
CSCE 4114

Interrupts

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Interrupts

“An Asynchronous signal indicating the need for attention or a synchronous event in software indicating the need for a change in execution.”

Hardware interrupts introduced to avoid wasting the processor's valuable time in polling loops, waiting for external events.

-Wikipedia

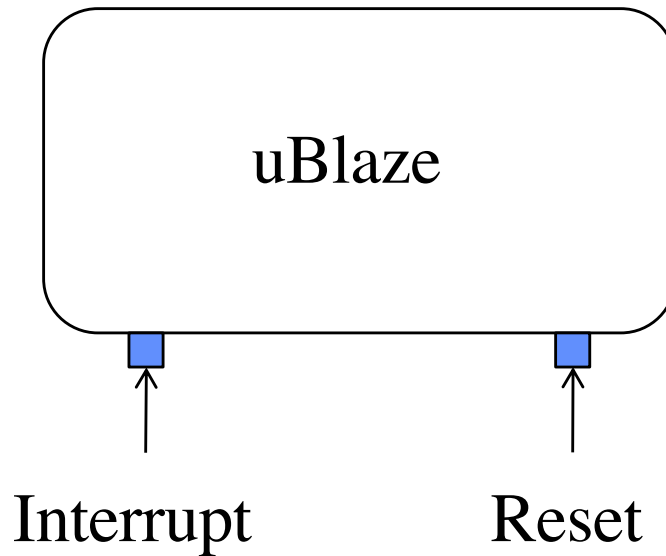


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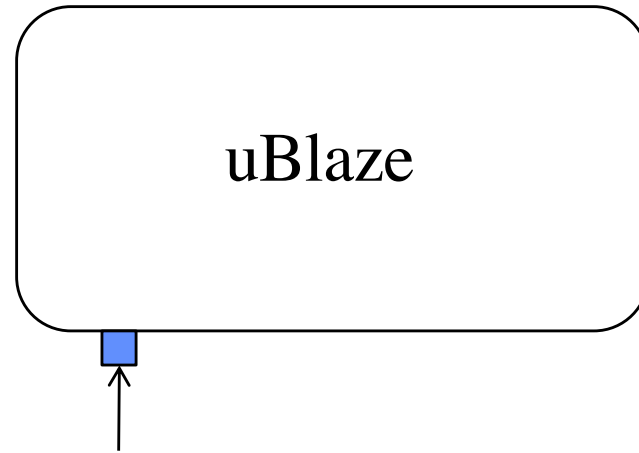
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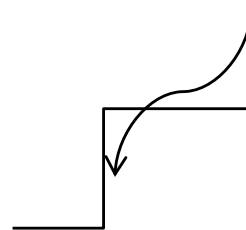


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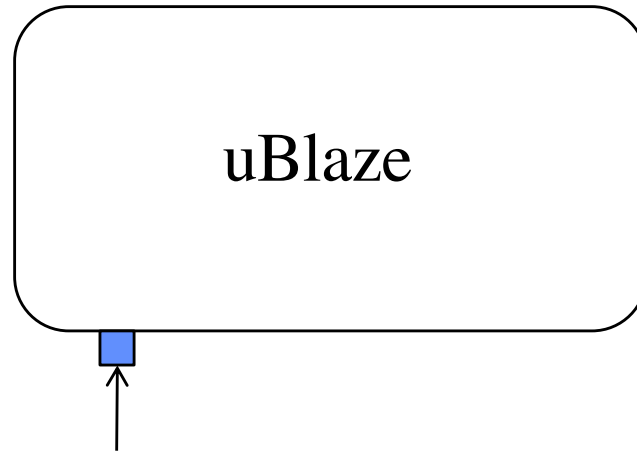


Interrupt

Signal can be edge triggered

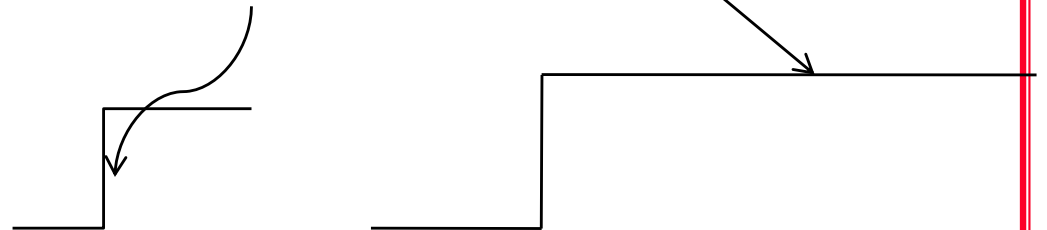


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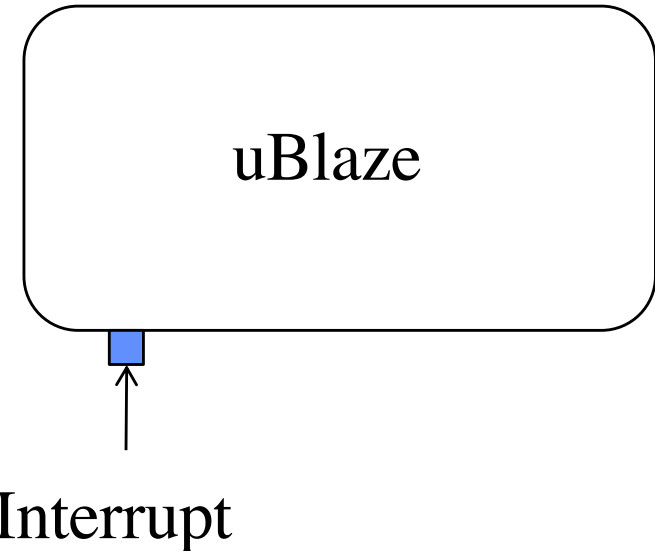


Interrupt

Signal can be edge triggered or level triggered



Internal Processing



Save Program Counter

Clear Interrupt Enable (IE) Bit in MSR

---Jump to ISR routine and execute---



Internal Processing

$r14 \leftarrow PC$

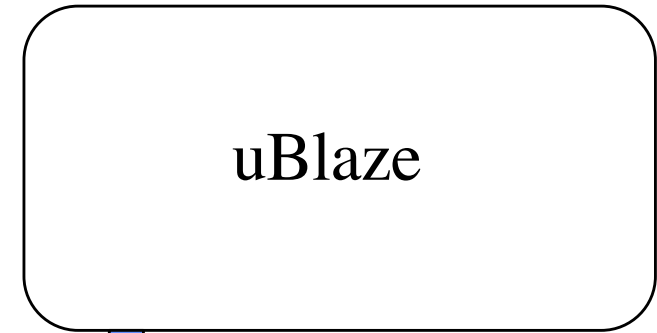
$PC \leftarrow 0x00000010$

$MSR[IE] \leftarrow 0$

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$Reservation \leftarrow 0$



Interrupt



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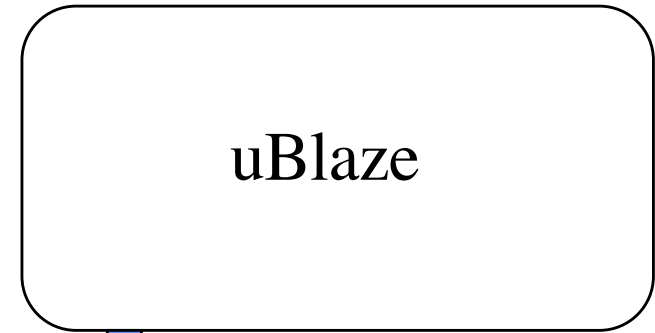
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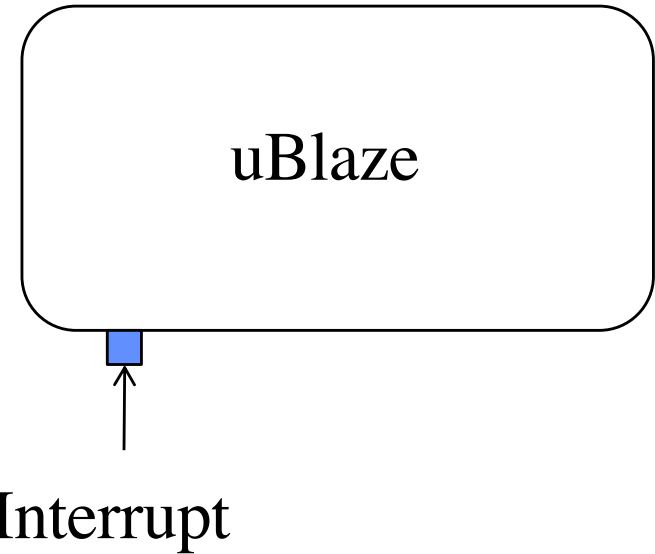
Interrupt

