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This document contains complete and detailed description of all modules included in the Atmel® AVR® XMEGA® A microcontroller family. The XMEGA A is a family of low-power, high-performance, and peripheral-rich CMOS 8/16-bit microcontrollers based on the AVR enhanced RISC architecture. The available XMEGA A modules described in this manual are:

- **Atmel AVR CPU**
- **Memories**
- **DMAC - Direct memory access controller**
- **Event system**
- **System clock and clock options**
- **Power management and sleep modes**
- **System control and reset**
- **Battery backup system**
- **WDT - Watchdog timer**
- **Interrupts and programmable multilevel interrupt controller**
- **PORT - I/O ports**
- **TC - 16-bit timer/counters**
- **AWeX - Advanced waveform extension**
- **Hi-Res - High resolution extension**
- **RTC - Real-time counter**
- **RTC32 - 32-bit real-time counter**
- **TWI - Two-wire serial interface**
- **SPI - Serial peripheral interface**
- **USART - Universal synchronous and asynchronous serial receiver and transmitter**
- **IRCOM - Infrared communication module**
- **AES and DES cryptographic engine**
- **EBI - External bus interface**
- **ADC - Analog-to-digital converter**
- **DAC - Digital-to-analog converter**
- **AC - Analog comparator**
- **IEEE 1149.1 JTAG interface**
- **PDI - Program and debug interface**
- **Memory programming**
- **Peripheral address map**
- **Register summary**
- **Interrupt vector summary**
- **Instruction set summary**

1. About the Manual

This document contains in-depth documentation of all peripherals and modules available for the XMEGA A microcontroller family. All features are documented on a functional level and described in a general sense. All peripherals and modules described in this manual may not be present in all XMEGA A devices.

For all device-specific information such as characterization data, memory sizes, modules, peripherals available and their absolute memory addresses, refer to the device datasheets. When several instances of a peripheral exists in one device, each instance will have a unique name. For example each port module (PORT) have unique name, such as PORTA, PORTB, etc. Register and bit names are unique within one module instance.

For more details on applied use and code examples for peripherals and modules, refer to the Atmel AVR XMEGA specific application notes available from <http://www.atmel.com/avr>.

1.1 Reading the Manual

The main sections describe the various modules and peripherals. Each section contains a short feature list and overview describing the module. The remaining section describes the features and functions in more detail.

The register description sections list all registers and describe each register, bit and flag with their function. This includes details on how to set up and enable various features in the module. When multiple bits are needed for a configuration setting, these are grouped together in a bit group. The possible bit group configurations are listed for all bit groups together with their associated Group Configuration and a short description. The Group Configuration refers to the defined configuration name used in the Atmel AVR XMEGA assembler header files and application note source code.

The register summary sections list the internal register map for each module type.

The interrupt vector summary sections list the interrupt vectors and offset address for each module type.

1.2 Resources

A comprehensive set of development tools, application notes, and datasheets are available for download from <http://www.atmel.com/avr>.

1.3 Recommended Reading

- XMEGA A device datasheets
- XMEGA application notes

This manual contains general modules and peripheral descriptions. The AVR XMEGA A device datasheets contains the device-specific information. The XMEGA application notes and AVR Software Framework contain example code and show applied use of the modules and peripherals.

For new users, it is recommended to read the AVR1000 - Getting Started Writing C Code for Atmel XMEGA, and AVR1900 - Getting Started with Atmel ATxmega128A1 application notes.

2. Overview

The XMEGA A microcontrollers is a family of low-power, high-performance, and peripheral-rich CMOS 8/16-bit microcontrollers based on the AVR enhanced RISC architecture. By executing powerful instructions in a single clock cycle, the XMEGA A devices achieve throughputs approaching one million instructions per second (MIPS) per megahertz, allowing the system designer to optimize power consumption versus processing speed.

The AVR CPU combines a rich instruction set with 32 general purpose working registers. All 32 registers are directly connected to the arithmetic logic unit (ALU), allowing two independent registers to be accessed in a single instruction, executed in one clock cycle. The resulting architecture is more code efficient while achieving throughputs many times faster than conventional single-accumulator or CISC based microcontrollers.

The XMEGA A devices provide the following features: in-system programmable flash with read-while-write capabilities; internal EEPROM and SRAM; four-channel DMA controller; eight-channel event system and programmable multilevel interrupt controller; up to 78 general purpose I/O lines; 16- or 32-bit real-time counter (RTC); up to eight flexible, 16-bit timer/counters with capture, compare and PWM modes; up to eight USARTs; up to four I²C and SMBUS compatible two-wire serial interfaces (TWIs); up to four serial peripheral interfaces (SPIs); AES and DES cryptographic engine; up to two 16-channel, 12-bit ADCs with programmable gain; up to two 2-channel, 12-bit DACs; up to four analog comparators with window mode; programmable watchdog timer with separate internal oscillator; accurate internal oscillators with PLL and prescaler; and programmable brown-out detection.

