# Microprocessors and Microcontrollers (EE-231)

## Lecture-17

# Main Objectives

- Direct Memory Access
  - 8237 DMA controller
- Bus interface

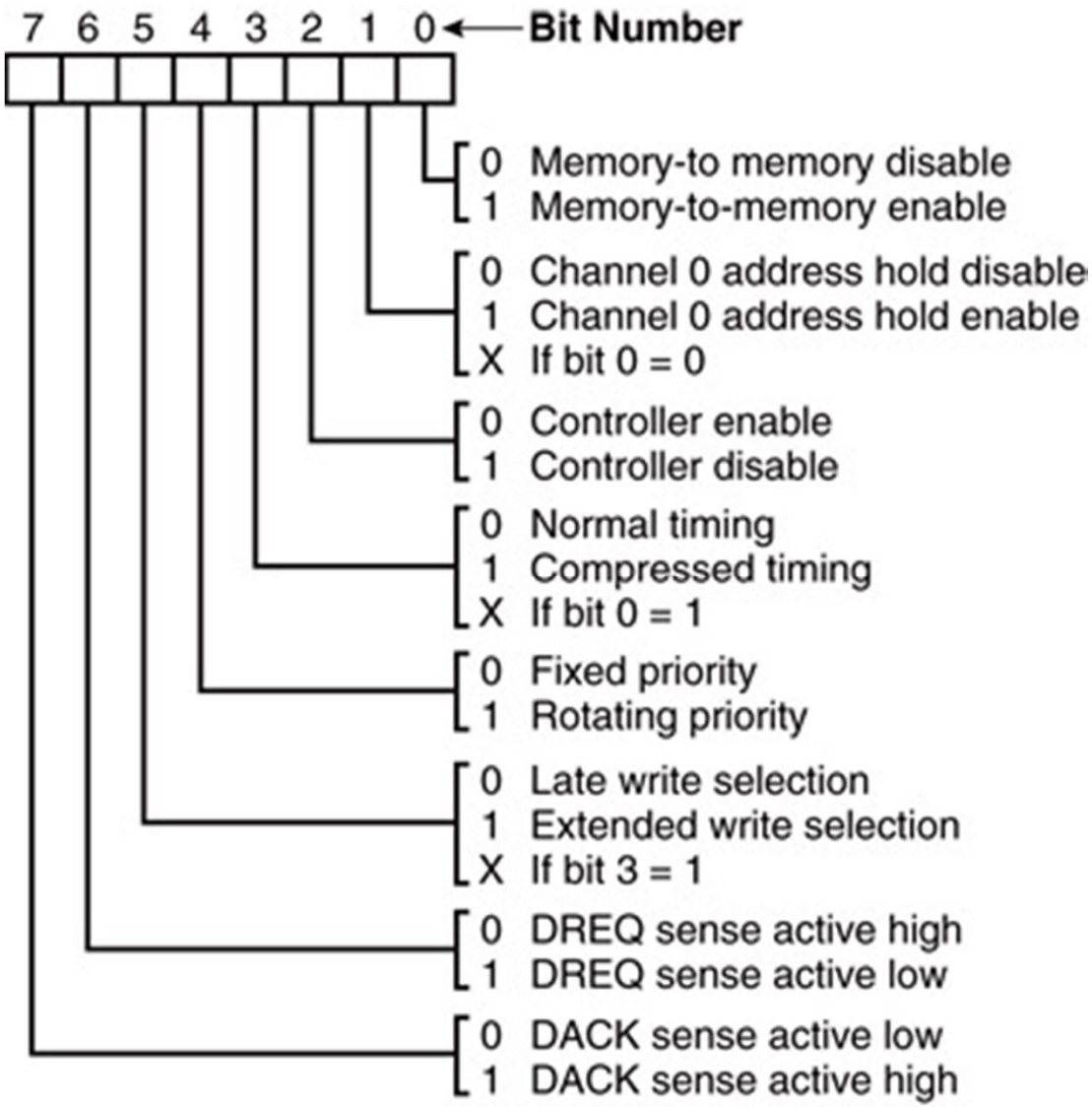
# 8237 Internal Registers

- **CAR**
- The **current address register** holds a 16-bit memory address used for the DMA transfer.
  - each channel has its own current address register for this purpose
- When a byte of data is transferred during a DMA operation, CAR is either incremented or decremented.
  - depending on how it is programmed
- **CWCR**
- The **current word count register** programs a channel for the number of bytes (up to 64K) transferred during a DMA action.
- The number loaded into this register is one less than the number of bytes transferred.
- for example, if a 10 is loaded to CWCR, then 11 bytes are transferred

# 8237 Internal Registers

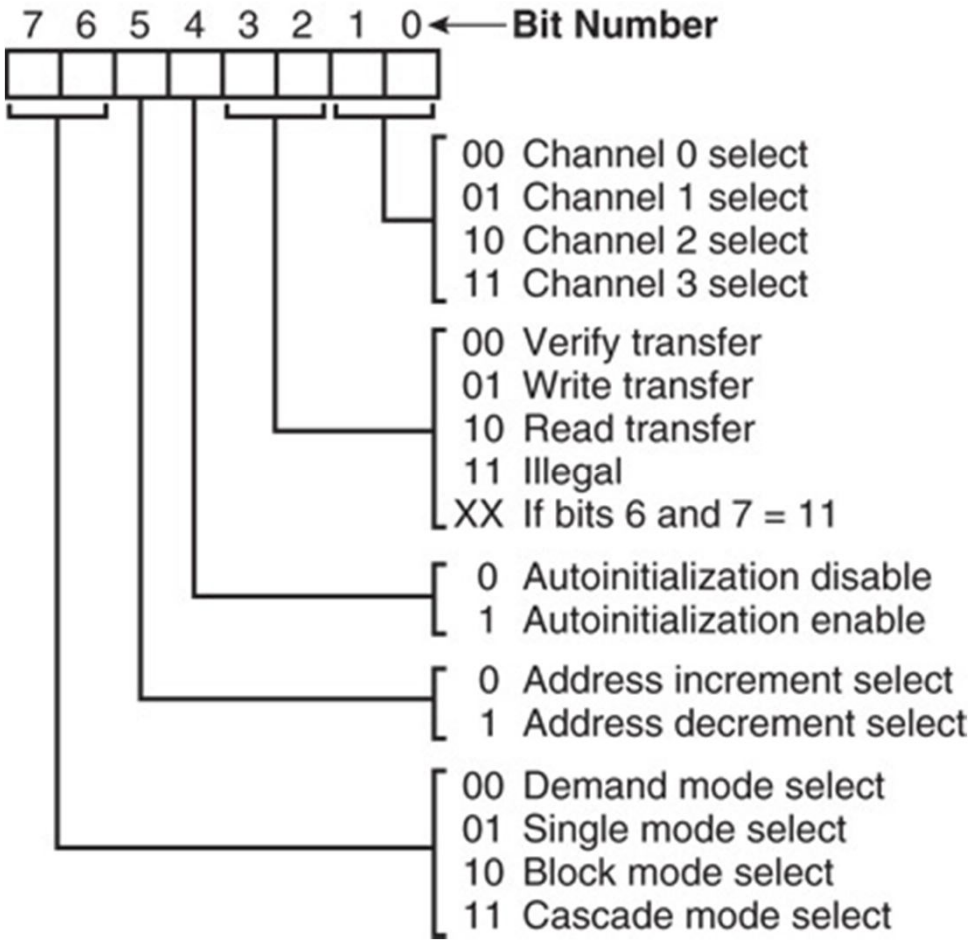
- **BA & BWC**
- The **base address (BA)** and **base word count (BWC)** registers are used when auto-initialization is selected for a channel.
- In auto-initialization mode, these registers are used to reload the CAR and CWCR after the DMA action is completed.
- allows the same count and address to be used to transfer data from the same memory area
- **CR**
- The command register programs the operation of the 8237 DMA controller.
- Memory to memory transfer:
- The register uses bit position 0 to select the memory-to-memory DMA transfer mode.
- memory-to-memory DMA transfers use DMA channel 0 to hold the source address **while** DMA channel 1 holds the destination address

