Last Time

- Storing information
- D flip-flops
- Sequential circuits

Flip-Flop Notes

- Means of storing 'bits' of data
- Have now seen two circuits that operate on sets of 'bits' (or binary numbers)
 - Counter
 - Shift register
 - What arithmetic operation does shifting perform?
- These are examples of operations that are performed by the "Arithmetic Logical Unit"

Today

Microprocessor Basics

(getting ready to program microcontrollers)

- Memory:
 - Storage of data
 - Storage of a program
 - Either can be temporary or "permanent" storage
- Registers: small, fast memories
 - General purpose: store arbitrary data
 - Special purpose: used to control the processor

- Instruction decoder:
 - Translates current program instruction into a set of control signals
- Arithmetic logical unit:
 - Performs both arithmetic and logical operations on data
- Input/output control modules

- Many of these components must exchange data with one-another
- It is common to use a 'bus' for this exchange

Buses

- In the simplest form, it is a single wire
- Many different components can be attached to the bus
- Any component can take input from the bus

Buses

- At most one component may write to the bus at any one time
- Which component is allowed to write is usually determined by the instruction decoder (in the microprocessor case)

Collections of Bits

8 bits: a "byte"

4 bits: a "nybble"

 "words": can be 8, 16, or 32 bits (depending on the processor)

Collections of Bits

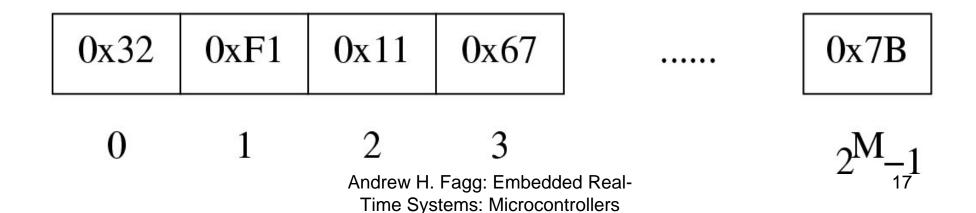
- A data bus typically captures a set of bits simultaneously
- Need one wire for each of these bits
- In the Atmel Mega8: the data bus is 8-bits "wide"
- In your home machines: 32 or 64 bits

Memory

What are the essential components of a memory?

A Memory Abstraction

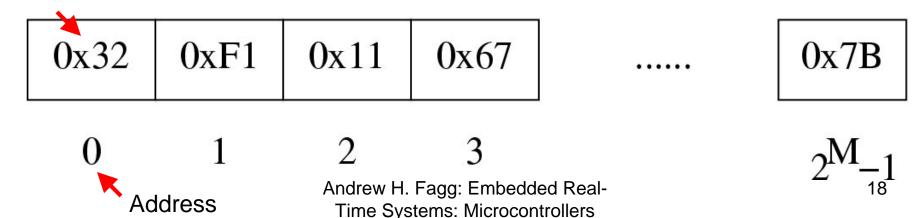
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Stored value



Memory Operations

Read

```
foo(A+5);
```

reads the value from the memory location referenced by the variable 'A' and adds the value to 5. The result is passed to a function called foo();

Memory Operations

Write

$$A = 5;$$

writes the value 5 into the memory location referenced by 'A'

Types of Memory

Random Access Memory (RAM)

- Computer can change state of this memory at any time
- Once power is lost, we lose the contents of the memory
- This will be our data storage on our microcontrollers

Types of Memory

Read Only Memory (ROM)

- Computer cannot arbitrarily change state of this memory
- When power is lost, the contents are maintained

Types of Memory

Erasable/Programmable ROM (EPROM)

 State can be changed under very specific conditions (usually not when connected to a computer)

 Our microcontrollers have an Electrically Erasable/Programmable ROM (EEPROM) for program storage

Example: A Read/Write Memory Module

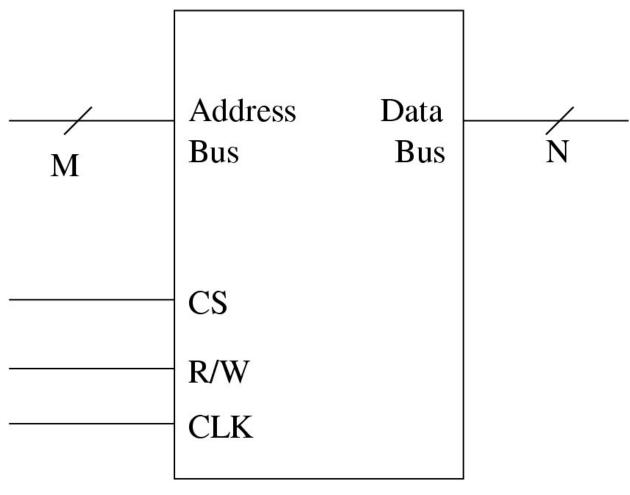
Inputs:

- 2 Address bits: A0 and A1
- 1 "chip select" (CS) bit
- 1 read/write bit (1 = read; 0 = write)
- 1 clock signal (CLK)

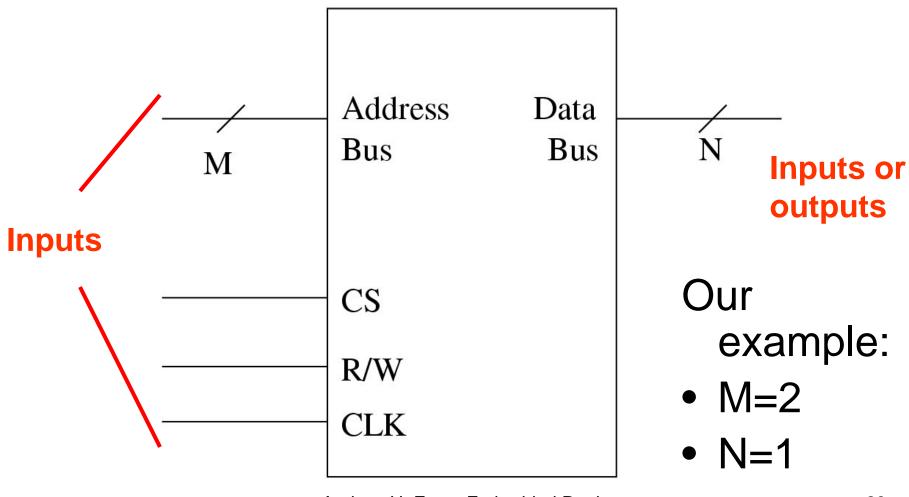
Input or Output:

Data bit (connected to the "data bus")

A Read/Write Memory Module



A Read/Write Memory Module



Implementing A Read/Write Memory Module

With 2 address bits, how many memory elements can we address?

How could we implement each memory element?

Implementing A Read/Write Memory Module

With 2 address bits, how many memory elements can we address?

4 1-bit elements

How could we implement each memory element?

With a D flip-flop

Memory Module Specification

"chip select" signal:

- Allows us to have multiple devices (e.g., memory modules) that can write to the bus
- But: only one device will ever be selected at one time

Memory Module Specification

When chip select is low:

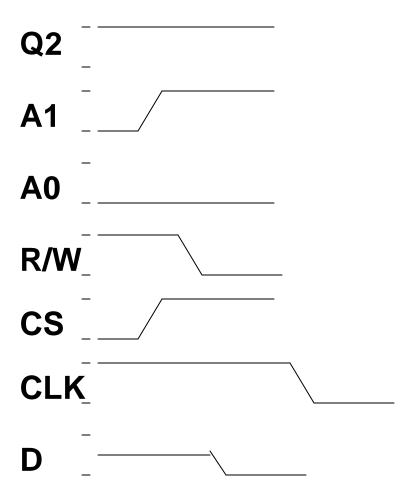
- No memory elements change state
- The memory does not drive the data bus

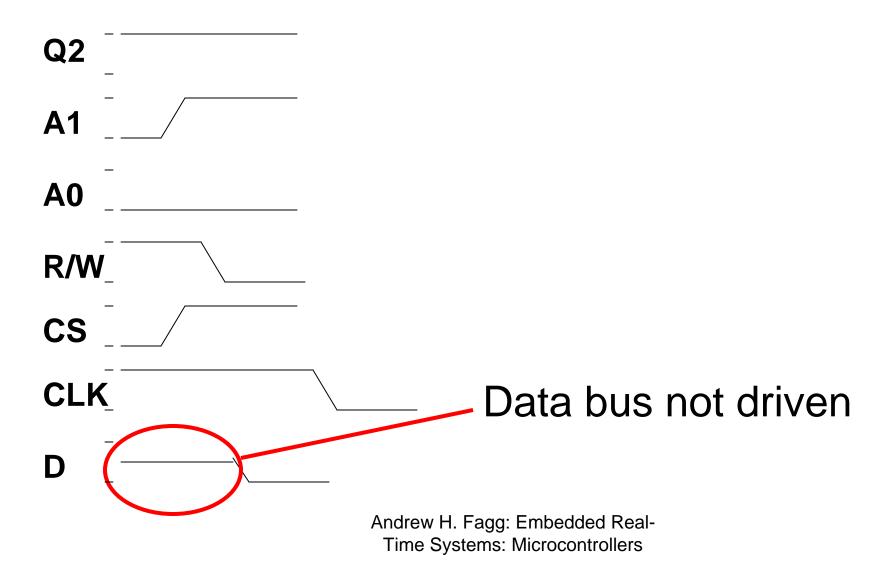
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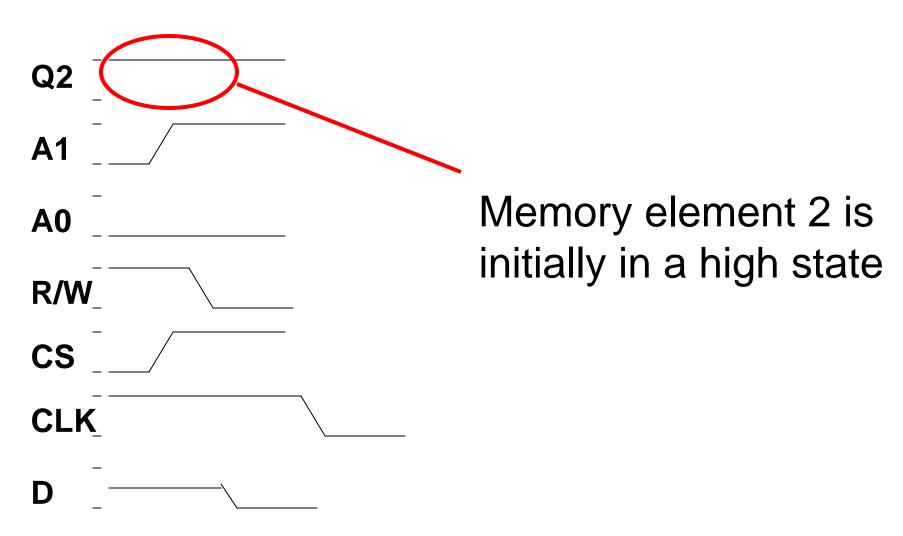
When chip select is high:

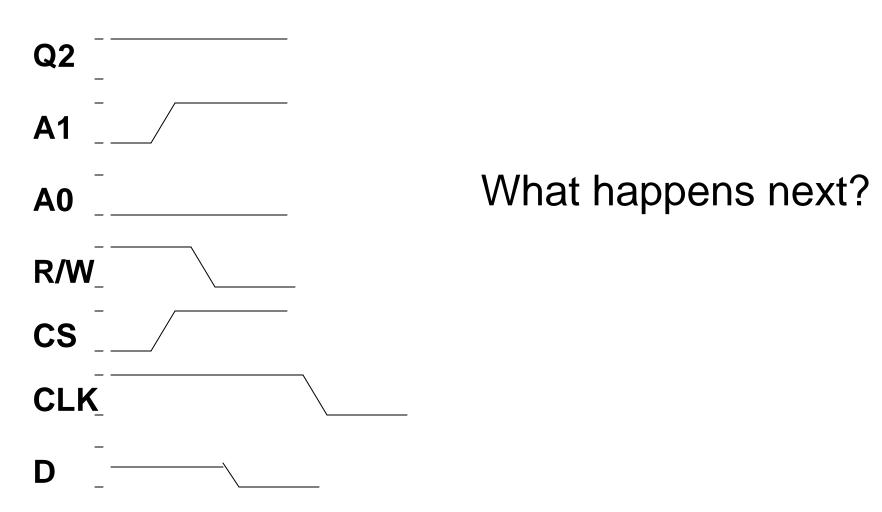
- If R/W is high:
 - Drive the data bus with the value that is stored in the element specified by A1, A0

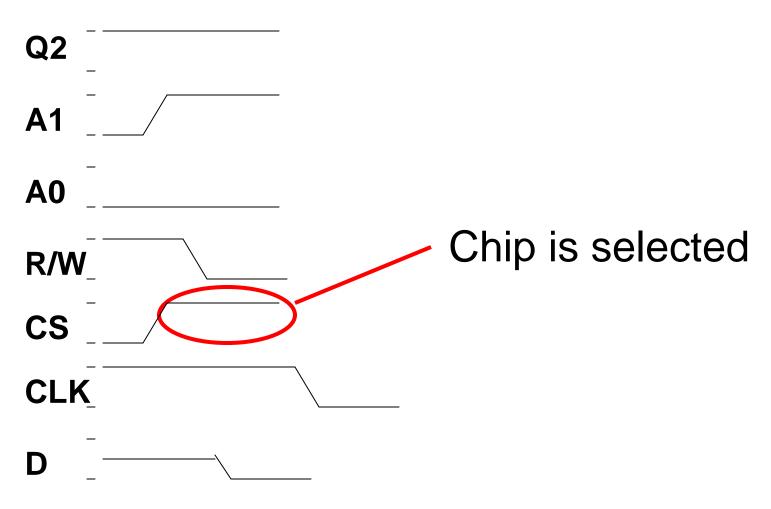
- If R/W is low:
 - Store the value that is on the data bus in the element specified by A1, A0

