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  - 32 x 8 General Purpose Working Registers
  - Fully Static Operation
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    - Endurance: 10,000 Write/Erase Cycles
  - 128/256/512 Bytes In-System Programmable EEPROM
    - Endurance: 100,000 Write/Erase Cycles
  - 128/256/512 Bytes Internal SRAM
  - Data retention: 20 years at 85°C / 100 years at 25°C
  - Programming Lock for Self-Programming Flash Program & EEPROM Data Security
- Peripheral Features
  - 8/16-bit Timer/Counter with Prescaler
  - 8/10-bit High Speed Timer/Counter with Separate Prescaler
    - 3 High Frequency PWM Outputs with Separate Output Compare Registers
    - Programmable Dead Time Generator
  - 10-bit ADC
    - 11 Single-Ended Channels
    - 16 Differential ADC Channel Pairs
    - 15 Differential ADC Channel Pairs with Programmable Gain (1x, 8x, 20x, 32x)
  - On-chip Analog Comparator
  - Programmable Watchdog Timer with Separate On-chip Oscillator
  - Universal Serial Interface with Start Condition Detector
- Special Microcontroller Features
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  - In-System Programmable via SPI Port
  - External and Internal Interrupt Sources
  - Low Power Idle, ADC Noise Reduction, Standby and Power-Down Modes
  - Enhanced Power-on Reset Circuit
  - Programmable Brown-out Detection Circuit
  - Internal Calibrated Oscillator
  - On-chip Temperature Sensor
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  - 16 Programmable I/O Lines
  - Available in 20-pin PDIP, 20-pin SOIC and 32-pad MLF
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  - 2.7 – 5.5V for ATtiny261/461/861
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  - ATtiny261V/461V/861V: 0 – 4 MHz @ 1.8 – 5.5V, 0 – 10 MHz @ 2.7 – 5.5V
  - ATtiny261/461/861: 0 – 10 MHz @ 2.7 – 5.5V, 0 – 20 MHz @ 4.5 – 5.5V
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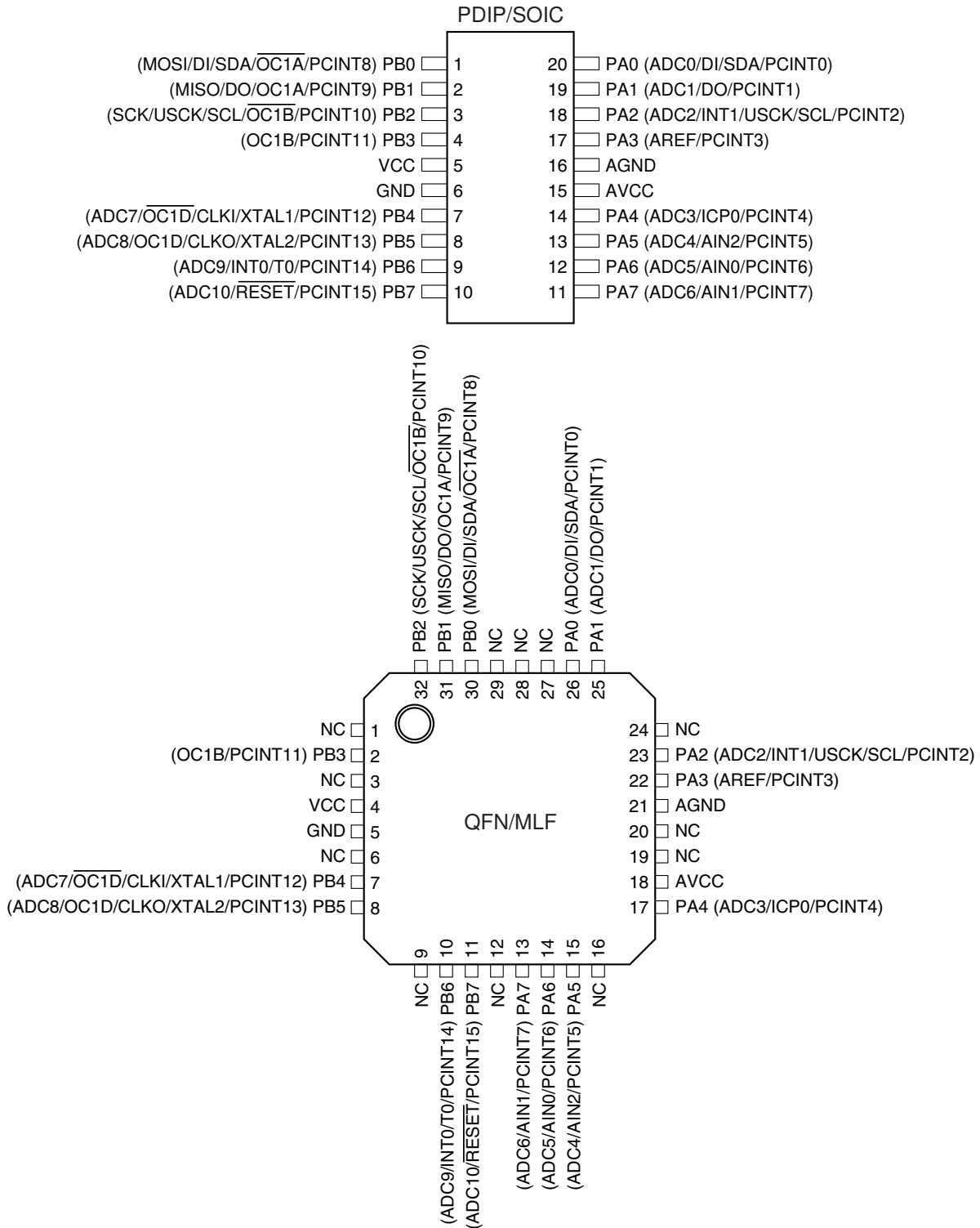
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# 1. Pin Configurations

Figure 1-1. Pinout ATtiny261/461/861 and ATtiny261V/461V/861V



Note: To ensure mechanical stability the center pad underneath the QFN/MLF package should be soldered to ground on the board.

## 1.1 Pin Descriptions

### 1.1.1 VCC

Supply voltage.

### 1.1.2 GND

Ground.

### 1.1.3 AVCC

Analog supply voltage. This is the supply voltage pin for the Analog-to-digital Converter (ADC), the analog comparator, the Brown-Out Detector (BOD), the internal voltage reference and Port A. It should be externally connected to VCC, even if some peripherals such as the ADC are not used. If the ADC is used AVCC should be connected to VCC through a low-pass filter.

### 1.1.4 AGND

Analog ground.

### 1.1.5 Port A (PA7:PA0)

An 8-bit, bi-directional I/O port with internal pull-up resistors, individually selectable for each bit. Output buffers have symmetrical drive characteristics with both high sink and source capability. As inputs, port pins that are externally pulled low will source current if pull-up resistors have been activated. Port pins are tri-stated when a reset condition becomes active, even if the clock is not running.

Port A also serves the functions of various special features of the device, as listed on [page 63](#).

### 1.1.6 Port B (PB7:PB0)

An 8-bit, bi-directional I/O port with internal pull-up resistors, individually selectable for each bit. Output buffers have symmetrical drive characteristics with both high sink and source capability. As inputs, port pins that are externally pulled low will source current if pull-up resistors have been activated. Port pins are tri-stated when a reset condition becomes active, even if the clock is not running.

Port B also serves the functions of various special features of the device, as listed on [page 66](#).

### 1.1.7 RESET

Reset input. A low level on this pin for longer than the minimum pulse length will generate a reset, even if the clock is not running and provided the reset pin has not been disabled. The minimum pulse length is given in [Table 19-4 on page 190](#). Shorter pulses are not guaranteed to generate a reset.

