

# ECE 498: Design for the Internet of Things

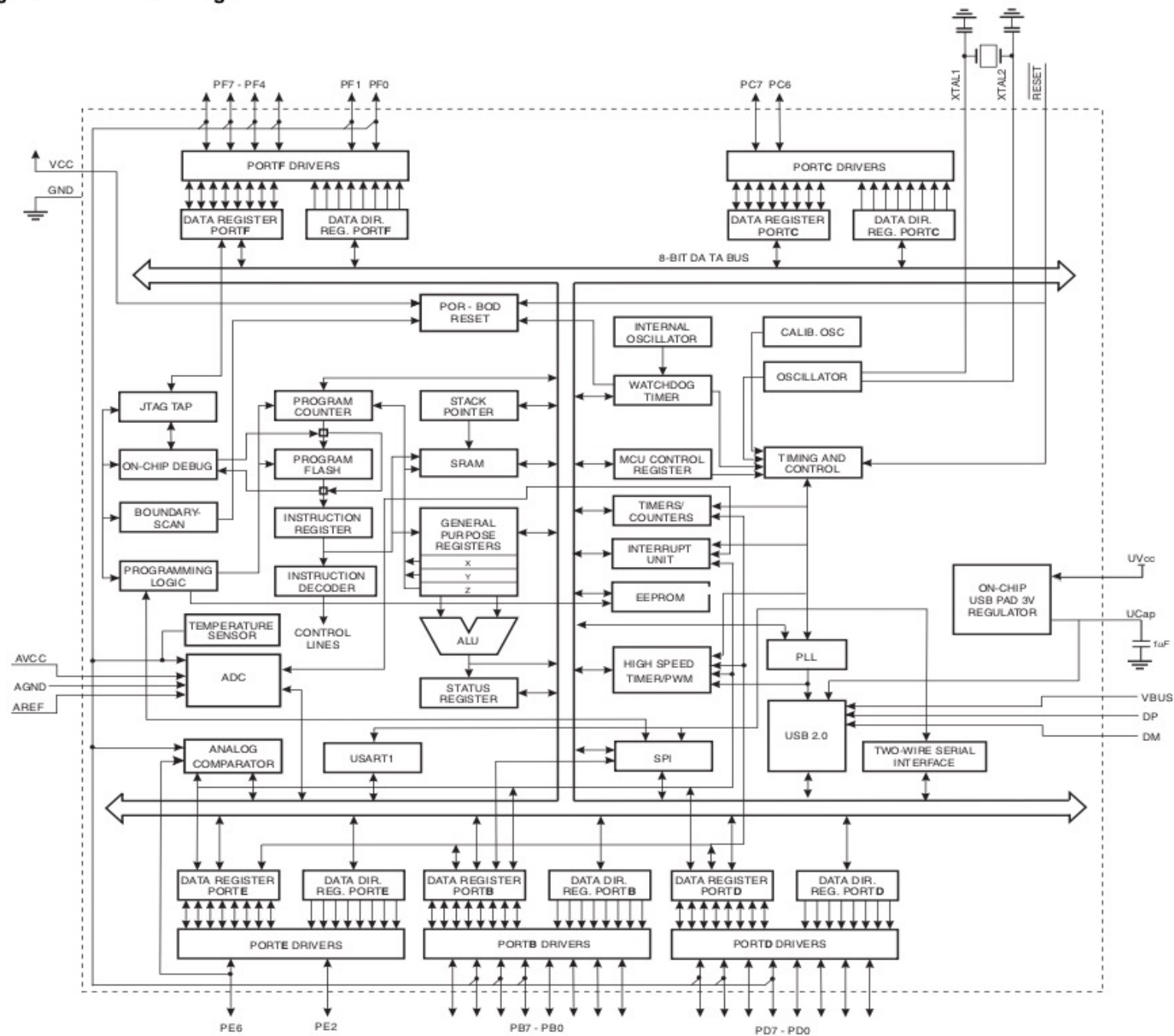
## Memory Mapped I/O

