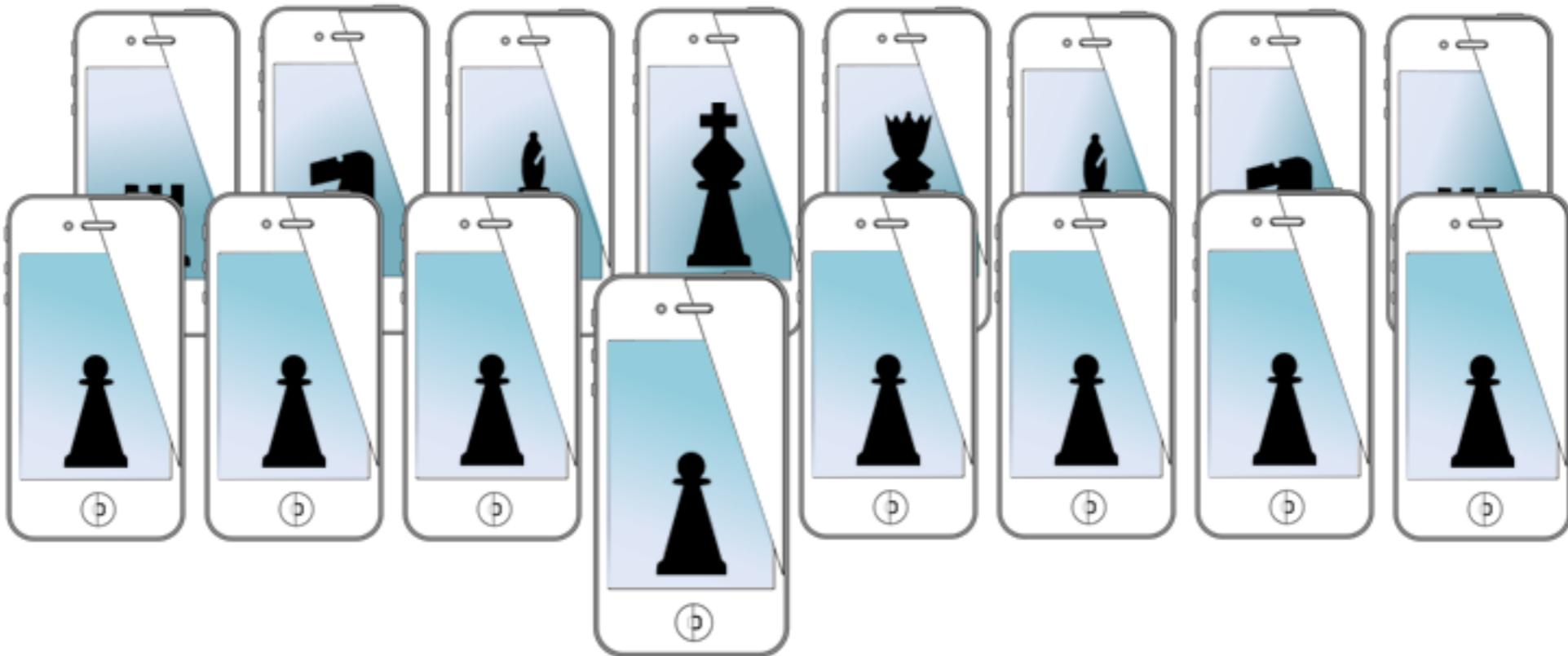


# MOBILE SENSING LEARNING & CONTROL



## CSE5323 & 7323

Mobile Sensing, Learning, and Control

lecture fourteen: microcontroller basics

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# course logistics

- A3 grades have been up for most of the break
- A4 is due this Friday!

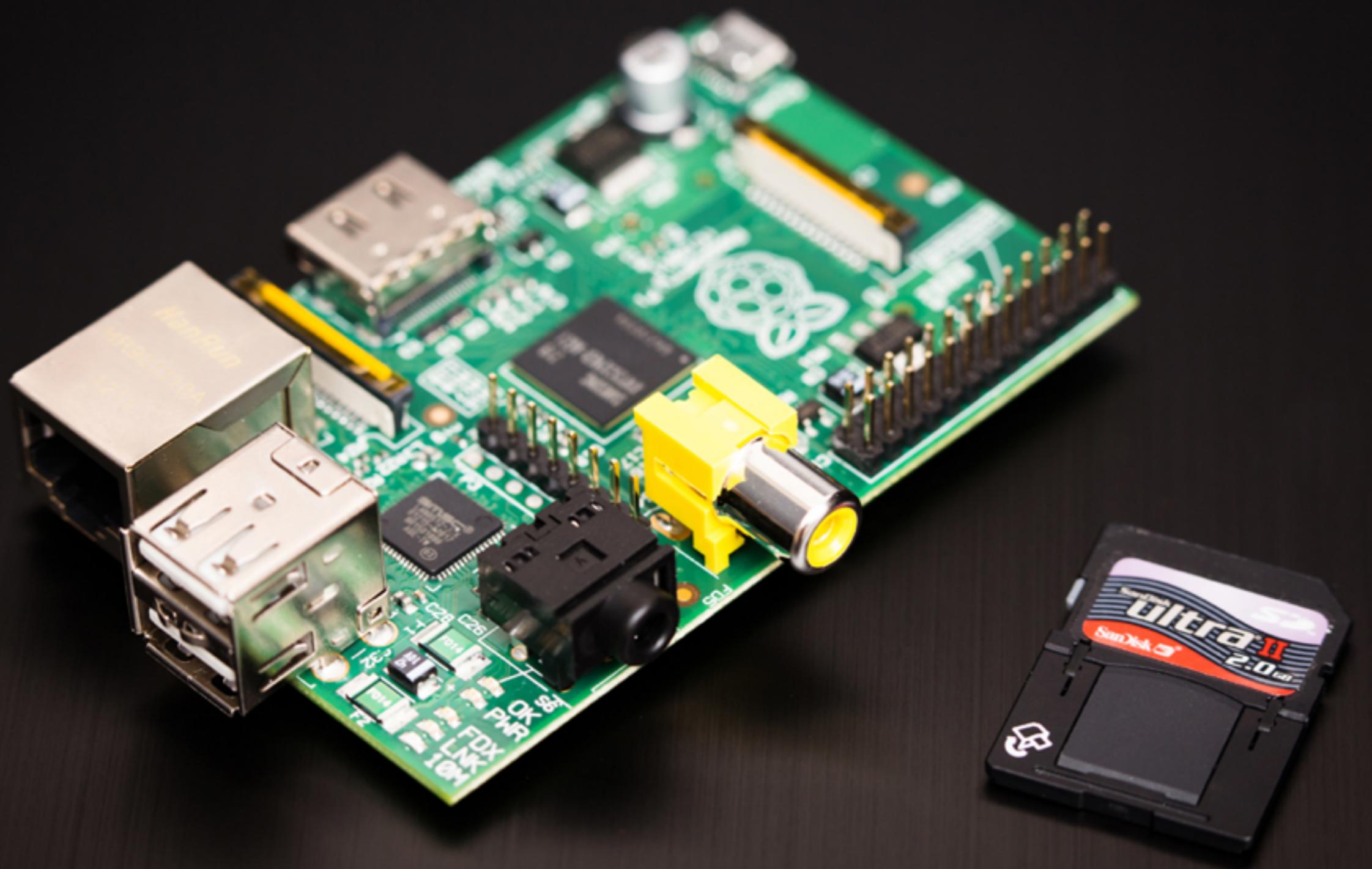
# agenda

- microcontrollers
  - architecture
  - peripherals
  - common usage
- Arduino sketches
  - the Atmega328

