

## UNIT II

### SYLLABUS

#### PERIPHERAL ICS

PPI 8255 – Programmable keyboard display – Interface 8279 – Programmable interrupt controller 8259 – Programmable DMA controller 8257 – USART 8251 – Programmable interval timer 8253.

#### **8255 - PROGRAMMABLE PERIPHERAL INTERFACE (PPI)**

The **Intel 8255** (or **i8255**) Programmable Peripheral Interface (**PPI**) chip is a peripheral chip, is used to give the CPU access to programmable parallel I/O. It can be programmable to transfer data under various conditions from simple I/O to interrupt I/O. it is flexible versatile and economical (when multiple I/O ports are required) but somewhat complex. It is an important general purpose I/O device that can be used with almost any microprocessor.

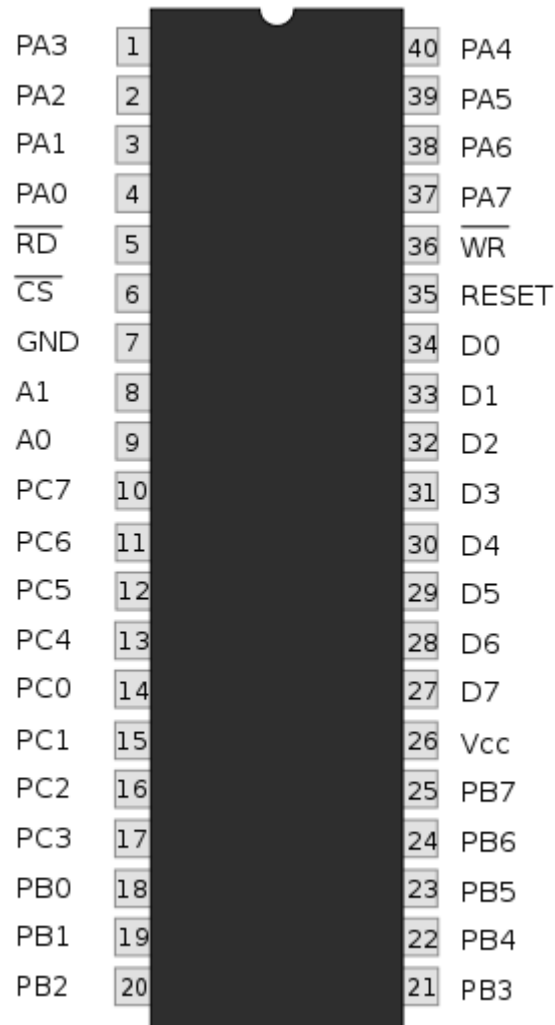


Fig1: Pin diagram of 8255

## I. Functional block of 8255 – Programmable Peripheral Interface (PPI)

The 8255A has 24 I/O pins that can be grouped primarily in two 8-bit parallel ports: A and B with the remaining eight bits as port C. The eight bits of port C can be used as individual bits or be grouped in to 4-bit ports: CUpper (Cu) and CLower (CL) as in Figure 2. The function of these ports is defined by writing a control word in the control register as shown in Figure 3

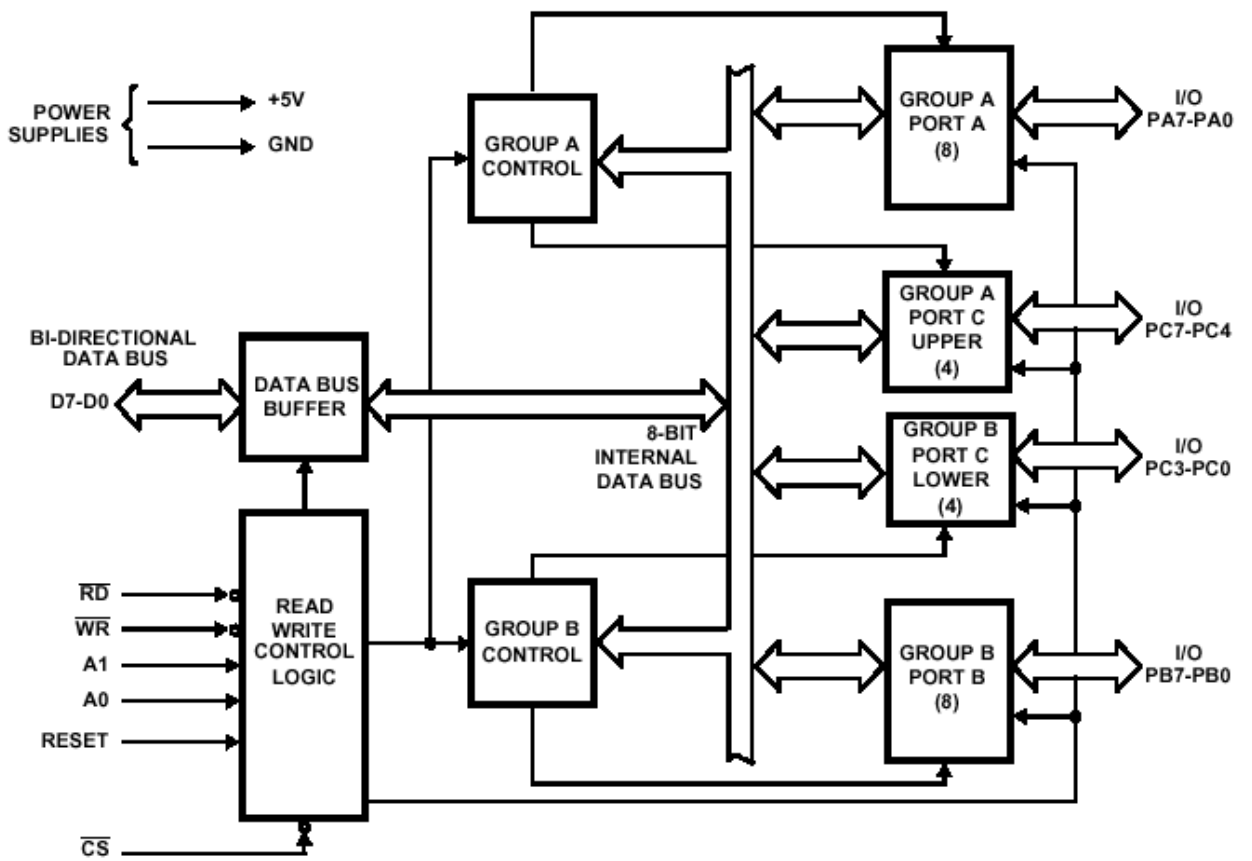
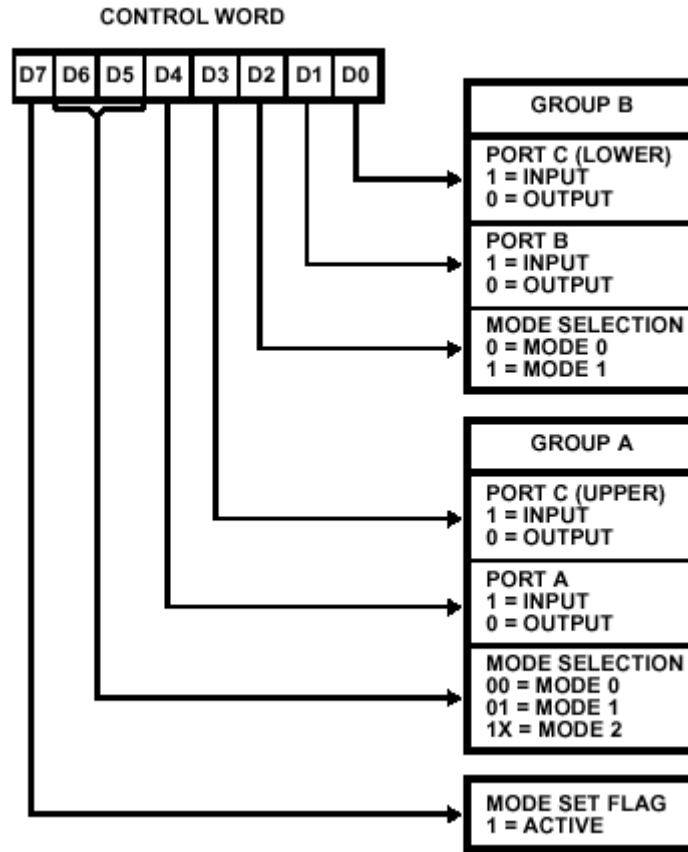


Fig 2. Block diagram of 8255



**Fig 3. Control word Register format**

### Data Bus Buffer

This three-state bi-directional 8-bit buffer is used to interface the 8255 to the system data bus. Data is transmitted or received by the buffer upon execution of input or output instructions by the CPU. Control words and status information are also transferred through the data bus buffer.

### Read/Write and Control Logic

The function of this block is to manage all of the internal and external transfers of both Data and Control or Status words. It accepts inputs from the CPU Address and Control busses and in turn, issues commands to both of the Control Groups.

**(CS)** Chip Select. A "low" on this input pin enables the communication between the 8255 and the CPU.

**(RD)** Read. A "low" on this input pin enables 8255 to send the data or status information to the CPU on the data bus. In essence, it allows the CPU to "read from" the 8255.

**(WR)** Write. A "low" on this input pin enables the CPU to write data or control words into the 8255.

**(A0 and A1)** Port Select 0 and Port Select 1. These input signals, in conjunction with the RD and WR inputs, control the selection of one of the three ports or the control word register. They are normally connected to the least significant bits of the address bus (A0 and A1).

**(RESET)** Reset. A "high" on this input initializes the control register to 9Bh and all ports (A, B, C) are set to the input mode.

A1	A0	SELECTION
0	0	PORT A
0	1	PORT B
1	0	PORT C
1	1	CONTROL

### Group A and Group B Controls

The functional configuration of each port is programmed by the systems software. In essence, the CPU "outputs" a control word to the 8255. The control word contains information such as "mode", "bit set", "bit reset", etc., that initializes the functional configuration of the 8255. Each of the Control blocks (Group A and Group B) accepts "commands" from the Read/Write Control logic, receives "control words" from the internal data bus and issues the proper commands to its associated ports.

### Ports A, B, and C

The 8255 contains three 8-bit ports (A, B, and C). All can be configured to a wide variety of functional characteristics by the system software but each has its own special features or "personality" to further enhance the power and flexibility of the 8255.

**Port A** One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input latch. Both "pull-up" and "pull-down" bus-hold devices are present on Port A.

**Port B** One 8-bit data input/output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer.

**Port C** One 8-bit data output latch/buffer and one 8-bit data input buffer (no latch for input). This port can be divided into two 4-bit ports under the mode control. Each 4-bit port contains a 4-bit latch and it can be used for the control signal output and status signal inputs in conjunction with ports A and B.

## II. Operational modes of 8255

There are two basic operational modes of 8255:

1. Bit set/reset Mode (BSR Mode).
2. Input/Output Mode (I/O Mode).

The two modes are selected on the basis of the value present at the  $D_7$  bit of the Control Word Register. When  $D_7 = 1$ , 8255 operates in I/O mode and when  $D_7 = 0$ , it operates in the BSR mode.

### 1. Bit set/reset (BSR) mode

The Bit Set/Reset (BSR) mode is applicable to port C only. Each line of port C ( $PC_0$  -  $PC_7$ ) can be set/reset by suitably loading the control word register as shown in Figure 4. BSR mode and I/O mode are independent and selection of BSR mode does not affect the operation of other ports in I/O mode.

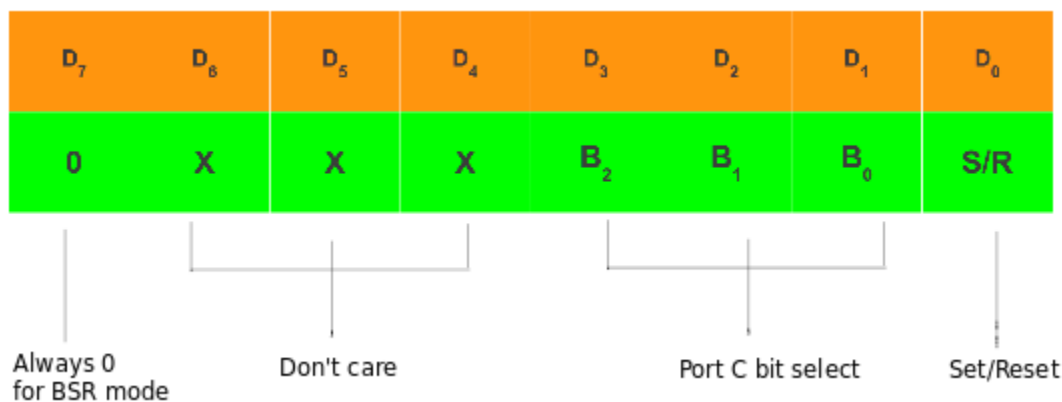


Fig 4: 8255 Control register format for BSR mode

- $D_7$  bit is always 0 for BSR mode.
- Bits  $D_6$ ,  $D_5$  and  $D_4$  are don't care bits.
- Bits  $D_3$ ,  $D_2$  and  $D_1$  are used to select the pin of Port C.
- Bit  $D_0$  is used to set/reset the selected pin of Port C.

Selection of port C pin is determined as follows:

B3	B2	B1	Bit/pin of port C selected
0	0	0	PC <sub>0</sub>
0	0	1	PC <sub>1</sub>
0	1	0	PC <sub>2</sub>
0	1	1	PC <sub>3</sub>
1	0	0	PC <sub>4</sub>
1	0	1	PC <sub>5</sub>
1	1	0	PC <sub>6</sub>
1	1	1	PC <sub>7</sub>

As an example, if it is needed that PC<sub>5</sub> be set, then in the control word,

1. Since it is BSR mode, **D<sub>7</sub> = '0'**.
2. Since D<sub>4</sub>, D<sub>5</sub>, D<sub>6</sub> are not used, assume them to be '0'.
3. PC<sub>5</sub> has to be selected, hence, **D<sub>3</sub> = '1'**, **D<sub>2</sub> = '0'**, **D<sub>1</sub> = '1'**.
4. PC<sub>5</sub> has to be set, hence, **D<sub>0</sub> = '1'**.

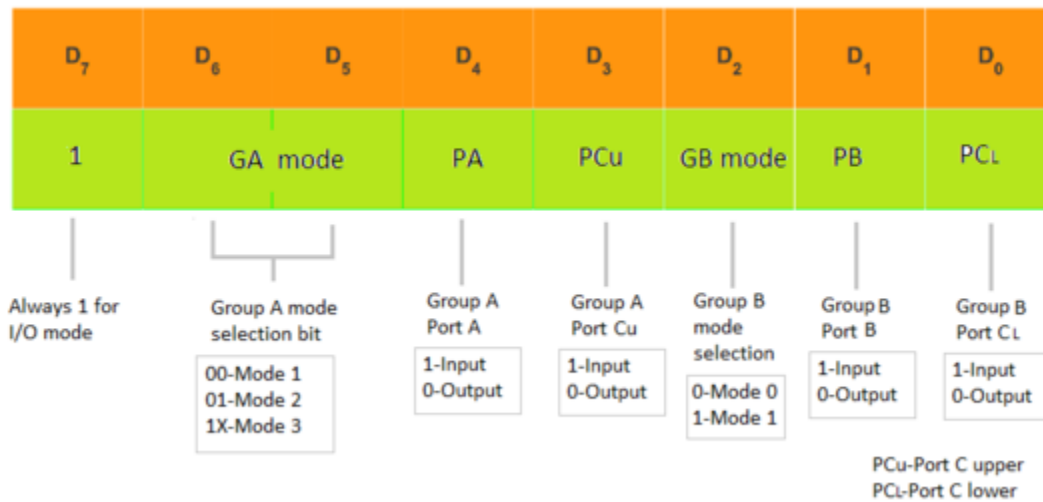
Thus, as per the above values, 0B (Hex) will be loaded into the Control Word Register (CWR).

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

## 2. Input/Output mode

This mode is selected when D<sub>7</sub> bit of the Control Word Register is 1. There are three I/O modes:

1. Mode 0 - Simple I/O
2. Mode 1 - Strobed I/O
3. Mode 2 - Strobed Bi-directional I/O



**Figure 5: 8255 Control word for I/O mode**

- D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>3</sub>, D<sub>4</sub>** are assigned for lower port C, port B, upper port C and port A respectively. When these bits are **1**, the corresponding port acts as an input port. For e.g., if D<sub>0</sub> = D<sub>4</sub> = 1, then lower port C and port A act as input ports. If these bits are **0**, then the corresponding port acts as an output port. For e.g., if D<sub>1</sub> = D<sub>3</sub> = 0, then port B and upper port C act as output ports as shown in Figure 5.
- D<sub>2</sub>** is used for mode selection of Group B (port B and lower port C). When D<sub>2</sub> = 0, mode 0 is selected and when D<sub>2</sub> = 1, mode 1 is selected.
- D<sub>5</sub> & D<sub>6</sub>** are used for mode selection of Group A (port A and upper port C). The selection is done as follows:

D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	Mode
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	X	2

- As it is I/O mode, **D<sub>7</sub> = 1**.

