

# 8.6– Analog to Digital Converter Peripheral (ADC) & SSD1306 OLED Display

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Lab Assignment #2 Design, build, test, demonstrate a digital thermometer. Labs will meet next to work in this assignment. See github for the assignment statement.

# What's next?

## Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

ADC

```
int main(void) {
    unsigned int digitalValue;
    DDRC = 0x00;
    ADMUX = 0xC0;
    ADCSRA = 0x87;
    while (1) {
        ...
        ADCSRA |= (1 << ADSC);
        while ((ADCSRA & (1 << ADIF)) == 0);
        digitalValue = ADCL | (ADCH << 8);
        ...
    }
}
```

//set PD0 = ADC0 as input  
 //select ADC0; Vref=1.1V  
 //enable ADC; speed 125 KHz

//start ADC conversion  
 //wait till finished converting  
 //read the ADC digital value

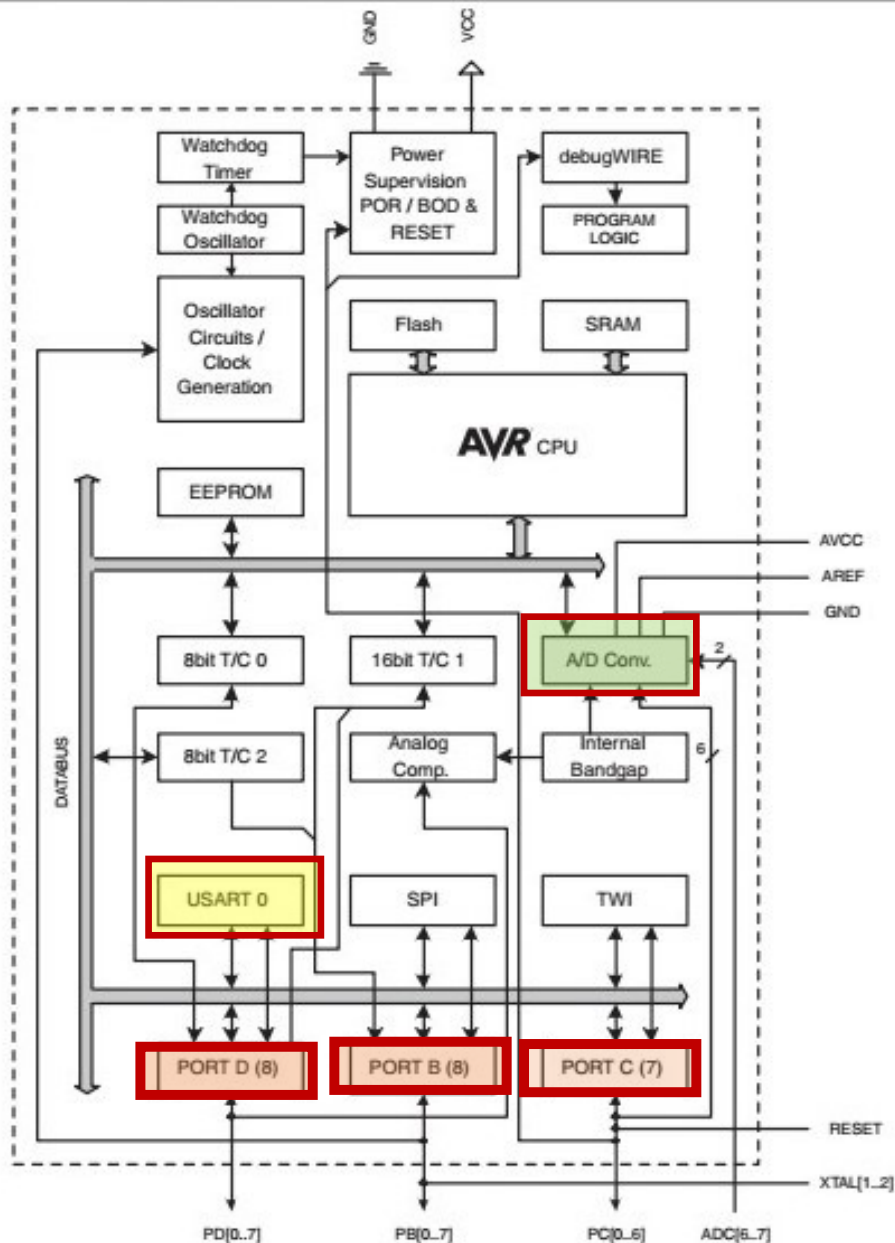


Figure 1-4. ATmega328 Block Diagram

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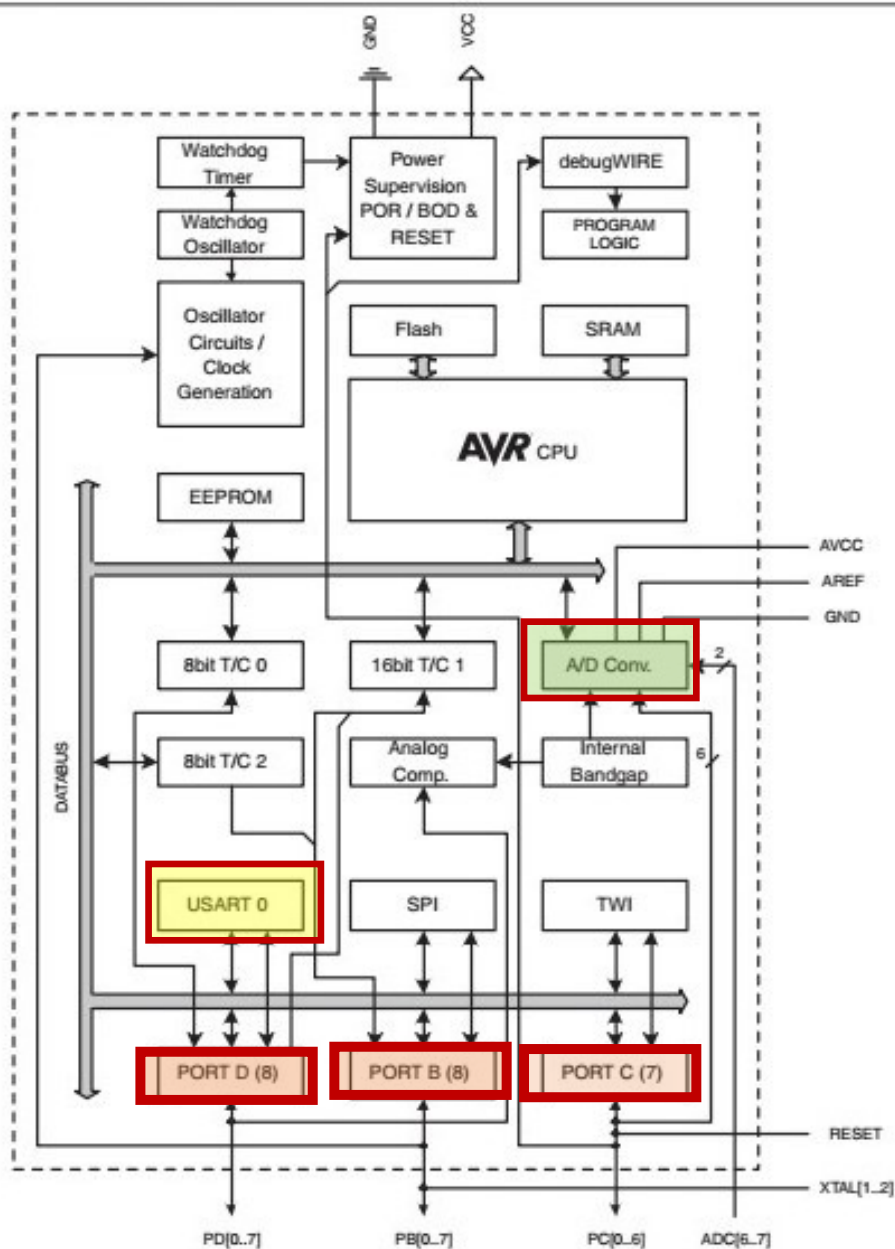
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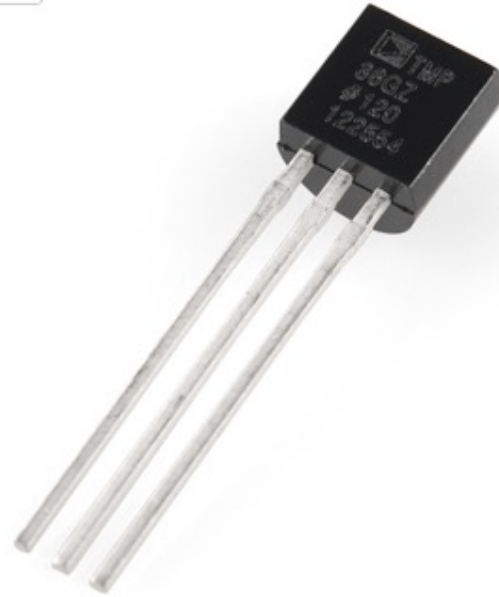
ADC

```
#include "my_adc_lib.h"

int main(void) {
    unsigned int digitalValue;
    adc_init()
    while (1) {
        ...
        digitalValue = get_adc();
        ...
    }
}
```

Figure 1-4. ATmega328 Block Diagram





## Temperature Sensor - TMP36

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DESCRIPTION

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This is the same temperature sensor that is included in our [SparkFun Inventor's Kit](#). The TMP36 is a low voltage, precision centigrade temperature sensor. It provides a voltage output that is linearly proportional to the Celsius temperature. It also doesn't require any external calibration to provide typical accuracies of  $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  over the  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature range. We like it because it's so easy to use: Just give the device a ground and 2.7 to 5.5 VDC and read the voltage on the Vout pin. The output voltage can be converted to temperature easily using the scale factor of  $10\text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### Tags