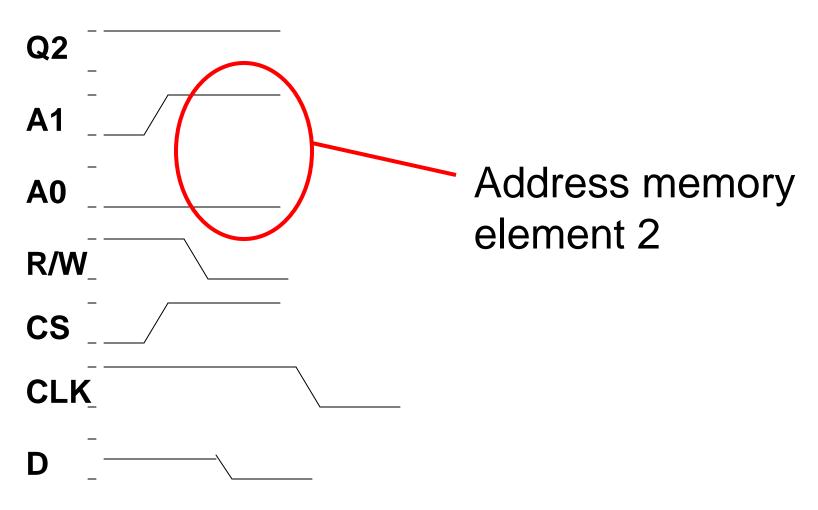


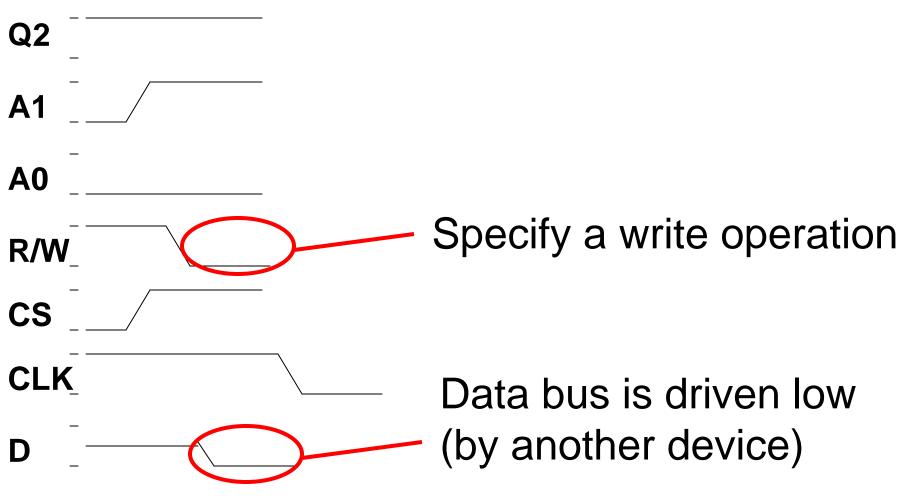


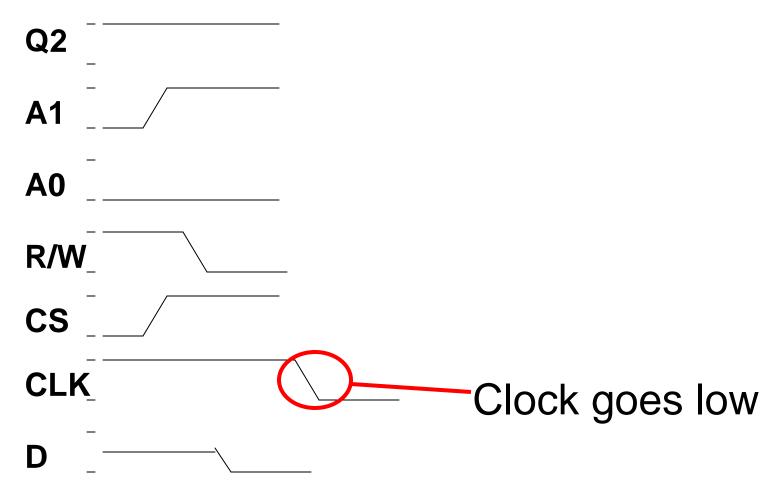


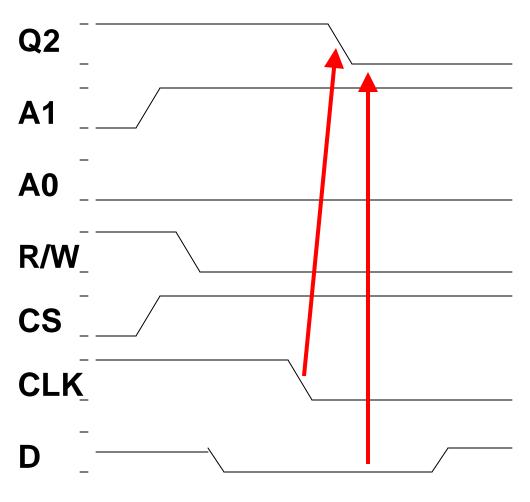




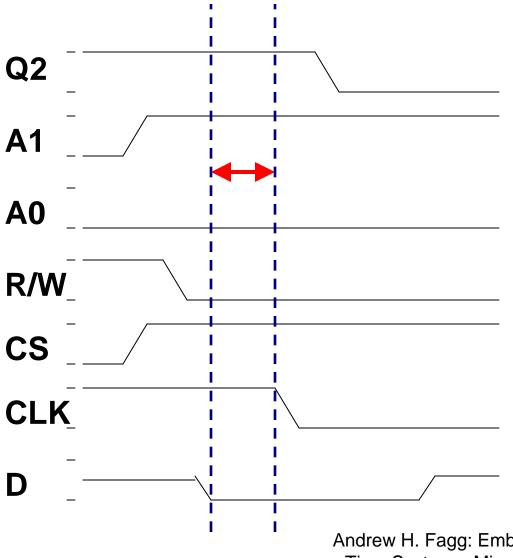




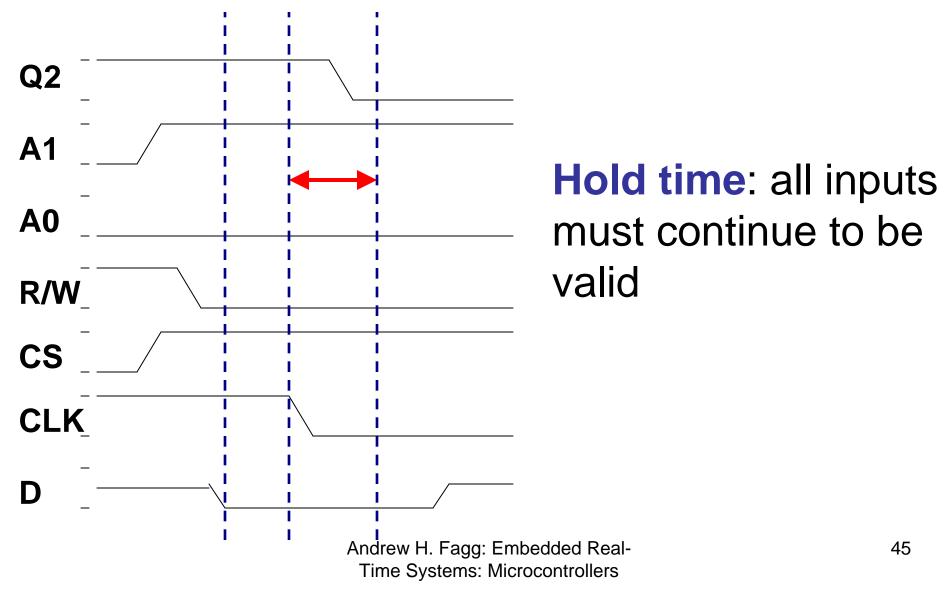


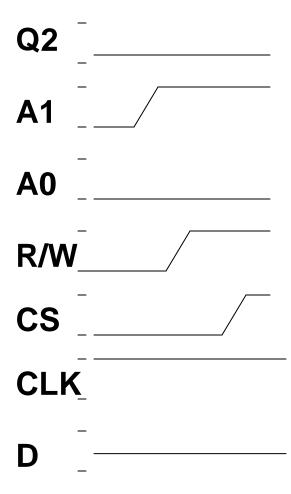


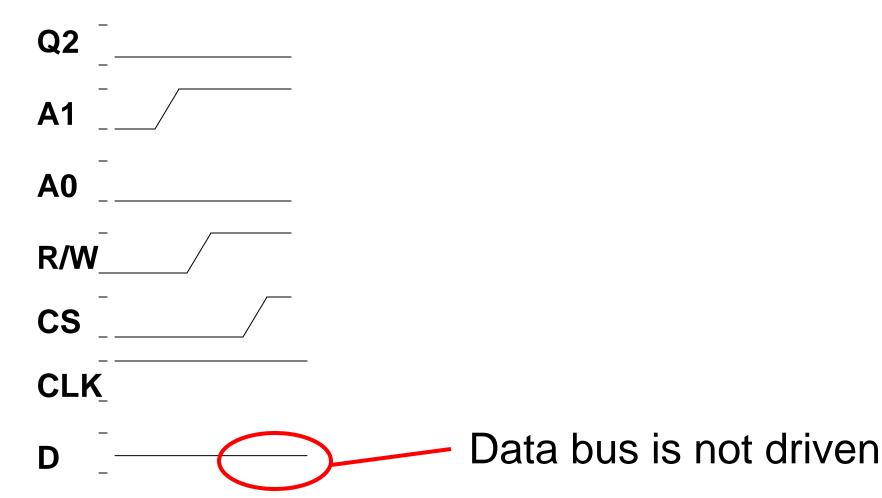
Memory element 2 changes state to low

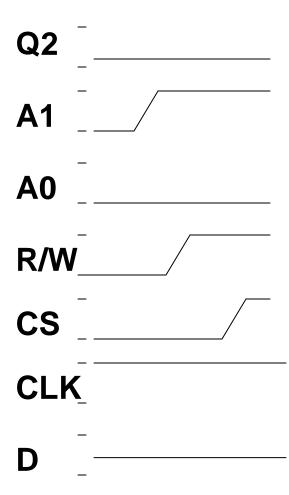


Setup time: all inputs must be valid during this time

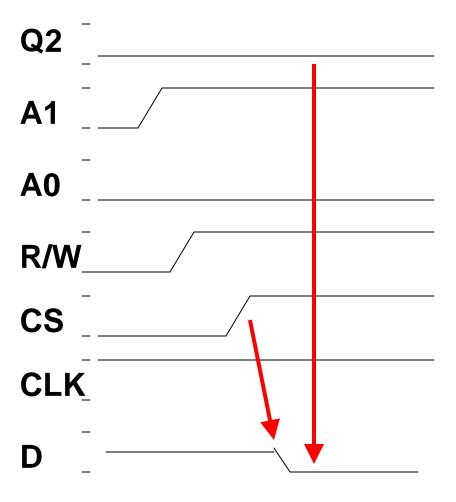




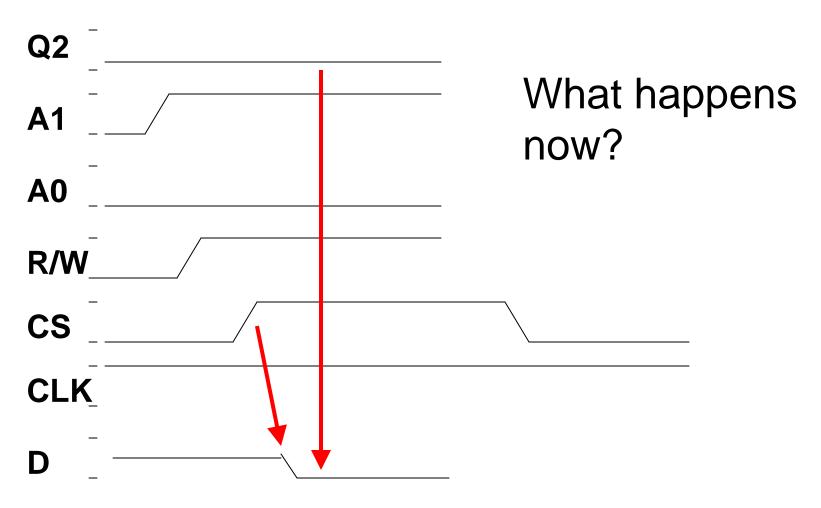


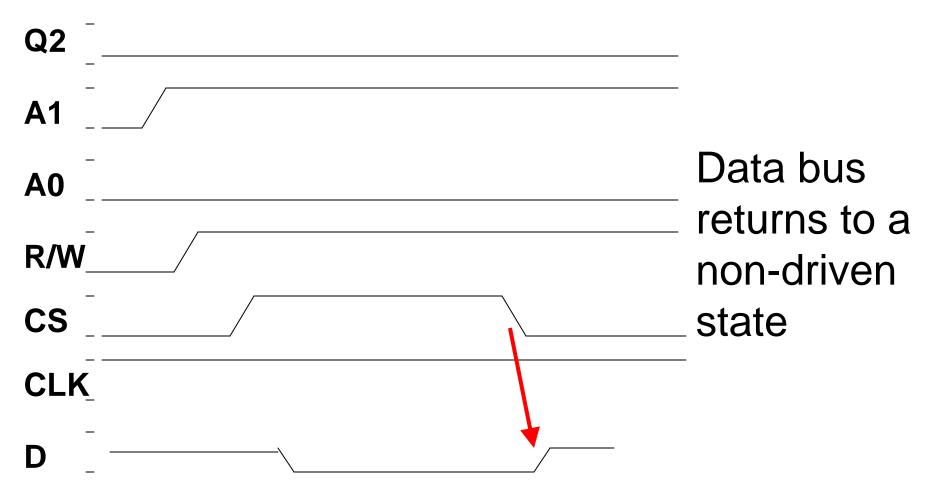


What happens next?



On chip select – drive data bus from Q2





Memory Summary

- Many independent storage elements
- Elements are typically organized into 8-bit bytes
- Each byte has its own address
- The value of each byte can be read
- In RAM: the value can also be changed quickly

Last Time

- Buses
 - Communication between devices
- Memory
 - Storage of information
 - Many individual storage "cells"
 - Each cell has a unique address
 - Types of memory: RAM vs ROM

Today

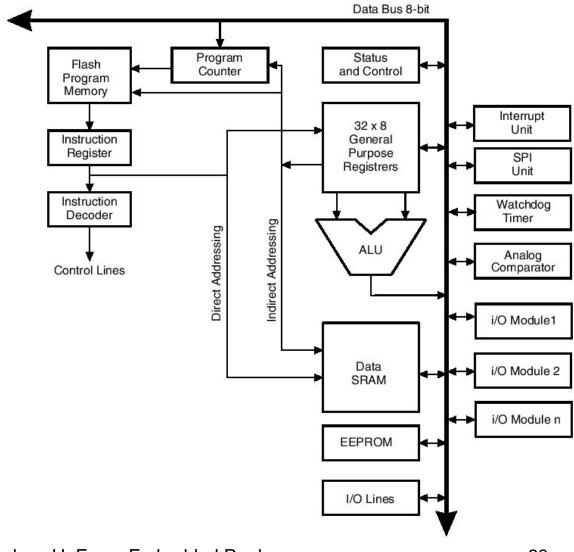
Atmel Mega8 microcontroller

- High-level components
- A hint of assembly language
- Digital I/O

Next Time

- In-class programming exercise
 - Bring laptops
 - Before class: install the Atmel software (instructions linked to from D2L)
- Project 1

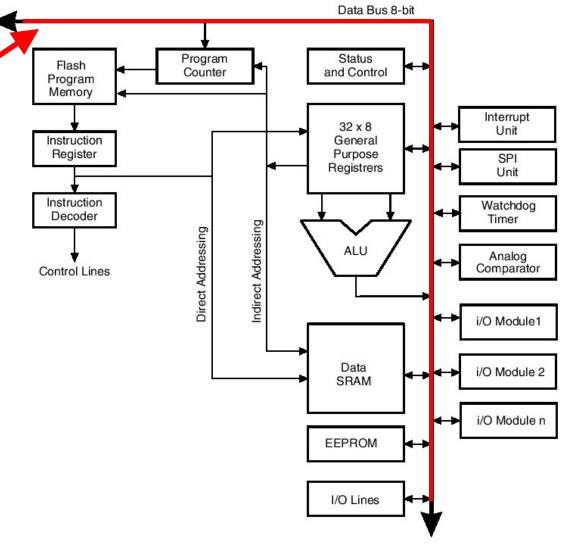
An Example: the Atmel Mega8



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8-bit data bus

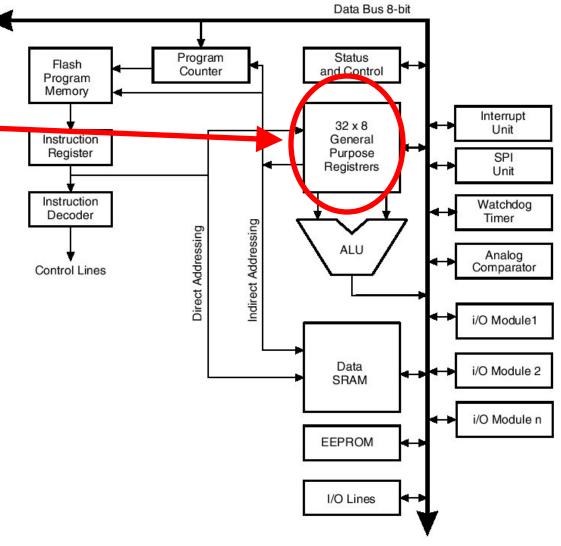
Primary
 mechanism
 for data
 exchange



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32 general purpose registers