For example, if port B and upper port C have to be initialized as input ports and lower port C and port A as output ports (all in mode 0):

- Since it is an I/O mode, D<sub>7</sub> = 1.
- Mode selection bits, D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>5</sub>, D<sub>6</sub> are all 0 for mode 0 operation.



3. Port B and upper port C should operate as Input ports, hence,  $D_1 = D_3 = 1$ .
4. Port A and lower port C should operate as Output ports, hence,  $D_4 = D_0 = 0$ .

Hence, for the desired operation, the control word register will have to be loaded with **"10001010" = 8A (hex)**.

#### ➤ **Mode 0 - simple I/O**

In this mode, the ports can be used for simple I/O operations without handshaking signals. Port A, port B provide simple I/O operation. The two halves of port C can be either used together as an additional 8-bit port, or they can be used as individual 4-bit ports. Since the two halves of port C are independent, they may be used such that one-half is initialized as an input port while the other half is initialized as an output port.

The input/output features in mode 0 are as follows:

1. Output ports are latched.
2. Input ports are buffered, not latched.
3. Ports do not have handshake or interrupt capability.
4. With 4 ports, 16 different combinations of I/O are possible.

#### ➤ **Mode 0 – input mode**

- In the input mode, the 8255 gets data from the external peripheral ports and the CPU reads the received data via its data bus.
- The CPU first selects the 8255 chip by making  $\neg CS$  low. Then it selects the desired port using  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  lines.
- The CPU then issues an  $\neg RD$  signal to read the data from the external peripheral device via the system data bus.

#### ➤ **Mode 0 - output mode**

- In the output mode, the CPU sends data to 8255 via system data bus and then the external peripheral ports receive this data via 8255 port.
- CPU first selects the 8255 chip by making  $\neg CS$  low. It then selects the desired port using  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  lines.
- CPU then issues a  $\neg WR$  signal to write data to the selected port via the system data bus. This data is then received by the external peripheral device connected to the selected port.

## ➤ Mode 1

When we wish to use port A or port B for handshake (strobed) input or output operation, we initialise that port in mode 1 (port A and port B can be initialised to operate in different modes, i.e., for e.g., port A can operate in mode 0 and port B in mode 1). Some of the pins of port C function as handshake lines.

For port B in this mode (irrespective of whether is acting as an input port or output port), PC0, PC1 and PC2 pins function as handshake lines.

If port A is initialised as mode 1 input port, then, PC3, PC4 and PC5 function as handshake signals. Pins PC6 and PC7 are available for use as input/output lines.

The mode 1 which supports handshaking has following features:

1. Two ports i.e. port A and B can be used as 8-bit i/o ports.
2. Each port uses three lines of port c as handshake signal and remaining two signals can be used as i/o ports.
3. Interrupt logic is supported.
4. Input and Output data are latched.

### **Input Handshaking signals**

1. IBF (Input Buffer Full) - It is an output indicating that the input latch contains information.
2. STB (Strobed Input) - The strobe input loads data into the port latch, which holds the information until it is input to the microprocessor via the IN instruction.
3. INTR (Interrupt request) - It is an output that requests an interrupt. The INTR pin becomes a logic 1 when the STB input returns to a logic 1, and is cleared when the data are input from the port by the microprocessor.
4. INTE (Interrupt enable) - It is neither an input nor an output; it is an internal bit programmed via the port PC4(port A) or PC2(port B) bit position.

### **Output Handshaking signals**

1. OBF (Output Buffer Full) - It is an output that goes low whenever data are output(OUT) to the port A or port B latch. This signal is set to a logic 1 whenever the ACK pulse returns from the external device.

2. ACK (Acknowledge)-It causes the OBF pin to return to a logic 1 level. The ACK signal is a response from an external device, indicating that it has received the data from the 82C55 port.

3. INTR (Interrupt request) - It is a signal that often interrupts the microprocessor when the external device receives the data via the signal. this pin is qualified by the internal INTE(interrupt enable) bit.

4. INTE (Interrupt enable) - It is neither an input nor an output; it is an internal bit programmed to enable or disable the INTR pin. The INTE A bit is programmed using the PC6 bit and INTE B is programmed using the PC2 bit.

### ➤ **Mode 2**

Only group A can be initialized in this mode. Port A can be used for bidirectional handshake data transfer. This means that data can be input or output on the same eight lines (PA0 - PA7). Pins PC3 - PC7 are used as handshake lines for port A. The remaining pins of port C (PC0 - PC2) can be used as input/output lines if group B is initialized in mode 0 or as handshaking for port B if group B is initialized in mode 1. In this mode, the 8255 may be used to extend the system bus to a slave microprocessor or to transfer data bytes to and from a floppy disk controller. Acknowledgement and handshaking signals are provided to maintain proper data flow and synchronisation between the data transmitter and receiver.

### III. Interfacing 8255 with 8085 processor

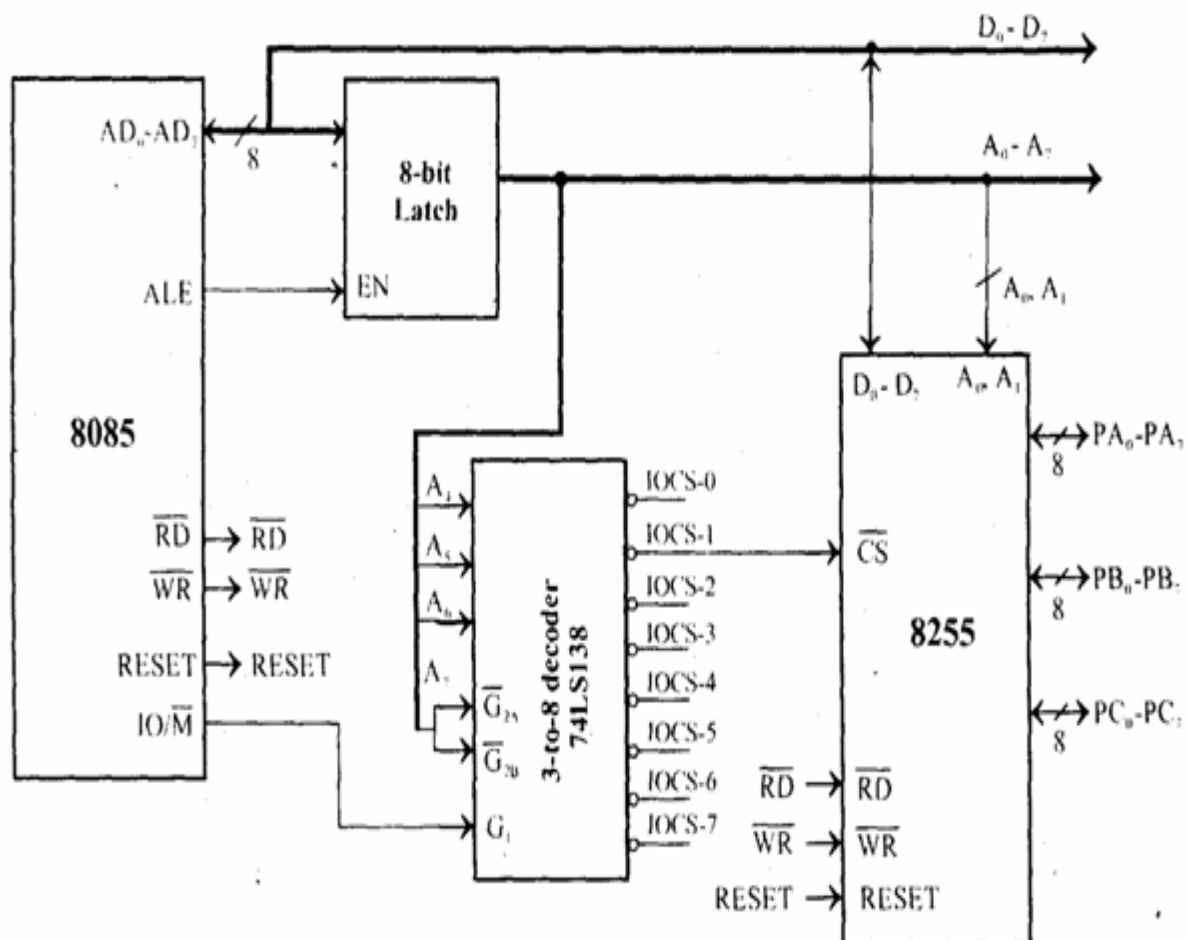


Fig 6. Interfacing 8255 with 8085 processor

- The 8255 can be either memory mapped or I/O mapped in the system. In the schematic shown in above is I/O mapped in the system.
- Using a 3-to-8 decoder generates the chip select signals for I/O mapped devices.
- The address lines A4, A5 and A6 are decoded to generate eight chip select signals (IOCS-0 to IOCS-7) and in this, the chip select IOCS- 1 is used to select 8255 as shown in Figure 6.
- The address line A7 and the control signal IO/M (low) are used as enable for the decoder.

- The address line A0 of 8085 is connected to A0 of 8255 and A1 of 8085 is connected to A1 of 8255 to provide the internal addresses.
- The data lines D0-D7 are connected to D0-D7 of the processor to achieve parallel data transfer.
- The I/O addresses allotted to the internal devices of 8255 are listed in table.

Internal Device	Binary Address								Hexa Address
	Decoder input and enable				Input to address pins of 8255				
	A <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>6</sub>	A <sub>5</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>0</sub>	
Port-A	0	0	0	1	x	x	0	0	10
Port-B	0	0	0	1	x	x	0	1	11
Port-C	0	0	0	1	x	x	1	0	12
Control Register	0	0	0	1	x	x	1	1	13

**Note :** Don't care "x" is considered as zero.

## 8279 - Keyboard/Display Controller

The Intel 8279 is a Keyboard/Display Controller is specially developed for interfacing keyboard and display devices for the Intel 8085, 8086 and 8088 microprocessors. Its important features are:

- Simultaneous keyboard and display operations.
- Scanned keyboard mode.
- Scanned sensor mode.
- 8-character keyboard FIFO.
- Right or left entry 16-byte display RAM.
- Programmable scan timing.

### I. Pin details of 8279

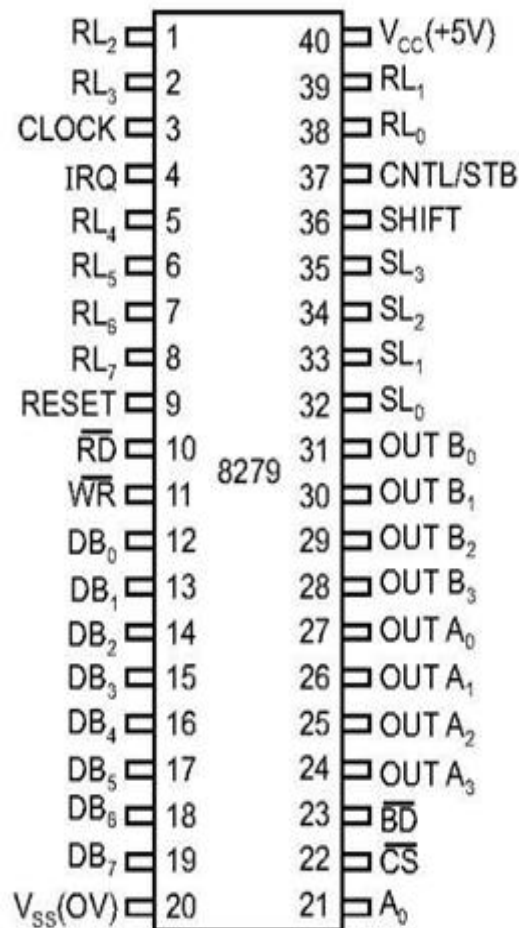


Figure 7 : Pin diagram of 8279

- A0: Selects data (0) or control/status (1) for reads and writes between micro and 8279.
- BD Output that blanks the displays.
- CLK: Used internally for timing. Max is 3 MHz.
- CN/ST: Control/strobe, connected to the control key on the keyboard.
- CS: Chip select that enables programming, reading the keyboard, etc.
- DB7-DB0: Consists of bidirectional pins that connect to data bus on micro.
- IRQ: Interrupt request, becomes 1 when a key is pressed, data is available.
- OUT A3-A0/B3-B0: Outputs that sends data to the most significant/least significant nibble of display as shown in Figure 7.
- RD(WR): Connects to micro's IORC or RD signal, reads data/status registers.
- RESET: Connects to system RESET.
- RL7-RL0: Return lines are inputs used to sense key depression in the keyboard matrix.
- Shift: Shift connects to Shift key on keyboard.
- SL3-SL0: Scan line outputs scan both the keyboard and displays.

#### Block diagram of 8279:

The functional block diagram of 8279 is as shown in Figure 8.

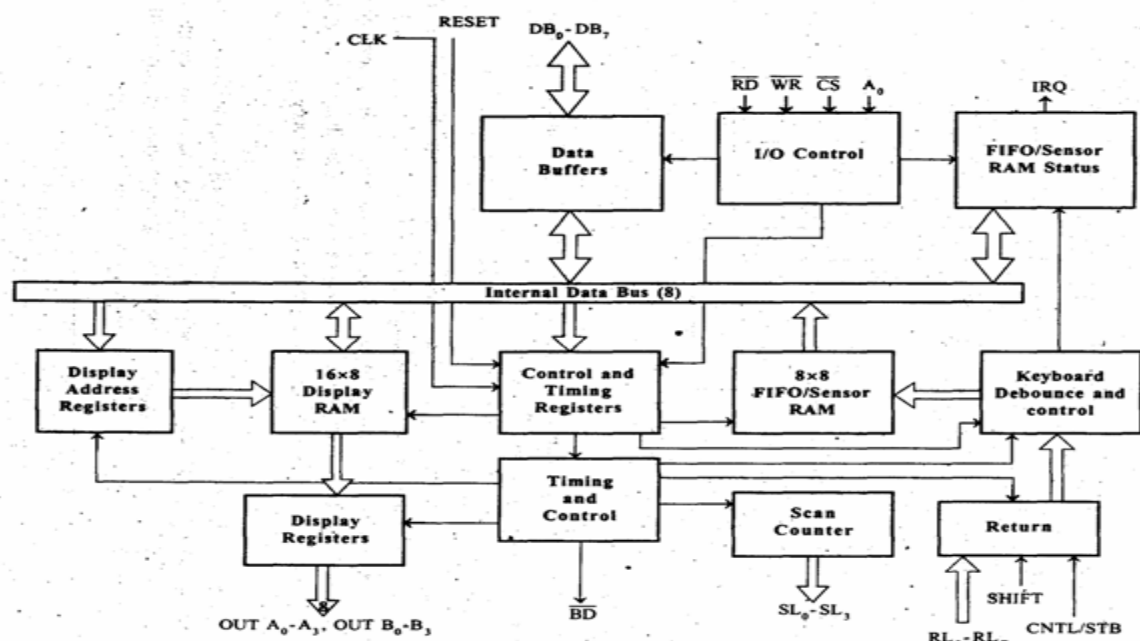
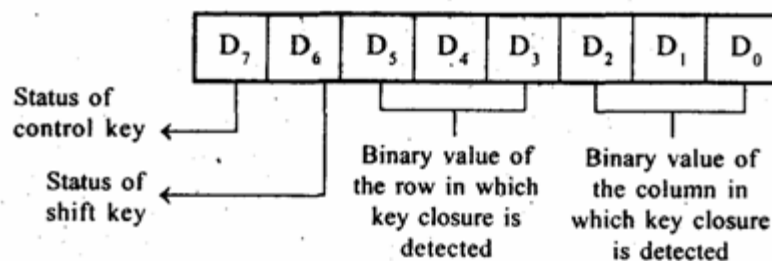


Figure 8 :Block diagram of 8279

- The four major sections of 8279 are keyboard, scan, display and CPU interface.

### Keyboard Section:

- The keyboard section consists of eight return lines RL0 - RL7 that can be used to form the columns of a keyboard matrix.
- It has two additional input : shift and control/strobe. The keys are automatically debounced.
- The two operating modes of keyboard section are 2-key lockout and N-key rollover.
- In the 2-key lockout mode, if two keys are pressed simultaneously, only the first key is recognized.
- In the N-key rollover mode simultaneous keys are recognized and their codes are stored in FIFO.
- The keyboard section also have an 8 x 8 FIFO (First In First Out) RAM.
- The FIFO can store eight key codes in the scan keyboard mode. The status of the shift key and control key are also stored along with key code. The 8279 generate an interrupt signal when there is an entry in FIFO. The format of key code entry in FIFO for scan keyboard mode is,



- In sensor matrix mode the condition (i.e., open/close status) of 64 switches is stored in FIFO RAM. If the condition of any of the switches changes then the 8279 asserts IRQ as high to interrupt the processor.

### Display Section:

- The display section has eight output lines divided into two groups A0-A3 and B0-B3.
- The output lines can be used either as a single group of eight lines or as two groups of four lines, in conjunction with the scan lines for a multiplexed display.
- The output lines are connected to the anodes through driver transistor in case of common cathode 7-segment LEDs.
- The cathodes are connected to scan lines through driver transistors.
- The display can be blanked by BD (low) line.



- The display section consists of 16 x 8 display RAM. The CPU can read from or write into any location of the display RAM.

