

# Programmering af Mobile Robotter

*RB1-PMR – Module 1: Introduction to the course*

## **Agenda**

- Who am I?
- About the course
- My expectations? Your expectations? Your experience?
- Introduction to microcontrollers
- Number systems
- Micro-architecture
- Exercises (Little Man Computer)

## Who am I?

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- Background
  - BSc, Robot Systems Engineering, SDU
  - MSc, Robot Systems Engineering, SDU
  - Robotics Developer, Blue Ocean Robotics
  - Research Assistant, SDU UAS Centre
  - (present) PhD student, SDU UAS Centre
- Current research
  - Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)
  - Traffic management / U-Space
  - Communication
- 80% Software / 20% Hardware
- Practical > Theoretical / High-level > Low-level
- Linux and ROS (**C++, Python**)



# **My expectations?**



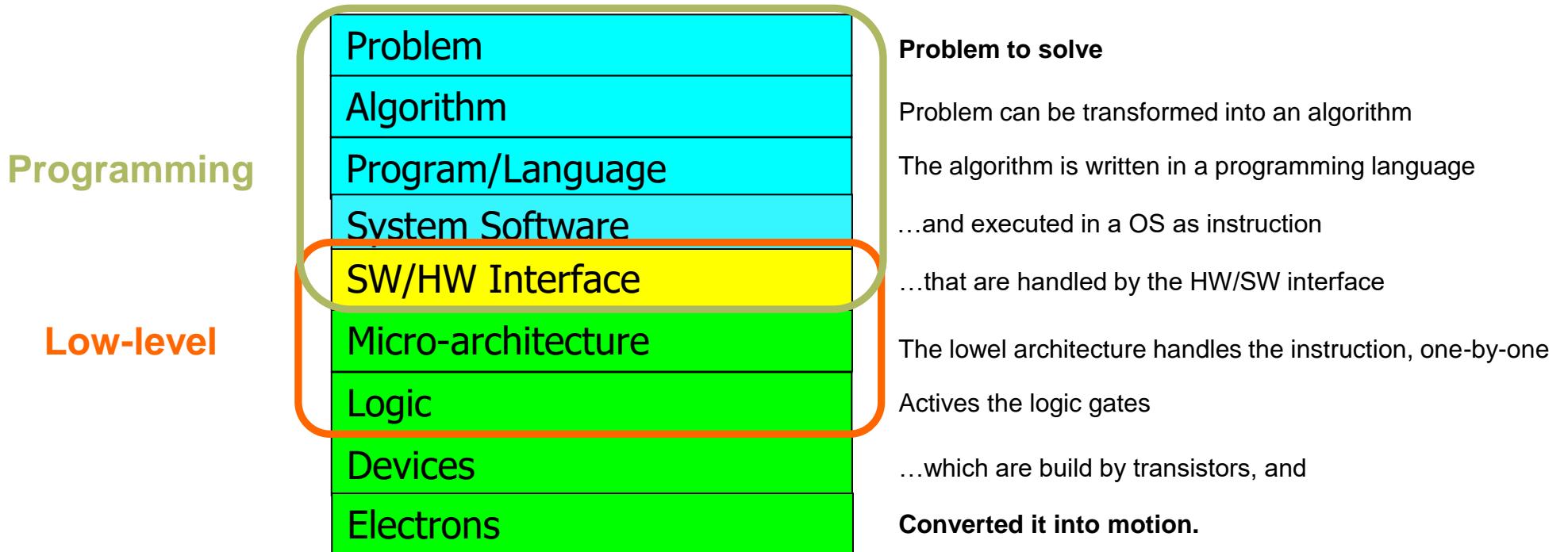
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## Our goal?

### The Transformation Hierarchy / Computing Stack



## About the Course - Content (Indhold)

“Dette kursus tilbyder en **introduktion til microcontrolleren** med fokus på at anvende den i en **mobil robot-relateret kontekst**. Kurset indeholder både grundlæggende programmering af en microcontroller samt hvordan man kan anvende dens inputs/outputs til at interface sensorer og aktuatorer på en mobil robot. Gennem kurset vil den studerende opbygge en **portefølje af relevante emner og værktøjer**. I slutningen af kurset skal denne **portefølje** anvendes til at styre en mobil robot ved brug af en microcontroller.”

### Worth discussing / mentioning?

- Portfolio?
- Extra Credit Activities / “Pointgivende aktiviteter”?
- Exam?

## Knowledge (Viden)

Efter gennemførelse af kurset har den succesfulde studerende viden om:

- **grundlæggende opbygning** og brug af en microcontroller.
- grundlæggende seriell kommunikation.
- brugen af en microcontrollers input/output i en mobil robot-relateret kontekst.
- **interface sensorer** på en mobil robot med en microcontroller.
- brugen af en microcontroller til indsamling samt **behandling af data**.
- **styre aktuatorer** på en mobil robot med en microcontroller.

## Skills (Færdigheder)

Efter gennemførelse af kurset kan den succesfulde studerende:

- udvise grundlæggende forståelse for opbygningen samt **programmering af en microcontroller**.
- styre en mobil robot ved at skrive mindre programmer og eksekvere dem på en microcontroller.
- kombinere elektroniske kredsløb med mikrocontroller, for eksempel som interface til sensorer og aktuatorer på en mobil robot.
- anvende microcontroller til at indsamle og behandle målinger fra sensorer som findes på en mobil robot platform.
- **anvende en microcontroller til at styre aktuatorer på en mobil robot baseret på input, enten fra en bruger eller en sensorer**.
- anvende debugging værktøjer til at teste og fejlfinde mindre programmer.

## Competences (kompetencer)

Efter gennemførelse af kurset kan den succesfulde studerende:

- styre en mobil robot ved at programmere en microcontroller og anvende microcontrollerens input/output hertil.
- analysere og udvikle mindre programmer til løsning af et simpelt problem.

Summary....

- Identify a problem / task
- Write a program (in MicroPython)
- Interface sensors
- Control actuators

## Course plan?

# Course plan

This plan is tentative, please expect some content changes

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37	09-09-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	2	Basic programming concepts using Python (PA 1)
38	16-09-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	3	Basic IO programming using MicroPython (Portfolio 1)
39	KiCad course (Semesterprojekt i grundlæggende styring af robotter)				
40	30-09-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	4	Actuator interface and Object-Oriented Programming (PA 2)
41	07-10-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	5	Drive System designs and Multitasking (Portfolio 2)
42	<b>Autumn vacation</b>				
43	21-10-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	6	Sensors and Robot Behaviors (Portfolio 3)
44	28-10-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	7	Logic Gates
45	04-11-2024	08:15 - 12:00	U167	8	[TBC] Debugging, data collection, and visualization (PA 3)
46	11-11-2024	08:00 - 12:00	U167	9	[TBC] Communication (Wifi/UART/I2C/SPI) and Mini project introduction (Portfolio 4)
47	18-11-2024	08:00 - 12:00	U167	10	Mini project work (and Q/A)
48	25-11-2024	08:00 - 12:00	U167	11	Mini project work (and Q/A)
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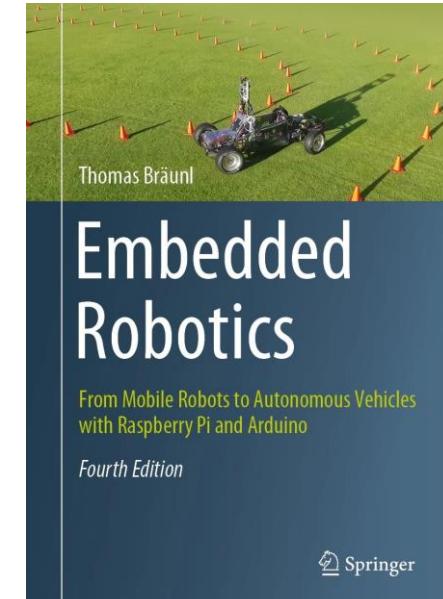
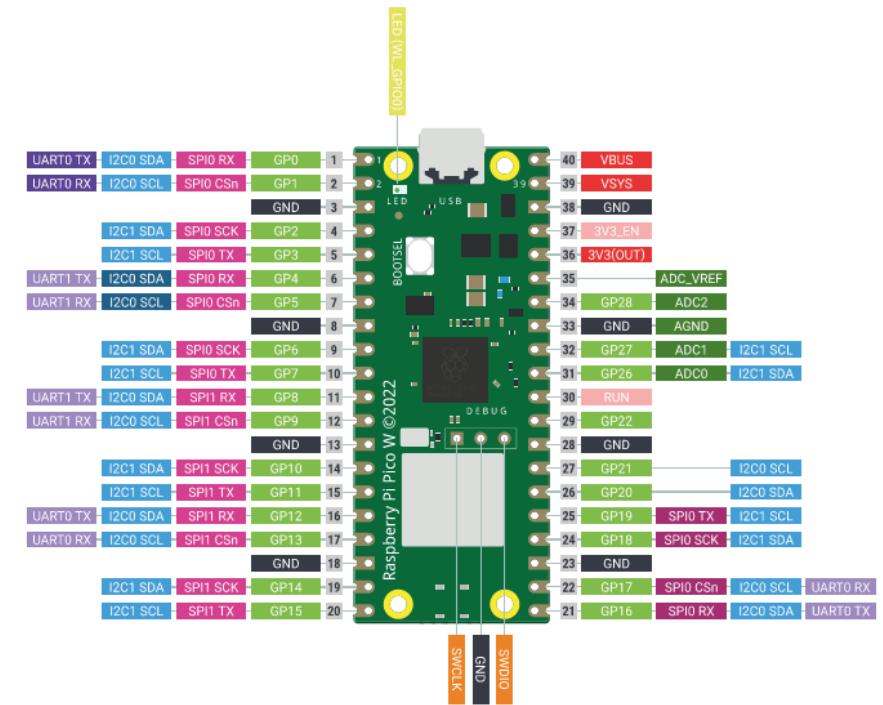
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					Robot Sensors and Robot Behaviors (Portfolio 3)
					Robot Control and Logic Gates
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## References

- **MicroPython**
  - Documentation (library)
  - Get started with MicroPython on Raspberry Pi Pico
  - Cheatsheets
- **RP2040**
  - Datasheet
  - Assembly Language Programming
- **Raspberry Pi Pico / Pico W**
  - Datasheet
  - Python SDK
  - Documentation (library)
- **eBooks**
  - From Mobile Robots to Autonomous Vehicles with Raspberry Pi and Arduino
  - The Architecture of Computer Hardware and Systems Software

*(Documents are available through ItsLearning,  
more might be added during the course)*

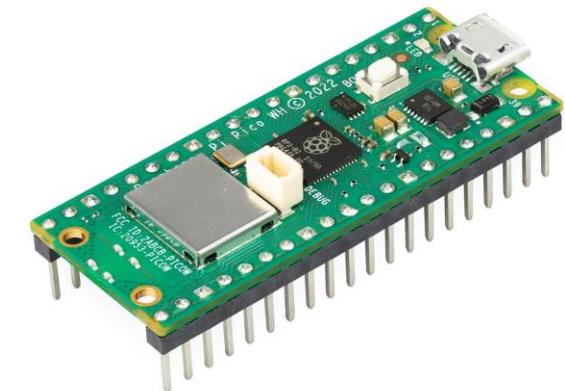


## Software

- **Thonny** (Open-source Python IDE)
  - Windows / Linux / Mac
- **Alternatives:** VS Code?