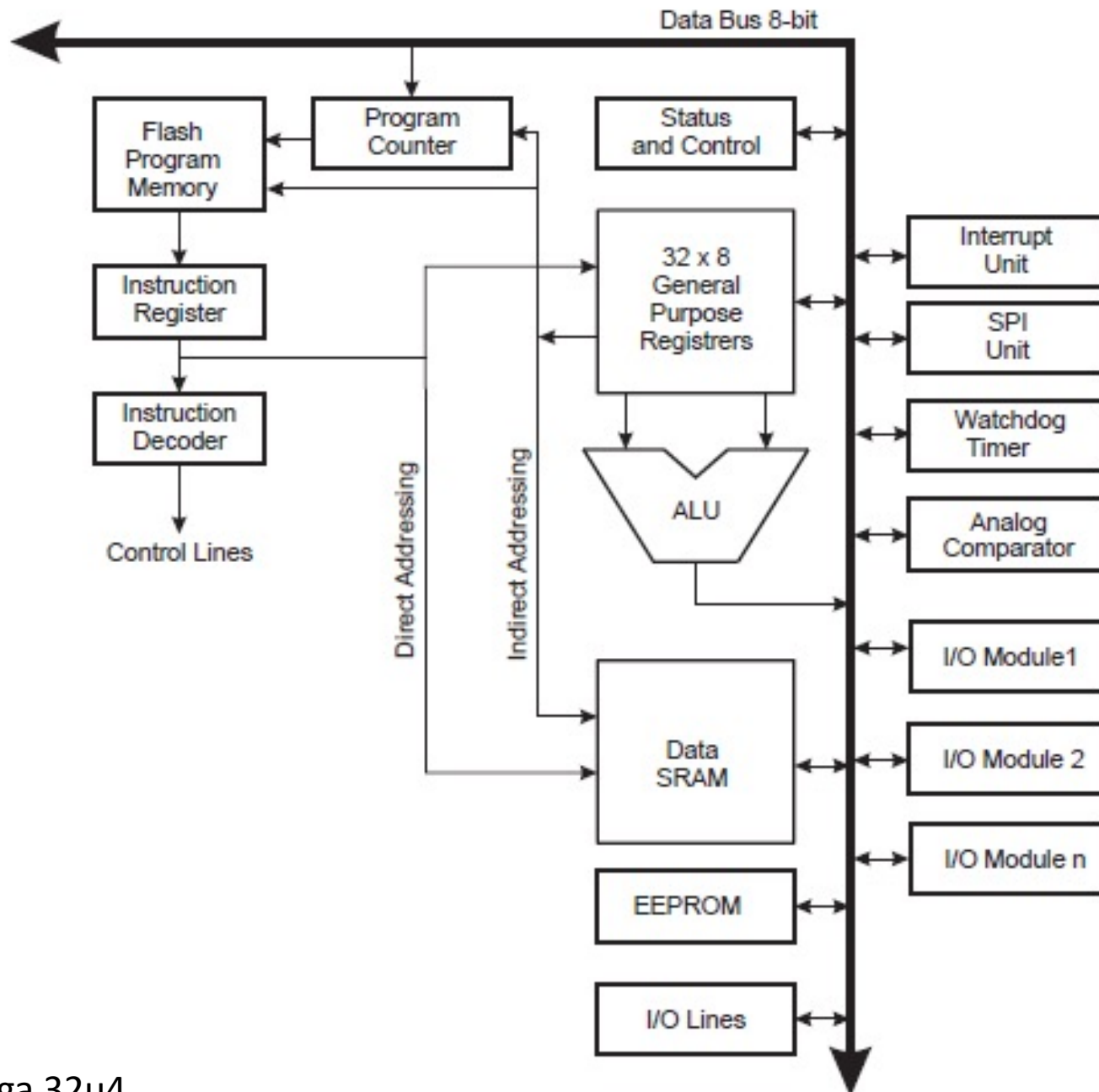
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Figure 2-1. Block Diagram



