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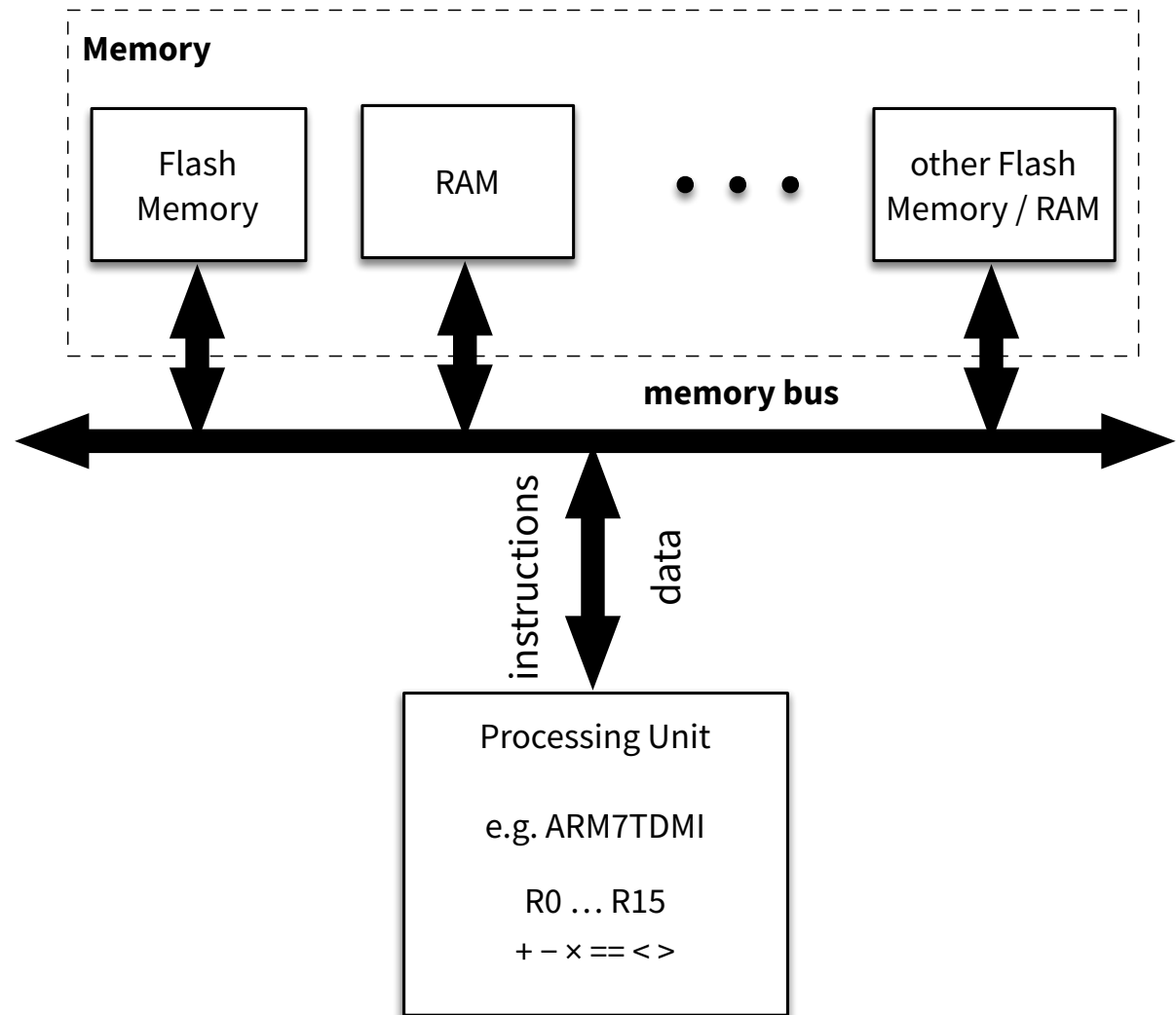
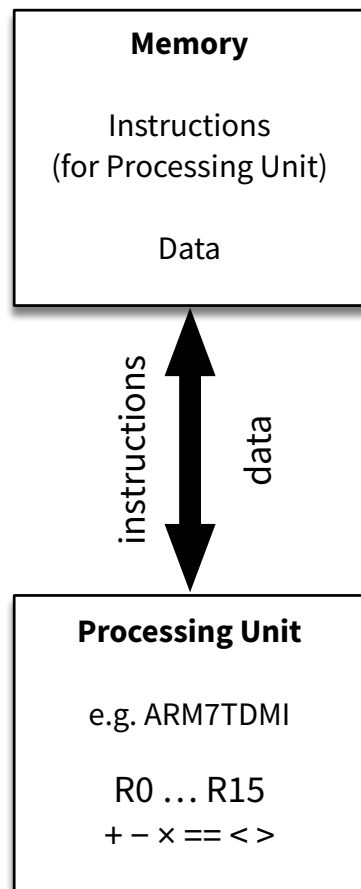
## 05 – Memory-Mapped I/O