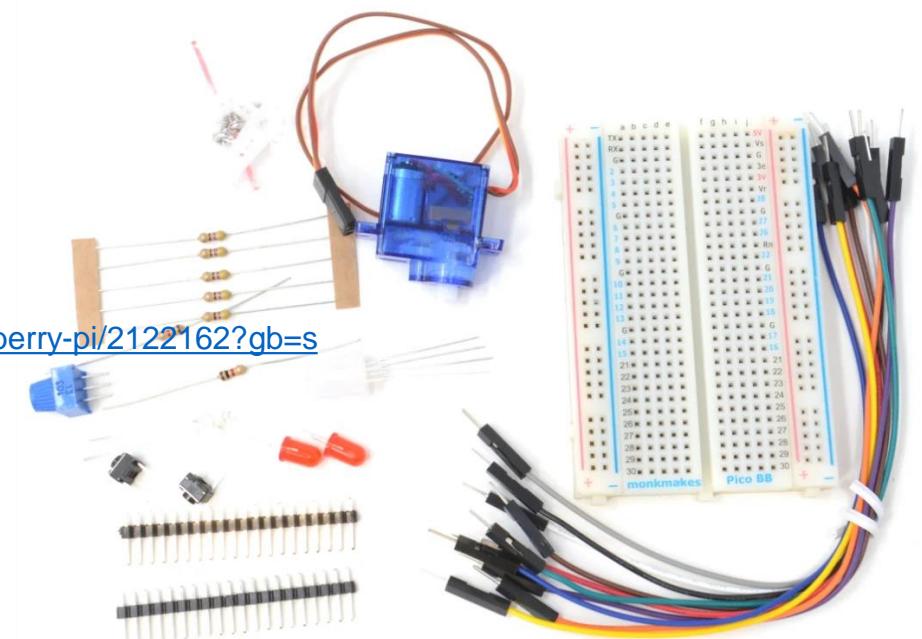
# Thonny

Python IDE for beginners



## Hardware

- **Raspberry Pi Pico / Pico W**
  - (Recommended) Raspberry Pi Pico WH: <https://thevhut.com/products/raspberry-pi-pico-w>
  - Raspberry Pi Pico H: <https://thevhut.com/products/raspberry-pi-pico>
- **Monk Makes Electronics Kit 1 for Pico (lite edition)**
  - <https://thevhut.com/products/electronics-kit-for-pico-lite-edition>
- **Alternatives**
  - Pico / Pico W
    - <https://raspberrypi.dk/en/product/raspberry-pi-pico-wh/>
    - <https://raspberrypi.dk/en/product/raspberry-pi-pico-h/>
    - (not H) <https://dk.rs-online.com/web/p/raspberry-pi/2122162?gb=s>
  - Monk Makes
    - <https://dk.rs-online.com/web/p/raspberry-pi-hats-og-add-ons/2222161>



# Your experience? Your expectations?



# Number systems

In-Class Q/A:  
“What kinds do you know?”  
“*Why do we need them?*”

## Numbering systems

- Human use **base 10**
  - ...decimal system
  - It is said to be of base 10 because it uses 10 digits
    - (0, 1, 2, ..., 9)

$$7392_{10} = 7 \times 10^3 + 3 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^1 + 2 \times 10^0$$

Base

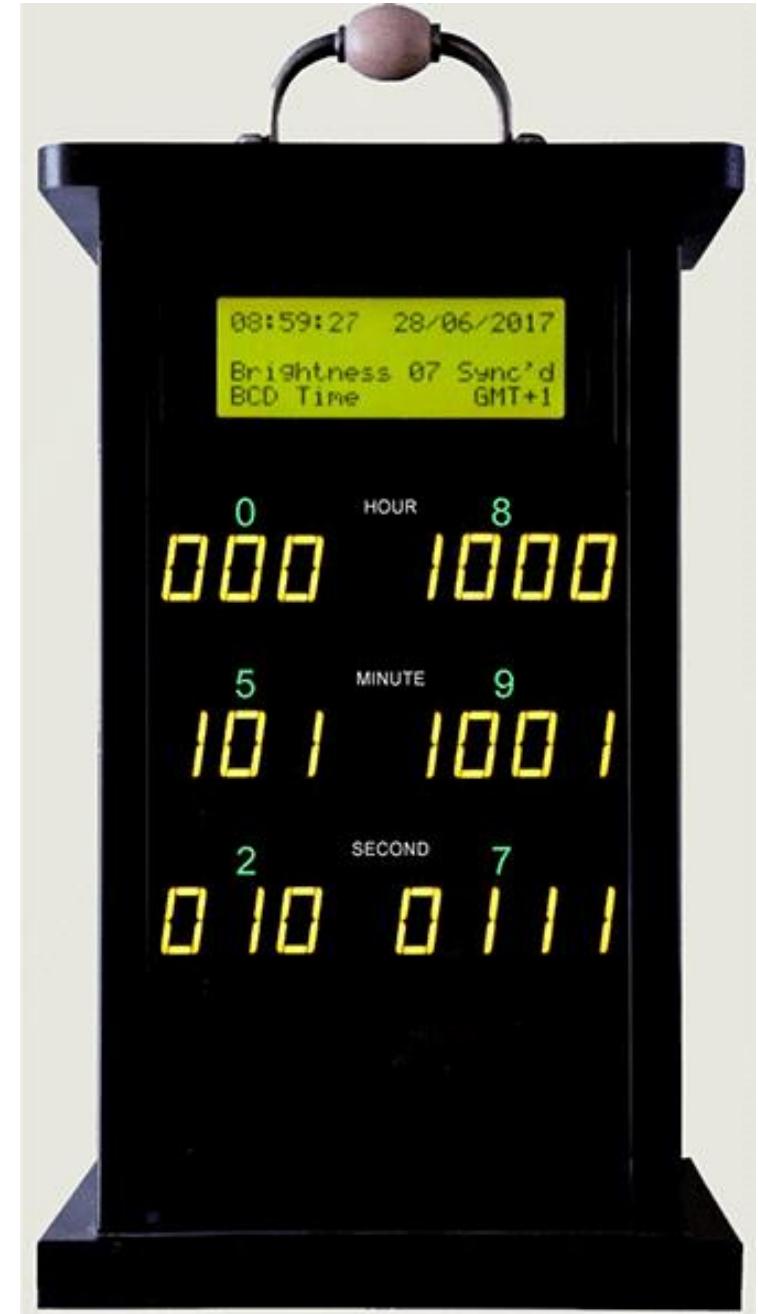
(7 thousands, plus 3 hundreds, plus 9 tens, plus 2 units)

- Machines use **Base 2**
  - ...Binary system: it uses 0 or 1 (a bit)

$$7392_{10} = 1110011100000_2$$

Base

**But why use binary numbers then?**



## Communication

*“The process of exchanging information, ideas, thoughts, or messages between individuals, groups, or systems through a shared medium”*

= requires a **sender**, a message, and a **receiver** using the same common understanding

### Humans?

- Language, writing/symbols, appearance/body language, etc.

### Machines?

- Protocols, writing/symbols, data, etc.
  - → **signals**



# Signals

*“An electrical or electromagnetic current that is used for carrying data from one device or network to another”*

- There are two main types of signal:

## Analog

Analog signal is continuous in time and amplitude.

A continuous range of values with an infinite number of possible values.

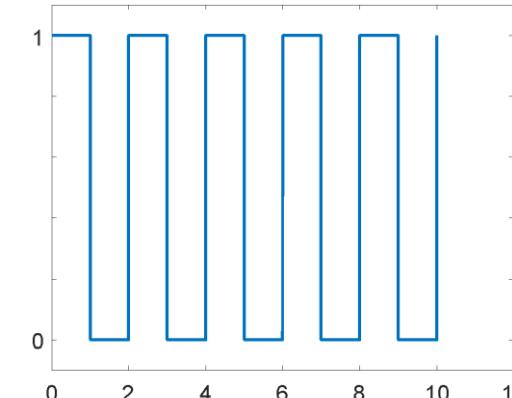
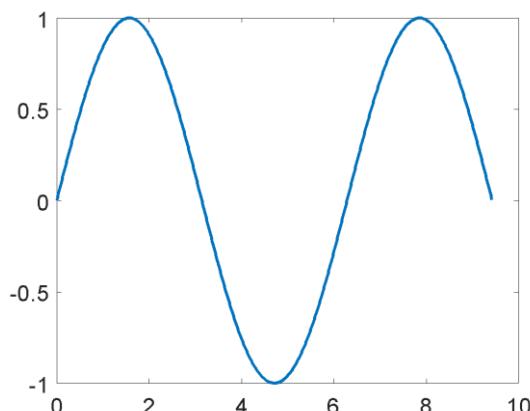
**Examples:** Analog sensors (temperature, light, etc.), radio signals,

## Digital

Digital signals are discrete in time and amplitude.

