



Introducción al Picoblaze

Por que un micro empujado y no una FSM maquina de estados?



Micropocessor (a
“Programmable FSM”)

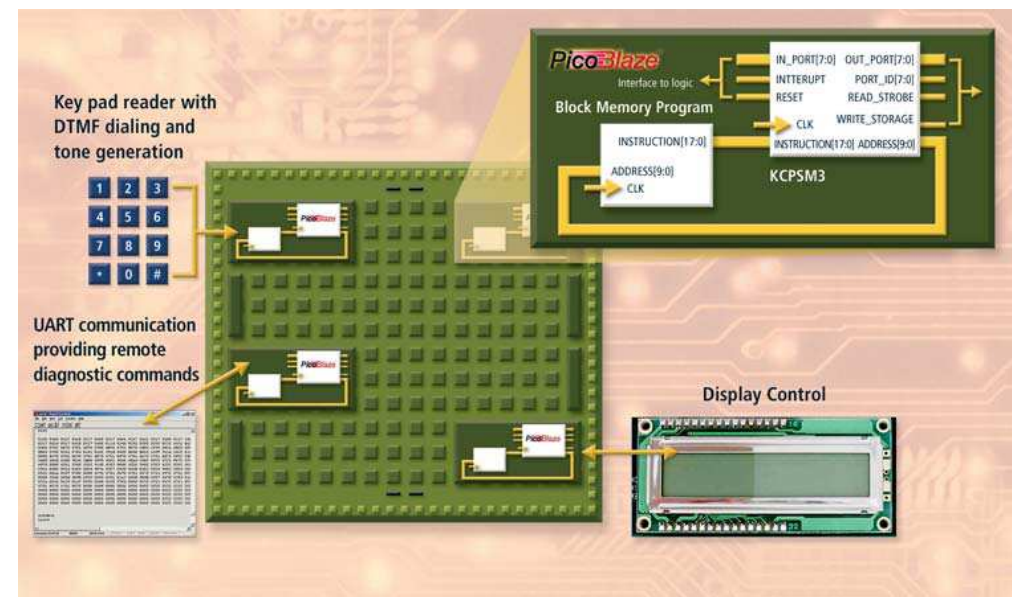
- Sequential execution
- Slower
- Better for complex flow diagram
- Better for Large FSM
- Easier to make changes in algorithm

“Regular” FSM

- Parallel execution
- Faster
- Better for simple flow diagram (but can be used for everything)
- More difficult to make changes in algorithm

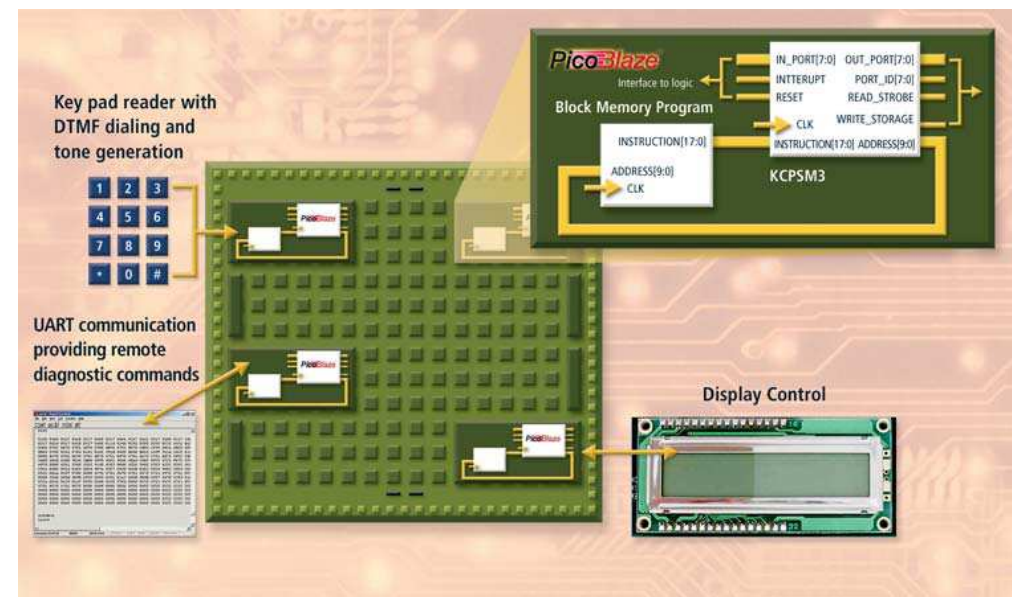
Introducción. Múltiples aplicaciones

- There are literally dozens of 8-bit microcontroller architectures and instruction sets. Modern FPGAs can efficiently implement practically any 8-bit microcontroller, and available FPGA soft cores support popular instruction sets such as the PIC, 8051, AVR, 6502, 8080, and Z80 microcontrollers.



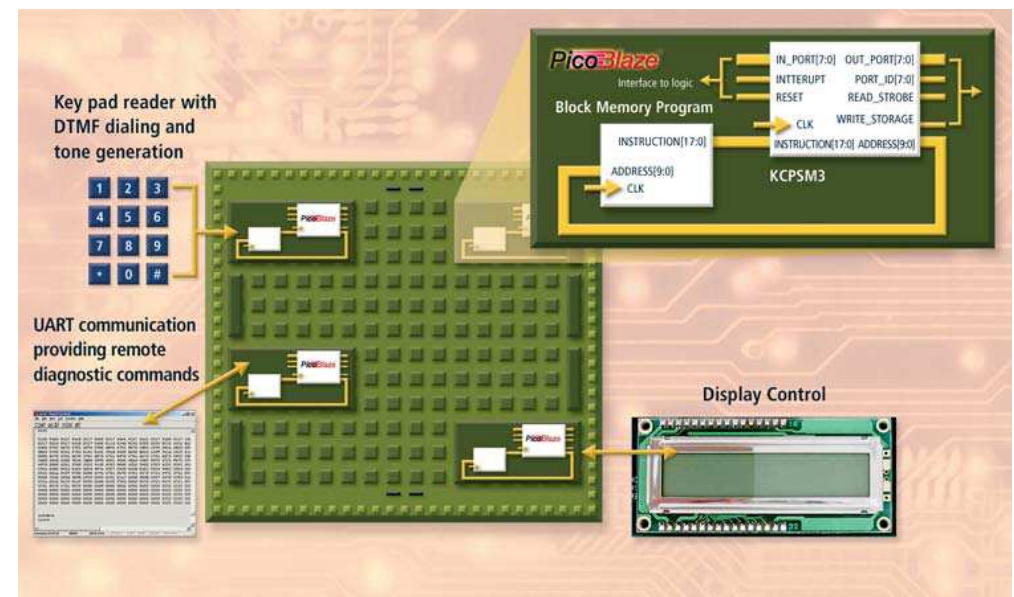
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- The Xilinx PicoBlaze microcontroller is specifically designed and optimized for the Virtex and Spartan series of FPGAs.



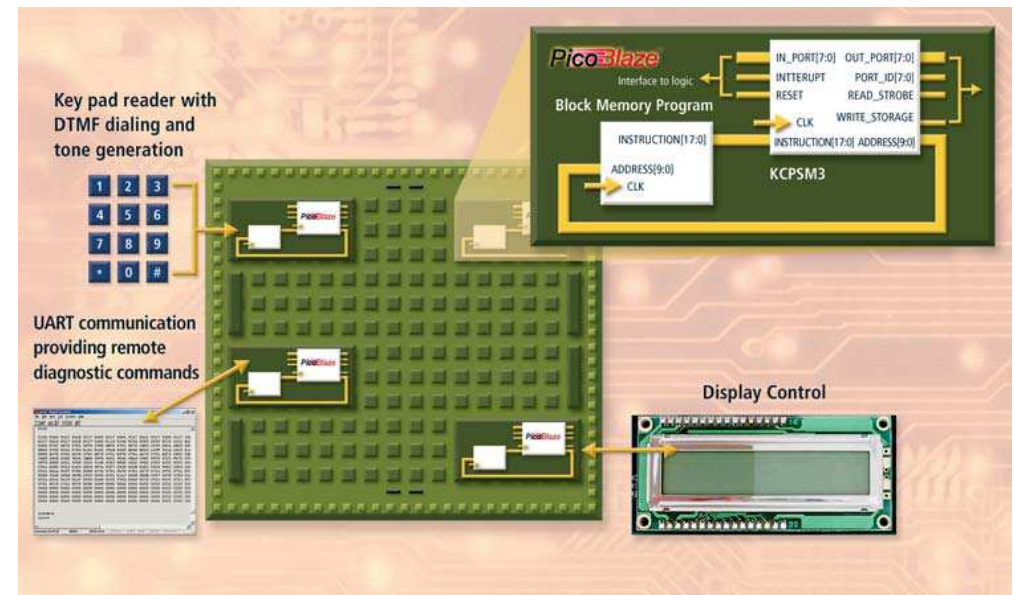
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- The PicoBlaze solution consumes considerably less resources than comparable 8-bit microcontroller architectures.



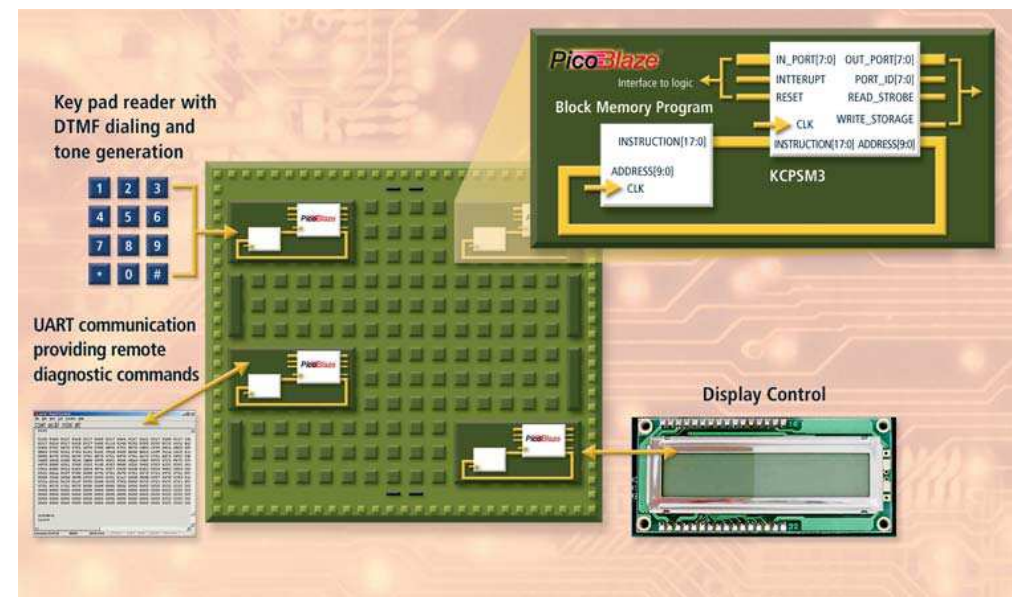
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- It is provided as a free, source-level VHDL file with royalty-free re-use within Xilinx FPGAs.



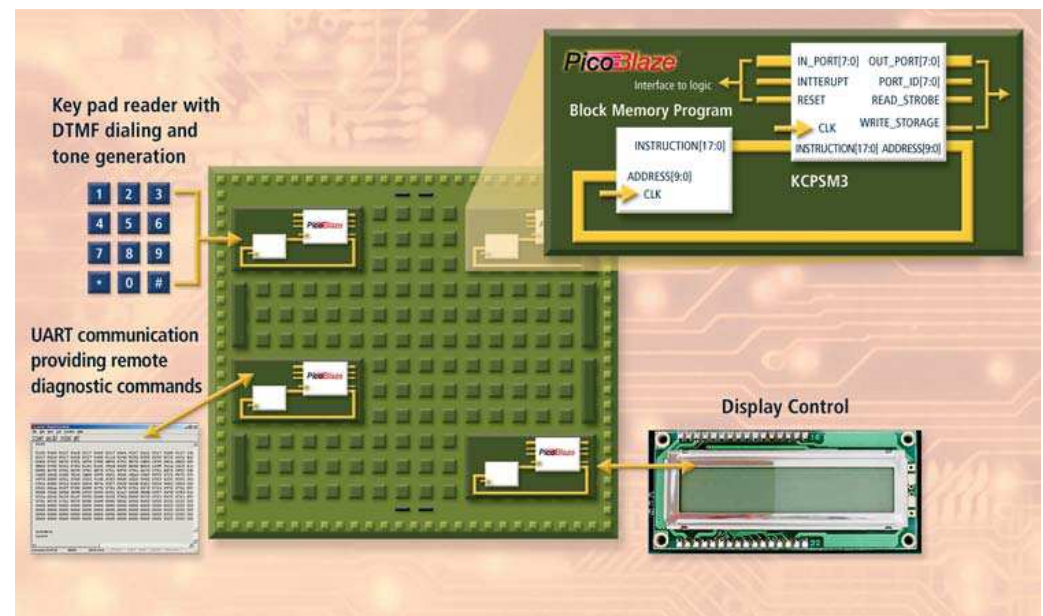
La solución para procesamiento sencillo

- PicoBlaze is a compact, capable, and cost-effective fully embedded 8-bit RISC microcontroller core optimized for the Spartan™-3, Virtex™-II, Virtex-II Pro™ and Virtex-4 FPGAs and CoolRunner™-II CPLDs.



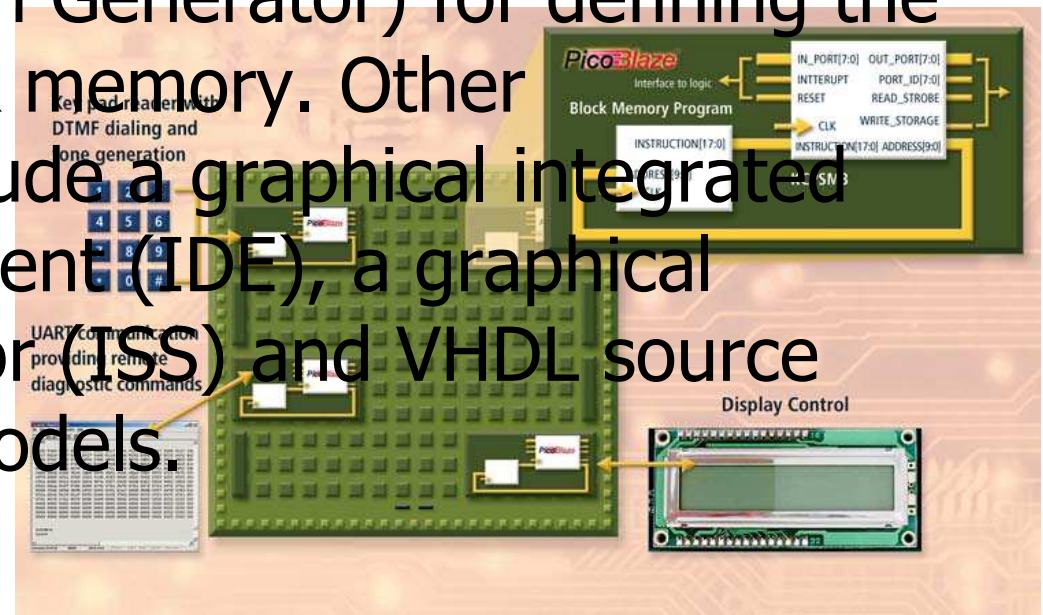
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- **Free PicoBlaze Macro** — The PicoBlaze microcontroller is delivered as synthesizable VHDL source code. As a result, the core is future-proof and can be migrated to future FPGA and CPLD architectures.



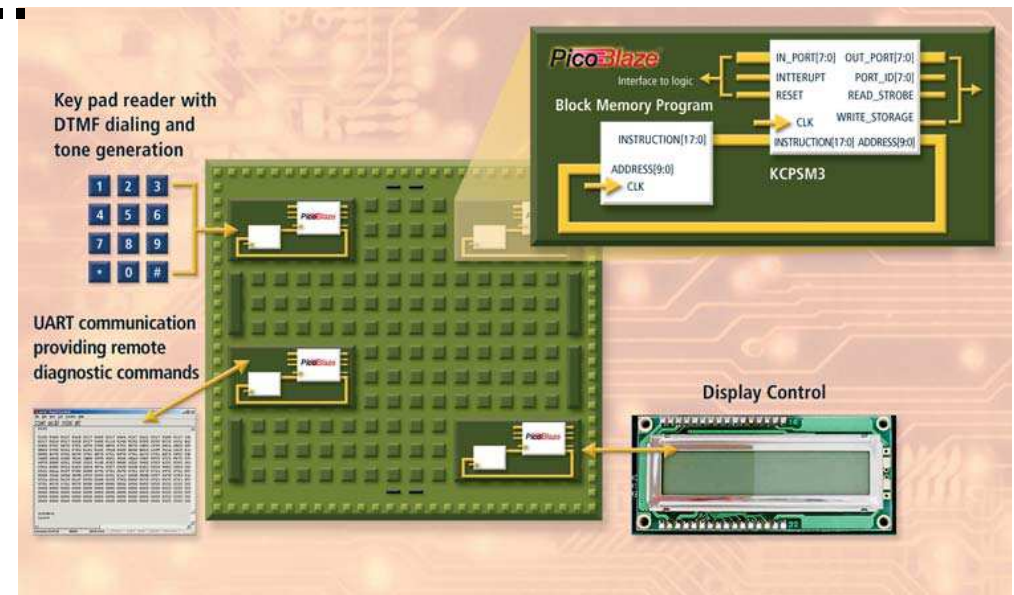
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- **Ensamblador Facil de usar** — The PicoBlaze assembler is provided as a simple DOS executable. The assembler will compile your program in less than 3 seconds and generate VHDL, Verilog and an M-file (for Xilinx System Generator) for defining the program within a block memory. Other development tools include a graphical integrated development environment (IDE), a graphical instruction set simulator (ISS) and VHDL source code and simulation models.



La solución para procesamiento sencillo

- **Alto rendimiento** — PicoBlaze delivers 44 to 100 million instructions per second (MIPS) depending on the target FPGA family and speed grade – many times faster than commercially available microcontroller devices..