# 8237A-5 command register.



# 8237 Internal Registers

- **MR**
- The mode register programs the mode of operation for a channel.
- Each channel has its own mode register as selected by bit positions 1 and 0.
- remaining bits of the mode register select operation, auto-initialization, increment/decrement, and mode for
the channel

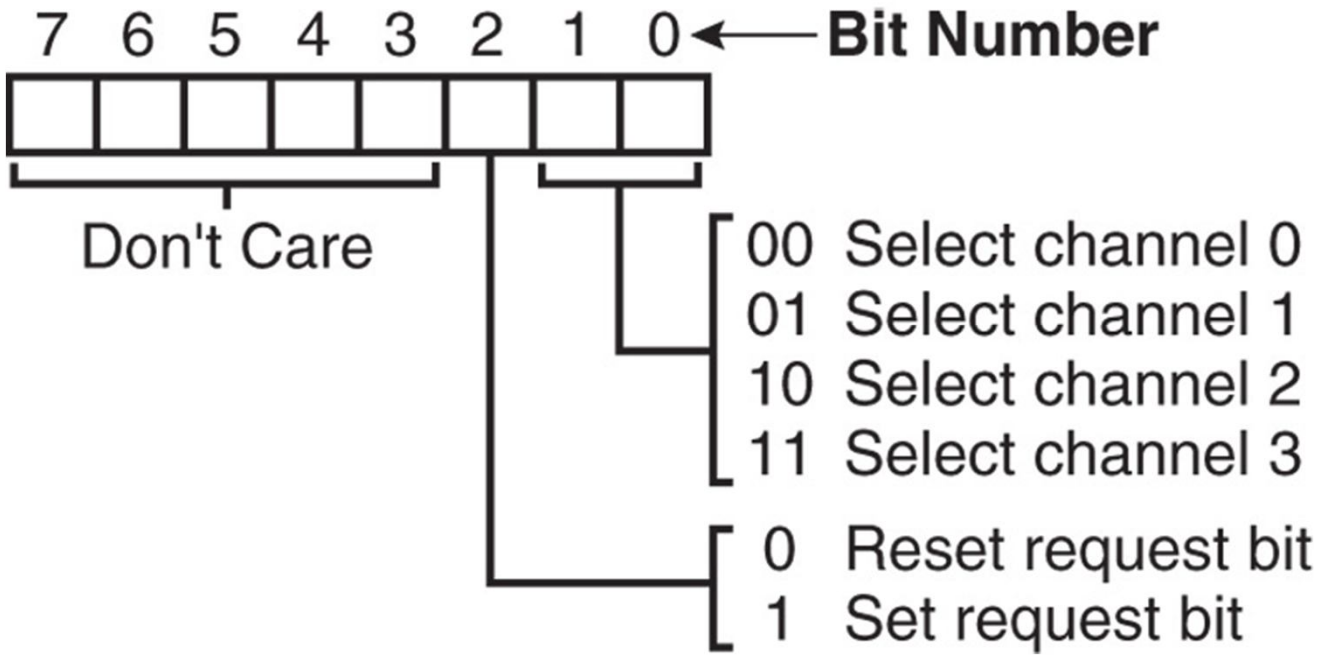


# Three Types of DMA Mode

- Demand mode
  - transfers data until DREQ becomes inactive, or when EOP pin is asserted.
- Single mode
  - releases HOLD after each byte of data is transferred
  - If DREQ is active, DMAC requests a DMA transfer to microprocessor
- Block mode
  - automatically transfers the number of bytes indicated by the count register for the channel

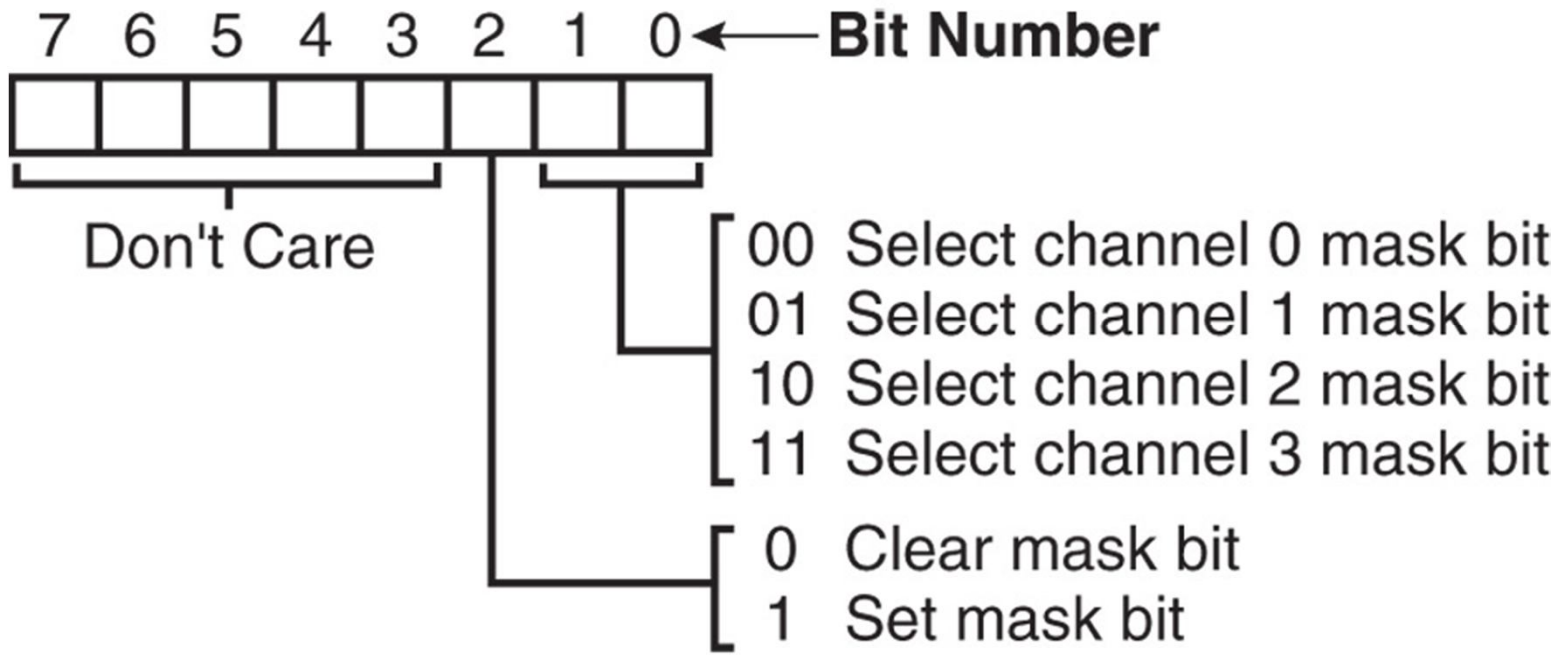
# 8237 Internal Registers

- **BR**
- The bus request register is used to request a DMA transfer via software.
- Very useful in memory-to-memory transfers,
  where an external signal is not available to begin the DMA transfer