#### Scan Section:

- The scan section has a scan counter and four scan lines, SL0 to SL3.
- In decoded scan mode, the output of scan lines will be similar to a 2-to-4 decoder.
- In encoded scan mode, the output of scan lines will be binary count, and so an external decoder should be used to convert the binary count to decoded output.
- The scan lines are common for keyboard and display.
- The scan lines are used to form the rows of a matrix keyboard and also connected to digit drivers of a multiplexed display, to turn ON/OFF.

#### CPU Interface Section:

- The CPU interface section takes care of data transfer between 8279 and the processor.
- This section has eight bidirectional data lines DB0 to DB7 for data transfer between 8279 and CPU.
- It requires two internal address A = 0 for selecting data buffer and A = 1 for selecting control register of 8279.
- The control signals WR (low), RD (low), CS (low) and A0 are used for read/write to 8279.
- It has an interrupt request line IRQ, for interrupt driven data transfer with processor.
- The 8279 requires an internal clock frequency of 100 kHz. This can be obtained by dividing the input clock by an internal prescaler.
- The RESET signal sets the 8279 in 16-character display with two -key lockout keyboard modes.

#### **Programming the 8279:**

- The 8279 can be programmed to perform various functions through eight command words.

## **II. Interfacing of 8279 with 8085**

In a microprocessor system, when keyboard and 7-segment LED display is interfaced using ports or latches then the processor has to carry the following task.

- Keyboard scanning

- The circuit can be used in 8085 microprocessor system and consist of 16 numbers of hexa-keys and 6 numbers of 7-segment LEDs.
- The 7-segment LEDs can be used to display six digit alphanumeric character.
- The 8279 can be either memory mapped or I/O mapped in the system. In the circuit shown is the 8279 is I/O mapped.
- The address line A0 of the system is used as A0 of 8279.

- The clock signal for 8279 is obtained by dividing the output clock signal of 8085 by a clock divider circuit.
- The chip select signal is obtained from the I/O address decoder of the 8085 system. The chip select signals for I/O mapped devices are generated by using a 3-to-8 decoder.
- The address lines A4, A5 and A6 are used as input to decoder. The address line A7 and the control signal IO/M (low) are used as enable for decoder.
- The chip select signal IOCS-3 is used to select 8279.
- The I/O address of the internal devices of 8279 are shown in table.

Internal Device	Binary Address								Hexa Address
	Decoder input and enable				Input to address line of 8279				
	A <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>6</sub>	A <sub>5</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>0</sub>	
Data register	0	0	1	1	x	x	x	0	30
Control register	0	0	1	1	x	x	x	1	31

- The circuit has 6 numbers of 7-segment LEDs and so the 8279 has to be programmed in encoded scan. (Because in decoded scan, only 4 numbers of 7-segment LEDs can be interfaced)
- In encoded scan the output of scan lines will be binary count. Therefore an external, 3-to-8 decoder is used to decode the scan lines SL0, SL1 and SL2 of 8279 to produce eight scan lines S0 to S7.
- The decoded scan lines S0 and S1 are common for keyboard and display.
- The decoded scan lines S2 to S5 are used only for display and the decoded scan lines S6 and S7 are not used in the system.
- Anode and Cathode drivers are provided to take care of the current requirement of LEDs.
- The pnp transistors, BC 158 are used as driver transistors.
- The anode drivers are called segment drivers and cathode drivers are called digit drivers.

- The 8279 outputs the display code for one digit through its output lines (OUT A0 to OUT A3 and OUT B0 to OUT B3) and sends a scan code through, SL0- SL3.
- The display code is inverted by segment drivers and sent to segment bus.
- The scan code is decoded by the decoder and turns ON the corresponding digit driver. Now one digit of the display character is displayed. After a small interval (10 milliseconds, typical), the display is turned OFF (i.e., display is blanked) and the above process is repeated for next digit. Thus multiplexed display is performed by 8279.
- The keyboard matrix is formed using the return lines, RL0 to RL3 of 8279 as columns and decoded scan lines S0 and S1 as rows.
- A hexa key is placed at the crossing point of each row and column. A key press will short the row and column. Normally the column and row line will be high.
- During scanning the 8279 will output binary count on SL0 to SL3, which is decoded by decoder to make a row as zero. When a row is zero the 8279 reads the columns. If there is a key press then the corresponding column will be zero.
- If 8279 detects a key press then it waits for debounce time and again reads the columns to generate key code.
- In encoded scan keyboard mode, the 8279 stores an 8-bit code for each valid key press. The keycode consists of the binary value of the column and row in which the key is found and the status of shift and control key.
- After a scan time, the next row is made zero and the above process is repeated and so on. Thus 8279 continuously scans the keyboard.

## USART 8251 (Universal Synchronous/ Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter)

The 8251 is a USART (Universal Synchronous Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter) for serial data communication. As a peripheral device of a microcomputer system, the 8251 receives parallel data from the CPU and transmits serial data after conversion. This device also receives serial data from the outside and transmits parallel data to the CPU after conversion as shown in Figure 10.

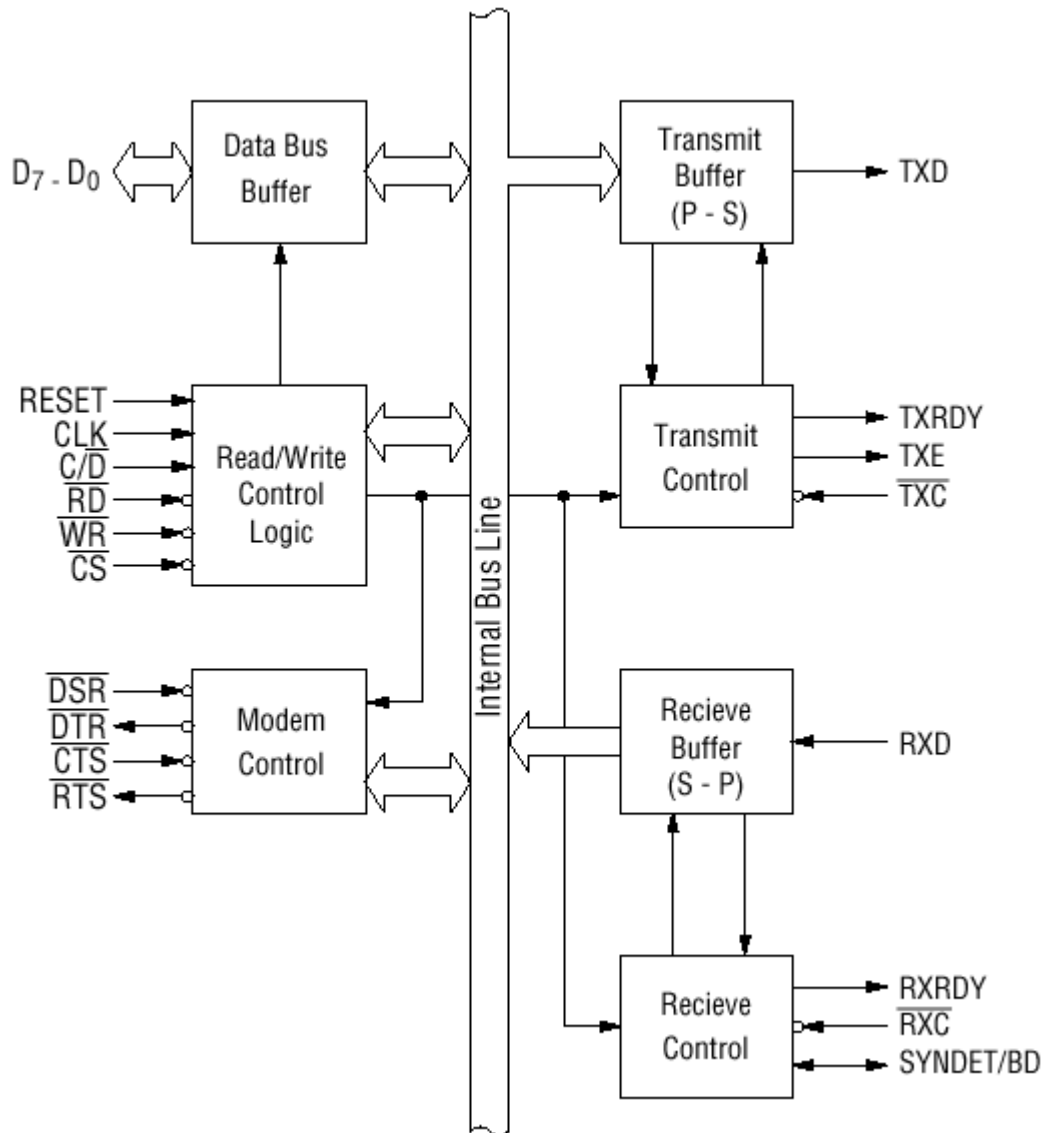


Figure 10 : Architecture of 8251

## Transmitter Section

The transmitter section consists of three blocks—transmitter buffer register, output register and the transmitter control logic block. The CPU deposits (when TXRDY = 1, meaning that the transmitter buffer register is empty) data into the transmitter buffer register, which is subsequently put into the output register (when TXE = 1, meaning that the output buffer is empty). In the output register, the eight bit data is converted into serial form and comes out via TXD pin. The serial data bits are preceded by START bit and succeeded by STOP bit, which are known as framing bits. But this happens only if transmitter is enabled and the CTS is low. TXC signal is the transmitter clock signal which controls the bit rate on the TXD line (output line). This clock frequency can be 1, 16 or 64 times the baud.

## Receiver Section

The receiver section consists of three blocks — receiver buffer register, input register and the receiver control logic block. Serial data from outside world is delivered to the input register via RXD line, which is subsequently put into parallel form and placed in the receiver buffer register. When this register is full, the RXRDY (receiver ready) line becomes high. This line is then used either to interrupt the MPU or to indicate its own status. MPU then accepts the data from the register. RXC line stands for receiver clock. This clock signal controls the rate at which bits are received by the input register. The clock can be set to 1, 16 or 64 times the baud in the asynchronous mode.

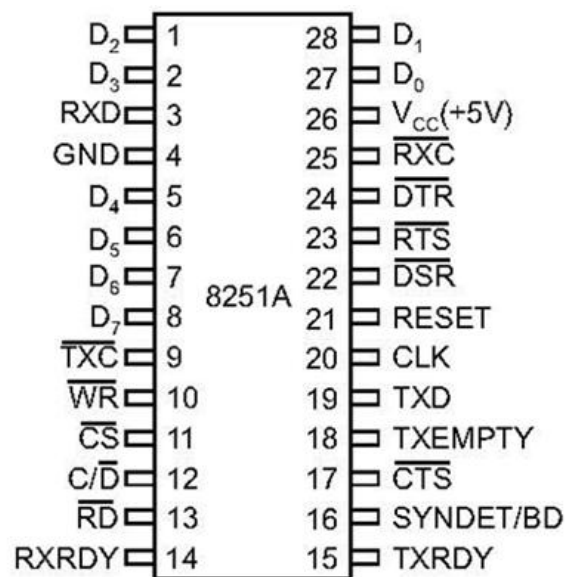


Fig 11 : Pin Configuration of 8251

Pin Configuration of 8251 is shown in figure 11.

#### D 0 to D 7 (I/O terminal)

This is bidirectional data bus which receive control words and transmits data from the CPU and sends status words and received data to CPU.

#### RESET (Input terminal)

A "High" on this input forces the 8251 into "reset status." The device waits for the writing of "mode instruction." The min. reset width is six clock inputs during the operating status of CLK.

#### CLK (Input terminal)

CLK signal is used to generate internal device timing. CLK signal is independent of RXC or TXC. However, the frequency of CLK must be greater than 30 times the RXC and TXC at Synchronous mode and Asynchronous "x1" mode, and must be greater than 5 times at Asynchronous "x16" and "x64" mode.

#### WR (Input terminal)

This is the "active low" input terminal which receives a signal for writing transmit data and control words from the CPU into the 8251.

#### RD (Input terminal)

This is the "active low" input terminal which receives a signal for reading receive data and status words from the 8251.

#### C/D (Input terminal)

This is an input terminal which receives a signal for selecting data or command words and status words when the 8251 is accessed by the CPU. If C/D = low, data will be accessed. If C/D = high, command word or status word will be accessed.

#### CS (Input terminal)

This is the "active low" input terminal which selects the 8251 at low level when the CPU accesses. Note: The device won't be in "standby status"; only setting CS = High.

### TXD (output terminal)

This is an output terminal for transmitting data from which serial-converted data is sent out. The device is in "mark status" (high level) after resetting or during a status when transmit is disabled. It is also possible to set the device in "break status" (low level) by a command.

### TXRDY (output terminal)

This is an output terminal which indicates that the 8251 is ready to accept a transmitted data character. But the terminal is always at low level if CTS = high or the device was set in "TX disable status" by a command. Note: TXRDY status word indicates that transmit data character is receivable, regardless of CTS or command. If the CPU writes a data character, TXRDY will be reset by the leading edge of WR signal.

### TXEMPTY (Output terminal)

This is an output terminal which indicates that the 8251 has transmitted all the characters and had no data character. In "synchronous mode," the terminal is at high level, if transmit data characters are no longer remaining and sync characters are automatically transmitted. If the CPU writes a data character, TXEMPTY will be reset by the leading edge of WR signal. Note : As the transmitter is disabled by setting CTS "High" or command, data written before disable will be sent out. Then TXD and TXEMPTY will be "High". Even if a data is written after disable, that data is not sent out and TXE will be "High". After the transmitter is enabled, it sent out. (Refer to Timing Chart of Transmitter Control and Flag Timing)

### TXC (Input terminal)

This is a clock input signal which determines the transfer speed of transmitted data. In "synchronous mode," the baud rate will be the same as the frequency of TXC. In "asynchronous mode", it is possible to select the baud rate factor by mode instruction. It can be 1, 1/16 or 1/64 the TXC. The falling edge of TXC sifts the serial data out of the 8251.

### RXD (input terminal)

This is a terminal which receives serial data.

### RXRDY (Output terminal)



This is a terminal which indicates that the 8251 contains a character that is ready to READ. If the CPU reads a data character, RXRDY will be reset by the leading edge of RD signal. Unless the CPU reads a data character before the next one is received completely, the preceding data will be lost. In such a case, an overrun error flag status word will be set.

#### RXC (Input terminal)

This is a clock input signal which determines the transfer speed of received data. In "synchronous mode," the baud rate is the same as the frequency of RXC. In "asynchronous mode," it is possible to select the baud rate factor by mode instruction. It can be 1, 1/16, 1/64 the RXC.

#### SYNDET/BD (Input or output terminal)

This is a terminal whose function changes according to mode. In "internal synchronous mode," this terminal is at high level, if sync characters are received and synchronized. If a status word is read, the terminal will be reset. In "external synchronous mode," this is an input terminal. A "High" on this input forces the 8251 to start receiving data characters.

In "asynchronous mode," this is an output terminal which generates "high level" output upon the detection of a "break" character if receiver data contains a "low-level" space between the stop bits of two continuous characters. The terminal will be reset, if RXD is at high level. After Reset is active, the terminal will be output at low level.

#### DSR (Input terminal)

This is an input port for MODEM interface. The input status of the terminal can be recognized by the CPU reading status words.

#### DTR (Output terminal)

This is an output port for MODEM interface. It is possible to set the status of DTR by a command.

#### CTS (Input terminal)

This is an input terminal for MODEM interface which is used for controlling a transmit circuit. The terminal controls data transmission if the device is set in "TX Enable" status by a command. Data is transmittable if the terminal is at low level.

## RTS (Output terminal)

This is an output port for MODEM interface. It is possible to set the status RTS by a command.

The 8251 functional configuration is programmed by software. Operation between the 8251 and a CPU is executed by program control. Table 1 shows the operation between a CPU and the device.

### Summary of Control Signals for 8251

$\overline{CS}$	$\overline{C/D}$	$\overline{RD}$	$\overline{WR}$	<i>Function</i>
0	1	1	0	MPU writes instructions in the control register
0	1	0	1	MPU reads status from the status register
0	0	1	0	MPU outputs data to the Data Buffer
0	0	0	1	MPU accepts data from the Data Buffer
1	X	X	X	USART is not selected

## Control Words

There are two types of control word.

