Microcontrollers

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Homework debrief

Examples | Critique (I like, I wish)

Finding the answer vs. being told | Questions

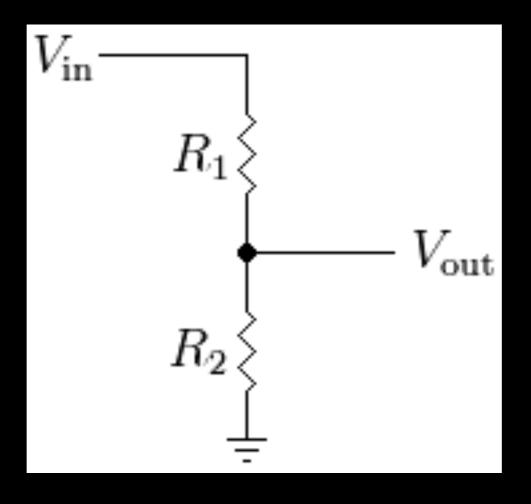
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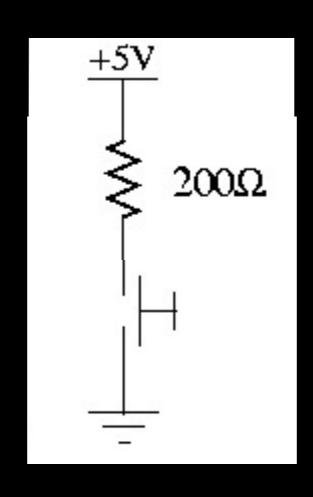
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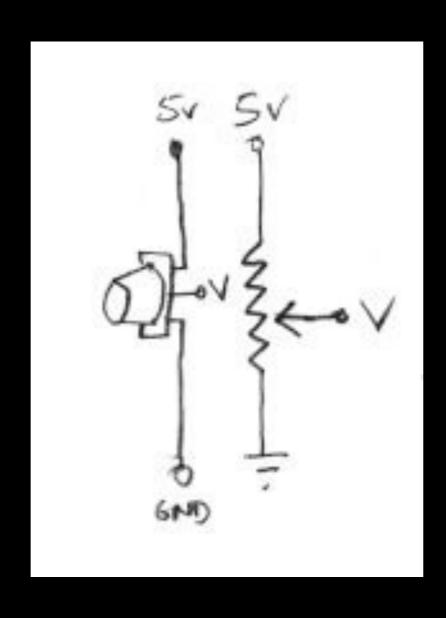
Arduino Programming