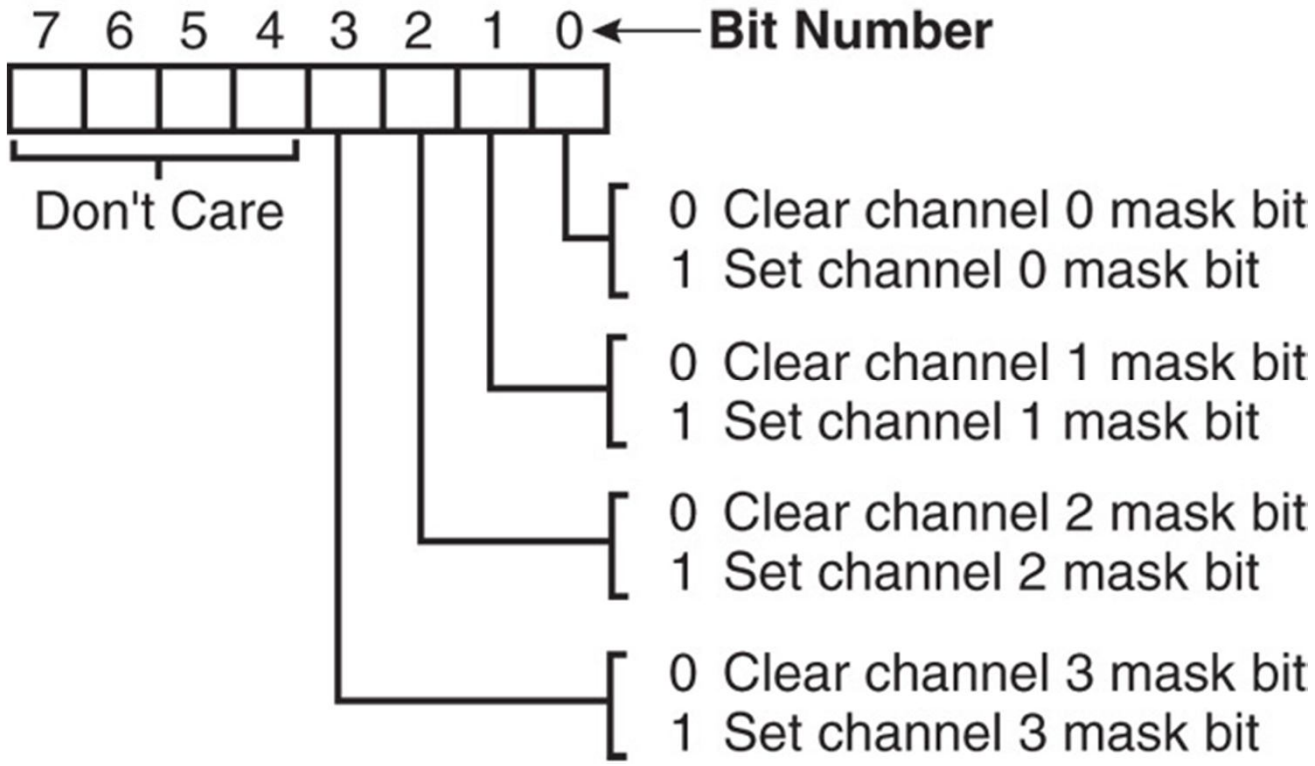
# 8237 Internal Registers

- **MRSR**
- The mask register set/reset sets or clears the channel mask.
- if the mask is set, the channel is disabled.
- The RESET signal sets all channel masks to disable them



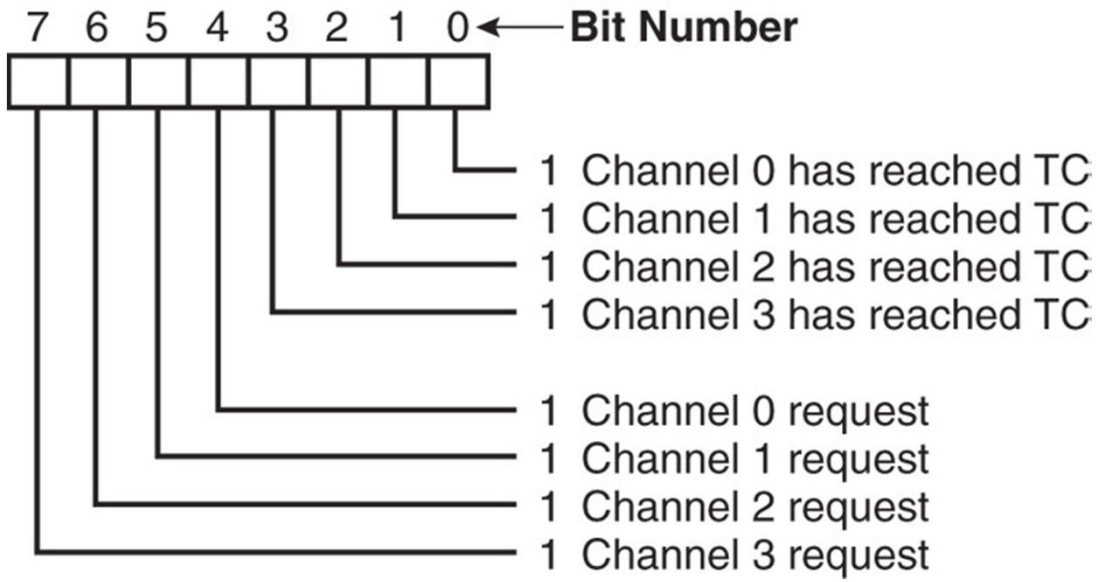
# 8237 Internal Registers

- **MSR**
- The mask register clears or sets all of the masks with one command instead of individual channels, as with the MRSR.



# 8237 Internal Registers

- **SR**
- The status register shows status of each DMA channel. The TC bits indicate if the channel has reached its terminal count (transferred all its bytes).
- When the terminal count is reached, the DMA transfer is terminated for most modes of operation.
- the request bits indicate whether the DREQ input for a given channel is active



# Software Commands

- Following are the software commands to govern the operation of the DMA

| Signals | | | | | | Operation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A3 | A2 | A1 | A0 | $\overline{IOR}$ | $\overline{IOW}$ | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Read Status Register |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Write Command Register |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Write Request Register |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Write Single Mask Register Bit |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Write Mode Register |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Clear Byte Pointer Flip/Flop |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Read Temporary Register |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Master Clear |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Clear Mask Register |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Illegal |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Write All Mask Register Bits |

# Software Commands

- **(1)Master Clear**
- Acts exactly the same as the RESET signal to the 8237.
  - as with the RESET signal, this command disables all channels
- **(2)Clear mask register**
- Enables all four DMA channels.
- **(3)Clear the first/last flip-flop**
- Clears the first/last (F/L) flip-flop within 8237.
- The F/L flip-flop selects which byte (low or high order) is read/written in the current address and current count registers.
- if F/L = 0, the low-order byte is selected
- if F/L = 1, the high-order byte is selected
- Any read or write to the address or count register automatically toggles the F/L flip-flop.

# Programming the Address and Count Registers

- Figure (on next slide) shows I/O port locations for programming the count and address registers for each channel.
- The state of the F/L flip-flop determines whether the LSB or MSB is programmed.
  - if the state is unknown, count and address could be programmed incorrectly
- It is important to disable the DMA channel before address and count are programmed.