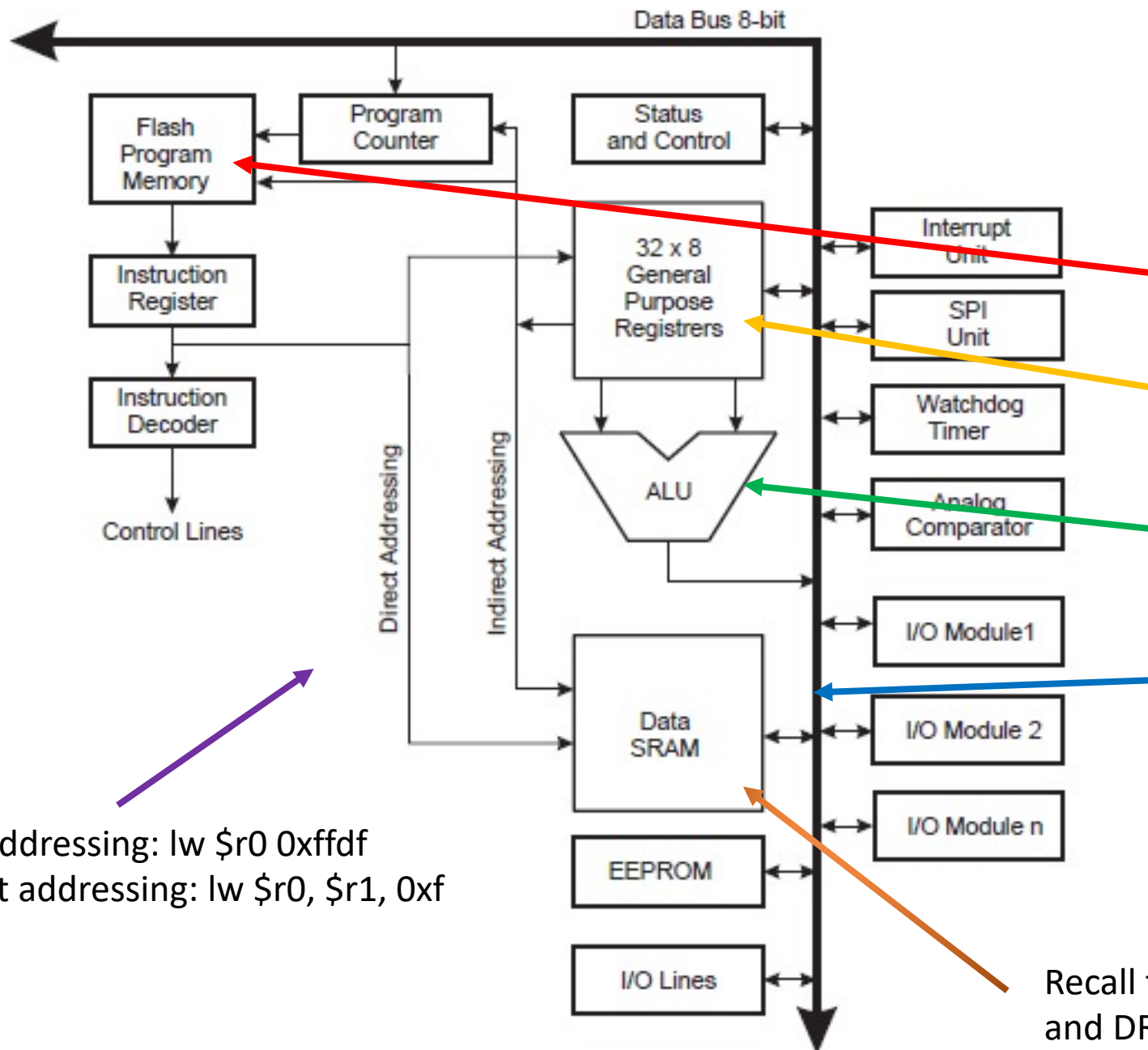


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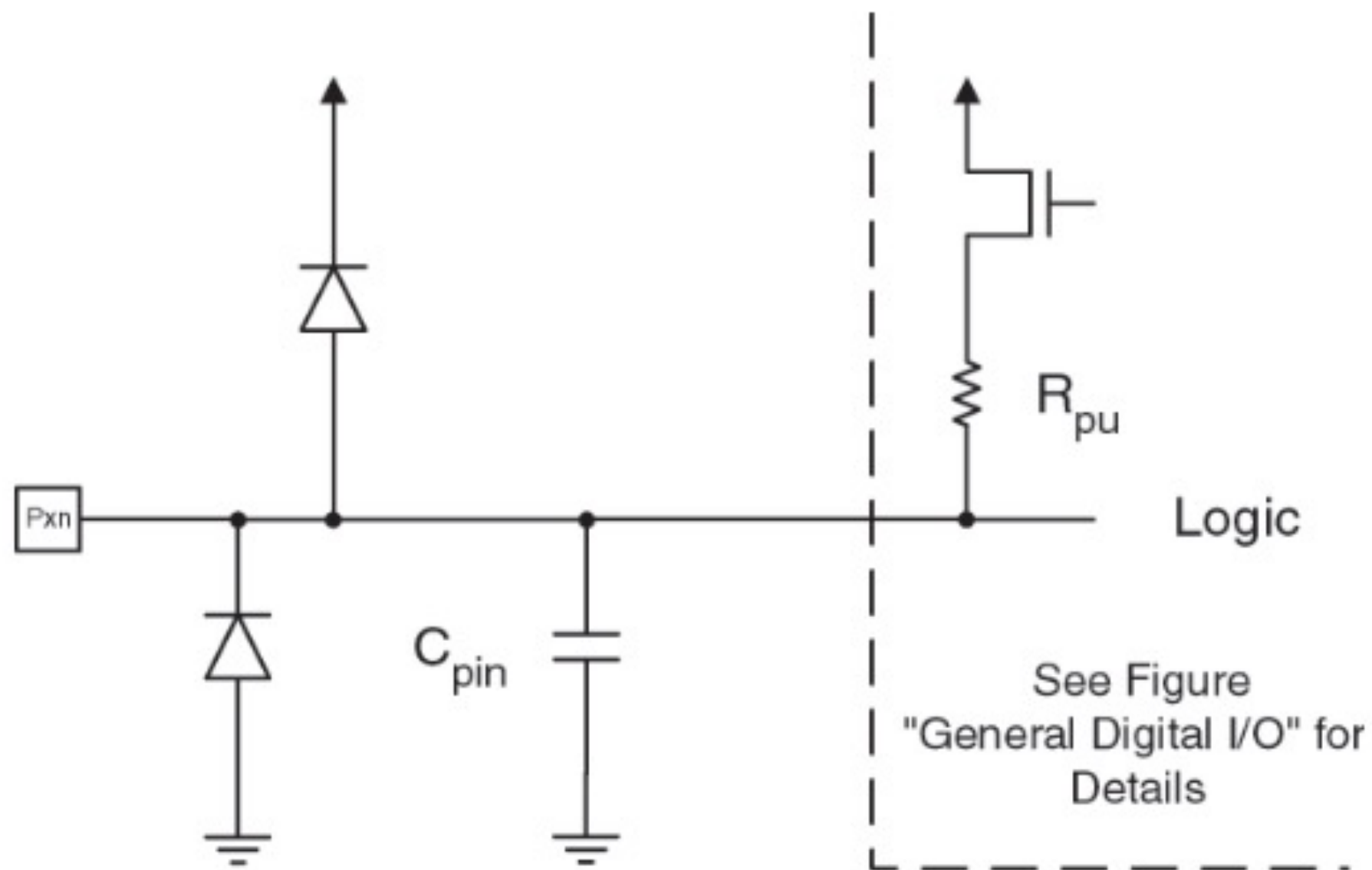
Direct addressing: `lw $r0 0xffdf`  
