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EXTENSIONS TO OS-9

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OS-9 has been designed originally for the Motorola 6809 microprocessor, around the year 1980. It is a complete, real-time, operating system (as opposed to real-time kernels) modeled after the UNIX operating system.

As compared to UNIX, OS-9 was targeted for "small" systems. For example, UNIX cannot run on a Rosy station because it requires very much memory, fast CPU, and fast large disk storage. There are today microprocessor systems, often based on the Motorola 68k family of processors, which have enough memory, CPU speed, and disk performance to run UNIX or OS-9.

As a kind of world standard for operating systems, UNIX offers of course much more existing software (e.g. wide choice of compilers, network software) than OS-9. Still, OS-9 is preferred for many applications: First of all, it is designed as a real-time system. Second, it is based on the concept of "memory modules" which goes together very well with the UNIX concept of "pipes" and "filters" to support modern software techniques of encapsulation and re-usability of code. It keeps the system small and easily maintainable.

OS-9 covers a very wide range of system performance. Starting with the 6809, it is now most widely used on the 68k family of 16/32 bit processors (68000 / 68010, 68020 / 68030, 68040 / more to come) and is as OS-9000 also available as a portable operating system (like UNIX) for different processor types. The higher performance hardware base allows also the construction of distributed computer systems by networking.

Many 68k systems manufactured by industry, e.g. for sensors, image processing, factory automation, are based on OS-9. Also, many small and big experiments in nuclear and high-energy physics, which incorporate many hundred microprocessors, use OS-9.

These lectures show extra features and differences of OS9/68k and OS9000 as compared to OS-9 for the 6809. The hardware base of the 68k family is explained briefly. An example of distributed processing with several CPUs running OS-9 is given.

These are preliminary lecture notes, intended only for distribution to participants.

EXTENSIONS TO OS-9

OS-9: originally made for 6809.

Today very widely used:

Motorola 68k family of processors.

Quite different hardware, higher speed...

Still OS-9 / 68k !

Nice: hardware details hidden to user
by operating system (OS-9)
and programming language (C).

However: real-time applications are
more hardware dependent
(speed, interrupts, bus features...),
assembler programming also.

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Outline of the lectures:

Look at differences / extensions of
OS-9 / 68k (for 68k family)
OS-9000 (portable to
various CPU types
as compared to OS-9 / 6809.

Look also at the changed hardware basis,
in particular 68k family.

Determines the evolution of OS-9, and
its range of applications.

Very wide range of applications:

small industrial measurement systems
factory automation

physics experiments, up to the largest ones

Will use distributed computing in a
multiprocessor system as an example.

Recall features of OS-9:

1) Modularity

all components of the running system are modules:

- the kernel with its auxiliary modules
- user code and data modules
- file managers, drivers, device descriptors.

Modules are linked to dynamically, using their name.

2) Position independence and sharability

program code references are always relative to the program counter, data references relative to pointer registers set up at run time.

- code is reentrant → sharable
- code modules can be of general use.

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3) Unified input/output system

OS-9 uses a four layer I/O system (I/O man, file manager, driver, descriptor) to hide the I/O device's specific features.

- I/O to disk, terminal, pipe... do not differ in principle
- a program's standard I/O paths can be simply re-routed, e.g. to pipes (→ filter processes) or command files
- interprocess communication is contained in the I/O system.

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Hardware features required so far:

pc - relative and
pointer - relative addressing.

O.k. for 6809 with branch relative and indexed addressing. Similar on 68k.

Modular structure together with
easy communication with and among
the modules support the modern programming
concepts "encapsulation" and
"re-usability" of resources.

Effect: small, easy to configure and use.

Encapsulation:

The inner working of a code module
remains hidden. Only its input and
output are visible and defined.

Re-usability:

"Filters" e.g. for sorting, mathematical
transformations etc. can be used in
many different contexts.

→ a step towards the more general principle
of object oriented programming.

Recall more features:

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- 4) Of course, it is a real-time system
- deterministic reaction times to external stimuli (interrupts), according to priority.
 - ease of writing drivers, connecting processes to interrupts.
- 5) It is a complete operating system
- file system
 - shell
 - editor, compiler, assembler, linker, debugger
 - optional memory management hardware
 - has time-slicing: multitasking, multiuser.
- 6) Process synchronisation, signals, intercept routines.

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All of these features are also found
 in OS-9/68K and OS-9000.
 (for 68k family) (portable)

Plus some more:

- much enhanced utilities, e.g. shell
- extra system calls to "events"
for mutual exclusion and signaling
- named pipes: /pipe/xyz
- more standard file managers available
incl. SBF (tape), NFM (network)
- standard (TCP/IP) networking + OS9Net
- distinction between system state
and user state → protection*

Last but not least: much CPU power*
 large address space*
 more flexible interrupts*.

*) these depend on new hardware.

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Before continuing with OS-9,
 a look at the hardware base:

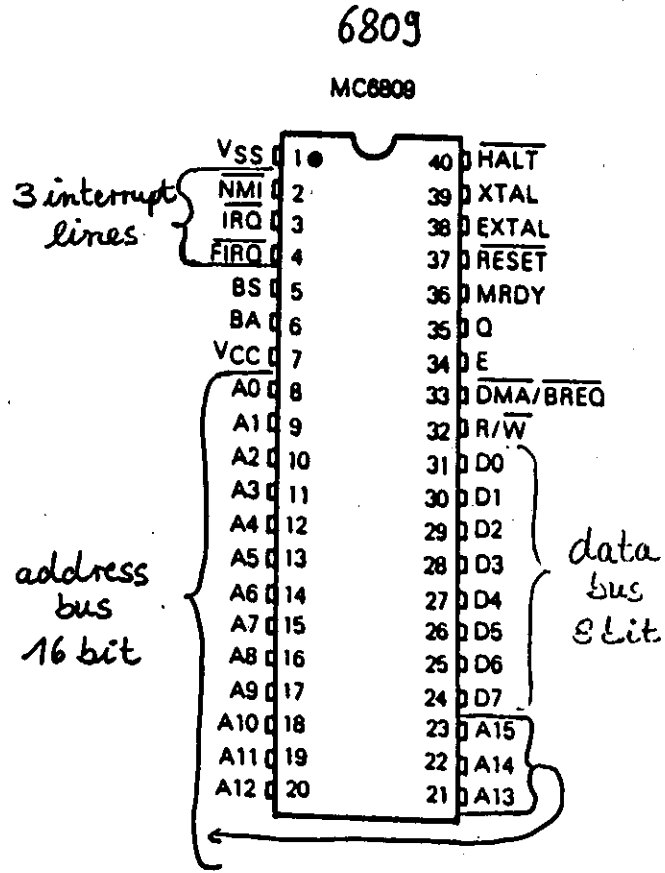
68k processor family

- successor of 6809, for 32-bit applications.
similar ideas for language and system
support as 6809, but evolved further.
 - very widespread use - "everywhere outside
IBM PC": Atari ST, Macintosh, Hewlett-
Packard, Apollo, ... most VMEbus modules.
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- block diagram
 - register set
 - addressing modes
 - instruction set } very brief
 - where does the speed come from:
pipeline, cache, coprocessors