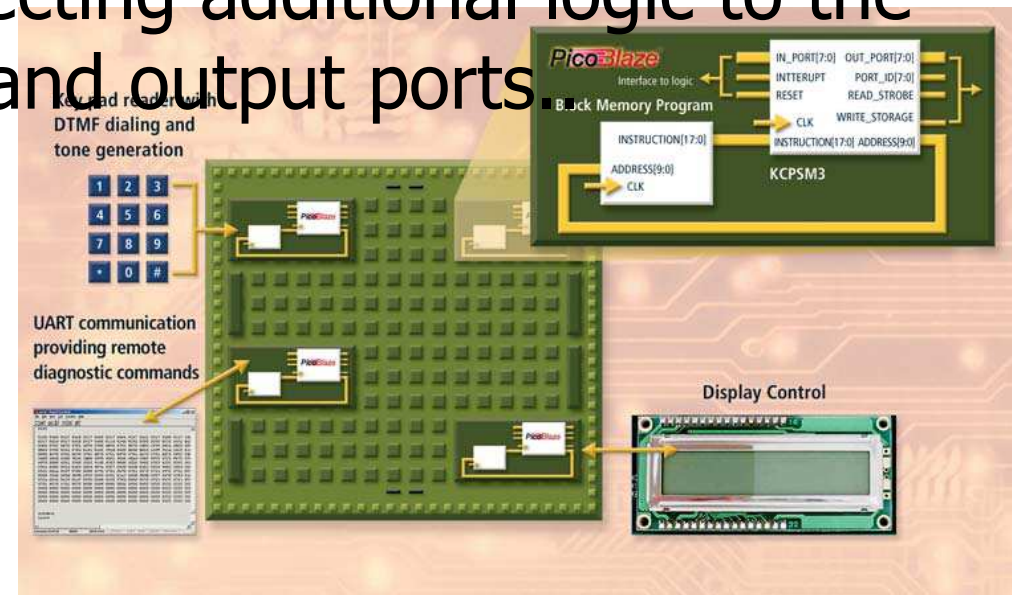
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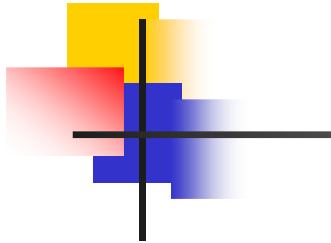
- **Tamaño Lógico Mínimo** — PicoBlaze occupies 192 logic cells, which represents just 5% of a Spartan-3 XC3S200 device. Because the core only consumes a small fraction of the FPGA and CPLD resources, many engineers can use multiple PicoBlaze devices for tackling larger tasks or simply keeping tasks isolated and predictable..



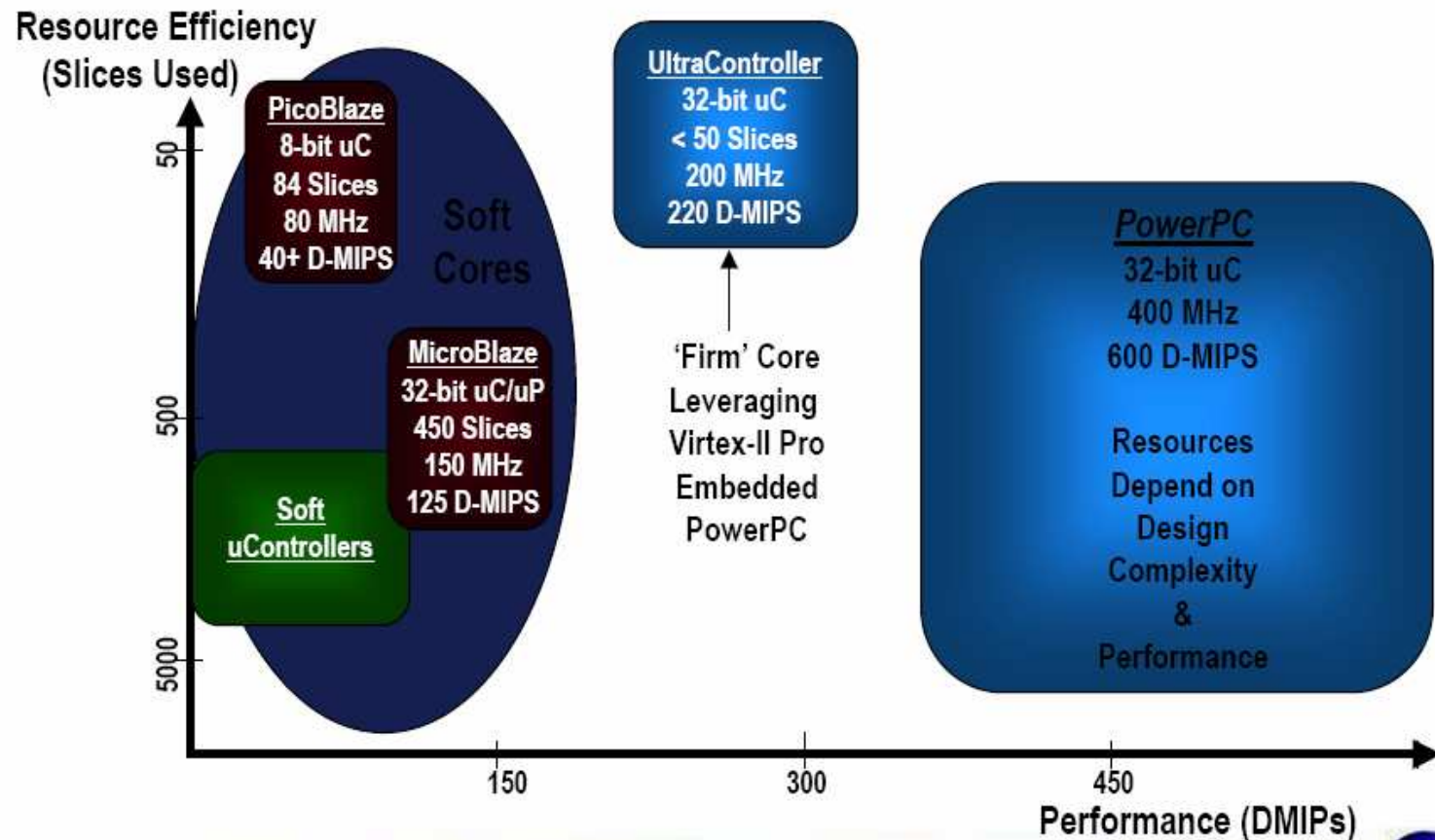
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- **Empotrable al 100%**— The PicoBlaze microcontroller core is totally embedded within the target FPGA or CPLD and requires no external resources. Its basic functionality is easily extended and enhanced by connecting additional logic to the microcontroller's input and output ports





Xilinx Processor Core Solutions





Características

- Es un 8-bit fully embedded microcontroller
- Tiene 16 8-bit general purpose registers,
- Tiene 8-bit ALU with the carry and zero flags
- 64-byte data memory, *scratch RAM*
- 10-bit instruction address, which supports a program up to 1024 instructions
- 256 input ports and 256 output ports,
- Automatic 31-location CALL/RETURN stack



Características (Cont.)

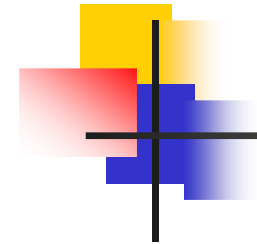
- Predictable performance, always two clock cycles per instruction, up to 200 MHz or 100 MIPS in a Virtex-4™ FPGA and 88 MHz or 44 MIPS in a Spartan-3 FPGA
- It also has facility for reset and interrupt
- Instruction size is 16-bits
- It also has facility for reset and interrupt
- Fast interrupt response; worst-case 5 clock cycles



Constant(k) Coded machine

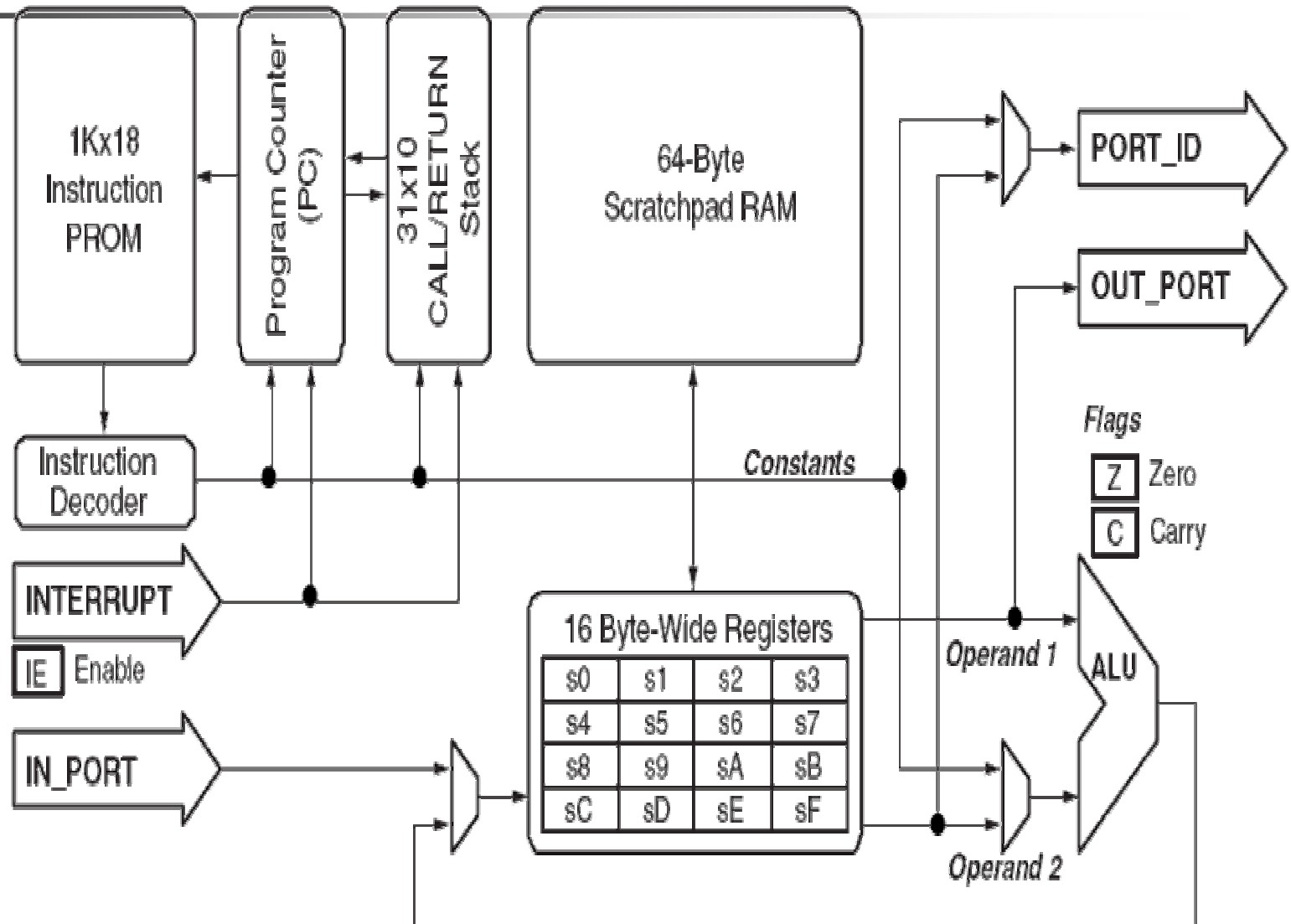
- KCPSM3 es en muchas formas una maquina basada en constantes
- Constant values are specified for use in the following aspects of a program:
 - Constant data value for use in an ALU operation
 - Constant port address to access a specific piece of information or control logic external to the PicoBlaze module
 - Constant address values for controlling the execution sequence of the program
- Constant Cycles
 - All instructions under all conditions execute over two clock cycles.
- Constant Program Length
 - The program length is 256 instructions

Estructura



3 parts:

- ALU
- Reg file
- Control unit





Estructura. Detalles

- Registers
 - 16 8-bit registers labelled from s0 to sF
- ALU
 - Takes two operands of 8-bits and returns the result to the first register
 - Add, Subtract with and without a carry are supported
 - LOAD, AND, OR and XOR
- Flow Control
 - Zero and Carry flags are set by the ALU operations
 - CALL/RETURN used for subroutine facilities



Estructura. Detalles (cont.)

- Reset
 - Processor goes back to initial state
 - Starts executing from address 00
 - Everything except the registers is reinitialized
- Input/Output
 - During an input the value on the indicated port is transferred to one of the registers
 - During an output the value from one of the registers is written on an output port
- Interrupt
 - A single interrupt is allowed

Porque uso un Microcontrolador dentro de una FPGA?

	PicoBlaze Microcontroller	FPGA Logic
Fortalezas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Fácil para programar aplicaciones de control y maquinas de estados■ Los requerimientos de recursos se mantienen constante dentro aún cuando incrementa la complejidad■ Re-uses recursos lógicos, excelente para funciones de baja rendimiento	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Significativamente mucho mas rendimiento■ Excelente para operaciones en paralelo■ Secuencial vs. paralelo La implementación secuencial frente a paralela sacrifica rendimiento optimo o coste■ Respuesta rápida a entradas simultaneas
Debilidades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ejecución secuencial■ El rendimiento se degrada con el incremento de la complejidad■ Los requerimientos de memoria incrementa con la complejidad■ Respuesta lenta a estímulos simultáneos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Aplicaciones de control y maquinas de estado son mas difícil de programar■ Recursos lógicos crece con el incremento de la complejidad

Usando el Microcontrolador PicoBlaze en una FPGA

- **Flujo de diseño en VHDL**

- **El componente (macro o módulo) es suministrado en VHDL (KCPSM3.vhd) y su declaración es la siguiente**

```
component KCPSM3
port (
    address :          out std_logic_vector( 9 downto 0);
    instruction :      in std_logic_vector(17 downto 0);
    port_id :          out std_logic_vector( 7 downto 0);
    write_strobe :    out std_logic;
    out_port :        out std_logic_vector( 7 downto 0);
    read_strobe :     out std_logic;
    in_port :         in std_logic_vector( 7 downto 0);
    interrupt :       in std_logic;
    interrupt_ack :   out std_logic;
    reset :           in std_logic;
    clk :             in std_logic );
end component;);
```

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```
processor: kcpsm3
    port map(
        address    => address_signal,
        instruction => instruction_signal,
        port_id     => port_id_signal,
        write_strobe => write_strobe_signal,
        out_port    => out_port_signal,
        read_strobe => read_strobe_signal,
        in_port     => in_port_signal,
        interrupt   => interrupt_signal,
        interrupt_ack => interrupt_ack_signal,
        reset       => reset_signal,
        clk         => clk_signal );
```

Usando el Microcontrolador PicoBlaze en una FPGA



- **Flujo de diseño en VHDL**

- **La memoria de programa (ROM).** The PicoBlaze program ROM is used within a VHDL design flow.
- The PicoBlaze assembler generates a VHDL file in which a block RAM and its initial contents are defined. This VHDL file can be used for both logic synthesis and simulation of the processor

Usando el Microcontrolador PicoBlaze en una FPGA

- **Flujo de diseño en VHDL**

- **Declaración del componente (ROM).**