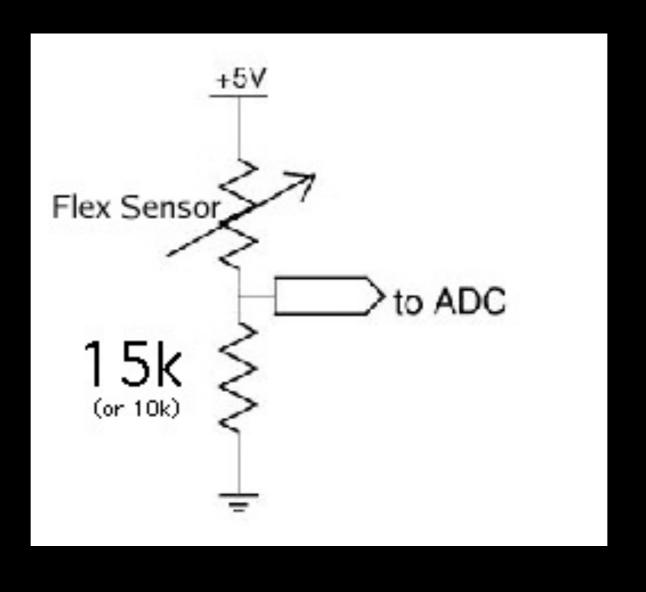
Basic Sensor Circuit

Button circuit | Voltage divider circuit