Binary values ( **high (1)** and **low (0)** ) to represent information.

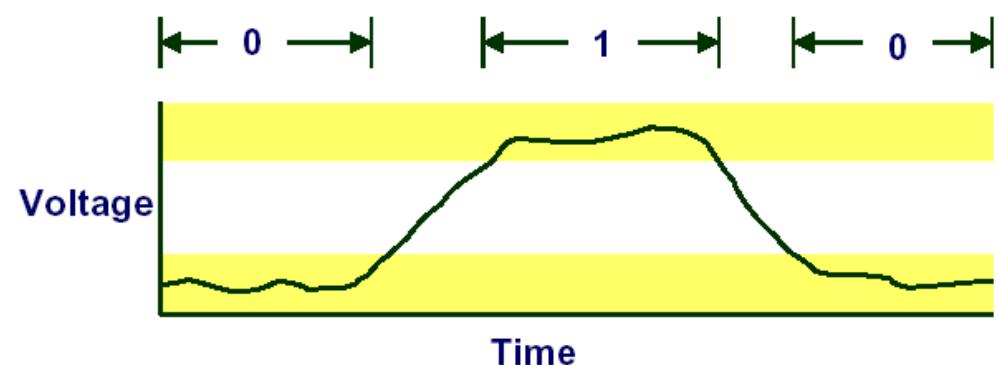
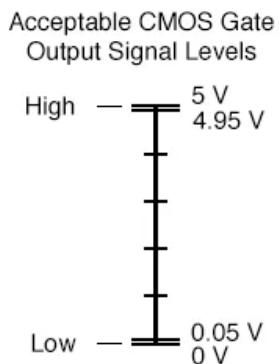
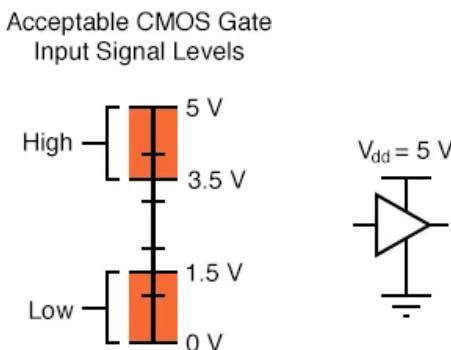
**Examples:** Computer data, CDs, DVDs



In principle analog could be fine... **but it is not...**

## Logic Signal Voltage Levels

- Logic gate circuits are designed to input and output only two types of signals: **High (1) / Low (0)**
- **Example:** “Acceptable” signal voltages range
  - From 0 volts to < 0.8 - 1.5 volts for a “low” logic state
  - From > 2 - 3.5 volts to 5 volts for a “high” logic state
- Ranging between low and high is considered as uncertain



Problem

Algorithm

Program/Language

System Software

SW/HW Interface

Micro-architecture

Logic

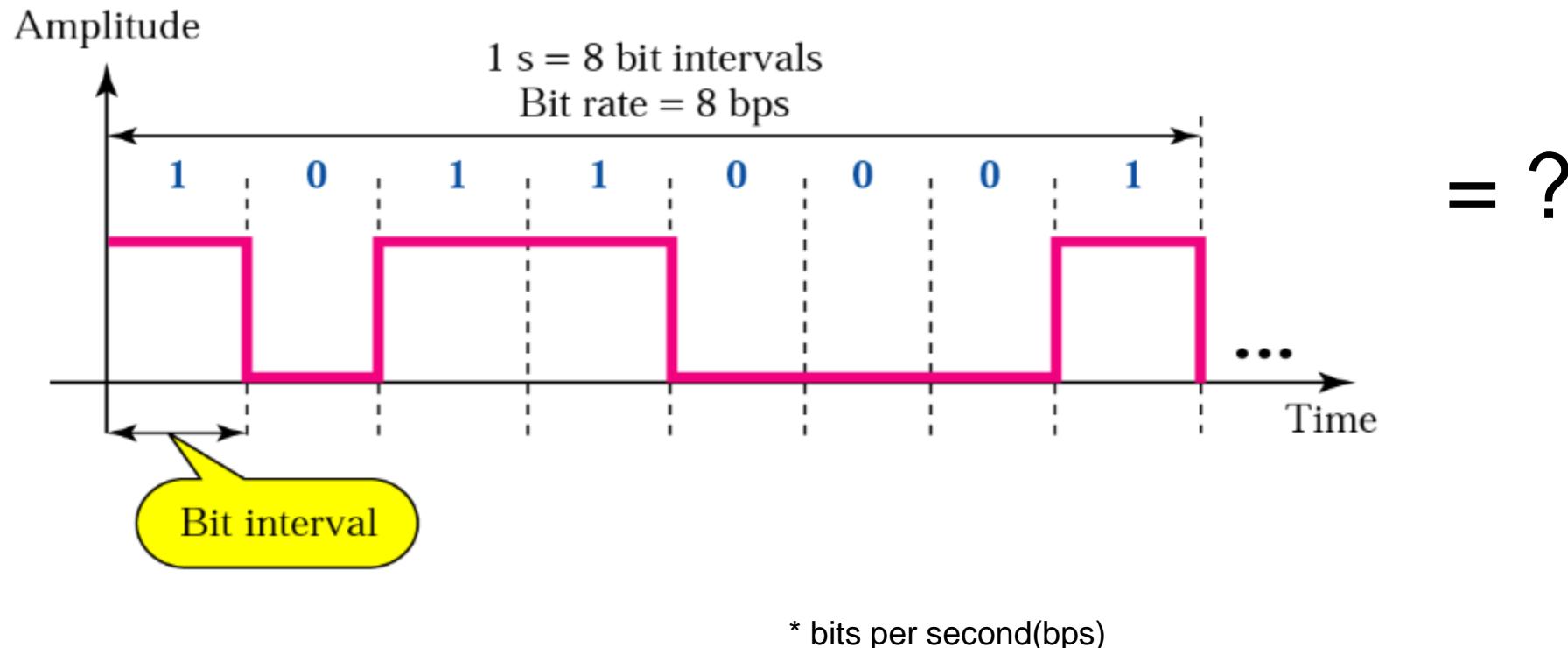
Devices

Electrons

## Data

*“A sequence of bits, either 0 or 1, bits arranged in complex or specific patterns”*

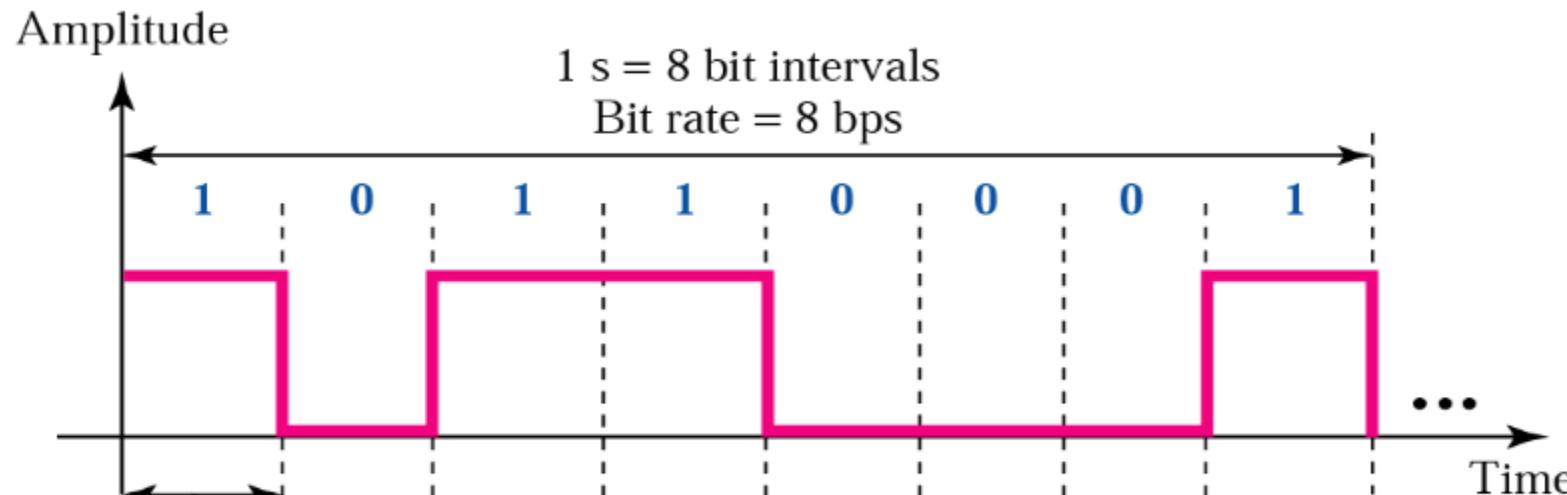
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**Hard for the human to read...  
We need to convert it to understand it (faster)!**



= 177  
(when converted...)

\* bits per second(bps)

## Convert to decimal from binary

- Other systems with different bases
  - **Base 2 (Binary):** 0 or 1 (a bit)

$$7392_{10} = 111001110000_2$$

A diagram illustrating the conversion of the decimal number 7392 to binary. The equation is  $7392_{10} = 111001110000_2$ . A yellow rectangular box contains the word "Base". Two arrows point from this box to the subscripts "10" and "2" in the equation, indicating the base of the numbers.

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$$7392_{10} = 0001\ 1100\ 1110\ \textbf{0000}_2$$

Convert using a table?

