

1 Features

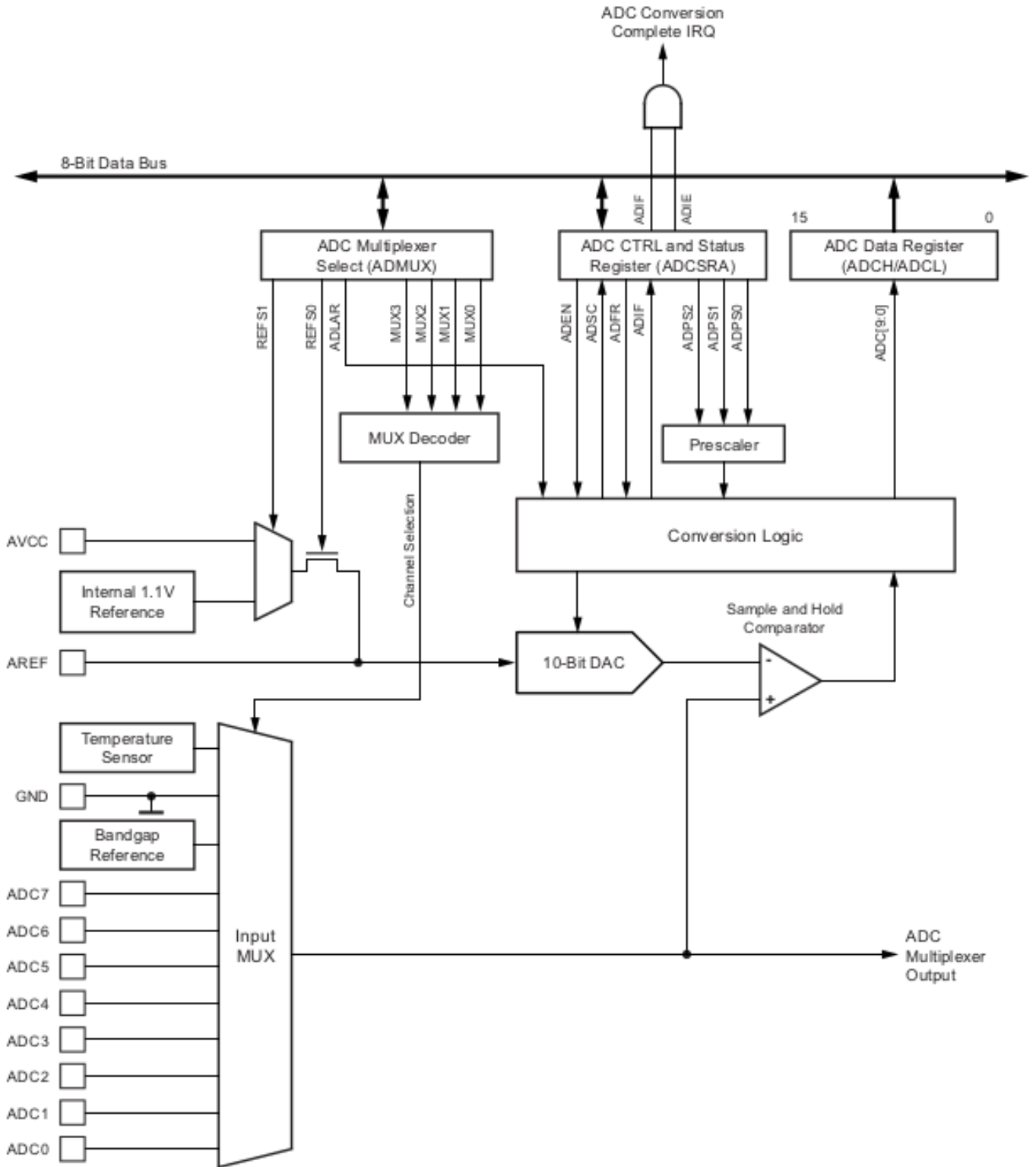
- 10-bit successive approximation ADC
- 65 to 260 μs conversion time
- 15 kilo samples per second
- 6 Multiplexed single ended input channels
- 2 Additional multiplexed single ended input channels depending on the package
- Temperature Sensor input Channel
- Selectable 1.1V ADC reference voltage
- Free running or single conversion mode
- Interrupt on ADC conversion complete

2 Overview

- Minimum value = 0V and Maximum value = $V_{REF} - 1 \text{ LSB}$
- AV_{CC} can should be $V_{CC} \pm 0.3V$.
- The **MUX** bits in **ADMUX** register is used to select either ADC input pins or GND or Temperature Sensor or fixed band gap voltage reference(1.1V) for single ended input of ADC.
- The input clock frequency of ADC must be between 50kHz and 200kHz for max. resolution.
- Normal conversion takes 13 ADC clock cycles.
- The adc output are stored in **ADCH** and **ADCL** register.
- Can choose output between left or right adjusted by **ADLAR** bit in ADMUX.

