

# uC101: Introduction to Microcontrollers / Interfacing with the real world

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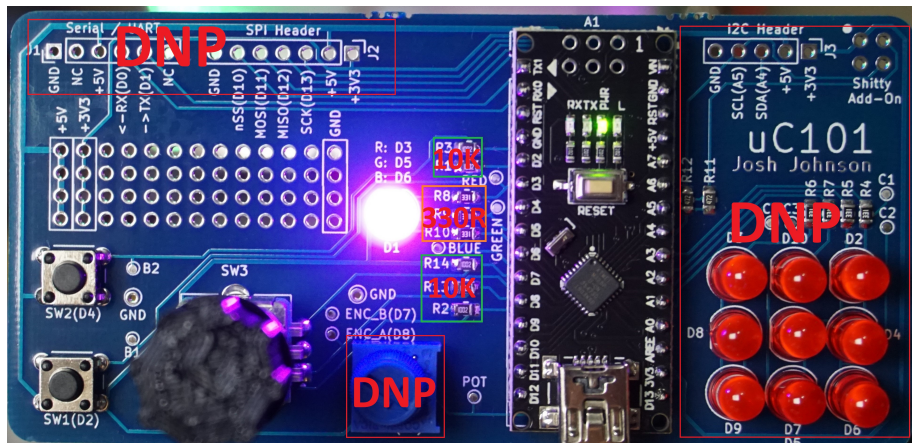
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# Overview

- Assembly of Hardware / Installation of Software
- Microcontroller 101
- Tools
- Bit Math
- Demos
  - Blink
  - Button
  - RGB LED (PWM)
  - Rotary Encoder
  - Charlieplexing

Project Files: [github.com/joshajohnson/CBRhardware](https://github.com/joshajohnson/CBRhardware)

# Assembly of Hardware



# Software Installation!

Install Arduino IDE

Copy the uC101Library folder to Documents/Arduino/libraries

In Arduino IDE:

File->Examples->uC101->blink

Tools->Board->Arduino Nano

Tools->Processor->ATmega328p OR

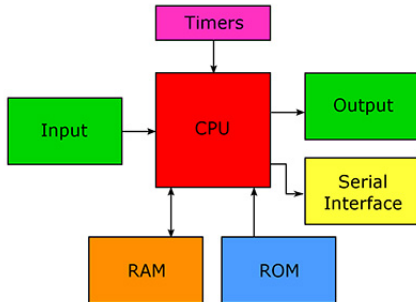
Tools->Processor->ATmega328p (Old Bootloader)

Tools->Port->\$comPort

Run blink.ino and confirm that the onboard LED is blinking

## What is a microcontroller?

Microprocessor: CPU  
and several supporting chips.



Microcontroller: CPU  
on a single chip.

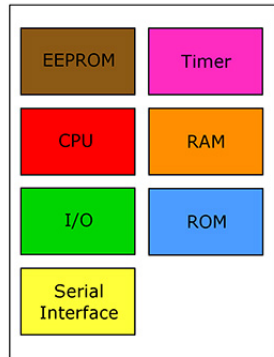


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## Common Options

### 8 bit

- ATtiny
- ATmega (Atmel / Microchip)
- PIC (Microchip)

### 16 bit

- MSP430 (TI)

### 32 bit

- STM32 (ST)
- SAM (Atmel/Microchip)
- nRF5x (Nordic Semi)
- ESP8266/32 (Espressif)
- CCxxxx (TI)
- LPCxxxx (NXP)
- PIC32 (Microchip)

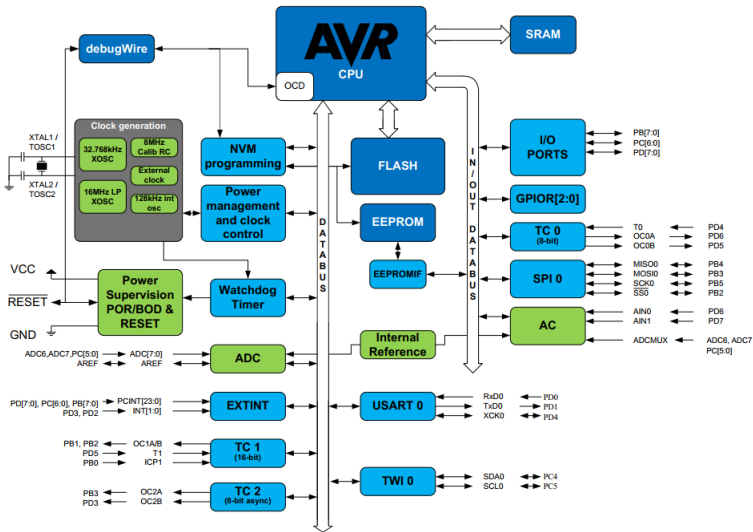
### 32 bit ARM cores

- Cortex-M0/M0+
- Cortex-M1 (FPGA only)
- Cortex-M3
- Cortex-M4 (M3 + DSP + FPU)
- ...

