

# Principles and Applications of Microcontrollers

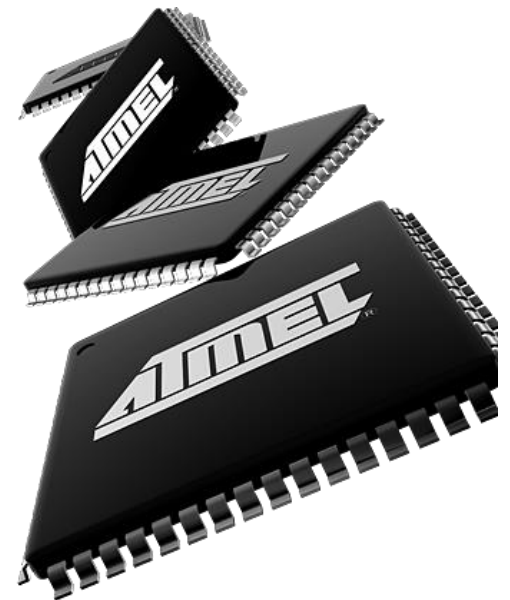
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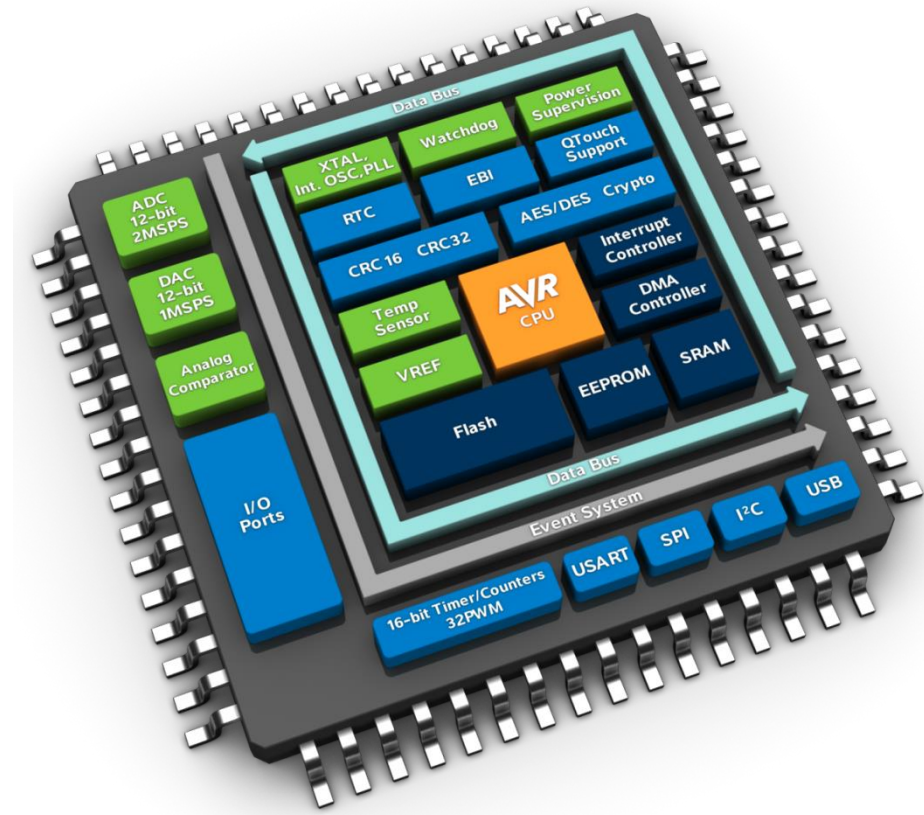
Today:

- AVR microcontrollers
- Input/Output (I/O)

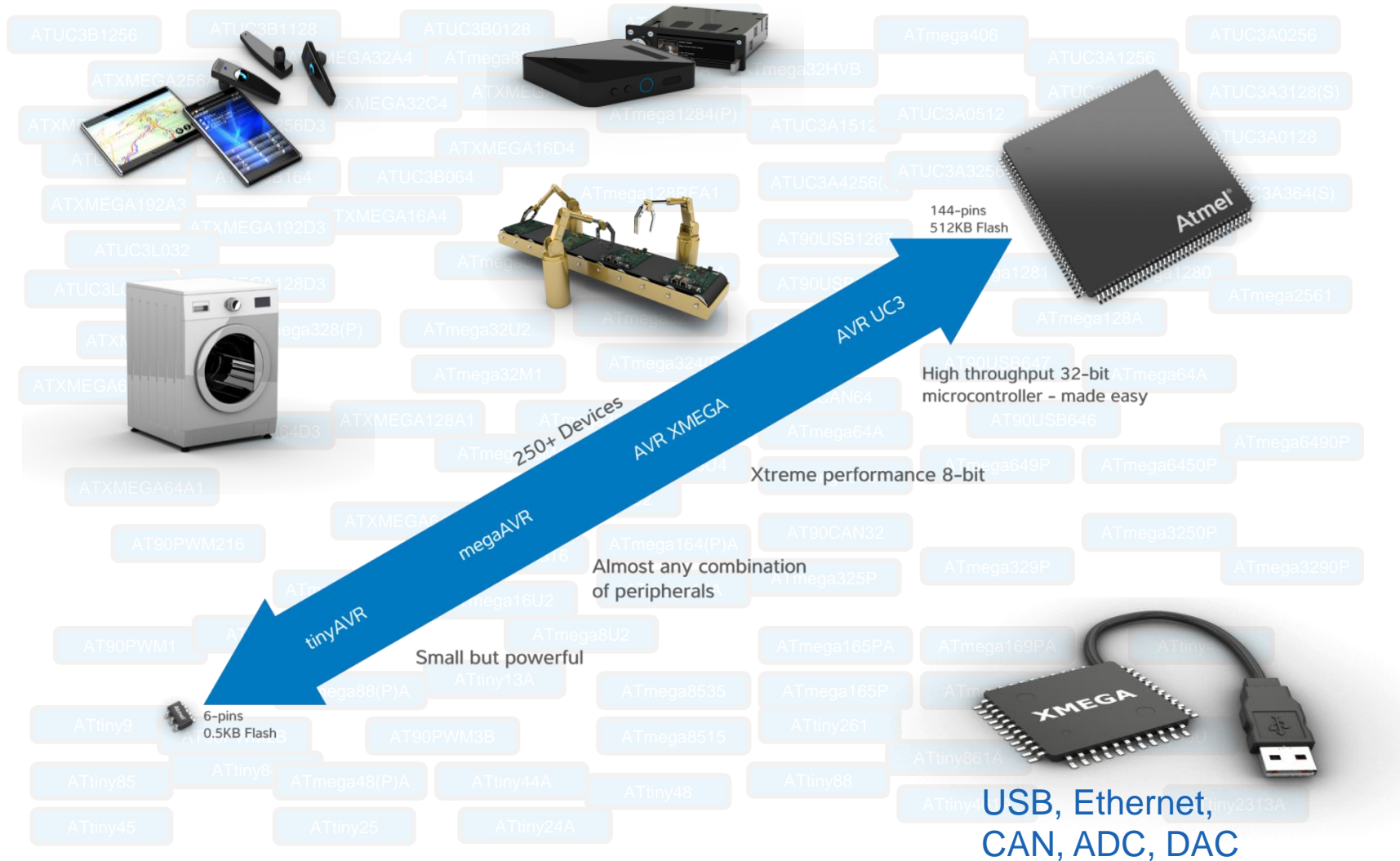


# Outline

- AVR microcontrollers
  - Family
  - ATmega328P
  - Features
- AVR I/O
  - Pinout of ATmega328P
  - I/O registers
  - I/O programming
  - Program download
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# Why AVR?



# AVR Microcontroller Family

- Classification

- e.g. ATmega16

- Mega AVR

- e.g. ATmega16

- Tiny AVR

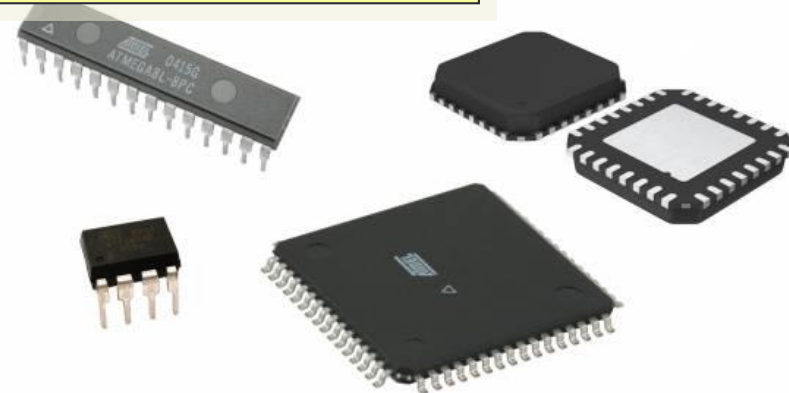
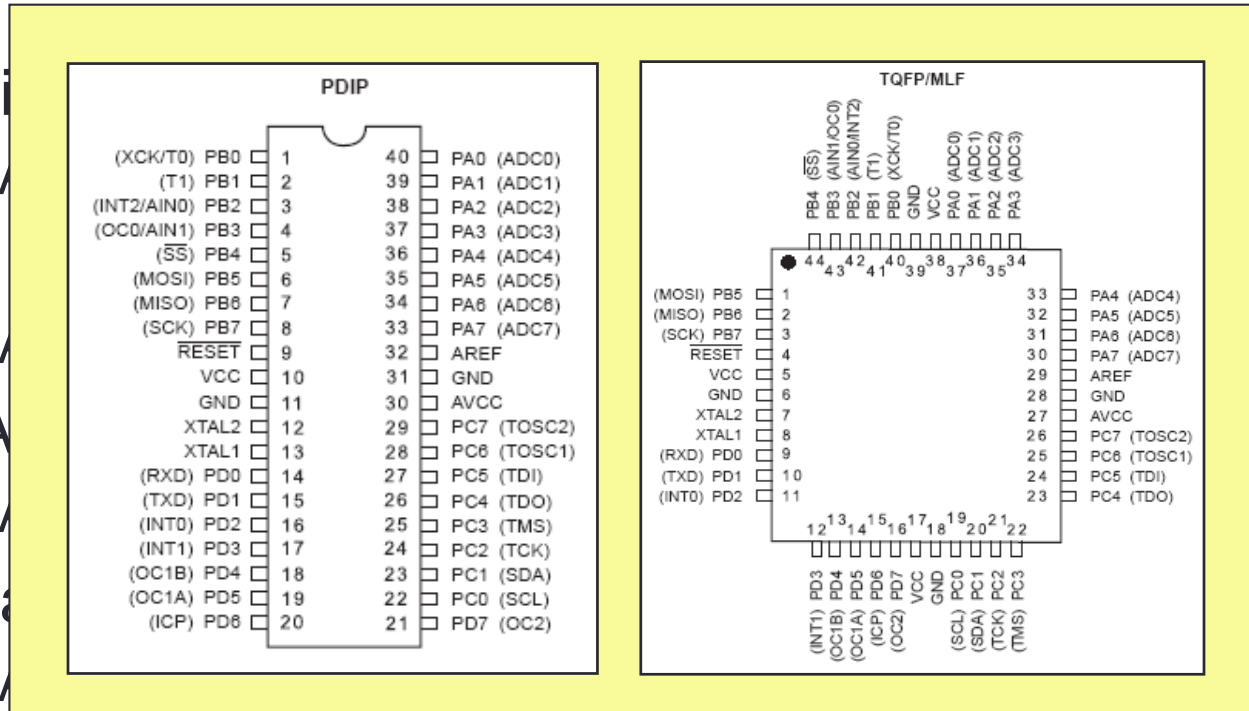
- e.g. ATmega16

