQU D'16'           ; Mouse chirps are frequency sweeps from about 5-10KHz
TMax    EQU D'32'           ; the freq. is approx 166000/T

; Standard Equates
W        EQU 0
F        EQU 1

GPWUF    EQU 7
PA0      EQU 5
TO       EQU 4
PD       EQU 3
Z        EQU 2
Zero     EQU 2
DC       EQU 1
C        EQU 0
Carry    EQU 0

MCLRDisabled EQU 0
MCLREnabled  EQU H'10'
CodeProtect  EQU 0
NoCodeProtect EQU H'08'
WDTDisabled  EQU 0
WDTEnabled   EQU H'04'
IntrRCOsc    EQU H'02'
ExtrRCOsc    EQU H'03'
XTOSC        EQU H'01'
LPOsc        EQU 0

; '508 Registers
INDF      EQU H'00'
TMR0      EQU H'01'
PCL       EQU H'02'
STATUS    EQU H'03'
FSR       EQU H'04'
OSCCAL    EQU H'05'
GPIO      EQU H'06'

; program variables
LByte     EQU H'07'           ; random number variables
HByte     EQU H'08'           ; numbers are generated as 2bytes+carry
CBit      EQU H'09'
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RNum      EQU H'07'          ; Generated random number...same as 'LByte'

WDTimes   EQU H'0A'          ; Mouse only chirps after 'WDTimes' wakeups
Count     EQU H'0A'          ; Dual use reg - only used during a chirp

ChirpCnt  EQU H'0B'          ; # of chirps in the squeak
CycleCnt  EQU H'0C'          ; counts cycles during a chirp
DelayCnt  EQU H'0D'          ; delay counter for waveform generation

; *****
;   Setting the ID words...
;   ORG H'0200'
ID0       Data.WH'0000'
ID1       Data.WH'0000'
ID2       Data.WH'0003'
ID3       Data.WH'0008'

; *****
;   and the Fuses...
;   ORG H'0FFF'
CONFIG    Data.W  MCLRDisabled + NoCodeProtect + WDTEndabled + IntrCOSC

; *****
;   PIC starts here on power up...
;   *****

      ORG H'00'

      MOVWFOSCCAL      ; store the factory osc. calibration value

;   subroutines must be in the low page, so jump to higher memory...
      BTFSCSTATUS,TO ; check if we're here from WDT timeout
      GOTOInit        ; no, do a full reset
      BTFSCSTATUS,PD ; was a timeout, but was it a wakeup call
      GOTOInit        ; no - it was a code error
      GOTOMain        ; yes, was a wakeup

; *****
;   Chirp
;   Each mouse squeak consists of a series of 1 to 4 chirps.
;   Each chirp lasts about 30mS, and consists of 12 cycles at each
;   frequency from a min set by TMax, to the maximum freq, set by TMin:

ChirpMOVLWTMax      ; get the initial waveform period
      MOVWF Count      ; and save it
ch1      MOVWLW D'12'    ; 12 cycles at each frequency
      MOVWF CycleCnt

ch2      MOVF Count,W      ; load the count(delay) value
      BSF GPIO,0          ; and produce one cycle
      CALL DelayLoop
      BCF GPIO,0
      MOVF Count,W
      BSF GPIO,1
      CALL DelayLoop
      BCF GPIO,1
      DECFSZ CycleCnt,F ; keep repeating
      GOTO ch2

      DECF Count,F          ; reduce count to increase frequency
      MOVWLW TMin
      SUBWF Count,W          ; compare to the min period value
      BTFSC STATUS,Carry; C is clear if Count<TMin
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GOTO    chl
RETLW   0

; *****
;      DelayLoop
;  A simple delay routine...

DelayLoop
    MOVWF DelayCnt      ; save the count value
d1      DECFSZ DelayCnt,F ; count down,
    GOTO  d1            ; and loop,
    RETLW  0            ; 'til we're done

; *****
;      Random
;  Generates a 'random' byte in RNum.
;  Maintains a 2 byte shift register (LByte and HByte) that has an input
;  provided by the XNOR of the inverse of the 13th bit and the carry out
;  bit. Generates one bit at a time, so calls itself 8 times to form a byte.