# 8237A-5 DMA channel I/O port addresses.

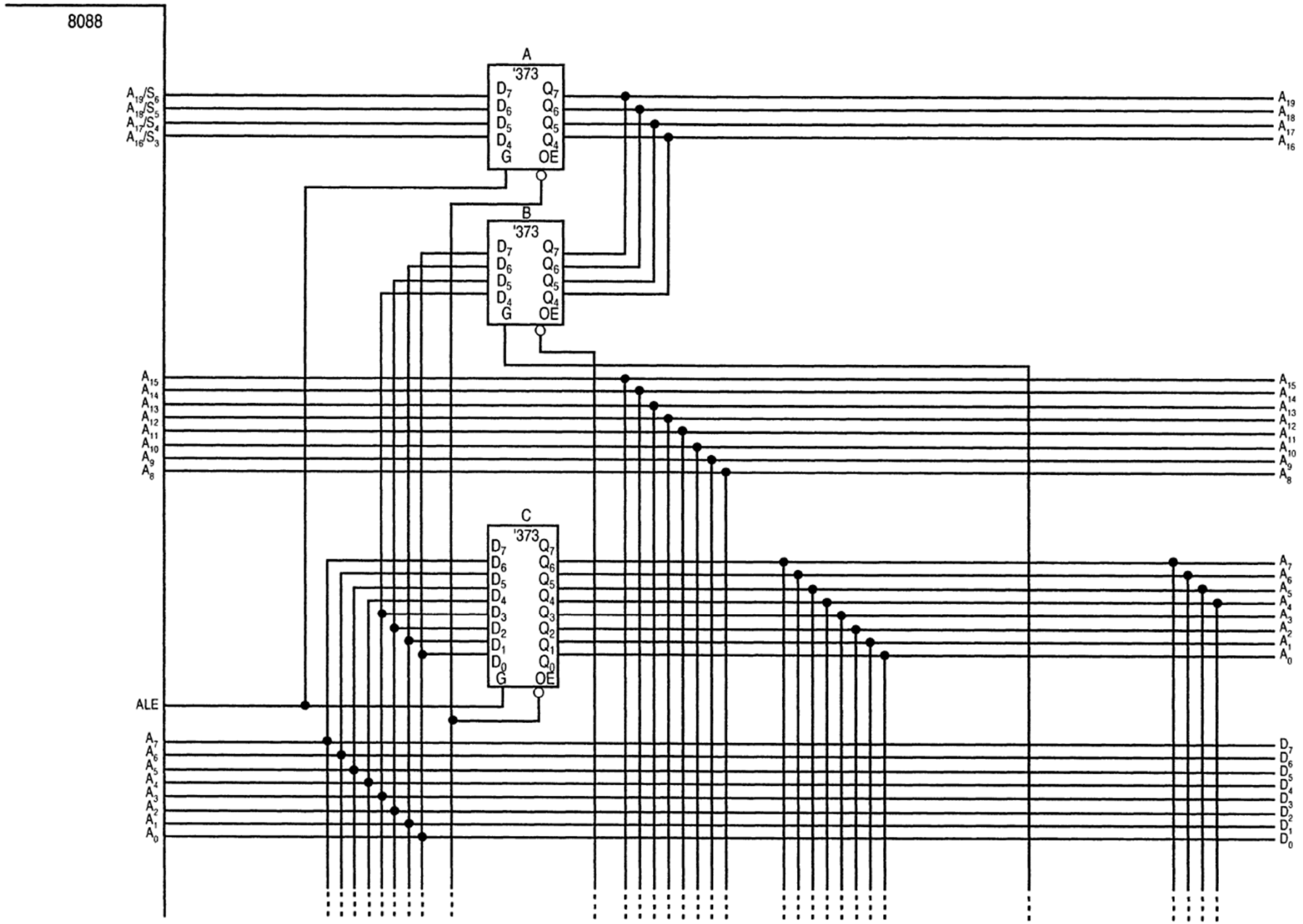
| Channel | Register | Operation | Signals | | | | | | | Internal Flip-Flop | Data Bus DB0-DB7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | $\overline{CS}$ | $\overline{IOR}$ | $\overline{IOW}$ | A3 | A2 | A1 | A0 | | |
| 0 | Base and Current Address | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Current Address | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Base and Current Word Count | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| | Current Word Count | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| 1 | Base and Current Address | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Current Address | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Base and Current Word Count | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| | Current Word Count | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| 2 | Base and Current Address | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Current Address | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Base and Current Word Count | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| | Current Word Count | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| 3 | Base and Current Address | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Current Address | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | A0-A7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | A8-A15 |
| | Base and Current Word Count | Write | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |
| | Current Word Count | Read | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | W0-W7 |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | W8-W15 |

# Basic Steps to Program

- Four steps are required to program the 8237:
  - (1) The F/L flip-flop is cleared using a clear F/L command
  - (2) the channel is disabled
  - (3) LSB & MSB of the address are programmed
  - (4) LSB & MSB of the count are programmed
- Once these four operations are performed, the channel is programmed and ready to use.
  - additional programming is required to select the mode of operation before the channel is enabled and started

# The 8237 Connected to the 80X86

- The address enable (AEN) output of 8237 controls the output pins of the latches and outputs of the 74LS257 (E).
  - during normal operation (AEN=0), latches A & C and the multiplexer (E) provide address bus bits $A_{19}$–$A_{16}$ and $A_7$–$A_0$


8088
A
'373
B
'373
C
'373
D7 Q7
D6 Q6
D5 Q5
D4 Q4
G OE
D3 Q3
D2 Q2
D1 Q1
D0 Q0
A19/S6
A18/S5
A17/S4
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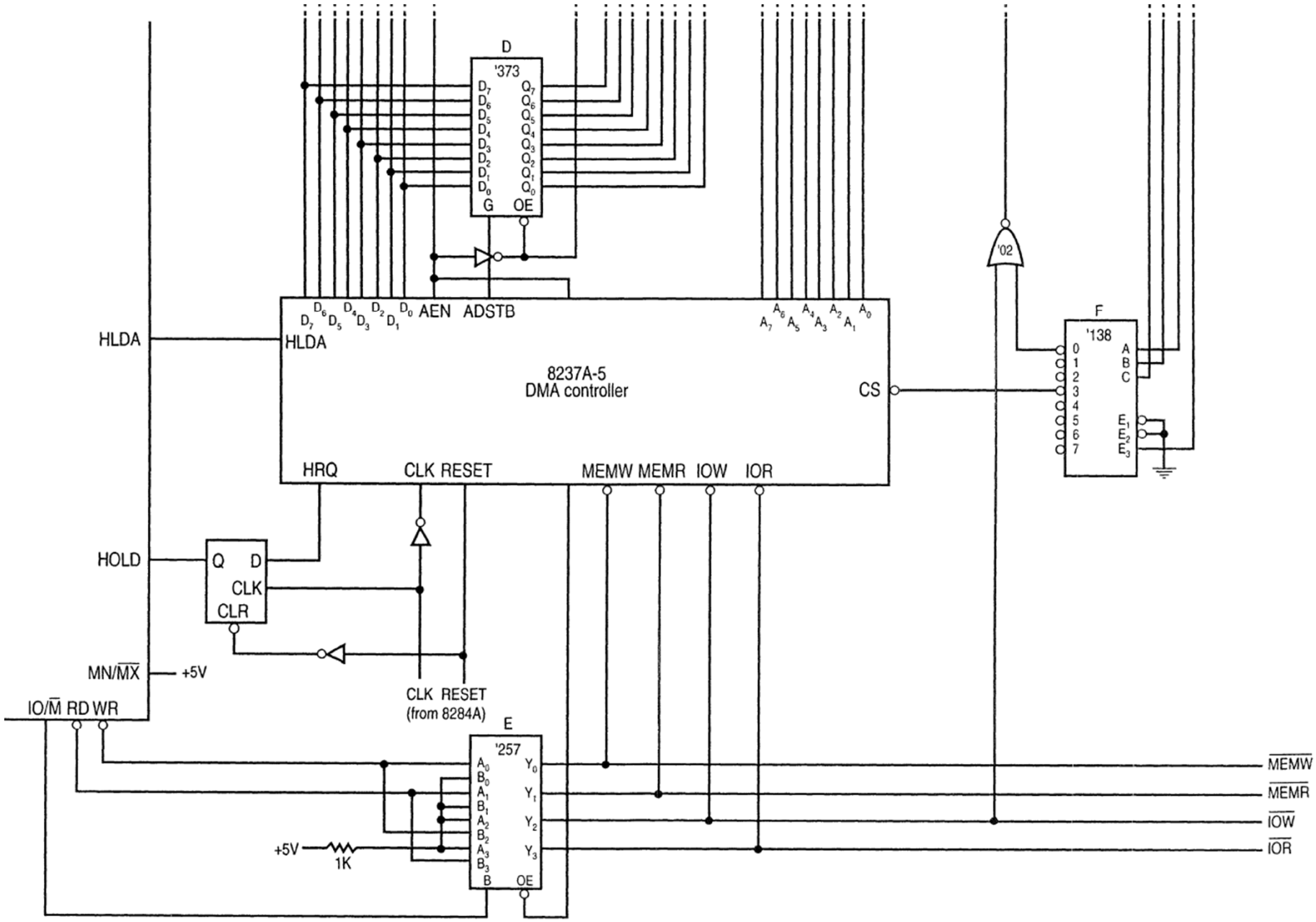
D
'373
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'02
F
'138
HLDA
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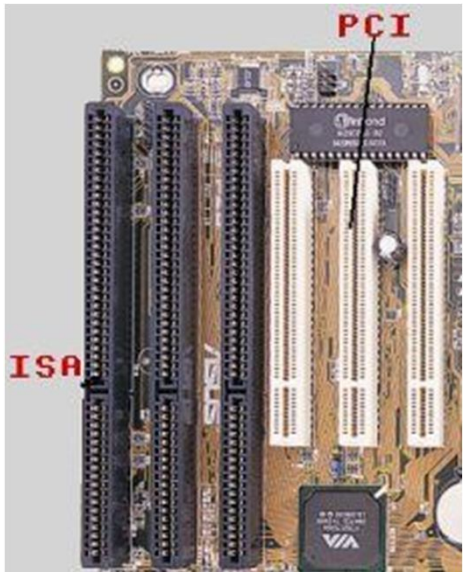
8237A-5
DMA controller
CS
AEN
ADSTB
HRQ
CLK
RESET
MEMW
MEMR
IOW
IOR
HOLD
Q
D
CLK
CLR
MN/MX
+5V
IO/M
RD
WR
CLK
RESET
(from 8284A)
E
'257
+5V
1K
MEMW
MEMR
IOW
IOR