- Special AVR

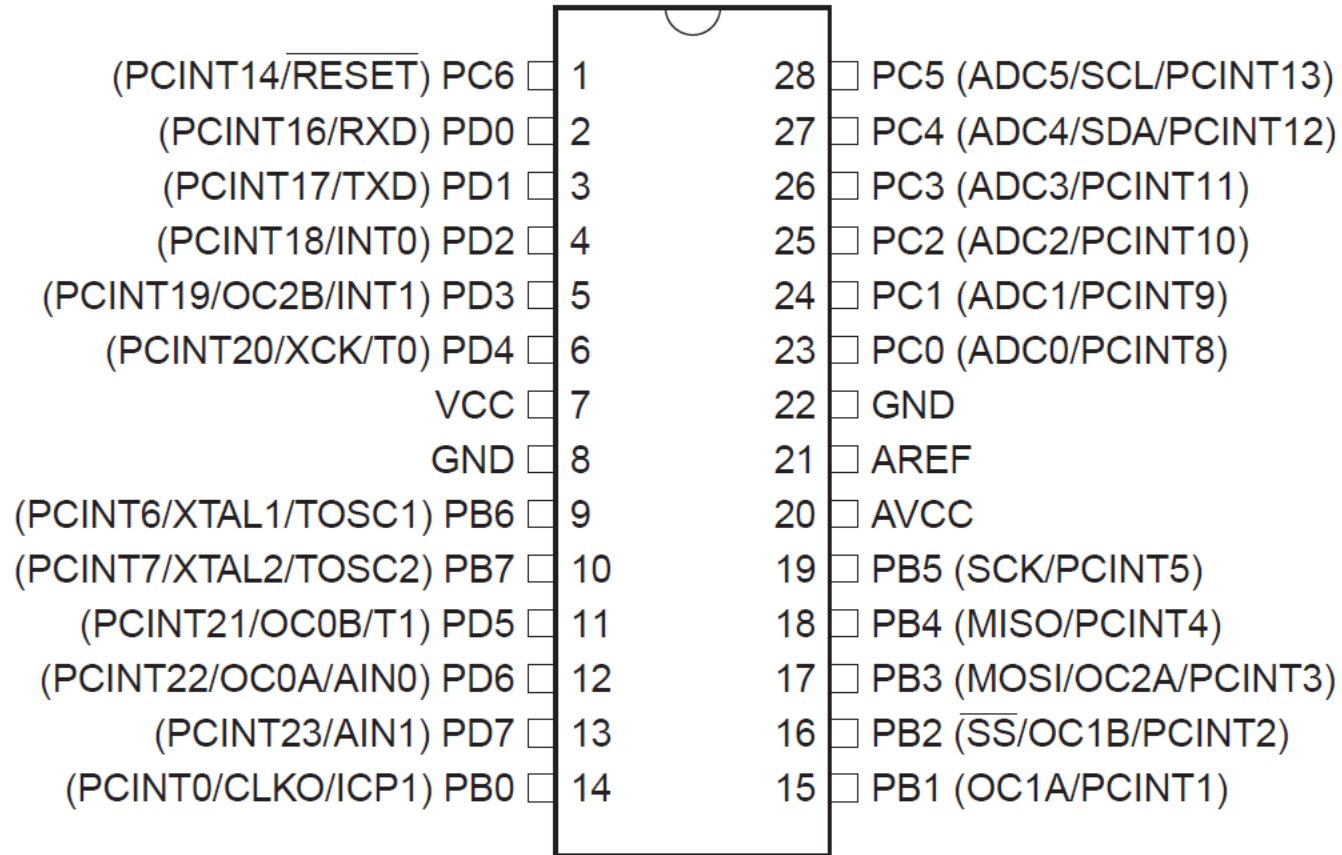
- e.g. ATmega16

- Package

- PDIP (plastic dual in-line package)
  - TQFP (thin quad flat pack)



# ATmega328P

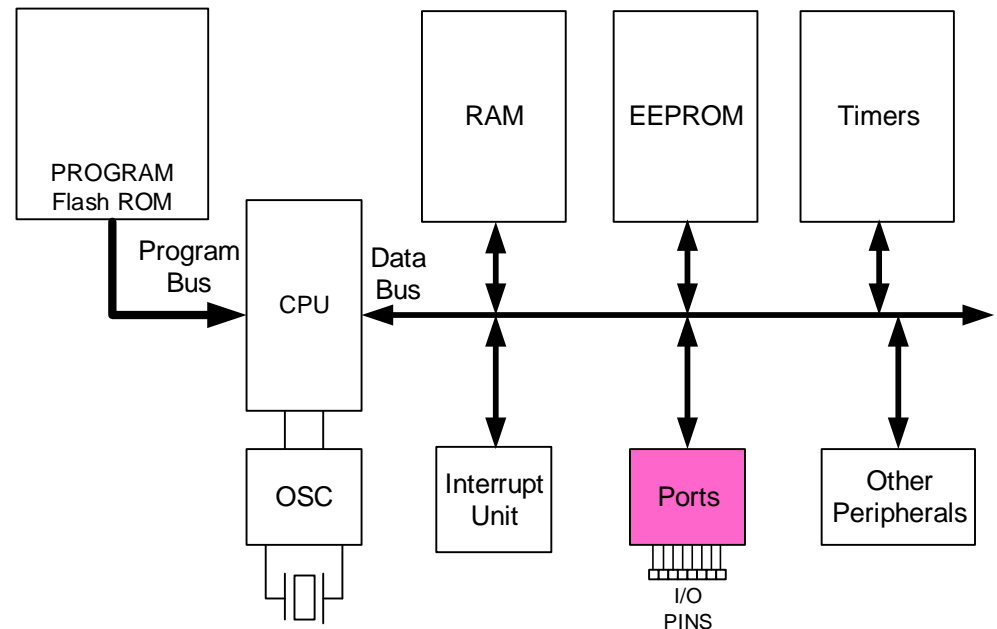
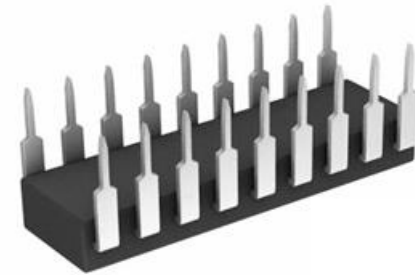


# Peripherals of ATmega328p

- 23 general purpose I/O pins
- 6 PWM channels
- 6 ADC channels
- Two 8-bit & one 16-bit timer/counters
- Real time counter with separate oscillator
- Serial USART
- SPI & I<sup>2</sup>C serial interfaces
- Analog comparator
- Programmable watchdog timer

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# Pinout of ATmega328P

## 1. Vital Pins:

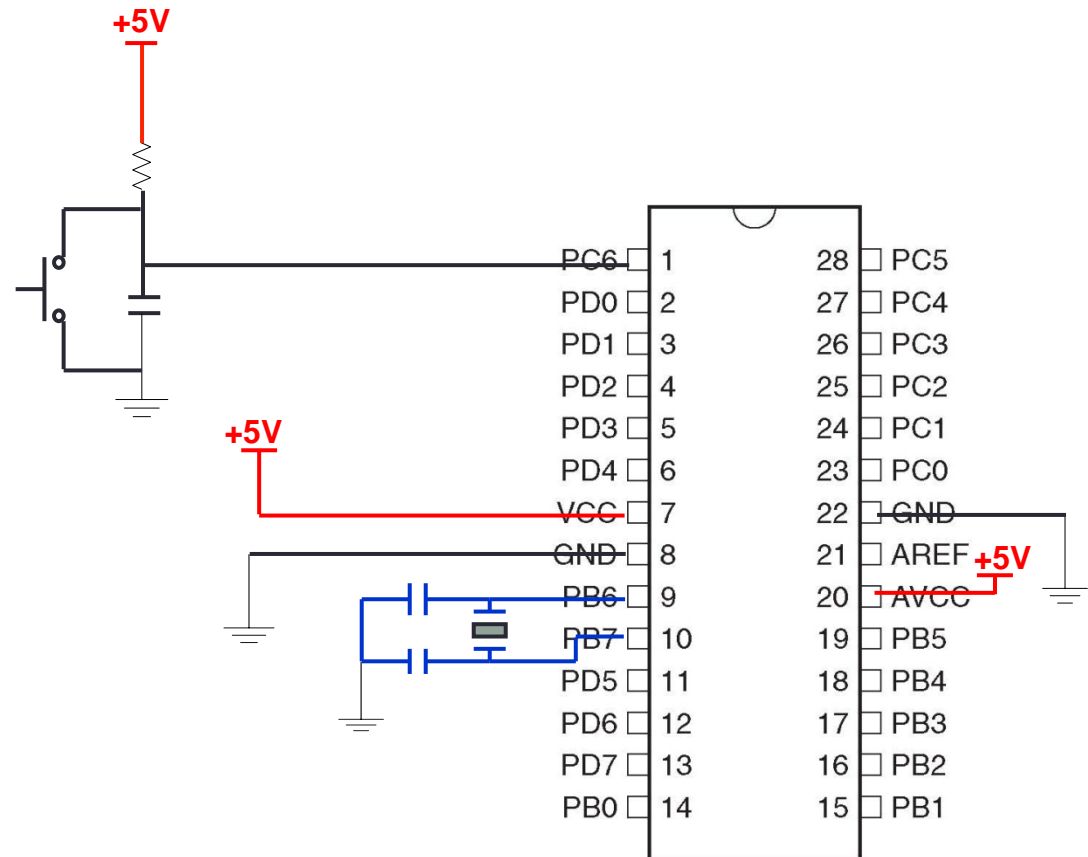
- Power
  - VCC
  - Ground
- Crystal
  - XTAL1
  - XTAL2
- Reset

## 2. ADC pins

- AVCC
- GND
- AREF

## 3. I/O pins

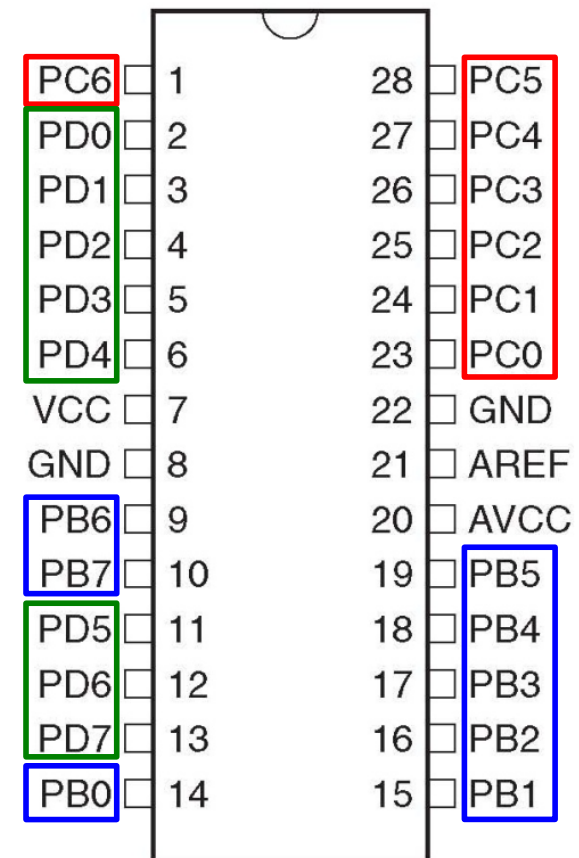
How many pins are available for I/O?





