
MRSD Systems Engineering and Management for Robotics: Introduction to Microcontrollers

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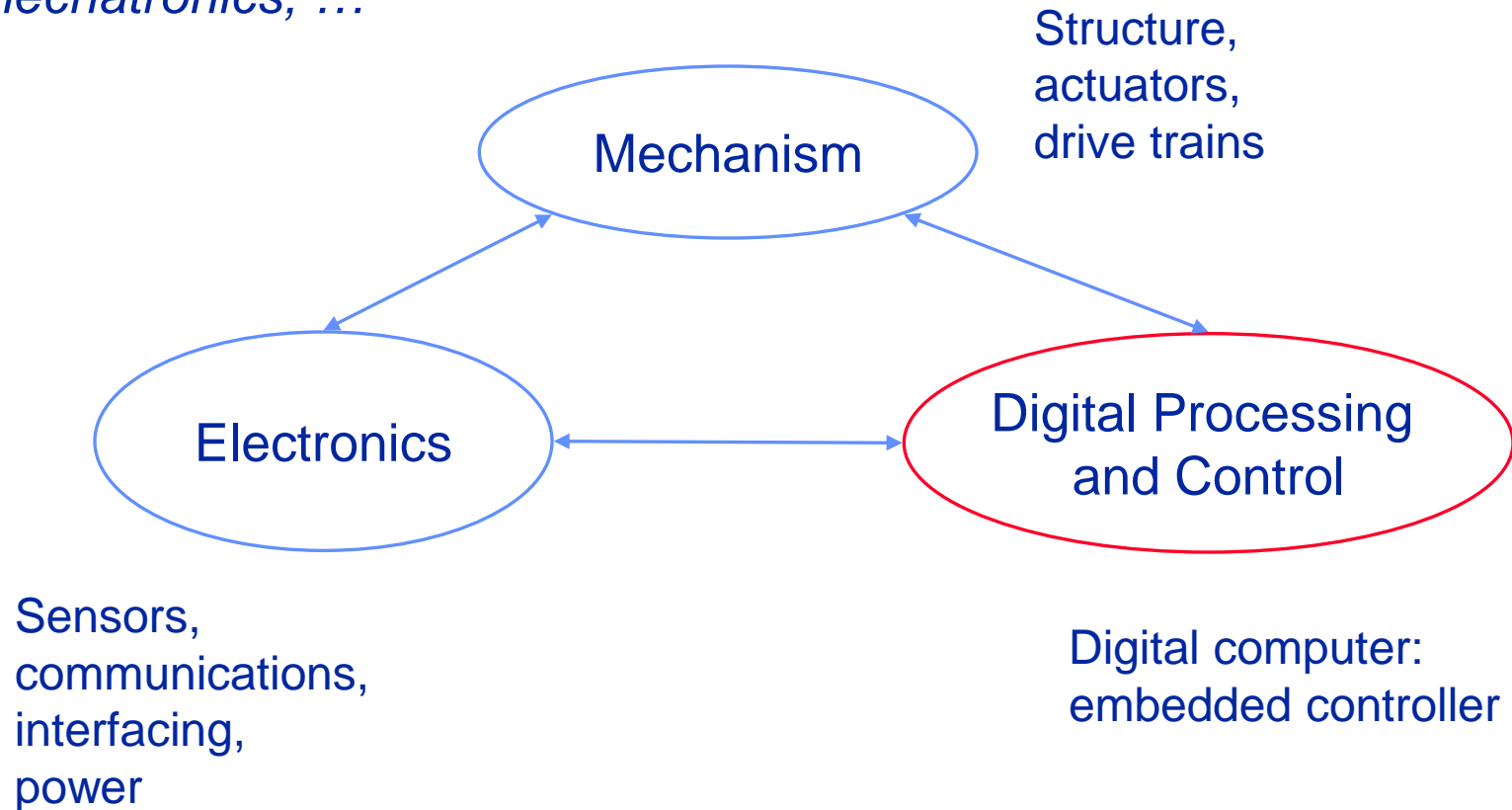
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- **Microcontroller Overview**
- **Event-Based Programming**
 - State machines
 - Polling & Interrupts
- **Microcontroller Digital I/O**
 - On/off I/O
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 - Timers
 - Pulse-based I/O
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 - Encoder position feedback
 - Serial and interprocessor communications

Programming/Control Aspect

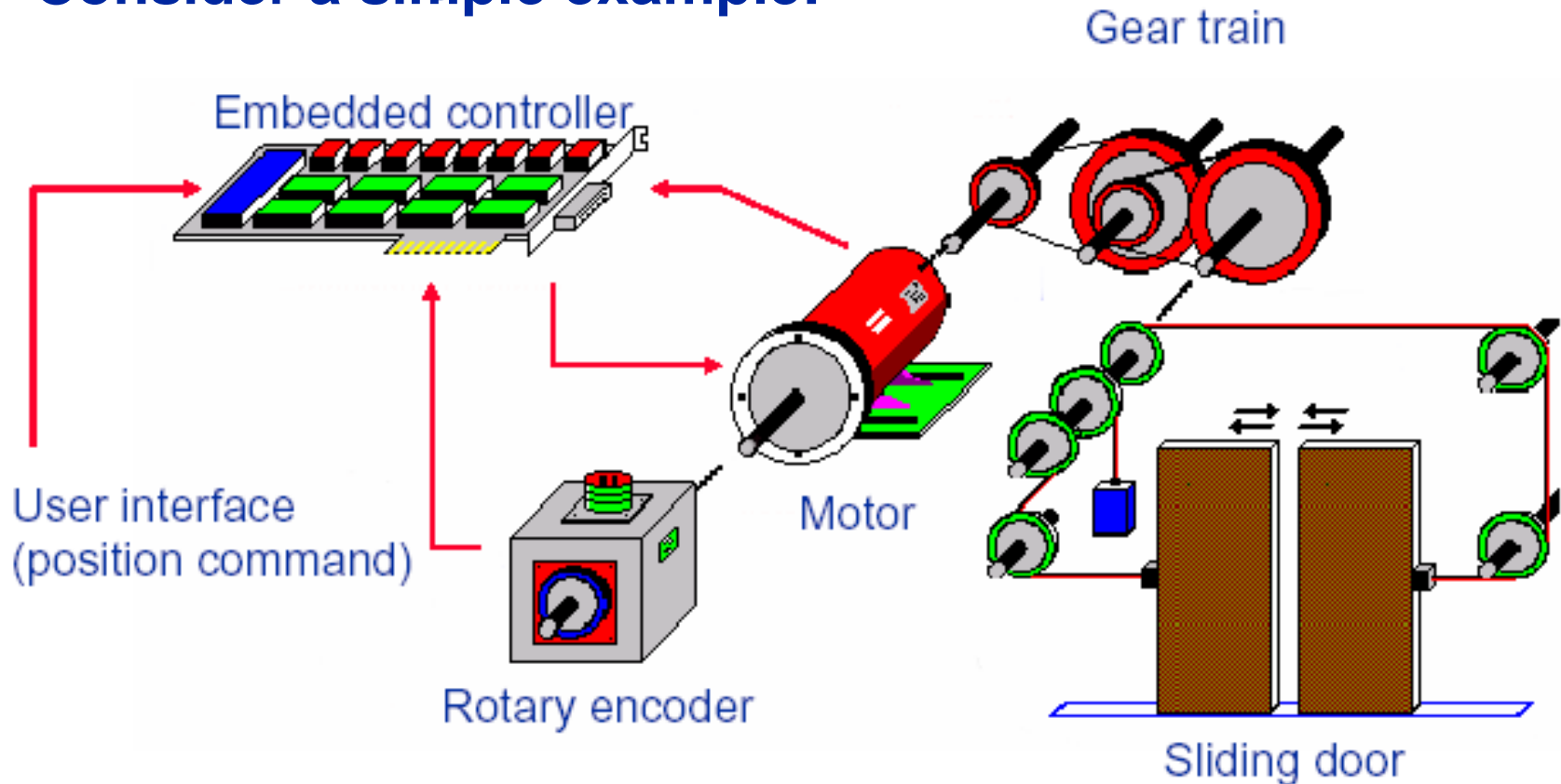
*Mechatronics is the synergistic integration of mechanism, electronics, and **computer control** to achieve a functional system*

*Robotics...overlaps with electronics, **computer science, AI**, mechatronics, ...*



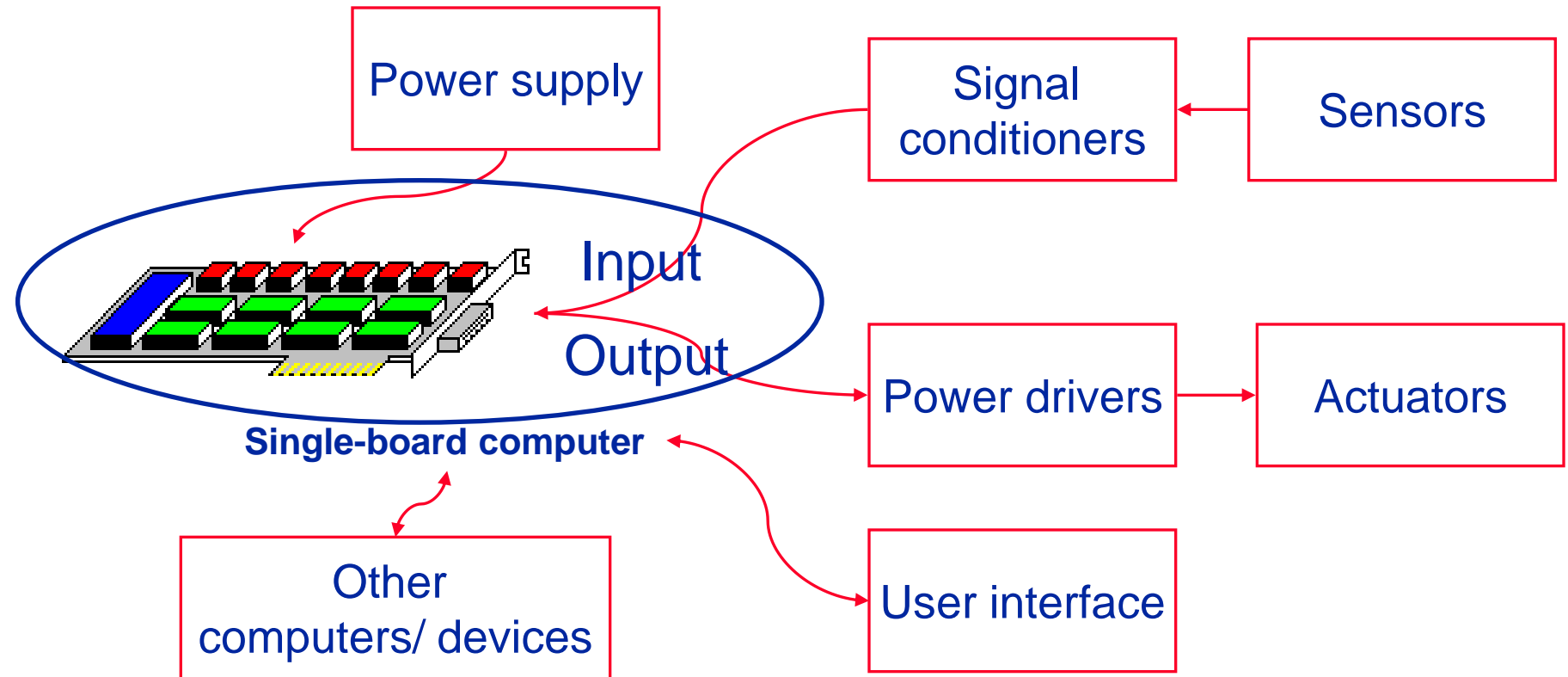
Why should we use a programmable controller?

- Consider a simple example:



- Yes, it can be done without a computer, but think about**
 - additional features, increased capabilities, reconfigurability, communication, data collection...

Embedded Controllers



- **Choice of microprocessor or microcontroller**
 - Driven by cost, power, reliability in application
 - Size becoming less of a factor in choice

Microcontrollers vs. Microprocessors and DSPs

- Microprocessors

- High-speed information processing
- High-speed standard digital I/O and communication
- Large memory space
- Flexible architecture (e.g. DMA, ATA/IDE, USB, etc.)

- Microcontrollers

- General-purpose parallel and serial I/O
- Special functions (ADC, timers, drivers)
- High-speed flexible interrupts
- Small amount of on-chip RAM, ROM
- Low-power
- Cheap!

*Usually this is a
single-chip
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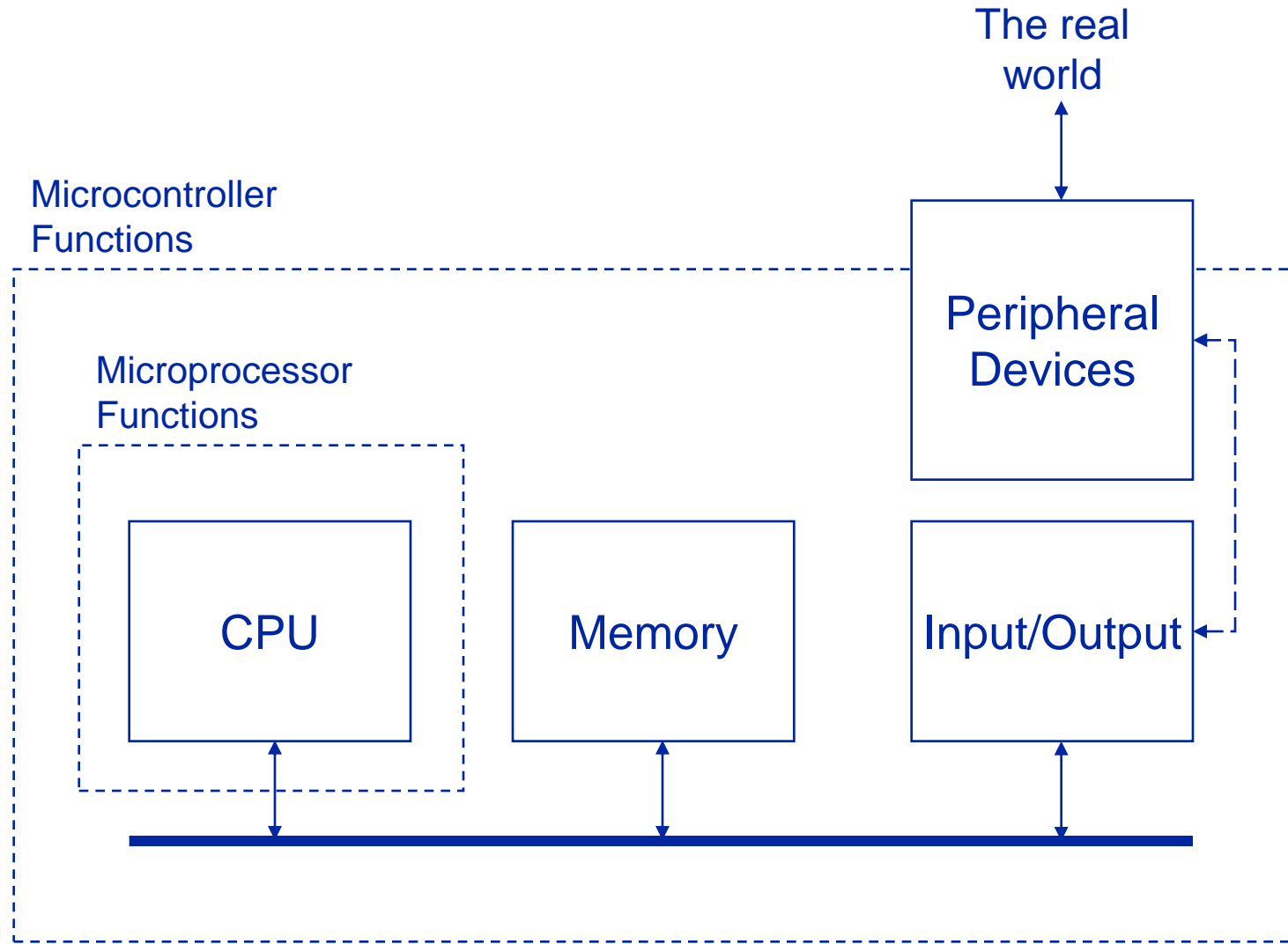
- DSP – Digital signal processors

- Fast recursive signal processing
- Fast multiply and accumulate (MAC)
- Some include floating point units

Other Devices (also “micros”)

- Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
 - Large number of fundamental logical building blocks
 - Customizable
 - May be configured as microprocessor, microcontroller, DSP, etc.
- Programmable System-on-Chip (PSoC)
 - Incorporates a microcontroller
 - Arrays of *some* configurable analog and digital logic elements
- Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)
 - Highly flexible, can incorporate whatever circuitry is needed
 - Basically an FPGA programmed at the factory

Typical bus-oriented microcomputer



Microcontroller Types

- Central Processing Unit (CPU) has Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) whose size strongly influences microcontroller speed and cost
- 4-bit (ALU register size) microcontrollers (e.g. Intel 4004, Intel 8008)
 - Ultra-low end of the microcontroller spectrum
 - Widely used in the 1970s
- 8-bit microcontrollers (e.g. PIC16, PIC18, ATmega168, ATmega328)
 - Low end of the modern microcontroller spectrum
 - Combine low cost (<\$1) w/ reasonable capabilities
- 16-bit microcontrollers (e.g. PIC24)
 - Middle range of the microcontroller spectrum
 - Reasonable cost (~\$1-\$15) w/ strong capabilities
- 32-bit microcontrollers (e.g. ARM Cortex M3 [NI Luminary])
 - High end of the microcontroller spectrum
 - Competitive cost (~\$1-\$20) w/ superior capabilities
 - Dominated by ARM (Advanced RISC Machine) architecture

Microcontroller Subsystems & Peripherals

- Control Registers

- Used for configuration (e.g. clock speed, Baud rate, pin usage)

- Ports and Parallel I/O

- Groups of digital I/O; logically grouped for ease of configuration

- Counters

- Registers that count events (e.g. encoder edge transitions)

- Timers

- Counters that increment based on intervals of time from a clock source

- Serial I/O

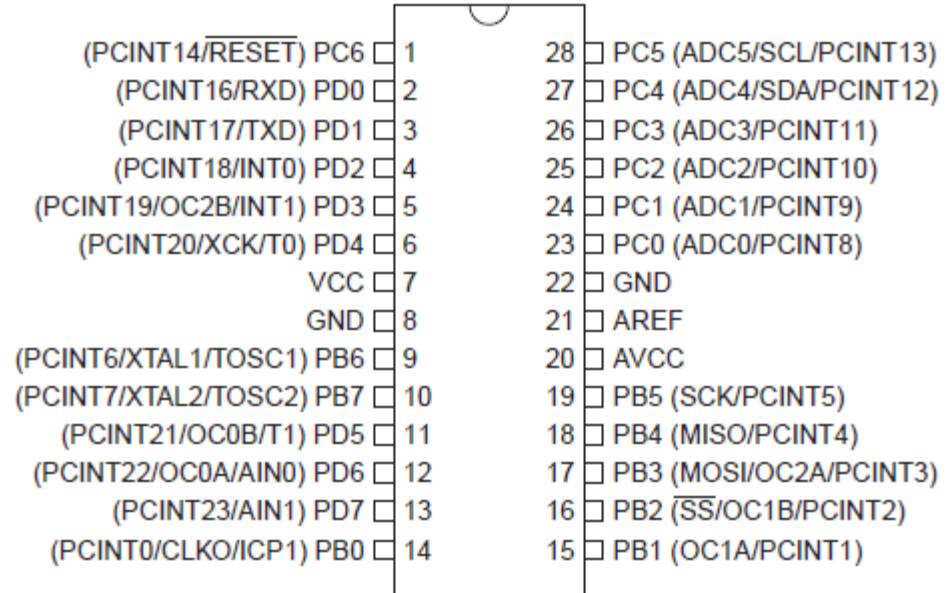
- One-bit-at-a-time inter-device communication (synch. or asynch.)
 - Various conventions: USB, CAN, SPI, I²C

- Analog-to-Digital Converters

- Digital-to-Analog Converters (PWM usually used instead)

ATmega328: a single-chip solution

- 28-pin DIP
- Most port pins are multiplexed with alternate functional options
 - Timing inputs and outputs
 - Output Compare (OC), Input Capture (IC)
 - Pin Change Interrupt inputs (PCINT)

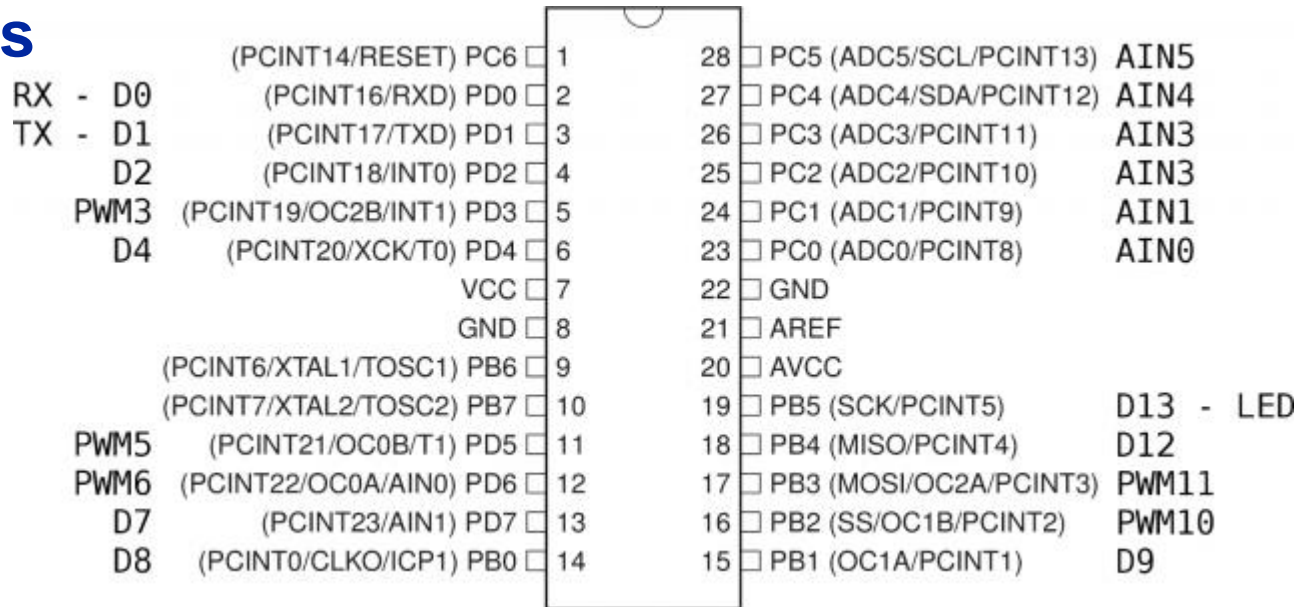


ATmega328: a single-chip solution

- 28-pin DIP
- Arduino Uno pinout maps specific functions to specific pins

- Serial comms
- Digital I/O
- PWM
- Analog inputs
- LED

Arduino Uno pinout



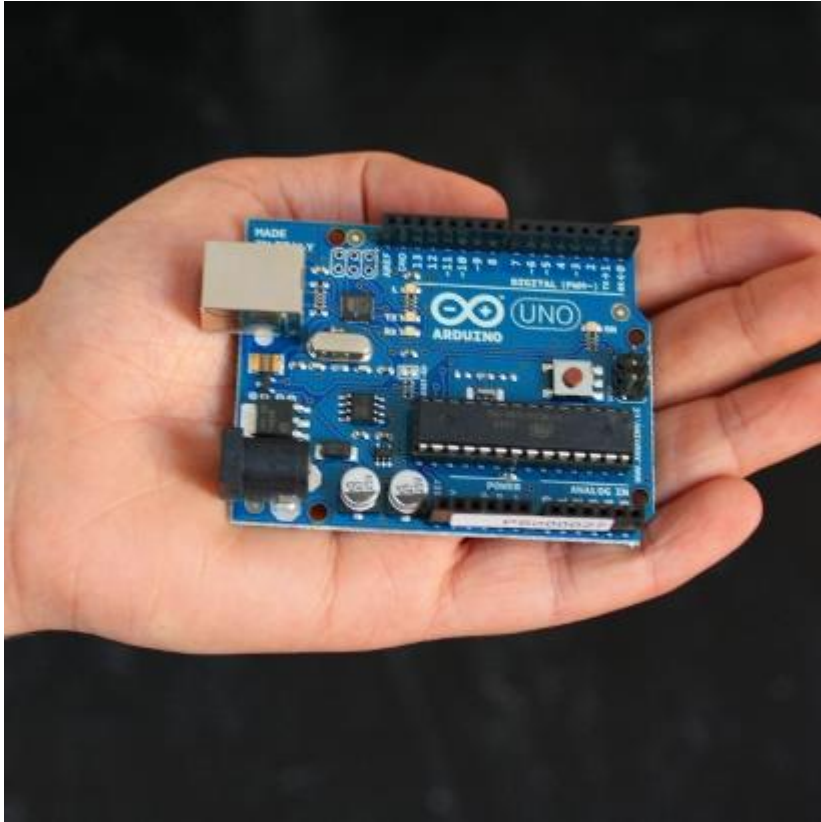
ATmega328: Features

- **ATmega328 microcontroller features**
 - **16 MHz**
 - **Program memory: 32KB FLASH**
 - **Data memory: 2KB internal SRAM; 1KB EEPROM**
 - **10-bit multiplexed analog input module (6 channels)**
 - **6 PWM channels**
 - **2 x 8-bit, 1 x 16-bit timers**
 - **23 programmable I/O lines (2 8-bit ports, 1 7-bit)**
 - **32 general-purpose registers**