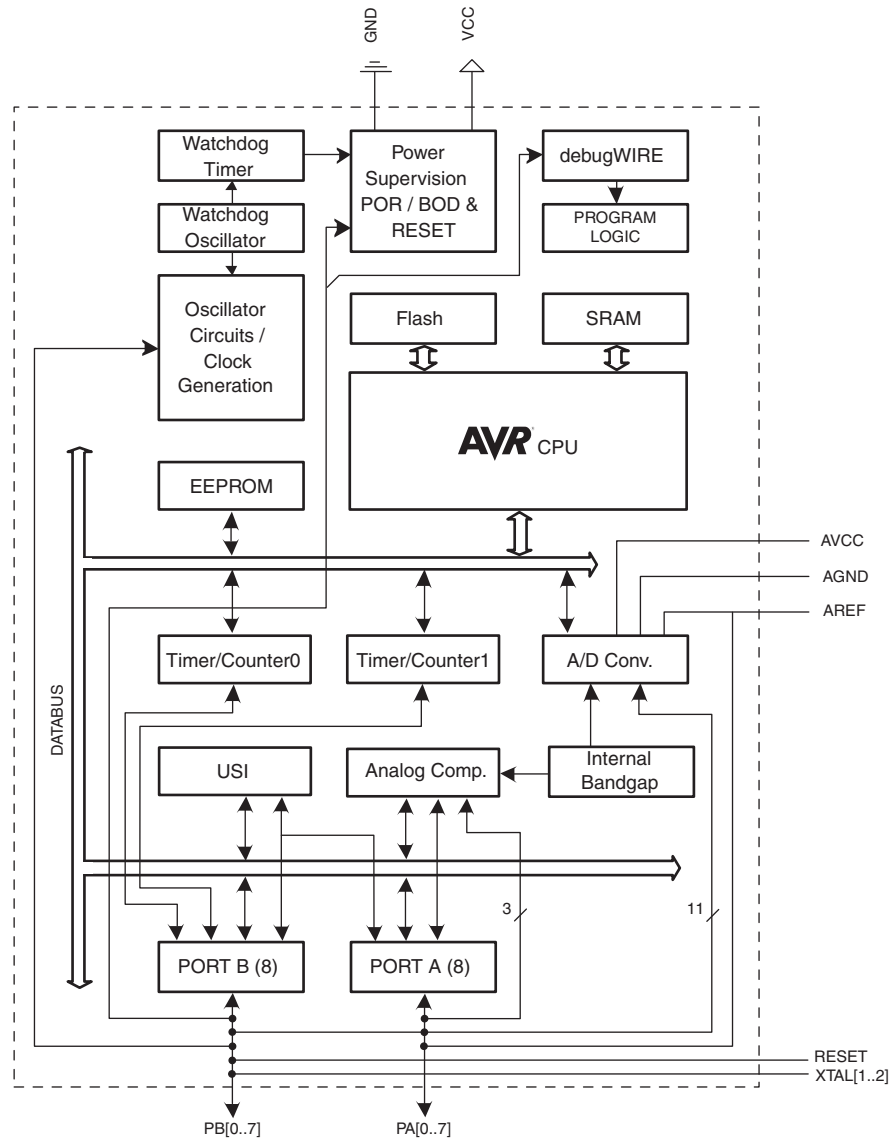
The reset pin can also be used as a (weak) I/O pin.

## 2. Overview

ATtiny261/461/861 are low-power CMOS 8-bit microcontrollers based on the AVR enhanced RISC architecture. By executing powerful instructions in a single clock cycle, the ATtiny261/461/861 achieves throughputs approaching 1 MIPS per MHz allowing the system designer to optimize power consumption versus processing speed.

### 2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 2-1. Block Diagram



The AVR core 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 one single instruction executed in one clock cycle. The resulting architecture is more code efficient while achieving throughputs up to ten times faster than conventional CISC microcontrollers.

The ATtiny261/461/861 provides the following features: 2/4/8K byte of In-System Programmable Flash, 128/256/512 bytes EEPROM, 128/256/512 bytes SRAM, 16 general purpose I/O lines, 32 general purpose working registers, an 8-bit Timer/Counter with compare modes, an 8-bit high speed Timer/Counter, a Universal Serial Interface, Internal and External Interrupts, an 11-channel, 10-bit ADC, a programmable Watchdog Timer with internal oscillator, and four software selectable power saving modes. Idle mode stops the CPU while allowing the SRAM, Timer/Counter, ADC, Analog Comparator, and Interrupt system to continue functioning. Power-down mode saves the register contents, disabling all chip functions until the next Interrupt or Hardware Reset. ADC Noise Reduction mode stops the CPU and all I/O modules except ADC, to minimize switching noise during ADC conversions. In Standby mode, the crystal/resonator oscillator is running while the rest of the device is sleeping, allowing very fast start-up combined with low power consumption.

The device is manufactured using Atmel's high density non-volatile memory technology. The On-chip ISP Flash allows the Program memory to be re-programmed In-System through an SPI serial interface, by a conventional non-volatile memory programmer or by an On-chip boot code running on the AVR core.

The ATtiny261/461/861 AVR is supported by a full suite of program and system development tools including: C Compilers, Macro Assemblers, Program Debugger/Simulators, and Evaluation kits.

## 3. About

### 3.1 Resources

A comprehensive set of drivers, application notes, data sheets and descriptions on development tools are available for download at <http://www.atmel.com/avr>.

### 3.2 Code Examples

This documentation contains simple code examples that briefly show how to use various parts of the device. These code examples assume that the part specific header file is included before compilation. Be aware that not all C compiler vendors include bit definitions in the header files and interrupt handling in C is compiler dependent. Please confirm with the C compiler documentation for more details.

For I/O Registers located in the extended I/O map, “IN”, “OUT”, “SBIS”, “SBIC”, “CBI”, and “SBI” instructions must be replaced with instructions that allow access to extended I/O. Typically, this means “LDS” and “STS” combined with “SBRS”, “SBRC”, “SBR”, and “CBR”. Note that not all AVR devices include an extended I/O map.

### 3.3 Data Retention

Reliability Qualification results show that the projected data retention failure rate is much less than 1 PPM over 20 years at 85°C or 100 years at 25°C.