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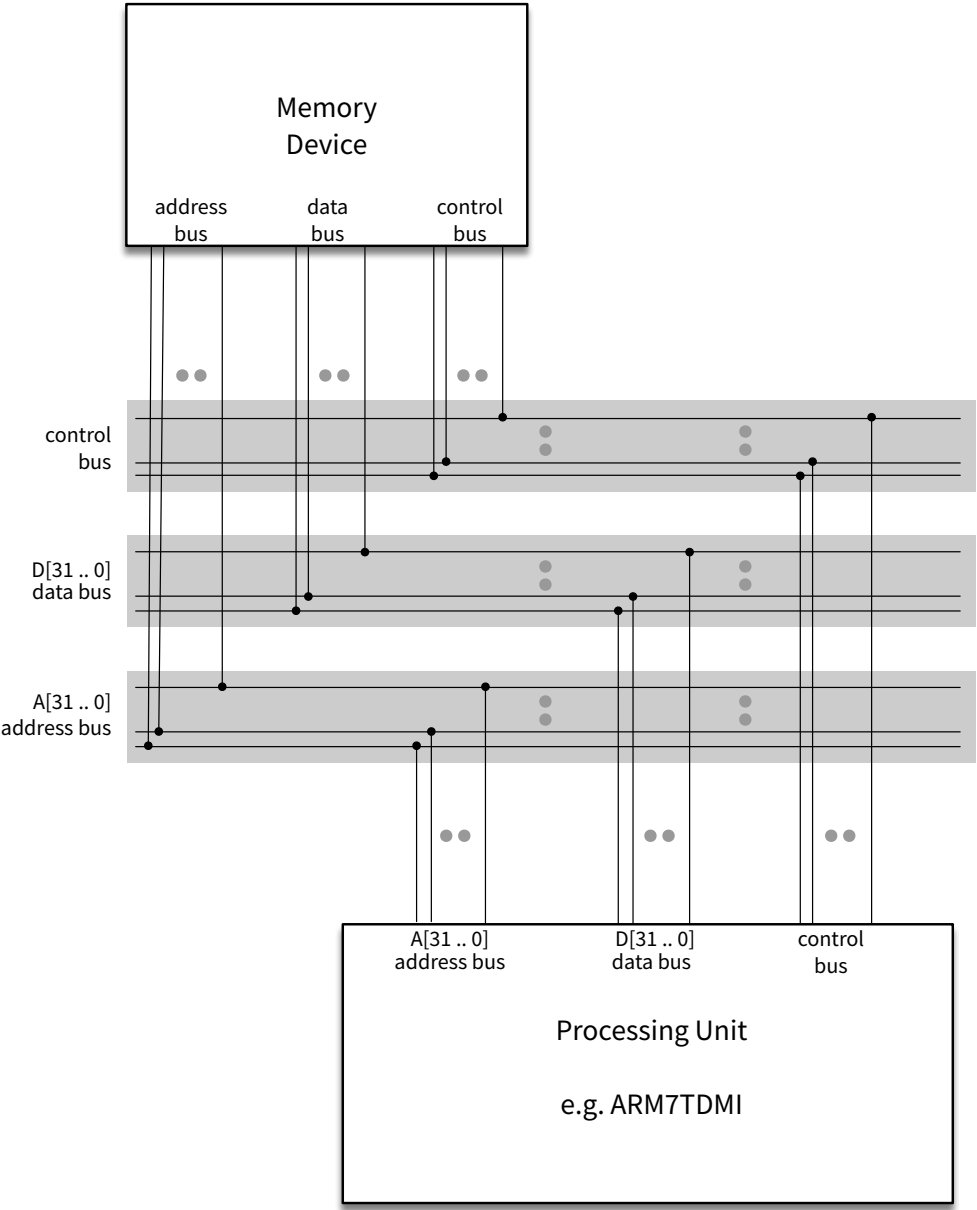
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# Simple Model of a Microprocessor

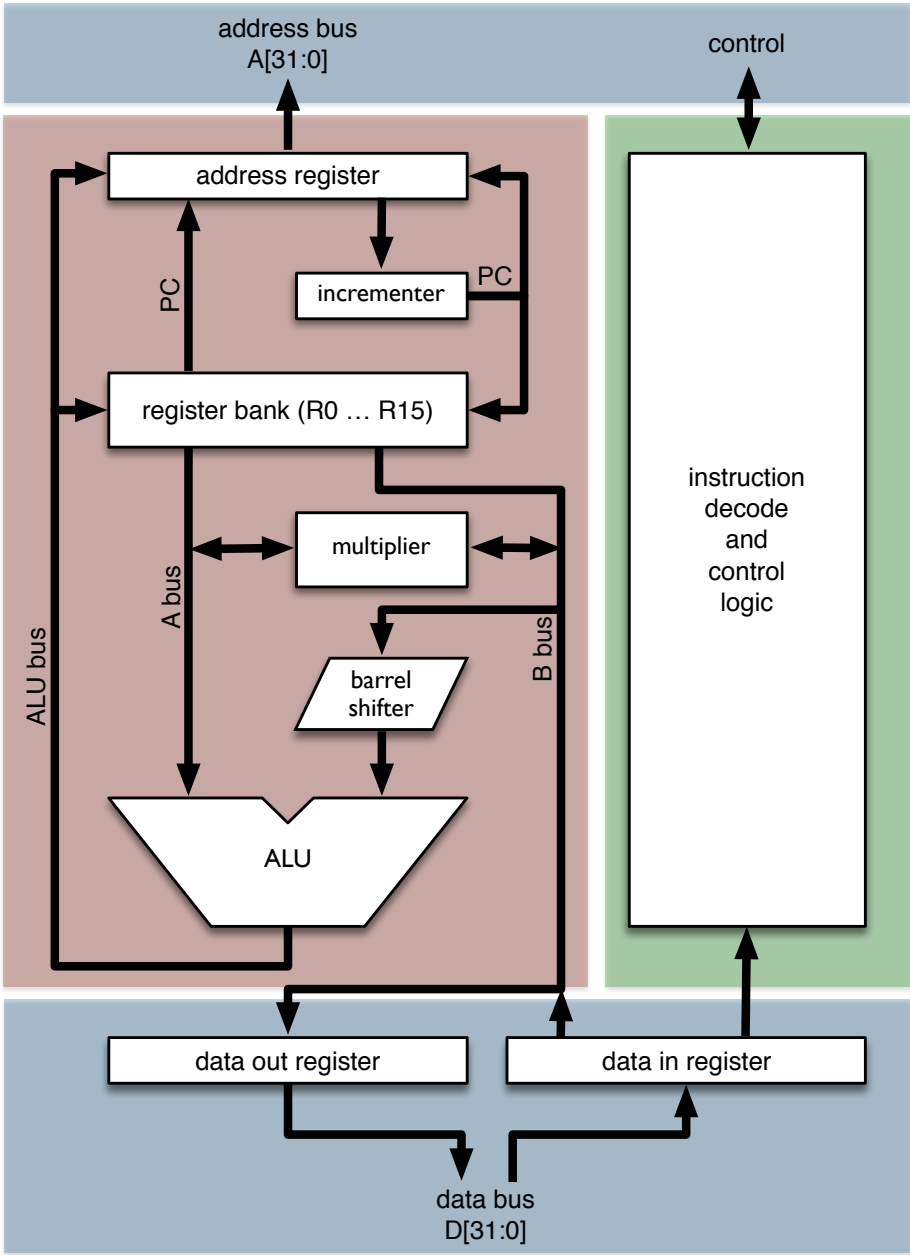
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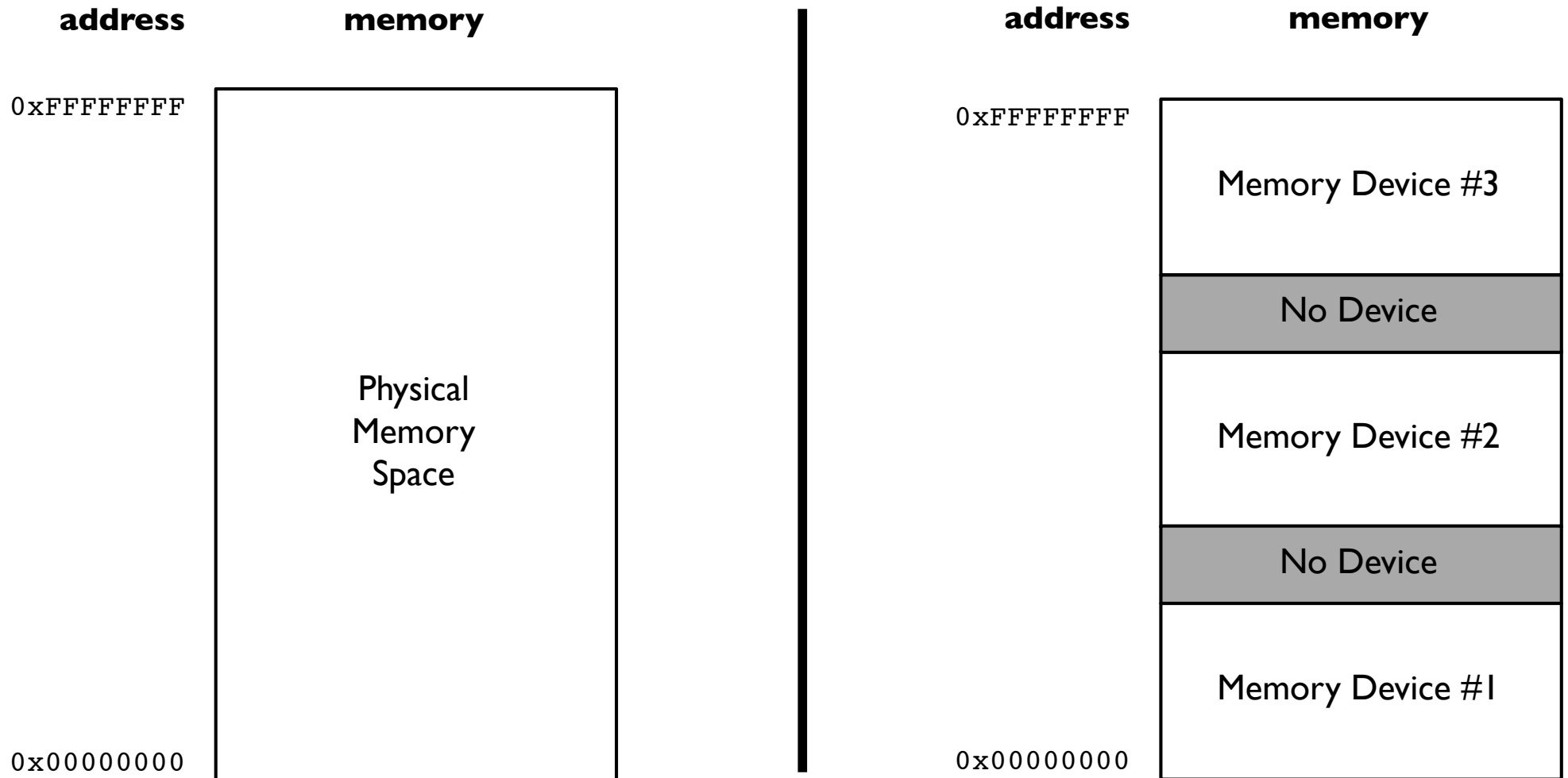


