# 1 Features

- 8 bit CMOS μC with RISC Architecture

- 32 x 8-bit General purpose registers

- 32 KByte of flash program memory

- 1 KByte EEPROM

- 2 KByte of internal SRAM

- On-chip 2-cycle multiplier

- Optional boot code section with independent lock bits

  - In-system programming by on-chip boot program
  - True read-while-write operation

- Two 8-bit Timer/Counter with separate prescaler and compare mode

- One 16-bit Timer/Counter with separate prescaler, compare mode and capture mode

- Real time counter with separate oscillator

- Six PWM channels

- 6/8(DEPENDING ON PACKAGE) chaneel 10 bit ADC ∘ Also with Temperature measurement

- Programmable serial USART

- 2-wire serial interface (Phillips I2C compatible)

- Programmable watchdog timer with separate on-chip oscillator

- On-chip analog comparator

- Interrupt and wake-up on pin change

- Power-on reset and programmable brown-out detection

- External and internal interrupt sources

- Six sleep modes: Idle, ADC noise reduction, power-save, power-down, standby and external standby

- 2.7V to 5.5V for ATmega328P

2   Block Diagram
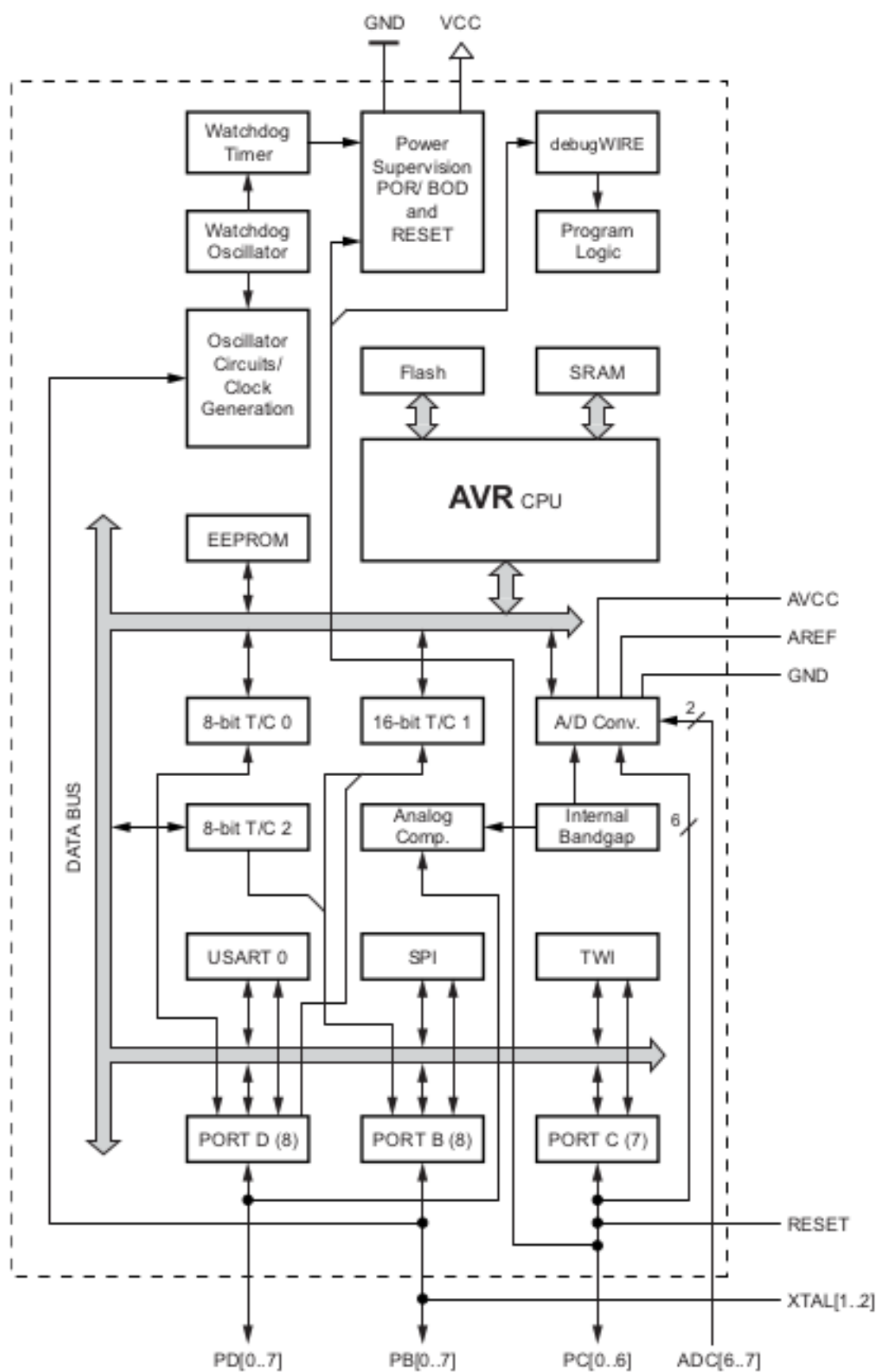
3 Pins

3.1 Power Pins

VCC, Gnd - 2.7V to 5.5V

3.2 PORTB - PB7:PB0

- Bidirection I/O with internal pull-up resistor(selectable for each bit)

- Tristate when reset

- Depending on the clock selection fuse settings,

    - *PB6* – input of inverting oscillator amplifier and input to internal clock operating circuit
    - *PB7* – output of inverting oscillator amplifier

- If internal calibrated RC oscillator is used as clock source, *PB7* and *PB6* is used as *TOSC2* and *TOSC1* input for Timer/Counter2

3.3 PORTC - PC5:PB0

- Bidirection I/O with internal pull-up resistor(selectable for each bit)

- Tristate when reset

3.4 PC6/$\overline{RESET}$

- Low level on this pin will gnerate reset, even if no clock running.

