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Assignment 1

Different microcontroller families and brands

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Comparison between the pic16f877 microcontroller and tm4c123f microcontroller

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1-AVR Family (Atmel/Microchip)

Architecture: 8-bit RISC

Key Features:

Designed for efficient, high-speed processing with a compact instruction set.

Includes built-in EEPROM for easy data storage.

Well-suited for low-power applications, making it ideal for battery-powered devices.

Popular Models: ATmega328 (found in Arduino Uno), ATtiny85

Applications: Commonly used for embedded control systems, robotics, and DIY projects—especially with Arduino boards.

2- PIC Family (Microchip Technology)

Architecture: Available in 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit versions

Key Features:

Offers a broad range of models for various applications, from simple to complex.

Known for low power consumption with advanced power-saving features.

Integrates essential peripherals like timers, ADCs, and UARTs for versatile use.

Notable Models: PIC16F877A, PIC32MX

Applications: Widely used in home appliances, automotive electronics, and industrial automation.

3- STM32 Series (STMicroelectronics)

Architecture: ARM Cortex-M cores (32-bit)

Key Features:

Delivers robust processing power with optional floating-point support in certain models.

High peripheral integration, including CAN, USB, and Ethernet interfaces.

Supports advanced low-power modes for energy-efficient designs.

Popular Models: STM32F103, STM32H7

Applications: Common in industrial control systems, IoT solutions, automotive electronics, and medical devices.

4- ARM Cortex-M Family (ARM Holdings)

Architecture: 32-bit ARM Cortex-M cores

Key Features:

Scalable performance, with models ranging from Cortex-M0 (low power) to Cortex-M7 (high performance).

Supported by a large software ecosystem maintained by ARM's partner network.

A standardized instruction set makes it easy to switch between different vendors.

Common Vendors: STMicroelectronics (STM32), NXP (LPC series), Texas Instruments (Tiva C series)

Applications: Used in IoT devices, automotive electronics, medical equipment, and consumer products.

5-MSP430 Series (Texas Instruments)

Architecture: 16-bit RISC

Key Features:

Exceptionally low power consumption, making it perfect for energy-conscious applications.

Optimized for systems that rely on batteries or energy harvesting.

Equipped with analog peripherals such as ADCs, DACs, and comparators.

Popular Model: MSP430G2553

Applications: Ideal for wearables, portable medical devices, and other battery-powered instruments.

6- ESP32 and ESP8266 Series (Espressif Systems)

Architecture: 32-bit Xtensa cores (LX6 for ESP32, L106 for ESP8266)

Key Features:

Comes with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity.

Offers excellent performance at a very affordable price.

Compatible with popular development environments like Arduino, MicroPython, and FreeRTOS.

Popular Models: ESP32, ESP8266

Applications: Common in IoT projects, smart home systems, and consumer electronics.

7- NXP LPC Series (NXP Semiconductors)

Architecture: 32-bit ARM Cortex-M cores

Key Features:

Provides cost-effective solutions with a good balance between performance and price.

Includes built-in USB and Ethernet controllers for connectivity.

Strong support for industrial and automotive applications.

Notable Models: LPC1768, LPC54114

Applications: Used in industrial control systems, automotive electronics, and various consumer devices.

# B.	Comparison between the pic16f877 and tm4c123f

Property	PIC16F877	TM4C123F
Architecture	8-bit RISC	32-bit ARM Cortex-M4
RAM	368 Bytes	32 KB
Flash Memory	14 KB	256 KB
Power Consumption	Very low	Higher, with low-power modes
Peripherals	ADC: 10-bit, 8 channels PWM: 2 channels Communication Interfaces: 1x SPI, 1x I2C, 1x USART Digital I/O: 33 pins	ADC: 12-bit, up to 12 channels PWM: 6 channels Communication Interfaces: Multiple (e.g., 4x UART, 2x I2C, 2x SPI, USB) Digital I/O: Up to 43 pins
Interrupts	Basic interrupt system with up to 15 interrupt sources	Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC) supports up to 78 interrupts
Applications	Simple control systems, appliances	real-time control systems and complex embedded applications