Steve Furber, “**ARM System-on-Chip Architecture**”, 2nd edition, Addison Wesley Professional, 2000.



# Address Space and Memory Map

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# NXP LPC2468

## LPC2468 Development Board

On-Chip Flash (Read-Only) Memory (512KB)

On-Chip RAM  
(64KB + 16KB for Ethernet + 16KB = 96KB)

Off-Chip RAM (32MB)

4GB address space (32 bit addresses)

Each memory device is mapped into a region of the address space

Memory accesses (loads/stores) are directed to the device that is mapped into the LDR/STR effective address

address	memory
0xFFFFFFFF	• • •
0xA1FFFFFF	External SDRAM 32MB
0xA0000000	• • •
0x81FFFFFF	External NAND Flash 128MB
0x81000000	External NOR Flash 4MB
0x80FFFFFF	
0x80000000	• • •
0x7FE03FFF	Internal SRAM Ethernet (16KB)
0x7FE00000	• • •
0x7FD03FFF	Internal SRAM USB (16KB)
0x7FD00000	• • •
0x4000FFFF	Internal SRAM (64KB)
0x40000000	• • •
0x0007FFFF	Internal Flash Memory (512KB)
0x00000000	

# Memory Mapping Example 1

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## 512KB Internal Flash Memory

512KB = 524288 bytes =  $2^{19}$  bytes

Address range:  $0 \dots 524287_{10} = 0x00000 \dots 0x7FFFF$

Device requires 19-bit addresses – A[18:0]

Choose address 0x00000000 as device base address

Mapped into processor address space 0x00000000 ... 0x0007FFFF

All addresses with the binary prefix 00000000000000 map to this device

Similarly for Internal SRAM, External SDRAM, ...

# Memory Mapping Example 2

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## 64KB Internal SRAM

64KB = 65536 bytes =  $2^{16}$  bytes

Address range:  $0 \dots 65535_{10} = 0x0000 \dots 0xFFFF$

Device requires 16-bit addresses – A[15:0]

Choose address 0x40000000 as device base address

Mapped into processor address space 0x40000000 ... 0x4000FFFF

All addresses with the binary prefix 0100000000000000 map to this device



# Communicating with peripheral devices: TIMERx

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## Four TIMER peripherals: TIMER0/1/2/3

Integrated on the LPC2468 micro controller

But distinct from the ARM7TDMI microprocessor, Flash Memory and RAM

## Measure accurate real-time intervals

Implement real-time delays by matching current *Timer Counter* against software controlled *Match Registers* (timer-like behaviour)

Capture *Timer Counter* on hardware signal or software event (stopwatch-like behaviour)