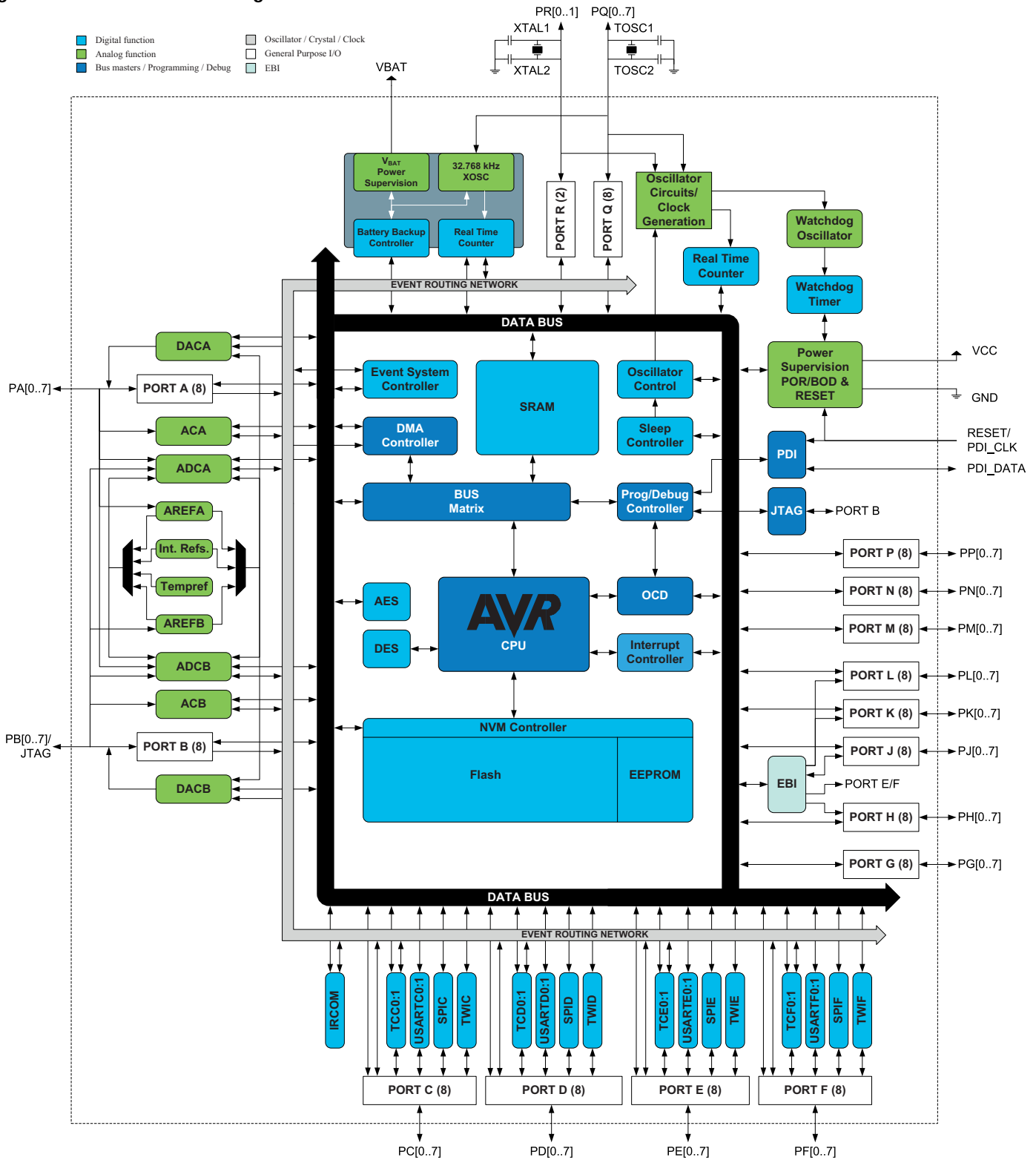
The program and debug interface (PDI), a fast, two-pin interface for programming and debugging, is available. Selected devices also have an IEEE std. 1149.1 compliant JTAG interface, and this can also be used for on-chip debug and programming.

The Atmel AVR XMEGA devices have five software selectable power saving modes. The idle mode stops the CPU while allowing the SRAM, DMA controller, event system, interrupt controller, and all peripherals to continue functioning. The power-down mode saves the SRAM and register contents, but stops the oscillators, disabling all other functions until the next TWI or pin-change interrupt, or reset. In power-save mode, the asynchronous real-time counter continues to run, allowing the application to maintain a timer base while the rest of the device is sleeping. In standby mode, the external crystal oscillator keeps running while the rest of the device is sleeping. This allows very fast startup from the external crystal, combined with low power consumption. In extended standby mode, both the main oscillator and the asynchronous timer continue to run. To further reduce power consumption, the peripheral clock to each individual peripheral can optionally be stopped in active mode and idle sleep mode.

The devices are manufactured using Atmel high-density, nonvolatile memory technology. The program flash memory can be reprogrammed in-system through the PDI or JTAG interfaces. A boot loader running in the device can use any interface to download the application program to the flash memory. The boot loader software in the boot flash section will continue to run while the application flash section is updated, providing true read-while-write operation. By combining an 8/16-bit RISC CPU with In-system, self-programmable flash, the Atmel AVR XMEGA is a powerful microcontroller family that provides a highly flexible and cost effective solution for many embedded applications.

The XMEGA A devices are supported with a full suite of program and system development tools, including C compilers, macro assemblers, program debugger/simulators, programmers, and evaluation kits. Block Diagram

Figure 2-1. XMEGA A block diagram.



In Table 2-1 on page 5 a feature summary for the XMEGA A family is shown, split into one feature summary column for each sub-family. Each sub-family has identical feature set, but different memory options, refer to their device datasheet for ordering codes and memory options.

Table 2-1. XMEGA A feature summary overview.

Feature	Details / sub-family	A1	A3	A3B	A4
Pins, I/O	Total	100	64	64	44
	Programmable I/O pins	78	50	47	34
Memory	Program memory (KB)	64 - 128	64 - 256	256	16 - 128
	Boot memory (KB)	4 - 8	4 - 8	8	4 - 8
	SRAM (KB)	4 - 8	4 - 16	16	2 - 8
	EEPROM	2	2 - 4	4	1 - 2
	General purpose registers	16	16	16	16
Package	TQFP	100A	64A	64A	44A
	QFN /VQFN	–	64M2	64M2	44M1
	BGA	100C1/100C2	–	–	49C2
QTouch	Sense channels	56	56	56	56
DMA Controller	Channels	4	4	4	4
Event System	Channels	8	8	8	8
	QDEC	3	3	3	3
Crystal Oscillator	0.4 - 16MHz XOSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	32.768 kHz TOSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Internal Oscillator	2MHz calibrated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	32MHz calibrated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	128MHz PLL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	32.768kHz calibrated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	32kHz ULP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timer / Counter	TC0 - 16-bit, 4 CC	4	4	4	3
	TC1 - 16-bit, 2 CC	4	3	2	2
	TC2 - 2x 8-bit	4	4	4	2
	Hi-Res	4	4	4	3
	AWeX	4	2	2	1
	RTC	1	1		1
	RTC32			1	
Battery Backup System				Yes	
Serial Communication	USART	8	7	6	5
	SPI	4	3	3	2
	TWI	4	2	2	2

Feature	Details / sub-family	A1	A3	A3B	A4
Crypto	<i>AES-128</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<i>DES</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
External Memory (EBI)	<i>Chip selects</i>	4	–	–	–
	<i>SRAM</i>	Yes			
	<i>SDRAM</i>	Yes			
Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)		2	2	2	1
	<i>Resolution (bits)</i>	12	12	12	12
	<i>Sampling speed (kbps)</i>	1000	2000	2000	2000
	<i>Input channels per ADC</i>	8	8	8	12
	<i>Conversion channels</i>	4	4	4	4
Digital to Analog Converter (DAC)		2	1	1	1
	<i>Resolution (bits)</i>	12	12	12	12
	<i>Sampling speed (kbps)</i>	1000	1000	1000	1000
	<i>Output channels per DAC</i>	2	2	2	2
Analog Comparator (AC)		4	4	4	2
Program and Debug Interface	<i>PDI</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<i>JTAG</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	<i>Boundary scan</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	

3. Atmel AVR CPU

3.1 Features

- 8/16-bit, high-performance Atmel AVR RISC CPU
 - 142 instructions
 - Hardware multiplier
- 32x8-bit registers directly connected to the ALU
- Stack in RAM
- Stack pointer accessible in I/O memory space
- Direct addressing of up to 16MB of program memory and 16MB of data memory
- True 16/24-bit access to 16/24-bit I/O registers
- Efficient support for 8-, 16-, and 32-bit arithmetic
- Configuration change protection of system-critical features

