

Q (1) (a) What is difference between Microprocessor and Microcontroller.

Ans General Purpose Microprocessor

(i) The CPU is stand-alone memory (RAM and ROM), Timers, I/O ports are on different chips.

(ii) Different kinds of software application can be loaded.

(iii) Due to use of different ICs, the memory size number of ports can be configured. Hence designer can decide on amount of ROM, RAM and I/O ports

(iv) Different chips occupy more space, hence more power consumption and more cost

(v) Clock rates are fast (upto GHz) microprocessor have

Microcontroller

The CPU memory (RAM and ROM), Timers I/O ports are all on a single chip.

Single software application is generally used.

Amount of memory number of ports is limited by the microcontroller used. Hence for amount of on chip ROM, RAM, I/O ports

Single chip hence less space, less power and less cost.

clock rates are comparably slow (limited to tens of MHz)

(vi) A large instruction-set

Comparatively less number
of instruction.

(viii) Expensive and versatile
hence can be used for
all general purpose
applications like
Computers

Non expensive and hence
can be used for single
purpose specific application
like Camera, cell phones.

* Classification of Microcontroller. ⇒

Knowing all the type of microcontroller a
microcontroller can be classified according to the
following on the chip features.

- (i) Processor width 8 bit or 16 bit or 32 bit processor.
- (ii) Program storage hardware architecture Harvard and or Von-Neumann (Princeton).
- (iii) Size of internal or external memories (upto 64 Kb or more)
- (iv) Type of memory used (RAM and ROM).
- (v) Type of processor used (RISC or CISC).
- (vi) Numbers of available on chip component like ADC/DAC, Precision Comparator Watchdog timer etc.
- (vii) Crystal Oscillator used (to determine the maximum operating frequency).
- (viii) Crystal Oscillator used (to determine the minimum operating frequency).
- (ix) Size & pin layout of the ICs
- (x) Power requirement and power dissipation (minimum to maximum)

* Application (example of Embedded System)

As devices using microcontrollers are capable of performing specific task repeatedly and with good accuracy, they have application in numerous field, few of which include.

- (a) Home application like intercom, telephones, security system, garage door openers, answering machines, TV, Cable TV Tuner, VCR Camcorder, remote Control, video game, exercise equipment.
- (b) biomedical instrument like ECG display and recorder, patient monitoring system blood cell analyzer.
- (c) Communication system like numeric pagers, cellular phones, Cable TV terminal, Fax machines.
- (d) Instrument in industrial process Control like electronic weighing machine, with display etc machine.
- (e) instrument in industrial process Control engine speed and fuel Control.
- (f) Automotive application like dynamic ride Control anti lock braking System Controller.

Q.1(b) Explain the HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE ?.

Ans: →

Along with a CPU the hardware also includes any components that facilitate the user - application interaction such as display units keypad etc. Figure 1.5 shows various functional blocks of the hardware architecture of an embedded system this is a general architecture applicable to both microprocessors and microcontrollers.