Comparison of processor features

Processor type	Data size (bits)	Address size (bits)	Address range (Mbyte)	Speed integer (relative)	Speed float (relative)	Price of chip (US\$)	Number of transistors	typical clock rate (MHz)
6809	8/16	16	.064					2
68000/010	16/32	24	16	1	1	2	70.000	10
68020/030 with 68882	32	32	4096	6	60			20
68040	32	32	4096	20	450	600	1.200.000	33

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68030

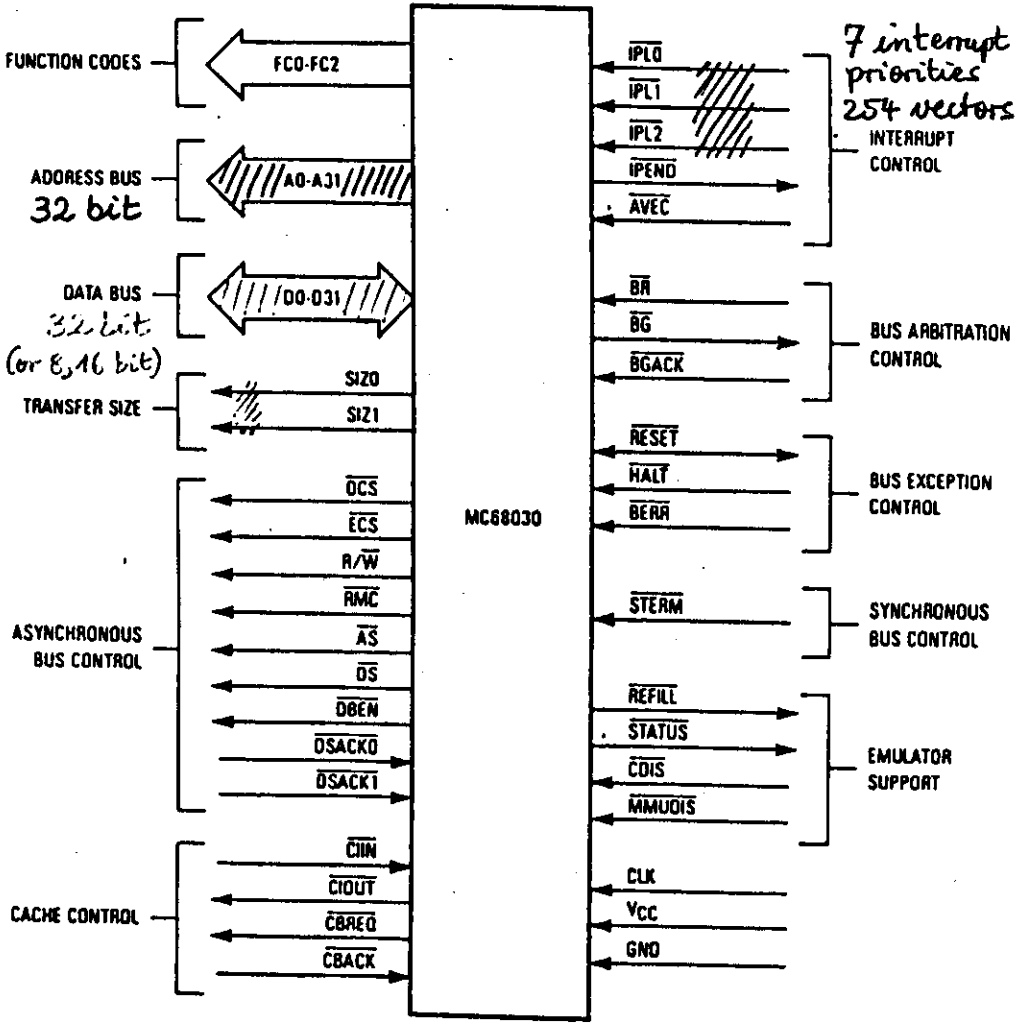


Figure 5-1. Functional Signal Groups

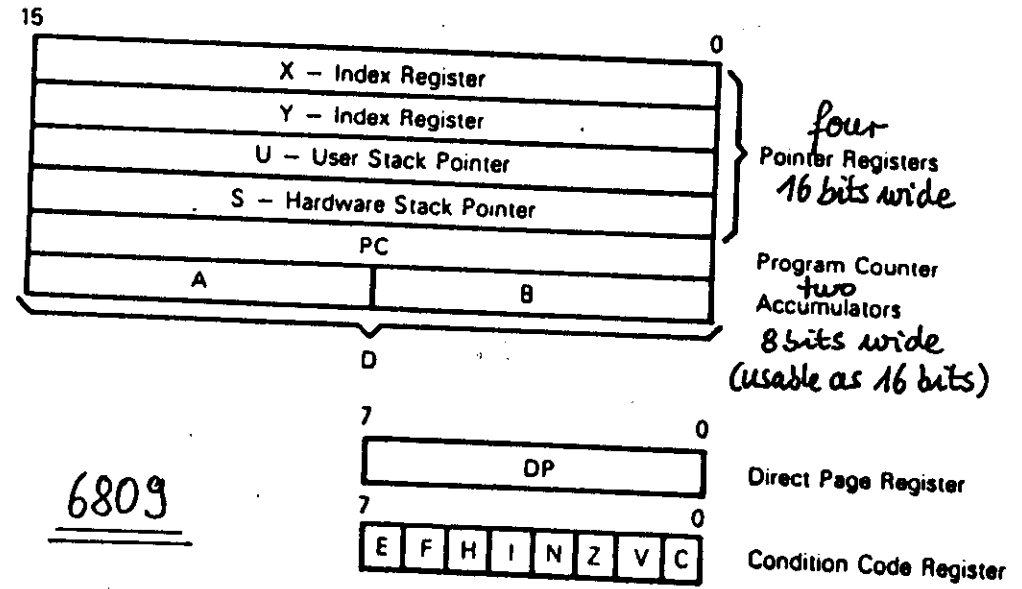


Figure 1-1. Programming Model

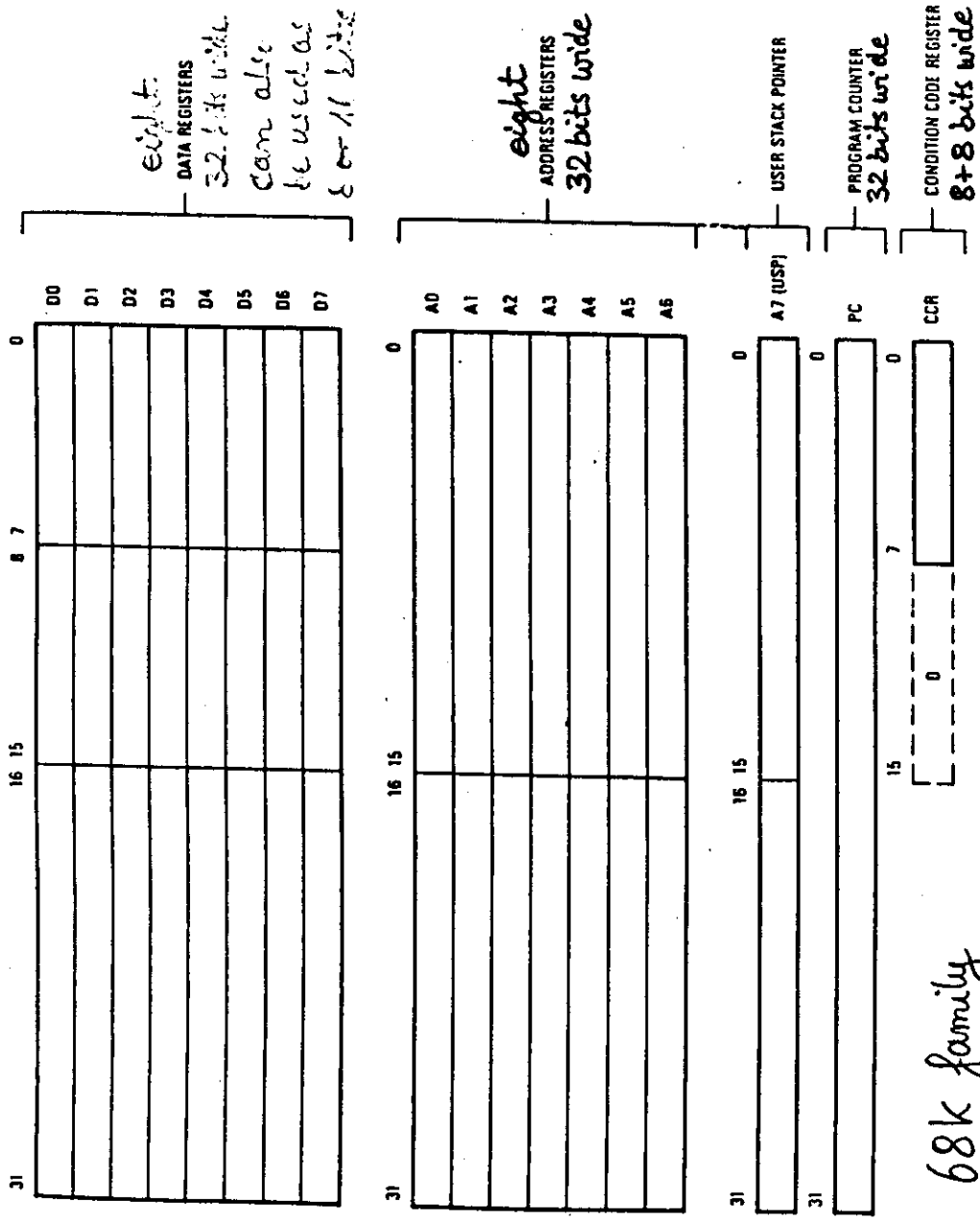


Figure 1-2. User Programming Model

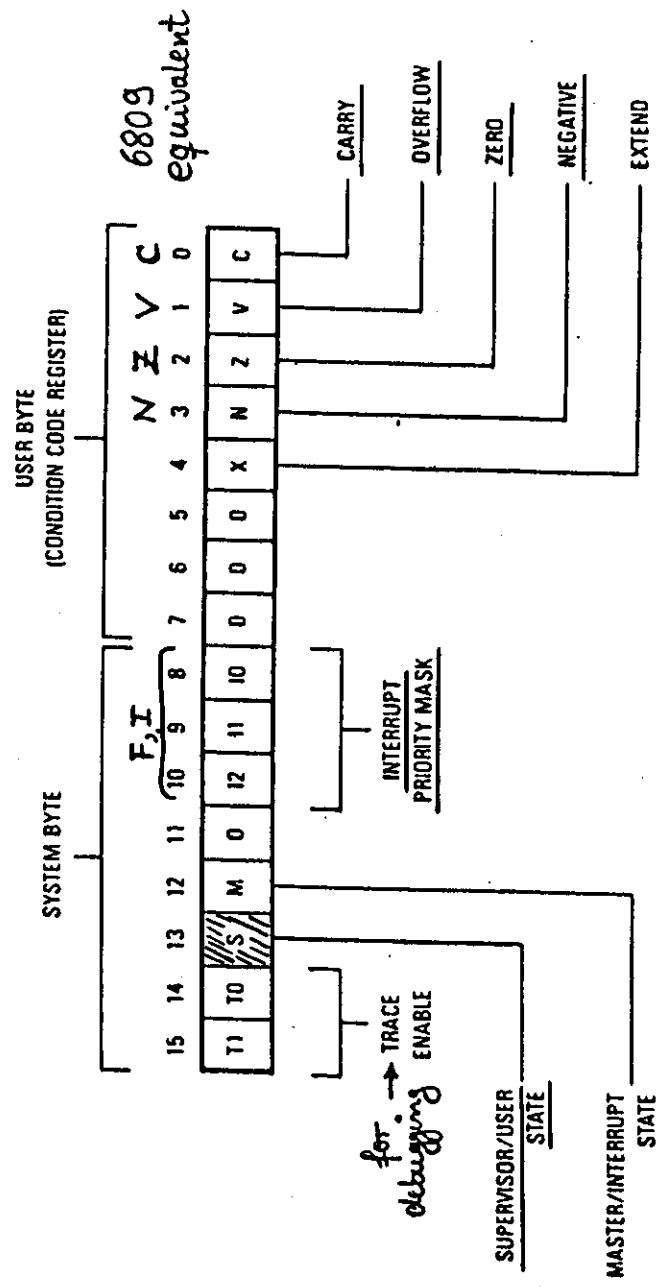
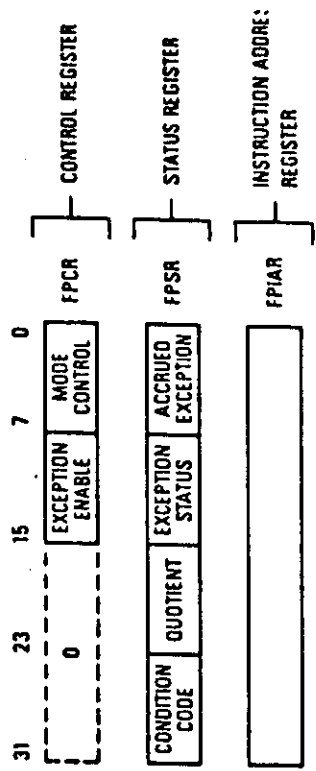
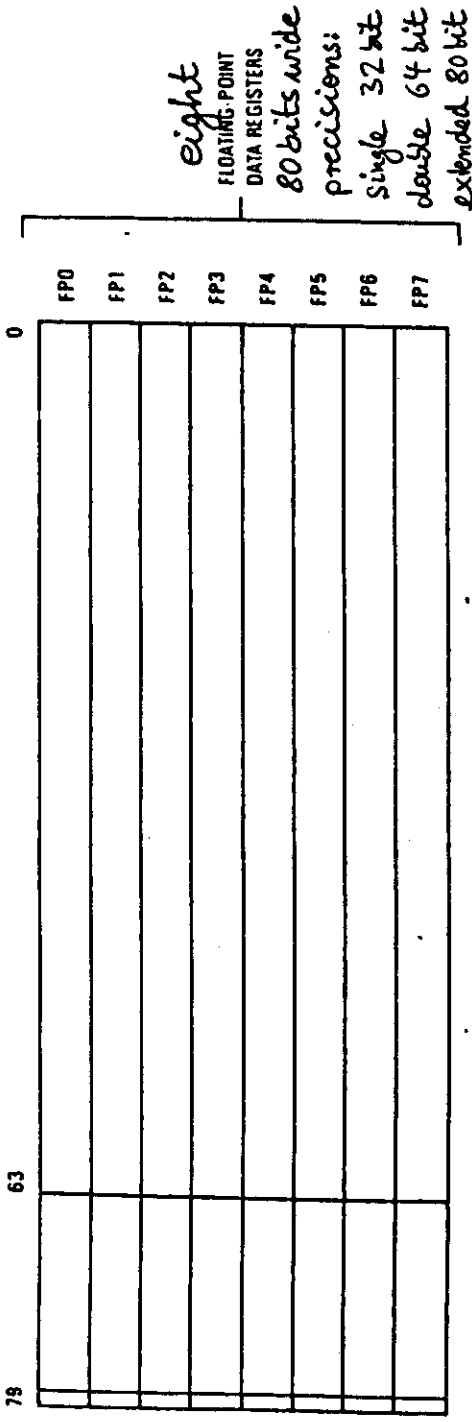