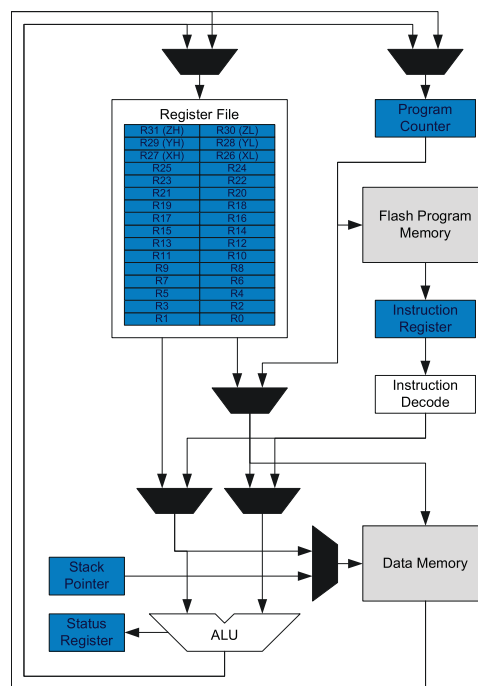
3.2 Overview

All Atmel AVR XMEGA devices use the 8/16-bit AVR CPU. The main function of the CPU is to execute the code and perform all calculations. The CPU is able to access memories, perform calculations, control peripherals, and execute the program in the flash memory. Interrupt handling is described in a separate section, “[Interrupts and Programmable Multilevel Interrupt Controller](#)” on page 125.

3.3 Architectural Overview

In order to maximize performance and parallelism, the AVR CPU uses a Harvard architecture with separate memories and buses for program and data. Instructions in the program memory are executed with single-level pipelining. While one instruction is being executed, the next instruction is pre-fetched from the program memory. This enables instructions to be executed on every clock cycle. For a summary of all AVR instructions, refer to “[Instruction Set Summary](#)” on page 444. For details of all AVR instructions, refer to <http://www.atmel.com/avr>.

Figure 3-1. Block diagram of the AVR CPU architecture.



The arithmetic logic unit (ALU) supports arithmetic and logic operations between registers or between a constant and a register. Single-register operations can also be executed in the ALU. After an arithmetic operation, the status register is updated to reflect information about the result of the operation.

The ALU is directly connected to the fast-access register file. The 32 x 8-bit general purpose working registers all have single clock cycle access time allowing single-cycle arithmetic logic unit operation between registers or between a register and an immediate. Six of the 32 registers can be used as three 16-bit address pointers for program and data space addressing, enabling efficient address calculations.

The memory spaces are linear. The data memory space and the program memory space are two different memory spaces.

The data memory space is divided into I/O registers, SRAM, and external RAM. In addition, the EEPROM can be memory mapped in the data memory.

All I/O status and control registers reside in the lowest 4KB addresses of the data memory. This is referred to as the I/O memory space. The lowest 64 addresses can be accessed directly, or as the data space locations from 0x00 to 0x3F. The rest is the extended I/O memory space, ranging from 0x0040 to 0x0FFF. I/O registers here must be accessed as data space locations using load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions.

The SRAM holds data. Code execution from SRAM is not supported. It can easily be accessed through the five different addressing modes supported in the AVR architecture. The first SRAM address is 0x2000.

Data addresses 0x1000 to 0x1FFF are reserved for memory mapping of EEPROM.

The program memory is divided in two sections, the application program section and the boot program section. Both sections have dedicated lock bits for write and read/write protection. The SPM instruction that is used for self-programming of the application flash memory must reside in the boot program section. The application section contains an application table section with separate lock bits for write and read/write protection. The application table section can be used for save storing of nonvolatile data in the program memory.

3.4 ALU - Arithmetic Logic Unit

The arithmetic logic unit supports arithmetic and logic operations between registers or between a constant and a register. Single-register operations can also be executed. The ALU operates in direct connection with all 32 general purpose registers. In a single clock cycle, arithmetic operations between general purpose registers or between a register and an immediate are executed and the result is stored in the register file. After an arithmetic or logic operation, the status register is updated to reflect information about the result of the operation.

ALU operations are divided into three main categories – arithmetic, logical, and bit functions. Both 8- and 16-bit arithmetic is supported, and the instruction set allows for efficient implementation of 32-bit arithmetic. The hardware multiplier supports signed and unsigned multiplication and fractional format.

3.4.1 Hardware Multiplier

The multiplier is capable of multiplying two 8-bit numbers into a 16-bit result. The hardware multiplier supports different variations of signed and unsigned integer and fractional numbers:

- Multiplication of unsigned integers
- Multiplication of signed integers
- Multiplication of a signed integer with an unsigned integer
- Multiplication of unsigned fractional numbers
- Multiplication of signed fractional numbers
- Multiplication of a signed fractional number with an unsigned one

A multiplication takes two CPU clock cycles.

3.5 Program Flow

After reset, the CPU starts to execute instructions from the lowest address in the flash program memory '0.' The program counter (PC) addresses the next instruction to be fetched.

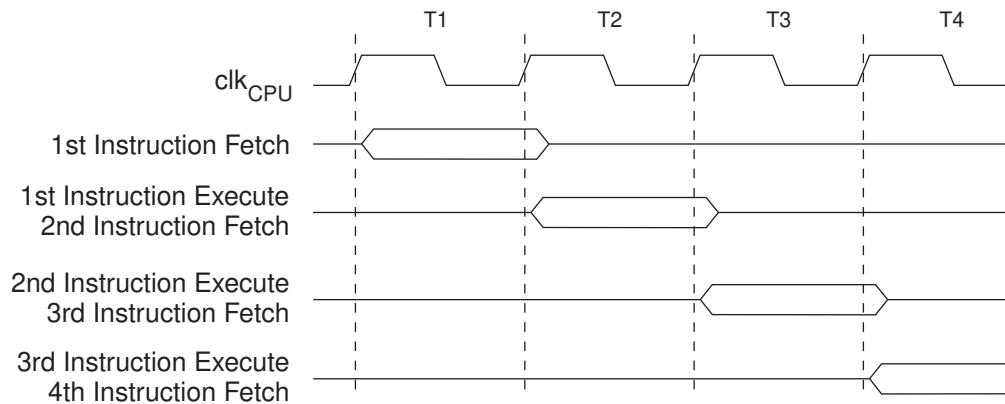
Program flow is provided by conditional and unconditional jump and call instructions capable of addressing the whole address space directly. Most AVR instructions use a 16-bit word format, while a limited number use a 32-bit format.

During interrupts and subroutine calls, the return address PC is stored on the stack. The stack is allocated in the general data SRAM, and consequently the stack size is only limited by the total SRAM size and the usage of the SRAM. After reset, the stack pointer (SP) points to the highest address in the internal SRAM. The SP is read/write accessible in the I/O memory space, enabling easy implementation of multiple stacks or stack areas. The data SRAM can easily be accessed through the five different addressing modes supported in the AVR CPU.

