Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Nationals in Engineering (RQF)

Unit 46: Embedded Systems

Unit Workbook 1

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Learning Outcome 1

Microcontroller Architecture

Contents

Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The architecture of a generic microcontroller is shown in Figure 1. Program Memory is required to retain code/programs, and Data Memory is needed to store inputs and process program code instructions. Digital input/output devices may be connected as well as analogue variants of these. Counters, timers and data/address buses interact with all of these components, in addition to the core CPU elements. A precise clock circuit provides timing/synchronisation pulses to the device.

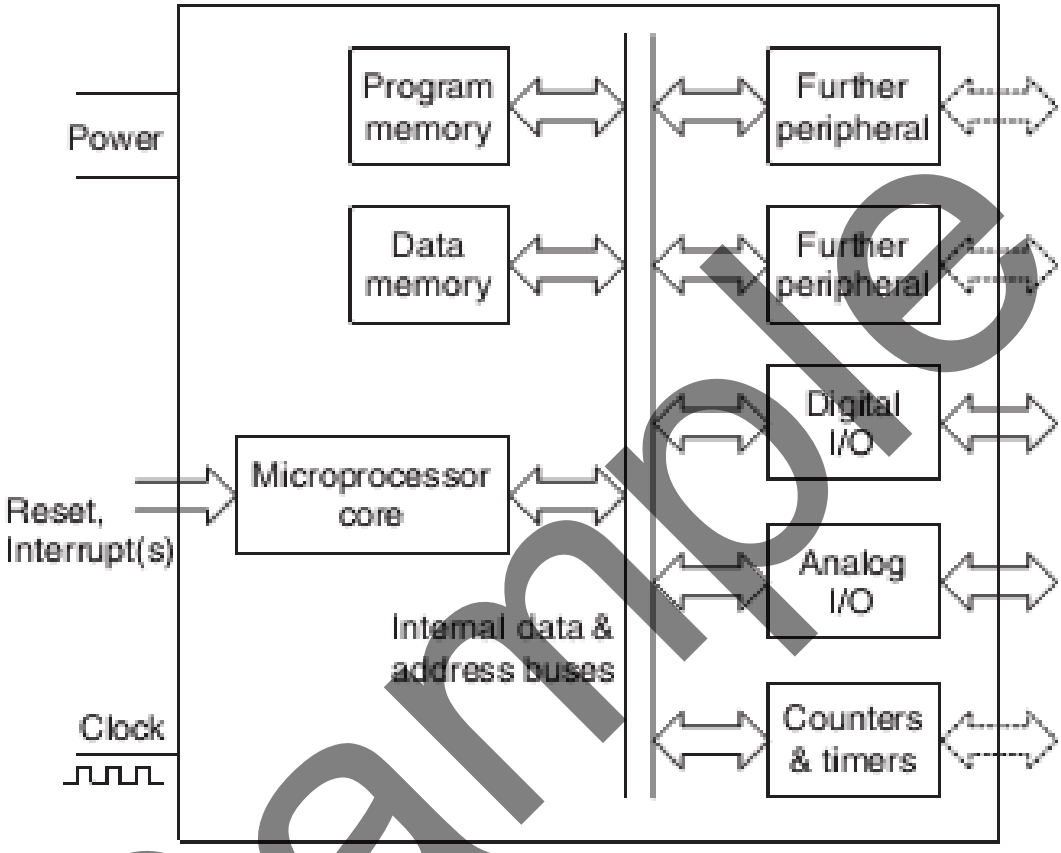

Figure 1: *A generic microcontroller*

The chip pinout for a PIC16F690 microcontroller is shown in Figure 2, and a full block diagram of the architecture is given in Figure 3.