- The multiplexer provides the system control signals as long as the 80X86 is in control of the system.
  - during a DMA action (AEN=1), latches A & C are disabled along with the multiplexer (E)
  - latches D and B now provide address bits $A_{19}$–$A_{16}$ and $A_{15}$–$A_8$
- Address bus bits $A_7$–$A_0$ are provided directly by the 8237 and contain part of the DMA transfer address.
- The DMA controller provides conntrol signals.

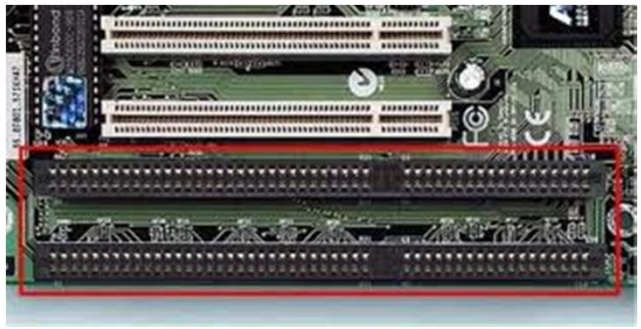
# The ISA BUS

- The **I**ndustry **S**tandard **A**rchitecture, bus has been around since start of the IBM-PC
  - since 1982
- Any card from the very first personal computer will plug in & function in any P4-based system.
  - provided they have an ISA slot
- ISA bus mostly gone from the home PC, but still found in many industrial applications.
  - due to low cost & number of existing cards



# Evolution of the ISA Bus

- Over years, the ISA bus evolved from original 8-bit, to the 16-bit standard found today.
- With the P4, ISA bus started to disappear.
  - a 32-bit version called the EISA bus (**E**xtended ISA) has also largely disappeared
- What remains today is an ISA slot that can accept 8-bit ISA or 16-bit ISA cards.
- 32-bit printed circuit cards are now PCI bus
  - in some older 80486 systems, VESA cards



# The 8-Bit ISA Bus Output Interface

- The ISA bus connector contains
  - the demultiplexed address bus ($A_{19}$–$A_0$) for the 1M-byte 8088 system
  - the 8-bit data bus ($D_7$–$D_0$)
  - control signals MEMR, MEMW, IOR, and IOW for controlling I/O and any memory placed on the printed circuit card
  - Memory is seldom added to ISA today because ISA cards operate at only 8 MHz.
  - EPROM or flash memory for setup may be on some ISA cards, but never RAM
  - Other signals, useful for I/O interface, are the interrupt request lines IRQ2–IRQ7.

# The 8-Bit ISA Bus Output Interface

- The ISA bus connector contains
  - DMA channel 0–3 control signals are also present on the connector.
  - DMA request inputs are labeled DRQ1–DRQ3 and the DMA acknowledge outputs are labeled DACK0 - DACK3.

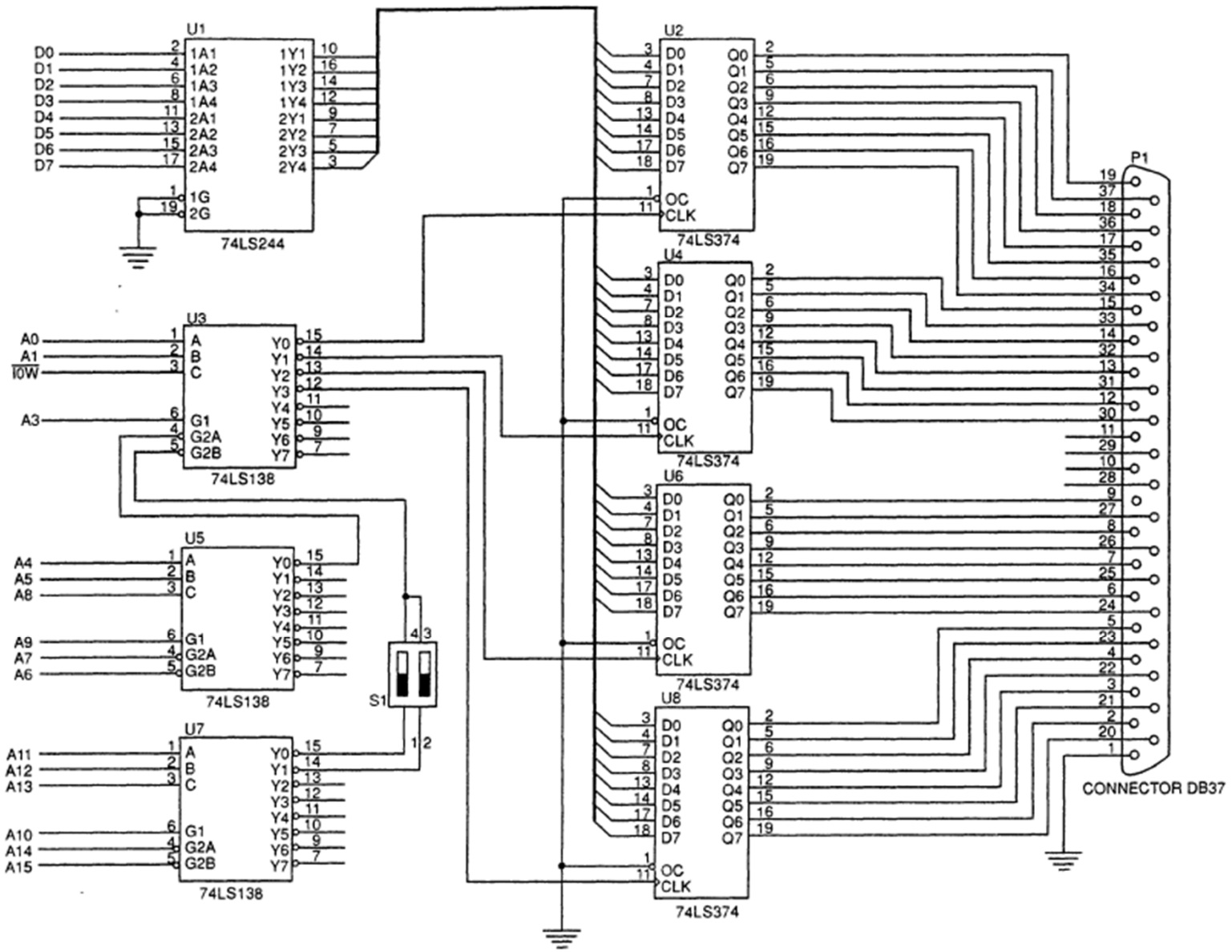
## The 8-bit ISA bus.

