

Counter/Timers in the Mega8

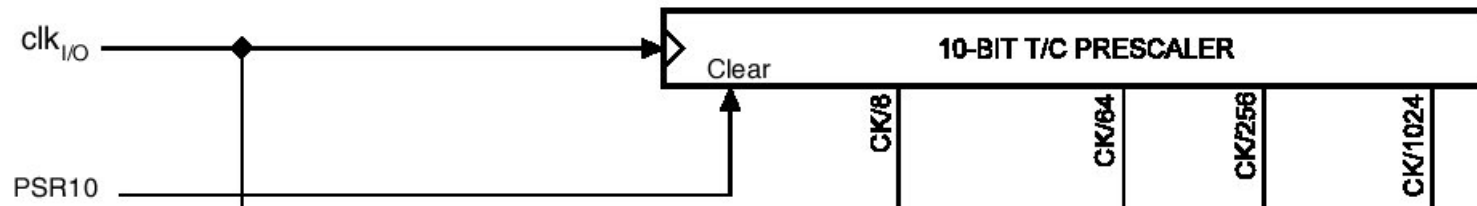
The mega8 incorporates three counter/timer devices. These can:

- Be used to count the number of events that have occurred (either external or internal)
- Act as a clock
- Trigger an interrupt after a specified number of events

Timer 0

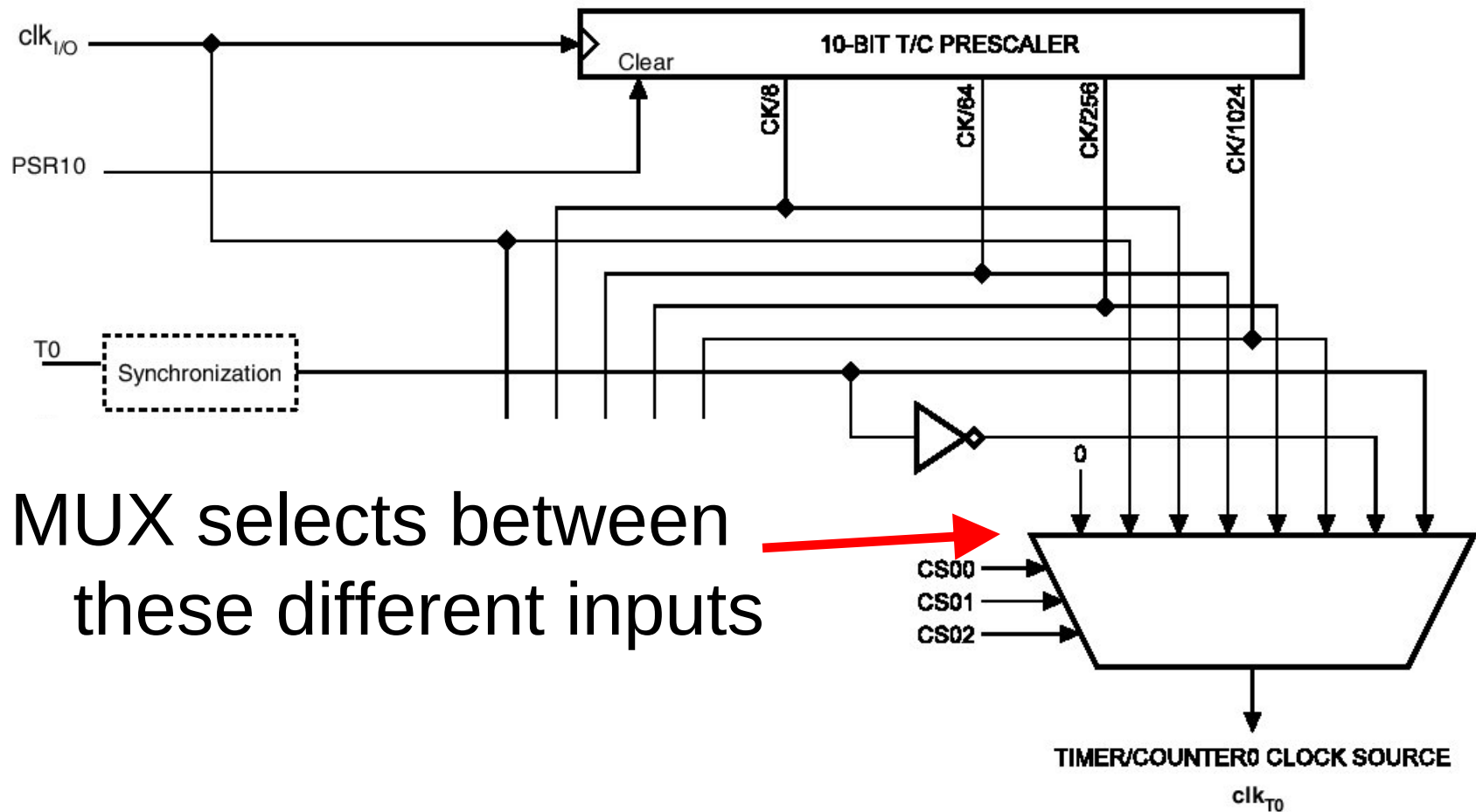
- Possible input sources:
 - Pin T0 (PD4)
 - System clock
 - Potentially divided by a “prescaler”
- 8-bit counter
- When the counter turns over from 0xFF to 0x0, an interrupt can be generated

Timer 0 Implementation



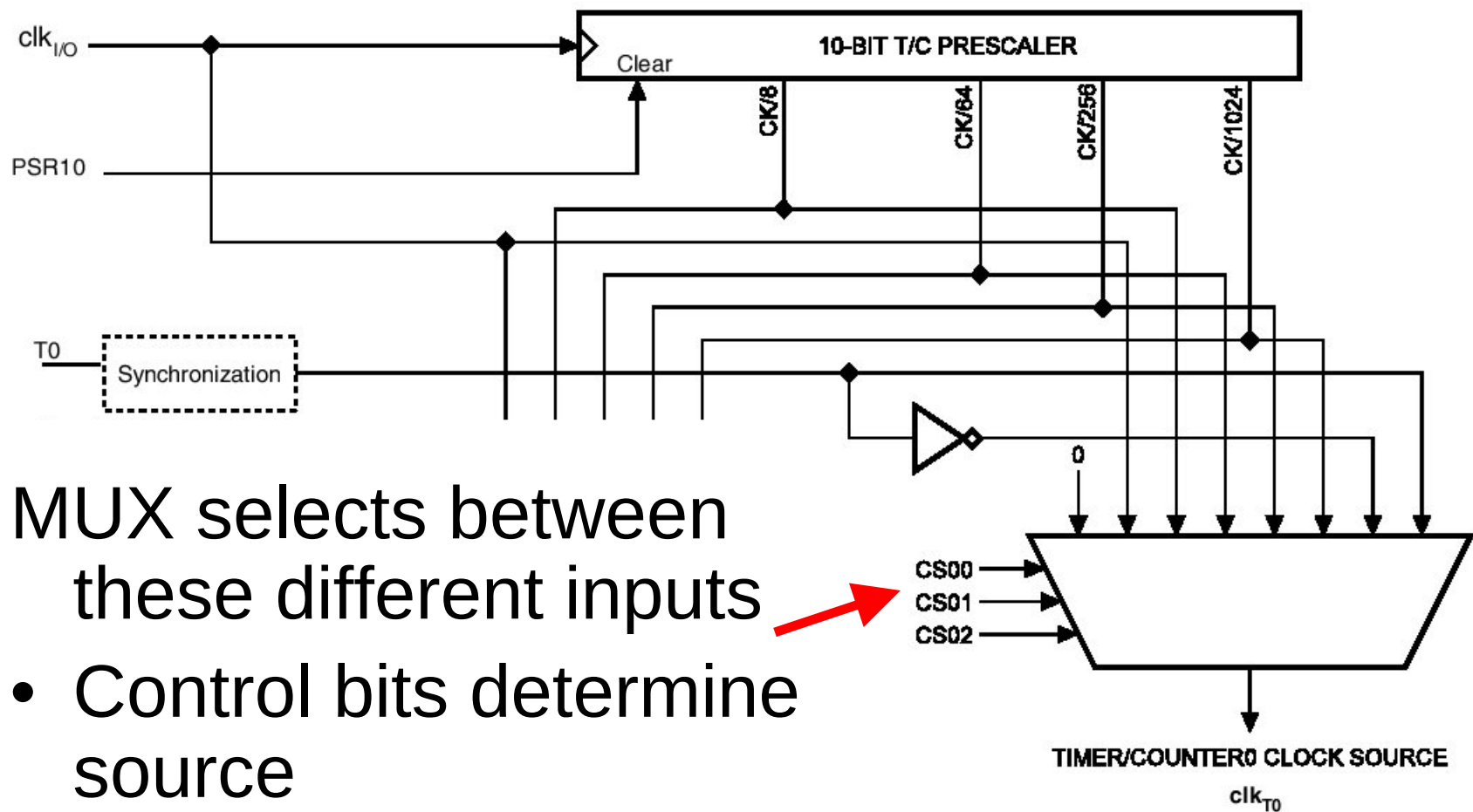
- Clock input to 10-bit counter
- Output bits: 3, 6, 8, and 10

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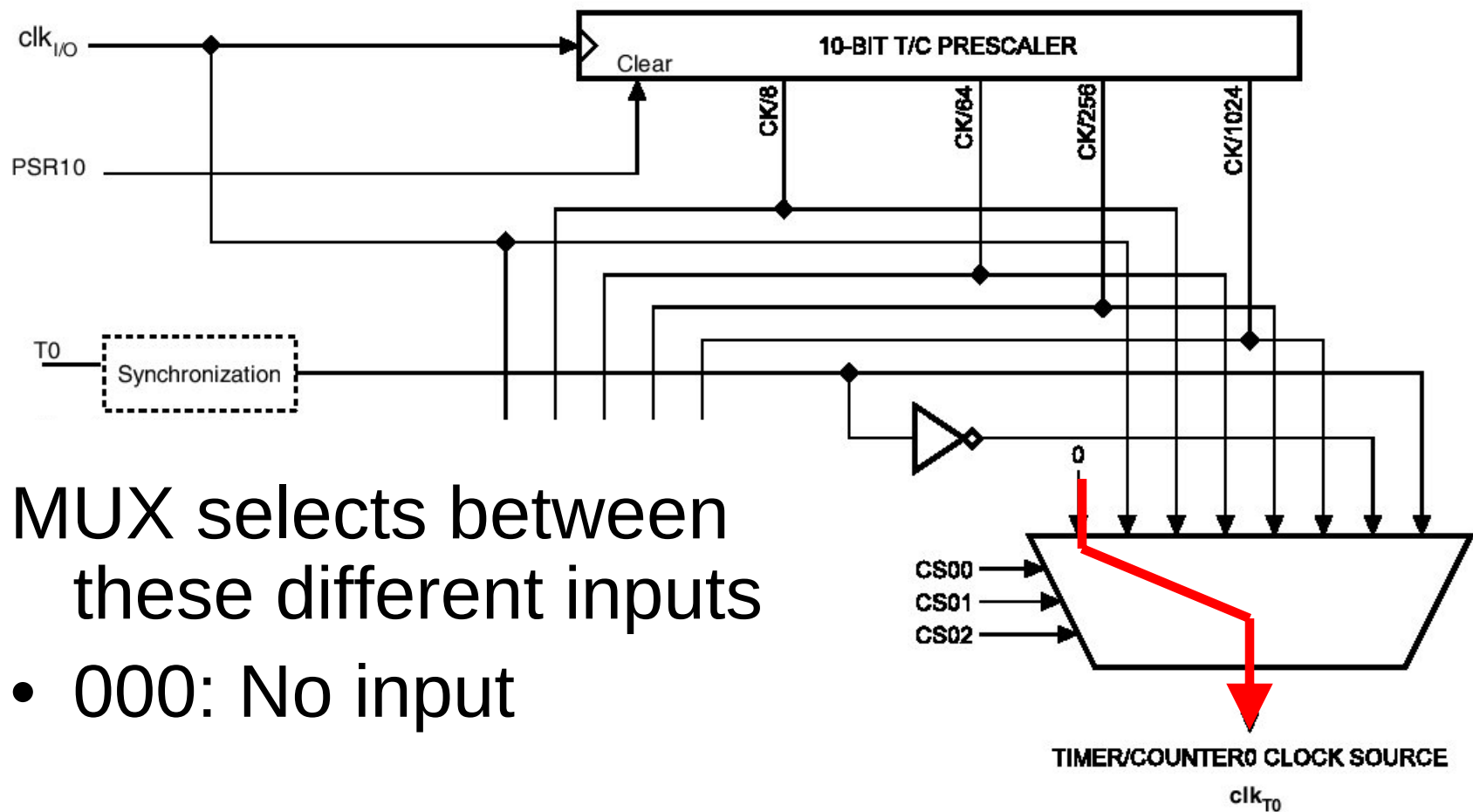


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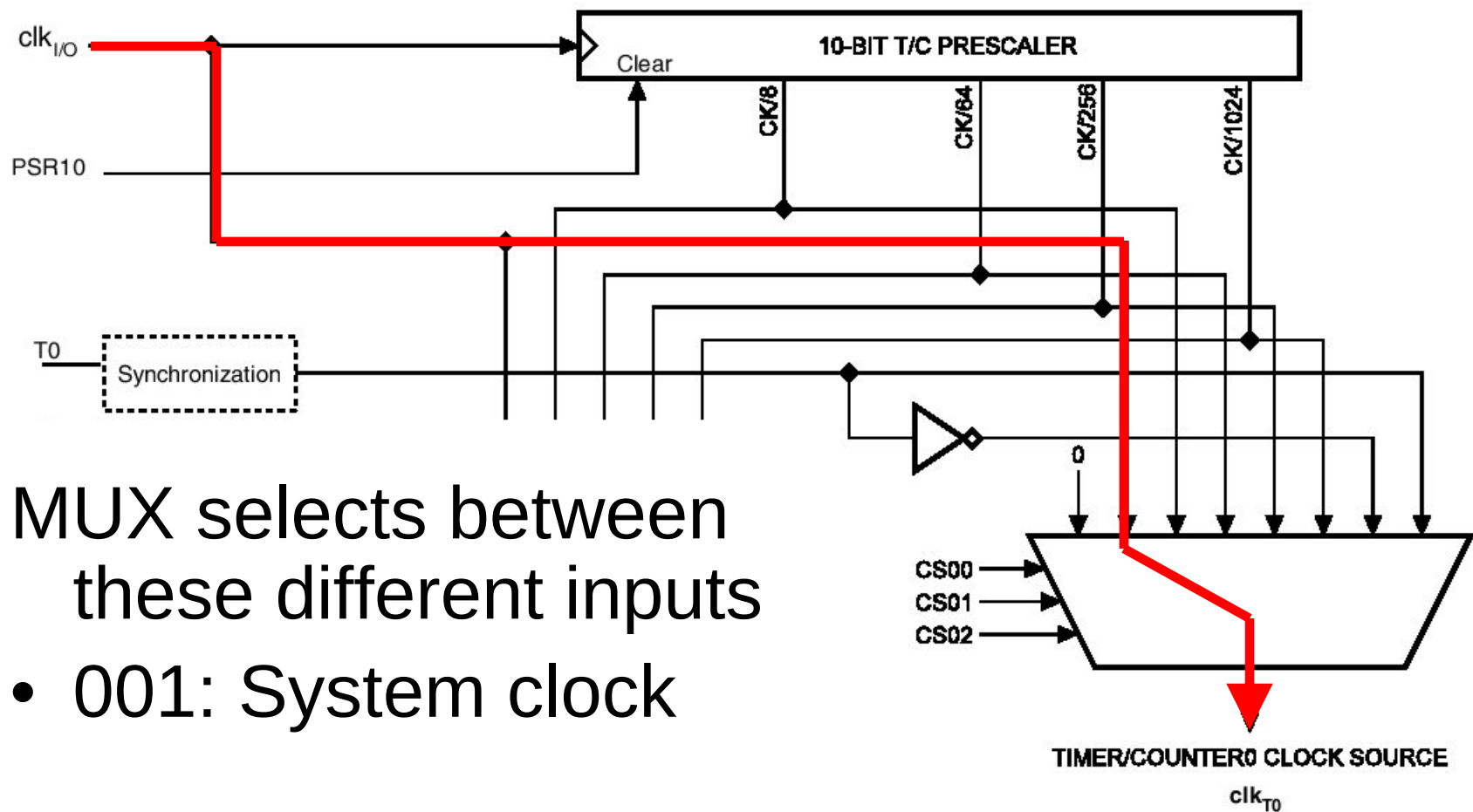
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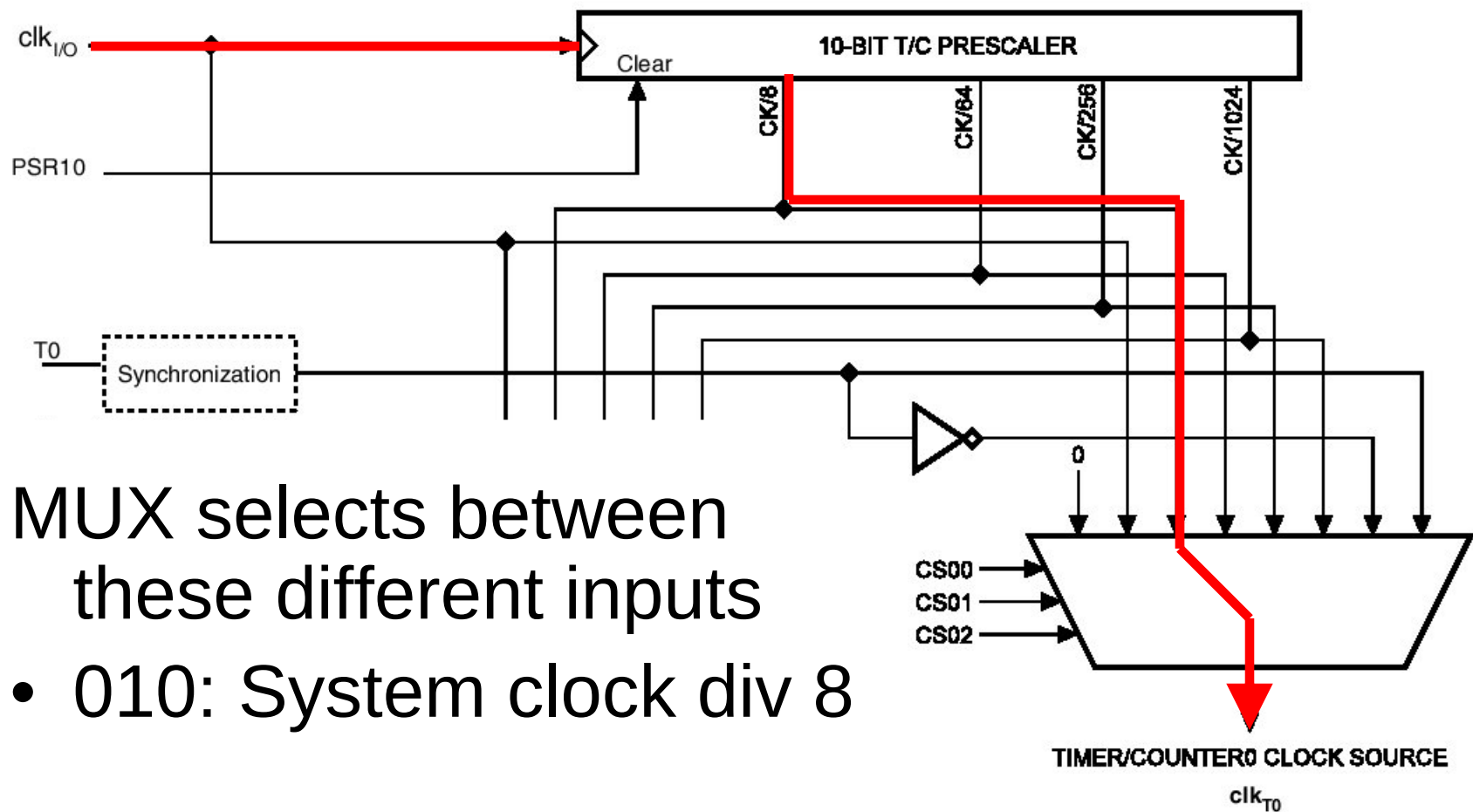


