

# Development Boards

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# What is (and isn't) a Microcontroller ( $\mu$ C)

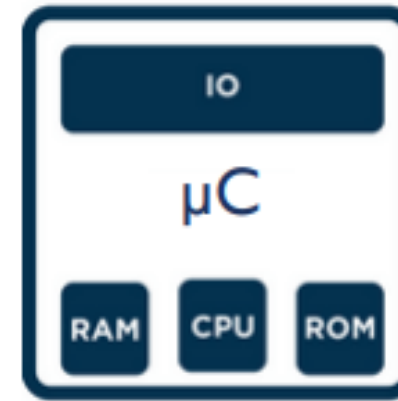
- A  $\mu$ C is a small, self-contained computer that is housed on a single integrated circuit, or microchip.
- They differ from your desktop computer in that they are typically dedicated to a single function, and are most often embedded in other devices (e.g. mobile phones; household electronics).
- A  $\mu$ C is an Integrated Circuit (IC) device used for controlling other portions of an electronic system
- These devices are optimized for embedded applications that require both processing functionality and agile, responsive interaction with digital, analogue, or electromechanical components.

## What is (and isn't) a Microcontroller ( $\mu$ C)

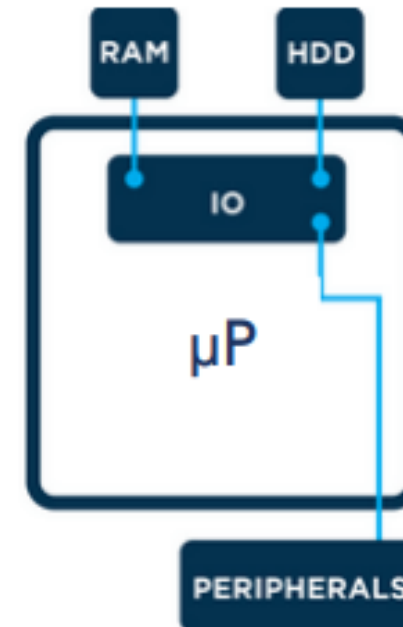
- $\mu$ C” is a well-chosen name because it emphasizes defining characteristics of this product category. The prefix “ $\mu$ ” implies smallness and the term "controller" here implies an enhanced ability to perform control functions.
- As stated above, this functionality is the result of combining a digital processor and digital memory with additional hardware that is specifically designed to help the  $\mu$ C interact with other components.

# Microcontroller vs a Microprocessor

- $\mu P$  contain only a Central Processing Unit (CPU), and therefore require added peripherals to perform tasks.
- CPU is the brain of any computer and it is the part of a computer that performs calculations, actions, and runs programs.
  - Intel Core i series, AMD