- $IRQ_2$ is redirected to $IRQ_9$ on modern systems, and is so labeled here
- note the $DRQ_0$ input pin is missing,
- early PCs used $DRQ_0$ & the $DACK_0$ output as a refresh signal to refresh DRAM on the ISA card
- today, this output pin contains a 15.2 $\mu$s clock signal used for refreshing DRAM
- remaining pins are for power and RESET

Back of Computer

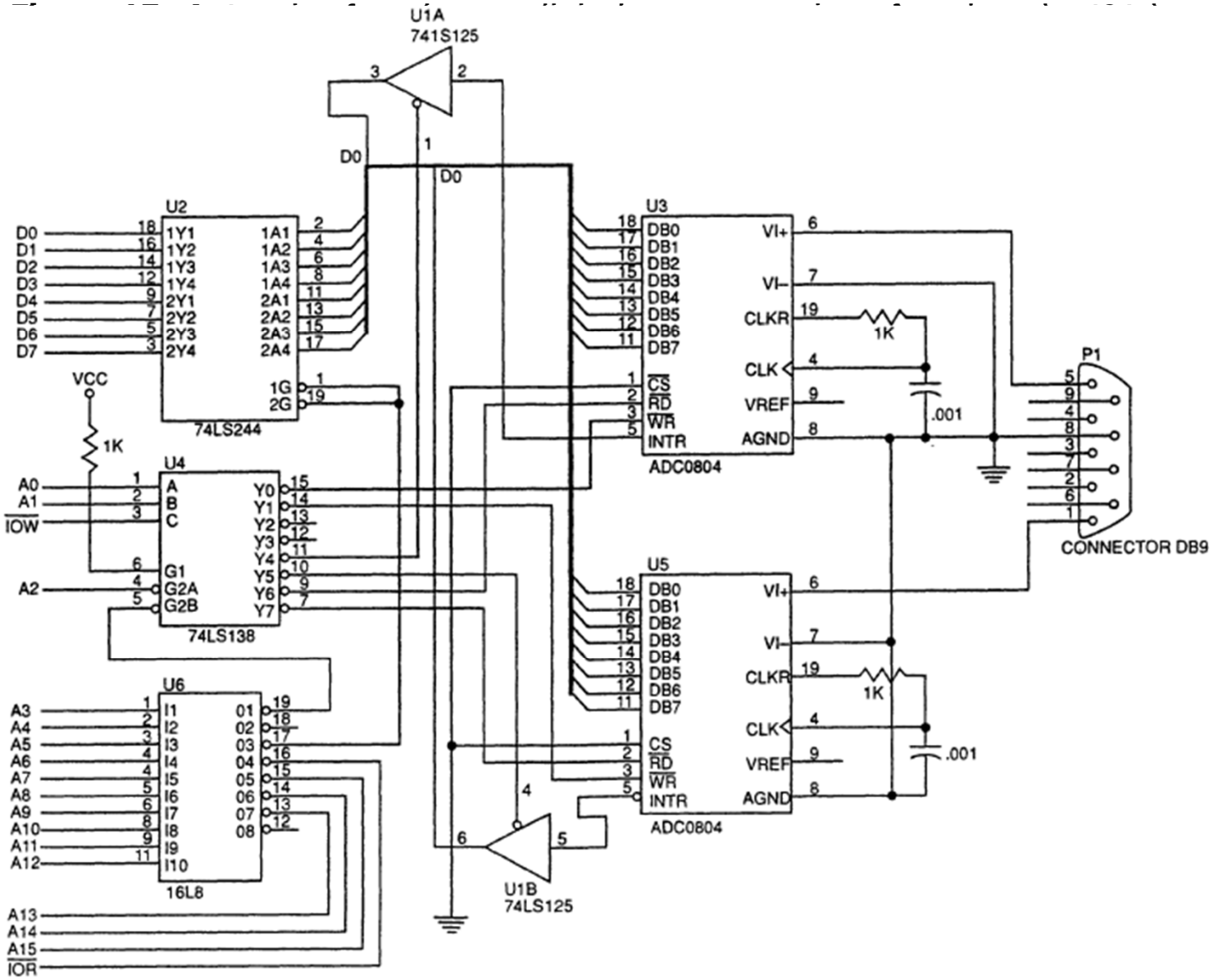
| Pin # | Solder Side | Component Side |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | GND | $\overline{\text{IO CHK}}$ |
| 2 | RESET | D7 |
| 3 | +5V | D6 |
| 4 | IRQ9 | D5 |
| 5 | –5V | D4 |
| 6 | DRQ2 | D3 |
| 7 | –12V | D2 |
| 8 | OWS | D1 |
| 9 | +12V | D0 |
| 10 | GND | IO RDY |
| 11 | $\overline{\text{MEMW}}$ | AEN |
| 12 | $\overline{\text{MEMR}}$ | A19 |
| 13 | $\overline{\text{IOW}}$ | A18 |
| 14 | $\overline{\text{IOR}}$ | A17 |
| 15 | $\overline{\text{DACK3}}$ | A16 |
| 16 | DRQ3 | A15 |
| 17 | $\overline{\text{DACK1}}$ | A14 |
| 18 | DRQ1 | A13 |
| 19 | $\overline{\text{DACK0}}$ | A12 |
| 20 | CLOCK | A11 |
| 21 | IRQ7 | A10 |
| 22 | IRQ6 | A9 |
| 23 | IRQ5 | A8 |
| 24 | IRQ4 | A7 |
| 25 | IRQ3 | A6 |
| 26 | $\overline{\text{DACK2}}$ | A5 |
| 27 | T/C | A4 |
| 28 | ALE | A3 |
| 29 | +5V | A2 |
| 30 | OSC | A1 |
| 31 | GND | A0 |

# The 8-Bit ISA Bus Output Interface (Generating a 32-bit output)



# The 8-Bit ISA Bus Input Interface

- Figure shows an input interface to the ISA bus, using a pair of ADC804 analog-to-digital converters.
  - made through a nine-pin $DB_9$ connector
- Decoding I/O port addresses is more complex, as each converter needs:
  - a write pulse to start a conversion
  - a read pulse to read the digital data converted
  - a pulse to enable the selection of the INTR output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D0
U2
74LS244
VCC
1K
U4
74LS138
A0
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IOW
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16L8
A3
A4
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A11
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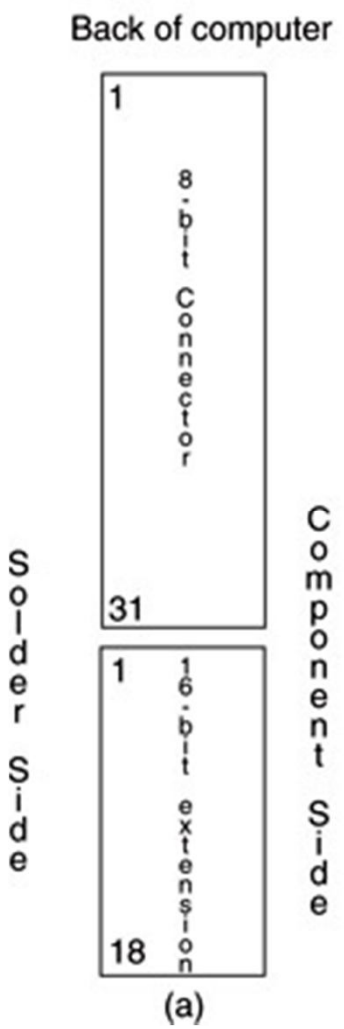
A13
A14
A15
IOR
U1B
74LS125
U3
ADC0804
U5
ADC0804
VI+
VI-
CLKR
CLK
VREF
AGND
CS
RD
WR
INTR
.001
P1
CONNECTOR DB9

# The 16-Bit ISA Bus

- The difference between 8- & 16-bit ISA is an extra connector behind the 8-bit connector.
- A 16-bit card contains two edge connectors:
  - one plugs into the original 8-bit connector
  - the other plugs into the new 16-bit connector
- Figure shows pin-out and placement of the additional connector in relation to the 8-bit connector.