Only with MMU



Internal Processing

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New Concept: "Vectoring"

Event	Vector Address	Register File Return Address
Reset	0x00000000 - 0x00000004	-
User Vector (Exception)	0x00000008 - 0x0000000C	Rx
Interrupt	0x00000010 - 0x00000014	R14
Break: Non-maskable hardware	0x00000018 - 0x0000001C	R16
Break: Hardware		
Break: Software		
Hardware Exception	0x00000020 - 0x00000024	R17 or BTR
Reserved by Xilinx for future use	0x00000028 - 0x0000004F	-



New Concept: "Vectoring"

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0x00:  bri    _start1
0x04:  nop
0x08:  imm    high bits of address (user exception handler)
0x0c:  bri    _exception_handler
0x10:  imm    high bits of address (interrupt handler)
0x14:  bri    _interrupt_handler
0x20:  imm    high bits of address (HW exception handler)
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Execution Flow

o

o

o

addi r1,r1,4

sub r1,r2,r3 ← *Bomb: Interrupt!*

add r1,r2,r3

bri loop

o

o

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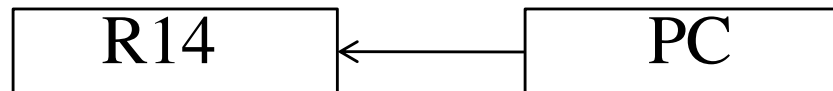
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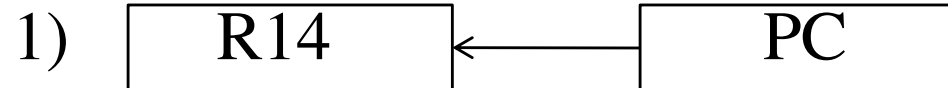
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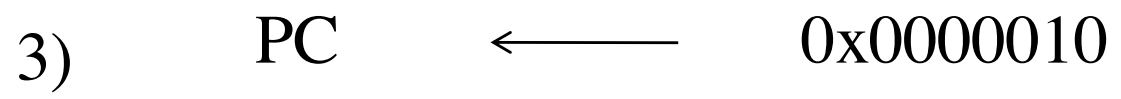
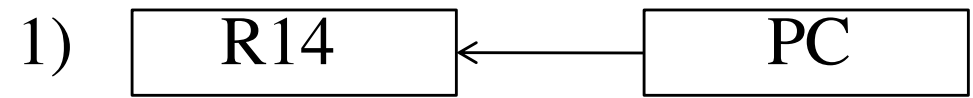
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bri loop

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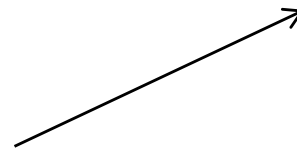
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4)

Vector Table

bri my_handler



My_handler:
0
0
0
exception routine
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rti r14,8



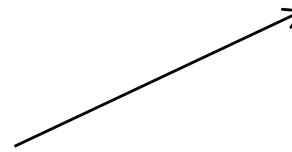
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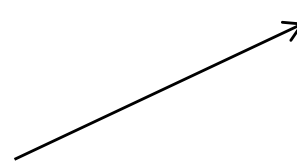
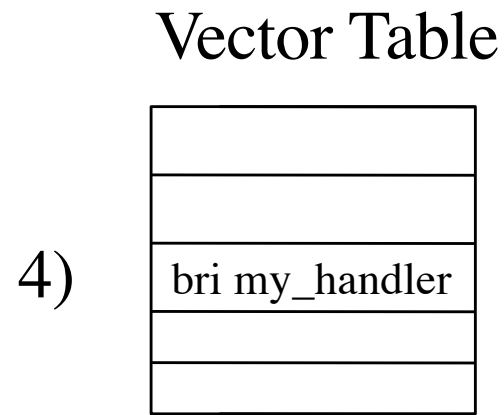


Execution Flow

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My_handler:
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MSR[IE] ← 1 ← 5) rti r14,8



Execution Flow

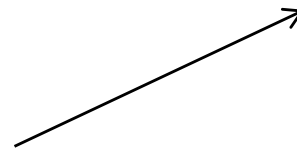
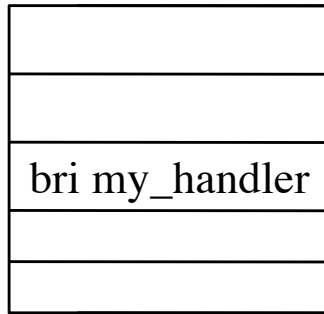
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bri loop

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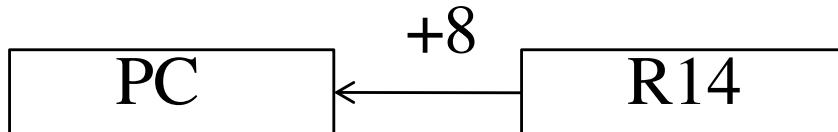
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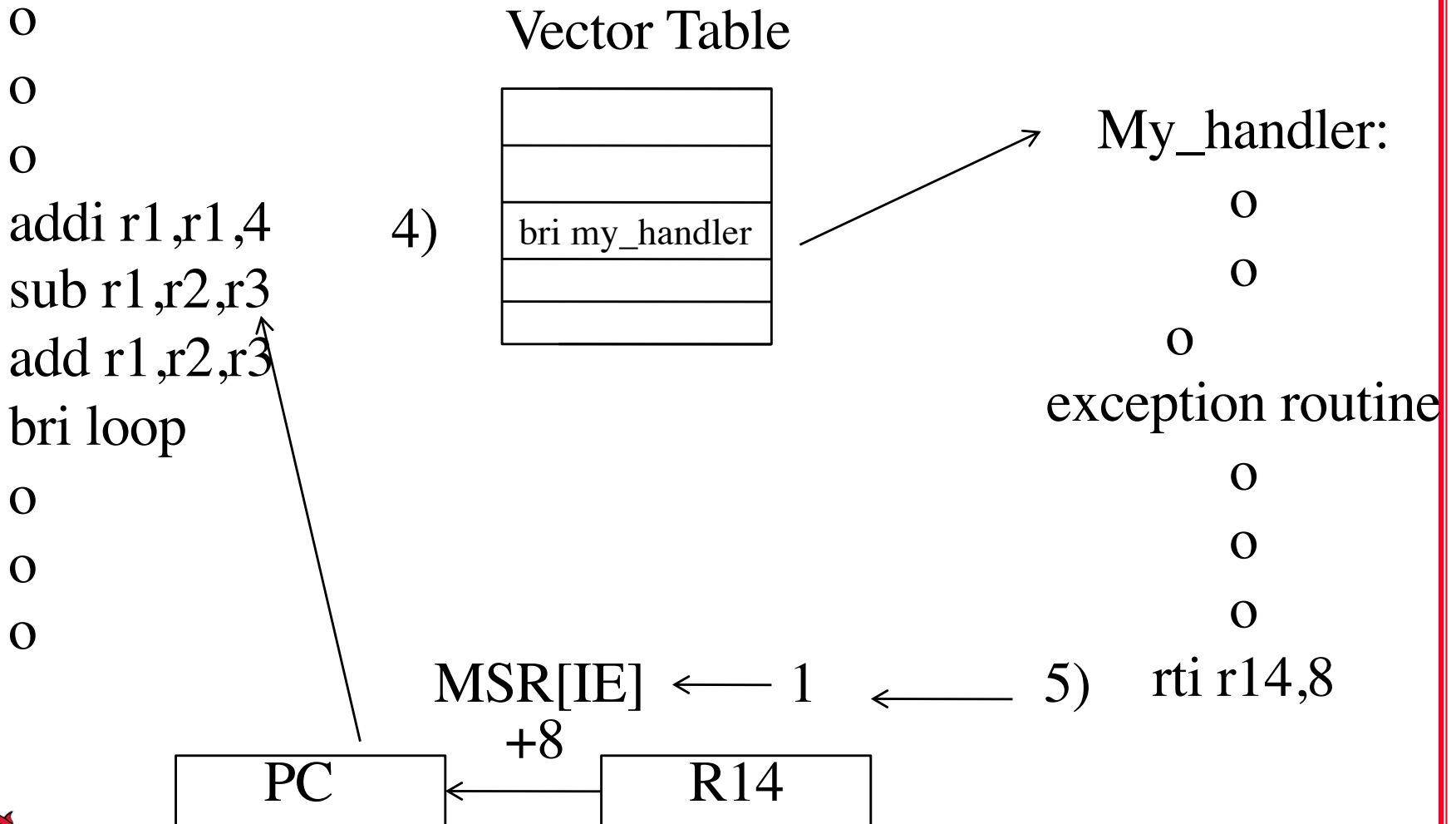
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Execution Flow