1. Mode instruction (setting of function)
2. Command (setting of operation)

### 1) Mode Instruction

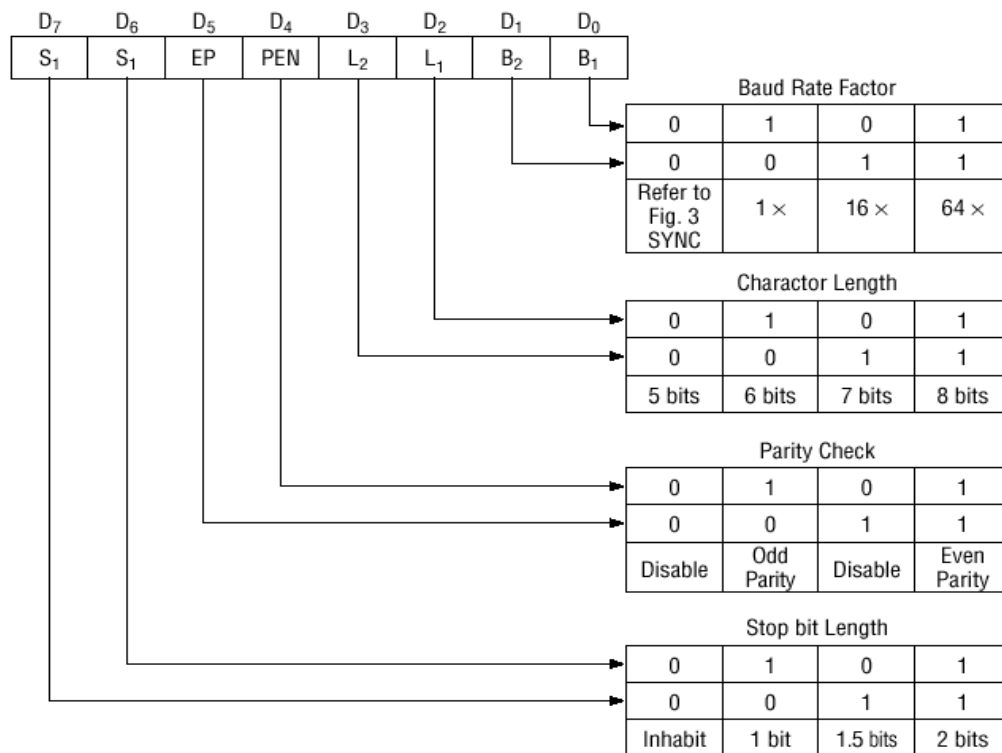
Mode instruction is used for setting the function of the 8251. Mode instruction will be in "wait for write" at either internal reset or external reset. That is, the writing of a control word after resetting will be recognized as a "mode instruction."

Items set by mode instruction are as follows:

- Synchronous/asynchronous mode
- Stop bit length (asynchronous mode)

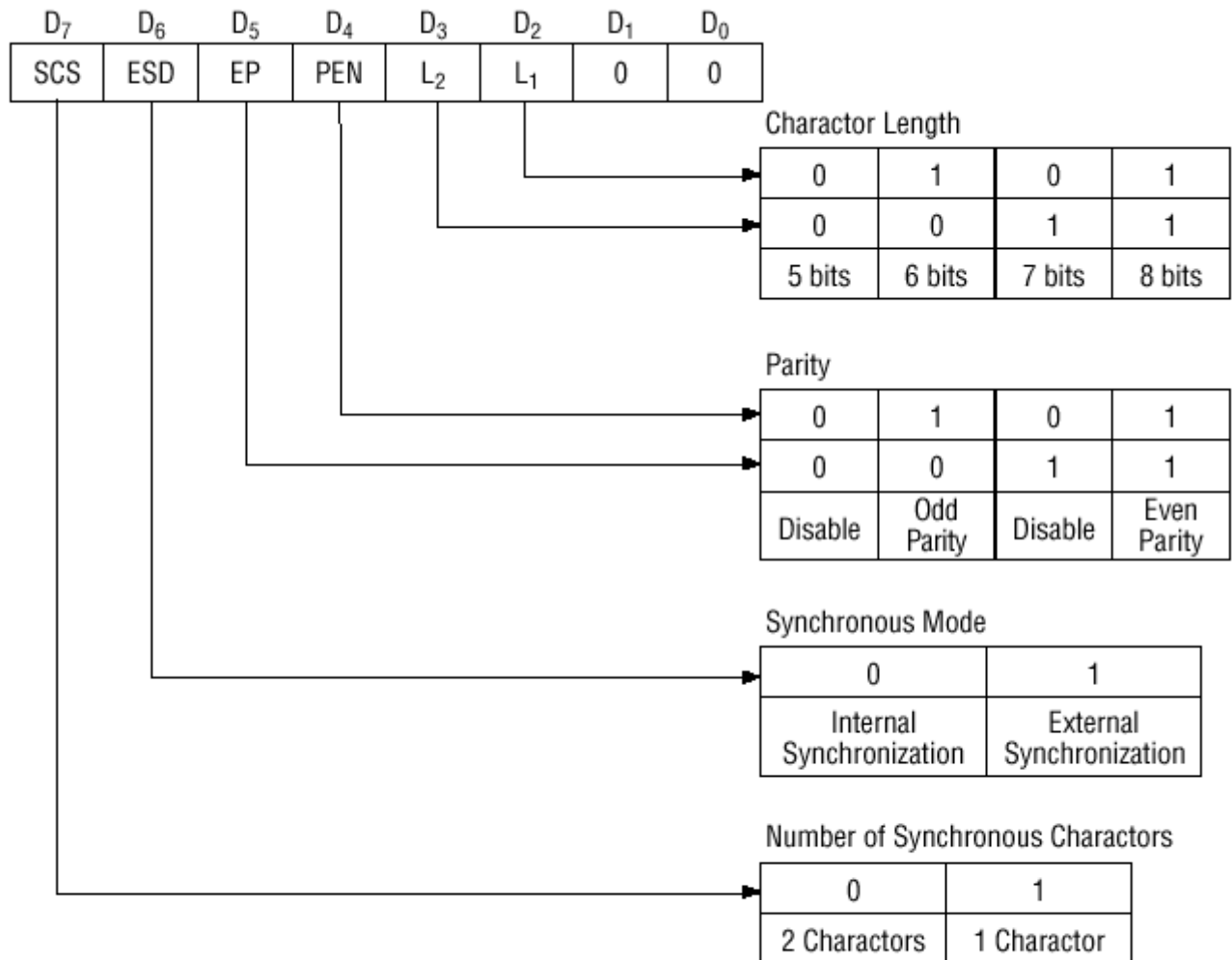
- Character length
- Parity bit
- Baud rate factor (asynchronous mode)
- Internal/external synchronization (synchronous mode)
- Number of synchronous characters (Synchronous mode)

The bit configuration of mode instruction is shown in Figures 12 and 13. In the case of synchronous mode, it is necessary to write one-or two byte sync characters. If sync characters were written, a function will be set because the writing of sync characters constitutes part of mode instruction.



**Fig. 2 Bit Configuration of Mode Instruction (Asynchronous)**

Fig 12: Bit configuration of mode instruction(asynchronous)



**Fig. 3 Bit Configuration of Mode Instruction (Synchronous)**

Fig 13: Bit configuration of mode instruction(synchronous)

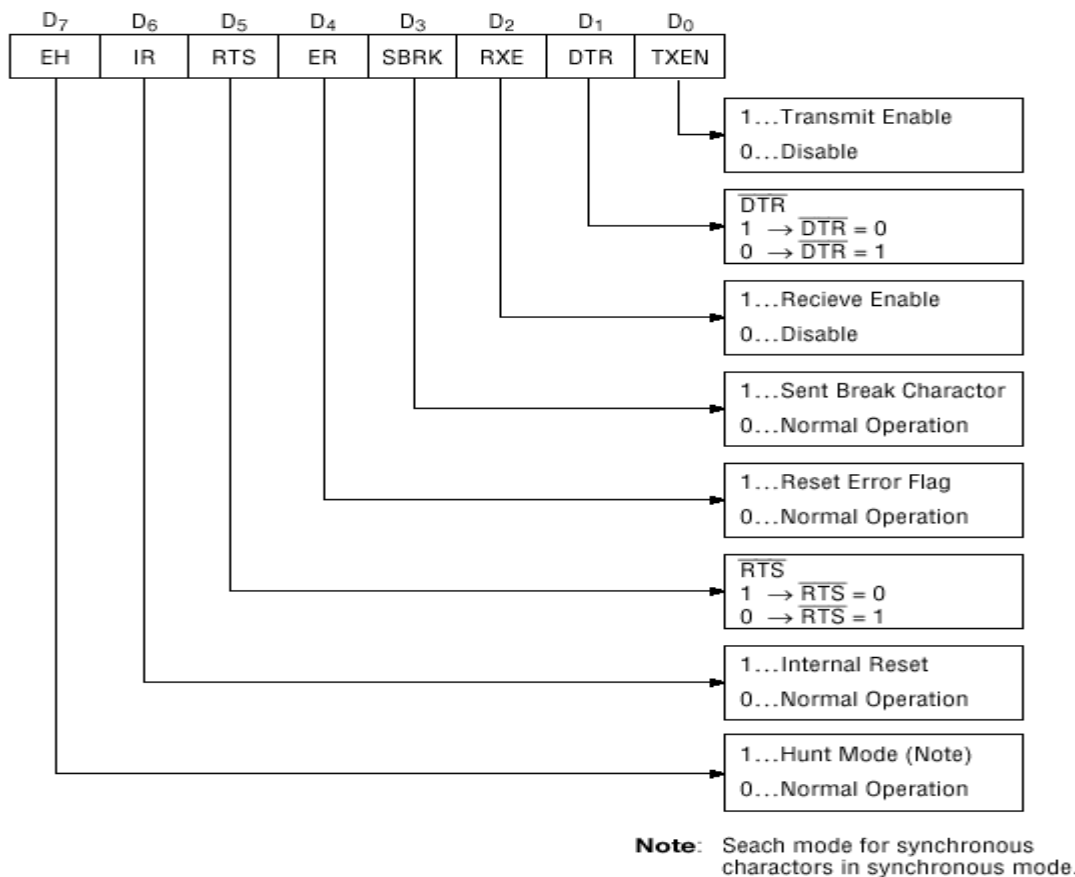
## 2) Command

Command is used for setting the operation of the 8251. It is possible to write a command whenever necessary after writing a mode instruction and sync characters as shown in figure 14.

Items to be set by command are as follows:

- Transmit Enable/Disable

- Receive Enable/Disable
- DTR, RTS Output of data.
- Resetting of error flag.
- Sending to break characters
- Internal resetting
- Hunt mode (synchronous mode)



**Fig. 4 Bit Configuration of Command**

Fig 14: Bit configuration of command

## Status Word

It is possible to see the internal status of the 8251 by reading a status word. The bit configuration of status word is shown in Fig.15.

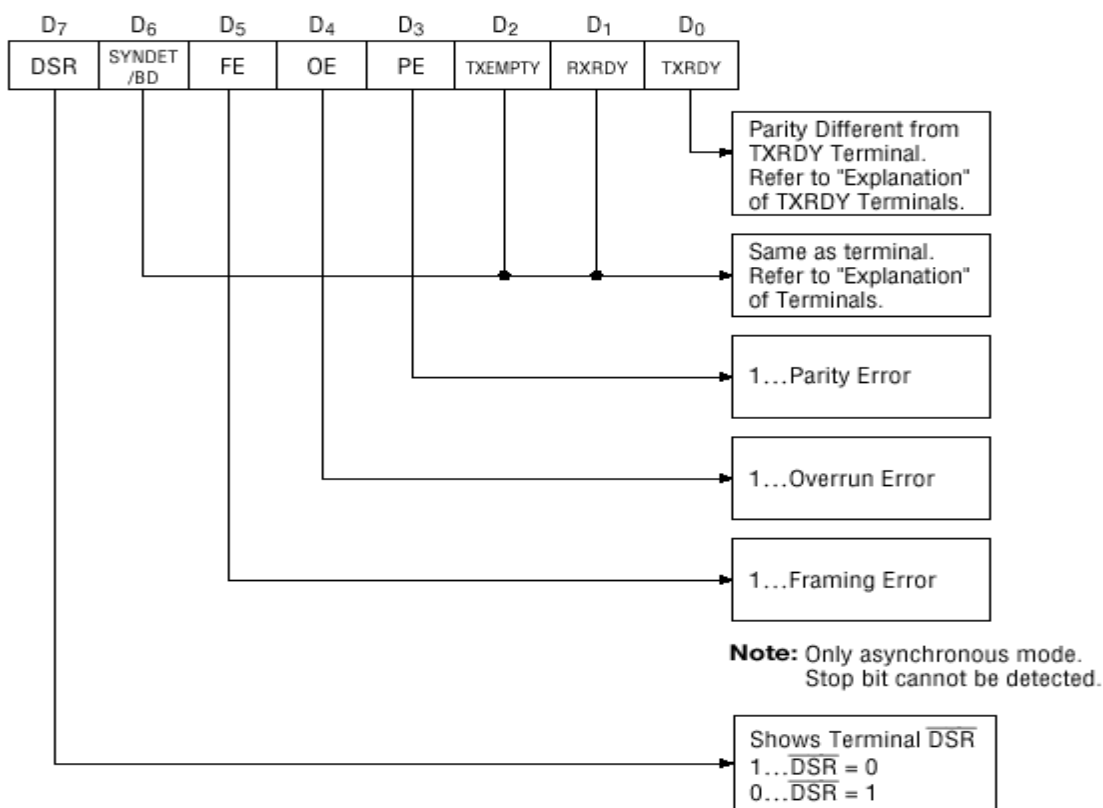


Fig. 5 Bit Configuration of Status Word

Fig 15: Bit configuration of Status Word

### 8253(8254) PROGRAMMABLE INTERVAL TIMER:

The 8254 programmable Interval timer consists of three independent 16-bit programmable counters (timers). Each counter is capable of counting in binary or binary coded decimal. The maximum allowable frequency to any counter is 10MHz. This device is useful whenever the microprocessor must control real-time events. The timer in a personal computer is an 8253. To operate a counter a 16-bit count is loaded in its register and on command, it begins to decrement the count until it reaches 0. At the end of the count it generates a pulse, which interrupts the processor. The count can count either in binary or BCD. Each counter in the block diagram has 3 logical lines connected to it. Two of these lines, clock and gate, are inputs. The third, labeled OUT is an output.

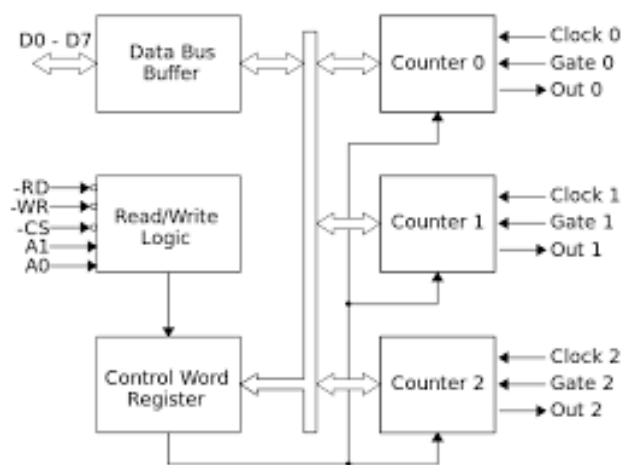
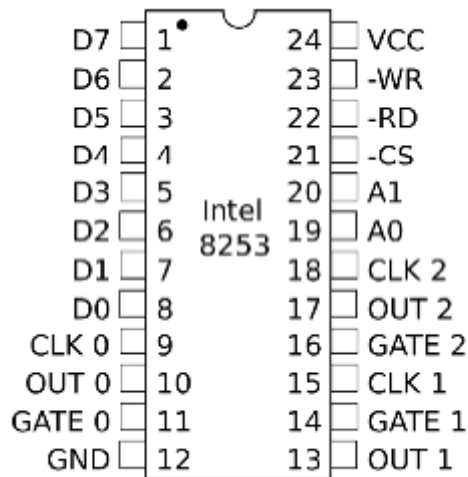


Fig : 16 Block Diagram of 8253 programmable interval timer

Data bus buffer- It is a communication path between the timer and the microprocessor. The buffer is 8-bit and bidirectional. It is connected to the data bus of the microprocessor. Read /write logic controls the reading and the writing of the counter registers. Control word register, specifies the counter to be used and either a Read or a write operation. Data is transmitted or received by the buffer upon execution of INPUT instruction from CPU as shown in figure 16. The data bus buffer has three basic functions,

- (i). Programming the modes of 8253.
- (ii). Loading the count value in times
- (iii). Reading the count value from timers.



Pin Diagram of 8253

The data bus buffer is connected to microprocessor using D7 – D0 pins which are also bidirectional. The data transfer is through these pins. These pins will be in high-impedance (or this state) condition until the 8253 is selected by a LOW or  $\overline{CS}$  and either the read operation requested by a LOW  $\overline{RD}$  on the input or a write operation  $\overline{WR}$  requested by the input going LOW.

Read/ Write Logic:

It accepts inputs for the system control bus and in turn generation the control signals for overall device operation. It is enabled or disabled by  $\overline{CS}$  so that no operation can occur to change the function unless the device has been selected as the system logic.

$\overline{CS}$  :

The chip select input is used to enable the communicate between 8253 and the microprocessor by means of data bus. A low an  $\overline{CS}$  enables the data bus buffers, while a high disables the buffer. The  $\overline{CS}$  input does not have any affect on the operation of three times once they have been initialized. The normal configuration of a system employs an decode logic which actives  $\overline{CS}$  line, whenever a specific set of addresses that correspond to 8253 appear on the address bus.

$\overline{RD}$  &  $\overline{WR}$  :

The read ( $\overline{RD}$ ) and write  $\overline{WR}$  pins central the direction of data transfer on the 8-bit bus. When the input  $\overline{RD}$  pin is low. Then CPU is inputting data from 8253 in the form of



counter value. When  $\overline{WR}$  pins is low, then CPU is sending data to 8253 in the form of mode information or loading counters. The  $\overline{RD}$  &  $\overline{WR}$  should not both be low simultaneously. When  $\overline{RD}$  &  $\overline{WR}$  pins are HIGH, the data bus buffer is disabled.