```
component prog_rom
port ( address : in  std_logic_vector( 9 downto 0);
        instruction : out std_logic_vector(17 downto 0);
        clk :          in std_logic);
end component;
```

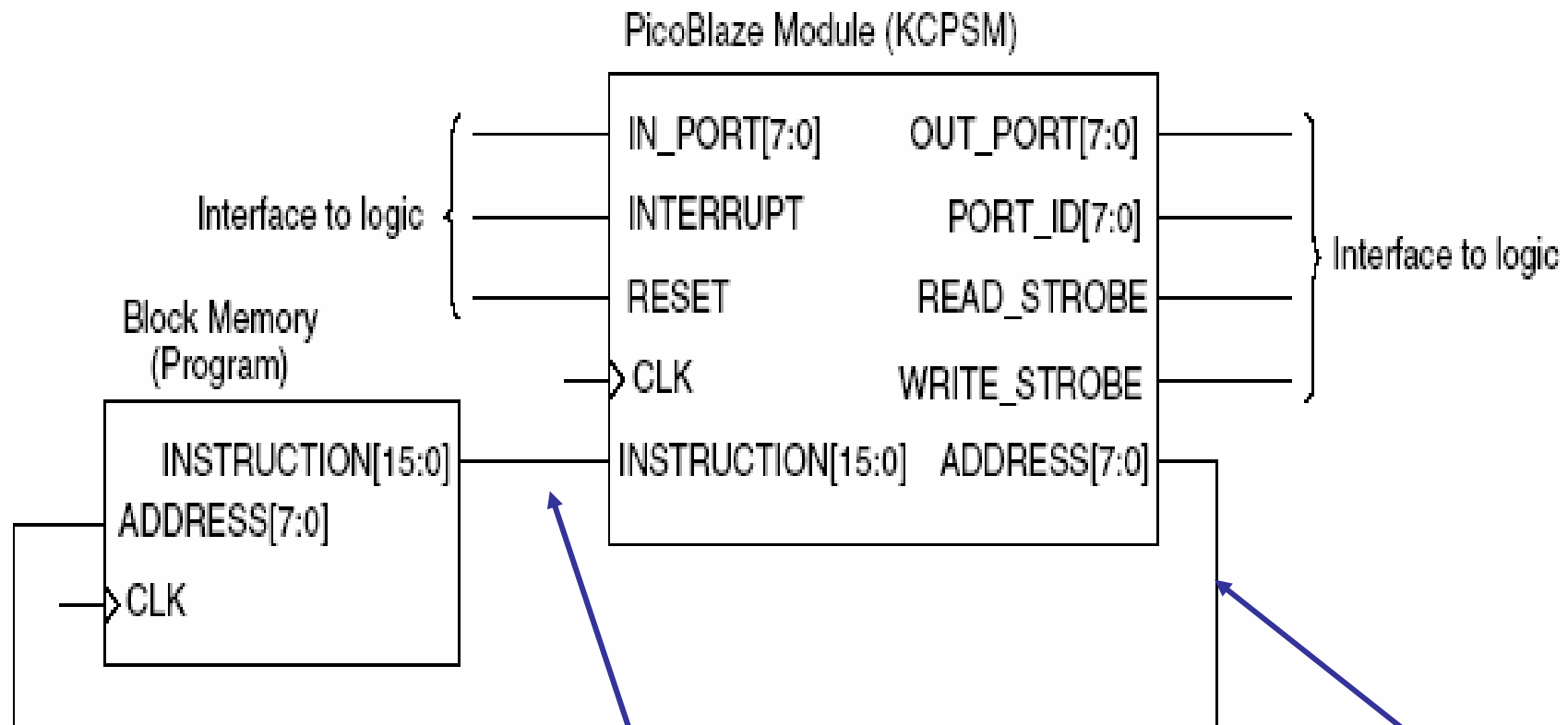
- El nombre del componente deriva de nombre del fichero con el programa en ensamblador. Por ejemplo si tu programa se llama *reloj.psm* la memoria (componente) en vhd se llama *reloj.vhd*. Este proceso resulta de aplicar el compilador suministrado



Usando el Micro. PicoBlaze en una FPGA. Poniento todo Junto

- **Para acelerar el desarrollo se suministra un fichero** (`embedded_kcpsm3.vhd`)
 - **En este codigo VHDL (plantilla) se conectan el micro con la memoria de programa.**

Diagrama de bloques del Micro + ROM. Poniendo todo junto



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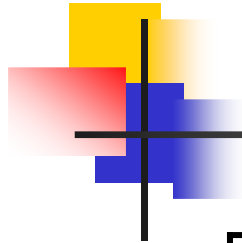
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```

PicoBlaze Herramientas de desarrollo



- Existen 3 herramientas de desarrollo
 - **Xilinx KCPSM3**
 - **Mediatronix pBlazIDE**
 - **Xilinx System Generator**

PicoBlaze Herramientas de desarrollo



	Xilinx KCPSM3	Mediatronix pBlazIDE	Xilinx System Generator
<i>Plataforma</i>	Windows	Windows 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP	Windows 2000 y XP
<i>Ensamblador</i>	Línea de comando en Dos Wiindow	Grafico	Linea de comando dentro de System Generator
<i>Sintaxis instrucciones</i>	KCPSM3	PBlazIDE	KCPSM3
<i>Instruction Set Simulator</i>	VHDL	Grafico/Interactivo	Grafico/Interactivo
<i>Simulator Breakpoints</i>	N/A	Si	Si
<i>Register Viewer</i>	N/A	Si	Si
<i>Memory Viewer</i>	N/A	Si	Si

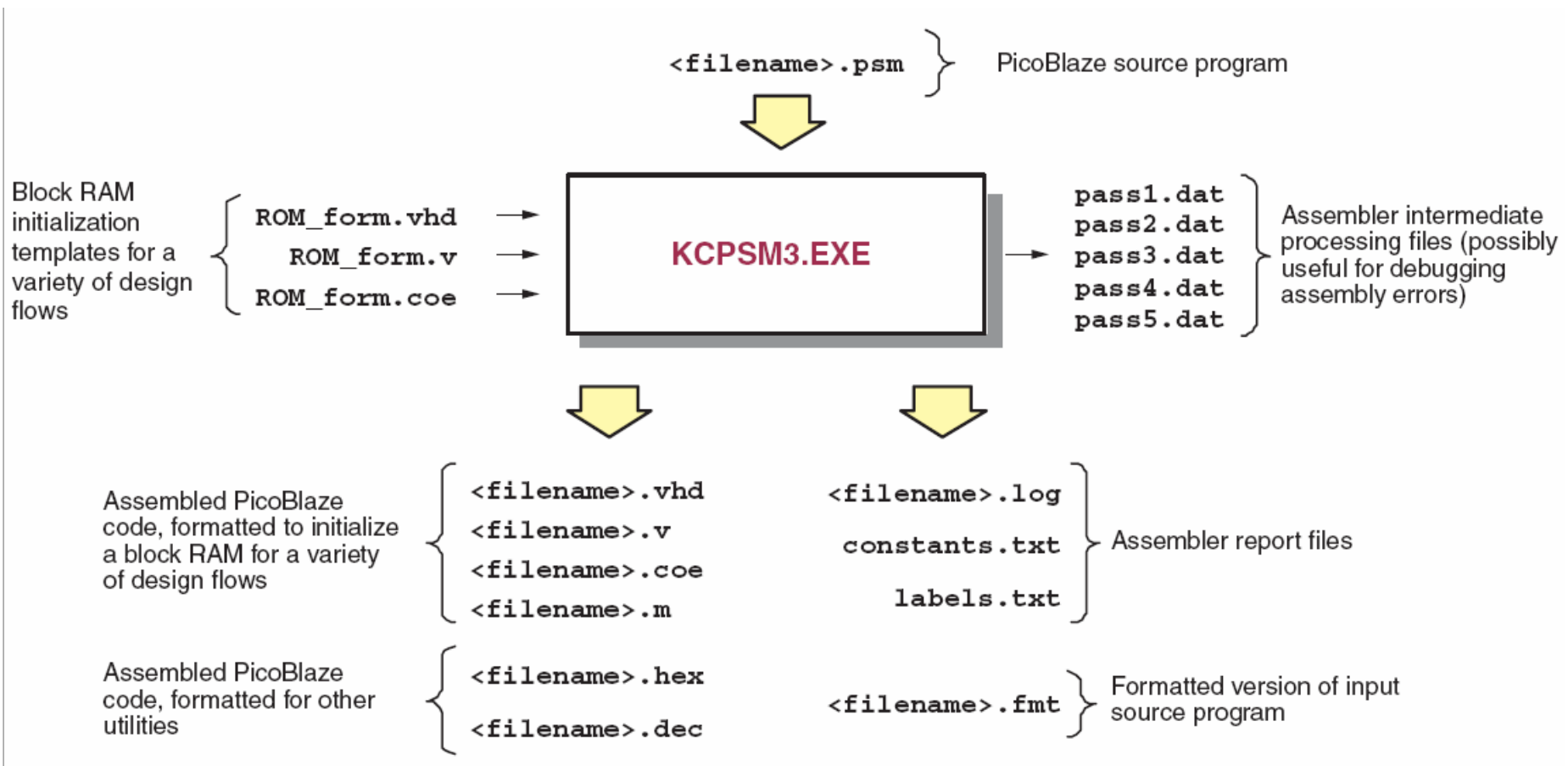
PicoBlaze Herramientas de desarrollo

■ **Xilinx KCPSM3**


- The KCPSM3 Assembler is provided as a simple DOS executable file together with three template files.
- **Importante** Crear un directorio de trabajo. Copy all the files *KCPSM3.EXE*, *ROM_form.vhd*, *ROM_form.v*, and *ROM_form.coe* dentro del directorio de trabajo.
- Los programas pueden ser escritos con el *wordpad*. Salvar con extensión **psm**
- **Abre un cmd DOS.**
 - `kcpsm3 <filename>[.psm]`
 - El ensamblador da salida de errores por pantalla (peor muy rápida) usar un fichero de salida para depurar errores:
 - `kcpsm3 <filename>[.psm] > screen_dump.txt`

PicoBlaze Herramientas de desarrollo

- Compilación. Ficheros de entrada y salida.




Ejemplo de una Plantilla de un programa (KCPSM3)



```
NAMEREG sX, <name> ; Rename register sX with <name>
CONSTANT <name>, 00 ; Define constant <name>, assign value

; ROM output file es siempre llamado
; <filename>.vhd
ADDRESS 000 ; Programs always start at reset vector 0
ENABLE INTERRUPT ; If using interrupts, be sure to enable
; the INTERRUPT input
BEGIN:
; <<< your code here >>>
JUMP BEGIN ; Embedded applications never end
ISR: ; An Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) is
; required if using interrupts
; Interrupts are automatically disabled
; when an interrupt is recognized
; Never re-enable interrupts during the ISR
RETURNI ENABLE ; Return from interrupt service routine
; Use RETURNI DISABLE to leave interrupts
; disabled
ADDRESS 3FF ; Interrupt vector is located at highest
; instruction address
JUMP ISR ; Jump to interrupt service routine, IS
```

Ejemplo de una Plantilla de un programa (pBlazIDE)



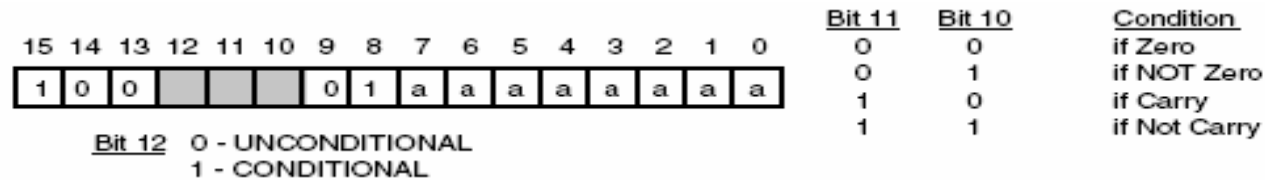
```
<name> EQU sX ; Rename register sX with <name>
<name> EQU $00 ; Define constant <name>, assign value
; name ROM output file generated by pBlazIDE assembler
VHDL "template.vhd", "target.vhd", "entity_name"
<name> DSIN <port_id> ; Create input port, assign port address
<name> DSOUT <port_id>; Create output port, assign port address
<name> DSIO <port_id> ; Create readable output port,
; assign port address
ORG 0; Programs always start at reset vector 0
EINT ; If using interrupts, be sure to enable the INTERRUPT input
```

BEGIN:

```
    ; <<< your code here >>>
JUMP BEGIN ; Embedded applications never end
ISR: ; An Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) is
    ; required if using interrupts
    ; Interrupts are automatically disabled
    ; when an interrupt is recognized
    ; Never re-enable interrupts during the ISR
RETI ENABLE ; Return from interrupt service routine
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ORG $3FF ; Interrupt vector is located at highest
    ; instruction address
JUMP ISR ; Jump to interrupt service routine, ISR
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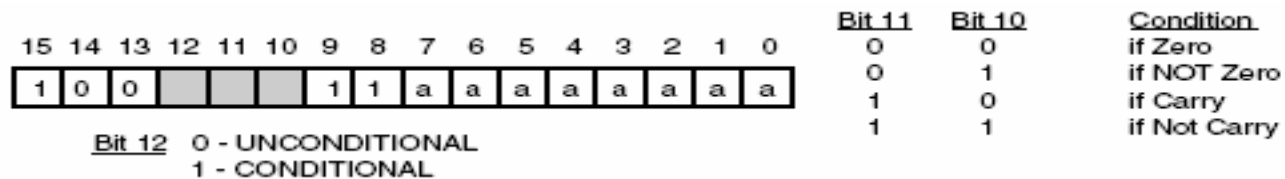

Conjunto de instrucciones

- Program Control Group (jump, call y return)
 - Jump Instruction – Both conditional and unconditional



Conjunto de instrucciones

- Program Control Group (jump, call y return)
 - Call Instruction



Conjunto de instrucciones

- Program Control Group (jump, call y return)
 - Return Instruction

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	<u>Bit 11</u>	<u>Bit 10</u>	<u>Condition</u>
1	0	0				0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	if Zero
																1	1	if NOT Zero
																1	0	if Carry
																1	1	if Not Carry

Bit 12 0 - UNCONDITIONAL
1 - CONDITIONAL



Interrupt Group

- ReturnI

RETURNI ENABLE

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

RETURNI DISABLE

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

- ENABLE and DISABLE INTERRUPT

ENABLE INTERRUPT

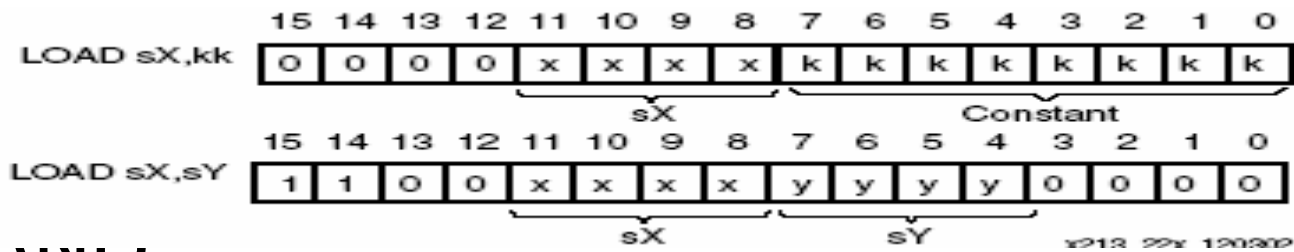
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1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

DISABLE INTERRUPT

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Logical Group

- LOAD

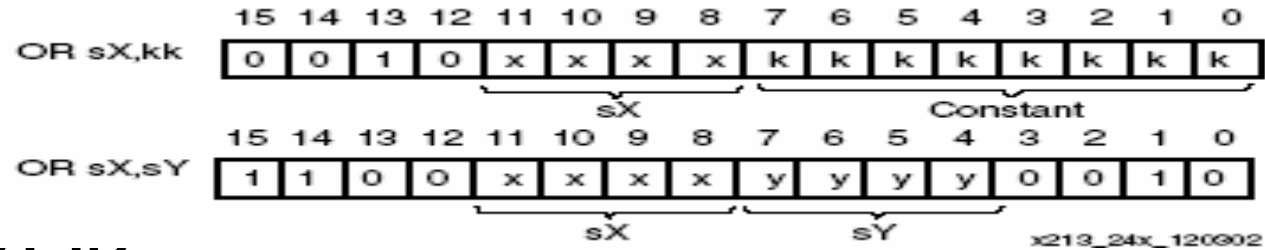


- AND

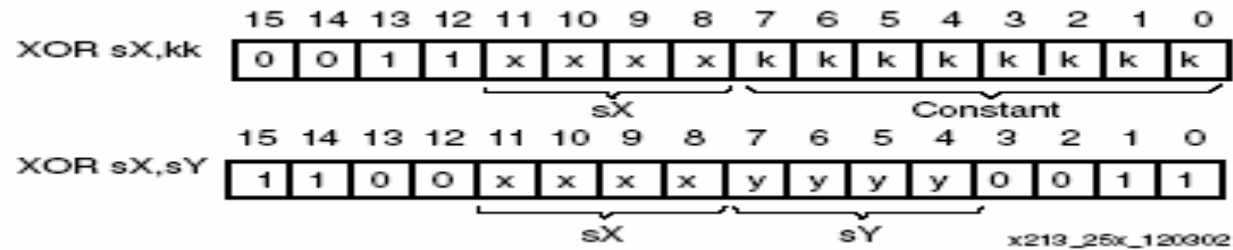


Logical Group (contd.)

■ OR



■ XOR

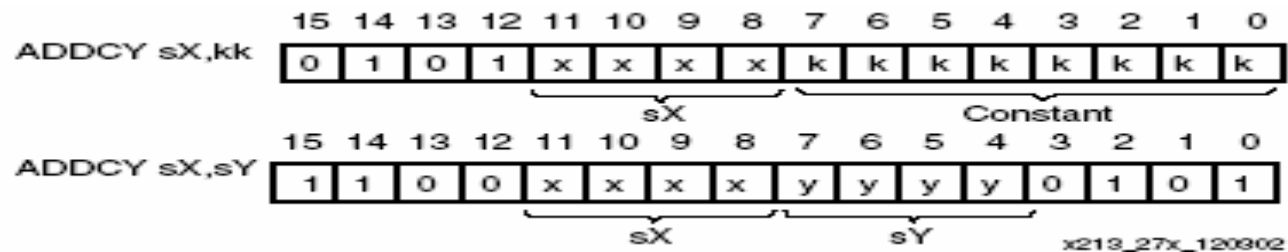


Grupo aritmético

- ADD – without carry



- ADDC - with carry

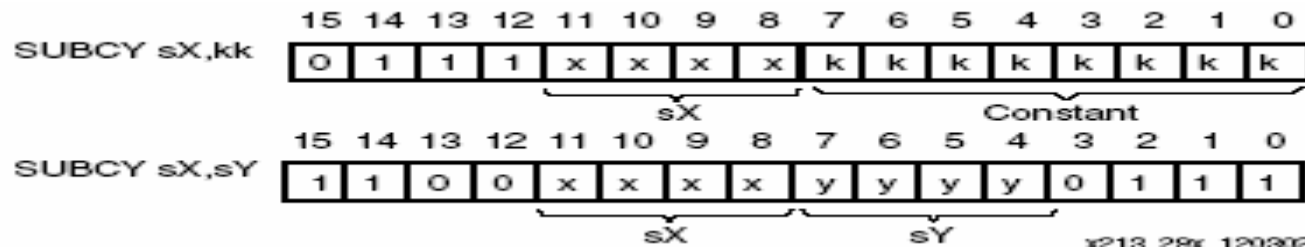


Arithmetic Group (contd.)