## How to choose?

- Compute power
  - 8 bit vs 32 bit
  - DSP / FPU
- Peripherals
  - Wireless
    - WiFi
    - Bluetooth
    - LoRa
    - Cellular
  - USB
  - ADC
  - Ethernet
  - CAN
  - Number of SPI/UART/I2C/Timers

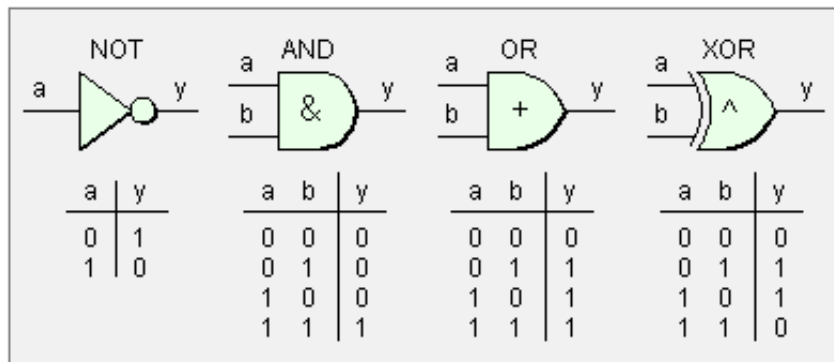
## ATmega328p Architecture





- Oscilloscope
  - + High quality time domain measurements ( $\geq 8$  bits,  $\geq 1$  GSPS)
  - - Expensive, short record time
- Logic Analyser
  - + Easy to use UI, long sample time / depth
  - - 1 bit\*, low sample rate (25 - 100 -  $\geq 500$  MSPS)
  - \* some logic analysers have limited analog capabilities
- Debugger
  - Program and debug device
- Multimeter
  - Voltage and resistance measurements
- Development Board
  - Whilst not a tool, extremely helpful whilst bringing up firmware
  - Helpful when developing code - the issue isn't (typically) the hardware!

# Bitwise Operators



$$y = \sim a$$

$$y = a \& b$$

$$y = a | b$$

$$y = a \wedge b$$

NOT  $y = a \&\& b$

# Binary Operations

## Binary Numbers

Binary:    0   1   0   0   1   0   1   1

Weight: 128 64 32 16   8   4   2   1

Base 2    (Binary): 0b01001011

Base 10 (Decimal): 75

Base 16 (Hexadecimal): 0x4B

## Bit Shifting

```
a = 5;           // binary: 00000101
```

```
b = a << 3;      // binary: 00101000, 40 in decimal
```

```
c = b >> 3;      // binary: 00000101, back to 5 like we started
```

## Putting it all together

```
x = 1;           // binary: 00000001
```

```
x <=< 3;         // binary: 00001000
```

```
x |= 3;          // binary: 00001011 - 3 is 11 in binary
```

```
x &= 1;          // binary: 00000001
```

# Setting Registers

Setting a bit in a register

```
REG = REG | (1 << x);  
REG |= (1<<x);
```

Clearing a bit in a register

```
REG = REG & ~(1 << x);  
REG &= ~(1<<x);
```

Toggling a bit in a register

```
REG = REG ^ (1 << x);  
REG ^= (1<<x);
```

Toggling multiple bits in a register

```
REG = REG ^ ((1 << x) | (1 << y));  
REG ^= (1<<x) | (1<<y);
```

AVR specific macro to bitshift

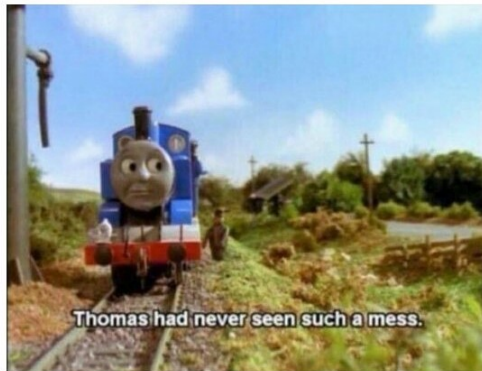
```
(1<<x) == _BV(x)  
REG = (1<<x) | (1<<y);  
REG = _BV(x) | _BV(y);
```

What is the difference between the above and the first example (other than two variables)?