SENSOR TEMPERATURE TMP36

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The TMP36 is specified from  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ , provides a 750 mV output at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and operates to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  from a single 2.7-5.5 V supply. The TMP36 has an output scale factor of 10 mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

$$V_{\text{out}} = 750 \text{ mV @ } T_c = 25^{\circ} \text{ C}$$

scale factor 10 mV/ $^{\circ} \text{ C}$

$$V_{\text{out}} = 750 + 10(T_c - 25) \text{ mV}$$

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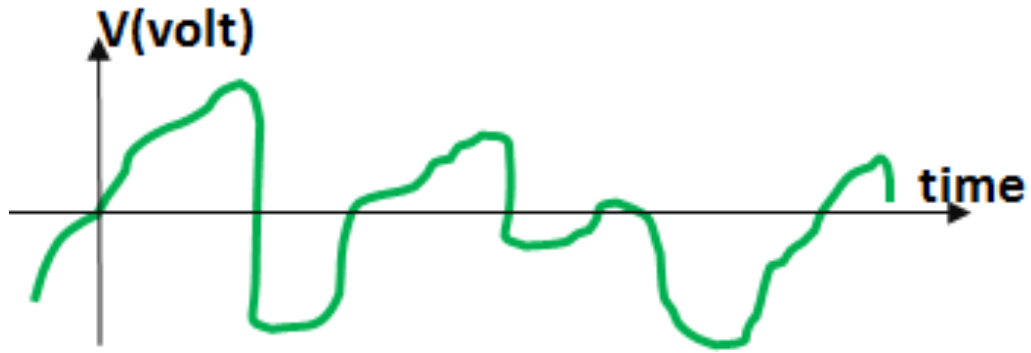
TMP36 Temp Sensor

Tc	Vout (mV)	Tf
-40	100	-40
-30	200	-22
-20	300	-4
-10	400	14
0	500	32
10	600	50
20	700	68
30	800	86
40	900	104
50	1000	122
60	1100	140
70	1200	158
80	1300	176
90	1400	194
100	1500	212
110	1600	230
120	1700	248

10 mV/deg C

~ 5 mV/deg F

# Analog Signal



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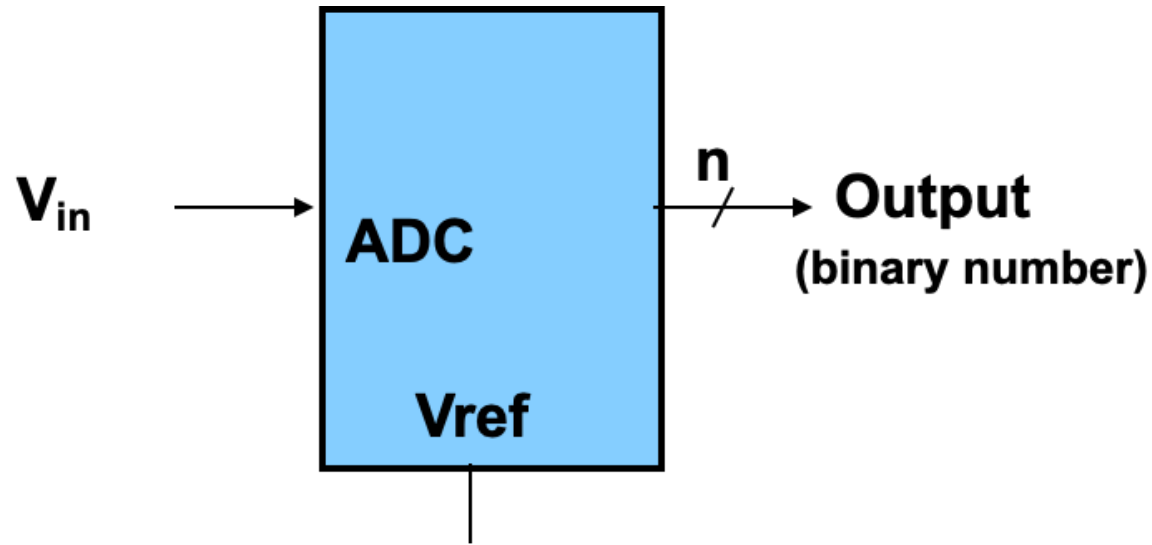


TMP36 Temp Sensor

# Digital Signal

...  
1101111  
1010111  
0101000  
1010111  
...

# Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

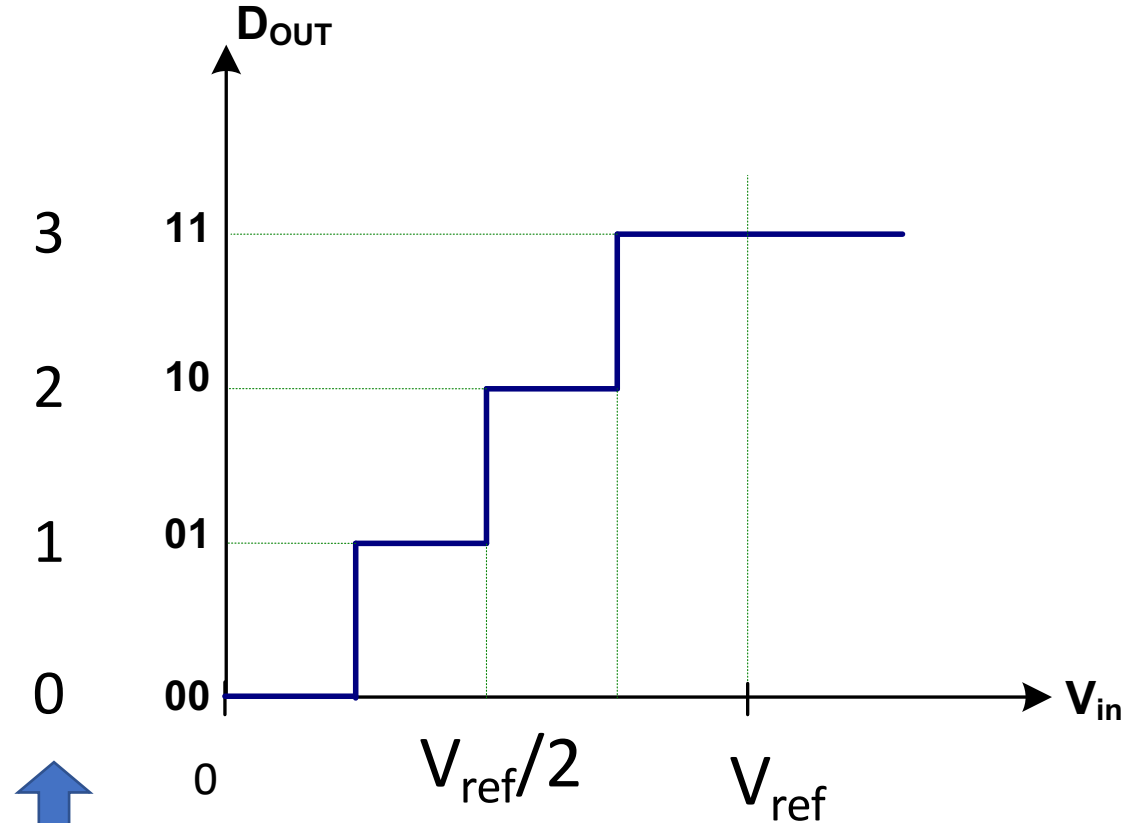


$$V_{step} = V_{ref}/2^n$$

$$D_{out} = V_{in}/V_{step}$$

$$V_{in} = D_{out} V_{step}$$

## 2 bit ADC ( $n=2$ )



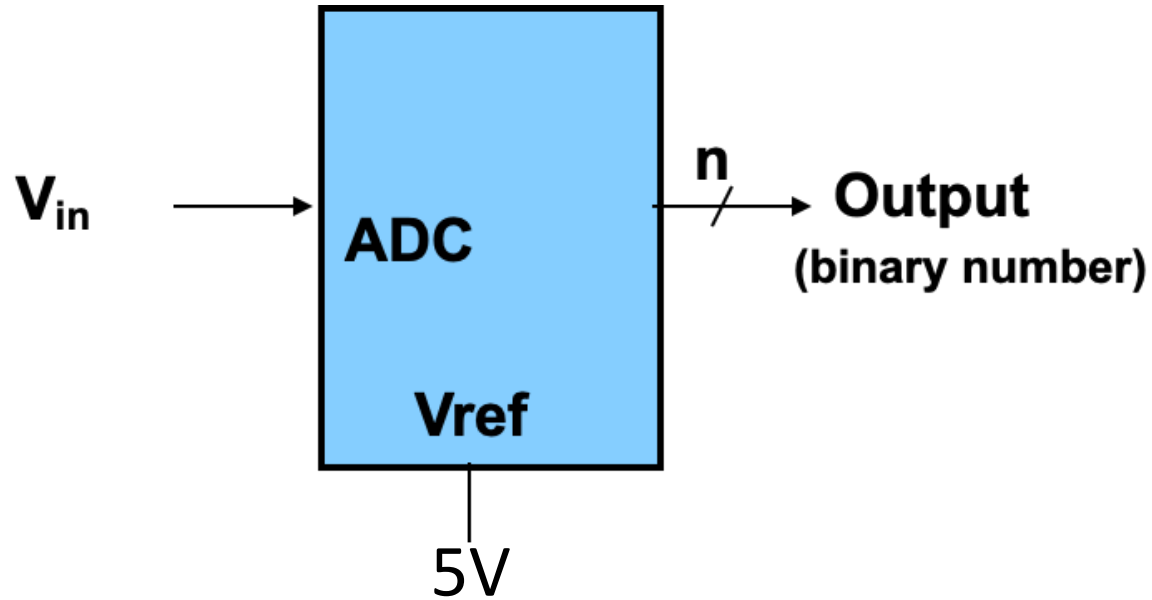
$$V_{step} = V_{ref}/4$$

$$D_{out} = V_{in}/V_{step} = V_{in}/(V_{ref}/4)$$

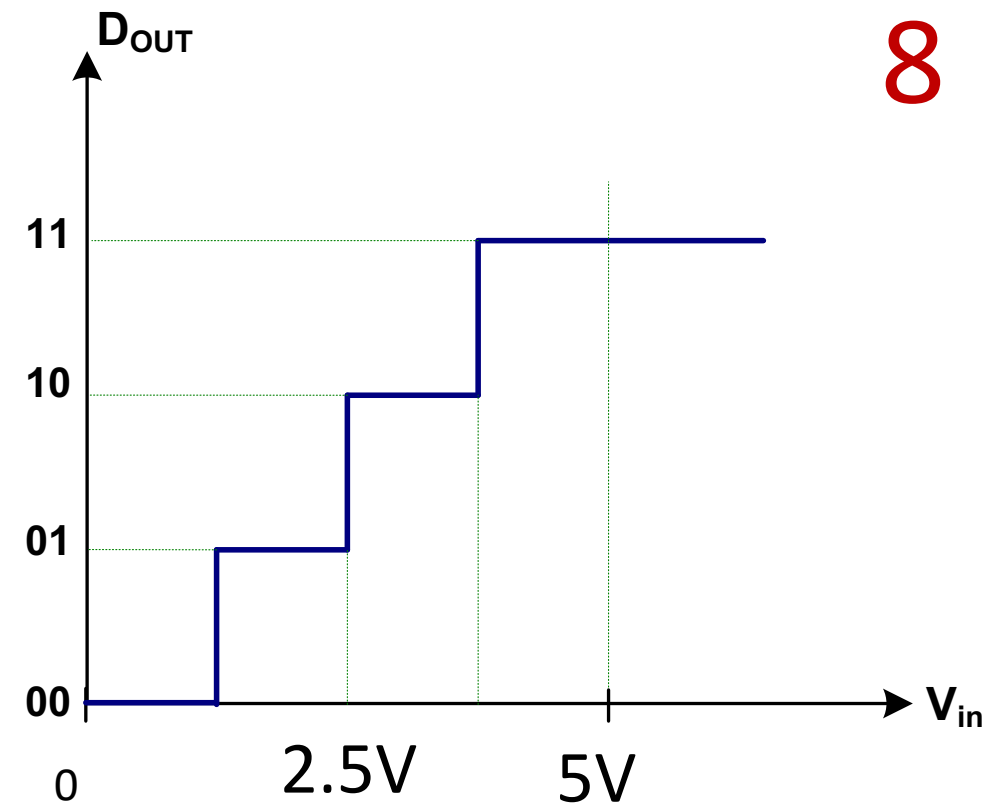
**$n=2$  bit ADC,  $V_{\text{ref}} = 5\text{V}$**

**$2^2 = 4$  different values**

**$V_{\text{step}} = V_{\text{ref}}/4 = 5/4 = 1.25\text{ V} = 1250\text{ mV}$**



$V_{\text{in}}$	Dout (binary)	Dout (decimal)
0 - 1.25V	00	0
1.25 - 2.5	01	1
2.5 - 3.75	10	2
3.75 - 5	11	3



Conversion from Dout back to input voltage:

$$V_{\text{in}} = \text{Dout} * V_{\text{step}}$$

ex:

$V_{\text{in}} = 2.6\text{V}$ ;  $\text{Dout} = 2.6/1.250 = 2$  or 0b10

Convert back:  $V_{\text{in}} = 2 * 1.250 = 2.5\text{V}$  (quantization error)

$V_{\text{in}} = 4.9$ ;  $\text{Dout} = 4.9/1.250 = 3$  or 0b11

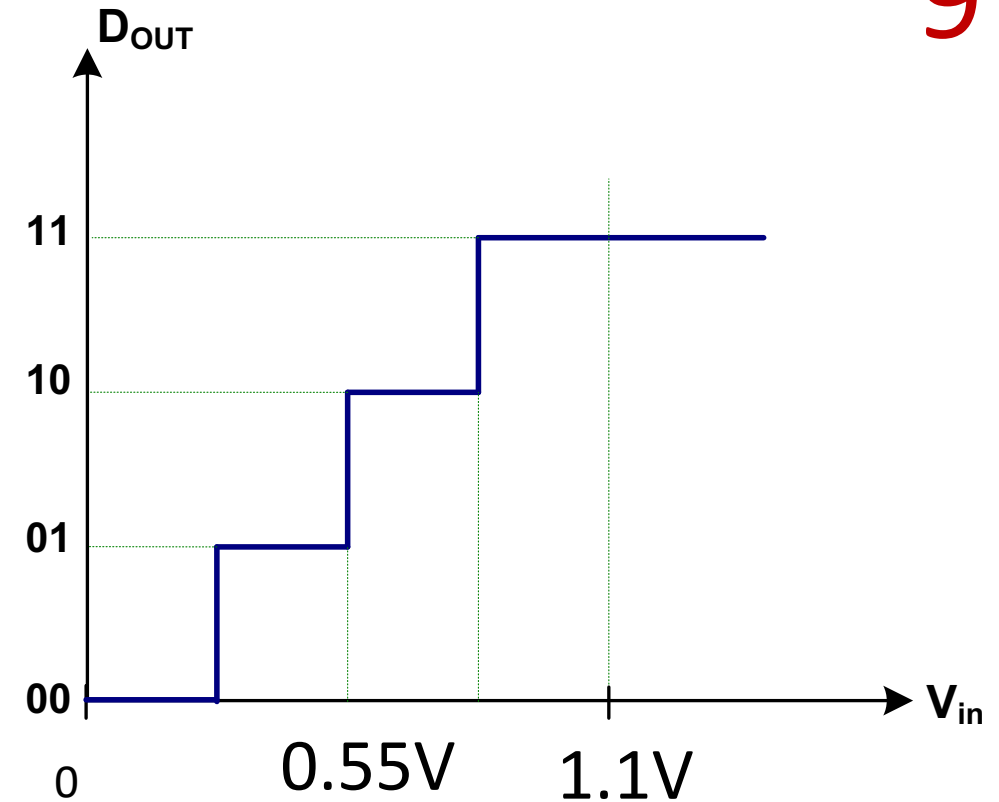
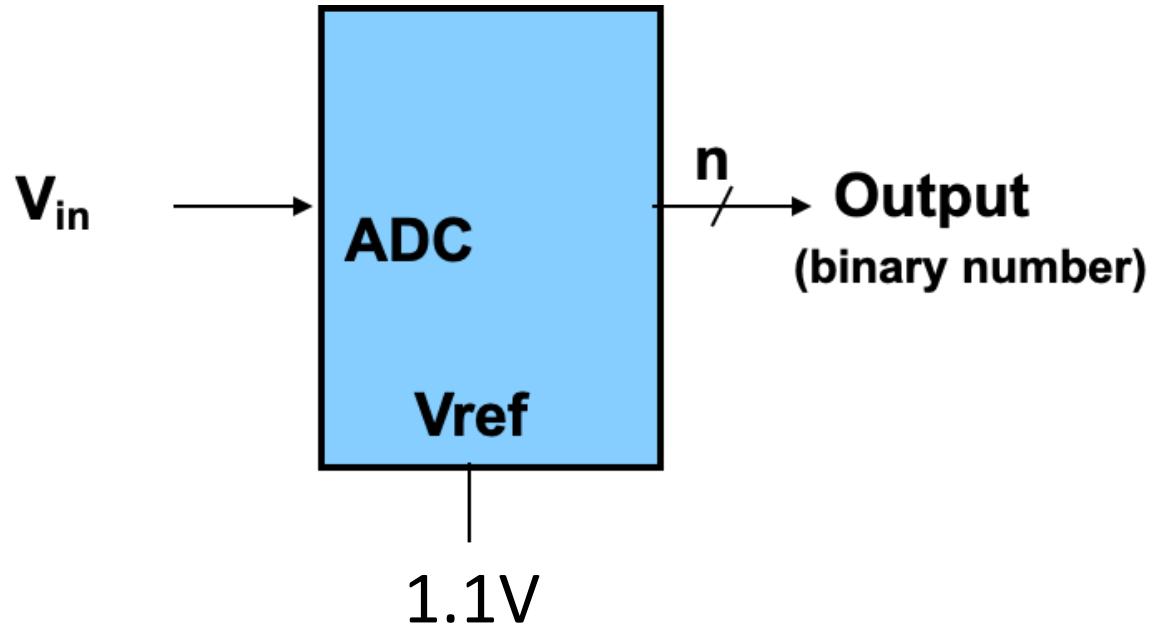
Convert back:  $V_{\text{in}} = 3 * 1.250 = 3.75\text{V}$  (quantization error)



**$n=2$  bit ADC,  $V_{\text{ref}} = 1.1\text{V}$**

**$2^2 = 4$  different values**

**$V_{\text{step}} = V_{\text{ref}}/4 = 1.1/4 = 0.275\text{ V} = 275\text{ mV}$**



Conversion from  $D_{\text{out}}$  back to input voltage:

$V_{\text{in}} = D_{\text{out}} * V_{\text{step}}$

ex:

$V_{\text{in}} = 0.5\text{V}$ ;  $D_{\text{out}} = 0.5/0.275 = 1$  or  $0b01$

Convert back:  $V_{\text{in}} = 1 * 0.275 = 0.275\text{V}$  (quantization error)

