

# LCD Interfacing II

ECE 3710

# how we write

two write functions:

1. *command*: which memory we write to and where

2. *data*: what is written



to interface  
with LCD

two step process (both writes):

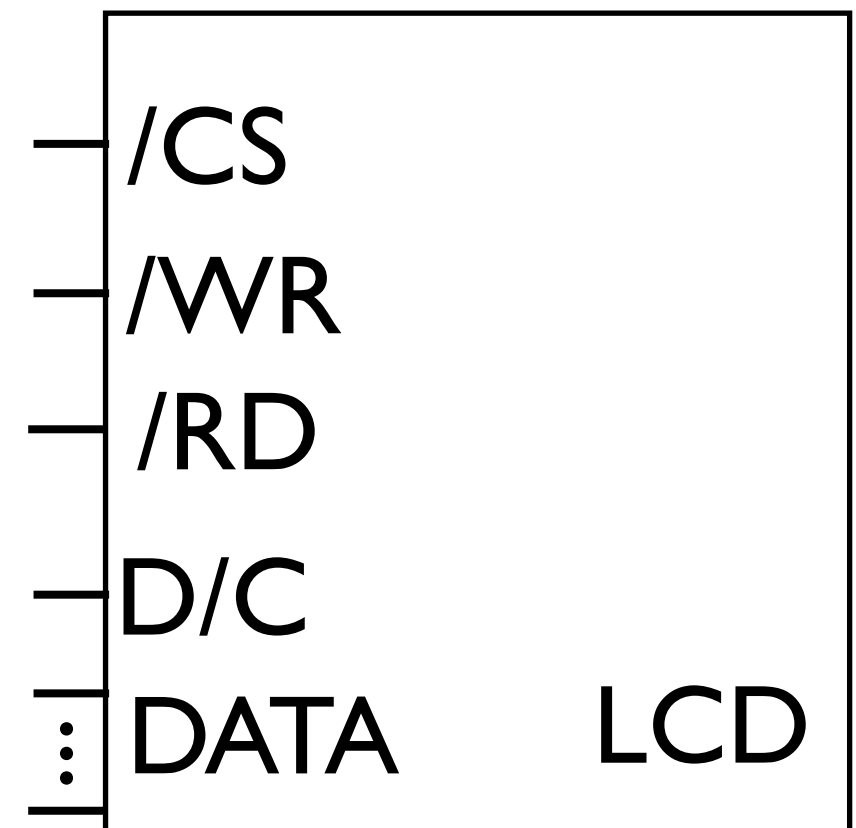
1. which memory location to write to  
(command)

2. what location should be set to  
(data)

# how to think about LCD: Parallel

a device with two kinds of  
memory (location+data):

1. configuration
2. graphic/display



16/18 pins  
(can use fewer)

Q: how do we let this  
thing know what bits on  
DATA pins mean?

note: '/' denotes  
active-low  
(to set line should be logic low)

# I. LCD: configuration

(8 bits = 8 lines)

what should go out on DATA pins ← how to send config values  
(dat):

		Hardware pins																	
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16 bits		IB15	IB14	IB13	IB12	IB11	IB10	IB9	IB8		IB7	IB6	IB5	IB4	IB3	IB2	IB1	IB0	
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Remark :

x

Don't care bits

Not connected pins

1<sup>st</sup>: DATA[7:0] = IB[15:8]

2<sup>nd</sup>: DATA[7:0] = IB[7:0]

remember: DATA is port/pins on uC  
(no need to use D0)