# embedded systems

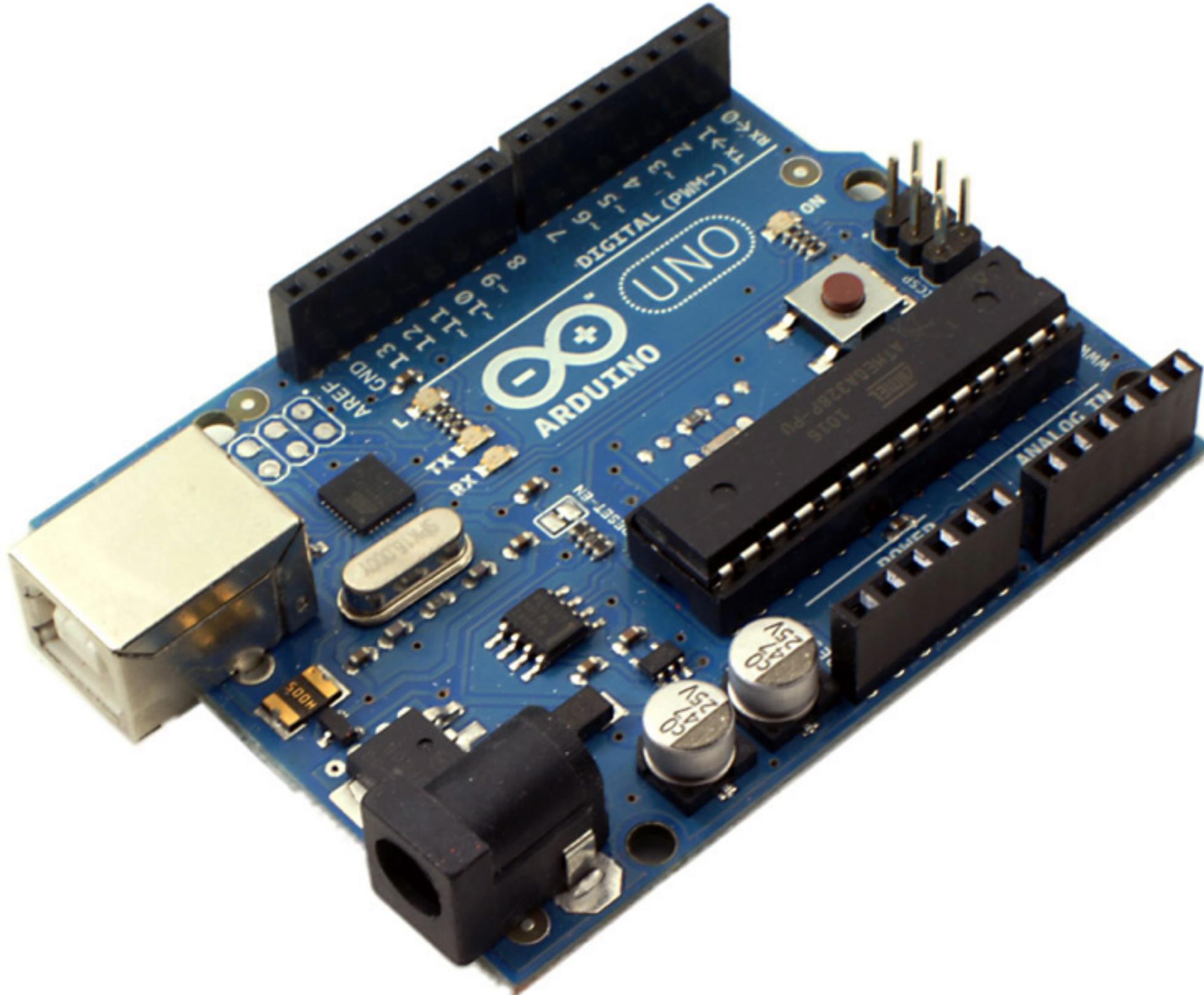
- cameras
- microcontrollers
- FPGAs
- internet of things
- many, many, things

embedded system: a computer system with a dedicated function within a larger mechanical or electrical system, often with real-time computing constraints





