

ECE 477 Digital Systems Senior Design Project

Module 3

Microcontrollers for Embedded Applications

Outline

- General μC Selection Guidelines
 - Memory Requirements / Types
 - Development Environment
 - Interfacing / Bus Expansion
- PIC Microcontrollers
- Atmel Microcontrollers
- Freescale Microcontrollers
- Analog Devices DSPs
- ATOM Boards
- ARM Modules

- Memory requirements/types
 - Beware of hidden liabilities
 - Data acquisition (ADC) buffers
 - Large file storage (mp3)
 - Library routines (floating point emulation, printf)
 - Nonvolatile memory
 - Flash (code, static data)
 - in-circuit programmable?
 - programming "dongle" availability?
 - programming connector requirements?
 - EEPROM (storage of calibration or configuration parameters, history data, control panel settings)
 - granularity of erase/write?
 - software driver availability?

- Volatile memory (SRAM)
 - stack
 - heap
 - I/O buffers
 - run-time variables
 - (generally no executable code except for "specialty functions" like erasing and reprogramming a sector in Flash)
 - note initialization requirements when system boots

- Interfacing/Bus Expansion
 - Number of general purpose I/O pins
 - programmable data direction?
 - programmable pull device?
 - Bus expansion capability
 - multiplexed or simplex external bus?
 - "glue logic" requirements?
- Number/types of integrated peripherals (objective: want to "match" project requirements to μC capabilities)

- Development environment
 - Useful to have an asynchronous serial port dedicated to debugging
 - Useful to have spare I/O pins dedicated to debugging (e.g., "heartbeat" LED)
 - In-circuit programmable Flash available for quickly downloading and testing code revs (but typically require a "programming dongle" so be sure to include a header/connector on your PCB)
 - BDM (background debug mode) VERY helpful be sure to include a 6-pin BDM header on your PCB if using a Freescale microcontroller
 - Assembler/Compiler/Linker/Loader/(Simulator)?

- Carefully note package options available
 - QFP, SOIC, and SSOP types generally preferable
 - QFN type "doable" (but avoid if possible)
 - watch out for "tabs" on bottom of chip
 - DIP types OK (good for prototyping) but compromise PCB density
 - avoid PGA and BGA
- Price/availability
 - get at least two more than you need of every IC
 - now (sooner rather than later)

Package Options (Sample)

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK (QFP)



44-Lead MQFP "PQ" PLASTIC SHRINK SMALL OUTLINE (SSOP)



20-Lead SSOP "SS"



28-Lead SSOP "SS"

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE (SOIC)



8-Lead SOIC (EIAJ) (.208") "SM"



8-Lead SOIC (.150") "SN"



14-Lead SOIC (.150") "SL"



16-Lead SOIC (.150") "SL"



18-Lead SOIC "SO"



28-Lead SOIC "SO" PLASTIC THIN QUAD FLATPACK (TQFP)



44-Lead TQFP "PT"



64-Lead TQFP "PT"



80-Lead TQFP "PT" PLASTIC THIN SHRINK SMALL OUTLINE (TSSOP)



8-Lead TSSOP (4.4mm) "ST"