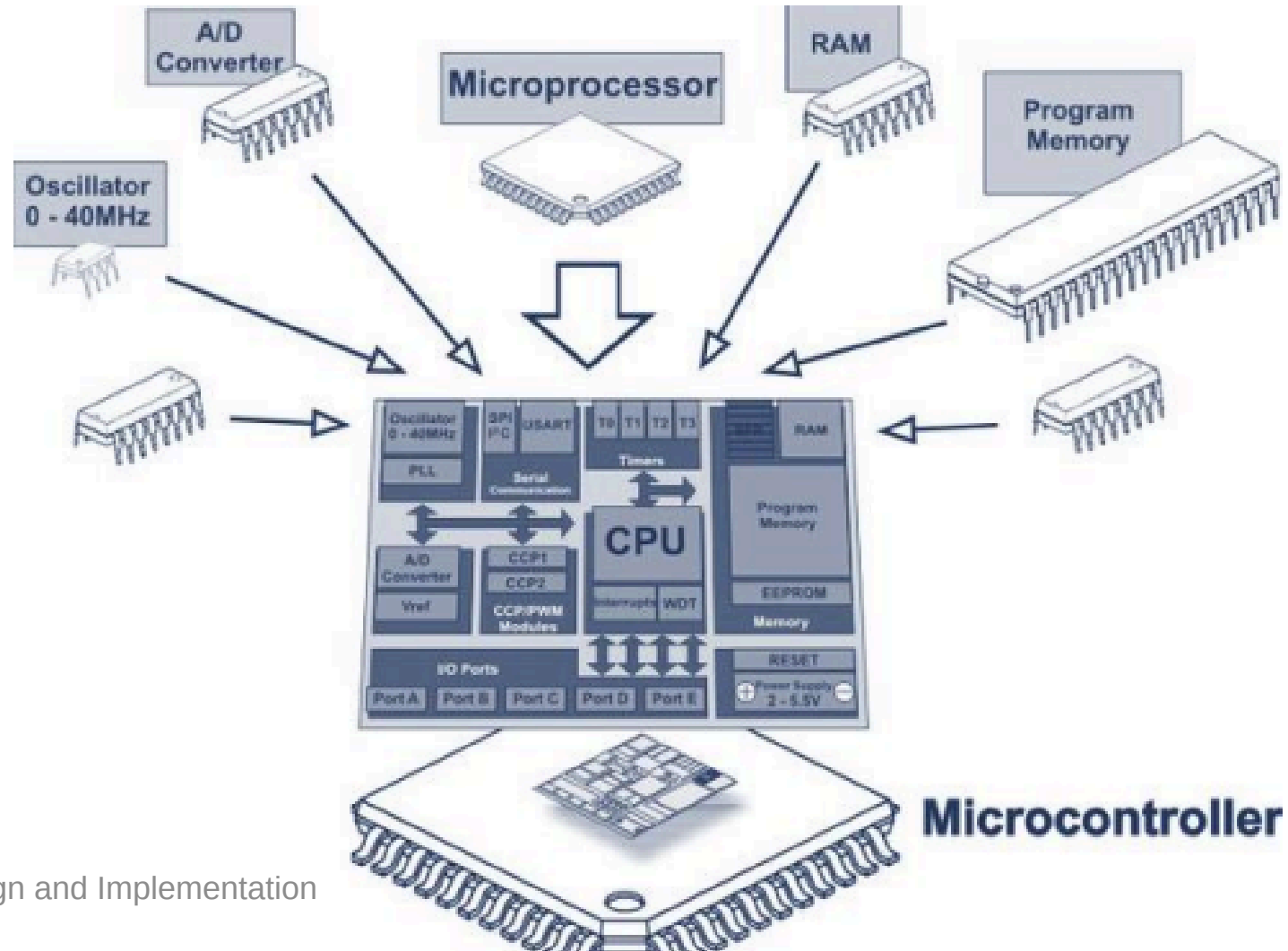
$\mu C$  vs  $\mu P$



# RAM and ROM

- $\mu$ Cs, on the other hand, contain RAM, ROM, and similar peripherals, which allow them to perform (simple) tasks independently.
- Random-Access Memory (RAM)
  - everyday tasks, such as loading applications, browsing the internet, editing a spreadsheet, or experiencing the latest game
- Read-Only Memory (ROM)
  - computer memory chips containing permanent or semi-permanent data.  
Unlike RAM, ROM is non-volatile; even after you turn off your computer, the contents of ROM will remain