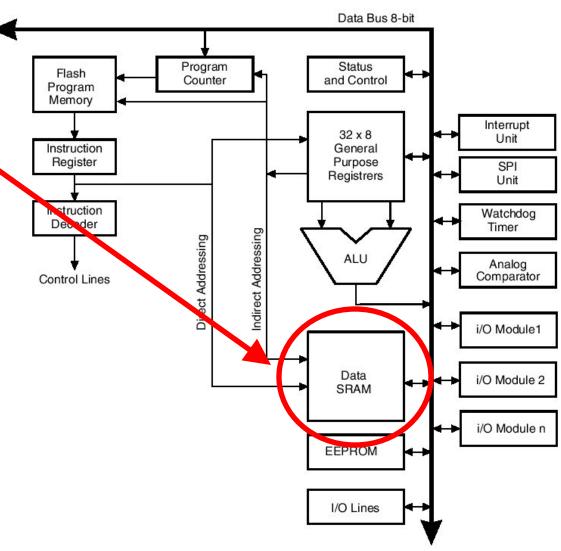
- 8 bits wide
- 3 pairs of registers can be combined to give us 16 bit registers



Data Bus 8-bit Program Status Flash Counter and Control **Special** Memory Interrupt purpose 32 x 8 Unit General Instruction Purpose Register SPI Registrers Unit registers Instruction Watchdog Decoder Timer Indirect Addressing Direct Addressing Control of the ALU Analog Comparator Control Lines internals of i/O Module1 the Data i/O Module 2 SRAM processor i/O Module n **EEPROM** I/O Lines

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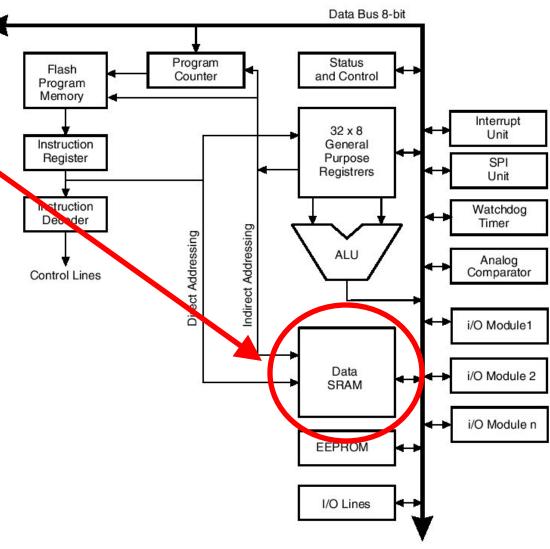


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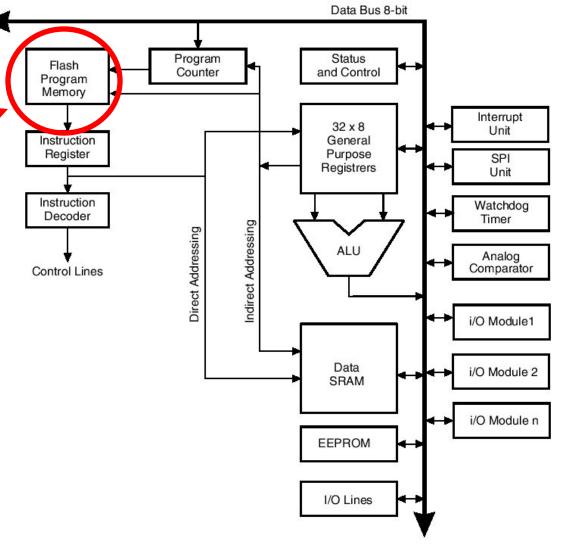
Note: in high-end processors, RAM is a separate component



Flash (EEPROM)

Program storage

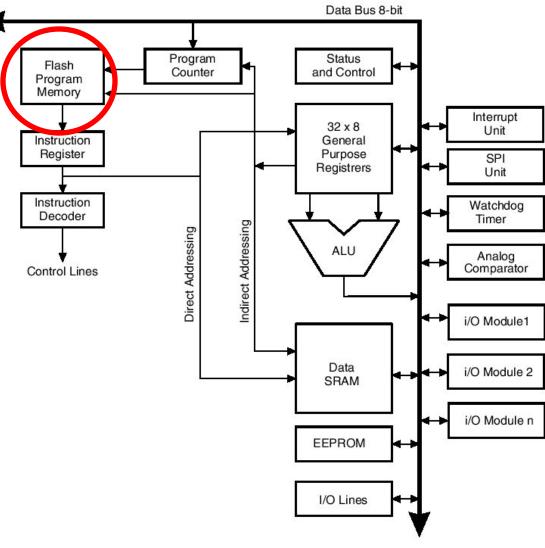
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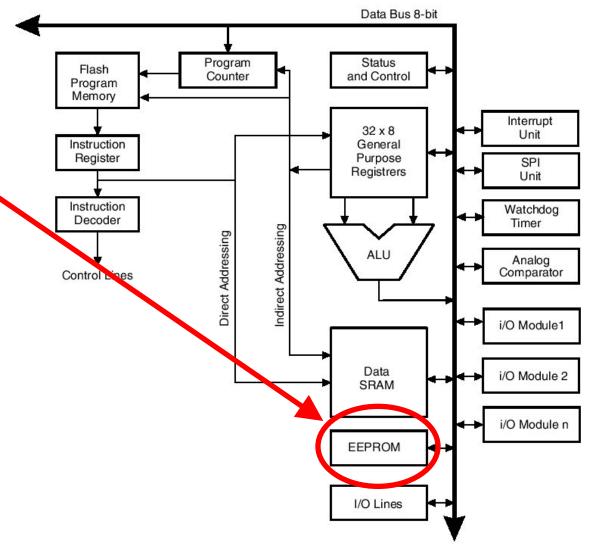
Flash (EEPROM)

- In this and many microcontrollers, program and data storage is separate
- Not the case in our general purpose computers



EEPROM

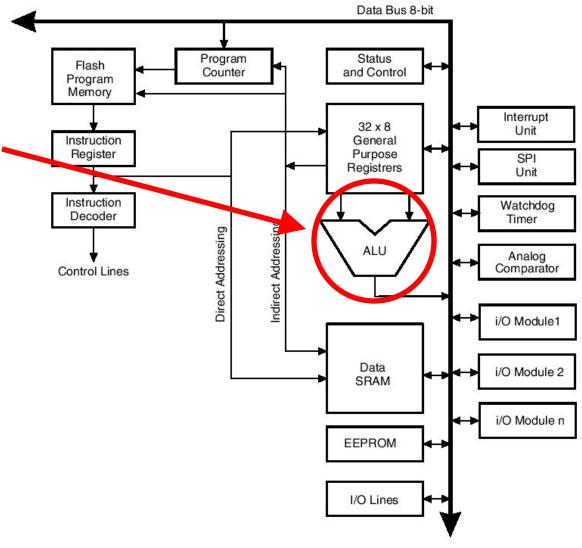
 Permanent data storage



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Arithmetic Logical Unit

- Data inputs from registers
- Control inputs not shown (derived from instruction decoder)



Machine-Level Programs

Machine-level programs are stored as sequences of *atomic* machine instructions

- Stored in program memory
- Execution is generally sequential (instructions are executed in order)
- But with occasional "jumps" to other locations in memory

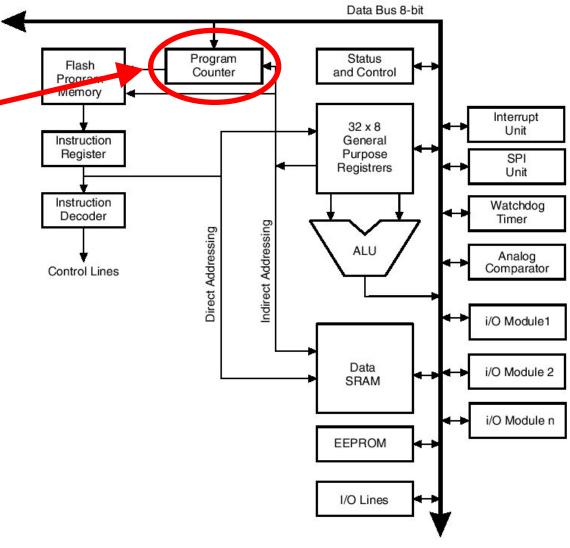
Types of Instructions

- Memory operations: transfer data values between memory and the internal registers
- Mathematical operations: ADD, SUBTRACT, MULT, AND, etc.
- Tests: value == 0, value > 0, etc.
- Program flow: jump to a new location, jump conditionally (e.g., if the last test was true)

Atmel Mega8: Decoding Instructions

Program counter

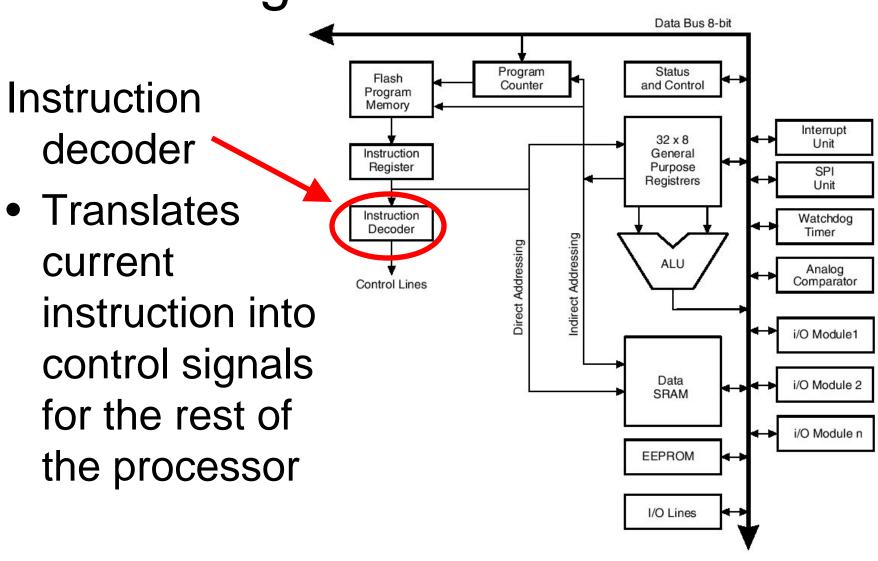
Address of currently executing instruction



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Atmel Mega8: Decoding Instructions

Data Bus 8-bit Program Status Flash Counter and Control Instruction Program Memory Interrupt 32 x 8 register Unit General Instruction Register Purpose SPI Registrers Unit Stores the Instruction Watchdog Decoder Timer Indirect Addressing Direct Addressing machine-level ALU Analog Comparator Control Lines instruction i/O Module1 currently being Data i/O Module 2 SRAM executed i/O Module n **EEPROM** I/O Lines



Some Mega8 Memory Operations

LDS Rd, k

We refer to this as "Assembly Language"

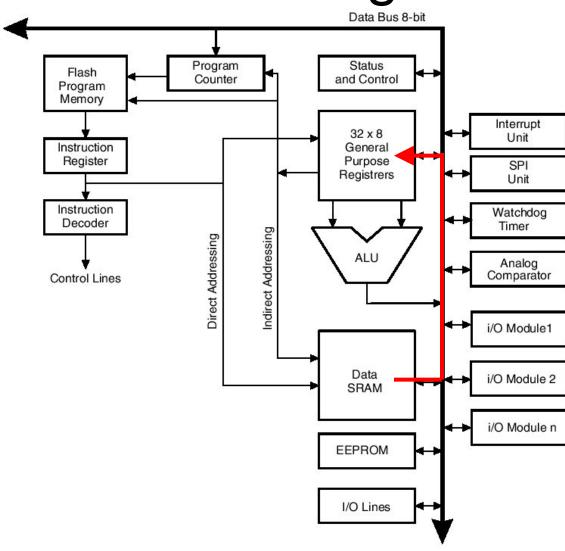
- Load SRAM memory location k into register Rd
- Rd <- (k)

STS Rd, k

- Store value of Rd into SRAM location k
- (k) <- Rd

Load SRAM Value to Register

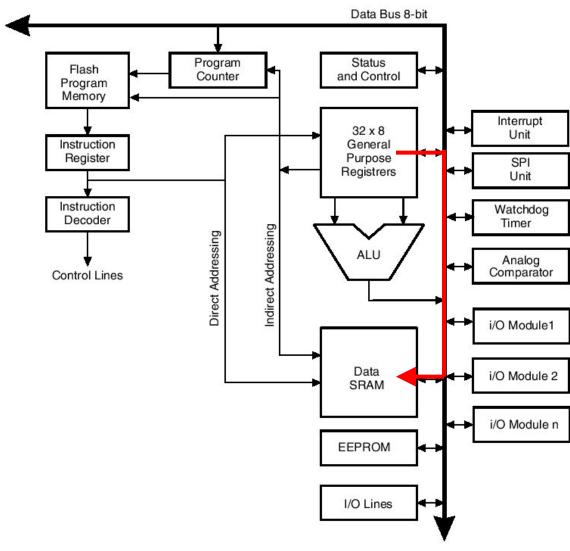
LDS Rd, k



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Store Register Value to SRAM

STS Rd, k



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Some Mega8 Arithmetic and Logical Instructions

ADD Rd, Rr

- Rd and Rr are registers
- Operation: Rd <- Rd + Rr
- Also affects status register (zero, carry, etc.)