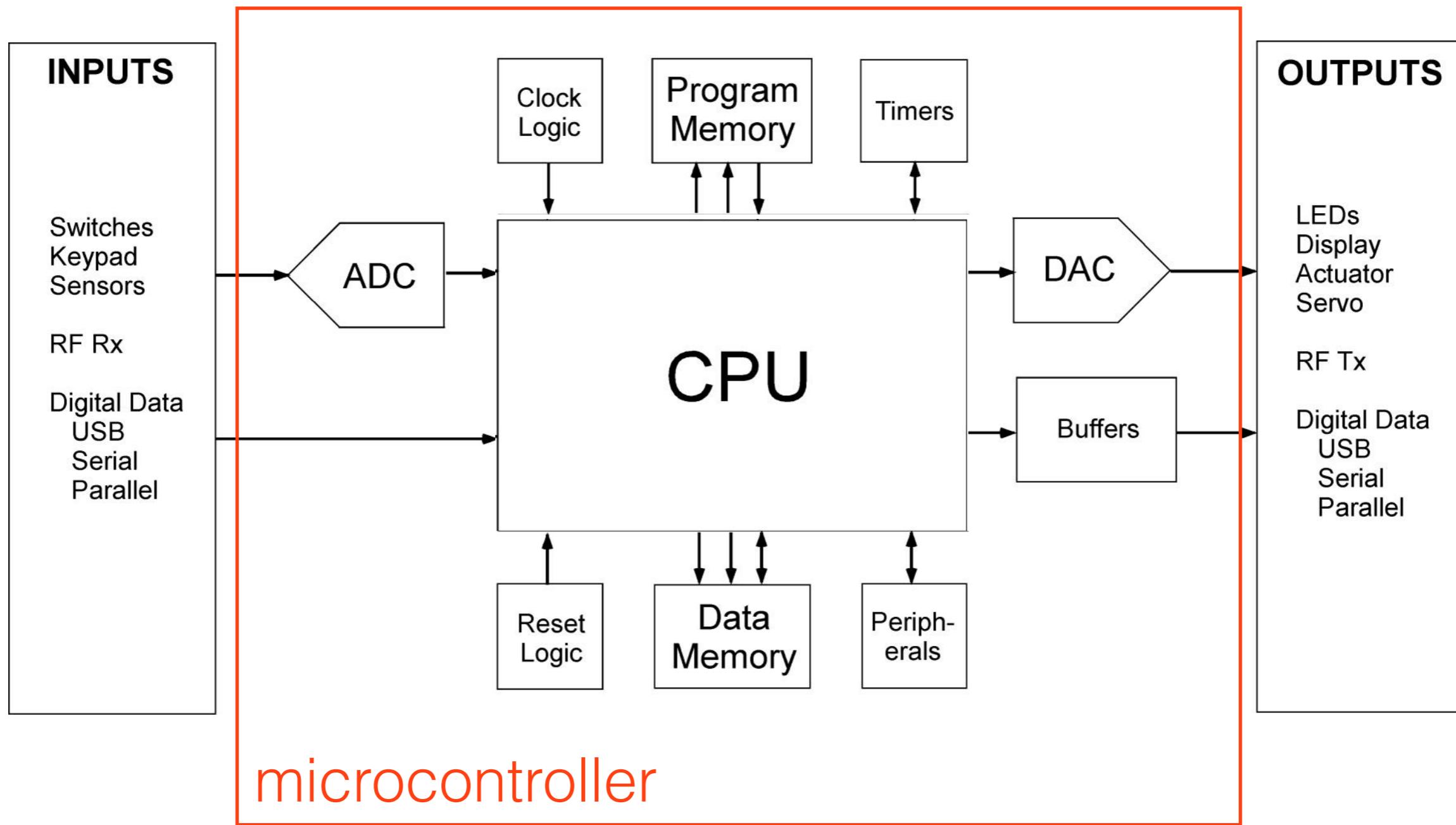




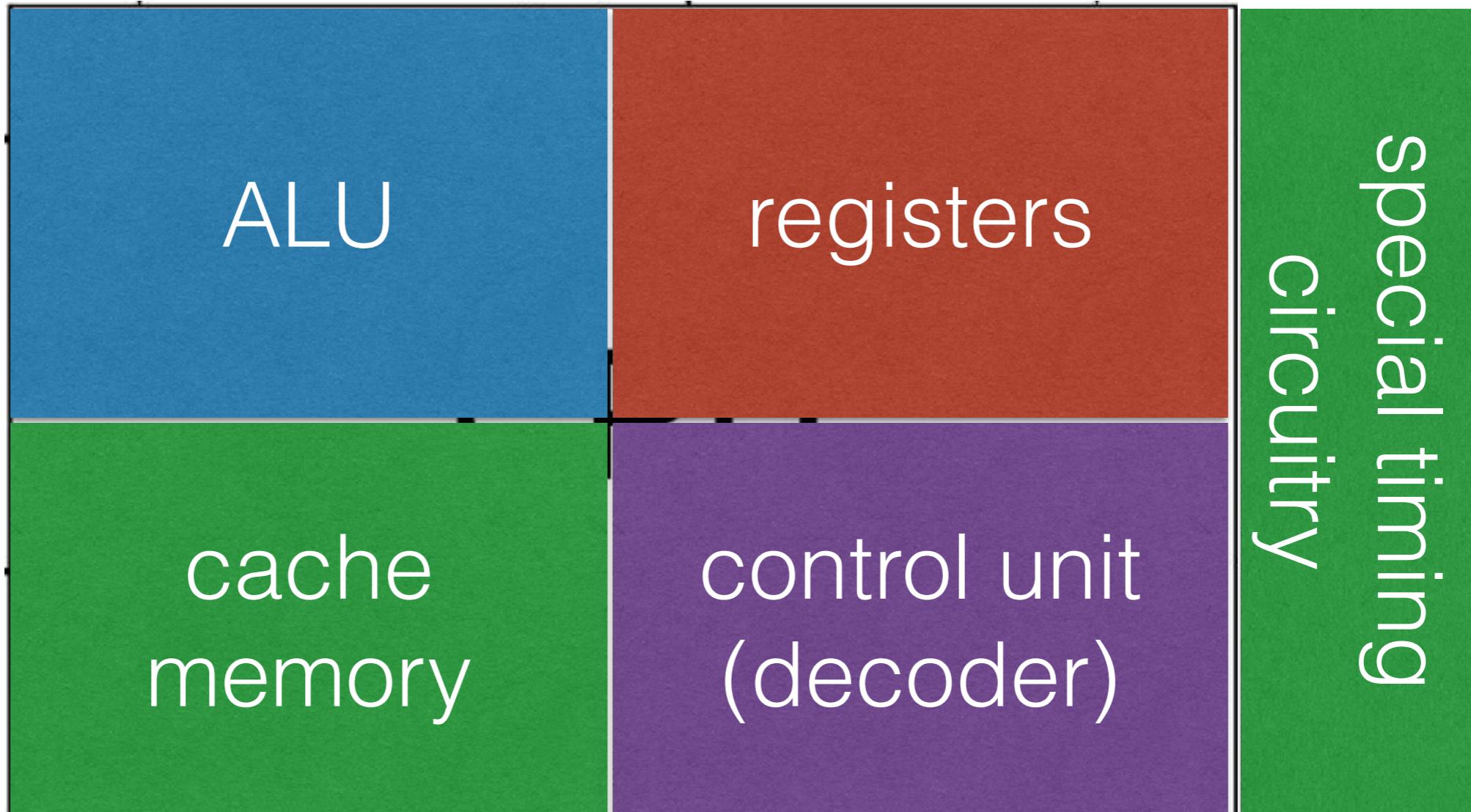


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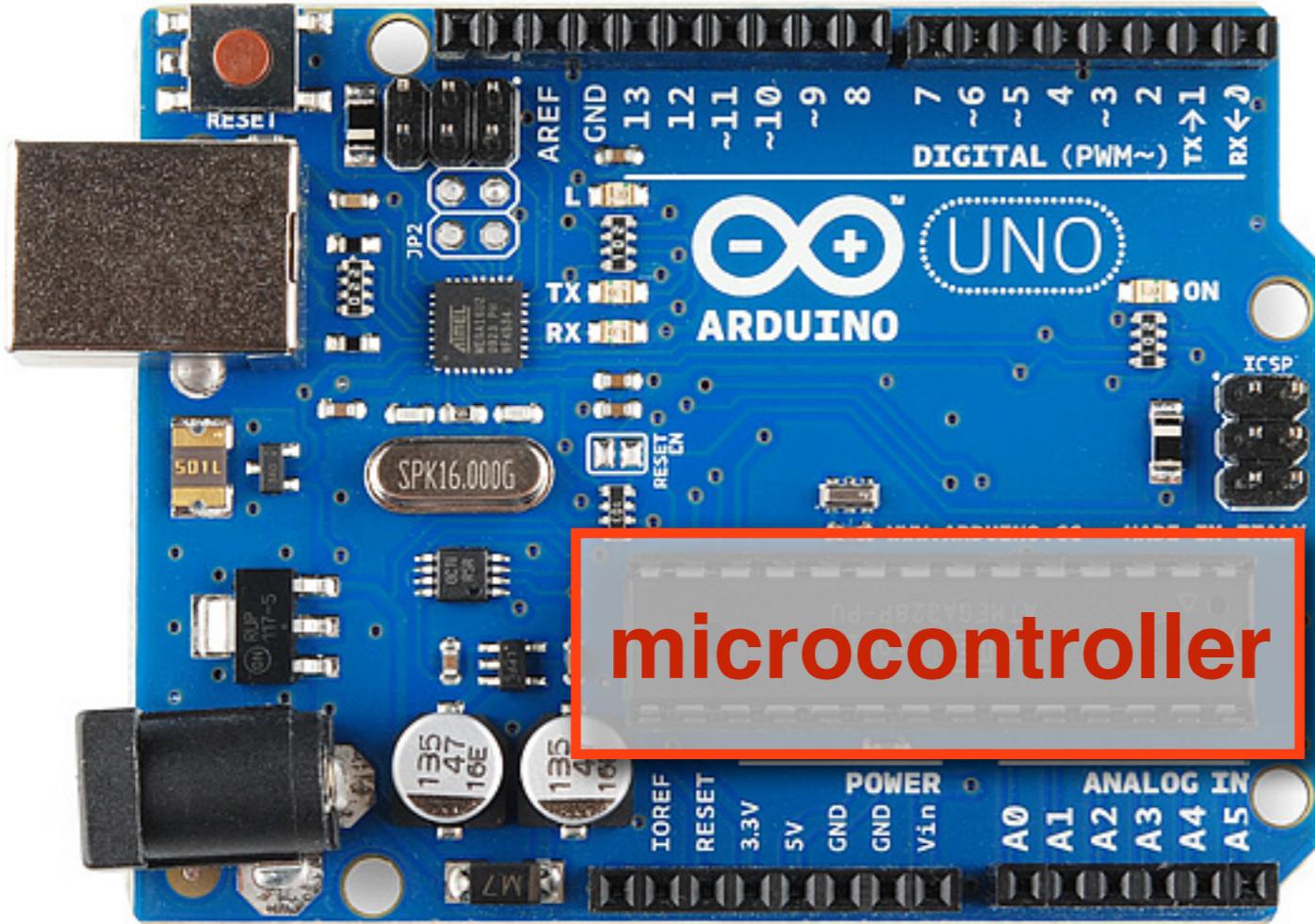


# microcontroller



MCU

# microcontroller



- Atmega328
  - 16MHz
  - 16 bit ALU
  - 2KB SRAM
  - 32KB flash
  - 1KB EEPROM
  - 14 GPIO (6 PWM)
  - 6 analog inputs
  - hardware serial, TTL
  - hardware SPI

excellent tutorials:

<http://www.adafruit.com/category/17>

# arduino sketch

- write in c
- use arduino functions

```
Blink
/*
Blink
Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.

This example code is in the public domain.
*/

// Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards.
// give it a name:
int led = 13;

// the setup routine runs once when you press reset:
void setup() {
    // initialize the digital pin as an output.
    pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(led, HIGH);      // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
    delay(1000);                // wait for a second
    digitalWrite(led, LOW);     // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
    delay(1000);                // wait for a second
}
```

called on startup or  
reset

run forever

# arduino serial comm

- really, really simple
- the Rx and Tx are on pins 0 and 1

```
Serial.begin(9600);
```

baud rate  
9600 pulses/sec

```
float resistance;
```

send a float!

```
Serial.print(resistance);
```

```
Serial.print(" kohms\n");
```

send a string!

# atmega CPU

small ALU (8-16 bit typical)

RISC (simple instruction set)

harvard architecture (separate program and data memory)

pipelined load-store architecture (read/write from registers)

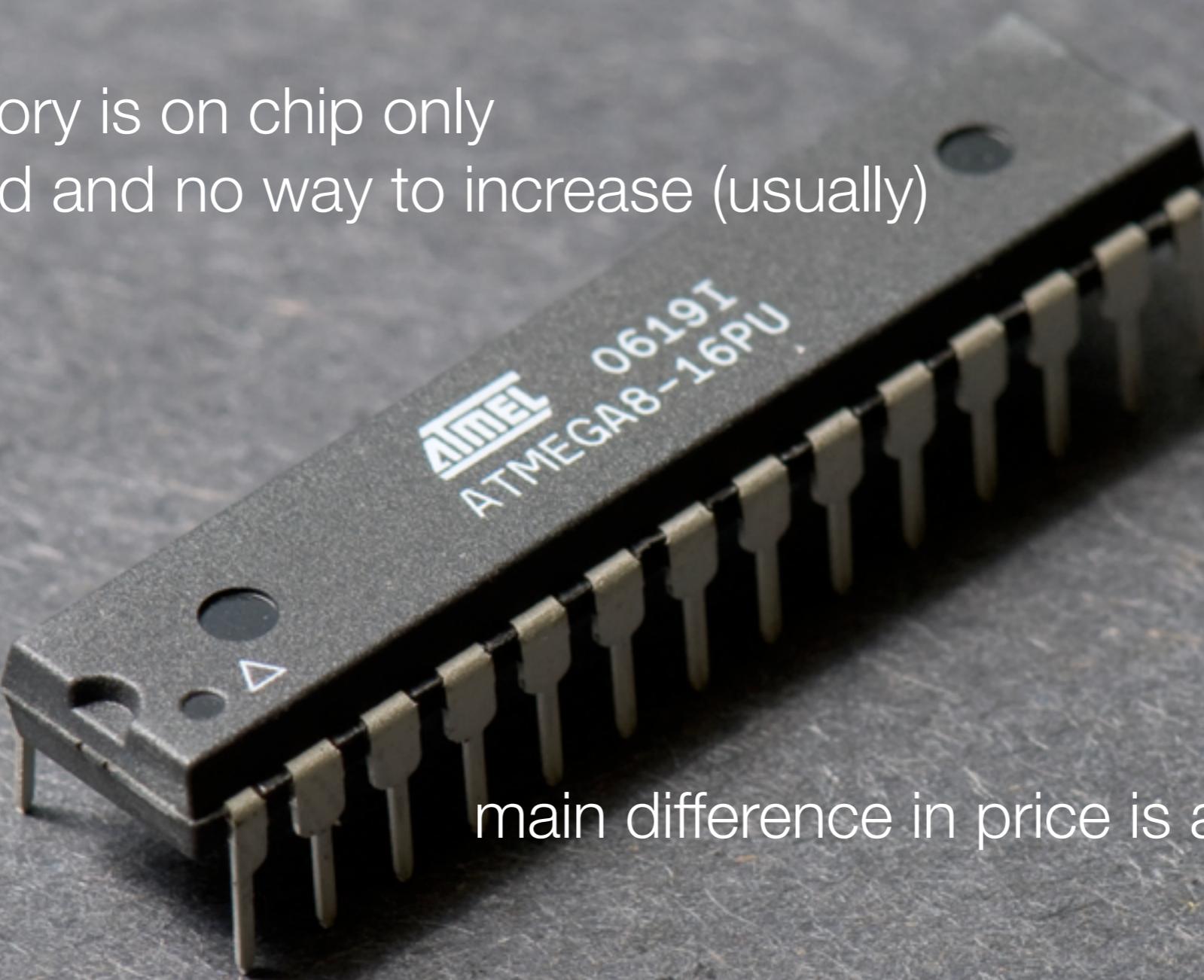
low clock speeds (8-32 MHz)