Figure 1-4. Status Register

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68k family

Figure 2-1. MC68881/MC68882 Programming Model

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Addressing modes and instruction set

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comparison 6809 / 68k

6809 is a one-address processor. Second operand defined in the operation code.

68k is a two-address processor. Both operands can be defined explicitly.

Operand size defined in the operation code.

Operand size can be chosen independently.

- LDA #5
- LDD #1000
- LDX #1000
- CLR 16,X
- STD --Y
- MUL
- ASR A,X
- INC [2,X]

- size ↘ ↙ source destination
- MOVE.B #5, D0
 - MOVE.W #1000, D1
 - MOVE.L #1000, A6
 - CLR.B (16, A6)
 - MOVE.L (12, A6), (16, A6)
 - MOVE.W D1, -(A7)
 - MULU.W D0, D1
 - ASR.B #1, (A6, D0)
 - ADD.B #1, [-2, A6]

The 68K has more registers:

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8 data registers + 8 address registers.

The same register can be used as a

32-bit operand \equiv long \equiv .L

16 " " word .W

8 " " byte .B

These are too many combinations to be put into the operation code; thus the more "orthogonal" instructions of the 68K: decoupling of operation / size / 1st operand / 2nd operand.

Remarks:

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- the operands cannot be chosen quite freely: 2nd operand can for most operations only be a register. Thus we call the 68K better a $1\frac{1}{2}$ address processor.
- the (almost) orthogonal instructions are easier to use - also compilers can generate better optimized code.
- address offsets for relative addressing can be 32 bits*, such that there are no restrictions arising from position independence and reentrance.

*) 68000/68010: only 16 bits.

Table 1-1. Addressing Modes

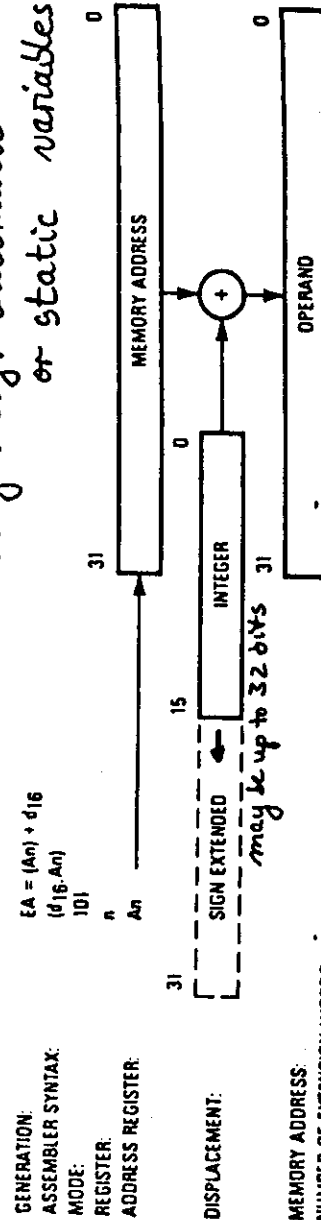
Addressing Modes	Syntax
Register Direct Data Register Direct Address Register Direct	Dn An
Register Indirect Address Register Indirect Address Register Indirect with Postincrement Address Register Indirect with Predecrement Address Register Indirect with Displacement	(An) (An)+ -(An) (d ₁₆ ,An)
Register Indirect with Index Address Register Indirect with Index (8-Bit Displacement) Address Register Indirect with Index (Base Displacement)	(d ₈ ,An,Xn) (bd,An,Xn)
Memory Indirect Memory Indirect Post-Indexed Memory Indirect Pre-Indexed	((bd,An),Xn,od) ((bd,An,Xn),od)
Program Counter Indirect with Displacement	(d ₁₆ ,PC)
Program Counter Indirect with Index PC Indirect with Index (8-Bit Displacement) PC Indirect with Index (Base Displacement)	(d ₈ ,PC,Xn) (bd,PC,Xn)
Program Counter Memory Indirect PC Memory Indirect Post-Indexed PC Memory Indirect Pre-Indexed	((bd,PC),Xn,od) ((bd,PC,Xn),od)
Absolute Absolute Short Absolute Long	(xxx).W (xxx).L
Immediate	#(data)

NOTES:

- Dn = Data Register, D0-D7
- An = Address Register, A0-A7
- d₈, d₁₆ = A two's-complement, or sign-extended displacement; added as part of the effective address calculation; size is 8 (d₈) or 16 (d₁₆) bits; when omitted, assemblers use a value of zero.
- Xn = Address or data register used as an index register; form is Xn.SIZE*SCALE, where SIZE is .W or .L (indicates index register size) and SCALE is 1, 2, 4, or 8 (index register is multiplied by SCALE); use of SIZE and/or SCALE is optional.
- bd = A two's-complement base displacement; when present, size can be 16 or 32 bits.
- od = Outer displacement, added as part of effective address calculation after any memory indirection; use is optional with a size of 16 or 32 bits.
- PC = Program Counter
- (data) = Immediate value of 8, 16, or 32 bits
- () = Effective Address
- [] = Use as indirect access to long word address

•: not on 68000/010.