3.6 Instruction Execution Timing

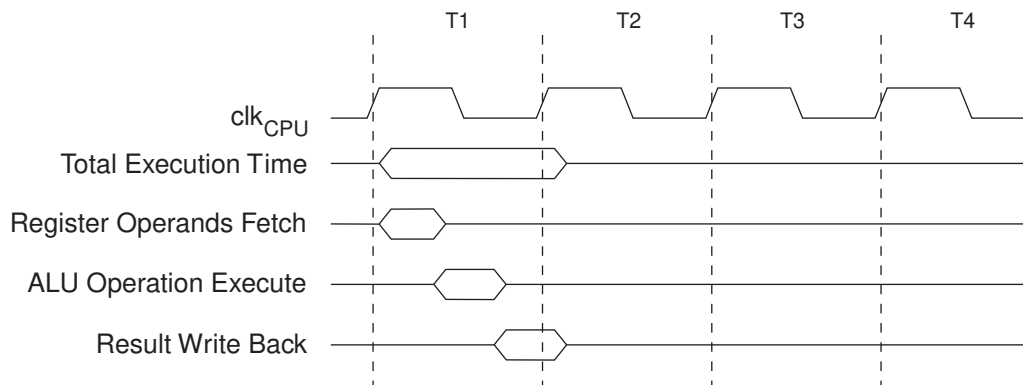
The AVR CPU is clocked by the CPU clock, clk_{CPU} . No internal clock division is used. [Figure 3-2 on page 9](#) shows the parallel instruction fetches and instruction executions enabled by the Harvard architecture and the fast-access register file concept. This is the basic pipelining concept used to obtain up to 1MIPS/MHz performance with high power efficiency.

Figure 3-2. The parallel instruction fetches and instruction executions.



[Figure 3-3 on page 9](#) shows the internal timing concept for the register file. In a single clock cycle, an ALU operation using two register operands is executed and the result is stored back to the destination register.

Figure 3-3. Single Cycle ALU Operation.



3.7 Status Register

The status register (SREG) contains information about the result of the most recently executed arithmetic or logic instruction. This information can be used for altering program flow in order to perform conditional operations. Note that the status register is updated after all ALU operations, as specified in the instruction set reference. This will in many cases remove the need for using the dedicated compare instructions, resulting in faster and more compact code.

The status register is not automatically stored when entering an interrupt routine nor restored when returning from an interrupt. This must be handled by software.

The status register is accessible in the I/O memory space.

3.8 Stack and Stack Pointer

The stack is used for storing return addresses after interrupts and subroutine calls. It can also be used for storing temporary data. The stack pointer (SP) register always points to the top of the stack. It is implemented as two 8-bit registers that are accessible in the I/O memory space. Data are pushed and popped from the stack using the PUSH and POP instructions. The stack grows from a higher memory location to a lower memory location. This implies that pushing data onto the stack decreases the SP, and popping data off the stack increases the SP. The SP is automatically loaded after reset, and the initial value is the highest address of the internal SRAM. If the SP is changed, it must be set to point above address 0x2000, and it must be defined before any subroutine calls are executed or before interrupts are enabled.

During interrupts or subroutine calls, the return address is automatically pushed on the stack. The return address can be two or three bytes, depending on program memory size of the device. For devices with 128KB or less of program memory, the return address is two bytes, and hence the stack pointer is decremented/incremented by two. For devices with more than 128KB of program memory, the return address is three bytes, and hence the SP is decremented/incremented by three. The return address is popped off the stack when returning from interrupts using the RETI instruction, and from subroutine calls using the RET instruction.

The SP is decremented by one when data are pushed on the stack with the PUSH instruction, and incremented by one when data is popped off the stack using the POP instruction.

To prevent corruption when updating the stack pointer from software, a write to SPL will automatically disable interrupts for up to four instructions or until the next I/O memory write.

3.9 Register File

The register file consists of 32 x 8-bit general purpose working registers with single clock cycle access time. The register file supports the following input/output schemes:

- One 8-bit output operand and one 8-bit result input
- Two 8-bit output operands and one 8-bit result input
- Two 8-bit output operands and one 16-bit result input
- One 16-bit output operand and one 16-bit result input

Six of the 32 registers can be used as three 16-bit address register pointers for data space addressing, enabling efficient address calculations. One of these address pointers can also be used as an address pointer for lookup tables in flash program memory.

Figure 3-4. AVR CPU general purpose working registers.

	7	0	Addr.	
General Purpose Working Registers	R0		0x00	
	R1		0x01	
	R2		0x02	
	...			
	R13		0x0D	
	R14		0x0E	
	R15		0x0F	
	R16		0x10	
	R17		0x11	
	...			
	R26		0x1A	X-register Low Byte
	R27		0x1B	X-register High Byte
	R28		0x1C	Y-register Low Byte
	R29		0x1D	Y-register High Byte
	R30		0x1E	Z-register Low Byte
	R31		0x1F	Z-register High Byte

The register file is located in a separate address space, and so the registers are not accessible as data memory.

3.9.1 The X-, Y-, and Z- Registers

Registers R26..R31 have added functions besides their general-purpose usage.

These registers can form 16-bit address pointers for addressing data memory. These three address registers are called the X-register, Y-register, and Z-register. The Z-register can also be used as an address pointer to read from and/or write to the flash program memory, signature rows, fuses, and lock bits.

Figure 3-5. The X-, Y- and Z-registers.

Bit (individually)	7	R27	0	7	R26	0
X-register	XH XL					
Bit (X-register)	15		8	7		0
Bit (individually)	7	R29	0	7	R28	0
Y-register	YH YL					
Bit (Y-register)	15		8	7		0
Bit (individually)	7	R31	0	7	R30	0
Z-register	ZH ZL					
Bit (Z-register)	15		8	7		0

The lowest register address holds the least-significant byte (LSB), and the highest register address holds the most-significant byte (MSB). In the different addressing modes, these address registers function as fixed displacement, automatic increment, and automatic decrement (see the instruction set reference for details).