# Demo Time!

Me : \*Explain my code to colleague\*

Colleague:



- I'm a hardware person, not a software person
- Solder is my preferred programming language
- I know enough to be dangerous, nothing more
- More experienced folks, please jump in and correct me / answer questions I can't / point out bad practices
- I'm here to learn like everyone else

- Default blink
- Register level blink
- Nicer blink
- Even nicer blink
- Blink without delay
- Size comparison
- Speed comparison

# button.ino

- Toggle on press
- Toggle on press with delay
- Button with interrupt
- Debounced button

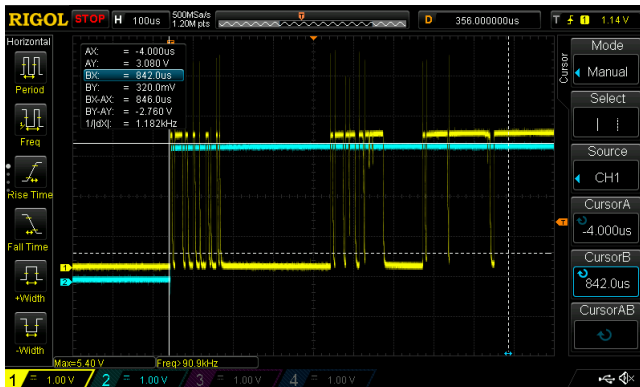
## Button Bounce

- What is button bounce?
- How to fix it?
  - Hardware - RC Circuit
  - Hardware - RC + Schmitt trigger
  - Software - Button polling



## Button Bounce

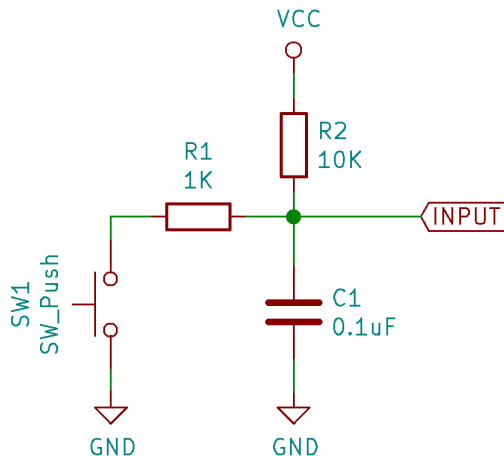
- What is button bounce?



Yellow = actual button, Blue = 'ideal button'

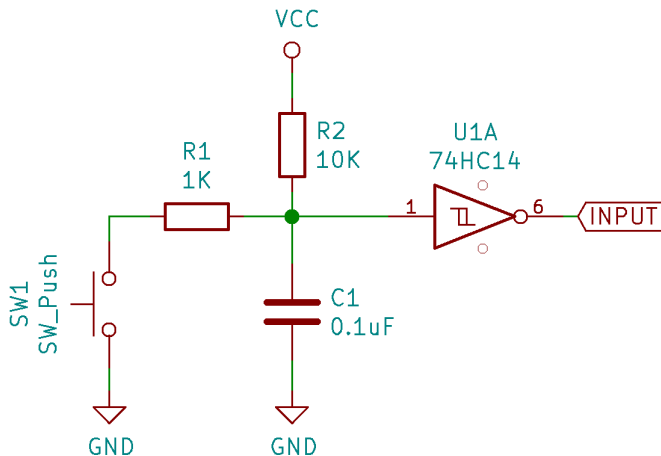
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- Fix 1 - RC Circuit

