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Program Structure

- Clarity of software is important!
- As we can see from the documentation that is available to us, poor documentation wastes time
- Good documentation in your software …
  - >Will allow you to better utilize your time when you go back to modify it
  - >Will allow others to more easily interface with it

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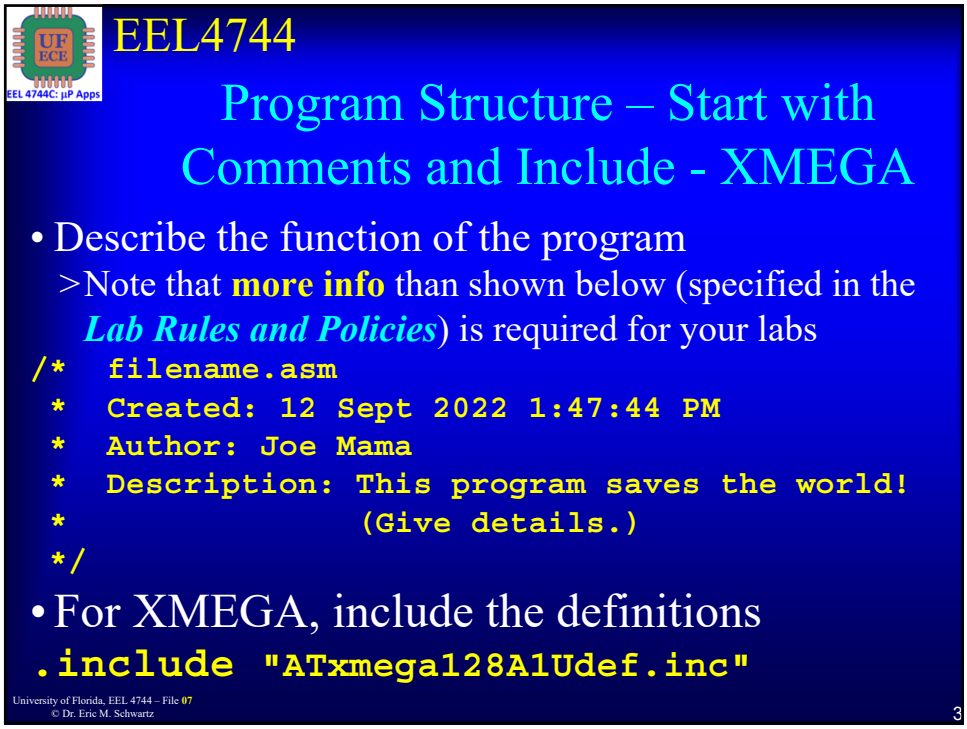
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Program Structure – Start with Comments and Include - XMEGA
• Describe the function of the program
>Note that more info than shown below (specified in the Lab Rules and Policies) is required for your labs
/* filename.asm
* Created: 12 Sept 2022 1:47:44 PM
* Author: Joe Mama
* Description: This program saves the world!
* (Give details.)
*/
• For XMEGA, include the definitions
.include "ATxmega128A1Udef.inc"
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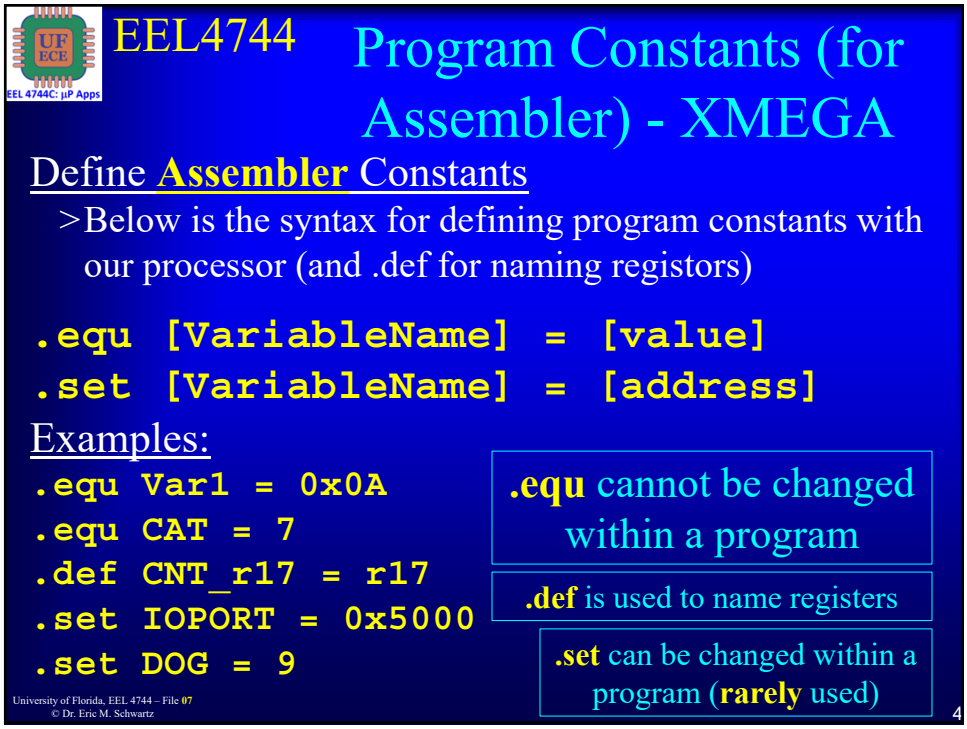
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Program Constants (for Assembler) - XMEGA