3.10 RAMP and Extended Indirect Registers

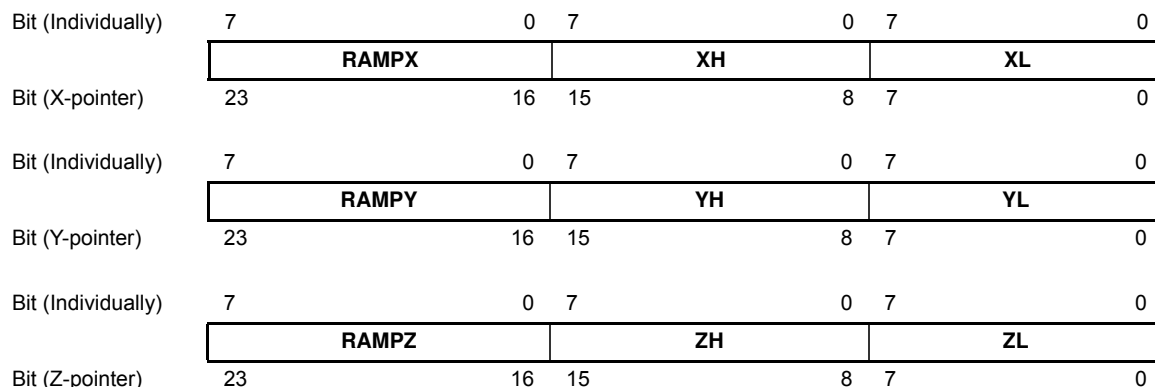
In order to access program memory or data memory above 64KB, the address pointer must be larger than 16 bits. This is done by concatenating one register to one of the X-, Y-, or Z-registers. This register then holds the most-significant byte (MSB) in a 24-bit address or address pointer.

These registers are available only on devices with external bus interface and/or more than 64KB of program or data memory space. For these devices, only the number of bits required to address the whole program and data memory space in the device is implemented in the registers.

3.10.1 RAMPX, RAMPY and RAMPZ registers

The RAMPX, RAMPY and RAMPZ registers are concatenated with the X-, Y-, and Z-registers, respectively, to enable indirect addressing of the whole data memory space above 64KB and up to 16MB.

Figure 3-6. The combined RAMPX + X, RAMPY + Y and RAMPZ + Z registers.

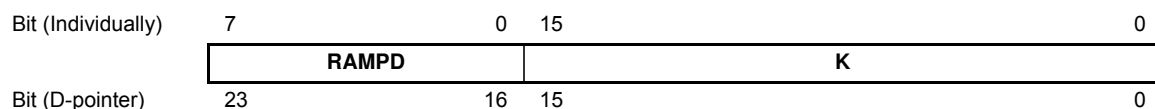


When reading (ELPM) and writing (SPM) program memory locations above the first 128KB of the program memory, RAMPZ is concatenated with the Z-register to form the 24-bit address. LPM is not affected by the RAMPZ setting.

3.10.2 RAMPD register

This register is concatenated with the operand to enable direct addressing of the whole data memory space above 64KB. Together, RAMPD and the operand will form a 24-bit address.

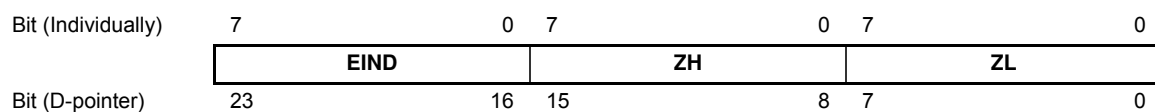
Figure 3-7. The combined RAMPD + K register.



3.10.3 EIND - Extended Indirect register

EIND is concatenated with the Z-register to enable indirect jump and call to locations above the first 128KB (64K words) of the program memory.

Figure 3-8. The combined EIND + Z register.



3.11 Accessing 16-bit Registers

The AVR data bus is 8 bits wide, and so accessing 16-bit registers requires atomic operations. These registers must be byte-accessed using two read or write operations. 16-bit registers are connected to the 8-bit bus and a temporary register using a 16-bit bus.

For a write operation, the low byte of the 16-bit register must be written before the high byte. The low byte is then written into the temporary register. When the high byte of the 16-bit register is written, the temporary register is copied into the low byte of the 16-bit register in the same clock cycle.

For a read operation, the low byte of the 16-bit register must be read before the high byte. When the low byte register is read by the CPU, the high byte of the 16-bit register is copied into the temporary register in the same clock cycle as the low byte is read. When the high byte is read, it is then read from the temporary register.

This ensures that the low and high bytes of 16-bit registers are always accessed simultaneously when reading or writing the register.

Interrupts can corrupt the timed sequence if an interrupt is triggered and accesses the same 16-bit register during an atomic 16-bit read/write operation. To prevent this, interrupts can be disabled when writing or reading 16-bit registers.

The temporary registers can also be read and written directly from user software.

3.11.1 Accessing 24- and 32-bit Registers

For 24- and 32-bit registers, the read and write access is done in the same way as described for 16-bit registers, except there are two temporary registers for 24-bit registers and three for 32-bit registers. The least-significant byte must be written first when doing a write, and read first when doing a read.

3.12 Configuration Change Protection

System critical I/O register settings are protected from accidental modification. The SPM instruction is protected from accidental execution, and the LPM instruction is protected when reading the fuses and signature row. This is handled globally by the configuration change protection (CCP) register. Changes to the protected I/O registers or bits, or execution of protected instructions, are only possible after the CPU writes a signature to the CCP register. The different signatures are described in the register description.

There are two modes of operation: one for protected I/O registers, and one for the protected instructions, SPM/LPM.

3.12.1 Sequence for write operation to protected I/O registers

1. The application code writes the signature that enable change of protected I/O registers to the CCP register.
2. Within four instruction cycles, the application code must write the appropriate data to the protected register. Most protected registers also contain a write enable/change enable bit. This bit must be written to one in the same operation as the data are written. The protected change is immediately disabled if the CPU performs write operations to the I/O register or data memory or if the SPM, LPM, or SLEEP instruction is executed.

3.12.2 Sequence for execution of protected SPM/LPM

1. The application code writes the signature for the execution of protected SPM/LPM to the CCP register.
2. Within four instruction cycles, the application code must execute the appropriate instruction. The protected change is immediately disabled if the CPU performs write operations to the data memory or if the SLEEP instruction is executed.

Once the correct signature is written by the CPU, interrupts will be ignored for the duration of the configuration change enable period. Any interrupt request (including non-maskable interrupts) during the CCP period will set the corresponding interrupt flag as normal, and the request is kept pending. After the CCP period is completed, any pending interrupts are executed according to their level and priority. DMA requests are still handled, but do not influence the protected configuration change enable period. A signature written by DMA is ignored.

3.13 Fuse Lock

For some system-critical features, it is possible to program a fuse to disable all changes to the associated I/O control registers. If this is done, it will not be possible to change the registers from the user software, and the fuse can only be reprogrammed using an external programmer. Details on this are described in the datasheet module where this feature is available.

3.14 Register Descriptions

3.14.1 CCP – Configuration Change Protection register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x04	CCP[7:0]							
Read/Write	W	W	W	W	W	W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – CCP[7:0]: Configuration Change Protection**

The CCP register must be written with the correct signature to enable change of the protected I/O register or execution of the protected instruction for a maximum period of four CPU instruction cycles. All interrupts are ignored during these cycles. After these cycles, interrupts will automatically be handled again by the CPU, and any pending interrupts will be executed according to their level and priority. When the protected I/O register signature is written, CCP[0] will read as one as long as the protected feature is enabled. Similarly when the protected SPM/LPM signature is written, CCP[1] will read as one as long as the protected feature is enabled. CCP[7:2] will always read as zero. [Table 3-1 on page 14](#) shows the signature for the various modes.