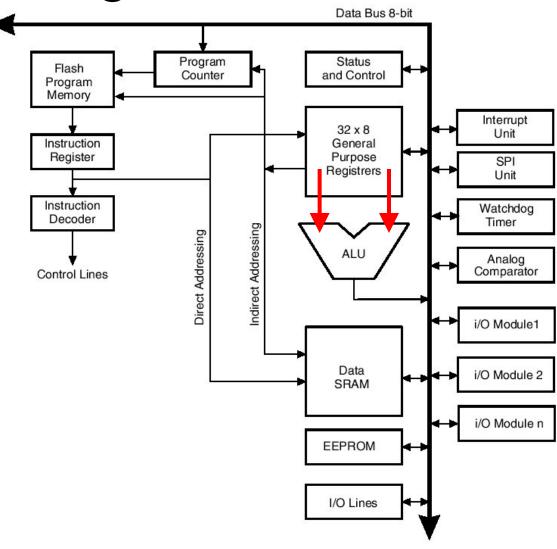
ADC Rd, Rr

- Add with carry
- Rd <- Rd + Rr + C

Add Two Register Values

ADD Rd, Rr

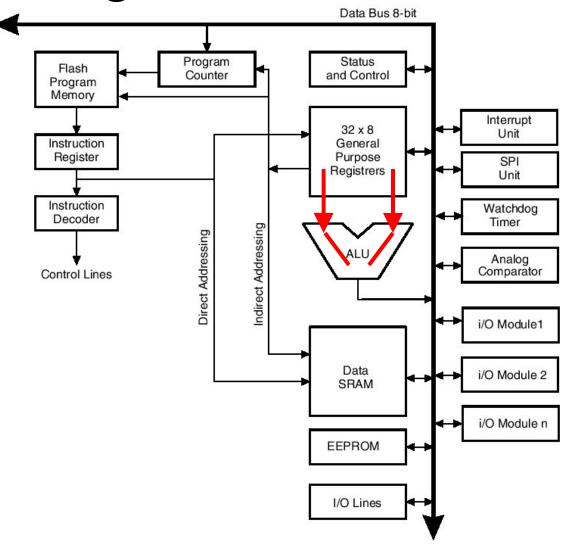
Fetch register values



Add Two Register Values

ADD Rd, Rr

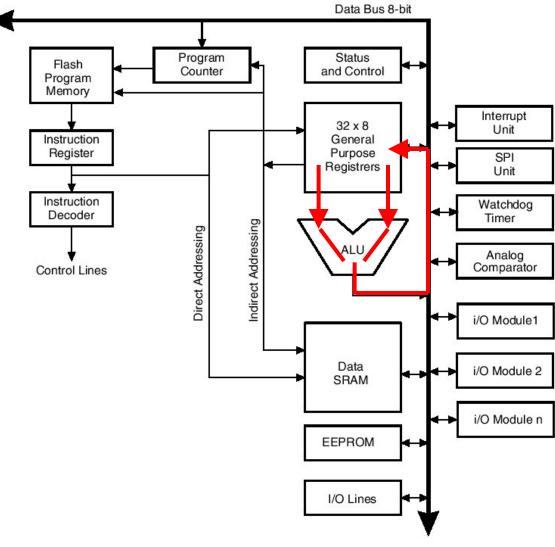
- Fetch register values
- ALU performs
 ADD



Add Two Register Values

ADD Rd, Rr

- Fetch register values
- ALU performs
 ADD
- Result is written back to register via the data bus



Some Mega8 Test Instructions

CP Rd, Rr

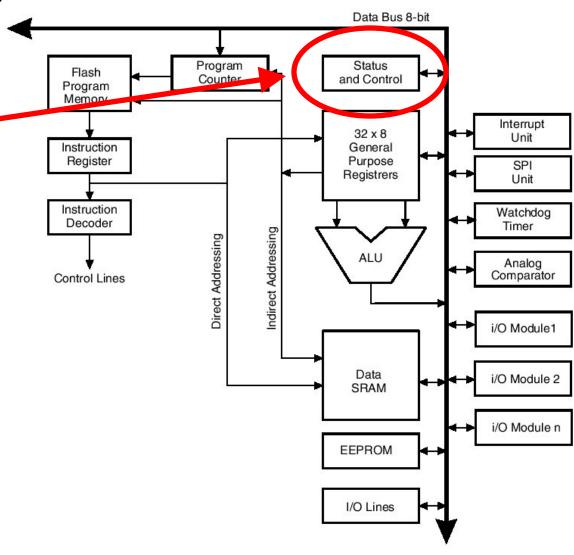
- Compare Rd with Rr
- Alters the status register

TST Rd

- Test for zero or minus
- Alters the status register

Some Mega8 Test Instructions

Modify the status register



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Some Program Flow Instructions

RJMP k

- Change the program counter by k+1
- PC <- PC + k + 1

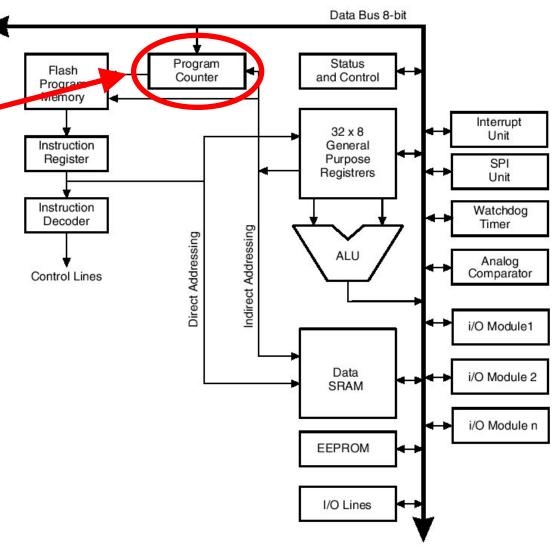
BRCS k

- Branch if carry set
- If C==1 then PC <- PC + k + 1

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Results in a change to the program counter

 May be conditioned on the status register



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Connecting Assembly Language to C

- Our C compiler is responsible for translating our code into Assembly Language
- Today, we rarely program in Assembly Language
 - Embedded systems are a common exception
 - Also: it is useful in some cases to view the assembly code generated by the compiler

A C code snippet:

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if(B < A) {
    D += A;
}</pre>
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}</pre>
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The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D)

ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

A C code snippet:

Load the contents of memory location A into register 1

The Assembly: LDS R1 (A) ← PC LDS R2 (B) **CP R2, R1** BRGE 3 LDS R3 (D) ADD R3, R1 STS (D), R3

A C code snippet:

Load the contents of memory location B into register 2

The Assembly: LDS R1 (A) LDS R2 (B) \leftarrow PC **CP R2, R1** BRGE 3 LDS R3 (D) ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

A C code snippet:

Compare the contents of register 2 with those of register 1

This results in a change to the status register

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The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1 **← PC**

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D)

ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

A C code snippet:

$$if(B < A) \{$$

$$D += A;$$

The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D)

ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

Branch If Greater Than or Equal To: jump ahead 3 instructions if true

A C code snippet:

D += A;

ranch if greater than or

Branch if greater than or equal to will jump ahead 3 instructions if true

The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D)

ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

PC

if true

```
The Assembly:
A C code snippet:
                             LDS R1 (A)
                             LDS R2 (B)
if(B < A) {
                             CP R2, R1
   D += A;
                             BRGE 3
                  if not true
                             LDS R3 (D) <del>PC</del>
                             ADD R3, R1
Not true: execute the next
                             STS (D), R3
instruction
```

A C code snippet:

if(B < A) {
$$D += A;$$

Load the contents of memory location D into register 3

The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D) 🛑 PC

ADD R3, R1

STS (D), R3

A C code snippet:

Add the values in registers 1 and 3 and store the result in register 3

The Assembly:

LDS R1 (A)

LDS R2 (B)

CP R2, R1

BRGE 3

LDS R3 (D)

→ ADD R3, R1 ← PC

STS (D), R3

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 if(B < A) {
                            CP R2, R1
   D += A;
                            BRGE 3
                            LDS R3 (D)
                            ADD R3, R1
Store the value in register
3 back to memory
                            STS (D), R3
location D
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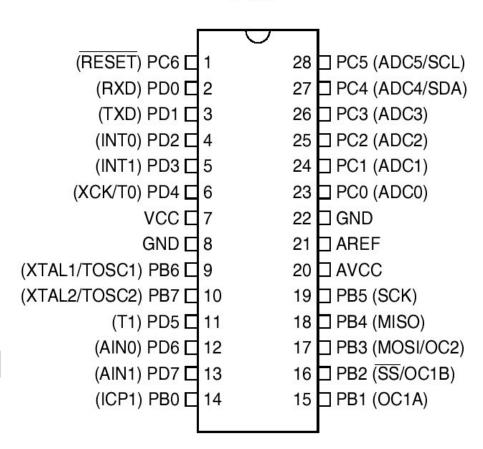
Summary

Instructions are the "atomic" actions that are taken by the processor

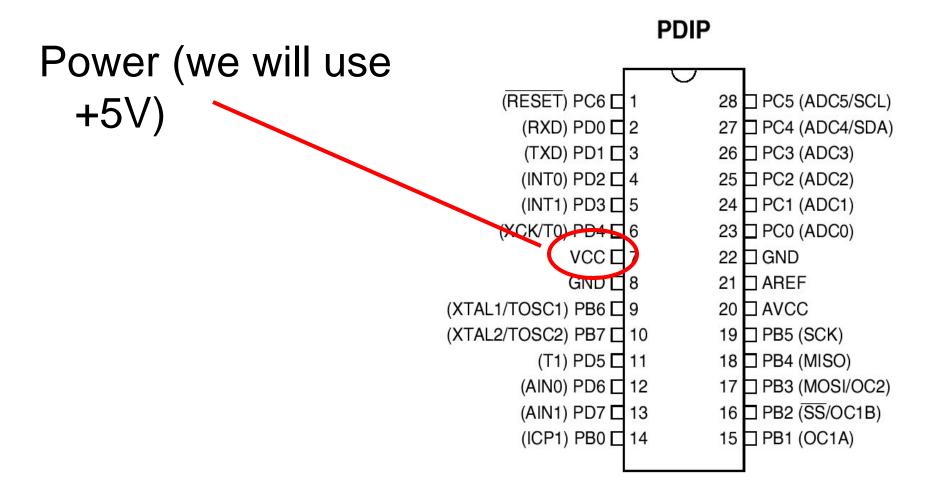
- One line of C code typically translates to a sequence of several instructions
- In the mega 8, most instructions are executed in a single clock cycle

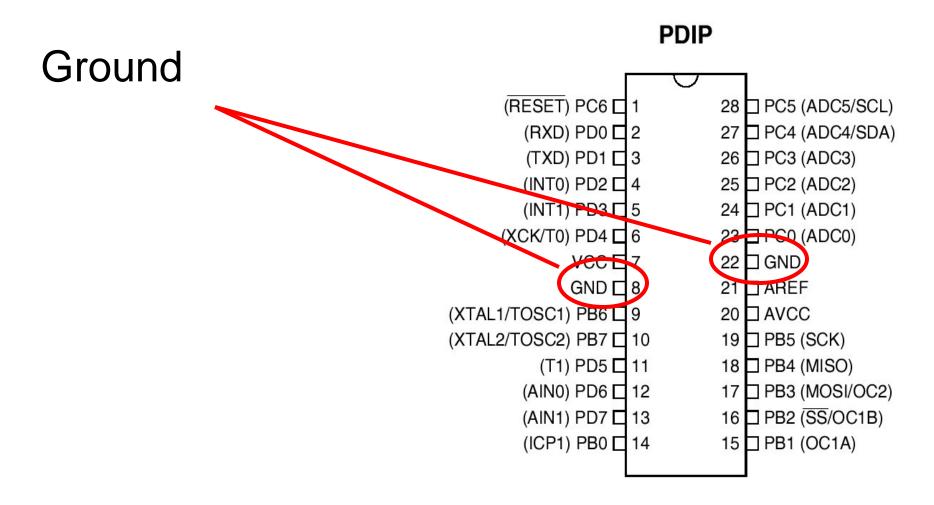
The high-level view is important here: don't worry about the details of specific instructions

- Complete, standalone computer
- Ours is a 28-pin package
- Most pins:
 - Are used for input/output
 - How they are used is configurable



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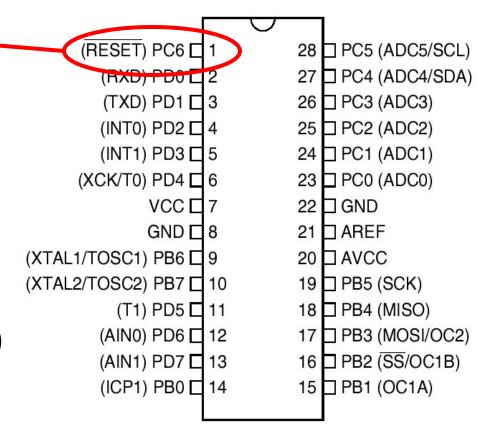




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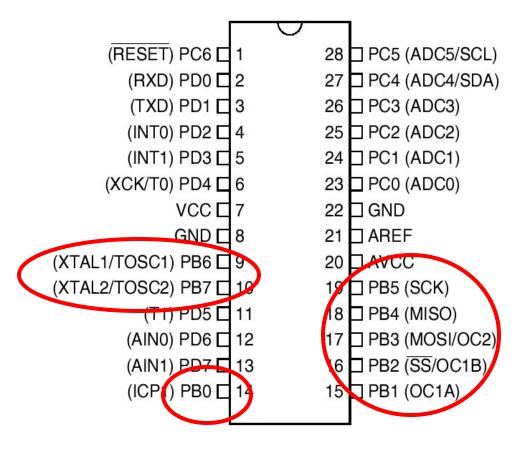
Reset

- Bring low to reset the processor
- In general, we will tie this pin to high through a pull-up resistor (10K ohm)

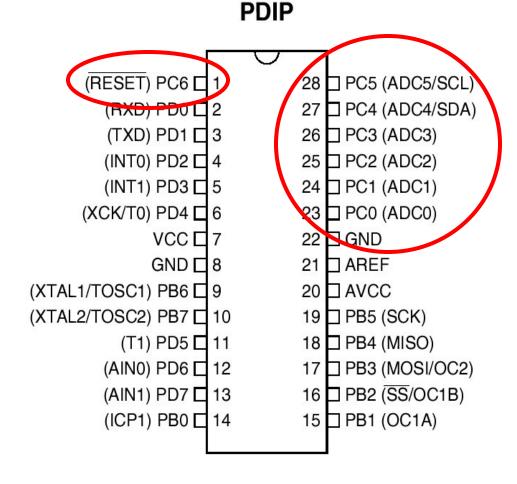


PORT B

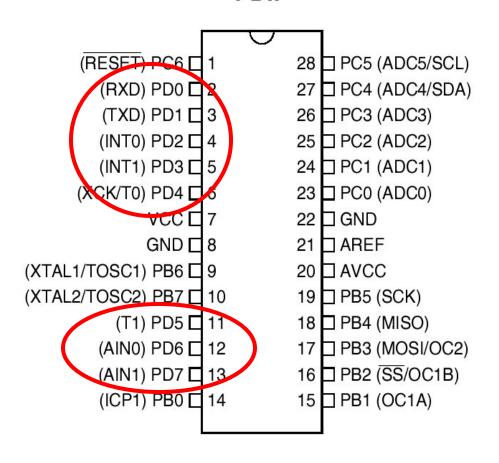
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PORT C

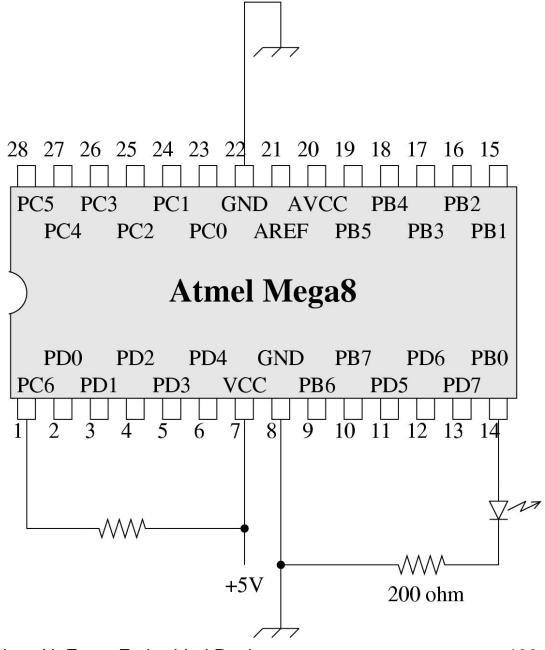


PORT D
(all 8 bits are available)