usage: e.g. automatic or static variables in C



usage: e.g. array reference in C long V[i]; size = 4

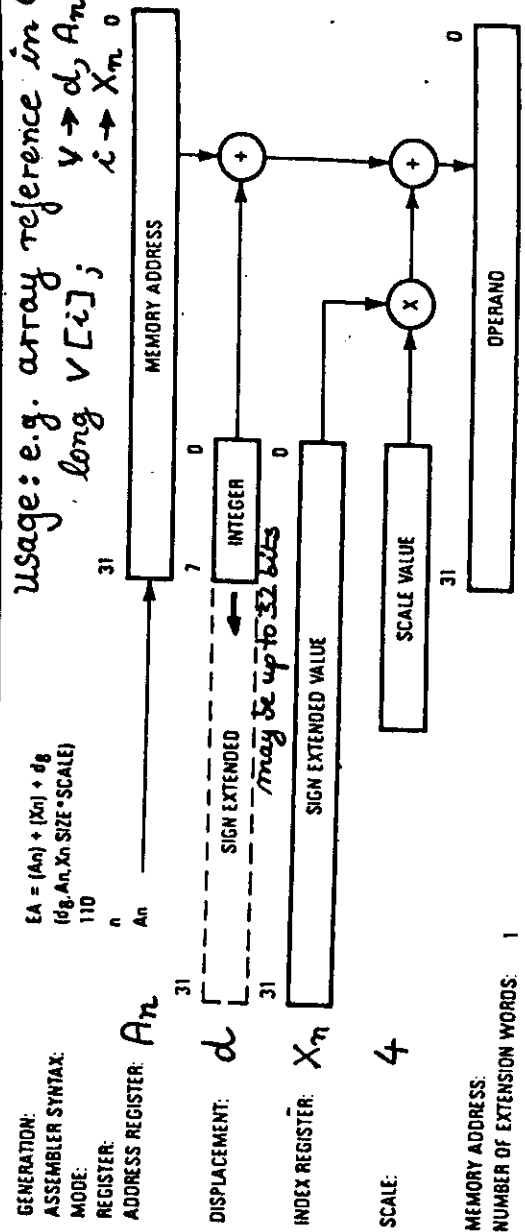


Table 1-2. Instruction Set

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Mnemonic	Description
ABCD ADD ADDA ADDI ADDQ ADDX AND ANDI ASL, ASR	Add Decimal with Extend Add Add Address Add Immediate Add Quick Add with Extend Logical AND Logical AND Immediate Arithmetic Shift Left and Right
Bcc BCHG BCLR BFCHG BFCLR BFEXTS BFEXTU BFFFO BFINS BFSET BFTST BKPT BRA BSET BSR BST	Branch Conditionally Test Bit and Change Test Bit and Clear Test Bit Field and Change Test Bit Field and Clear Signed Bit Field Extract Unsigned Bit Field Extract Bit Field Find First One Bit Field Insert Test Bit Field and Set Test Bit Field Breakpoint Branch Test Bit and Set Branch to Subroutine Test Bit
CAS CAS2 CHK CHK2 CLR CMP CMPA CMPI CMPM CMP2	Compare and Swap Operands Compare and Swap Dual Operands Check Register Against Bound Check Register Against Upper and Lower Bounds Clear Compare Compare Address Compare Immediate Compare Memory to Memory Compare Register Against Upper and Lower Bounds
DBcc DIVS, DIVSL DIVU, DIVUL	Test Condition, Decrement and Branch Signed Divide Unsigned Divide
EOR EORI EXG EXT, EXTB	Logical Exclusive OR Logical Exclusive OR Immediate Exchange Registers Sign Extend
ILLEGAL	Take Illegal Instruction Trap
JMP JSR	Jump Jump to Subroutine
LEA LINK LSL, LSR	Load Effective Address Link and Allocate Logical Shift Left and Right

Mnemonic	Description
MOVE MOVEA MOVE CCR MOVE SR MOVE USP MOVEC MOVEM MOVEP MOVEQ MOVES	Move Move Address Move Condition Code Register Move Status Register Move User Stack Pointer Move Control Register Move Multiple Registers Move Peripheral Move Quick Move Alternate Address Space
MULS MULU	Signed Multiply Unsigned Multiply
NBCD NEG NEGX NOP NOT	Negate Decimal with Extend Negate Negate with Extend No Operation Logical Complement
OR ORI	Logical Inclusive OR Logical Inclusive OR Immediate
PACK PEA	Pack BCD Push Effective Address
PFLUSH PLOAD PMOVE PTEST	Flush Entry(ies) in the ATC Load Entry into the ATC Move to/from MMU Registers Test a Logical Address
RESET ROL, ROR ROXL, ROXR RTD RTE RTR RTS	Reset External Devices Rotate Left and Right Rotate with Extend Left and Right Return and Deallocate Return from Exception Return and Restore Codes Return from Subroutine
SBCD Scc STOP SUB SUBA SUBI SUBQ SUBX SWAP	Subtract Decimal with Extend Set Conditionally Stop Subtract Subtract Address Subtract Immediate Subtract Quick Subtract with Extend Swap Register Words
TAS TRAP TRAPcc TRAPV TST	Test Operand and Set Trap Trap Trap Conditionally Trap on Overflow Test Operand
UNLK UNPK	Unlink Unpack BCD

Table 3-2. Integer Arithmetic Operations

68k family

Instruction	Operand Syntax	Operand Size	Operation
ADD	Dn,(ea) (ea),Dn	8, 16, 32 8, 16, 32	source + destination ∇ destination
ADDA	(ea),An	16, 32	immediate data + destination ∇ destination
ADDI	#,data),(ea)	8, 16, 32	immediate data + destination ∇ destination
ADDO	#,data),(ea)	8, 16, 32	immediate data + destination ∇ destination
ADDX	Dn,Dn -(An), -(An)	8, 16, 32 8, 16, 32	source + destination + X ∇ destination
CLR	(ea)	8, 16, 32	0 ∇ destination
CMP	(ea),Dn	8, 16, 32	destination - source
CMPA	(ea),An	16, 32	destination - source
CMPI	#,data),(ea)	8, 16, 32	destination - immediate data
CMPM	(An) + (An) +	8, 16, 32	destination - source
CMP2	(ea),Rn	8, 16, 32	lower bound (= Rn (= upper bound
DIVS/DIVU	(ea),Dn (ea),Dr:Dq	32/16 ∇ 16:16 64/32 ∇ 32:32	destination/source ∇ destination (signed or unsigned)
DIVSL/DIVUL	(ea),Dq (ea),Dr:Dq	32/32 ∇ 32 32/32 ∇ 32:32	destination/source ∇ destination (signed or unsigned)
EXT	Dn	8 ∇ 16 16 ∇ 32	sign extended destination ∇ destination
EXTB	Dn	8 ∇ 32	sign extended destination ∇ destination
MULS/MULU	(ea),Dn (ea),Dl (ea),Dh:DI	16 x 16 ∇ 32 32 x 32 ∇ 32 32 x 32 ∇ 64	source * destination ∇ destination (signed or unsigned)
NEG	(ea)	8, 16, 32	0 - destination ∇ destination
NEGX	(ea)	8, 16, 32	0 - destination - X ∇ destination
SUB	(ea),Dn	8, 16, 32	destination - source ∇ destination
SUBA	Dn,(ea) (ea),An	8, 16, 32 16, 32	destination - source ∇ destination
SUBI	#,data),(ea)	8, 16, 32	destination - immediate data ∇ destination
SUBO	#,data),(ea)	8, 16, 32	destination - immediate data ∇ destination

COPROCESSOR INSTRUCTIONS

cpBcc cpDBcc	Branch Conditionally Test Coprocessor Condition,
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cpRESTORE cpSAVE	Restore Internal State of Coprocessor Save Internal State of Coprocessor
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Instruction	Operand Syntax	Operand Format	Operation
F(mop)	(ea),FPn FPm,FPn FPn	B,W,L,S,D,X,P X X	source \rightarrow function \rightarrow FPn FPn \rightarrow function \rightarrow FPn

where:

<mop> is any one of the monadic operations specifiers.

