PIC Memory Organization \& Register File Structure

## PIC Memory Organization

-PIC microcontroller has 13 bits of program memory address.

- Hence it can address up to 8k of program memory.
-The program counter is 13-bit. PIC 16C6X or 16C7X program memory is 2 k or 4 k . While addressing 2 k of program memory, only 11 - bits are required. Hence two most significant bits of the program counter are ignored.
-Similarly, while addressing 4 k of memory, 12 bits are required. Hence the MSB of the program counter is ignored.


Fig 4. Program Memory map

## Program Memory

- PIC $16 \mathrm{c} 6 \mathrm{X} / 7 \mathrm{X}$ is 2 K or 4 K .
- 11 bit or 12 bit address is used out of 13 bits in PC.
- Maximum memory that can be accessed is 8 K .
- After reset program counter is cleared.
- At 0000h there is "goto Mainline" Instruction which takes PC to 0005h.



## Program Memory Contd..



## Data Memory

- Register File Structure. They are the memory locations that are addressed by instruction.

There is general purpose and special purpose register file.

General purpose are 8 bit RAM locations and special purpose are I/O ports and control registers.


Data Memory map




Specifications of some popular PIC microcontrollers:

| Device | Program Memory (14bits) | Data RAM (bytes) | I/O Pins | ADC | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Timers } \\ 8 / 16 \\ \text { bits } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CCP } \\ \text { (PWM) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { USART } \\ & \text { SPI / } \\ & \text { I2C } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16C74A | 4K EPROM | 192 | 33 | 8 bits x <br> 8 channels | 2/1 | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { USART } \\ & \text { SPI / } \\ & \text { I }^{2} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ |
| 16F877 | 8K Flash | $\begin{gathered} 368 \text { (RAM) } \\ 256 \text { (EEPROM) } \end{gathered}$ | 33 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 10 \text { bits } x \\ 8 \text { channels } \end{array}$ | 2/1 | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { USART } \\ & \text { SPI / } \\ & \text { 12 }^{2} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ |
| Device | Interrupt Sources | Instruction Set |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16C74A | 12 | 35 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16F877 | 15 | 35 |  |  |  |  |  |