- *RSTDIBL* fuse == programmed(0) – *PC6* is input pin.

- *RSTDIBL* fuse == unprogrammed(1) – *PC6* is reset pin.

3.5 PORTD - PD7:PD0

- Bidirection I/O with internal pull-up resistor(selectable for each bit)

- Tristate when reset

3.6 AV_{CC}

- Supply voltage pin for A/D converter

- Connected to External Vcc when not used

- Connected to Vcc through LPF when used

3.7 AREF

Analog reference pin of A/D Converter

3.8 ADC7:ADC6

Analog input to ADC(10bit ADC)

4 Modes

4.1 Idle Mode

Stops the CPU while allowing SRAM, TImer/Counters, USART, 2-wire serial interface, SPI port and interrupt system to continue functioning.

4.2 Power-Down Mode

Saves the register contents but freezes the oscillator, disabling all other chip functions untill next interrupt or hardware reset.

4.3   Power-Save Mode

The asynchonous timer continues to run, allowing user to maintain timer base while reset of devices is sleeping.

## 4.4   ADC Noise reduction mode

Stops CPU and all I/O modules except asynchonous timer and ADC to minimize switching noise during ADC conversions.

4.5   Standby Mode

The crystall/oscillator is running while reset of devices is sleeping. Allows very fast start-up combined with low power consumption.

5   AVR CPU Core

The main function of CPU core is access memory, perform caluclations, control peripherals and handle interrupts.
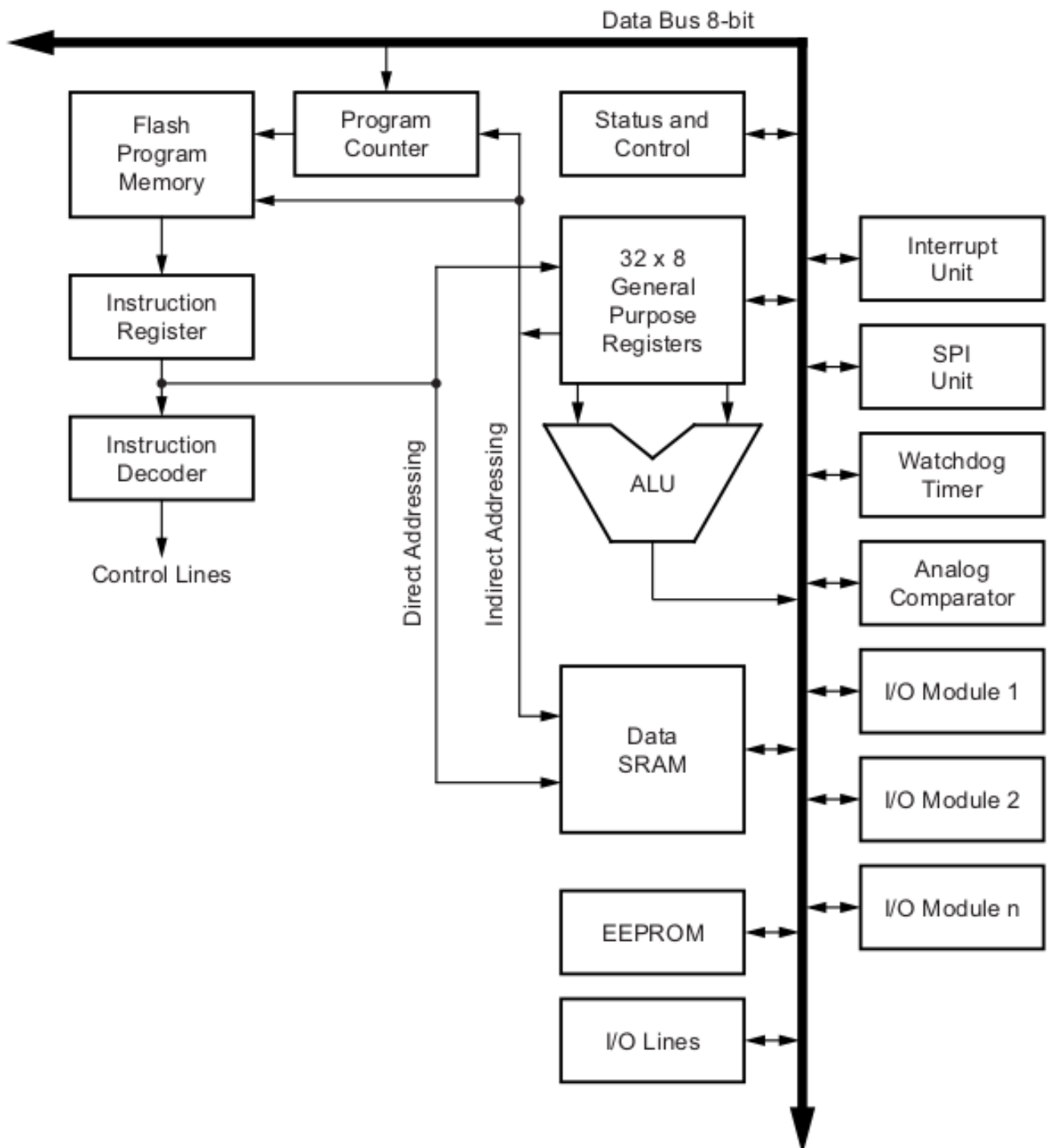
- For performance and parallelism, the AVR uses Harvard Architecture - with seperate memories and buses for program and data.

- Instructions in Program memory are exectued with a single level pipelining.

- The program memory is **In-system Reprogrammable Flash memory**.

- The register file consist of 32 x 8-bit General Purpose Registers with a single clock cycle assess time.

- One ALU operation uses two operatands from register file and store back the result to register file in one clock cycle.

- Six 8-bit register combine to form the X-, Y- and Z- registers which help in 16-bit indirect address register pointer for data space.

- One of these pointers acts as address pointer for look-up tables in Flash Program Memory.