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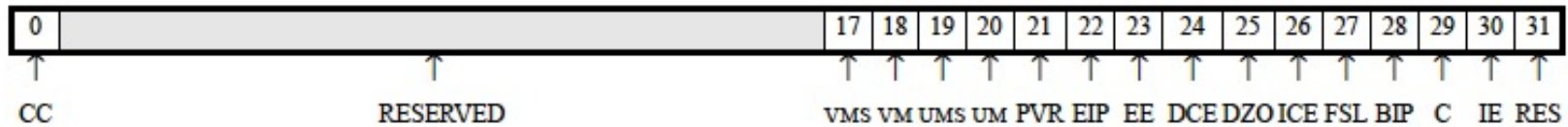


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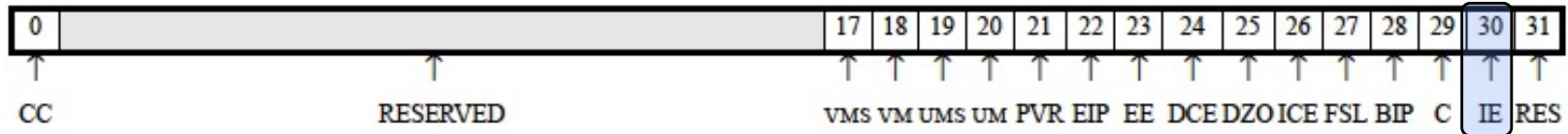


Figure 2-4: MSR

IE:= Interrupt Enable

1= Enabled

0=Disabled



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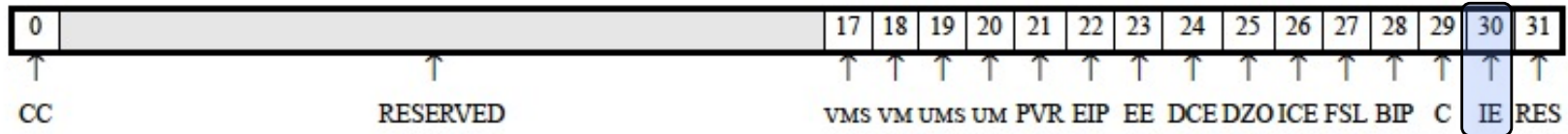


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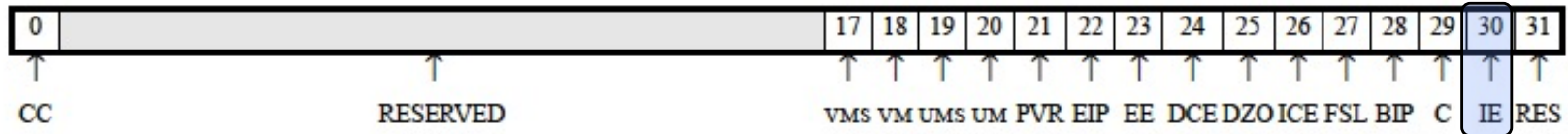


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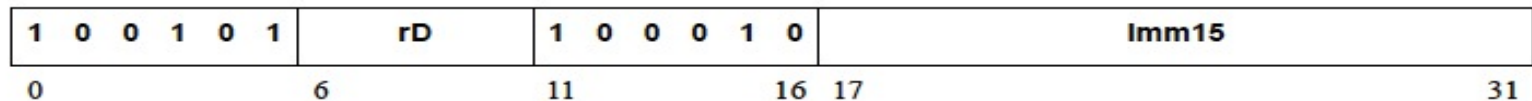
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Read MSR and clear bits in MSR

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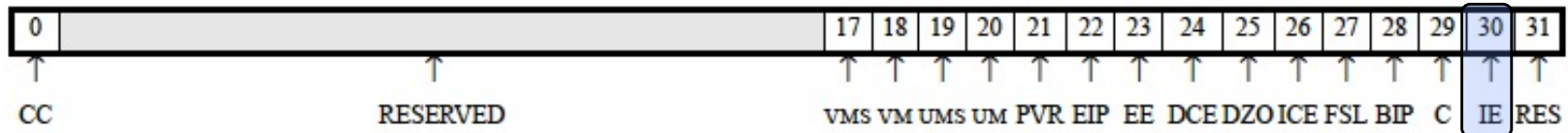


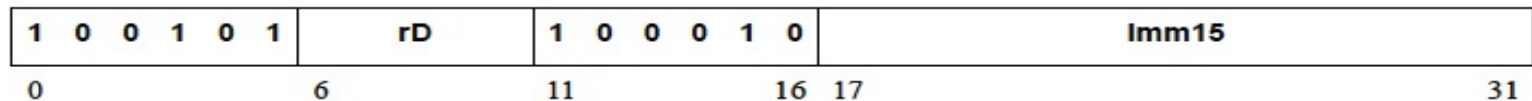
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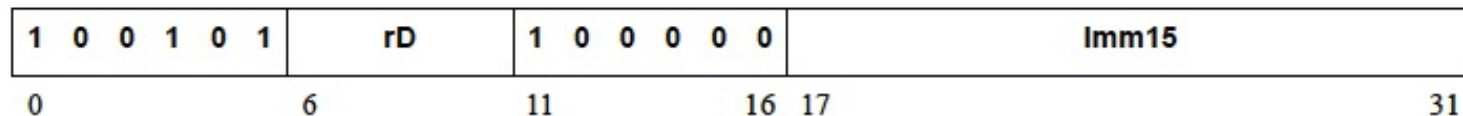
msrclr rD, Imm