- SUB – without carry

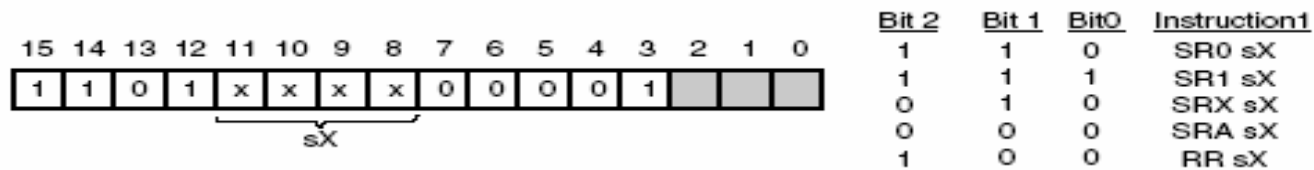


- SUBC – with carry

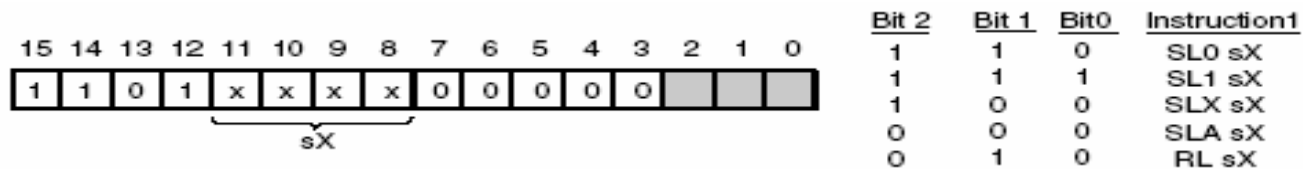


Shift and Rotate Group

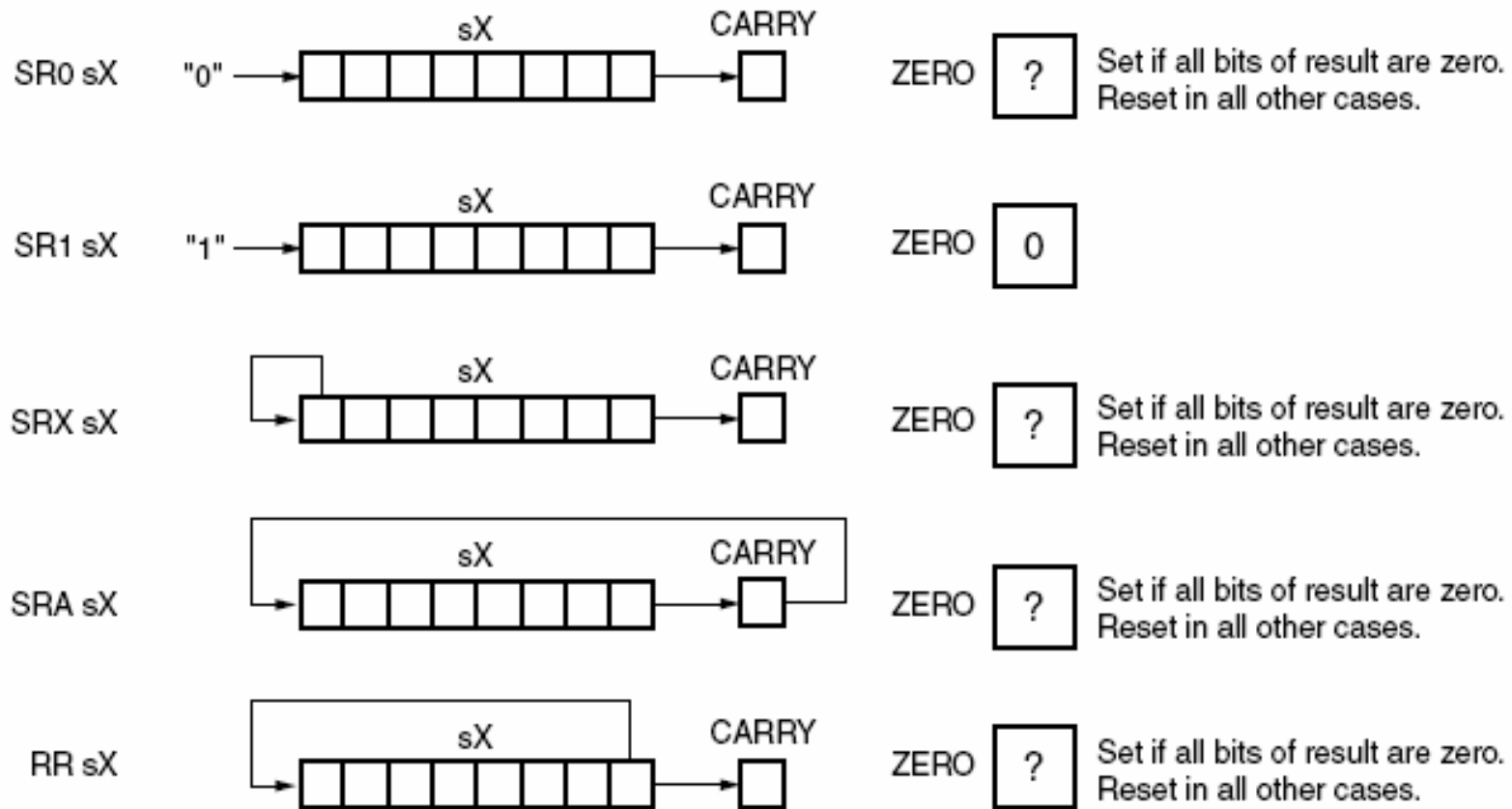
- Shift right



- Shift left

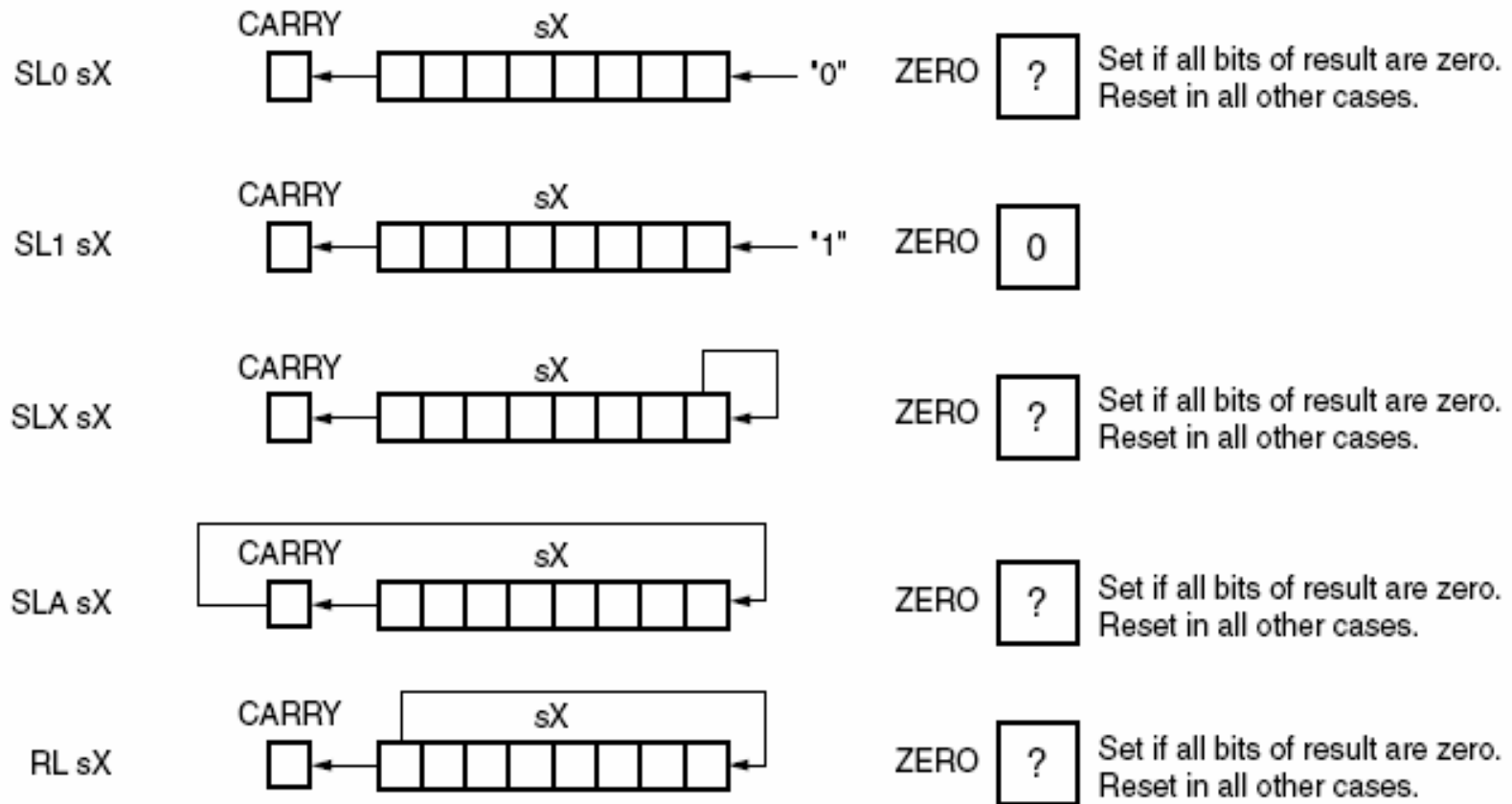


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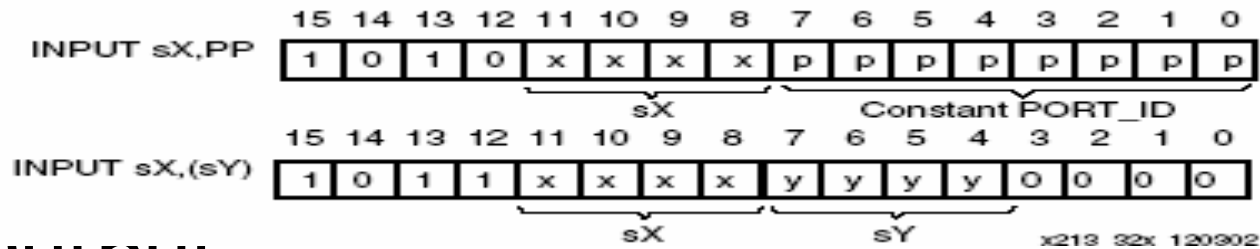


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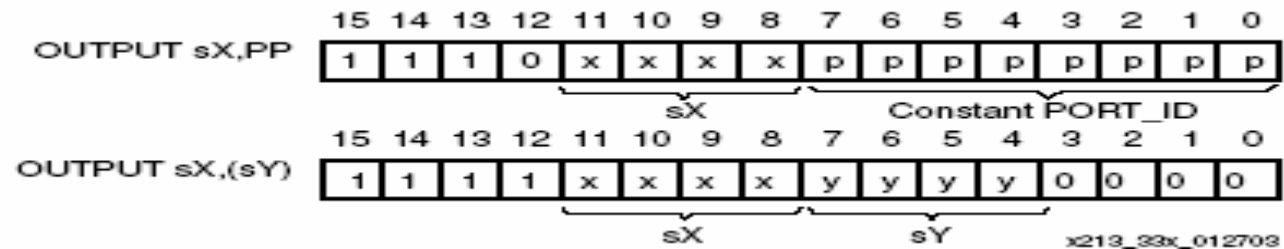


Input and Output Group

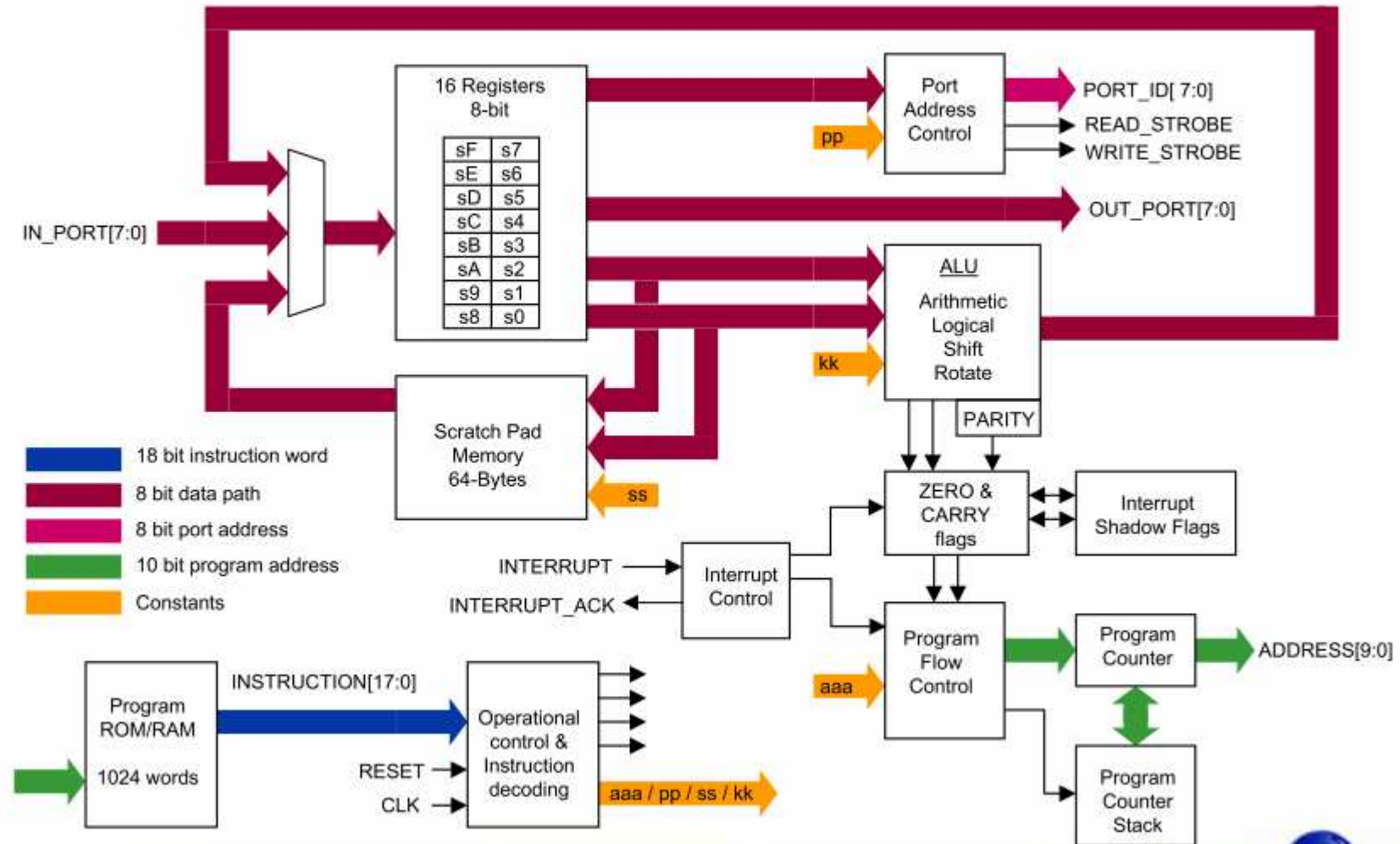
- Input



- Output



KCPSM3 Architecture





Individual Modules

- Operand Select
- Arithmetic Group
- Logic Group
- Shift and Rotate Group
- ALU Multiplexer
- ALU Control
- Program Counter
- Stack Counter

KCPSM3 Instruction Set

'X' and 'Y' refer to the definition of the storage registers 's' in the range 0 to F.

'kk' represents a constant value in the range 00 to FF.

'aaa' represents an address in the range 000 to 3FF.

'pp' represents a port address in the range 00 to FF.

'ss' represents an internal storage address in the range 00 to 3F.

Program Control Group

JUMP aaa
 JUMP Z, aaa
 JUMP NZ, aaa
 JUMP C, aaa
 JUMP NC, aaa

CALL aaa
 CALL Z, aaa
 CALL NZ, aaa
 CALL C, aaa
 CALL NC, aaa

RETURN
 RETURN Z
 RETURN NZ
 RETURN C
 RETURN NC

Note that call and return supports up to a stack depth of 31.

Arithmetic Group

ADD sX, kk
 ADDCY sX, kk
 SUB sX, kk
 SUBCY sX, kk
 COMPARE sX, kk

ADD sX, sY
 ADDCY sX, sY
 SUB sX, sY
 SUBCY sX, sY
 COMPARE sX, sY

Interrupt Group

RETURNI ENABLE
 RETURNI DISABLE

 ENABLE INTERRUPT
 DISABLE INTERRUPT

Logical Group

LOAD sX, kk
 AND sX, kk
 OR sX, kk
 XOR sX, kk
 TEST sX, kk

LOAD sX, sY
 AND sX, sY
 OR sX, sY
 XOR sX, sY
 TEST sX, sY

Storage Group

STORE sX, ss
 STORE sX, (sY)
 FETCH sX, ss
 FETCH sX, (sY)

Shift and Rotate Group

SR0 sX
 SR1 sX
 SRX sX
 SRA sX
 RR sX

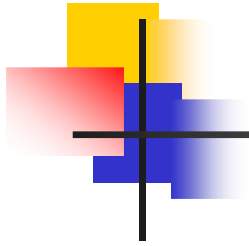
SL0 sX
 SL1 sX
 SLX sX
 SLA sX
 RL sX

Input/Output Group

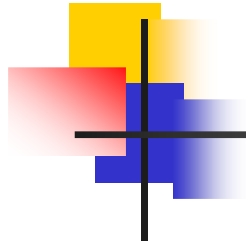
INPUT sX, pp
 INPUT sX, (sY)
 OUTPUT sX, pp
 OUTPUT sX, (sY)



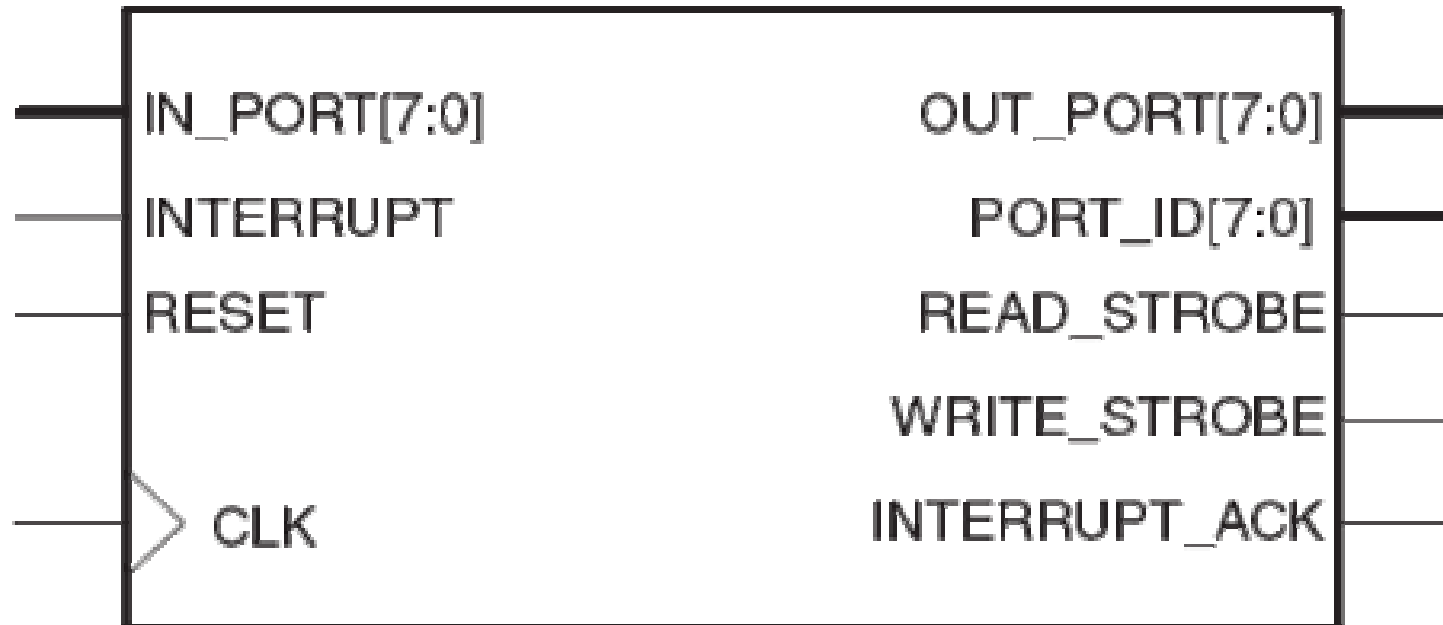
Individual Modules



CPU Interface

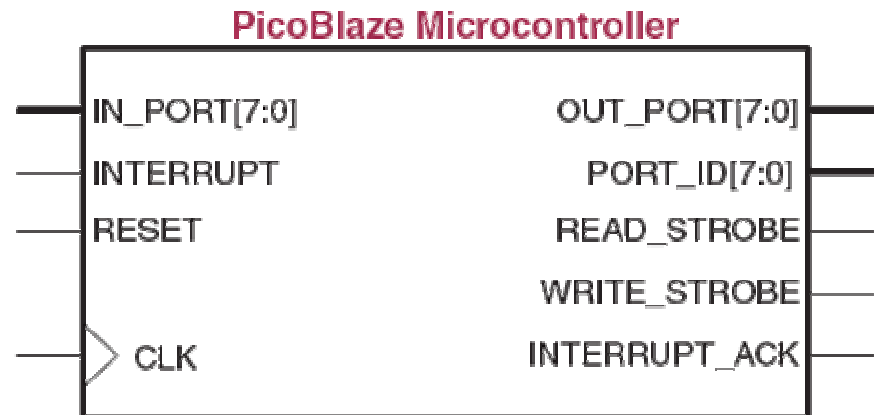


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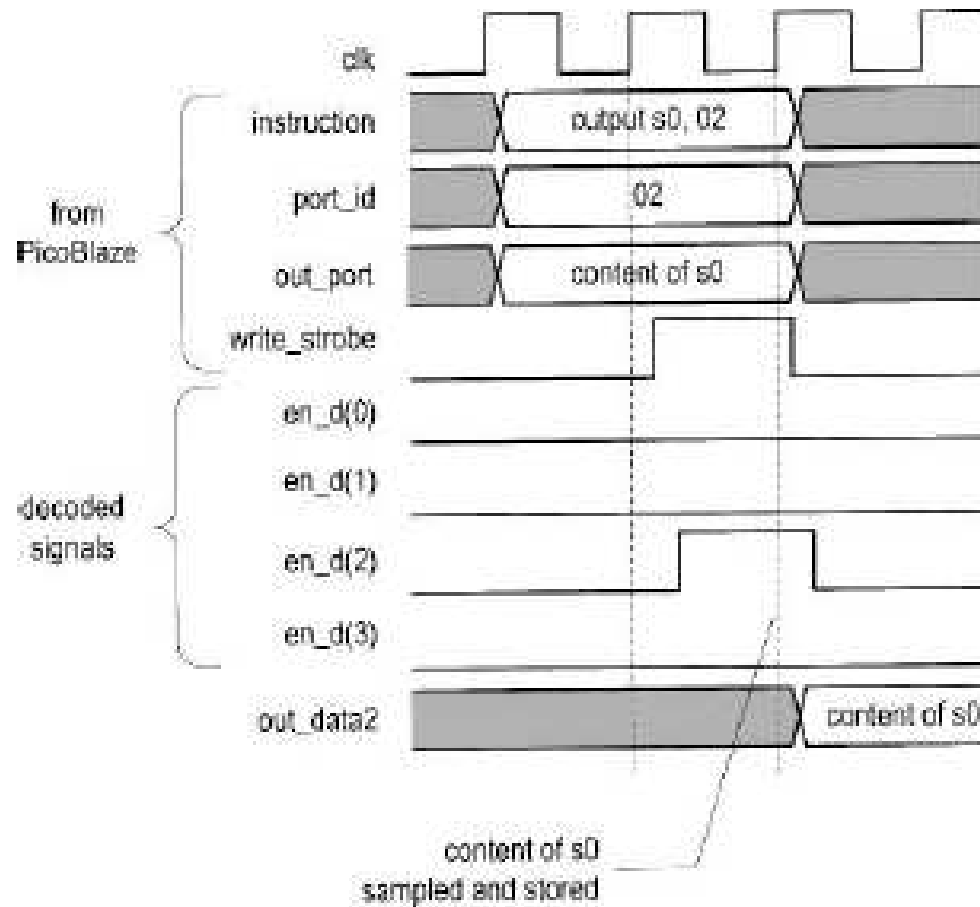