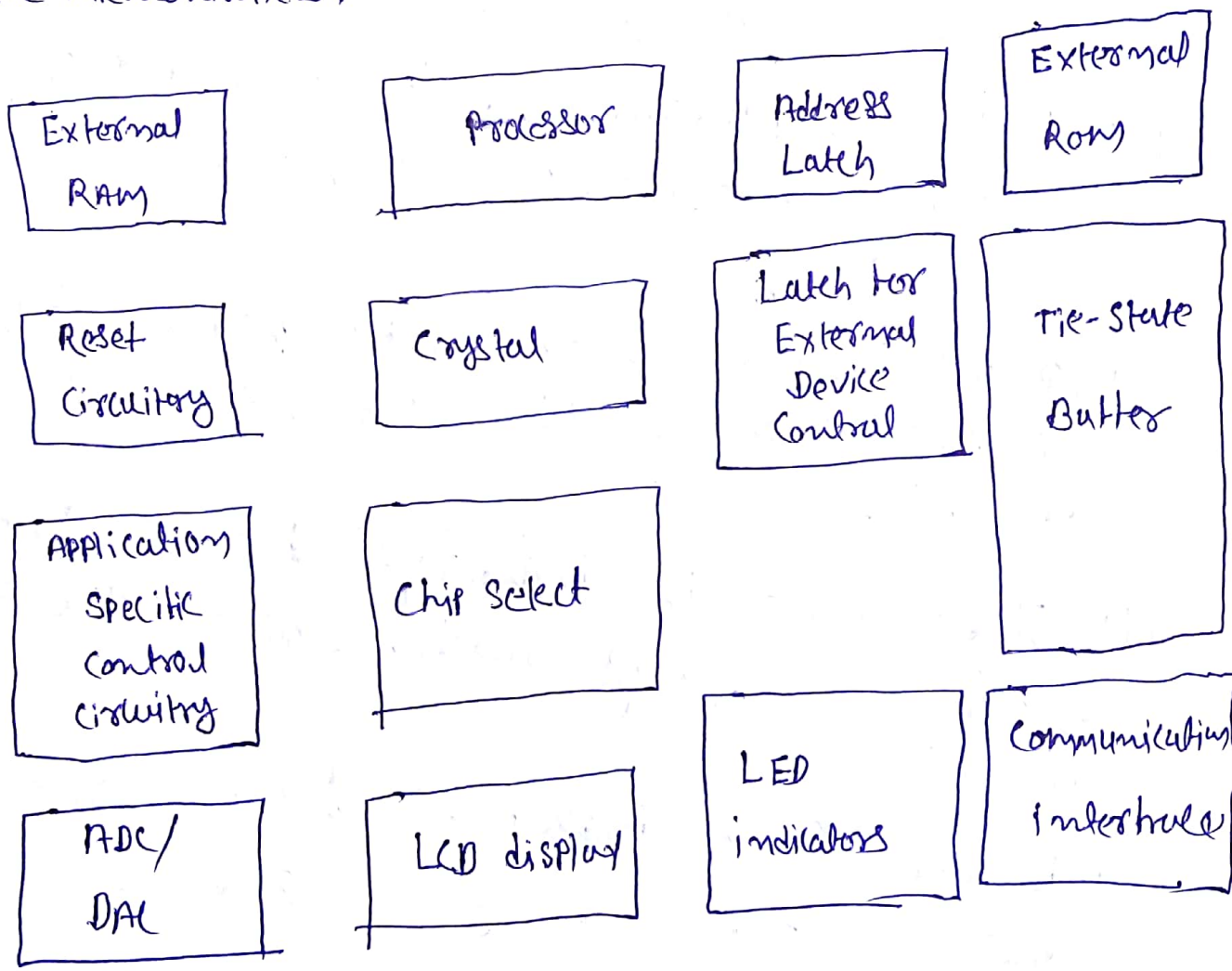


Fig:- functional blocks of the hardware architecture of an embedded system

(a) Processor :-

In general the processor used in embedded systems can be of three types microprocessor, microcontroller and digital signal processor

- (i) Processor width 8 bit or 16 bit or 32-bit processor
- (ii) Program storage hardware architecture Harvard and/or

(b) memory :-

The memory used in embedded is found in the same applications if this memory is sufficient there is no need to use external memory.

Internal memory :-

Internal memory is found in the same silicon as the processor it is accessible to the processor without any use of input and output at the capability.