In-direct addressing: `lw $r0, $r1, 0xf`

Recall the difference between SRAM and DRAM...

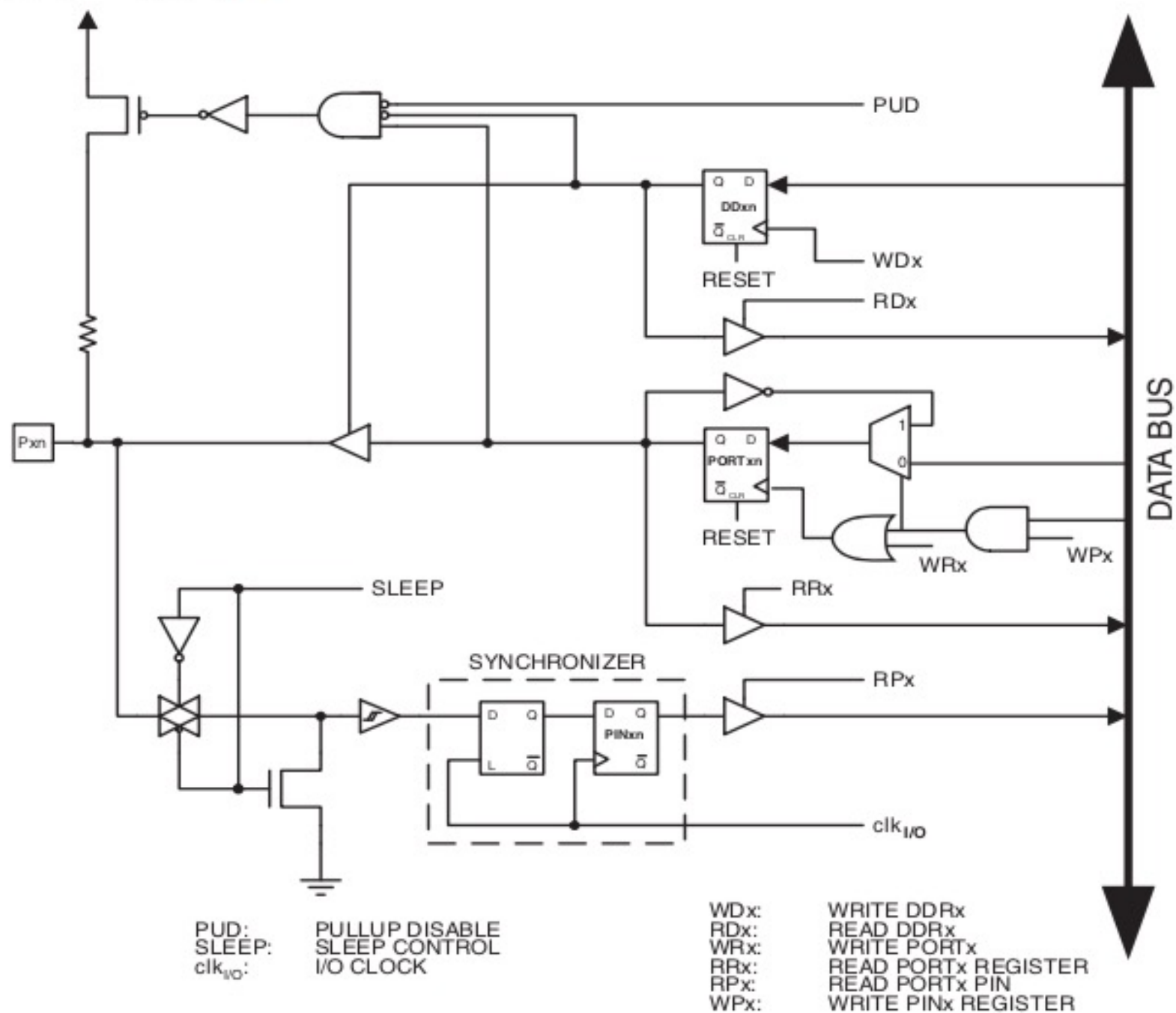
# General Purpose Input Output (GPIO)