# Exploded View



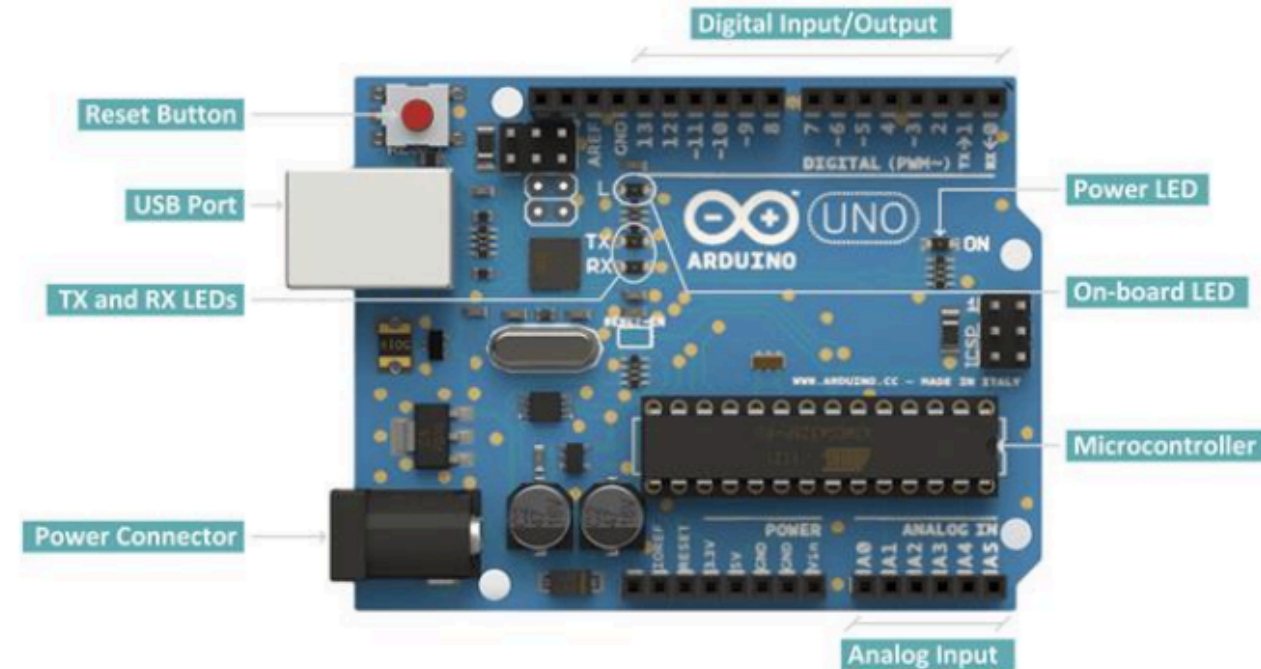
# Deployment Platforms

- Prototyping platforms
  - Arduino family -> Uno, Mega, MKR series...
  - Single board computers -> Raspberry Pi, Orange Pi, Odroid, Jetson Nano....
- Used to build physical computing projects
  - Taking information from the world around us by using inputs such as sensors and switches and responding to that information with outputs like actuators, graphical indicators, lights etc.
- Open source hardware and software
- Open source projects emphasise the importance of documentation and sharing, making the community of users a great resource for learners.