Table 3-1. Modes of CPU change protection.

Signature	Group Configuration	Description
0x9D	SPM	Protected SPM/LPM
0xD8	IOREG	Protected IO register

3.14.2 RAMPD – Extended Direct Addressing register

This register is concatenated with the operand for direct addressing (LDS/STS) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x08	RAMPD[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – RAMPD[7:0]: Extended Direct Addressing bits**

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPD and the 16-bit operand. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.3 RAMPX – Extended X-Pointer register

This register is concatenated with the X-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x09	RAMPX[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – RAMPX[7:0]: Extended X-pointer Address bits**

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPX and the 16-bit X-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.4 RAMPY – Extended Y-Pointer register

This register is concatenated with the Y-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory, is less than 64KB.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0A	RAMPY[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – RAMPY[7:0]: Extended Y-pointer Address bits**

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPY and the 16-bit Y-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.5 RAMPZ – Extended Z-Pointer register

This register is concatenated with the Z-register for indirect addressing (LD/LDD/ST/STD) of the whole data memory space on devices with more than 64KB of data memory. RAMPZ is concatenated with the Z-register when reading (ELPM) program memory locations above the first 64KB and writing (SPM) program memory locations above the first 128KB of the program memory.

This register is not available if the data memory, including external memory and program memory in the device, is less than 64KB.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0B	RAMPZ[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – RAMPZ[7:0]: Extended Z-pointer Address bits**

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by RAMPZ and the 16-bit Z-register. Only the number of bits required to address the available data and program memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.6 EIND – Extended Indirect register

This register is concatenated with the Z-register for enabling extended indirect jump (EIJMP) and call (EICALL) to the whole program memory space on devices with more than 128KB of program memory. The register should be used for jumps to addresses below 128KB if ECALL/EIJMP are used, and it will not be used if CALL and IJMP commands are used. For jump or call to addresses below 128KB, this register is not used. This register is not available if the program memory in the device is less than 128KB.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0C	EIND[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – EIND[7:0]: Extended Indirect Address bits**

These bits hold the MSB of the 24-bit address created by EIND and the 16-bit Z-register. Only the number of bits required to access the available program memory is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

3.14.7 SPL – Stack Pointer register Low

The SPH and SPL register pair represent the 16-bit SP value. The SP holds the stack pointer that points to the top of the stack. After reset, the stack pointer points to the highest internal SRAM address. To prevent corruption when updating the stack pointer from software, a write to SPL will automatically disable interrupts for the next four instructions or until the next I/O memory write.

Only the number of bits required to address the available data memory, including external memory, up to 64KB is implemented for each device. Unused bits will always read as zero.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0D	SP[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value ⁽¹⁾	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1

Note: 1. Refer to specific device datasheets for exact initial values.

- **Bit 7:0 – SP[7:0]: Stack Pointer low byte**

These bits hold the LSB of the 16-bit stack pointer (SP).

3.14.8 SPH – Stack Pointer register High

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0E	SP[15:8]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value ⁽¹⁾	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1

Note: 1. Refer to specific device datasheets for exact initial values.

- **Bit 7:0 – SP[15:8]: Stack Pointer high byte**

These bits hold the MSB of the 16-bit stack pointer (SP).

3.14.9 SREG – Status Register

The status register (SREG) contains information about the result of the most recently executed arithmetic or logic instruction.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x0F	I	T	H	S	V	N	Z	C
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7 – I: Global Interrupt Enable**

The global interrupt enable bit must be set for interrupts to be enabled. If the global interrupt enable register is cleared, none of the interrupts are enabled independent of the individual interrupt enable settings. This bit is not cleared by hardware after an interrupt has occurred. This bit can be set and cleared by the application with the SEI and CLI instructions, as described in “Instruction Set Description.” Changing the I flag through the I/O-register result in a one-cycle wait state on the access.

- **Bit 6 – T: Bit Copy Storage**

The bit copy instructions bit load (BLD) and bit store (BST) use the T bit as source or destination for the operated bit. A bit from a register in the register file can be copied into this bit by the BST instruction, and this bit can be copied into a bit in a register in the register file by the BLD instruction.

- **Bit 5 – H: Half Carry Flag**

The half carry flag (H) indicates a half carry in some arithmetic operations. Half carry is useful in BCD arithmetic. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

- **Bit 4 – S: Sign Bit, $S = N \oplus V$**

The sign bit is always an exclusive or between the negative flag, N, and the two’s complement overflow flag, V. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

- **Bit 3 – V: Two’s Complement Overflow Flag**

The two’s complement overflow flag (V) supports two’s complement arithmetic. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

- **Bit 2 – N: Negative Flag**

The negative flag (N) indicates a negative result in an arithmetic or logic operation. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

- **Bit 1 – Z: Zero Flag**

The zero flag (Z) indicates a zero result in an arithmetic or logic operation. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

- **Bit 0 – C: Carry Flag**

The carry flag (C) indicates a carry in an arithmetic or logic operation. See “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

3.15 Register Summary

Address	Name	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Page
+0x00	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x01	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x02	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x03	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x04	CCP	CCP[7:0]								14
+0x05	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x06	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x07	Reserved	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
+0x08	RAMPD	RAMPD[7:0]								14
+0x09	RAMPX	RAMPX[7:0]								15
+0x0A	RAMPY	RAMPY[7:0]								15
+0x0B	RAMPZ	RAMPZ[7:0]								15
+0x0C	EIND	EIND[7:0]								16
+0x0D	SPL	SPL[7:0]								16
+0x0E	SPH	SPH[7:0]								16
+0x0F	SREG	I	T	H	S	V	N	Z	C	17

4. Memories

4.1 Features

- **Flash program memory**
 - One linear address space
 - In-system programmable
 - Self-programming and boot loader support
 - Application section for application code
 - Application table section for application code or data storage
 - Boot section for application code or bootloader code
 - Separate read/write protection lock bits for all sections
 - Built in fast checksum generator of a selectable flash program memory section
- **Data memory**
 - One linear address space
 - Single-cycle access from CPU
 - SRAM
 - EEPROM
 - Byte and page accessible
 - Optional memory mapping for direct load and store
 - I/O memory
 - Configuration and status registers for all peripherals and modules
 - 16 bit-accessible general purpose registers for global variables or flags
 - External memory support
 - SRAM
 - SDRAM
 - Memory mapped external hardware
 - Bus arbitration
 - Deterministic handling of priority between CPU, DMA controller, and other bus masters
 - Separate buses for SRAM, EEPROM, I/O memory, and external memory access
 - Simultaneous bus access for CPU and DMA controller
- **Production signature row memory for factory programmed data**
 - ID for each microcontroller device type
 - Serial number for each device
 - Calibration bytes for factory calibrated peripherals
- **User signature row**
 - One flash page in size
 - Can be read and written from software
 - Content is kept after chip erase

4.2 Overview

This section describes the different memory sections. The AVR architecture has two main memory spaces, the program memory and the data memory. Executable code can reside only in the program memory, while data can be stored in the program memory and the data memory. The data memory includes the internal SRAM, and EEPROM for nonvolatile data storage. All memory spaces are linear and require no memory bank switching. Nonvolatile memory (NVM) spaces can be locked for further write and read/write operations. This prevents unrestricted access to the application software.