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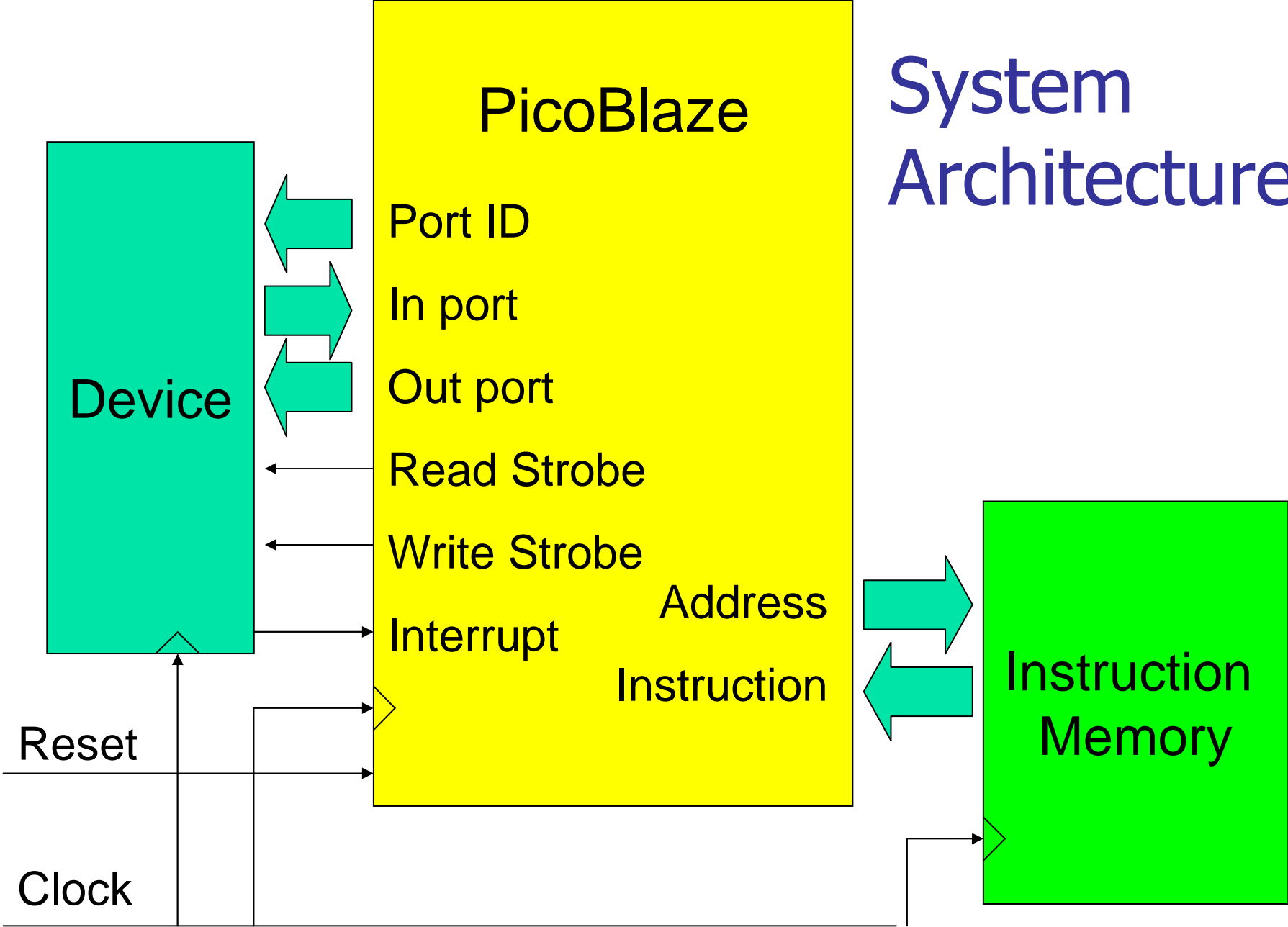
- Picoblaze no tiene Periféricos integrados estos se construyen si se necesitan ...
- Se usan las instrucciones **input** y **ouput** para comunicase con ellos