# Arduino Uno

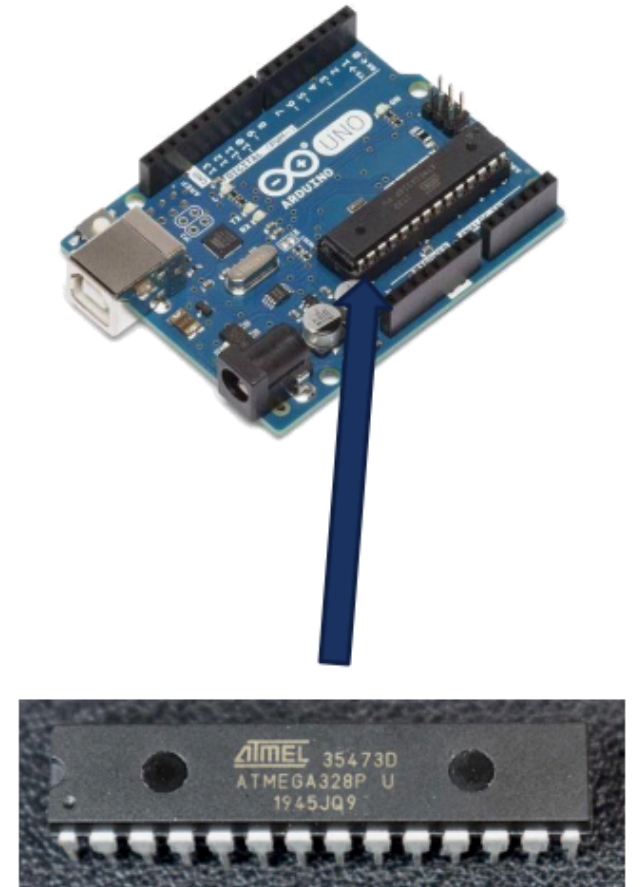
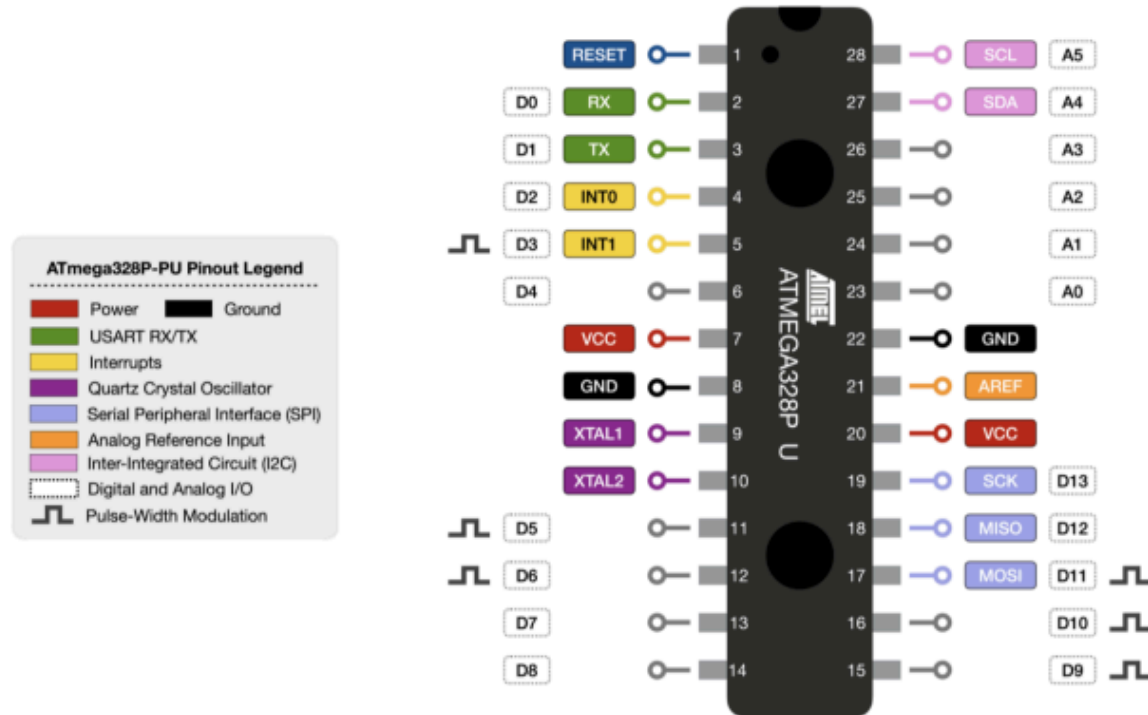
## Prototype Board from Arduino

- The Uno is a  $\mu$ C development board with an Atmega328P Chip
- 14 digital Input/Output (I/O) pins
- 6 Analogue Input pins (e.g. temperature sensors)
- 6 PWM Output pins (e.g. actuators)
- A 16 MHz quartz crystal