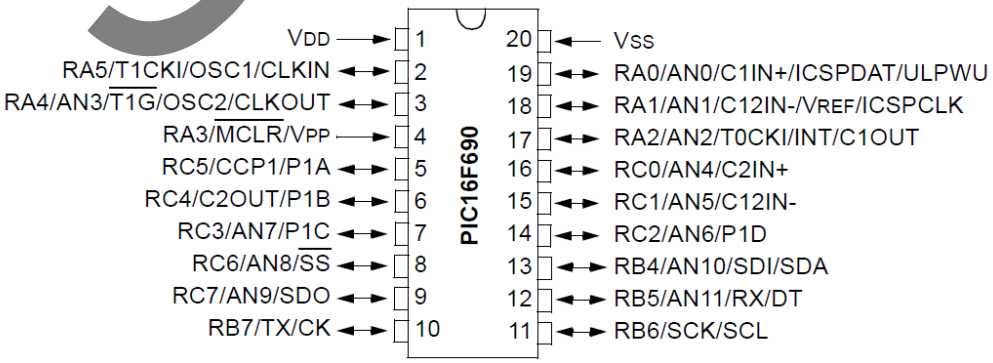

Figure 2: *Pinout of the PIC16F690 Microcontroller*

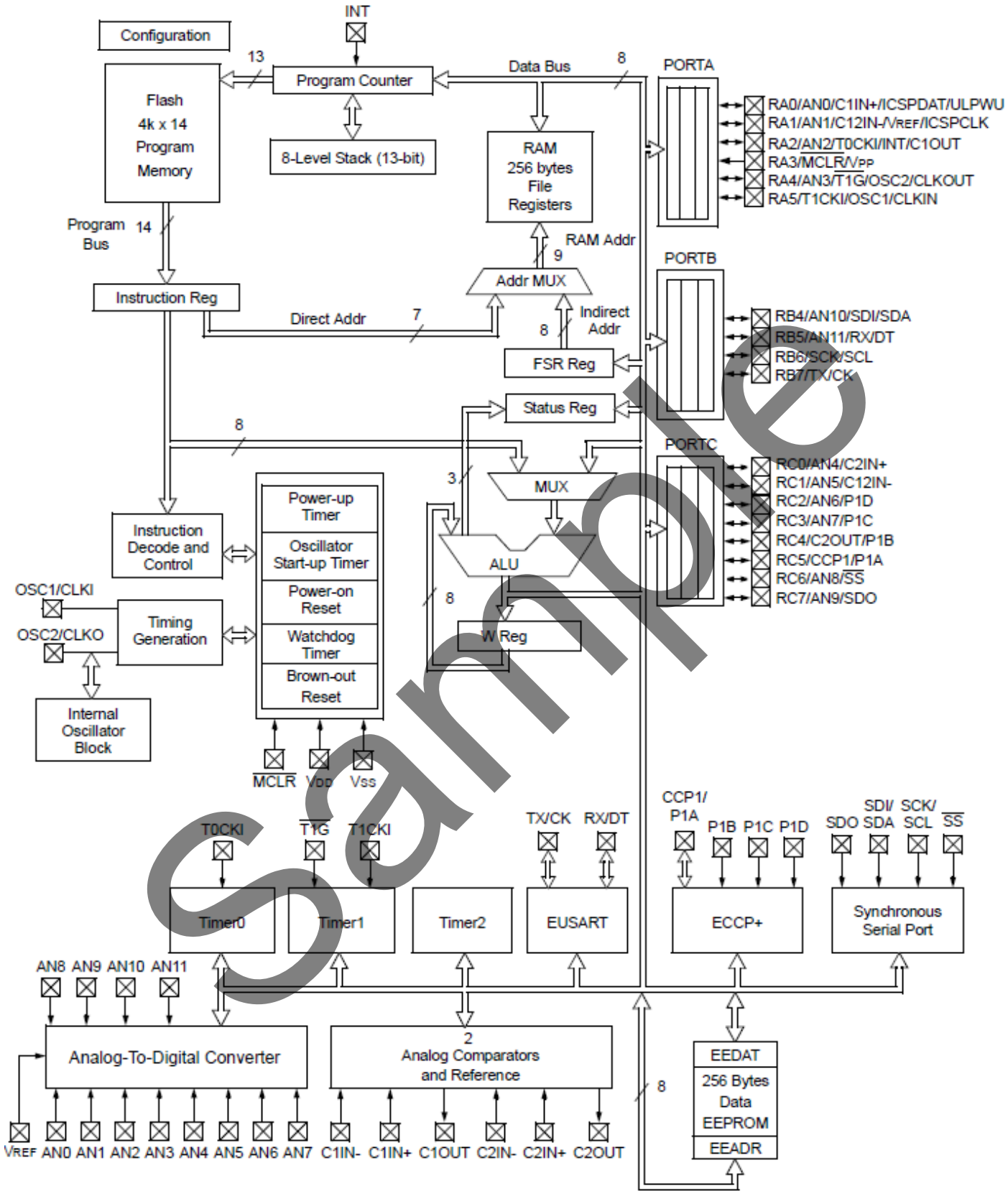

Figure 3: *Detailed architecture of the PIC16F690 Microcontroller*

Instruction Set

The PIC16F690 chip has 35 instructions in its Instruction Set, as shown in Figure 4.

