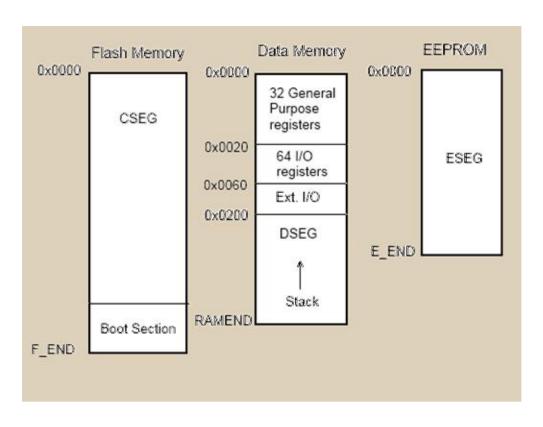
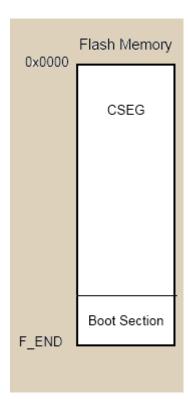
AVR Memory Architecture

Harvard architecture

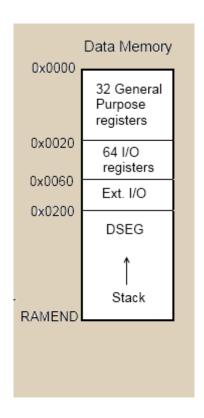




- Flash
 - Bootloader
 - ☐ CSEG

 EEPROM(Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory)

DESEG



- SRAM
 - ☐General-purpose Registers
 - □I/O Registers
 - **□**DSEG

- The first 32 bytes of RAM are general-purpose registers
 - 8 bits capacity, the least significant bit starts with 0

```
7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
```

Can be used directly in assembly commands

```
e.g. MOV R20,R18
```

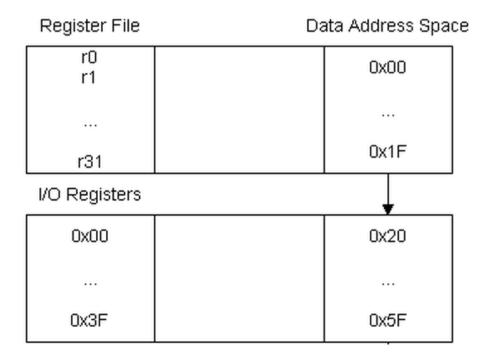
Only load and store instructions access RAM

• 32 general-purpose Registers:

RO	Temporary register - use in interrupts not recommended.
R1	Zero register - can be used for temporary data but must be set to zero after use.
R18-R27, R30-R31	These are general purpose registers and don't need to be saved when using in conjunction with 'C' code.
R2-R17, R28-R29	These are general purpose registers but do need to be saved when using in conjunction with 'C' code.

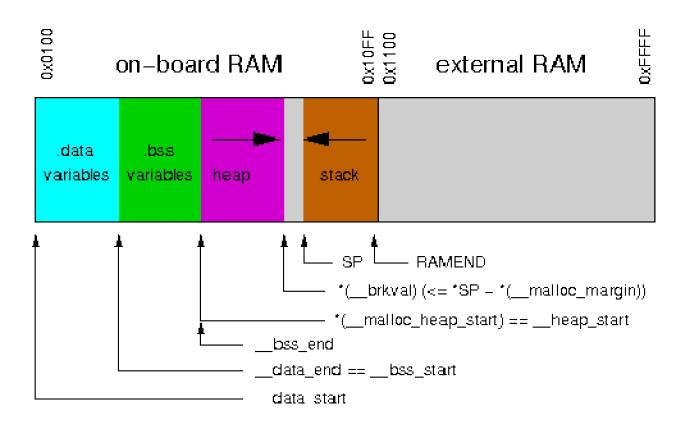
- Special registers :
 - R25:R24 : return value of a function call
 - R29:R28 : Stack Frame Pointer (Y pointer)

- The next 64 bytes of RAM are I/O registers
 - written as "0x00 (0x20)" through "0x3F (0x5F)"



- Special I/O registers :
 - 0x3E:0x3D (0x5E:0x5D): Stack Pointer (SP, which indicates the current top of the stack)

AVR Memory Model



AVR Stack Structure

- A stack consists of stack frames
- A Stack frame is a region in the stack used by a function
- Created whenever a function is called
- Freed whenever the function returns.
- What's inside a stack frame?

AVR Stack Structure

```
RAMEND
                                                 Stack Frame
int main(void)
                           Stack frame
                                                  for main()
                           pointer Y for
                                                Return Address
                           main()
 foo(arg1, arg2, ..., argM);
                                              Conflict Registers
                                               Local Variable N
void foo(arg1, arg2, ..., argM)
                                               Local variable 1
                           Stack frame
{ int var1, var2, ..., varN;
                           for foo()
                                                 Parameter M
                                                 Parameter 1
                          Stack frame
                          pointer Y for
                                                    Empty
                          foo()
```

Why Stack Frame?