# I. LCD: configuration

(8 bits = 8 lines)

note: cmd follows same  
form for DATA pins:

replace  
IB15:IB0  
with cmd  
value

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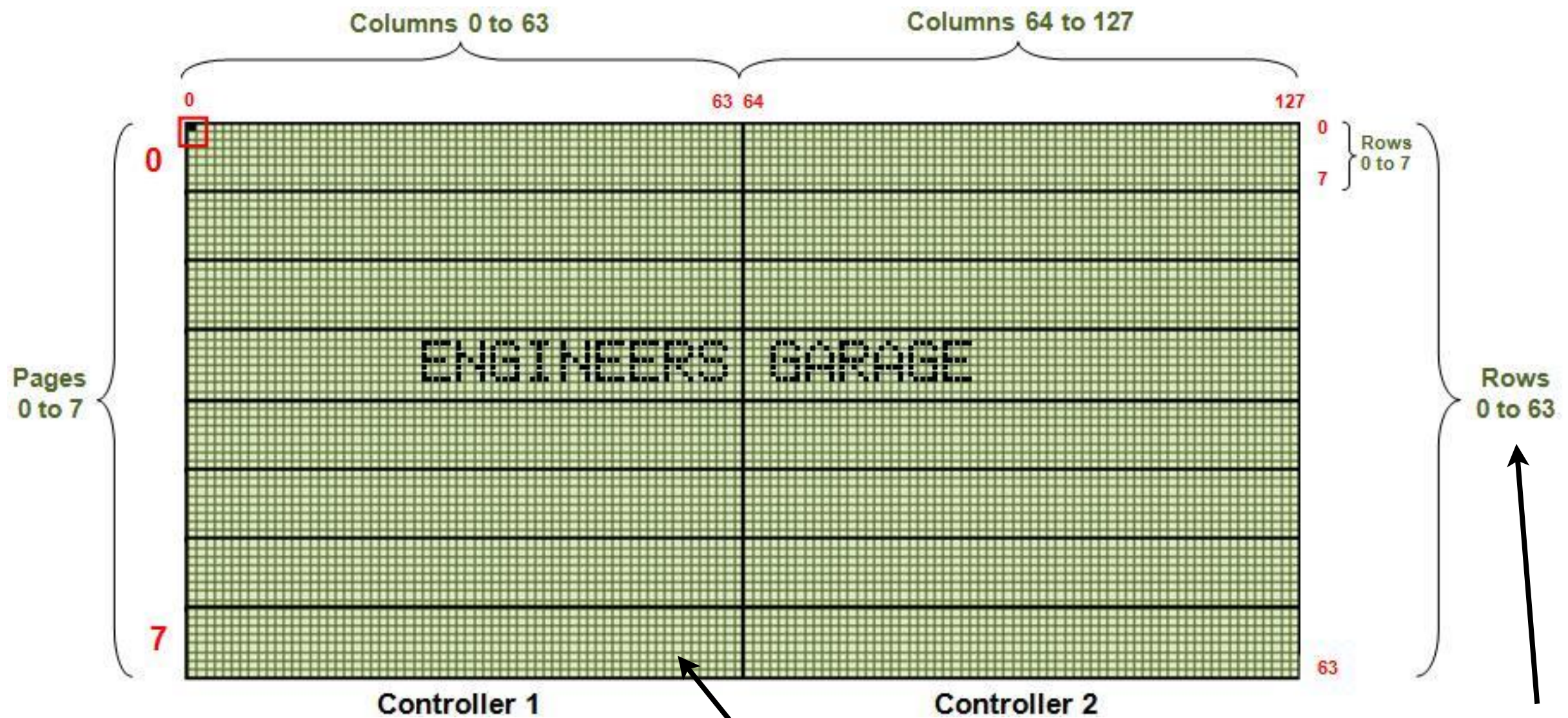
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# Q: what is an LCD?