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A First Circuit



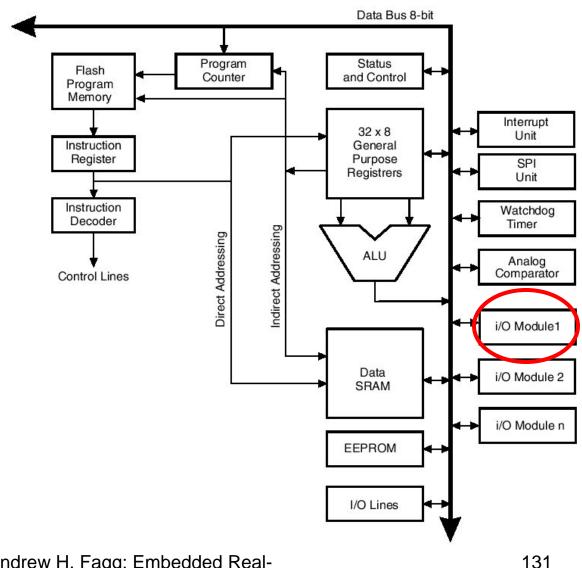
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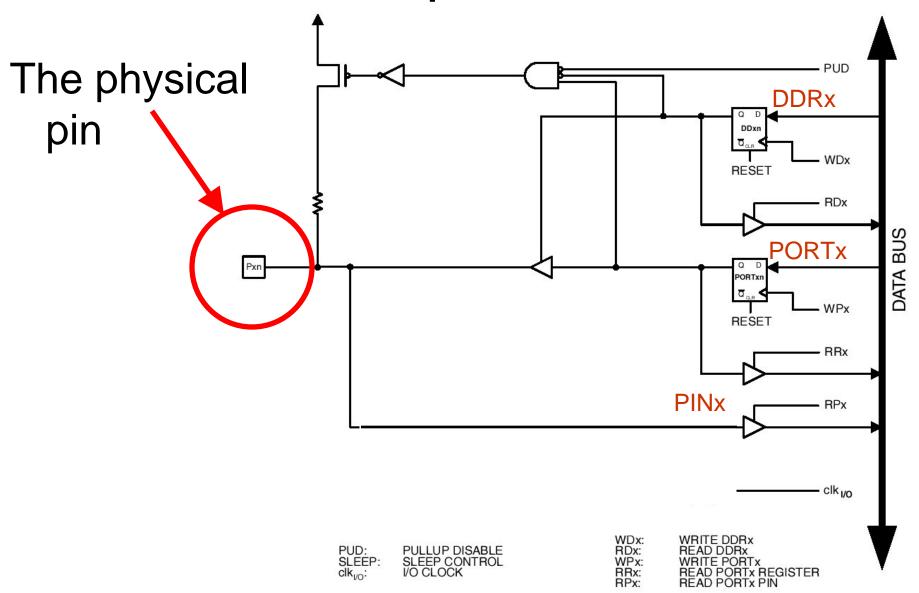
Control the pins through the I/O modules

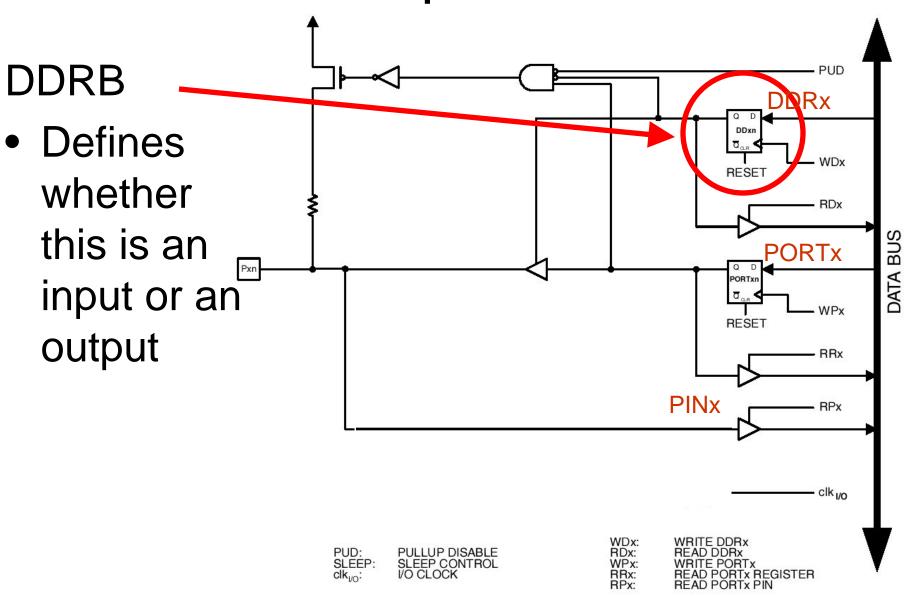
 At the heart, these are registers ... that are implemented using D flipflops!

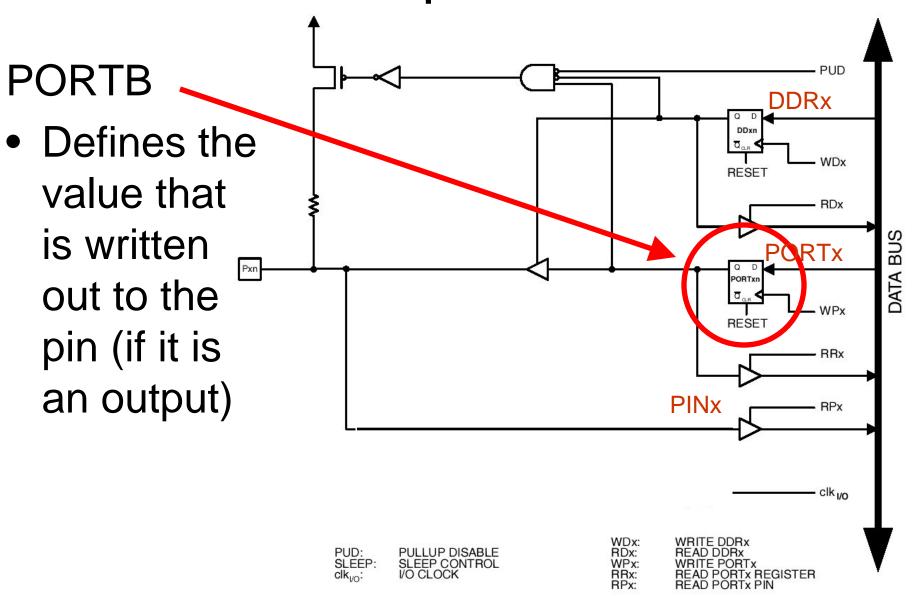


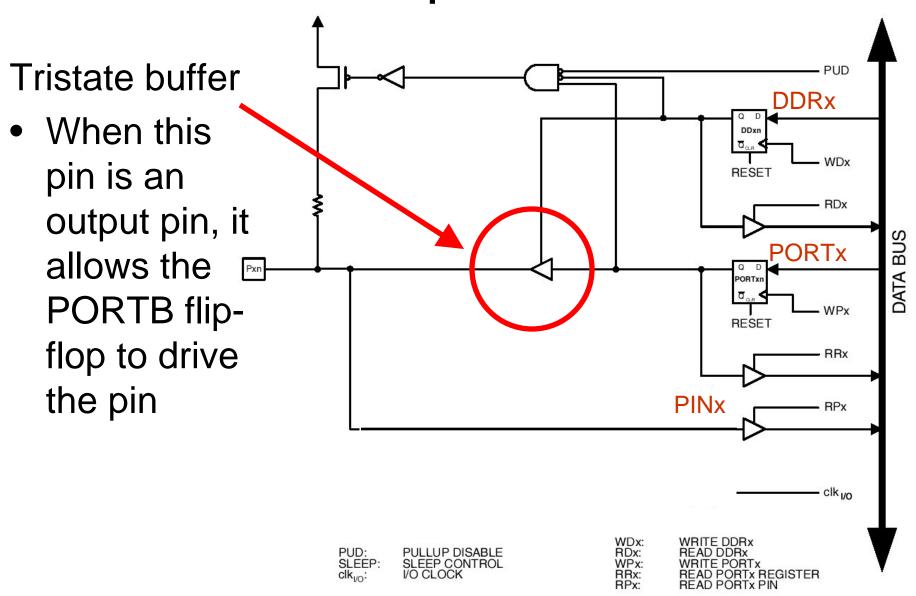
Single bit of PUD **DDRx PORT B** DDxn WDx RESET RDx DATA BUS **PORT**x Pxn PORTX - WPx RESET RRx **PINx** - RPx clk_{I/O} WDx: WRITE DDRx PULLUP DISABLE SLEEP CONTROL I/O CLOCK PUD: RDx: READ DDRx SLEEP: WPx: WRITE PORTX READ PORTX REGISTER RRx:

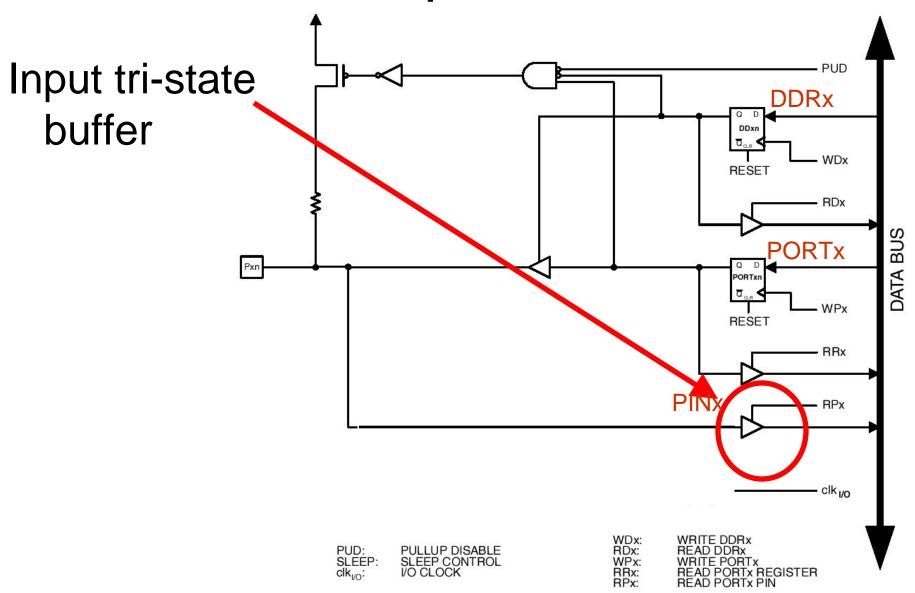
READ PORTX PIN

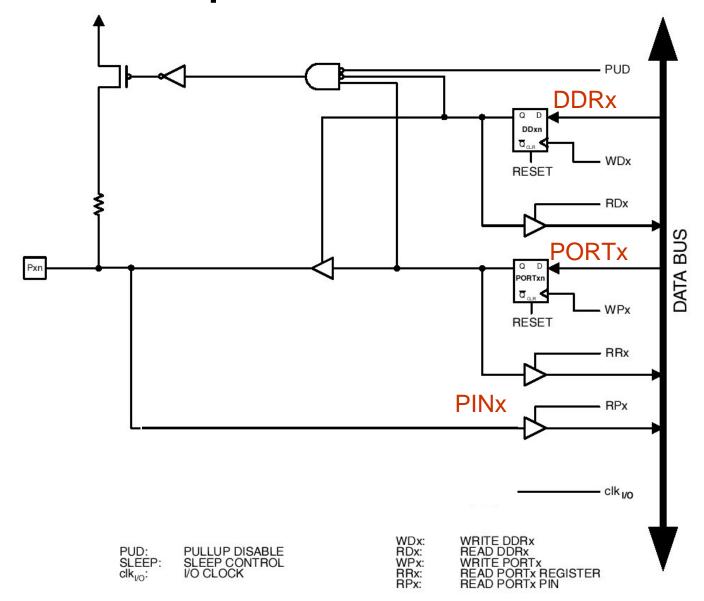


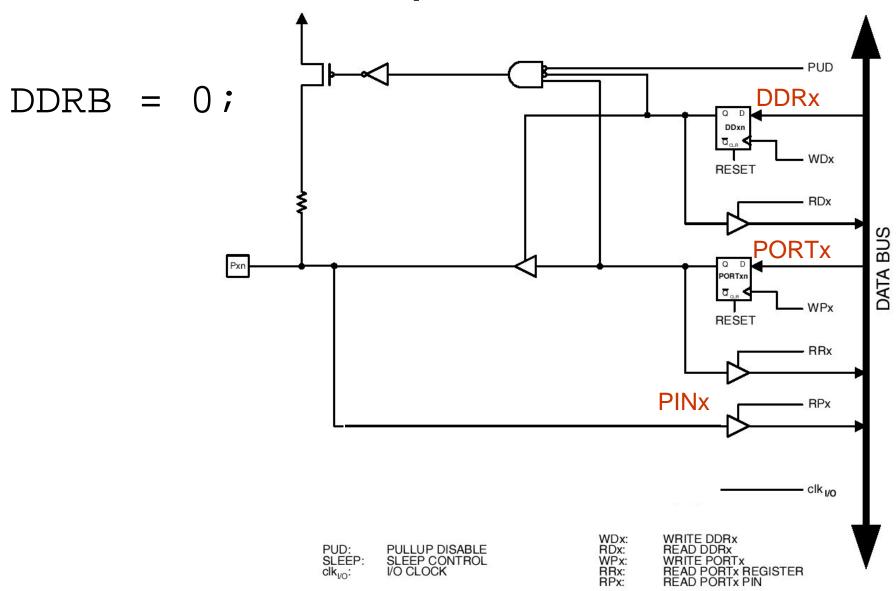








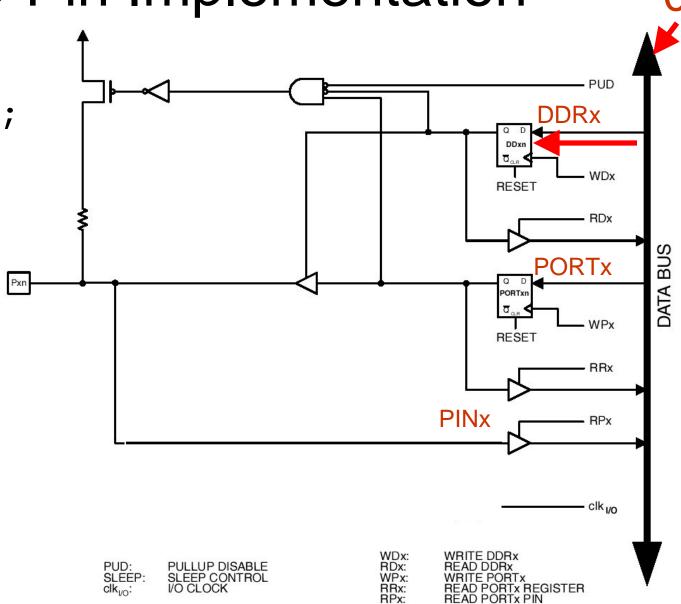




I/O Pin Implementation PUD DDRB = 0;**DDRx** DDxn WDx RESET RDx DATA BUS **PORT**x • "0" is written to Pxn PORTX the data bus - WPx RESET - RRx **PINx** - RPx clk_{I/O} WDx: WRITE DDRx PULLUP DISABLE SLEEP CONTROL I/O CLOCK RDx: READ DDRx SLEEP: WPx: WRITE PORTX RRx: RPx: READ PORTX REGISTER READ PORTX PIN