A separate memory section contains the fuse bytes. These are used for configuring important system functions, and can only be written by an external programmer.

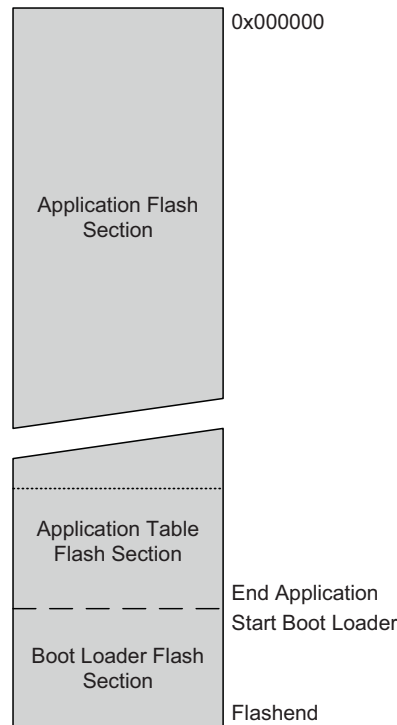
4.3 Flash Program Memory

All XMEGA devices contain on-chip, in-system reprogrammable flash memory for program storage. The flash memory can be accessed for read and write from an external programmer through the PDI or from application software running in the device.

All AVR CPU instructions are 16 or 32 bits wide, and each flash location is 16 bits wide. The flash memory is organized in two main sections, the application section and the boot loader section, as shown in [Figure 4-1 on page 20](#). The sizes of the different sections are fixed, but device-dependent. These two sections have separate lock bits, and can have different levels of protection. The store program memory (SPM) instruction, used to write to the flash from the application software, will only operate when executed from the boot loader section.

The application section contains an application table section with separate lock settings. This enables safe storage of nonvolatile data in the program memory.

Figure 4-1. Flash memory sections.



4.3.1 Application Section

The Application section is the section of the flash that is used for storing the executable application code. The protection level for the application section can be selected by the boot lock bits for this section. The application section can not store any boot loader code since the SPM instruction cannot be executed from the application section.

4.3.2 Application Table Section

The application table section is a part of the application section of the flash memory that can be used for storing data. The size is identical to the boot loader section. The protection level for the application table section can be selected by the boot lock bits for this section. The possibilities for different protection levels on the application section and the application table section enable safe parameter storage in the program memory. If this section is not used for data, application code can reside here.

4.3.3 Boot Loader Section

While the application section is used for storing the application code, the boot loader software must be located in the boot loader section because the SPM instruction can initiate programming when executing from this section. The SPM instruction can access the entire flash, including the boot loader section itself. The protection level for the boot loader section can be selected by the boot loader lock bits. If this section is not used for boot loader software, application code can be stored here.

4.3.4 Production Signature Row

The production signature row is a separate memory section for factory programmed data. It contains calibration data for functions such as oscillators and analog modules. Some of the calibration values will be automatically loaded to the corresponding module or peripheral unit during reset. Other values must be loaded from the signature row and written to the corresponding peripheral registers from software. For details on calibration conditions such as temperature, voltage references, etc., refer to the device datasheet.

The production signature row also contains an ID that identifies each microcontroller device type and a serial number for each manufactured device. The serial number consists of the production lot number, wafer number, and wafer coordinates for the device.

The production signature row cannot be written or erased, but it can be read from application software and external programmers.

For accessing the Production Signature Row, refer to [“NVM Flash Commands” on page 358](#).

4.3.5 User Signature Row

The user signature row is a separate memory section that is fully accessible (read and write) from application software and external programmers. It is one flash page in size, and is meant for static user parameter storage, such as calibration data, custom serial number, identification numbers, random number seeds, etc. This section is not erased by chip erase commands that erase the flash, and requires a dedicated erase command. This ensures parameter storage during multiple program/erase operations and on-chip debug sessions.

4.4 Fuses and Lock bits

The fuses are used to configure important system functions, and can only be written from an external programmer. The application software can read the fuses. The fuses are used to configure reset sources such as brownout detector and watchdog, startup configuration, JTAG enable, and JTAG user ID.

The lock bits are used to set protection levels for the different flash sections (i.e., if read and/or write access should be blocked). Lock bits can be written by external programmers and application software, but only to stricter protection levels. Chip erase is the only way to erase the lock bits. To ensure that flash contents are protected even during chip erase, the lock bits are erased after the rest of the flash memory has been erased.

An unprogrammed fuse or lock bit will have the value one, while a programmed fuse or lock bit will have the value zero.

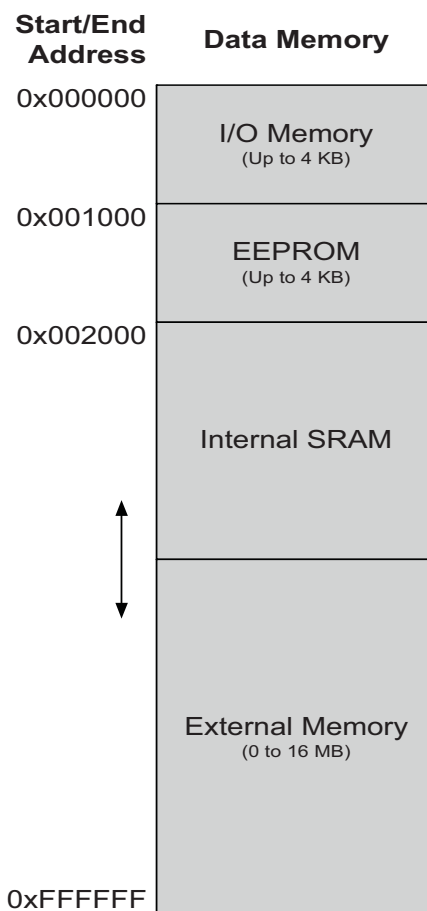
Both fuses and lock bits are reprogrammable like the flash program memory.

For some fuse bytes, leaving them unprogrammed (0xFF) will result in invalid settings. The user must ensure that the fuse bytes are programmed to values which give valid settings. Refer to the detailed description of the individual fuse bytes for further information.

4.5 Data Memory

The data memory contains the I/O memory, internal SRAM, optionally memory mapped EEPROM, and external memory, if available. The data memory is organized as one continuous memory section, as shown in [Figure 4-2 on page 22](#).

Figure 4-2. Data memory map.