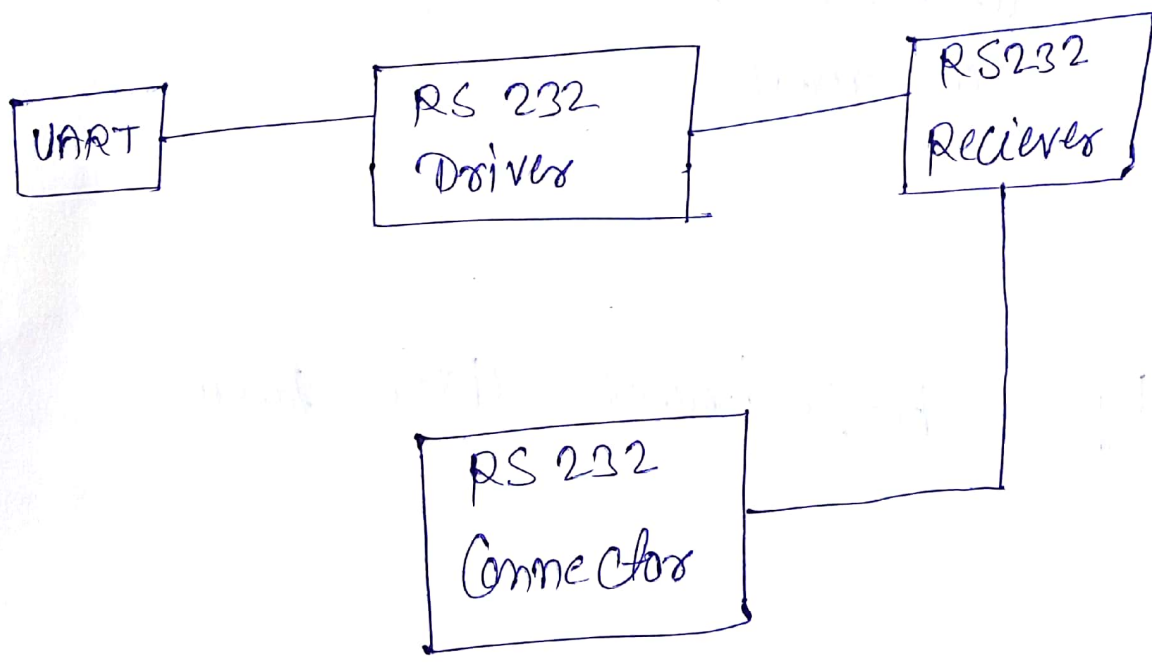
Q (2) (a) Explain Communication Interface: UART.

To interface an embedded system with the external world, a number of interfaces are used. Such as serial interface, the internet interface, the Ethernet interface, GSM, Bluetooth, FDDA (Frame Relay data Association). All these interface provide different functionality and different data transmission rates.

The standard RS 232 specified by the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) specifies the necessary protocols to achieve serial communication accurately. RS 232 is a physically standard, hence it specifies and serial electrical interface requirement.

DB-25	Signal	DB-9
1	Chassis ground	Not used
2	Transmit data - TXD	3
3	Receive data - RXD	2
4	Request to send (RTS)	7
5	Clear to send - (CTS)	8
6	Data set ready - (DSR)	6
7	Signal ground (GND)	5
8	Data Carrier detect (DCD)	1
20	Data Carrier detect (DTR)	4
22	Ring indicator - RI or RING	9

Signal	Voltage levels
Data input	+3 volts and above for 0 -3 volts and below for 1
Data output	+5 volts and above for 0 -5 volts and below for 1
Control input	+3 volts and above for 1 (ON) -3 volts and below for 0 (OFF)
Control output	+5 volts and above for 1 (ON) -5 volts and below for 0 (OFF)