### 3.4 Disclaimer

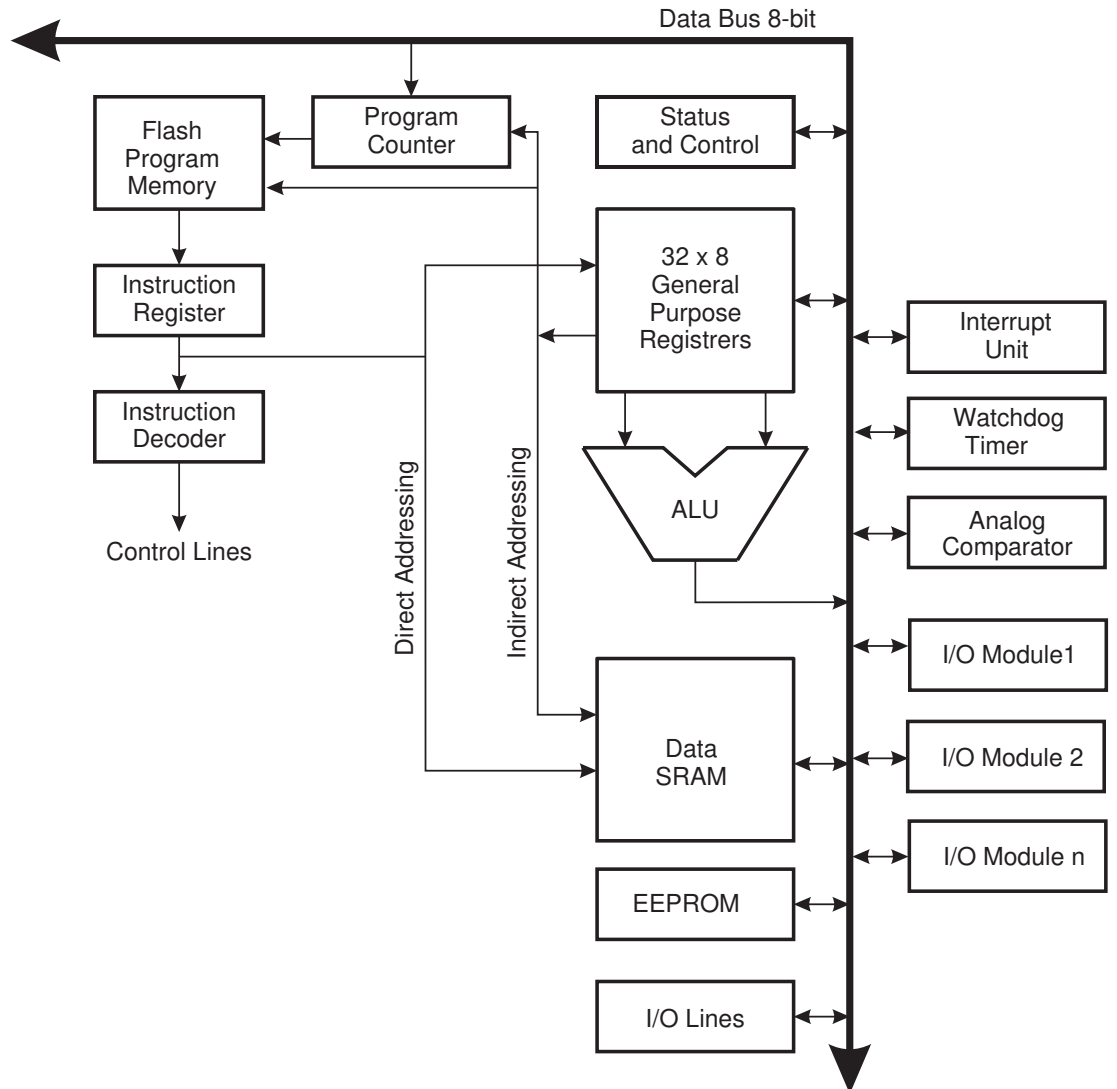
Typical values contained in this data sheet are based on simulations and characterization of other AVR microcontrollers manufactured on the same process technology.

## 4. CPU Core

This section discusses the AVR core architecture in general. The main function of the CPU core is to ensure correct program execution. The CPU must therefore be able to access memories, perform calculations, control peripherals, and handle interrupts.

### 4.1 Architectural Overview

**Figure 4-1.** Block Diagram of the AVR Architecture



In order to maximize performance and parallelism, the AVR uses a Harvard architecture – with separate memories and buses for program and data. Instructions in the Program memory are executed with a single level pipelining. While one instruction is being executed, the next instruction is pre-fetched from the Program memory. This concept enables instructions to be executed in every clock cycle. The Program memory is In-System Reprogrammable Flash memory.



The fast-access Register File contains 32 x 8-bit general purpose working registers with a single clock cycle access time. This allows single-cycle Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU) operation. In a typical ALU operation, two operands are output from the Register File, the operation is executed, and the result is stored back in the Register File – in one clock cycle.

Six of the 32 registers can be used as three 16-bit indirect 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 look up tables in Flash Program memory. These added function registers are the 16-bit X-, Y-, and Z-register, described later in this section.

The 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.

Program flow is provided by conditional and unconditional jump and call instructions, capable of directly addressing the whole address space. Most AVR instructions have a single 16-bit word format but 32-bit wide instructions also exist. The actual instruction set varies, as some devices only implement a part of the instruction set.

During interrupts and subroutine calls, the return address Program Counter (PC) is stored on the Stack. The Stack is effectively 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. All user programs must initialize the SP in the Reset routine (before subroutines or interrupts are executed). The Stack Pointer (SP) is read/write accessible in the I/O space. The data SRAM can easily be accessed through the five different addressing modes supported in the AVR architecture.

The memory spaces in the AVR architecture are all linear and regular memory maps.

A flexible interrupt module has its control registers in the I/O space with an additional Global Interrupt Enable bit in the Status Register. All interrupts have a separate Interrupt Vector in the Interrupt Vector table. The interrupts have priority in accordance with their Interrupt Vector position. The lower the Interrupt Vector address, the higher the priority.

The I/O memory space contains 64 addresses for CPU peripheral functions as Control Registers, SPI, and other I/O functions. The I/O memory can be accessed directly, or as the Data Space locations following those of the Register File, 0x20 - 0x5F.

## 4.2 ALU – Arithmetic Logic Unit

The high-performance AVR ALU operates in direct connection with all the 32 general purpose working registers. Within a single clock cycle, arithmetic operations between general purpose registers or between a register and an immediate are executed. The ALU operations are divided into three main categories – arithmetic, logical, and bit-functions. Some implementations of the architecture also provide a powerful multiplier supporting both signed/unsigned multiplication and fractional format. See the “Instruction Set” section for a detailed description.

## 4.3 Status Register

The Status Register contains information about the result of the most recently executed arithmetic 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 neither automatically stored when entering an interrupt routine, nor restored when returning from an interrupt. This must be handled by software.

## 4.3.1 SREG – AVR Status Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x3F (0x5F)	I	T	H	S	V	N	Z	C	SREG
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 the interrupts to be enabled. The individual interrupt enable control is then performed in separate control registers. If the Global Interrupt Enable Register is cleared, none of the interrupts are enabled independent of the individual interrupt enable settings. The I-bit is cleared by hardware after an interrupt has occurred, and is set by the RETI instruction to enable subsequent interrupts. The I-bit can also be set and cleared by the application with the SEI and CLI instructions, as described in the instruction set reference.

- **Bit 6 – T: Bit Copy Storage**

The Bit Copy instructions BLD (Bit LoaD) and BST (Bit STore) 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 T by the BST instruction, and a bit in T 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 the “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

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

The S-bit is always an exclusive or between the Negative Flag N and the Two’s Complement Overflow Flag V. See the “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 arithmetics. See the “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 the “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 the “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 the “Instruction Set Description” for detailed information.

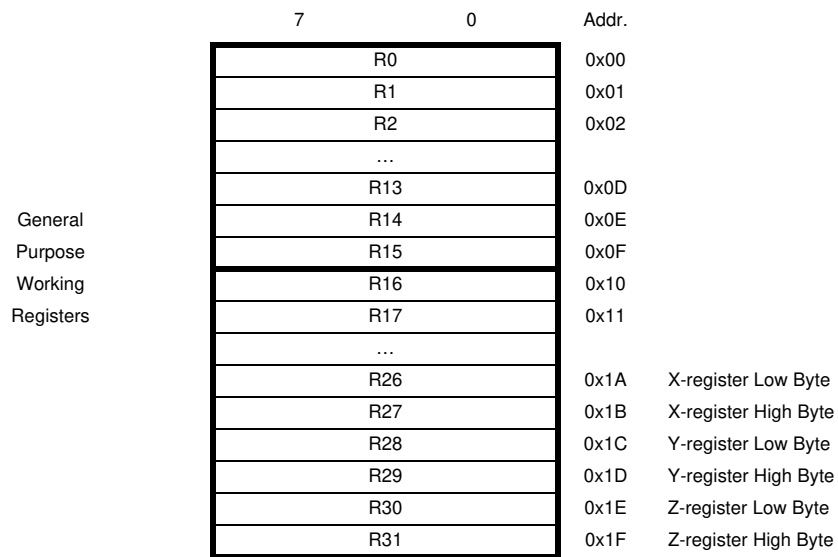
## 4.4 General Purpose Register File

The Register File is optimized for the AVR Enhanced RISC instruction set. In order to achieve the required performance and flexibility, the following input/output schemes are supported by the Register File:

- 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

Figure 4-2 below shows the structure of the 32 general purpose working registers in the CPU.