Timer 0 Implementation



- MUX selects between these different inputs
- 001: System clock

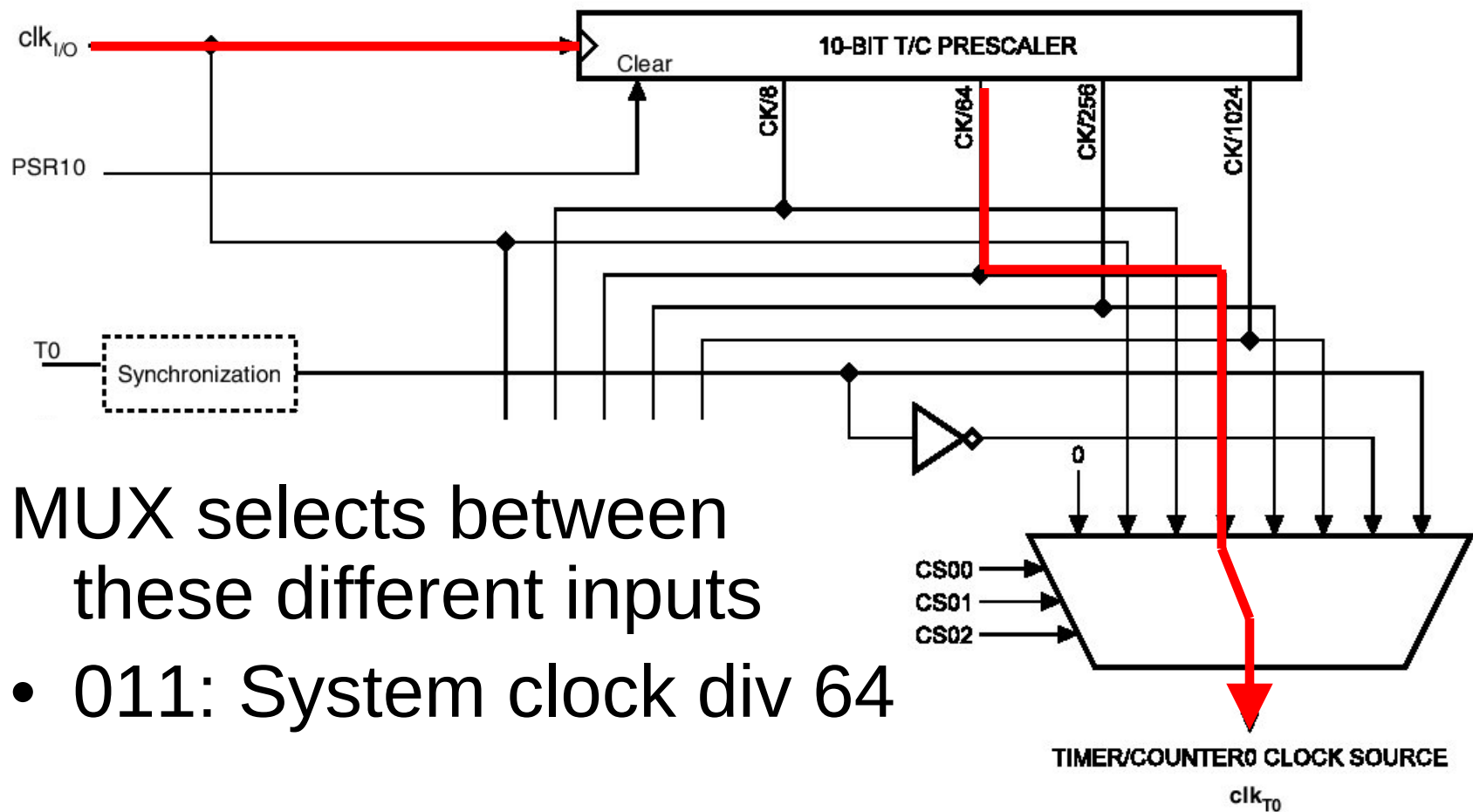
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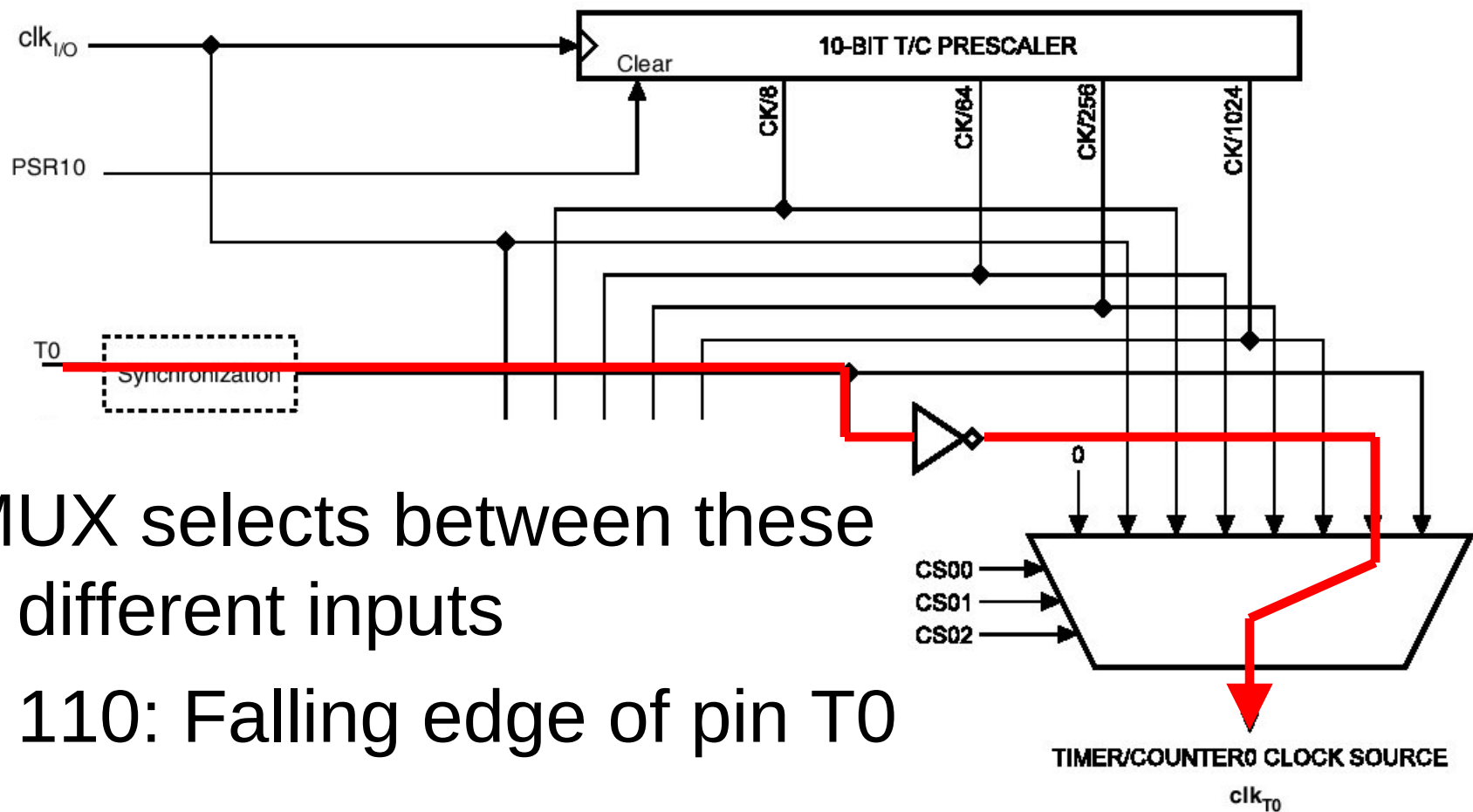
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- 010: System clock div 8

Timer 0 Implementation



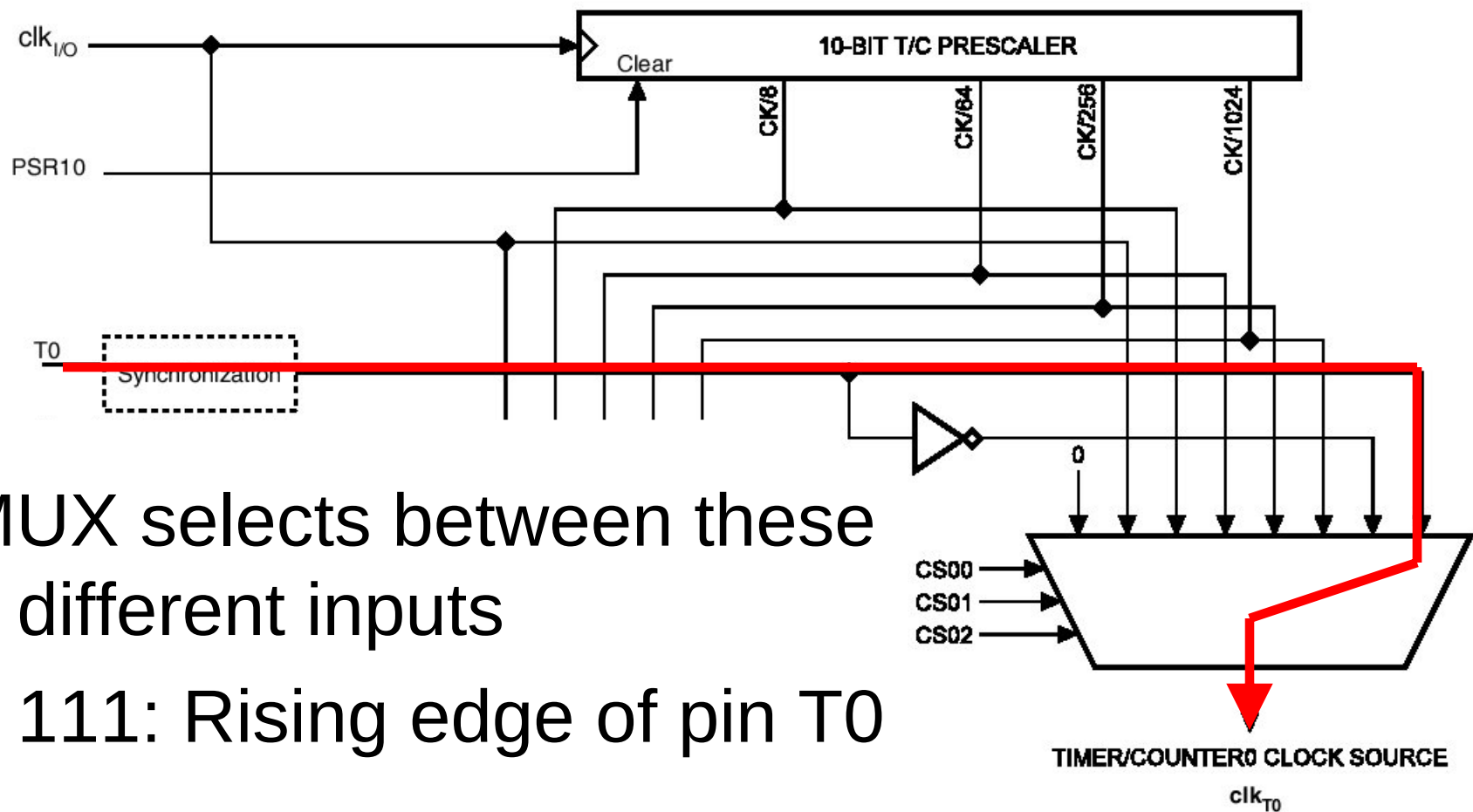
Timer 0 Implementation



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- 110: Falling edge of pin T0

Timer 0 Implementation

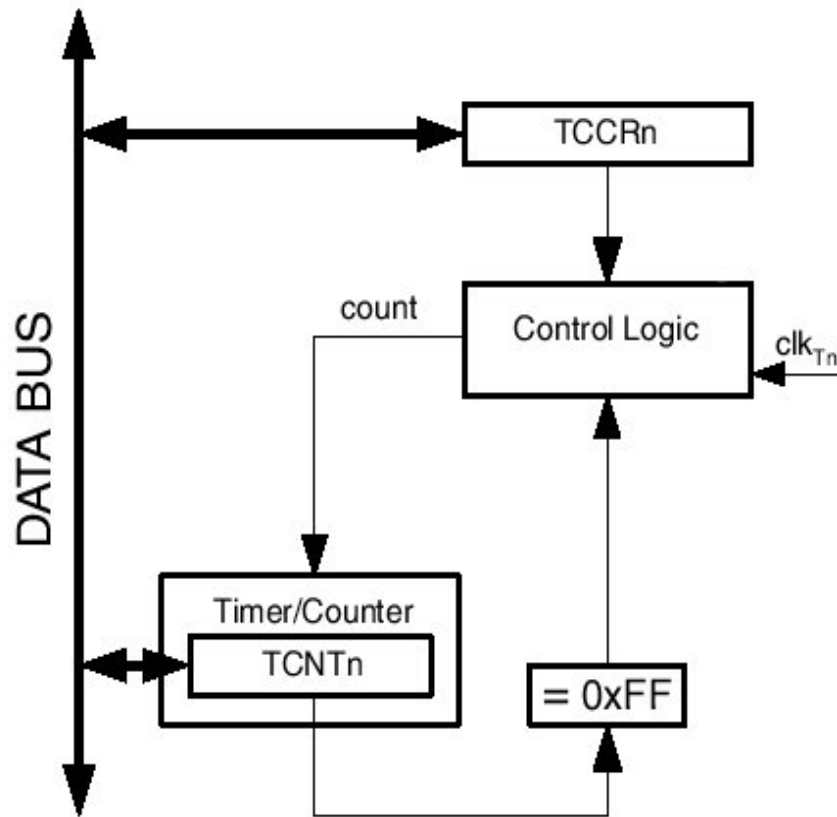


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- 111: Rising edge of pin T0