- Program memory adress cotains 16-bit or 32-bit Instructions.

- Program Flash memory space is divided into two sections - each section have dedicated lock bits for read/write protection.

    - Boot Program section
    - Application Program section

- I/O memory space contains 64 addresses for CPU peripheral functions as control register, SPI and Other I/O functionscan be accessed directly or through register file from 0x20 - 0x5F.

- Has extended I/O space from 0x60 - 0xFF in SRAM.

5.1 Reset and Interrupt vectors

- Interrupts and reset vectors have seperate program vecotr in program memory space.

- Interrupts maye be disbaled when boot lock bits *BLB02* or *BLB12* are programmed.

- Lowest ddresses in program memory space are reset and interrupt vectors.

- The lower the addess the higher the priority.

- RESET has the highest followed by INT0(the external interrupt request 0).

- The interrupt vectors can be moved to start of boot flash section by setting *IVSEL* bit of **MCUCR** (MCU control register).

- THe reset can be moved to start of boot flash sectio by programming the *BOOTRST* fuse.

5.2 Interrupt Handling

- The *I-bit* (global interrupt enable bit) of **Status register** must be enabled.

- When a interrupt occurs, *I-bit* (global interrupt enable bit) is cleared and all interrupts are disabled.

- The user can write logic one to *I-bit* to enable nested interrupts.

- The *I-bit* is automatically set when returning from interrupt Instructions.

6 AVR Memories

Two main memory spaces - Data memory and Program memory space and a EEPROM memory for data storage.
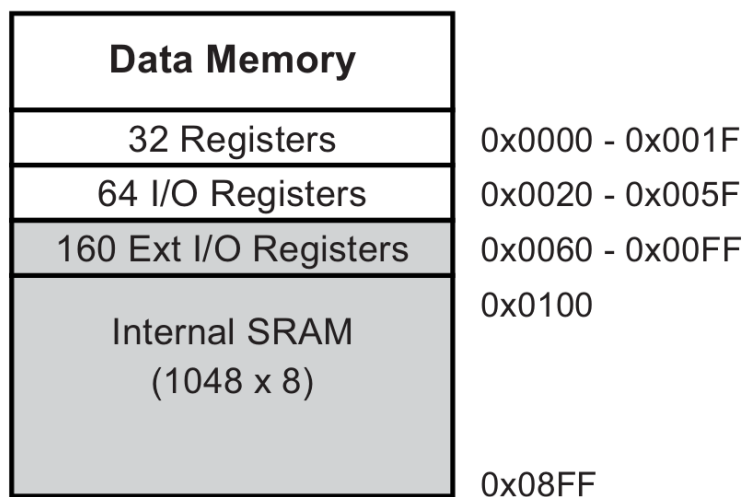
6.1   In-System Reprogrammable Flash Program Memory

- 32 KBytes on-chip in-system reprogrammable flash memory for program space.

- Since, the Instructions are all 16-bit or 32-bit wide, the flash(program space) is organized as 16K x 16.

- Endurance of atleast 10,000 write/erase cycle.

- For software security, Flash program memory space is divided into
  - Boot Loaded section
  - Application Program section

- The Program Counter is 14 bits wide and thus can address 16K program memory location.

Program Memory

Application Flash Section	0x0000
Boot Flash Section	0x3FFF
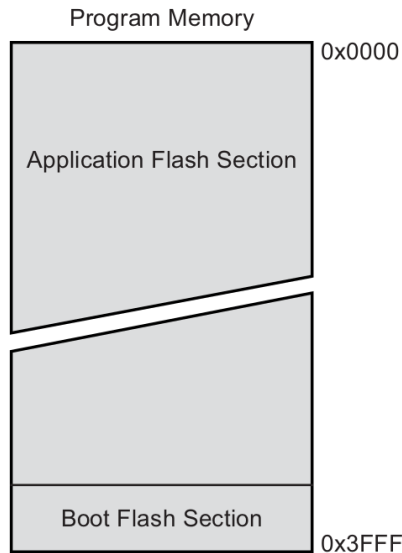
6.2   SRAM Data Memory

- The ATmega328P is a complex microcontroller with more peripheral units than can be supported within the 64 locations reserved in the opcode for the IN and OUT instructions.

- For the extended I/O space from 0x60 - 0xFF in SRAM, only the ST/STS/STD and LD/LDS/LDD instructions can be used.

Data Memory	
32 Registers	0x0000 - 0x001F
64 I/O Registers	0x0020 - 0x005F
160 Ext I/O Registers	0x0060 - 0x00FF
Internal SRAM (1048 x 8)	0x0100 ... 0x08FF

- The lower 2303(0x08FF) data memory locations addresses both the register files, the I/O memory, extended I/O memory and the internal data SRAM.

  - The first 32 location addresses the register file.
  - The next 64 location addresses the standard I/O memory.
  - The following 160 location address the extended I"O memory.
 - The last 2048 location address the internal data SRAM.

6.3 EEPROM Data Memory

- 1 K Byte of data EEPROM memory.

- Organized as seperate data space.

- Endurance of atleast 100,000 write/erase cycle.

- EEPROM are accessible in I/O space.

- Specific Write procedure is followed.

6.4 I/O Memory

- I/O and peripherals are placed in the I/O spaces.

- All I/O locations are accesed by LD/LDS/LDD and ST/STS/STD instructions.

- The I/O registers withing 0x00 - 0x1F are directly bit-accessible using SBI and CBI Instructions.