# A: bunch of RGB pixels

you have 320

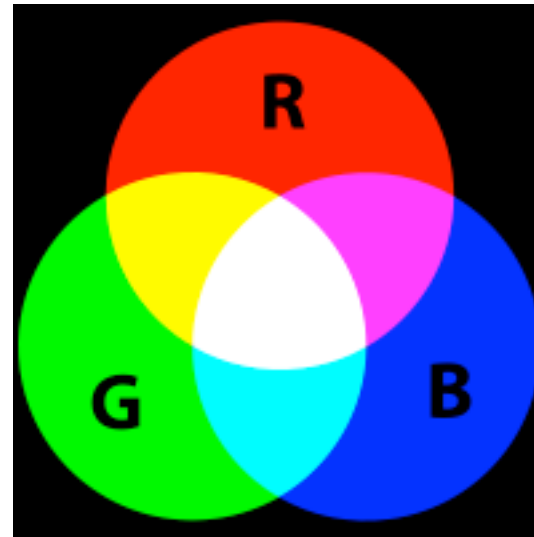


# a pixel

you have 240

note: sometimes we divide LCD into columns and controllers to make it updating LCD easier/faster

think back to  
elementary school:  
any colour composed of



**RGB = R<sub>ed</sub>G<sub>reen</sub>B<sub>lue</sub>**

use numbers to denote shade  
of red, green, blue

e.g. **R=83, G=133, B=204**



8-bits each for of R,G,B => 24 bits  
=>2<sup>24</sup> colours

# SSD I 298: specs

16-bit colour:

R = 5 bits

G = 6 bits

B = 5 Bits

= 16  $\Rightarrow 2^{16} = 65k$  colours

resolution:

320 pixels tall  
240 pixels wide



**240x320**

(horizontal-by-vertical;  
depending on orientation)



## 2. LCD: graphics data

set every pixel to color:

```
void LCD_Clear( unsigned short Color )  
{
```

```
    unsigned int i;
```

```
    LCD_SetCursor(0,0);
```

```
    ...
```

```
    writeCmd(0x0022);
```

```
    for( i=0; i< MAX_X*MAX_Y; i++ )
```

```
        writeDat(Color);
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

notice: only call  
writeCmd once  
for multiple  
writeDat

procedure:

1. select pixel

2. write RGB value

would seem to violate cmd  
for every dat principle

## 2. LCD: graphics data