# The 16-bit ISA bus. (a) Both 8- and 16-bit connectors and (b) the pinout of the 16-bit connector.




(a)

Back of computer

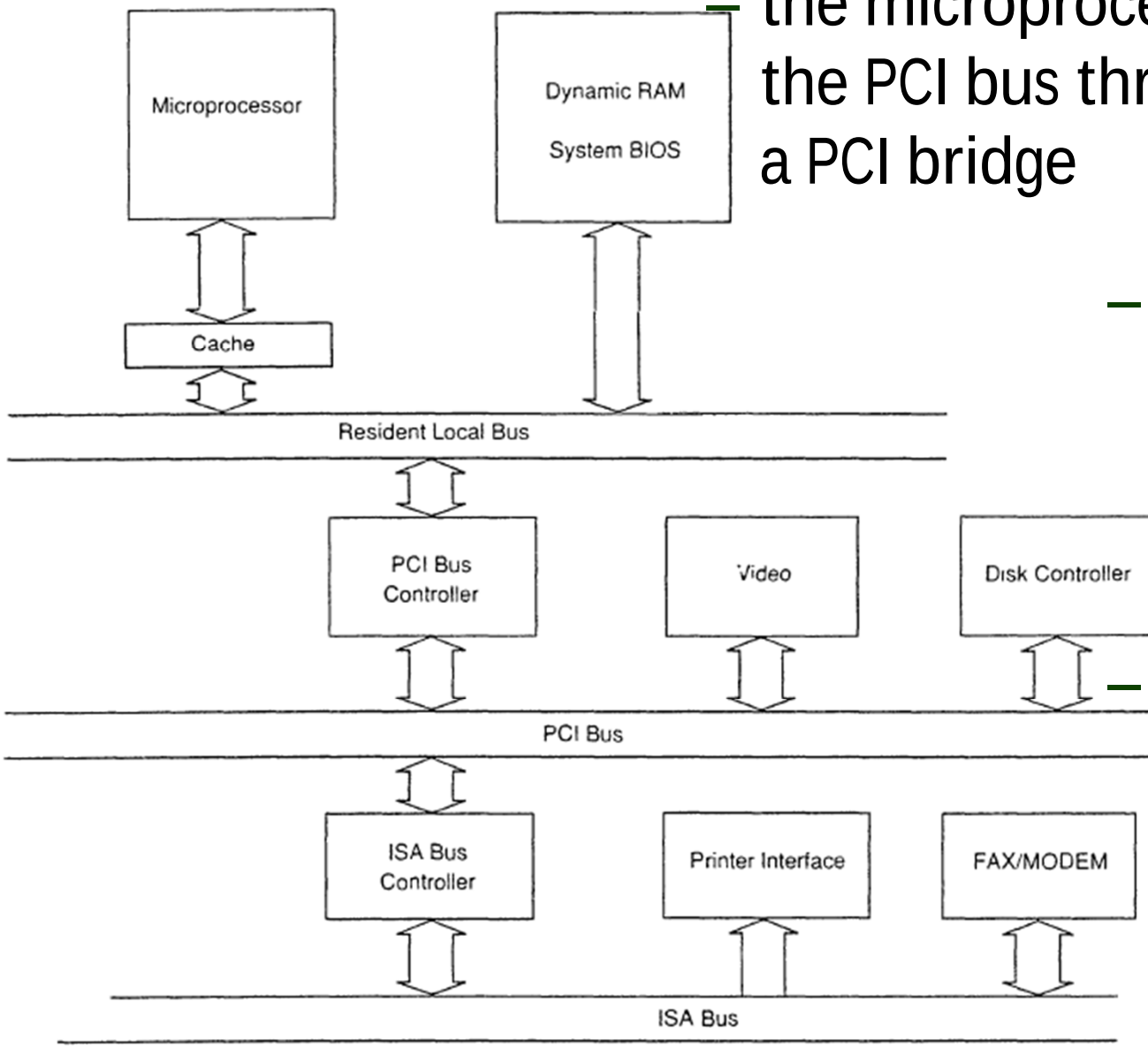
| Pin# | Solder Side | Component Side |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | $\overline{\text{MCS16}}$ | BHE |
| 2 | $\overline{\text{IOCS16}}$ | A23 |
| 3 | IRQ10 | A22 |
| 4 | IRQ11 | A21 |
| 5 | IRQ12 | A20 |
| 6 | IRQ15 | A19 |
| 7 | IRQ14 | A18 |
| 8 | $\overline{\text{DACKO}}$ | A17 |
| 9 | DRQO | $\overline{\text{MEMR}}$ |
| 10 | $\overline{\text{DACK5}}$ | $\overline{\text{MEMW}}$ |
| 11 | DRQ5 | D8 |
| 12 | $\overline{\text{DACK6}}$ | D9 |
| 13 | DRQ6 | D10 |
| 14 | $\overline{\text{DACK7}}$ | D11 |
| 15 | DRQ7 | D12 |
| 16 | +5V | D13 |
| 17 | $\overline{\text{MASTER}}$ | D14 |
| 18 | GND | D15 |

(b)

# PERIPHERAL COMPONENT INTERCONNECT (PCI) BUS

- PCI (**peripheral component interconnect**) is virtually the only bus found in new systems.
  - ISA still exists by special order for older cards
- PCI has replaced the VESA local bus.
- PCI has plug-and-play characteristics and ability to function with a 64-bit data bus.
- A PCI interface contains registers, located in a small memory device containing information about the board.
- this allows PC to automatically configure the card
- this provides plug-and-play characteristics to the ISA bus, or any other bus
- Called plug-and-play (PnP), it is the reason PCI has become so popular.

## System block diagram for the PC that contains a PCI bus.




- the microprocessor connects to the PCI bus through an IC called a PCI bridge
- virtually any processor can interface to PCI wit a bridge
- The resident local bus is often called a front side bus

# The PCI Bus Pin-Out

- PCI functions with a 32- or 64-bit data bus and a full 32-bit address bus.
  - address and data buses, labeled $AD_0$–$AD_{63}$ are multiplexed to reduce size of the edge connector
- A 32-bit card has connections 1 through 62, the 64-bit card has all 94 connections.
- The 64-bit card can accommodate a 64-bit address if required at some future point.
- Figure shows the PCI bus pin-out.

## The pin-out of the PCI bus.

- PCI is most often used for I./O interface to the microprocessor
- memory could be interfaced, but with a Pentium, would operate at 33 MHz, half the speed of the Pentium resident local
- PCI 2.1 operates at 66 MHz, and 33 MHz for older interface cards
- P4 systems use 200 MHz bus speed (often listed as 800 MHz)
- there is no planned modification to the PCI bus speed yet

Back of computer

| Pin # | Solder Side | Component Side |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | −12V | TRST |
| 2 | TCK | +12V |
| 3 | GND | TMS |
| 4 | TDO | TDI |
| 5 | +5V | +5V |
| 6 | +5V | INTA |
| 7 | INTB | INTC |
| 8 | INTD | +5V |
| 9 | PRSNT 1 | |
| 10 | | +VI/O |
| 11 | PRSNT 2 | |
| 12 | KEY | KEY |
| 13 | KEY | KEY |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | GND | RST |
| 16 | CLK | VI/O |
| 17 | GND | GNT |
| 18 | REQ | GND |
| 19 | +V I/O | |
| 20 | AD31 | AD30 |
| 21 | AD29 | +3.3V |
| 22 | GND | AD28 |
| 23 | AD27 | AD26 |
| 24 | AD25 | GND |
| 25 | +3.3V | AD24 |
| 26 | C/BE3 | IDSEL |
| 27 | AD23 | +3.3V |
| 28 | GND | AD22 |
| 29 | AD21 | AD20 |
| 30 | AD19 | GND |
| 31 | +3.3V | AD18 |
| 32 | AD17 | AD16 |
| 33 | C/BE2 | +3.3V |
| 34 | GND | FRAME |
| 35 | IRDY | GND |
| 36 | +3.3V | TRDY |
| 37 | DEVSEL | GND |
| 38 | GND | STOP |
| 39 | LOCK | +3.3V |
| 40 | PERR | SDONE |