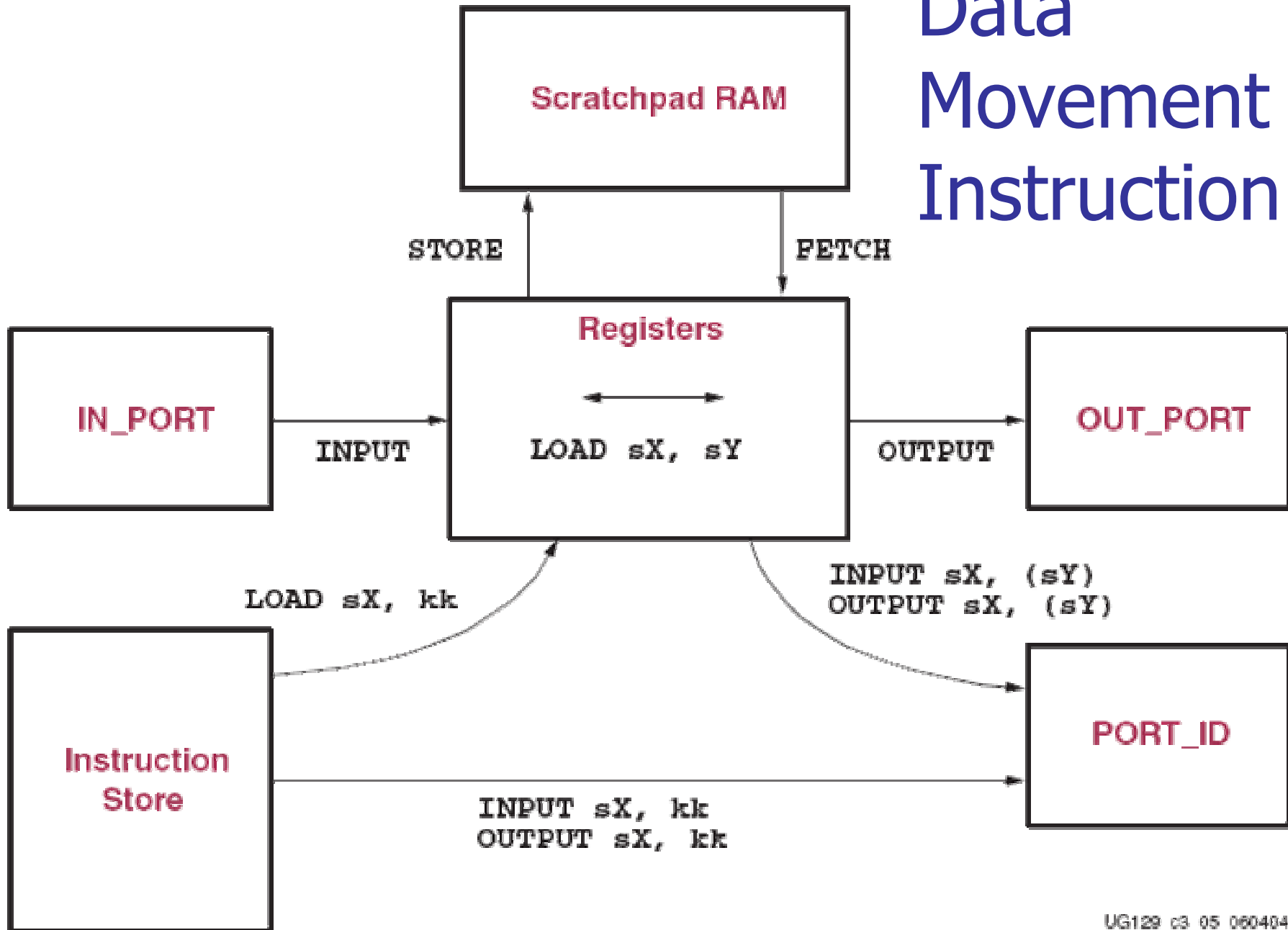
CPU Interface



System Architecture

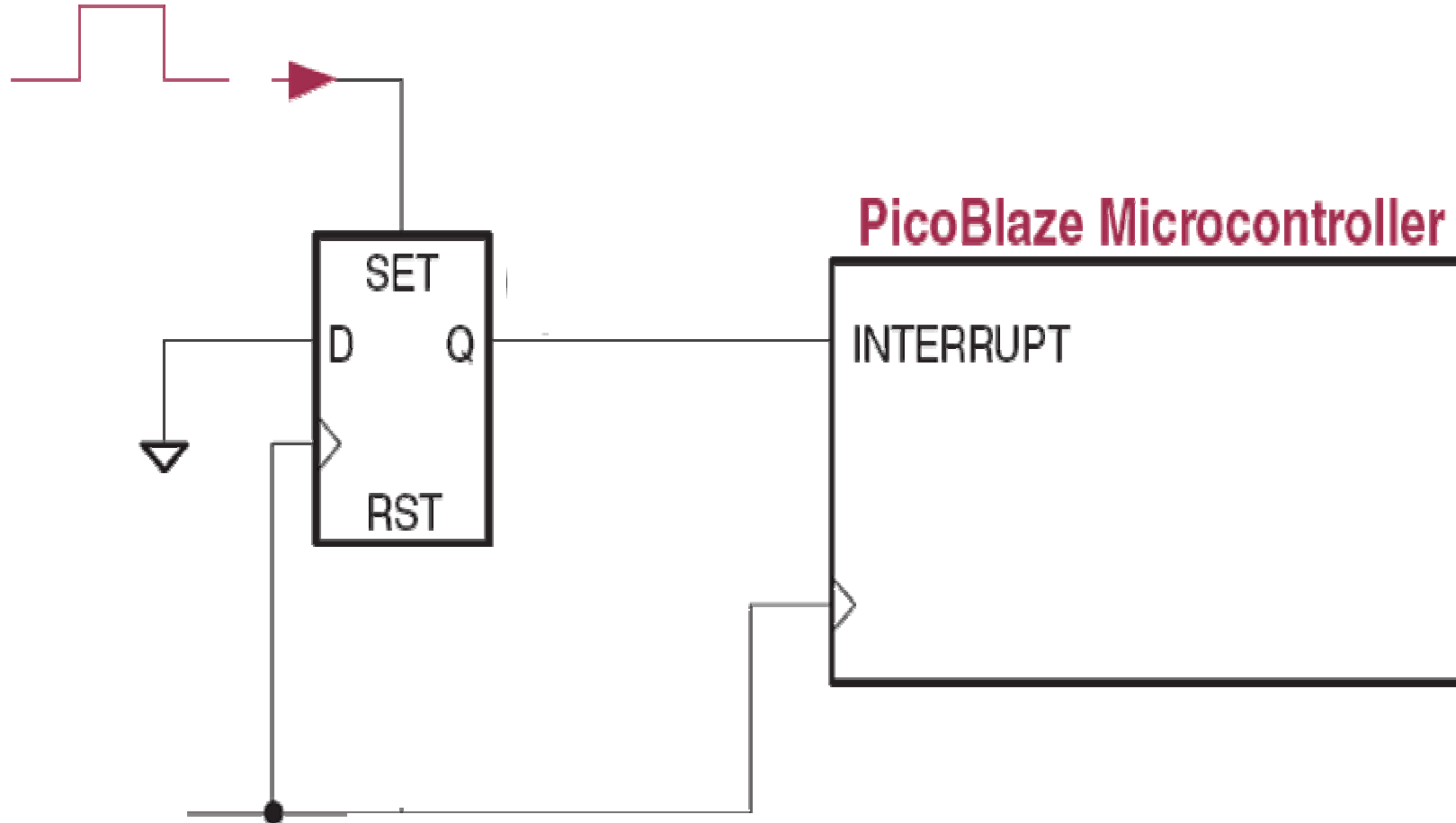


Data Movement Instruction

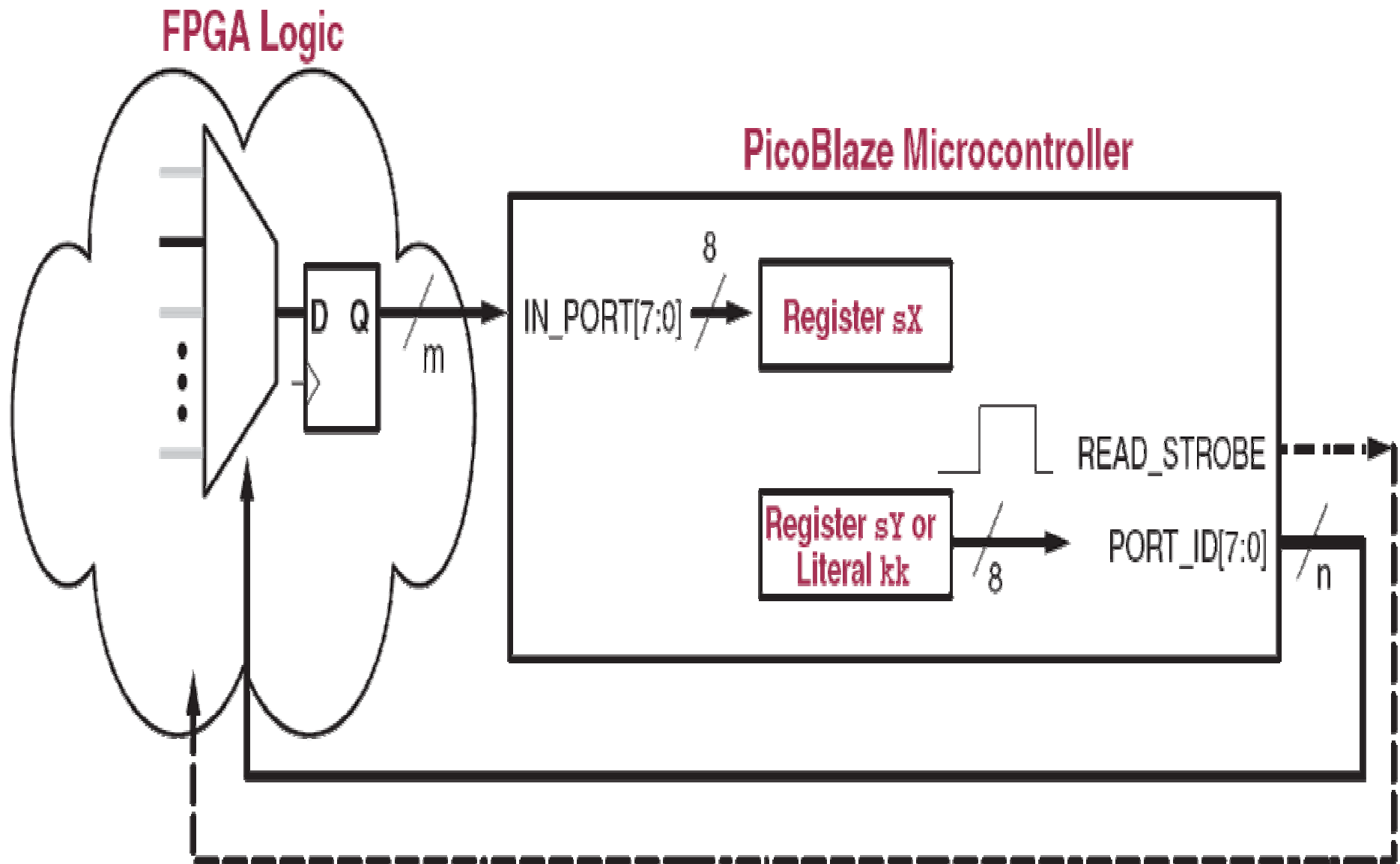


Interrupt PicoBlaze

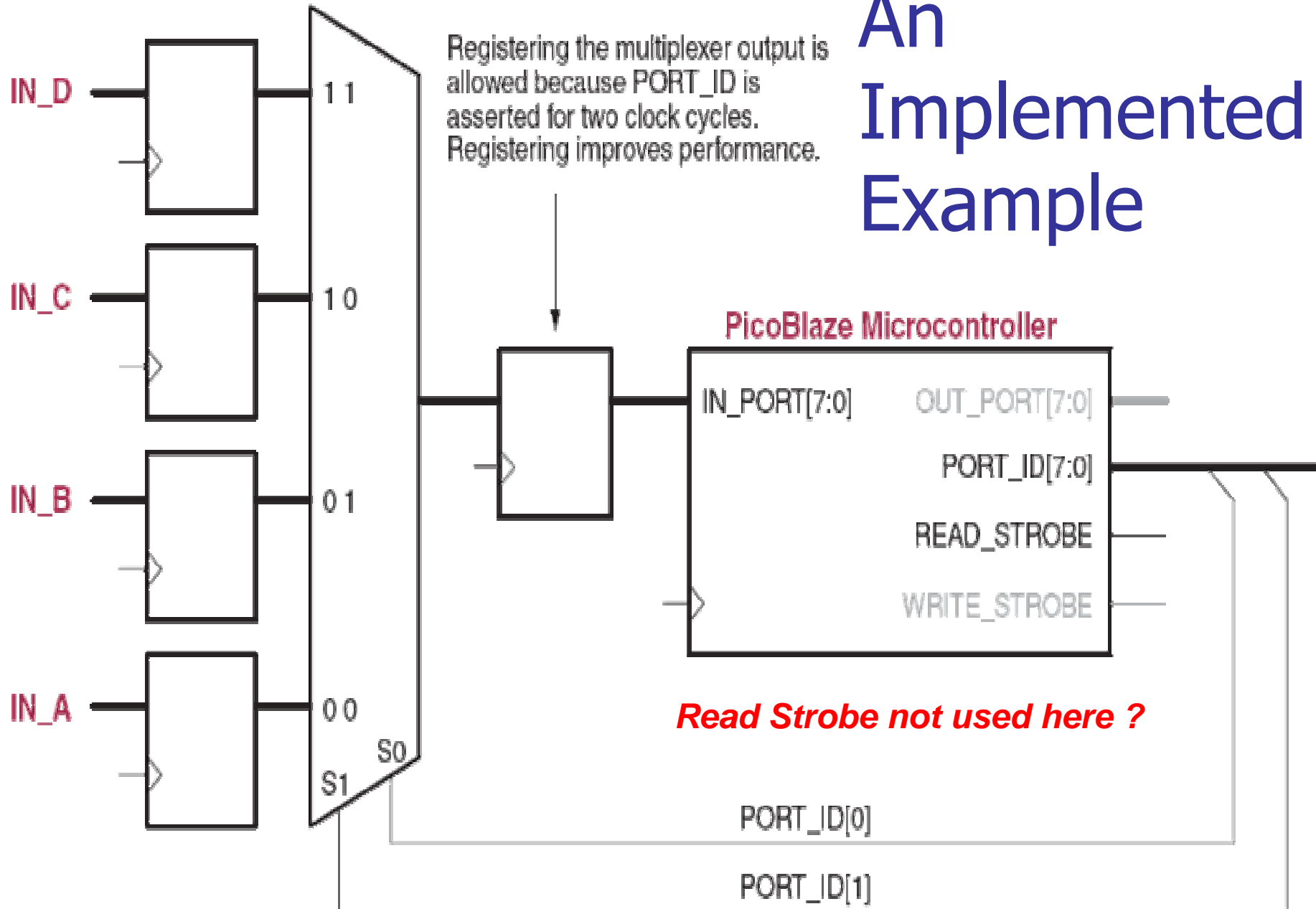
Interrupt signal



Port Input

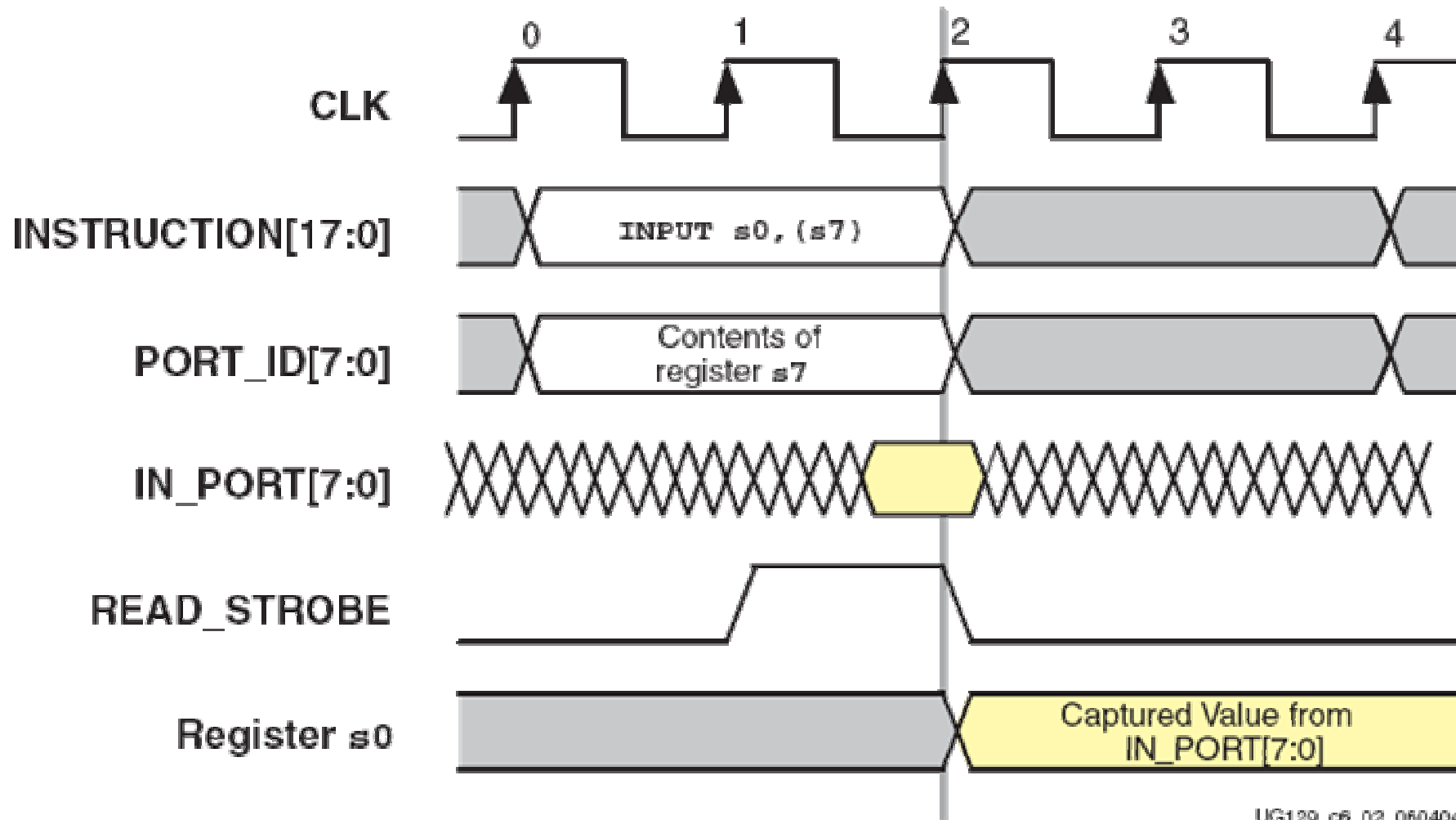


An Implemented Example

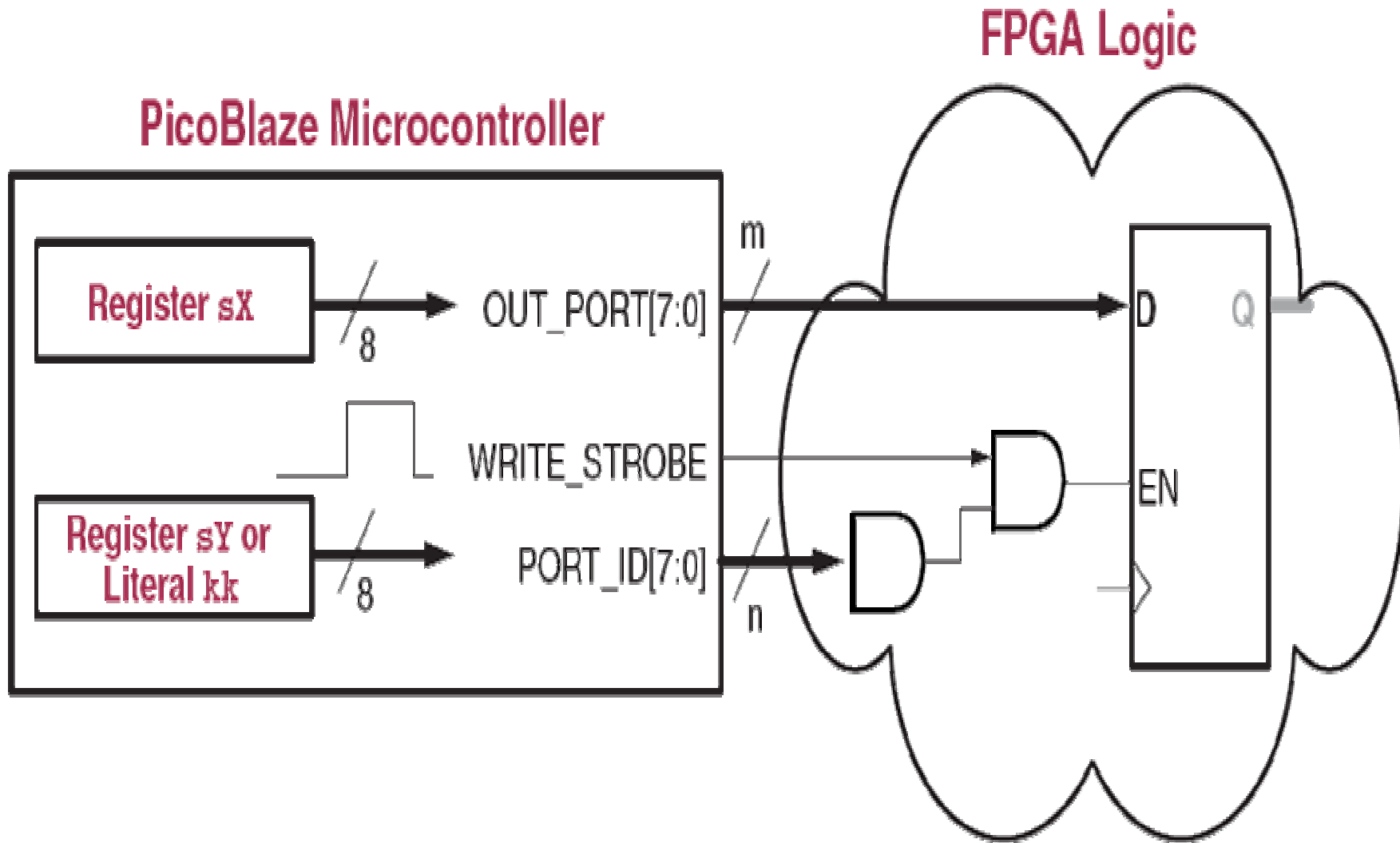


Lectura de un puerto. Formas de ondas

The PicoBlaze microcontroller captures the value on IN_PORT[7:0] into register s0 on this clock edge.