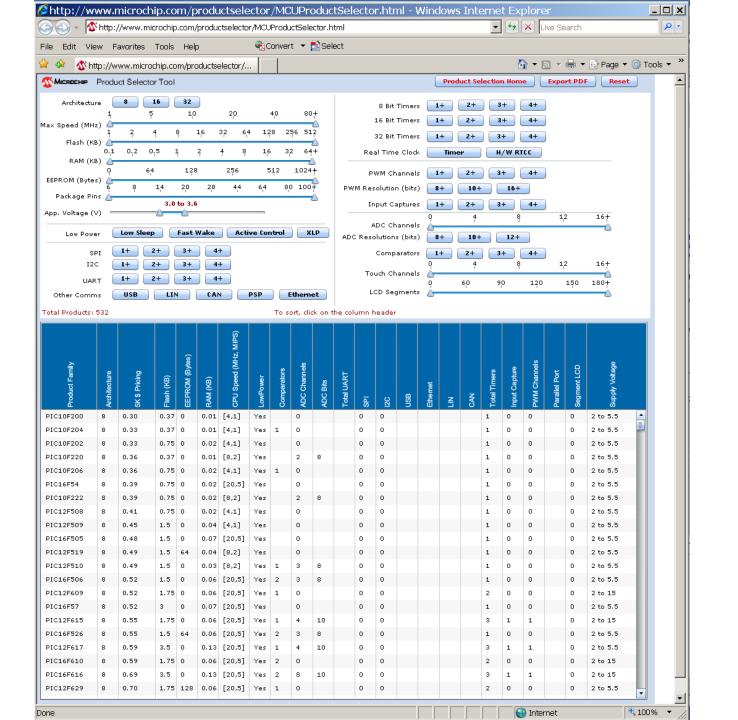


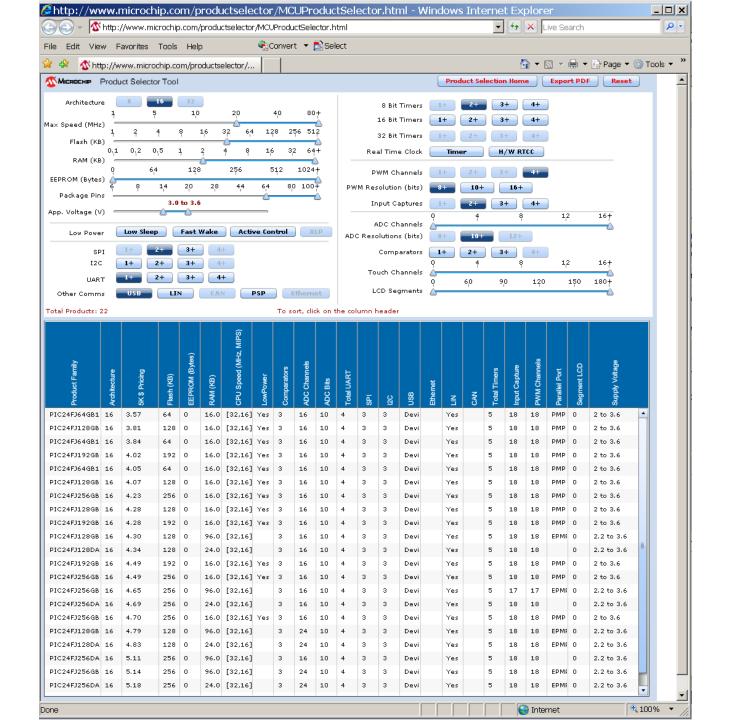
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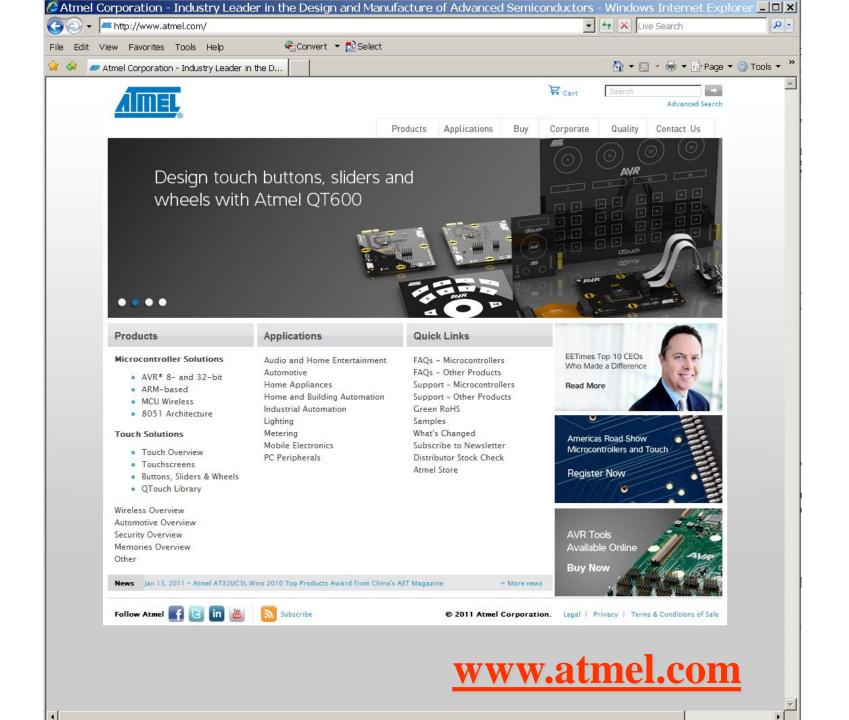