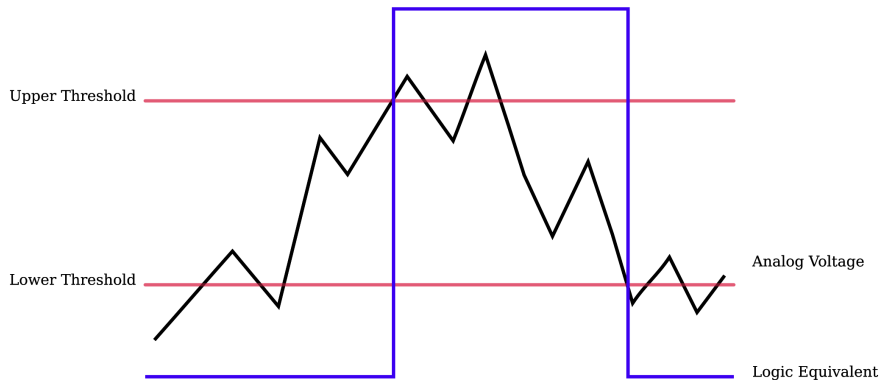


## Button Bounce

- Fix 2 - RC Circuit + Schmitt trigger

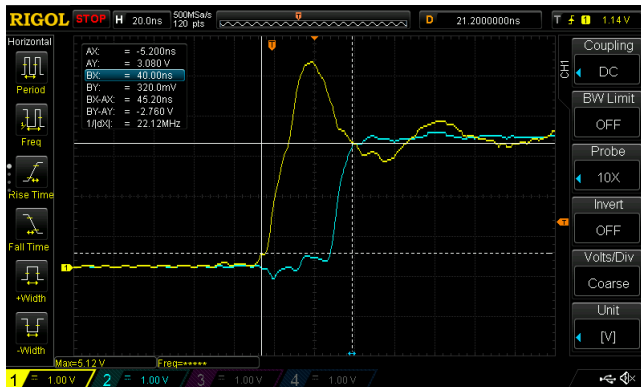


## Hysteresis



## Button Bounce

- Fix 3 - Button polling (FPGA assignment version)



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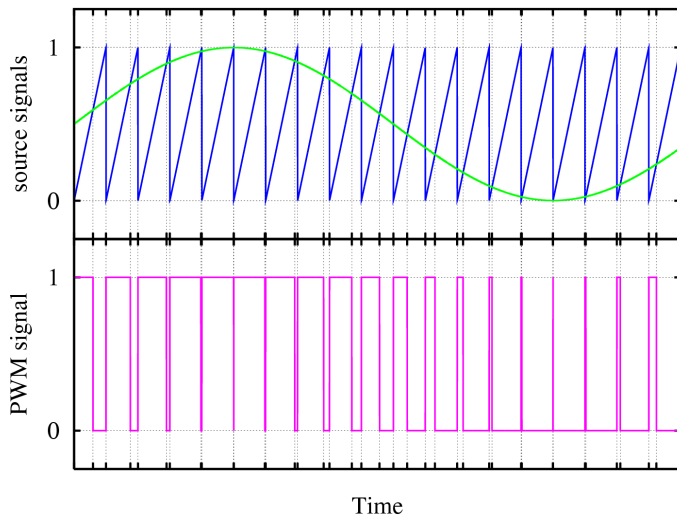
- Fix 3 - Button polling (uC101 version)

```
// Shift in a new value
history = history << 1;
history |= readPin(button);

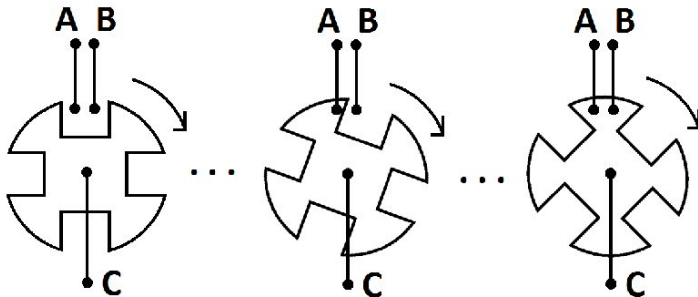
// Check for button conditions
(history == 0b11111111) ? on = 1 : on = 0;
(history == 0b00000000) ? off = 1 : off = 0;
(history == 0b01111111) ? rising = 1 : rising = 0;
(history == 0b10000000) ? falling = 1 : falling = 0;
```

Above code called every 1-5ms

## Pulse Width Modulation

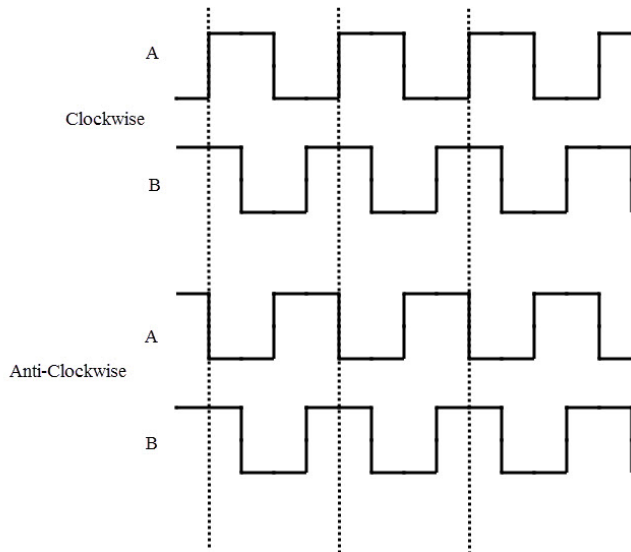


## Rotary Encoder Internal Operation





## Rotary Encoder Output



## Rotary Encoder Code

```
(onB && risingA) ? clockwise = 1 : clockwise = 0;  
(onB && fallingA) ? antiClockwise = 1 : antiClockwise = 0;
```