Define Assembler Constants
>Below is the syntax for defining program constants with our processor (and .def for naming registors)
.equ [VariableName] = [value]
.set [VariableName] = [address]
Examples:
.equ Var1 = 0x0A
.equ CAT = 7
.def CNT_r17 = r17
.set IOPORT = 0x5000
.set DOG = 9
.equ cannot be changed within a program
.def is used to name registers
.set can be changed within a program (rarely used)
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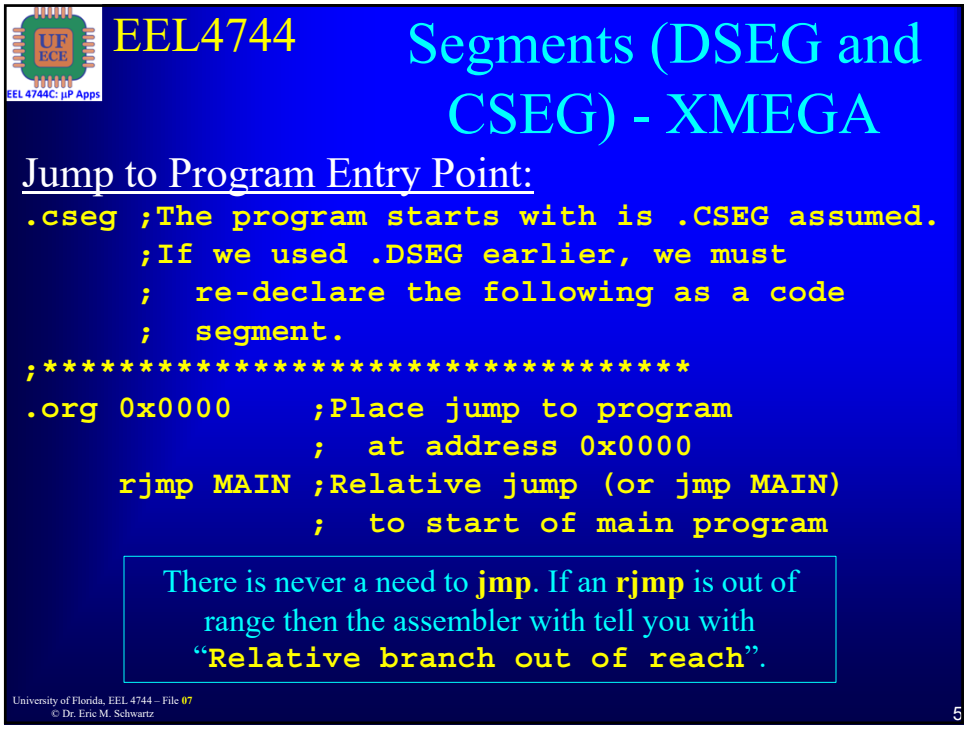
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Segments (DSEG and CSEG) - XMEGA
Jump to Program Entry Point:
.cseg ;The program starts with is .CSEG assumed.
;If we used .DSEG earlier, we must
; re-declare the following as a code
; segment.
;*********************************
.org 0x0000 ;Place jump to program
; at address 0x0000
rjmp MAIN ;Relative jump (or jmp MAIN)
; to start of main program
There is never a need to jmp. If an rjmp is out of range then the assembler with tell you with "Relative branch out of reach".