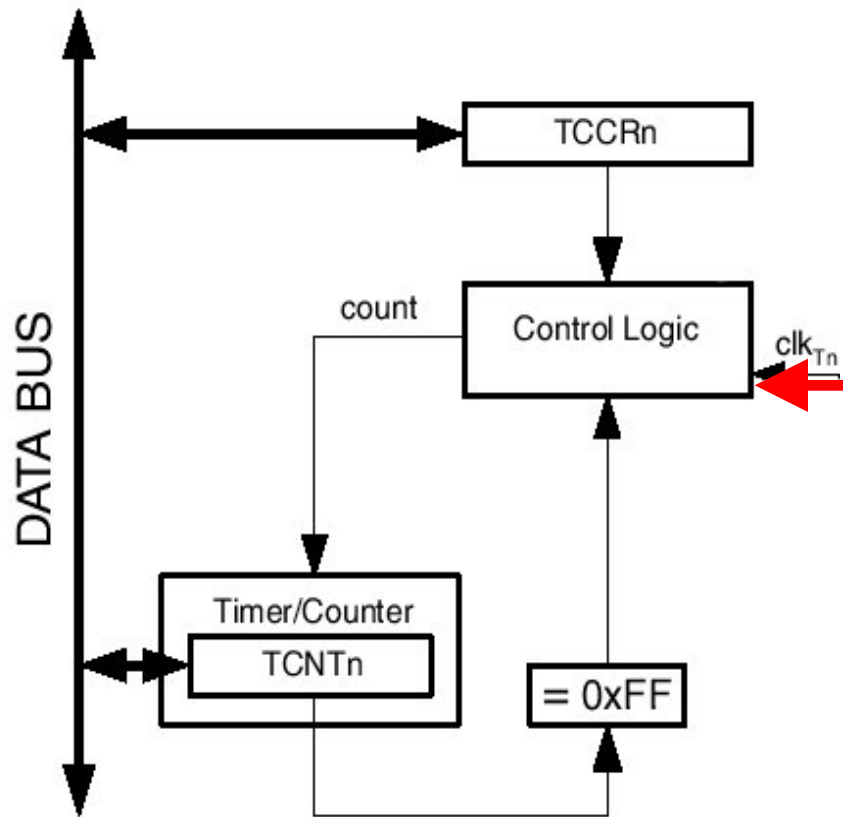
Timer 0

- TCNT0: 8-bit counter (a register)
- TCCR0: control register



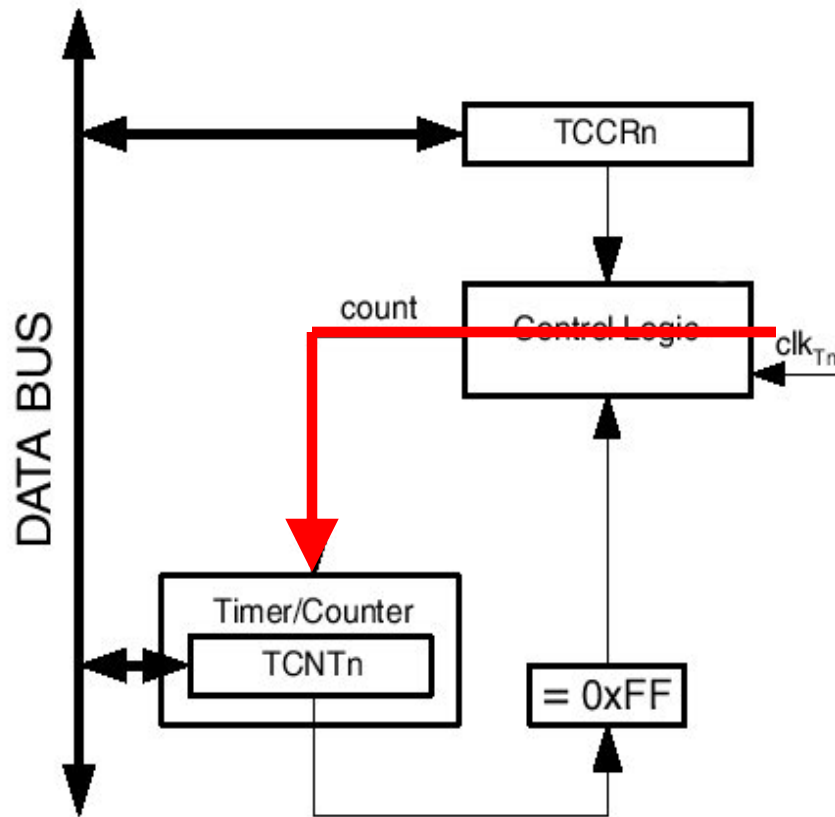
Timer 0

- Clock source from previous slide



Timer 0

- Increment counter on every low-to-high transition



Timer 0 Example

Suppose:

- 16MHz clock
- Prescaler of 1024
- We wait for the timer to count from 0 to 156

How long does this take?

Timer 0 Example

$$\textit{delay} = \frac{1024 * 156}{16,000,000} = 9948 \mu s \approx 10 ms$$

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Timer 0 Code Example

```
timer0_config(TIMER0_PRE_1024); // Prescale by 1024  
timer0_set(0);    // Set the timer to 0
```

```
// Do something else for a while  
while(timer0_read() < 156) {  
    // Do something while waiting  
};
```

```
// Break out at ~10 ms
```

See Atmel HOWTO for example code

(timer_demo2.c)

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Systems: Timers

Cascade of Clock Divisors

- Prescaler (timer 0): 1, 8, 64, 256, 1024
- Timer 0 counter: up to 256
 - In this case, our software waited for timer 0 to achieve a particular value
- Other timers can choose their divisor arbitrarily (more on this soon)

Timer 0 Example

Advantage over `delay_ms()`:

- Can do other things while waiting
- Timing is much more precise
 - We no longer rely on a specific number of instructions to be executed
 - Interrupts do not interfere with the timing

Timer 0 Example

Disadvantage:

- “something else” cannot take very much time

What is the solution?

Timer 0 Interrupt

What is the solution?

- Use interrupts!
- We can configure the timer to generate an interrupt every time the timer's counter rolls over from 0xFF to 0x00

Timer 0 Example II

Suppose:

- 16MHz clock
- Prescaler of 1024

How often is the interrupt generated?

Timer 0 Example II

$$\textit{interval} = \frac{1024 * 256}{16,000,000} = 16.384 \textit{ ms}$$

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$$\text{counts} = \frac{1000 \text{ ms}}{16.384 \text{ ms}} = 61.0352$$

We will assume 61 is close enough.

Example II: Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)

```
ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect) {  
    static uint8_t counter = 0;  
    ++counter;  
    if(counter == 61) {  
        // Toggle output state every 61st interrupt:  
        // This means: on for ~1 second and then off for ~1 sec  
        PORTB ^= 1;  
        counter = 0;  
    };  
};
```

See Atmel HOWTO for example code
(timer_demo.c)

Example II: Initialization

```
// Interrupt occurs every  $(1024 \times 256) / 16000000 = .016384$  seconds
```

```
timer0_config(TIMERO_PRE_1024);
```

```
// Enable the timer interrupt
```

```
timer0_enable();
```

```
// Enable global interrupts
```

```
sei();
```

```
while(1) {
```

```
    // Do something else
```

```
};
```

Timer 0 with Interrupts

This solution is particularly nice:

- “something else” does not have to worry about timing at all
 - PB0 state is altered asynchronously
- Note that we **can** have a shared data problem (but not in this example)

Cascade of Clock Divisors

- Prescaler: 1 to 1024
- Timer 0 counter: 256
 - Other timers can choose their divisor arbitrarily
- Software: arbitrary

Two Other Timers

Timer 1:

- 16 bit counter
- Prescalers: 1, 8, 64, 256, 1024

Timer 2:

- 8 bit counter
- Prescalers: 1, 8, 32, 64, 128, 256, 1024

Interrupt Service Routines

- Should be **very** short
 - No “delays”
 - No busy waiting
 - Function calls from the ISR should be short also
 - Minimize looping
- Communication with the main program using global variables

Interrupts, Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

- Compilers (including ours) will often optimize code in order to minimize execution time
- These optimizations often pose no problems, but can be problematic in the face of interrupts and shared data

Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

For example:

$$A = A + 1;$$
$$C = B * A$$

Will result in 'A' being fetched from memory once (into a general-purpose register) – even though 'A' is used twice

Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

Now consider:

```
while(1) {  
    PORTB = A;  
}
```

What does the compiler do with this?

Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

The compiler will assume that 'A' never changes.

This will result in code that looks something like this:

```
R1 = A;    // Fetch value of A into register 1
while(1) {
    PORTB = R1;
}
```

The compiler only fetches A from memory once!

Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

This optimization is generally fine – but consider the following interrupt routine:

```
ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect) {  
    A = PIND;  
}
```

- The global variable 'A' is being changed!
- The compiler has no way to anticipate this

Shared Data and Compiler Optimizations

The fix: the programmer must tell the compiler that it is not allowed to assume that a memory location is not changing

- This is accomplished when we declare the global variable:

```
volatile uint8_t A;
```

Information Encoding

Many different options for encoding information for transmission to/from other devices:

- Parallel digital (e.g., for our Project 1)
- Serial digital (e.g., USB, RS232)
- Analog: use voltage to encode a value

Information Encoding

An alternative: pulse-width modulation (PWM)

- Information is encoded in the time between the rising and falling edge of a pulse

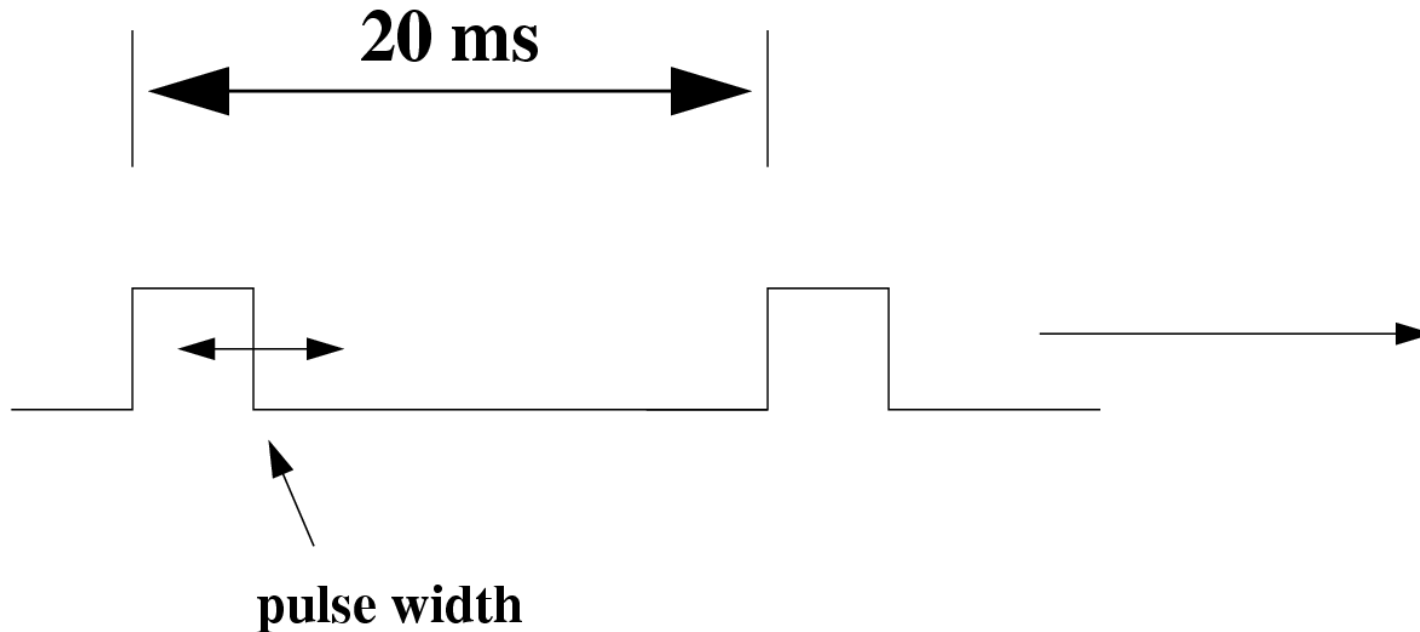
PWM Example:

RC Servo Motors

- 3 pins: power (red), ground (black), and command signal (white)
- Signal pin expects a PWM signal



PWM Example



**pulse width
determines motor position**

Internal circuit translates pulse width into a goal position:

- 0.5 ms: 0 degrees
- 2.5 ms: 180 degrees

RC Servo Motors

- Internal potentiometer measures the current orientation of the shaft
- Uses a **Position Servo Controller**: the difference between current and commanded shaft position determines shaft velocity.
- Mechanical stops limit the range of motion
 - These stops can be removed for unlimited rotation

PWM Example II: Controlling LED Brightness

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Suppose we pulse an LED for a given period of time with a digital signal: what is the relationship between pulse width and number of photons emitted?

- Again: they are linearly related (essentially)
- If the period is short enough, then the human eye will not be able to detect the flashes

Controlling LED Brightness

We need:

- To produce a periodic behavior, and
- A way to specify the pulse width (or the duty cycle)

How do we implement this in code?

Controlling LED Brightness

How do we implement this in code?

One way:

- Interrupt routine increments an 8-bit counter
- When the counter is 0, turn the LED on
- When the counter reaches some “duration”, turn the LED off

```
volatile uint8_t duration = 0;
```

```
ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect)
```

```
{
```

```
    static uint8_t counter = 0;
```

```
}
```

```
volatile uint8_t duration = 0;

ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect)
{
    static uint8_t counter = 0;

    if(counter == 0) PORTB |= 1;
    if(counter >= duration) PORTB &= ~1;

    ++counter;
}
```

Initialization Details

- Set up timer
- Enable interrupts
- Set duration in some way
 - In this case, we will slowly increase it

What does this implementation look like?

Initialization

```
int main(void) {  
    DDRB = 0xFF;  
    PORTB = 0;  
  
    // Initialize counter  
    duration = 0;  
  
    // Interrupt configuration  
    timer0_config(TIMER0_NOPRE); // No prescaler  
    // Enable the timer interrupt  
    timer0_enable();  
    // Enable global interrupts  
    sei();  
    :
```

PWM Implementation

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- The timer0 counter (8 bits) expires every 256 clock cycles

$$t = \frac{256}{16000000} = 16 \mu s$$

(assuming a 16MHz clock)

PWM Implementation

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- The 8-bit counter (of the interrupt) expires every 256 interrupts

$$t = \frac{256 * 256}{16000000} = 4.096 \text{ ms}$$

Doing “Something Else”

:

```
unsigned int i;  
while(1) {  
    for(i = 0; i < 256; ++i)  
        duration = i;  
        delay_ms(50);  
};  
};  
}
```

Timer 1

- 16 bit counter
 - All the same functionality as we see with timer 0
- One **input capture** unit
 - On an external event, save the state of the counter
- Two **output compare** units
 - Generate an event when the counter reaches a certain state (e.g., we can use this to do PWM in hardware!)