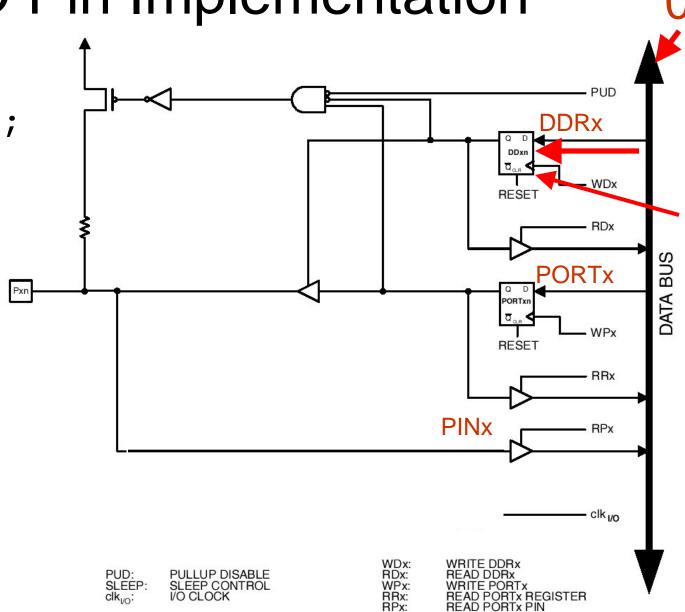
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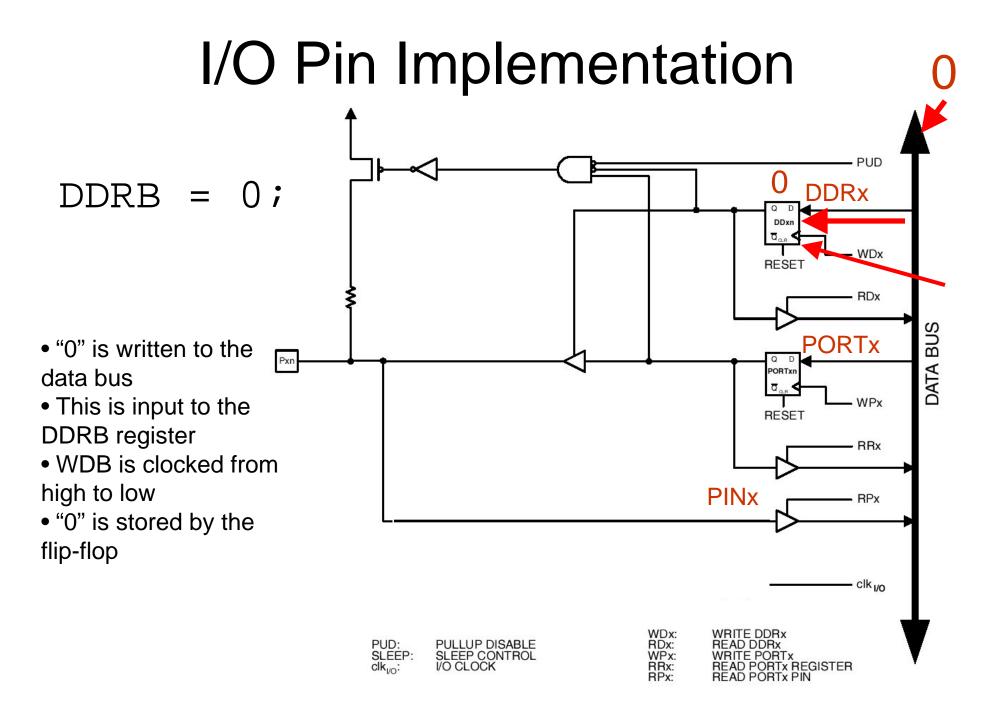
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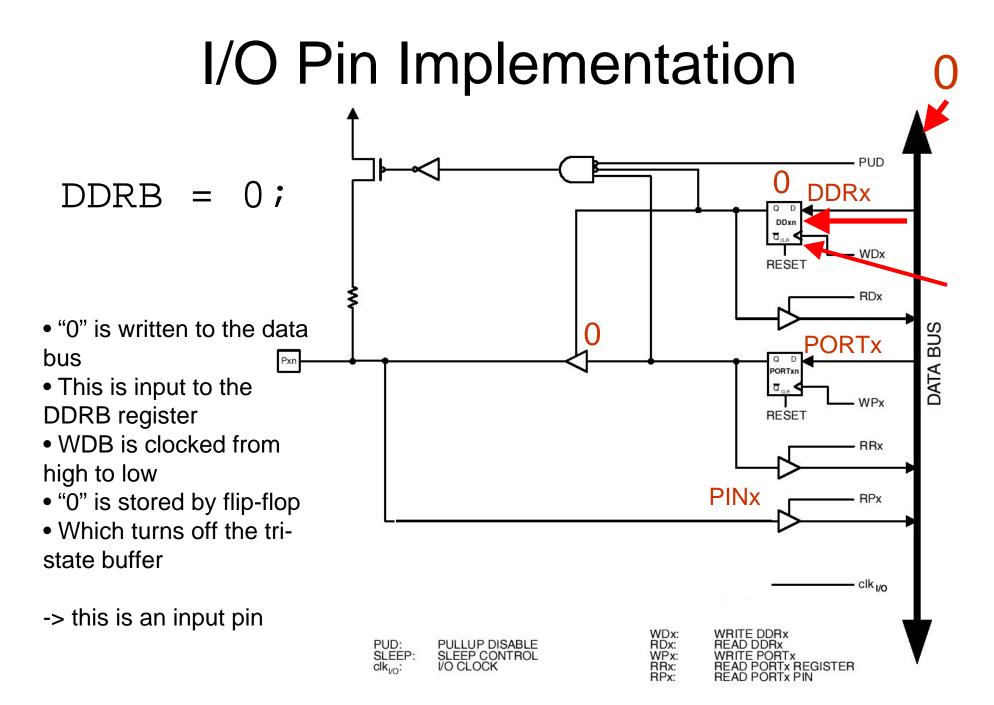


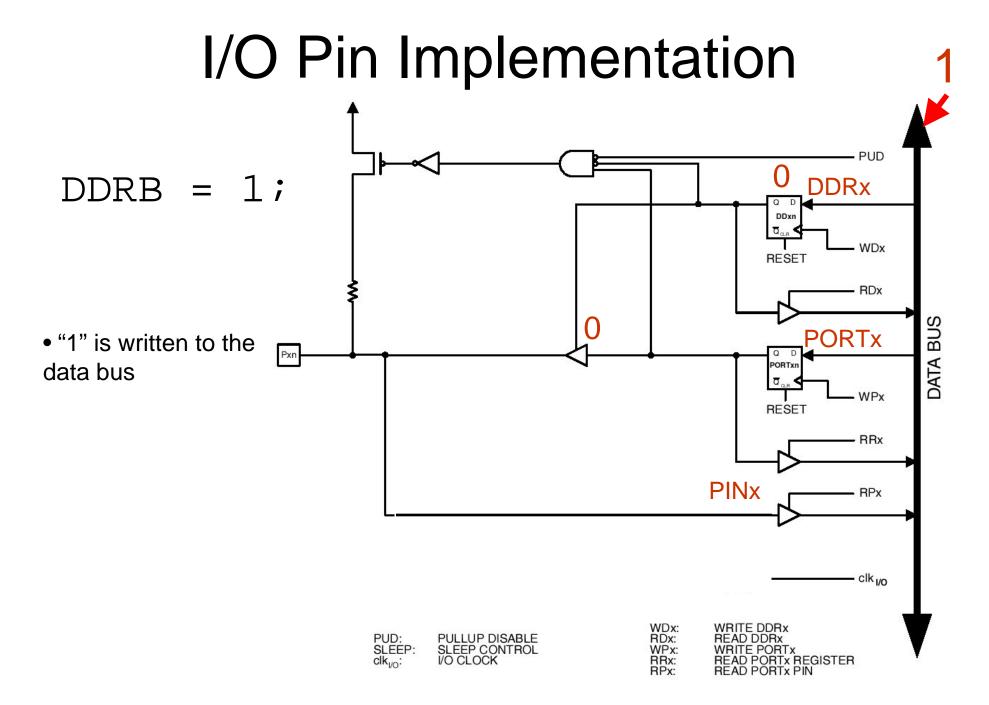
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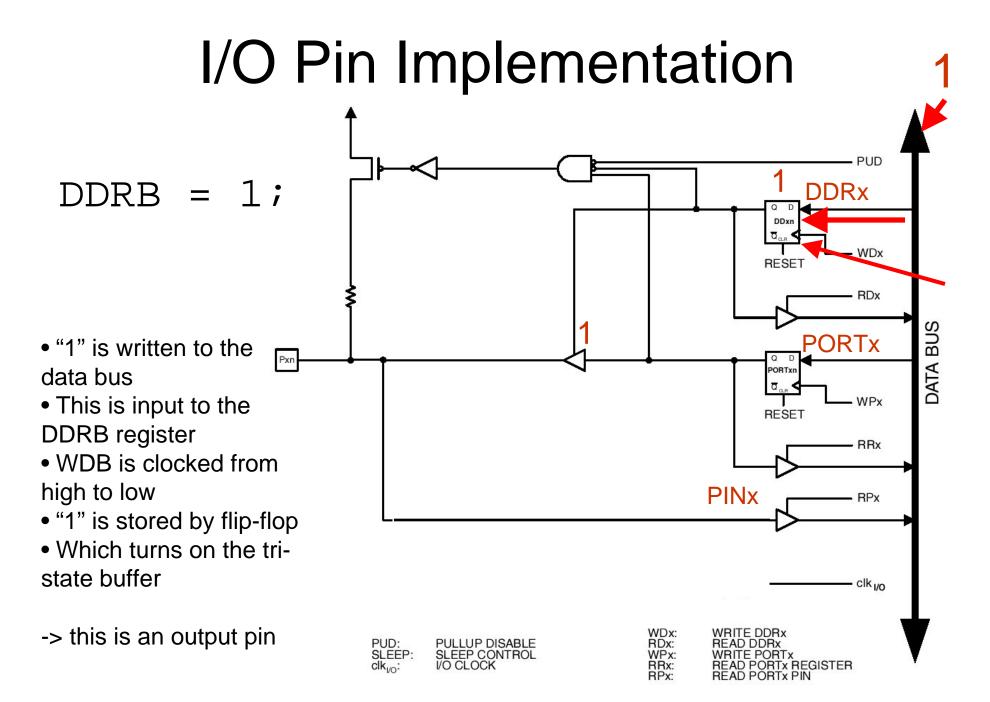
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- WDB is clocked from high to low