← Data bits →

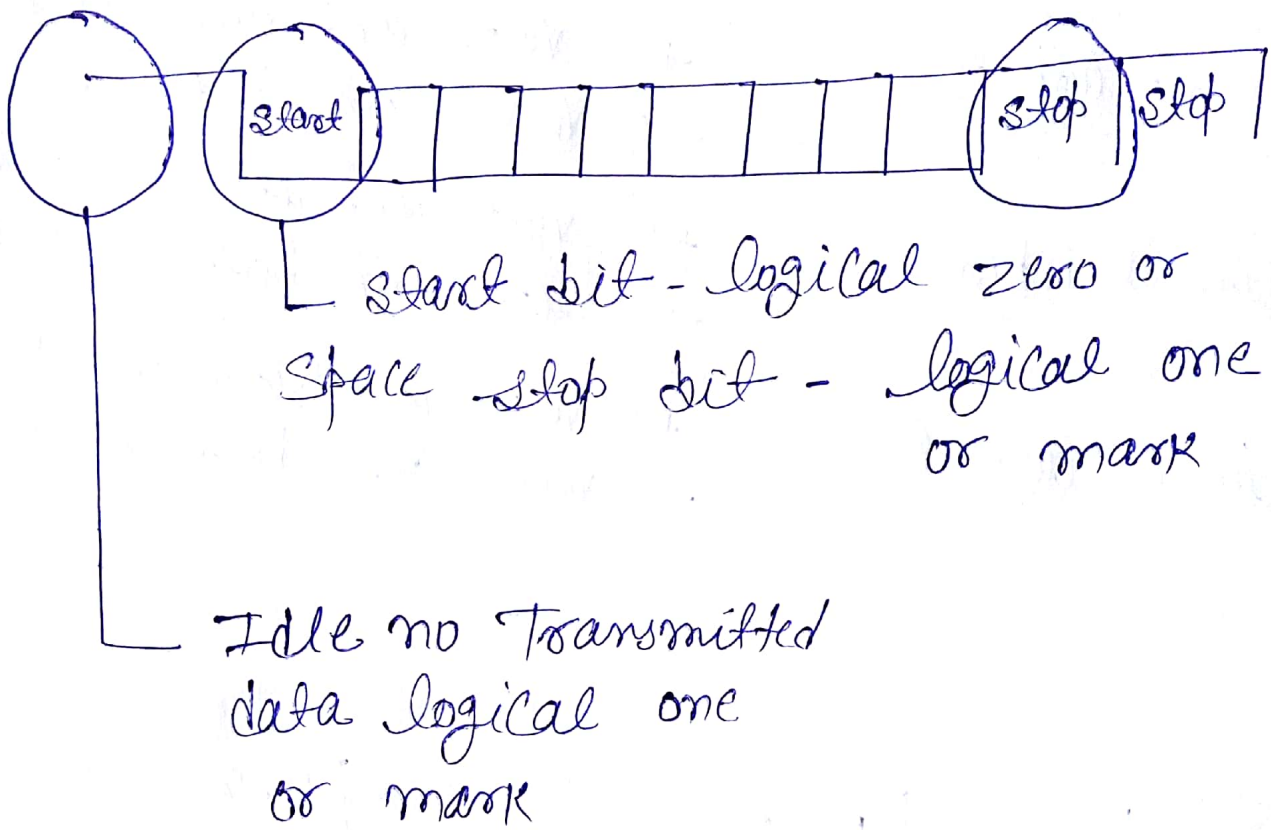


Fig - Asynchronous data format

8 (2) (b) What is programmable logic devices?

The design goals of an embedded system are to reduce size, cost, and power consumption and to increase performance and reliability.

The main reason for using programmable logic is to reduce total costs. This is due to a number of reasons.

- (i) One important advantage is that design with PLDs is faster and this reduces the time required to bring a product to market.
- (ii) Programmable device also reduce the risks associated with product development since they allow last minute changes, often without having to redesign circuit boards.
- (iii) Since PLDs often replace several other purpose devices the design usually has fewer components and this reduces PCB assembly test and repair cost.

(iv) Using PLDs also means fewer parts needed to be stocked and this reduces inventory cost.

(v) Since more of the logic is integrated into each chip the number of interconnections is decreased and this increase the reliability of the product. Of course there are some advantage to using programmable logic such as.

(i) Design with PLDs requires additional development software and hardware which is often very expensive.

(ii) Design staff often needs to be trained to use new design tools.

(iii) In addition, part must be programmed before they can be assembled into a final product.