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 2k or 4k. While addressing 2k of program memory, only 11- bits are required. Hence two most significant bits of the program counter are ignored.
- Similarly, while addressing 4k of memory, 12 bits are required. Hence the MSB of the program counter is ignored.

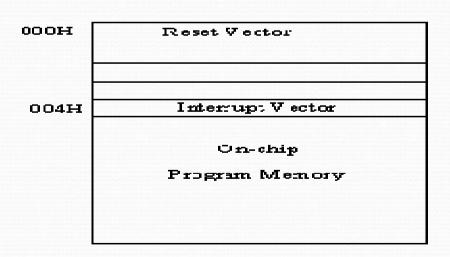
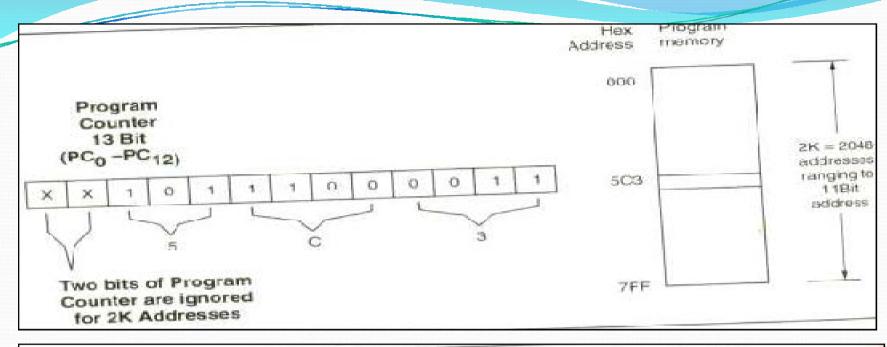
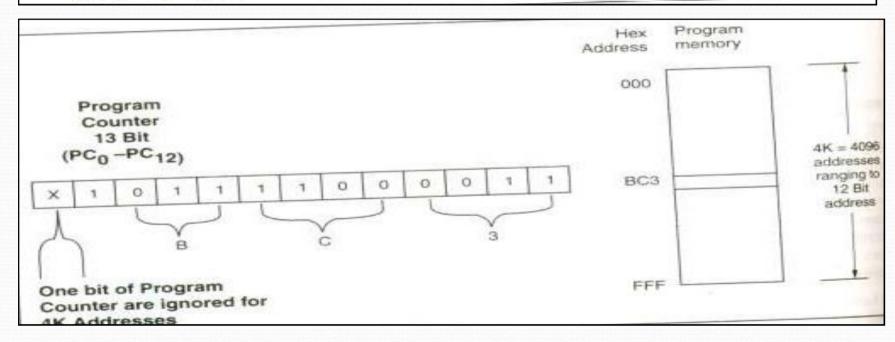


Fig 4. Program Memory map

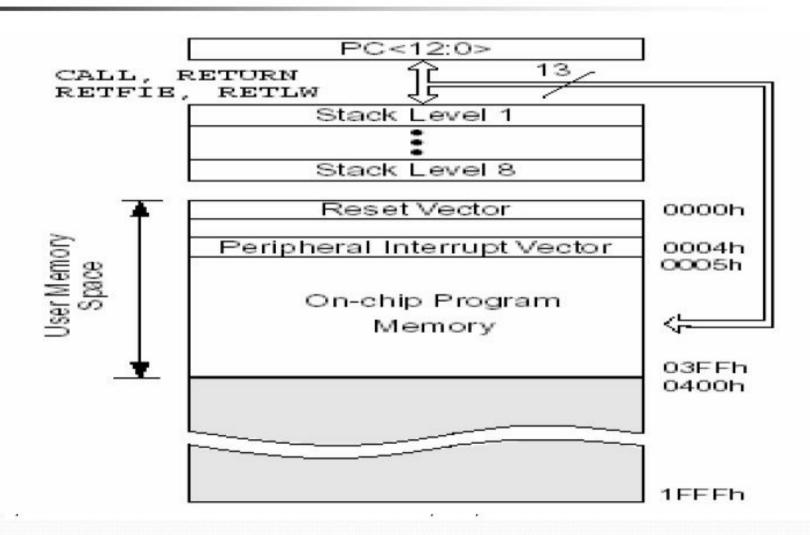
Program Memory

- PIC 16c6X/7X is 2K or 4K.
- 11 bit or 12 bit address is used out of 13 bits in PC.
- Maximum memory that can be accessed is 8K.
- After reset program counter is cleared.
- At 0000h there is "goto Mainline" Instruction which takes PC to 0005h.