Notes : First read **ADCH** and then read **ADCL**.

3 Block Diagram



4 Starting Conversion

4.1 Single Conversion

- Disabling the power reduction ADC bit (*PRADC*).
- Writing logical one to ADC start conversion bit (*ADSC*).
- This Start conversion bit is cleared by hardware when ADC completes conversion.

4.2 Triggered Conversion

- Many sources can be used to trigger.

- Auto trigger is enabled by setting ADC auto trigger enable bit(**ADATE**) in **ADCSRA** register.
- Trigger source is selected by ADC trigger select bits (**ADTS**) in **ADCSRB** register.
- When positive edge occur on selected trigger signal, the ADC starts conversion.
- Until the ADC conversion ends and another positive edge occur on selected trigger source, the next conversion won't start.

4.2.1 Free Running Mode

- Using ADC interrupt Flag as trigger source makes the ADC start new conversion as soon as ongoing conversion ends.
- This is the free running mode, when constant sampling and updating is done.
- The first conversion is started by setting the **ADSC** bit **ADCSRA** register.
- No need to clear interrupt flag.

Note : The **ADSC** bit can be used to check if the conversion is going on or not independent of the mode.

5 Register Description

ADMUX – ADC Multiplexer Selection Register

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
REFS1	REFS0	ADLAR	-	MUX3	MUX2	MUX1	MUX0

- **ADLAR** - ADC Left Adjust Result - presentation of ADC conversion results.[1 - Left adjusted; 0 - Right adjusted]

REFS[1:0]		MUX[3:0]		Single Ended Input
00	AREF - the actual reference voltage	0000		ADC0
		0001		ADC1
		0010		ADC2
		0011		ADC3
01	AV _{CC}	0100		ADC4
		0101		ADC5
10	Reserved	0110		ADC6
11	Internal 1.1V	0111		ADC7
		1000		Temperature Sensor
		1110		1.1V Internal Voltage Reference
		1111		0V

ADCSRA – ADC Control and Status Register A

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
REFS1	REFS0	ADLAR	-	MUX3	MUX2	MUX1	MUX0

- **ADEN** - ADC Enable - enabled the ADC.
- **ADSC** - ADC Start Conversion - starts the conversion in single conversion mode and start first conversion in free running mode.
- **ADATE** - ADC Auto Trigger Enable - auto triggering the ADC on positive edge of selected trigger signal.
- **ADIF** - ADC Interrupt Flag - indicates the End of conversion.
- **ADIE** - ADC Interrupt Enable- enables the ADC conversion complete interrupt.

<i>ADTS[2:0]</i> - ADC Auto Trigger Source Selections	Trigger Source
000	Free running mode
001	Analog comparator
010	External interrupt request 0
011	Timer/Counter0 compare match A
100	Timer/Counter0 overflow
101	Timer/Counter1 compare match B
110	Timer/Counter1 overflow
111	Timer/Counter1 capture event

<i>ADPS[2:0]</i> - ADC Prescaler Select	Division Factor
000	2
001	2
010	4
011	8
100	16
101	32
110	64
111	128

ADCSRB – ADC Control and Status Register B

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
–	ACME	–	–	–	ADTS2	ADTS1	ADTS0

ADCL and ADCH – The ADC Data Register

ADLAR=0

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	ADC[9:8]	
ADC[7:0]							
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

ADLAR=1

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
ADC[9:2]							
ADC[1:0]		–	–	–	–	–	–
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

6 Configuring the ADC

6.1 Single Conversion

- First, Voltage Reference is chosen by configuring the *REFS[1:0]* bits in *ADMUX* register.
- Next, the ADC output presentation either left or right adjusting is chosen by configuring the *ADLAR* bit in *ADMUX* register.
- Next, the channel is chosen by configuring the *MUX[3:0]* bits in *ADMUX* register.
- Next, for single conversion, the *ADATE* - ADC auto trigger bit is cleared in *ADCSRA* register.
- Interrupt is disabled, as we use single conversion every time in program by clearing the *ADIE* bit in *ADCSRA* register.