68881/68882 Floating Point Coprocessor

Table 4-5. Monadic Operations

Instruction	Function
FABS	absolute value
FACOS	arc cosine
FASIN	arc sine
FATAN	arc tangent
FATANH	hyperbolic arc tangent
FCOS	cosine
FCOSH	hyperbolic cosine
FETOX	ex
FETOXM1	ex - 1
FGETEXP	extract exponent
FGETMAN	extract mantissa
FINT	extract integer part
FINTRZ	extract integer part, rounded-to-zero

Instruction	Function
FLOGN	ln(x)
FLOGNP1	ln(x + 1)
FLOG10	log ₁₀ (x)
FLOG2	log ₂ (x)
FNEG	negate
FSIN	sine
FSINH	hyperbolic sine
FSQRT	square root
FTAN	tangent
FTANH	hyperbolic tangent
FTENTOX	10 ^x
FTWOTOX	2 ^x

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Vector Number(s)	Vector Offset		Assignment	STATUS Asserted
	Hex	Space		
0	000	SP	Reset Initial Interrupt Stack Pointer	—
1	004	SP	Reset Initial Program Counter	—
2	008	SD	Bus Error	Yes
3	00C	SD	Address Error	Yes
4	010	SD	Illegal Instruction	No
5	014	SD	Zero Divide	No
6	018	SD	CHK, CHK2 Instruction	No
7	01C	SD	cpTRAPcc, TRAPcc, TRAPV Instructions	No
8	020	SD	Privilege Violation	No
9	024	SD	Trace	Yes
10	028	SD	Line 1010 Emulator	No
11	02C	SD	Line 1111 Emulator	No
12	030	SD	(Unassigned, Reserved)	
13	034	SD	Coprocessor Protocol Violation	No
14	038	SD	Format Error	No
15	03C	SD	Uninitialized Interrupt	Yes
16 Through 23	040 05C	SD SD	Unassigned, Reserved	
24	060	SD	Spurious Interrupt	Yes
25	064	SD	Level 1 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
26	068	SD	Level 2 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
27	06C	SD	Level 3 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
28	070	SD	Level 4 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
29	074	SD	Level 5 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
30	078	SD	Level 6 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
31	07C	SD	Level 7 Interrupt Autovector	Yes
32 Through 47	080 0BC	SD SD	TRAP #0-15 Instruction Vectors	No No
48	0C0	SD	FPCP Branch or Set on Unordered Condition	No
49	0C4	SD	FPCP Inexact Result	No
50	0C8	SD	FPCP Divide by Zero	No
51	0CC	SD	FPCP Underflow	No
52	0D0	SD	FPCP Operand Error	No
53	0D4	SD	FPCP Overflow	No
54	0D8	SD	FPCP Signaling NAN	No
55	0DC	SD	Unassigned, Reserved	No
56	0E0	SD	MMU Configuration Error	No
57	0E4	SD	Defined for MC68851 not used by MC68030	
58	0E8	SD	Defined for MC68851 not used by MC68030	
59 Through 63	0EC 0FC	SD SD	Unassigned, Reserved	
64 Through 255	100 255	SD SD	User Defined Vectors (192)	

program unchanged if no F.P. chip

Similar to 6803

How interrupts work in 68k systems

There are 3 external interrupts to a 6809:

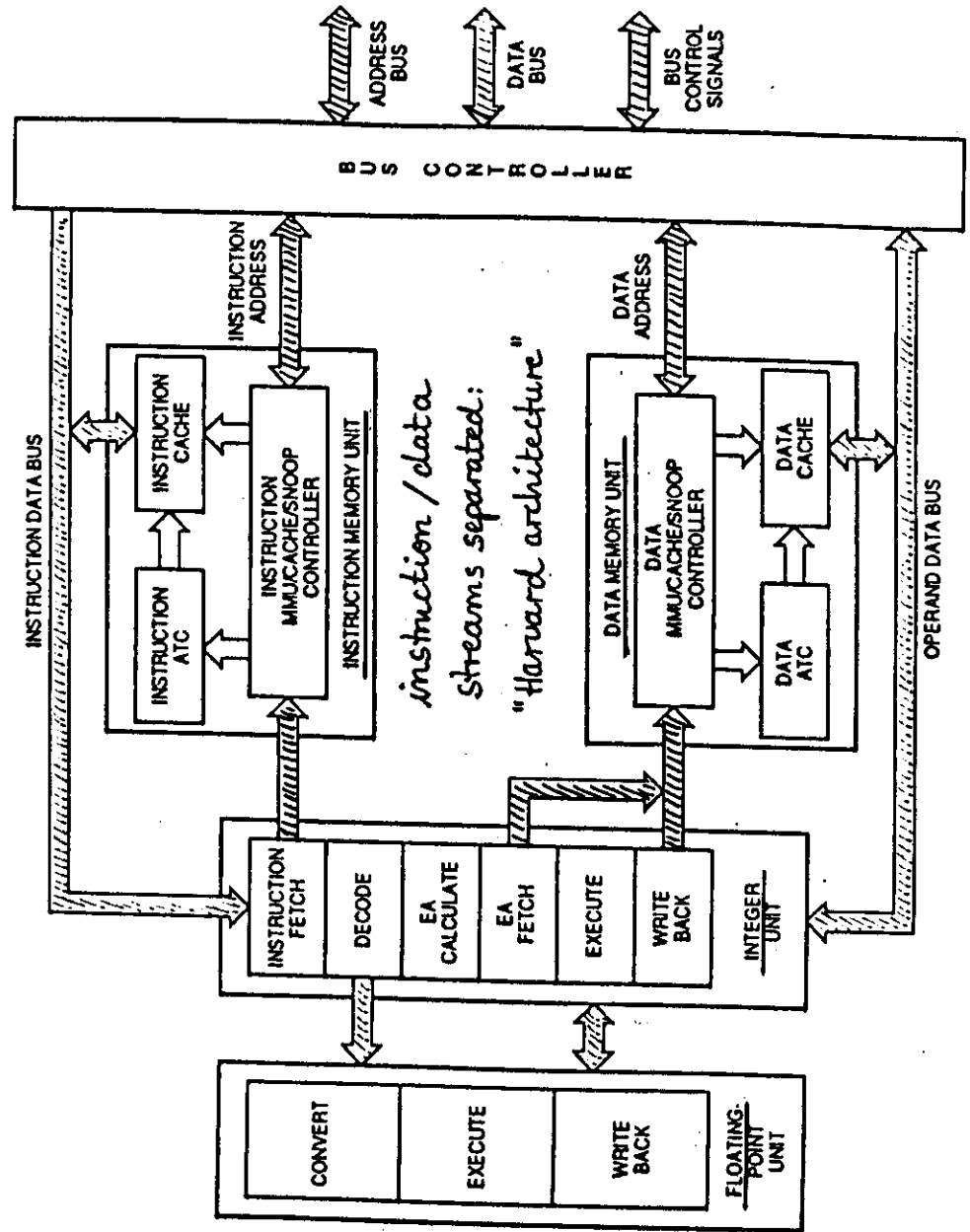
NMI, FIRQ, IRQ. They have fixed vectors:

\$FFFC \$FFF6 \$FFF8.