$V_{\text{in}} = 0.9\text{V}$ ;  $D_{\text{out}} = 0.9/0.275 = 3 = 0b11$

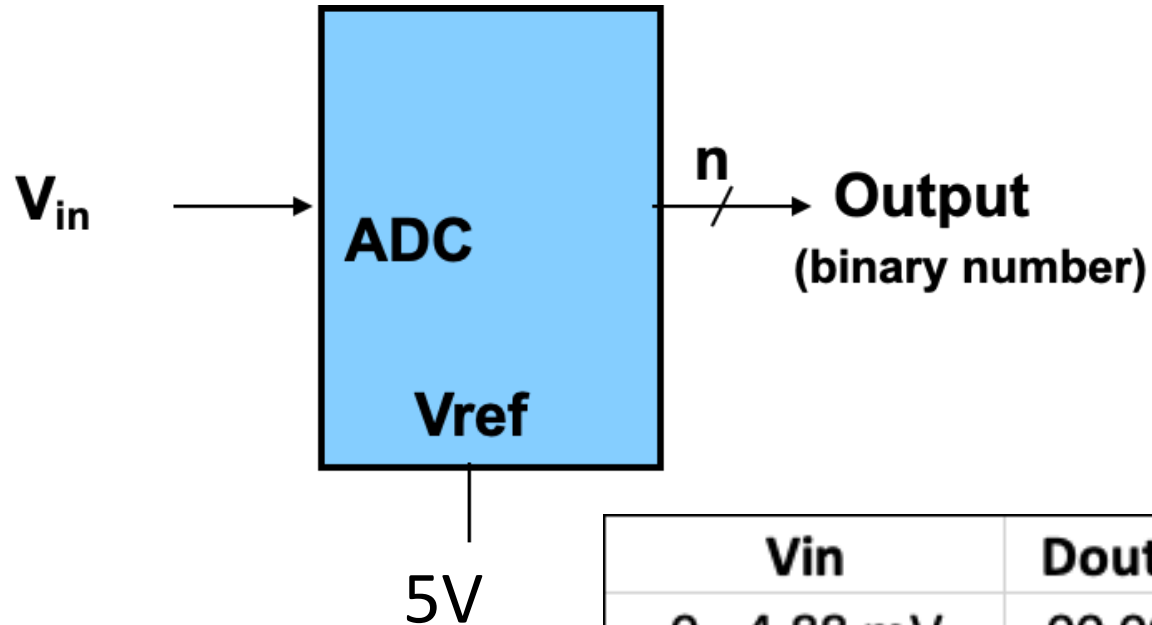
Convert back:  $V_{\text{in}} = 3 * 0.275 = 0.825\text{V}$  (quantization error)

$V_{\text{in}}$	$D_{\text{out}}$ (binary)	$D_{\text{out}}$ (decimal)
0 - 0.275V	00	0
0.275 - 0.55	01	1
0.55 - 0.825	10	2
0.825 - 1.1	11	3

**n=10 bit ADC,  $V_{\text{ref}} = 5\text{V}$**

**$2^{10} = 1024$  different values**

**$V_{\text{step}} = V_{\text{ref}}/1024 = 5/1024 = 0.00488\text{ V} = 4.88\text{ mV}$**



Convert from Dout back to Vin:

$$V_{\text{in}} = \text{Dout} * V_{\text{step}} = \text{Dout} * 0.004883$$

examples

$$\text{Dout} = 0 \rightarrow V_{\text{in}} = 0 * 0.004883 = 0\text{ V}$$

$$\text{Dout} = 1 \rightarrow V_{\text{in}} = 1 * 0.004883 = 0.004883 = 4.88\text{ mV}$$

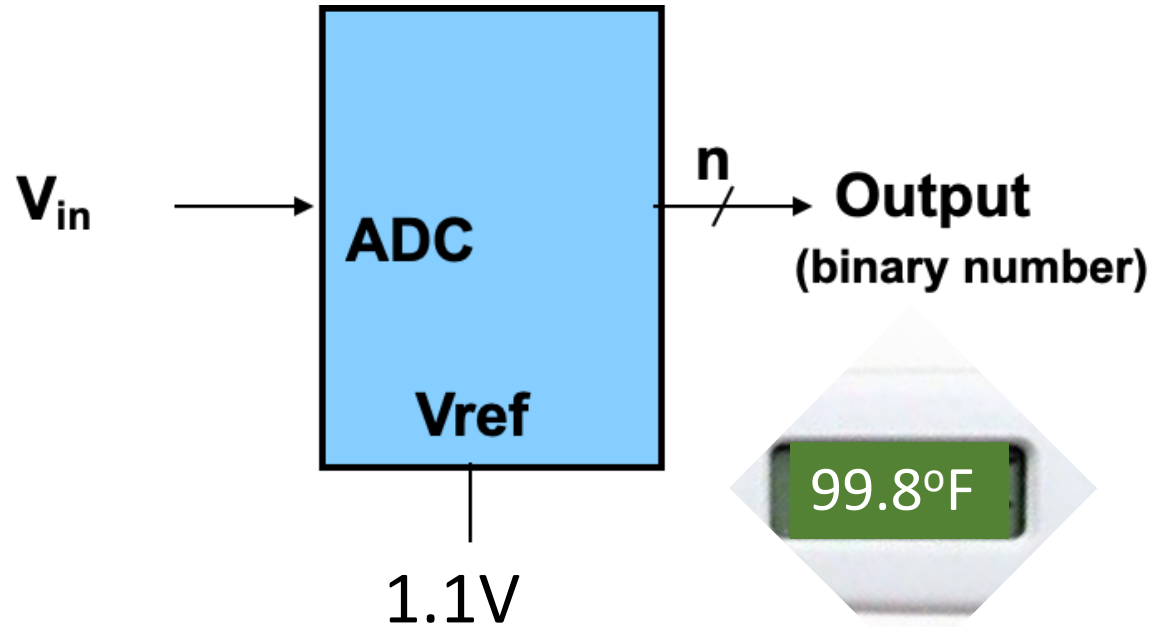
$$\text{Dout} = 1023 \rightarrow V_{\text{in}} = 1023 * 0.004883 = 4.995\text{ V}$$

Vin	Dout (binary)	Dout (hex)	Dout (decimal)
0 - 4.88 mV	00 0000 0000	0x000	0
4.88 - 9.76 mV	00 0000 0001	0x001	1
...	...	...	...
4990 - 4995 mV	11 1111 1110	0x3FE	1022
4995 - 5000 mV	11 1111 1111	0x3FF	1023

$n=10$  bit ADC,  $V_{\text{ref}} = 1.1\text{V}$

$2^{10} = 1024$  different values

$V_{\text{step}} = V_{\text{ref}}/1024 = 1.1/1024 = 0.00107 = 1 \text{ mV}$



Recall from slide #3 TMP36 sensitivity is:  
 $10 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $\sim 5 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

This ADC has a quantization of  $1 \text{ mV/bit}$

**Temperature Measurement Resolution**

$(1 \text{ mV/bit}) / (10 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}) = 0.1 ^{\circ}\text{C} / \text{bit}$

$(1 \text{ mV/bit}) / (5 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{F}) = 0.2 ^{\circ}\text{F} / \text{bit}$

Compare with previous slide ( $n=10$  bit;  $V_{\text{ref}} = 5\text{V}$ ) where  
 ADC quantization is  $4.88 \text{ mV/bit} \cong 5 \text{ mV/bit}$

**Temperature Measurement Resolution**

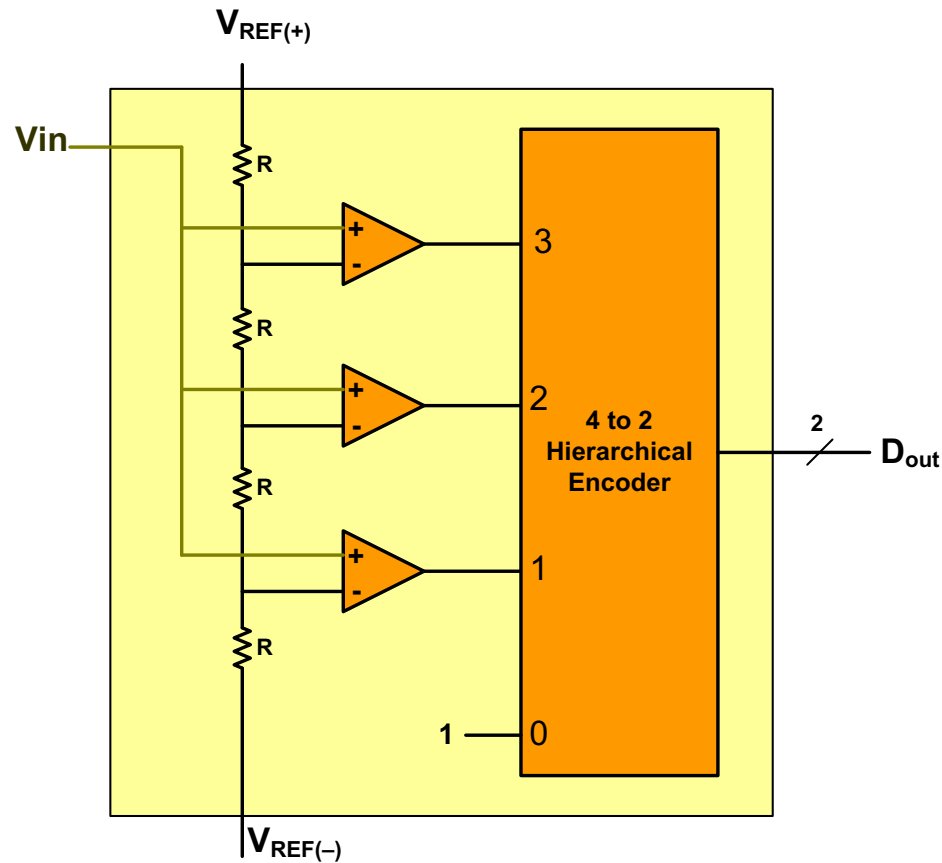
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$(5 \text{ mV/bit}) / (5 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{F}) = 1 ^{\circ}\text{F} / \text{bit}$