```
void LCD_SetCursor( unsigned short x, unsigned int y )
{
    ...
    LCD_WriteReg(0x004E, x );
    LCD_WriteReg(0x004F, y );
}
```

cmd      dat

where the next write to  
graphics memory should go

### RAM address set (R4Eh-R4Fh)

Reg#	R/W	DC	IB15	IB14	IB13	IB12	IB11	IB10	IB9	IB8	IB7	IB6	IB5	IB4	IB3	IB2	IB1	IB0
R4Eh	W	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	XAD7	XAD6	XAD5	XAD4	XAD3	XAD2	XAD1	XAD0
	POR		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R4Fh	W	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	YAD8	YAD7	YAD6	YAD5	YAD4	YAD 3	YAD 2	YAD 1	YAD 0
	POR		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**XAD[7:0]:** Make initial settings for the GDDRAM X address in the address counter (AC).

**YAD[8:0]:** Make initial settings for the GDDRAM Y address in the address counter (AC).

# 2. LCD: graphics data

graphics memory:  
(p68)

y ↓

	RL=1	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	...	S714	S715	S716	S717	S718	S719	Vertical address
	RL=0	S719	S718	S717	S716	S715	S714	S713	S712	S711	...	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	S0	
	BGR=0	R	G	B	R	G	B	R	G	B	...	R	G	B	R	G	B	
	BGR=1	B	G	R	B	G	R	B	G	R	...	B	G	R	B	G	R	
TB=1	TB=0																	
G0	G319	0000H,0000H			0000H, 0001H			0000H, 0010H			...	0000H, 00EEH			0000H, 00EFH			0
G1	G318	0001H,0000H			0001H, 0001H			0001H, 0010H			...	0001H, 00EEH			0001H, 00EFH			1
G2	G317	0010H,0000H			0010H, 0001H			0010H, 0010H			...	0010H, 00EEH			0010H, 00EFH			2