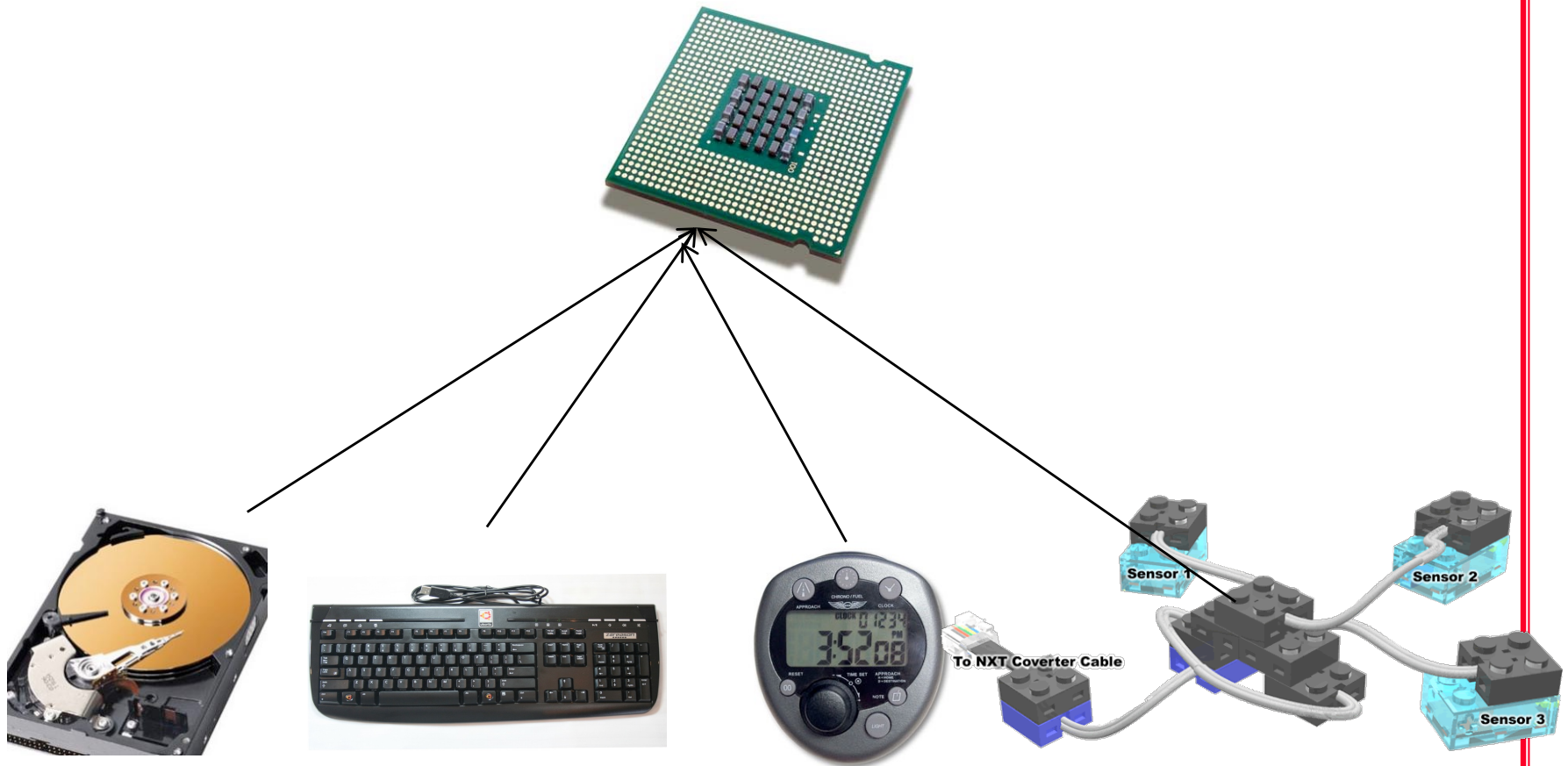
msrset

Read MSR and set bits in MSR

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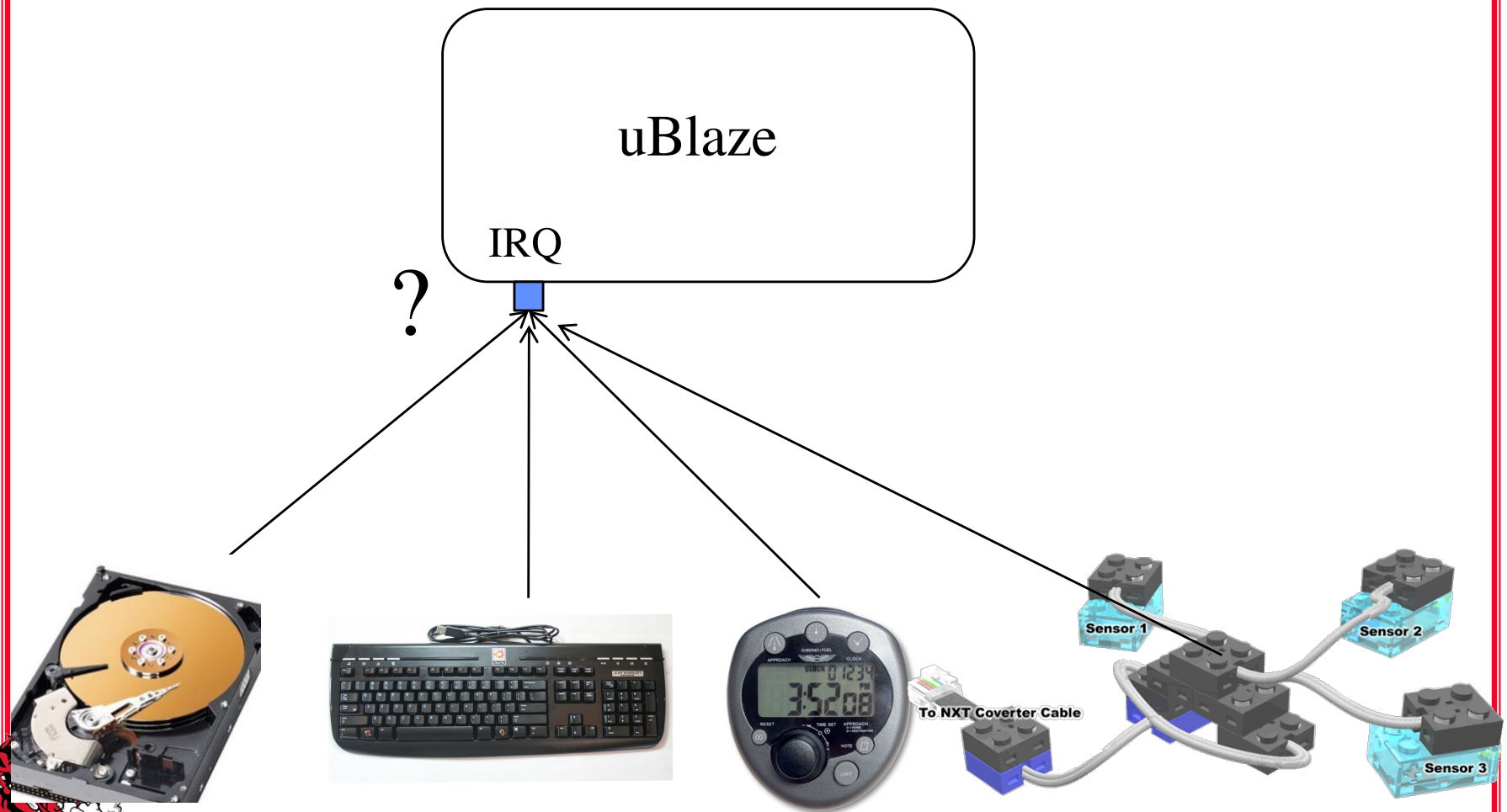
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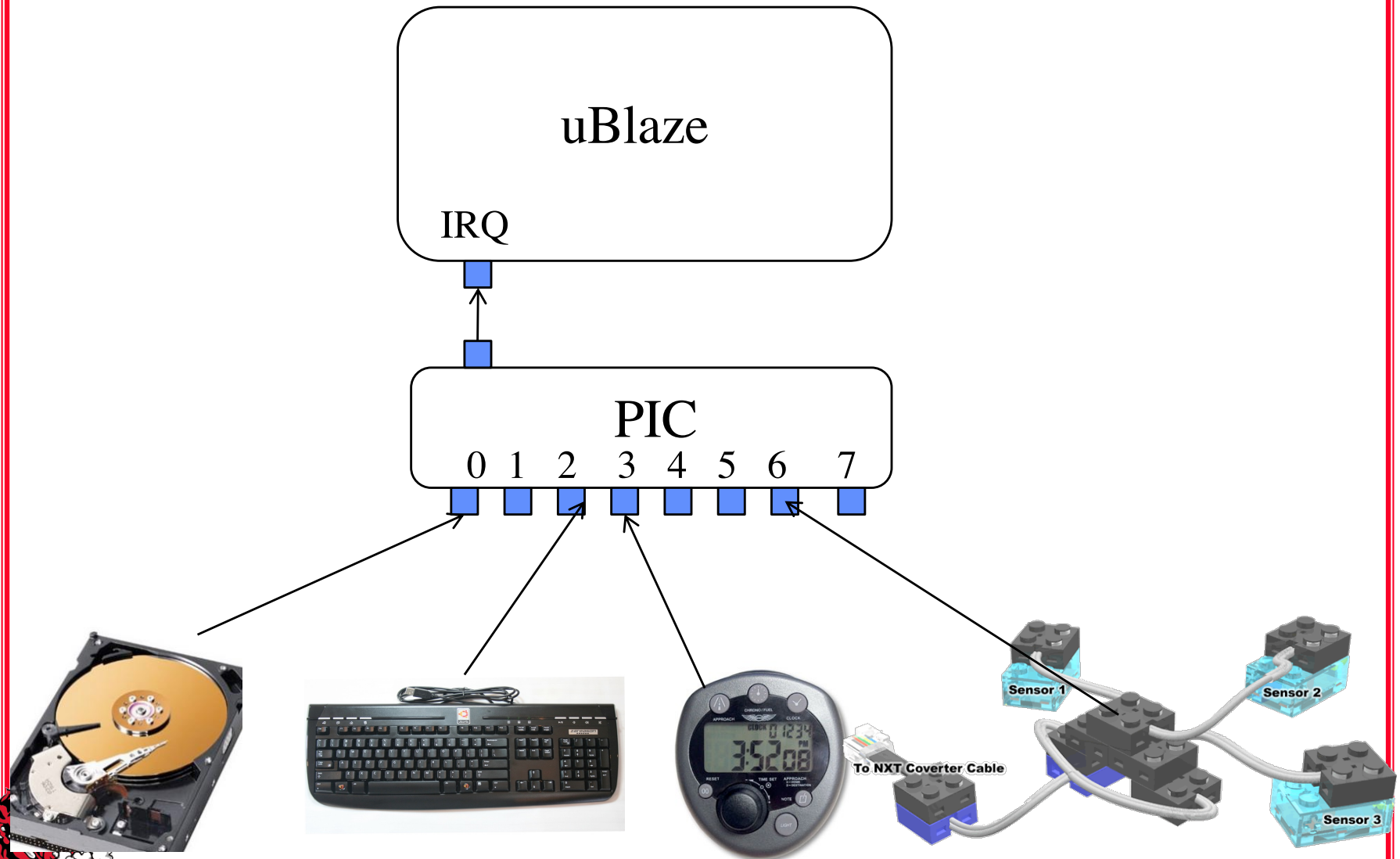
Devices External to CPU