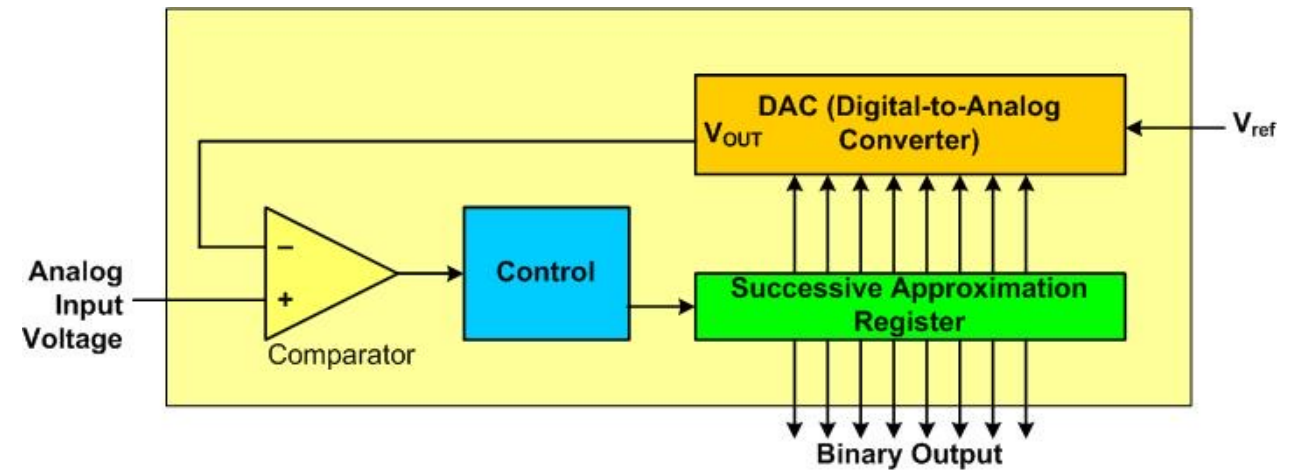


# Flash (left) vs Successive Approximation (right) ADC

Flash (direct conversion) ADC – voltage ladder



Successive Approximation ADC



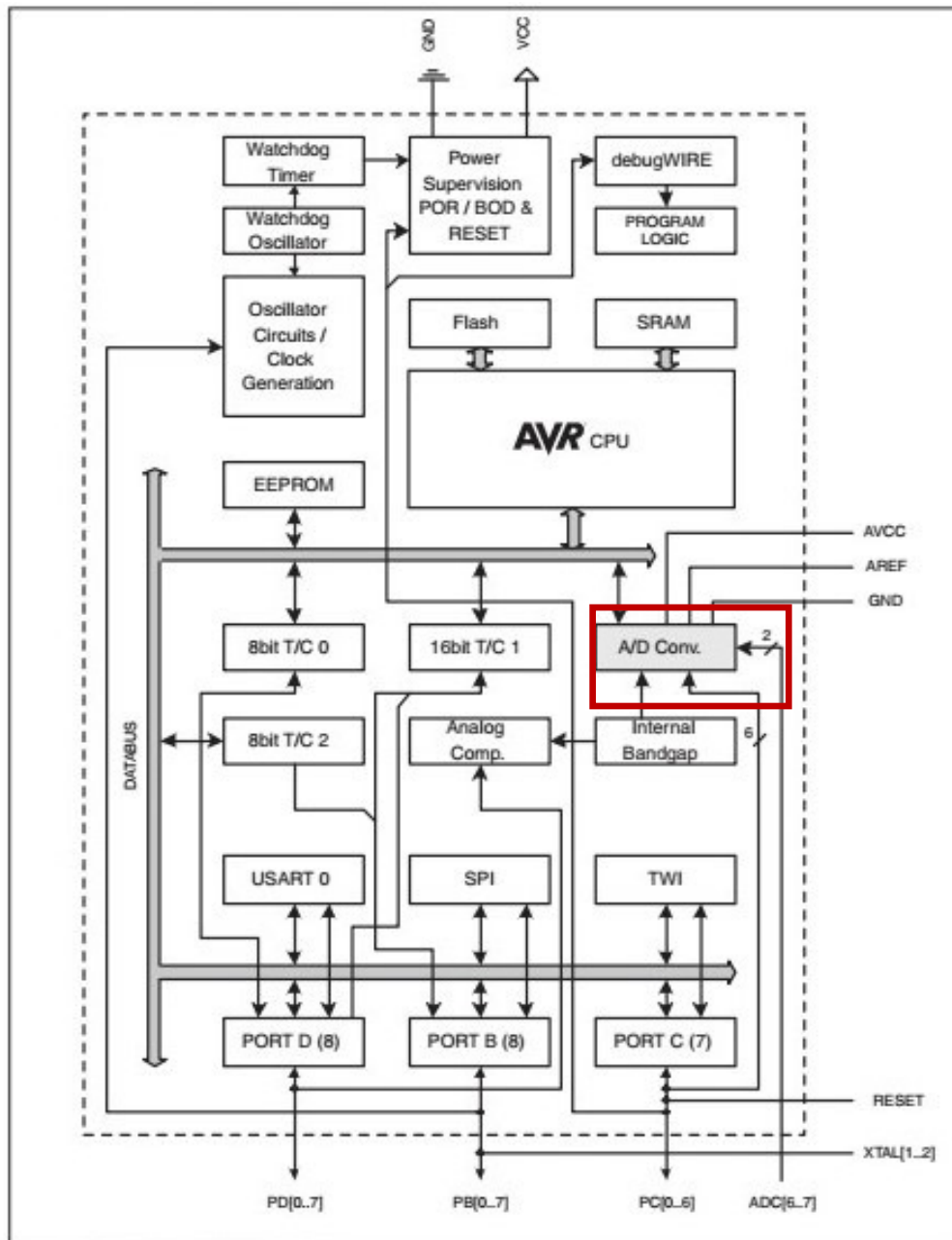
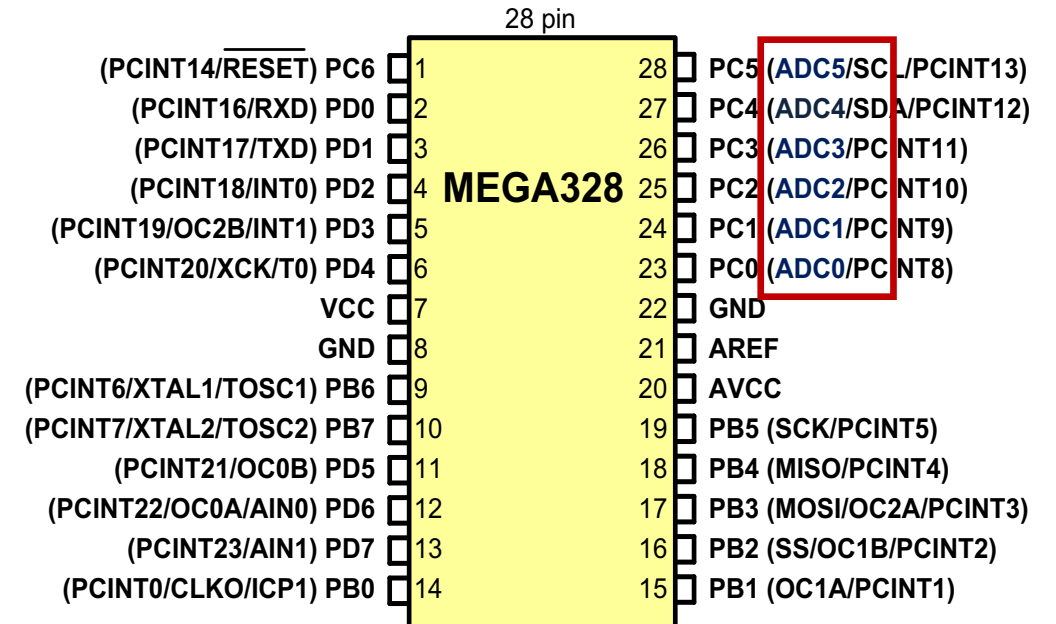