# I/O Ports

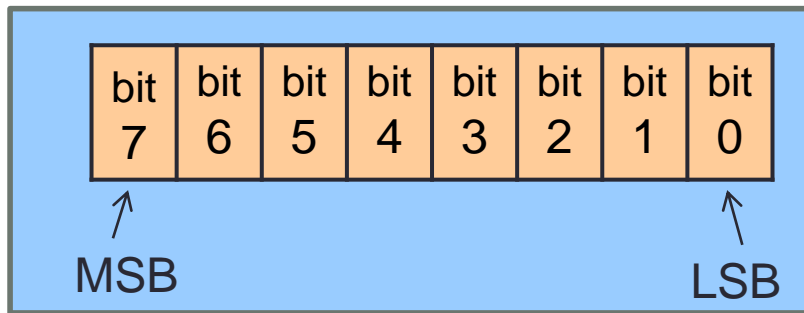
- Connecting to the outside world
- Each pin can be used as either an input or an output at a time
- Grouped into three ports:
  - Port B: PB0 – PB7
  - Port C: PC0 – PC6
  - Port D: PD0 – PD7



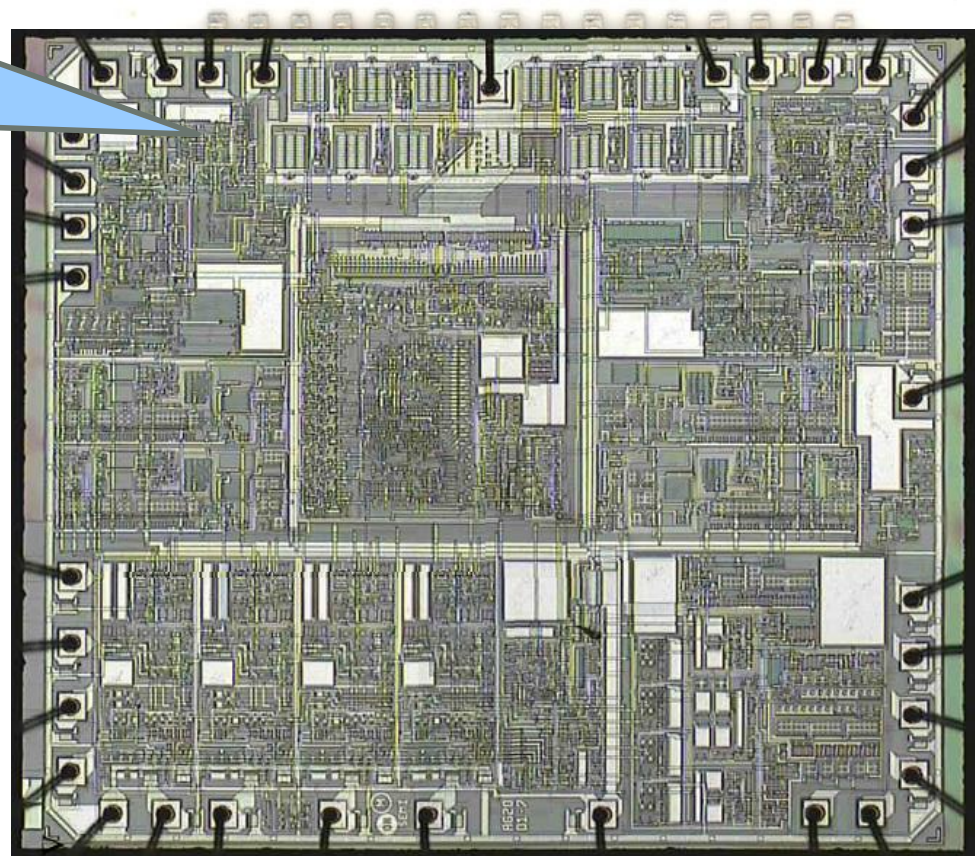
# Registers



- A register is a device that holds a small set of data
- 8-bit registers on ATmega328P



- Three types of registers
  - Data register
  - Control register
  - Status register

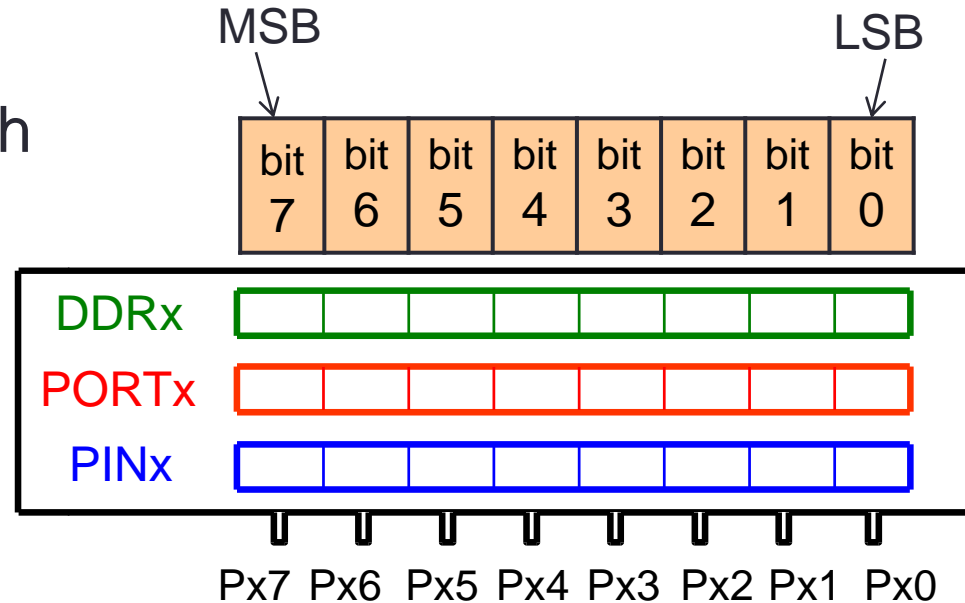


# I/O Registers

- Each port is associated with three 8-bit registers:
  - DDRx**: data direction
  - PORTx**: output
  - PINx**: input

where **x** = B, C, or D

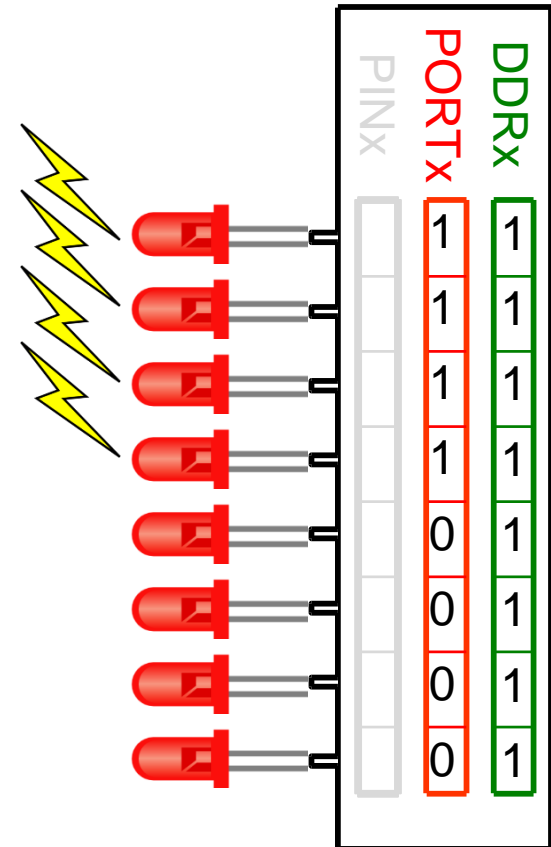
- Appropriate controls of the registers enable the input or output of the ports
- Bit to bit corresponding



# Output Mode

- **DDRx** = 1
- PINx is NOT used
- **PORTx** contains the output voltages
  - 1: logic HIGH – 5V
  - 0: logic LOW – 0V
- For example:

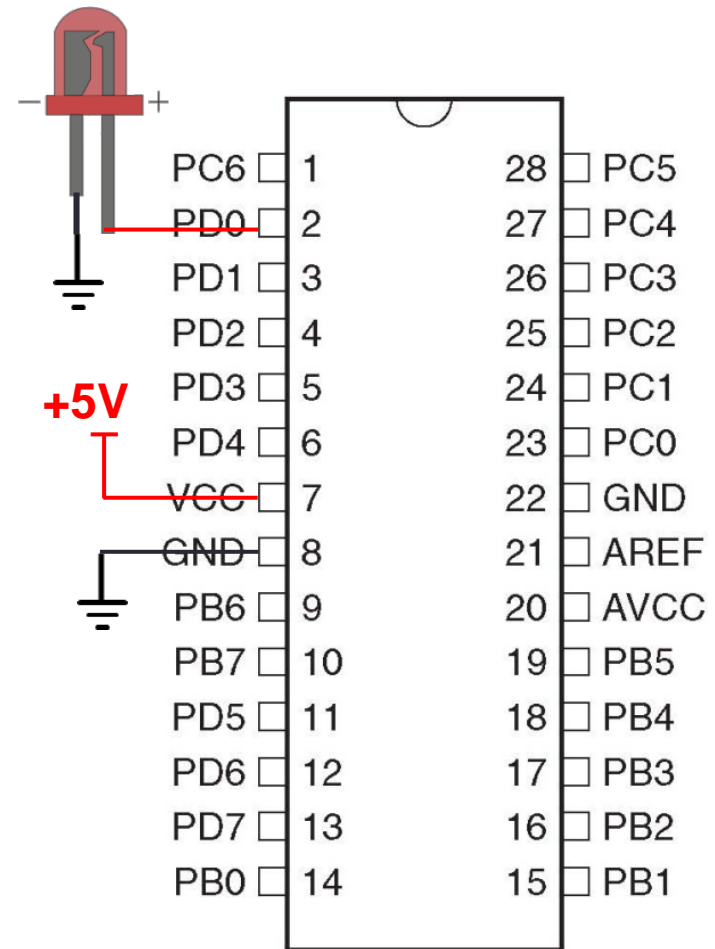
```
DDRD=0b11111111;  
PORTD=0b11110000;
```



# Example: Flashing An LED

- Connect an LED to PD0 and flash it at a frequency of 1 Hz
- Pseudo program code:

```
DDRD=0b11111111;  
while(1) {  
    PORTD=0b00000001;  
    delay(500);  
    PORTD=0b00000000;  
    delay(500);  
}
```



# Trilogy of AVR MCU Programming

1. Write source code in assembler or higher language
2. Compile or assemble the code to obtain the executable file (hex-file), which is usually called “firmware image” or “machine code”
3. Use a programmer and software to download firmware image to a microcontroller



# Programming and Compiling

- Integrated development environment (IDE)
  - Atmel AVR studio
- Language to program the microcontroller
  - C/C++
  - Assembly

The graphic features a light gray background with a faint grid pattern. On the right side, there is a cluster of colorful 3D cubes and rectangular blocks. Each block is a different color (blue, orange, red, purple, green) and contains a white icon representing various software development concepts: a pen, a floppy disk, a gear, a skull, a waveform, a C++ symbol, a group of people, and a key. On the left side, the text 'Atmel Studio 7' is written in a large, red, serif font. Below it, the phrase 'Easier to Use and More Powerful than Ever' is written in a smaller, gray, sans-serif font.