**Figure 4-2.** AVR CPU General Purpose Working Registers



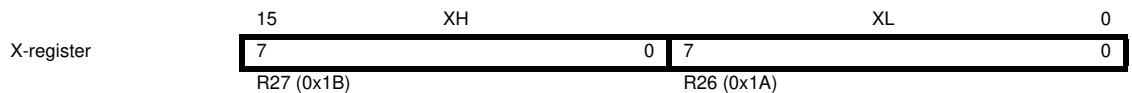
Most of the instructions operating on the Register File have direct access to all registers, and most of them are single cycle instructions.

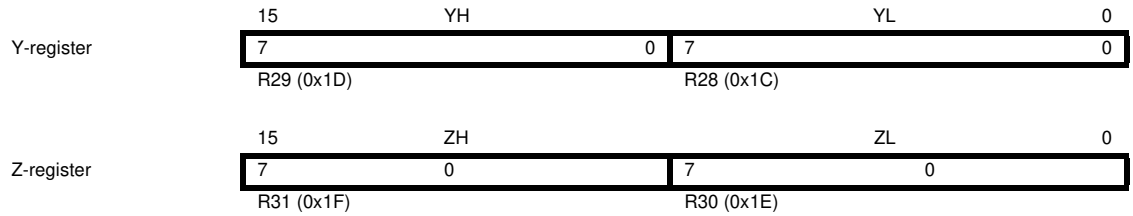
As shown in Figure 4-2, each register is also assigned a Data memory address, mapping them directly into the first 32 locations of the user Data Space. Although not being physically implemented as SRAM locations, this memory organization provides great flexibility in access of the registers, as the X-, Y- and Z-pointer registers can be set to index any register in the file.

### 4.4.1 The X-register, Y-register, and Z-register

The registers R26:R31 have some added functions to their general purpose usage. These registers are 16-bit address pointers for indirect addressing of the data space. The three indirect address registers X, Y, and Z are defined as described in Figure 4-3.

**Figure 4-3.** The X-, Y-, and Z-registers





In different addressing modes these address registers function as automatic increment and automatic decrement (see the instruction set reference for details).

## 4.5 Stack Pointer

The Stack is mainly used for storing temporary data, for storing local variables and for storing return addresses after interrupts and subroutine calls. The Stack Pointer Register always points to the top of the Stack. Note that the Stack is implemented as growing from higher memory locations to lower memory locations. This implies that a Stack PUSH command decreases the Stack Pointer.

The Stack Pointer points to the data SRAM Stack area where the Subroutine and Interrupt Stacks are located. This Stack space in the data SRAM must be defined by the program before any subroutine calls are executed or interrupts are enabled. The Stack Pointer must be set to point above 0x60. The Stack Pointer is decremented by one when data is pushed onto the Stack with the PUSH instruction, and it is decremented by two when the return address is pushed onto the Stack with subroutine call or interrupt. The Stack Pointer is incremented by one when data is popped from the Stack with the POP instruction, and it is incremented by two when data is popped from the Stack with return from subroutine RET or return from interrupt RETI.

The AVR Stack Pointer is implemented as two 8-bit registers in the I/O space. The number of bits actually used is implementation dependent. Note that the data space in some implementations of the AVR architecture is so small that only SPL is needed. In this case, the SPH Register will not be present

### 4.5.1 SPH and SPL — Stack Pointer Register

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
0x3E (0x5E)	SP15	SP14	SP13	SP12	SP11	SP10	SP9	SP8	SPH
0x3D (0x5D)	SP7	SP6	SP5	SP4	SP3	SP2	SP1	SP0	SPL
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	RAMEND	

## 4.6 Instruction Execution Timing

This section describes the general access timing concepts for instruction execution. The AVR CPU is driven by the CPU clock  $clk_{CPU}$ , directly generated from the selected clock source for the chip. No internal clock division is used.

Figure 4-4 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 to obtain up to 1 MIPS per MHz with the corresponding unique results for functions per cost, functions per clocks, and functions per power-unit.

**Figure 4-4.** The Parallel Instruction Fetches and Instruction Executions

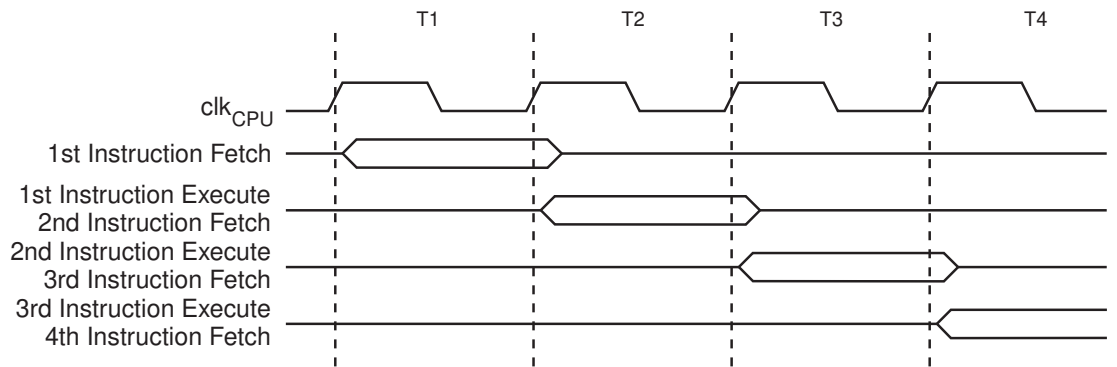
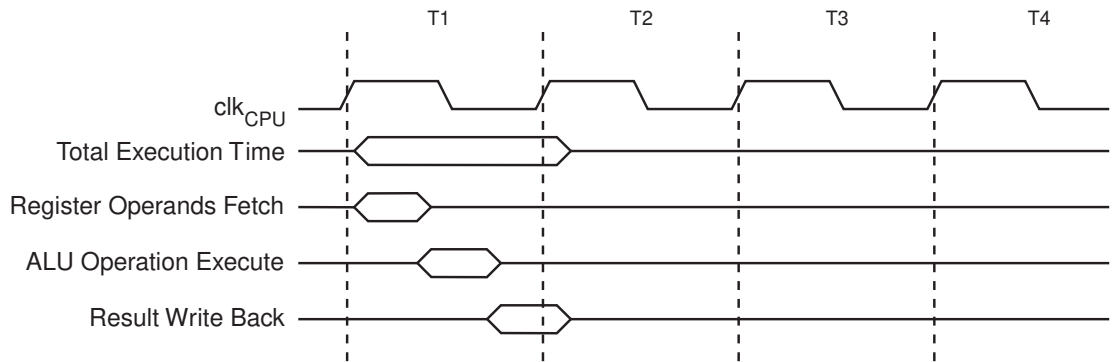


Figure 4-5 shows the internal timing concept for the Register File. In a single clock cycle an ALU operation using two register operands is executed, and the result is stored back to the destination register.