Mnemonic, Operands		Description	Cycles	14-Bit Opcode MSb LSb	Status Affected	Notes
BYTE-ORIENTED FILE REGISTER OPERATIONS						
ADDWF	f, d	Add W and f	1	00 0111 dfff ffff	C, DC, Z	1, 2
ANDWF	f, d	AND W with f	1	00 0101 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
CLRF	f	Clear f	1	00 0001 lfff ffff	Z	2
CLRW	–	Clear W	1	00 0001 0xxx xxxx	Z	
COMF	f, d	Complement f	1	00 1001 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
DECF	f, d	Decrement f	1	00 0011 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
DECFSZ	f, d	Decrement f, Skip if 0	1(2)	00 1011 dfff ffff		1, 2, 3
INCF	f, d	Increment f	1	00 1010 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
INCFSZ	f, d	Increment f, Skip if 0	1(2)	00 1111 dfff ffff		1, 2, 3
IORWF	f, d	Inclusive OR W with f	1	00 0100 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
MOVF	f, d	Move f	1	00 1000 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
MOVWF	f	Move W to f	1	00 0000 lfff ffff		
NOP	–	No Operation	1	00 0000 0xx0 0000		
RLF	f, d	Rotate Left f through Carry	1	00 1101 dfff ffff	C	1, 2
RRF	f, d	Rotate Right f through Carry	1	00 1100 dfff ffff	C	1, 2
SUBWF	f, d	Subtract W from f	1	00 0010 dfff ffff	C, DC, Z	1, 2
SWAPF	f, d	Swap nibbles in f	1	00 1110 dfff ffff		1, 2
XORWF	f, d	Exclusive OR W with f	1	00 0110 dfff ffff	Z	1, 2
BIT-ORIENTED FILE REGISTER OPERATIONS						
BCF	f, b	Bit Clear f	1	01 00bb bfff ffff		1, 2
BSF	f, b	Bit Set f	1	01 01bb bfff ffff		1, 2
BTFSC	f, b	Bit Test f, Skip if Clear	1 (2)	01 10bb bfff ffff		3
BTFSS	f, b	Bit Test f, Skip if Set	1 (2)	01 11bb bfff ffff		3
LITERAL AND CONTROL OPERATIONS						
ADDLW	k	Add literal and W	1	11 111x kkkk kkkk	C, DC, Z	
ANDLW	k	AND literal with W	1	11 1001 kkkk kkkk	Z	
CALL	k	Call Subroutine	2	10 0kkk kkkk kkkk		
CLRWDT	–	Clear Watchdog Timer	1	00 0000 0110 0100	$\overline{TO}$, $\overline{PD}$	
GOTO	k	Go to address	2	10 1kkk kkkk kkkk		
IORLW	k	Inclusive OR literal with W	1	11 1000 kkkk kkkk	Z	
MOVLW	k	Move literal to W	1	11 00xx kkkk kkkk		
RETFIE	–	Return from interrupt	2	00 0000 0000 1001		
RETLW	k	Return with literal in W	2	11 01xx kkkk kkkk		
RETURN	–	Return from Subroutine	2	00 0000 0000 1000		
SLEEP	–	Go into Standby mode	1	00 0000 0110 0011	$\overline{TO}$, $\overline{PD}$	
SUBLW	k	Subtract W from literal	1	11 110x kkkk kkkk	C, DC, Z	
XORLW	k	Exclusive OR literal with W	1	11 1010 kkkk kkkk	Z	

Note 1: When an I/O register is modified as a function of itself (e.g., `MOVF PORTA, 1`), the value used will be that value present on the pins themselves. For example, if the data latch is '1' for a pin configured as input and is driven low by an external device, the data will be written back with a '0'.

2: If this instruction is executed on the TMR0 register (and where applicable, d = 1), the prescaler will be cleared if assigned to the Timer0 module.

3: If the Program Counter (PC) is modified, or a conditional test is true, the instruction requires two cycles. The second cycle is executed as a NOP.

Figure 4: *Instruction Set of the PIC16F690 Microcontroller*