## Control behaviour by storing values in TIMERx registers (STR)

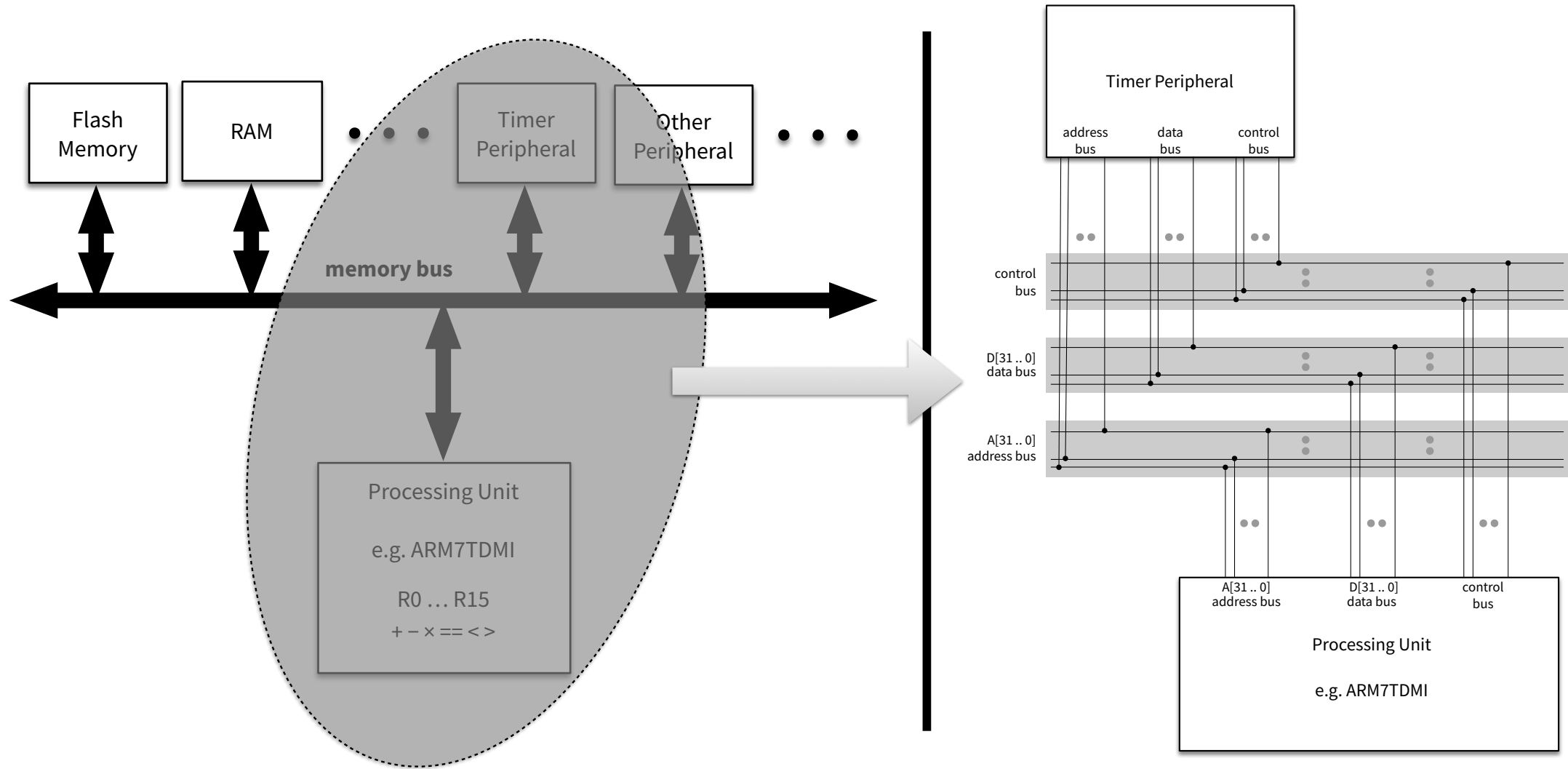
Read TIMER state or *Timer Counter* by loading from TIMERx registers (LDR)

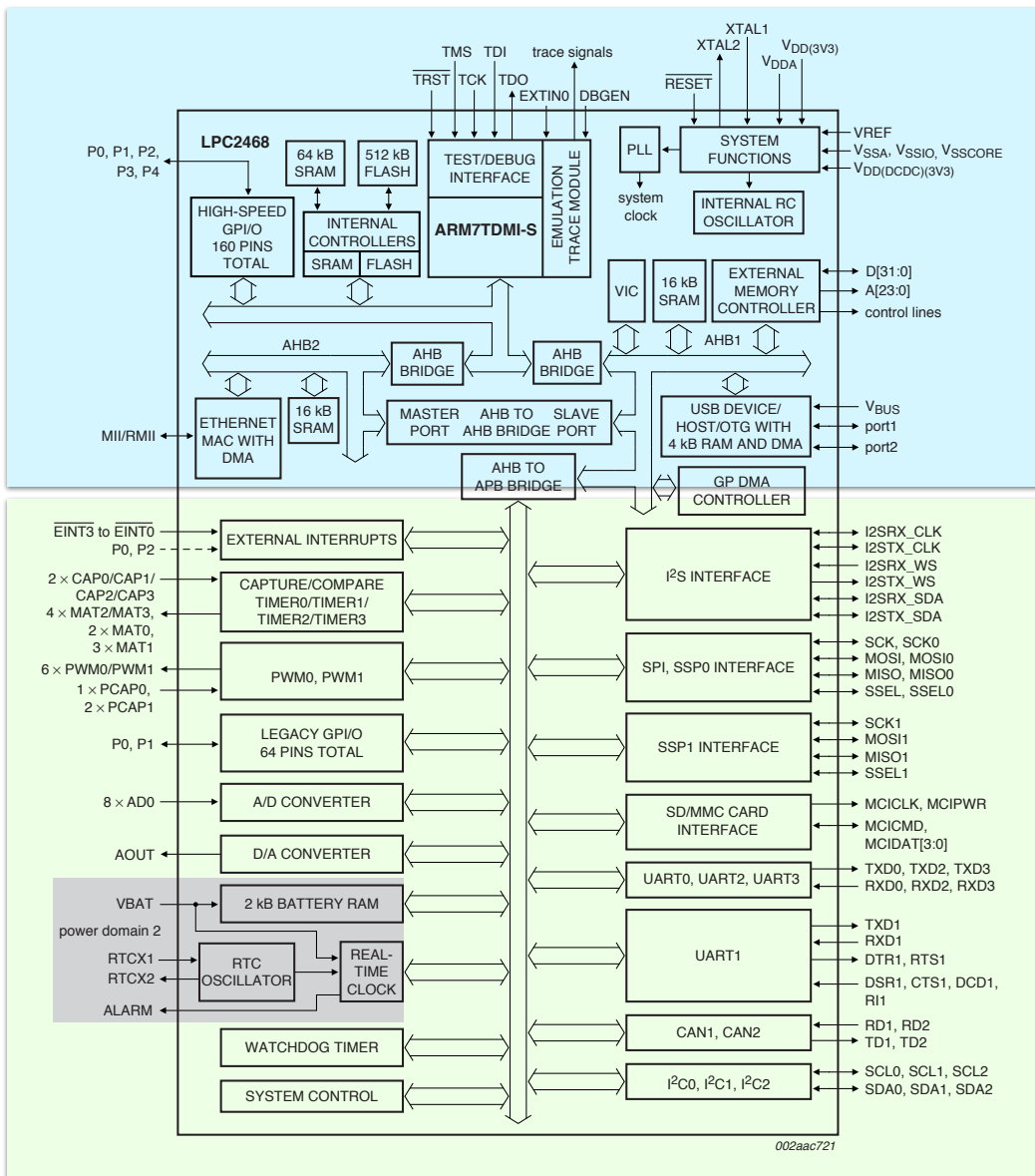
see LPC2468 User Manual, Chapter 24

+0x70	Count Control Register
	● ● ●
+0x24	Match Register 3
+0x20	Match Register 2
+0x1C	Match Register 1
+0x18	Match Register 0
+0x14	Match Control Register
+0x10	Prescale Counter
+0x0C	Prescale Register
+0x08	Timer Counter
+0x04	Timer Control Register
+0x00	Interrupt Register