A0 & A1:

These two input lines allow the microprocessor to specify which one of the internal register in the 8253 is going to be used for the data transfer. **Fig** shows how these two lines are used to select either the control word register or one of the 16-bit counters.

$\overline{CS}$	$\overline{RD}$	$\overline{WR}$	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>0</sub>	operation
0	1	0	0	0	Load counter '0'
0	1	0	0	1	Load counter '1'
0	1	0	1	0	Load counter '2'
0	1	0	1	1	Write mode word
0	0	1	0	0	Read TM <sub>0</sub>
0	0	1	0	1	Read TM <sub>1</sub>
0	0	1	1	0	Read TM <sub>2</sub>
0	0	1	1	1	No- operation 3- state
1	X	X	X	X	Disable -- state
0	1	1	X	X	No- operation 3- state

Control word register:

It is selected when A0 and A1 . It the accepts information from the data bus buffer and stores it in a register. The information stored in then register controls the operation mode of each counter, selection of binary or BCD counting and the loading of each counting and the loading of each count register. This register can be written into, no read operation of this content is available.

## Counters:

Each of the times has three pins associated with it. These are CLK (CLK) the gate (GATE) and the output (OUT).

### CLK:

This clock input pin provides 16-bit times with the signal to causes the times to decrement max<sup>m</sup> clock input is 2.6MHz. Note that the counters operate at the negative edge (H1 to L0) of this clock input. If the signal on this pin is generated by a fixed oscillator then the user has implemented a standard timer. If the input signal is a string of randomly occurring pulses, then it is called implementation of a counter.

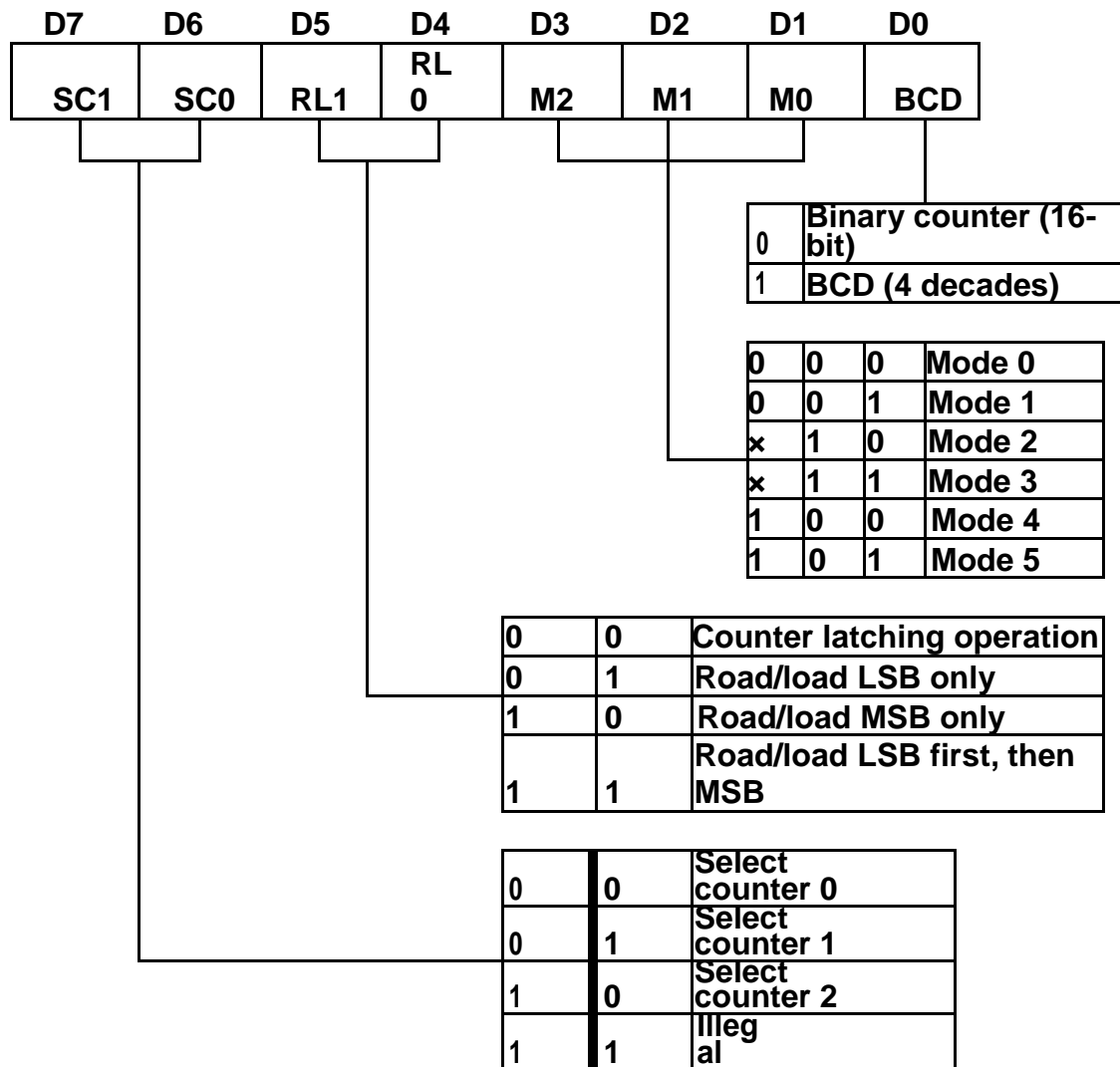
### GATE:

The gate input pin is used to initiate or enable counting. The exact effect of the gate signal depends on which of the six modes of operation is chosen.

### OUTPUT:

The output pin provides an output from the timer. Its actual use depends on the mode of operation of the timer. The counter can be read "in the fly" without inhibiting gate pulse or clock input.

## CONTROL WORD OF 8253



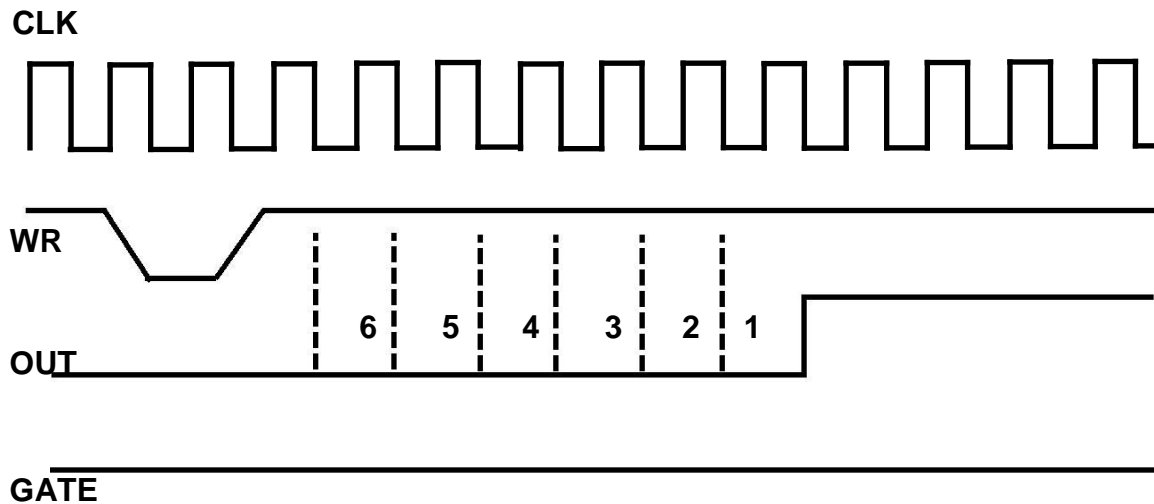
**Control Register**

### MODES OF OPERATION

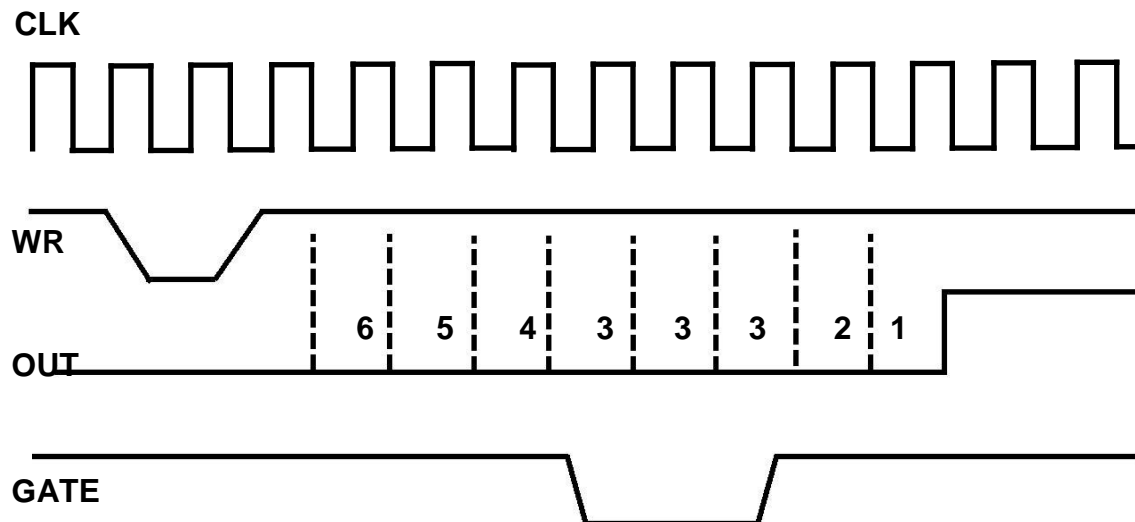
- Mode 0 Interrupt on terminal count
- Mode 1 Programmable one shot
- Mode 2 Rate Generator
- Mode 3 Square wave rate Generator
- Mode 4 Software triggered strobe

## Mode 5 Hardware triggered strobe

*Mode 0:* The output goes high after the terminal count is reached. The counter stops if the Gate is low.. The timer count register is loaded with a count (say 6) when the WR line is made low by the processor. The counter unit starts counting down with each clock pulse. The output goes high when the register value reaches zero. In the mean time if the GATE is made low the count is suspended at the value(3) till the GATE is enabled again .



**Mode 0 count when Gate is high (enabled)**

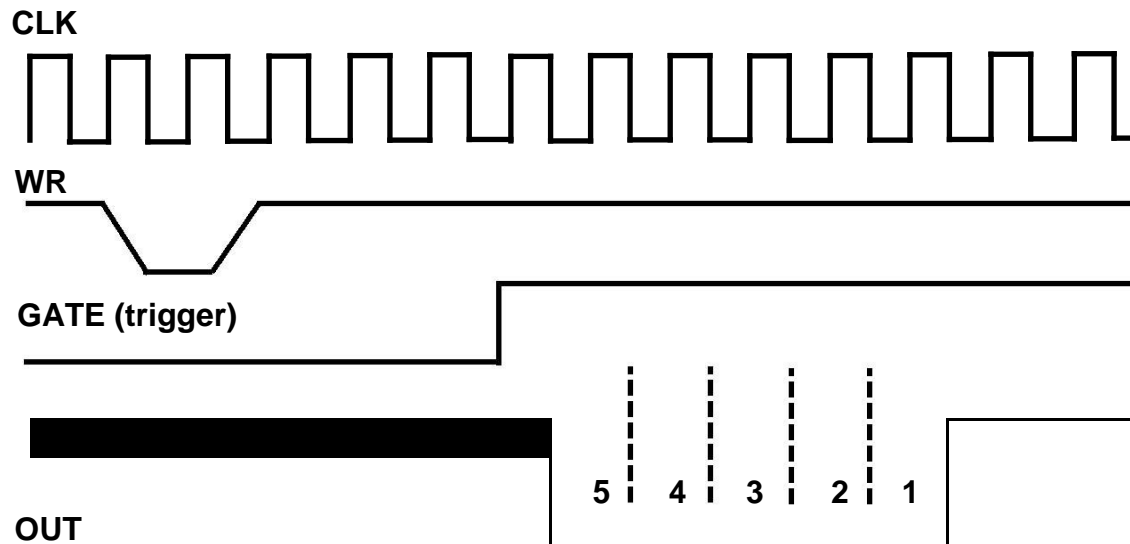


**Mode 0 count when Gate is low temporarily (disabled)**

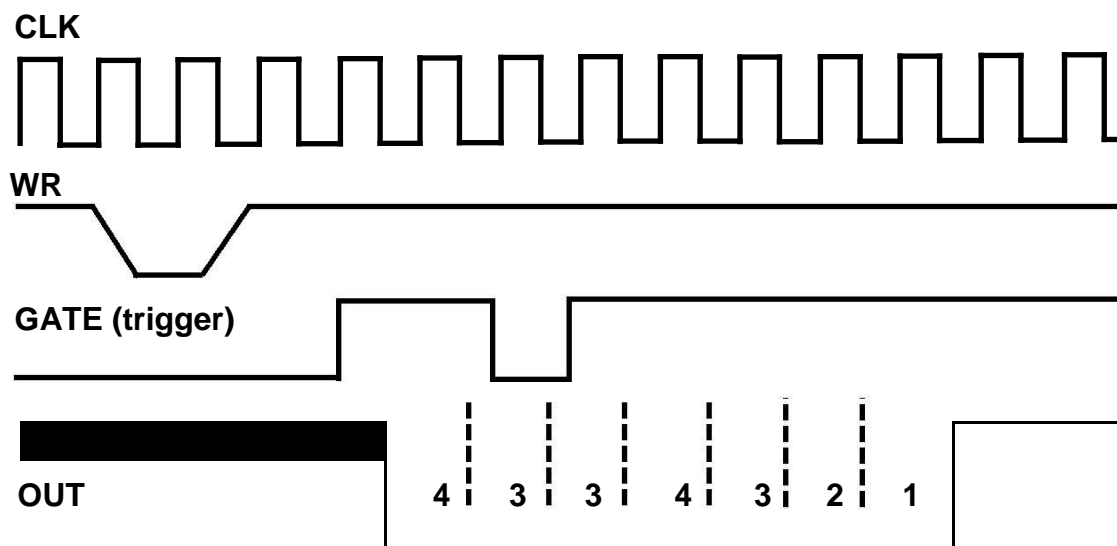
## Mode 1 Programmable mono-shot

The output goes low with the Gate pulse for a predetermined period depending on the

counter. The counter is disabled if the GATE pulse goes momentarily low. The counter register is loaded with a count value as in the previous case (say 5). The output responds to the GATE input and goes low for period that equals the count down period of the register (5 clock pulses in this period). By changing the value of this count the duration of the output pulse can be changed. If the GATE becomes low before the count down is completed then the counter will be suspended at that state as long as GATE is low. Thus it works as a mono-shot.



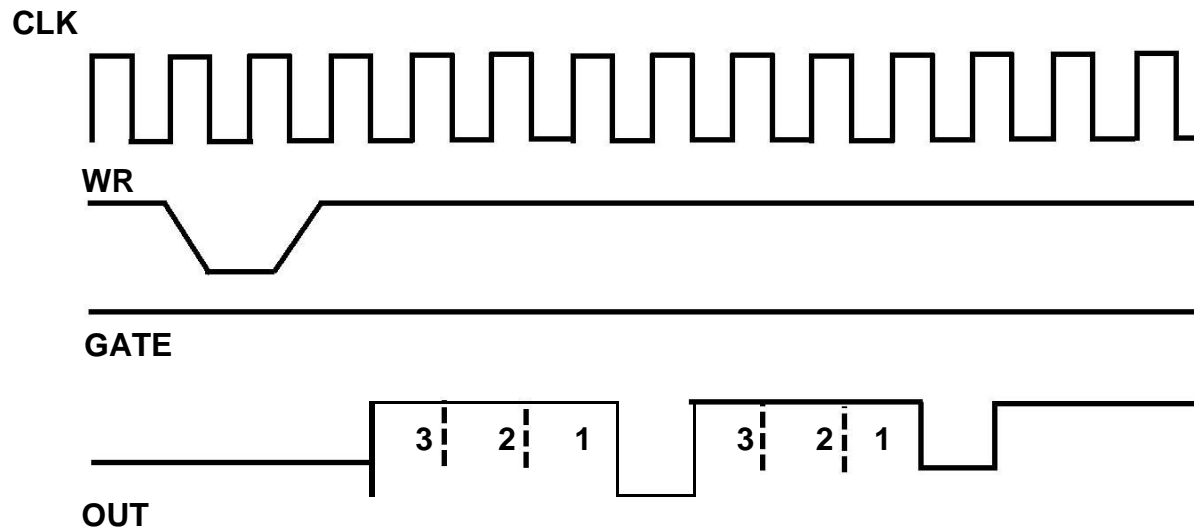
**Mode 1** The Gate goes high. The output goes low for the period depending on the count



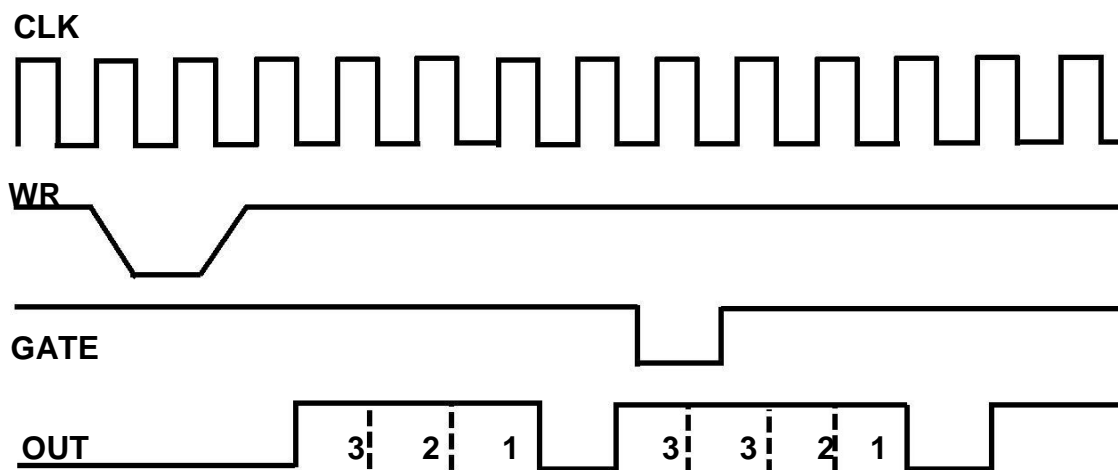
**Mode 1** The Gate pulse is disabled momentarily causing the counter to stop.