7 System Clock and Clock Options
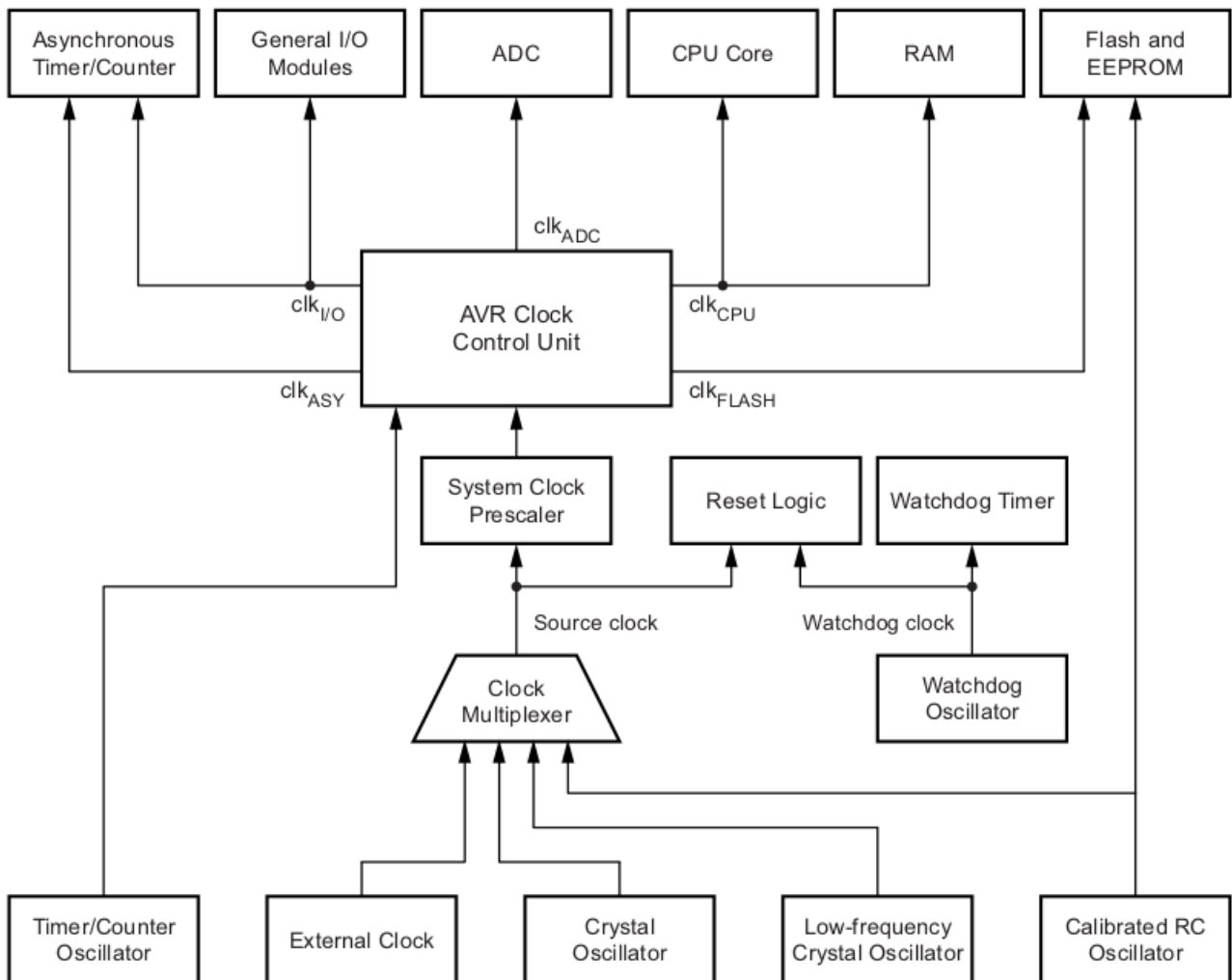
7.1 Clock Systems

7.1.1 CPU Clock

- clk_{CPU} is routed to all parts of AVR core.

- General purpose register file, Status register and data memory holding stack pointer.

- Halting CPU clock will inhibts the core from perfrroming general operations and caluclations.

7.1.2 I/O Clock

- $clk_{I/O}$ is used in I/O modules like Timers/Counter, SPI, USART, etc.

- For external interrupt module also but some external interrupts are detected by asynchonous logic and can be used even when I/O clock is halted.

7.1.3 Flash Clock

- clk_{FLASH} controls operation of flash interface.

7.1.4 Asynchronous Timer Clock

- clk_{ASY} allows asynchonous Timer/Counter to be clocked directly from external clock or an external 32 kHz clock crystall.

- This clock allows using Timer/COunter as real-time counter even when device is in sleep mode.

7.1.5 ADC Clock

- clk_{ADC} had dedicated clock domain.

- Gives more accurate ADC conversion result

7.2 Clock Sources

Selectable clock sources using flash fuse bits.

CKSEL[3:0]	Device Clocking Option
1111 - 1000	Low power crystall oscillator
0111 - 0110	Full swing crystal oscillator
0101 - 0100	Low frequency crystal oscillator
0011	Internal 128kHz RC oscillator
0010	Calibrated internal RC oscillator
0000	External clock

For fuses, "1" denotes unprogrammed and "0" denotes programmed.

Default Clock Source

- Devices is shipped with interface RC oscillator at 8.0MHz with fuse *CKDIV8* programmed meaning $----$ the internal oscillator produces a 8.0 Mhz clock but due to *CKDIV8* being programmed the system clock gets $\frac{8.0MHz}{8} = 1MHz$.

- The startup time is set to maximum and time-out period enabled.

- Default configuration $---$ *CKSEL* = 0010; *SUT* = 10; *CKDIV8* = 0.

Clock Start Sequence

- Clock Source needs a sufficient V_{CC} and minimum number of oscillating cycles before stablizing.

- To ensure sufficient V_{CC}, the device issues an internal reset with time-out delay (t_{TOUT}).

- The number of cyles in the dealy is set by *SUTx* bits and *CKSELx* fuse bits.

- The main purpose of dealy is to keep AVR in reset until it is supplied with minimal V_{CC}.

- The start-up sequence for the clock includes both the time-out delay and the start-up time when the device starts up from reset.