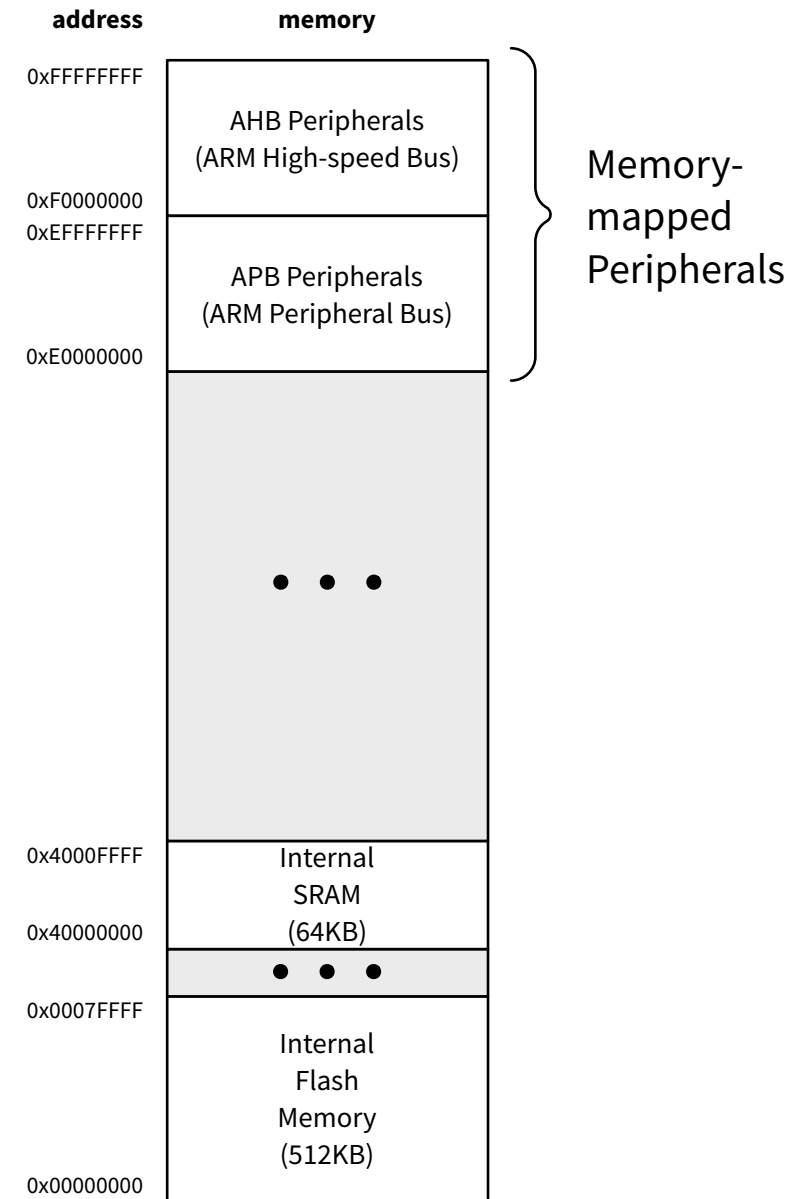
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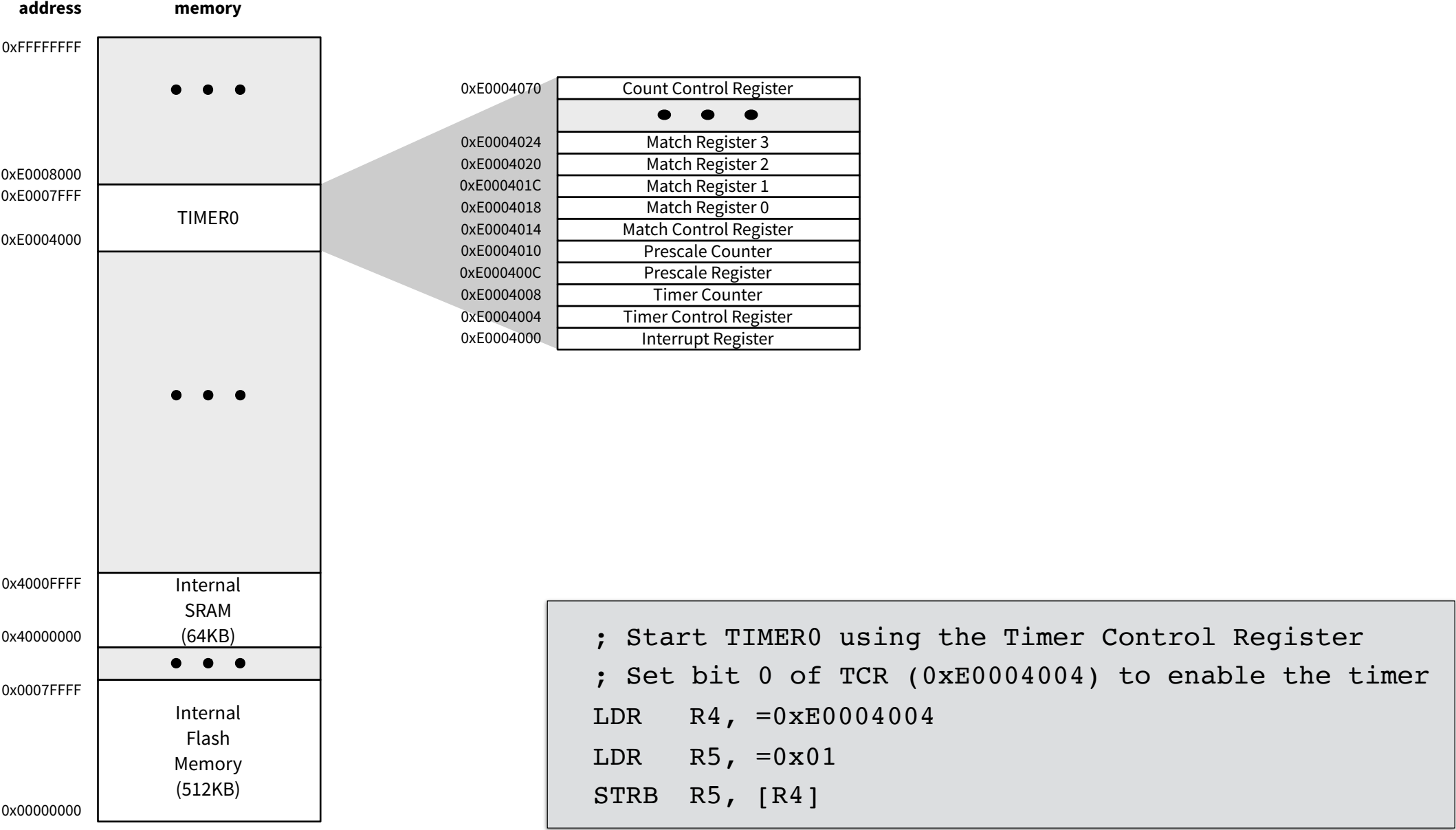
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LPC2468 Block Diagram