Decimal	Binary
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001
10	1010
11	1011
12	1100
13	1101
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MSB

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LSB

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Or

$$\begin{aligned}
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## Convert to decimal from binary/Octo/Hexa

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- Base 8 (Octodecimal): 0,1,2,...,7

$$7392_{10} = 16340_8$$

$$= 1 \times 8^4 + 6 \times 8^3 + 3 \times 8^2 + 4 \times 8^1 + 0 \times 8^0$$

- Base 16 (Hexadecimal): 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, A, B, C, D, E, F

$$7392_{10} = 1CE0_{16}$$

$$= 1 \times 16^3 + 12 \times 16^2 + 14 \times 16^1 + 0 \times 16^0$$

(Compared to binary numbers, they are more “easy” to read)

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2	0010	2	2
3	0011	3	3
4	0100	4	4
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6	0110	6	6
7	0111	7	7
8	1000	10	8
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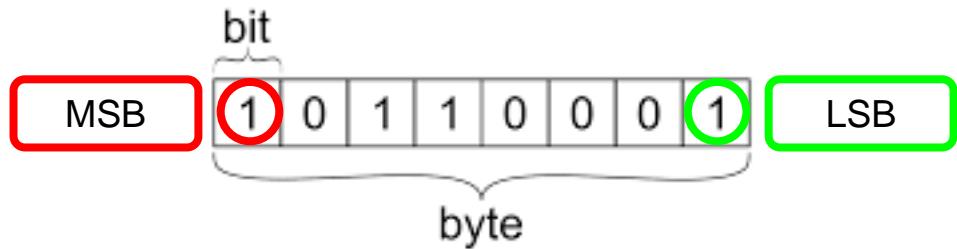
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- 1 byte = 8 bits = 2 hexadecimals



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Division by 2	Remainder	Remainder (Digit)	Bit #
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$(7)/2$	3	$(0.5 * 2) \ 1$	10

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$(28)/2$	14	0	8
$(14)/2$	7	0	9
$(7)/2$	3	$(0.5 * 2) \ 1$	10
$(3)/2$	1	$(0.5 * 2) \ 1$	11

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- Divide by the base to get the digits from the remainders
  - Base 2 (Binary):  $7392_{10} = 1110011100000_2$

Division by 2	Remainder	Remainder (Digit)	Bit #
$(7392)/2$	3696	0 (LSB)	0
$(3696)/2$	1848	0	1
$(1848)/2$	924	0	2
$(924)/2$	462	0	3
$(462)/2$	231	0	4
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  - Base 16 (Hexadecimal):  $7392_{10} = ?_{16}$

Division by 16	Remainder	Remainder (Digit)	Digit #
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Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexa
0	0000	0	0
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2	0010	2	2
3	0011	3	3
4	0100	4	4
5	0101	5	5
6	0110	6	6
7	0111	7	7
8	1000	10	8
9	1001	11	9
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(You can calculate upto more digits)

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# Task: Convert between numbering systems (20 min)

Convert between decimal, binary, and hexadecimal numbering systems. Write down the intermediate steps leading to the result.

Decimal and Binary	Decimal and Hexadecimal	Binary and Hexadecimal
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Validate your answers online, eg. here:

<https://www.rapidtables.com/convert/number/decimal-to-binary.html?x=0>

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- **Different Platforms, Different Goals**



### Types of Microcontroller?

- **RP2040** (Raspberry Pi Pico)
  - Dual-core ARM Cortex-M0+, up to 133 MHz, 264 KB SRAM, external flash.
- **ATmega328P** (Arduino Uno)
  - 8-bit AVR, up to 20 MHz, 2 KB SRAM, 32 KB flash.
- **ESP32**
  - Dual-core Xtensa LX6, up to 240 MHz, 520 KB SRAM, integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.
- **STM32F103**:
  - ARM Cortex-M3, up to 72 MHz, 20 KB SRAM, 64-512 KB flash.
- **ATSAMD21** (Arduino Zero)
  - ARM Cortex-M0+, up to 48 MHz, 32 KB SRAM, 256 KB flash.
- **ESP8266** (NodeMCU)
  - 32-bit Tensilica L106, 80 MHz, 160 KB SRAM, integrated Wi-Fi, popular in IoT.



*Raspberry Pi Pico*



*Arduino Uno*



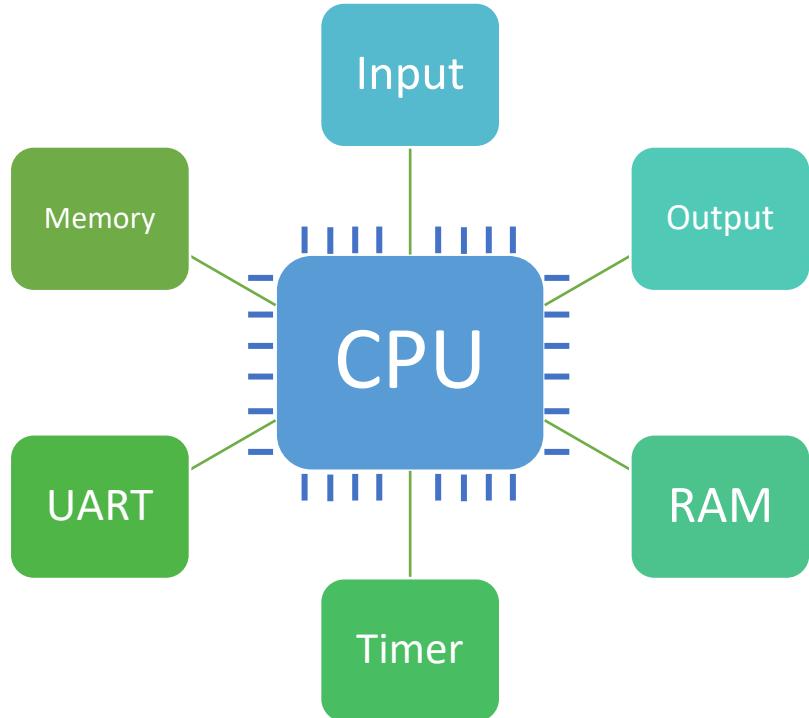
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# Microcontroller versus Micropocessor?

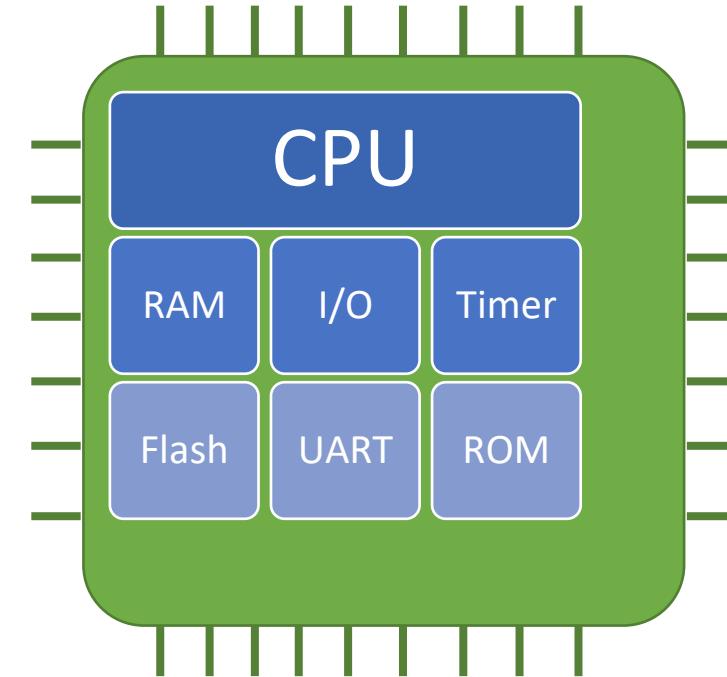
In-Class Q/A: “*What is the difference between a Microcontroller and a Microprocessor?*”

## **Microcontroller versus Microprocessor?**

- Components / Peripherals?



**Microprocessor**  
(General computing)



**Microcontroller**  
(Specialized devices)

## Microcontroller versus Microprocessor?

	<b>Microprocessor (General computing)</b>	<b>Microcontroller (Specialized devices, application depended)</b>
<b>Memory</b>	Requires <u>external memory</u> and data storage. (only processes data, not storing)	On-chip memory modules (ROM, RAM). (Stand-alone device)
<b>Peripherals</b>	Needs additional parts. Connect with the external bus.	On-chip peripherals (timers, I/O ports, signal converter).
<b>Computing</b>	Capable of complex computing tasks.	Limited to specific application logic.
<b>Clock speed</b>	<u>Very fast</u> . GHz range.	Fast but slower than microprocessors. <u>kHz to MHz range</u> .
<b>Power</b>	High power consumption. No power saving mode.	Consumes minimal power. Built-in power saving modes.
<b>Communication</b>	Handles high-speed data transfer. Supports USB 3.0 and Gigabit Ethernet.	Supports low to moderate speed communication. Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) and I <sup>2</sup> C. Universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter (UART).
<b>Cost</b>	Expensive because of the additional components.	Cheaper because a single integrated circuit provides multiple functionalities.