Atmel Studio 7

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# Example Program Code

```
#define F_CPU 8000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

int main(void)
{
    DDRD=0b11111111;
    while (1){
        PORTD=0b00000001;
        _delay_ms(500);
        PORTD=0b00000000;
        _delay_ms(500);
    }
}
```

- Check:

\util\delay.h

\avr\iom328p.h

\avr\io.h

in “\\Program Files (x86)\Atmel\Studio\7.0\toolchain\avr8\avr8-gnu-toolchain\avr\include\”



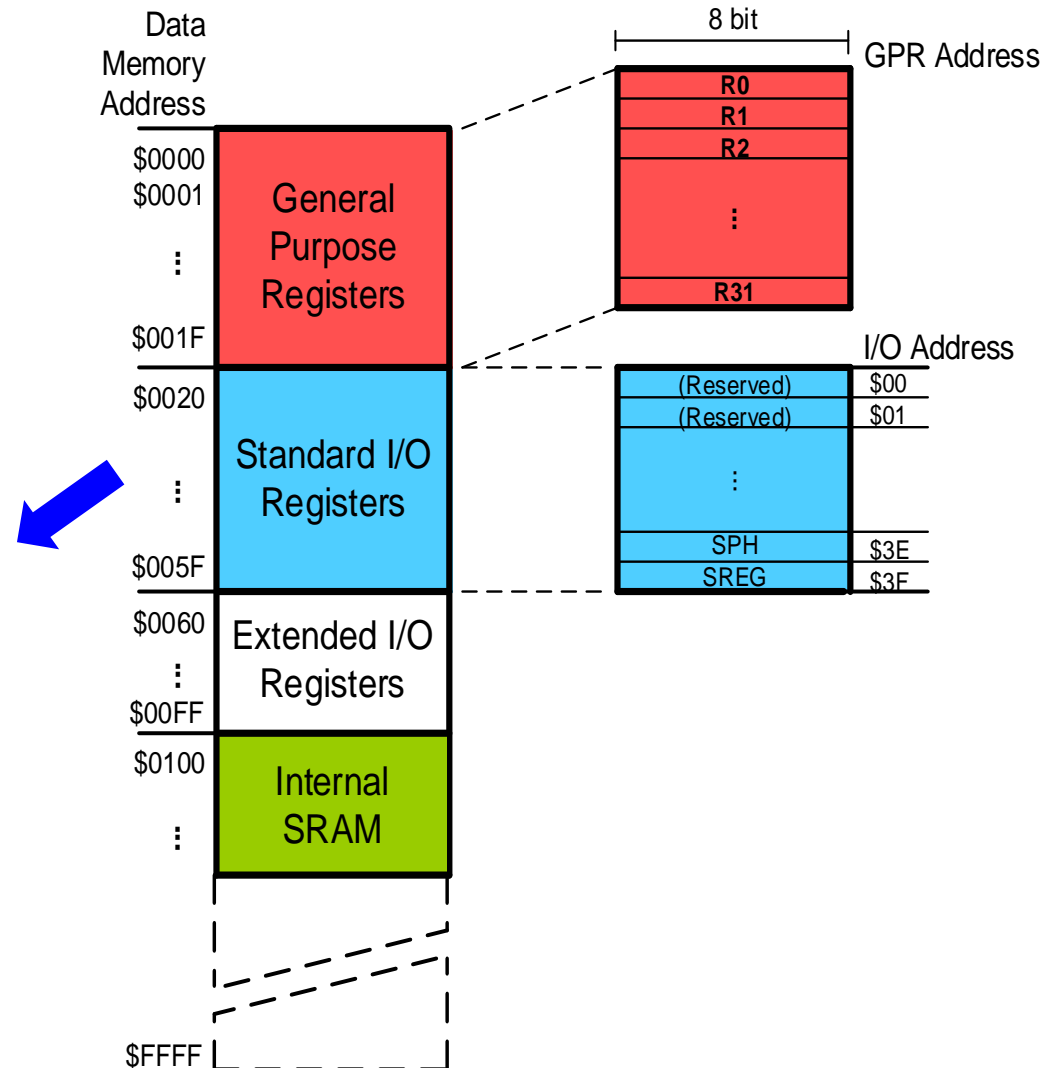
# Atmel AVR Toolchain

- A collection of tools/libraries used to create applications for AVR MCU
- [PDF library reference](#)
- [Online library reference](#)
- Commonly used libraries:
  - [<math.h>](#)
  - [<time.h>](#)
  - [<avr/interrupt.h>](#)
  - [<util/delay.h>](#)
  - [<stdio.h>](#)
  - [<stdlib.h>](#)

# Name and Address of I/O Registers

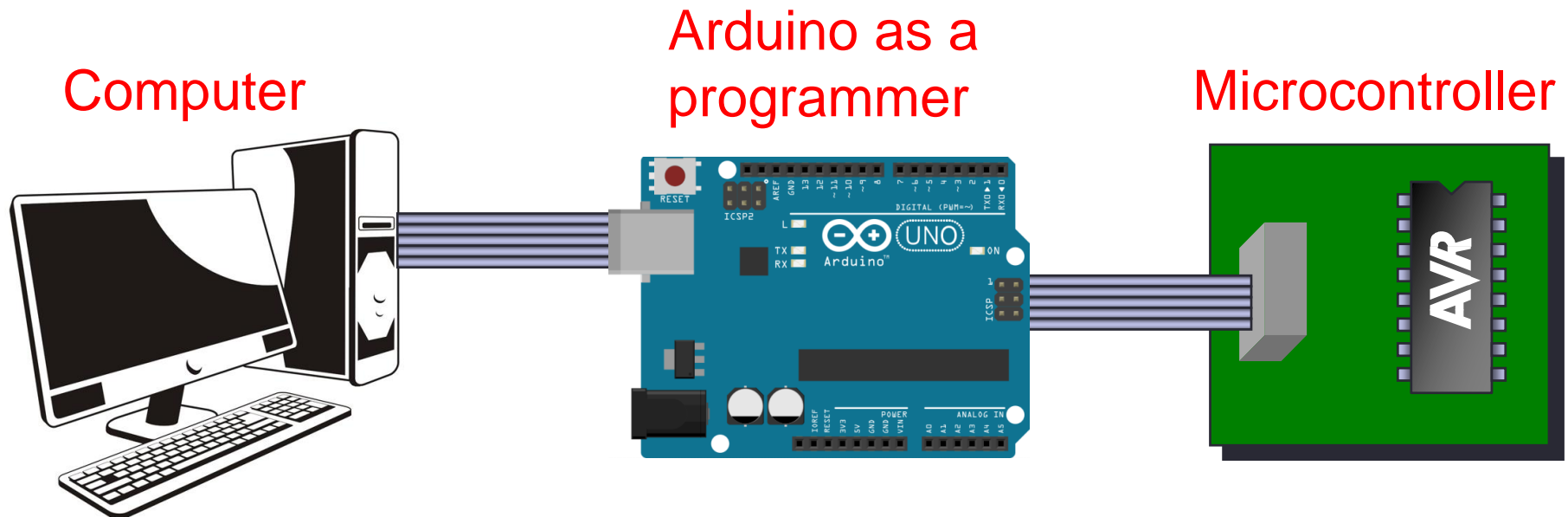
- I/O registers has
  - Memory address
  - I/O address
  - Name

Address		Name
I/O	Memory	
0x03	0x23	PINB
0x04	0x24	DDRB
0x05	0x25	PORTB
0x06	0x26	PINC
0x07	0x27	DDRC
0x08	0x28	PORTC
0x09	0x29	PIND
0x0A	0x2A	DDRD
0x0B	0x2B	PORTD



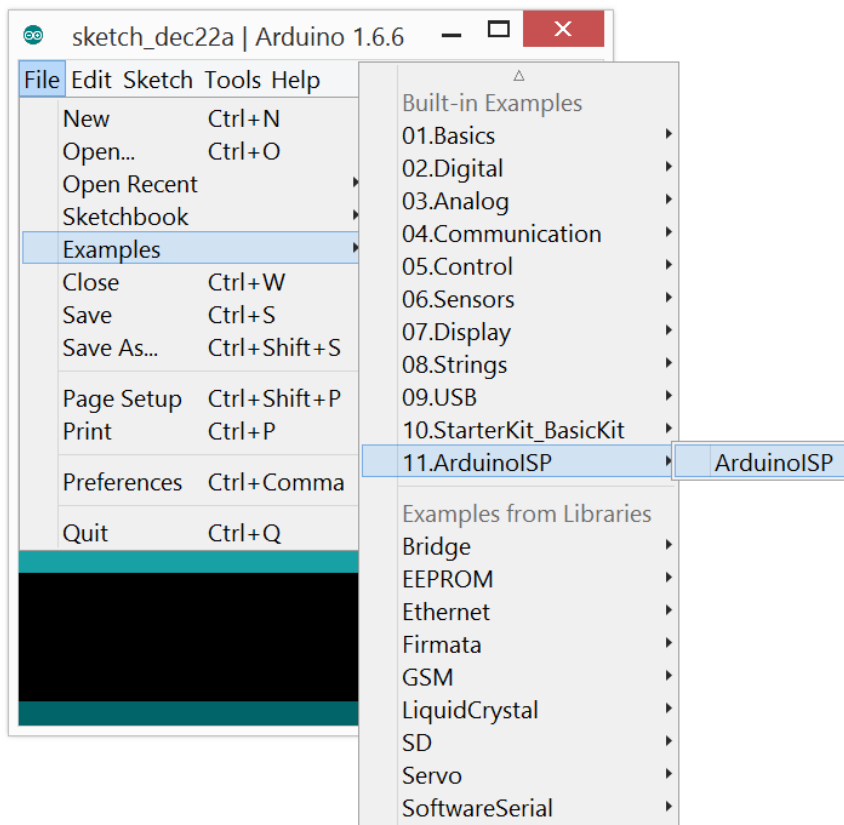
# Hex-file Downloading

- Need appropriate tools for program downloading
- Program downloading using in-system programming (ISP) protocol
- Downloading through a programmer (e.g., Arduino)