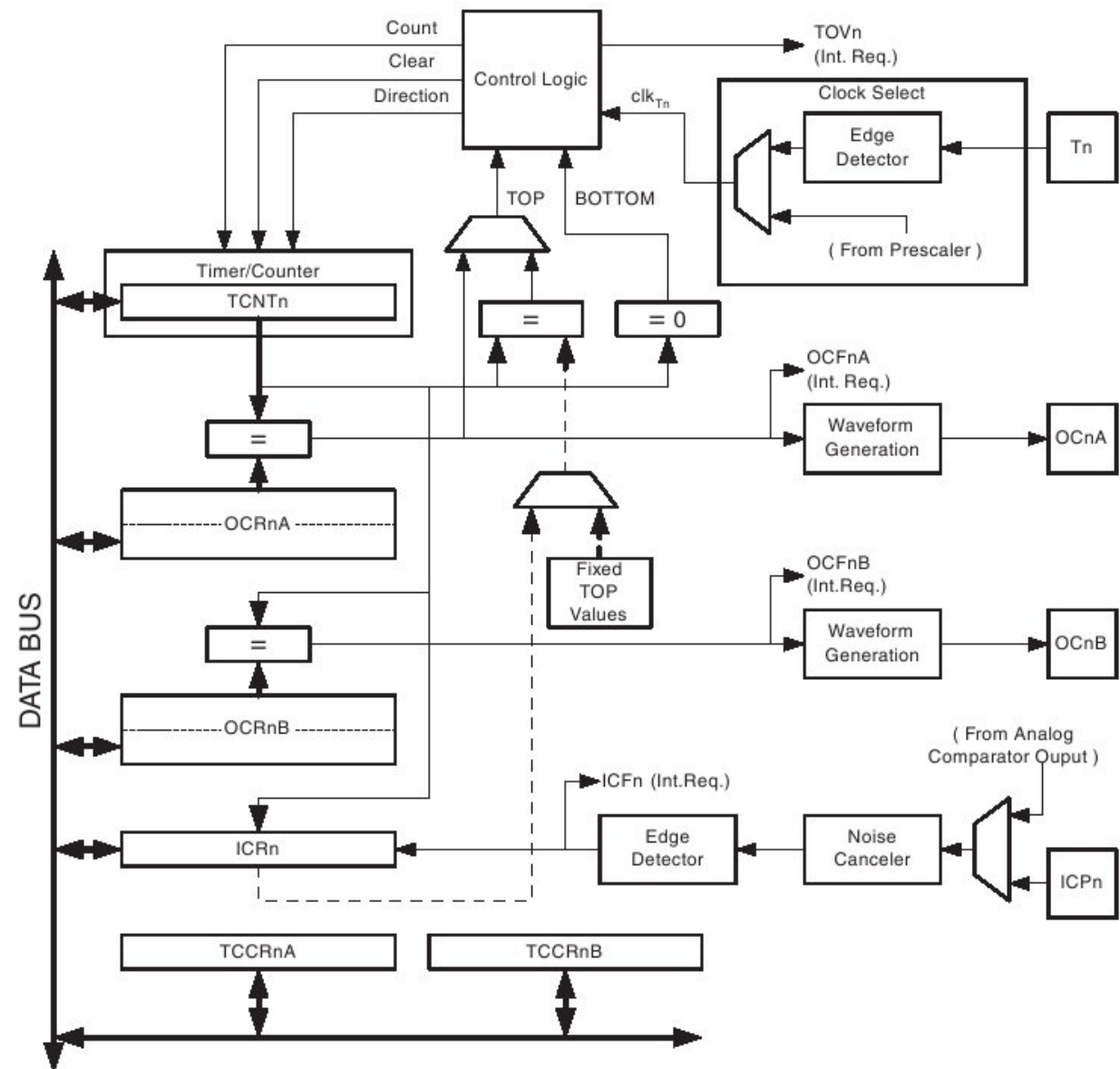
Timer 1

- There are comparable functions in oulib (to timer0)
- There are also functions that give you access to the output compare and input capture functionality
- Note: many timer 1 registers are 16 bit registers. Accesses to these must be thread safe (oulib provides this for you)

Timer 2

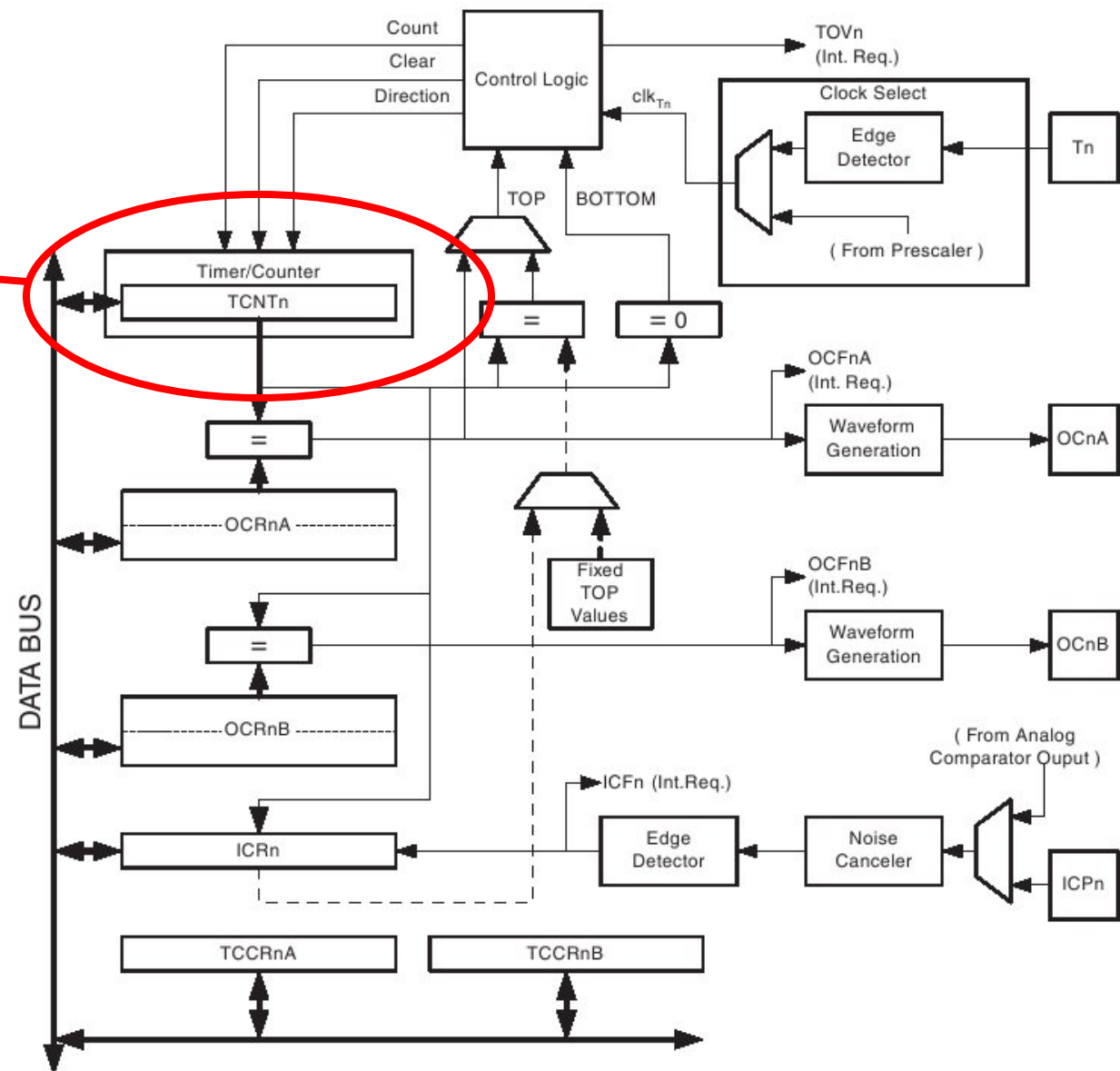
- 8-bit counter
- Output-compare
- Waveform generator
 - So: can also generate PWM signals