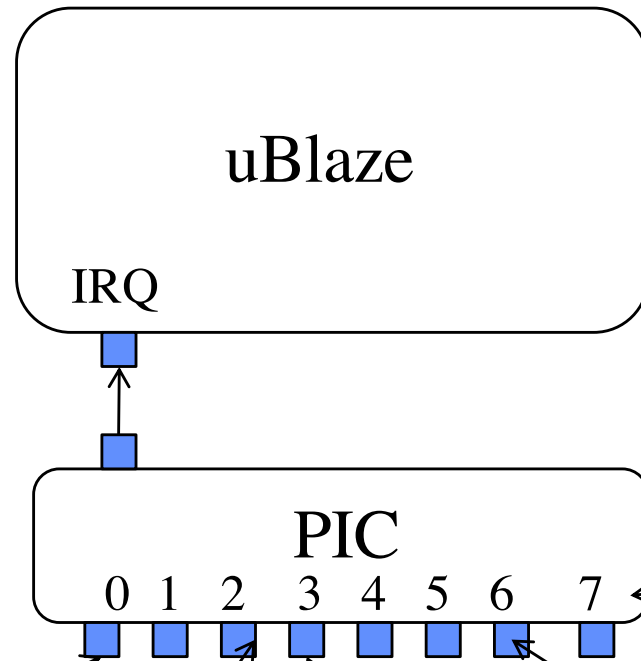
Our CPU Has 1 External Input



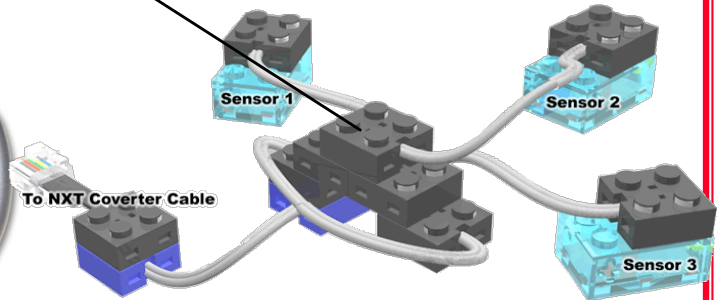
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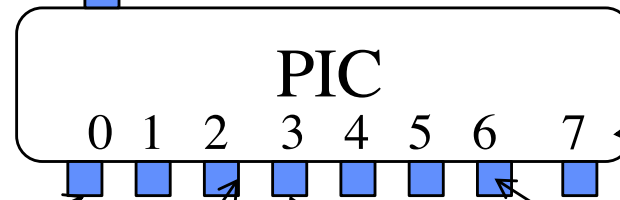
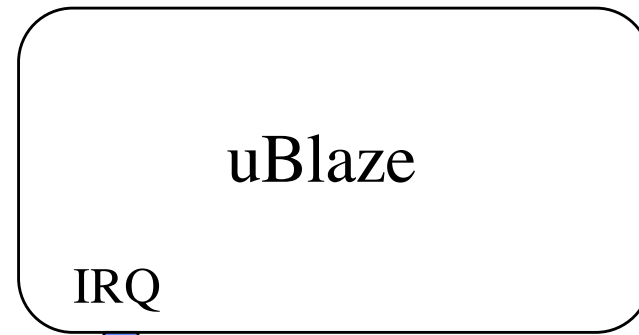
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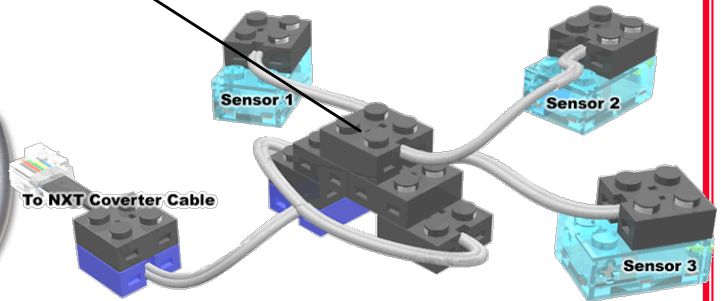


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Prioritizes inputs

Can set to edge/level protocol



PIC REGISTER SET

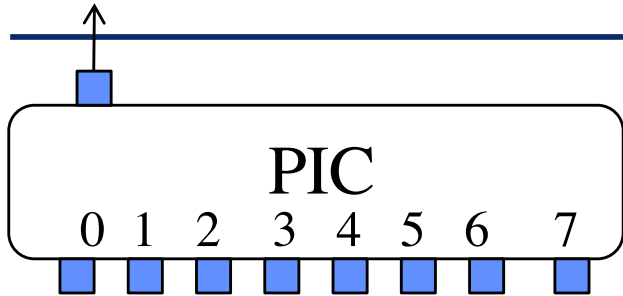


Table 2-4: Register Address Mapping

Address Offset	Register Name	Description
00h	ISR	Interrupt Status Register (ISR)
04h	IPR	Interrupt Pending Register (IPR)
08h	IER	Interrupt Enable Register (IER)
0Ch	IAR	Interrupt Acknowledge Register (IAR)
10h	SIE	Set Interrupt Enables (SIE)
14h	CIE	Clear Interrupt Enables (CIE)
18h	IVR	Interrupt Vector Register (IVR)
1Ch	MER	Master Enable Register (MER)
20h	IMR	Interrupt Mode Register (IMR)
24h	ILR	Interrupt Level Register (ILR)
100h to 17Ch	IVAR	Interrupt Vector Address Register (IVAR)
200h to 2FCh	IVEAR	Interrupt Vector Extended Address Register (IVEAR)