- The Prescaler for ADC clock is chosen so that the clock is between 50kHz and 200kHz by Configuring the **ADPS[2:0]** bits in **ADCSRA** register.
- ADC is enabled by setting the **ADEN** bit in **ADCSRA** register.
- Finally, the ADC conversion is started by setting the **ADSC** bit in **ADCSRA** register.
- Next, we check the **ADSC** flag for end of conversion.
- We can read the output from **ADC** register.

```
DDRC &= ~(1<<channel_no);

// Selecting Voltage Reference
// Lets use AREF pin
// REFS[1:0] -- 00
ADMUX &= ~(1<<REFS0);
ADMUX &= ~(1<<REFS1);

// Selecting the Presentation of ADC output
// Right adjust - ADLAR == 0
ADMUX &= ~(1<<ADLAR);

// SELECTINT the channel for ADC
// LET'S select channel_no
// MUX[3:0]&0xF0 | channel_no
ADMUX = (ADMUX & 0xF0) | channel_no;

// for single conversion - disabling ADC auto trigger
// ADSC == 0
ADCSRA &= ~(1<<ADSC);

// disable the interrupt by disabling ADIF bit
// ADIF == 0
ADCSRA &= ~(1<<ADIF);

// Prescaler be 64 so that we get 8Mhz/64 = 125kHz
// ADPS[2:0] -- 110
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADPS2) | (1<<ADPS1);
ADCSRA &= ~(1<<ADPS0);

// ENABLING adc
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADEN);

// STARTING CONVERSION
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADSC);

// since single conversion, we can check start conversion bit
while((ADCSRA & (1<<ADSC)))
{
}
// RESETTING THE Flag
// ADCSRA |= (1<<ADIF);
return ADC;
```

6.2 Free Running Conversion

- First, Voltage Reference is chosen by configuring the **REFS[1:0]** bits in **ADMUX** register.
- Next, the ADC output presentation either left or right adjusting is chosen by configuring the **ADLAR** bit in **ADMUX** register.
- Next, the channel is chosen by configuring the **MUX[3:0]** bits in **ADMUX** register.

- Next, the trigger source of auto trigger is chosen by selecting 000 (free running) in **ADTS[2:0]** bits in **ADCSRA** register.
- Next, for Free Running conversion, the **ADATE** - ADC auto trigger bit is set in **ADCSRA** register.
- Interrupt is enabled by setting the **ADIE** bit in **ADCSRA** register.
- The Prescaler for ADC clock is chosen so that the clock is between 50kHz and 200kHz by Configuring the **ADPS[2:0]** bits in **ADCSRA** register.
- ADC is enabled by setting the **ADEN** bit in **ADCSRA** register.
- Finally, the ADC conversion is started by setting the **ADSC** bit in **ADCSRA** register.
- Next, we write a ISR for handling the End of conversion.

```
DDRC &= ~(1<<channel_no);

// Selecting Voltage Reference
// Lets use AREF pin
// REFS[1:0] -- 00
ADMUX &= ~(1<<REFS0);
ADMUX &= ~(1<<REFS1);

// Selecting the Presentation of ADC output
// Right adjust - ADLAR == 0
ADMUX &= ~(1<<ADLAR);

// SELECTINT the channel for ADC
// LET'S select channel_no
// MUX[3:0]&0xF0 | channel_no
ADMUX = (ADMUX & 0xF0) | channel_no;

// Select the Auto Trigger source
// for free running, use 000 for ADTS[2:0] in ADCSRB
ADCSRB &= ~(1<<ADTS2);
ADCSRB &= ~(1<<ADTS1);
ADCSRB &= ~(1<<ADTS0);

// for free running conversion - enable ADC auto trigger
// ADATE == 1
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADATE);

// enable the interrupt by enabling ADIE bit
// ADIE == 1
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADIE);

// Prescaler be 64 so that we get 8Mhz/64 = 125kHz
// ADPS[2:0] -- 110
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADPS2) | (1<<ADPS1);
ADCSRA &= ~(1<<ADPS0);

// ENABLING adc
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADEN);

// STARTING CONVERSION
ADCSRA |= (1<<ADSC);

sei();

ISR(ADC_vect)
{
    free_running_value = ADC;
    // ADCSRA |= (1<<ADIF);
}
```