optimized for low-level compilers like C  
typically no OS is used (sometimes RTOS)

# atmega memory

memory is on chip only  
limited and no way to increase (usually)



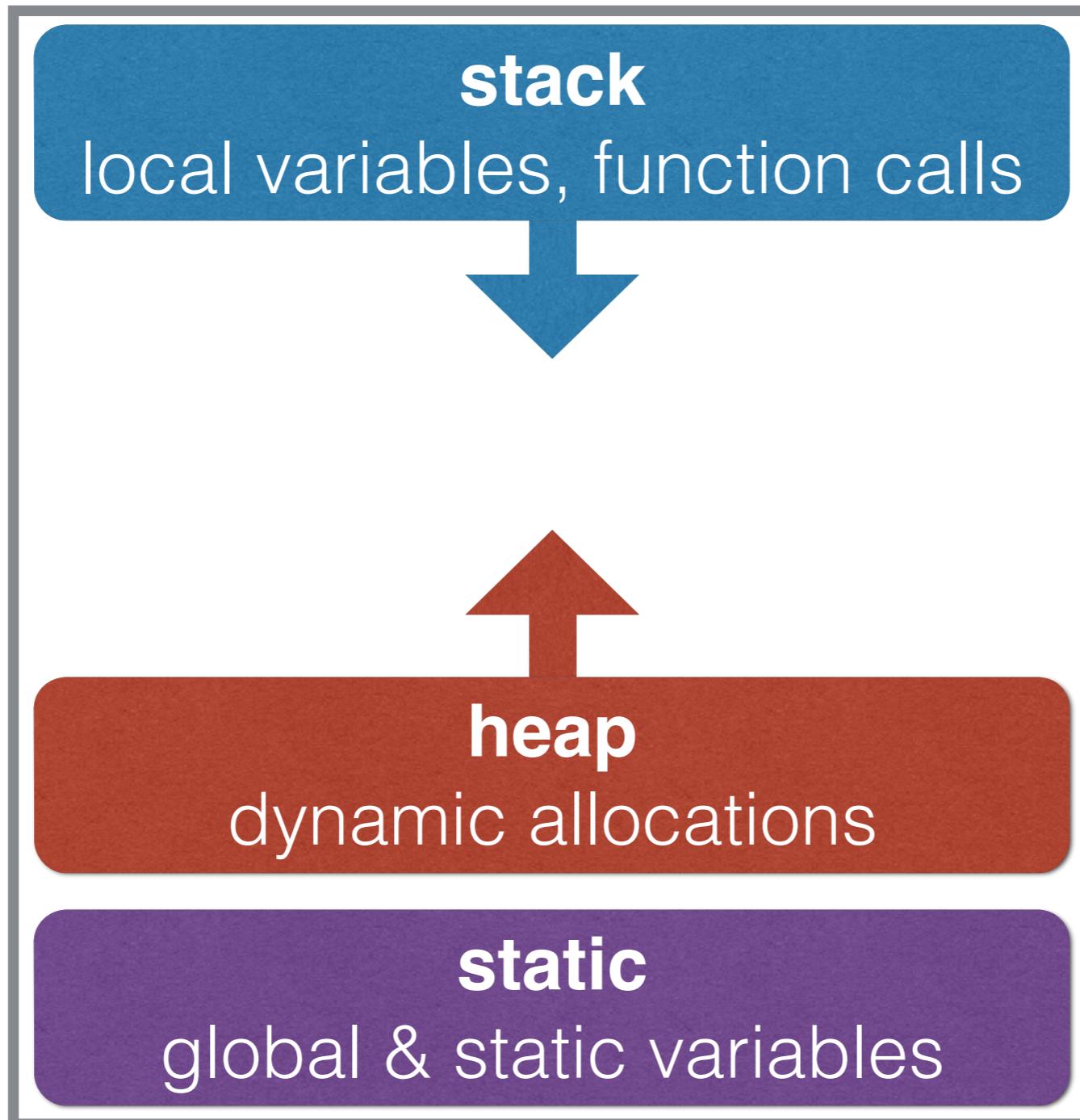
main difference in price is available memory

# atmega memory

- three memory spaces
- volatile
  - SRAM
- non-volatile
  - EEPROM
  - flash (program memory)

# atmega SRAM

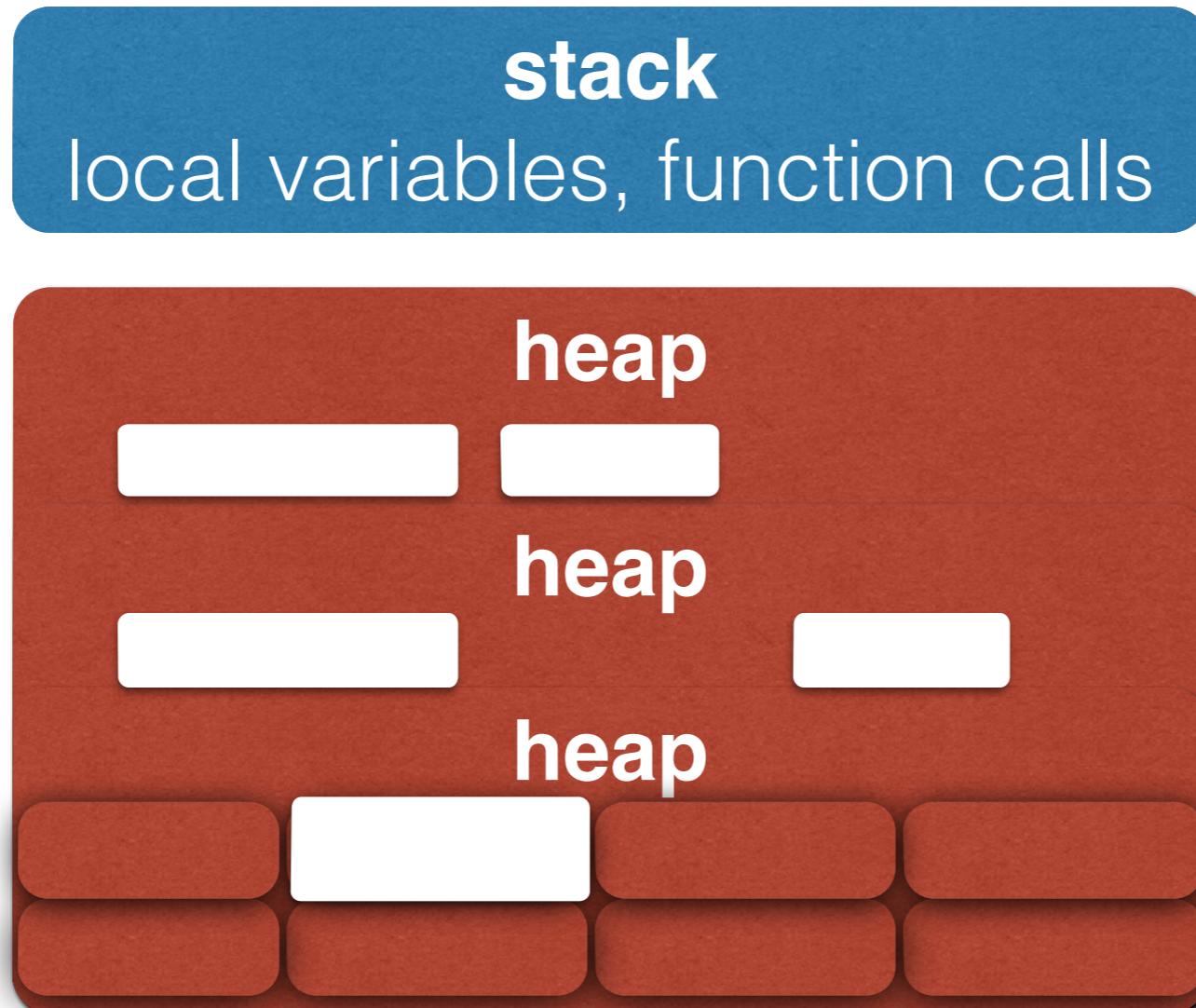
- SRAM divided into three areas





# easy to do

- fragmented memory in the heap
  - it not an OS, garbage collection is VERY primitive