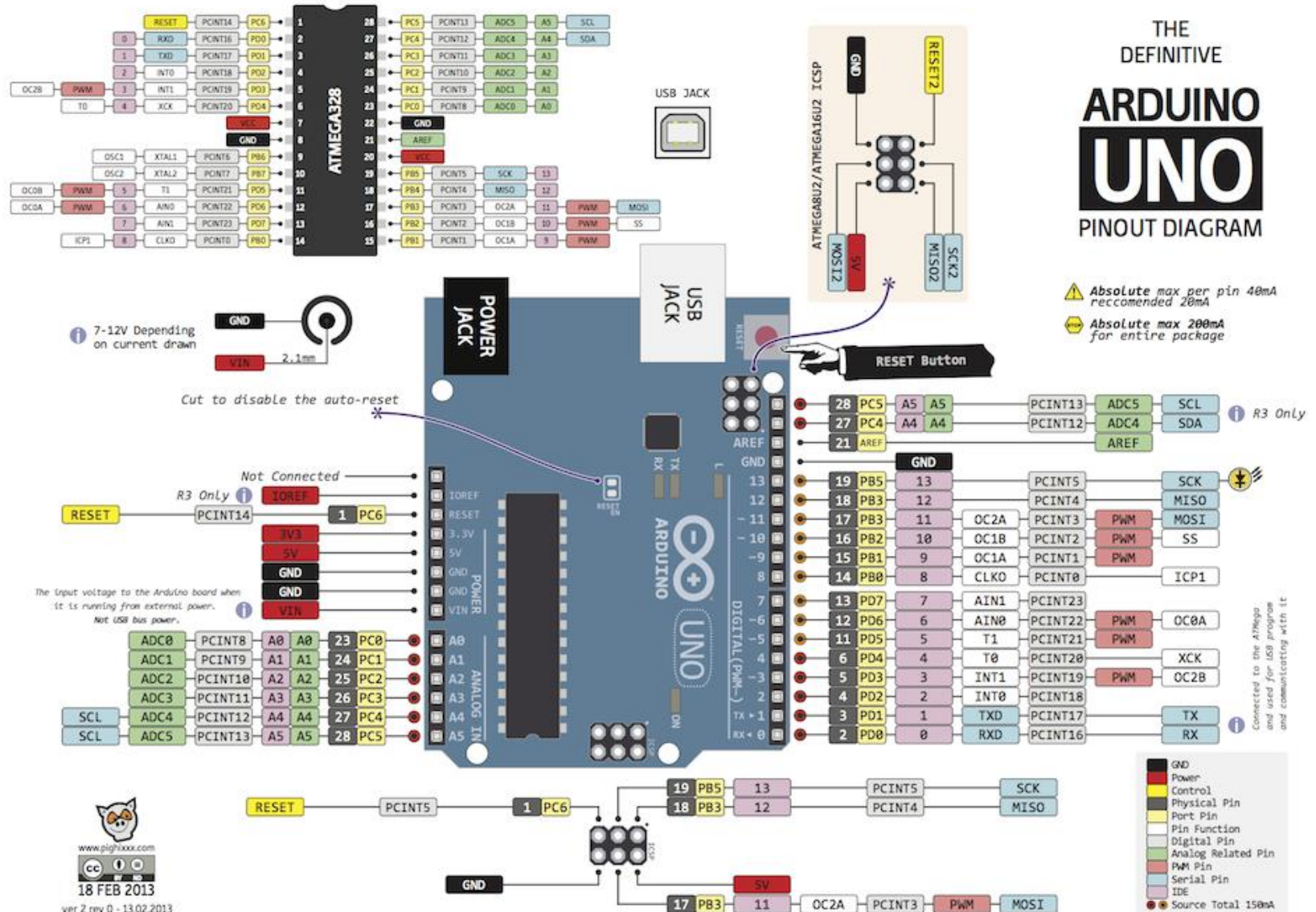
ATmega328: Programming

- **RISC CPU**
- **131 instructions to learn**
 - **Push Around Bits/Bytes**
 - **Comparison, Branching, Subroutine**
 - **Bitwise Logical Operations**
 - **Add/Subtract 8-bit Integers**
 - **Everything else must be EMULATED**
 - **Anything with floating point data**
 - **Transcendentals (sin, cos, exponents) are painfully slow**
- ***C compiler available as freeware***
 - ***No need to use assembly language, but you are certainly welcome to if you want.***

Development: The Arduino



Arduino Uno: hardware board built around an 8-bit AVR microcontroller



Arduino: Electrical Characteristics

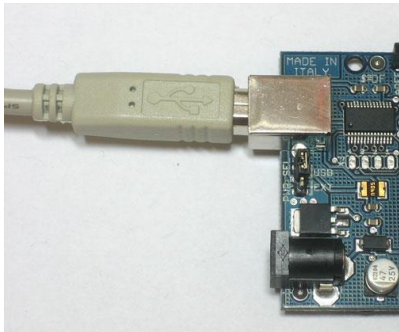
- **Power**

- USB (5V) connection OR “external” power supply
 - External: 7-12V (≥ 250 mA) via barrel connector OR VIN pin
- Microcontroller has a sleep mode

- **Digital I/O current limit**

- High sink/source current: 40 mA per pin, but...
 - Note: off USB, don't use any high-power devices (DC/Stepper motors, solenoids, etc.)
 - Use a separate supply for high-power devices!
- Do not short output pins!

Power via
USB



Power via
DC adapter



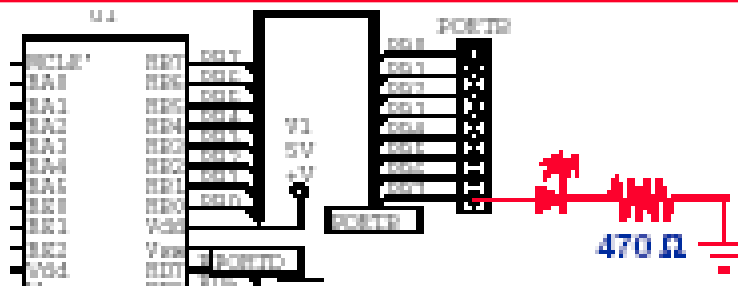
What Does a Program Look Like?

“Include” and other pre-compiler statements (none needed here)

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  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}
```

```
void loop() {                                  // Repeats
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH);                     // set the LED on
  delay(1000);                                 // wait for a second
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} // http://arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Blink
```

main program body

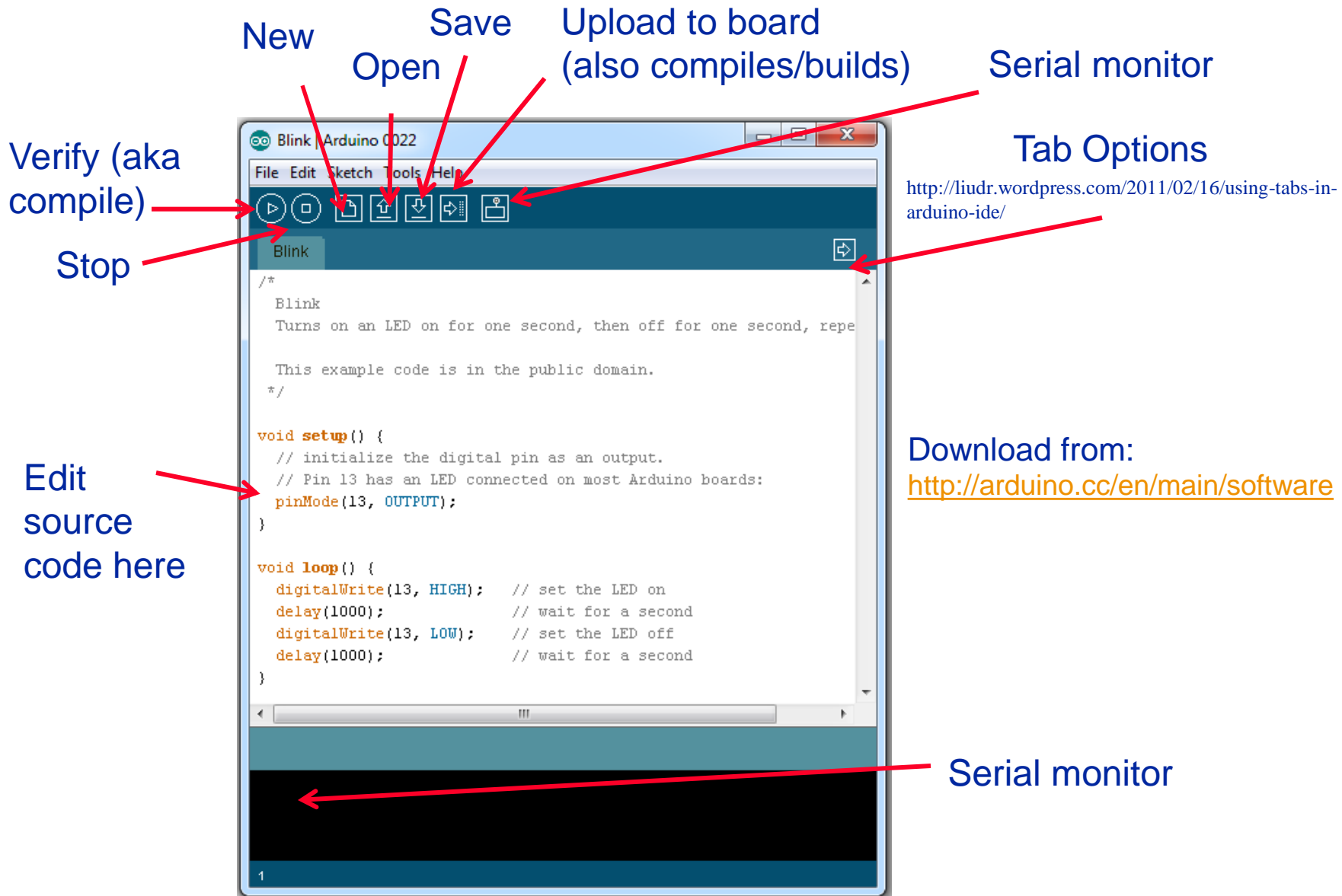


software is closely related to hardware

Arduino Development Environment

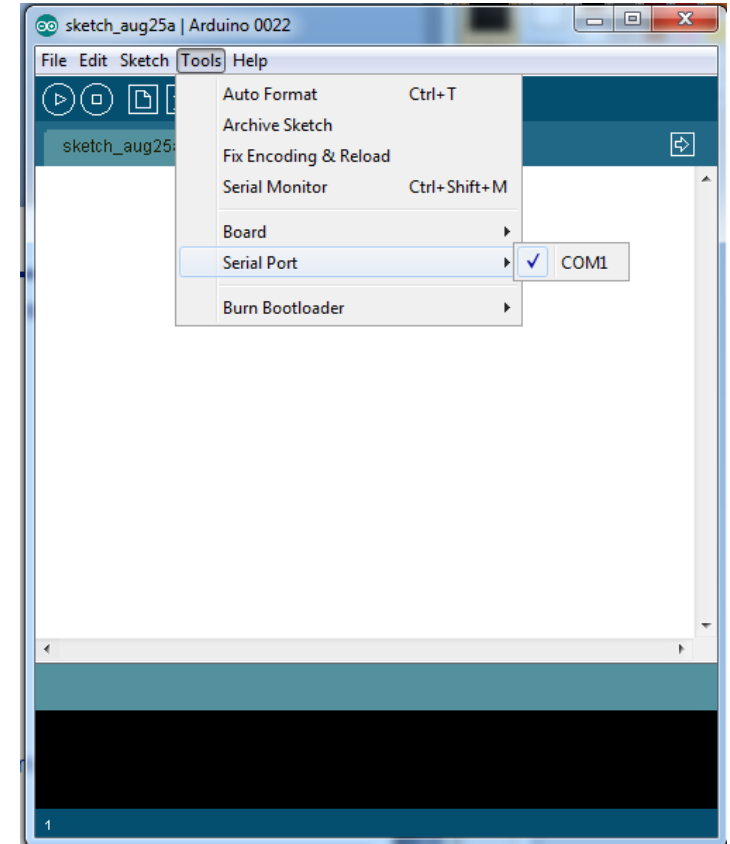
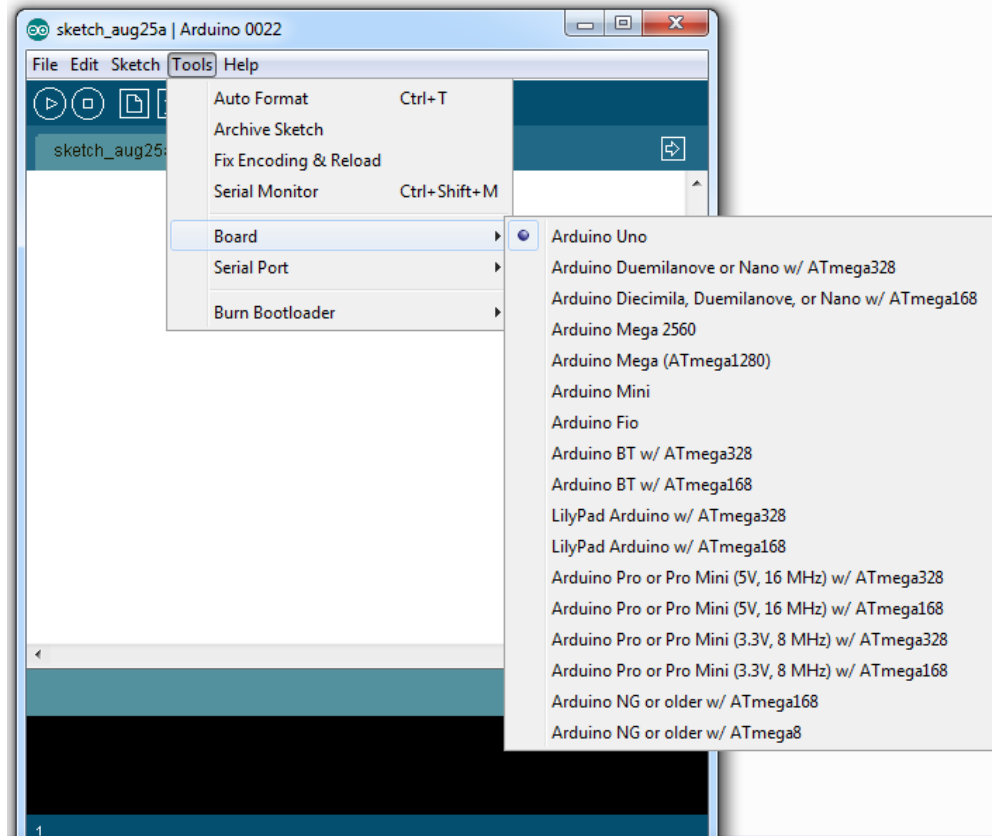
- **Integrated Development Environment (IDE)**
 - **Write, compile, build, and transfer programs**
 - **Create new programs**
 - **Test built-in example code**
 - **Find new examples online**
 - **If you can think of it, it has probably been done before. If you use somebody else's code, CITE IT**

Using the Arduino IDE



Arduino – Setting Up

- Ensure the right type of Arduino is selected, and the right serial port



You can find out what serial port the Arduino is on by plugging and unplugging the Arduino, and seeing how the Tools→Serial Port list changes.

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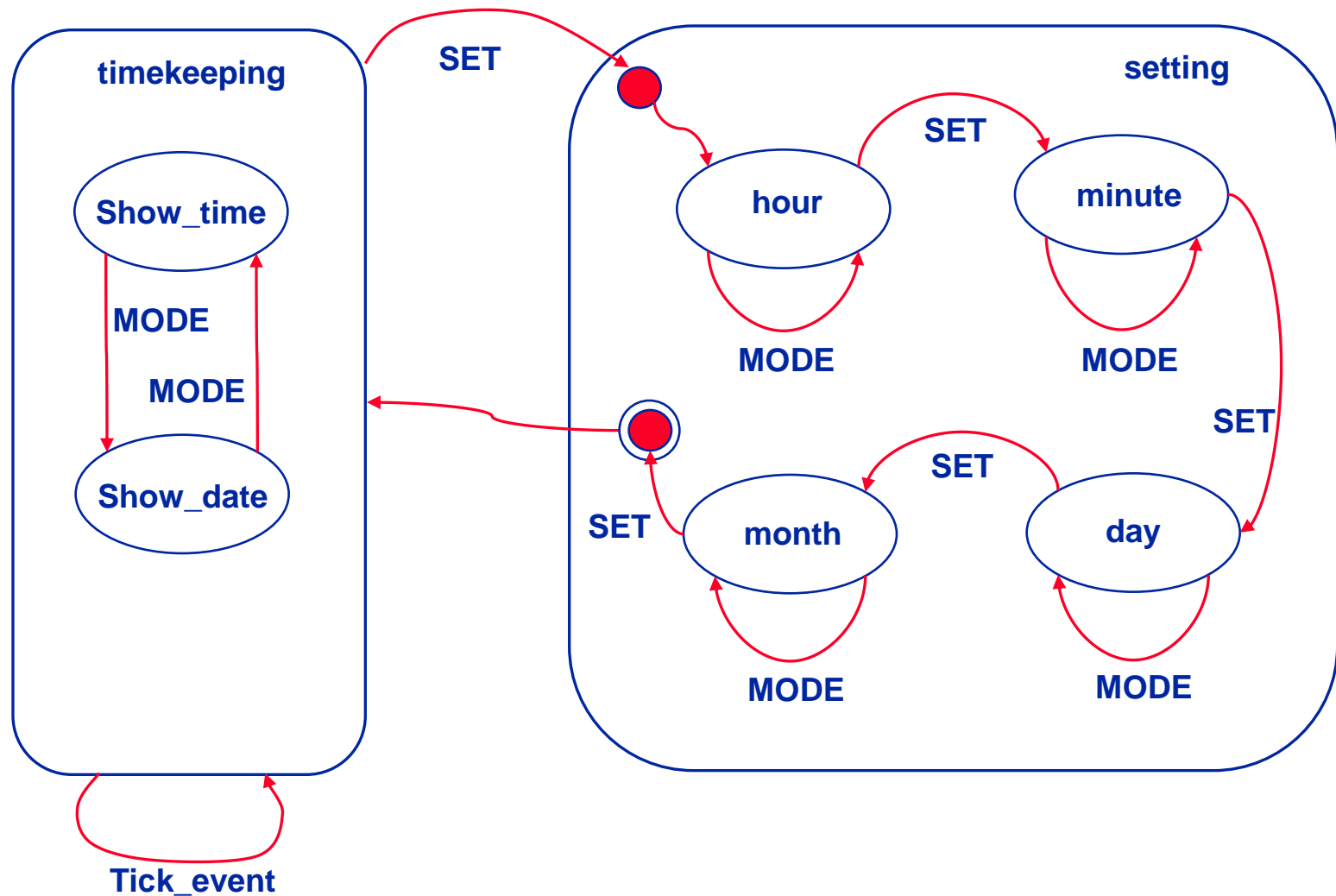
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State machines

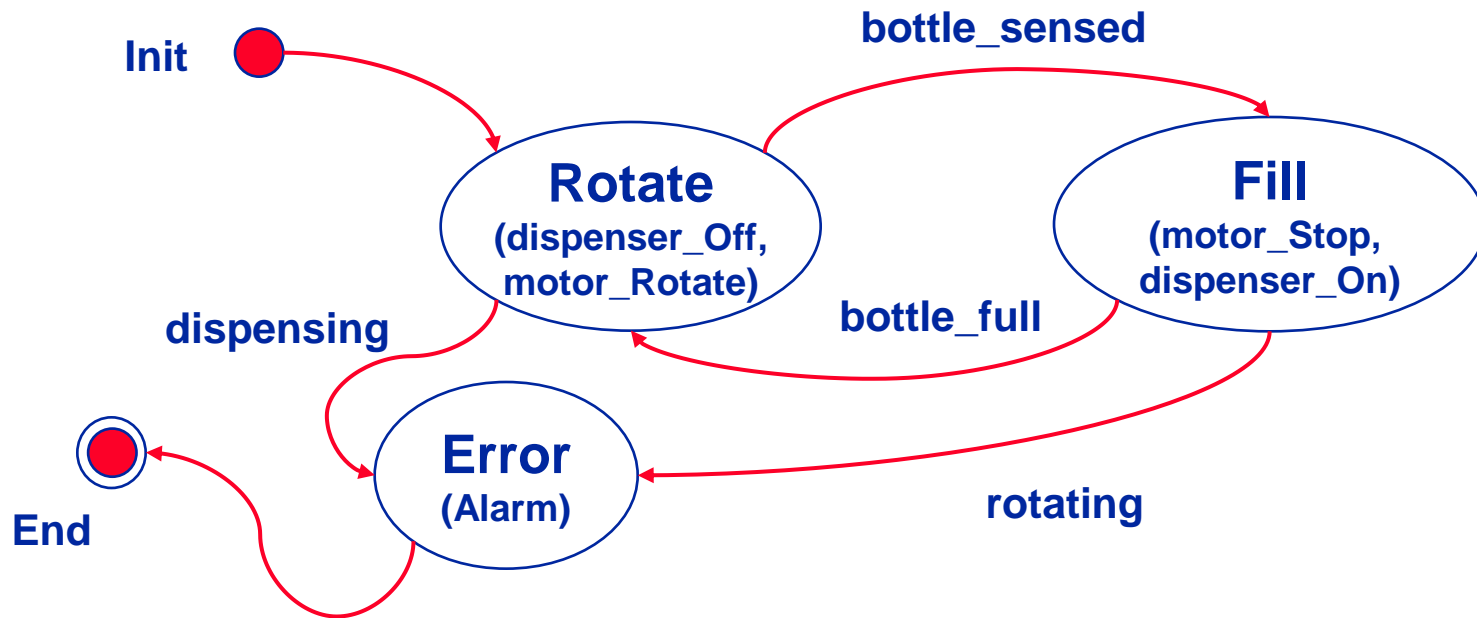
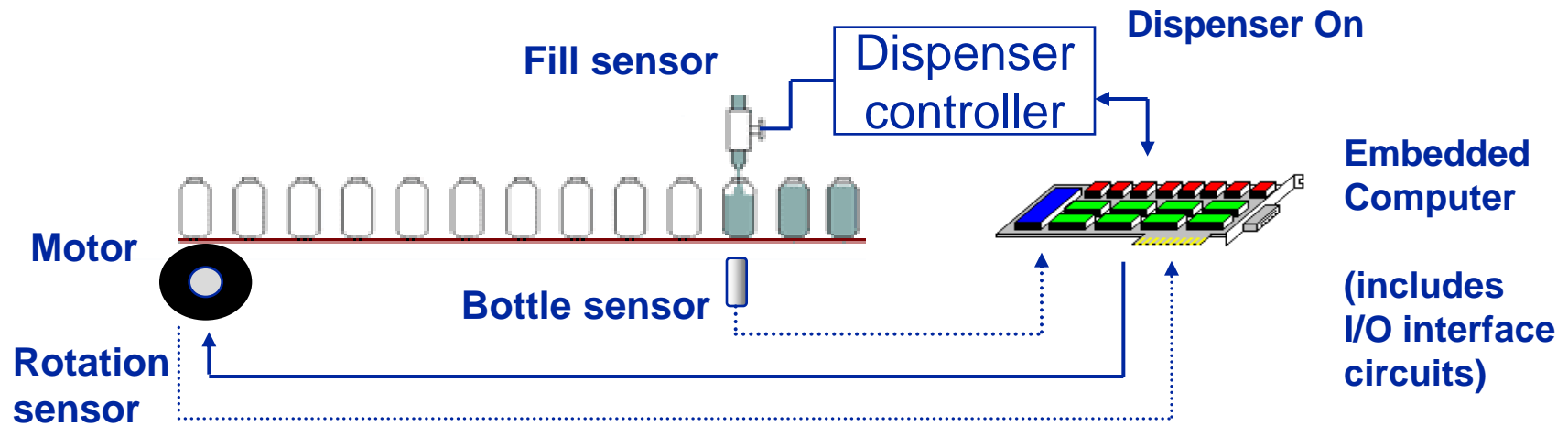
- **Useful abstraction for systems with discrete states**
 - States are engaged based on events sensed in the world
- **To set up a state machine:**
 - Define the events
 - Define the states
 - Determine order of transition between states
 - Set the initial state of the state machine
- **Example: let us consider a wristwatch**



State machine: wristwatch



State machines: logic control



State Machine Programming Example

```
enum State {Rotate, Fill,  
            Error};  
enum Event {bottle_sensed,  
            bottle_full,  
            dispensing,  
            rotating};
```