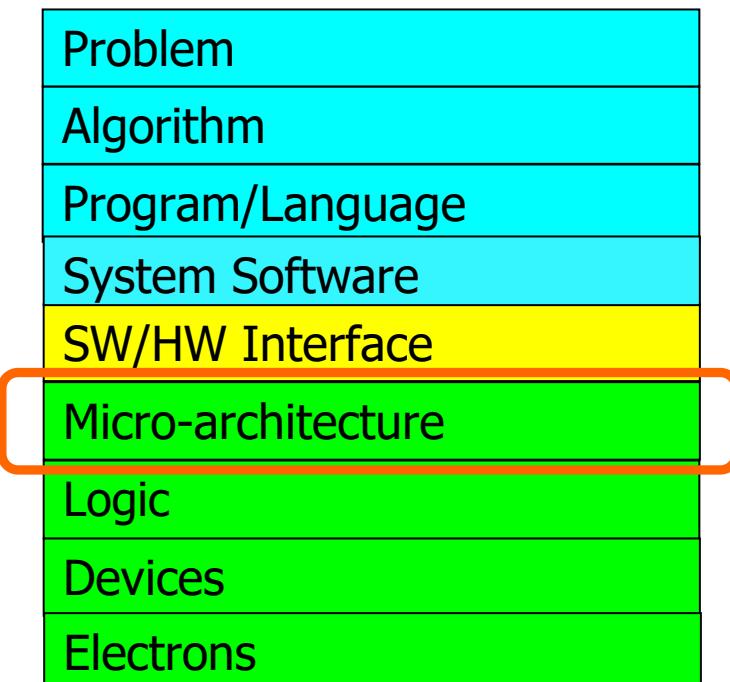
# Micro-architecture

In-Class Q/A: “*What is it?*”

## Microcontroller architecture (micro-architecture)

*“The way to structure and design of a computer's Central Processing Unit (CPU) or other hardware components”*

- **Key components** (structure and design)
  - Central Processing Unit (CPU)
  - Memory
  - Digital Converters (ADC/DAC)
  - Input/Output (I/O) Ports
  - Serial Bus Interface (data transfer each component)
- **Types:** RISC, CISC, ARM, AVR, PIC, Intel 8051, .....
  - Computer architectures are a study by itself....
- **Two basic/traditional designs:**
  - Von Neumann architecture
  - Harvard architecture



## Microcontroller architecture (microarchitecture)

- Harvard vs. Von Neumann Architecture
  - **Von Neumann architecture:** uses the same memory space for both.
    - Slower, CPU can not access instructions and read/write at the same time.
    - Cheaper and easier to program
  - **Harvard architecture:** separates memory for instructions and data.
    - Faster, CPU can access instructions and read/write at the same time.
    - More costly and complex, compared to Von Neumann

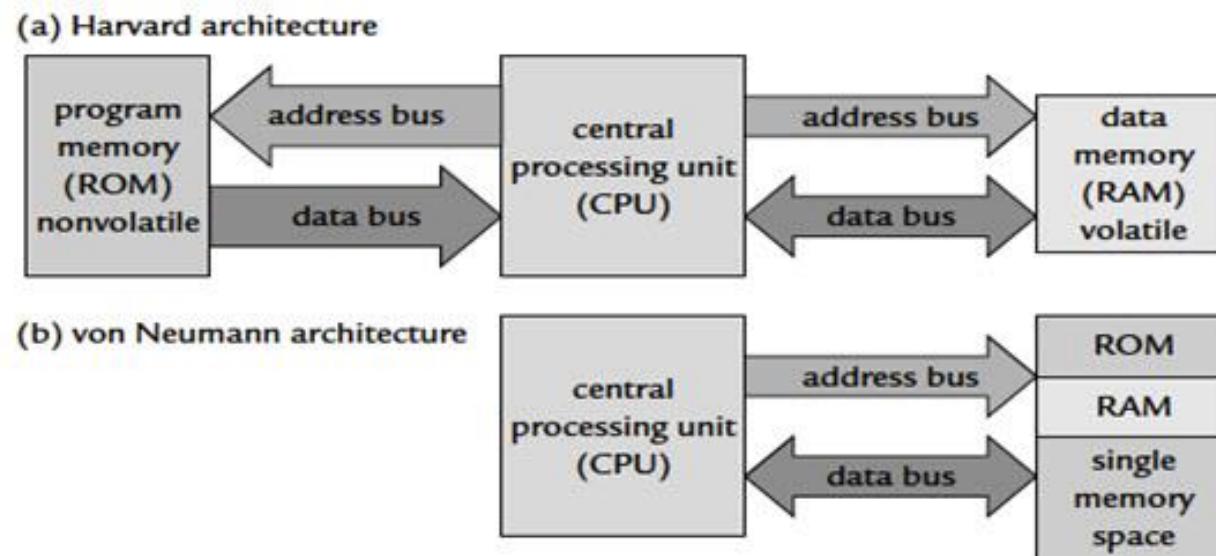


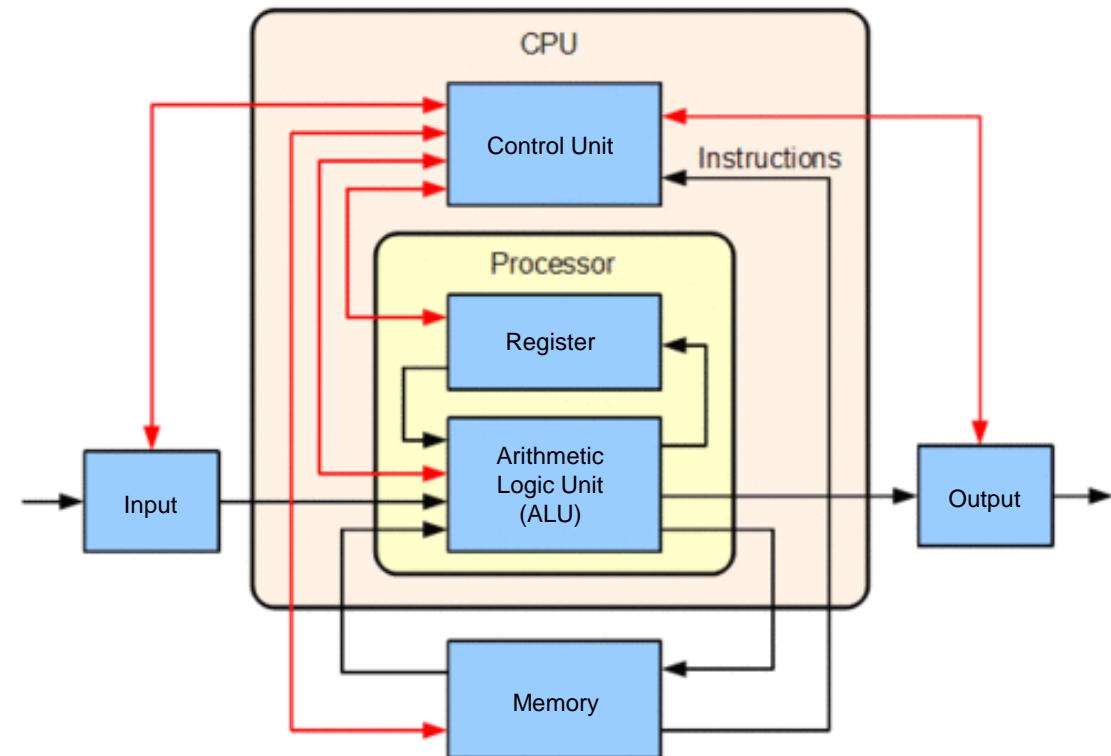
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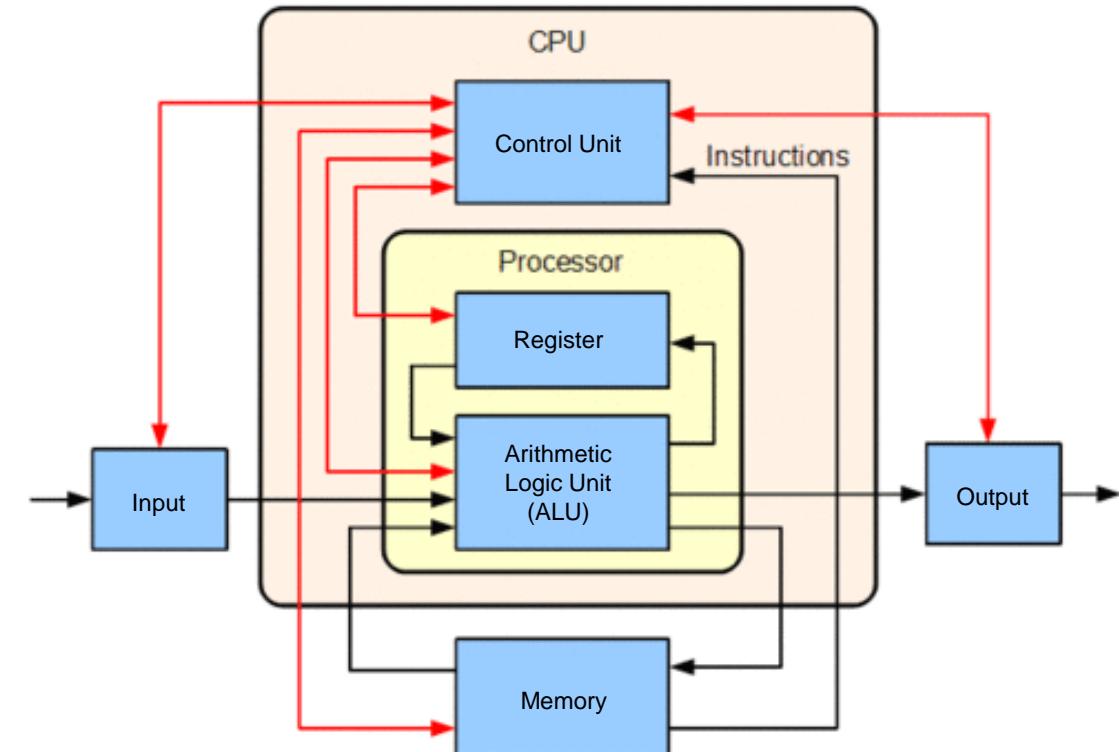