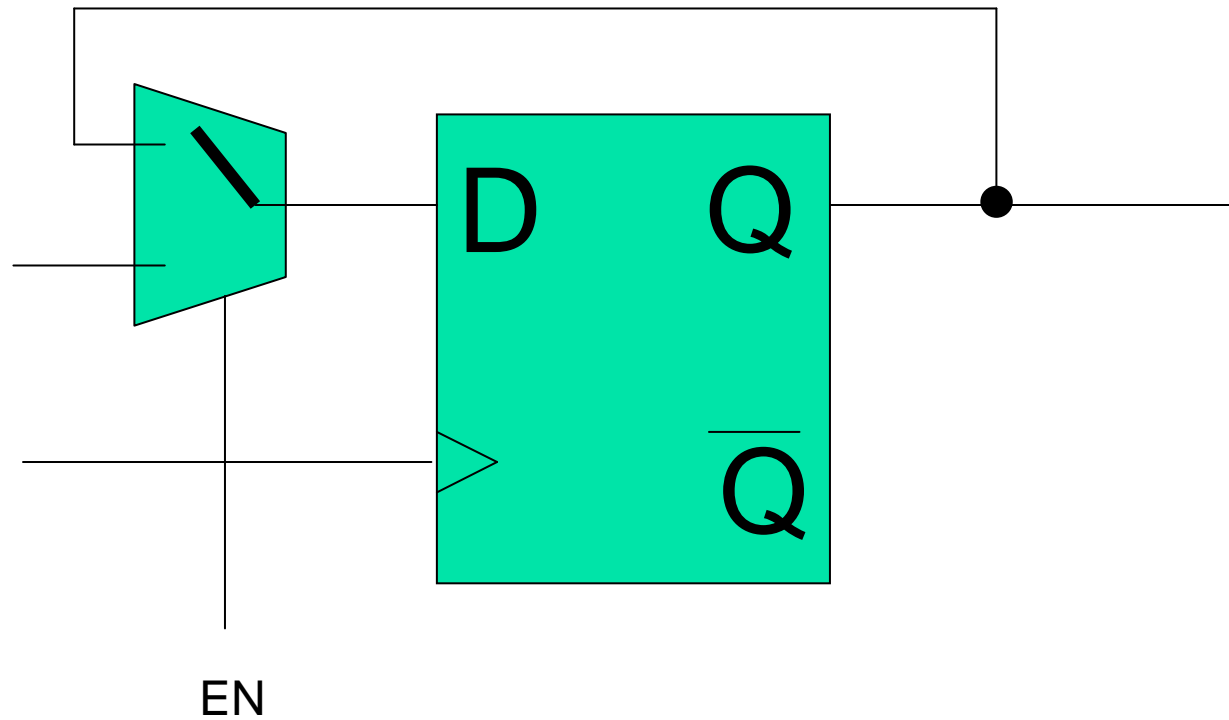


Port Output

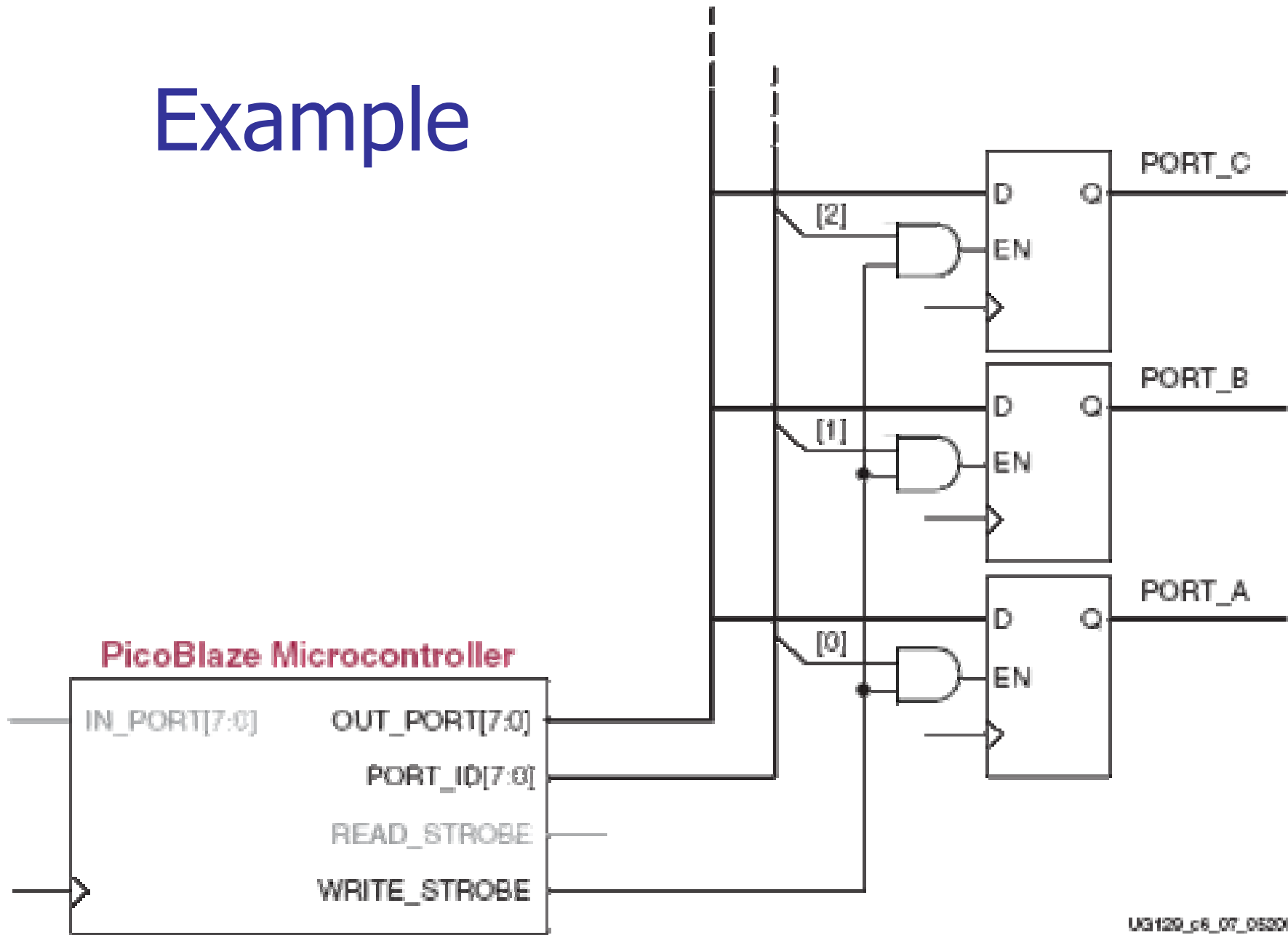


Clock of output Device is the same as CPU clock

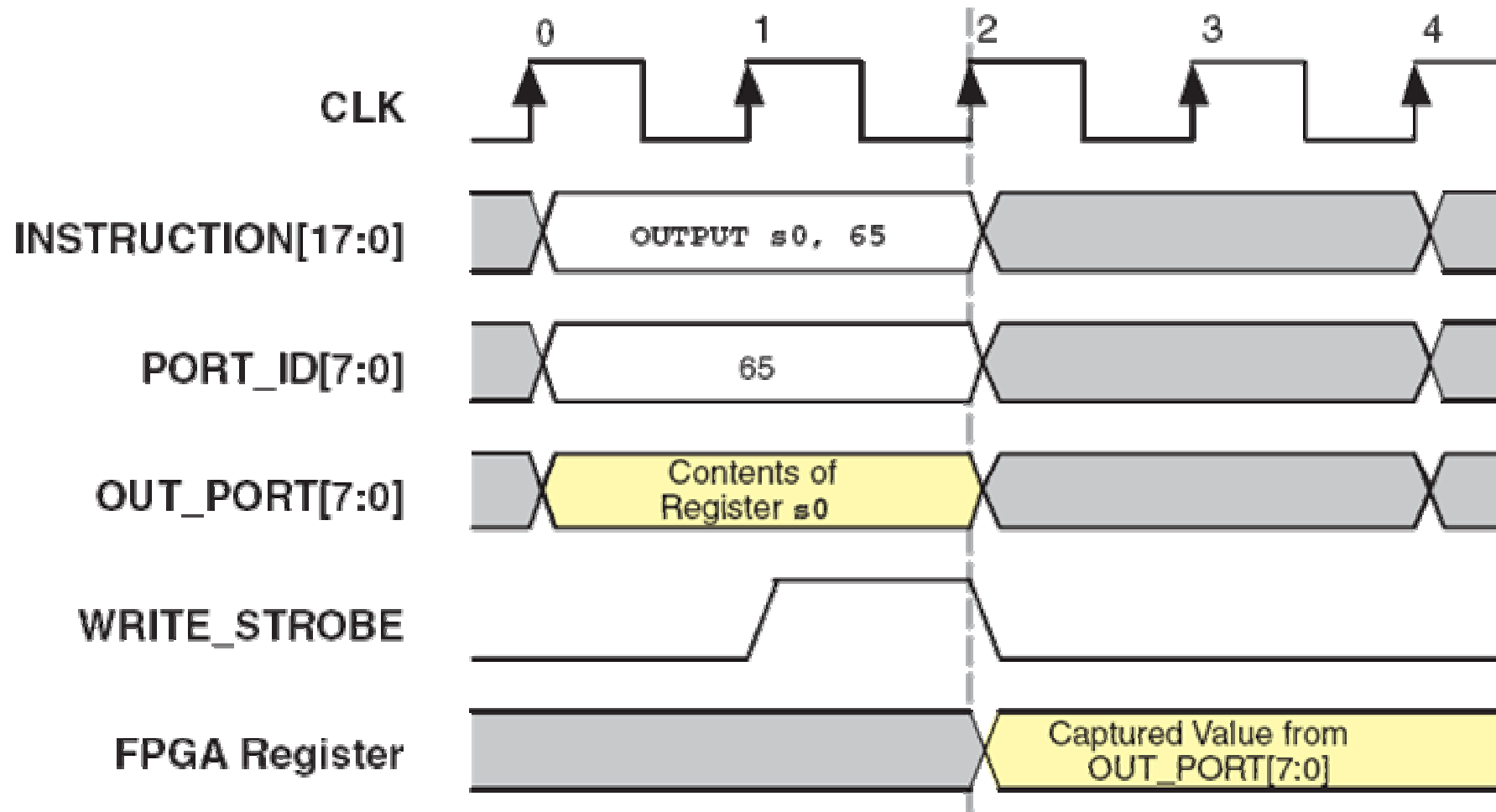
Write Enable



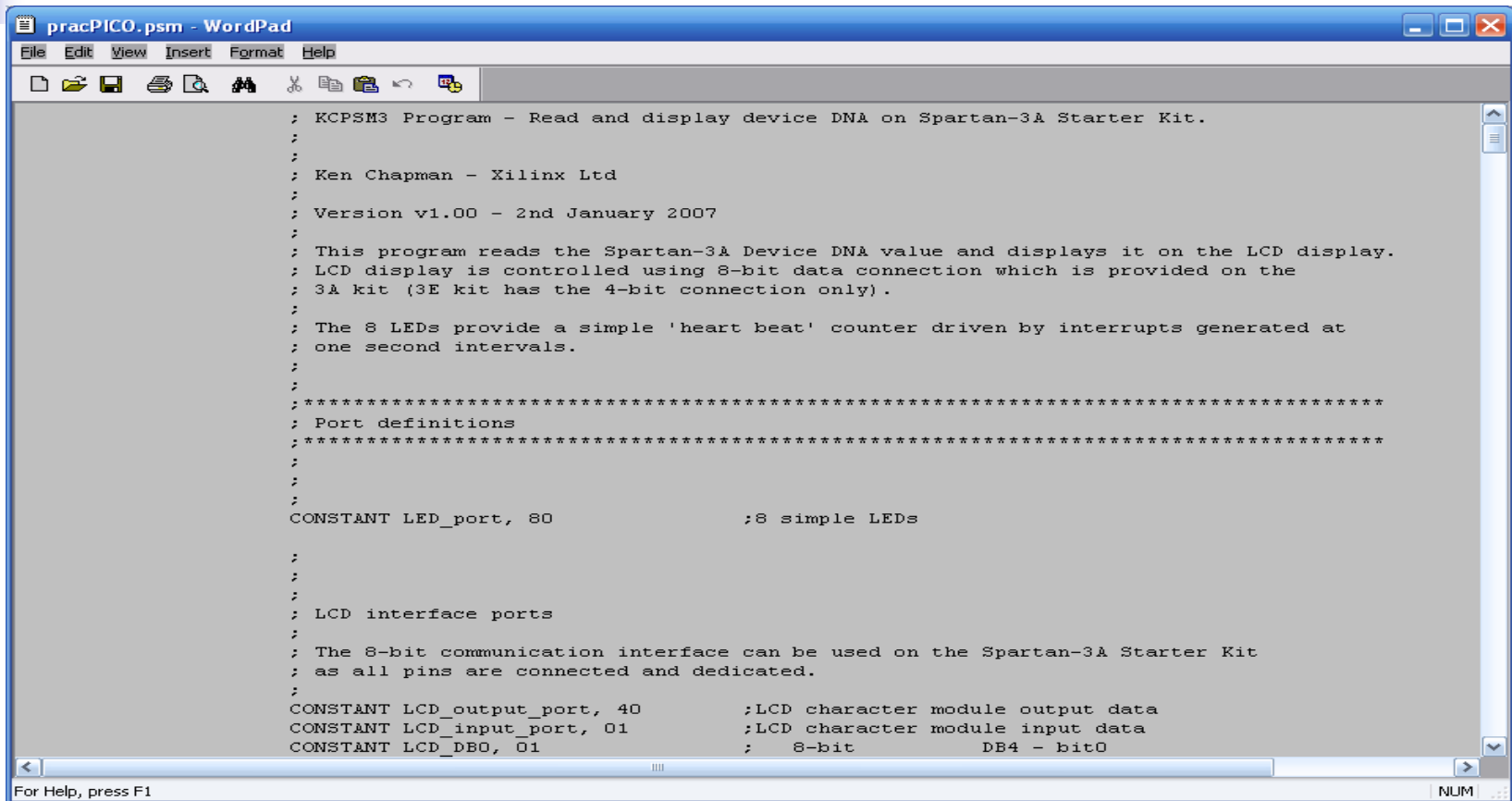
Example



Port Write Waveform



Editing PSM file



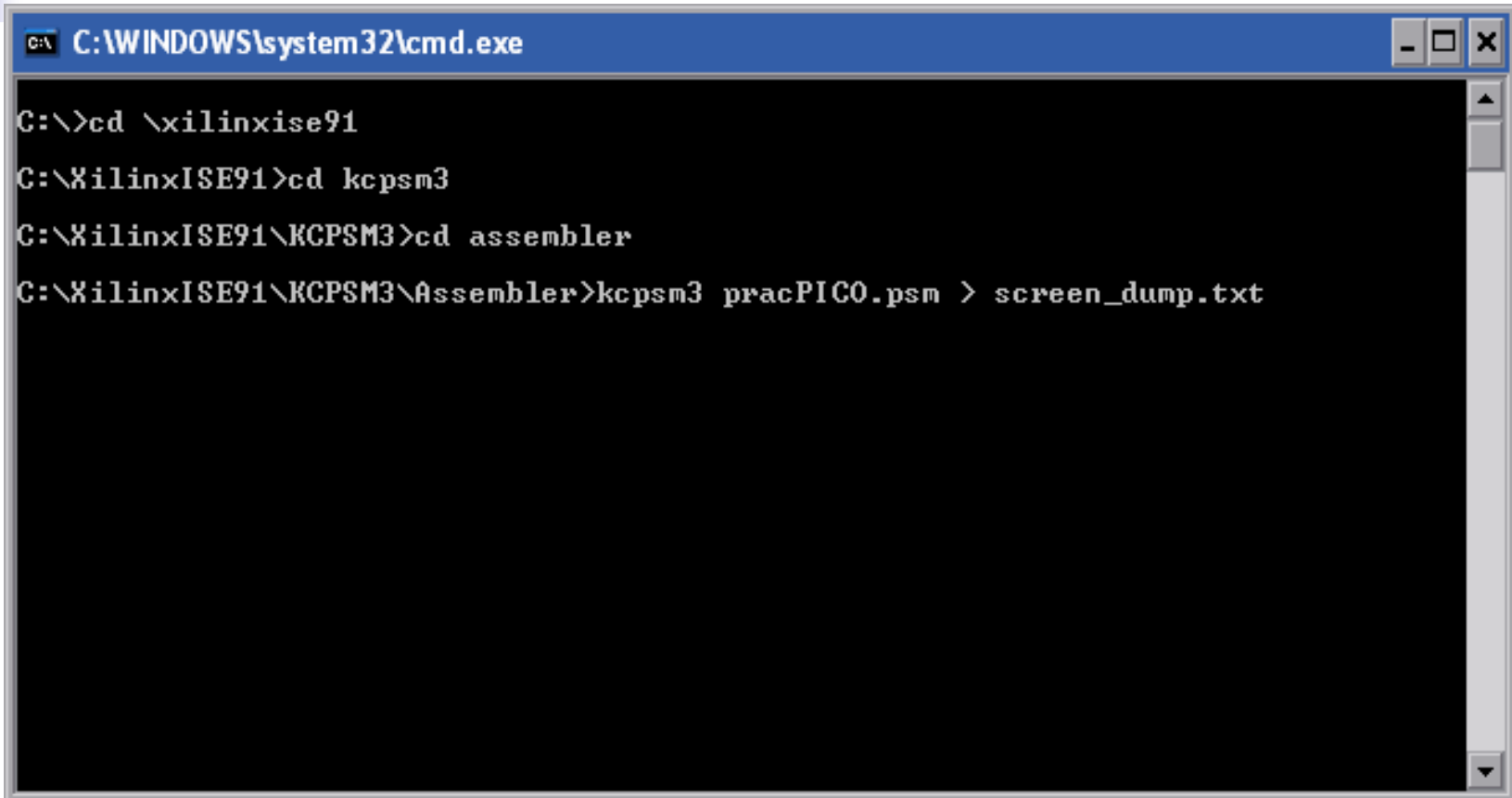
The screenshot shows a Windows WordPad window titled 'pracPICO.psm - WordPad'. The window contains a Verilog-style PSM file with the following content:

```
; KCPSM3 Program - Read and display device DNA on Spartan-3A Starter Kit.
;
;
; Ken Chapman - Xilinx Ltd
;
; Version v1.00 - 2nd January 2007
;
; This program reads the Spartan-3A Device DNA value and displays it on the LCD display.
; LCD display is controlled using 8-bit data connection which is provided on the
; 3A kit (3E kit has the 4-bit connection only).
;
; The 8 LEDs provide a simple 'heart beat' counter driven by interrupts generated at
; one second intervals.
;
;
; *****
; Port definitions
; *****
;
;
;
; CONSTANT LED_port, 80          ;8 simple LEDs
;
;
;
; LCD interface ports
;
; The 8-bit communication interface can be used on the Spartan-3A Starter Kit
; as all pins are connected and dedicated.
;
; CONSTANT LCD_output_port, 40    ;LCD character module output data
; CONSTANT LCD_input_port, 01     ;LCD character module input data
; CONSTANT LCD_DBO, 01           ; 8-bit          DB4 - bit0
```

At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the text 'For Help, press F1' on the left and 'NUM' on the right.



Compiling

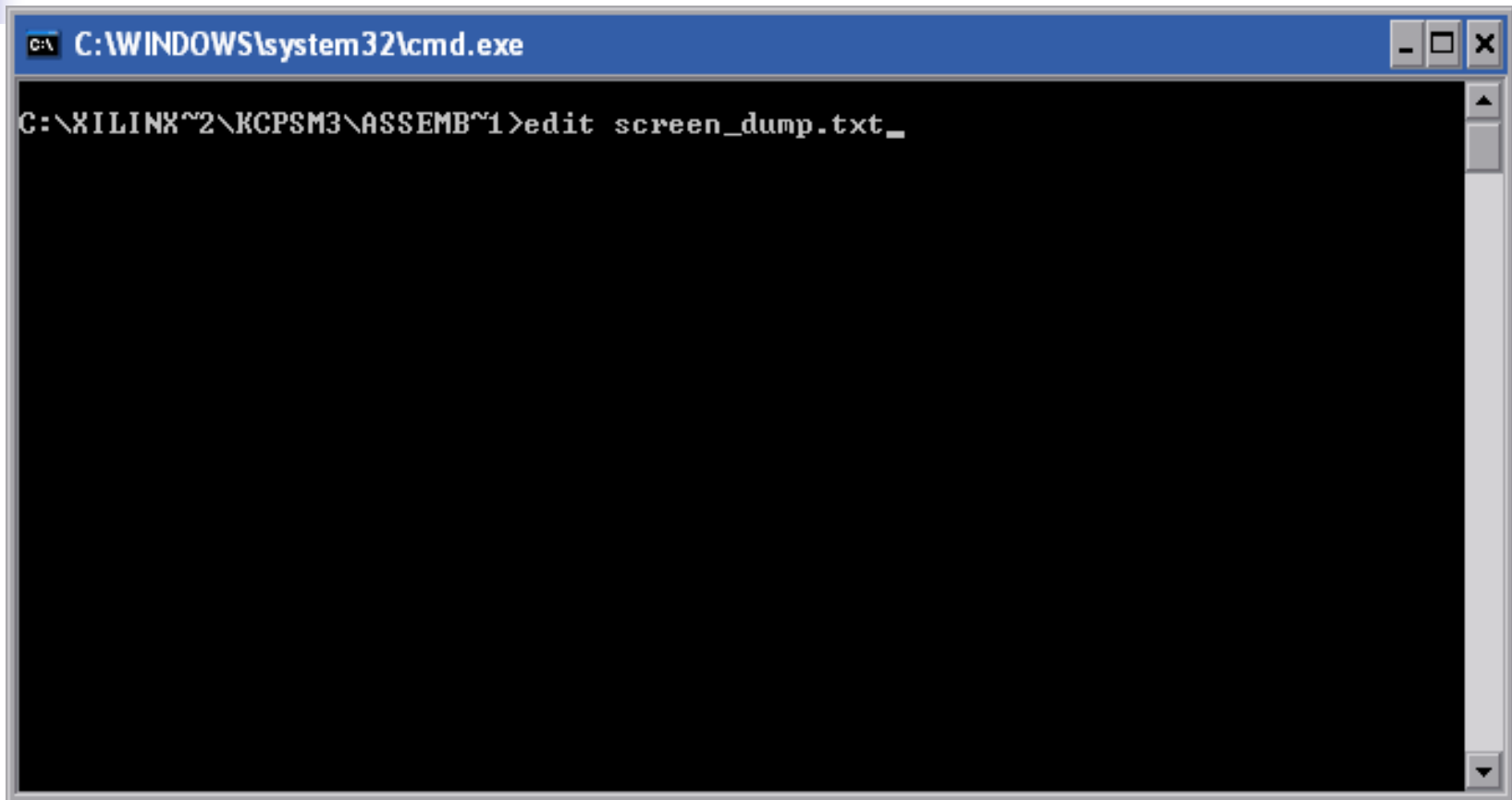


```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\>cd \xilinxise91
C:\XilinxISE91>cd kcpsm3
C:\XilinxISE91\KCPSM3>cd assembler
C:\XilinxISE91\KCPSM3\Assembler>kcpsm3 pracPIC0.psm > screen_dump.txt
```