```
void motor_Stop();  
void motor_Rotate();  
void dispenser_On();  
void dispenser_Off();  
void Alarm();  
  
motor_Rotate();  
dispenser_Off();  
static State s = Rotate;  
.  
.  
.
```

```
void Transition(Event e)  
{ switch(s)  
  { case Rotate:  
    switch(e)  
    { case bottle_sensed:  
      s = Fill;  
      motor_Stop();  
      dispenser_On();  
      break;  
      case dispensing:  
      s = Error;  
      Alarm();  
      break;  
    } break;  
    case Fill:  
    switch(e)  
    { case bottle_full:  
      s = Rotate;  
      dispenser_Off();  
      motor_Rotate();  
      break;  
      case rotating:  
      s = Error;  
      Alarm();  
      break;  
    } break;  
    case Error:  
      sleep();  
      break;  
  }  
}
```

Event-Based Programming

- **Canned CE/CS programming assignments:**
 - Initialize
 - Compute Something
 - Print Something
 - Return
- **Event-Based Programming**
 - Initialize
 - While (!end_of_the_universe)
 - Check for events
 - Forward them to your state machine
 - Ex.: Transition() on last slide
 - Check for Errors
 - ... should never get here

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Catching Events

- **Polling**

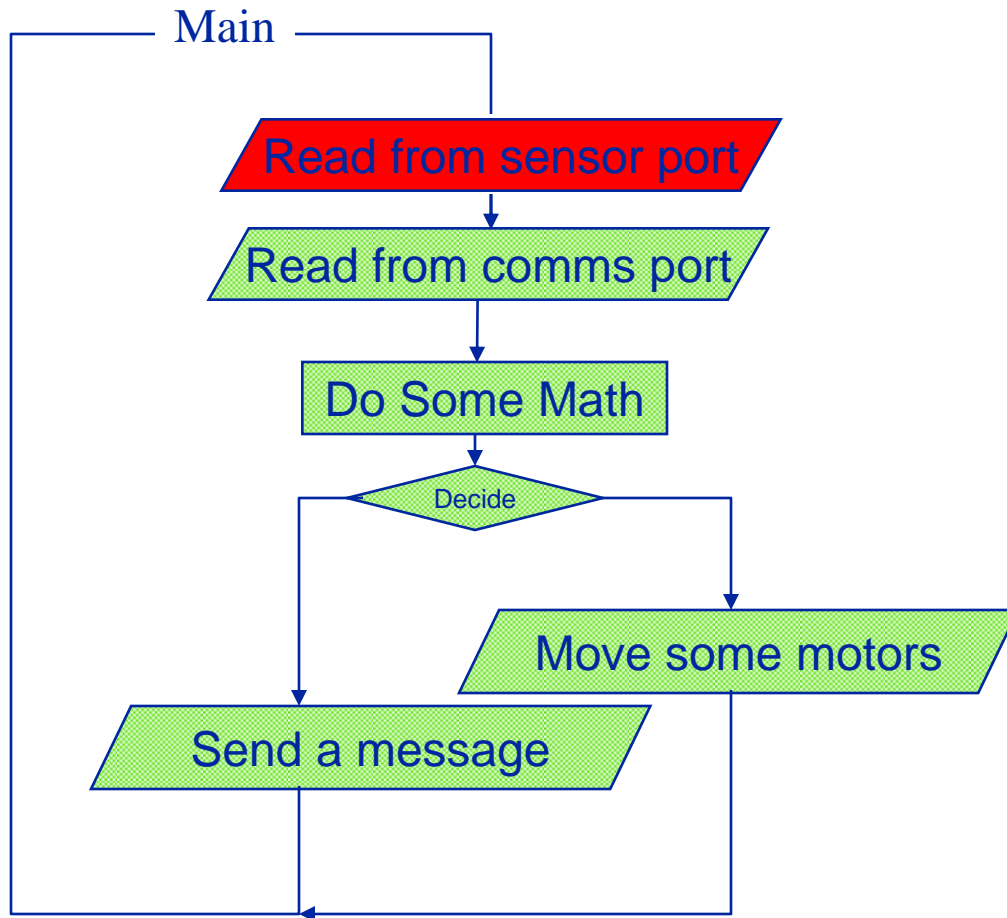
- Are we there yet?
 - Repeat continuously
- Also known as busy-waiting
- Sometimes this is the only option
 - If so, you should reevaluate your hardware/OS selection.

- **Interrupts**

- Wake me up when we get there
 - Snooze or work on other things
- Requires dedicated hardware
- Better? Worse?
 - The answer is: usually better, but it depends...

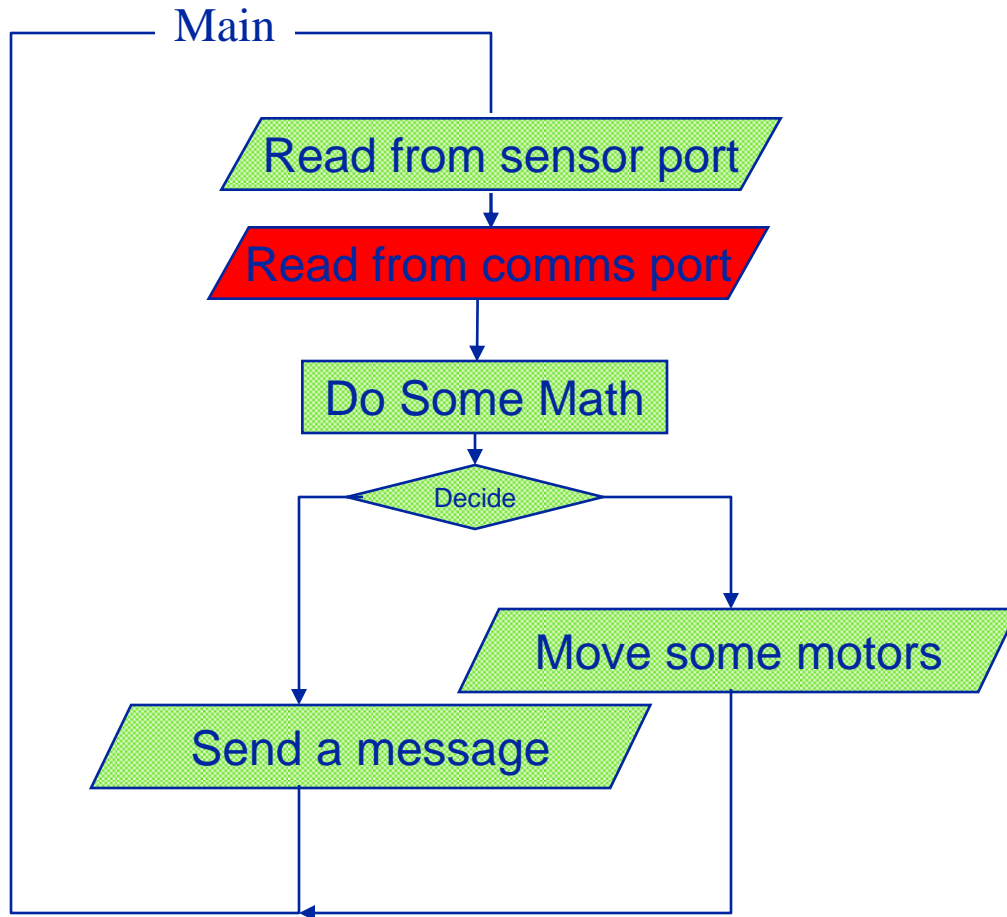
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 - Ok for most applications
 - Sense-think-act paradigm



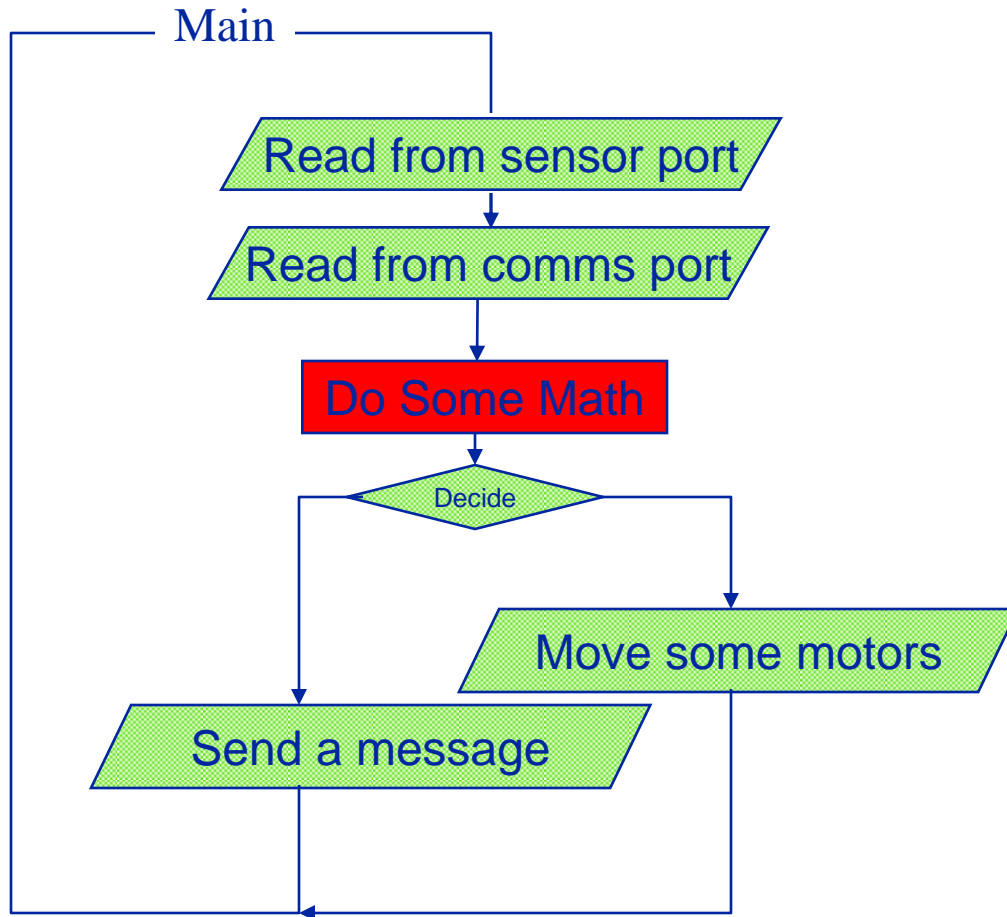
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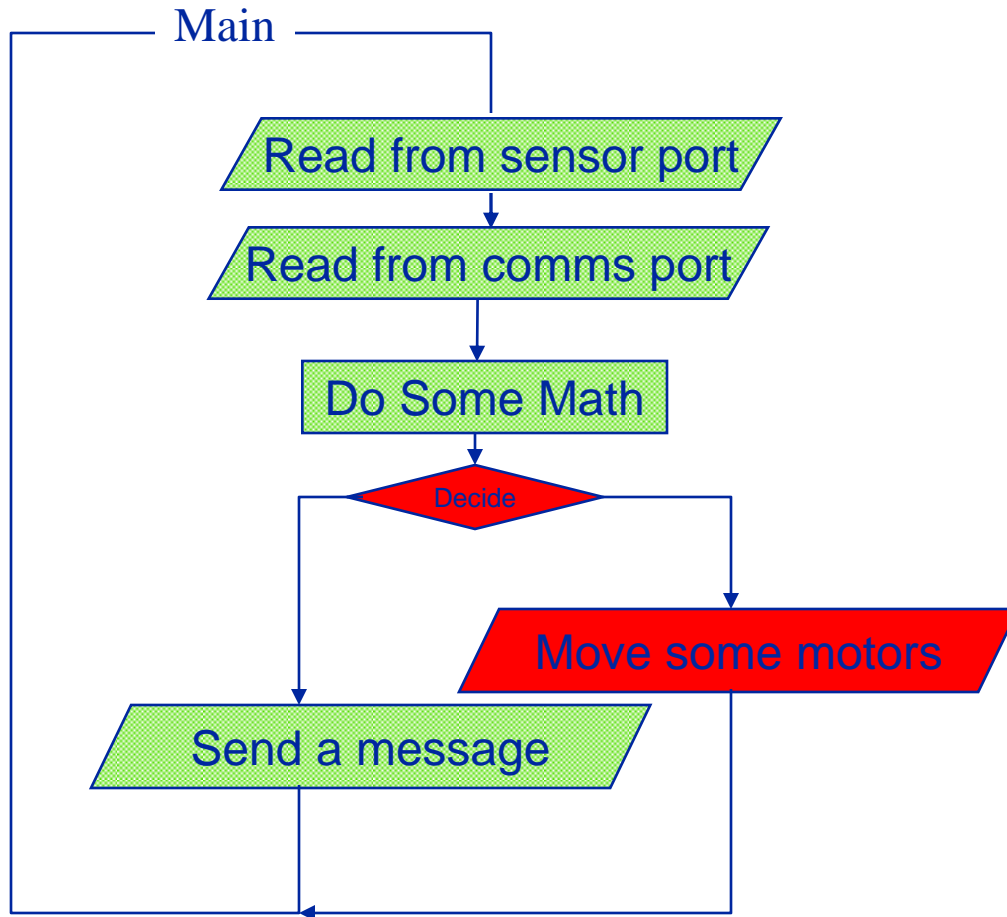
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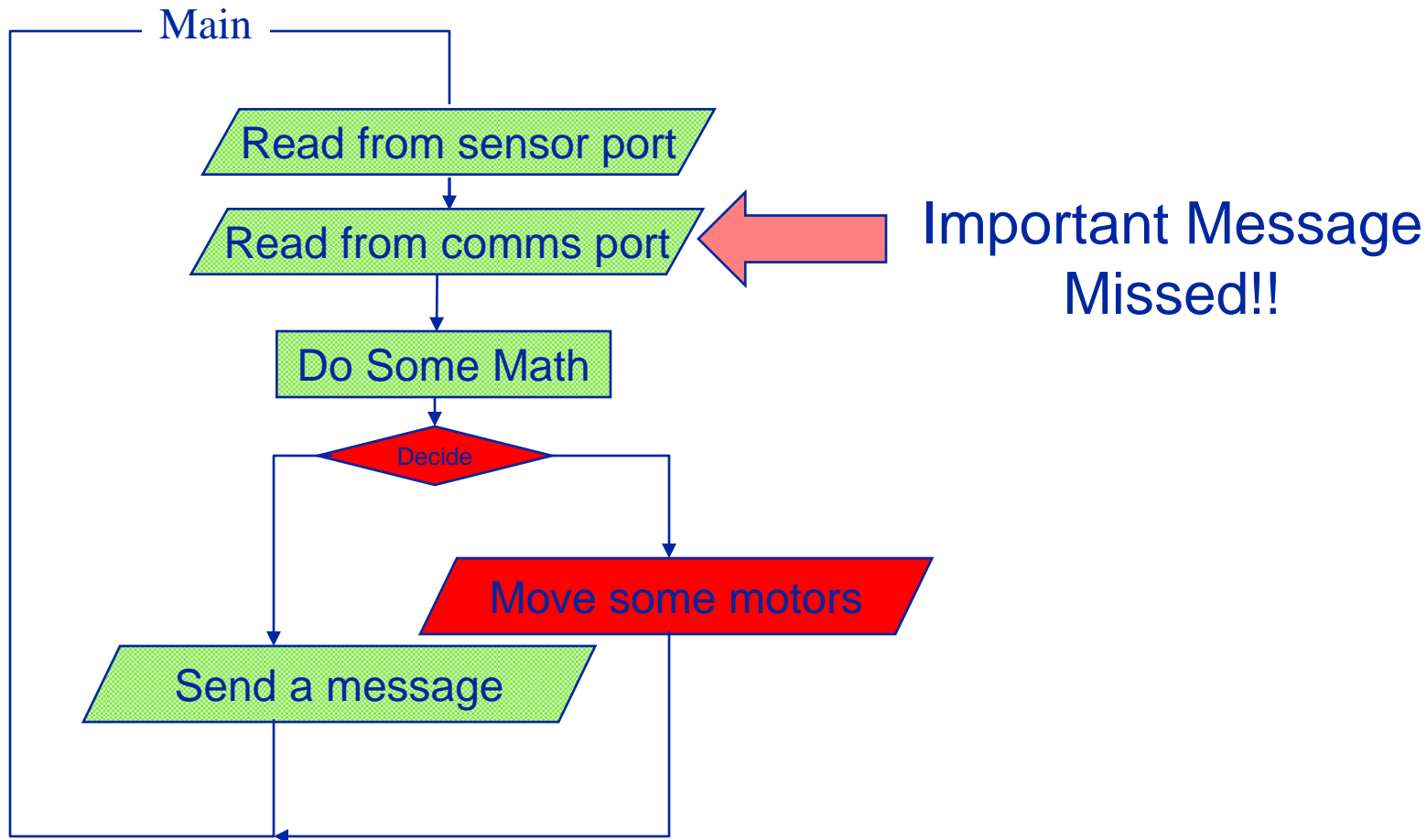
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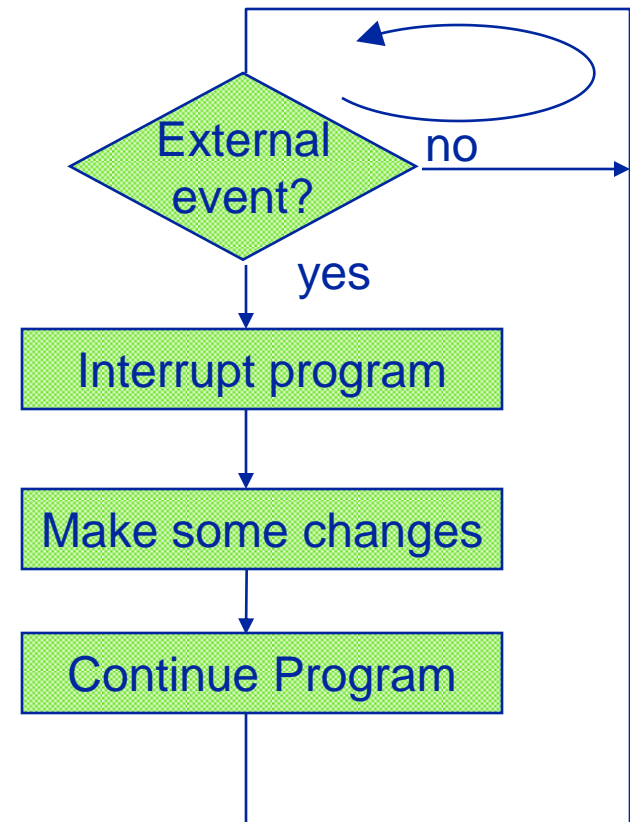
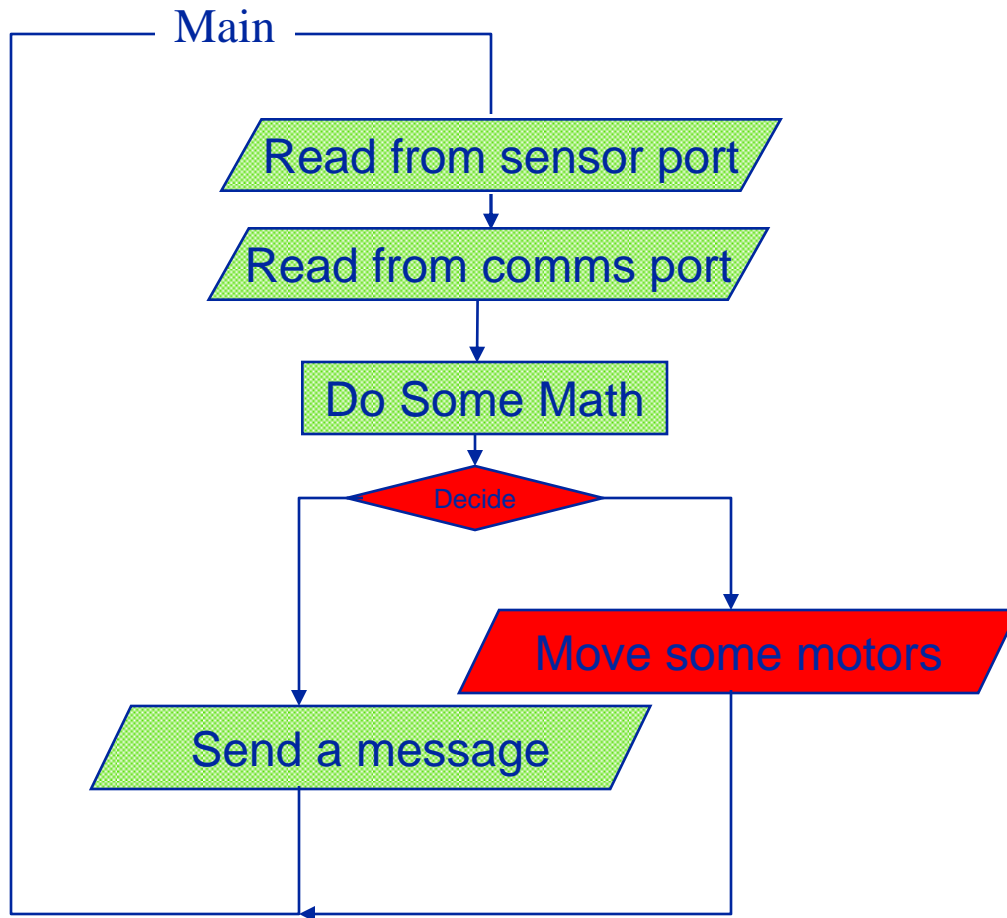
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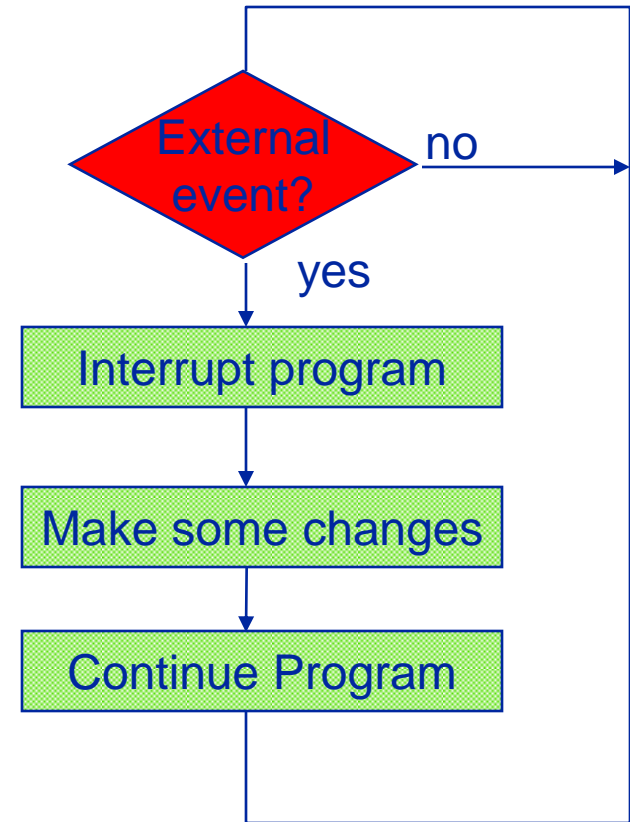
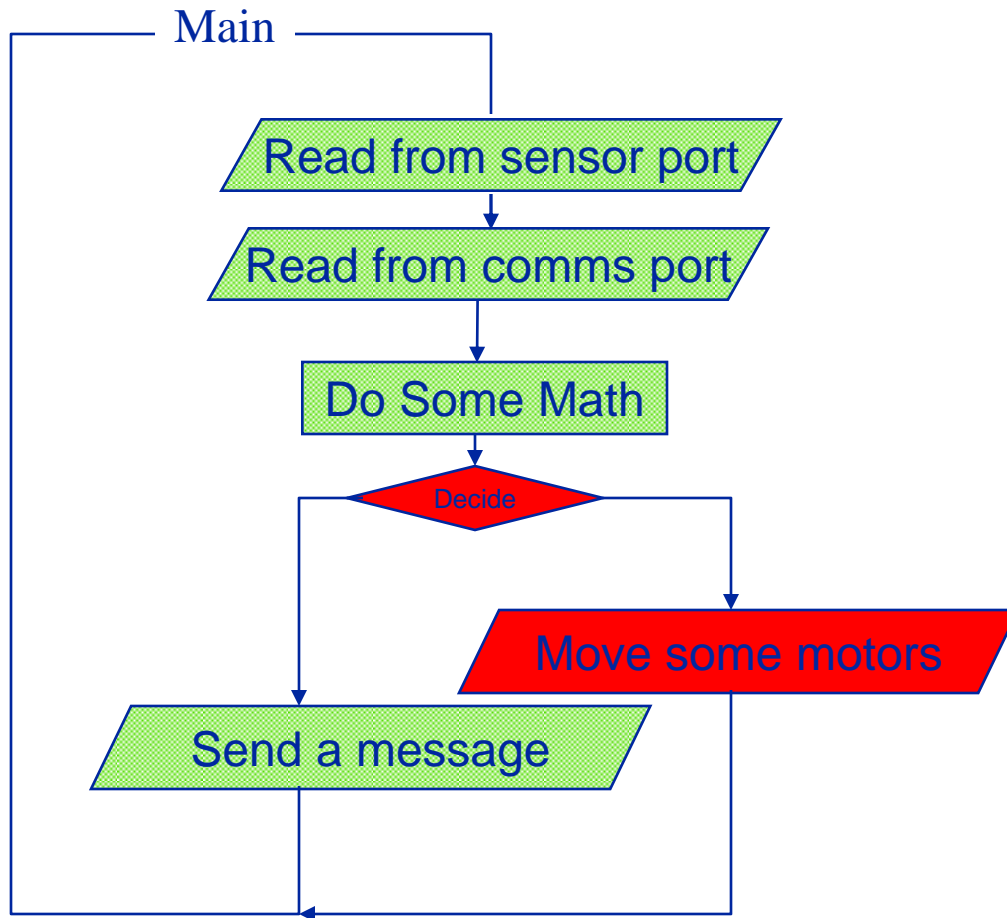
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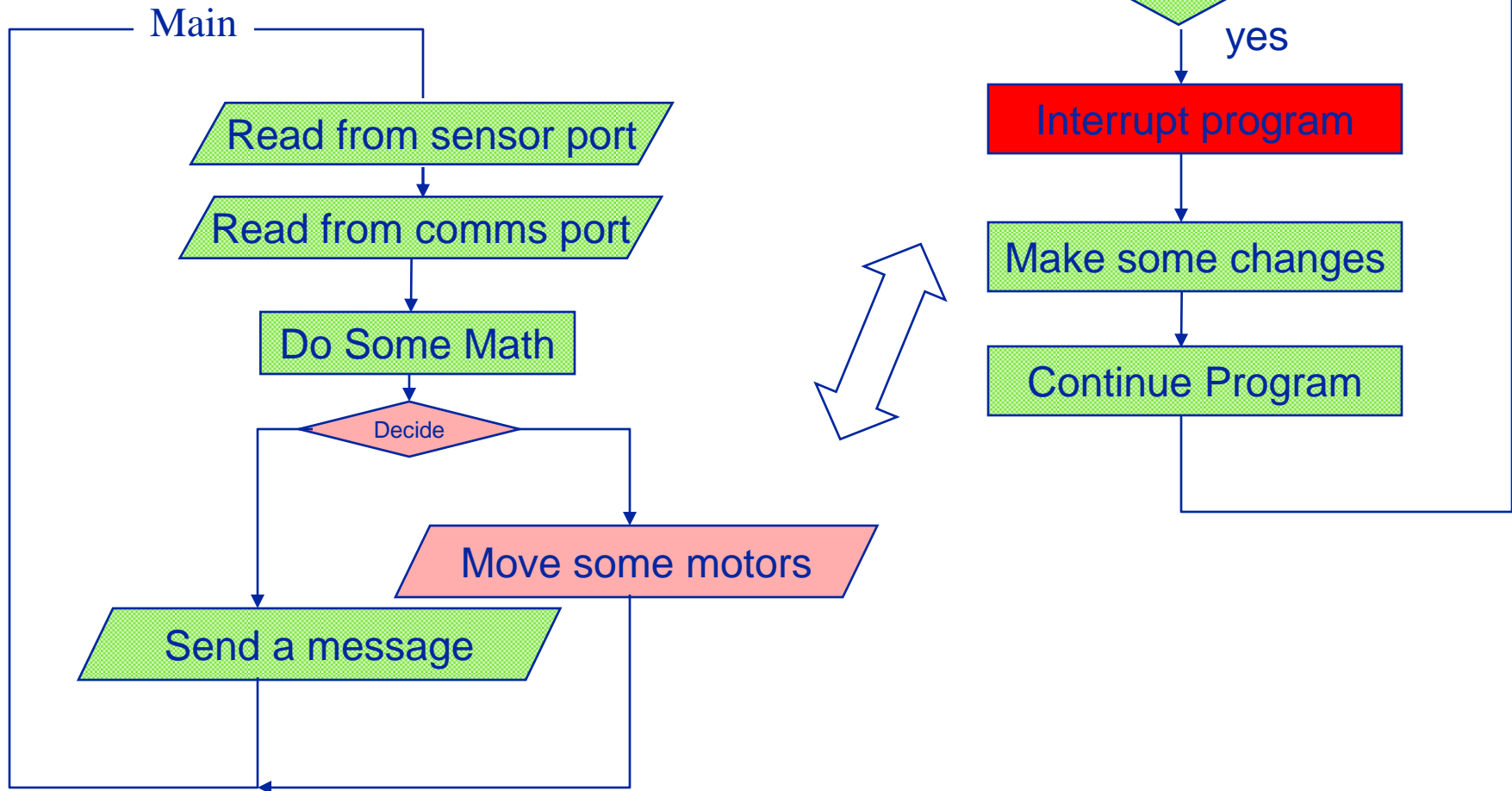
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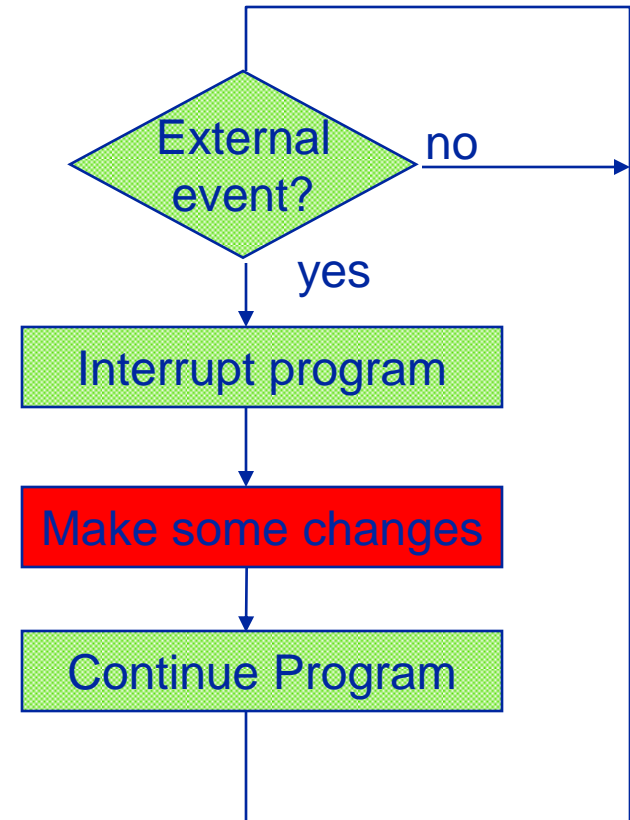
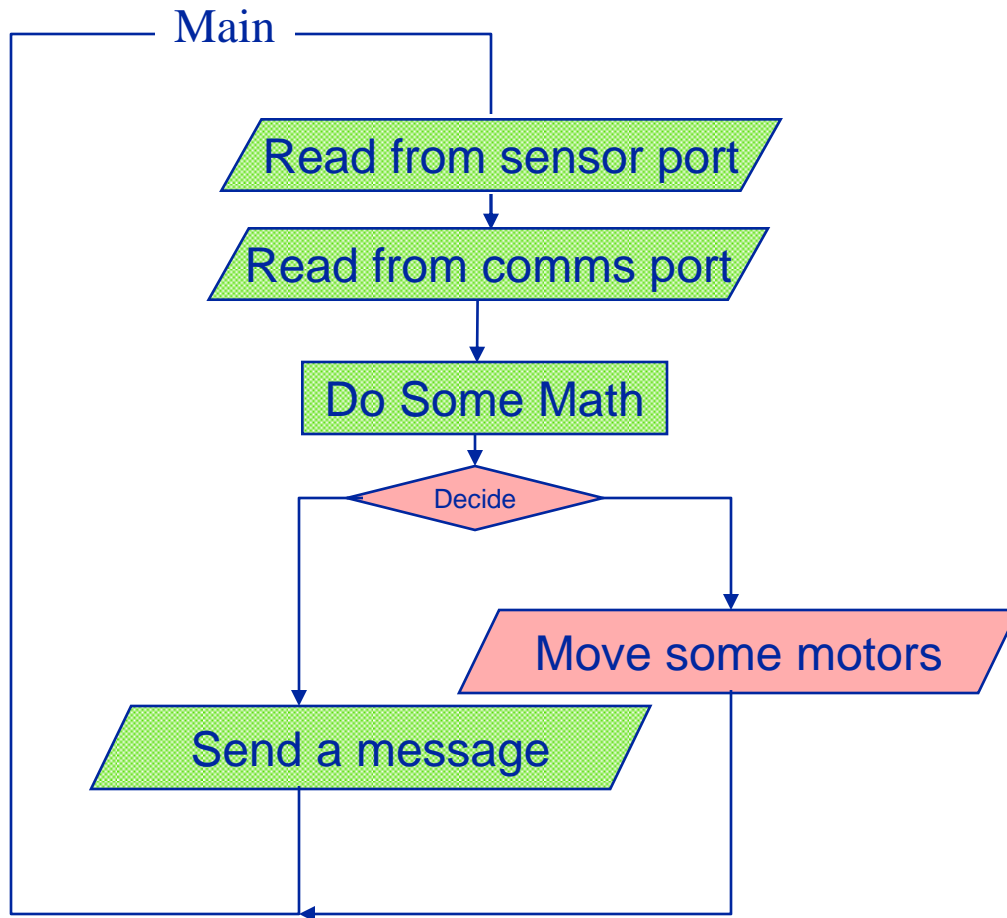
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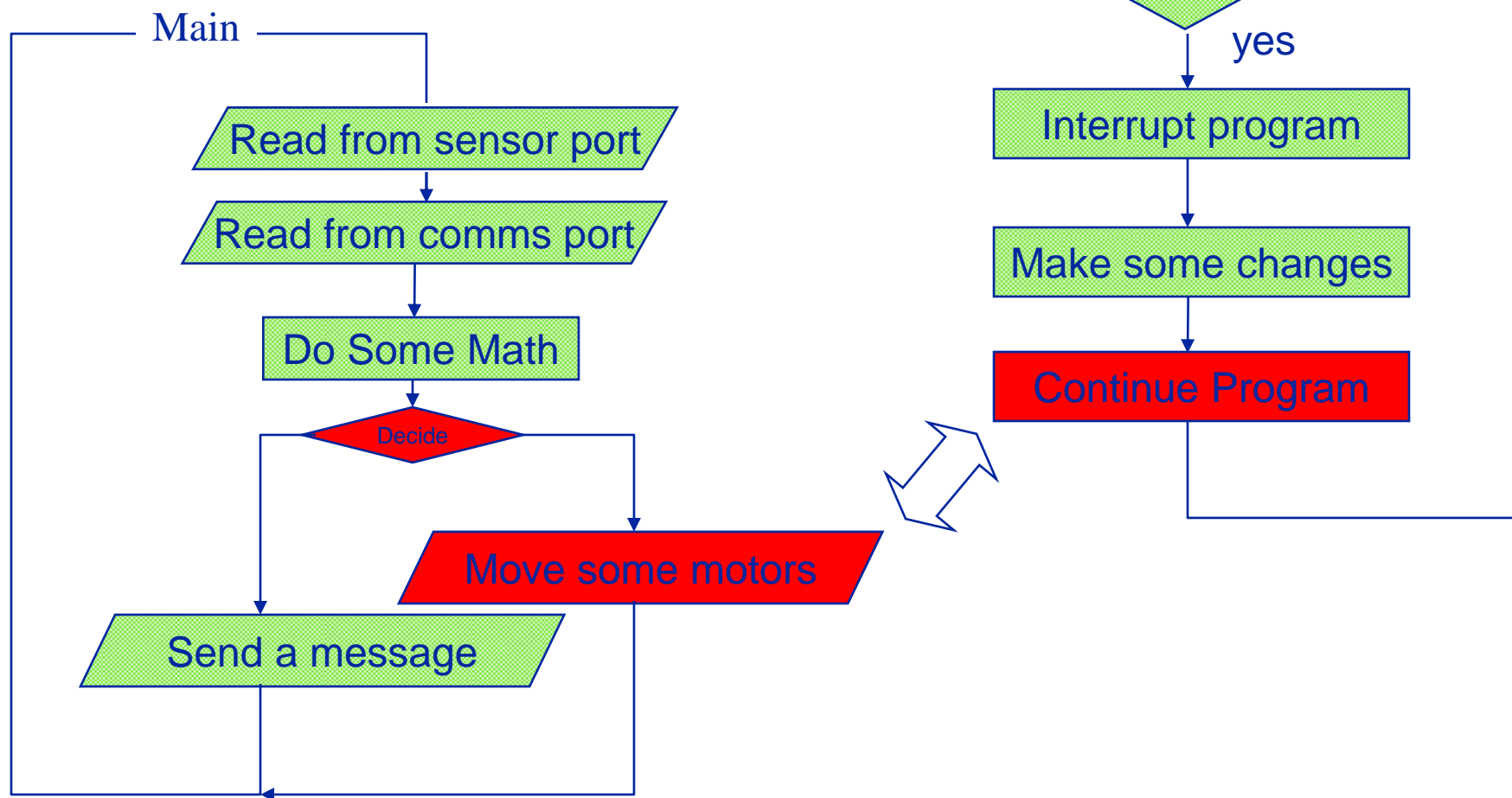
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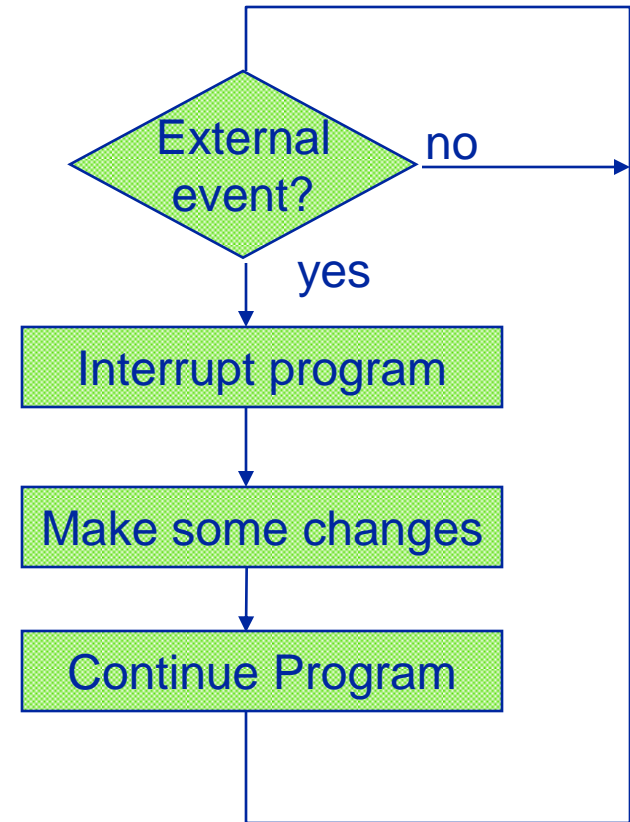
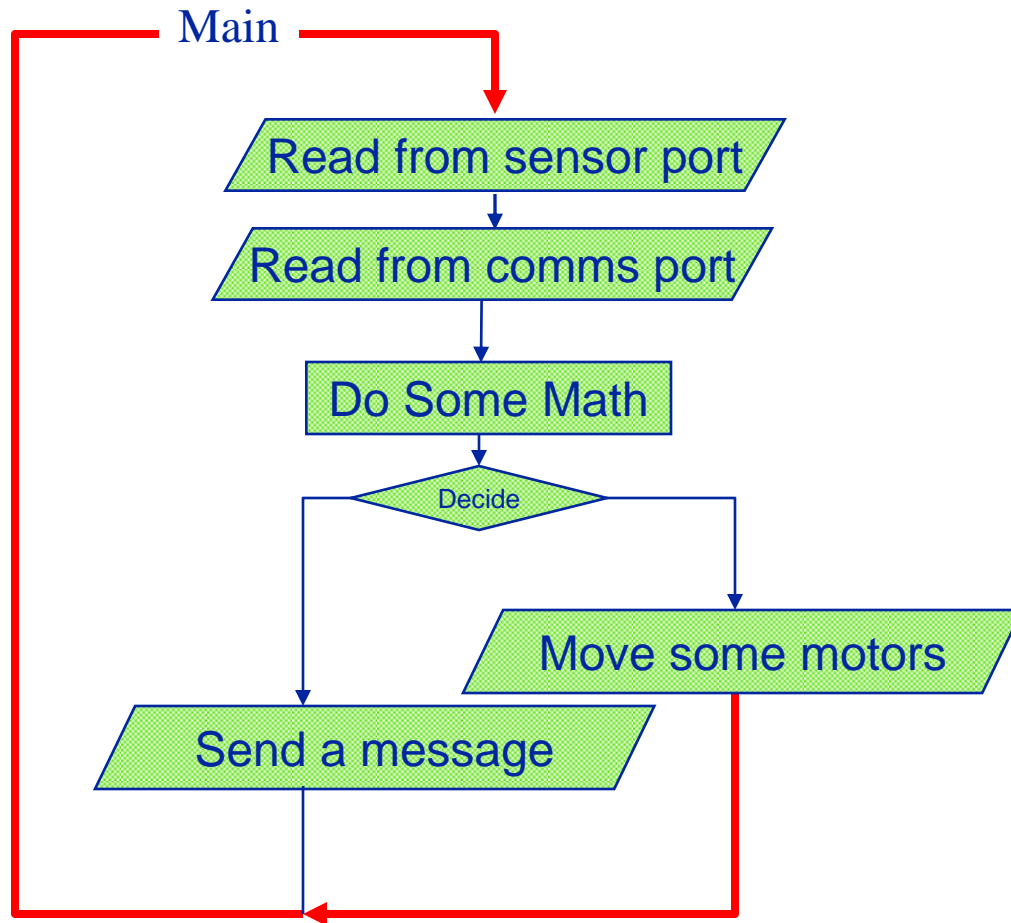
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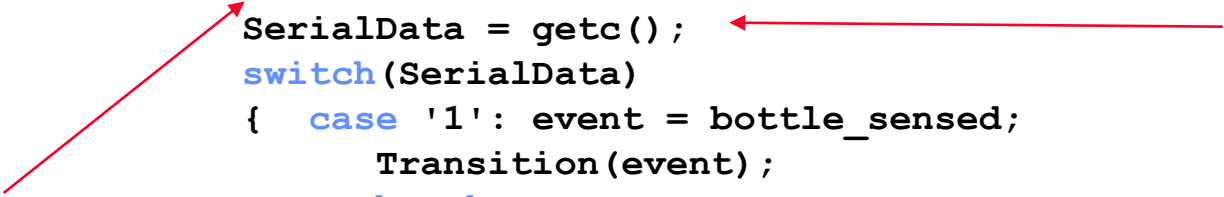
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Example – Main Loop Using Polling