G3	G316	0011H,0000H			0011H, 0001H			0011H, 0010H			...	0011H, 00EEH			0011H, 00EFH			3
G4	G315	0100H,0000H			0100H, 0001H			0100H, 0010H			...	0100H, 00EEH			0100H, 00EFH			4
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G316	G3	013CH, 0000H			013CH, 0001H			013CH, 0010H			...	013CH, 00EEH			013CH, 00EFH			316
G317	G2	013DH, 0000H			013DH, 0001H			013DH, 0010H			...	013DH, 00EEH			013DH, 00EFH			317
G318	G1	013EH, 0000H			013EH, 0001H			013EH, 0010H			...	013EH, 00EEH			013EH, 00EFH			318
G319	G0	013FH, 0000H			013FH, 0001H			013FH, 0010H			...	013FH, 00EEH			013FH, 00EFH			319
Horizontal address		0			1			2			...	238			239			

each is a pixel

Remark : The address is in 00xxH,0yyyH format, where yyy is the vertical address and xx is the horizontal address

→  
X

## 2. LCD: graphics data

select pixel(123,210):

x:cmd = 0x004E

dat = 0x007B

y:cmd = 0x004F

dat = 0x00D2

## 2. LCD: graphics data

now at pixel, how to set RGB?

first issue write  
to GDATA

cmd

`writeCmd( 0x0022 );`

Write Data to GRAM (R22h)

R/W	DC	D[17:0]
W	1	WD[17:0] mapping depends on the interface setting

**WD[17:0]:** Transforms all the GDDRAM data into 18-bit, and writes the data. Format for transforming data into 18-bit depends on the interface used. SSD1289 selects the grayscale level according to the GDDRAM data. After writing data to GDDRAM, address is automatically updated according to AM bit and ID bit. Access to GDDRAM during stand-by mode is not available.

`dat = [ D17 : D0 ]`