Figure 1-4. ATmega328 Block Diagram



ATmega328P

10 bit successive approximation ADC

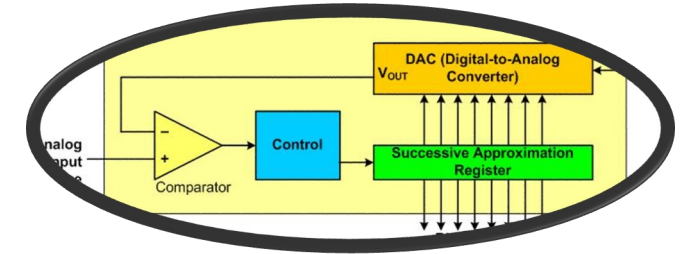
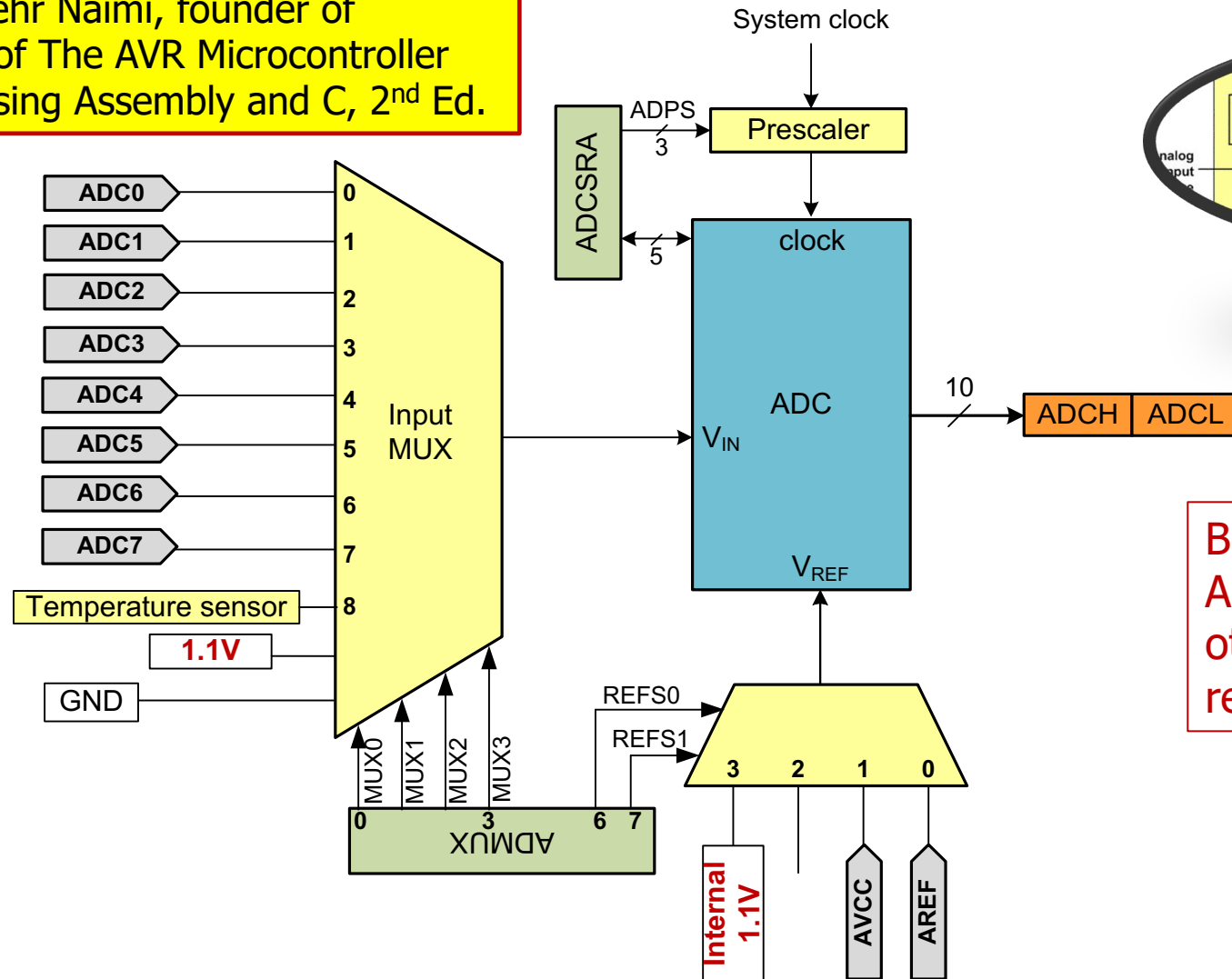
6 ADC channels on 28 pin DIP (ADC0-ADC5)

2 additional channels on 32 pin QFP version (ADC6-ADC7)

# ADC in AVR

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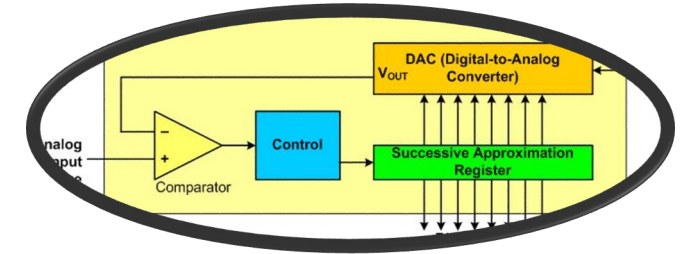
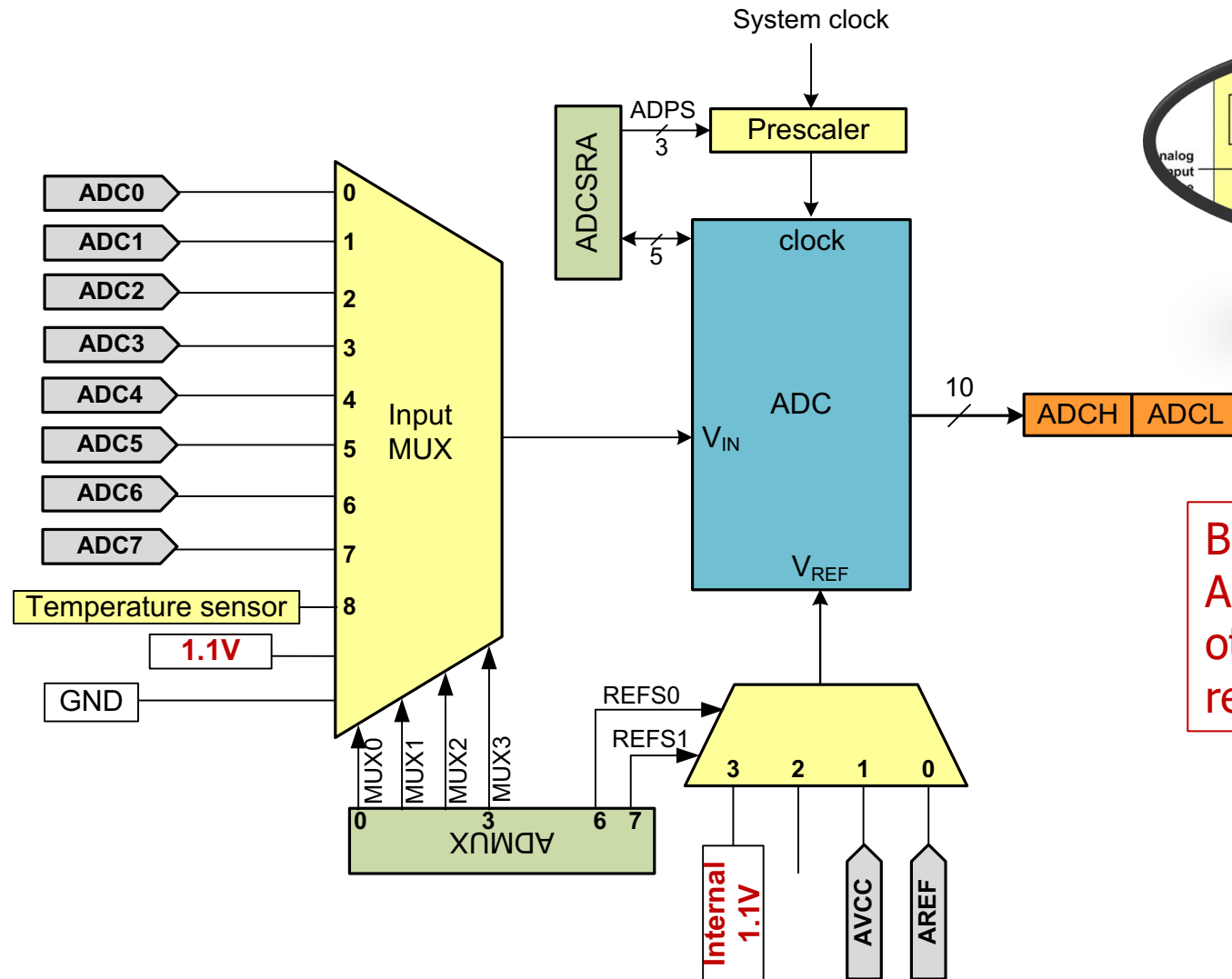
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Be sure to read  
ADCL before ADCH  
otherwise incorrect  
result!

# ADC in AVR

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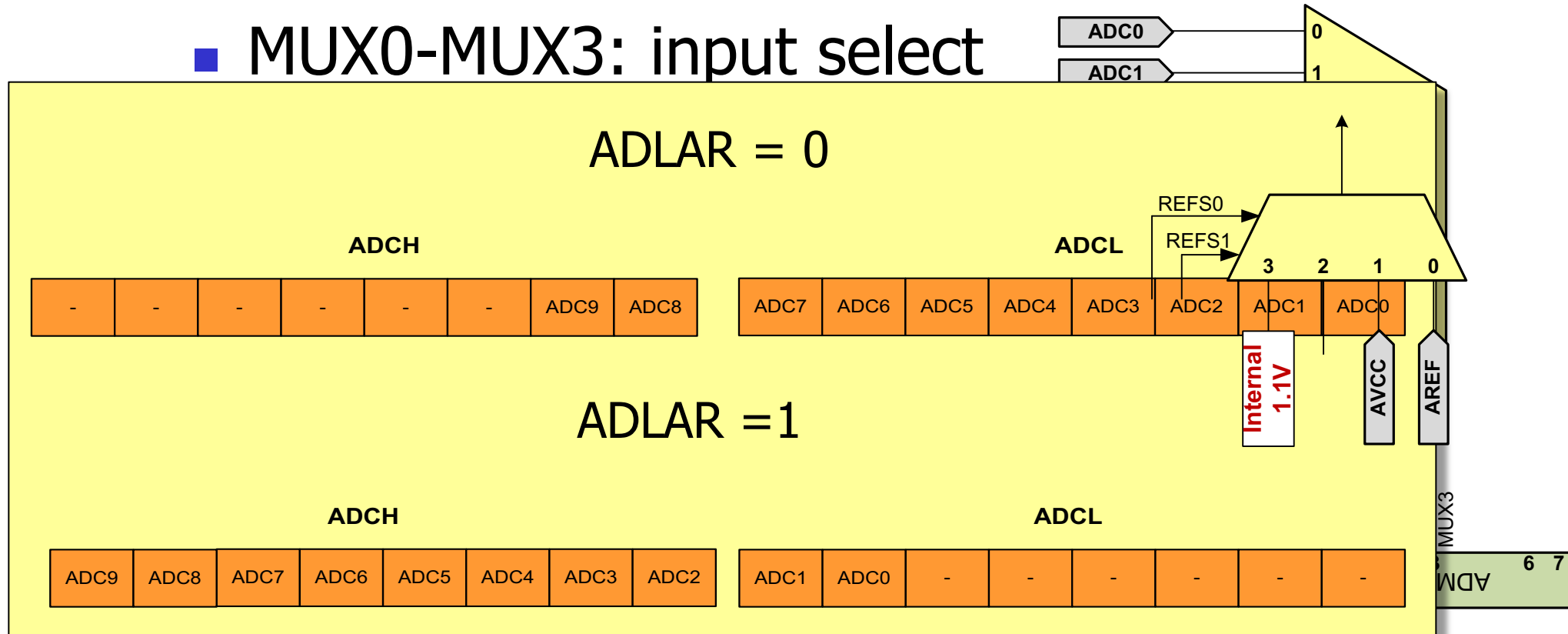
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# ADMUX

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## ■ MUX0-MUX3: input select





ADEN	ADSC	ADATE	ADIF	ADIE	ADPS2	ADPS1	ADPS0
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## **ADEN- Bit7 ADC Enable**

This bit enables or disables the ADC. Writing this bit to one will enable and writing this bit to zero will disable the ADC even while a conversion is in progress.