```
void main() {
float a;
do {
    for(a=1;a<=10;a=a+0.5)
    {
        printf("\r\nSqrt(%f) = %f", a, sqrt(a)); // Calc & print square root
        delay_ms(1000);
        if (kbhit()) {
            SerialData = getc();
            switch(SerialData)
            {
                case '1': event = bottle_sensed;
                    Transition(event);
                    break;
                case '2': event = bottle_full;
                    Transition(event);
                    break;
                case '3': event = dispensing;
                    Transition(event);
                    break;
                case '4': event = rotating;
                    Transition(event);
                    break;
            }
        }
    }
} while (TRUE);
}
```



kbhit tells us whether there is a new datum available

Retrieve data from buffer using getc

Example – Main Loop Using Interrupts

```
// Serial port interrupt service routine
void serial_isr() {
    SerialData = getc();
    switch(SerialData)
    {
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    }
}
```

Retrieve data
from buffer
using `getc`



```
// Main routine
void main() {
    float a;

    enable_interrupts(...);
    do {
        for(a=1;a<=10;a=a+0.5)
        {
            printf("\r\nSqrt(%f) = %f",a,sqrt(a));
            delay_ms(1000);
        }
    } while (TRUE);
}
```

Arduino Example: Main Loop Using Polling

```
// Program that counts the number of state changes on an input pin
#define inputPin 9
int stateChanges;           // Counts the number of state changes
boolean oldValue, newValue;

void setup() {
    pinMode(inputPin, INPUT);           // Set inputPin to be digital input
    digitalWrite(inputPin, HIGH);       // Enable 20KΩ internal pull-up resistor
    oldValue = digitalRead(inputPin);    // Read inputPin's initial value
    stateChanges = 0;                   // No state changes yet
    Serial.begin(9600);                 // Open serial port, set data rate to 9600 Baud
}

void loop() {
    newValue = digitalRead(inputPin);    // Read inputPin's new value
    if (newValue != oldValue){           // If the input has changed...
        oldValue = newValue;
        stateChanges = stateChanges + 1;
        Serial.println(stateChanges);
    }

    coolStuff(); // Main things your program does
}
```

Arduino Example: Main Loop Using Interrupts

```
// Program that counts the number of state changes on an input pin
#define inputPin 2 // Associated with external interrupt 0 on the Arduino
volatile int stateChanges;

void setup() {
    pinMode(inputPin, INPUT); // Set inputPin to be digital input
    digitalWrite(inputPin, HIGH); // Enable 20KΩ internal pull-up resistor

    // Now we want to attach the interrupt for a change on the pin
    attachInterrupt(0, inputChanged, CHANGE); // Could be LOW, RISING, FALLING
    // See: http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AttachInterrupt

    stateChanges = 0; // No state changes yet
    Serial.begin(9600); // Opens serial port, sets data rate to 9600 Baud
}

void inputChanged() { // Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)...keep it simple!
    stateChanges = stateChanges + 1; // Increment the # of state changes

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Microcontrollers: Digital I/O

- Logic Output

- Light LEDs, trigger solenoids
 - Motor control
 - Send data
- Pulse generation

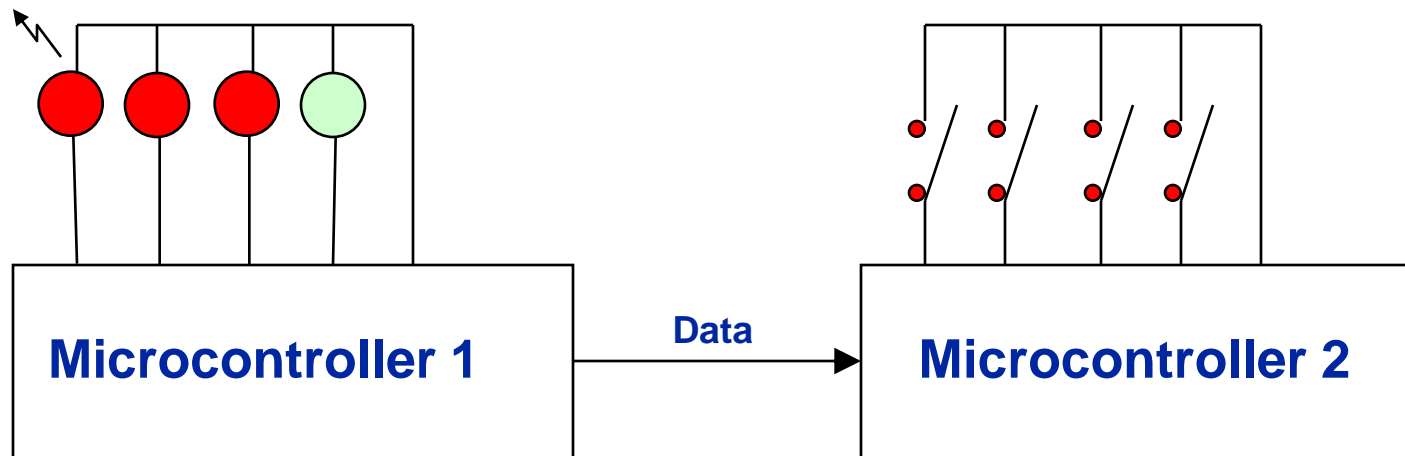
ON/OFF

Pulse

interpretation

- Logic Input

- Monitor switches
- Monitor sensor logic
- Receive data



Digital I/O Preliminaries

- All microcontroller peripherals are configured or manipulated via *control* and *status* registers
- **Data Direction Register (a *control* register)**
 - Associated with a (typically 8-bit) port
 - Writing to it sets the pins to inputs or outputs
 - Different names (Atmel: DDR, TI: Direction Register, Microchip: TRIS), but same function
- **Input/Output Register (a *status* register)**
 - Reads from or writes to a port
 - Two approaches: separate register for input and output, or a combined register for both
 - Combined register selectively writes only to the designated output pins, reads only from the designated input pins on a given port

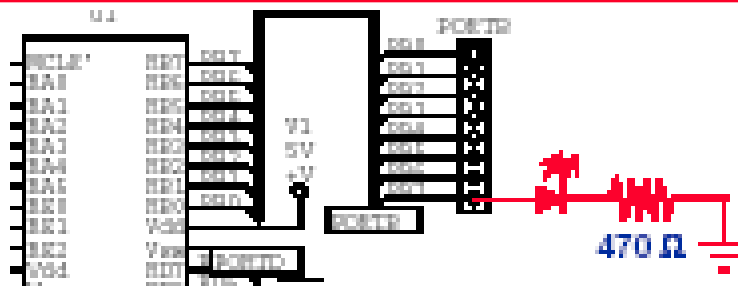
On/Off Logic Output: Flashing LED

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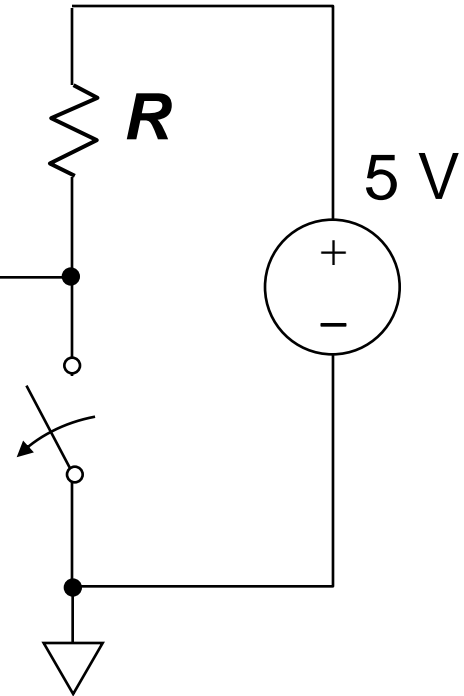
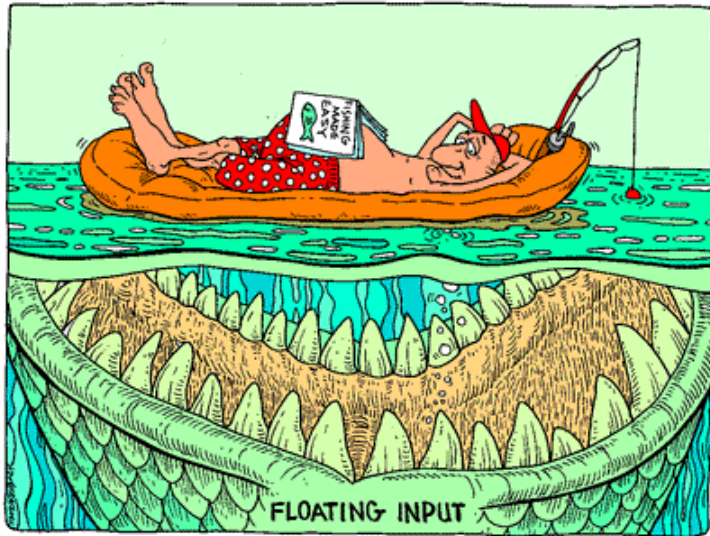
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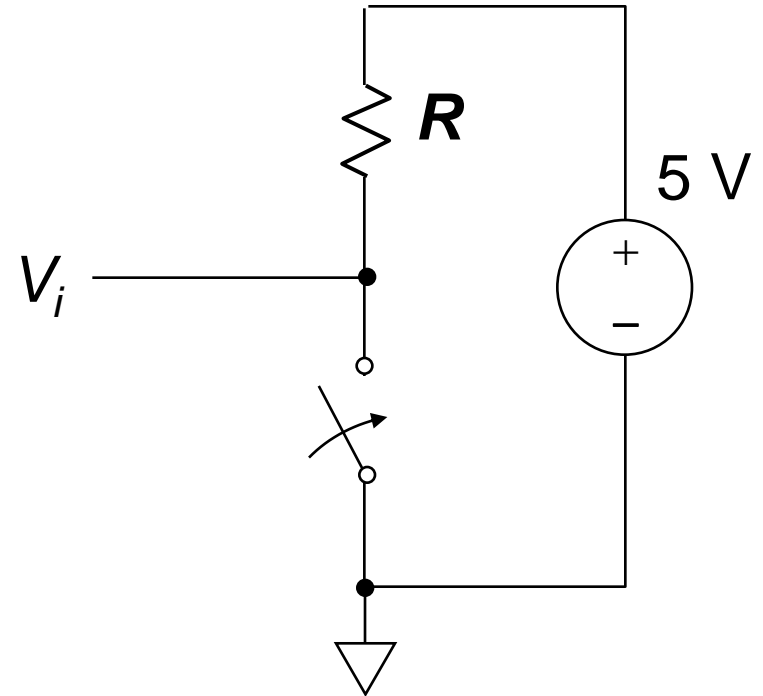
On/Off Logic Input: Switch Connection