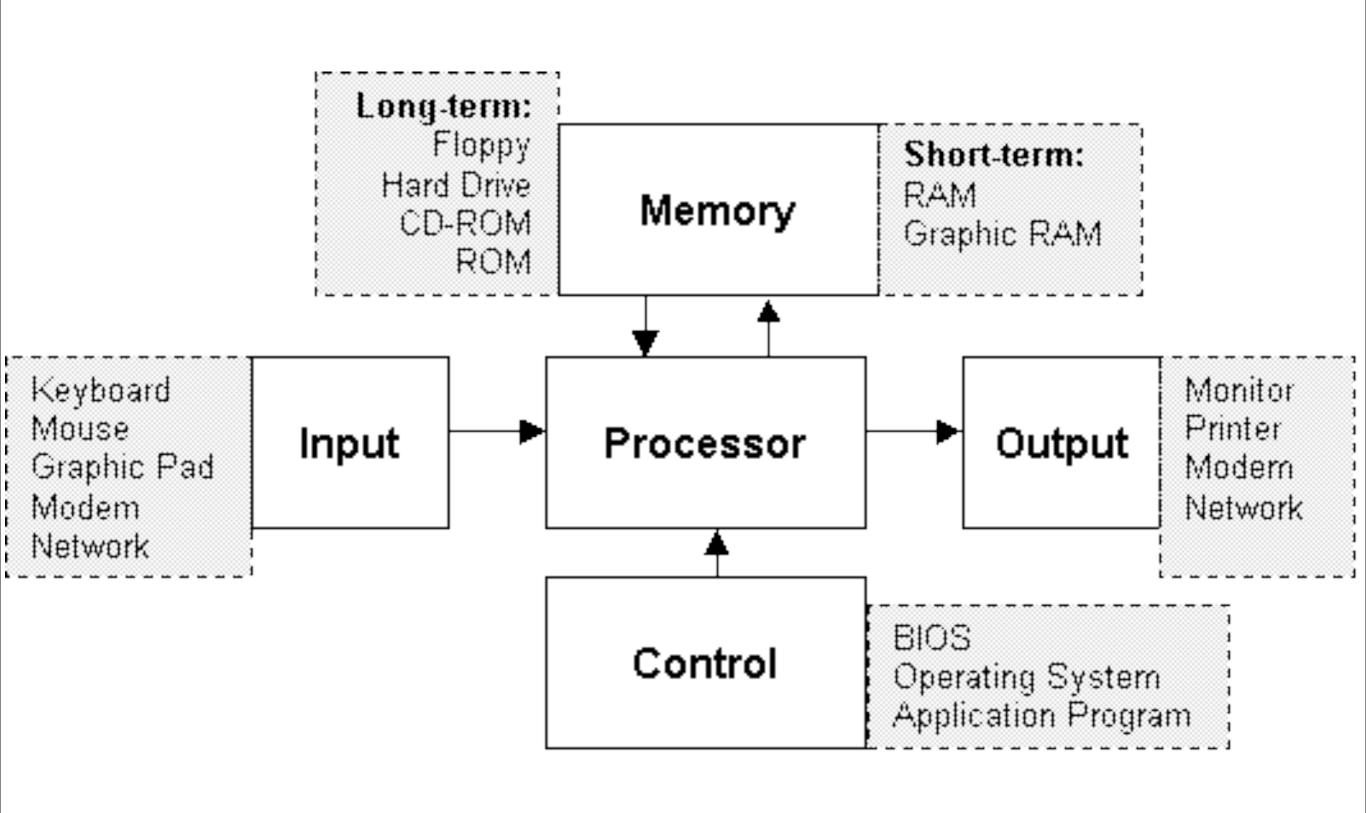








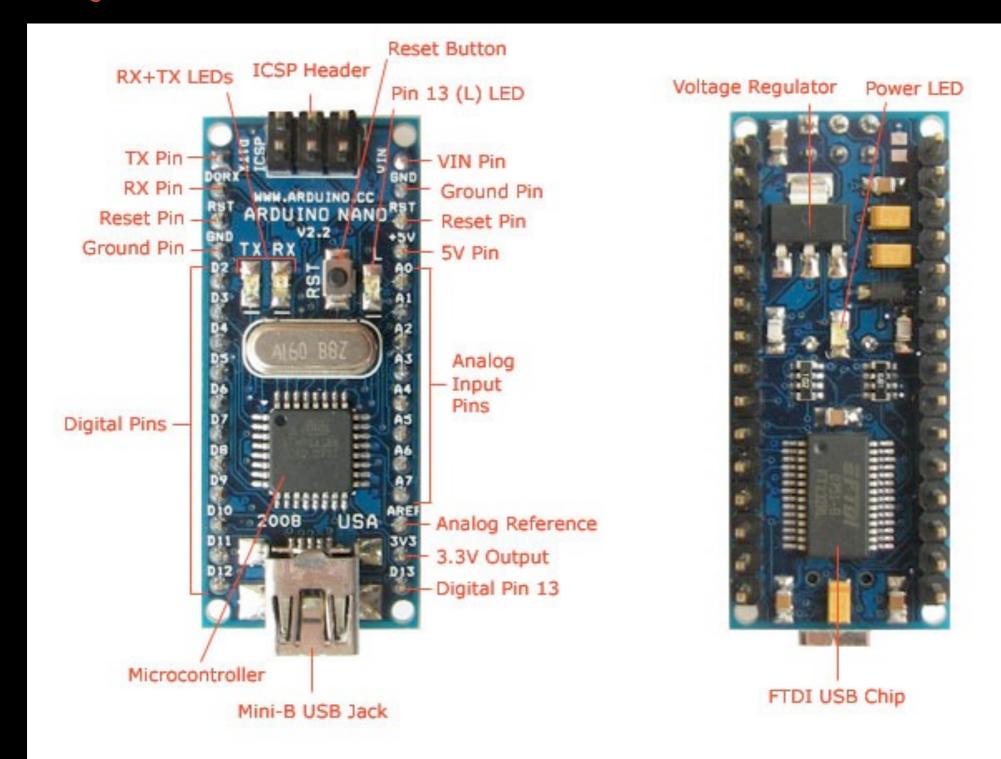
Microcontrollers are very small computers