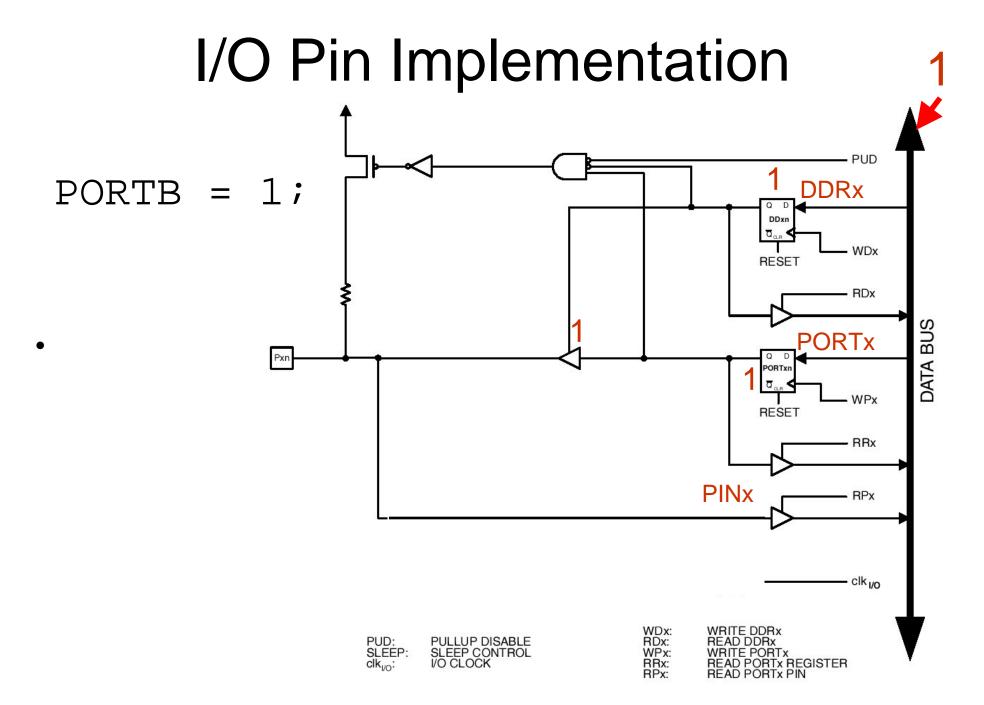


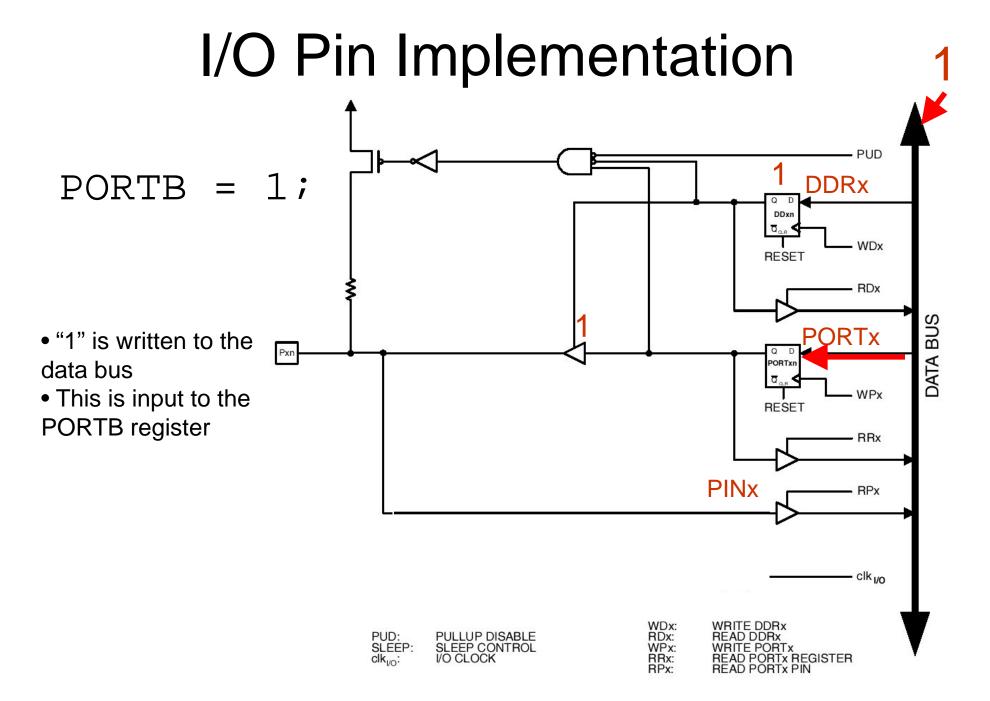


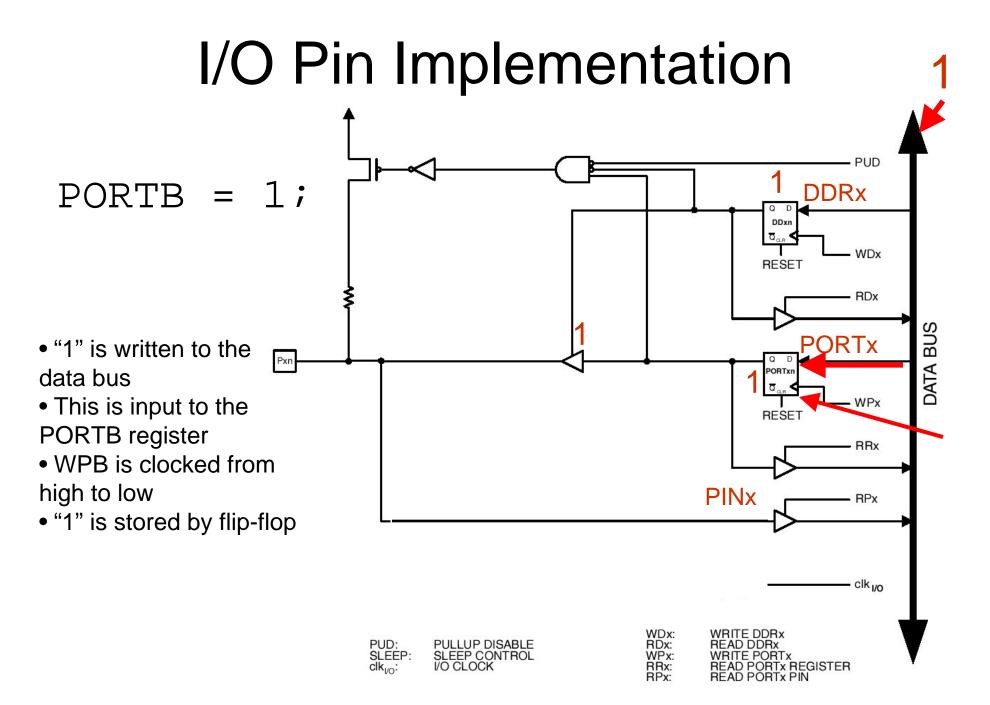


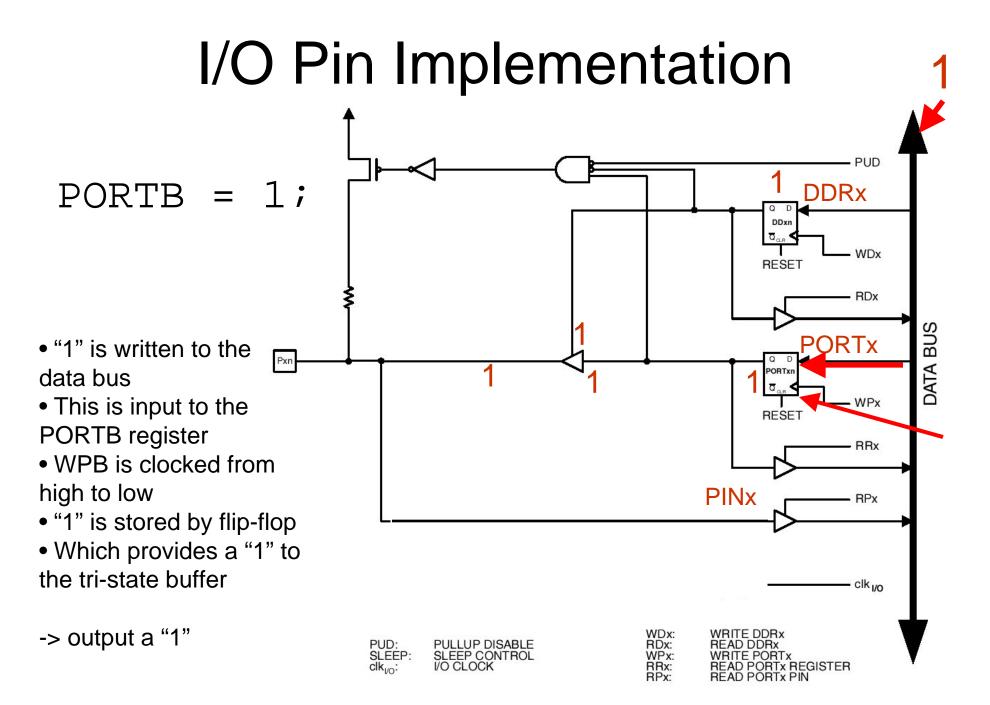


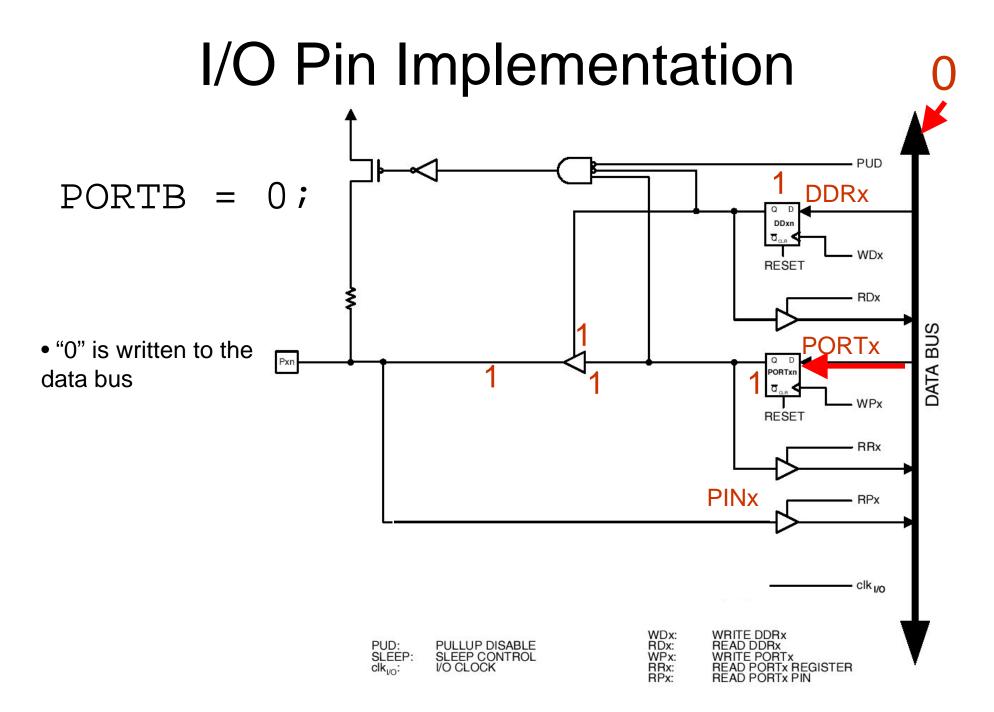


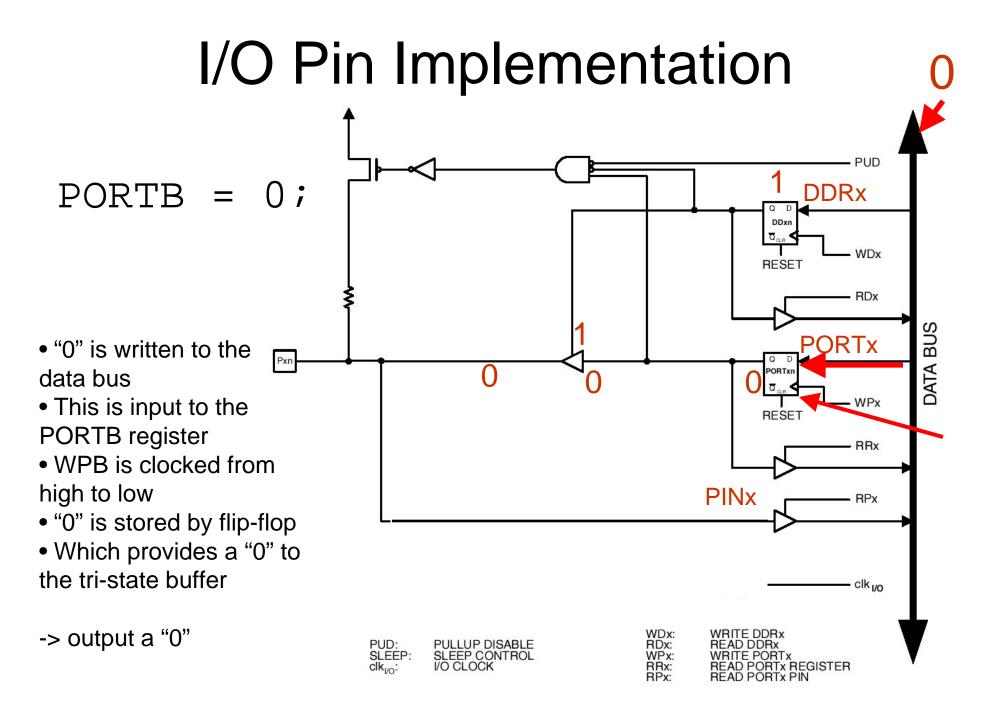


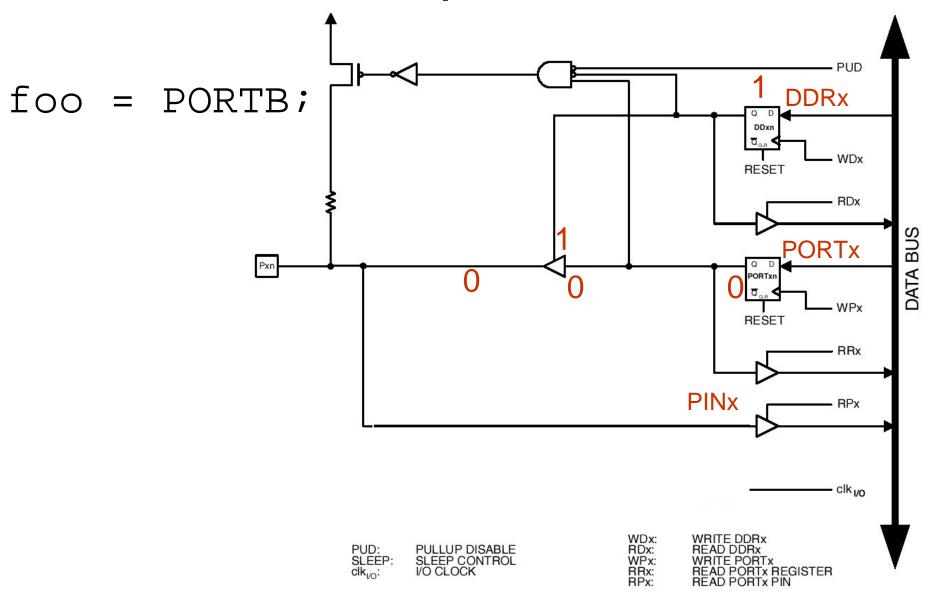


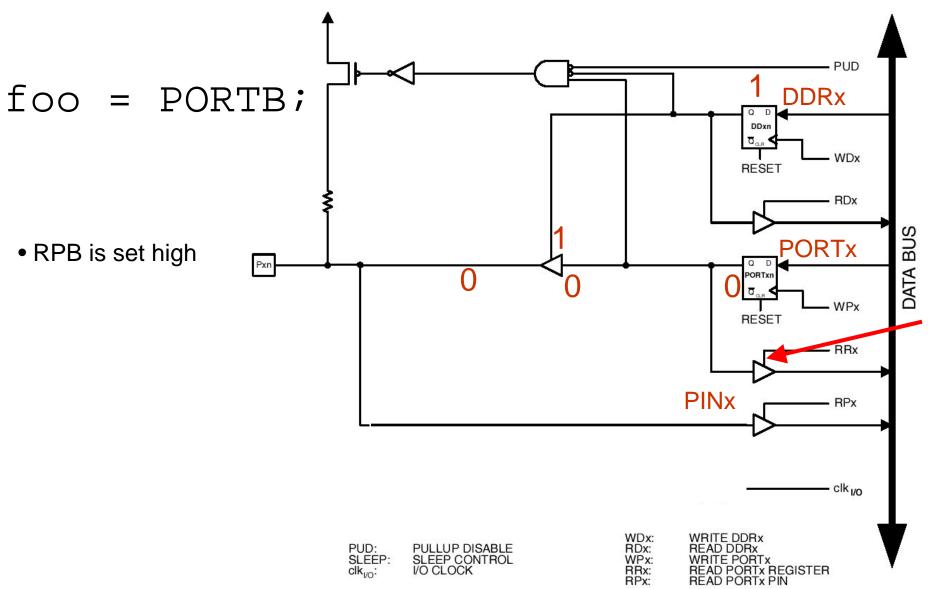


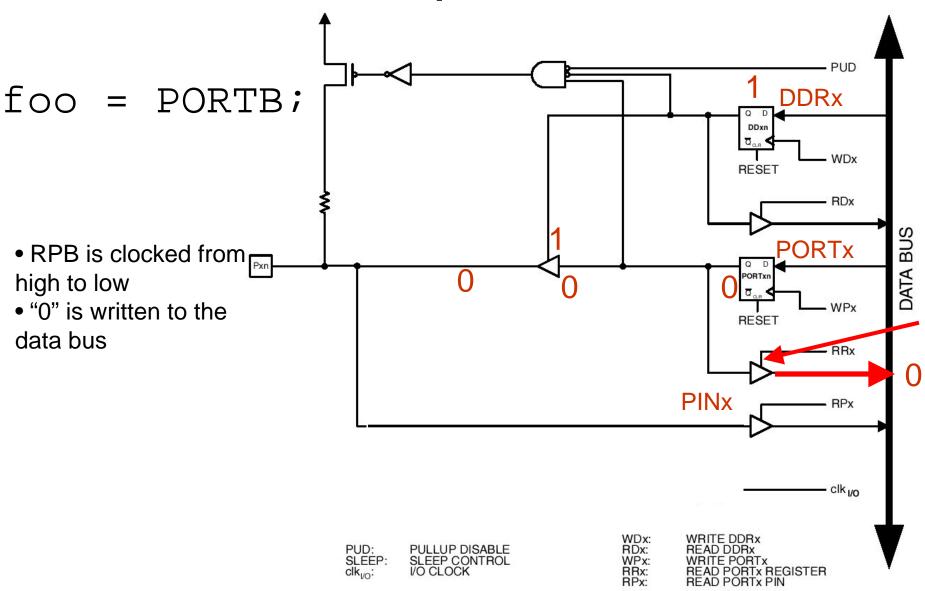


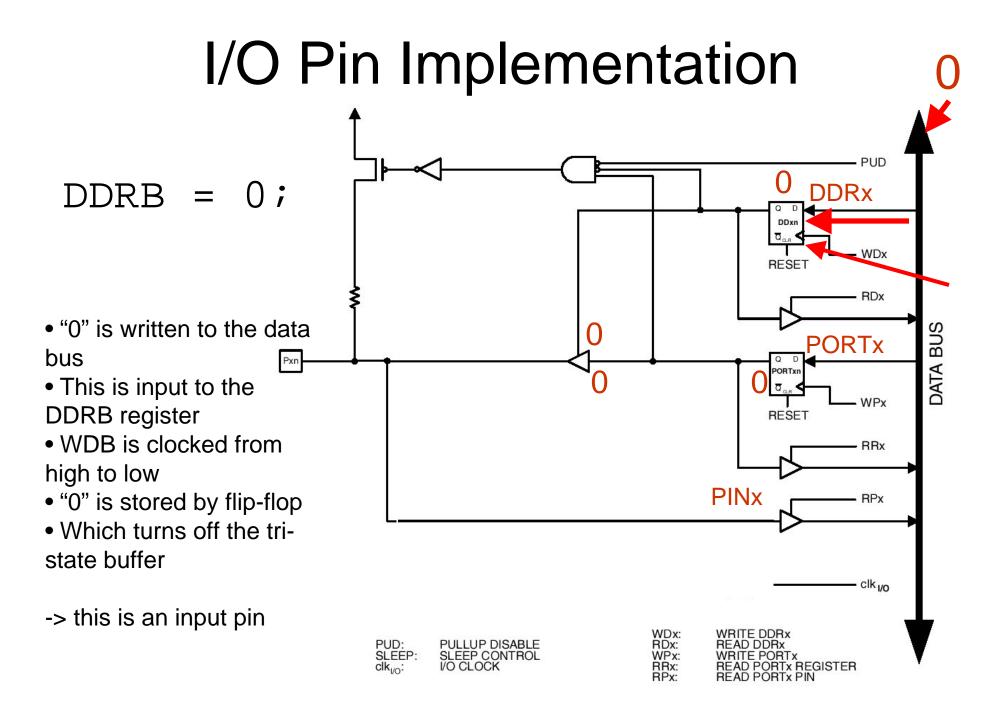


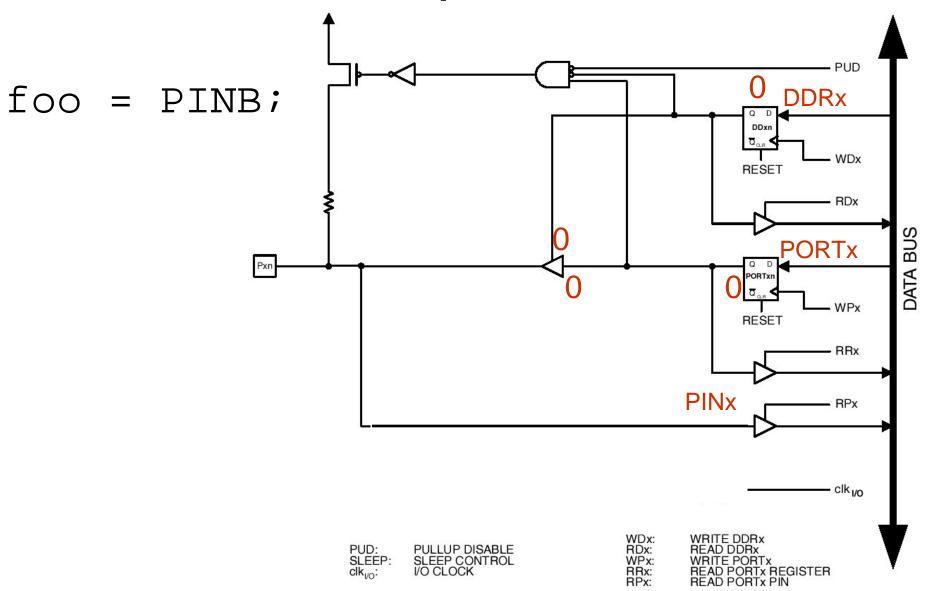


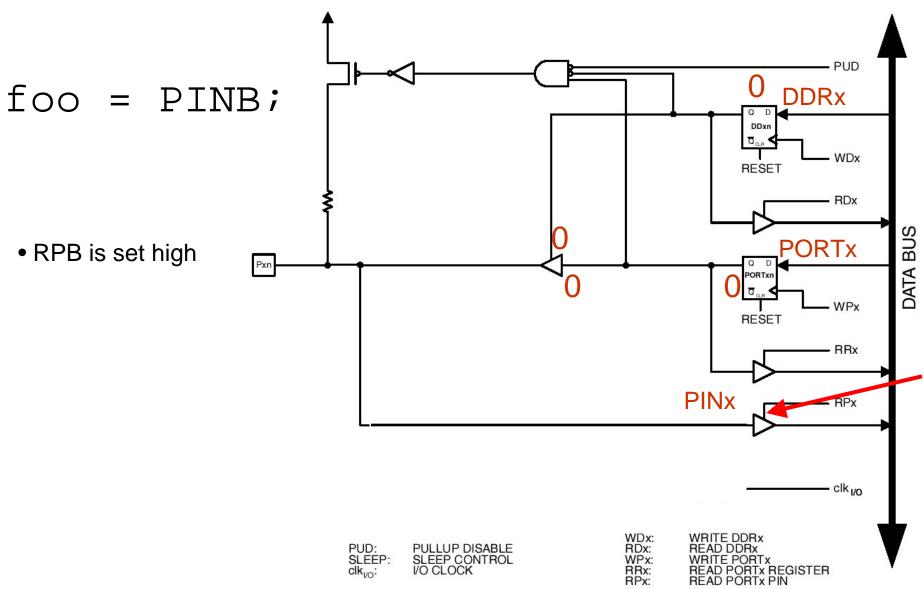


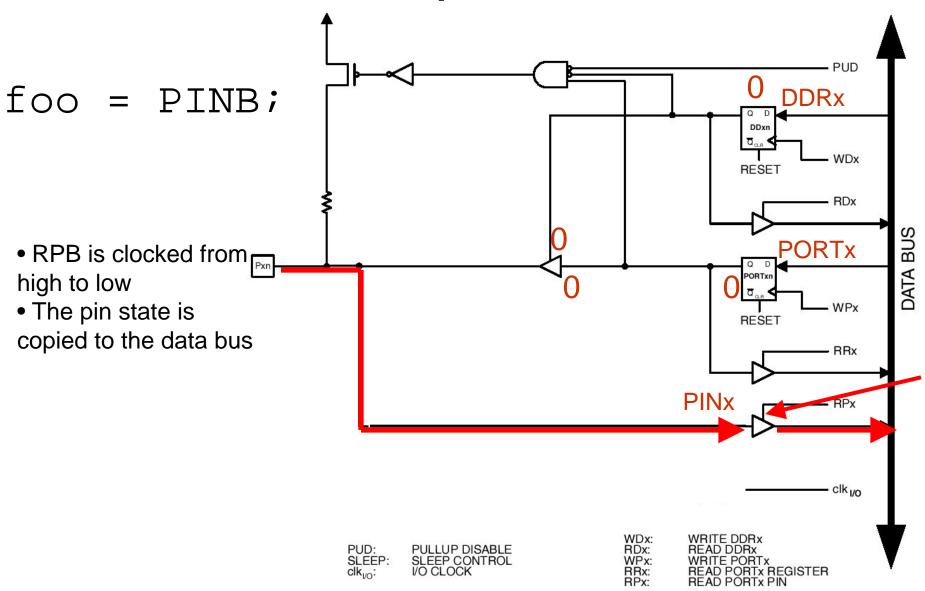












PORTB is a register

- Controls the value that is output by the set of port B pins
- But all of the pins are controlled by this single register (which is 8 bits wide)

 In code, we need to be able to manipulate the pins individually

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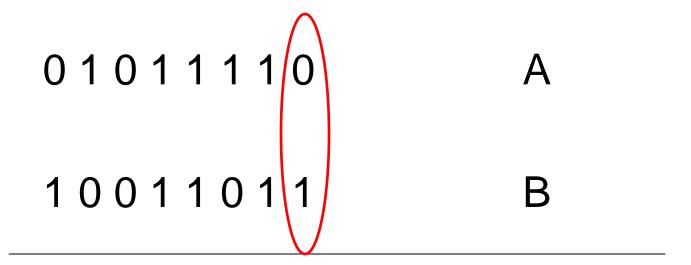
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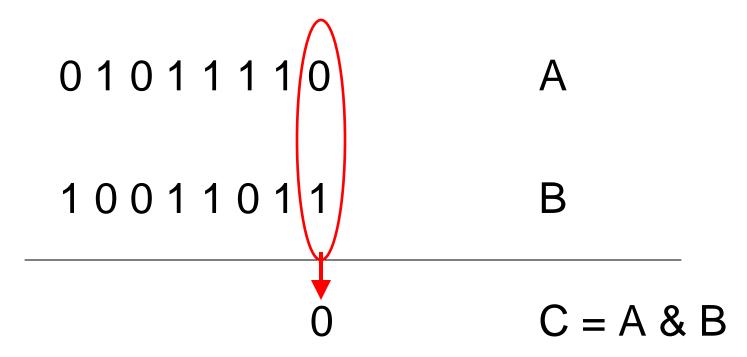
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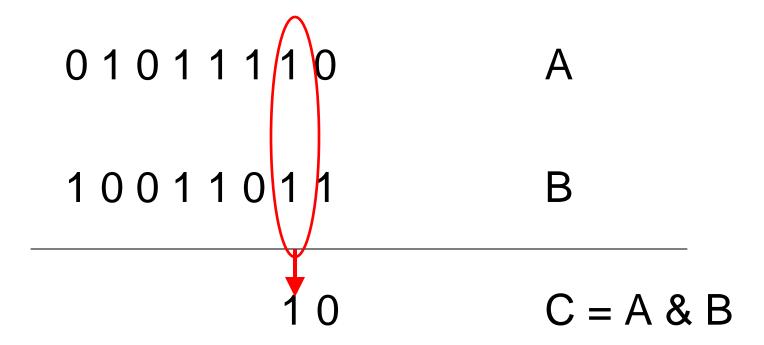
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Other Operators:

- OR:
- XOR: ^
- NOT: ~

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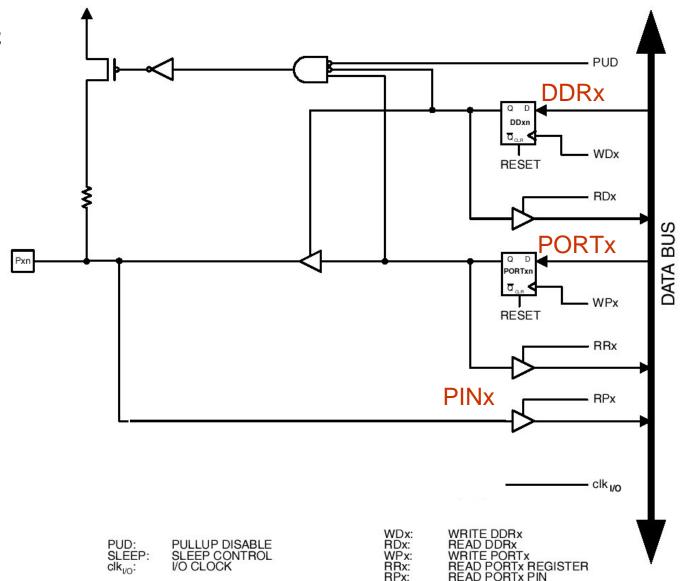
Given a byte A, how do we set bit 2 (counting from 0) of A to 0?

$$A = A \& 0xFB;$$

or

$$A = A \& \sim 4;$$

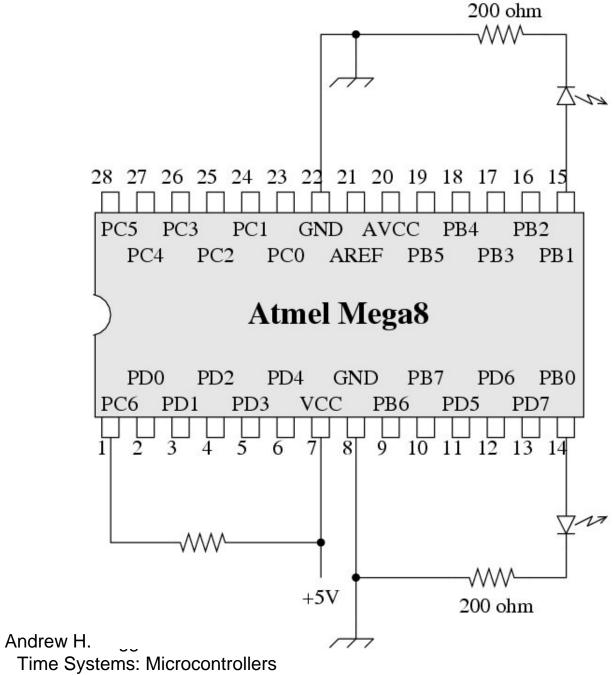
Single bit of PORT B



A First Program

Flash the LEDs at a regular interval

 How do we do this?

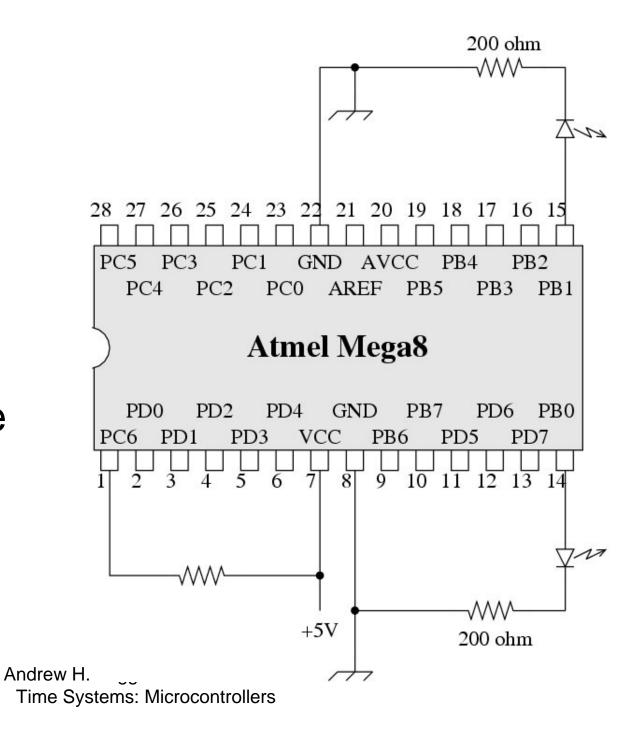


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A First Program

How do we flash the LED at a regular interval?

 We toggle the state of PB0



A First Program

```
main() {
   DDRB = 1;  // Set port B pin 0 as an output

while(1) {
    PORTB = PORTB ^ 0x1;  // XOR bit 0 with 1
    delay_ms(500);  // Pause for 500 msec
   }
}
```

A Second Program

What does this program do?

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A Second Program

Flashes LED on PB1 at 1 Hz on PB0: 0.5 Hz

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Port-Related Registers