- Switch connection to μ controller without resistor: will it work?
- Need “pull-up” resistor
 - Set $R \geq 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ to limit current to $\leq 0.5 \text{ mA}$ for switch closed
 - Arduino has internal pull-up resistor that can be enabled...
- Can swap role of switch and resistor, if desired



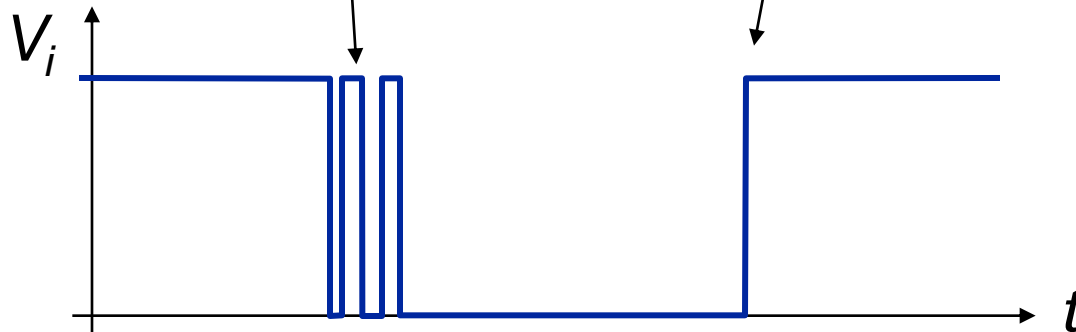
On/Off Logic Input: Switch Bounce

- **Problem: Signal from switch is not really “digital”**
- **Usually switch “bounces”**
 - **Switch temporarily becomes open-circuit**
 - **~Millisecond bouncing**
- **Program may think switch was pressed multiple times**



switch closes,

bounce creates glitches



switch opens, bounce ok

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Microcontroller Clocks

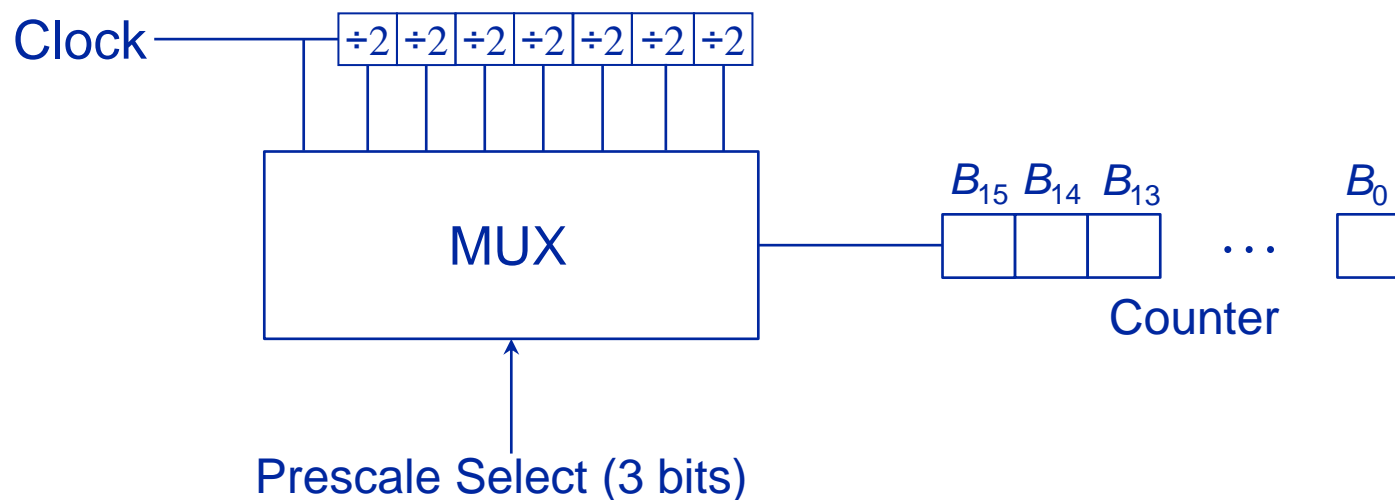
- **Synchronizes the microcontroller's fetch-execute cycle**
- **Internal clock**
 - Comes with the microcontroller, typically RC-based
 - No external components needed, freeing pins
 - Usually less accurate than external oscillator
- **External clock**
 - Crystal + capacitors
 - Ceramic resonator + capacitors
 - RC (including silicon oscillator)
 - “Oscillator module” integrates all components into single package

Timers/(Counters)

- **Dedicated hardware for measuring the passage of time or counting events**
- **Common microcontroller timer systems**
 - **Timer overflow**
 - **Output compare**
 - **Input capture**

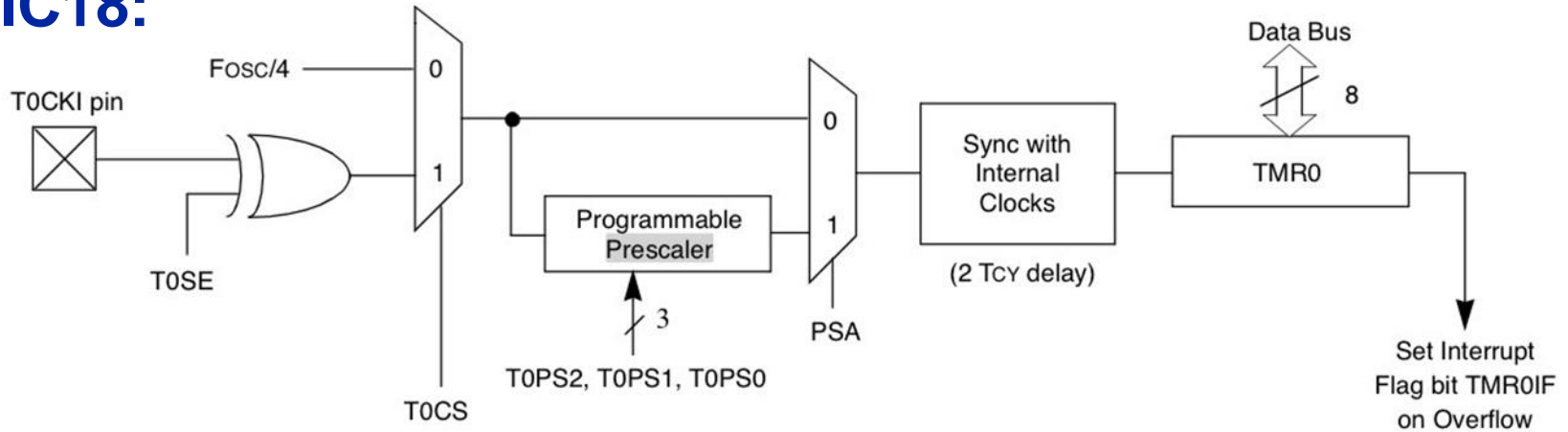
Timer Basics

- A timer is typically an (event) counter that is agnostic about its clock source – can be internal or external, synchronous or asynchronous
- A timer often has an optional divider or “prescaler”:

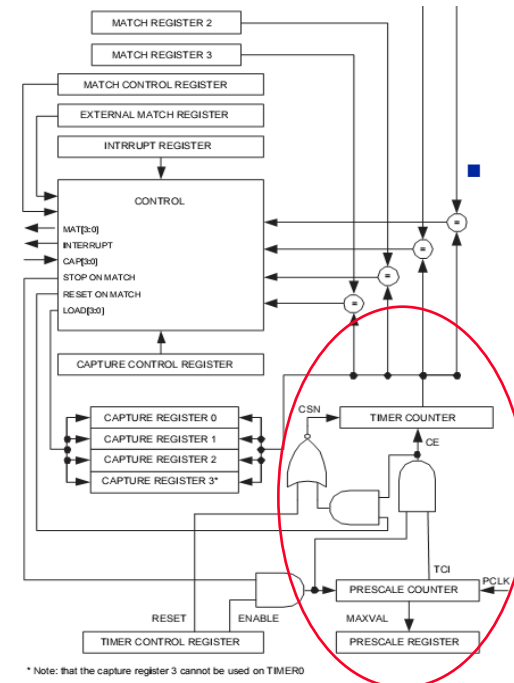
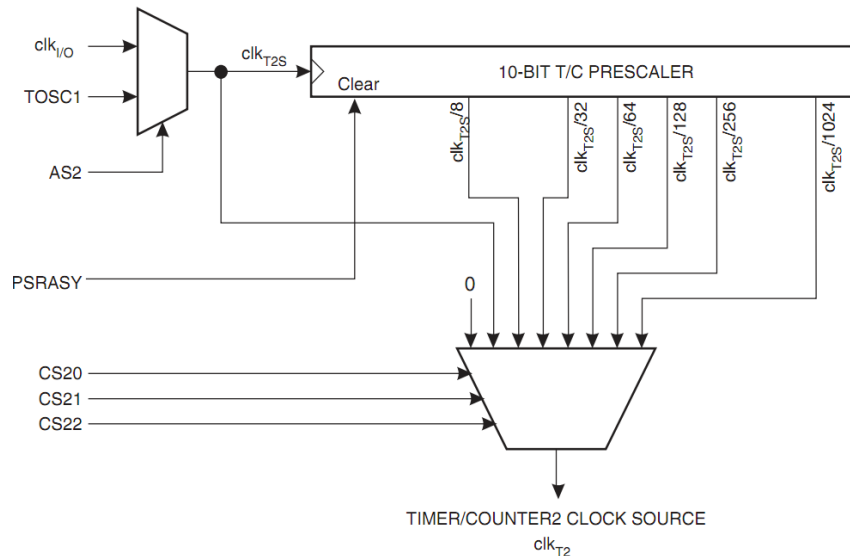


- **Categories**
 - **Resettable:** can be stopped or cleared at any time
 - **Free-running:** runs continuously, maybe with reload value

- **PIC18:**



- **ATmega328:**



- ARM
LPC2148

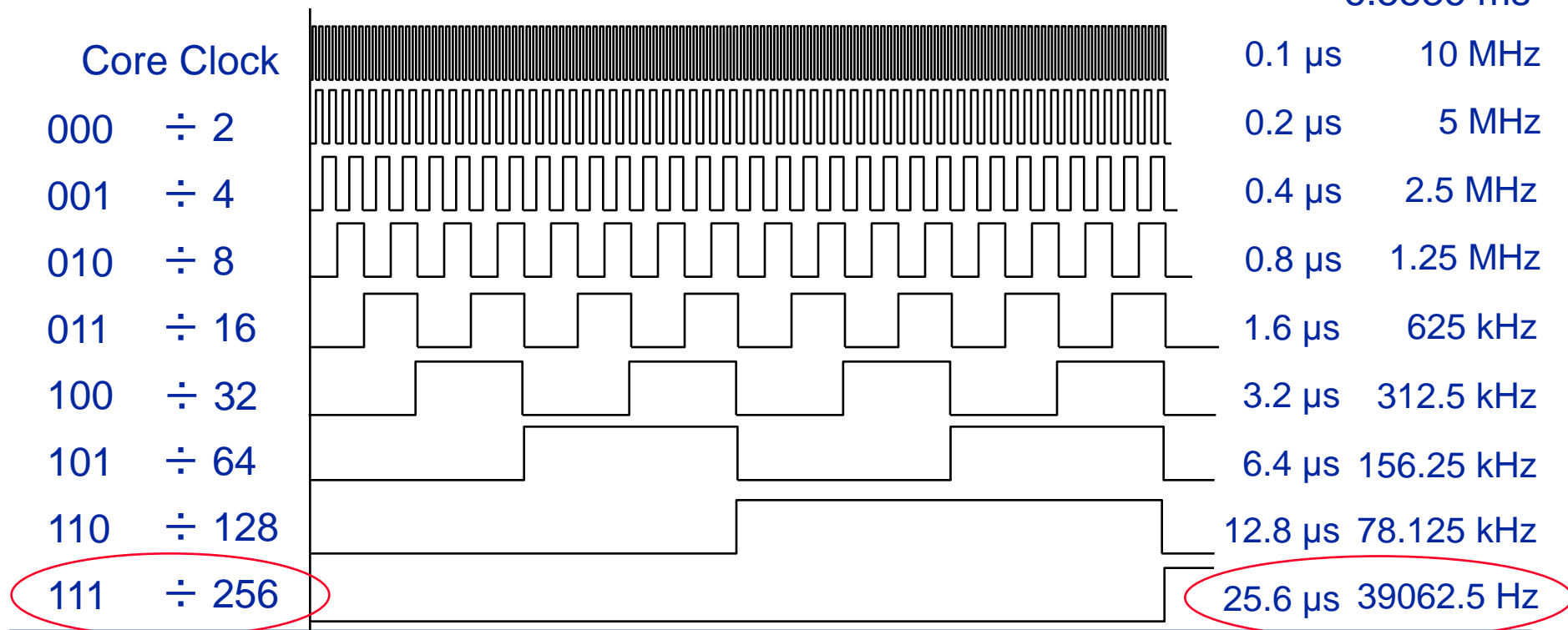
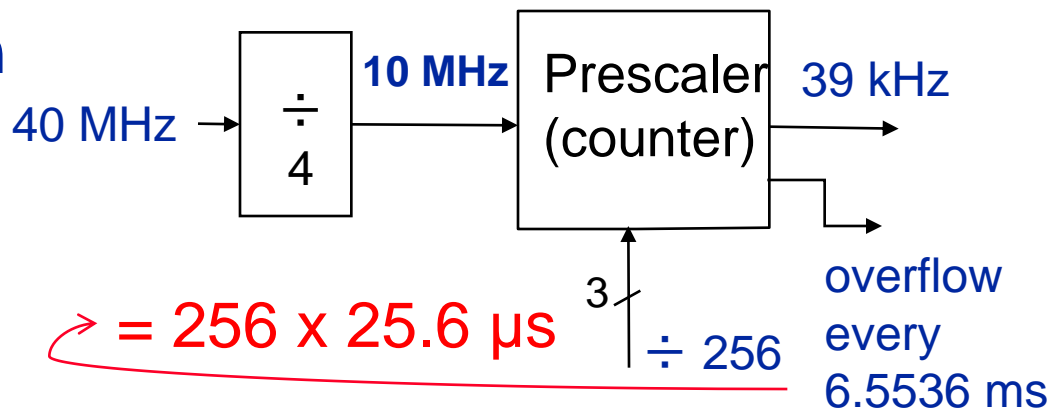
* Note: that the capture register 3 cannot be used on TIMER

Timer Overflow

- No matter how big your timer/counter is, it will eventually “roll over”, or “overflow” back to 0
- This is typically indicated by a bit in a status register, and often by an interrupt
- Action on overflow is typically to reset the status bit to get ready for the next overflow
- A common use of overflow is to extend the length of time that can be measured by the timer

Timer Overflow Example (PIC18)

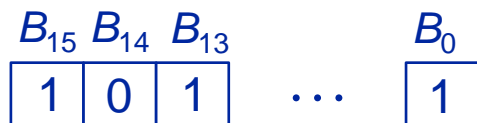
- Prescaler divides clock down by binary fraction
- Useful for “real world” timing in seconds, minutes...
- Overflow at 256 counts



Output Compare

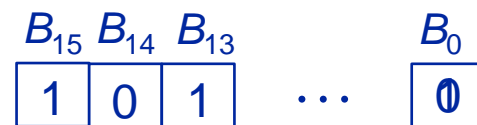
- Detects when the value of a timer/counter is the same as a value that you set and store
- Example uses
 - Detect when some period of time has passed
 - Detect when a certain number of events has occurred

Output Compare Register



16 bits

16 bits



Timer/Counter Register

Comparator

Bit in a status register

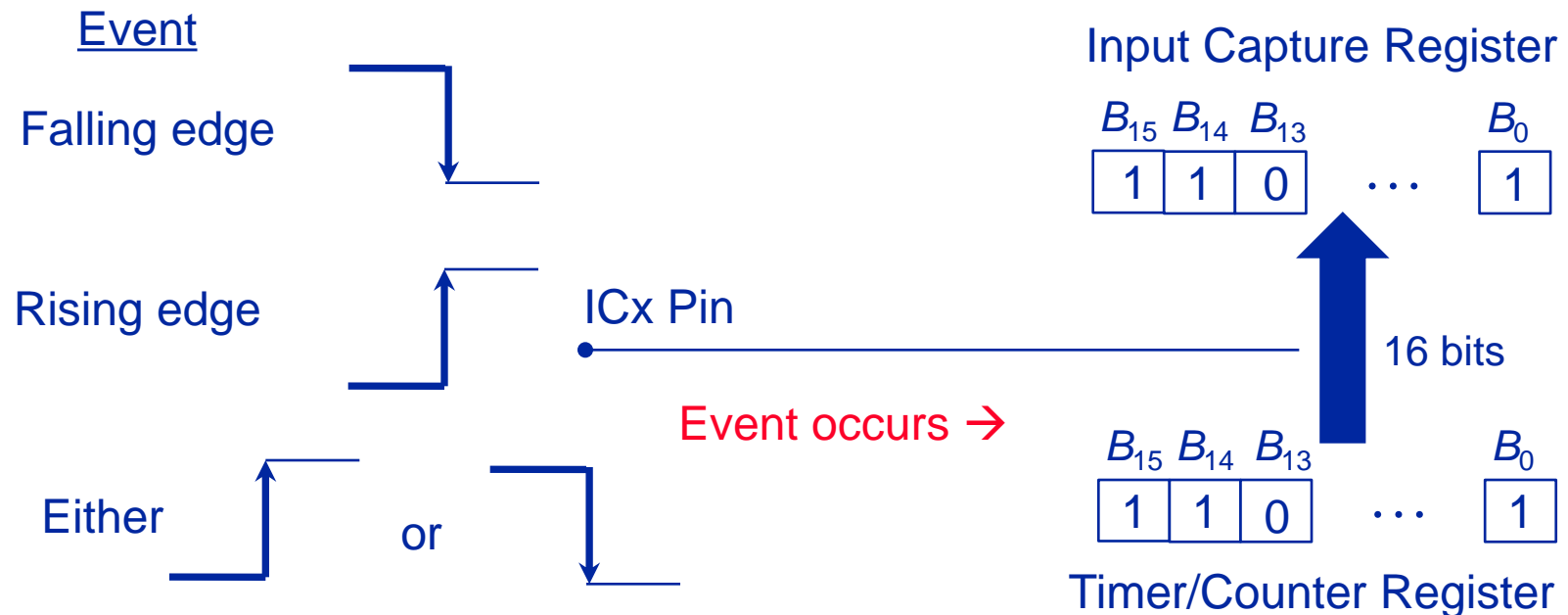
0 = No Match

1 = Match

→ Perform some action

Input Capture

- Detects when an event happens and grabs the value of the counter at that instant
- Example uses
 - Detect how long it takes for something to happen
 - Detect time elapsed between events



Summary: Output Compare & Input Capture


- **Output Compare: generates an event when a pre-specified count is reached**
 - **Typical use: Generate a pulse train, e.g., to drive a motor**
- **Input Capture: generates a count when an event occurs**
 - **Typical use: Read an encoder, e.g., for motor position feedback**

Interrupts

- **Hardware interrupt: asynchronous signal indicating the need for attention**
- **An act of interrupting is an interrupt request (IRQ)**
- **Initiates execution of an interrupt handler or interrupt service routine (ISR)**
- **Maskable vs. non-maskable**
 - **Maskable: may be ignored via bit in interrupt mask register**
 - **Non-maskable: can't be ignored (e.g., watchdog timer)**
- **Level-triggered vs. edge-triggered**
 - **Level-triggered: triggered by high or low logic level**
 - **Edge-triggered: triggered by a level transition**

Interrupt Service Routines (ISR)

- Identify the routine as an ISR typically using a compiler directive (`#INT_xxx` for the PIC CCS compiler) or an “attachment” function or ISR macro (Arduino)
- The compiler will generate code that
 - jumps to the ISR when the interrupt is detected
 - disables interrupts
 - saves the machine state
 - runs your ISR code
 - restores the machine state
 - clears the interrupt
 - enables interrupts
 - jumps back to the main program



```
#INT_xxx
void ISR_NAME()
{
    // do something
}
```

Enabling and Assigning ISRs (Arduino)

- **Global enabling of interrupts**
 - `interrupts()` ;
- **Global disabling of interrupts**
 - `noInterrupts()` ;
- **Assignment of individual interrupt**
 - `attachInterrupt(interrupt#, function, mode);` OR
 - `ISR(Vector, Attributes);` (ISR macro)
- **De-assignment of individual interrupt**
 - `detachInterrupt(interrupt#);`

Interrupt Functional Types

- **External Interrupts**
 - Single-pin change (Arduino: INT 0/1 on pins 2/3; Arduino Mega: additionally INT 2/3/4/5 on pins 21/20/19/18)
- **“Input Change” or “Pin Change” Interrupts**
 - Grouped pin change (PIC18: Port B, Pins 4:7)
 - Arduino PinChangeInt library (<http://code.google.com/p/arduino-pinchangeint/>)
- **Timer Interrupts**
 - Overflow (timer/counter, pre- or post-scaler)
- **Compare or Capture Interrupts**
 - Motor control or explicit timing
- **Serial & Other Communications (e.g. I²C) Interrupts**
- **ADC Interrupts**
- ...and others

Arduino: Selected Interrupts

- **External interrupts**

- Most useful interrupt, handles changes to pins 2 and 3 (on Uno).
- Built-in support in the Arduino library: `attachInterrupt()`
- See: <http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AttachInterrupt>

- **Serial interrupts**

- They're handled (i.e., abstracted away) for you in the built-in Serial library.
- See: <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Serial>

- **Timer interrupts**

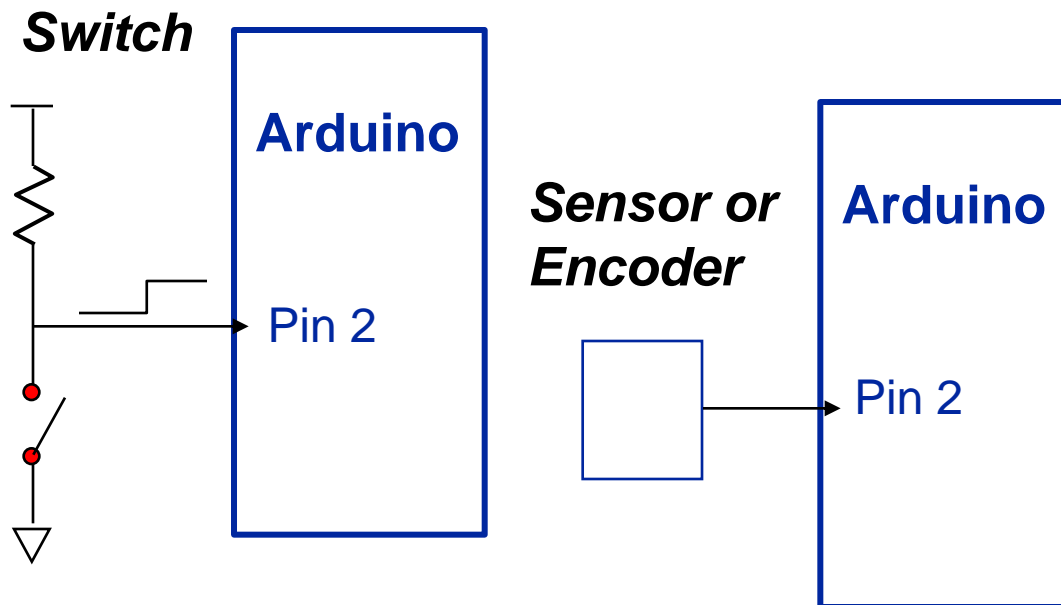
- See datasheet, you'll need to do a bit of lower-level coding.
- Google is your friend...you won't be the first to do it.

- **Other interrupts**

- If you've worked with microcontrollers before, find them in the datasheet.

Arduino: External Interrupt on Pins 2 and 3

- Ideal for immediate action on pin voltage transition
- Can be set to detect a rising edge, falling edge, either edge, or low
- Will return to this...