- GPIO is the fundamental interface for any microcontroller supporting all other interfaces such as SPI, I2C, UART...etc.
- In general, I/O are configured as inputs (electrical signal is incoming) or outputs (electrical signal is outgoing).
- When in output can generally be driven HIGH, LOW, or generate a wave.
- When in input can measure HIGH or LOW signals, time waves, generate interrupts on signal transitions...etc.

**Figure 10-1. I/O Pin Equivalent Schematic**



# General Digital I/O<sup>(1)</sup>



# Configuring a GPIO Port

**Table 10-1. Port Pin Configurations**

DDxn	PORTxn	PUD (in MCUCR)	I/O	Pull-up	Comment
0	0	X	Input	No	Tri-state (Hi-Z)
0	1	0	Input	Yes	Pxn will source current if ext. pulled low
0	1	1	Input	No	Tri-state (Hi-Z)
1	0	X	Output	No	Output Low (Sink)
1	1	X	Output	No	Output High (Source)

PXn *means* Port X Pin # n. So, PC1 is Port C Pin #1.





# How to Access GPIO Pins?

- Option #1: ATMEL has special instructions for reading in and out of I/O ports.

## Assembly Code Example<sup>(1)</sup>

```
...  
; Define pull-ups and set outputs high  
; Define directions for port pins  
ldi  
r16, (1<<PB7) | (1<<PB6) | (1<<PB1) | (1<<PB0)  
ldi  
r17, (1<<DDB3) | (1<<DDB2) | (1<<DDB1) | (1<<DDB0)  
out PORTB, r16  
out DDRB, r17  
; Insert nop for synchronization  
nop  
; Read port pins  
in r16, PINB  
...
```

out

in

# How to Access GPIO Pins?

- Option #2: Access the ports/pin through their memory-mapped address.

Address	Name	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0x17 (0x37)	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0x16 (0x36)	TIFR1	-	-	ICF1	-	OCF1C	OCF1B	OCF1A	TOV1
0x15 (0x35)	TIFR0	-	-	-	-	-	OCF0B	OCF0A	TOV0
0x14 (0x34)	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0x13 (0x33)	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0x12 (0x32)	Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0x11 (0x31)	PORTF	PORTF7	PORTF6	PORTF5	PORTF4	-	-	PORTF1	PORTF0
0x10 (0x30)	DDRF	DDF7	DDF6	DDF5	DDF4	-	-	DDF1	DDF0
0x0F (0x2F)	PINF	PINF7	PINF6	PINF5	PINF4	-	-	PINF1	PINF0
0x0E (0x2E)	PORTE	-	PORTE6	-	-	-	PORTE2	-	-
0x0D (0x2D)	DDRE	-	DDE6	-	-	-	DDE2	-	-
0x0C (0x2C)	PINE	-	PINE6	-	-	-	PINE2	-	-
0x0B (0x2B)	PORTD	PORTD7	PORTD6	PORTD5	PORTD4	PORTD3	PORTD2	PORTD1	PORTD0
0x0A (0x2A)	DDRD	DDD7	DDD6	DDD5	DDD4	DDD3	DDD2	DDD1	DDD0
0x09 (0x29)	PIND	PIND7	PIND6	PIND5	PIND4	PIND3	PIND2	PIND1	PIND0
0x08 (0x28)	PORTC	PORTC7	PORTC6	-	-	-	-	-	-
0x07 (0x27)	DDRC	DDC7	DDC6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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0x05 (0x25)	PORTB	PORTB7	PORTB6	PORTB5	PORTB4	PORTB3	PORTB2	PORTB1	PORTB0
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# How do you directly access memory?