## Mode 2 Programmable Rate Generator

In this mode it operates as a rate generator. The output goes high for a period that equals the time of count down of the count register (3 in this case). The output goes low exactly for one clock period before it becomes high again. This is a periodic operation.



Mode 2 Operation when the GATE is kept high

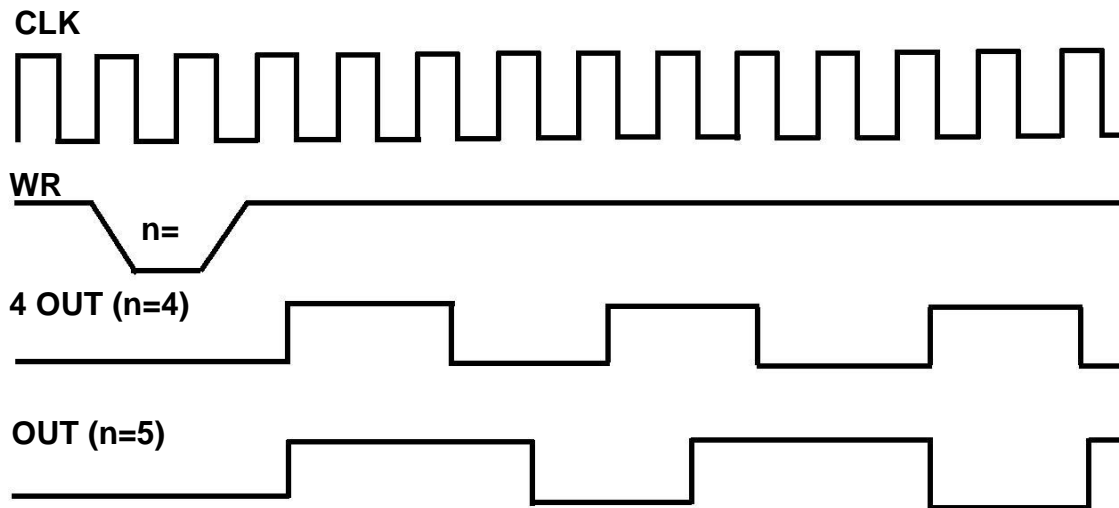


Mode 2 operation when the GATE is disabled momentarily.

## Mode 3 Programmable Square Wave Rate Generator

It is similar to Mode 2 but the output high and low period is symmetrical. The output

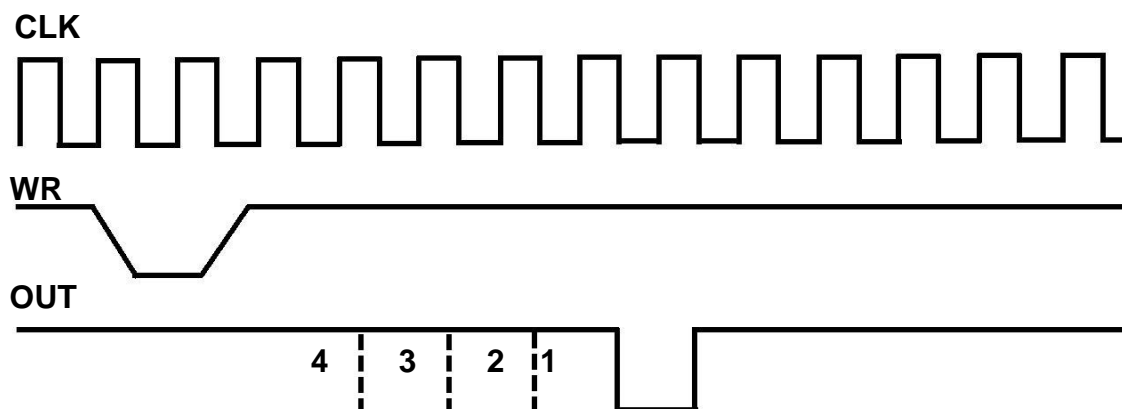
goes high after the count is loaded and it remains high for period which equals the count down period of the counter register. The output subsequently goes low for an equal period and hence generates a symmetrical square wave unlike Mode 2. The GATE has no role here.



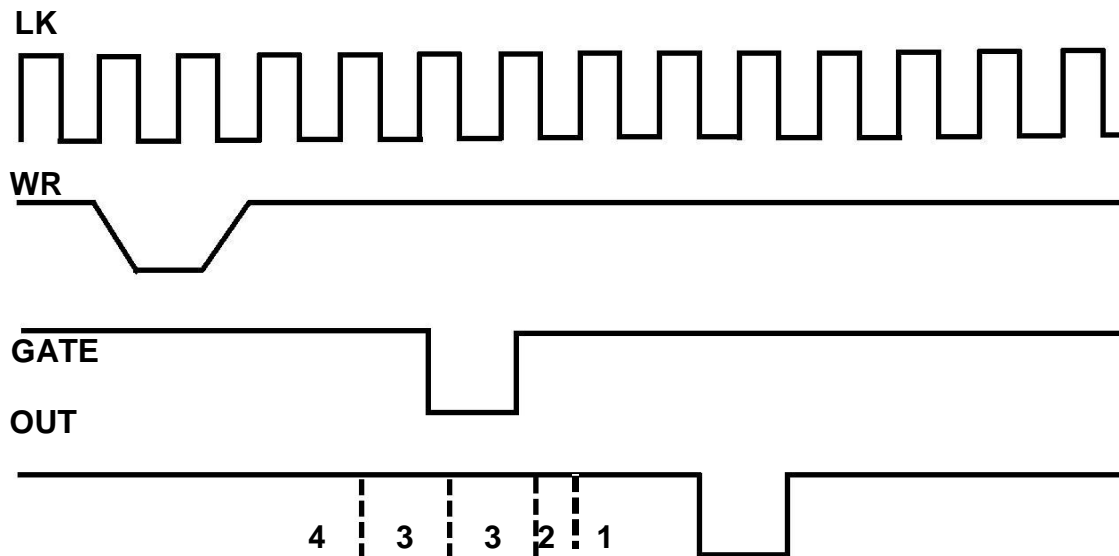
**Mode3 Operation: Square Wave generator**

#### Mode 4 Software Triggered Strobe

In this mode after the count is loaded by the processor the count down starts. The output goes low for one clock period after the count down is complete. The count down can be suspended by making the GATE low. This is also called a software triggered strobe as the count down is initiated by a program.



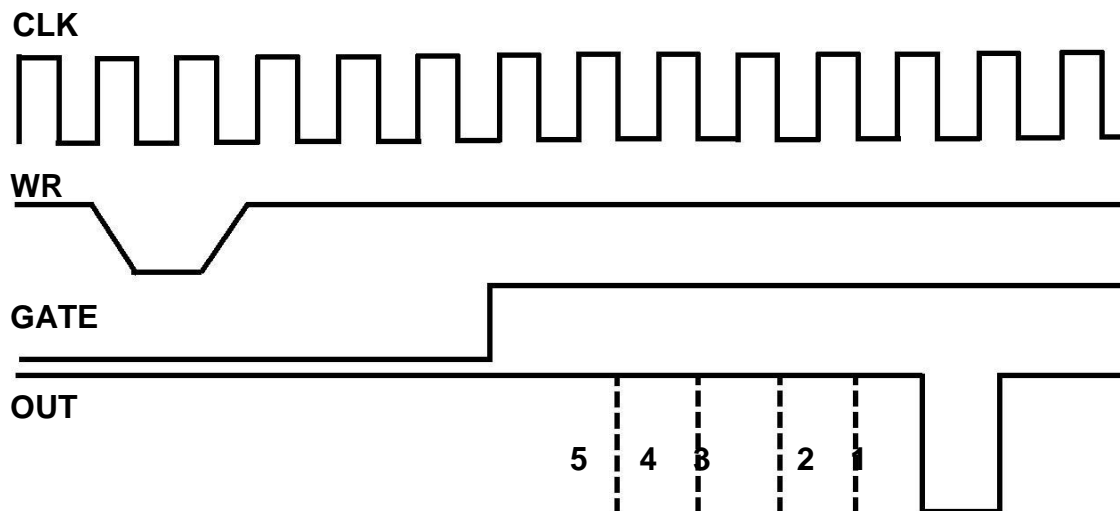
**Mode 4 Software Triggered Strobe when GATE is high**



**Mode 4 Software Triggered Strobe when GATE is momentarily low**

#### Mode 5 Hardware Triggered Strobe

The count is loaded by the processor but the count down is initiated by the GATE pulse. The transition from low to high of the GATE pulse enables count down. The output goes low for one clock period after the count down is complete.



**Mode 5 Hardware Triggered Strobe**



## PROGRAMMABLE INTERRUPT CONTROLLER-8259

### FEAUTURES OF 8259

- 8086, 8088 Compatible
- MCS-80, MCS-85 Compatible
- Eight-Level Priority Controller
- Expandable to 64 Levels
- Programmable Interrupt Modes
- Individual Request Mask Capability
- Single +5V Supply (No Clocks)
- Available in 28-Pin DIP and 28-Lead PLCC Package
- Available in EXPRESS
  - Standard Temperature Range
  - Extended Temperature Range

The Intel 8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller handles up to eight vectored priority interrupts for the CPU. It is cascadable for up to 64 vectored priority interrupts without additional circuitry. It is packaged in a 28-pin DIP, uses NMOS technology and requires a single a5V supply. Circuitry is static, requiring no clock input. The 8259A is designed to minimize the software and real time overhead in handling multi-level priority interrupts. It has several modes, permitting optimization for a variety of system requirements. The 8259A is fully upward compatible with the Intel 8259. Software originally written for the 8259 will operate the 8259A in all 8259 equivalent modes (MCS-80/85, Non-Buffered, Edge Triggered). Pin Diagram of 8259 is shown in figure 17.

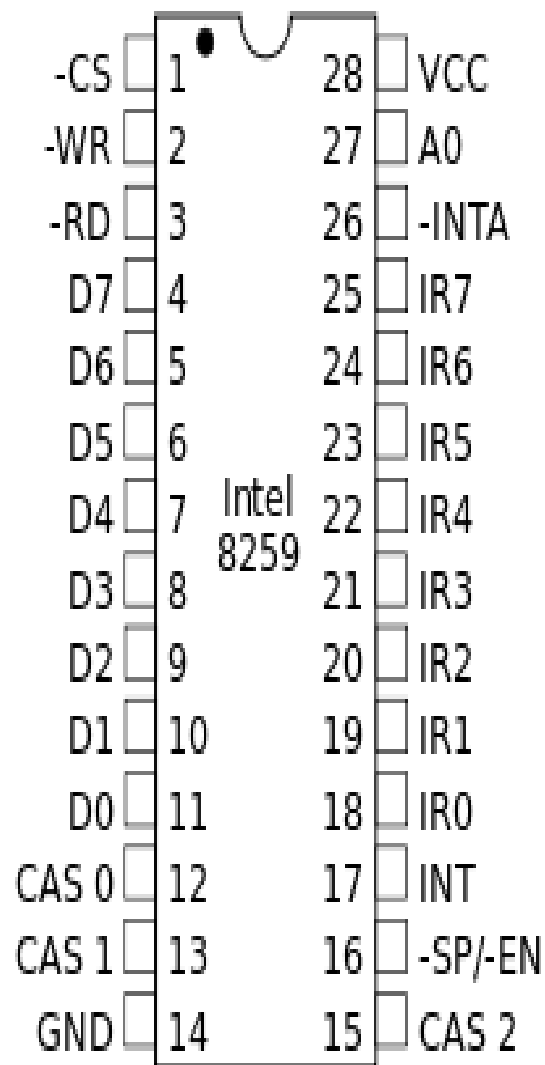


Fig.17 Pin Diagram of 8259

## Pin Description of 8259

Symbol	Pin No.	Type	Name and Function
V <sub>CC</sub>	28	I	<b>SUPPLY:</b> +5V Supply.
GND	14	I	<b>GROUND</b>
$\overline{CS}$	1	I	<b>CHIP SELECT:</b> A low on this pin enables $\overline{RD}$ and $\overline{WR}$ communication between the CPU and the 8259A. INTA functions are independent of CS.
$\overline{WR}$	2	I	<b>WRITE:</b> A low on this pin when CS is low enables the 8259A to accept command words from the CPU.
$\overline{RD}$	3	I	<b>READ:</b> A low on this pin when CS is low enables the 8259A to release status onto the data bus for the CPU.
D <sub>7</sub> –D <sub>0</sub>	4–11	I/O	<b>BIDIRECTIONAL DATA BUS:</b> Control, status and interrupt-vector information is transferred via this bus.
CAS <sub>0</sub> –CAS <sub>2</sub>	12, 13, 15	I/O	<b>CASCADE LINES:</b> The CAS lines form a private 8259A bus to control a multiple 8259A structure. These pins are outputs for a master 8259A and inputs for a slave 8259A.
$\overline{SP}/\overline{EN}$	16	I/O	<b>SLAVE PROGRAM/ENABLE BUFFER:</b> This is a dual function pin. When in the Buffered Mode it can be used as an output to control buffer transceivers (EN). When not in the buffered mode it is used as an input to designate a master (SP = 1) or slave (SP = 0).
INT	17	O	<b>INTERRUPT:</b> This pin goes high whenever a valid interrupt request is asserted. It is used to interrupt the CPU, thus it is connected to the CPU's interrupt pin.
IR <sub>0</sub> –IR <sub>7</sub>	18–25	I	<b>INTERRUPT REQUESTS:</b> Asynchronous inputs. An interrupt request is executed by raising an IR input (low to high), and holding it high until it is acknowledged (Edge Triggered Mode), or just by a high level on an IR input (Level Triggered Mode).
$\overline{INTA}$	26	I	<b>INTERRUPT ACKNOWLEDGE:</b> This pin is used to enable 8259A interrupt-vector data onto the data bus by a sequence of interrupt acknowledge pulses issued by the CPU.
A <sub>0</sub>	27	I	<b>AO ADDRESS LINE:</b> This pin acts in conjunction with the $\overline{CS}$ , $\overline{WR}$ , and $\overline{RD}$ pins. It is used by the 8259A to decipher various Command Words the CPU writes and status the CPU wishes to read. It is typically connected to the CPU A0 address line (A1 for 8086, 8088).

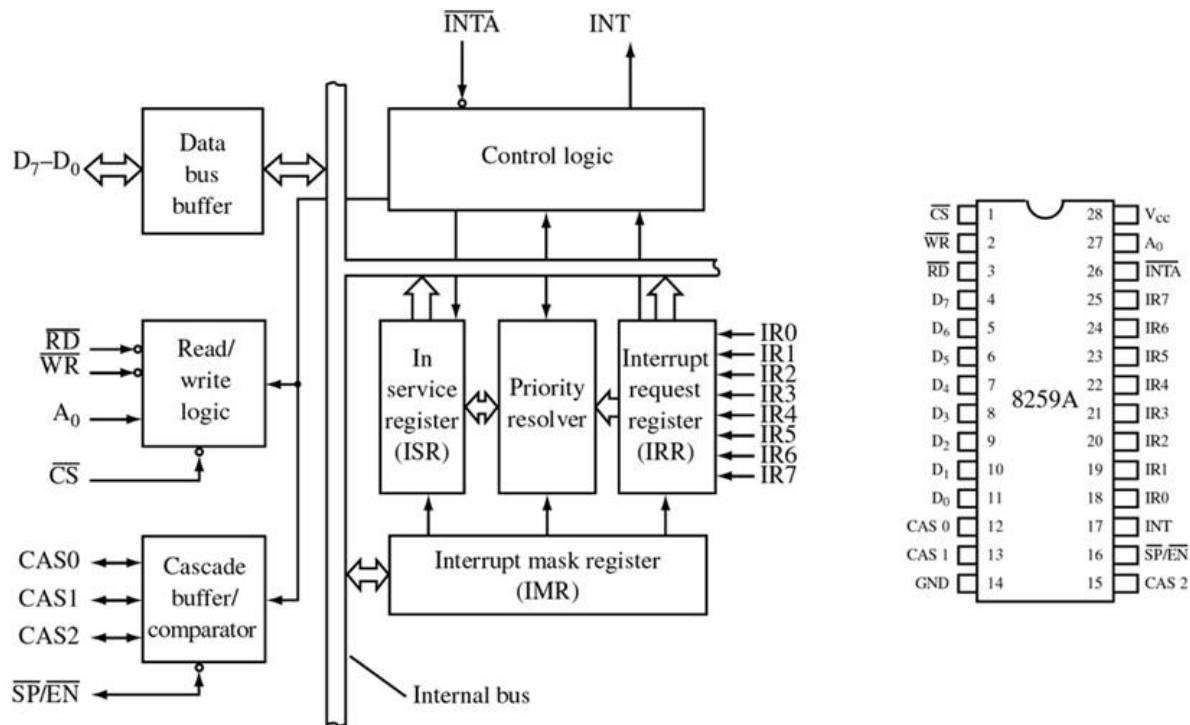


Fig. 18 Block Diagram of 8259

A more desirable method would be one that would allow the microprocessor to be executing its main program and only stop to service peripheral devices when it is told to do so by the device itself. In effect, the method would provide an external asynchronous input that would inform the processor that it should complete whatever instruction that is currently being executed and fetch a new routine that will service the requesting device. Once this servicing is complete, however, the processor would resume exactly where it left off. This method is called Interrupt. It is easy to see that system throughput would drastically increase, and thus more tasks could be assumed by the micro-computer to further enhance its cost effectiveness. Block Diagram of 8259 is shown in figure 18.