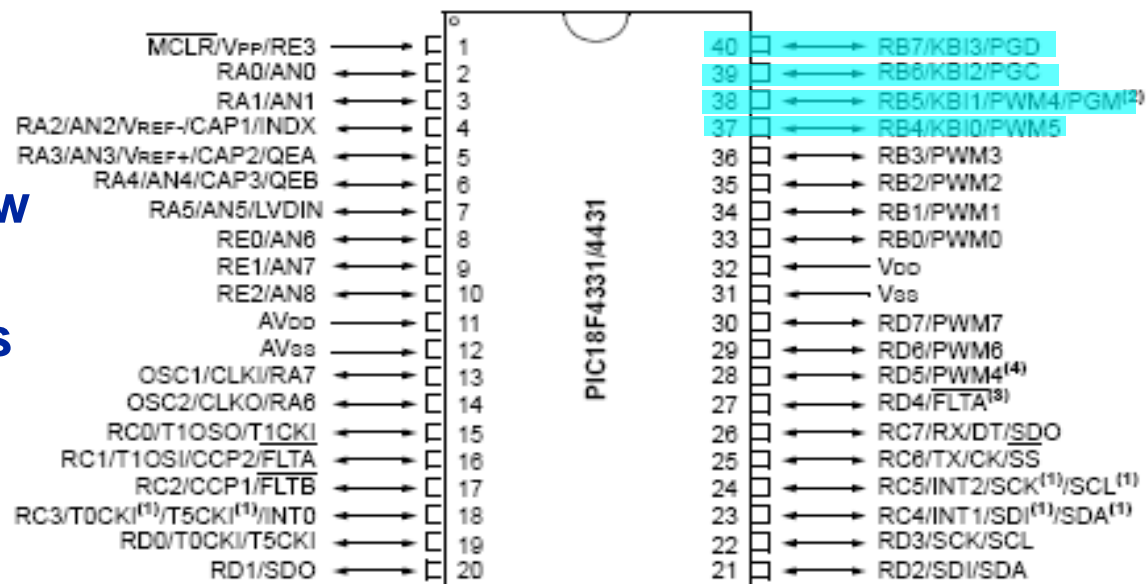
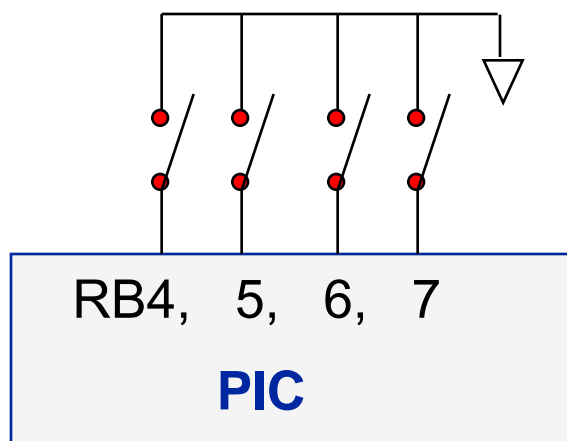


```
byte data;  
void my_isr()  
{  
    // do something, e.g.,  
    data = digitalRead(3);  
}
```

PIC18: Event Interrupt - PORTB Change 4-7

- Detect change on any of 4 pins, RB4-7
- Must read register to know which changed
- Good for reading keypads
- Must set pins to inputs

(pull-up resistors
not shown)



```
int val;
#INT_RB
void portb_isr()
{
    // Reading clears the interrupt
    val = input_b();
}
```

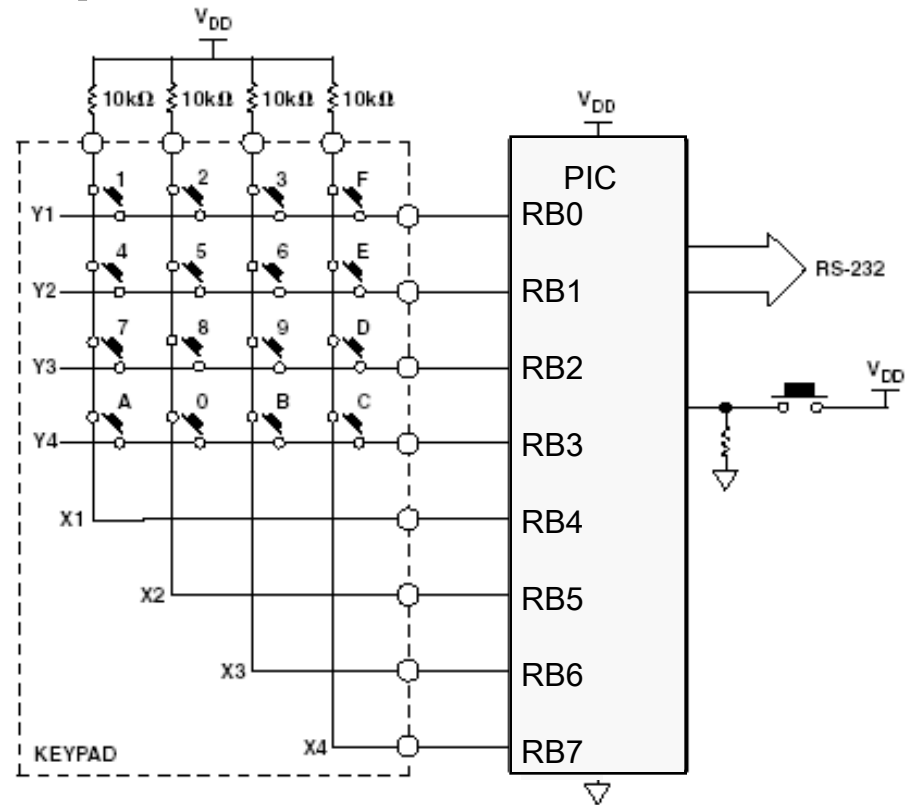
X-Y Keypads

- 8-pin interface (for 16 keys)
- 4 pins to RB4-7 for input (pins are high for no keypress)
- 4 pins to RB0-3 for polling column
 - all lines low for interrupt; poll lines for column



e.g. Grayhill Series 96 keypads \$13

Figures adapted from www.analog.com Application Note 660



Arduino: Pin Change Interrupt Example

```
// Program that counts the number of state changes on an input pin using Pin  
// Change Interrupt
```

```
#include <PinChangeInt.h>  
#include <PinChangeIntConfig.h>
```

Changes compared to
external interrupt example

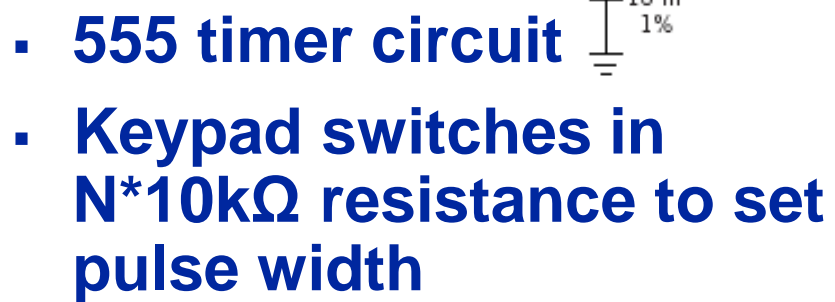


```
#define inputPin 15 // The pin we are interested in  
int stateChanges;
```

```
void setup() {  
    pinMode(inputPin, INPUT); // Set inputPin to be digital input  
    digitalWrite(inputPin, HIGH); // Enable 20KΩ internal pull-up resistor  
  
    // Now we want to attach the interrupt for a change on the pin  
    PCintPort::attachInterrupt(inputPin, inputChanged, CHANGE);  
    // See: http://playground.arduino.cc/Main/PinChangeInt  
    // https://code.google.com/p/arduino-pinchangeint/wiki/Usage  
  
    stateChanges = 0; // No state changes yet  
    Serial.begin(9600); // Opens serial port, sets data rate to 9600 Baud  
}
```

```
void inputChanged() { // Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)...keep it simple!  
    stateChanges = stateChanges + 1; // Increment the # of state changes  
    Serial.println(stateChanges); // Print the # of state changes  
}
```

```
void loop() {  
    coolStuff(); // Main things your program does  
}
```

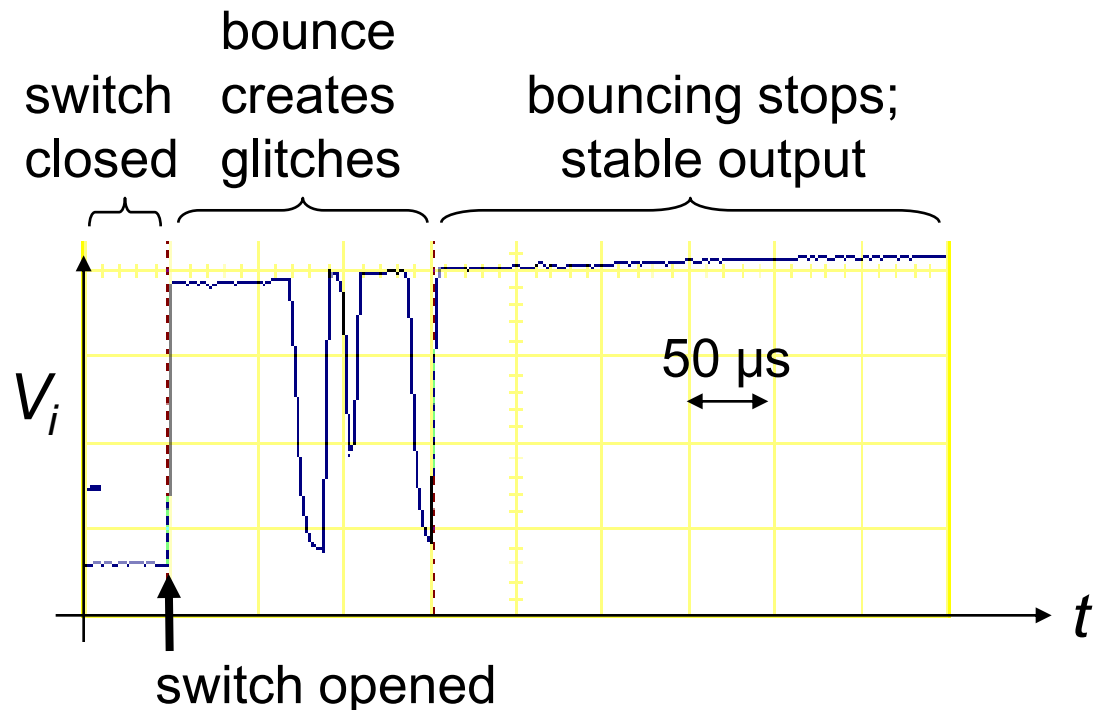
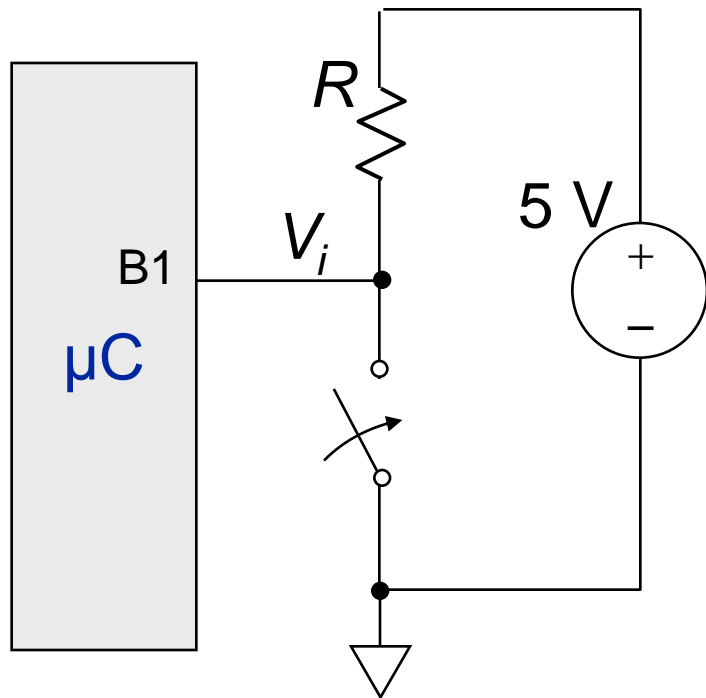


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Switch Bounce

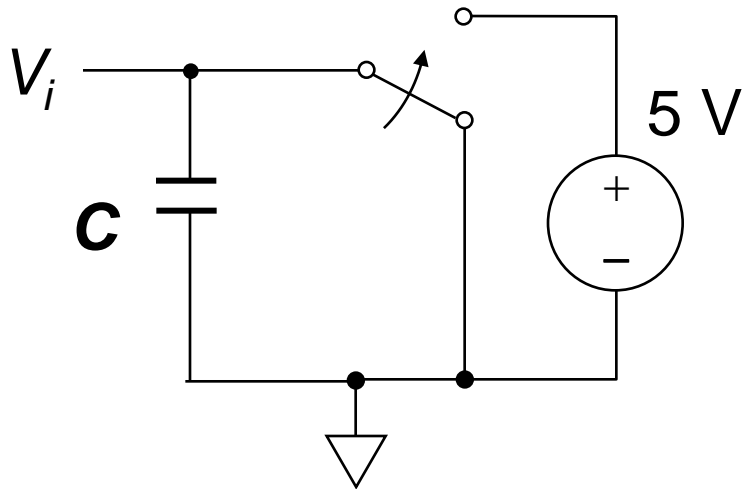
- **Problem: Signal from switch is not really “digital”**
- **Mechanical switches “bounce”**
 - Switch temporarily becomes open-circuit
 - ~Millisecond bouncing
- **Program may think switch was pressed multiple times**



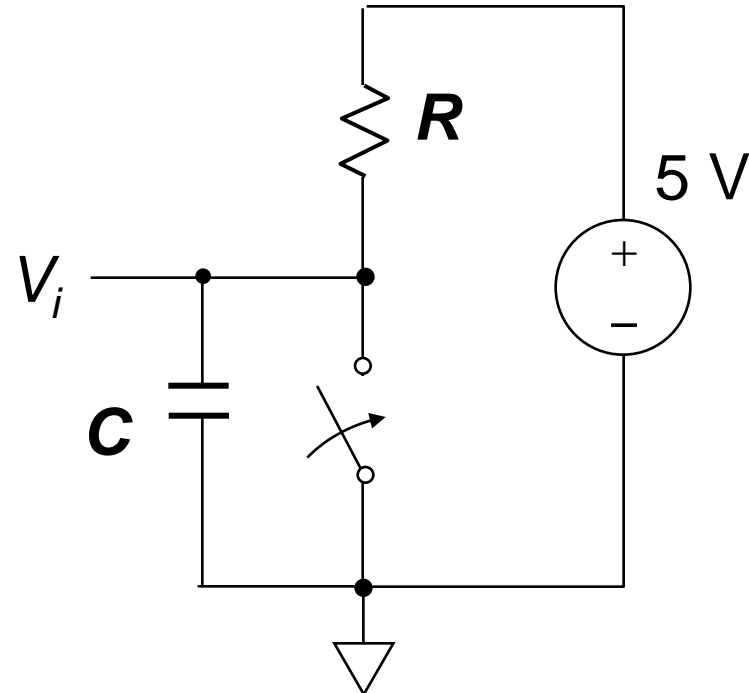
Debouncing in Hardware

- Add capacitor to hold voltage
 - Need single-pole double-throw (SPDT) switch
- Pull-up for SPST switch affects speed
 - RC around milliseconds leads to slow switching

*Should work for
 $C \sim 1 \text{ nF}$*

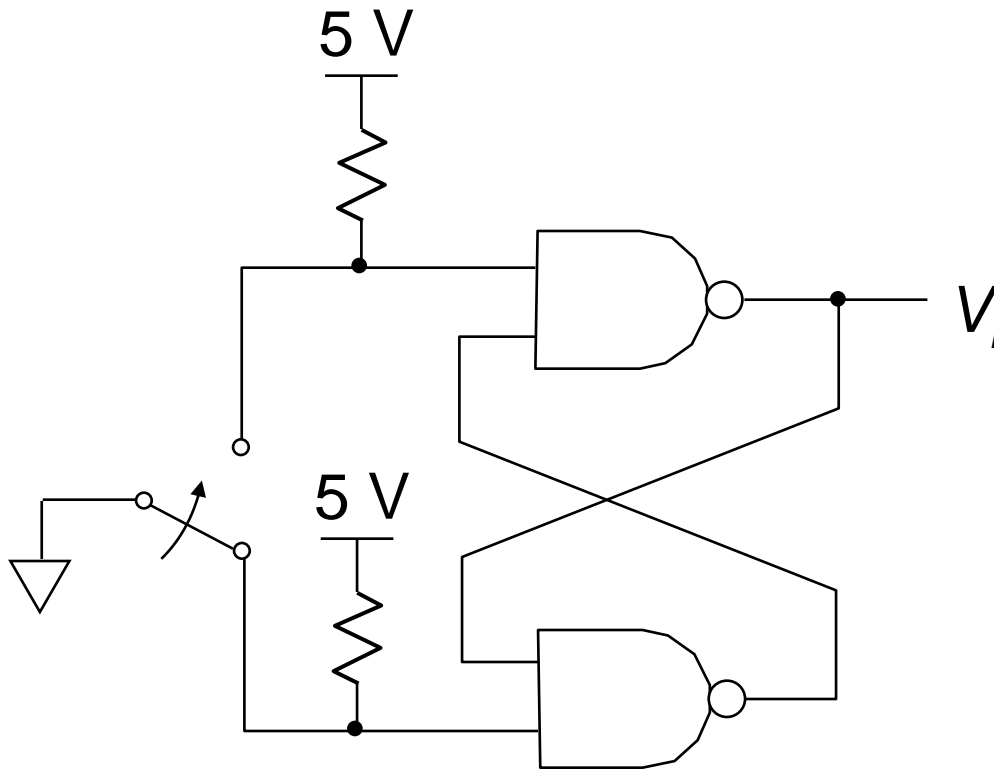


Not recommended



Classical Switch Debounce

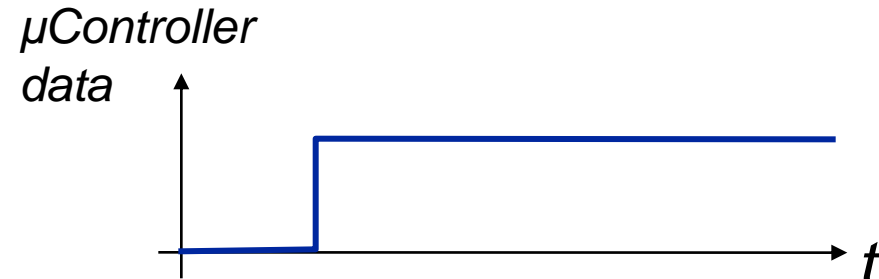
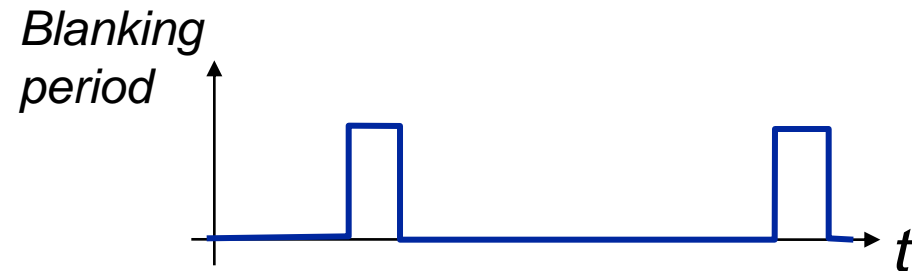
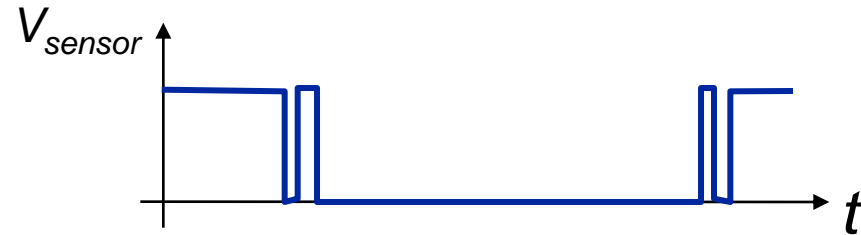
- **Cross-coupled NAND cell (74[LS,HC,...]00)**
 - **Also try Schmitt Trigger NAND (74HC132)**
- **Opened switch will not affect output of cell**



Software Debounce Solution #1

- Use software delay after detecting first edge
- Use in-line delay
- Rejects any transitions for this “blanking period”
- Drawbacks
 - Limits input data speed
 - Microcontroller idle during blanking period

Falling edge input capture example



Arduino Example: Software Debounce #1 (Polling)

```
#define switchPin 3

boolean oldValue;

void setup()
{
    pinMode(switchPin, INPUT);           // Set switchPin to be digital input
    digitalWrite(switchPin, HIGH);       // Enable pull-up resistor
    oldValue = digitalRead(switchPin);    // Read switchPin
    Serial.begin(9600);                  // Open serial port, set data rate
}

void loop()
{
    boolean newValue = digitalRead(switchPin); // Read switchPin
    if (newValue != oldValue)
    {
        Serial.println("I see a change!");
        delay(40); // Waits 40 ms for switch to finish bouncing
        oldValue = newValue;
    }
}
```

Arduino Example: Software Debounce #1 (Interrupt)

```
#define switchPin 3 // Corresponds to external interrupt 1

void setup()
{
    pinMode(switchPin, INPUT); // Set switchPin to be digital input
    digitalWrite(switchPin, HIGH); // Enable pull-up resistor
    attachInterrupt(1, myISR, CHANGE); // Attach external interrupt
    // See: http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AttachInterrupt
    Serial.begin(9600); // Open serial port, set data rate
}

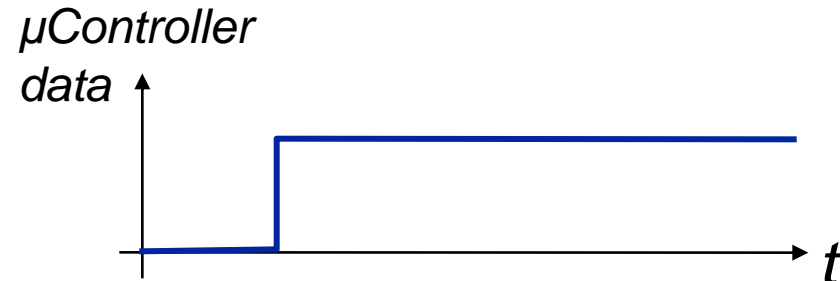
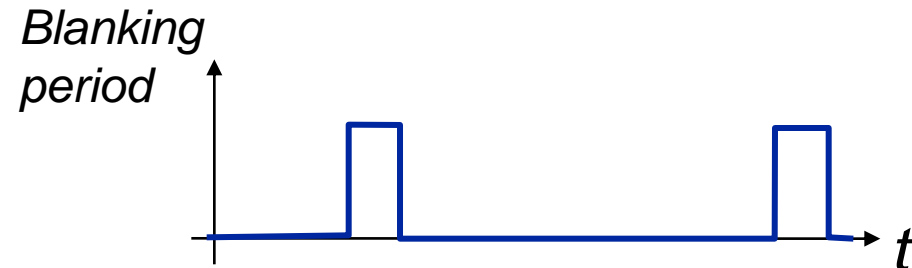
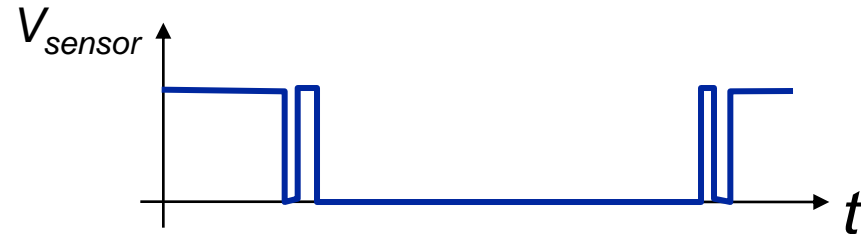
void myISR()
{
    Serial.println("I see a change!");
    delayMicroseconds(40000); // Waits 40 ms for switch to finish bouncing
}

void loop()
{ // Free to do other stuff here }
```

Software Debounce Solution #2

- **Disable edge interrupt after first edge**
- **Set and start timer**
- **Use timer interrupt to define blanking period**
- **Clear and re-enable edge interrupts after blanking period**
- **More elegant solution**
- **No delay inside ISR or loop()**
- **Drawbacks:**
 - **More complicated**
 - **Occupies a timer**

Falling edge input capture example

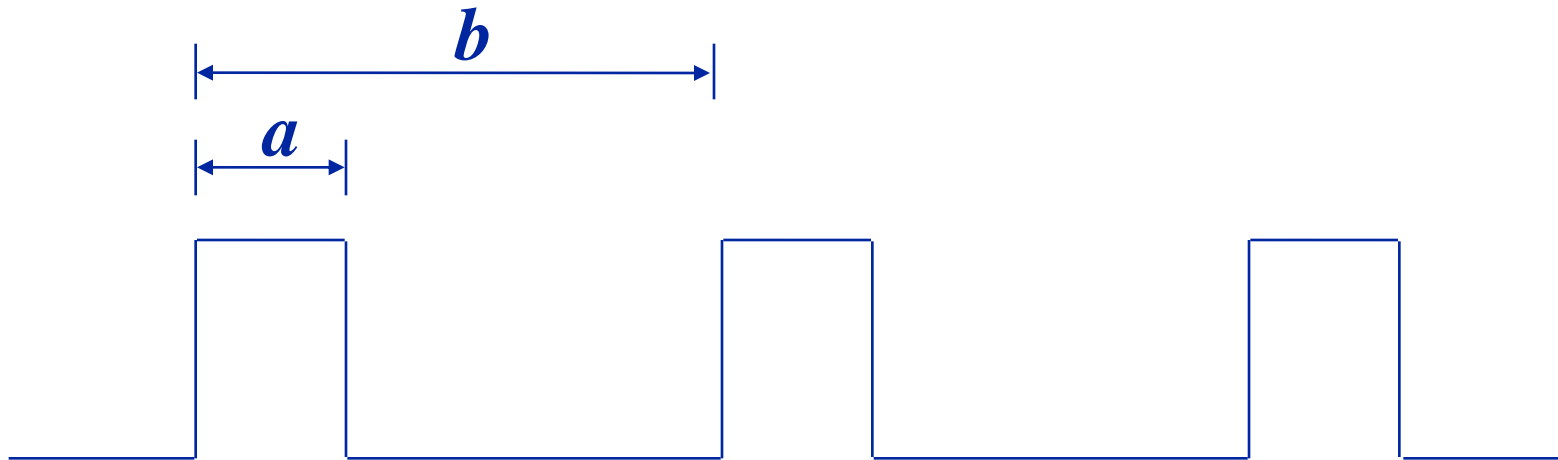


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Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

