

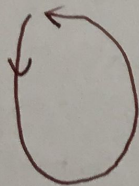
Interrupts

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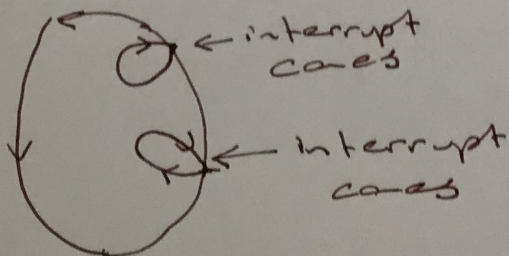
Interrupt Concept

1. No interrupt usage  
round robin approach, CPU active, we are waiting for an event to occur all the time.

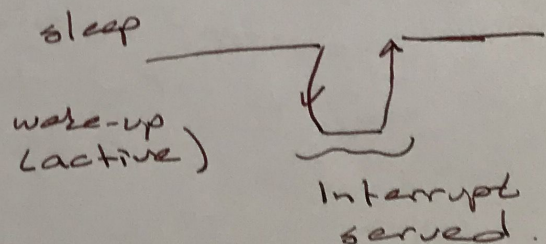
⇒ while(1)      while(true) → infinite loop.  
    {                      {  
        ←  
    }



2. Interrupt usage

2.1 CPU active2.2 CPU sleeps

Low power mode  
sleep mode  
Deep sleep mode





# Interrupts in Microcontrollers

Interrupt source

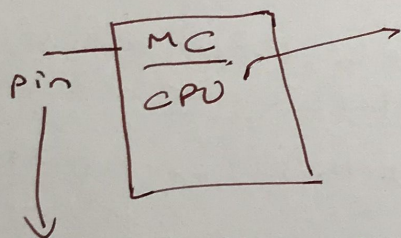
interrupt generator (trigger)

→ hardware \*

→ software (system) Exclude

- GPIO pin interrupts
- Timer interrupts
- ADC interrupts
- Digital Cam. interrupts
- ...

Let's focus on GPIO interrupts

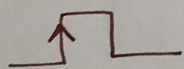


Microcontroller changes its execution steps,

→ CPU in thread mode

→ CPU in harder mode

prepare the pin to accept interrupts.



physical change occurs, it triggers the interrupt

thread mode  $\approx$   
CPU performs its usual operation  
handler mode  $\approx$   
CPU "responds" to the interrupt

Event Driven (Interrupt based) Programming

- Interrupt source
- When an interrupt occurs, we should execute a "specific" code as the response
- Interrupt service routing, callback function.
- The CPU will be in the harder mode.



## Important Issues on Interrupts

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1. Prioritize the interrupts
2. The callback function should be short.
3. Allow serving multiple interrupts.
- ~ 4. Use low power modes with interrupt.

→ Interrupt Setup } on Mbed  
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