## **ADSC- Bit6 ADC Start Conversion**

To start each conversion you have to write this bit to one.

## **ADATE- Bit5 ADC Auto Trigger Enable**

Auto Triggering of the ADC is enabled when you write this bit to one.

## **ADIF- Bit4 ADC Interrupt Flag**

This bit is set when an ADC conversion completes and the Data Registers are updated

## **ADIE- Bit3 ADC Interrupt Enable**

Writing this bit to one enables the ADC Conversion Complete Interrupt.

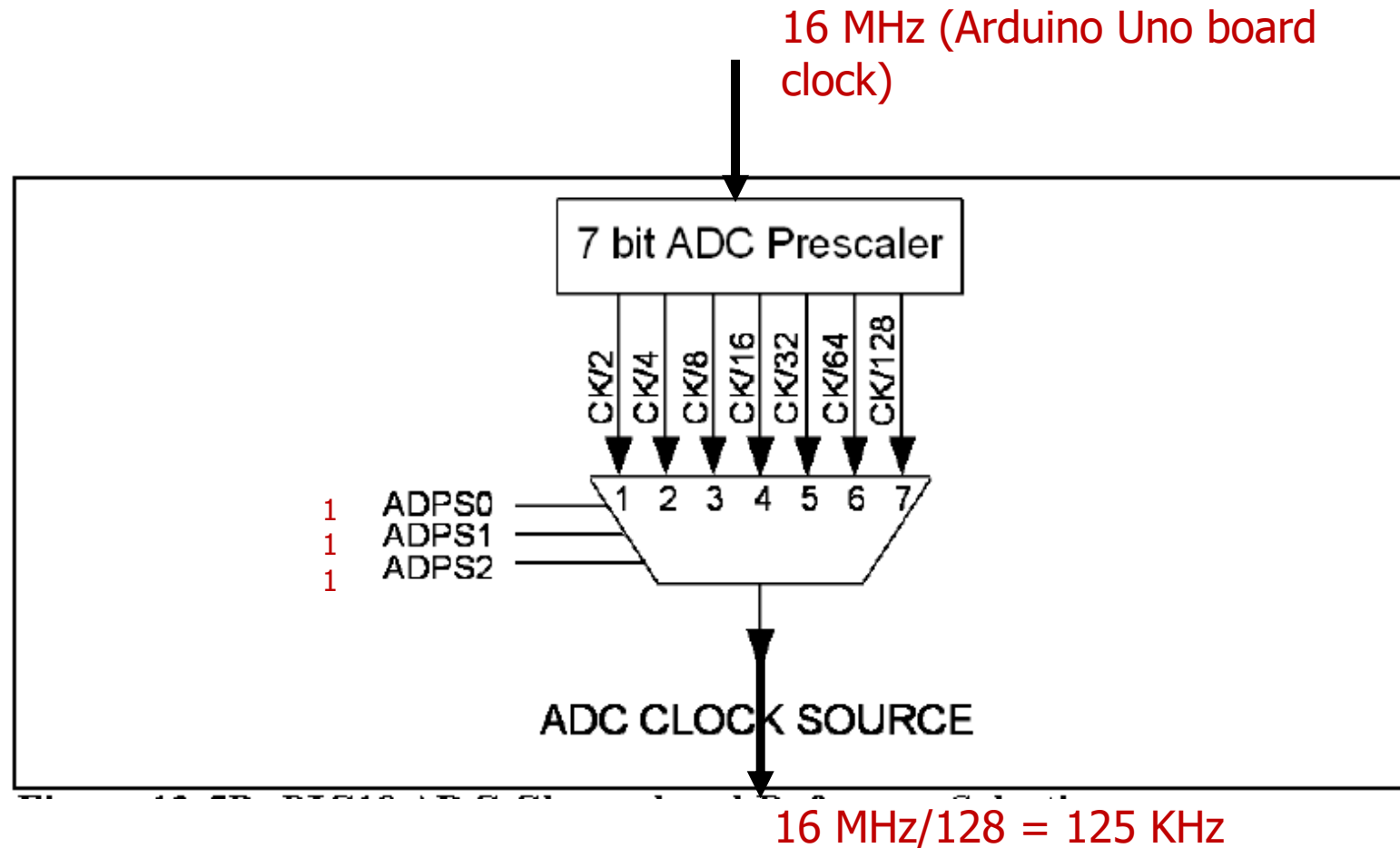
## **ADPS2:0- Bit2:0 ADC Prescaler Select Bits**

These bits determine the division factor between the XTAL frequency and the input clock to the ADC.

# ADC Prescaler

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- PreScaler Bits let us change the clock frequency of ADC
- The frequency of ADC should not be more than 200 KHz



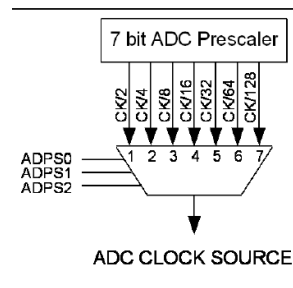
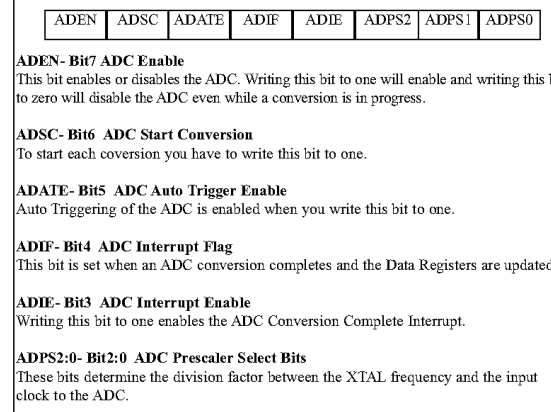
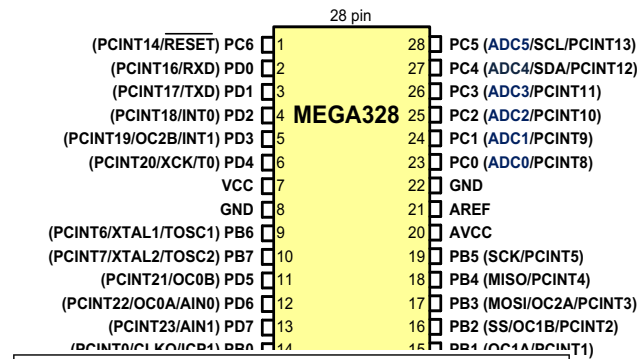
# Steps in programming ADC

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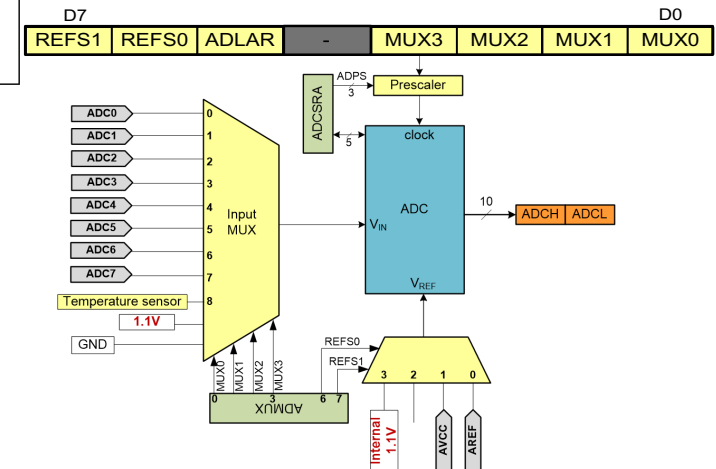
- 1) Make the pin for the selected ADC channel an input pin.
- 2) Enable ADC module
- 3) Select the conversion speed
- 4) Select voltage reference and ADC input channel.
- 5) Activate the start conversion bit by writing a one to the ADSC bit of ADCSRA.
- 6) Wait for the conversion to be completed by polling the ADIF bit in the ADCSRA register.
- 7) After the ADIF bit has gone HIGH, read the ADCL and ADCH registers to get the digital data output.
- 8) If you want to read the selected channel again, go back to step 5.
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1.  $\text{DDRC} \&= \sim(1 \ll \text{ADC0});$  //ADC0 as input
2.  $\text{ADCSRA} = (1 \ll \text{ADEN});$
3.  $\text{ADCSRA} |= (1 \ll \text{ADPS2}) | (1 \ll \text{ADPS1}) | (1 \ll \text{ADPS0});$   
 Note:  $\text{ADCSRA} = 1000\ 0111 = 0x87$  combine 2&3 as:  
 $\text{ADCSRA} = 0x87;$
4.  $\text{ADMUX} = 0x40$  ; // 0100 0000 ADC0, Vref=AVCC=5V;
5.  $\text{ADCSRA} |= 1 \ll \text{ADSC}$
6. While  $(\text{ADCSRA} \& (1 \ll \text{ADIF}) == 0);$  //wait till conversion is finished
7.  $\text{digWord} = \text{ADCL} | \text{ADCH} \ll 8;$  //digWord is int



itoa(digitalValue, buffer, 10) – converts an int (digitalValue) to an ascii character string (buffer) in base 10.