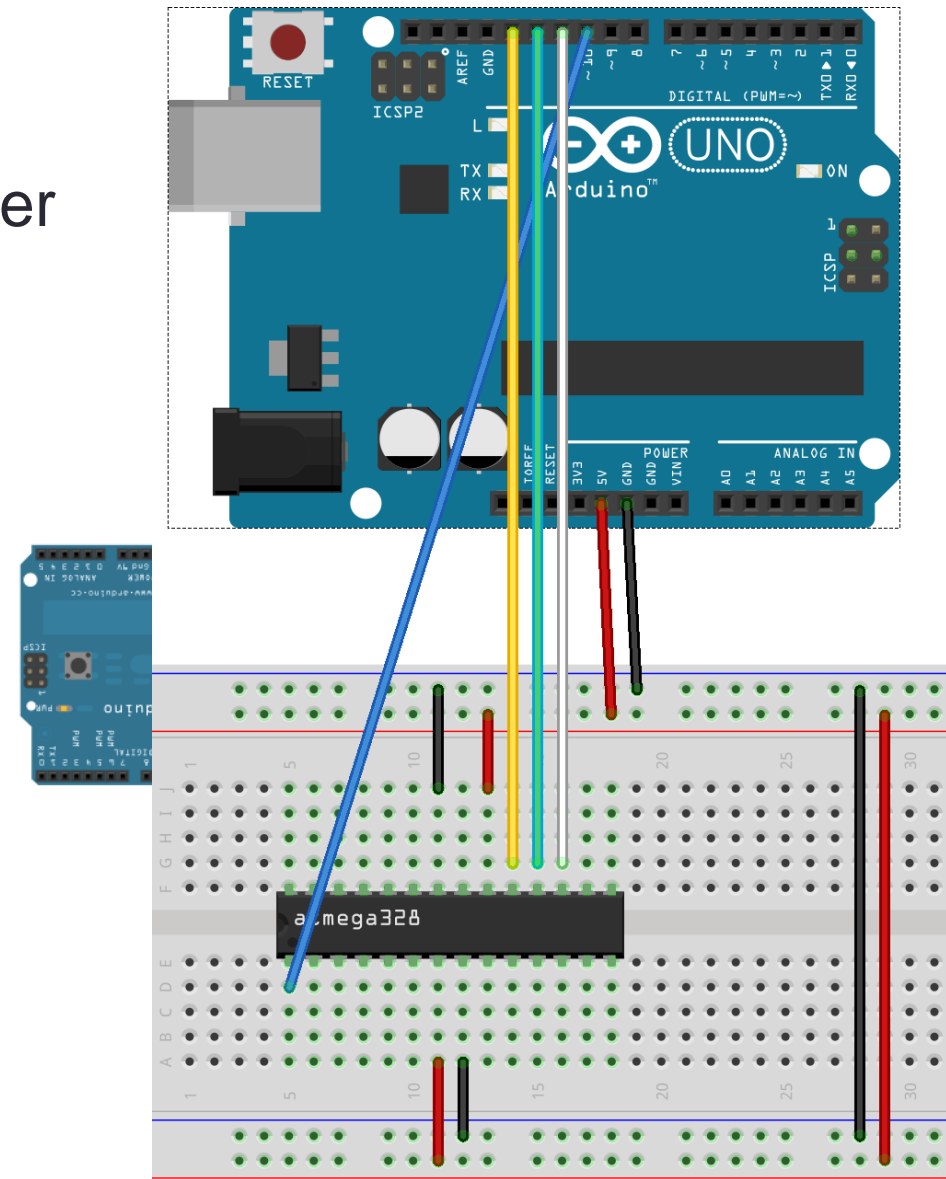


# ArduinoISP

- Turn Arduino into a programmer (i.e., program downloader)



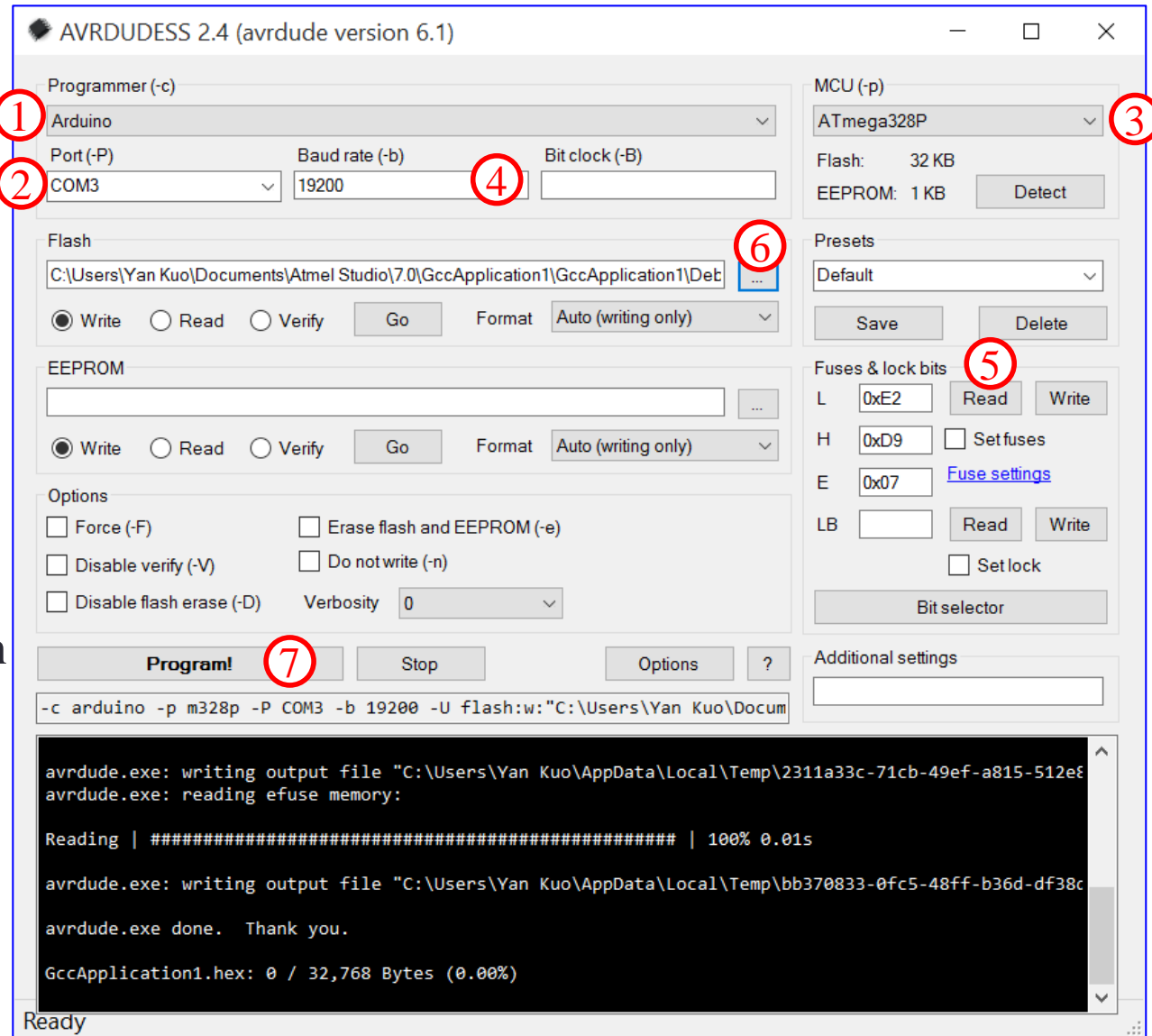
- Wire Arduino to ATmega328P



# AVRDUDESS

- An utility to download programs to AVR MCU

1. Choose **Arduino**
2. Choose proper **Port**
3. Choose **Atmega328P**
4. Type “**19200**”
5. Confirm the connection by clicking **Read**  
Default fuse setting:  
**L E2, H D9, E 07**
6. Choose the .hex file
7. Click **Program!**



# Example: Toggling Output

DDRB:


PORTB:

- Make all the 8 pins of Port B outputs
- Initialize the odd pins logic HIGH and the even pins logic LOW
- Toggle the pins forever between “on” and “off” states with a time delay of 500 ms

```
#define F_CPU 8000000UL
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>

int main(void)
{
    DDRB=0xFF;          //0xFF=0b11111111
    while (1){
        PORTB=0x55;     //0x55=0b01010101
        _delay_ms(500);
        PORTB=0xAA;     //0xAA=0b10101010
        _delay_ms(500);
    }
}
```

# Example: 7-segment LED

- A common cathode 7-segment is connected to Port C
- Display “1” on the 7-segment:

DDRC: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

PORTC: 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0

```
#include <avr/io.h>
```

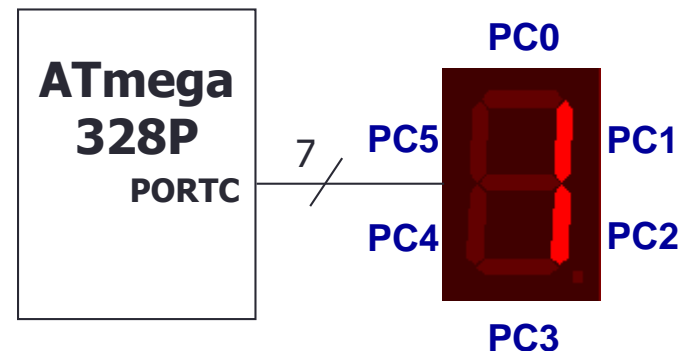
```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    DDRC=0xFF;
```

```
    PORTC=0b00000110;
```

```
}
```



# Example: 7-segment LED

- A common cathode 7-segment is connected to Port C
- Display “3” on the 7-segment:

DDRC: 

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

PORTC: 

0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
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```
#include <avr/io.h>
```

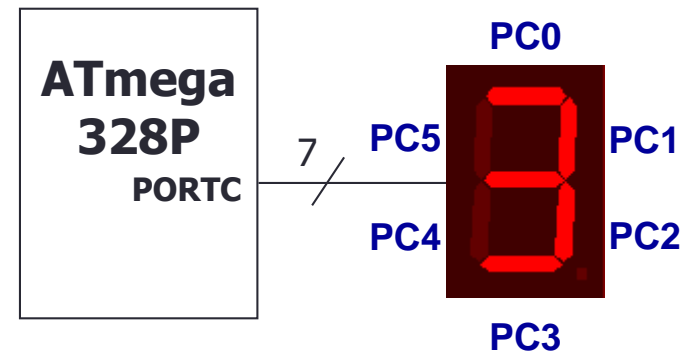
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int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    DDRC=0xFF;
```

```
    PORTC=0b01001111;
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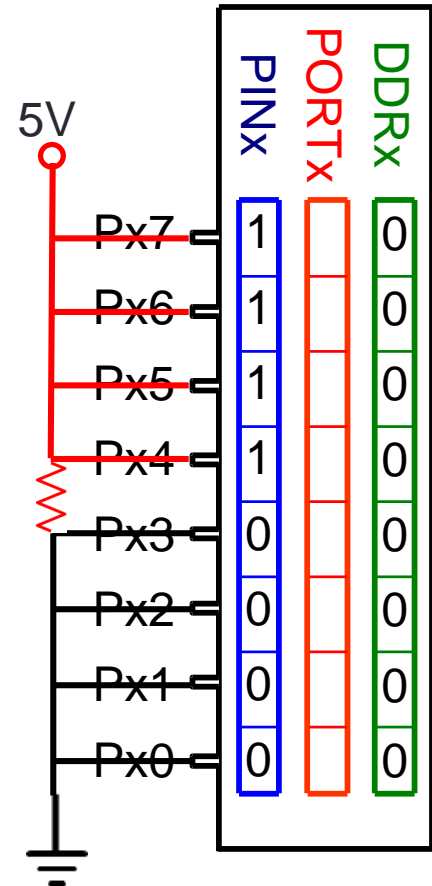
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}
```





# Input Mode (without Pull-up)

- $\text{DDRx} = 0$
- $\text{PINx}$  contains the input logic signal
  - 1: logic HIGH – 5V
  - 0: logic LOW – 0V
- PORTx is NOT used (if not considering pull-up)