then send data

# 2. LCD: graphics data

(16 bit)

what should go out on DATA pins (dat): ← how to send RGB values

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		3 <sup>rd</sup>	G5	G4	G3	G2	G1	G0	x	x		B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	x	x		
		1 <sup>st</sup>	R5	R4	R3	R2	R1	R0	x	x		G5	G4	G3	G2	G1	G0	x	x		
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Remark :      x      Don't care bits  
                  ■      Not connected pins

DATA[7:0] = D[8:1]  
DATA[15:8] = D[17:10] ← still only sending 16 bits as two pins not connected

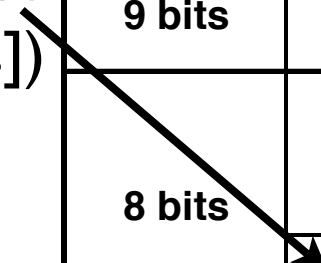
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for lab  
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## 2. LCD: graphics data

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    LCD_SetCursor(0,0);
    ...
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notice: only call  
writeCmd once  
for multiple  
writeDat

note: cmd=0x0022 tells LCD that all  
subsequent dat is RGB values



## 2. LCD: graphics data

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GRAM x,y position must auto update after each write to GRAM

Entry Mode (R11h) (POR = 6830h)

R/W	DC	IB15	IB14	IB13	IB12	IB11	IB10	IB9	IB8	IB7	IB6	IB5	IB4	IB3	IB2	IB1	IB0
W	1	VSMODE	DFM1	DFM0	TRANS	OEDef	WMode	DMode1	DMode0	TY1	TY0	ID1	ID0	AM	LG2	LG1	LG0