- With pointers of course 😊
- Create a pointer with a variable type that matches the source/destination bit width
  - `uint8_t` is an *unsigned integer* of 8 bits
  - `int8_t` is a *signed integer* of 8 bits
  - `uint32_t` is an *unsigned integer* of 32 bits
- Matching the bit size of the destination is important so that the values read (and written) to it fit the actual hardware

# Creating Pointers to Specific Memory Locations

Cast the address value as  
a pointer

```
uint8_t* ptr = (uint8_t*)(0x1aUL);
```

Make unsigned 8-bit  
pointer

Point the object to the address 0x1a. Use  
the indicator "UL" to indicate unsigned  
long. Clarifies number type.

# Reading / Writing to Memory Mapped I/O

- Once the pointer is setup the I/O can be read or written like any variable

```
//setup pointer
volatile uint8_t* ptr = (uint8_t*)(0x1A);

//read data from I/O register
unsigned int temp = *ptr;

//write data to I/O register
*ptr = temp | 0x1;
```

- Care must be taken during the “write-back” to ensure only the intended bits are written to. (\*ptr = 0x0 would clear the register).

# Important Notes on Reg Pointers

- Volatile: the pointer to memory mapped I/O must be volatile! This tells the compiler that the underlying memory may change between accesses. Therefore do not “cache” the result
- When writing the address of the location, use the compiler symbol UL to indicate the value is an *unsigned long*. This ensures addresses are properly expressed
- Failure to do these will result in pointers that don't work 😞

# Accessing and Modifying Memory-Mapped I/O



# Read / Modify / Write Cycle

- Utilize a three stage process in interacting with I/O
- Step 1: read the current value of the register
  - `int value = (*ptr);`
- Step 2: modify that current value by AND/OR operations or direct set
  - `value|=0xdfd;`
- Step 3: write back the modified value into memory
  - `(*ptr)=value`

# Read / Modify / Write Cycle – Challenges

- Effectively modifying memory mapped I/O is challenging as each register bit may control different functionalities
  - Don't want to accidentally overwrite something important
- Other peripherals / processors may be interacting with memory while you are
  - Don't want values to change after we've read them
- Operations needs to be “atomic” as possible. Can use bit-banding or ensure only one process modifies at a time

# Read / Modify / Write – Masking Bits

- General method to modify a register is to MASK OFF the bits that you want to preserve and OR in the new bits
- $\text{new value} = (\text{old value} \& \text{mask}) \mid (\text{new bits})$

# Masking Bits - Example

- Example: Say a register value is 0xABCD and you want to modify the lower byte to read 0x34
  - The mask here would be 0xFF00 to preserve the upper bits
- $0xABCD \& 0xFF00 = 0xAB00$
- $0xAB00 \mid 0x34 = 0xAB34$
- New value =  $(0xABCD \& 0xFF00) \mid 0x34 = 0xAB34$

# How this looks in practice

- `int value = (*ptr);`
- `(*ptr) = (value&0xFF00)|0x34;`
- Alternatively, `(*ptr) = ((*ptr)&0xFF00)|0x34`