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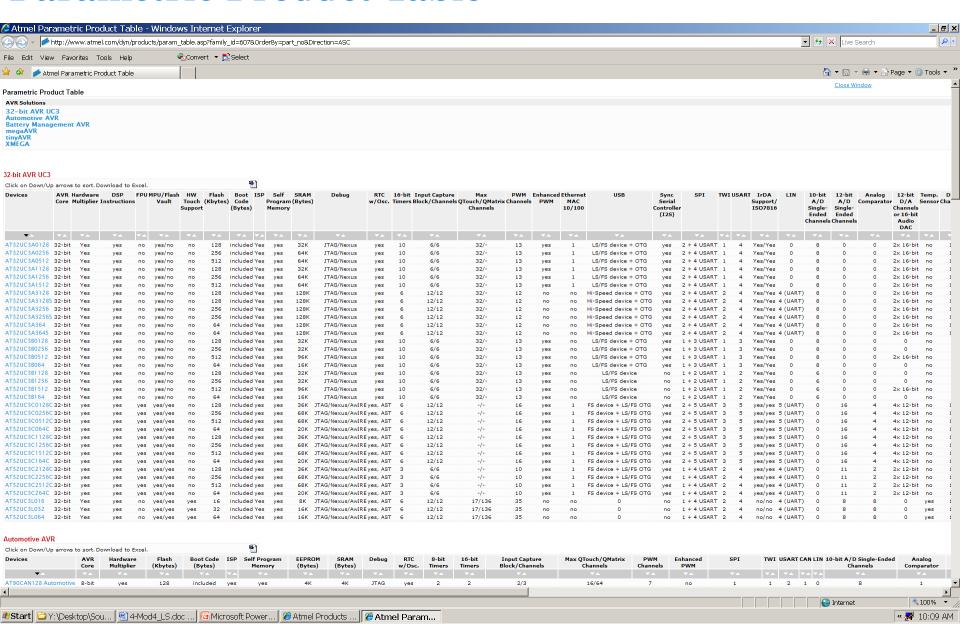