POR		0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

controls what auto update does

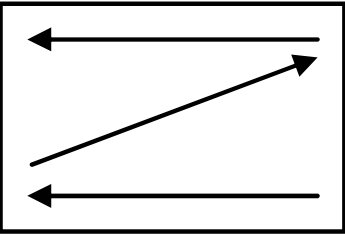
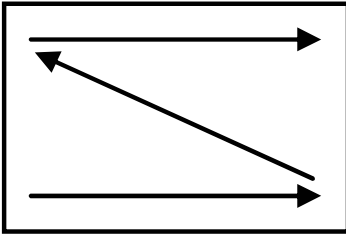
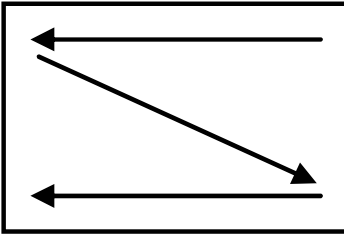
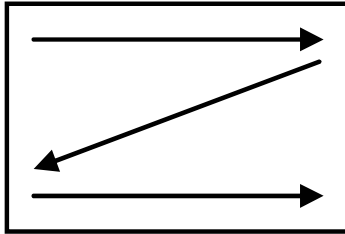
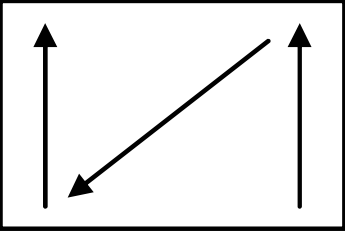
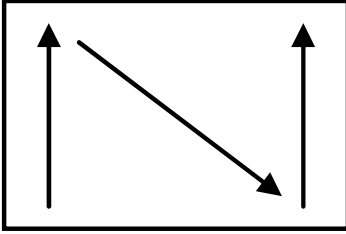
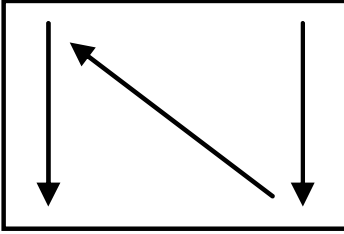
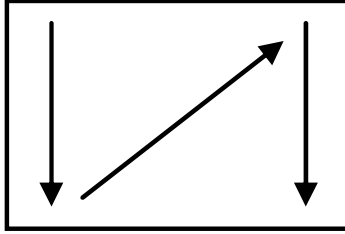
## 2. LCD: graphics data

assuming:

1. `writeCmd(0x0022);`
2. each `writeDat(...);`

updates GRAM  
set addr

according to ID,AM

	ID[1:0]="00" Horizontal: decrement Vertical: decrement	ID[1:0]="01" Horizontal: increment Vertical: decrement	ID[1:0]="10" Horizontal: decrement Vertical: increment	ID[1:0]="11" Horizontal: increment Vertical: increment
AM="0" Horizontal	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh
AM="1" Vertical	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh	00,00h  13F,EFh

set GRAM pos to 0,0

(next GRAM data write at 0,0)

`LCD_SetCursor(0,0);`

`...`

`writeCmd(0x0022);`

`for( i=0; i< MAX_X*MAX_Y; i++ )`

`writeDat(Color);`

$240*320=76,800$

(all pixels on LCD)

1. write colour
2. increment pos
3. goto 1

# Interrupts I

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It doesn't matter what  
temperature the room is, it's  
always room temperature.

- Steven Wright

examples of polling (waiting on):

wait

ldr R0,[R1,#0x1C]

ands R0,#0x1

beq wait

timer expiration  