The Programmable Interrupt Controller (PIC) functions as an overall manager in an Interrupt-Driven system environment. It accepts requests from the peripheral equipment, determines which of the in-coming requests is of the highest importance (priority), ascertains whether the incoming request has a higher priority value than the

level currently being serviced, and issues an interrupt to the CPU based on this determination.

The 8259A is a device specifically designed for use in real time, interrupt driven microcomputer systems. It manages eight levels or requests and has built-in features for expandability to other 8259A's (up to 64 levels). It is programmed by the system's software as an I/O peripheral. A selection of priority modes is available to the programmer so that the manner in which the requests are processed by the 8259A can be configured to match his system requirements. The priority modes can be changed or reconfigured dynamically at any time during the main program. This means that the complete interrupt structure can be defined as required, based on the total system environment.

#### INTERRUPT REQUEST REGISTER (IRR) AND IN-SERVICE REGISTER (ISR)

The interrupts at the IR input lines are handled by two registers in cascade, the Interrupt Request Register (IRR) and the In-Service (ISR). The IRR is used to store all the interrupt levels which are requesting service; and the ISR is used to store all the interrupt levels which are being serviced.

#### PRIORITY RESOLVER

This logic block determines the priorities of the bits set in the IRR. The highest priority is selected and strobed into the corresponding bit of the ISR during INTA pulse.

#### INTERRUPT MASK REGISTER (IMR)

The IMR stores the bits which mask the interrupt lines to be masked. The IMR operates on the IRR. Masking of a higher priority input will not affect the interrupt request lines of lower quality.

#### INT (INTERRUPT)

This output goes directly to the CPU interrupt input. The VOH level on this line is designed to be fully compatible with the 8080A, 8085A and 8086 input levels.

## INTA (INTERRUPT ACKNOWLEDGE)

INTA pulses will cause the 8259A to release vectoring information onto the data bus. The format of this data depends on the system mode (mPM) of the 8259A.

## DATA BUS BUFFER

This 3-state, bidirectional 8-bit buffer is used to inter-face the 8259A to the system Data Bus. Control words and status information are transferred through the Data Bus Buffer.

## READ/WRITE CONTROL LOGIC

The function of this block is to accept Output commands from the CPU. It contains the Initialization Command Word (ICW) registers and Operation Command Word (OCW) registers which store the various control formats for device operation. This function block also allows the status of the 8259A to be transferred onto the Data Bus.

## CS (CHIP SELECT)

A LOW on this input enables the 8259A. No reading or writing of the chip will occur unless the device is selected.

## WR (WRITE)

A LOW on this input enables the CPU to write control words (ICWs and OCWs) to the 8259A.

## RD (READ)

A LOW on this input enables the 8259A to send the status of the Interrupt Request Register (IRR), In Service Register (ISR), the Interrupt Mask Register (IMR), or the Interrupt level onto the Data Bus.

A0

This input signal is used in conjunction with WR and RD signals to write commands into the various command registers, as well as reading the various status registers of the chip. This line can be tied directly to one of the address lines.

## INTERRUPT SEQUENCE

The powerful features of the 8259A in a microcomputer system are its programmability and the interrupt routine addressing capability. The latter allows direct or indirect jumping to the specific interrupt routine requested without any polling of the interrupting devices. The normal sequence of events during an interrupt depends on the type of CPU being used.

The events occur as follows in an MCS-80/85 system:

1. One or more of the INTERRUPT REQUEST lines ( $IR_{7\pm0}$ ) are raised high, setting the corresponding IRR bit(s).
2. The 8259A evaluates these requests, and sends an INT to the CPU, if appropriate.
3. The CPU acknowledges the INT and responds with an INTA pulse.
4. Upon receiving an INTA from the CPU group, the highest priority ISR bit is set, and the corresponding IRR bit is reset. The 8259A will also release a CALL instruction code (11001101) onto the 8-bit Data Bus through its  $D_{7\pm0}$  pins.
5. This CALL instruction will initiate two more INTA pulses to be sent to the 8259A from the CPU group.
6. These two INTA pulses allow the 8259A to re-lease its preprogrammed subroutine address onto the Data Bus. The lower 8-bit address is released at the first INTA pulse and the higher 8-bit address is released at the second INTA pulse.
7. This completes the 3-byte CALL instruction re-leased by the 8259A. In the AEOL mode the ISR bit is reset at the end of the third INTA pulse. Otherwise, the ISR

bit remains set until an appropriate EOI command is issued at the end of the interrupt sequence.

8. The events occurring in an 8086 system are the same until step 4.
9. Upon receiving an INTA from the CPU group, the highest priority ISR bit is set and the corresponding IRR bit is reset. The 8259A does not drive the Data Bus during this cycle.
10. The 8086 will initiate a second INTA pulse. During this pulse, the 8259A releases an 8-bit pointer onto the Data Bus where it is read by the CPU.
11. This completes the interrupt cycle. In the AEOI mode the ISR bit is reset at the end of the second INTA pulse. Otherwise, the ISR bit remains set until an appropriate EOI command is issued at the end of the interrupt subroutine.

If no interrupt request is present at step 4 of either sequence (i.e., the request was too short in duration) the 8259A will issue an interrupt level 7. Both the vectoring bytes and the CAS lines will look like an interrupt level 7 was requested.

When the 8259A PIC receives an interrupt, INT becomes active and an interrupt acknowledge cycle is started. If a higher priority interrupt occurs between the two INTA pulses, the INT line goes inactive immediately after the second INTA pulse. After an unspecified amount of time the INT line is activated again to signify the higher priority interrupt waiting for service. This inactive time is not specified and can vary between parts. The designer should be aware of this consideration when designing a system which uses the 8259A. It is recommended that proper asynchronous design techniques be followed.

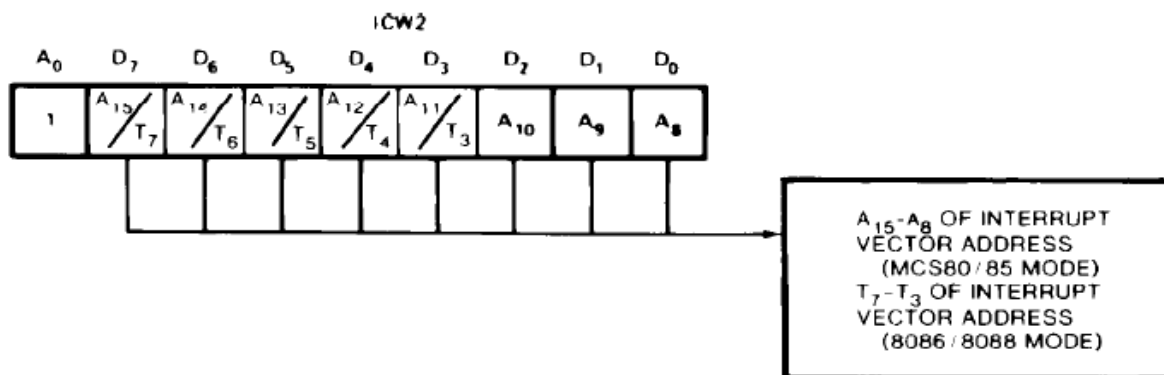
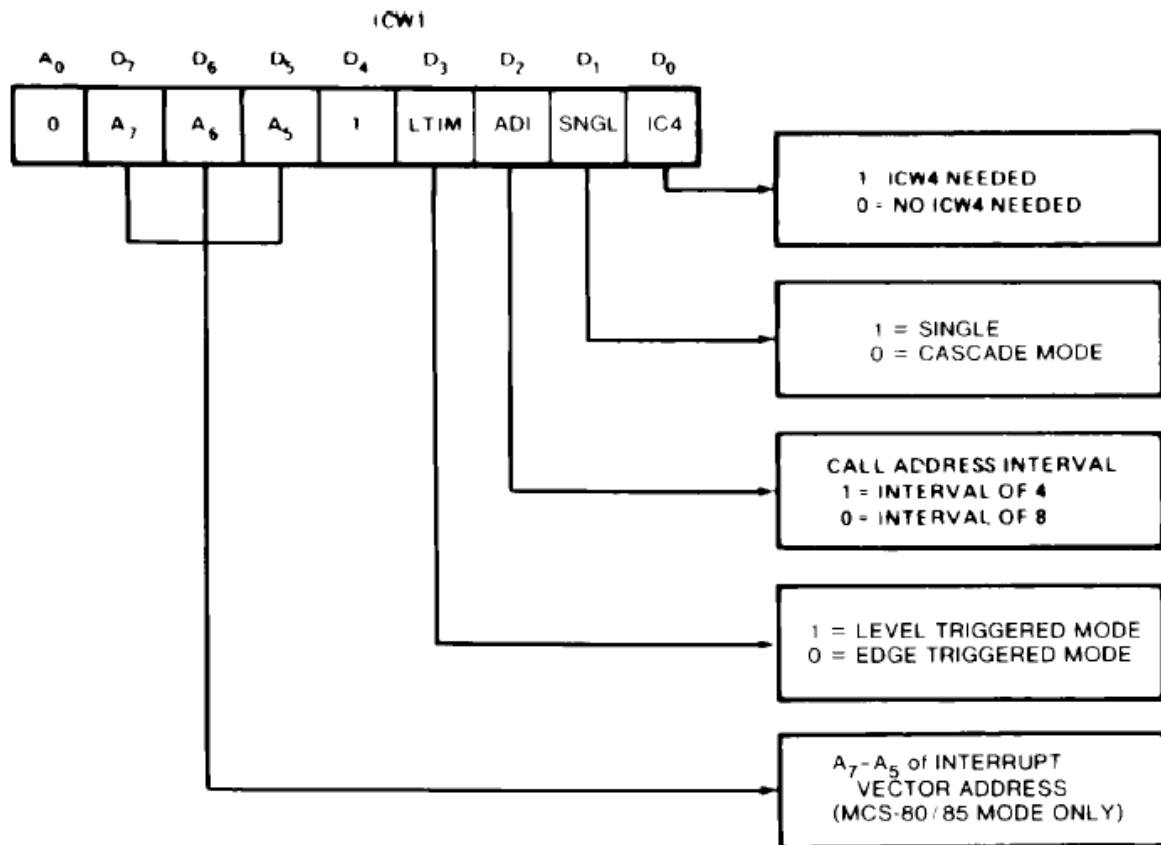


## INITIALIZATION COMMAND WORDS

Whenever a command is issued with  $A0 = 0$  and  $D4 = 1$ , this is interpreted as Initialization Command Word 1 (ICW1). ICW1 starts the initialization sequence during which the following automatically occur.

- a. The edge sense circuit is reset, which means that following initialization, an interrupt request (IR) input must make a low-to-high transition to generate an interrupt.
- b. The Interrupt Mask Register is cleared.
- c. IR7 input is assigned priority 7.
- d. The slave mode address is set to 7.
- e. Special Mask Mode is cleared and Status Read is set to IRR.
- f. If  $IC4 = 0$ , then all functions selected in ICW4 are set to zero. (Non-Buffered mode\*, no Auto-EOI, MCS-80, 85 system).

Initialization Command Word Format is as shown in figure 19.



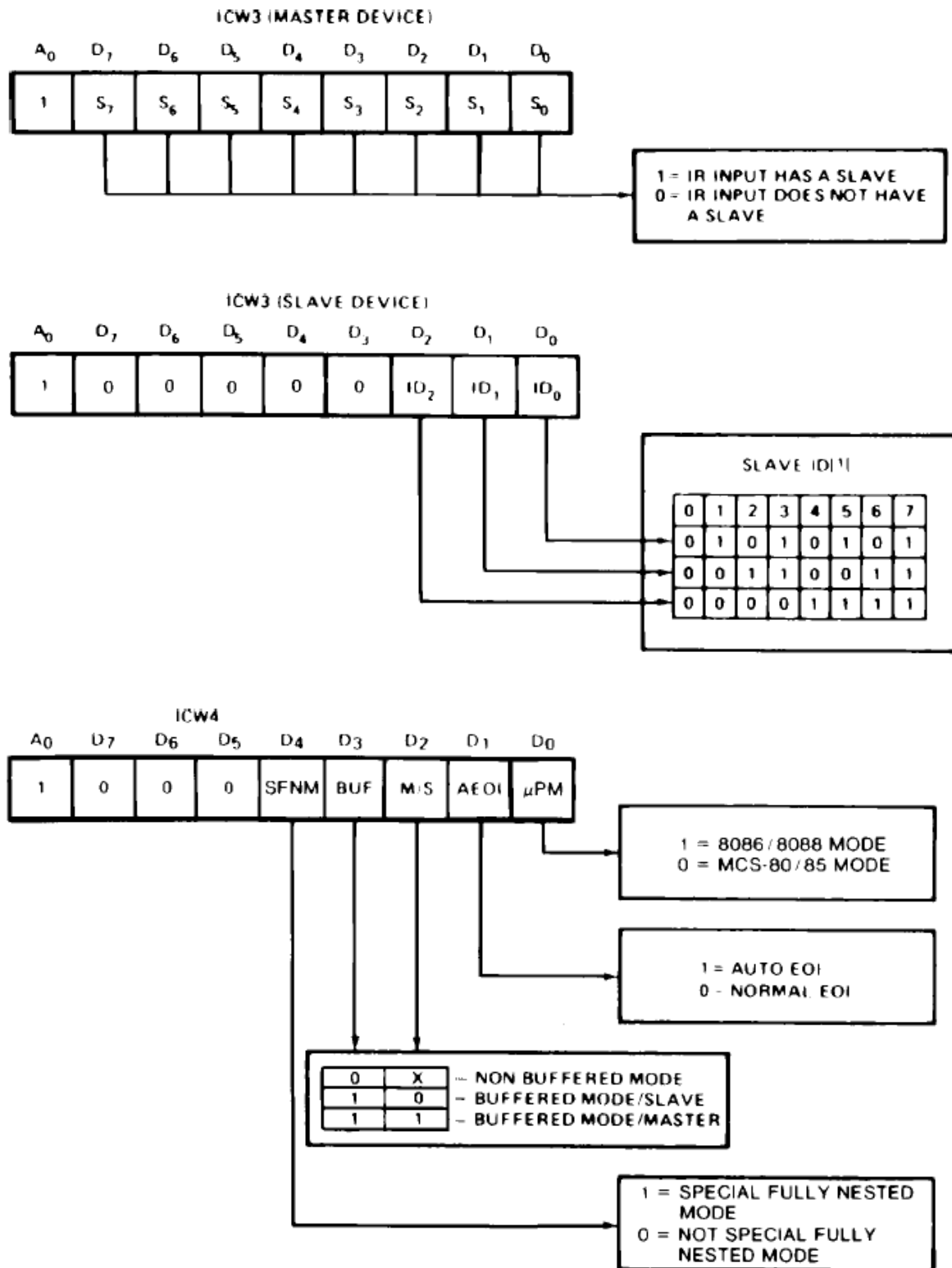


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## OPERATION COMMAND WORDS

After the Initialization Command Words (ICWs) are programmed into the 8259A, the chip is ready to accept interrupt requests at its input lines. However, during the 8259A operation, a selection of algorithms can command the 8259A to operate in various modes through the Operation Command Words (OCWs). Operation Command Word format is as shown in figure 20