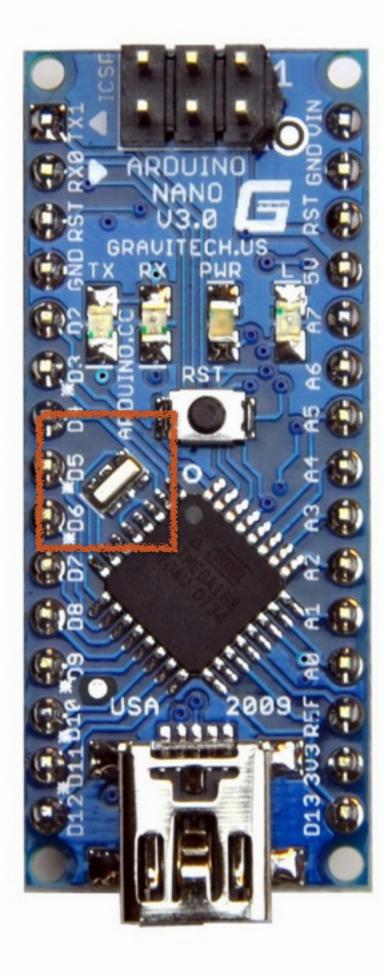
Microcontroller Architecture

Clock | Program Memory | Data Memory | Registers | Code

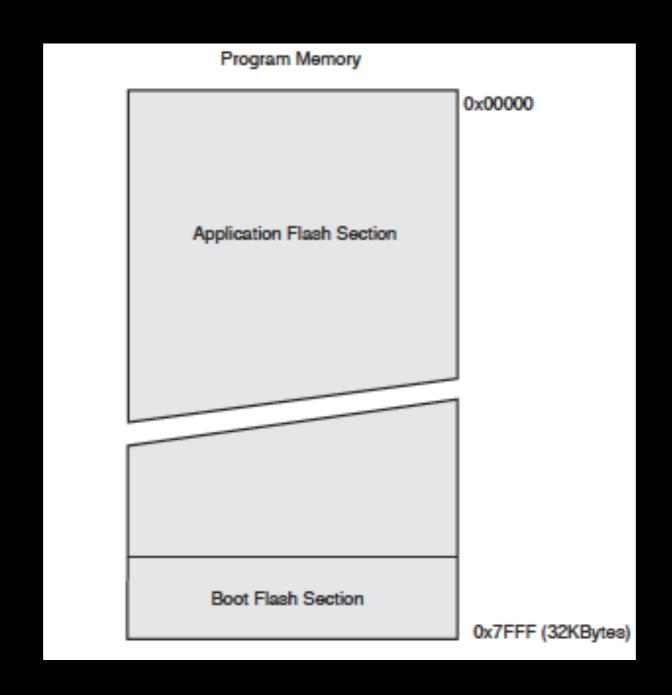
Physical Hardware



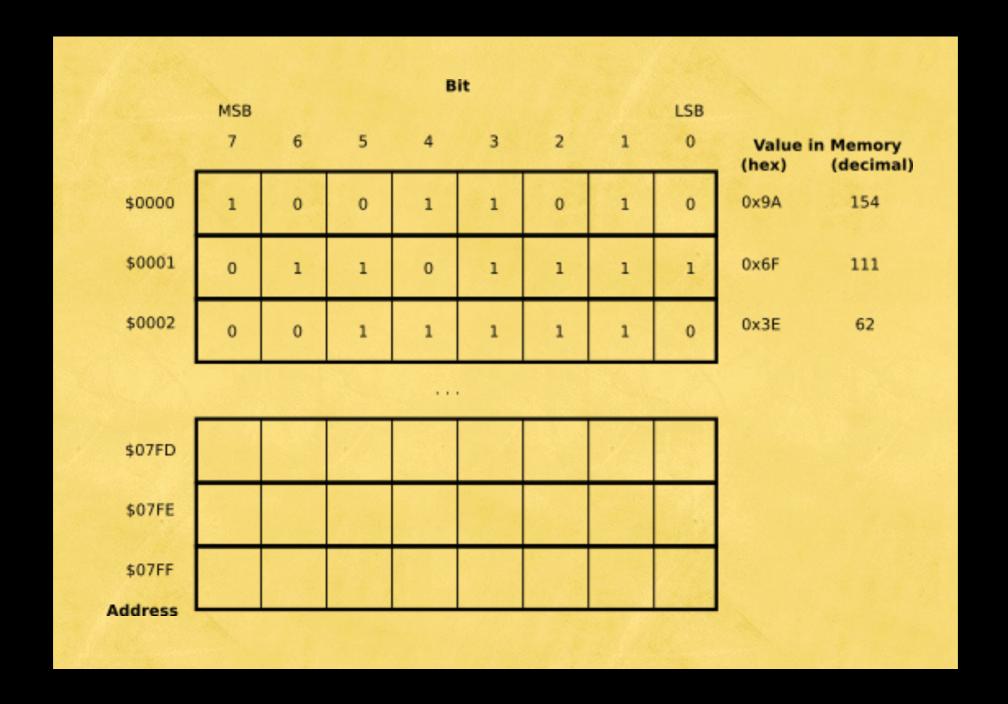
Clock



Program Memory



Data Memory



Bits and Bytes:

- 1 byte = 8 bits, 256 unique values for each byte
- All the information in the microcontroller is stored in byte-size chunks; we represent each byte of information as a two-digit hexadecimal number.
- 11110011 in binary = 243 in decimel = F3 in hexadecimal
- b11110011 = 0xF3
- Memory addresses are hex, as well, but preceded with \$, e.g. \$03DF.

