

# CPE 323

## Intro to Embedded Computer Systems

### Interrupts (Exceptions)

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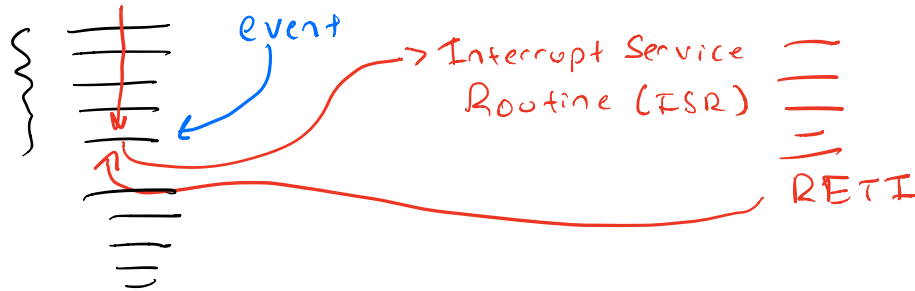
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# Instruction Execution Stages

- 1. Instruction Fetch
- 2. Decode
- 3. Operand Fetch
- 4. Execute
- 5. Store results
- 6. Exception process

# What are Interrupts?

→ Events (asynchronous) triggered in hardware.



Interrupts are in hardware, not software!

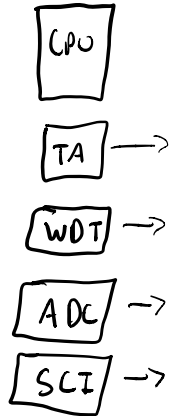
Asynchronous events!

Internally & externally.

You can trigger them by setting bits...

# Sources of Interrupts

- Internal to CPU
- External (peripherals) → Polling  
→ Interrupt



# Interrupt Service Routine (ISRs)

→ piece of code that handles event

PI - ISR

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save context  
of registers

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Restore  
context

RETI; return from interrupt

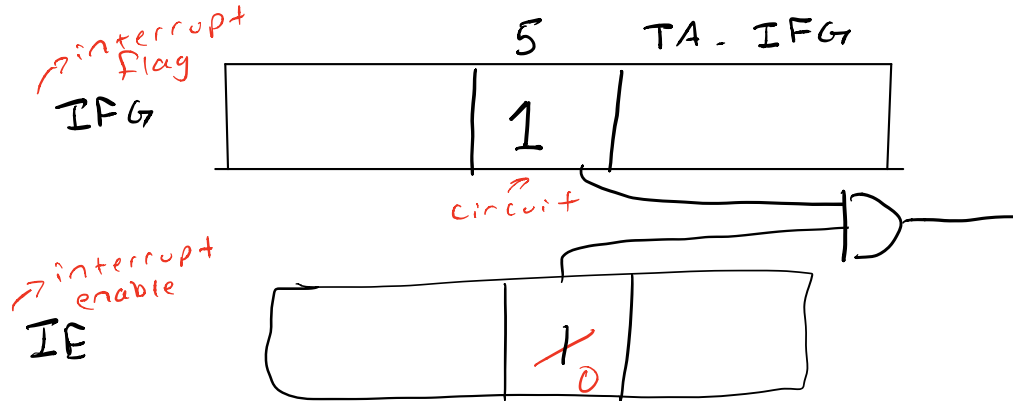
# What does MSP430 do as a response?

## (Exception Processing)

- 1. Finish instruction execution
- 2. Push PC and SR onto stack
- 3. Clear SR →
- 4. Select highest priority interrupt
- 5. Clear IFG bit for single source interrupts
- 6. Read the starting address of the corresponding ISR from the IVC (Interrupt vector table)
- 7. Move into PC.



# Tracking Interrupts? (IFG bits)



GIE - Global Interrupt Enable (SR)



# Masking Interrupts (IE Bits)

- Selective masking
- Global masking (GIE)
- NMI - Non-maskable interrupt

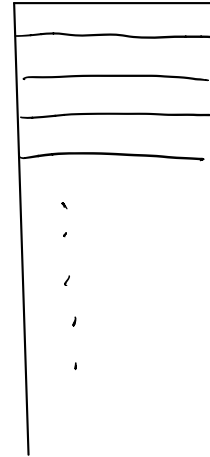
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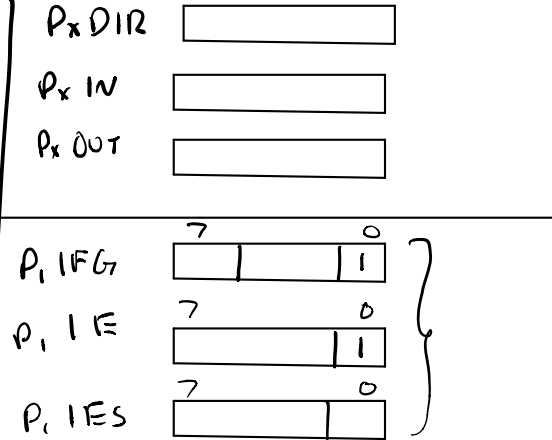
# Interrupt Priorities

→ Vectored

→ Fixed priorities (cannot change them)

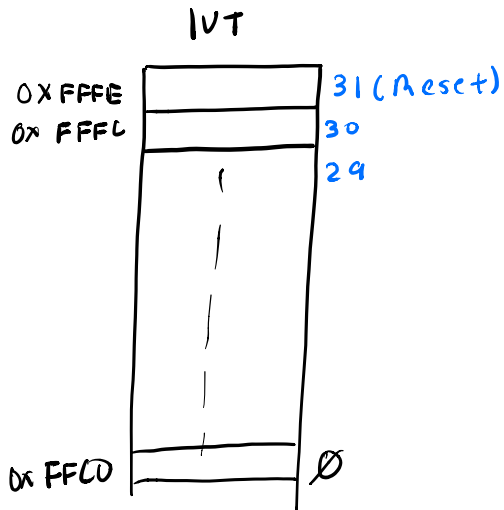


- P1 and P2 have interrupt capability
- P1IFG
- P1IE
- P1IES
- P2IFG
- P2IE
- P2IES



## • Interrupts Review

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length = 1 word, 2 bytes.  
 Total size =  $32 \times 2 = 64$  bytes.