; Start TIMER0 using the Timer Control Register

; Set bit 0 of TCR (0xE0004004) to enable the timer

LDR    R4, =0xE0004004

LDR    R5, =0x01

STRB   R5, [R4]

# Example: Use TIMER0 to wait 5 seconds

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```
T0TCR EQU 0xE0004004
T0MR0 EQU 0xE0004018
T0MCR EQU 0xE0004014
```

Define labels for TIMER0 memory-mapped register addresses

```
LDR R4, =T0MR0
LDR R5, =5000000
STR R5, [R4]
```

Configure Match Register to match after 5 seconds  
Assuming a 1Mhz clock input to TIMER0, set match register MR0 (0xE0004018) to 5,000,000

```
LDR R4, =T0MCR
LDR R5, =0x04
STRH R5, [R4]
```

Stop on match using Match Control Register  
Set bit 2 of MCR (0xE0004014) to 1

```
LDR R4, =T0TCR
LDR R5, =0x01
STRB R5, [R4]
```

Start TIMER0 using the Timer Control Register  
Set bit 0 of TCR (0xE0004004) to enable the timer

whWait

```
LDRB R5, [R4]
TST R5, #1
BNE whWait
```

We configured TIMER0 to stop itself when the Timer Counter matches the value we placed in MR0  
We can repeatedly test the least significant bit of the Timer Control Register (0xE0004004) waiting for the bit to become 0, indicating that TIMER0 has stopped.

```
; timer finished!
```

STOP

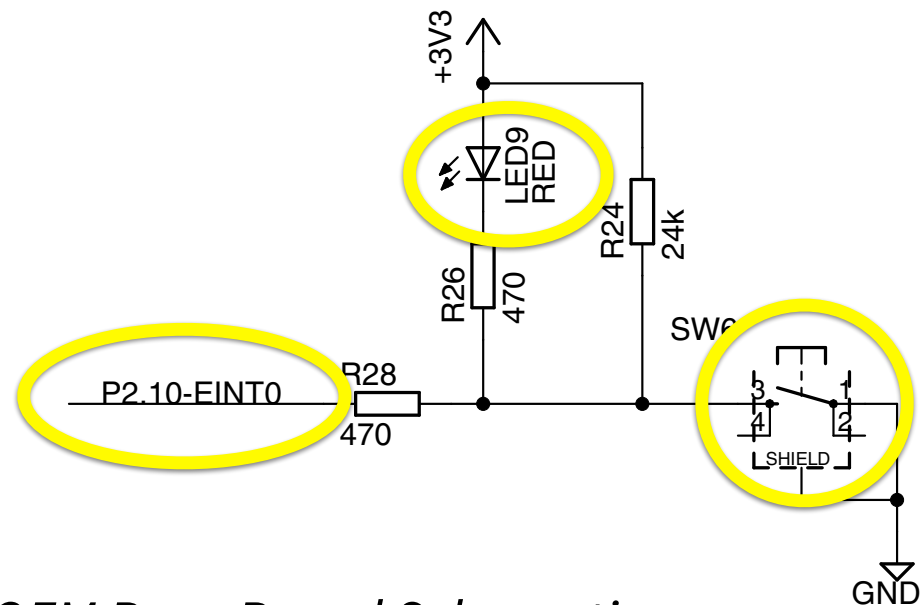
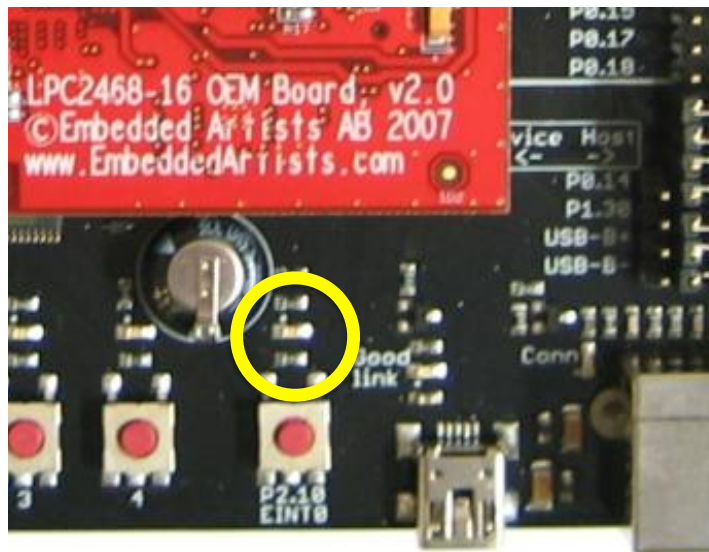
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B STOP
```

# Example: GPIO (General Purpose Input Output)

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Design and write an ARM Assembly Language program that will cause an LED to blink on and off repeatedly

“Blinky”



see *LPC2468 OEM Base Board Schematic*

Many external LPC2468 pins have multiple uses

Functionality of a pin is configured ...

by software, at runtime

using the *Pin Connect Block* peripheral

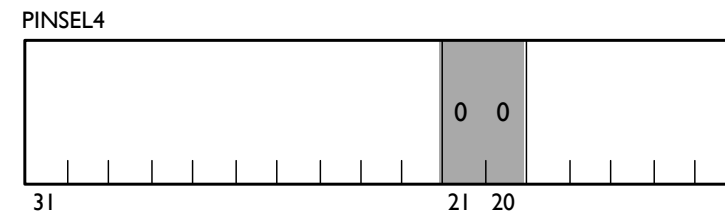
specifically, the **PINSELx** memory mapped register

## PINSELx defines pin function

Each 32-bit register controls 16 pins  
(2 bits to select one of  $2^2 = 4$  possible functions for each physical pin)

