# AVR DDS signal generator V2.0

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Finally second and improved AVR DDS signal generator is here. First [AVR DDS V1.0](http://www.scienceprog.com/avr-dds-signal-generator-v10/) generator was only an attempt of running DDS algorithm without any amplitude control. This time I still wanted to keep things simple like minimum count of widely accessible components circuit, single sided PCB that comes together with good functionality.



### AVR DDS SPECIFICATION

AVR DDS signal generator V2.0 is a firmware based DDS signal generator which uses slightly modified [Jesper’s DDS](http://www.myplace.nu/avr/minidds/index.htm) algorithm adapted to AVR-GCC C program as in-line ASM. Signal generator has two outputs – one for DDS signal and another for high speed [1..8MHz] square signal – which may be used for reliving microcontrollers with wrong fuse settings or for other purposes as well. High speed (HS) signal is direct output from Atmega16 OC1A(PD5) pin. DDS output is used for all other signals that are generated via R2R resistor network and is adjusted via LM358N offset and amplitude regulating circuits. Offset and amplitude can be regulated by two potentiometers. Offset can be regulated in range +5V..-5V while amplitude in range 0..10V. DDS frequency range is from 0 to 65534Hz that is more than enough for testing audio circuits and other tasks.

Main AVR DDS V2.0 signal generator features:

* Simple circuit with easily accessible and cheap components;
* Single sided PCB;
* In box power supply with external AC plug;
* Dedicated high speed (HS) signal output up to 8MHz;
* DDS signal with variable amplitude and offset;
* DDS signals: sine, square, saw, rev saw, triangle, ECG and noise.
* 2×16 LCD menu;
* Intuitive 5 button keypad.
* Frequency adjusting steps: 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000Hz;
* Restoring last configuration after power up.

In the block diagram you may see logical structure of signal generatorV2.0



As you can see device requires several voltages: +5V, -12V, +12V, GND. -12V and +12V are used for offset and amplitude control. In this case power supply is constructed by using simple transformer and few voltage regulators.



Power supply block is assembled on a separate prototyping PCB board.



If you do not want to build power supply you may use PC ATX power supply unit where all required voltages are available. You may need to modify molex connector wiring as follows:



### LCD MENU CONTROL

All actions can be viewed in LCD menu. Menu can be controlled with 5 buttons that are next to LCD module



Up and down arrow buttons are used for browsing menu while right and left arrow buttons are used for changing frequency value. When middle button is pressed – signal generating starts. Press middle button again to stop signal generator. [Here](http://www.scienceprog.com/wp-content/uploads/2008i/DDS2/AVR_DDS_LCD_menu.jpg) is a complete menu system of signal generator.

Important to notice, that there is a separate menu for changing frequency step. This is convenient if you need to change generator frequencies in wide range. This allows to set any frequency with relatively few button clicks.

Noise generation don’t have frequency setting. It uses simple rand() function where results are continuously output to DDS output.

High speed signal has four frequencies available: 1, 2, 4 and 8MHz.

### CIRCUIT DIAGRAM AND PCB

Circuit diagram of DDS generator (excluding power supply) is very simple with easy accessible components. It uses following parts:

* AVR Atmega16 microcontroller clocked with 16MHz external crystal;
* Standard HD44780-based 2×16 LCD module;
* R2R DAC made of simple resistors;
* LM358N low power dual op amplifier;
* Two potentiometers;
* 5 buttons;
* several connectors and sockets.

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