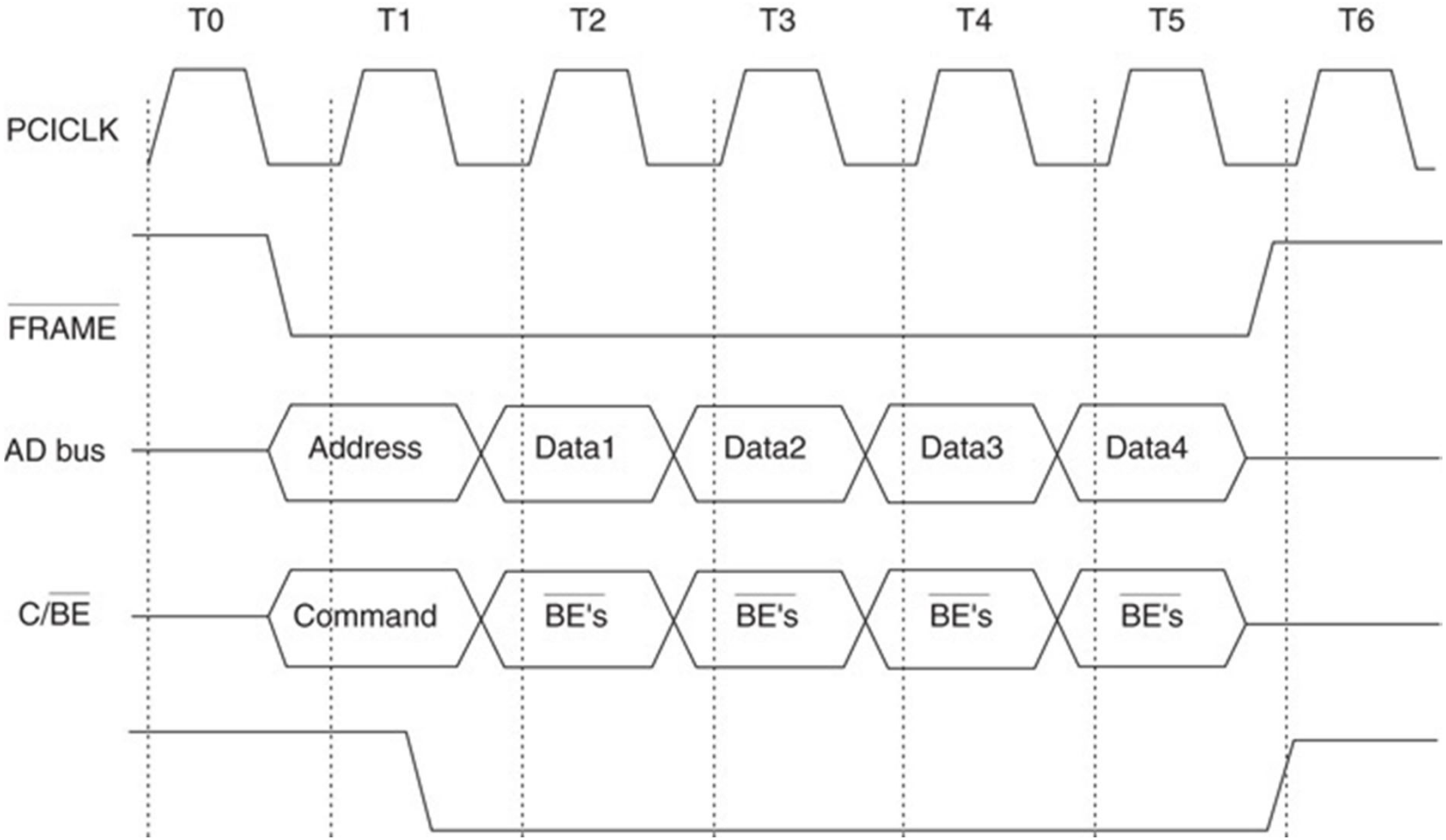
| Pin # | Solder Side | Component Side |
|---|---|---|
| 41 | +3.3V | SBO |
| 42 | SERR | GND |
| 43 | +3.3V | PAR |
| 44 | C/BE1 | AD15 |
| 45 | AD14 | +3.3V |
| 46 | GND | AD13 |
| 47 | AD12 | AD11 |
| 48 | AD10 | GND |
| 49 | GND | AD9 |
| 50 | KEY | KEY |
| 51 | KEY | KEY |
| 52 | AD8 | C/BE0 |
| 53 | AD7 | +3.3V |
| 54 | +3.3V | AD6 |
| 55 | AD5 | AD4 |
| 56 | AD3 | GND |
| 57 | GND | AD2 |
| 58 | AD1 | AD0 |
| 59 | +V I/O | +V I/O |
| 60 | ACK64F | REQ64 |
| 61 | +5V | +5V |
| 62 | +5V | +5V |
| 63 | | GND |
| 64 | GND | C/BE7 |
| 65 | C/BE6 | C/BE5 |
| 66 | C/BE4 | +V I/O |
| 67 | GND | PAR64 |
| 68 | AD63 | AD62 |
| 69 | AD61 | GND |
| 70 | +V I/O | AD60 |
| 71 | AD59 | AD58 |
| 72 | AD57 | GND |
| 73 | GND | AD56 |
| 74 | AD55 | AD54 |
| 75 | AD53 | +V I/O |
| 76 | GND | AD52 |
| 77 | AD51 | AD50 |
| 78 | AD49 | GND |
| 79 | +V I/O | AD48 |
| 80 | AD47 | AD46 |
| 81 | AD45 | GND |
| 82 | GND | AD44 |
| 83 | AD43 | AD42 |
| 84 | AD41 | +VI/O |
| 85 | GND | AD40 |
| 86 | AD39 | AD38 |
| 87 | AD37 | GND |
| 88 | +VI/O | AD36 |
| 89 | AD35 | AD34 |
| 90 | AD33 | GND |
| 91 | GND | AD32 |
| 92 | | |
| 93 | | GND |
| 94 | GND | |

*Notes:* (1) pins 63–94 exist only on the 64-bit PCI card
(2) + VI/O is 3.3V on a 3.3V board and +5V on a 5V board
(3) blank pins are reserved

# The PCI Address/Data Connections

- The PCI address appears on $AD_0$–$AD_{31}$ and is multiplexed with data.
  - some systems have a 64-bit data bus using $AD_{32}$–$AD_{63}$ for data transfer only
  - these pins can be used for extending the address to 64 bits
- Figure shows the PCI bus timing diagram
  - which shows the address multiplexed with data and control signals used for multiplexing

**The basic timing for the PCI bus system. Note that this transfers either four 32-bit numbers (32-bit PCI) or four 64-bit numbers (64-bit PCI).**



# Configuration Space

- PCI contains a 256-byte memory to allow the PC to interrogate the PCI interface.
  - this feature allows the system to automatically configure itself for the PCI plug-board
  - Microsoft calls this plug-and-play (PnP)
- The first 64 bytes contain information about the PCI interface.
- The first 32-bit doubleword contains the unit ID code and the vendor ID code.

# PCI Express Bus

- The PCI Express transfers data in serial at 2.5 GHz
- 250 MBps to 8 GBps for PCI Express interfaces
  - standard PCI delivers data at about 133 MBps
- Each serial connection on the PCI Express bus is called a **lane**.
  - slots on the main board are single lane slots with a total transfer speed of 1 GBps
- A PCI Express video card connector currently has 16 lanes with a transfer speed of 4 GBps.

- The standard allows up to 32 lanes.
  - at present the widest is the 16 lanes video card
- Most main boards contain four single lane slots for peripherals and one 16 lane slot for the video card.
  - a few newer boards contain two 16 lane slots
- PCI Express 2 bus was released in late 2007.
  - transfer speed from 250 MBps to 500 MBps, twice that of the PCI Express
- PCI is replacing most current video cards on the AGP port with the PCI Express bus.