# Example: Input (without Pull-up)

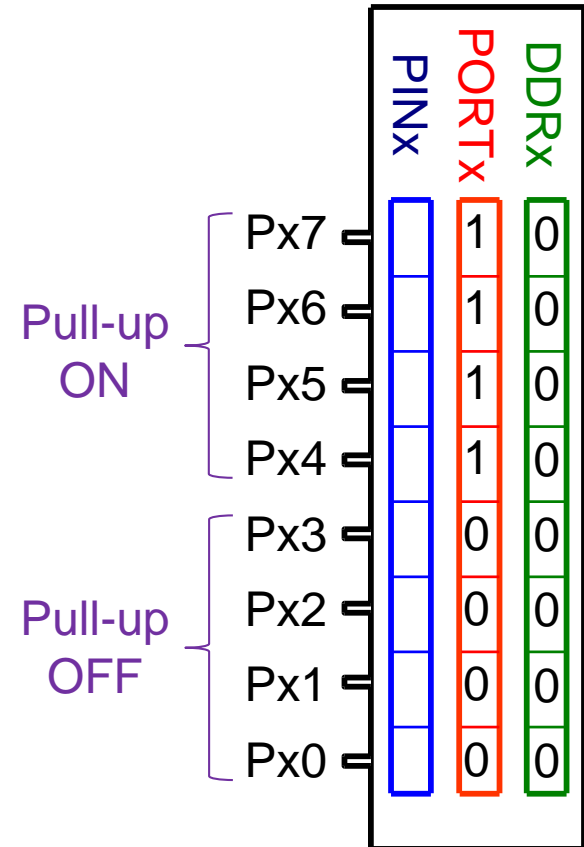
- Make all the pins of Port B input
- Make all the pins of Port D output
- Send the reading from Port B to Port D indefinitely, after adding the value 5 to it

```
#include <avr/io.h>

int main(void)
{
    DDRB=0x0;           // PORTB input
    DDRD=0xFF;          // PORTD output
    while (1){
        PORTD=PINB+5;
    }
}
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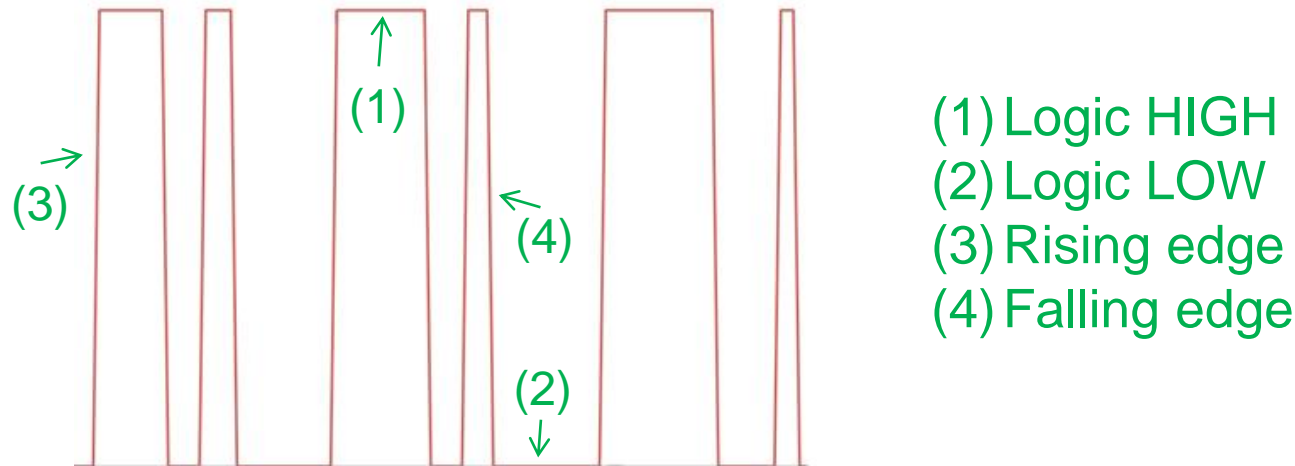
# Input Mode (with Pull-up)

- **DDRx** = 0
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  - 0: logic LOW – 0V
- **PORTx** determines if pull-up resistors are connected or not
  - 1: pull-up ON
  - 0: pull-up OFF



# Transistor–transistor Logic (TTL)

- A digital signal is a waveform that switches between two voltage levels (logic HIGH and LOW)

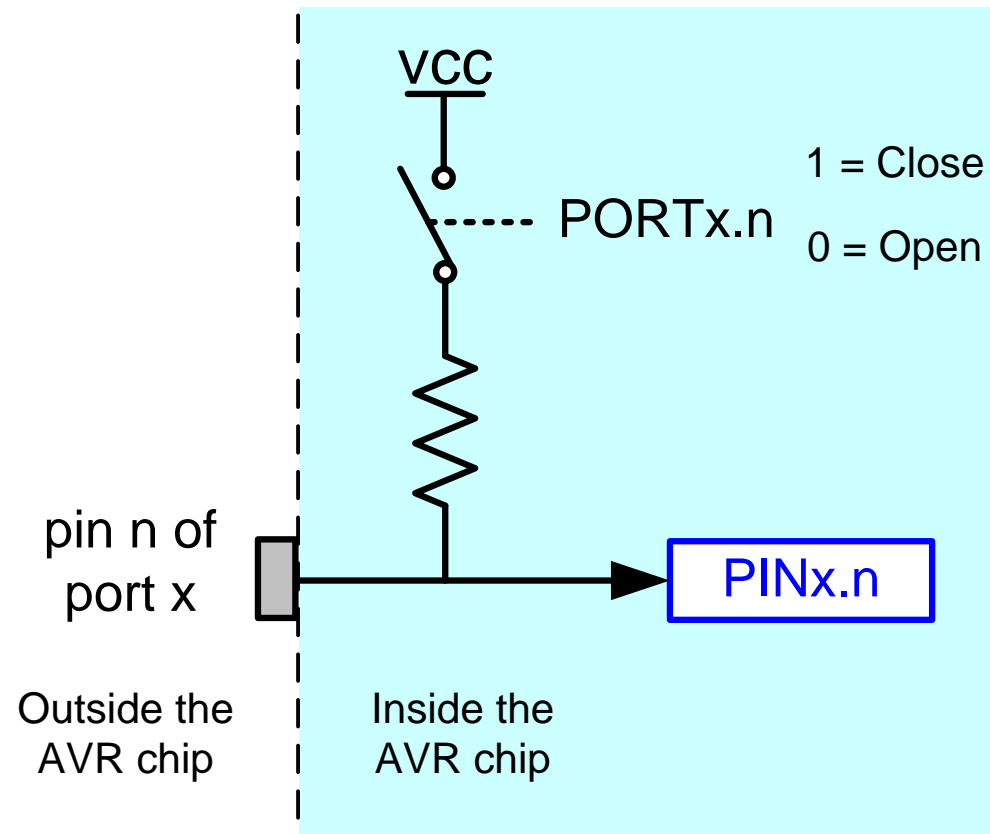


- It is usual to allow some tolerance in the voltage levels

LOW voltage	HIGH voltage	Notes
0 V to 0.8 V	2 V to $V_{CC}$	$V_{CC}$ is 4.75 V to 5.25 V

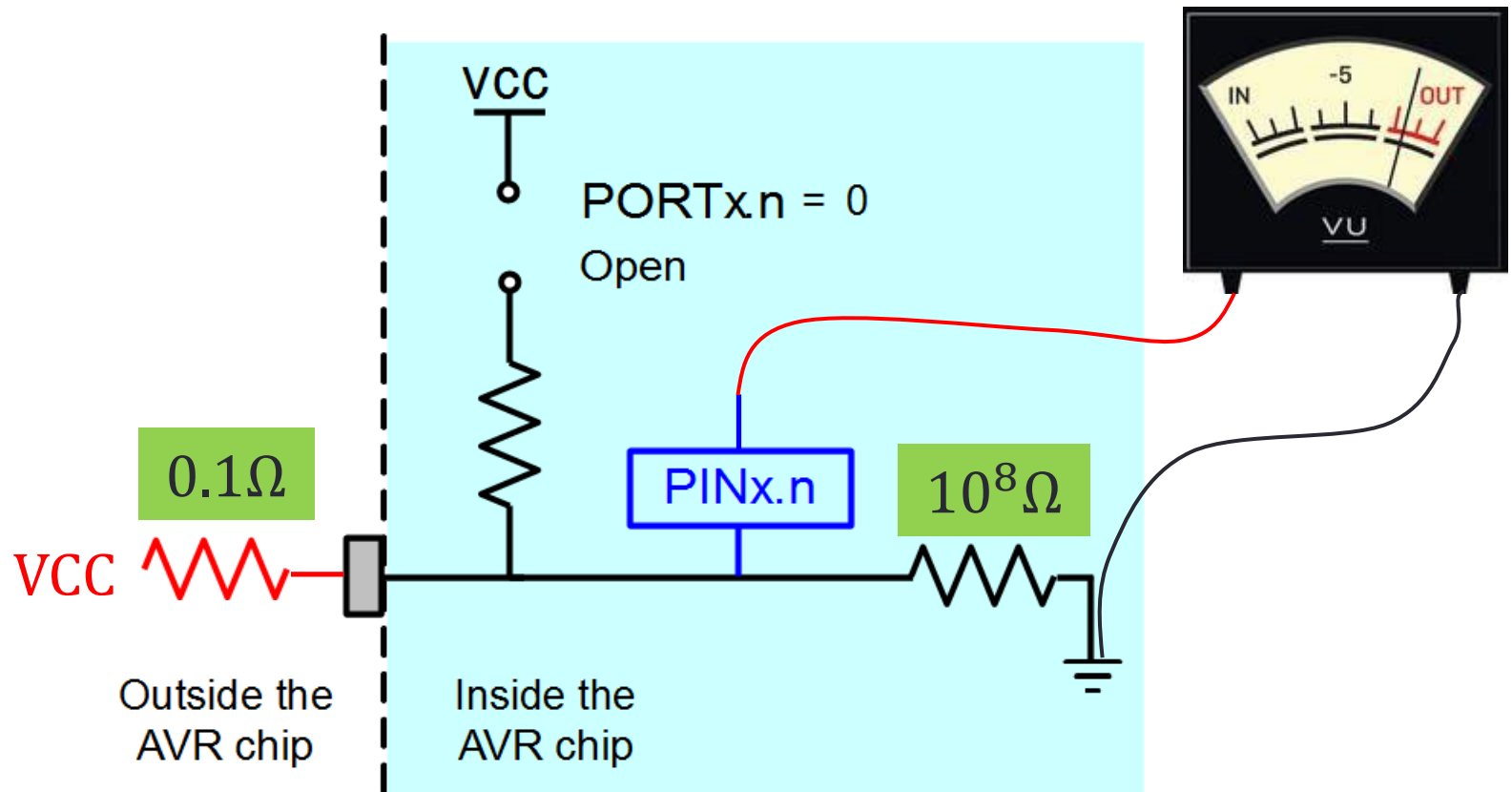
# Pull-up Resistor

- Used to ensure that **inputs** settle at expected logic levels (HIGH or LOW)
- The PORTx determines if the pull-up resistor is “open” or “close” (off) (on)