PIC REGISTER SET

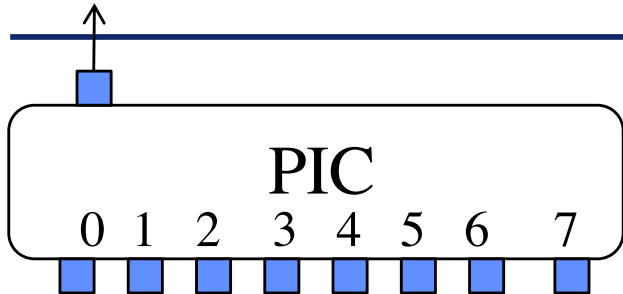
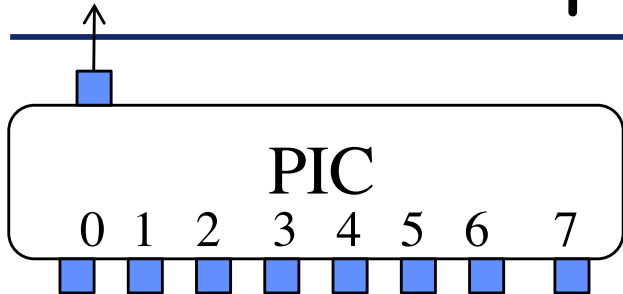


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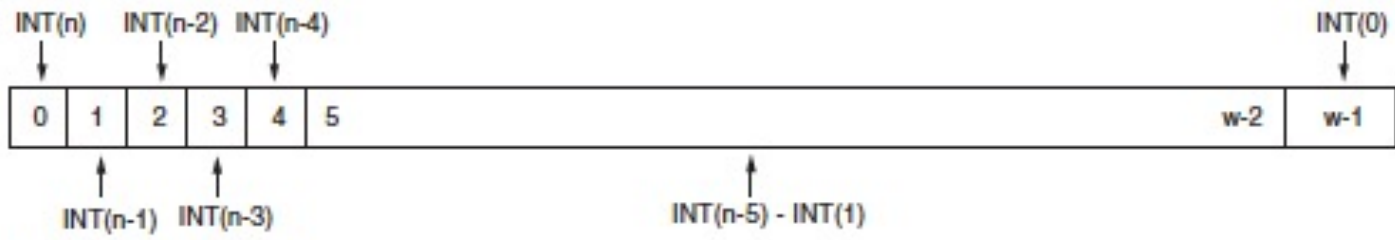
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ISR: Interrupt Status Register



- a) Which Interrupts requesting service
- b) Debugging: Writing a “1” will actually trigger interrupt



Note: w - width of Data Bus

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Figure 3: Interrupt Status Register (ISR)

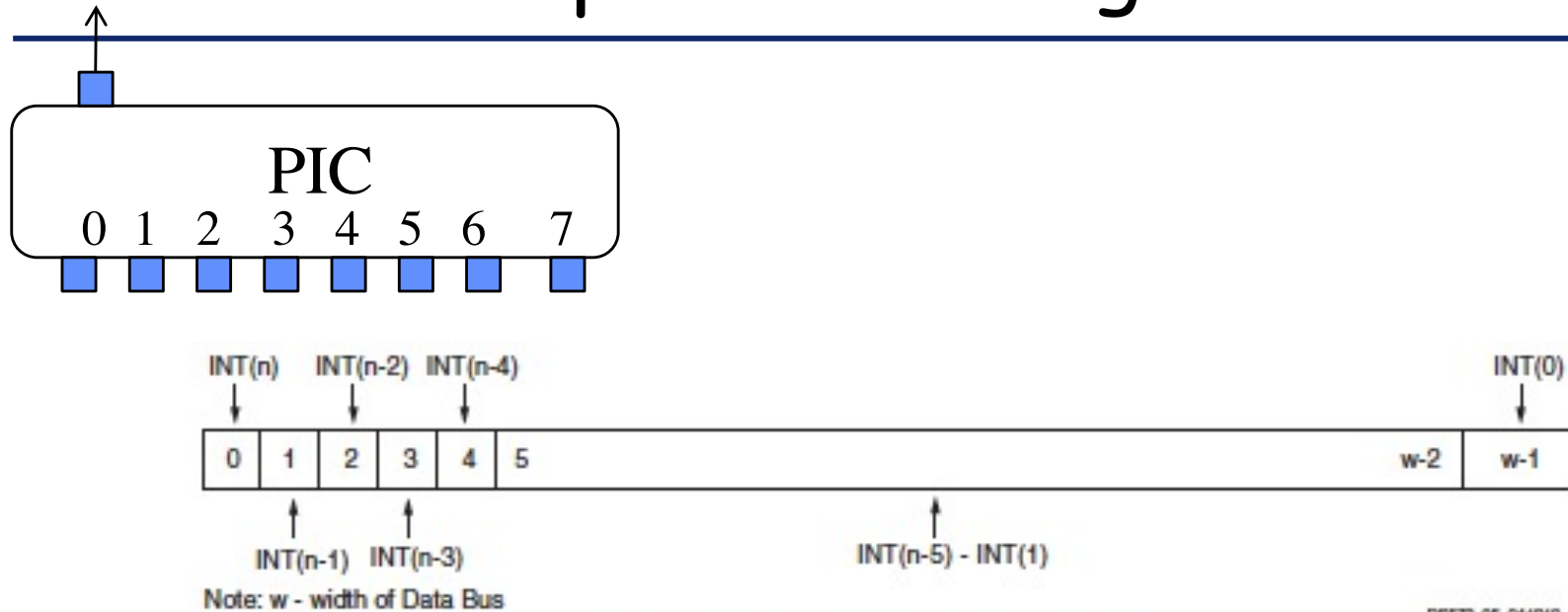
Table 5: Interrupt Status Register

Bits	Name	Core Access	Reset Value	Description
0 : (w ⁽¹⁾ - 1)	INT(n) – INT(0) (n ≤ w - 1)	Read / Write	All Zeros	Interrupt Input (n) – Interrupt Input (0) '0' = Not active '1' = Active

1. w - Width of Data Bus



IER: Interrupt Enable Register



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Figure 5: Interrupt Enable Register (IER)

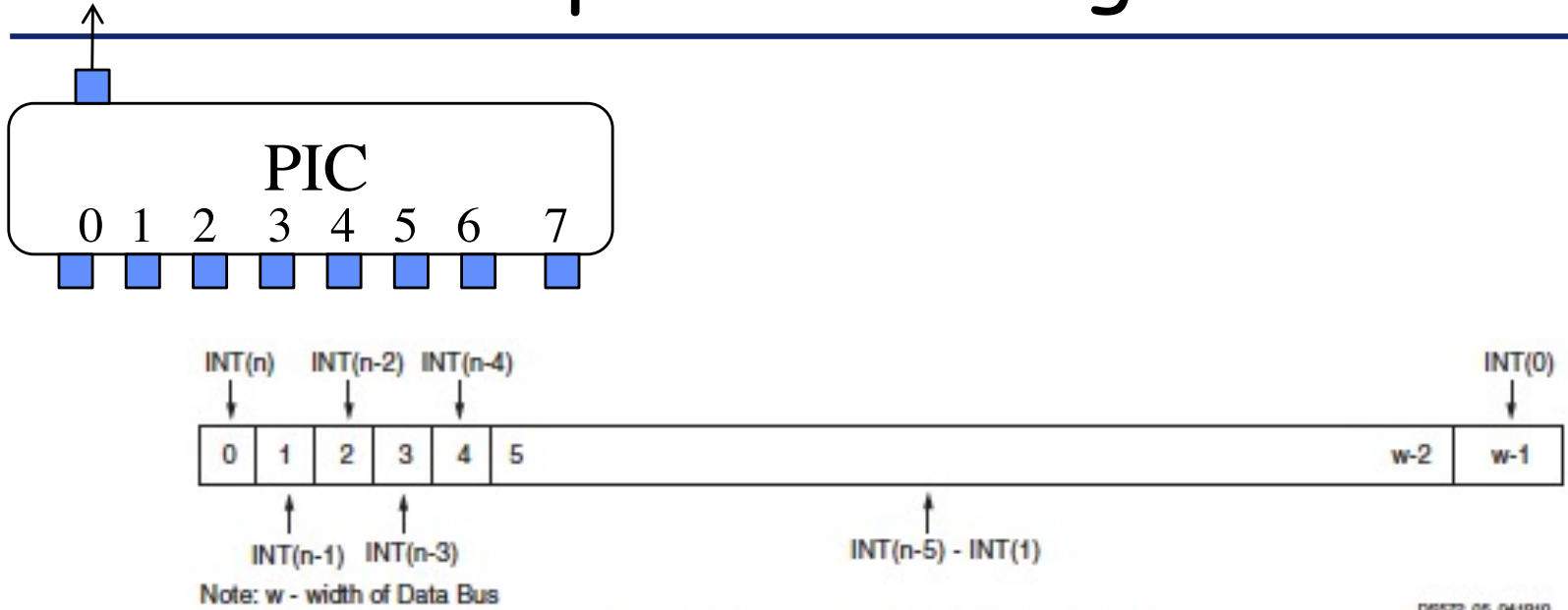
Table 7: Interrupt Enable Register

Bits	Name	Core Access	Reset Value	Description
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Only Enables/Disables each interrupt: does not cause int