Timer 1



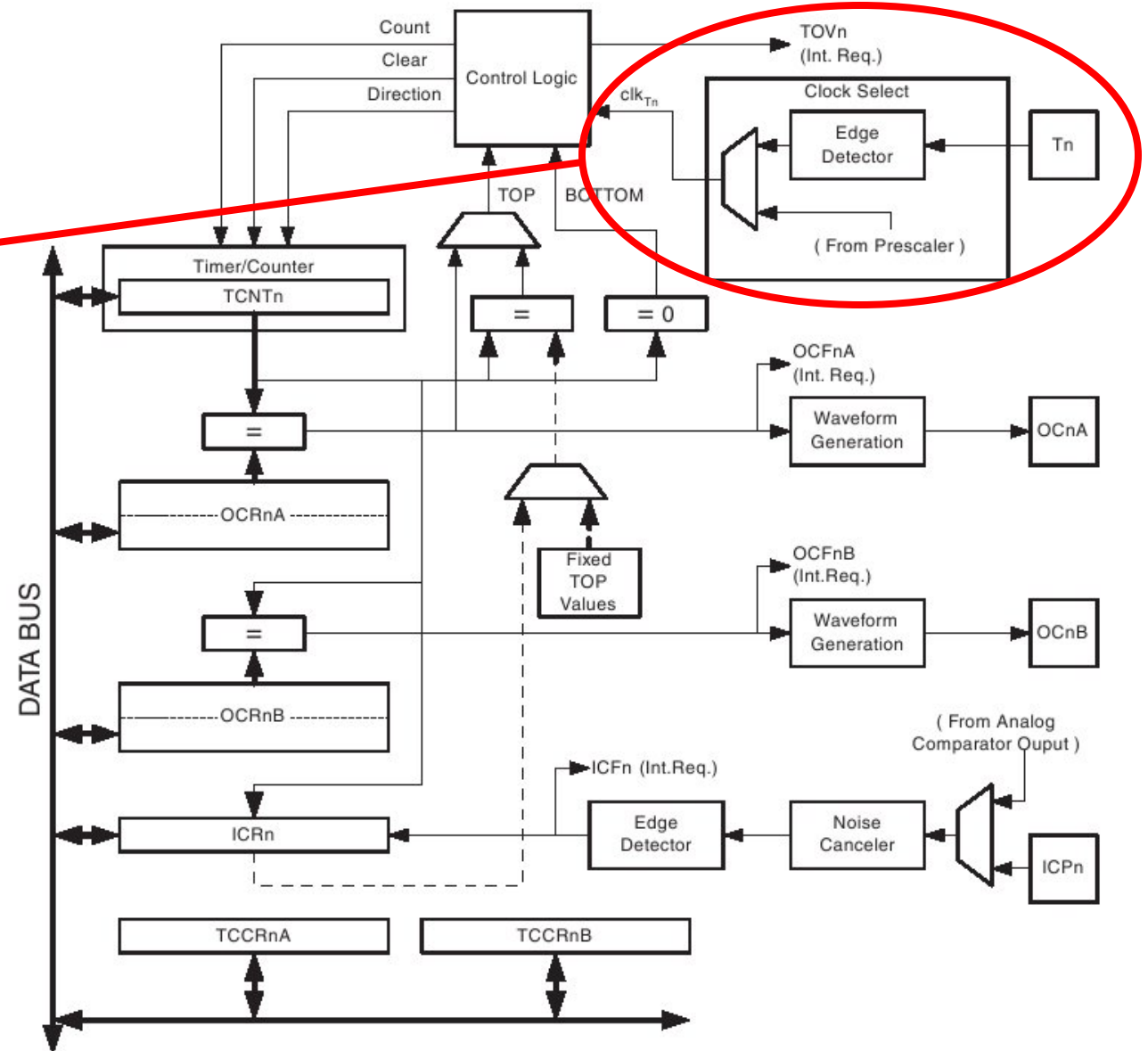
Timer 1

Counter



Timer 1

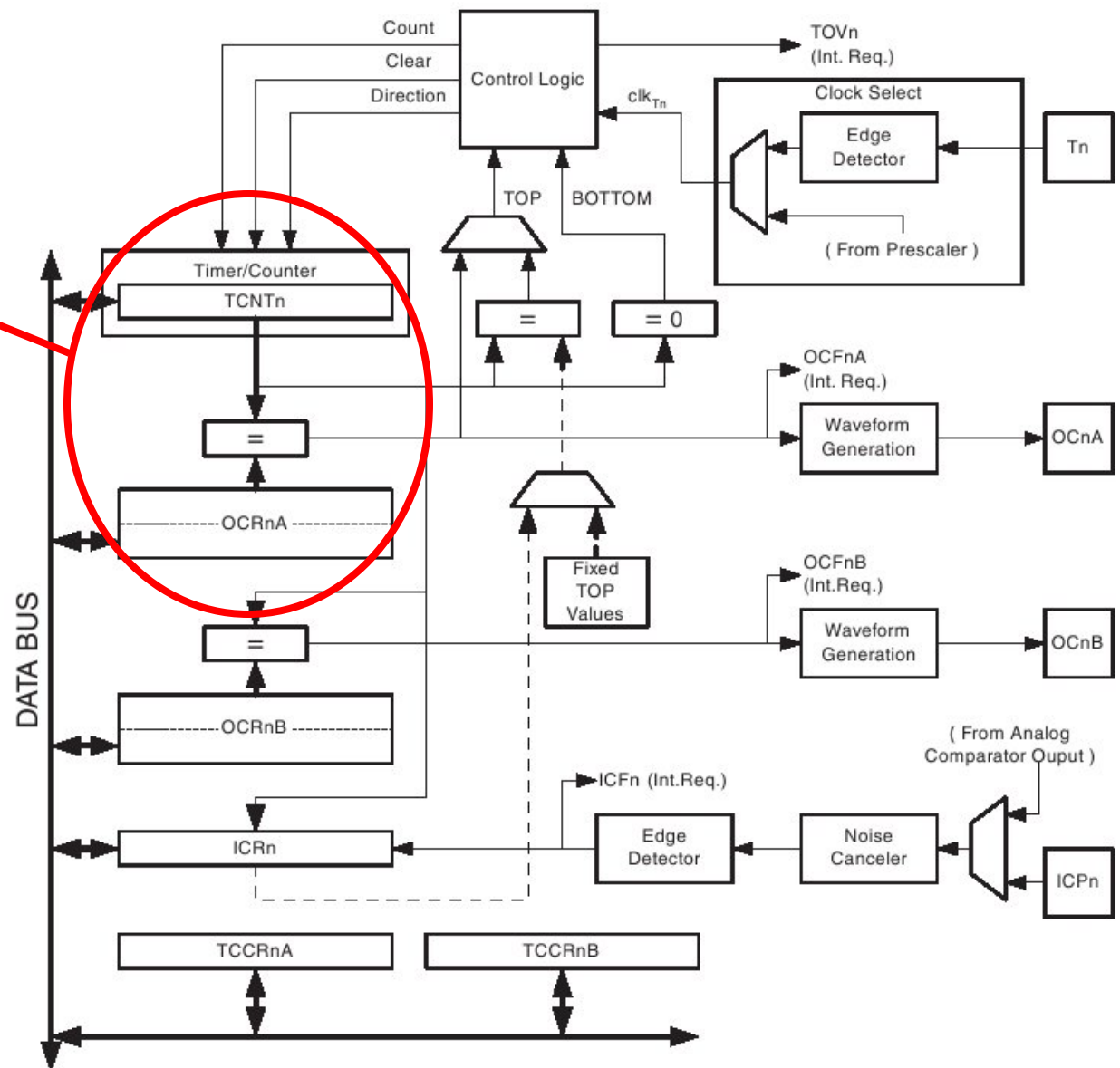
Source
selection
and
prescaler



Timer 1

Output
compare
register

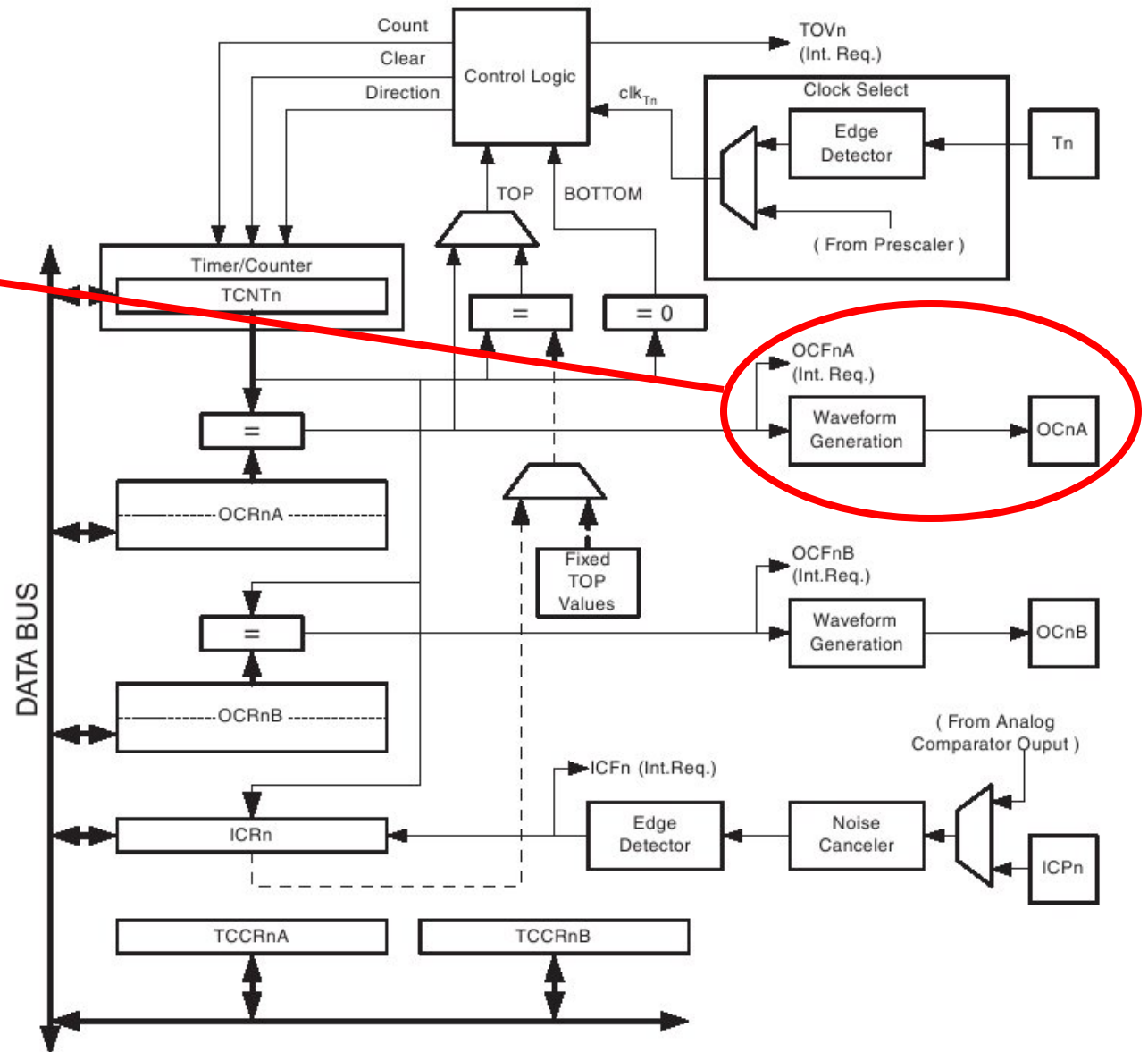
- Continuously compared with counter



Timer 1

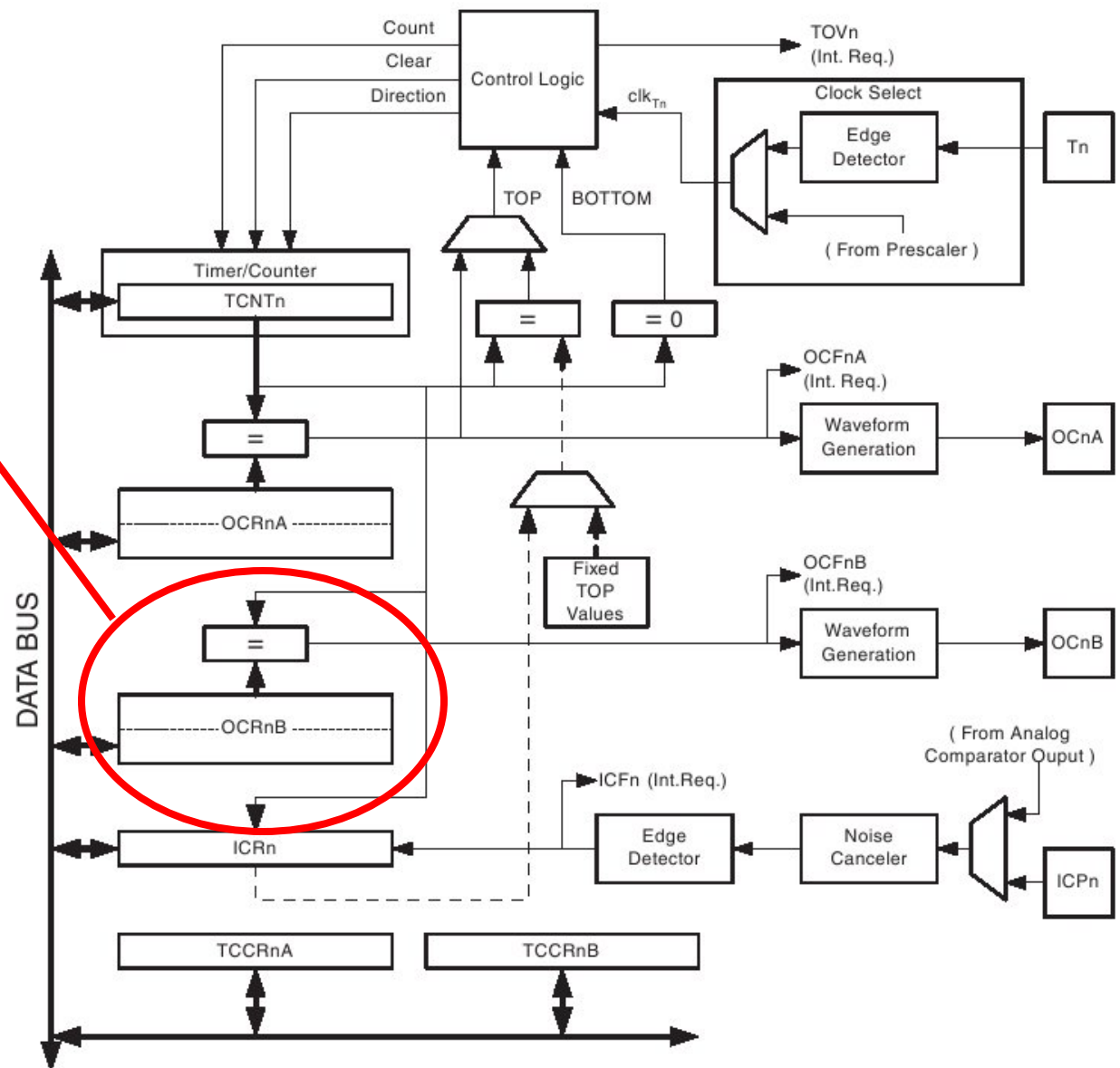
On match:

- Change the state of an output pin
- And/or generate an interrupt



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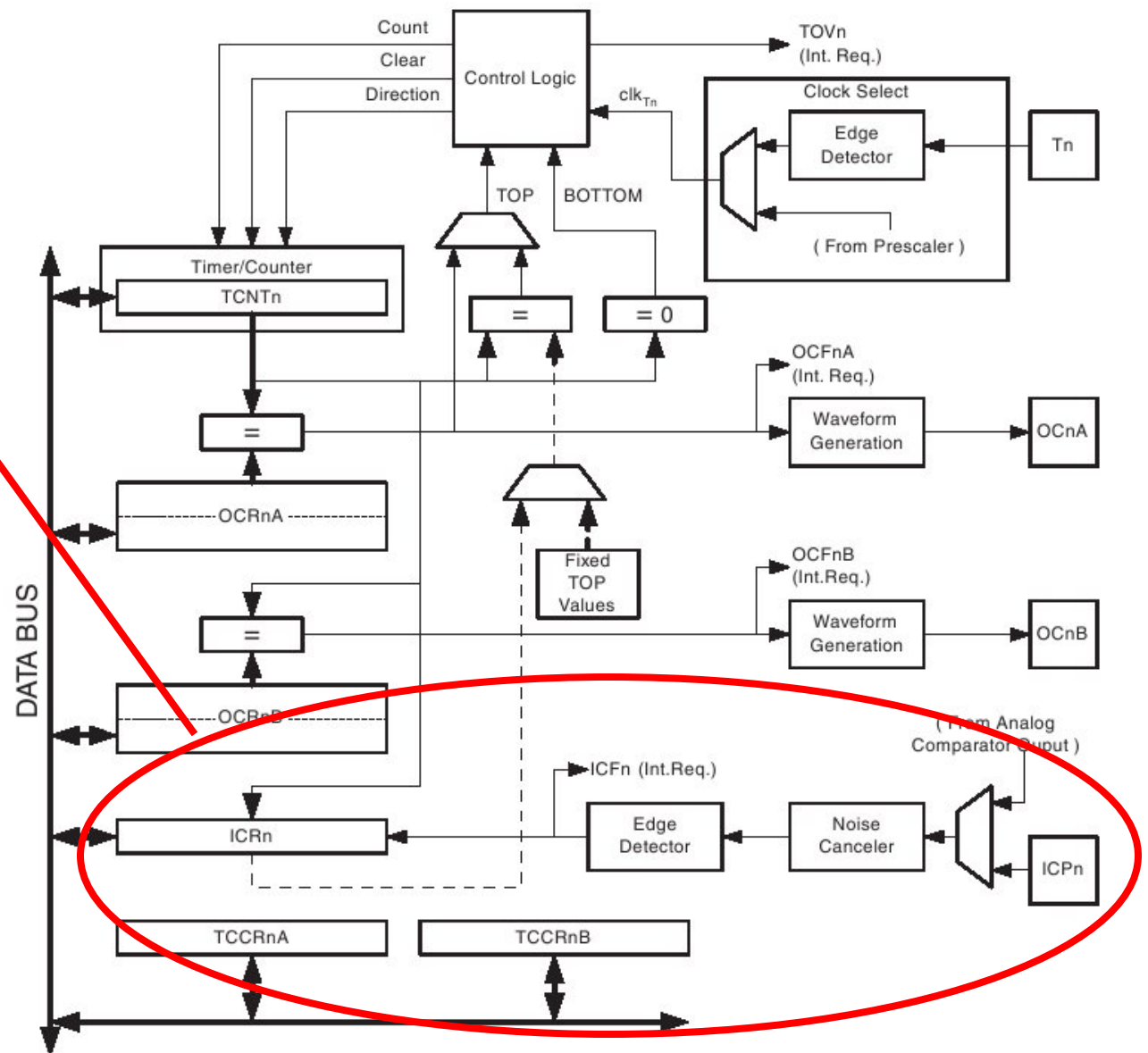
Output
compare
register II



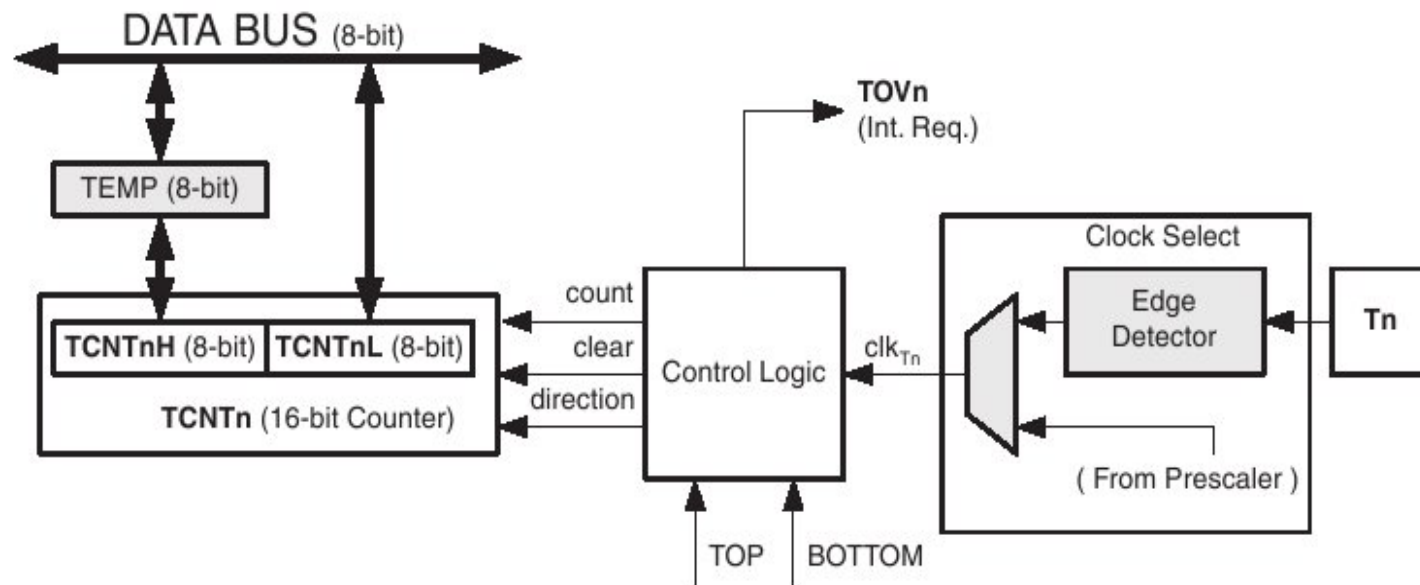
Timer 1

Input capture
register:

- On external event, copy state of counter



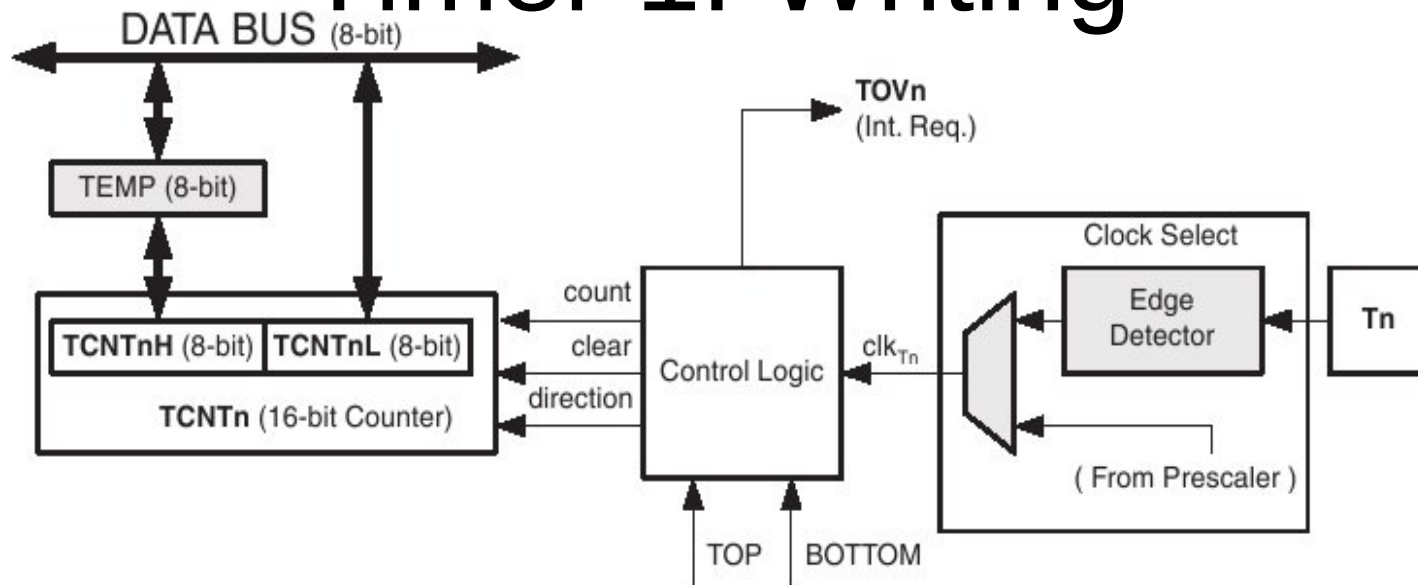
Timer 1: Register Access and Timing



Problem: 8 bit data bus, but 16 bit registers

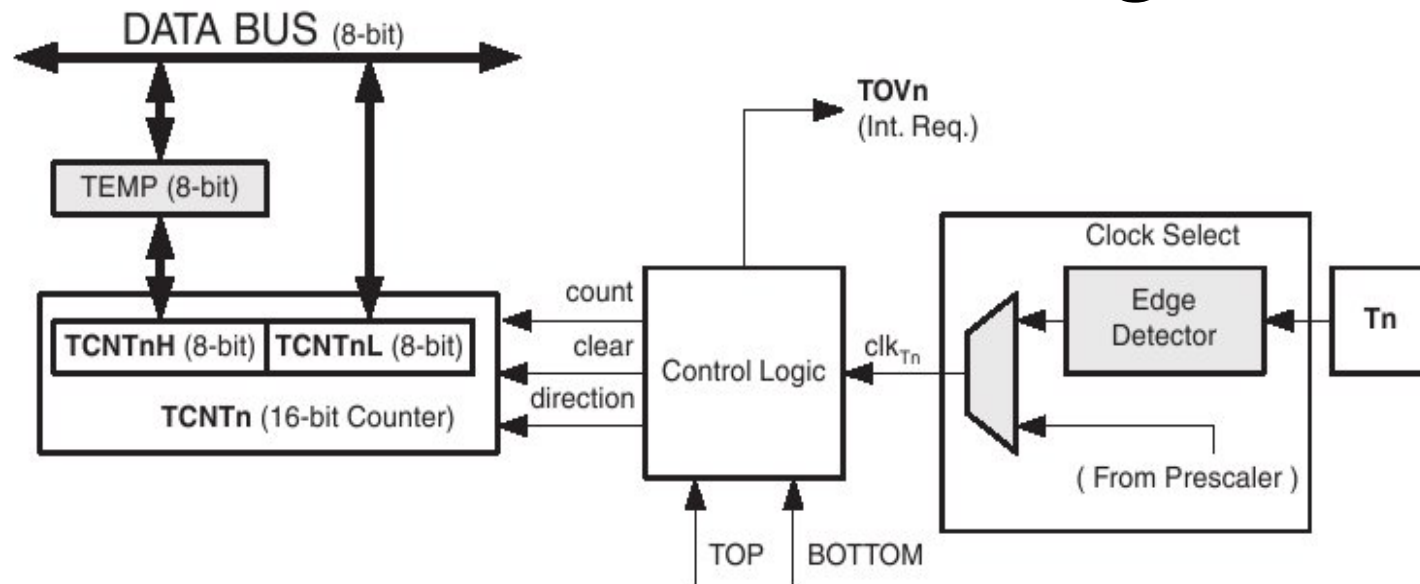
- How to access the registers so as to avoid the shared data problem?