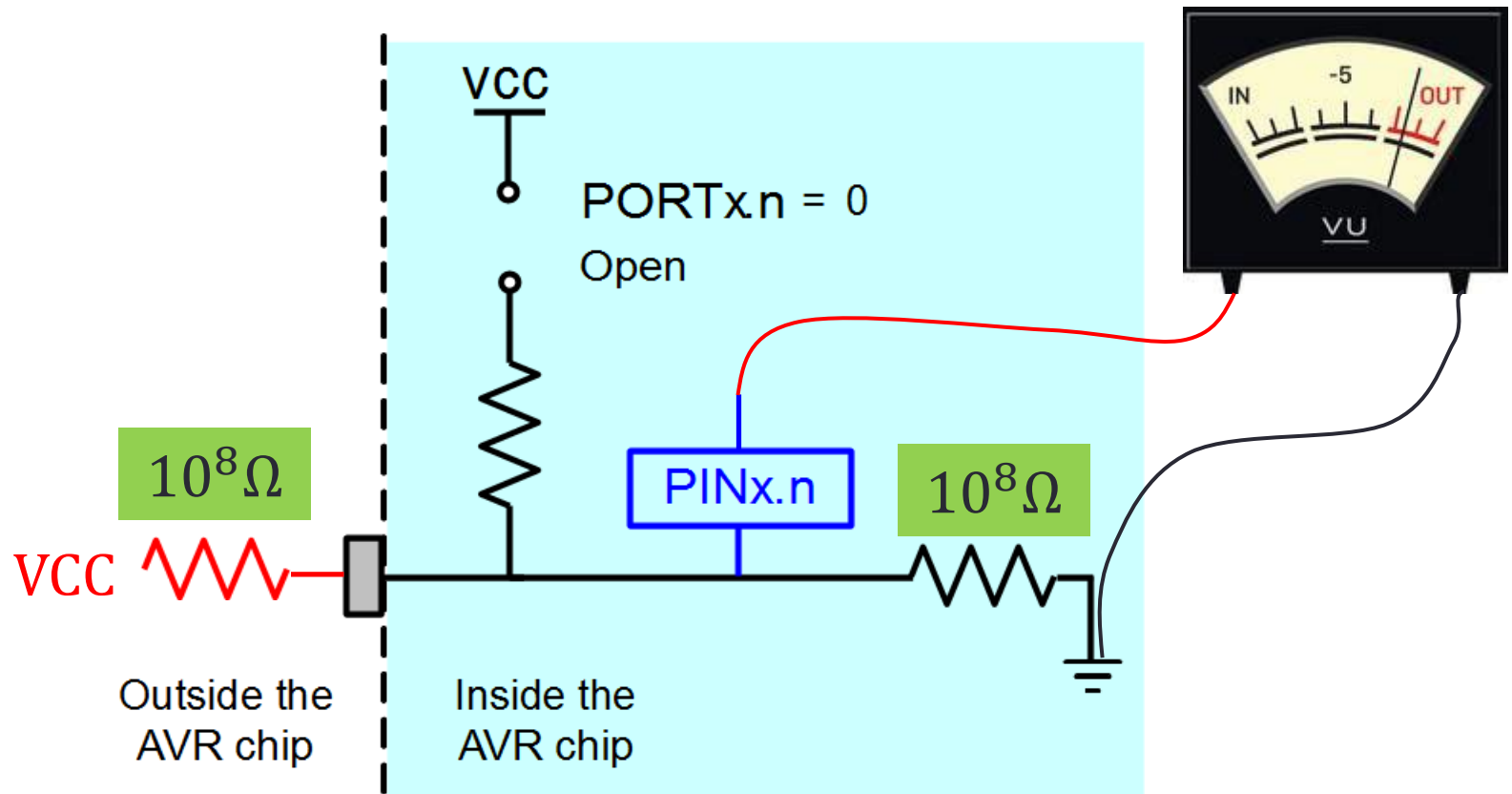
# Low Impedance and Pull-up Off

- The input reading logic HIGH when the external device is of low impedance



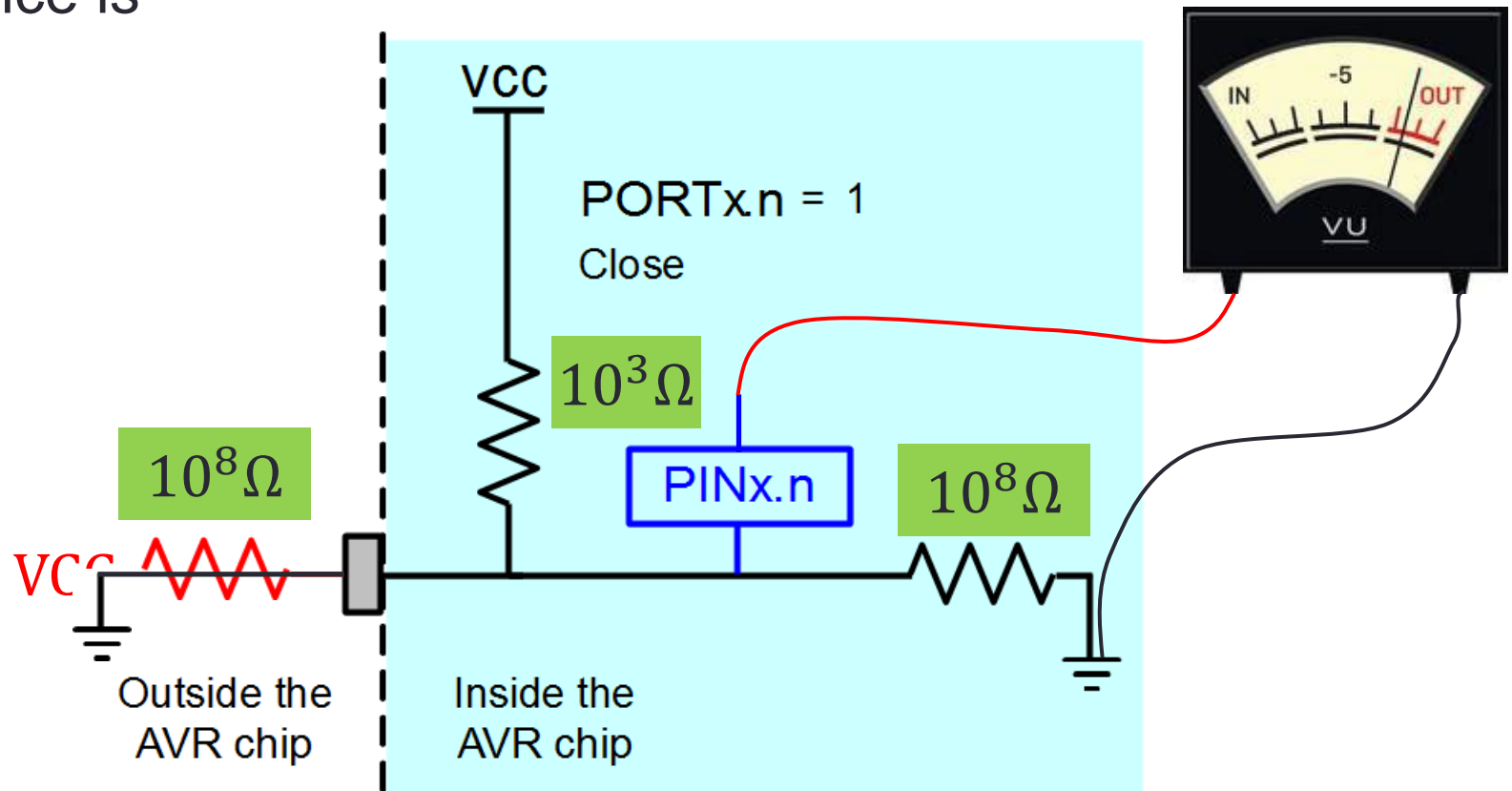
# High Impedance and Pull-up Off

- The input reading is “floating” between logic LOW and HIGH when the external device is of high impedance



# Pull-up On

- The pull-up resistor brings an input at expected logic levels no matter what the impedance of the external device is





# Summary of Pull-up Resistor

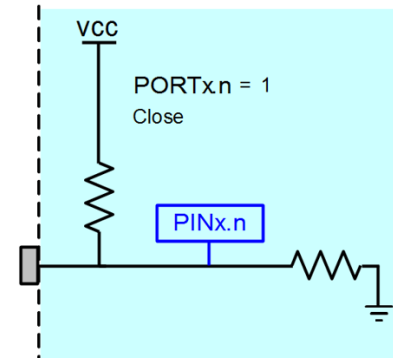
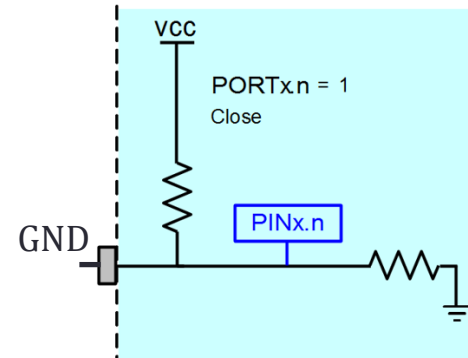
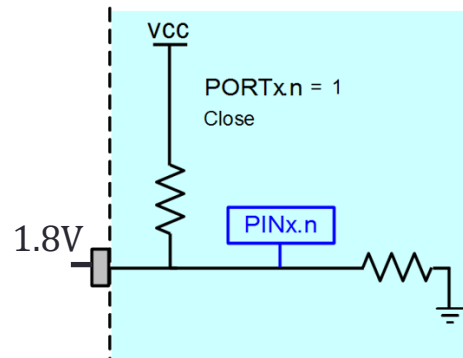
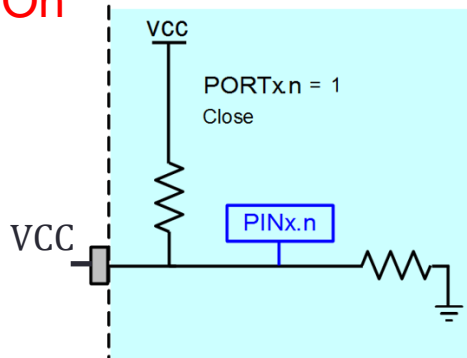
Input: VCC

Input: 1.8V

Input: GND

Input: Open

On



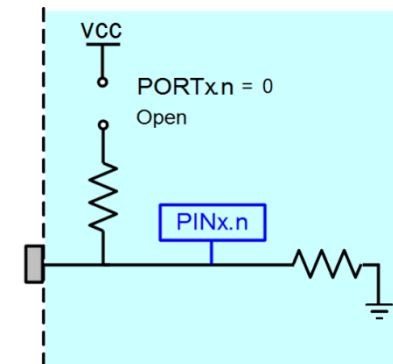
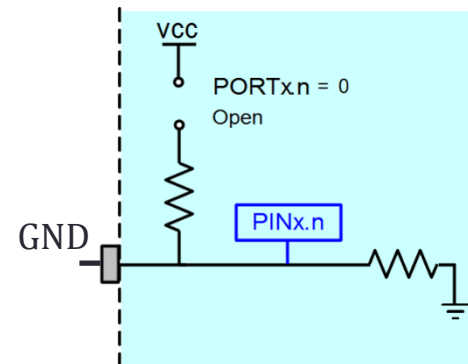
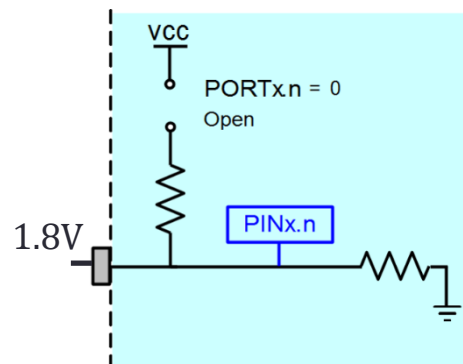
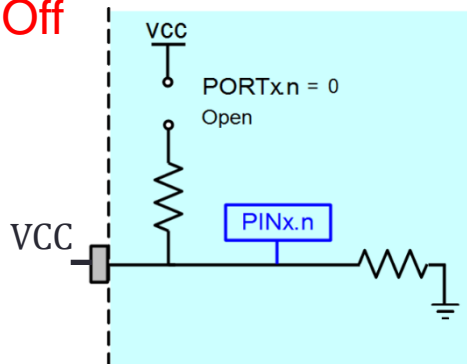
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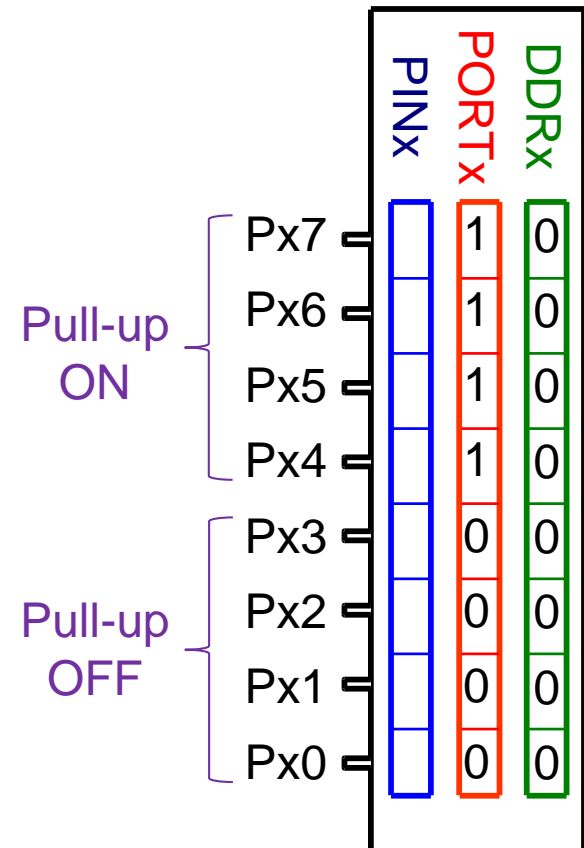
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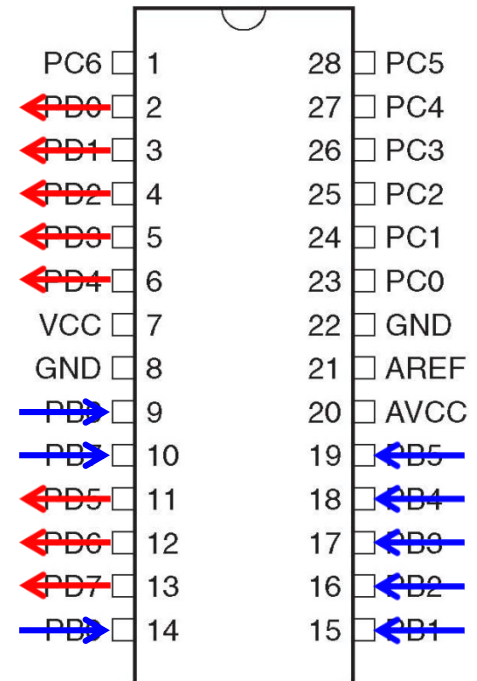


# Example: Input (with Pull-up)

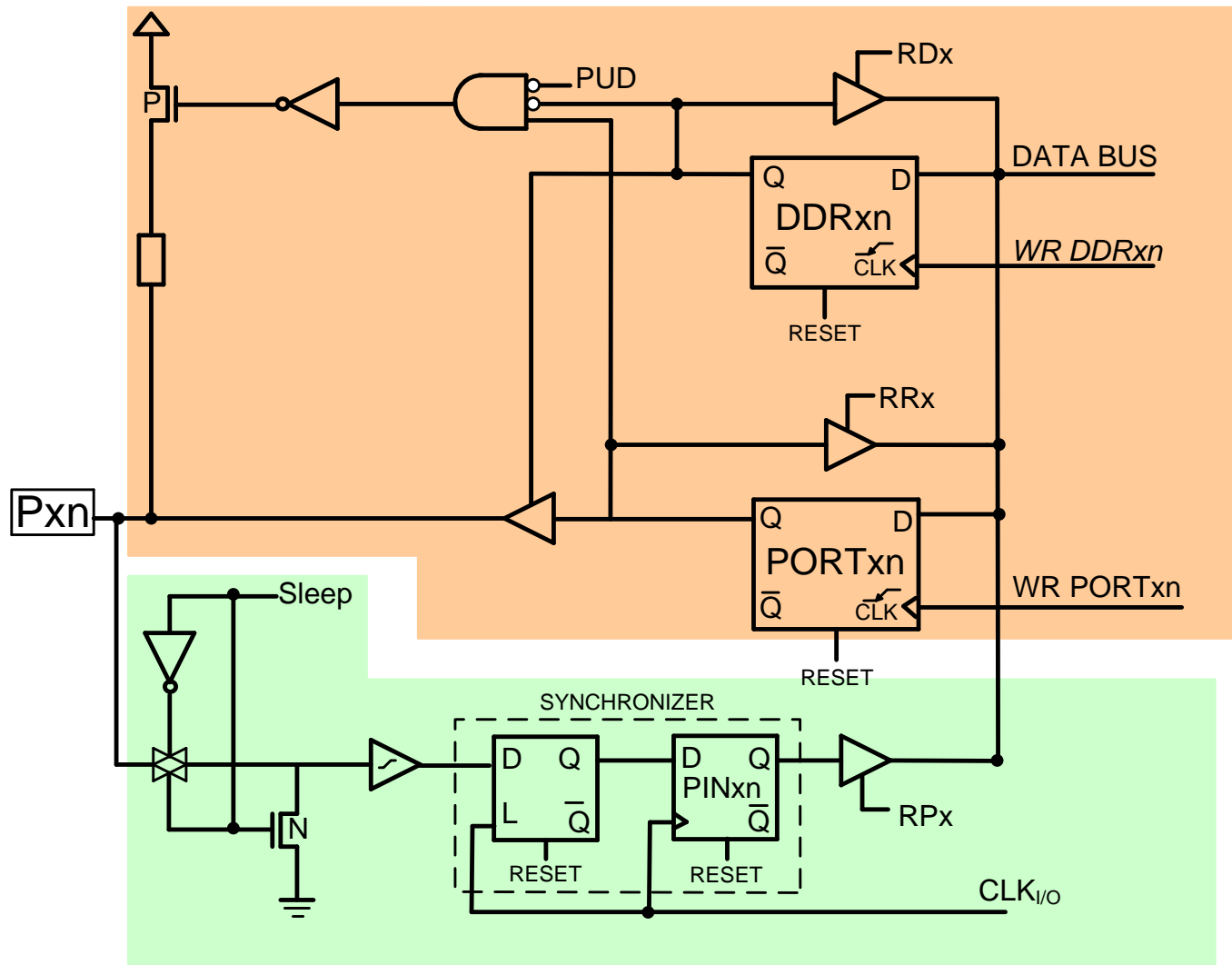
- Write a program that reads Port B and writes the readings to Port D indefinitely
- Enable pull-up resistors of Port B