Table 135. LPC2420/60/68/70/78 pin function select register 4 (PINSEL4 - address 0xE002 C010) bit description

PINSEL4	Pin name	Function when 00	Function when 01	Function when 10	Function when 11	Reset value
21:20	P2[10]	GPIO Port 2.10	EINT0	Reserved	Reserved	00
23:22	P2[11]	GPIO Port 2.11	EINT1	MCIDAT4	ICSTY_CLK	00



*LPC2468 User Manual*  
*Chapter 9: LPC24xx Pin Connect*

# LPC2468 User Manual

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PINSEL4	Pin name	Function when 00	Function when 01	Function when 10	Function when 11	Reset value
1:0	P2[0]	GPIO Port 2.0	PWM1[1]	TXD1	TRACECLK/ LCDPWR	00
3:2	P2[1]	GPIO Port 2.1	PWM1[2]	RXD1	PIPESTAT0/ LCDLE	00
5:4	P2[2]	GPIO Port 2.2	PWM1[3]	CTS1	PIPESTAT1/ LCDDCLK	00
7:6	P2[3]	GPIO Port 2.3	PWM1[4]	DCD1	PIPESTAT2/ LCDFP	00
9:8	P2[4]	GPIO Port 2.4	PWM1[5]	DSR1	TRACESYNC/ LCDENAB/ LCDM	00
11:10	P2[5]	GPIO Port 2.5	PWM1[6]	DTR1	TRACEPKT0/ LCDLP	00
13:12	P2[6]	GPIO Port 2.6	PCAP1[0]	RI1	TRACEPKT1/ LCDVD[0]/ LCDVD[4]	00
15:14	P2[7]	GPIO Port 2.7	RD2	RTS1	TRACEPKT2/ LCDVD[1]/ LCDVD[5]	00
17:16	P2[8]	GPIO Port 2.8	TD2	TXD2	TRACEPKT3/ LCDVD[2]/ LCDVD[6]	00
19:18	P2[9]	GPIO Port 2.9	USB_CONNECT1	RXD2	EXTINO/ LCDVD[3]/ LCDVD[7]	00
21:20	P2[10]	GPIO Port 2.10	EINT0	MCIDAT0	I2STX_CLK	00
23:22	P2[11]	GPIO Port 2.11	EINT1/ LCDCLKIN	MCIDAT1	I2STX_WS	00
25:24	P2[12]	GPIO Port 2.12	EINT2/ LCDVD[4]/ LCDVD[3]/ LCDVD[8]/ LCDVD[18]	MCIDAT2	I2STX_SDA	00
27:26	P2[13]	GPIO Port 2.13	EINT3/ LCDVD[5]/ LCDVD[9]/ LCDVD[19]	MCIDAT3	SDA1	00
29:28	P2[14]	GPIO Port 2.14	CS2	CAP2[0]	SCL1	00
31:30	P2[15]	GPIO Port 2.15	CS3	CAP2[1]		00

From the schematic, we know we are looking for pin P2[10]. This pin has two functions: GPIO or EINT (external interrupt). We want to use the pin for GPIO so we need to set bits 21:20 to 00.

Notation: bits 21:20 means bits 20 and 21. Similarly, 19:0 means bits 0 ... 19.



# Enable GPIO mode for Pin P2.10

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Need to set bits 21:20 to  $00_2$  to enable GPIO functionality for pin P2[10]

**IMPORTANT!** Need to leave the other 30 bits (31:22 and 19:0) of PINSEL4 unmodified

Use a **Read-Modify-Write** operation to set register value

RMW is a common operation when interfacing with peripherals

(RMW is also an expensive operation as it requires two memory operations!)

PINSEL4 address – 0xE002C010 (from LPC2468 User Manual)

```
; Enable P2.10 for GPIO
LDR    R5, =0xE002C010    ; Address of PINSEL4
LDR    R6, [R5]           ; Read current PINSEL4 value
BIC    R6, #(0x3 << 20)   ; Modify to clear bits 21:20
STR    R6, [R5]           ; Write new PINSEL4 value
```

# Set Pin P2.10 for output

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GPIO pins can be either inputs or outputs

Controlling LED requires configuration of P2.10 as output

GPIO configured and controlled by GPIO peripheral

Direction (I/O) set using **FIOxDIRy** register

User Manual tells us we need to use FIO2DIR1 to configure P2.10

Set bit 2 of FIO2DIR1 to 1 to configure P2.10 for output

```
; Set P2.10 for output
LDR    R5, =0x3FFFC041    ; Address of FIO2DIR1
LDRB   R6, [R5]           ; Read FIO2DIR1
ORR     R6, #(0x1 << 2)   ; Modify bit 2 to value 1 to configure output
STRB   R6, [R5]           ; Write FIO2DIR1
```

# Repeatedly invert state of LED

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Set output value (0/1) using bit 2 of FIO2PIN1 register

Must not change other bits of FIO2PIN1

Read, Modify, Write again

test if LED is on or off [READ]

if it is off then turn it on, if it is on then turn it off [MODIFY]

output new value [WRITE]

Delay implemented using TIMER0

```
; TIMER0 registers
T0TCR    EQU    0xE0004004
T0MR0    EQU    0xE0004018
T0MCR    EQU    0xE0004014

; Pin Control Block registers
PINSEL4   EQU    0xE002C010

; GPIO registers
FIO2DIR1  EQU    0x3FFFC041
FIO2PIN1  EQU    0x3FFFC055

; Enable P2.10 for GPIO
LDR       R5, =PINSEL4      ; load address of PINSEL4
LDR       R6, [R5]          ; read current PINSEL4 value
BIC       R6, #(0x3 << 20) ; modify bits 20 and 21 to 00
STR       R6, [R5]          ; write new PINSEL4 value

; Set P2.10 for output
LDR       R5, =FIO2DIR1     ; load address of FIO2DIR1
LDRB      R6, [R5]          ; read current FIO2DIR1 value
ORR       R6, #(0x1 << 2)   ; modify bit 2 to 1 for output, leaving other bits unmodified
STRB      R6, [R5]          ; write new FIO2DIR1
```

# Blinky (continued)

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```
; Set match register for 5 secs using Match Register
; Assuming a 1Mhz clock input to TIMER0, set MR
; MR0 (0xE0004018) to 5,000,000
LDR    R4, =TOMR0
LDR    R5, =5000000
STR    R5, [R4]