# atmega SRAM

- guidelines to avoid fragmentation

```
int tmpSensorData[512];
int *moreSensorData;

// the setup routine runs once when you press reset:
void setup() {
    moreSensorData = (int*)malloc(512);
}

// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
    int f = analogRead(1);

}
```

ased

# atmega non-volatile

- EEPROM
  - electronically erasable programmable memory
  - stays in memory when power turns off
  - good for saving a “state”
  - infinite number of reads
  - ~100,000 writes / erases
  - one write takes ~3.3ms, per byte

# atmega non-volatile

## eprom\_write §

```
* turned off and may be retrieved later by another sketch.  
*/  
  
#include <EEPROM.h>  
int addr = 0;  
void setup()  
{  
}  
void loop()  
{  
    // value from 0 to 255.  
    int val = analogRead(0) / 4;  
  
    // write the value to the appropriate byte of the EEPROM.  
    EEPROM.write(addr, val);  
  
    // advance to the next address. there are 512 bytes in  
    // the EEPROM, so go back to 0 when we hit 512.  
    addr = addr + 1;  
    if (addr == 512)  
        addr = 0;  
  
    delay(100);  
  
    byte value = EEPROM.read(addr);  
}
```

write a byte to  
“address”, 0-511

read a byte from  
“address”

# atmega non-volatile

- program memory (flash)
  - where your code instructions are saved
  - flash memory
  - great for variables that do not change
    - like strings!
    - not stored in the SRAM until copied over

```

#include <avr/pgmspace.h>

// save some unsigned ints
PROGMEM prog_uint16_t charSet[] = { 8400, 77, 42};

// save some chars
PROGMEM prog_uchar signMessage[] = {"PROGRAM MEMORY STRING"};

unsigned int displayInt;
int k; // counter variable
char myChar;

// read back a 2-byte int
displayInt = pgm_read_word_near(charSet + k)

// read back a char
myChar = pgm_read_byte_near(signMessage + k);

for (int i = 0; i < 6; i++)
{
    strcpy_P(buffer, (char*)pgm_read_word(&(string_table[i]))); // copy
    Serial.println( buffer );
    delay( 500 );
}

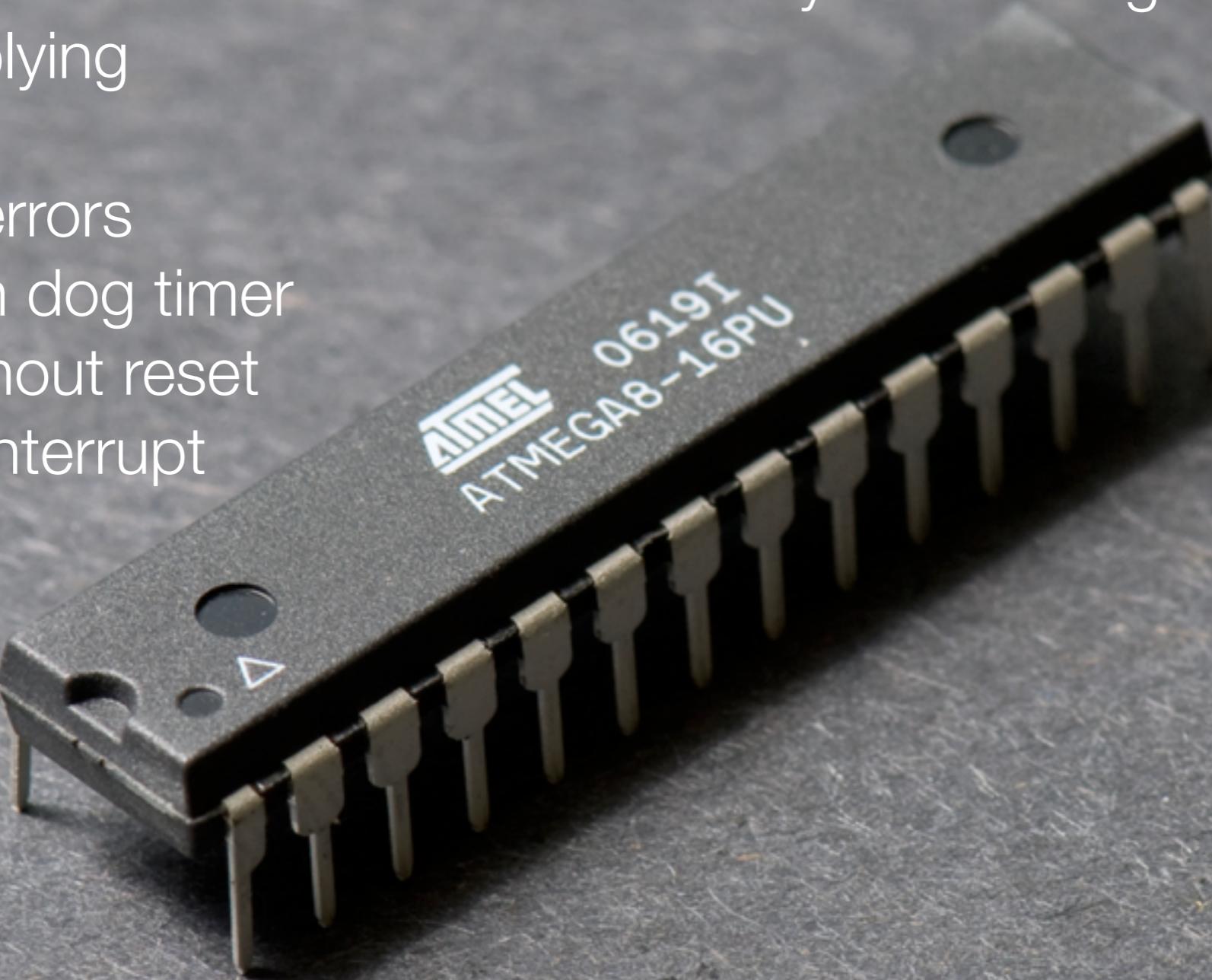
```