# Things get trickier depending on bit locations

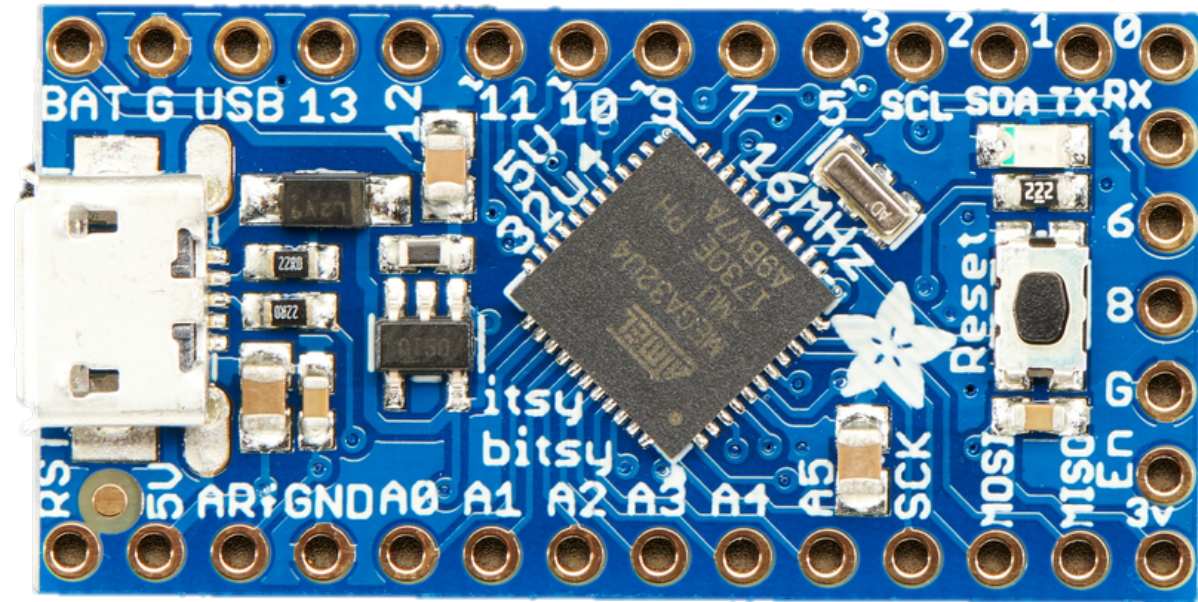
- Say the register is 0xABCD and you want the value to be 0xA2CD
- MASK = (0xF0FF) =  $\sim(0xF \ll 8)$  //second form identifies bits to change and then inverts them
- NEW BITS = (0x0200) =  $(0x2 \ll 8)$
- $(*ptr) = ((*ptr) \& \sim(0xF \ll 8)) | (0x2 \ll 8)$
- $(*ptr) = ((*ptr) \& \sim(0x0F00)) | (0x200)$
- $(*ptr) = ((*ptr) \& (0xF0FF)) | (0x0200)$

# General Helper Functions

```
/**
 * Helper function take from em_bus.h
 */
unsigned int readBit(volatile const uint32_t *addr, unsigned int bit)
{
    return (*addr >> bit) & 0x1;
}

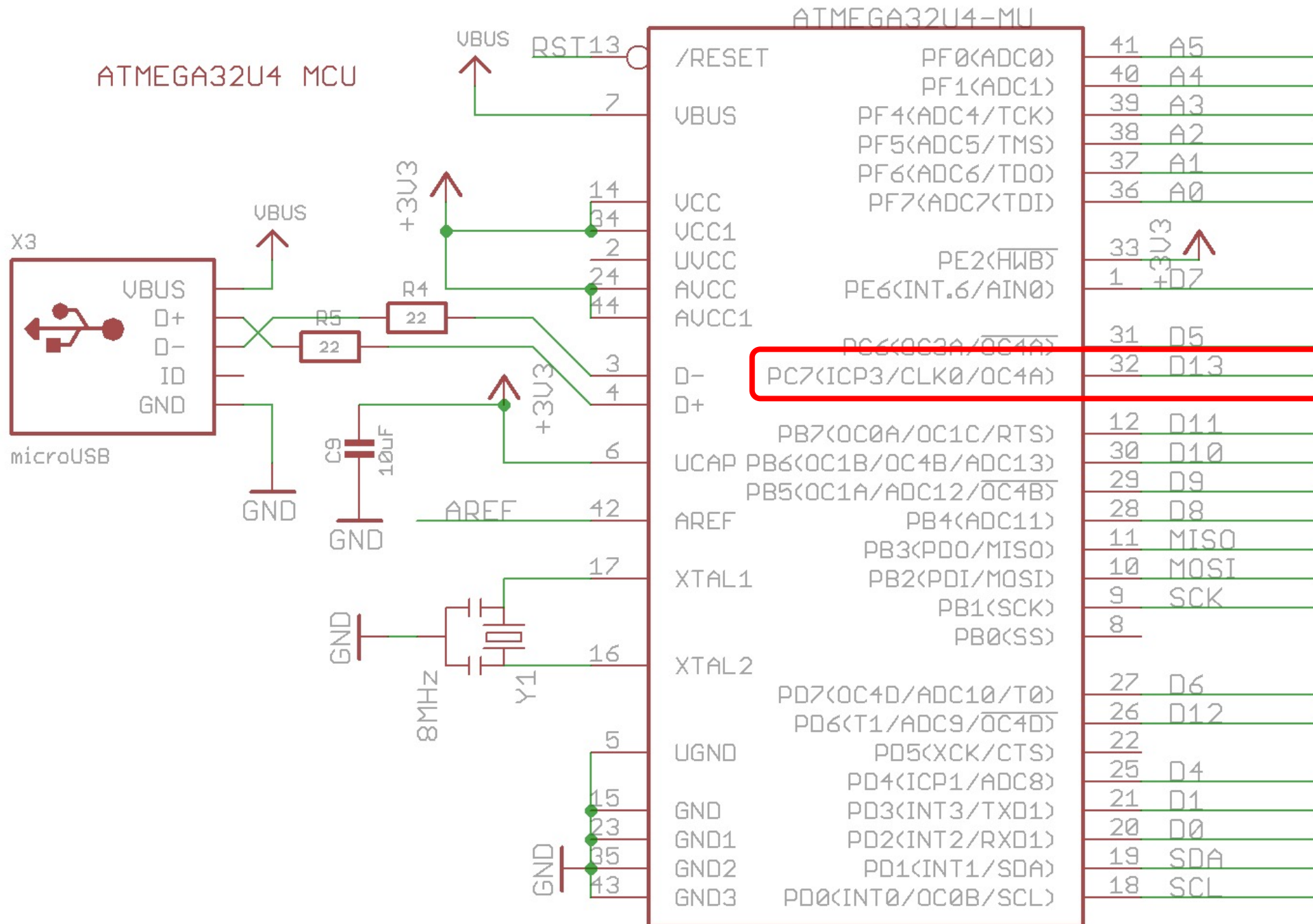
void writeBit(volatile uint32_t *addr, unsigned int bit, unsigned int val)
{
    uint32_t tmp = *addr;
    *addr = (tmp & ~(1 << bit)) | ((val & 1) << bit);
    return;
}
```