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  1. **Fetches** instructions from main memory,
  2. **Decodes** them, and then
  3. **Executes** them by coordinating the actions of the ALU, registers, and other components.
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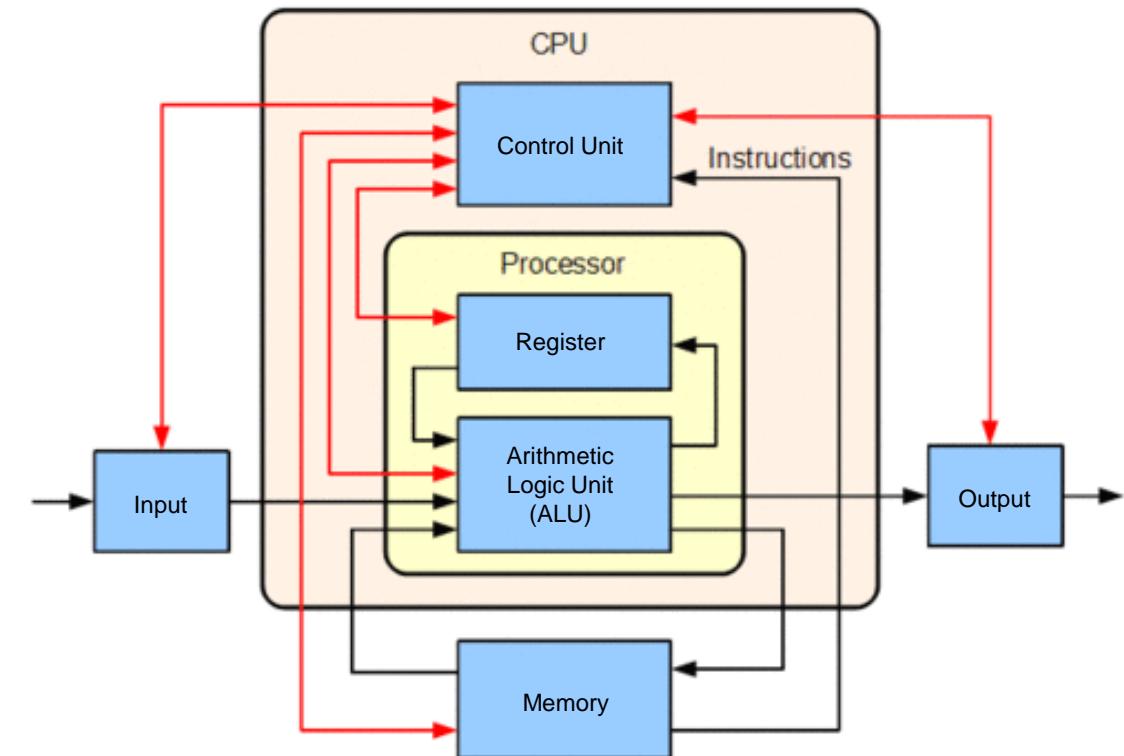


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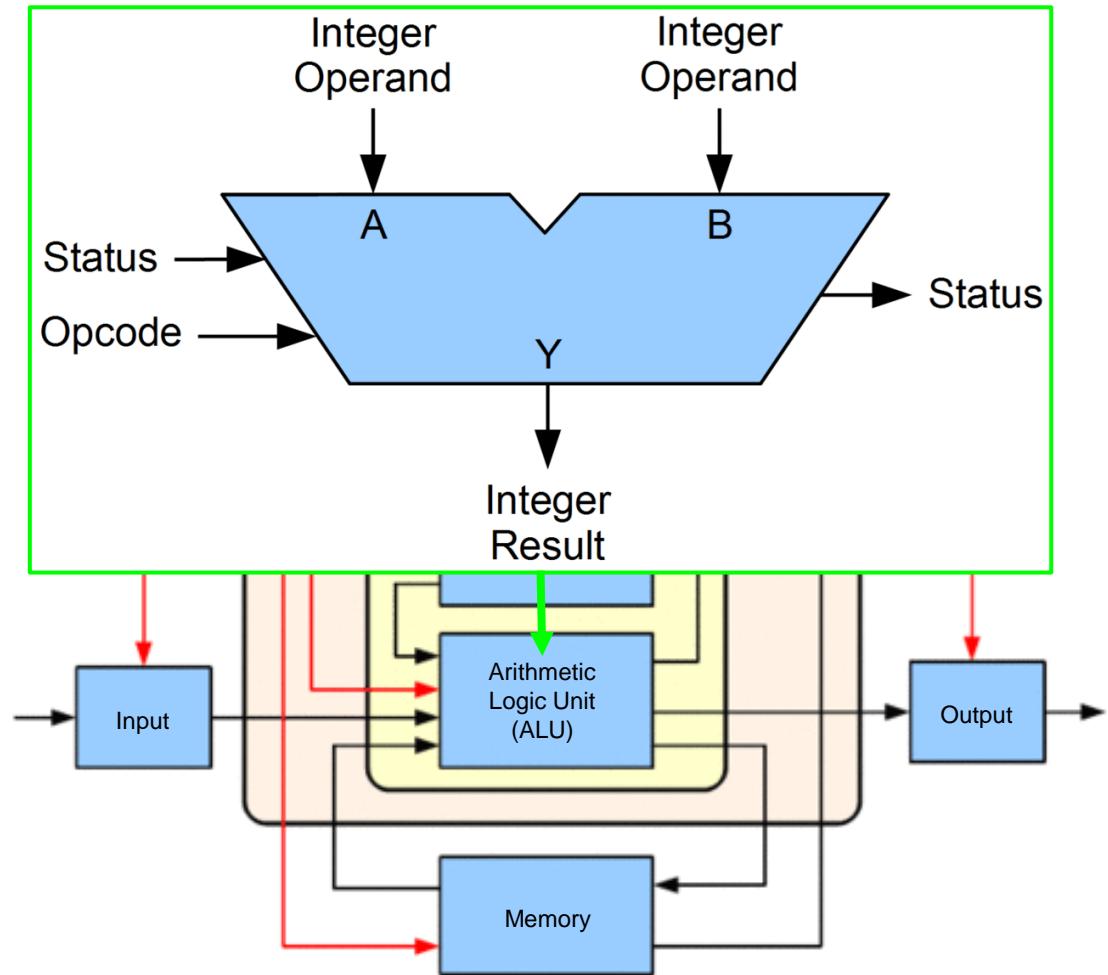
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- **Operands:** These are the values or addresses on which the operation specified by the opcode will be performed.
- ( **Status:** Additional information, eg. about a previous operation )

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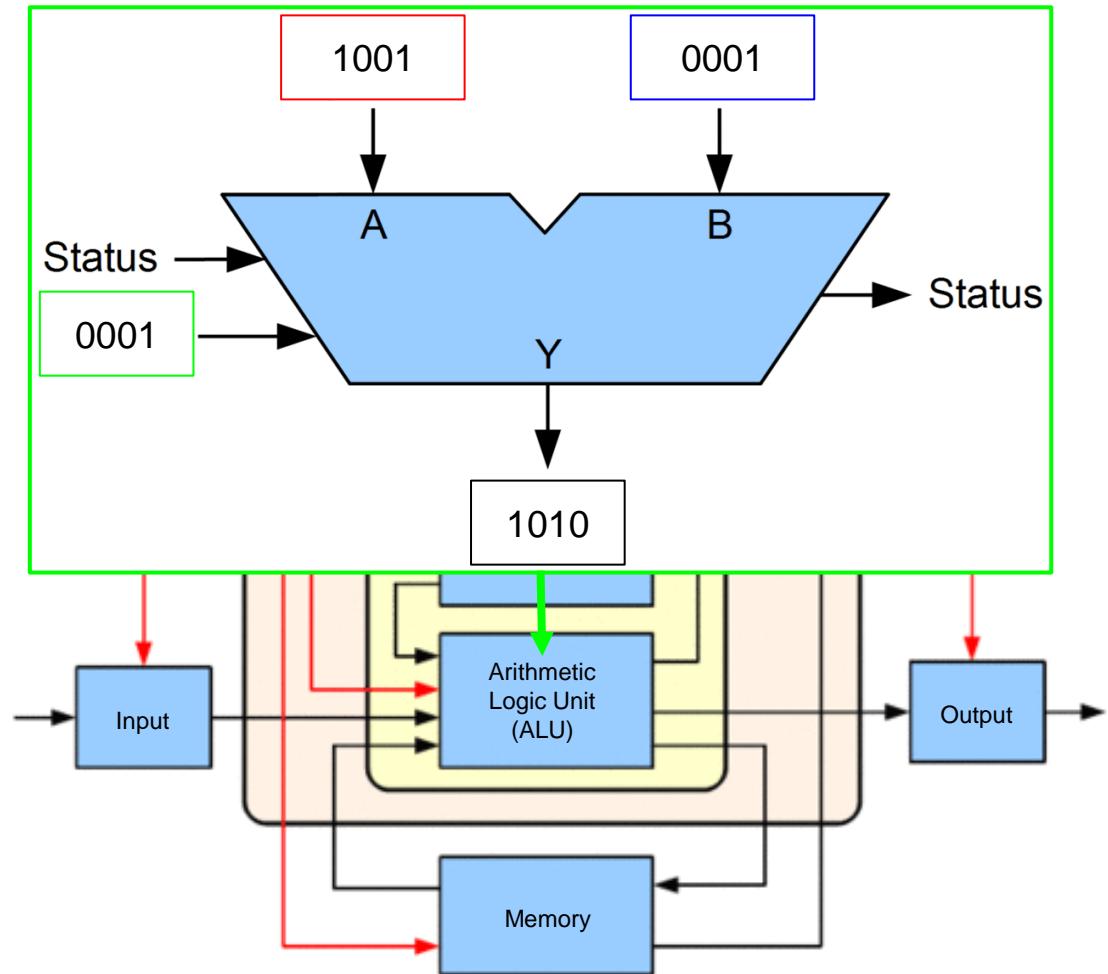
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- **Example: ADD Instruction**

- Suppose the instruction 0001 1001 0001 is sent to the CPU.
  - The first 4 bits (**0001**) could be the opcode, representing the ADD operation.
  - The next bits (**1001 0001**) might represent the addresses of the operands or the operands themselves.