**Figure 4-5.** Single Cycle ALU Operation



## 4.7 Reset and Interrupt Handling

The AVR provides several different interrupt sources. These interrupts and the separate Reset Vector each have a separate Program Vector in the Program memory space. All interrupts are assigned individual enable bits which must be written logic one together with the Global Interrupt Enable bit in the Status Register in order to enable the interrupt.

The lowest addresses in the Program memory space are by default defined as the Reset and Interrupt Vectors. The complete list of vectors is shown in “[Interrupts](#)” on page 50. The list also determines the priority levels of the different interrupts. The lower the address the higher is the priority level. RESET has the highest priority, and next is INT0 – the External Interrupt Request 0.

When an interrupt occurs, the Global Interrupt Enable I-bit is cleared and all interrupts are disabled. The user software can write logic one to the I-bit to enable nested interrupts. All enabled interrupts can then interrupt the current interrupt routine. The I-bit is automatically set when a Return from Interrupt instruction – RETI – is executed.

There are basically two types of interrupts. The first type is triggered by an event that sets the Interrupt Flag. For these interrupts, the Program Counter is vectored to the actual Interrupt Vector in order to execute the interrupt handling routine, and hardware clears the corresponding Interrupt Flag. Interrupt Flags can also be cleared by writing a logic one to the flag bit position(s)

to be cleared. If an interrupt condition occurs while the corresponding interrupt enable bit is cleared, the Interrupt Flag will be set and remembered until the interrupt is enabled, or the flag is cleared by software. Similarly, if one or more interrupt conditions occur while the Global Interrupt Enable bit is cleared, the corresponding Interrupt Flag(s) will be set and remembered until the Global Interrupt Enable bit is set, and will then be executed by order of priority.

The second type of interrupts will trigger as long as the interrupt condition is present. These interrupts do not necessarily have Interrupt Flags. If the interrupt condition disappears before the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt will not be triggered.

When the AVR exits from an interrupt, it will always return to the main program and execute one more instruction before any pending interrupt is served.

Note that the Status Register is not automatically stored when entering an interrupt routine, nor restored when returning from an interrupt routine. This must be handled by software.

When using the CLI instruction to disable interrupts, the interrupts will be immediately disabled. No interrupt will be executed after the CLI instruction, even if it occurs simultaneously with the CLI instruction. The following example shows how this can be used to avoid interrupts during the timed EEPROM write sequence.

Assembly Code Example
<pre> <b>in</b> r16, SREG      ; store SREG value <b>cli</b>              ; disable interrupts during timed sequence <b>sbi</b> EECR, EEMPE  ; start EEPROM write <b>sbi</b> EECR, EEPE <b>out</b> SREG, r16     ; restore SREG value (I-bit)                 </pre>
C Code Example
<pre> <b>char</b> cSREG; cSREG = SREG; /* store SREG value */ /* disable interrupts during timed sequence */ _cli(); EECR  = (1&lt;&lt;EEMPE); /* start EEPROM write */ EECR  = (1&lt;&lt;EEPE); SREG = cSREG; /* restore SREG value (I-bit) */                 </pre>

Note: See [“Code Examples” on page 6](#).

When using the SEI instruction to enable interrupts, the instruction following SEI will be executed before any pending interrupts, as shown in the following examples.

Assembly Code Example
<pre> <b>sei</b>              ; set Global Interrupt Enable <b>sleep</b>           ; enter sleep, waiting for interrupt                 ; note: will enter sleep before any pending interrupt(s)                 </pre>

**C Code Example**

```
_SEI();    /* set Global Interrupt Enable */
_SLEEP(); /* enter sleep, waiting for interrupt */
          /* note: will enter sleep before any pending interrupt(s) */
```

Note: See [“Code Examples” on page 6](#).

#### 4.7.1 Interrupt Response Time

The interrupt execution response for all the enabled AVR interrupts is four clock cycles minimum. After four clock cycles the Program Vector address for the actual interrupt handling routine is executed. During this four clock cycle period, the Program Counter is pushed onto the Stack. The vector is normally a jump to the interrupt routine, and this jump takes three clock cycles. If an interrupt occurs during execution of a multi-cycle instruction, this instruction is completed before the interrupt is served. If an interrupt occurs when the MCU is in sleep mode, the interrupt execution response time is increased by four clock cycles. This increase comes in addition to the start-up time from the selected sleep mode.

A return from an interrupt handling routine takes four clock cycles. During these four clock cycles, the Program Counter (two bytes) is popped back from the Stack, the Stack Pointer is incremented by two, and the I-bit in SREG is set.

## 5. Memories

This section describes the different memories in the ATtiny261/461/861. The AVR architecture has two main memory spaces, the Data memory and the Program memory space. In addition, the ATtiny261/461/861 features an EEPROM Memory for data storage. All three memory spaces are linear and regular.

### 5.1 In-System Re-programmable Flash Program Memory

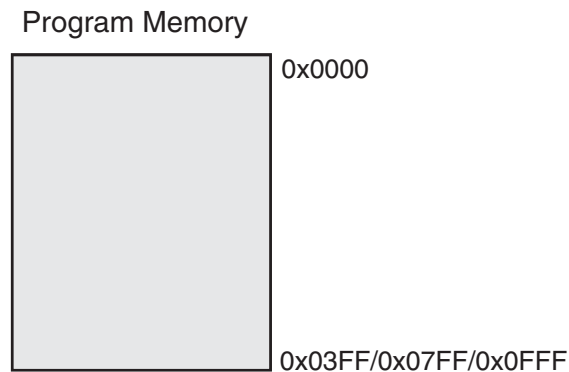
The ATtiny261/461/861 contains 2/4/8K byte On-chip In-System Reprogrammable Flash memory for program storage. Since all AVR instructions are 16 or 32 bits wide, the Flash is organized as 1024/2048/4096 x 16.

The Flash memory has an endurance of at least 10,000 write/erase cycles. The ATtiny261/461/861 Program Counter (PC) is 10/11/12 bits wide, thus capable of addressing the 1024/2048/4096 Program memory locations. [“Memory Programming” on page 170](#) contains a detailed description on Flash data serial downloading using the SPI pins.

Constant tables can be allocated within the entire address space of program memory (see the LPM – Load Program memory instruction description).

Timing diagrams for instruction fetch and execution are presented in [“Instruction Execution Timing” on page 11](#).

**Figure 5-1.** Program Memory Map



### 5.2 SRAM Data Memory

[Figure 5-2 on page 16](#) shows how the ATtiny261/461/861 SRAM Memory is organized.

The lower data memory locations address both the Register File, the I/O memory and the internal data SRAM. The first 32 locations address the Register File, the next 64 locations the standard I/O memory, and the last 128/256/512 locations address the internal data SRAM.

The five different addressing modes for the Data memory cover: Direct, Indirect with Displacement, Indirect, Indirect with Pre-decrement, and Indirect with Post-increment. In the Register File, registers R26 to R31 feature the indirect addressing pointer registers.

The direct addressing reaches the entire data space.

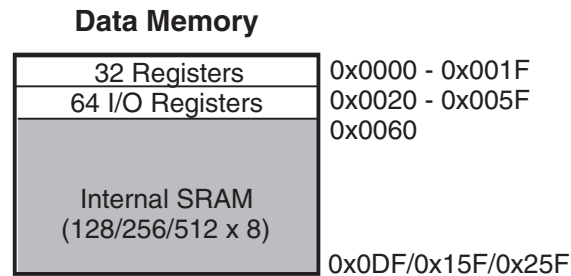
The Indirect with Displacement mode reaches 63 address locations from the base address given by the Y- or Z-register.



When using register indirect addressing modes with automatic pre-decrement and post-increment, the address registers X, Y, and Z are decremented or incremented.