Random MOVF HByte,F      ; have to catch the special case where all
    BTFSS STATUS,Zero    ; 16 bits are 0
    GOTO  r1
    MOVF  LByte,F
    BTFSS STATUS,Zero
    GOTO  r1
    MOVF  TMR0,W          ; both bytes are zero, seed with the low byte
    MOVWF LByte           ; with the timer contents
    BTFSS STATUS,Zero    ; but even the timer might read zero
    GOTO  r1
    DECF  LByte,F         ; so then, just seed with FF

r1      CALL RLoop        ; 7 calls and a fall-through gives 8 calls...
    CALL RLoop
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    CALL RLoop

RLoopMOVF CBit,F          ; the XNOR is based on the carry and 13th bits
    BTFSS STATUS,Zero    ; check the 'carry bit'
    GOTO  CarryWas1

CarryWas0
    BTFSC HByte,4         ; C=0, so check bit 13
    INCF  CBit,F          ; if it's 1, we'll rotate in a 1
    GOTO  SetCarry

CarryWas1
    CLRF  CBit            ; assume the new carry will be 0
    BTFSS HByte,4         ; which it will be if bit13 is 1
    INCF  CBit,F          ; else set CBit to 1 (b13=0)

SetCarry
    CLRW          ; start with W=0
    ADDWF CBit,F  ; adding 0 to anything forces C=0
    BTFSS STATUS,Zero ; if CBit=0, go on
    SUBWF CBit,F    ; else, set C=1

RotateRLF LByte,F        ; rotate the new bit into the shift reg
    RLF  HByte,F
    CLRF CBit            ; then set CBit to the current value of C
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        BTFSC  STATUS,Carry
        INCF   CBit,F
        RETLW  0

; *****
;           Wait
; Provides a 50mS delay - careful it uses Count reg!

Wait    MOVLW  D'65'
        MOVWF  Count           ; loop counter
s1      MOVLW  H'FF'
        CALL   DelayLoop       ; delay 0.77mS
        DECFSZ Count,F         ; and repeat
        GOTO   s1
        RETLW  0

; *****
; Power On jumps to here...either Init, or Main
; *****

Init    CLRF   WDTimes           ; force a single chirp this time
        CLRF   ChirpCnt
        INCF   ChirpCnt,F
Main    CLRF   GPIO              ; Init the port - WDT always clears it
        MOVLW  B'00111100'      ; GP0 and GP1 are outputs, others are inputs
        TRIS   GPIO

        CLRWDI                    ; Set up the timers...
        MOVLW  B'11001101'      ; int clock to TMR0, WDT uses /32 (0.5s wakeup)
        OPTION                    ; no pullups, and no wakeup on change

        MOVF   WDTimes,F         ; check if WD has timed out enough times
        BTFSC  STATUS,Zero
        GOTO   Squeak           ; counted down to zero - ready for a squeak
        DECFSZ WDTimes,F         ; else count this time,
        SLEEP                    ; and wait

m1      CALL   Wait              ; A squeak is chirpcnt chirps
Squeak  CALL   Chirp             ; with pauses in between
        DECFSZ ChirpCnt,F
        GOTO   m1

        CLRWDI                    ; been busy... make sure we won't be interrupted
        CALL   Random            ; let's get another random byte

        MOVF   RNum,W            ; and determine the next ChirpCount...
        ANDLW  B'00000011'      ; only use the last 2 bits for the count
        MOVWF  ChirpCnt         ; but we can't have zero squeaks,
        INCF   ChirpCnt,F        ; so add 1

        SWAPF  RNum,W            ; now calculate the wakeup delay...
        ANDLW  B'00001111'      ; only use the last 4 bits (0-8 sec delay)
        MOVWF  WDTimes
        SLEEP                    ; that's all folks

END
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