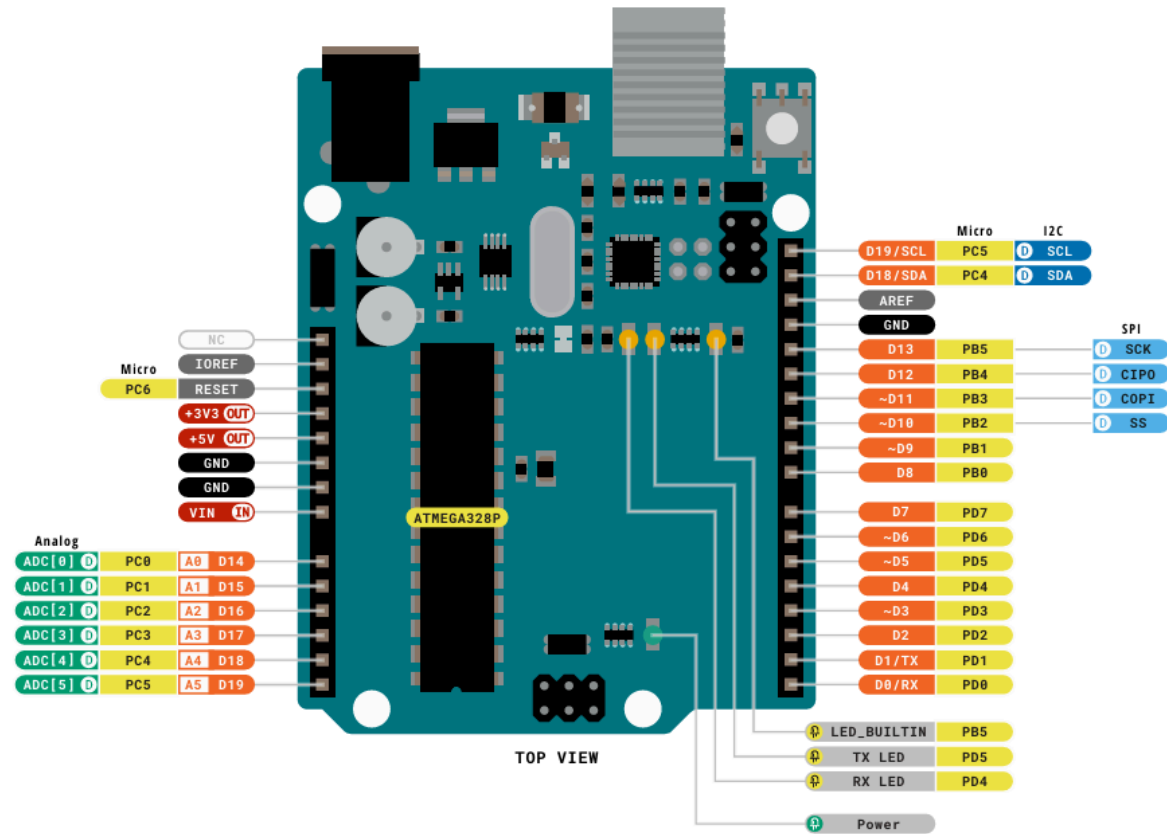




# ATmega328P Chip







#### Legend:

<span style="color: red;">■</span> Power	<span style="color: red;">IN</span> Power Input	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> GPIO Digital External	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> I2C	<span style="color: blue;">Ⓢ</span> Default	<span style="color: red;">Ⓢ</span> LED
<span style="color: grey;">■</span> Ground	<span style="color: red;">OUT</span> Power Output	<span style="color: lightorange;">■</span> Analog External	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> SPI	<span style="color: lightblue;">Ⓢ</span> Default	<span style="color: blue;">Ⓢ</span> RGB LED
		<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Main Part	<span style="color: purple;">■</span> UART/USART	<span style="color: purple;">Ⓢ</span> Default	<span style="color: grey;">■</span> Other
		<span style="color: brown;">■</span> Secondary Part	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Other SERIAL Communication	<span style="color: green;">Ⓢ</span> Default	
		<span style="color: grey;">■</span> Internal Component	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Analog	<span style="color: green;">Ⓢ</span> Default	
		<span style="color: grey;">■</span> Other Pins (Reset, System Control, Debugging)	<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> PWM/Timer		

- ⚠ **MAXIMUM** current per I/O pin is 20mA
- ⚠ **MAXIMUM** current per +3.3V pin is 50mA
- ! VIN 6-20V input to the board
- ! CIP0/COP1 have previously been referred to as MISO/MOSI



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# Base Code

```
int led = 12; // set a variable, in this case pin number 12

void setup(){
  // Should only run once
  pinMode(led, OUTPUT); // set pin to send signal out
  Serial.begin(9600); // set the speed at which data is transmitted to the serial monitor
}

void loop(){
  // This runs forever
  digitalWrite(led, HIGH); // Turn pin 12 on
  Serial.println("On");
  delay(500); // on for 0.5 secs
  digitalWrite(led, LOW); // turn pin 12 off
  Serial.println("Off");
  delay(500); // off for 0.5 secs
}
```

# Basic Functions

```
pinMode(int, <OUTPUT/INPUT>); // pin, direction
digitalWrite(int, <HIGH/LOW>); // pin, state

analogRead(int); // pin
analogWrite(int, int); // pin, value (0-255)

Serial.begin(int); // speed (4800, 9600, 19200 ...)
Serial.print(Type); // will write to serial any data type, without a new line terminator "\n"
Serial.println(Type); // will write to serial any data type, with a new line terminator "\n"

delay(int); // a specified amount of time in ms the cpu will wait before continuing to the next line
```