IO Registers:

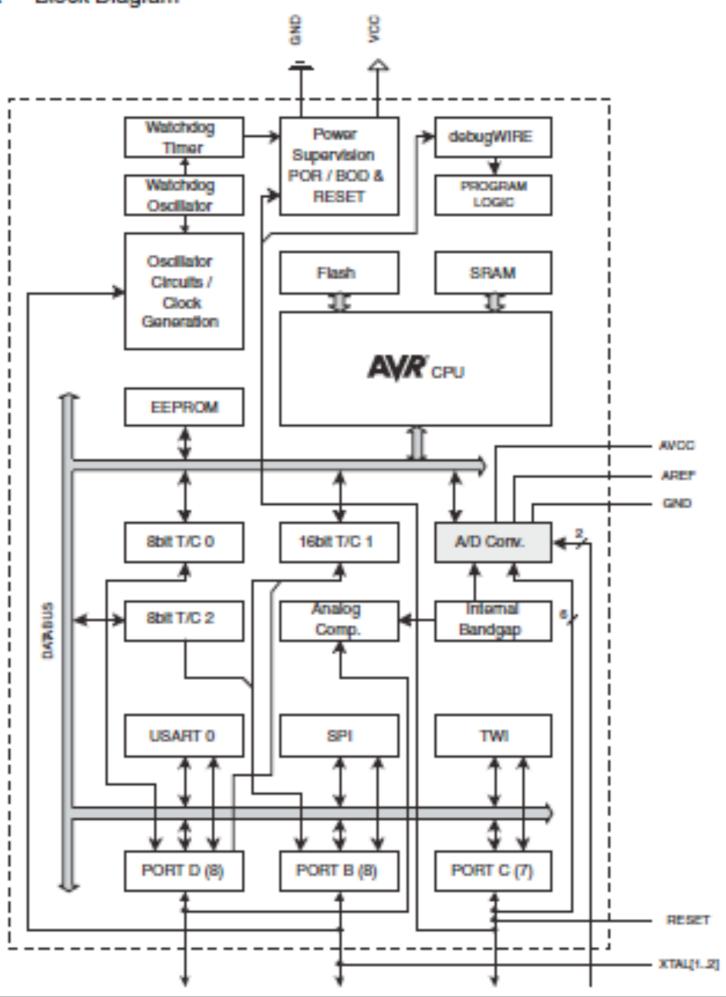
PORT B: (PB7-PB0) 8-bit bi-directional IO

PORT C: (PC 7, 6) 8-bit bi-directional IO

PORT D: (PD7-0) 8-bit bi-directional IO

PORT F: (PF7-4, PF1, PF0): analog inputs to A/D converter (can be used at 8-bit bi-directional IO)

Figure 2-1. Block Diagram



Data Direction Registers (DDR):

Since the IO pins are configurable to be either input or output, the controller needs some place to store the directionality of each bit.

These are stored in the Data Direction Registers. Like all the other registers, the DDRs have 1's and 0's, but its 1's and 0's indicate whether the corresponding port pin is an input (0) or output (1).

Port Features:

Analog to Digital Conversion

Pulse Width Modulation

Timers & Counters

External Interrupts

Serial Peripheral Interface

RX/TX

Arduino Software Environment

IDE | Structure of Arduino programs | Flashing programs

Sketch



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/*
 Blink
 Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.
This example code is in the public domain.
void setup() {
 // initialize the digital pin as an output.
 // Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards:
 pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // set the LED on
 delay(2000);
                      // wait for a second
 digitalWrite(13, LOW); // set the LED off
 delay(2000);
                      // wait for a second
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What happens when we flash code?

- 1. Code from libraries (if any) are included (linked).
- 2. Code is checked for errors (verified).
- 3. Code is "cross-compiled" into machine code (a.k.a machine code or hex code) using avr-gcc.
- 4. Code is written to the program memory of the Arduino over USB using avrdude.

Flash Demonstration