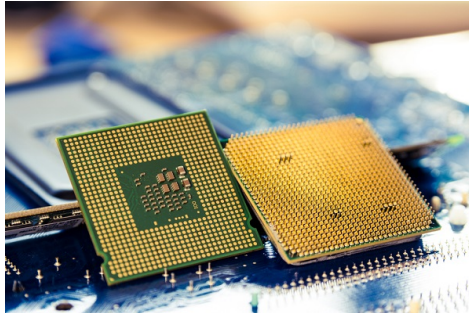
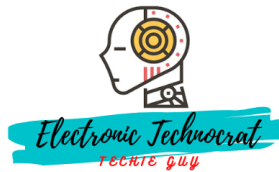


# WHAT IS THE APPLICATION-SPECIFIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT?





**An ASIC, or application-specific integrated circuit, is a microchip designed for a special application, such as a kind of transmission protocol or a hand-held computer. You might contrast an ASIC with general integrated circuits, such as the microprocessor or random access memory chips in your PC.**