Timer 1: Writing



- Write to the high byte first (TCNTnH)
 - This stores the 8-bit value in a temporary register
- Write to low byte (TCNTnL)
 - What is on the data bus is written to the low byte
 - The temporary register is written to the high byte (so both are changed simultaneously)

Timer 1: Reading



- Read from the low byte first (TCNTnL)
 - TCNTnH will also be written to the temporary register
- Read from high byte (TCNTnH)
 - This will actually pull the value from the temporary register

Timer 1 Access: The Good News

- OULib provides functions to do this for you:
`unsigned int timer1_read(void);`
`void timer1_set(unsigned int);`
- Note:
 - OULib is “thread safe”
 - Interrupts are disabled between access of the high and low registers (see implementations)

Input Capture Unit

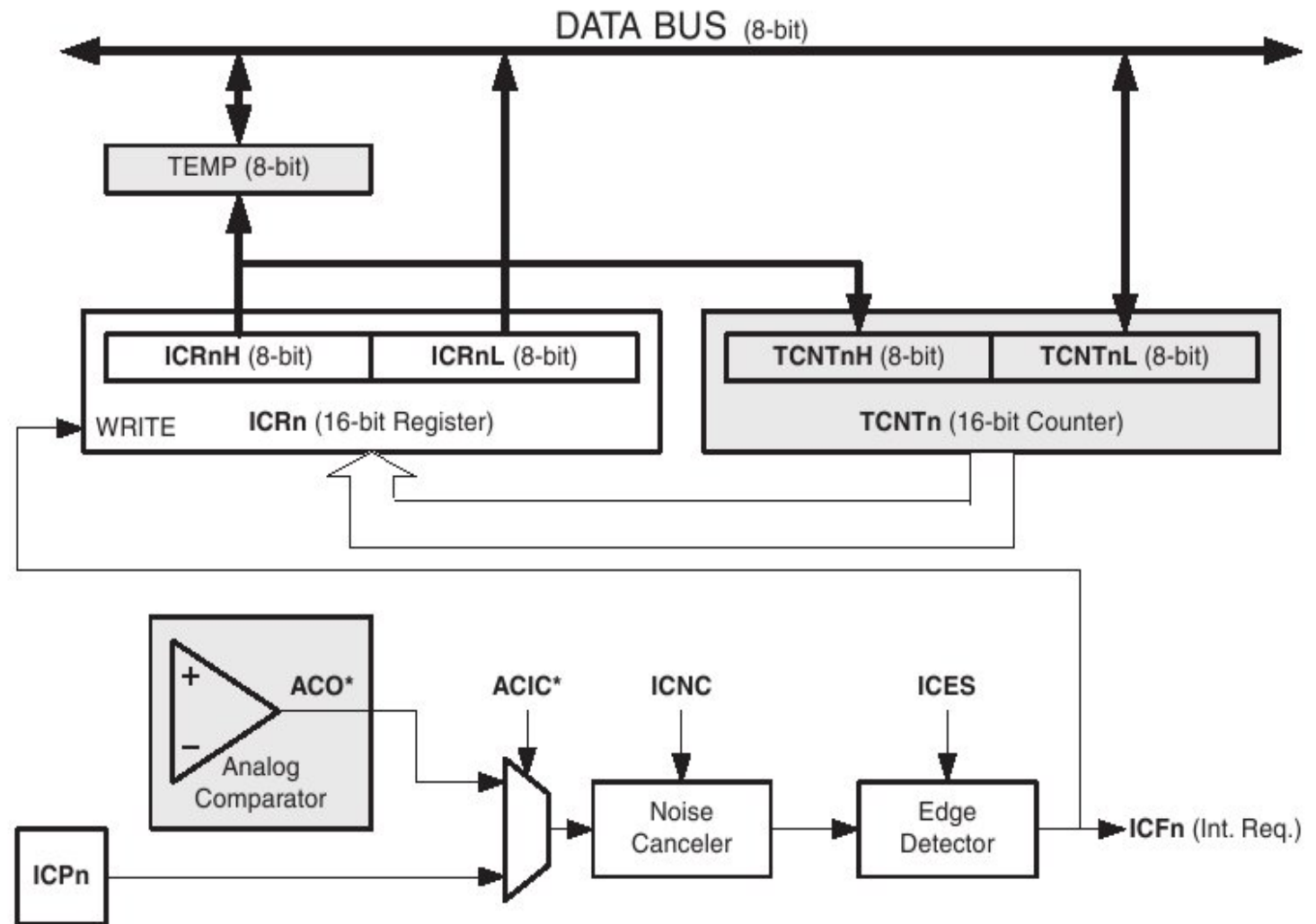


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Captured value

- Access just as
you would
TCNTn[HL]

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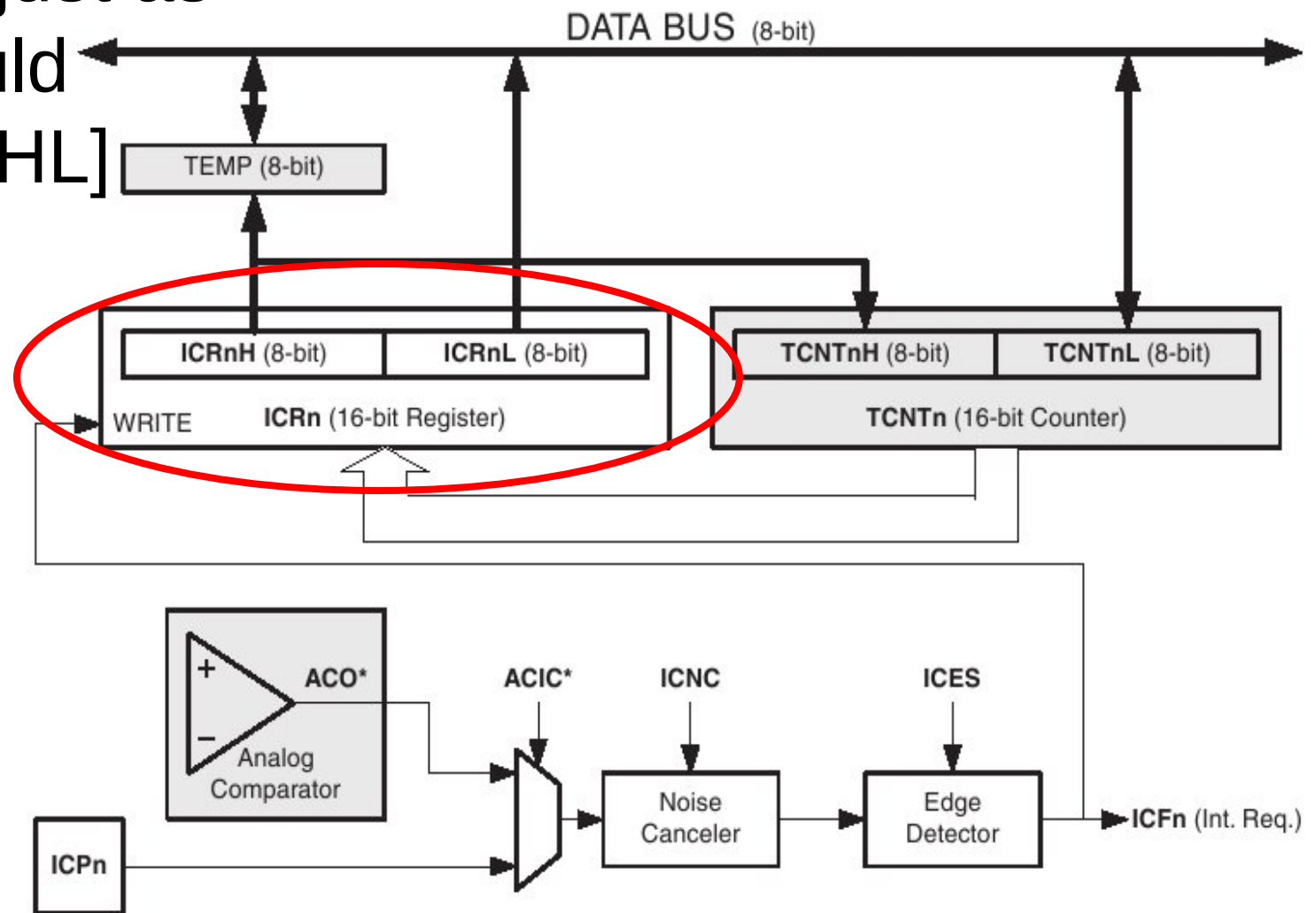


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Input Capture Unit

Copy on event

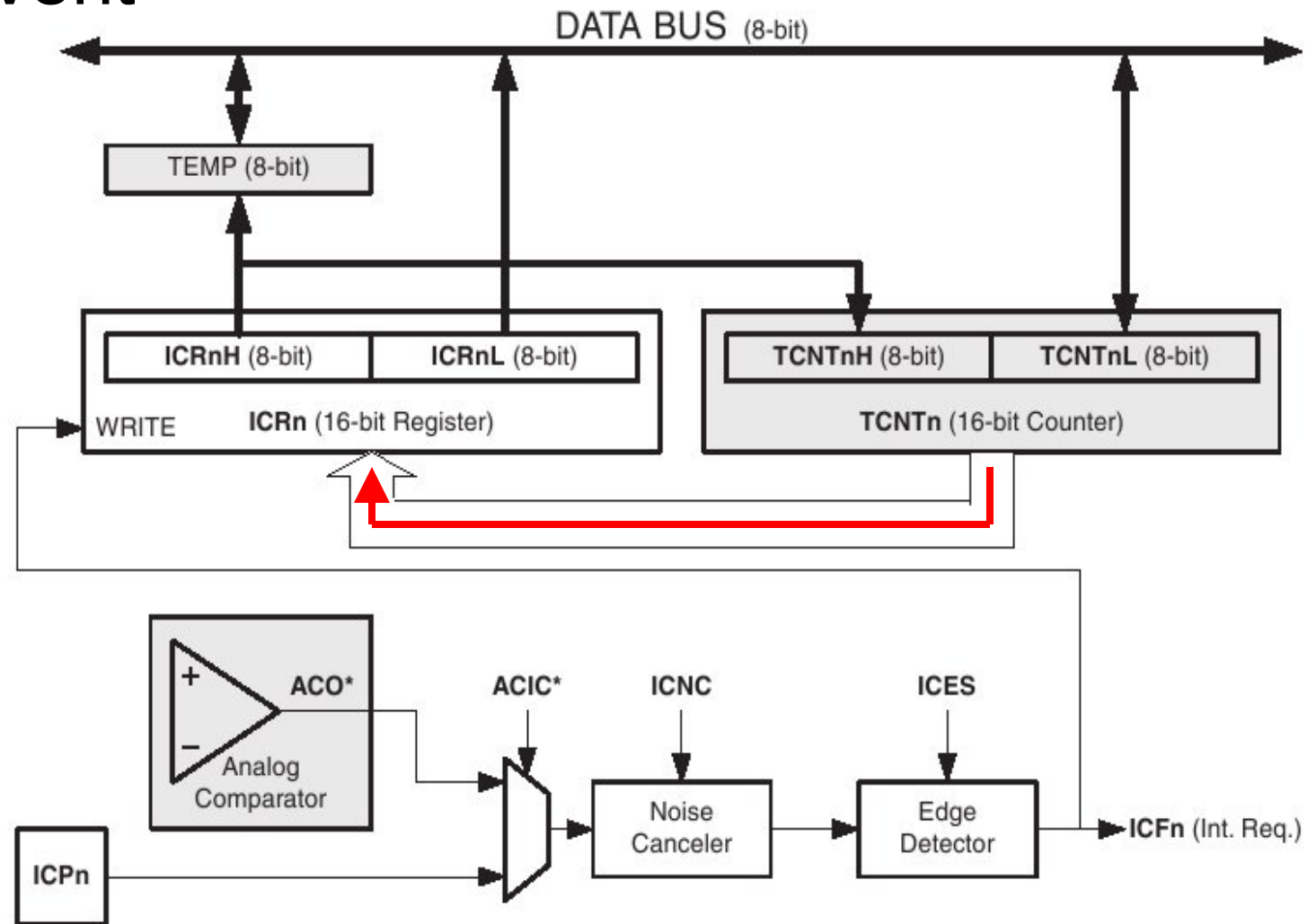


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Event detector

Input Capture Unit

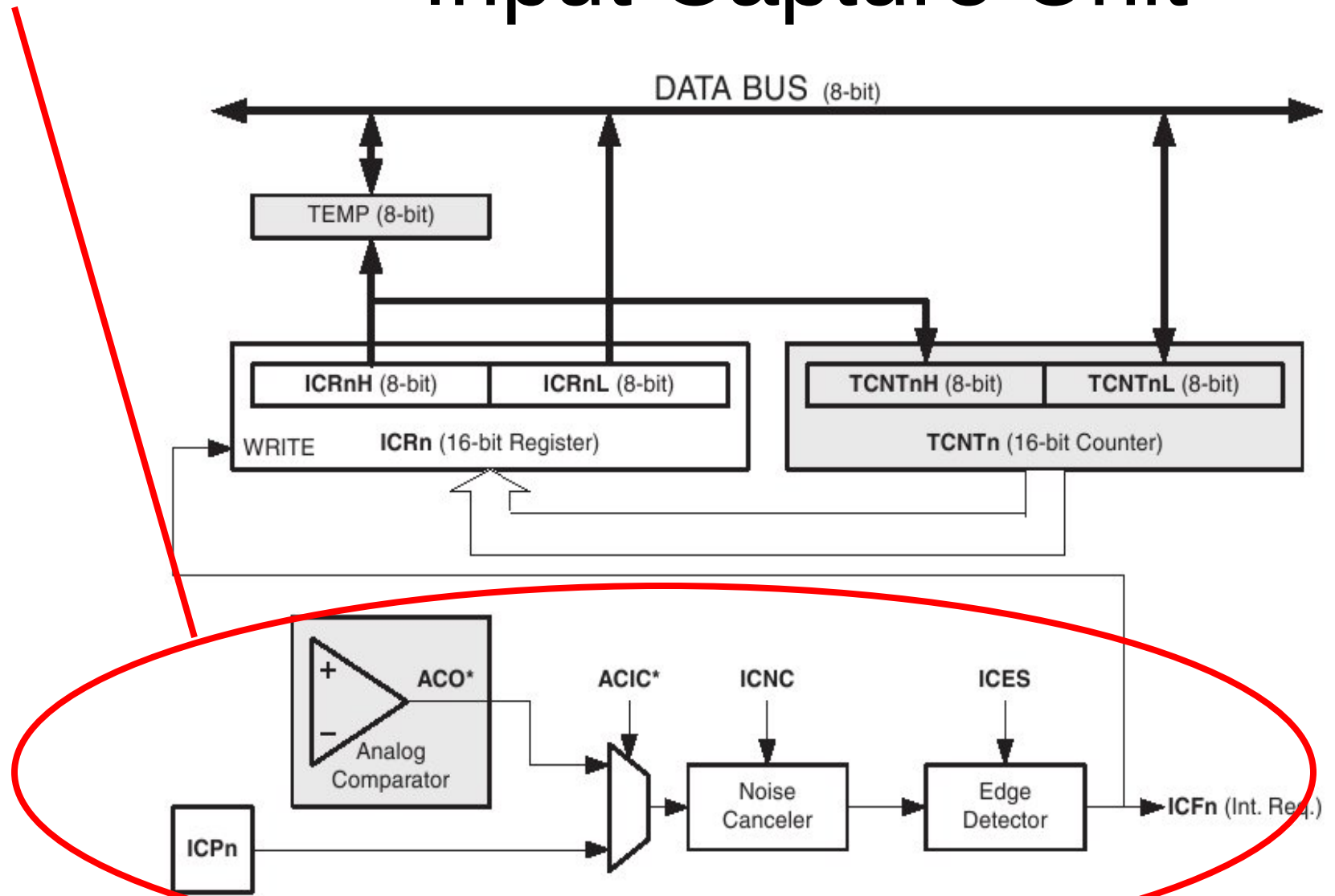


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Input Capture Unit

No OULib support right now...

Critical registers:

- ICRn[LH]: captured value
- TCCR1B: configuration
- ACSR: event source selection
- TIMSK: interrupt enable bit

Input Capture Unit: TCCR1B

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
ICNC1	ICES1	–	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10	TCCR1B
R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- ICNC1: Input compare noise canceller
 - Value = 1 -> canceling is turned on
 - Takes multiple samples of the pin state before detecting an event (this induces a small delay but gives a cleaner signal)
- ICES1: Input compare edge select
 - Value = 1 -> rising edge
 - Value = 0 -> falling edge

Input Capture Unit: ACSR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	ACD	ACBG	ACO	ACI	ACIE	ACIC	ACIS1	ACIS0	ACSR
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	

ACIC: External event source

- Value = 1 -> Analog comparator
- Value = 0 -> ICPn pin

Input Capture Unit: TIMSK

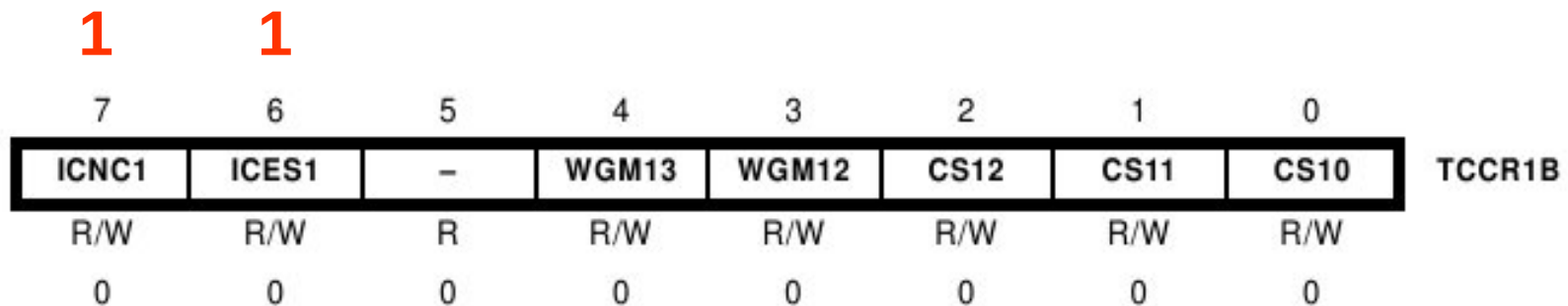
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	OCIE2	TOIE2	TICIE1	OCIE1A	OCIE1B	TOIE1	–	TOIE0	TIMSK
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- TICIE1: Input capture interrupt enable
 - Value = 1 -> enabled

Some Example Code

```
// Turn on noise canceling; detect  
    rising edge
```

```
TCCR1B |= _BV(ICNC1) | _BV(ICES1);
```



Some Example Code

```
// Turn on noise canceling; detect  
    rising edge  
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ACSR &= ~_BV(ACIE);
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	0								
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Systems: Timers

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[illegible]

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// Enable interrupt
TIMSK |= _BV(TICIE1);
// Enable global interrupts
sei();
```

Interrupt Service Routine

```
ISR(TIMER1_CAPT_vec)
{
    // Do something ...
}
```

- Read ICRn[LH] as soon as possible (it could be overwritten by the next event)
- You can change the configuration of the input capture unit (e.g. to alternate between falling and rising edges)

Output Compare Mode

General idea:

- Counter moves through some sequence of values
- At some specified counter value(s), the processor produces an event
 - Generate an interrupt
 - Change the state of the output pin

Many Different Output Compare Modes

Table 39. Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description

Mode	WGM13	WGM12 (CTC1)	WGM11 (PWM11)	WGM10 (PWM10)	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation ⁽¹⁾	TOP	Update of OCR1x	TOV1 Flag Set on
0	0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFFFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	0	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	BOTTOM
3	0	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	BOTTOM
4	0	1	0	0	CTC	OCR1A	Immediate	MAX
5	0	1	0	1	Fast PWM, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	TOP
6	0	1	1	0	Fast PWM, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	TOP
7	0	1	1	1	Fast PWM, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	TOP
8	1	0	0	0	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	ICR1	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
9	1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	OCR1A	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
10	1	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct	ICR1	TOP	BOTTOM
11	1	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCR1A	TOP	BOTTOM
12	1	1	0	0	CTC	ICR1	Immediate	MAX
13	1	1	0	1	(Reserved)	–	–	–
14	1	1	1	0	Fast PWM	ICR1	TOP	TOP
15	1	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCR1A	TOP	TOP

Note: 1. The CTC1 and PWM11:0 bit definition names are obsolete. Use the WGM12:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.