If more than one device is connected to one interrupt input, the software has to find the interrupter by polling (OS-9 polling table).

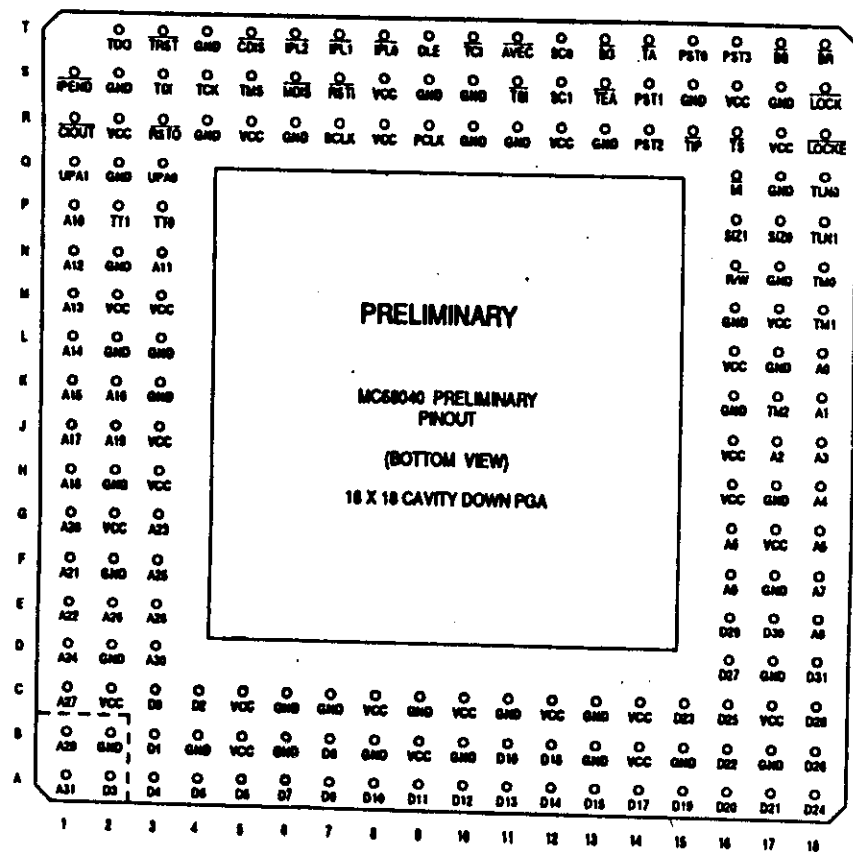
There are 7 external interrupt priorities, encoded into 3 bits IPL_{0,1,2} to a 68k.

The processor asks the interrupter to identify itself with a vector number (8 bit). This number selects one of 254 software routines directly (no polling necessary unless several devices use the same vector number).



12.2 PIN ASSIGNMENTS

The MC68040 is available in an 179-pin package. The following figure shows the pin assignment of the MC68040.



Example: 68040. As fast as many RISC CPUs.

Price for high performance:

very complex chip : 1.2 million transistors

complex board : chip has 179 pins

wants 128 bit

Back to OS-9 ...

Summary of the 68k hardware excursion:

- huge CPU performance range can be covered by OS-9
- virtually unlimited address space; many megabytes of memory usual
- 32-bit data size is standard
- efficient interrupt hardware.


We will see that OS-9/68k does not look very different from OS-9/6809... same concept, similar utilities, even almost same system calls. Many data structures used by OS-9 are however now based on 16 instead of 8 bits. (all module headers, contents of device descriptors, signal codes, etc.)

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Of course, OS-9 had to be re-written completely for the 68k because it was (and is) written in assembler.

The new OS-9000 is now largely written in C for portability, at the cost of some memory and speed.

Some memory requirements of the three generations of OS-9:

	<u>6809</u>	<u>68K</u>	<u>OS-9000</u>
minimum useful RAM	40kb	200kb	300kb
kernel	3kb	27kb	56kb
shell	1kb	19kb	30kb
	 growing functionality		

Differences OS-9 6809 / 68k

1) the system:

• interprocess communication

better handling of signals		F\$ Send
new: events	}	F\$ Event
named pipes		I\$
		/pipe/xy?
data modules		F\$ DatMc

• more file managers for new device class

sequential block devices (magnetic tape) SBF

network devices: OS9Net NFM
(Ethernet, RS232, ...)

• system protection hardware

68k "system state" plus "memory mapping unit" → optional system module SSM

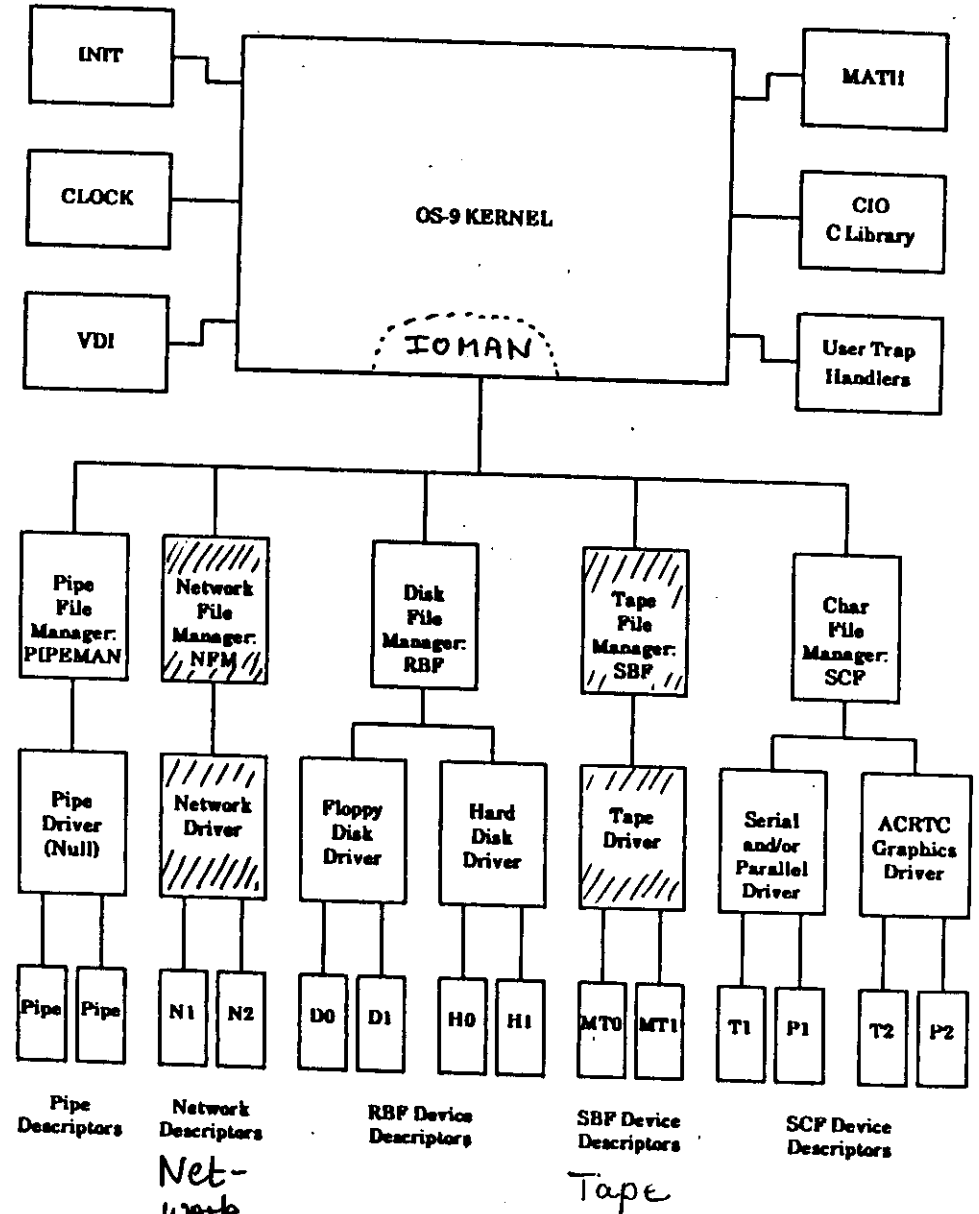
2) the utilities:

- enhanced 'shell' command processor
- wildcards
- environment variables
- logical names embedded in system

The structure of OS-9 has remained unchanged!

OS-9 / 68K

Figure 1: OS-9 MODULE ORGANIZATION



OS9 / 68K

6809

Offset	Usage	
\$00	M\$ID	Sync Bytes (\$4AFC) \$00-\$01
\$02	M\$SysRev	Revision ID ✗
\$04	M\$Size	Module Size \$02-\$03
\$08	M\$Owner	Owner ID ✗
\$0C	M\$Name	Module Name Offset * \$04-\$05
\$10	M\$Accs	Access Permissions ✗
\$12	M\$Type	Module Type } \$06
\$13	M\$Lang	Module Language } \$06
\$14	M\$Attr	Attributes } \$07
\$15	M\$Revs	Revision Level } \$07
\$16	M\$Edit	Edit Edition ✗
\$18	M\$Usage	Usage Comments Offset * ✗
\$1C	M\$Symbol	Symbol Table ✗
\$20	RESERVED	✗
\$2E	M\$Parity	Header Parity Check \$08
\$30-up	Module Type Dependent	
	Module Body	
	CRC Check	3 bytes

* These fields are offset to strings

Figure 3: Module Header Standard Fields

OS9 / 68K

Offset	Usage
\$30	M\$Port Port Address 32 bit
\$34	M\$Vector Trap Vector Number 2-255
\$35	M\$IRQLvl IRQ Interrupt Level 1-7
\$36	M\$Prior IRQ Polling Priority 0-255 *
\$37	M\$Mode Device Mode Capabilities
\$38	M\$FMgr File Manager Name Offset
\$3A	M\$PDev Device Driver Name Offset
\$3C	M\$DevCon Device Configuration Offset
\$3E	Reserved
\$46	M\$Opt Initialization Table Size
\$48	M\$DTyp Device Type

Figure 10: Additional Standard Header Fields For Device Descriptors

* because there are so many different interrupt vectors, polling is usually not necessary.

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F\$AllBit	Allocate in bit map
F\$Chain	Chain process to new module
F\$CmpNam	Compare two names
F\$CpyMem	Copy external memory
F\$CRC	Generate CRC
→ F\$DatMod	Create a data module
F\$DelBit	Deallocate in bit map
F\$DExec	Execute debugged program
F\$DExit	Exit debugged program
F\$DFork	Fork process under control of debugger
F\$Exit	Terminate process
○ F\$Fork	Start new process
F\$GModDr	Get module directory copy
F\$GPrDBT	Get process descriptor block table copy
F\$GPrDsc	Get process descriptor copy
F\$ID	Return process ID
○ F\$Icpt	Set signal intercept
F\$Julian	Get julian date
○ F\$Link	Link to module
F\$Load	Load module(s) from file
F\$Mem	Set memory size
F\$PErr	Print error message
F\$PrsNam	Parse a path name
F\$RTE	Return from interrupt exception
F\$SchBit	Search bit map
○ F\$Send	Send signal to process
F\$SetCRC	Generate valid CRC in module
F\$SetSys	Set/examine system global variables
○ F\$Sleep	Put calling process to sleep
F\$SPrior	Set process priority
F\$SRqMem	System memory request
F\$SRtMem	System memory return
F\$SSpd	Suspend process
F\$STime	Set current time
F\$STrap	Set error Trap handler
F\$SUser	Set user ID number
F\$SysDbg	Call system debugger
F\$Time	Set current date and time
F\$TLink	Install user Trap handling module
F\$UnLink	Unlink module
F\$UnLoad	Unlink module by name
○ F\$Wait	Wait for child process to terminate
→ F\$Wait	Wait for child process to terminate

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I\$Attach	Attach I/O device
I\$ChgDir	Change working directory
I\$Close	Close path
I\$Create	Create new file
I\$Delete	Delete file
I\$Detach	Detach I/O device
I\$Dup	Duplicate path
I\$GetStt	Get file/device status
I\$MakDir	Make directory file
I\$Open	Open a path to a file or device
I\$Read	Read data from a file or device
I\$ReadLn	Read line of ASCII data
I\$Seek	Change current position
I\$SetStt	Set file/device status
I\$Write	Write data to file or device
I\$WritLn	Write line of ASCII data

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F\$AllPD	Allocate process/path descriptor
F\$AllPrc	Allocate process descriptor
F\$AProc	Enter active process queue
F\$FindPD	Find process/path descriptor
F\$IOQu	Enter I/O queue
F\$IRQ	Add or remove device from IRQ table
F\$Move	Move data (low bound first)
F\$NProc	Start next process
F\$RetPD	Return process/path descriptor
F\$SSvc	Service request table initialization
F\$VModul	Validate module

Interprocess communication

purposes: data exchange
synchronisation
mutual exclusion

• OS-9 signals

F\$Send to send a signal to
a specified process.

F\$Sleep to await a signal.

F\$Icpt to install a routine for
handling special signals.

Standard signal codes:

kill

wakeup used by driver's IRQ routine

interrupt control - C on terminal

abort control - E on terminal

- Signals carry a 16-bit information (signal code; 6809: 8-bit).
- They are process specific, rather than system global (exception: ID = ϕ).
- They are queued to the receiving process (were not in 6809).
Exception: wakeup lost if process running!
- Processes can mask signals (not in 6809). Caution with real time response!

Signals are primarily useful for the internal working of I/O system. Careful when using explicitly for synchronisation.