<http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/PROGMEM#.UyKZIdztJg0>

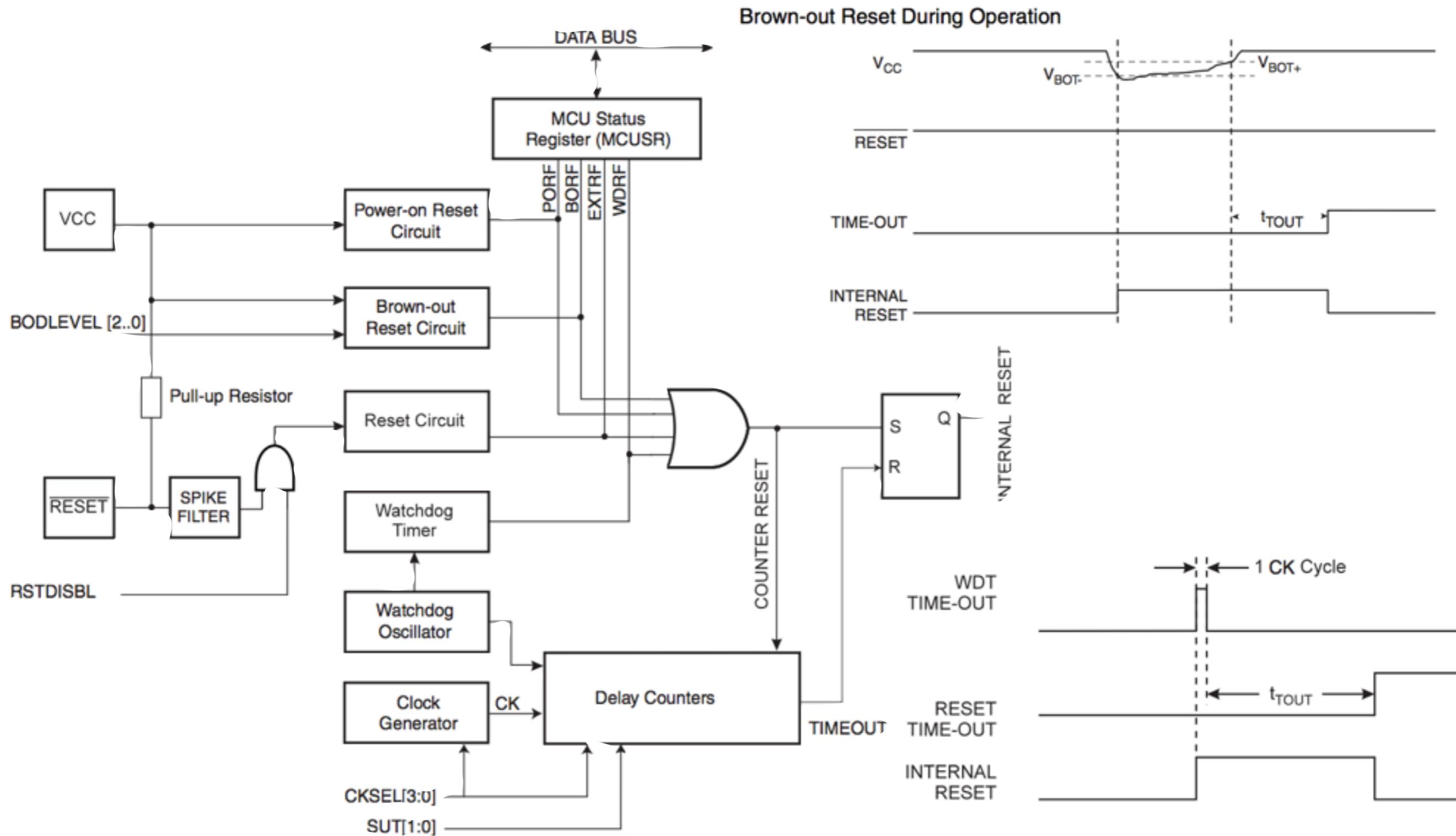
# atmega osc & reset

oscillator is the clock to everything  
external or internal with various ways of dividing down or  
multiplying

reset for errors  
watch dog timer  
brownout reset  
reset via interrupt



# atmega reset



# watch dog timer

- enable or disable

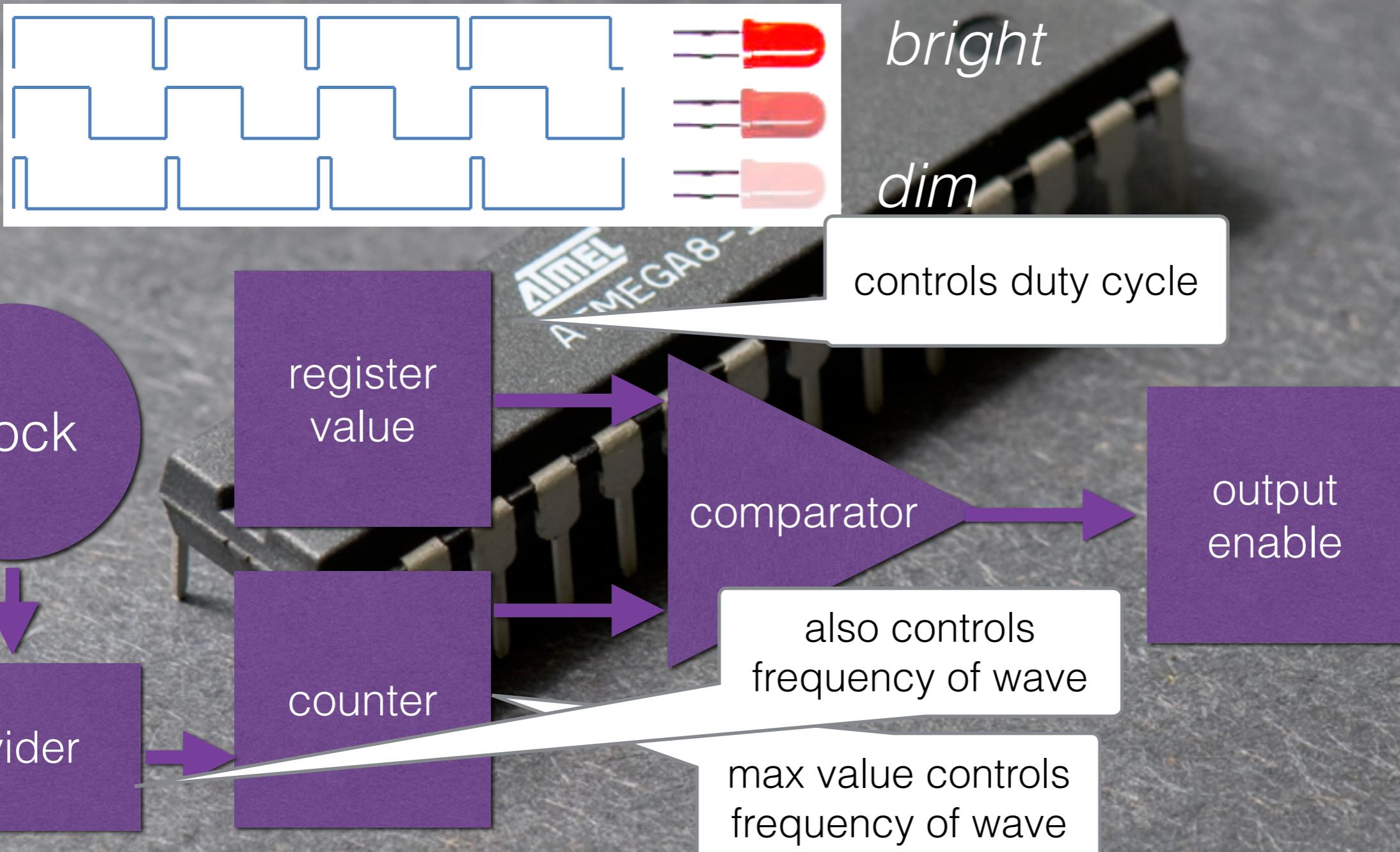
```
if(USE_WDT==1)
    wdt_enable(WDTO_8S); // watch dog set at 8 seconds, don't go much lower
else
    wdt_disable();
```

- must set back to zero periodically or reset occurs

```
void SW_ISR() {
    // if you do not interrupt the WDT, then the board will reset
    wdt_reset();
}
```

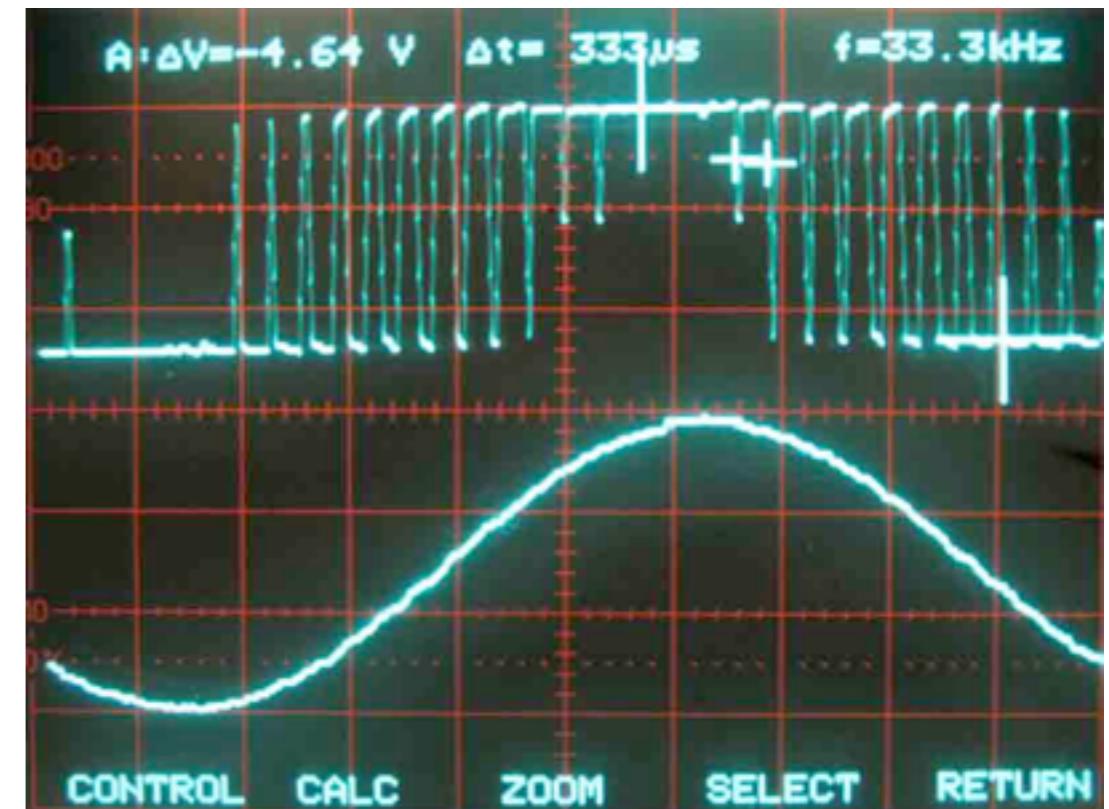
# timers

WDT, real-time clock,  
pulse width modulation: square wave output



# PWM

- servo control and motor control
  - width of pulse matters
- digital to analog conversion
  - smooth a square wave
- LED brightness control
  - “duty cycle” matters



```
ledBrightness += delta; // change brightness setting  
analogWrite(LED_PWM, ledBrightness); // set new brightness
```

pin to write to  
( must be PWM)

value to write (0-255)