; Stop on match using Match Control Register
; Set bit 2 of MCR (0xE0004014) to 1 to stop the counter after
; match (5 secs)
LDR    R4, =TOMCR
LDR    R5, =0x04
STRH   R5, [R4]
```

# Blinky (continued)

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```
whBlink
    ; Reset TIMER0 using Timer Control Register
    ; Set bit 0 of TCR to 0 to stop TIMER
    ; Set bit 1 of TCR to 1 to reset TIMER
    LDR    R5, =T0TCR
    LDR    R6, =0x2
    STRB   R6, [R5]

    ; Start TIMER0 using the Timer Control Register
    ; Set bit 0 of TCR to enable the timer
    LDR    R4, =T0TCR
    LDR    R5, =0x01
    STRB   R5, [R4]

    ; Keep testing TCR until the timer has stopped
whWait
    LDRB   R5, [R4]
    TST    R5, #1
    BNE    whWait

    ;
    ; Timer finished ... invert the LED
    ; Another Read-Modify-Write operation!!
    ;
```

# Blinky (continued)

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```
    ; read current P2.10 output value
    ; 0 or 1 in bit 2 of FIO2PIN1
LDR    R4, =0x04          ; setup bit mask for P2.10 bit in FIO2PIN1
LDR    R5, =FIO2PIN1      ; load address of FIO2PIN1
LDRB   R6, [R5]           ; read FIO2PIN1

    ; modify P2.10 output (leaving other pin outputs controlled by
    ; FIO2PIN1 with their original value)
TST    R6, R4             ; if (bit 2 is zero)
BNE    elsOff             ; {
ORR    R6, R6, R4         ; set bit 2 (turn LED off)
B      endif              ; }
elsOff ; else {
BIC    R6, R6, R4         ; clear bit 2 (turn LED on)
endif  ; }

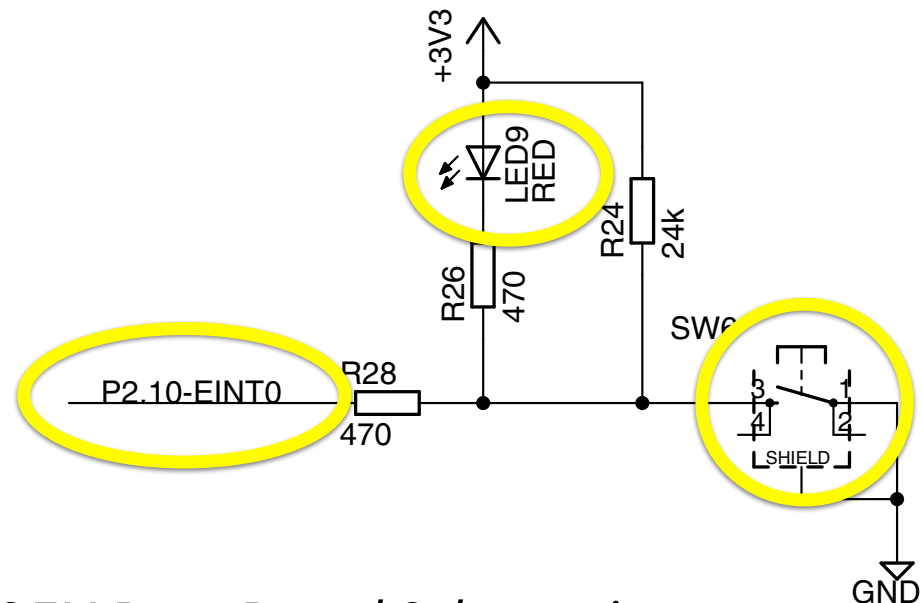
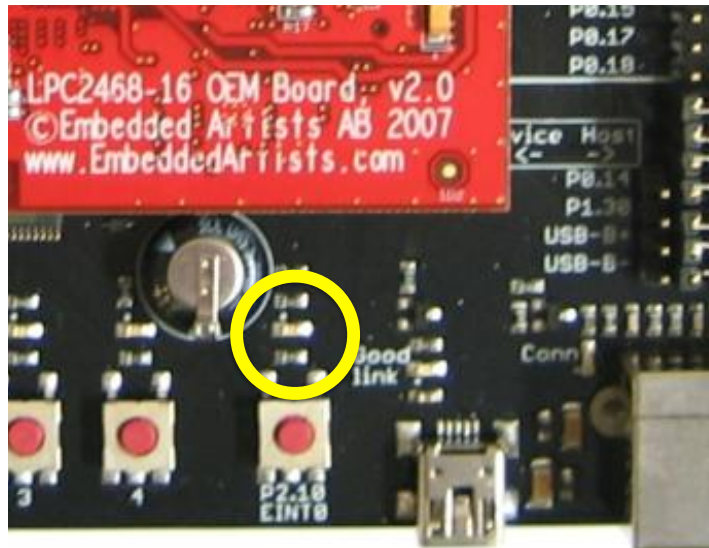
    ; write new FIO2PIN1 value
STRB   R6, [R5]

    ; repeat forever
B      whBlink
```

# GPIO Input

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Design and write an ARM Assembly Language program that will count the number of times the pushbutton connected to pin P2.10 is pressed



see *LPC2468 OEM Base Board Schematic*



# Polling

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```
; Pin Control Block registers
PINSEL4      EQU      0xE002C010

; GPIO registers
FIO2DIR1 EQU      0x3FFFC041
FIO2PIN1 EQU      0x3FFFC055

        AREA      RESET, CODE, READONLY
        ENTRY

; Enable P2.10 for GPIO
LDR      R4, =PINSEL4      ; load address of PINSEL4
LDR      R5, [R4]          ; read current PINSEL4 value
BIC      R5, #(0x3 << 20) ; modify bits 20 and 21 to 00
STR      R5, [R4]          ; write new PINSEL4 value

; Set P2.10 for input
LDR      R4, =FIO2DIR1     ; load address of FIO2DIR1
LDRB     R5, [R4]          ; read current FIO2DIR1 value
BIC      R5, #(0x1 << 2)   ; modify bit 2 to 0 for input, leaving other bits unmodified
STRB     R5, [R4]          ; write new FIO2DIR1

LDR      R4, =FIO2PIN1     ; load address of FIO2PIN1

MOV      R7, #0            ; count = 0
```

# Polling (continued)

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```
whRepeat                                ; while (forever) {
    LDRB  R6, [R4]                       ;   lastState = FIO2DIR1 & 0x4
    AND   R6, R6, #0x4                   ;
                                           ; keep testing pin state until it changes

whPoll                                  ;   do {
    LDRB  R5, [R4]                       ;       currentState = FIO2DIR1 & 0x4
    AND   R5, R5, #0x4                   ;
    CMP   R5, R6                         ;
    BEQ   whPoll                         ;   } while (currentState == lastState)

                                           ; pin state has changed ... but has it changed to 0?

    CMP   R5, #0                         ;   if (currentState == 0) {
    BNE   eIf                             ;

    ADD   R7, R7, #1                     ;       tmp++

eIf
    B     whRepeat                       ; }
```