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int unitim(boolean inputswitch, int &state, unsigned long &start_time, int &set_reset, unsigned long &puls_now,
unsigned long millis_1, unsigned long millis_2, unsigned long pulses, int out_max, int mode, boolean fast)
{
    boolean input;
    unsigned long now_time;
    unsigned long millis_3;
    millis_3 = millis_2;

    //convert periode lenght and %-duty-cycle to two timer values in oscillator mode "8"
    if (mode == 8 || mode == 12 || mode == 14) {
        millis_2 = millis_1 * millis_2 / 100;
        millis_1 = millis_1 - millis_2;
    }

    //a front-end for overriding the input signal. Used in fixed length counter modes "11" to "14"
    if (mode == 11 || mode == 12 || mode == 13 || mode == 14) {
        switch (set_reset) {
            case 0://standby and ready
                input = inputswitch; //reflects the real input
                if (inputswitch == true) {
                    set_reset = 1;
                    puls_now = 0;
                }
                break;
            case 1://wait here as long as we are counting up
                input = true; //force the input high as long as we count
                if (puls_now >= pulses) {
                    input = false;
                    set_reset = 2;
                    puls_now = 0;
                }
                break;
            case 2://finished and on hold in mode 13 and 14...
                input = false;
                puls_now = 0;
                if (mode == 13 || mode == 14) {
                    if (inputswitch == false){ //...until inputswitch is FALSE
                        set_reset = 0;
                    }
                }
                else {
                    set_reset = 0;
                }
                break;
            default:
                set_reset = 0;
                break;
        }
    }
    else {
        input = inputswitch;
        set_reset = 0;
        puls_now = 0;
    }

    // this is the state-switching mechanism that produces the timers/pulses

    if (fast == true){
        now_time = micros();
    }
    else{
        now_time = millis();
    }
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switch (state) {
  case 0:
    if (input == true) {
      state = 1;
      start_time = now_time; //set starttime to now_time = millis() OR micros()
    }
    break;
  case 1: //evaluate on-timer in these modes compared to now_time = millis() OR micros()
    if (now_time >= (start_time + millis_1) || mode == 6 || mode == 2 || mode == 0) {
      state = 2; //ON-timer run out, or skip ON-timer
    }
    if (input == false && (mode == 7 || mode == 5 || mode == 10)) { //evaluate input in these modes
      state = 0; //retrig during ON-timer
    }
    break;
  case 2: //stay here as long as input is true, and not in any osc. mode, incl. counters
    if (input == false || mode == 4 || mode == 8 || mode == 11 || mode == 12 || mode == 13 || mode == 14) {
      state = 3;
      start_time = now_time; //set starttime to now_time = millis() OR micros()
      if (mode == 11 || mode == 12 || mode == 13 || mode == 14) {
        puls_now = puls_now + 1; //increment the counter if in any counter mode
      }
    }
    break;
  case 3: //evaluate off-timer in these modes compared to now_time = millis() OR micros()
    if (now_time >= (start_time + millis_2) || mode == 5 || mode == 1 || mode == 0) {
      state = 0; //OFF-timer run out, or skip OFF-timer
    }
    if (input == true && (mode == 7 || mode == 6 || mode == 9)) { //evaluate input in these modes
      state = 2; //retrig during OFF-timer
    }
    break;
  default:
    state = 0;
    break;
}

//force to min/max via forced states in oscillator mode "8" (for STP), and mode "12"
if ((mode == 8 || mode == 12 || mode == 14) && millis_3 == 100) {
  state = 3;
}
if ((mode == 8 || mode == 12 || mode == 14) && millis_3 == 0) {
  state = 0;
}

//output according to state
if (state == 2 || state == 3) {
  return out_max;
}
else {
  return 0;
}
}

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