while(UART0\_STAT == 0x30);

serial transmission  


a little polling is  
OK...not this,  
though:



interrupts: a better way...





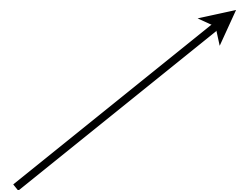
interrupts



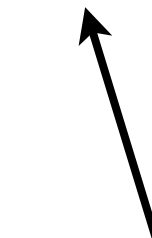
interrupt controller



polls devices for uC, lets it know  
when devices 'ready'



uC can do other stuff

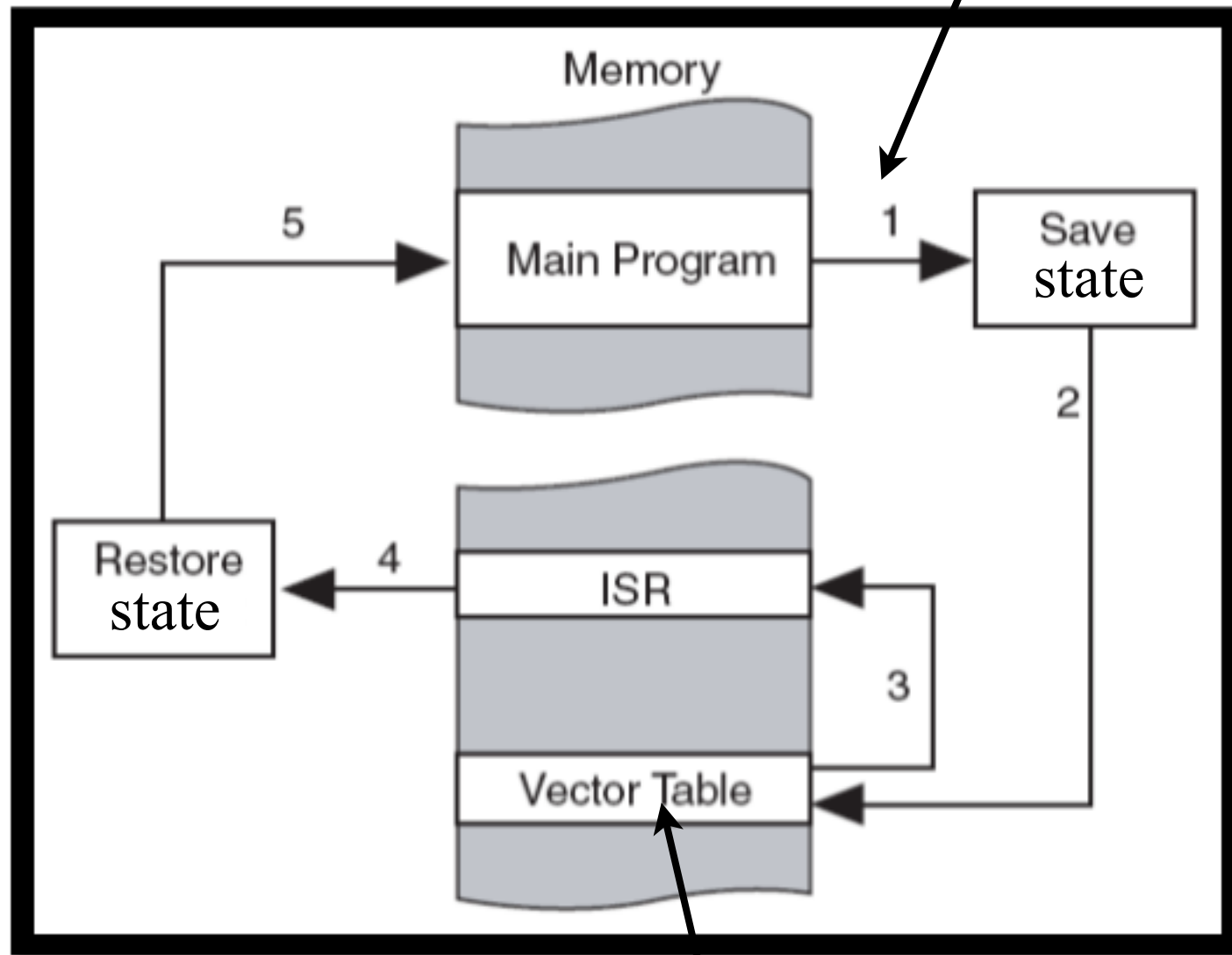


each has own 'interrupt'

# when an interrupt occurs

(uC is doing something)

interrupt here



each interrupt has  
own entry

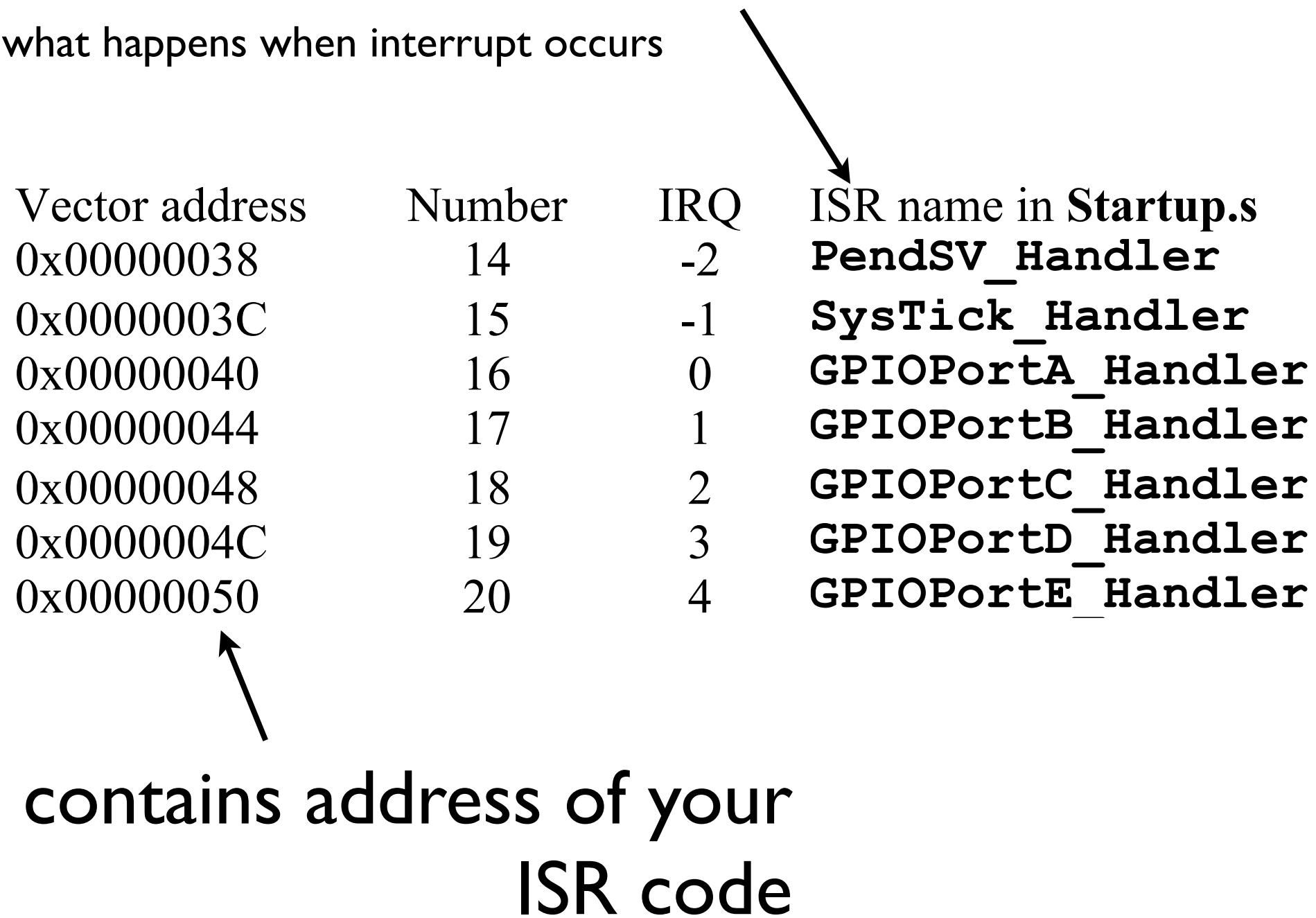
1. push state onto stack
2. uC looks up address of routine associated with that interrupt
3. PC set to that routine
4. routine finishes: original state restored

1--4 happens automatically  
(less work for us)

# some interrupt sources

## interrupt service routines (ISR)

what happens when interrupt occurs

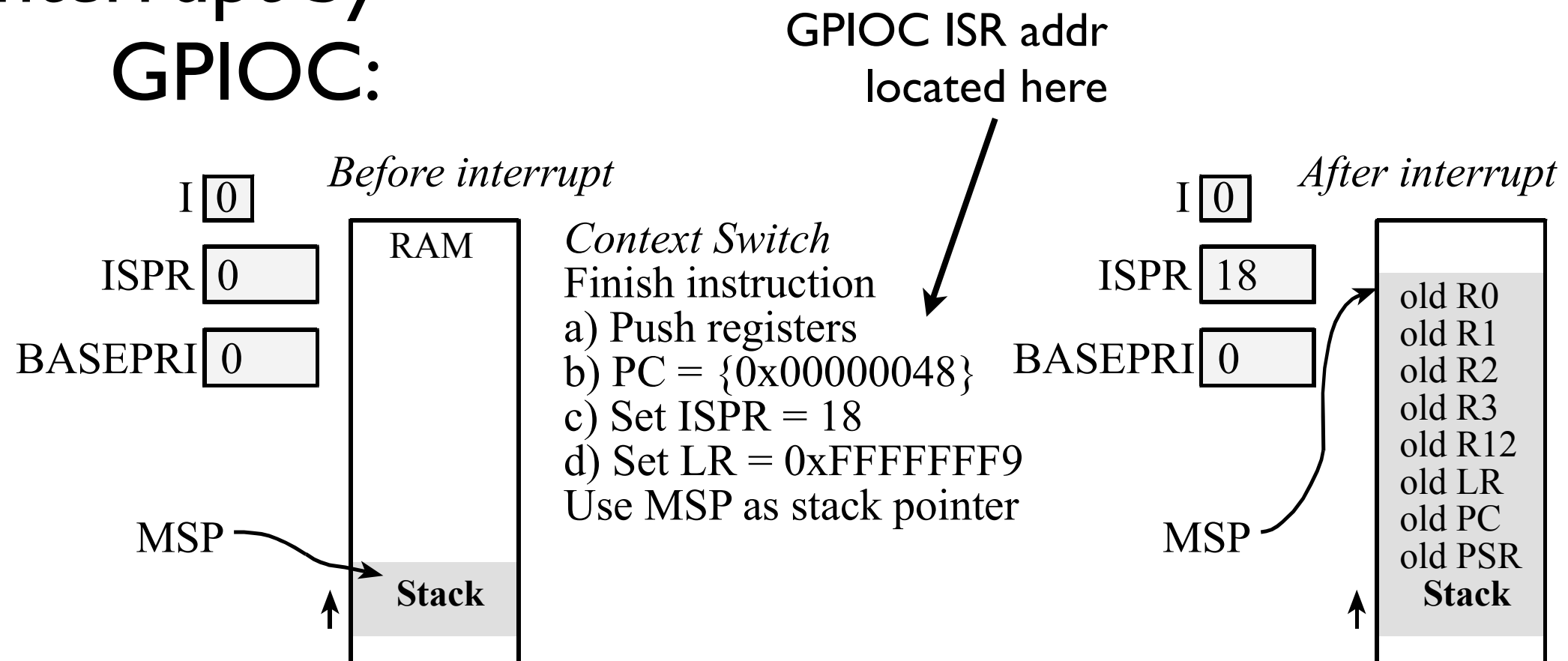


Vector address	Number	IRQ	ISR name in <b>Startup.s</b>
0x00000038	14	-2	<b>PendSV_Handler</b>
0x0000003C	15	-1	<b>SysTick_Handler</b>
0x00000040	16	0	<b>GPIOPortA_Handler</b>
0x00000044	17	1	<b>GPIOPortB_Handler</b>
0x00000048	18	2	<b>GPIOPortC_Handler</b>
0x0000004C	19	3	<b>GPIOPortD_Handler</b>
0x00000050	20	4	<b>GPIOPortE_Handler</b>

contains address of your  
ISR code

# context (state) switch

for interrupt by  
GPIOC:



end of interrupt service routine

(ISR): bx lr

set to 0xF...F9  
(by uC)

causes registers to be popped off