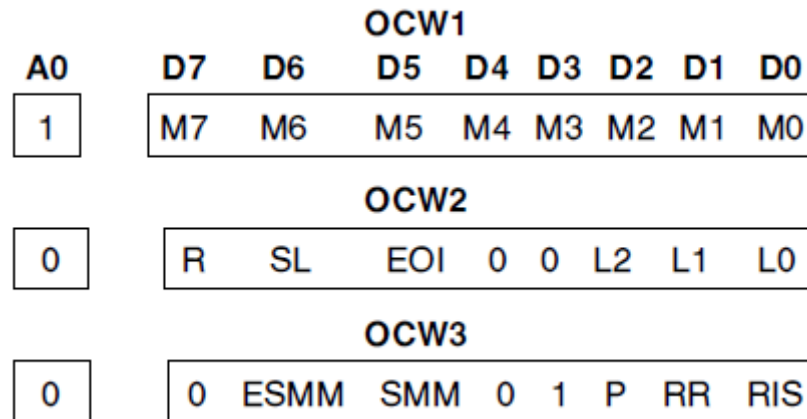
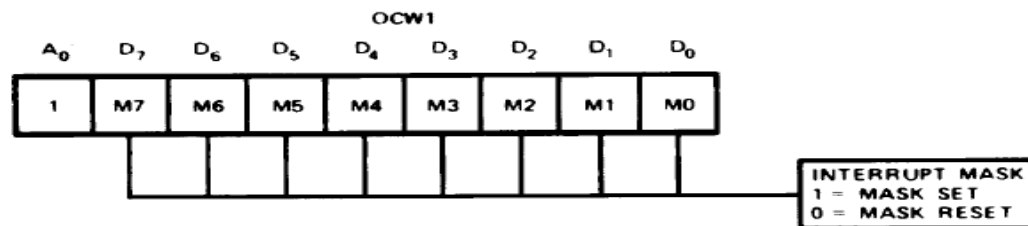


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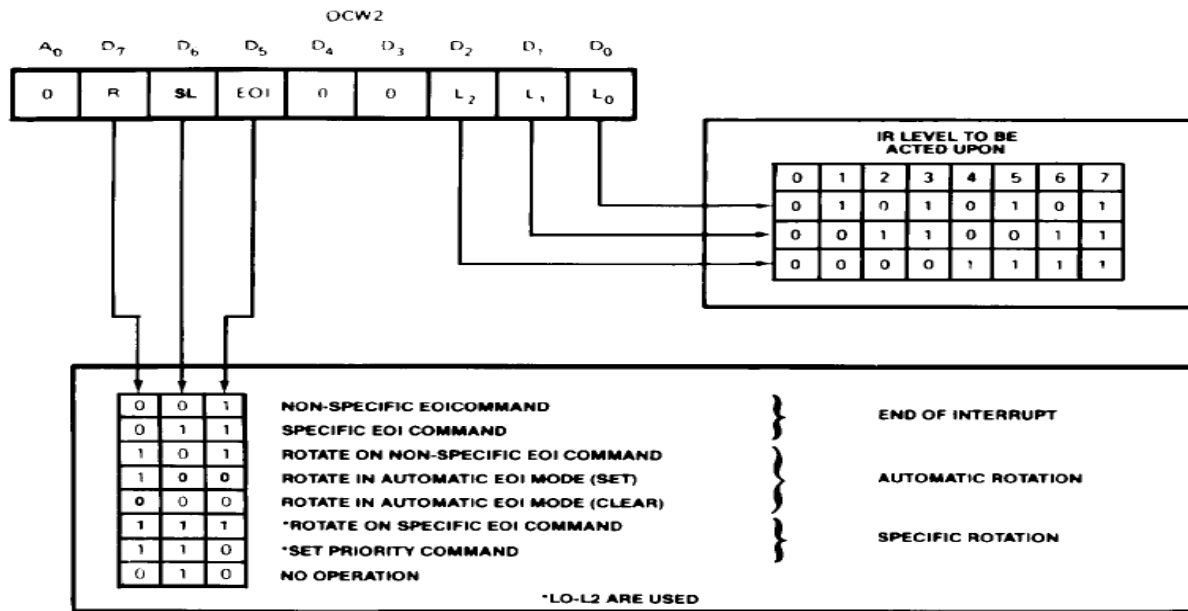


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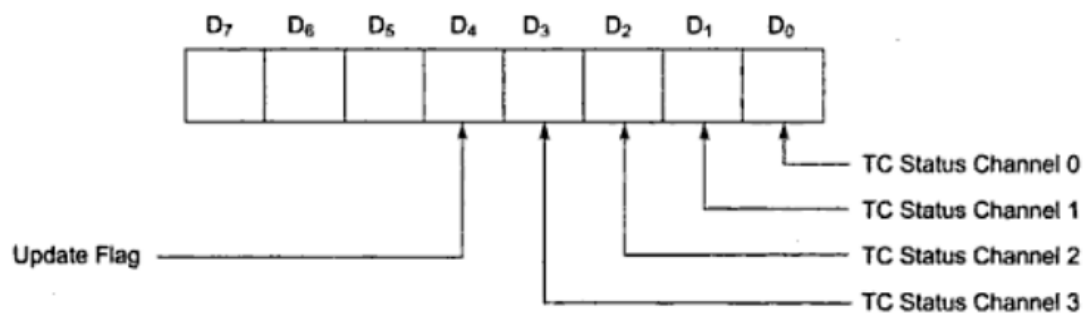
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The status register of 8257 is shown in figure. The lower order 4-bits of this register contain the terminal count status for the four individual channels. If any of these bits is set, it indicates that the specific channel has reached the terminal count condition.

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## DATA BUS BUFFER, READ/WRITE LOGIC, CONTROL UNIT AND PRIORITY RESOLVER

The 8-bit, Tristate, bidirectional buffer interfaces the internal bus of 8257 with the external system bus under the control of various control signals. In the slave mode, the read/write logic accepts the I/O Read or I/O Write signals, decodes the A<sub>0</sub>-A<sub>3</sub> lines and either writes the contents of the data bus to the addressed internal register or reads the

contents of the selected register depending upon whether IOW or IOR signal is activated.

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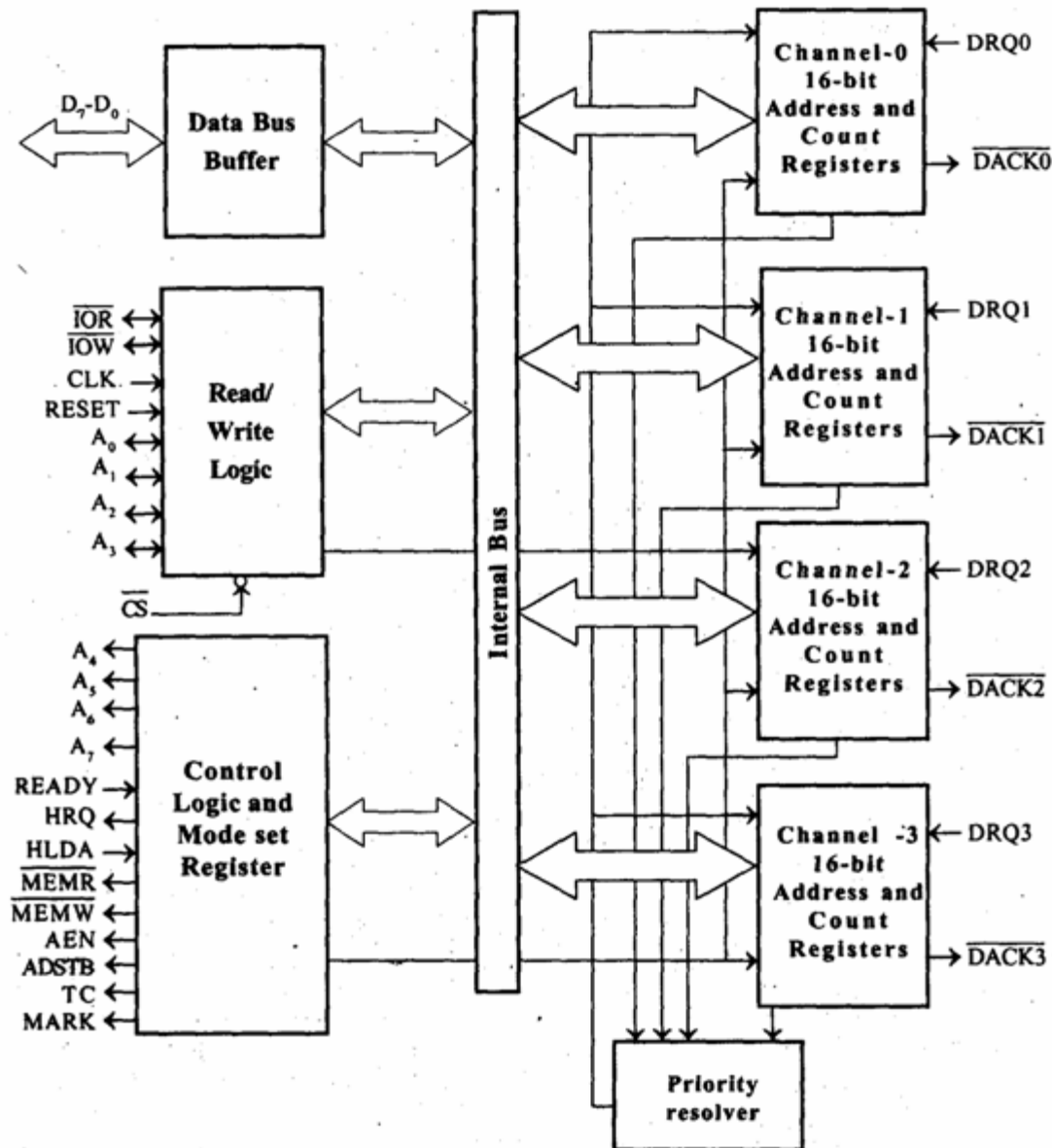
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$\overline{\text{IOW}}$	2		39	A <sub>6</sub>
$\overline{\text{MEMR}}$	3		38	A <sub>5</sub>
$\overline{\text{MEMW}}$	4		37	A <sub>4</sub>
MARK	5		36	TC
READY	6		35	A <sub>3</sub>
HLDA	7		34	A <sub>2</sub>
ADSTB	8		33	A <sub>1</sub>
AEN	9		32	A <sub>0</sub>
HRQ	10		31	V <sub>CC</sub>
$\overline{\text{CS}}$	11		30	D <sub>0</sub>
CLK	12		29	D <sub>1</sub>
RESET	13		28	D <sub>2</sub>
$\overline{\text{DACK2}}$	14		27	D <sub>3</sub>
$\overline{\text{DACK3}}$	15		26	D <sub>4</sub>
DRQ <sub>3</sub>	16		25	$\overline{\text{DACK0}}$
DRQ <sub>2</sub>	17		24	$\overline{\text{DACK1}}$
DRQ <sub>1</sub>	18		23	D <sub>5</sub>
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GND	20		21	D <sub>7</sub>

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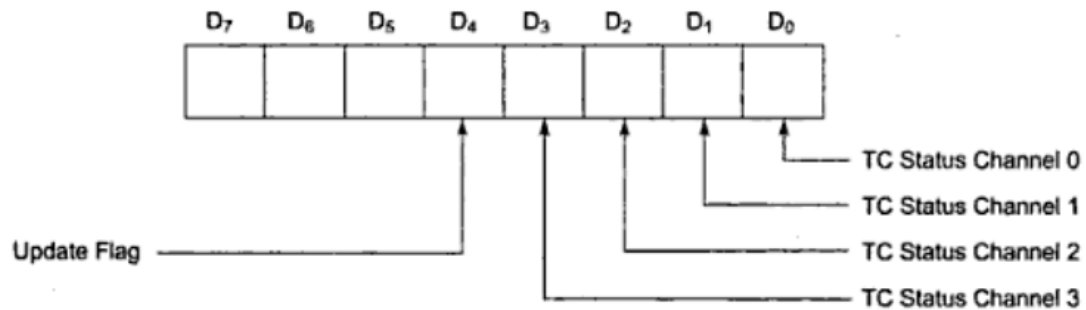
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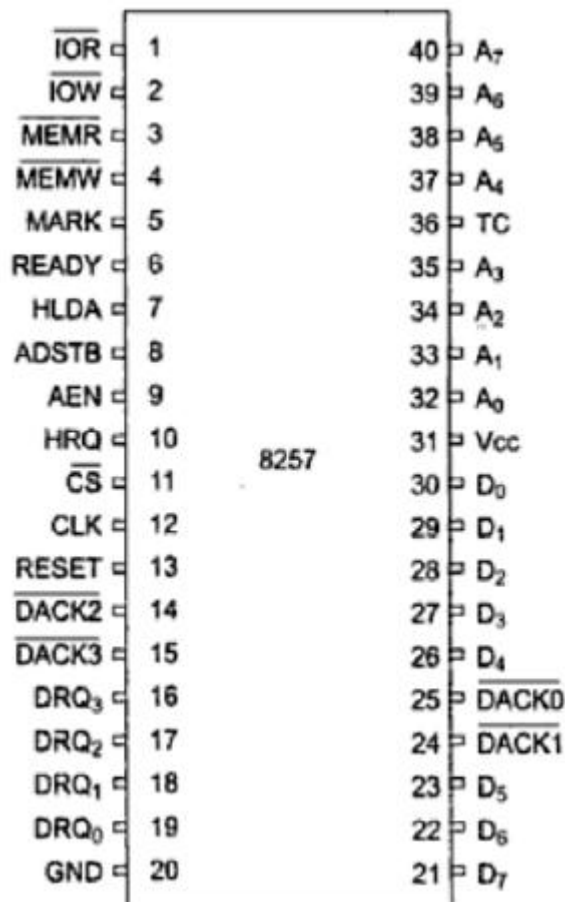
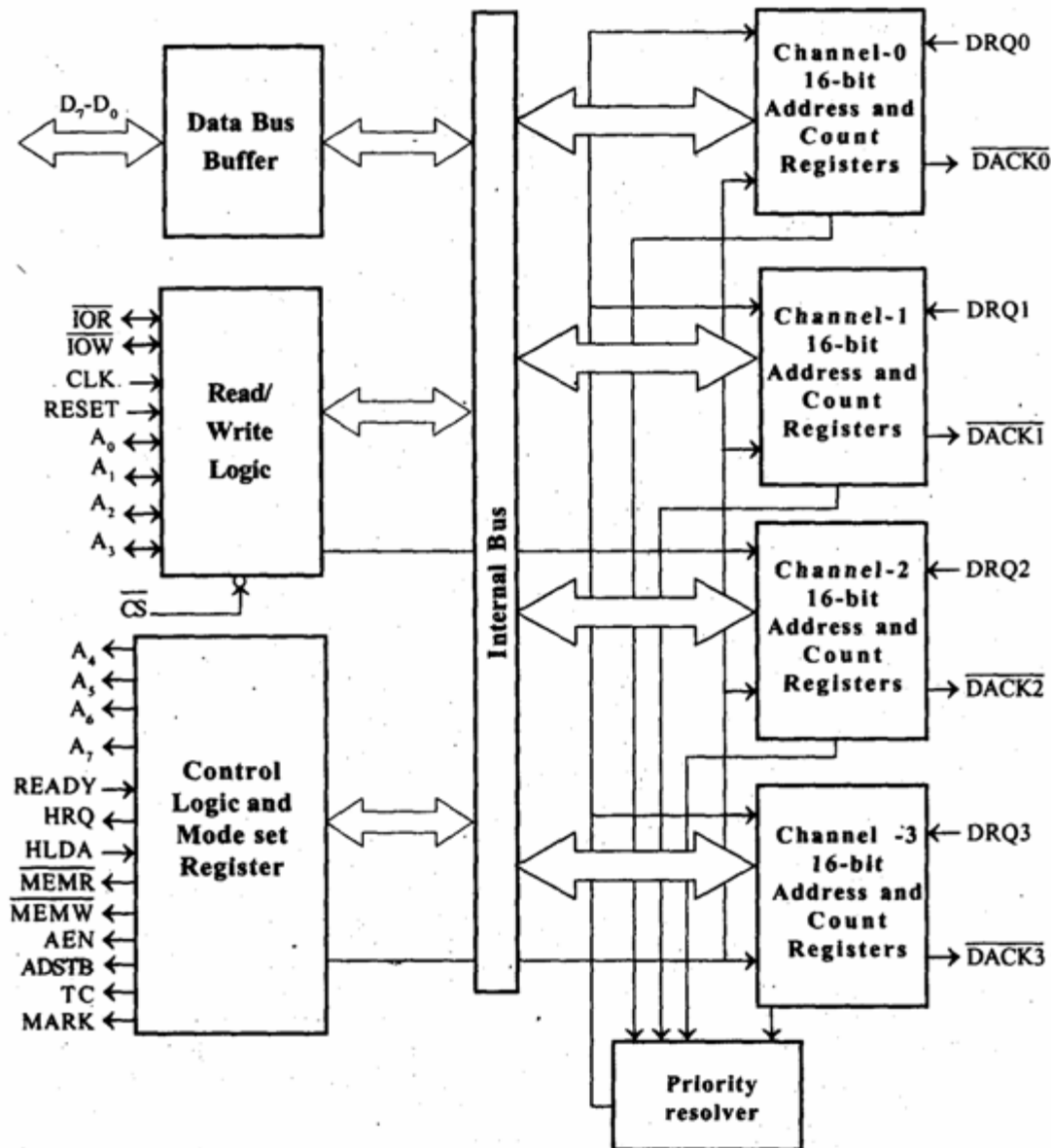


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