# PWM

change in  
duty cycle

PWM

after  
low pass  
filter

15% 35% 75% 95% 100%  
10% 25% 50% 85% 99%



```
/* mainloop - runs forever */
void loop() {
    for(int analogValue = 0; analogValue<255; analogValue++){
        analogWrite(1,analogValue);
        delay(10);
    }
    for(int analogValue = 254; analogValue>0; analogValue--){
        analogWrite(1,analogValue);
        delay(10);
    }
}
```

what would this do?

normal PWM:  
constant  
duty cycle

this example:  
time varying  
duty cycle

# PWM with registers

- registers control most peripherals on a uC

```
pinMode(3, OUTPUT);  
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
```

in this register

```
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
```

```
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
```

```
OCR2A = 200;
```

```
OCR2B = 120;
```

set bit with  
this name

**TCCR2A – Timer/Counter Control Register A**

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0xB0)	COM2A1	COM2A0	COM2B1	COM2B0	-	-	WGM21	WGM20	<b>TCCR2A</b>
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R	R	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**TCCR2B – Timer/Counter Control Register B**

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0xB1)	FOC2A	FOC2B	-	-	WGM22	CS22	CS21	CS20	<b>TCCR2B</b>
Read/Write	W	W	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

# PWM with registers

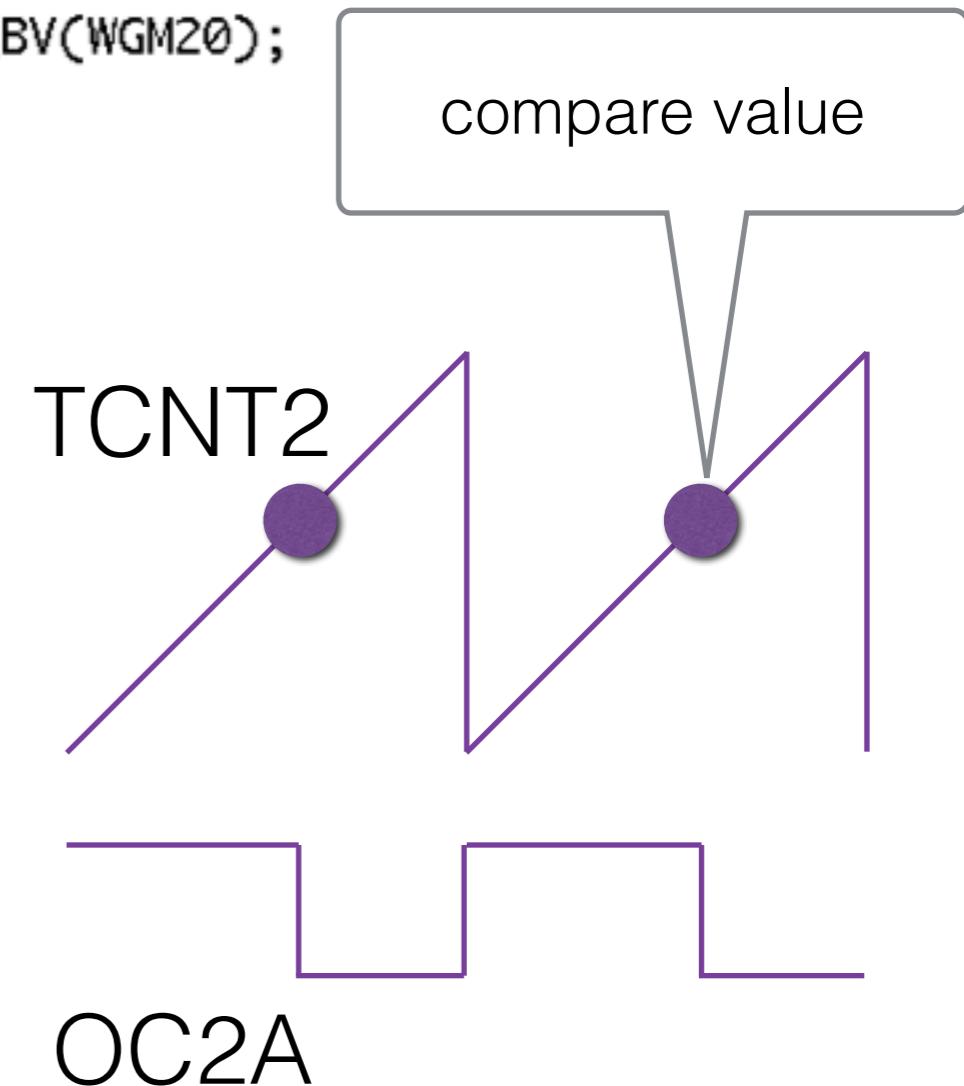
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```
pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
OCR2B = 120;
```

compare value

Table 18-4. Compare Output Mode, Phase Correct PWM Mode<sup>(1)</sup>

COM2A1	COM2A0	Description
0	1	WGM22 = 0: Normal Port Operation, OC2A Disconnected. WGM22 = 1: Toggle OC2A on Compare Match.
1	0	Clear OC2A on Compare Match when up-counting. Set OC2A on Compare Match when down-counting.
1	1	Set OC2A on Compare Match when up-counting. Clear OC2A on Compare Match when down-counting.



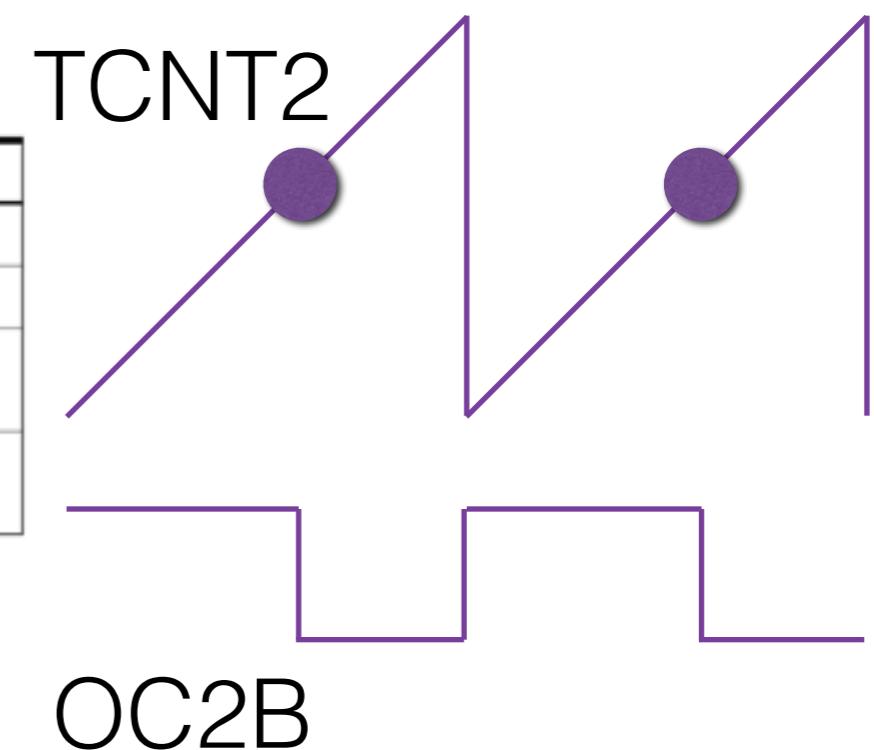
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TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
OCR2B = 120;
```

Table 18-6. Compare Output Mode, Fast PWM Mode<sup>(1)</sup>

COM2B1	COM2B0	Description
0	0	Normal port operation, OC2B disconnected.
0	1	Reserved
1	0	Clear OC2B on Compare Match, set OC2B at BOTTOM, (non-inverting mode).
1	1	Set OC2B on Compare Match, clear OC2B at BOTTOM, (inverting mode).