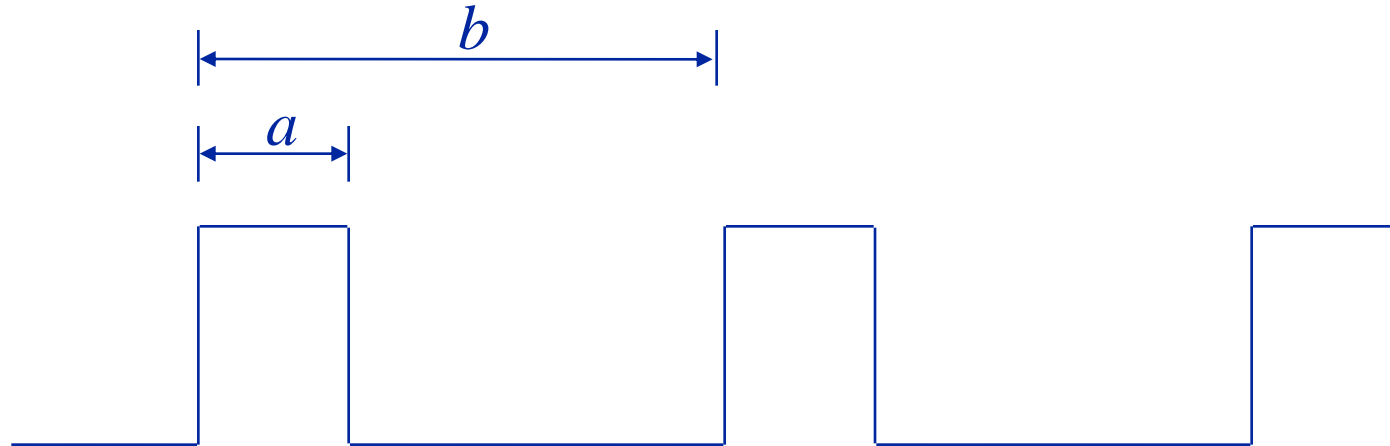
- Commonly used as a control signal for DC motors
- Microcontrollers often have built-in PWM modules



$$\text{Duty cycle} = \frac{a}{b} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{b} \quad (\text{usually held constant})$$

PIC18: PWM Generator

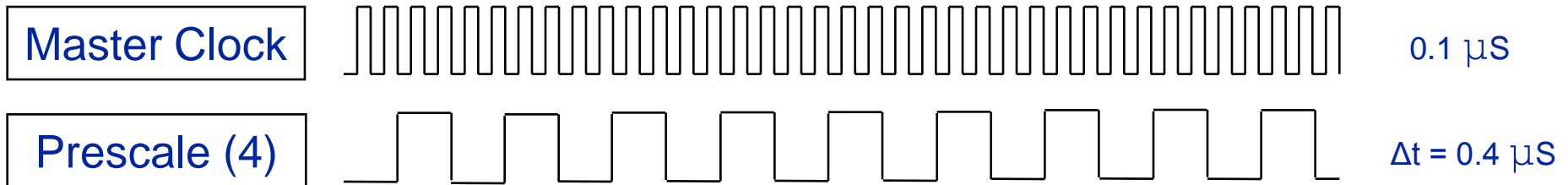


$$\text{Duty cycle} = \frac{a}{b} \times 100\% \qquad \text{Freq} = \frac{1}{b}$$

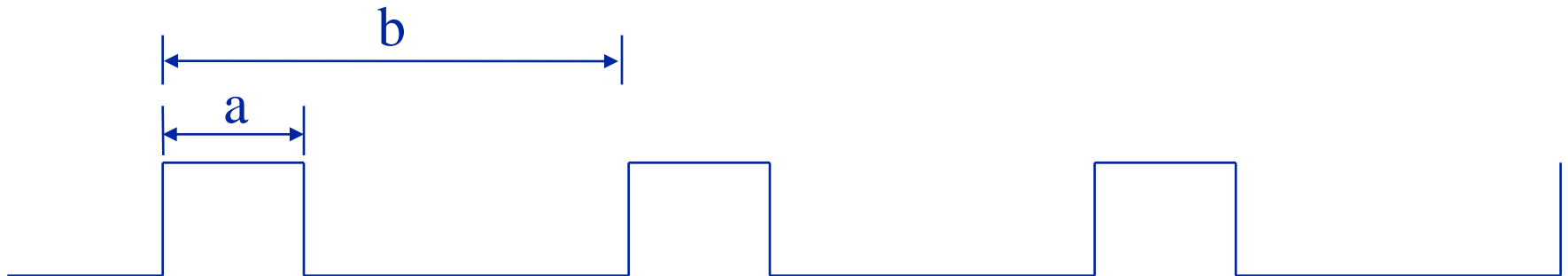
- **Configure Capture-Compare module for PWM**
 - `setup_ccp1 (CCP_PWM)`
- **Set up PWM period, b :**
 - `setup_timer_2 (prescale, period, postscale)`
- **Set up PWM duty cycle, a :**
 - `set_pwm1_duty (duty_high)`

PIC18: PWM Example Calculation

- Assume `Fosc = 40MHz` with `#fuses HS` compiler directive
 - Master Clock = 10MHz, Period = 0.1 μ sec
- `setup_timer_2(T2_DIV_BY_4,124,postscale)`
 - Really just a series of clock dividers



- Period is in units of Δt as determined by Prescale
 - period = 124 $\rightarrow b = (124+1) (0.4\mu s) = 50 \mu s \rightarrow 20kHz$
- For PWM, duty cycle is also in units of Δt
 - `set_pwm1_duty(30)` $\rightarrow a = (30) (0.4\mu s) = 12 \mu s = 24\%$



PIC18: PWM Example Code

```
#include <18F4431.H>
#fuses HS,NOWDT,NOPROTECT,NOLVP
#use delay(clock=4000000)
#use rs232(baud=9600, xmit=PIN_C6, rcv=PIN_C7, INVERT)

void main() {
    disable_interrupts(global);

    // Set the Compare/Capture/PWM Module to PWM Mode
    setup_ccp1(CCP_PWM);

    // setup_timer_2 (prescale, period register value, postscale value)
    // Master clock cycle = (4 / 40MHz) = 100 ns
    // Timer clock cycle = (prescale) * (Master Cycle) = 4 * 100 ns = 0.4 µs
    // Timer reset period = (period reg val+1) * (Timer Cycle) = (124+1) * 0.4 µs = 50 µs
    // Timer interrupt period = (postscale) * (Timer Period) = 16 * 50 µs = 0.8 ms (unused)
    setup_timer_2(T2_DIV_BY_4,124,16);

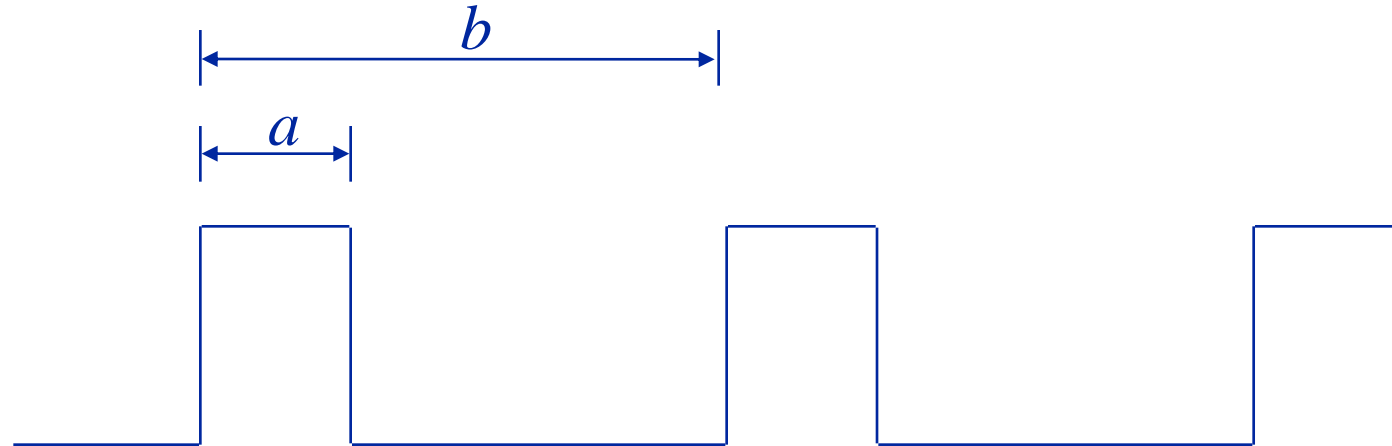
    enable_interrupts(GLOBAL);

    // Duty cycle = (arg of set_pwm1_duty) * (Timer Cycle) = 30 * 0.4 µs = 12 µs
    // ➔ Duty cycle of 24% (pwm1_duty/timer reset period = 12 µs/50 µs)
    set_pwm1_duty(30);

    // PWM signal should now be on Pin 17 (C2/CCP1)

    // Don't forget to hang out in an infinite loop, otherwise the µC will halt
    while(TRUE)
        delay_ms(1000);
}
```

Arduino: PWM Generator



$$\text{Duty cycle} = \frac{a}{b} \times 100\% \quad \text{Freq} = \frac{1}{b}$$

- **All (simple cases) handled by the built-in libraries**
 - **DC motors: `analogWrite(pin, Value)` function**
 - **Value ranges from 0 (0% duty cycle) to 255 (100%)**
 - **Frequency (fixed) = ~500Hz → Period = ~2ms**
 - **RC servos: Servo library**
- **For other cases, see the datasheet**

Arduino: PWM for Variable-Brightness LED

```
int LEDPin = 9;           // LED connected to digital pin 9
int analogPin = 3;        // Potentiometer connected to analog pin 3
int val = 0;              // Variable to store the read value

void setup()
{
    pinMode(LEDPin, OUTPUT); // Sets the pin as output
}

void loop()
{
    val = analogRead(analogPin); // Read the potentiometer setting
    analogWrite(LEDPin, val / 4);
        // analogRead values go from 0 to 1023 (10 bits)
        // analogWrite values go from 0 to 255 (8 bits)
} // http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AnalogWrite
```

Arduino: Timer1 Library

- Can find it here: <http://playground.arduino.cc/code/timer1>
- Most important routines:
 - initialize(period): enable use of the below functions
 - setPeriod(period): set the period
 - pwm(pin, duty, period): generates PWM on spec'd pin
 - setPwmDuty(pin, duty): shortcut for setting duty
 - attachInterrupt(function, period): calls function at interval specified by period
 - detachInterrupt(): disables the attached interrupt
 - disablePwm(pin): turn PWM off on that pin
- Notes
 - The period ('period') is b in microseconds
 - The duty cycle ('duty') is a 10-bit value (0 to 1023) ($a = (\text{duty}/1023) * b$)
 - Breaks analogWrite() for digital pins 9 & 10

Arduino: PWM using Timer1 Library

```
#include "TimerOne.h"

int LEDPin = 9;           // LED connected to digital pin 9
int analogPin = 3;        // Potentiometer connected to analog pin 3
int val = 0;              // Variable to store the read value

void setup()
{
    Timer1.initialize(200); // Init. Timer1 and set a 0.2-msec period
    Timer1.pwm(LEDPin, 0);  // Set up PWM on LED pin w/ 0% duty cycle
}

void loop()
{
    val = analogRead(analogPin); // Read the potentiometer setting
    Timer1.setPwmDuty(LEDPin, val);
    // analogRead values go from 0 to 1023 (10 bits)
    // setPwmDuty values go from 0 to 1023 (10 bits)
}
```

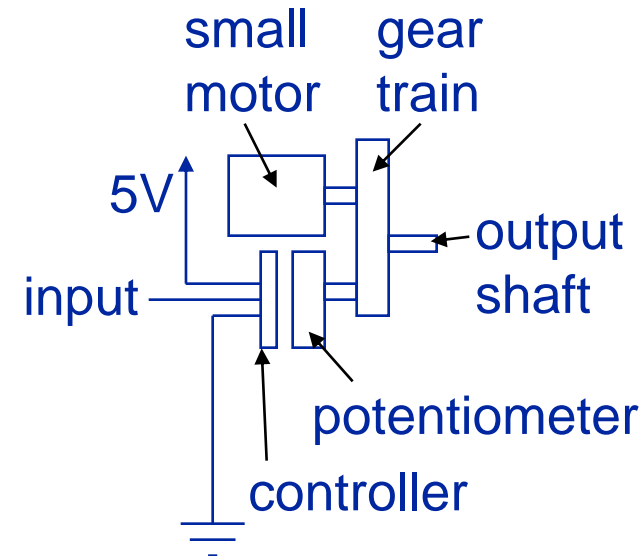
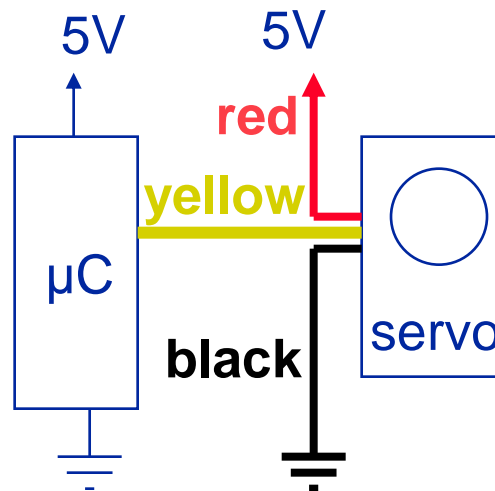
Driving an R/C Servo

- Pulse width, t_{pw} , mapped to angle:

1.00 ms \leftrightarrow 0°

1.50 ms \leftrightarrow 90°

2.00 ms \leftrightarrow 180°



- Pulse refresh period T nominally 20 ms, and needs to be within 4 ms < T < 30 ms range or servo may jitter



Arduino: RC Servo Example

```
#include <Servo.h>

Servo myServo;

void setup() {
    myServo.attach(9);    // "Attach" the servo to Pin 9
    myServo.write(90);    // Set servo to midpoint (argument is degrees)
    Serial.begin(9600);   // Open serial port and set data rate
} // See http://www.arduino.cc/playground/ComponentLib/servo

void loop() {
    Serial.println("Starting!");
    while (true) {
        Serial.println("Move to 0 degrees");
        myServo.write(0);
        delay(2000);    // Wait 2 seconds

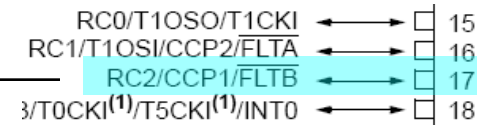
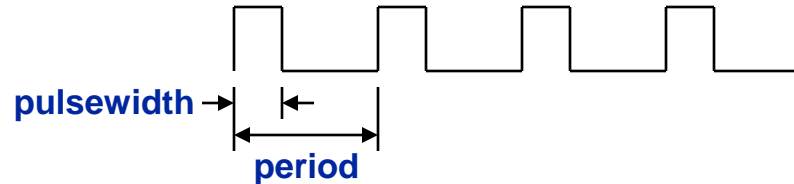
        Serial.println("Move to 90 degrees");
        myServo.write(90);
        delay(2000);    // Wait 2 seconds

        Serial.println("Move to 180 degrees");
        myServo.write(180);
        delay(2000);    // Wait 2 seconds
    }
}
```

PIC18: RC Servo Example (p. 1/2)

```
#include <18F4431.h>
#fuses XT, NOWDT, NOPROTECT, NOLVP // note that your crystal and delay may be different
#use delay(clock=4000000)
#use rs232(baud=9600, xmit=PIN_C6, rcv=PIN_C7)
```

```
#define SERVO_0    1000
#define SERVO_90   1500
#define SERVO_180  2000
```



```
int16 pulse_width;
int16 period = 20000; // 20 milliseconds with 4 MHz clock
int1 state = 0;
```

```
#INT_CCP1
```

```
void pulse_ISR() { // Flips the state of the PWM pin
    if (state == 0) {
        setup_CCP1(CCP_COMPARE_SET_ON_MATCH);
        CCP_1 = 0; set_timer1(0); // Set CCP1 high
        setup_CCP1(CCP_COMPARE_CLR_ON_MATCH);
        CCP_1 = pulse_width; // Set how long CCP1 will be high
        state = 1;
    }
    else if (state == 1) {
        setup_CCP1(CCP_COMPARE_CLR_ON_MATCH);
        CCP_1 = 0; set_timer1(0); // Set CCP1 low
        setup_CCP1(CCP_COMPARE_SET_ON_MATCH);
        CCP_1 = period - pulse_width; // Set how long CCP1 will be low
        state = 0;
    }
}
```

PIC18: RC Servo Example (p. 2/2)

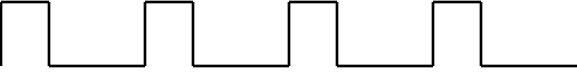
```
#INT_CCPI
void pulse_ISR() {...    // see previous page
    }

void main() {
    set_tris_c(0b10000100); // Set CCP1 as output
    setup_timer_1(T1_INTERNAL);
    enable_interrupts(GLOBAL);
    enable_interrupts(INT_CCPI);
    setup_CCP1(CCP_COMPARE_CLR_ON_MATCH);
    CCP_1 = 0; set_timer1(0); // Cause match, clear CCP1, generate CCP interrupt

    printf("Starting!\r\n");
    while (TRUE) {
        printf("Move to 0 degrees\r\n");
        pulse_width = SERVO_0;
        delay_ms(2000);

        printf("Move to 90 degrees\r\n");
        pulse_width = SERVO_90;
        delay_ms(2000);

        printf("Move to 180 degrees\r\n");
        pulse_width = SERVO_180;
        delay_ms(2000);
    }
}
```



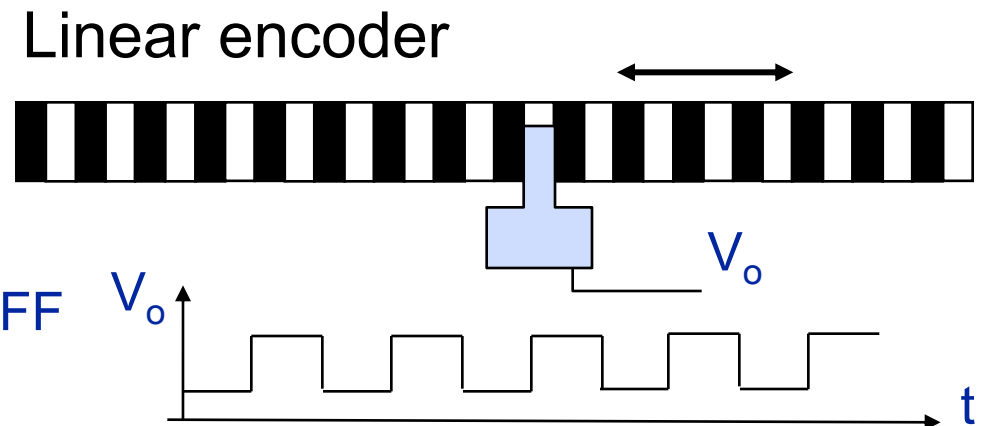
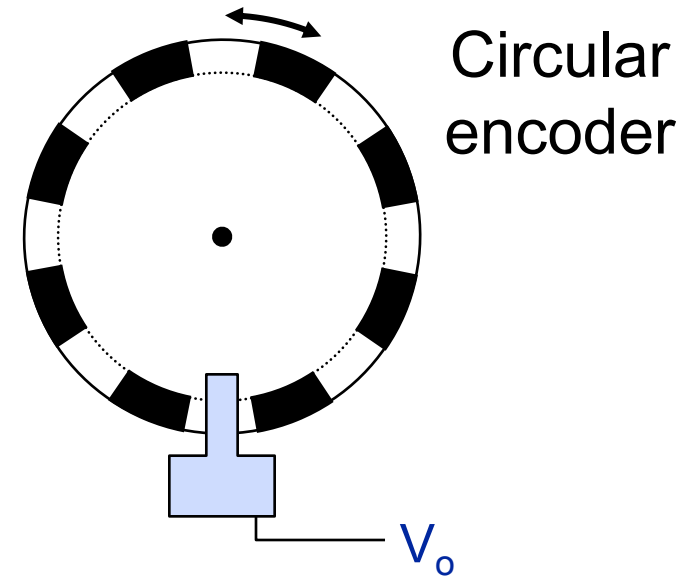
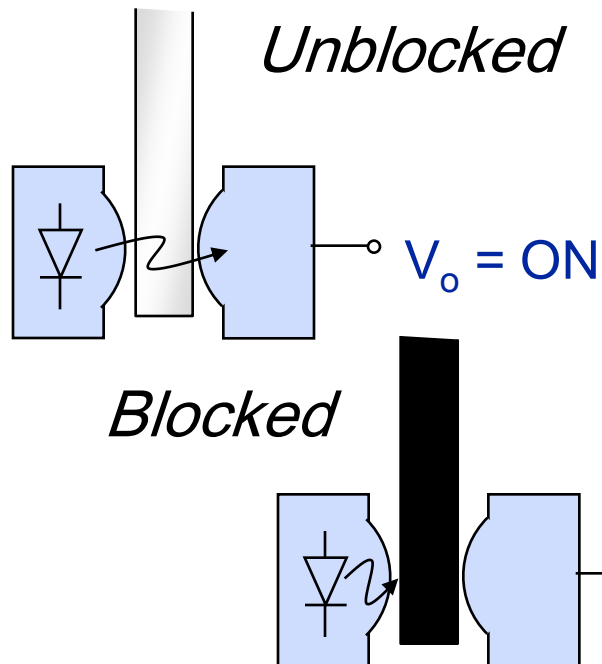
RC0/T1OSO/T1CKI	↔	15
RC1/T1OSI/CCP2/FLTA	↔	16
RC2/CCP1/FLT _B	↔	17
3/T0CKI ⁽¹⁾ /T5CKI ⁽¹⁾ /INT0	↔	18

Outline

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 - Timers
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 - Serial and interprocessor communications

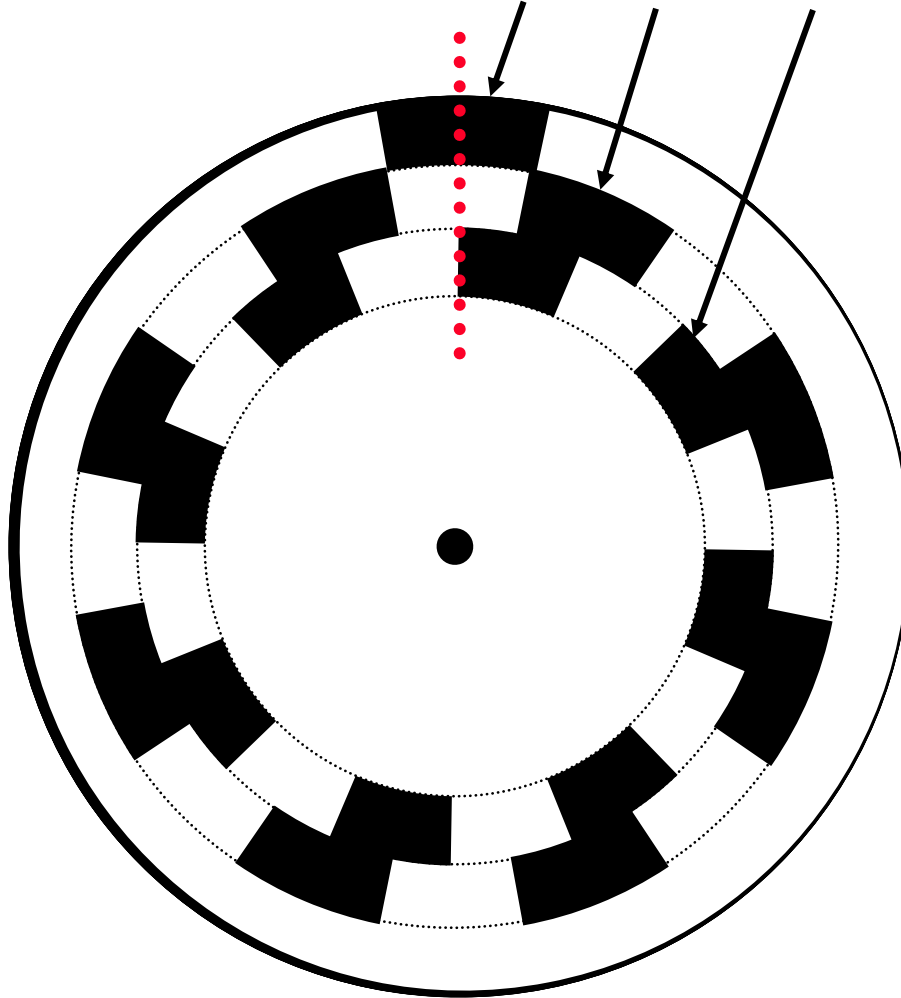
Encoders

- Infrared emitter and detector placed across gap
- Moving pattern between gap modulates light
- Motion is detected by electronically counting pulses of light