Clock Output Buffer

- device can output system clock on the *CLKO* pin.

- enabled by *CKOUT* fuse.

- any clock source can be used to output from this pin.

TIMER/COUNTER OSCILLATOR

- uses the same crystal oscillator for low-frequency oscillator and Timer/Counter oscillator.

- Since, It shares the Timer/Counter oscillator pins *TOSC1* and *TOSC2* pins with *XTAL1* and *XTAL2*, the system clock must be four times the oscillator and so the Timer/Counter oscillator can only be used when the calibrated internal RC oscillator is selected as system clock source.

7.2.1 Low Power Crystall OSscillator

Figure 1: VGA Connector
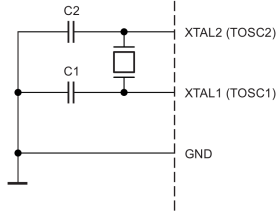
CKSEL[3:1]	Frequency Range (MHz)
100	0.4 to 0.9(only Ceramic resonators)
101	0.9 to 3.0
110	3.0 to 8.0
111	8.0 to 16.0

- *XTAL1* and *XTAL2* are inputs and outpus of an inverting amplifier which can be configured as on-chip oscillator.

- Either Quartz Crystall or Ceramic resonator can be used.

- Crystal Oscillator is a low power oscillator with reduced voltage swing on the XTAL2 output.

- Not capable of driving other clock inputs.

- C1 and C2 should be of the same values – 12pF to 22pF.

- The *CKSEL[0]* fuse together with the *SUT[1:0]* fuses select the start-up times as shown in Table below.

Oscillator Source / Power Conditions	Start-up Time from Power-down and Power-save	Additional Delay from Reset (V_{CC} = 5.0V)	CKSEL0	SUT1..0
Ceramic resonator, fast rising power	258CK	14CK + 4.1ms[1]	0	00
Ceramic resonator, slowly rising power	258CK	14CK + 65ms[1]	0	01
Ceramic resonator, BOD enabled	1KCK	14CK[2]	0	10
Ceramic resonator, fast rising power	1KCK	14CK + 4.1ms[2]	0	11
Ceramic resonator, slowly rising power	1KCK	14CK + 65ms[2]	1	00
Crystal oscillator, BOD enabled	16KCK	14CK	1	01
Crystal oscillator, fast rising power	16KCK	14CK + 4.1ms	1	10
Crystal oscillator, slowly rising power	16KCK	14CK + 65ms	1	11

7.2.2 Full Swing Crystal Oscillator

Figure 2: VGA Connector
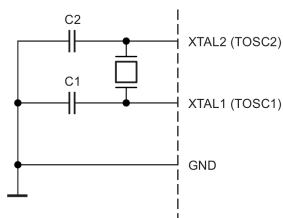
CKSEL[3:1]	Frequency Range (MHz)
011	0.4 to 16.0

- *XTAL1* and *XTAL2* are inputs and outpus of an inverting amplifier which can be configured as on-chip oscillator.

- Either Quartz Crystall or Ceramic resonator can be used.

- Full-Swing with rail-to-rail swing on the XTAL2 outtput.

- Can drive other clock input

- Power consumption is more than Low power crystal oscillator

- Needs $V_{CC} = 2.7$ to 5.5V

- C1 and C2 should be of the same values – 12pF to 22pF.

- The CKSEL[0] fuse together with the SUT[1:0] fuses select the start-up times as shown in Table below.

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Crystal oscillator, fast rising power	16KCK	14CK + 4.1ms	1	10
Crystal oscillator, slowly rising power	16KCK	14CK + 65ms	1	11

7.2.3   Low Frequency Crystal Oscillator

- To use with 32.765kHz watch crystal

- Crystal Cap(CL) – 6.5,9.0 and 12.5pF

- CKSEL[3:0] == 0101.

- The Start-up Times for the Low-frequency Crystal O scillator Clock Selection

SUT1..0	Additional Delay from Reset (V_{CC} = 5.0V)	Recommended Usage
00	4CK	Fast rising power or BOD enabled
01	4CK + 4.1ms	Slowly rising power
10	4CK + 65ms	Stable frequency at start-up
11	Reserved	

7.2.4   Calibrated Internal RC Oscillator

- 8.0MHz clock

- Voltage and temperature dependent

- Calibration is done in OSCCAL.

- Default mode shipeed with CKDIV8 prescalar programmed to prescale causing the system clock to be 1.0MHz.
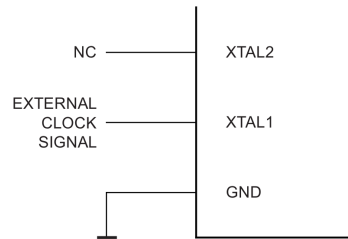
- CKSEL[3:0] == 0010.

Power Conditions	Start-up Time from Power-down and Power-save	Additional Delay from Reset (V_{CC} = 5.0V)	SUT1..0
BOD enabled	6CK	14CK[1]	00
Fast rising power	6CK	14CK + 4.1ms	01
Slowly rising power	6CK	14CK + 65ms[2]	10
Reserved			11

7.2.5 128kHz Internal Oscillator

- low power oscillator with 128kHz frequency
- *CKSEL[3:0]* == 0010.