or

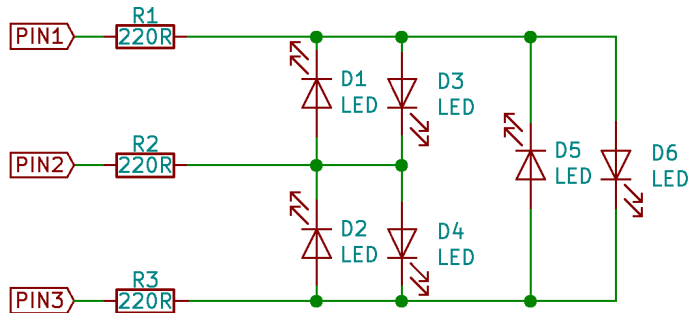
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(onB && risingA) ? clockwise = 1 : clockwise = 0;  
(onA && risingB) ? antiClockwise = 1 : antiClockwise = 0;
```

or

```
(fallingA && onB) ? clockwise = 1 : clockwise = 0;  
(fallingA && offB) ? antiClockwise = 1 : antiClockwise = 0;
```

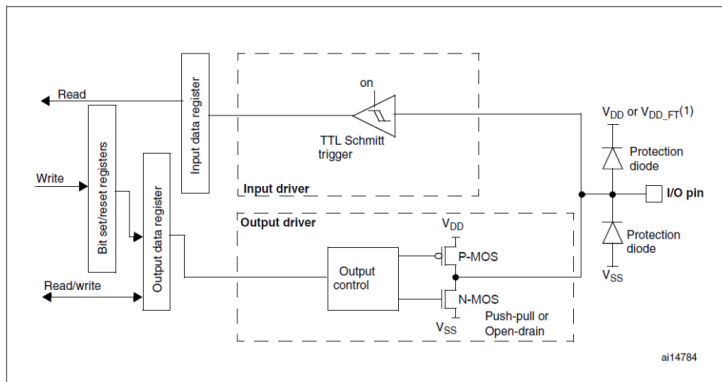
all are functionally identical, however last one can be pin interrupt driven

## Charlieplexing vs Multiplexing

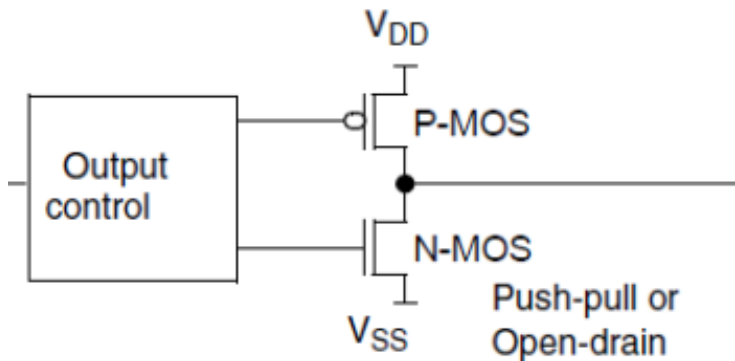


Charlieplexing:  $\text{numLed} = p^2 - p$   
Has to be scanned

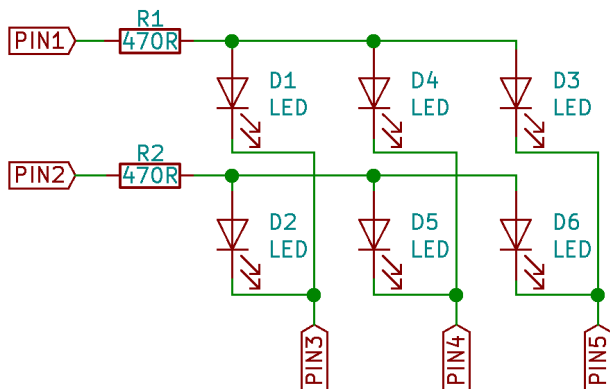
## How to tristate a pin



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## Charlieplexing vs Multiplexing



Multiplexing:  $\text{numLed} = \left\lfloor \frac{p^2}{2} \right\rfloor$   
Can be continuously driven

# The End

Links to resources: [uC101/README.md](#)

## Next month

- Breadboard to Printed Circuit Board
- Mechanical Design Considerations

## Month after that

- uC102: Communication Protocol Edition

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