The 32 general purpose working registers, 64 I/O Registers, and the 128/256/512 bytes of internal data SRAM in the ATtiny261/461/861 are all accessible through all these addressing modes. The Register File is described in “General Purpose Register File” on page 10.

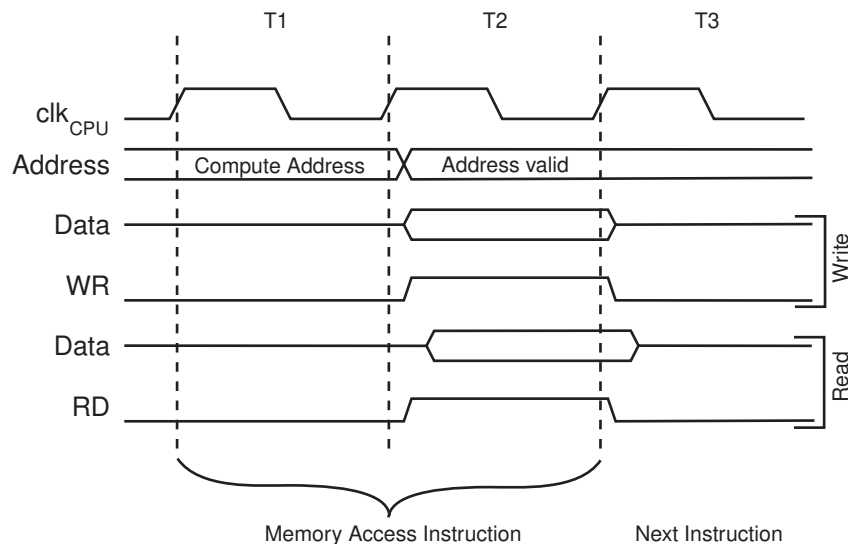
**Figure 5-2.** Data Memory Map



### 5.2.1 Data Memory Access Times

This section describes the general access timing concepts for internal memory access. The internal data SRAM access is performed in two  $clk_{CPU}$  cycles as illustrated in Figure 5-3.

**Figure 5-3.** On-chip Data SRAM Access Cycles



### 5.3 EEPROM Data Memory

The ATtiny261/461/861 contains 128/256/512 bytes of data EEPROM memory. It is organized as a separate data space, in which single bytes can be read and written. The EEPROM has an endurance of at least 100,000 write/erase cycles. The access between the EEPROM and the CPU is described in the following, specifying the EEPROM Address Registers, the EEPROM Data Register, and the EEPROM Control Register. For a detailed description of Serial data downloading to the EEPROM, see “Electrical Characteristics” on page 187.

### 5.3.1 EEPROM Read/Write Access

The EEPROM Access Registers are accessible in the I/O space.

The write access times for the EEPROM are given in [Table 5-1 on page 22](#). A self-timing function, however, lets the user software detect when the next byte can be written. If the user code contains instructions that write the EEPROM, some precautions must be taken. In heavily filtered power supplies,  $V_{CC}$  is likely to rise or fall slowly on Power-up/down. This causes the device for some period of time to run at a voltage lower than specified as minimum for the clock frequency used. See [“Preventing EEPROM Corruption” on page 19](#) for details on how to avoid problems in these situations.

In order to prevent unintentional EEPROM writes, a specific write procedure must be followed. Refer to [“Atomic Byte Programming” on page 17](#) and [“Split Byte Programming” on page 17](#) for details on this.

When the EEPROM is read, the CPU is halted for four clock cycles before the next instruction is executed. When the EEPROM is written, the CPU is halted for two clock cycles before the next instruction is executed.

### 5.3.2 Atomic Byte Programming

Using Atomic Byte Programming is the simplest mode. When writing a byte to the EEPROM, the user must write the address into the EEARL Register and data into EEDR Register. If the EEP Mn bits are zero, writing EEPE (within four cycles after EEMPE is written) will trigger the erase/write operation. Both the erase and write cycle are done in one operation and the total programming time is given in [Table 5-1 on page 22](#). The EEPE bit remains set until the erase and write operations are completed. While the device is busy with programming, it is not possible to do any other EEPROM operations.

### 5.3.3 Split Byte Programming

It is possible to split the erase and write cycle in two different operations. This may be useful if the system requires short access time for some limited period of time (typically if the power supply voltage falls). In order to take advantage of this method, it is required that the locations to be written have been erased before the write operation. But since the erase and write operations are split, it is possible to do the erase operations when the system allows doing time-critical operations (typically after Power-up).

### 5.3.4 Erase

To erase a byte, the address must be written to EEAR. If the EEP Mn bits are 0b01, writing the EEPE within four cycles after EEMPE is written will trigger the erase operation only (programming time is given in [Table 5-1 on page 22](#)). The EEPE bit remains set until the erase operation completes. While the device is busy programming, it is not possible to do any other EEPROM operations.

### 5.3.5 Write

To write a location, the user must write the address into EEAR and the data into EEDR. If the EEP Mn bits are 0b10, writing the EEPE (within four cycles after EEMPE is written) will trigger the write operation only (programming time is given in [Table 5-1 on page 22](#)). The EEPE bit remains set until the write operation completes. If the location to be written has not been erased before write, the data that is stored must be considered as lost. While the device is busy with programming, it is not possible to do any other EEPROM operations.

The calibrated Oscillator is used to time the EEPROM accesses. Make sure the Oscillator frequency is within the requirements described in “OSCCAL – Oscillator Calibration Register” on page 32.

### 5.3.6 Program Examples

The following code examples show one assembly and one C function for erase, write, or atomic write of the EEPROM. The examples assume that interrupts are controlled (e.g., by disabling interrupts globally) so that no interrupts will occur during execution of these functions.

#### Assembly Code Example

```
EEPROM_write:
    ; Wait for completion of previous write
    sbic EECR,EEPE
    rjmp EEPROM_write
    ; Set Programming mode
    ldi r16, (0<<EEPROM1)|(0<<EEPROM0)
    out EECR, r16
    ; Set up address (r18:r17) in address register
    out EEARH, r18
    out EEARL, r17
    ; Write data (r19) to data register
    out EEDR, r19
    ; Write logical one to EEMPE
    sbi EECR,EEMPE
    ; Start eeprom write by setting EEPE
    sbi EECR,EEPE
    ret
```

#### C Code Example

```
void EEPROM_write(unsigned char ucAddress, unsigned char ucData)
{
    /* Wait for completion of previous write */
    while((EECR & (1<<EEPE))
        ;
    /* Set Programming mode */
    EECR = (0<<EEPROM1)|(0<<EEPROM0);
    /* Set up address and data registers */
    EEAR = ucAddress;
    EEDR = ucData;
    /* Write logical one to EEMPE */
    EECR |= (1<<EEMPE);
    /* Start eeprom write by setting EEPE */
    EECR |= (1<<EEPE);
}
```

Note: See “Code Examples” on page 6.

The next code examples show assembly and C functions for reading the EEPROM. The examples assume that interrupts are controlled so that no interrupts will occur during execution of these functions.

## Assembly Code Example

```
EEPROM_read:
    ; Wait for completion of previous write
    sbic EECR,EEPE
    rjmp EEPROM_read
    ; Set up address (r18:r17) in address register
    out EEARH, r18
    out EEARL, r17
    ; Start eeprom read by writing EERE
    sbi EECR,EERE
    ; Read data from data register
    in r16,EEDR
    ret
```

## C Code Example

```
unsigned char EEPROM_read(unsigned char ucAddress)
{
    /* Wait for completion of previous write */
    while((EECR & (1<<EEPE))
        ;
    /* Set up address register */
    EEAR = ucAddress;
    /* Start eeprom read by writing EERE */
    EECR |= (1<<EERE);
    /* Return data from data register */
    return EEDR;
}
```

Note: See [“Code Examples” on page 6](#).