# PWM with registers

- registers control most peripherals on a uC

```
pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
OCR2B = 120;
```

Table 18-8. Waveform Generation Mode Bit Description

Mode	WGM22	WGM21	WGM20	Timer/Counter Mode of Operation	TOP	Update of OCR <sub>x</sub> at	TOV Flag Set on <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
0	0	0	0	Normal	0xFF	Immediate	MAX
1	0	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct	0xFF	TOP	BOTTOM
2	0	1	0	CTC	OCRA	Immediate	MAX
3	0	1	1	Fast PWM	0xFF	BOTTOM	MAX
4	1	0	0	Reserved	-	-	-
5	1	0	1	PWM, Phase Correct	OCRA	TOP	BOTTOM
6	1	1	0	Reserved	-	-	-
7	1	1	1	Fast PWM	OCRA	BOTTOM	TOP

# PWM with registers

- registers control most peripherals on a uC

```
pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
OCR2B = 120;
```

Table 18-9. Clock Select Bit Description

CS22	CS21	CS20	Description
0	0	0	No clock source (Timer/Counter stopped).
0	0	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{T2S}}/(\text{No prescaling})$
0	1	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{T2S}}/8$ (From prescaler)
0	1	1	$\text{clk}_{\text{T2S}}/32$ (From prescaler)
1	0	0	$\text{clk}_{\text{T2S}}/64$ (From prescaler)

two outputs at  $16\text{MHz} / 64 / 256 = 976.5625\text{Hz}$

# PWM with registers

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pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
OCR2B = 120;
```

## OCR2A – Output Compare Register A

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0xB3)	OCR2A[7:0]								OCR2A
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The Output Compare Register A contains an 8-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNT2). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OC2A pin.

## OCR2B – Output Compare Register B

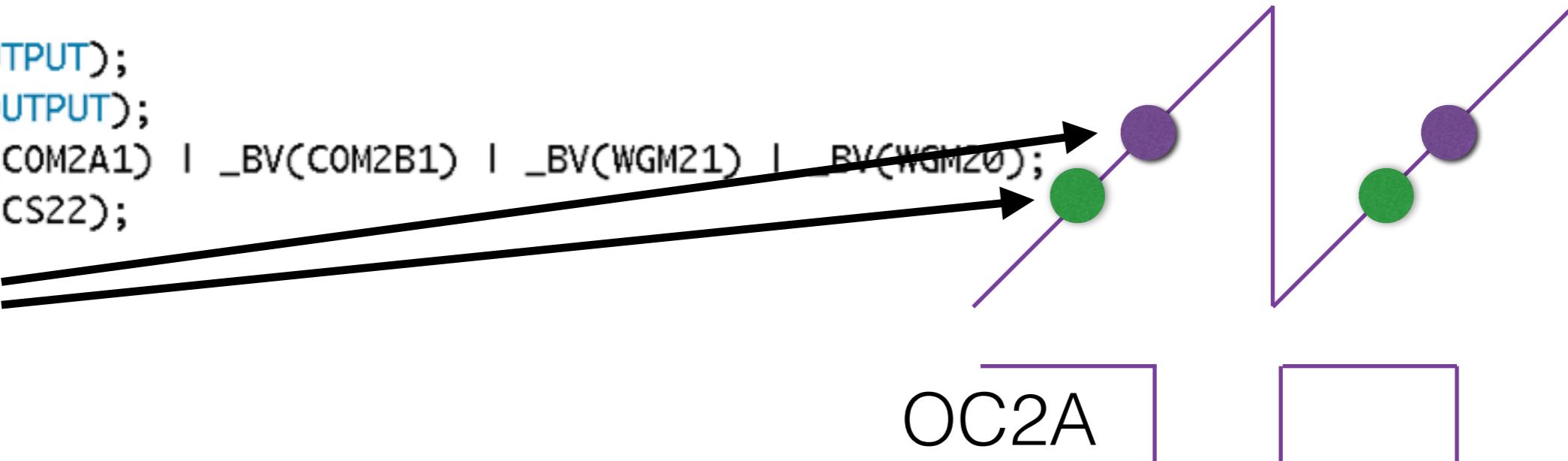
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
(0xB4)	OCR2B[7:0]								OCR2B
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The Output Compare Register B contains an 8-bit value that is continuously compared with the counter value (TCNT2). A match can be used to generate an Output Compare interrupt, or to generate a waveform output on the OC2B pin.

# PWM with registers

- registers control most peripherals on a uC

```
pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
TCCR2A = _BV(COM2A1) | _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
TCCR2B = _BV(CS22);
OCR2A = 200;
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```



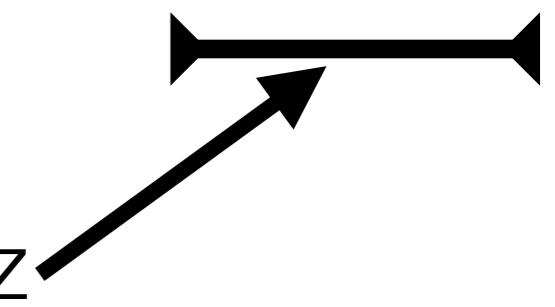
duty cycle of OC2A (pin 3) =  $200/256 = 78\%$



duty cycle of OC2B (pin 11) =  $120/256 = 47\%$



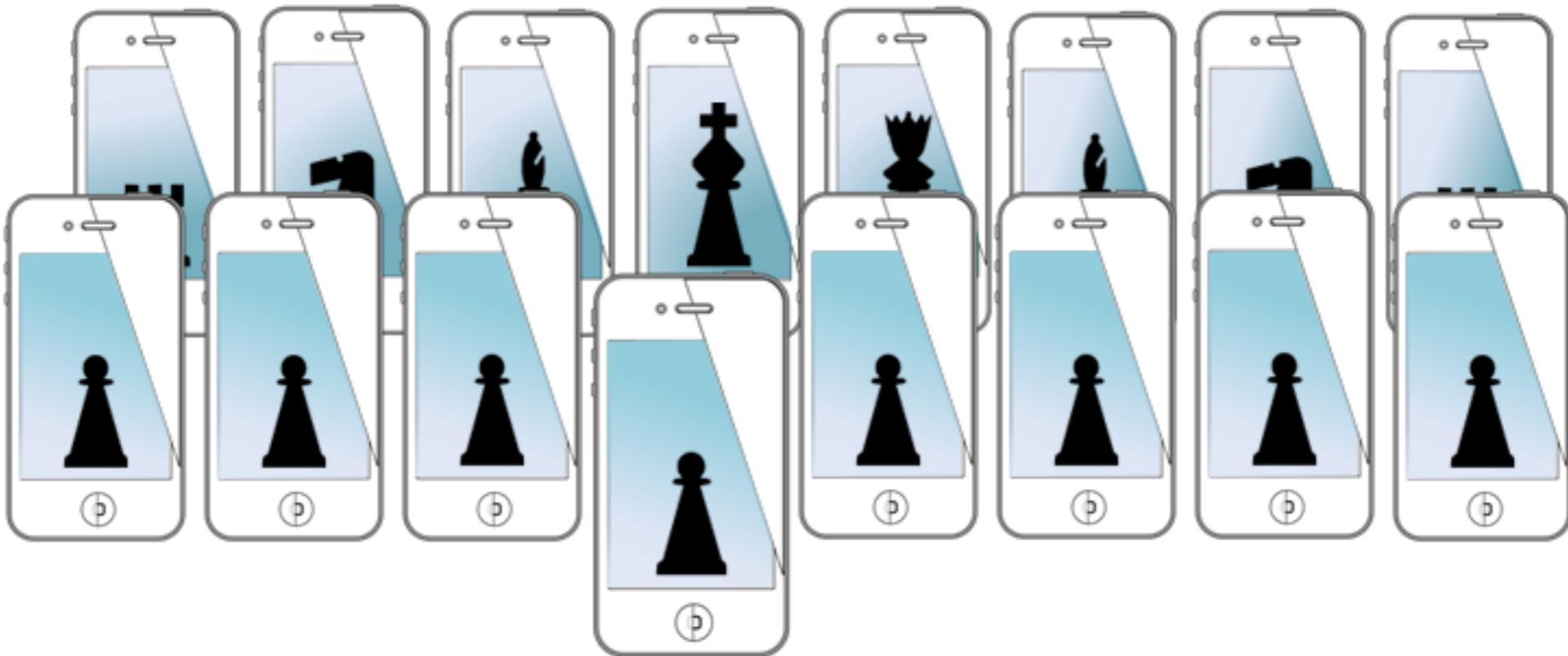
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# for next time...

- sensors and more control
- arduino shields
- blue tooth communication

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