Power Conditions	Start-up Time from Power-down and Power-save	Additional Delay from Reset (V_{CC} = 5.0V)	SUT1..0
BOD enabled	6CK	14CK[1]	00
Fast rising power	6CK	14CK + 4.1ms	01
Slowly rising power	6CK	14CK + 65ms[2]	10
Reserved			11

7.2.6 External Clock

- XTAL1 must be connected to external source.
- 0 - 16 MHz frequency.
- *CKSEL* == 0000.
- Start-up times are determined by the SUT fuses as

Power Conditions	Start-up Time from Power-down and Power-save	Additional Delay from Reset (V_{CC} = 5.0V)	SUT1..0
BOD enabled	6CK	14CK	00
Fast rising power	6CK	14CK + 4.1ms	01
Slowly rising power	6CK	14CK + 65ms	10
Reserved			11

7.3 System Clock Prescalar

- The system clock can be divided by setting the **CLKPR** (Clock Prescale Registers) value.
- Used to decrease the system clock frequency and the power consumption when the requirement for processing power is low.
- Affects the clk_{SYS}, clk_{IO}, clk_{ADC}, clk_{CPU} and clk_{FLASH}.
- A special write procedure is followed to change *CLKPS* bits:
    (i) Write the clock prescaler change enable (*CLKPCE*) bit to one and all other bits in **CLKPR** register to zero.
    (ii) Within four cycles, write the desired value to *CLKPS* bit while writing a zero to *CLKPCE*.
    (iii) Interrupt must be disabled.

7.3.1 Register Description

OSCCAL – Oscillator Calibration Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CAL7	CAL6	CAL5	CAL4	CAL3	CAL2	CAL1	CAL0

- The oscillator calibration register is used to trim the calibrated internal RC oscillator to remove process variations from the oscillator frequency.

- A pre-programmed calibration value is automatically written to this register during chip reset.

- The application software can write this register to change the oscillator frequency.

- If EEPROM is to be used, shouldn't do calibration for more than 8.8 MHz.

- *CAL7* bit detected range of operation of oscillator. Setting zeros gives the Lowest requency range, setting this bit to 1 gives the highest frequency range.

- The *CAL[6:0]* bits are used to tune the frequency within the selected range. A setting of 0x00 gives the lowest frequency in that range, and a setting of 0x7F gives the highest frequency in the range.

CLKPR – Clock Prescale Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CLKPCE	-	-	-	CLKPS3	CLKPS2	CLKPS1	CLKPS0

- *CLKPCE* - Cloc k Prescaler Change Enable must be written to logic one to enable change of the *CLKPS* bits.

- The *CLKPCE* bit is only updated when the other bits in CLKPR are simultaneously written to zero.

CLKPS[3:0]	Clock Division Facter
0000	1
0001	2
0010	4
0011	8
0100	16
0101	32
0110	64
0111	128
1000	256

- *CLKPS[3:0]* - Clock Prescaler Select Bits define the division factor between the selected clock source and the internal system clock.

- The *CKDIV8* fuse determines the initial value of the *CLKPS* bits.
    - If *CKDIV8* is unprogrammed, the *CLKPS* bits will be reset to 0000.
    - If *CKDIV8* is programmed, *CLKPS* bits are reset to "0011", giving a division factor of 8 at start up.

- Note that any value can be written to the *CCLKPS* bits regardless of the *CCKDIV8* fuse setting.

8 Power Management and Sleep modes

- Sleep modes enable the application to shut down unused modules in the MCU, thereby saving power.

- When enabled, the brown-out detector (BOD) actively monitors the power supply voltage during the sleep periods.

- To further save power, it is possible to disable the BOD in some sleep modes.

8.1 Sleep Modes

- To enter any of the six sleep modes, the **SE** bit in **SMCR** register must be written to logic one.
- The **SM[2:0]** bits in the **SMCR** register select which sleep mode.
- *SLEEP* instruction must be executed.
- If an enabled interrupt occurs while the MCU is in a sleep mode, the MCU wakes up.
- The MCU is then halted for four cycles in addition to the start-up time, executes the interrupt routine, and resumes execution from the instruction following SLEEP.
- The contents of the register file and SRAM are unaltered when the device wakes up from sleep.
- If a reset occurs during sleep mode, the MCU wakes up and executes from the reset vector.
- The Active Clock Domains and Wake-up Sources in the Different Sleep Modes,

Sleep Mode	Active Clock Domains					Oscillators		Wake-up Sources							
	clk_{CPU}	clk_{FLASH}	clk_{IO}	clk_{ADC}	clk_{ASY}	Main Clock Source Enabled	Timer Oscillator Enabled	INT1, INT0 and Pin Change	TWI Address Match	Timer2	SPM/EEPROM Ready	ADC	WDT	Other I/O	Software BOD Disable
Idle			X	X	X	X	X[2]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
ADC noise Reduction				X	X	X	X[2]	X[3]	X	X[2]	X	X	X		
Power-down								X[3]	X				X		X
Power-save					X		X[2]	X[3]	X	X			X		X
Standby[1]						X		X[3]	X				X		X
Extended Standby					X[2]	X	X[2]	X[3]	X	X			X		X

8.1.1 Idle Mode

- Stops the CPU but allows the SPI, USART, analog comparator, ADC, 2-wire serial interface, Timer/Counters, watchdog, and the interrupt system.
- Halts clk_{CPU} and clk_{FLASH} and allows other clocks.
- Idle mode enables the MCU to wake up from external triggered interrupts as well as internal ones like the timer overflow and USART transmit complete interrupts.

8.1.2 ADC Noise Reduction Mode

- Stops the CPU but allows ADC, the external interrupts, the 2-wire serial interface address watch, Timer/Counter2 and the watchdog.
- Halts $clk_{I/O}$, clk_{CPU} and clk_{FLASH} and allows other clocks.
- Improves the noise environment for ADC, enabling higher resolution measurement.
- ADC Noise Reduction Mode enables the MCU to wake up from external reset, a watchdog system reset, a watchdog interrupt, a brown-out reset, a 2-wire serial interface address match, a Timer/Counter2 interrupt, an SPM/EEPROM ready interrupt, an external level interrupt on INT0 or INT1 or a pin change interrupt.

8.1.3 Power-down Mode

- Stops the external oscillator but allows the external interrupts, the 2-wire serial interface address watch, and the watchdog.
- Halts all clocks and asynchronous modules only.
- Power-down mode enables the MCU to wake up from an external reset, a watchdog system reset, a watchdog interrupt, a brown-out reset, a 2-wire serial interface address match, an external level interrupt on INT0 or INT1, or a pin change interrupt.