I/O memory, EEPROM, and SRAM will always have the same start addresses for all XMEGA devices. The address space for external memory will always start at the end of internal SRAM and end at address 0xFFFFFFFF.

4.6 Internal SRAM

The internal SRAM always starts at hexadecimal address 0x2000. SRAM is accessed by the CPU using the load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions.

4.7 EEPROM

All XMEGA devices have EEPROM for nonvolatile data storage. It is addressable in a separate data space (default) or memory mapped and accessed in normal data space. The EEPROM supports both byte and page access. Memory mapped EEPROM allows highly efficient EEPROM reading and EEPROM buffer loading. When doing this, EEPROM is accessible using load and store instructions. Memory mapped EEPROM will always start at hexadecimal address 0x1000.

4.8 I/O Memory

The status and configuration registers for peripherals and modules, including the CPU, are addressable through I/O memory locations. All I/O locations can be accessed by the load (LD/LDS/LDD) and store (ST/STS/STD) instructions, which are used to transfer data between the 32 registers in the register file and the I/O memory. The IN and OUT instructions can address I/O memory locations in the range of 0x00 to 0x3F directly. In the address range 0x00 - 0x1F, single-cycle instructions for manipulation and checking of individual bits are available.

4.8.1 General Purpose I/O Registers

The lowest 16 I/O memory addresses are reserved as general purpose I/O registers. These registers can be used for storing global variables and flags, as they are directly bit-accessible using the SBI, CBI, SBIS, and SBIC instructions.

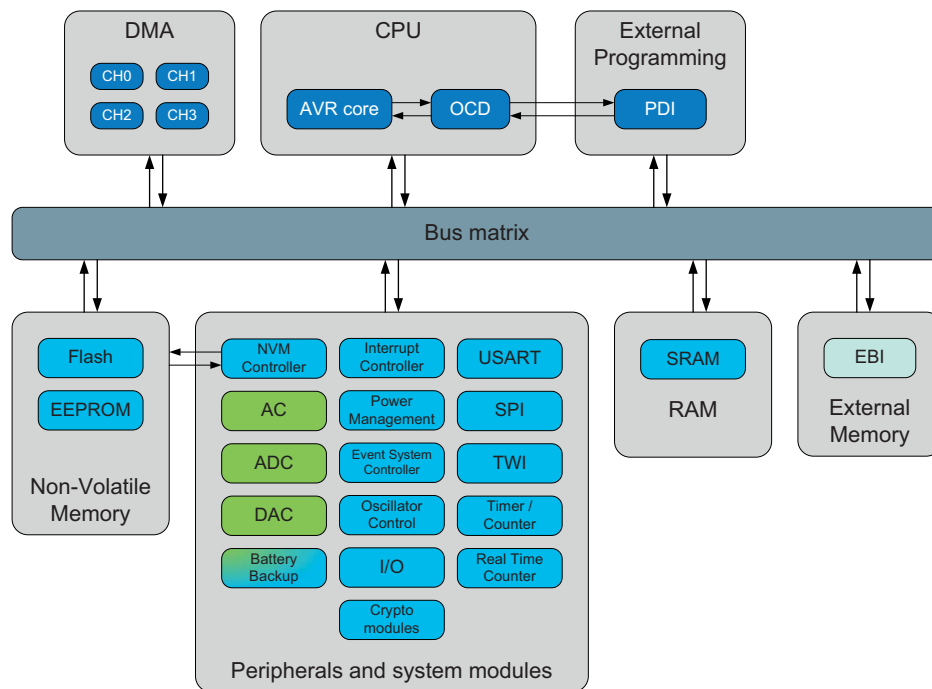
4.9 External Memory

Up to four ports are dedicated to external memory, supporting external SRAM, SDRAM, and memory mapped peripherals such as LCD displays. For details, refer to “[EBI – External Bus Interface](#)” on page 263. The external memory address space will always start at the end of internal SRAM.

4.10 Data Memory and Bus Arbitration

Since the data memory is organized as four separate sets of memories, the different bus masters (CPU, DMA controller read and DMA controller write, etc.) can access different memory sections at the same time. See [Figure 4-3 on page 23](#).

Figure 4-3. Bus access.



4.10.1 Bus Priority

When several masters request access to the same bus, the bus priority is in the following order (from higher to lower priority):

1. Bus Master with ongoing access.
 - Bus access granted, but waiting for slave to complete
2. Bus Master with ongoing burst.
 - If DMA controller is transferring between two locations within the same memory section the read and write master will alternate until the burst is complete.
3. Bus Master requesting new burst access.
 - 1st pri: CPU (CALL/RET)
 - 2nd pri: DMAC (2BYTE or more)
4. Bus Master requesting new bus access.
 - 1st pri: CPU (load, store)
 - 2nd pri: 2 DMAC (1BYTE)

4.11 Memory Timing

Read and write access to the I/O memory takes one CPU clock cycle. A write to SRAM takes one cycle, and a read from SRAM takes two cycles. For burst read (DMA), new data are available every cycle. EEPROM page load (write) takes one cycle, and three cycles are required for read. For burst read, new data are available every second cycle. External memory has multi-cycle read and write. The number of cycles depends on the type of memory and configuration of the external bus interface. Refer to the instruction summary for more details on instructions and instruction timing.

4.12 Device ID and Revision

Each device has a three-byte device ID. This ID identifies Atmel as the manufacturer of the device and the device type. A separate register contains the revision number of the device.

4.13 JTAG Disable

It is possible to disable the JTAG interface from the application software. This will prevent all external JTAG access to the device until the next device reset or until JTAG is enabled again from the application software. As long as JTAG is disabled, the I/O pins required for JTAG can be used as normal I/O pins.

4.14 I/O Memory Protection

Some features in the device are regarded as critical for safety in some applications. Due to this, it is possible to lock the I/O register related to the clock system, the event system, and the advanced waveform extensions. As long as the lock is enabled, all related I/O registers are locked and they can not be written from the application software. The lock registers themselves are protected by the configuration change protection mechanism. For details, refer to [“Configuration Change Protection” on page 13](#).

4.15 Register Description – NVM Controller

4.15.1 ADDR0 – Address register 0

The ADDR0, ADDR1, and ADDR2 registers represent the 24-bit value, ADDR.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x00	ADDR[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- **Bit 7:0 – ADDR[7:0]: Address byte 0**

This register gives the address low byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.15.2 ADDR1 – Address register 1

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x01	ADDR[15:8]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – ADDR[15:8]: Address byte 1**

This register gives the address high byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.15.3 ADDR2 – Address register 2

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x02	ADDR[23:16]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – ADDR[23:16]: Address byte 2**

This register gives the address extended byte when accessing NVM locations.

4.15.4 DATA0 – Data register 0

The DATA0, DATA1, and DATA registers represent the 24-bit value, DATA.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
+0x04	DATA[7:0]							
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- **Bit 7:0 – DATA[7:0]: Data byte 0**

This register gives the data value byte 0 when accessing either of the memory locations.