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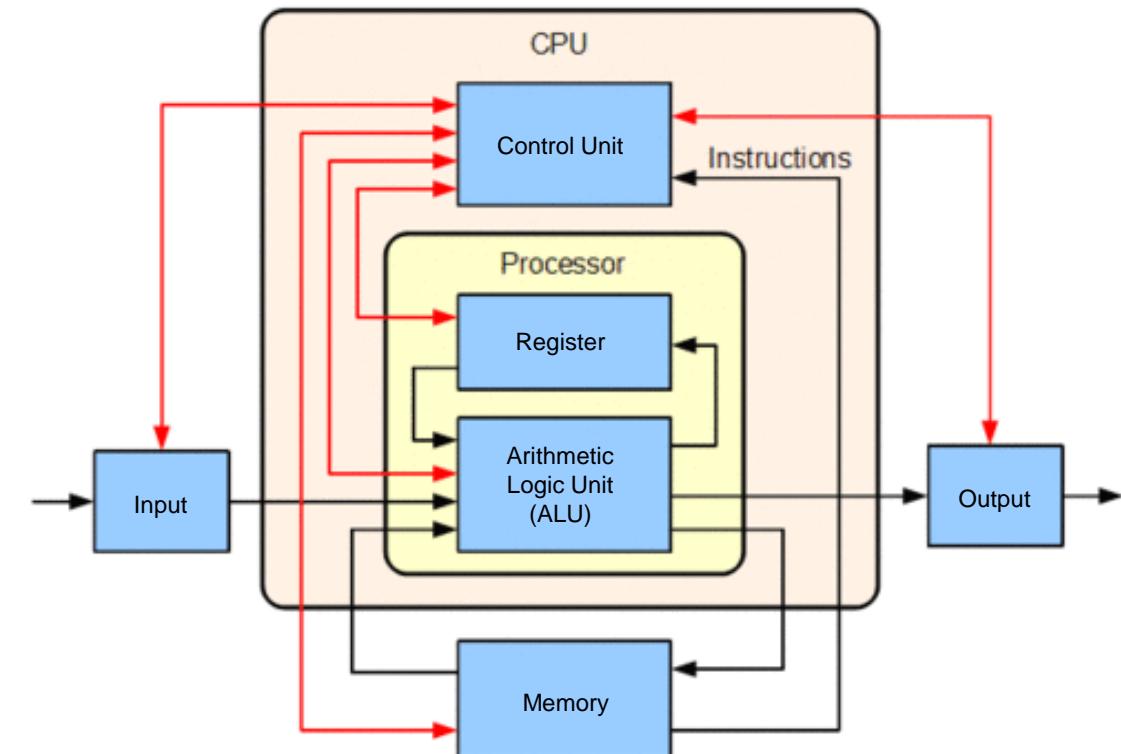
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  - (The processor on the Raspberry Pi Pico)

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- **Opcode:** Which instruction are we performing (ADD, SUB, ect.)
- **Rm and Rn:** The two registers to add
- **Rd:** The destination register, where to put the result of the addition



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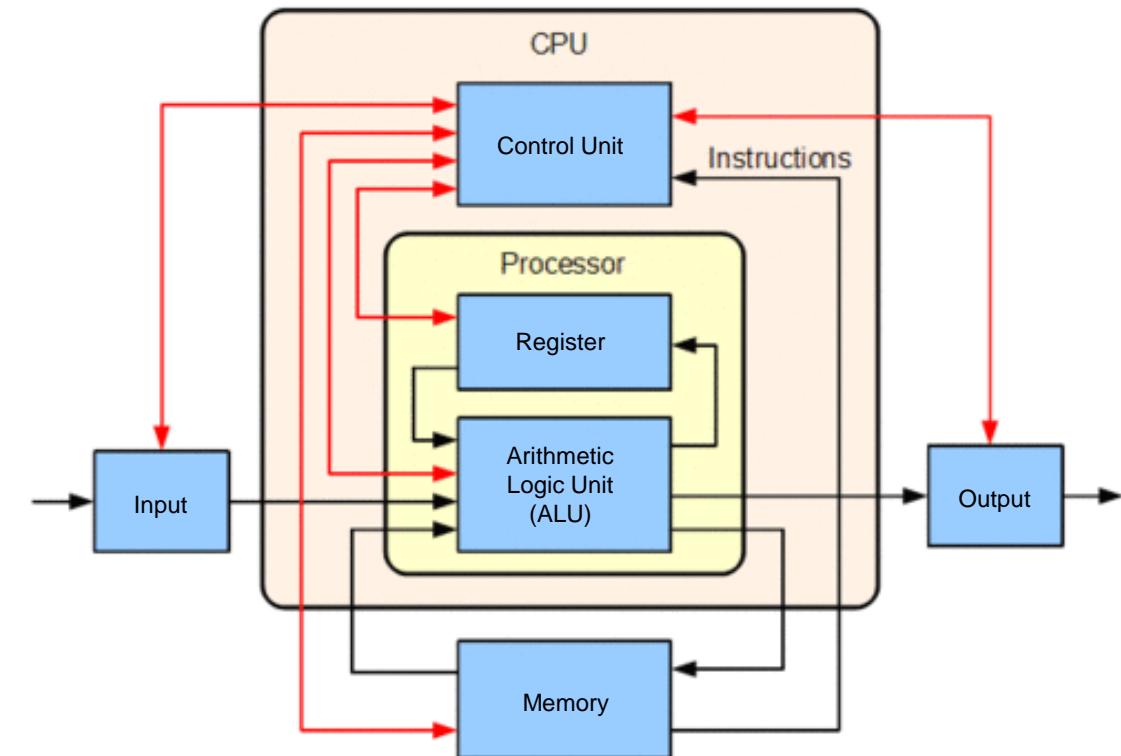
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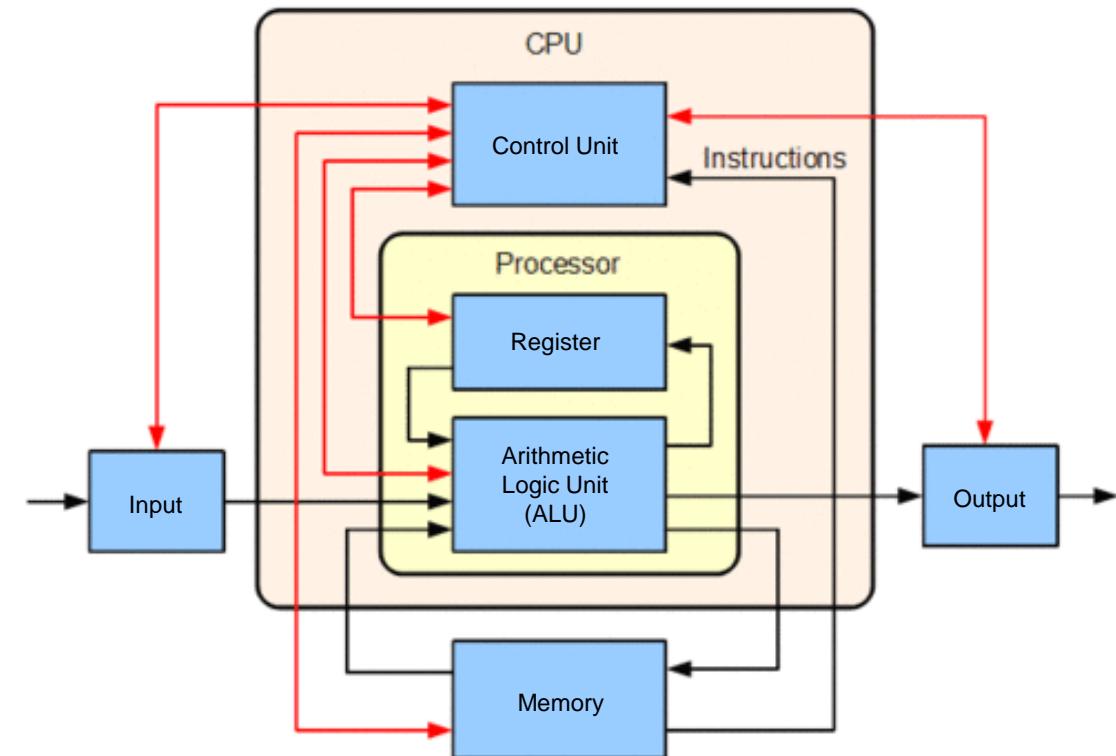
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- **Instruction to computer**  $R5 = R3 + R2$ 
  - OpCode = **0001100** meaning ADD
  - Rm = **010** = 2 (i.e., R2)
  - Rn = **011** = 3 (i.e., R3)
  - Rd = **101** = 5 (i.e., R5)

- In binary → **0001 1000 1001 1101**



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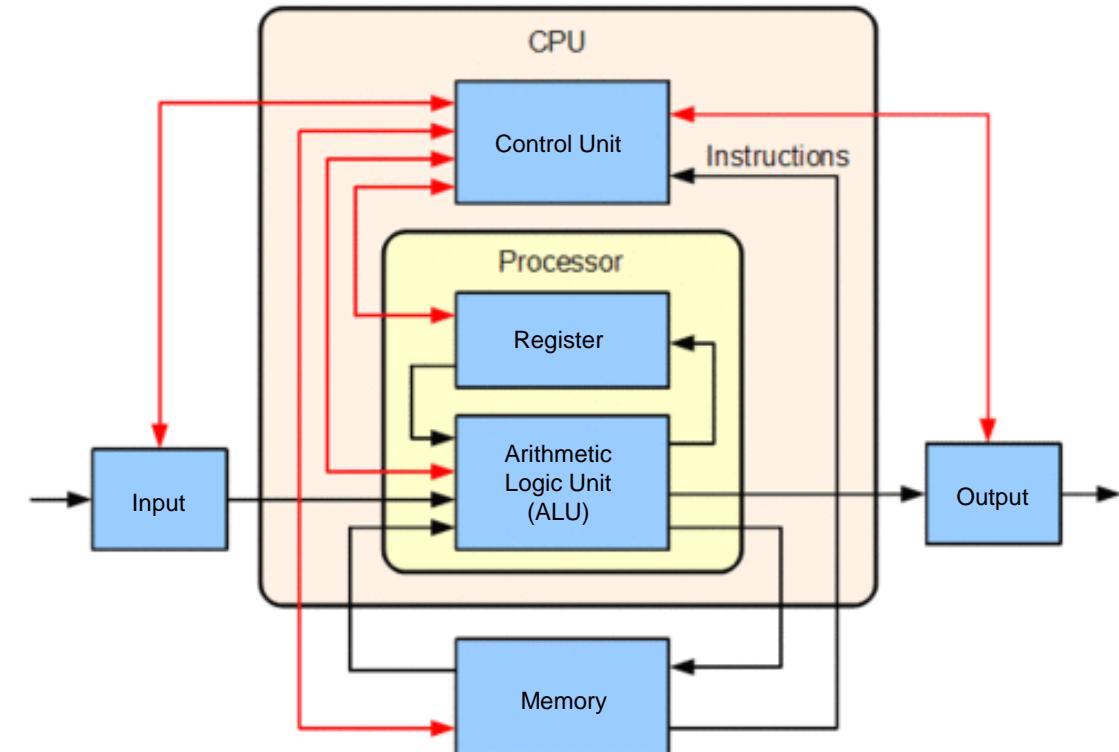
- **Registers:** Small, fast storage locations within the CPU used for quick data manipulation and storage during processing.