IAR: Interrupt Acknowledge Register

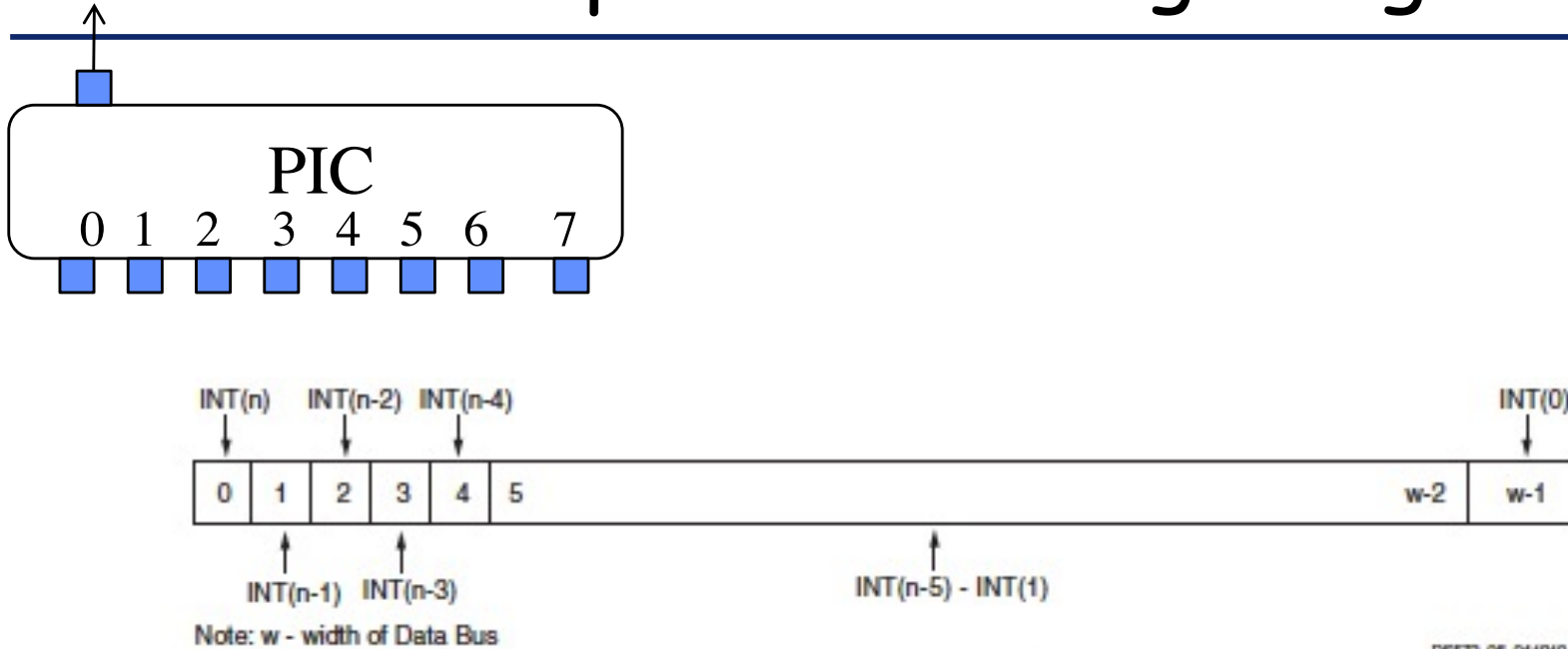


Figure 6: Interrupt Acknowledge Register (IAR)

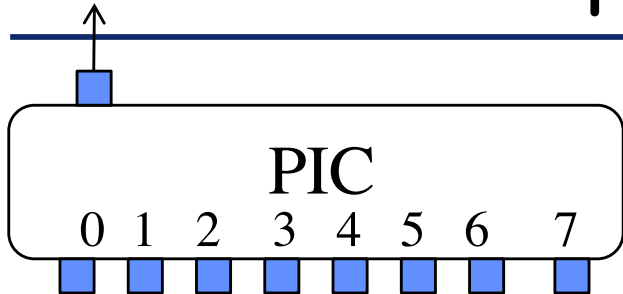
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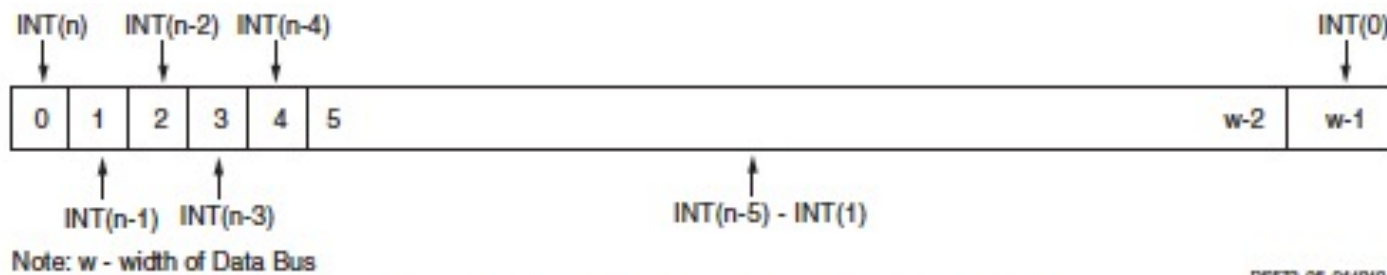
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IAR: Interrupt Acknowledge Register



Clears a pending interrupt:
 What would happen if you did not clear the pending interrupt ?



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Figure 6: Interrupt Acknowledge Register (IAR)

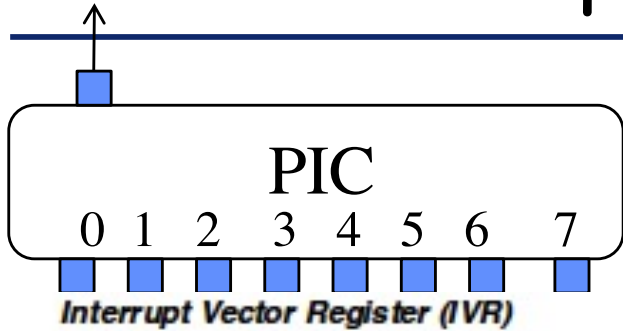
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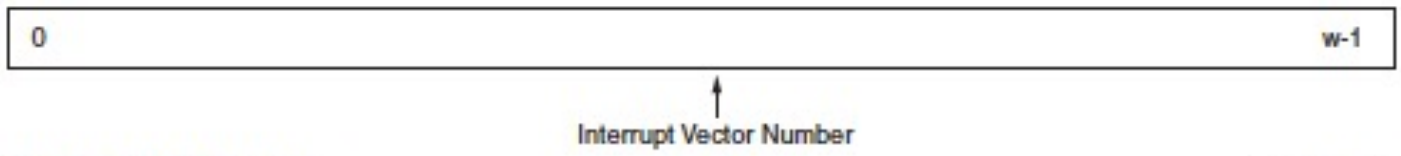