Program Memory Contd...



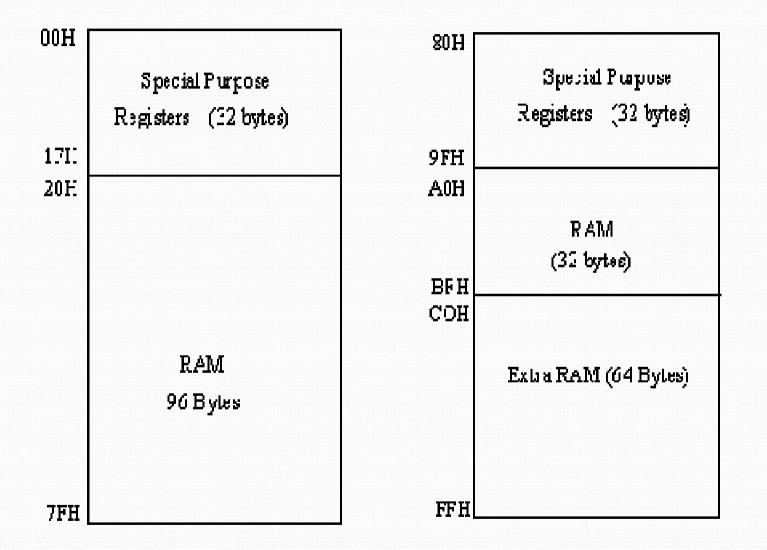
Data Memory

Register File Structure.

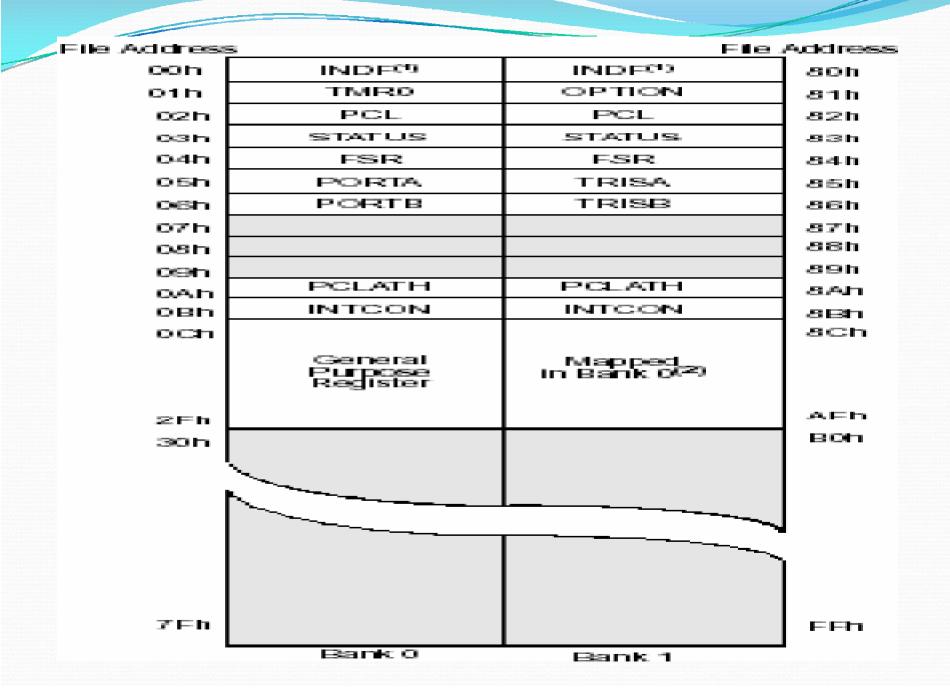
They are the memory locations that are addressed by instruction.

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	Timers 8/16 bits	CCP (PWM)	USART SPI / I2C
16C74A	4K EPROM	192	33	8 bits x 8 channels	2/1	2	USART SPI / I ² C
16F877	8K Flash	368 (RAM) 256 (EEPROM)	33	10 bits x 8 channels	2/1	2	USART SPI / I ² C
Device	Interrupt Sources	Instruction Set					
16C74A	12	35					
16F877	15	35					