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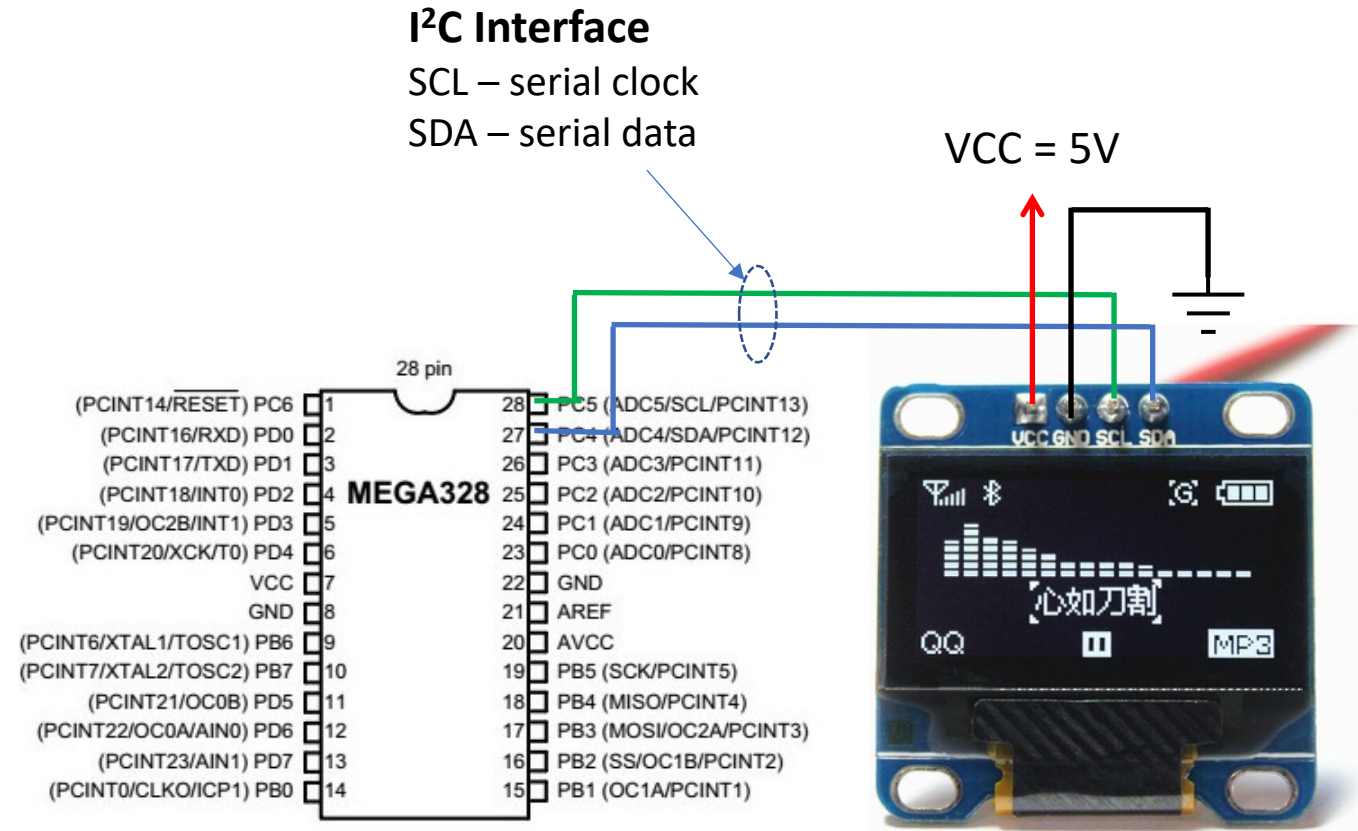
let's look at an improved version that relies on user-contributed functions to handle all the ADC & UART tasks

[https://github.com/ProfMcL/ECE231/blob/main/code/ADC\\_UART\\_OLED/adc\\_serial\\_test.c](https://github.com/ProfMcL/ECE231/blob/main/code/ADC_UART_OLED/adc_serial_test.c)



## 0.96' OLED – Organic LED Display

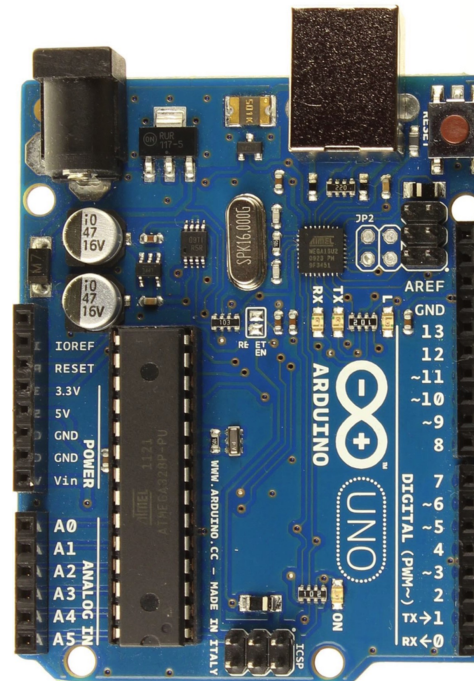
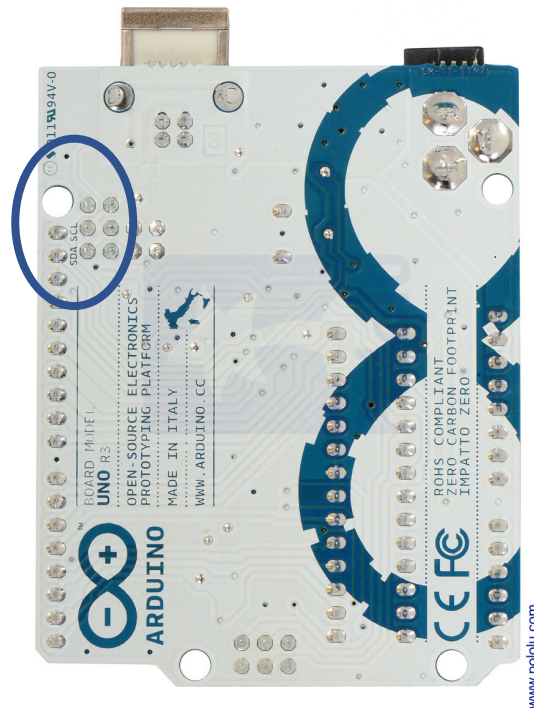
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- SSD1306 display driver
- I2C interface



I<sup>2</sup>C = I2C = Inter-Integrated Circuit Interface

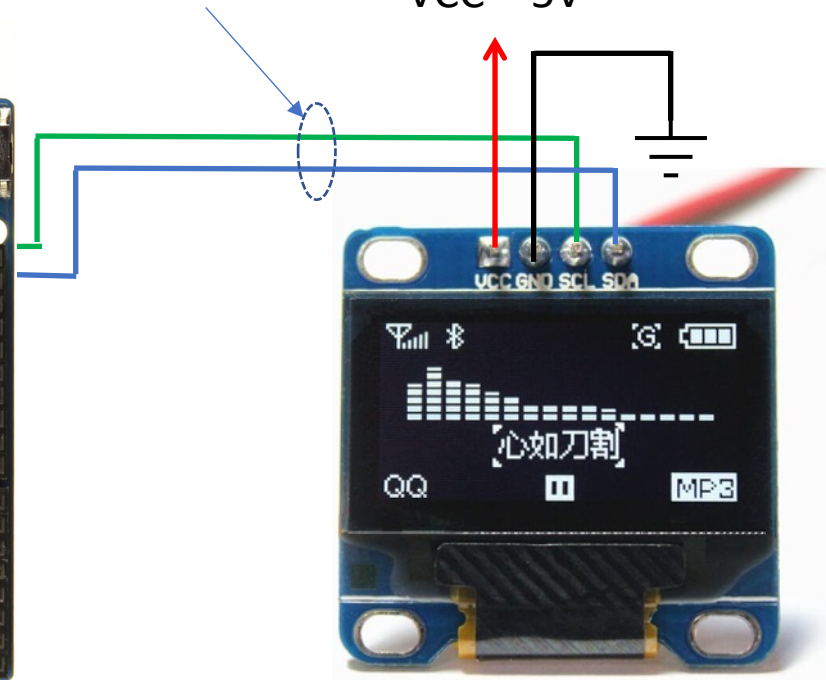
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### I<sup>2</sup>C Interface

SCL – serial clock  
SDA – serial data



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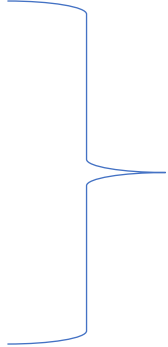
## Programming the OLED:

Write register-level code to control the dot matrix display and handle the I2C communication

or

We can use external libraries to handle the low-level coding details:

SSD1306.c  
SSD1306.h  
i2c.c  
i2h.c



*These libraries are not part of the C language or its standard library. They are user-defined libraries, like my\_ADC\_lib.c and my\_UART\_lib.c that someone wrote and published on github for anyone to use (at their own risk).*

let's look at code that displays adc samples on the OLED display using the following user-contributed functions to handle all the ADC, UART, SSD1306, and I2C tasks:

my\_adc\_library.c

my\_uart\_library.c

SSD1306.c

i2c.c

[https://github.com/ProfMcL/ECE231/blob/main/code/ADC\\_UART\\_OLED/adc\\_oled\\_test.c](https://github.com/ProfMcL/ECE231/blob/main/code/ADC_UART_OLED/adc_oled_test.c)