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Figure 9: Interrupt Vector Register (IVR)

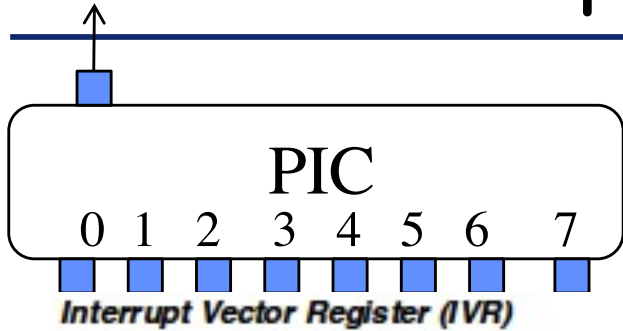
Table 11: Interrupt Vector Register

Bits	Name	Core Access	Reset Value	Description
0 : (w ⁽¹⁾ - 1)	Interrupt Vector Number	Read	All Ones	Ordinal of highest priority, enabled, active interrupt input

1. w - Width of Data Bus



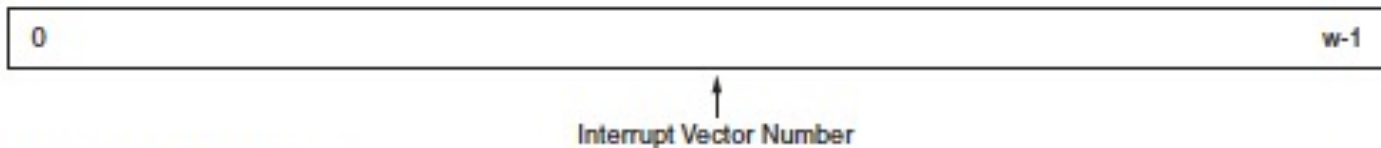
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Tells you highest priority pending Interrupt

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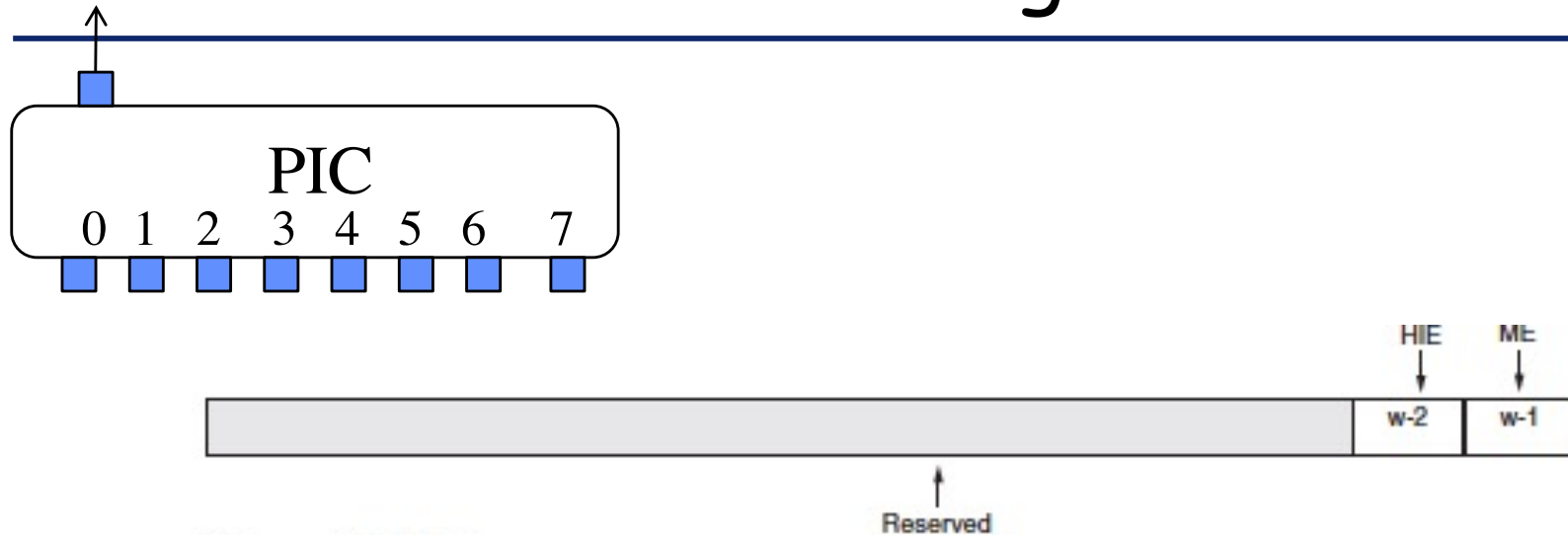
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MER: Master Enable Register



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Figure 10: Master Enable Register (MER)

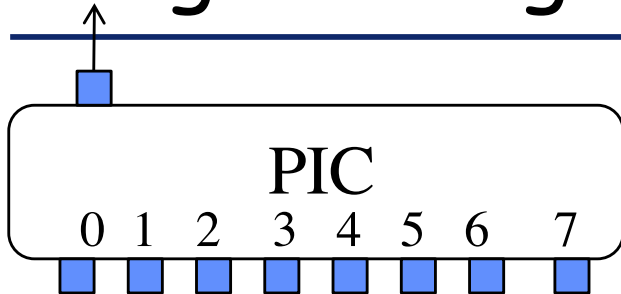
Table 12: Master Enable Register

Bits	Name	Core Access	Reset Value	Description
0 : (w ⁽¹⁾ - 3)	Reserved	N/A	All Zeros	Reserved
(w ⁽¹⁾ - 2)	HIE	Read / Write	'0'	Hardware Interrupt Enable '0' = Read – SW interrupts enabled Write – No effect '1' = Read – HW interrupts enabled Write – Enable HW interrupts
(w ⁽¹⁾ - 1)	ME	Read / Write	'0'	Master IRQ Enable '0' = IRQ disabled – All interrupts disabled '1' = IRQ enabled – All interrupts enabled

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Programming Basics



To Set up:

- 1) Write to IER to set/clear particular interrupts
- 2) Write to MER to turn on and wait.....

To Respond to Interrupt:

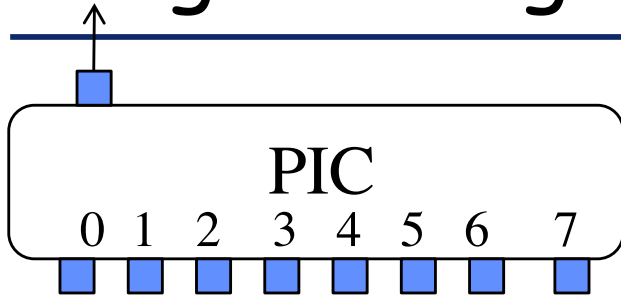
- 1) Read IVR to find out highest priority interrupt
- 2) Use (IVR) to branch to appropriate handler routine

-handler routine:

1st handshake device to clear request— why ?



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- 2) Write to MER to turn on and wait.....

To Respond to Interrupt:

- 1) Read IVR to find out highest priority interrupt
- 2) Use (IVR) to branch to appropriate handler routine

-handler routine:

1st handshake device to clear request
write to IAR register to clear



Execution Flow

0
0
0
addi r1,r1,4
sub r1,r2,r3
add r1,r2,r3
bri loop
0
0
0

Vector Table



```
My_handler:  
  Read IVR  
  switch(IVR)  
case 0: bri isr_routine_0  
        break;  
case 1: bri isr_routine_1  
        break;  
        0  
        0  
        0  
end case:
```

5)



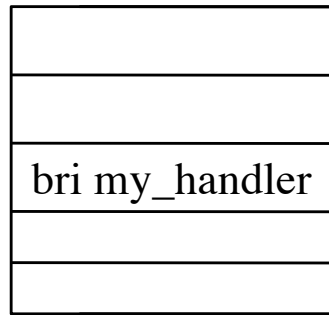
Execution Flow

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        0
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```

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Isr_routine_x
Handshake device
(to clear rqst to PIC)
Write to IAR
(to clear PIC rqst)
Execute routine
0
0
0
rti r14,8

```

5)