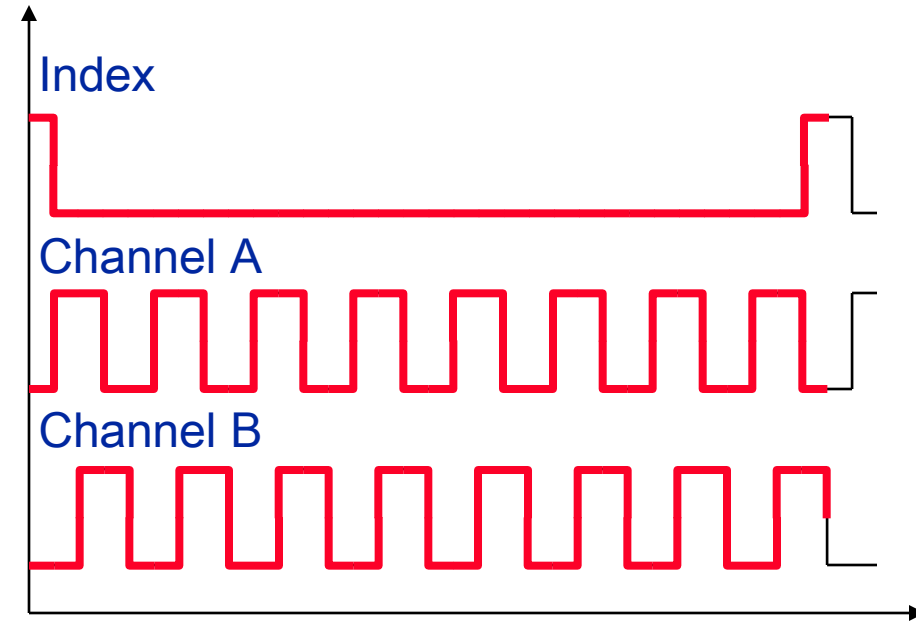


Circular Encoder Operation

- Three channels: Index, A and B



- Dark is logic high (circuit - dependent)
- Frequency gives speed

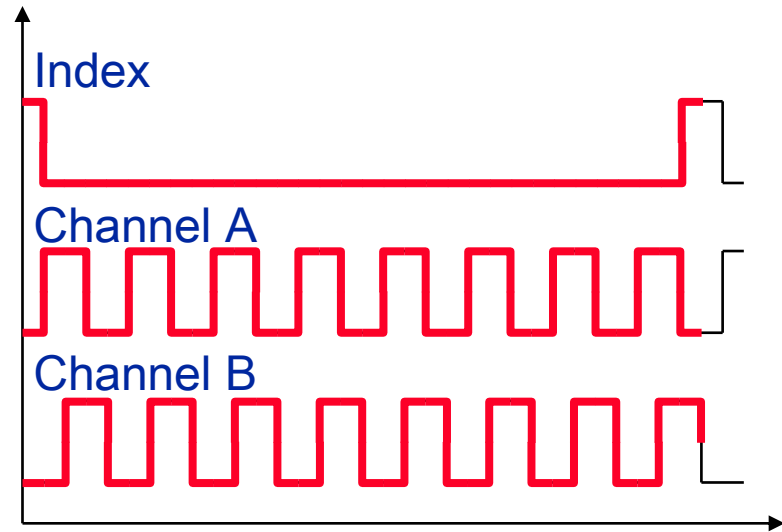
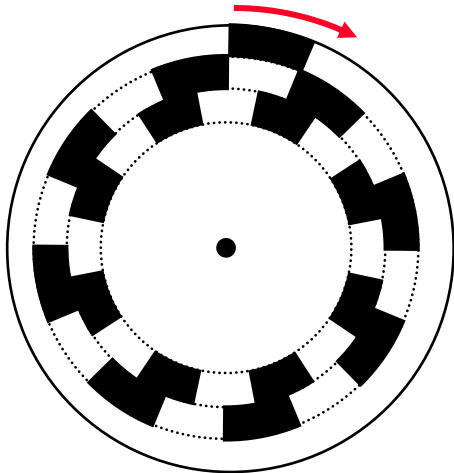


Clockwise	Phase	A	B
	1	1	0
	2	1	1
	3	0	1
	4	0	0

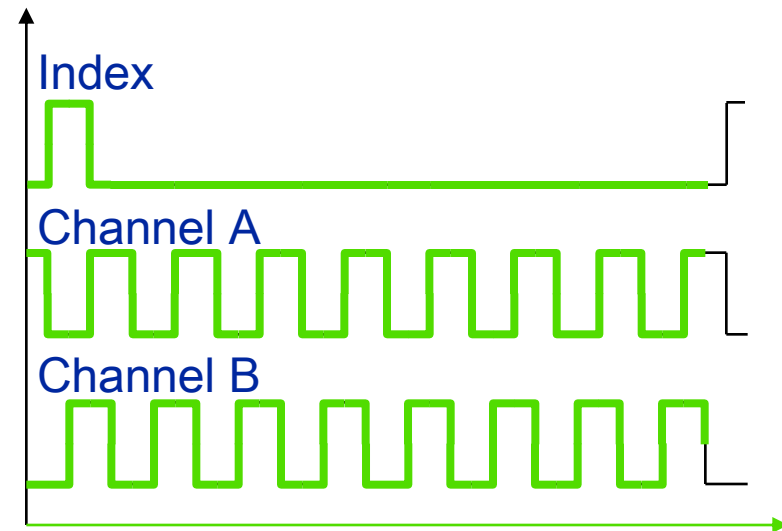
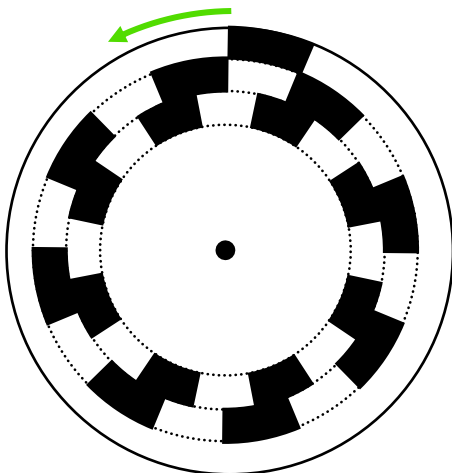
Counter-clockwise	Phase	A	B
	1	0	0
	2	0	1
	3	1	1
	4	1	0

Quadrature Encoder

- A and B are in quadrature (90° phase difference) to detect direction
- Clockwise: A leads B

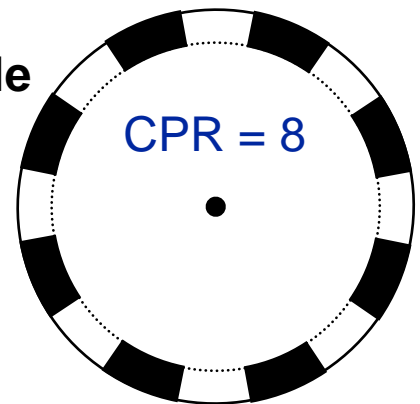


- Counterclockwise: B leads A



Encoder Terminology

- **CPR: Counts per revolution, i.e., the number of cycles or “pulses” on one encoder track (disc below has CPR=8, not 16)**
- **Resolution**
 - Referring to a mechanical encoder disk (whether single-track or double-track [i.e., quadrature]) → same as CPR
 - Referring to output resolution after decoding, see below
- **x1, x2, or x4 (i.e., quadrature) decoding**
 - Depends on decoding software or hardware
 - x1 means counting pulses (rising or falling edges, but not both) on a single track → Resolution = CPR
 - x2 means counting rising and falling edges on a single track → Resolution = 2 x CPR
 - x4 means counting rising and falling edges on both tracks (i.e., quadrature) → Resolution = 4 x CPR



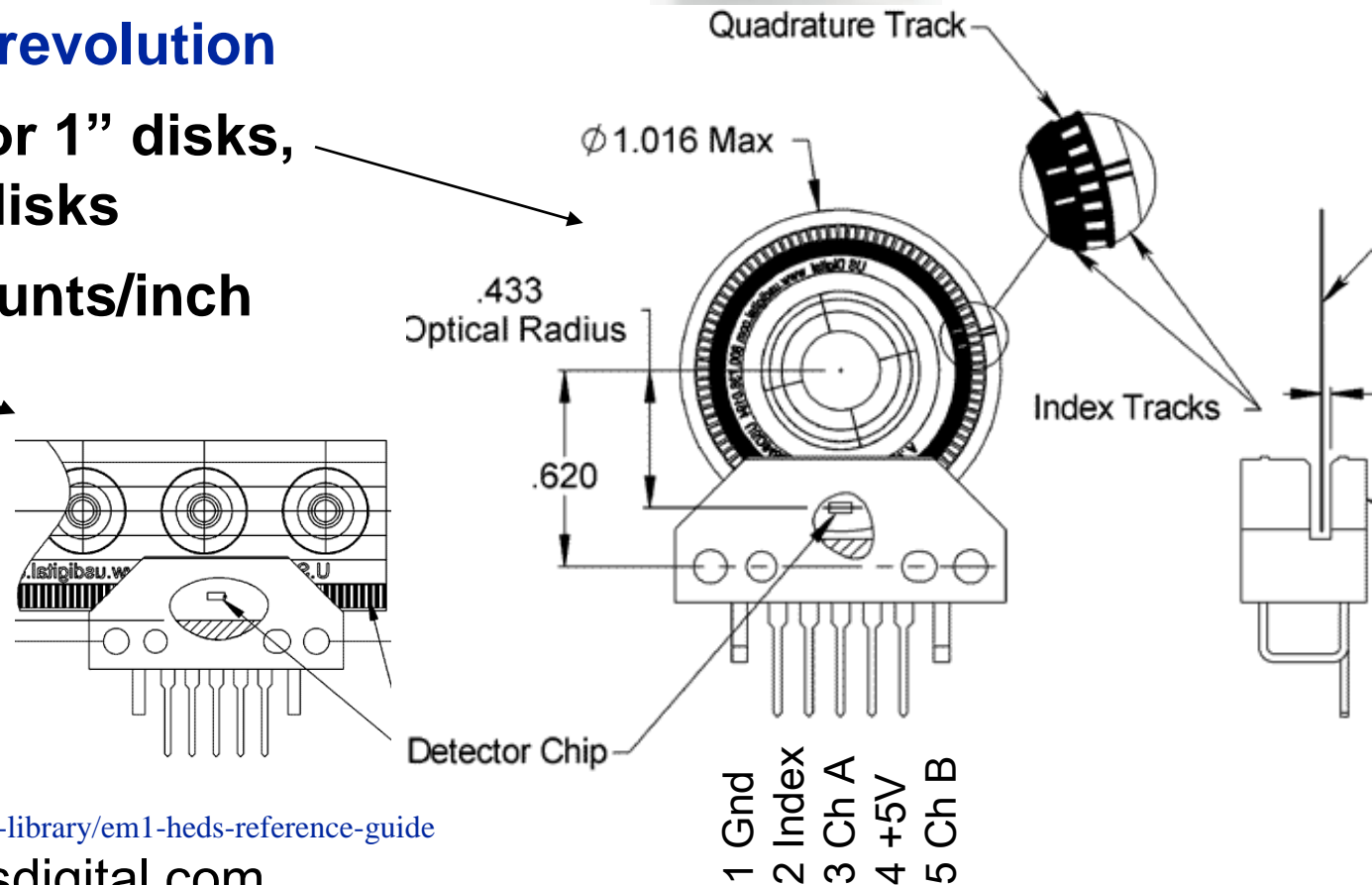
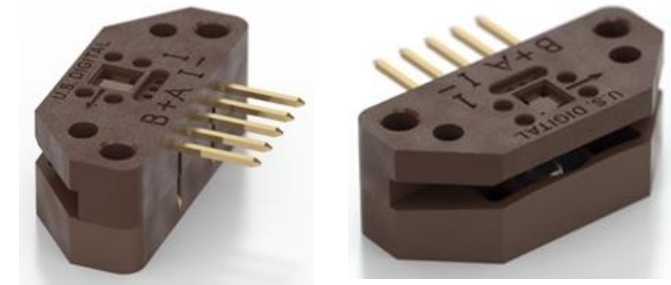
U.S. Digital EM1 Encoders

- Well-known optical encoders

- e.g., US Digital & many others sell them

- Various counts/revolution

- up to 1250 for 1" disks, 2500 for 2" disks
- up to 500 counts/inch for linear
- \$35-40
- ~\$10 for code wheel or code strip

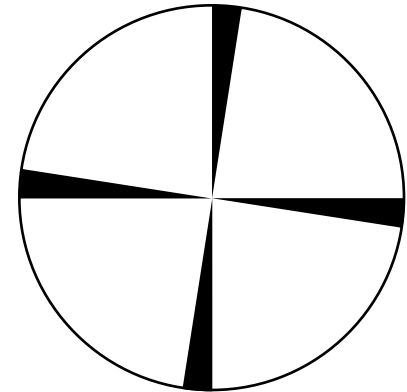


<http://usdigital.com/support/resource-library/em1-heds-reference-guide>

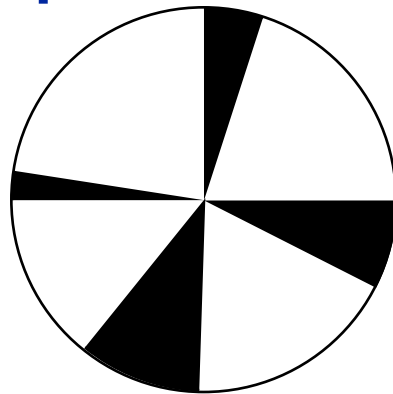
Figures from www.usdigital.com

Custom Encoder Disks and Linear Strips

- **Can make custom disks and strips**
 - plastic with opaque paint or tape
 - metal with notches
- **You can make an encoder with just a few divisions**
 - This encoder suffices for four positions



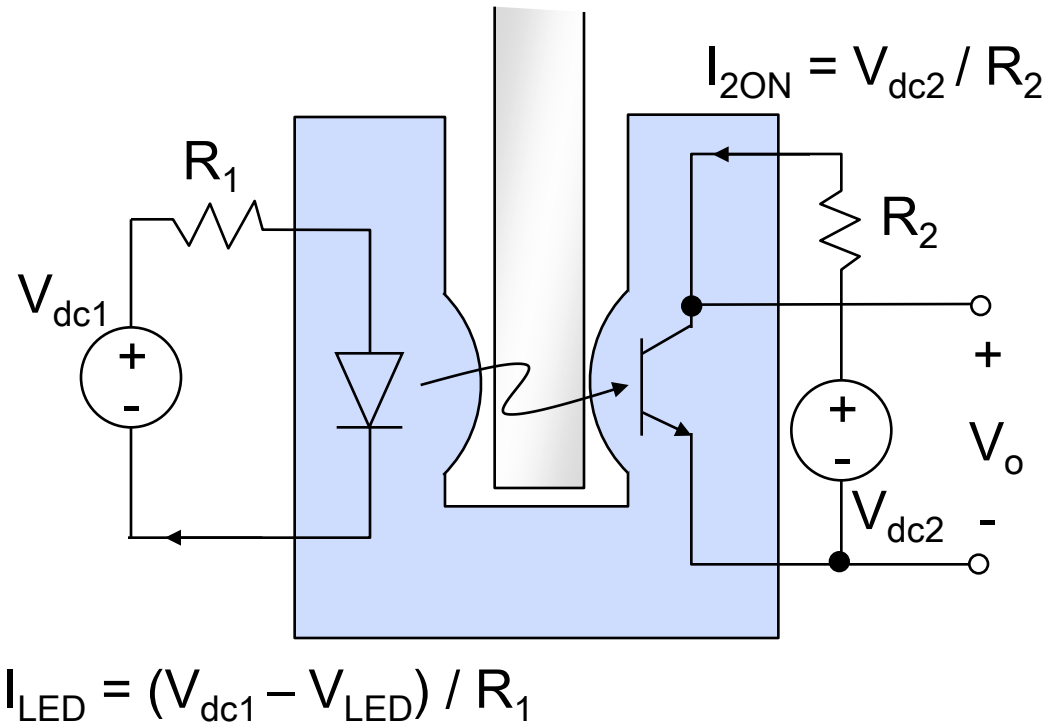
- **Could encode positions with different widths...**



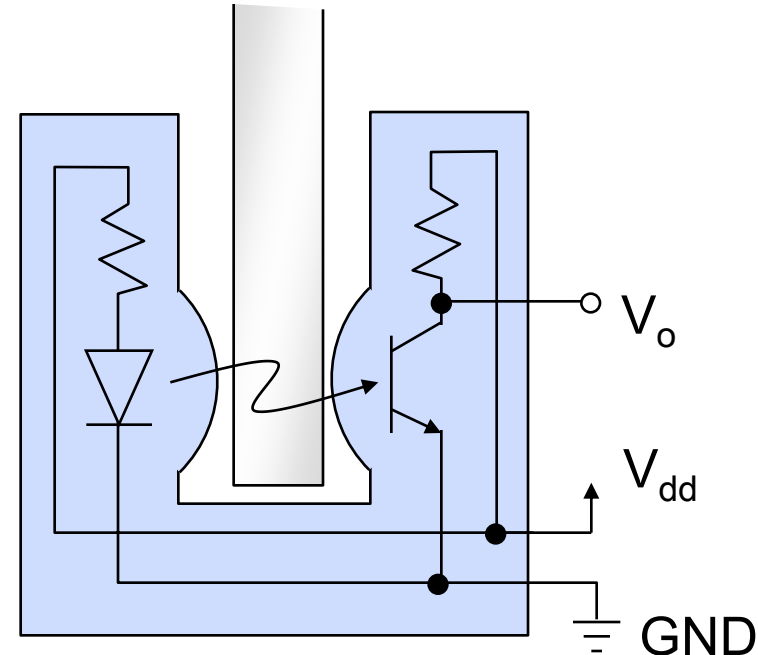
IR Emitter-Detector (e.g., Omron EE-SX1042)

- Available in individual emitter/detector pairs or in slot packages
- Many components require external resistors to set current
- Set R_1 and R_2 such that current ratings are not exceeded

Component type #1

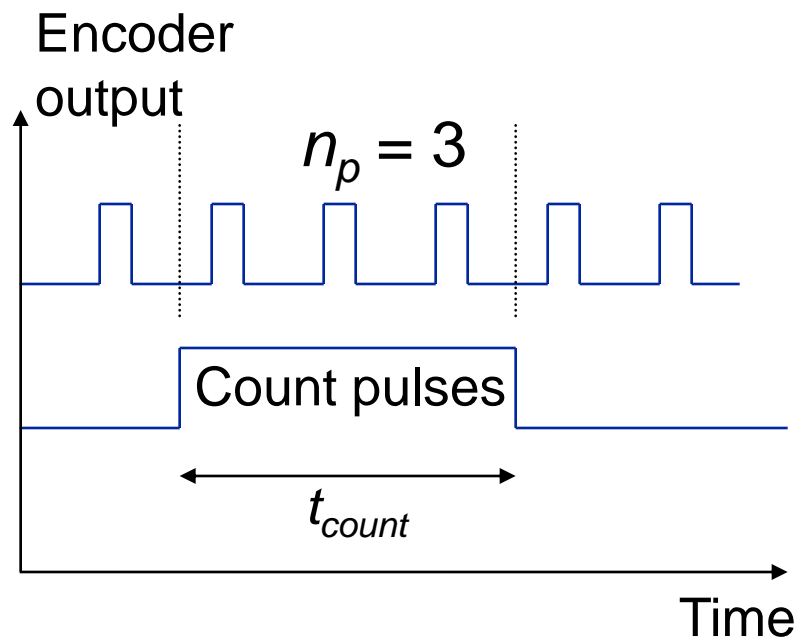


Component type #2



Measuring Shaft Speed – Method 1 (Frequency Counting)

- *Count the number of encoder pulses during a fixed time interval*
- *Number of counted pulses is directly proportional to rotational speed*



$$v_m = \frac{60 \cdot n_p}{N \cdot t_{count}}$$

N = encoder counts per rev.
 n_p = number of pulses counted
 v_m = motor speed in rpm
 t_{count} = counting interval, sec.

Arduino: Measuring Shaft Speed (Frequency Counting)

```
#define inputPin 2           // Arduino pin for external interrupt 0
int counts_per_rev = 32;    // Varies depending on encoder
int count;

void setup() {
    pinMode(inputPin, INPUT);    // Set inputPin to be digital input
    digitalWrite(inputPin, HIGH); // Enable 20KΩ internal pull-up resistor

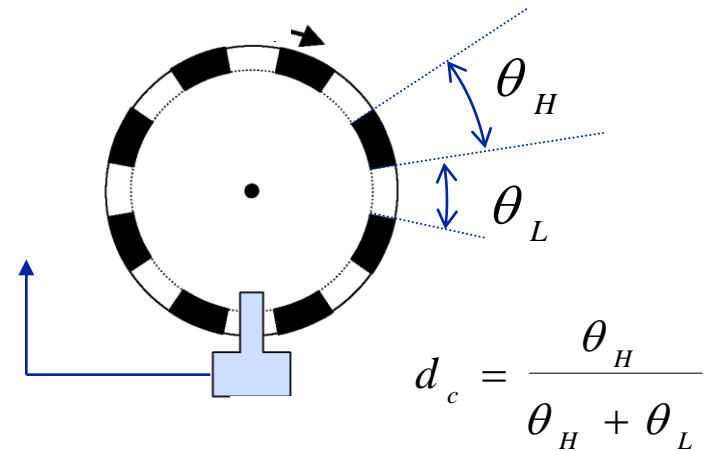
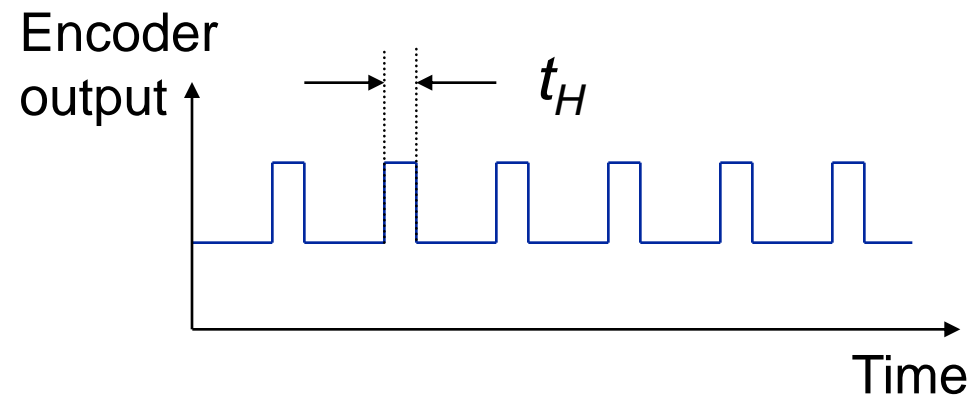
    // Now we want to attach the interrupt for a rising edge on the pin
    attachInterrupt(0, countPulses, RISING); // Also avail.: LOW, CHANGE, FALLING
    // See: http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AttachInterrupt
}

void countPulses() {        // ISR
    count = count + 1;      // Increment the # of encoder ticks counted
}

void loop()
{
    count = 0;              // Start a fresh count
    delay(250);             // Wait for ¼ sec. while the ISR counts ticks
    float rpm = (60*count)/(counts_per_rev*0.25); // Find revolutions per minute
}
```

Measuring Shaft Speed – Method 2 (Pulsewidth-based)

- *Measure the pulse width of the encoder pulses*
- *Pulse width is inversely proportional to rotational speed*



N = encoder counts per rev.

d_c = duty cycle of encoder signal

v_m = motor speed in rpm

$$v_m = \frac{60 \cdot d_c}{N \cdot t_H}$$

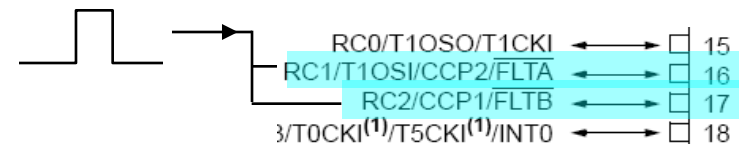
PIC18: Measuring Shaft Speed (Pulse Width Measurement)

```
#include <18F4431.H>
#fuses H4,NOVDT,NOPROTECT,NOLVP
#use delay(clock=4000000)
#use rs232(baud=9600, xmit=PIN_C6, rcv=PIN_C7)
long rise,fall,pulse_width;
#int_ccp2
void isr()
{
    rise = CCP_1;           // CCP_1 is the time the pulse went high
    fall = CCP_2;           // CCP_2 is the time the pulse went low
    pulse_width = fall - rise; // pulse_width/(clock/4) is the time
}
// In order for this to work the ISR overhead must be less than the
// low time. For this program the overhead is 45 instructions.
void main() {
    printf("\n\rHigh time (sampled every second):\n\r");
    setup_ccp1(CCP_CAPTURE_RE); // Configure CCP1 to capture rise
    setup_ccp2(CCP_CAPTURE_FE); // Configure CCP2 to capture fall
    setup_timer_1(T1_INTERNAL); // Start timer 1

    enable_interrupts(INT_CCP2); // Enable CCP2 (falling edge) interrupt
    enable_interrupts(GLOBAL);

    while(TRUE) {
        delay_ms(1000);
        printf("\r%lu us ", pulse_width );
    }
}
```

Note that CCP_1 and CCP_2 registers capture regardless of the interrupt



Arduino: Measuring Shaft Speed (Pulse Width Measurement)

```
int pin = 7;           // Input pin
int ticksPerRev = 32;  // Varies depending on encoder
int dc = 0.5;          // Encoder "duty cycle"
unsigned long duration; // Pulse duration in microseconds

void setup()
{
    pinMode(pin, INPUT); // Sets pin 7 to be an input
}

void loop()
{
    duration = pulseIn(pin, HIGH); // Microseconds per pulsewidth
    // (See http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/pulseIn)

    // Rotations per minute
    float frequency = (60*1000000* dc) / (duration * ticksPerRev);
}
```

Note:

- pulseIn() is blocking!
- Interrupts would prevent delays in loop()

Summary

- **Event-Based Programming**
 - State machines
 - Polling & Interrupts
- **Microcontroller Digital I/O**
 - On/off I/O (LEDs, solenoids, switches)
 - Pulse-based I/O (PWM, encoders, serial)
- **Relevant tools: timer/counters, output compare, input capture, interrupts**

Announcements

- **Microcontroller Familiarization Task**
 - TAs will be distributing kits
 - Refer to Canvas for details
 - All states must be working as specified to receive full credit