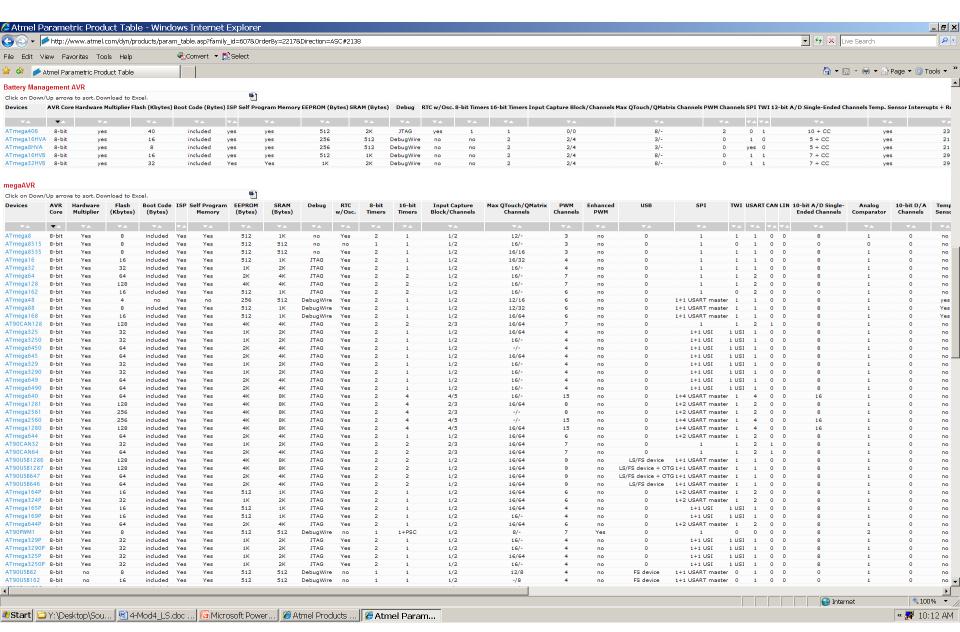




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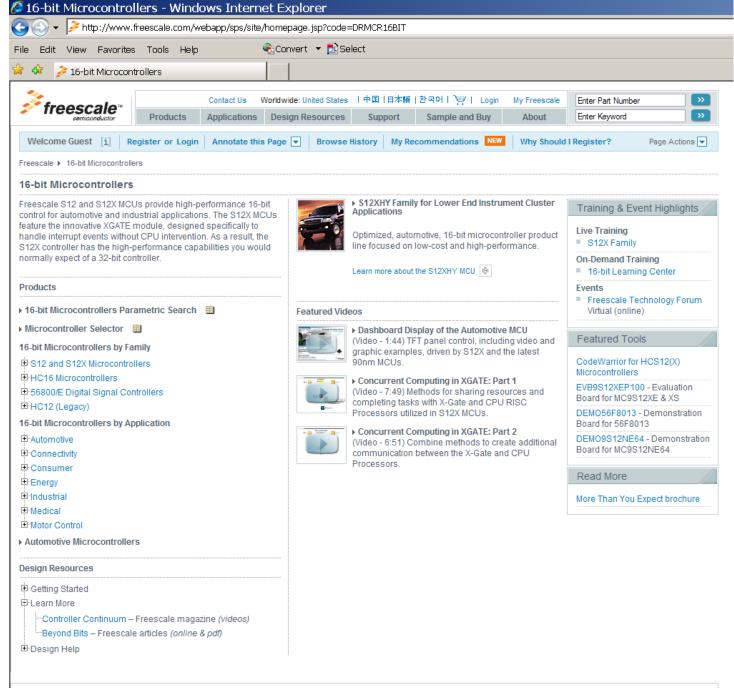
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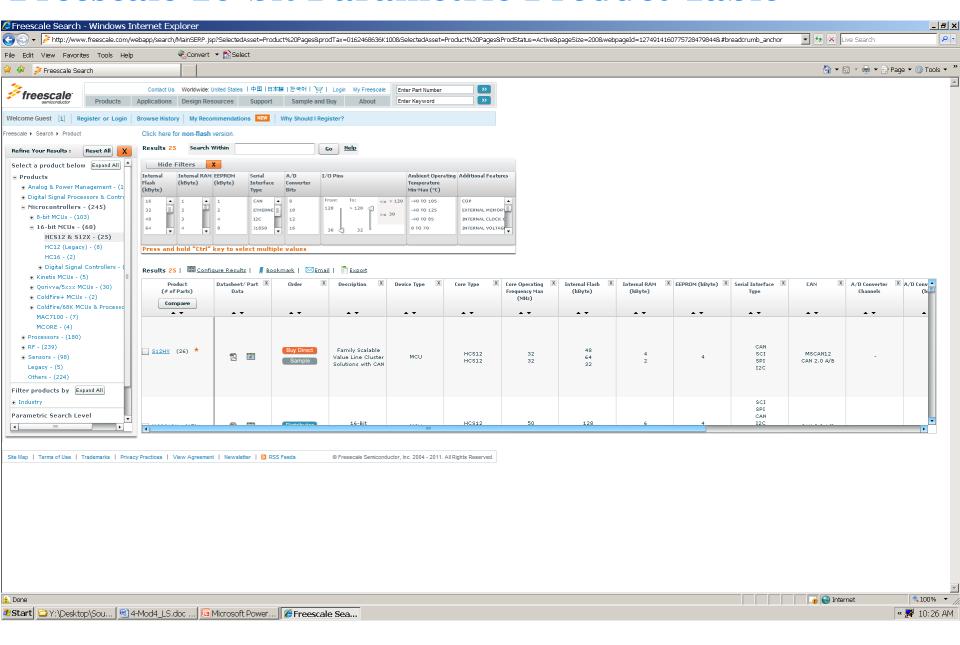
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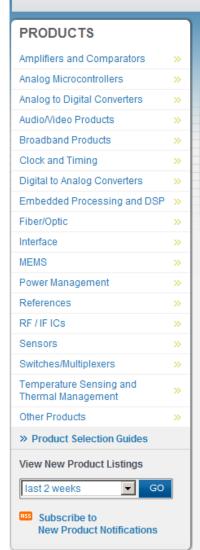
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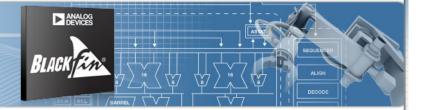




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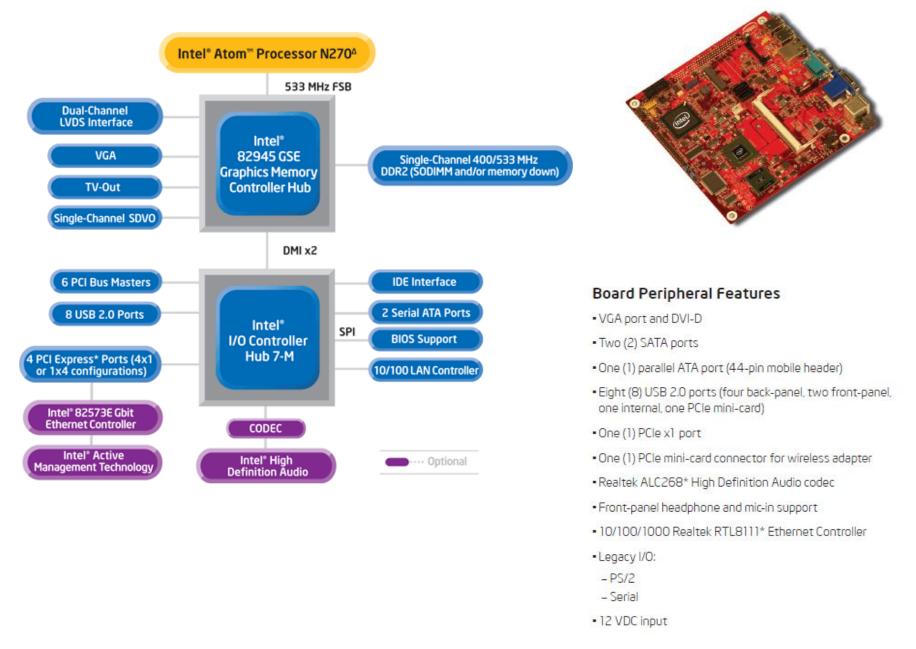
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