We Will Focus on Fast PWM

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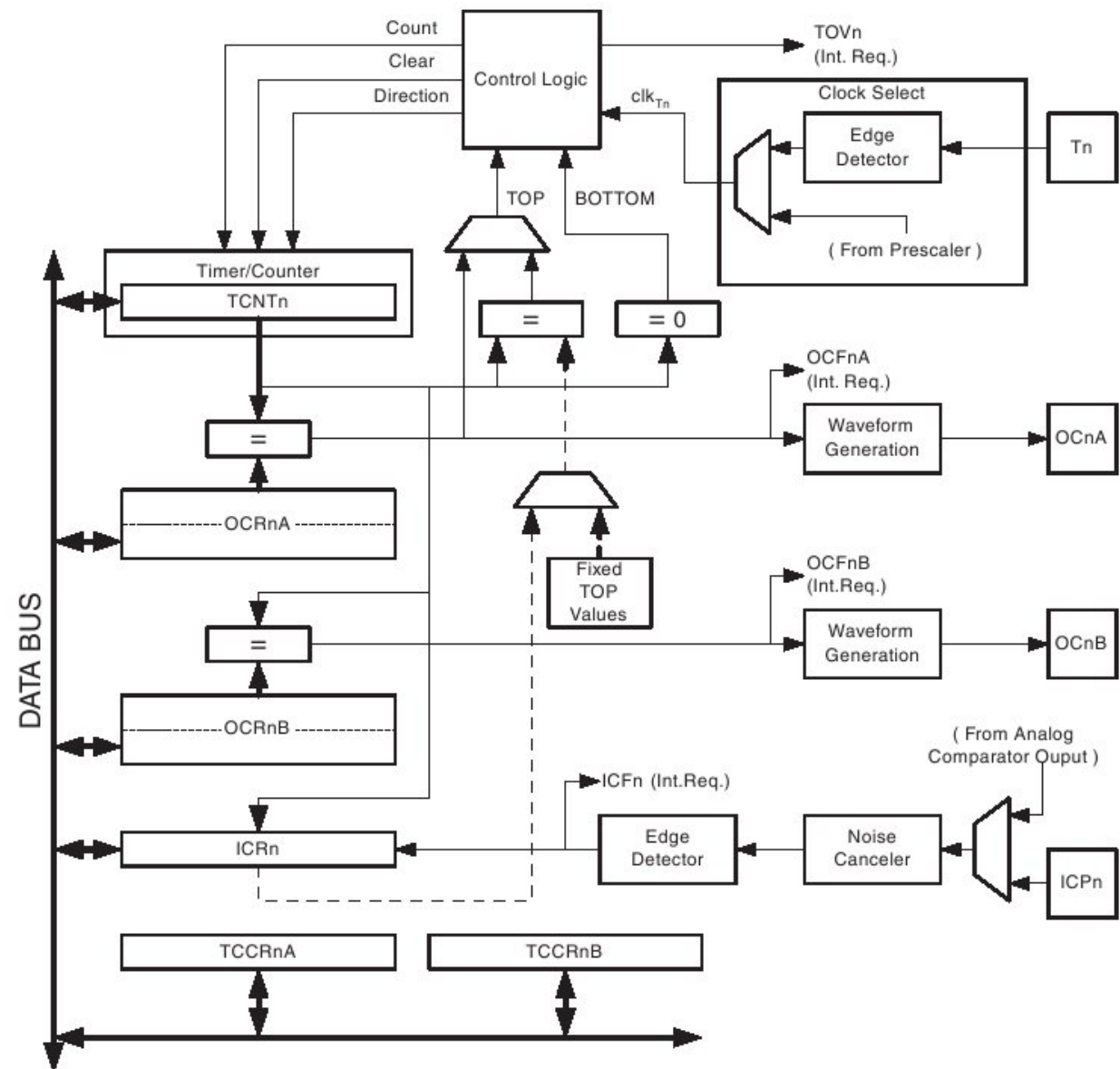
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5	0	1	0	1	Fast PWM, 8-bit	0x00FF	TOP	TOP
6	0	1	1	0	Fast PWM, 9-bit	0x01FF	TOP	TOP
7	0	1	1	1	Fast PWM, 10-bit	0x03FF	TOP	TOP
8	1	0	0	0	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	ICR1	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
9	1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase and Frequency Correct	OCR1A	BOTTOM	BOTTOM
10	1	0	1	0	PWM, Phase Correct	ICR1	TOP	BOTTOM
11	1	0	1	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCR1A	TOP	BOTTOM
12	1	1	0	0	CTC	ICR1	Immediate	MAX
13	1	1	0	1	(Reserved)	–	–	–
14	1	1	1	0	Fast PWM	ICR1	TOP	TOP
15	1	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCR1A	TOP	TOP

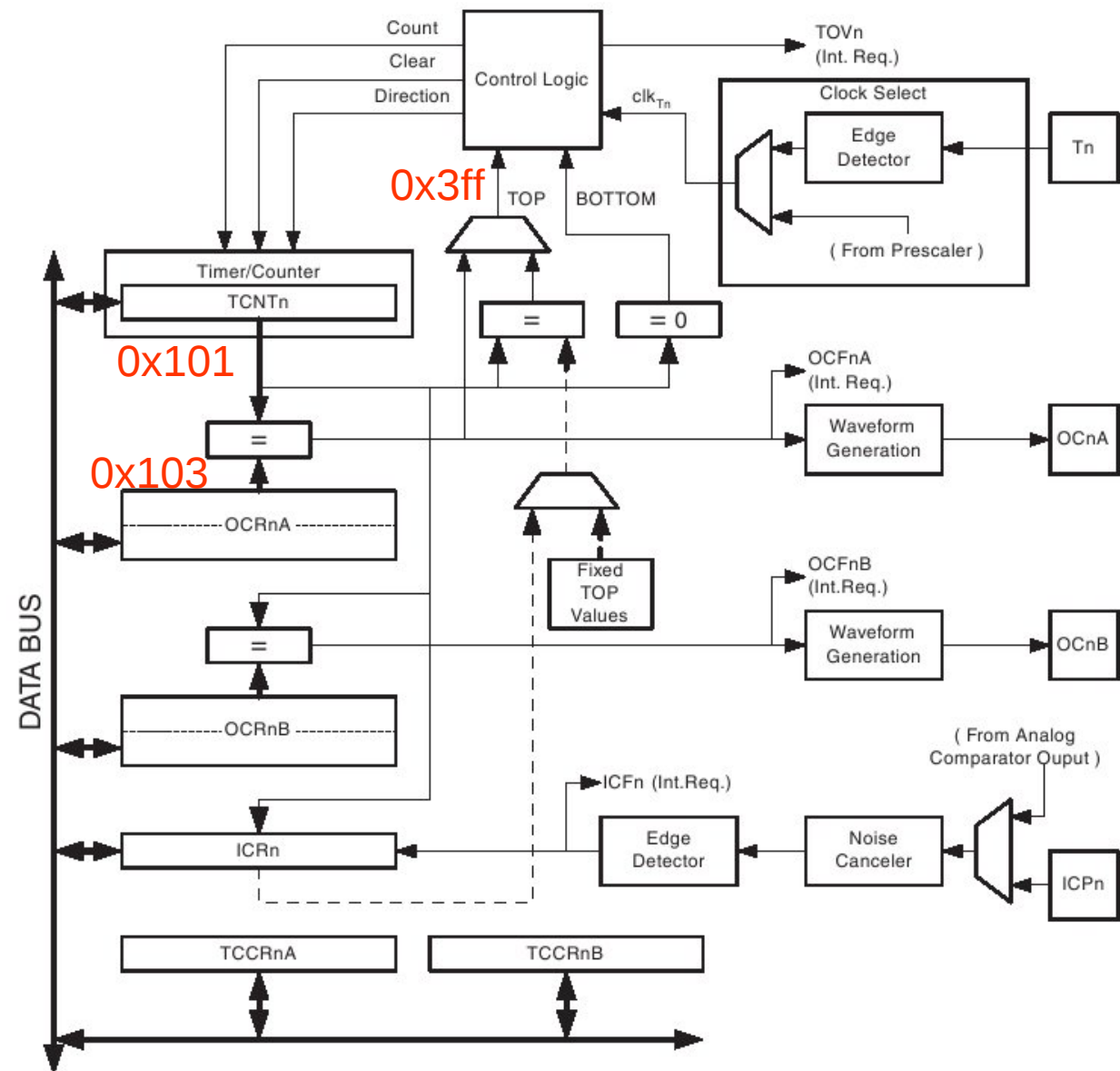
Note: 1. The CTC1 and PWM11:0 bit definition names are obsolete. Use the WGM12:0 definitions. However, the functionality and location of these bits are compatible with previous versions of the timer.

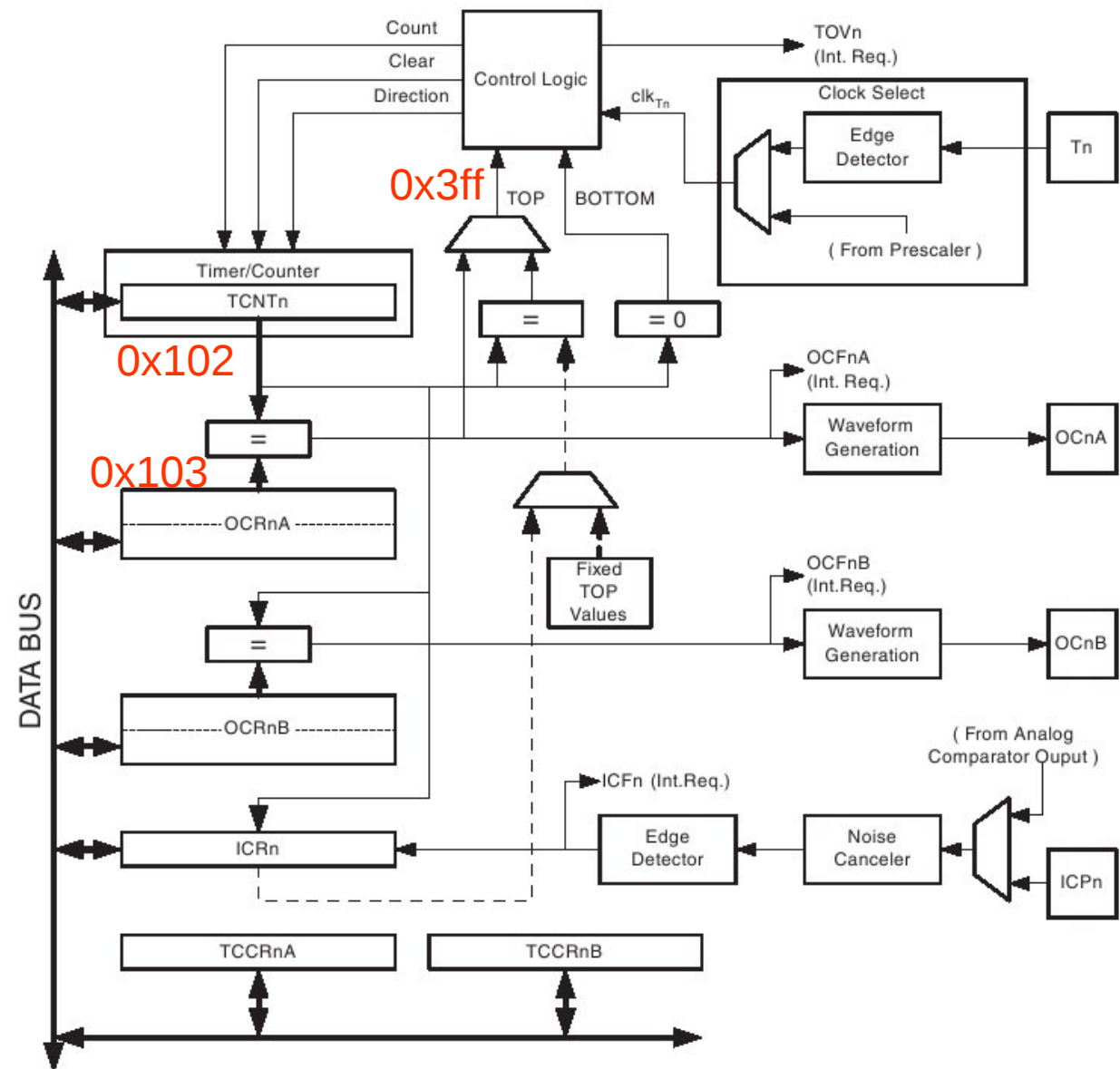
Output Compare Mode: Fast PWM

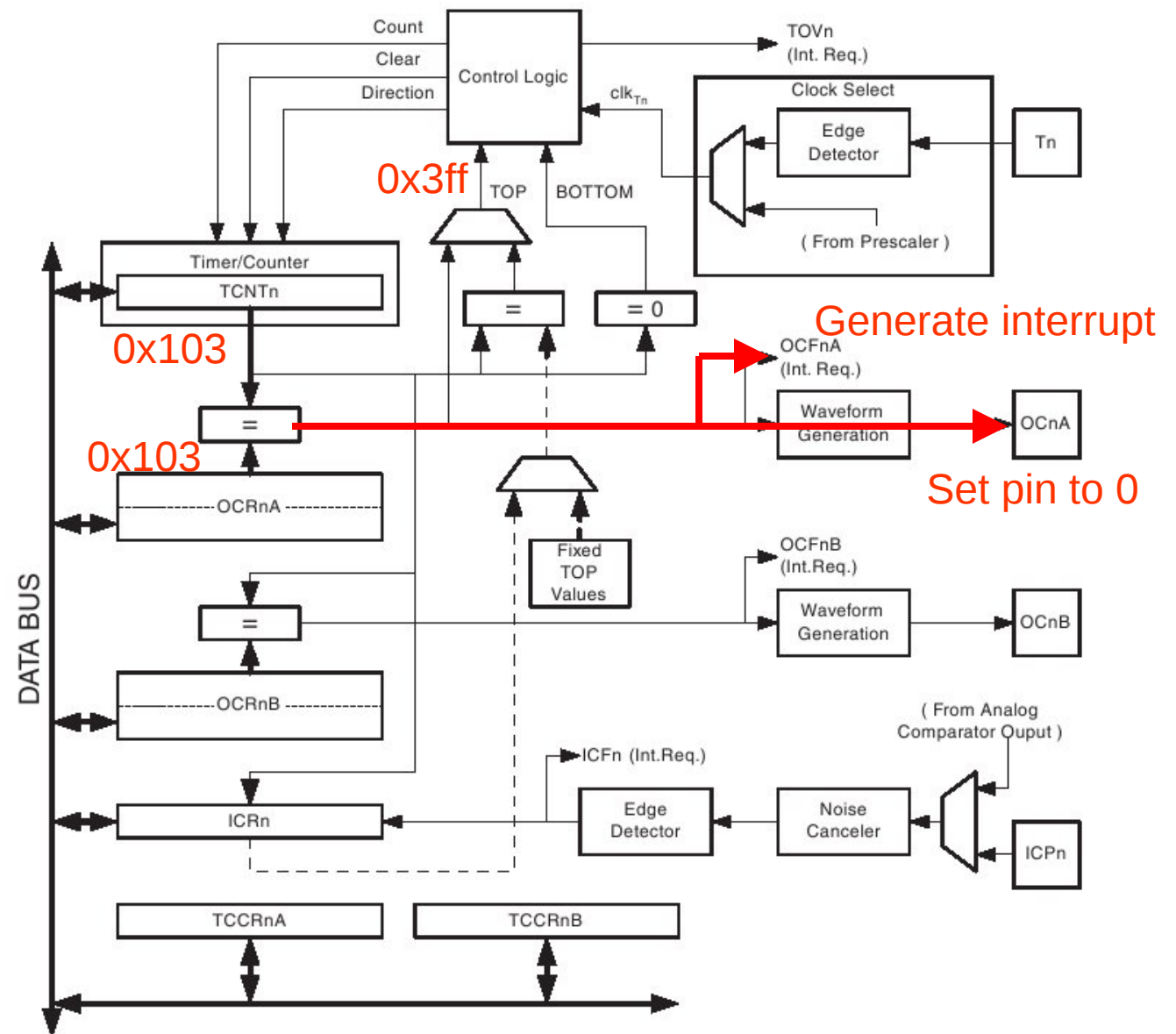
Generating a pulse width modulated signal:

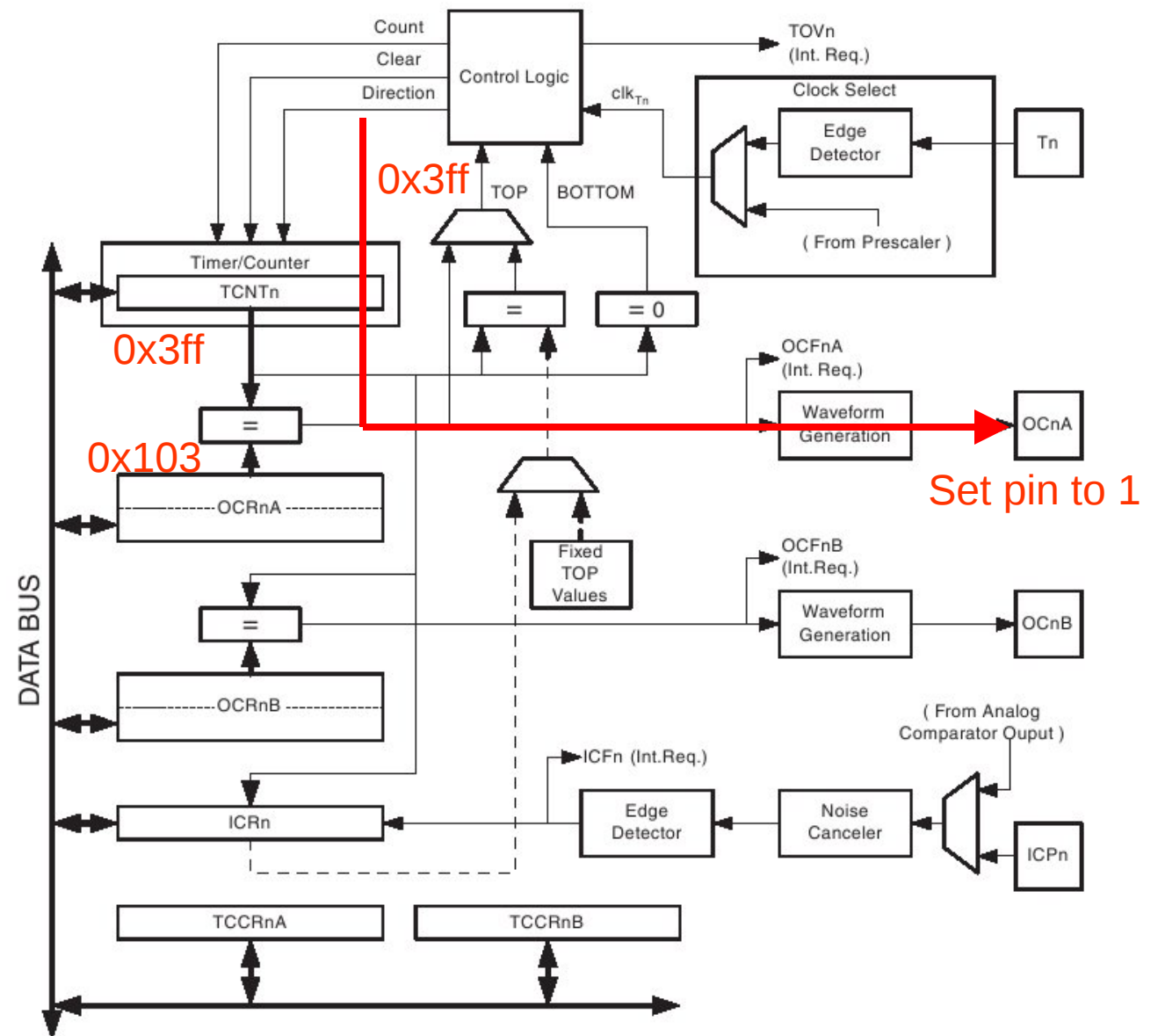
- Counter increments from BOTTOM (0) to TOP (configurable). Once TOP is reached:
 - Set the state of an output pin (e.g., set to 1)
 - Roll over to BOTTOM
- When the counter reaches a specific intermediate value:
 - Change the state of the output pin (e.g. to 0)











PWM and Interrupt Frequency

$$pwm\ freq = \frac{clock\ freq}{prescalar * (1 + TOP)}$$

Example:

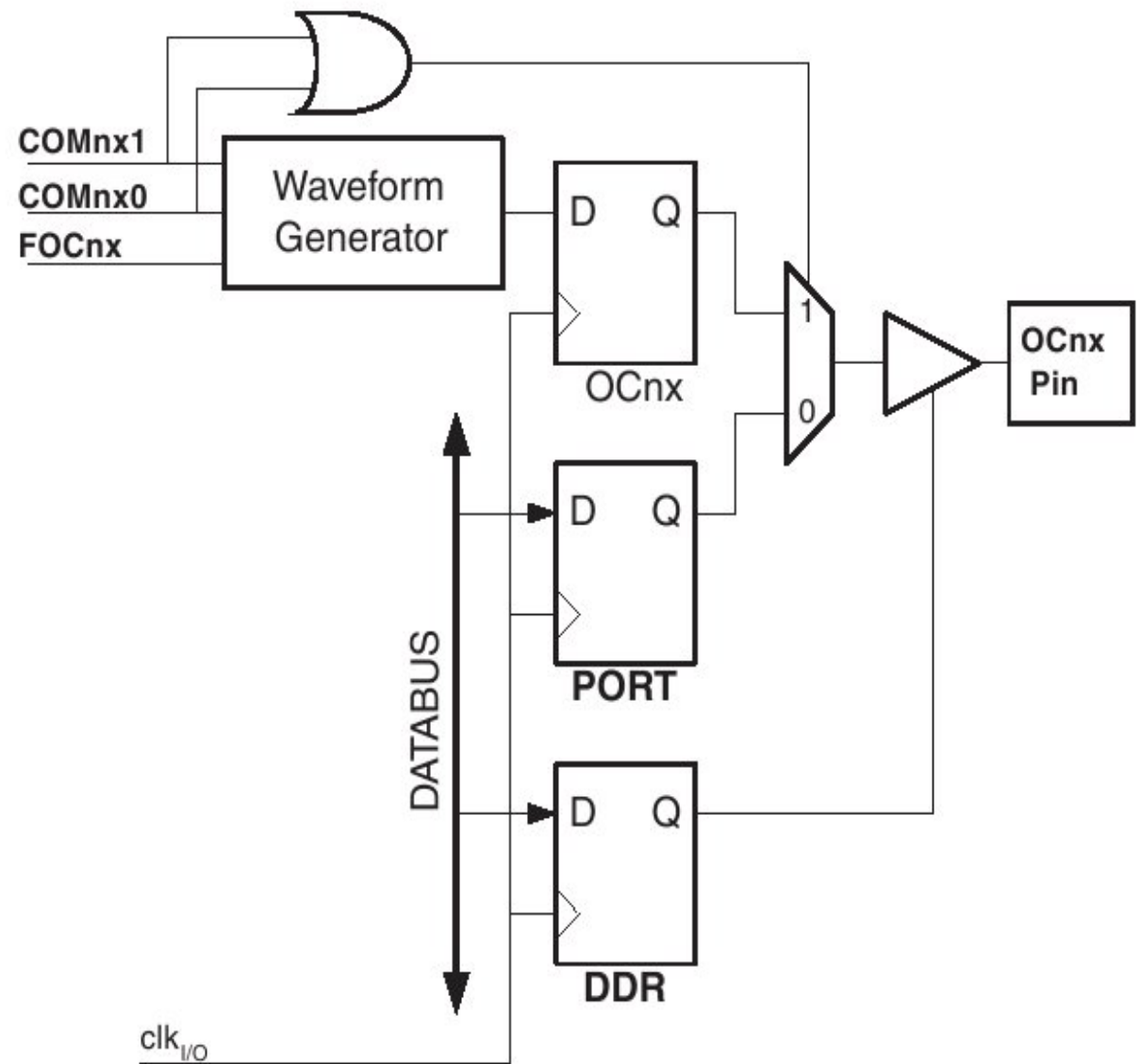
$$\begin{aligned} pwm\ freq &= \frac{16,000,000}{1024 * (1 + 0x3ff)} \\ &= 15.2588\ Hz \end{aligned}$$

This gives us 10 bits of pulse width resolution

Pin Driver Circuit

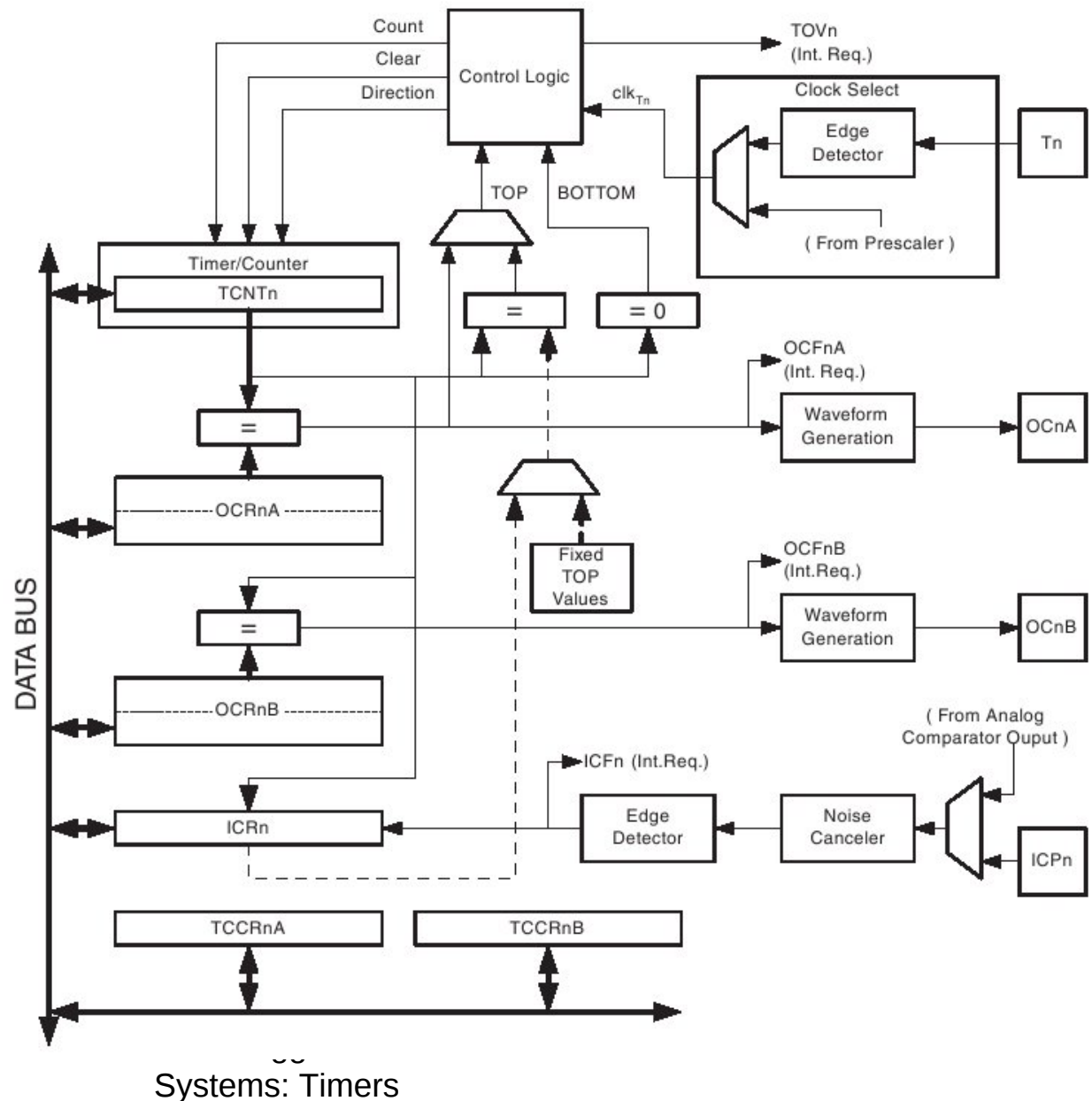
Use of this waveform generator overrides PORTx

Figure 36. Compare Match Output Unit, Schematic



OCRnA is
double-buffered

- The real OCRnA as shown is updated when the counter rolls over
- Eliminates problems with updates in the middle of your pulse



Configuration

- Prescaler
- Waveform Generation Mode (in our case, Fast PWM, 10 bit)
- Polarity of the output bit (Output Mode)
- Interrupt enable (if desired)
- Initial pulse width

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A  
// Prescaler  
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);
```

Prescaler configuration is the same as with
timer0

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A
// Prescaler
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);

// Output Mode for channel A: output is low after compare match
// COM1A[10] = 10
TCCR1A = TCCR1A & ~_BV(COM1A0) | _BV(COM1A1);
```

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Bit									
	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	FOC1A	FOC1B	WGM11	WGM10	TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	W	W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

1 0

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A
// Prescaler
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);

// Output Mode for channel A: output is low after compare match
// COM1A[10] = 10
TCCR1A = TCCR1A & ~_BV(COM1A0) | _BV(COM1A1);

// WGM1[3210] = 01 11. Fast PWM, 10-bit
TCCR1A = TCCR1A | _BV(WGM11) | _BV(WGM10);
```

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	COM1A1	COM1A0	COM1B1	COM1B0	FOC1A	FOC1B	WGM11	WGM10	TCCR1A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	W	W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

1 1

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A
// Prescaler
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);

// Output Mode for channel A: output is low after compare match
// COM1A[10] = 10
TCCR1A = TCCR1A & ~_BV(COM1A0) | _BV(COM1A1);

// WGM1[3210] = 01 11. Fast PWM, 10-bit
TCCR1A = TCCR1A | _BV(WGM11) | _BV(WGM10);

TCCR1B = TCCR1B & ~_BV(WGM13) | _BV(WGM12);
```

	0		1					
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	ICNC1	ICES1	–	WGM13	WGM12	CS12	CS11	CS10
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A
// Prescaler
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);

// Output Mode for channel A: output is low after compare match
// COM1A[10] = 10
TCCR1A = TCCR1A & ~_BV(COM1A0) | _BV(COM1A1);

// WGM1[3210] = 01 11. Fast PWM, 10-bit
TCCR1A = TCCR1A | _BV(WGM11) | _BV(WGM10);

TCCR1B = TCCR1A & ~(_BV(WGM13)) | _BV(WGM12);

// Enable interrupt
TIMSK |= _BV(OCIE1A);
```

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Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	OCIE2	TOIE2	TICIE1	OCIE1A	OCIE1B	TOIE1	–	TOIE0	TIMSK
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Configuration

```
// Configure PWM for output compare pin A
// Prescaler
timer1_config(TIMER1_PRE_1024);

// Output Mode for channel A: output is low after compare match
// COM1A[10] = 10
TCCR1A = TCCR1A & ~(_BV(COM1A1) | _BV(COM1A0));

// WGM1[3210] = 01 11. Fast PWM, 10-bit
TCCR1A = TCCR1A | _BV(WGM11) | _BV(WGM10);

TCCR1B = TCCR1A & ~(_BV(WGM13)) | _BV(WGM12);

// Enable interrupt
TIMSK |= _BV(OCIE1A);

// Enable global interrupts
sei();
```

Use of PWM Generator

Change the pulse width at any time

- This change will take effect at the beginning of the next pulse
- Must deal with the synchronous update of the high and low byte of OCR1A

Continuously Varying Pulse Width

```
while(1);
{
    // Loop over entire range
    for(val=0; val<0x400; ++val) {
        // Write high byte first (goes to temporary register)
        OCR1AH = (uint8_t) (val >> 8);

        // Write low byte second (causes both to be written
        // simultaneously)
        OCR1AL = (uint8_t) (val & 0xff);

        // Sleep
        delay_ms(1);
    };
};
```

Temporary Register

- Registers such as OCR1AH are all mapped to the same temporary register
- You must ensure that between the writes to OCR1AH and OCR1AL that no other code is executed that manipulate the temporary register
- This can come up if your ISR is also modifying these registers

Timer 2

- 8-bit counter
- Output-compare
- Waveform generator
 - So: can also generate PWM signals