The set of C-accessible register for controlling digital I/O:

	Directional control	Writing	Reading
Port B	DDRB	PORTB	PINB
Port C	DDRC	PORTC	PINC
Port D	DDRD	PORTD	PIND

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More Bit Masking

- Suppose we have a 3-bit number (so values 0 ... 7)
- Suppose we want to set the state of B3, B4, and B5 with this number (B3 is the least significant bit)

How do we express this in code?

B3-B7 are outputs; all others are still inputs (could be different depending on how other pins are used)

"Mask out" the current values of pins B3-B5 (leave everything else intact)

Substitute an arbitrary value into these bits

And use the result to change the output state of port B

Given: we want to read the state of PB6 and PB7 and obtain a value of 0 ... 3

- How do we configure the port?
- How do we read the pins?
- How do we translate their values into an integer of 0..3?

B6 and B7 are configured as inputs

Read the value from the port

"Mask out" all bits except B6 and B7

Right shift the result by 6 bits – so the value of B6 and B7 are now in bits 0 and 1 of "outval"

A Note About the C/Atmel Book

The book uses C syntax that looks like this:

```
PORTA.0 = 0; // Set bit 0 to 0
```

This syntax is not available with our C compiler. Instead, you will need to use:

```
PORTA &= 0xFE;

or

PORTA &= ~1;

or

PORTA = PORTA & ~1;

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```

Putting It All Together

- Program development:
 - On your own laptop
 - We will use a C "crosscompiler" (avr-gcc and other tools) to generate code on your laptop for the mega8 processor
- Program download:
 - We will use "in circuit programming": you will be able to program the chip without removing it from your circuit

Compiling and Downloading Code

- We will work through the details on Thursday. Before then:
 - See the Atmel HowTo (pointer from the schedule page)
 - Windoze: Install AVR Studio and WinAVR
 - OS X: Install OSX-AVR
 - We will use 'make' for compiling and downloading
 - Linux: Install binutils, avr-gcc, avr-libc, and avrdude
 - Same as OS X