### 5.3.7 Preventing EEPROM Corruption

During periods of low  $V_{CC}$ , the EEPROM data can be corrupted because the supply voltage is too low for the CPU and the EEPROM to operate properly. These issues are the same as for board level systems using EEPROM, and the same design solutions should be applied.

An EEPROM data corruption can be caused by two situations when the voltage is too low. First, a regular write sequence to the EEPROM requires a minimum voltage to operate correctly. Secondly, the CPU itself can execute instructions incorrectly, if the supply voltage is too low.

EEPROM data corruption can easily be avoided by following this design recommendation:

Keep the AVR RESET active (low) during periods of insufficient power supply voltage. This can be done by enabling the internal Brown-out Detector (BOD). If the detection level of the internal BOD does not match the needed detection level, an external low  $V_{CC}$  reset protection circuit can

be used. If a reset occurs while a write operation is in progress, the write operation will be completed provided that the power supply voltage is sufficient.

## 5.4 I/O Memory

The I/O space definition of the ATtiny261/461/861 is shown in “Register Summary” on page 223.

All ATtiny261/461/861 I/Os and peripherals are placed in the I/O space. All I/O locations may be accessed using the LD/LDS/LDD and ST/STS/STD instructions, enabling data transfer between the 32 general purpose working registers and the I/O space. I/O Registers within the address range 0x00 - 0x1F are directly bit-accessible using the SBI and CBI instructions. In these registers, the value of single bits can be checked by using the SBIS and SBIC instructions. Refer to the instruction set section for more details. When using the I/O specific commands IN and OUT, the I/O addresses 0x00 - 0x3F must be used. When addressing I/O Registers as data space using LD and ST instructions, 0x20 must be added to these addresses.

For compatibility with future devices, reserved bits should be written to zero if accessed. Reserved I/O memory addresses should never be written.

Some of the Status Flags are cleared by writing a logical one to them. Note that, the CBI and SBI instructions will only operate on the specified bit, and can therefore be used on registers containing such Status Flags. The CBI and SBI instructions work on registers in the address range 0x00 to 0x1F, only.

The I/O and Peripherals Control Registers are explained in later sections.

### 5.4.1 General Purpose I/O Registers

The ATtiny261/461/861 contains three General Purpose I/O Registers. These registers can be used for storing any information, and they are particularly useful for storing global variables and Status Flags. General Purpose I/O Registers within the address range 0x00 - 0x1F are directly bit-accessible using the SBI, CBI, SBIS, and SBIC instructions.

## 5.5 Register Description

### 5.5.1 EEARH – EEPROM Address Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x1F (0x3F)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	EEAR8	EEARH
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X/0	

- **Bits 7:1 – Res: Reserved Bits**

These bits are reserved and will always read as zero.

- **Bit 0 – EEAR8: EEPROM Address**

This is the most significant EEPROM address bit of ATtiny861. In devices with less EEPROM, i.e. ATtiny261/ATtiny461, this bit is reserved and will always read zero. The initial value of the EEPROM Address Register (EEAR) is undefined and a proper value must therefore be written before the EEPROM is accessed.

## 5.5.2 EEARL – EEPROM Address Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x1E (0x3E)	<b>EEAR7</b>	<b>EEAR6</b>	<b>EEAR5</b>	<b>EEAR4</b>	<b>EEAR3</b>	<b>EEAR2</b>	<b>EEAR1</b>	<b>EEAR0</b>	EEARL
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	X/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

- **Bit 7 – EEAR7: EEPROM Address**

This is the most significant EEPROM address bit of ATtiny461. In devices with less EEPROM, i.e. ATtiny261, this bit is reserved and will always read zero. The initial value of the EEPROM Address Register (EEAR) is undefined and a proper value must therefore be written before the EEPROM is accessed.

- **Bits 6:0 – EEAR6:0: EEPROM Address**

These are the (low) bits of the EEPROM Address Register. The EEPROM data bytes are addressed linearly in the range 0...128/256/512. The initial value of EEAR is undefined and a proper value must be therefore be written before the EEPROM may be accessed.

## 5.5.3 EEDR – EEPROM Data Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x1D (0x3D)	<b>EEDR7</b>	<b>EEDR6</b>	<b>EEDR5</b>	<b>EEDR4</b>	<b>EEDR3</b>	<b>EEDR2</b>	<b>EEDR1</b>	<b>EEDR0</b>	EEDR
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	

- **Bits 7:0 – EEDR7:0: EEPROM Data**

For the EEPROM write operation the EEDR Register contains the data to be written to the EEPROM in the address given by the EEAR Register. For the EEPROM read operation, the EEDR contains the data read out from the EEPROM at the address given by EEAR.

## 5.5.4 EECR – EEPROM Control Register

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x1C (0x3C)	–	–	<b>EEPM1</b>	<b>EEPM0</b>	<b>EERIE</b>	<b>EEMPE</b>	<b>EEPE</b>	<b>EERE</b>	EECR
Read/Write	R	R	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	X	X	0	0	X	0	

- **Bit 7 – Res: Reserved Bit**

This bit is reserved for future use and will always read as 0 in ATtiny261/461/861. For compatibility with future AVR devices, always write this bit to zero. After reading, mask out this bit.

- **Bit 6 – Res: Reserved Bit**

This bit is reserved in the ATtiny261/461/861 and will always read as zero.

- **Bits 5, 4 – EEPM1 and EEPM0: EEPROM Programming Mode Bits**

The EEPROM Programming mode bits setting defines which programming action that will be triggered when writing EEPE. It is possible to program data in one atomic operation (erase the

old value and program the new value) or to split the Erase and Write operations in two different operations. The Programming times for the different modes are shown in [Table 5-1](#).

**Table 5-1.** EEPROM Mode Bits

EEP M1	EEP M0	Programming Time	Operation
0	0	3.4 ms	Erase and Write in one operation (Atomic Operation)
0	1	1.8 ms	Erase Only
1	0	1.8 ms	Write Only
1	1	–	Reserved for future use

When EEPE is set, any write to EEP Mn will be ignored. During reset, the EEP Mn bits will be reset to 0b00 unless the EEPROM is busy programming.

• **Bit 3 – EERIE: EEPROM Ready Interrupt Enable**

Writing EERIE to one enables the EEPROM Ready Interrupt if the I-bit in SREG is set. Writing EERIE to zero disables the interrupt. The EEPROM Ready Interrupt generates a constant interrupt when Non-volatile memory is ready for programming.

• **Bit 2 – EEMPE: EEPROM Master Program Enable**

The EEMPE bit determines whether writing EEPE to one will have effect or not.

When EEMPE is set, setting EEPE within four clock cycles will program the EEPROM at the selected address. If EEMPE is zero, setting EEPE will have no effect. When EEMPE has been written to one by software, hardware clears the bit to zero after four clock cycles.

• **Bit 1 – EEPE: EEPROM Program Enable**

The EEPROM Program Enable Signal EEPE is the programming enable signal to the EEPROM. When EEPE is written, the EEPROM will be programmed according to the EEP Mn bits setting. The EEMPE bit must be written to one before a logical one is written to EEPE, otherwise no EEPROM write takes place. When the write access time has elapsed, the EEPE bit is cleared by hardware. When EEPE has been set, the CPU is halted for two cycles before the next instruction is executed.

• **Bit 0 – EERE: EEPROM Read Enable**

The EEPROM Read Enable Signal – EERE – is the read strobe to the EEPROM. When the correct address is set up in the EEAR Register, the EERE bit must be written to one to trigger the EEPROM read. The EEPROM read access takes one instruction, and the requested data is available immediately. When the EEPROM is read, the CPU is halted for four cycles before the next instruction is executed. The user should poll the EEPE bit before starting the read operation. If a write operation is in progress, it is neither possible to read the EEPROM, nor to change the EEAR Register.