# Blinking an LED









# How to turn on the LED

- The LED is connected by the PCB to Port C Pin 7.
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# How to set/clear a specific pin

- To set a bit use an OR (|) operation.
  - **`*ptr = *ptr | (0x1 << 7) //set the 7th bit`**
  - **`*ptr = *ptr | (0x1) //set the 0th bit`**
- To clear a bit must AND (&) that bit with 0 but not modify other bits
  - **`*ptr = *ptr & (11101b); //clear the 1st bit`**
  - **`*ptr = *ptr & ~(0x1 << 1); //clear the first bit`**
  - **`*ptr = *ptr & ~(0x1 << 7); //clear the 7th bit`**

# Do People Actually Do This for Each Operation?

Yes, but it's all hidden underneath.

```
// the loop function runs over and over again forever
```

```
void loop() {  
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH);    // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)  
    delay(1000);                        // wait for a second  
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW);     // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW  
    delay(1000);                        // wait for a second  
}
```



```
void digitalWrite(uint8_t pin, uint8_t val)
{
    uint8_t timer = digitalPinToTimer(pin);
    uint8_t bit = digitalPinToBitMask(pin);
    uint8_t port = digitalPinToPort(pin);
    volatile uint8_t *out;

    if (port == NOT_A_PIN) return;

    // If the pin that support PWM output, we need to turn it off
    // before doing a digital write.
    if (timer != NOT_ON_TIMER) turnOffPWM(timer);

    out = portOutputRegister(port);

    uint8_t oldSREG = SREG;
    cli();

    if (val == LOW) {
        *out &= ~bit;
    } else {
        *out |= bit;
    }

    SREG = oldSREG;
}
```

```
#define portOutputRegister(P) ( (volatile uint8_t *) ( pgm_read_word( port_to_output_PGM + (P) ) ) )  
#define portInputRegister(P) ( (volatile uint8_t *) ( pgm_read_word( port_to_input_PGM + (P) ) ) )  
#define portModeRegister(P) ( (volatile uint8_t *) ( pgm_read_word( port_to_mode_PGM + (P) ) ) )
```

# In-Class Lab

- Activity 1: Modify Blink in Arduino examples to print out the contents of PORTC and DDRC before each action. Confirm you can read the ports and that the actions make sense.
- Activity 2: Create pointers to PORTC and DDRC. Use those pointer to re-implement the Blink program but without **digitalWrite** and **pinMode** calls.
- Activity 3: Amtel provides macros to address I/O registers directly. Replace your (\*ptr) calls with PORTC or DDRC.
  - E.g. `PORTC = PORTC | 0x1; //set bit 0 of PORTC`