8.1.4 Power-save Mode

- Only diffence from Power-down mode is Timer/Counter2 is enabled and it will run.

- Timer overflow or output compare event from Timer/Counter2 can wake up.

8.1.5 Standby Mode

- Selects the external crystal clock option.

- Identical to power-down except oscillator is running.

8.1.6 External Standby Mode

- Selects the external crystal clock option.

- Identical to power-Save except oscillator is running.

8.1.7 Register Description

SMCR – Sleep Mode Control Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	-	-	-	SM2	SM1	SM0	SE

SM[2:0]	Sleep Mode
000	Idle
001	ADC Noise Reduction
010	Power-down
011	Power-save
110	Standby
111	External Standby

- **SE** bit must be written to logic one just before the SLEEP instruction is executed, to make the MCU enter the sleep mode.

8.2 Power Reduction Register

- To stop the clock to individual peripherals to reduce power consumption.

- The current state of the peripheral is frozen and the I/O registers can not be read or written.

- Peripheral should in most cases be disabled before stopping the clock.

- Wake up peripherals can be done by writing zero to bits in **PRR**.

8.2.1 Register Description

PRR – Power Reduction Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PRTWI	PRTIM2	PRTIM0	-	PRTIM1	PRSPI	PRUSART0	PRADC

Bits	Name
PRTWI	Power Reduction TWI
PRTIM2	Power Reduction Timer/Counter2
PRTIM1	Power Reduction Timer/Counter1
PRTIM0	Power Reduction Timer/Counter0
PRSPI	Power Reduction Serial Peripheral Interface
PRUSART0	Power Reduction USART0
PRADC	Power Reduction ADC

8.3   Minimizing Power Consumption

- In general, sleep modes should be used as much as possible.

- ADC should be disabled before entering any sleep mode.

- Analog comparator should be disabled in all sleep modes.

- If the brown-out detector is not needed by the application, this module should be turned off by *BODLEVEL* fuses.

- If Internal Voltage Reference is not needded and ADC or analog comparator or BOD is not needed, the Internal Voltage Reference can be disabled.

- If the watchdog timer is not needed in the application, the module should be turned off.

- If On-chip Debug System is not needed, can be disabled by *DWEN* fuse.

- For Port pins,
  - No pins drive resistive loads.
  - Input buffers are disabled when I/O clock and ADC clocks are stopped.
  - If the input buffer is enabled and the input signal is left floating or have an analog signal level close to V CC /2, the input buffer will use excessive power.
  - Digital input buffers can be disabled by writing to the digital input disable registers (**DIDR1** and **DIDR0**).

9   RESETTING AVR

All I/O registers are set to their intial values and program starts execution form reset vector.
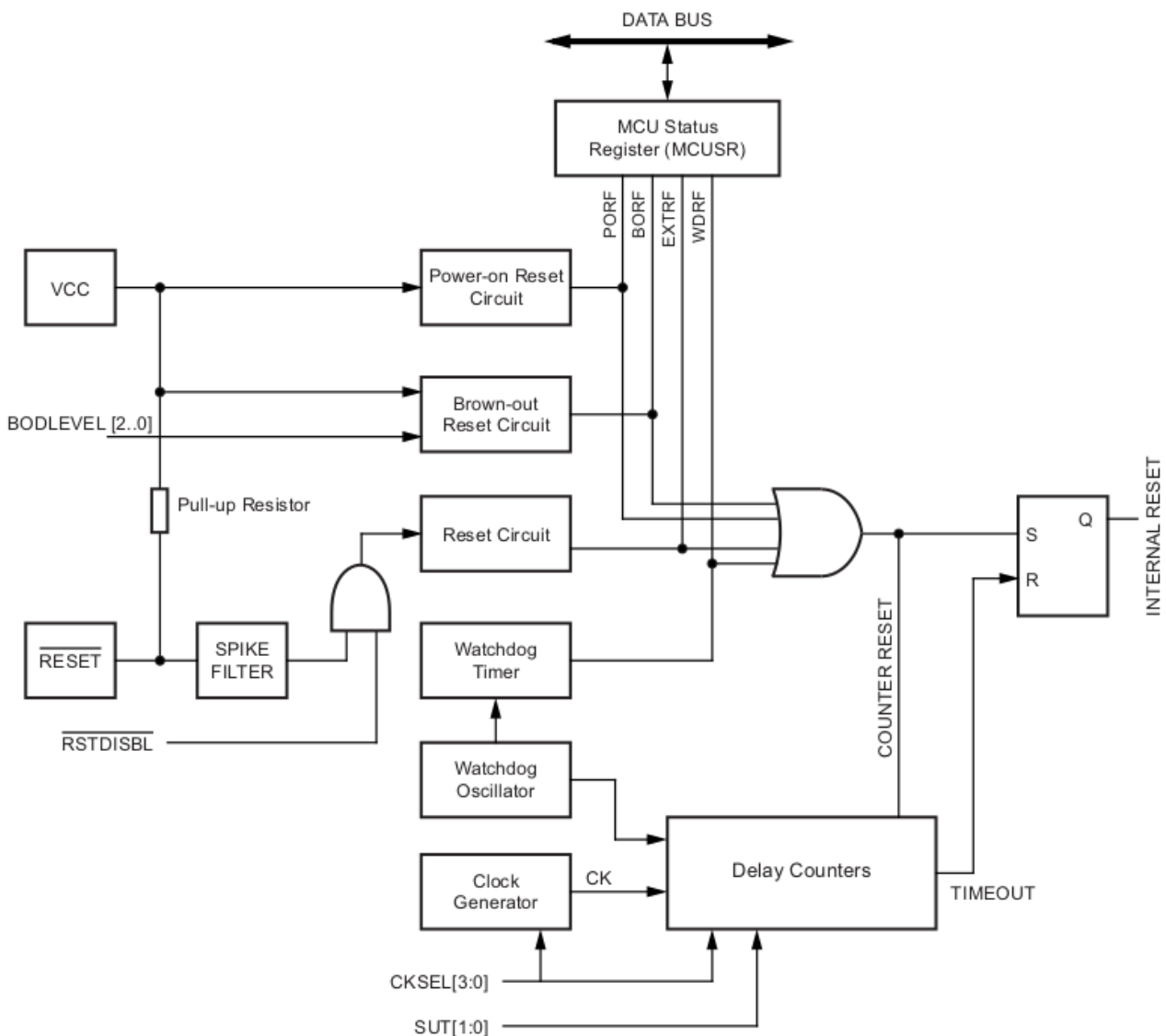
9.1 Reset Sources

(I) Power-on Reset - MCU resets when supply voltage is below the power-on reset threshold(V_{POT}).