- **Accumulator:** Often used for arithmetic and logic operations.

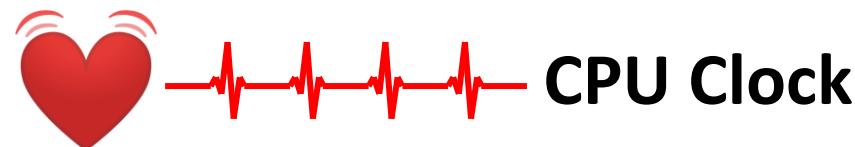
- **Instruction Register:** Holds the current instruction being executed.

- **Address Register:** Holds the address of the location to be accessed from memory.

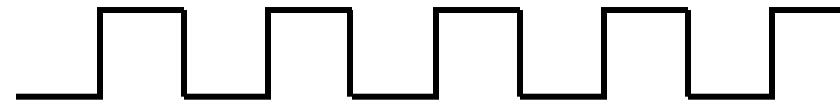
- **Program Counter:** Holds the address of the next instruction to be executed.



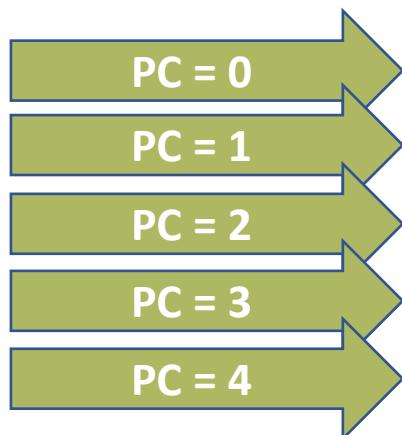
# Pipeline code execution



(The “heartbeat” of the microcontroller)



Program/Code Memory



Address	Memory	Fetch / Decode	Execution
0	Instruction 0	Instruction 0	
1	Instruction 1	Instruction 1	Instruction 0
2	Instruction 2	Instruction 2	Instruction 1
3	Instruction 3	Instruction 3	Instruction 2
4	Instruction 4	Instruction 4	Instruction 3
5	Instruction 5		
6	Instruction 6		

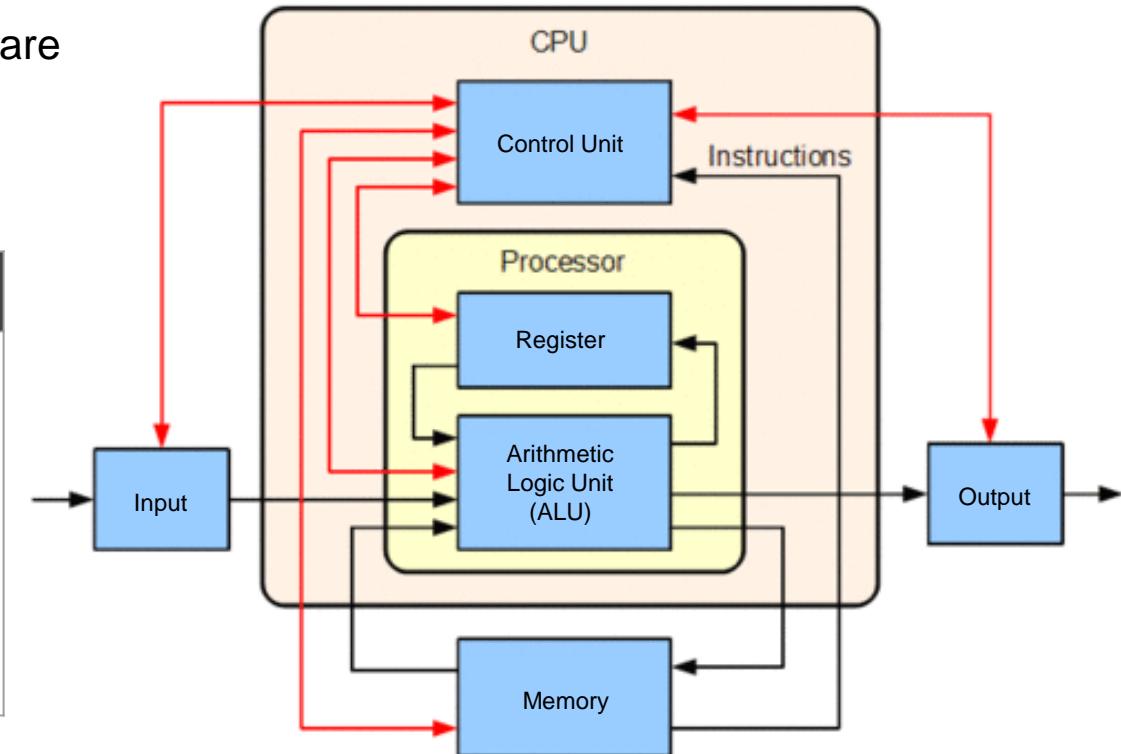
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The main memory of the computer where data and instructions are stored temporarily during execution.

- **Two types** of memory:

Volatile	Non-Volatile
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary memory</li><li>• Once the system is turned off the data is deleted automatically</li><li>• Fast access to data</li><li>• It is more costly per unit size</li><li>• Has less storage capacity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data remains stored even if it is powered-off</li><li>• It is slower than volatile memory.</li><li>• Data can not be easily transferred in comparison to volatile memory</li><li>• Non-volatile memory is less costly per unit size</li><li>• Processor has no direct access to data.</li></ul>

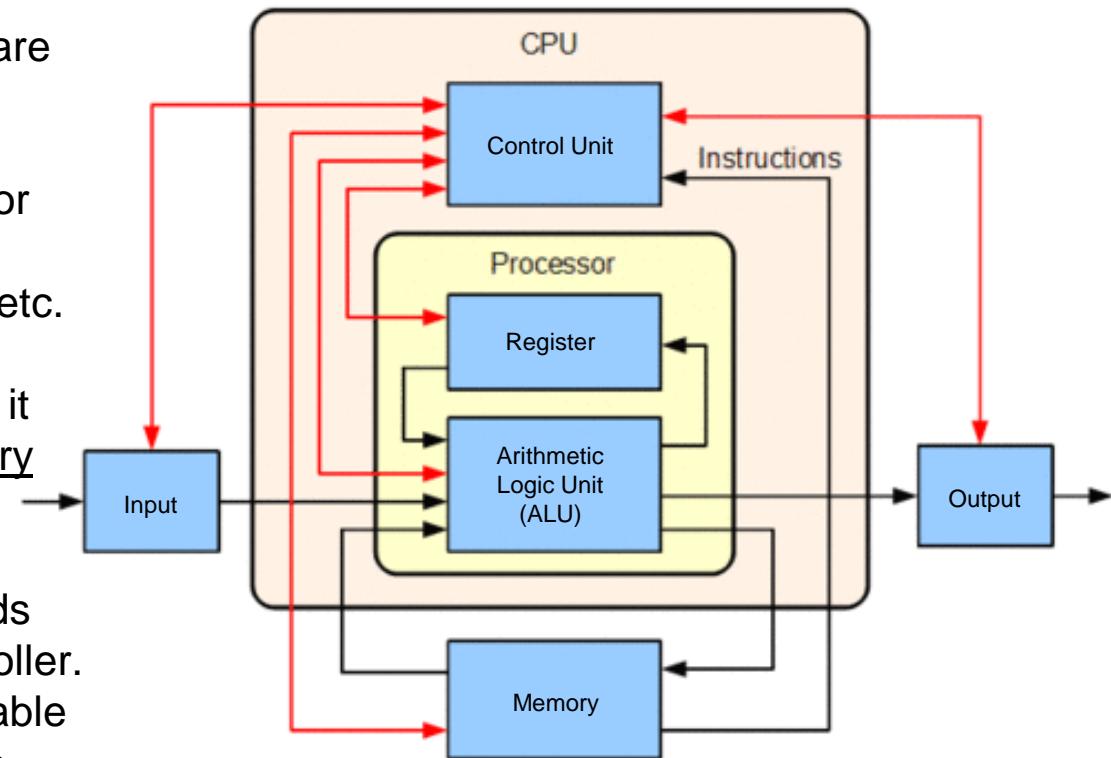


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- **RAM (Random Access Memory):** Volatile memory used for temporary storage while the microcontroller is running.
  - **Types:** SRAM (Static RAM), DRAM (Dynamic RAM), etc.
  - **Example:** When a program runs on a microcontroller, it stores variables, function call data, and other temporary data in RAM.
- **ROM (Read-Only Memory):** Non-volatile memory that holds the firmware, or the program code that runs the microcontroller.
  - **Types:** PROM (Programmable ROM), EPROM (Erasable Programmable ROM), EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable ROM), etc...
  - **Example:** The firmware that controls a microcontroller's operations and the program code is stored in ROM, ensuring that it is available every time the device is powered on.



# **Assignments**

## Assignments

- **Little Man Computer:** Simulate a Von Neumann architecture to get an understanding of:
  - Basic CPU operations: fetch, decode, execute cycle.
  - The role of memory and how instructions are stored and executed.
  - Simple low-level programming
- **Demo:** <https://www.peterhigginson.co.uk/LMC>