```
#include <avr/io.h>

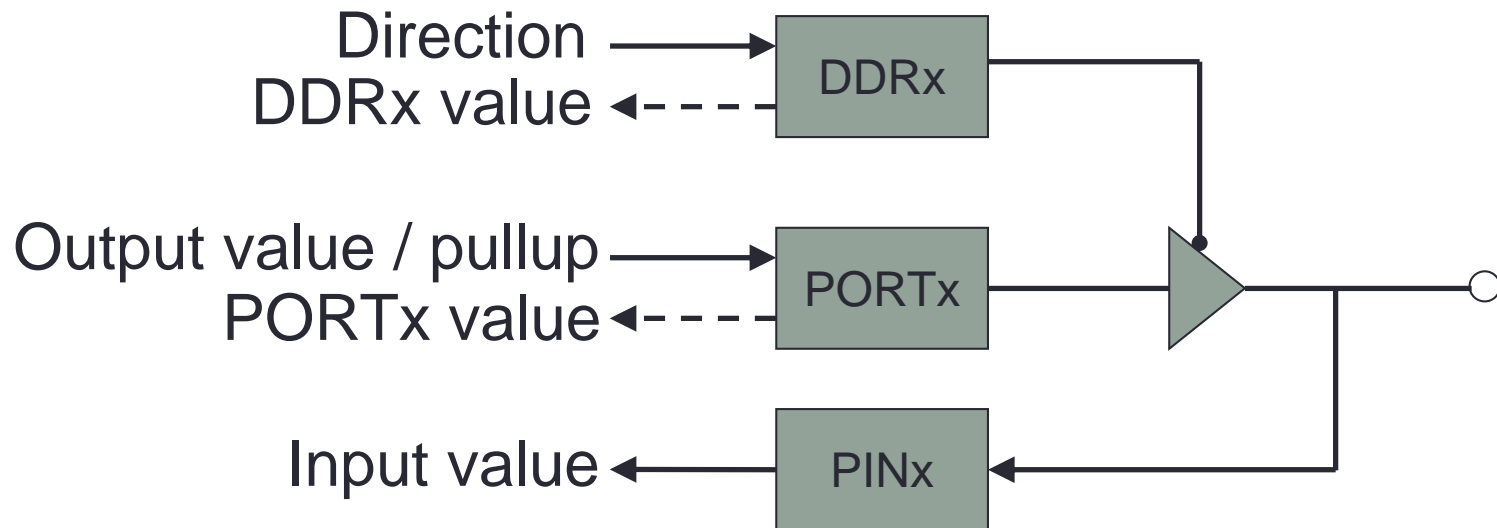
int main(void)
{
    DDRB=0x0;           // PORTB input
    PORTB=0xFF;          // Pull-up enabled
    DDRD=0xFF;          // PORTD output
    while (1){
        PORTD=PINB;
    }
}
```



# The Structure of I/O Pins



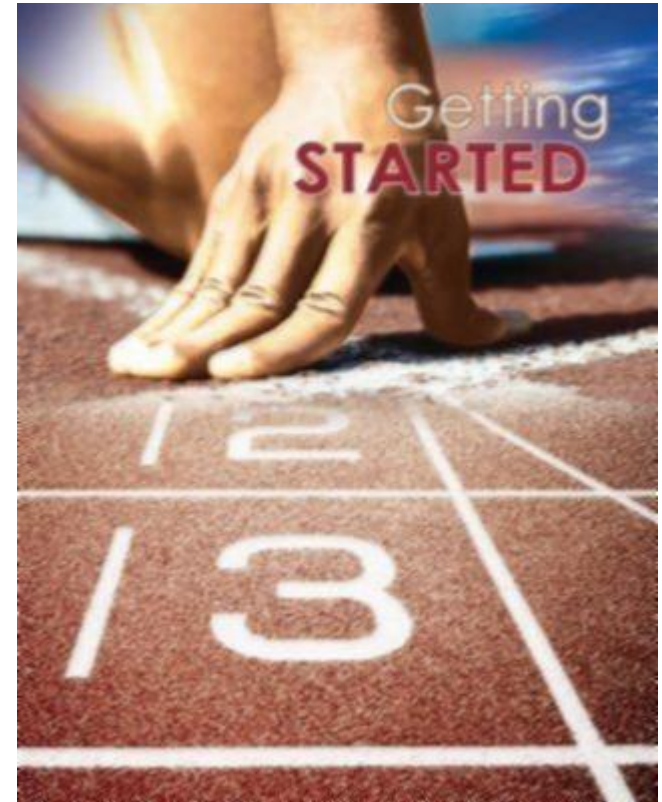
# Summary of I/O



I/O function	DDRx	PORTx	Pull-up	Comment
Input	0	0	No	
Input	0	1	Yes	Pin will source current if external pulled LOW
Output	1	0	N/A	Output LOW
Output	1	1	N/A	Output HIGH

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  - [http://www.atmel.com/microsite/avr\\_studio\\_5/default.aspx](http://www.atmel.com/microsite/avr_studio_5/default.aspx)
- ATmega328p:
  - <http://www.atmel.com/devices/ATMEGA328P.aspx>
- Others:
  - <http://www.avrfreaks.net>
  - <http://www.wrighthobbies.net>

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