(II) External Reset - MCU resets when low level is present on $\overline{RESET}$ is helow for minimum pulse length.

(III) Watchdog System reset - MCU resets when watchdog timer period expires and watchdog system reset mode is enabled.

(IV) Brown-out reset - MCU resets when supply voltage V_{CC} is below brown-out threshold (V_{BOT}) and brown-out detected is enabled.

9.1.1 Power-on Reset

MCU Start-up, $\overline{RESET}$ Tied to V_{CC} MCU Start-up, $\overline{RESET}$ Extended Externally
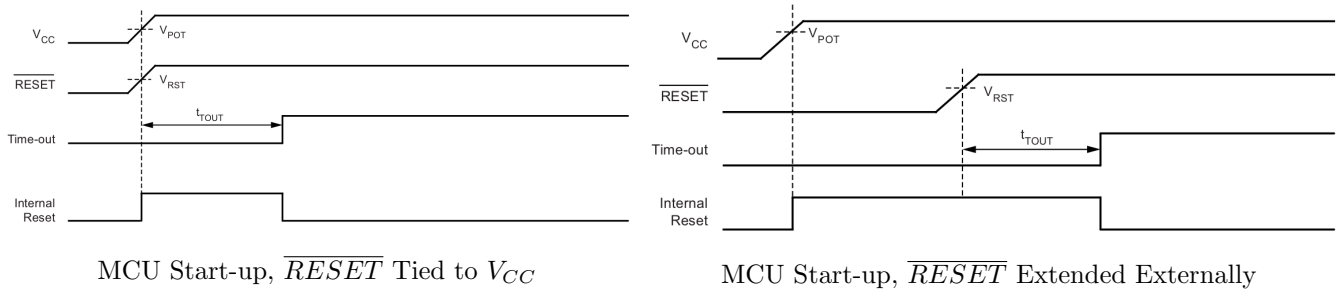
- A power-on reset (POR) pulse is generated by an on-chip detection circuit.

- The POR is activated whenever V_{CC} is below the detection level.

- The POR circuit can be used to trigger the start-up reset, as well as to detect a failure in supply voltage.

- Reaching the power-on reset threshold voltage invokes the delay counter, which determines how long the device is kept in RESET after V_{CC} rise.

9.1.2 External Reset
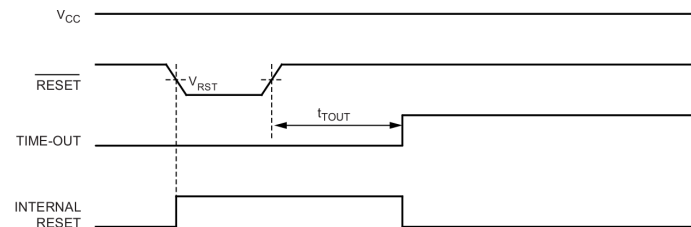
- An external reset is generated by a low level on the $\overline{RESET}$ pin.

- Shorter pulses are not guaranteed to generate a reset.

- When the applied signal reaches the reset threshold voltage – V_{RST} – on its positive edge, the delay counter starts the MCU after the time-out period – t_{OUT} – has expired.

- The external reset can be disabled by the **RSTDISBL** fuse.

9.1.3 Brown-out Detection
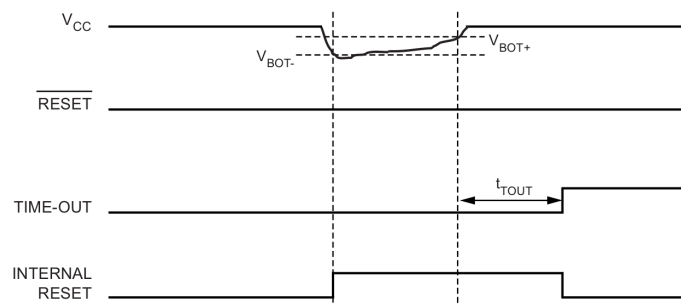
- On-chip brown-out detection (BOD) circuit for monitoring the V_{CC} level during operation by comparing it to a fixed trigger level.

- The trigger level for the BOD can be selected by the **BODLEVEL** fuses.

9.1.4 Watchdog System Reset
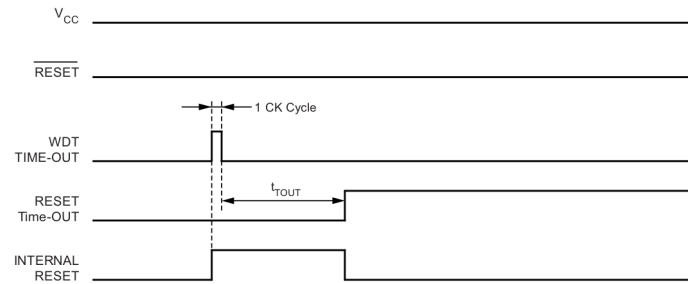
- When the watchdog times out, it will generate a short reset pulse of one CK cycle duration.

- On the falling edge of this pulse, the delay timer starts counting the time-out period t_{OUT}.