**5.5.5 GPIOR2 – General Purpose I/O Register 2**

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x0C (0x2C)	<b>MSB</b>							<b>LSB</b>	<b>GPIOR2</b>
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	

## 5.5.6 GPIOR1 – General Purpose I/O Register 1

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x0B (0x2B)	<b>MSB</b>							<b>LSB</b>	GPIOR1
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	

## 5.5.7 GPIOR0 – General Purpose I/O Register 0

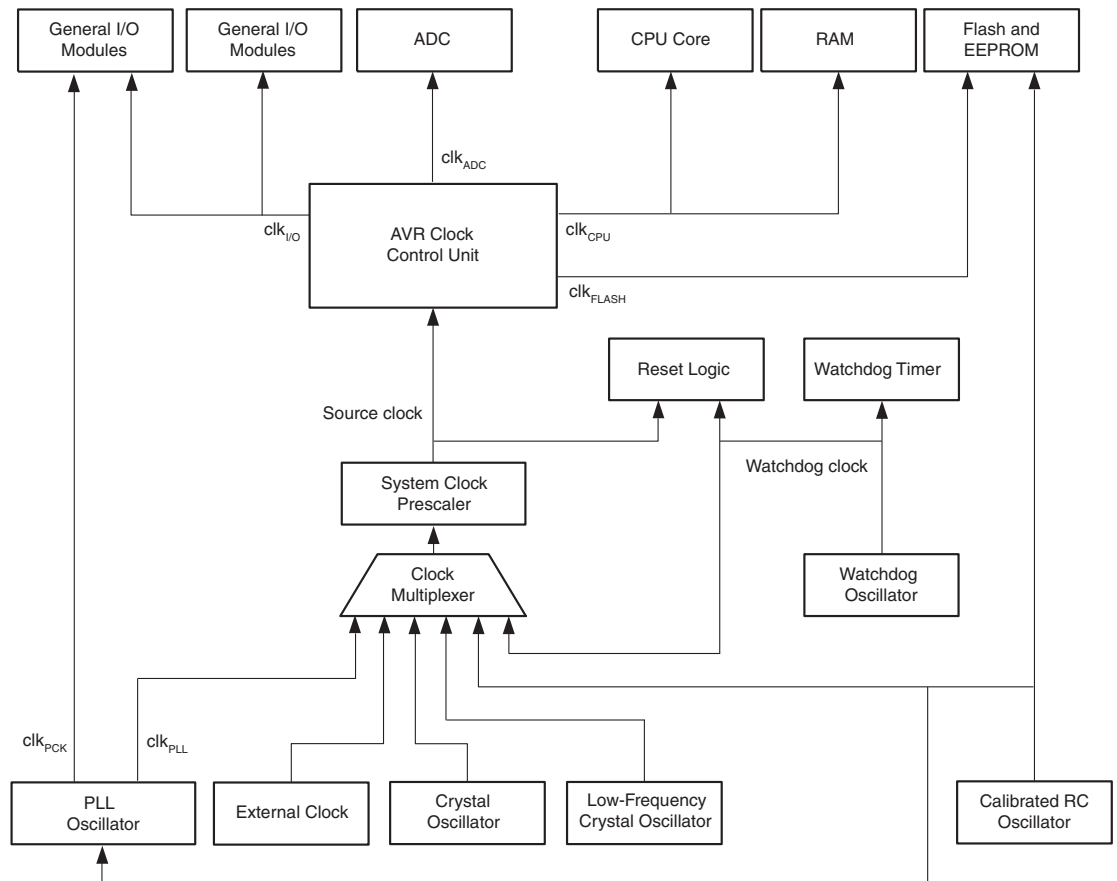
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0x0A (0x2A)	<b>MSB</b>							<b>LSB</b>	GPIOR0
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



## 6. Clock System

Figure 6-1 presents the principal clock systems and their distribution in ATtiny261/461/861. All of the clocks need not be active at a given time. In order to reduce power consumption, the clocks to modules not being used can be halted by using different sleep modes, as described in “Power Management and Sleep Modes” on page 36.

**Figure 6-1.** Clock Distribution



### 6.1 Clock Subsystems

The clock subsystems are detailed in the sections below.

#### 6.1.1 CPU Clock – $clk_{CPU}$

The CPU clock is routed to parts of the system concerned with operation of the AVR core. Examples of such modules are the General Purpose Register File, the Status Register and the Data memory holding the Stack Pointer. Halting the CPU clock inhibits the core from performing general operations and calculations.

#### 6.1.2 I/O Clock – $clk_{I/O}$

The I/O clock is used by the majority of the I/O modules, like Timer/Counter. The I/O clock is also used by the External Interrupt module, but note that some external interrupts are detected by asynchronous logic, allowing such interrupts to be detected even if the I/O clock is halted.

### 6.1.3 Flash Clock – $clk_{FLASH}$

The Flash clock controls operation of the Flash interface. The Flash clock is usually active simultaneously with the CPU clock.

### 6.1.4 ADC Clock – $clk_{ADC}$

The ADC is provided with a dedicated clock domain. This allows halting the CPU and I/O clocks in order to reduce noise generated by digital circuitry. This gives more accurate ADC conversion results.

### 6.1.5 Fast Peripheral Clock – $clk_{PCK}$

Selected peripherals can be clocked at a frequency higher than the CPU core. The fast peripheral clock is generated by an on-chip PLL circuit.

### 6.1.6 PLL System Clock – $clk_{ADC}$

The PLL can also be used to generate a system clock. The clock signal can be prescaled to avoid overclocking the CPU.

## 6.2 Clock Sources

The device has the following clock source options, selectable by Flash Fuse bits as shown below. The clock from the selected source is input to the AVR clock generator, and routed to the appropriate modules.

**Table 6-1.** Device Clocking Options Select<sup>(1)</sup> vs. PB4 and PB5 Functionality

Device Clocking Option	CKSEL3:0	PB4	PB5
External Clock (see <a href="#">page 26</a> )	0000	XTAL1	I/O
High-Frequency PLL Clock (see <a href="#">page 26</a> )	0001	I/O	I/O
Calibrated Internal 8 MHz Oscillator (see <a href="#">page 28</a> )	0010	I/O	I/O
Internal 128 kHz Oscillator (see <a href="#">page 29</a> )	0011	I/O	I/O
Low-Frequency Crystal Oscillator (see <a href="#">page 29</a> )	01xx	XTAL1	XTAL2
Crystal Oscillator / Ceramic Resonator 0.4...0.9 MHz (see <a href="#">page 30</a> )	1000	XTAL1	XTAL2
	1001		
Crystal Oscillator / Ceramic Resonator 0.9...3.0 MHz (see <a href="#">page 30</a> )	1010	XTAL1	XTAL2
	1011		
Crystal Oscillator / Ceramic Resonator 3...8 MHz (see <a href="#">page 30</a> )	1100	XTAL1	XTAL2
	1101		
Crystal Oscillator / Ceramic Resonator 8...20 MHz (see <a href="#">page 30</a> )	1110	XTAL1	XTAL2
	1111		

Note: 1. For all fuses “1” means unprogrammed and “0” means programmed.

The various choices for each clocking option is given in the following sections. When the CPU wakes up from Power-down or Power-save, the selected clock source is used to time the start-up, ensuring stable oscillator operation before instruction execution starts. When the CPU starts from reset, there is an additional delay allowing the power to reach a stable level before com-