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(G)eneral (P)urpose  
(I)nput and (O)utput

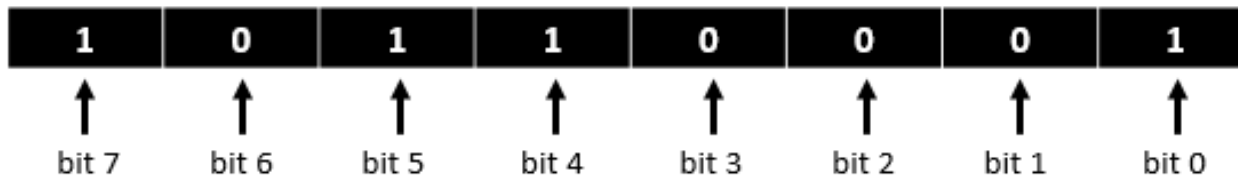
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# GPIO Basics

**Register:** memory unit containing a specified number of bits. An 8-bit register stores 8 bits (byte) or binary numbers.

- The MSP430 uses 8-bit registers to store functions, memory, and data.



In the MSP430, we'll primarily use **Port 1** for GPIO.

Each bit in the **Port 1** register(s) correspond(s) to a **PIN**, ex. P1.0 (pin 0), P1.1 (pin 1), etc...

- The family of the MSP430 we are using also has a Port 2 in case we need even more inputs and outputs but this is rarely used.

## Example

**General Port 1**  
Register



# GPIO Registers

What does the "X" stand for?

Specifies the **NUMBER** of the port you are using...  
e.g. P1DIR is for the direction register of Port 1.

1) **Direction Register (PXDIR)**

- a. Determines what PINS act as input and output.
- b. Bit 1 → port set as output.
- c. Bit 0 → port set as input.

input	input	input	output	input	input	output	output
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
P1.7	P1.6	P1.5	P1.4	P1.3	P1.2	P1.1	P1.0

2) **Input Register (PXIN)**

- a. When pins are configured as INPUTS (from PXDIR) each bit of these registers is a **READ-ONLY** bit and reflects the input signal at the pin.
- b. Bit 1 → input is HIGH.
- c. Bit 0 → input is LOW.

3) **Output Register (PXOUT)**

- a. Reflects the value that was written to the output pin; a **READ/WRITE** register.
- b. Bit 1 → input is HIGH.
- c. Bit 0 → input is LOW.

4) **Interrupt Enable (PXIE)**

- a. Enable interrupts on individual pins. Very important if your code uses interrupts and low power modes.

# Hexadecimal Numbers

Hexadecimal	Binary	Decimal
0	0000	0
1	0001	1
2	0010	2
3	0011	3
4	0100	4
5	0101	5
6	0110	6
7	0111	7
8	1000	8
9	1001	9
A	1010	10
B	1011	11
C	1100	12
D	1101	13
E	1110	14
F	1111	15

## Examples:

0xFF 1111 1111

0xF7 1111 0111

0xA3 1010 0011

0x00 0000 0000

0x03 0000 0011

0x14 0001 0100

# Bitwise Operations

Work at the bit level, compare bit-to-bit, in contrast to expression-to-expression. Does not work with floating point numbers. Why?

Common operators in C: AND “&”, “|” OR, “^” XOR, “~” one’s complement, etc...

Common abbreviations for the MSP430:

**BIT0** = 00000001

**BIT1** = 00000010

**BIT2** = 00000100

## Examples

X = 100011

Y = 001101

X|Y = 101111

X&Y = 000001

~X = 011100

~Y = 110010

X^Y = 101110

A = 10011100

B = 10000000

A|B = 10011100

A&B = 10000000

~A = 01100011

~B = 01111111

A^B = 00011100

# Example Command Lines

## P2DIR |= BIT3

- Technically means...  $P2DIR = P2DIR | BIT3$ 
  - Setting direction of PINS in Port 2.
    - Setting P2.2 as OUTPUT, all other pins as INPUT.
      - Default is 0, which refers to an INPUT. Only way to change it to an OUTPUT is by making the bit a 1.

# Example Command Lines

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if (P1IN & BIT6) // Assume P1.6 as input pin...  
    printf("Hello, World');
```

- If the input register (P1IN) notices a HIGH input at P1.6 (BIT6), then the MSP430 will print "Hello, World" into the console.



# Example Command Lines

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**P1REN = 0x03;**

- Enable a pull-up/pull-down resistor at P1.0 and P1.1.