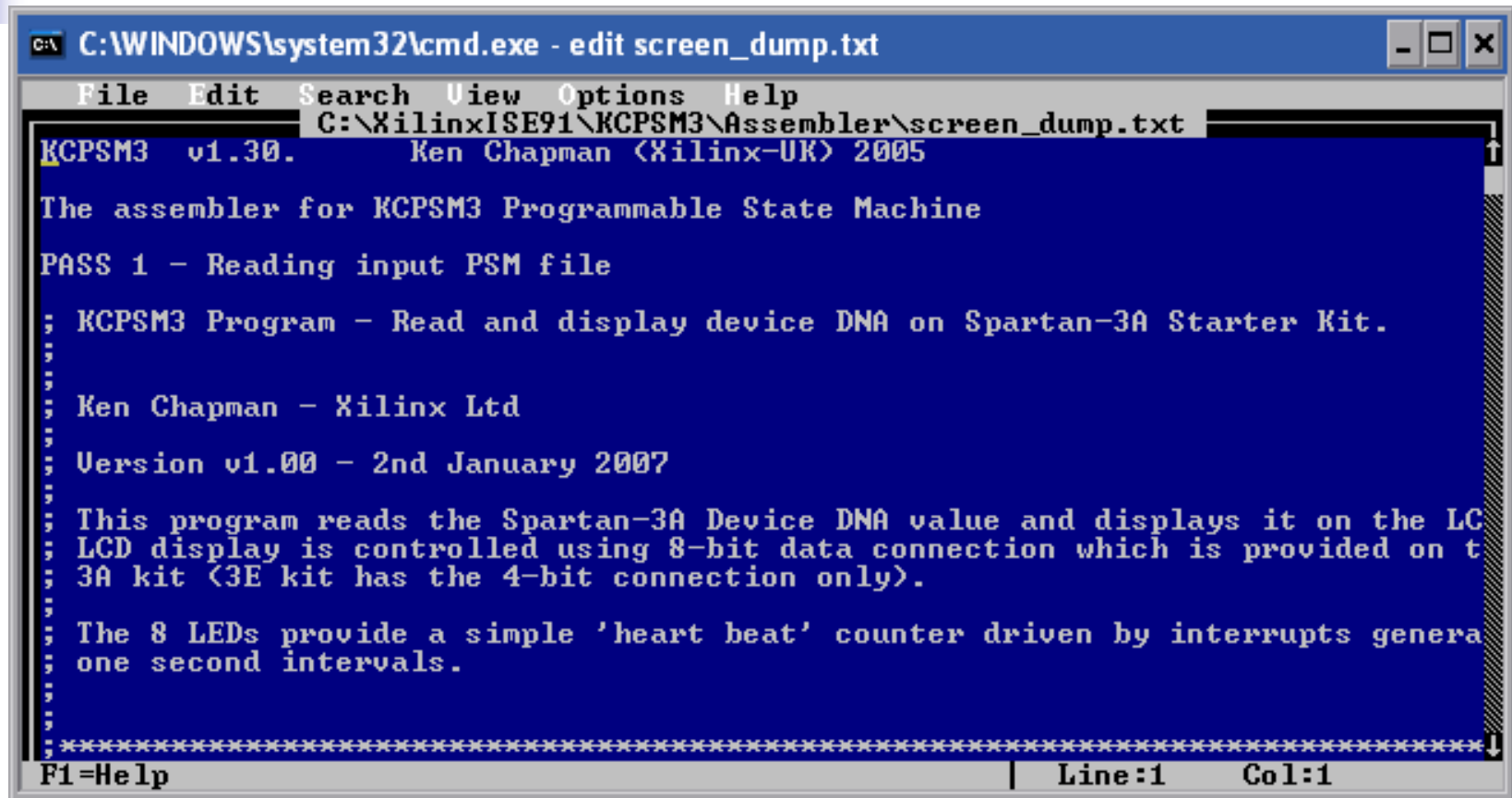


Verifying Compilation



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\XILINX~2\KCPSM3\ASSEMB~1>edit screen_dump.txt_
```


Verifying Compilation



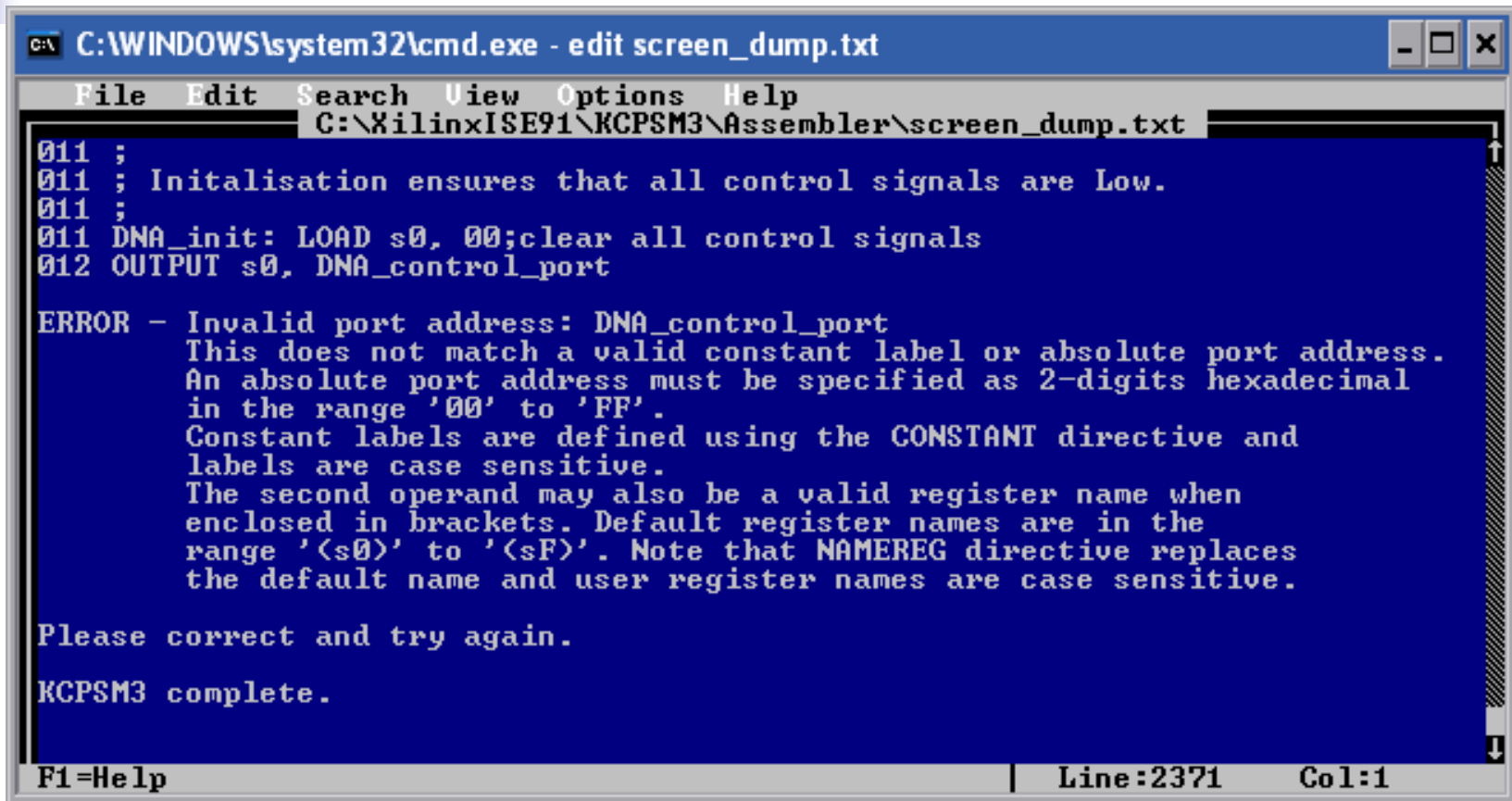
```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - edit screen_dump.txt
File Edit Search View Options Help
C:\XilinxISE91\KCPSM3\Assembler\screen_dump.txt
KCPSM3 v1.30. Ken Chapman (Xilinx-UK) 2005

The assembler for KCPSM3 Programmable State Machine

PASS 1 - Reading input PSM file

: KCPSM3 Program - Read and display device DNA on Spartan-3A Starter Kit.
:
: Ken Chapman - Xilinx Ltd
:
: Version v1.00 - 2nd January 2007
:
: This program reads the Spartan-3A Device DNA value and displays it on the LCD
: LCD display is controlled using 8-bit data connection which is provided on t
: 3A kit (3E kit has the 4-bit connection only).
:
: The 8 LEDs provide a simple 'heart beat' counter driven by interrupts genera
: one second intervals.
:
:*****
F1=Help | Line:1 Col:1
```

Identifying an error



The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - edit screen_dump.txt". The window contains the following text:

```
File Edit Search View Options Help
C:\XilinxISE91\KCPSM3\Assembler\screen_dump.txt
011 ;
011 ; Initialisation ensures that all control signals are Low.
011 ;
011 DNA_init: LOAD s0, 00;clear all control signals
012 OUTPUT s0, DNA_control_port

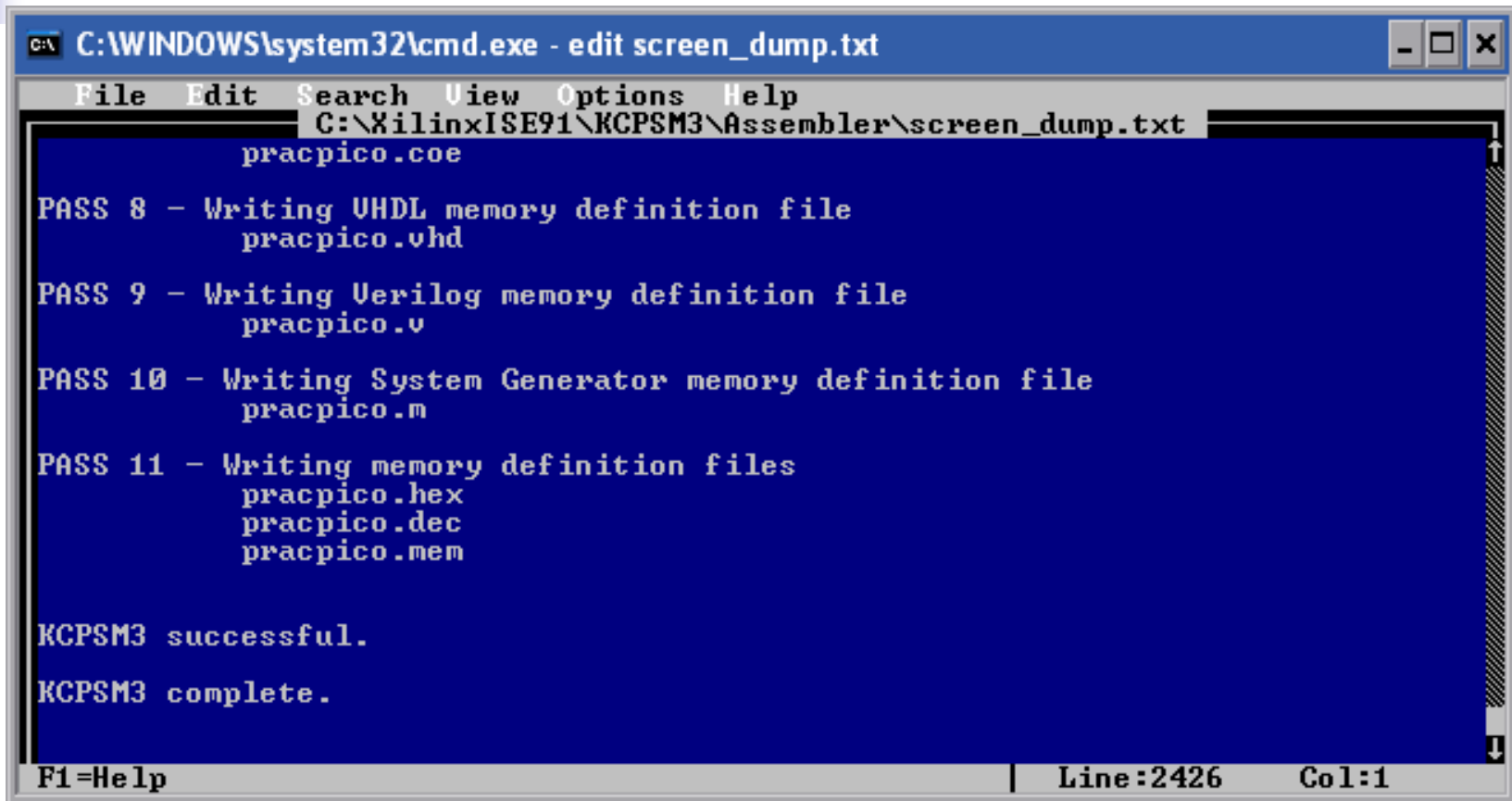
ERROR - Invalid port address: DNA_control_port
This does not match a valid constant label or absolute port address.
An absolute port address must be specified as 2-digits hexadecimal
in the range '00' to 'FF'.
Constant labels are defined using the CONSTANT directive and
labels are case sensitive.
The second operand may also be a valid register name when
enclosed in brackets. Default register names are in the
range '(s0)' to '(sF)'. Note that NAMEREG directive replaces
the default name and user register names are case sensitive.

Please correct and try again.

KCPSM3 complete.
```

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "F1=Help" on the left, and "Line:2371 Col:1" on the right.

Verifying Everything is OK

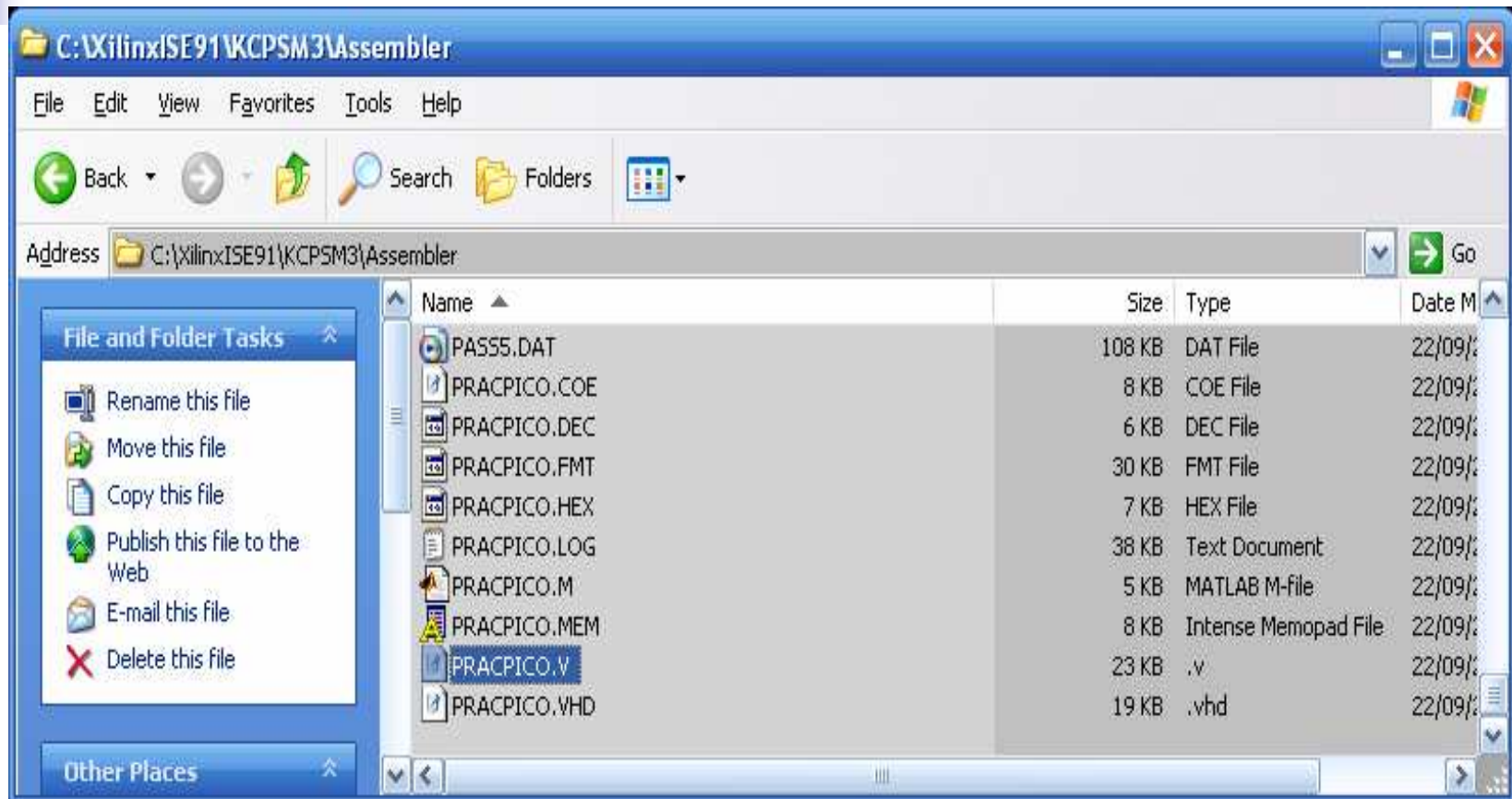


```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - edit screen_dump.txt
File Edit Search View Options Help
C:\XilinxISE91\KCPSM3\Assembler\screen_dump.txt
pracpico.coe
PASS 8 - Writing UHDL memory definition file
pracpico.vhd
PASS 9 - Writing Verilog memory definition file
pracpico.v
PASS 10 - Writing System Generator memory definition file
pracpico.m
PASS 11 - Writing memory definition files
pracpico.hex
pracpico.dec
pracpico.mem

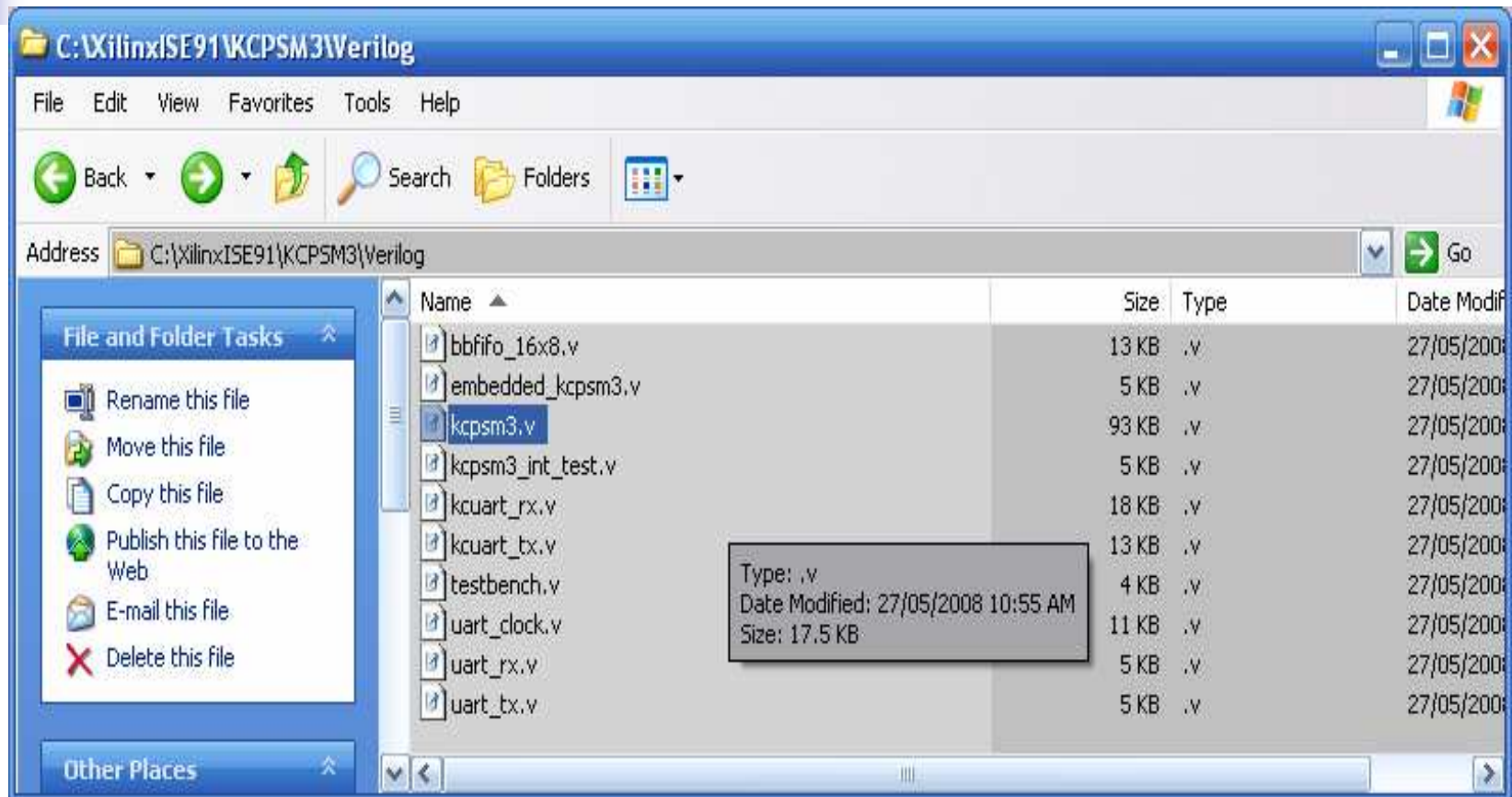
KCPSM3 successful.
KCPSM3 complete.

F1=Help | Line:2426 Col:1
```

Copy generated verilog file



Copy kcpsm3.v to project directory





Integration

- We need to integrate the Verilog code generated by the assembler into the project
- We'll see how to do this together in class (it's not hard!)



Conclusion

- The assembler gives the verilog file for a program written in the instruction set
- A module of the Program ROM is used together with the processor's main module
- Together they define the complete microcontroller
- Just like the PicoCtrl (Except that with the PicoCtrl we did the assembly process manually!)