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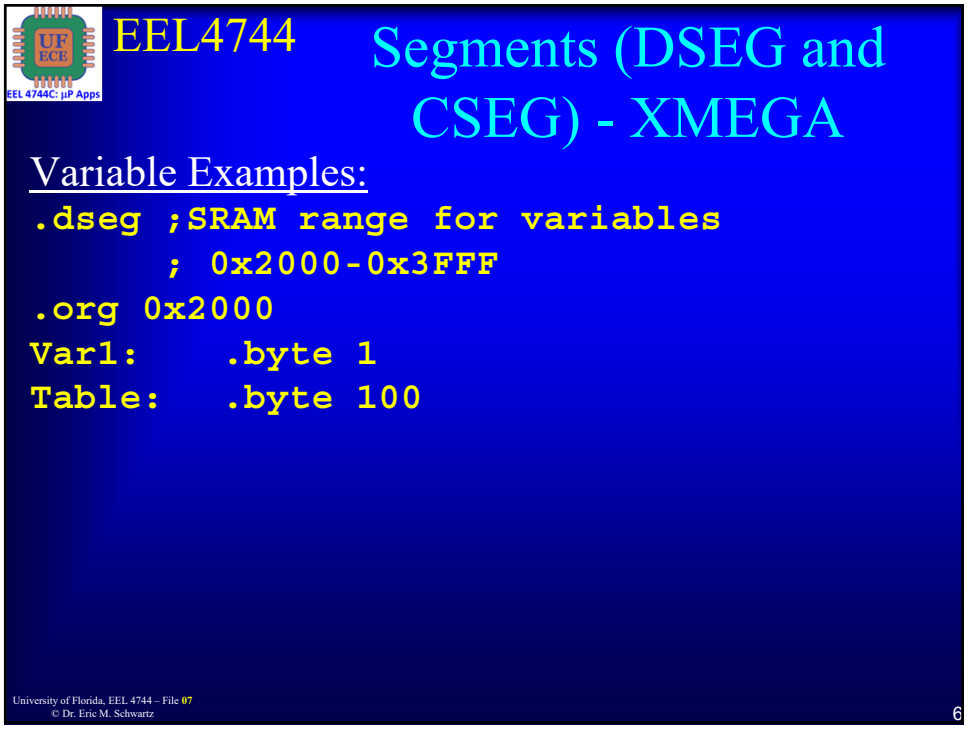
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Segments (DSEG and CSEG) - XMEGA
Variable Examples:
.dseg ;SRAM range for variables
; 0x2000-0x3FFF
.org 0x2000
Var1: .byte 1
Table: .byte 100
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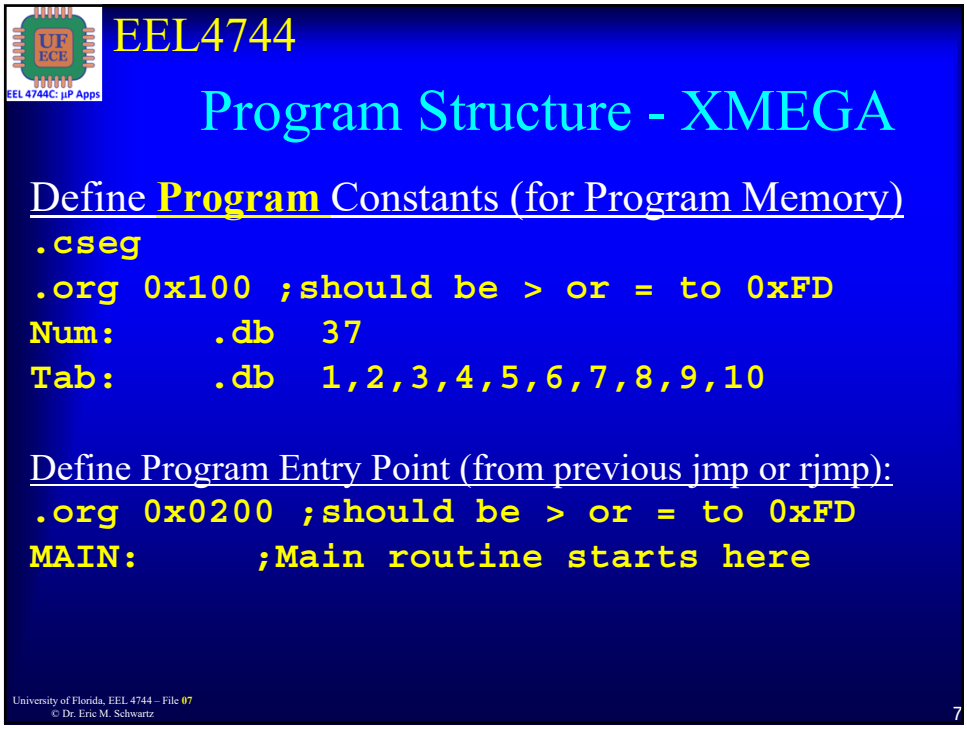
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Program Structure - XMEGA
Define Program Constants (for Program Memory)
.cseg
.org 0x100 ;should be > or = to 0xFD
Num: .db 37
Tab: .db 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
Define Program Entry Point (from previous jmp or rjmp):
.org 0x0200 ;should be > or = to 0xFD
MAIN: ;Main routine starts here
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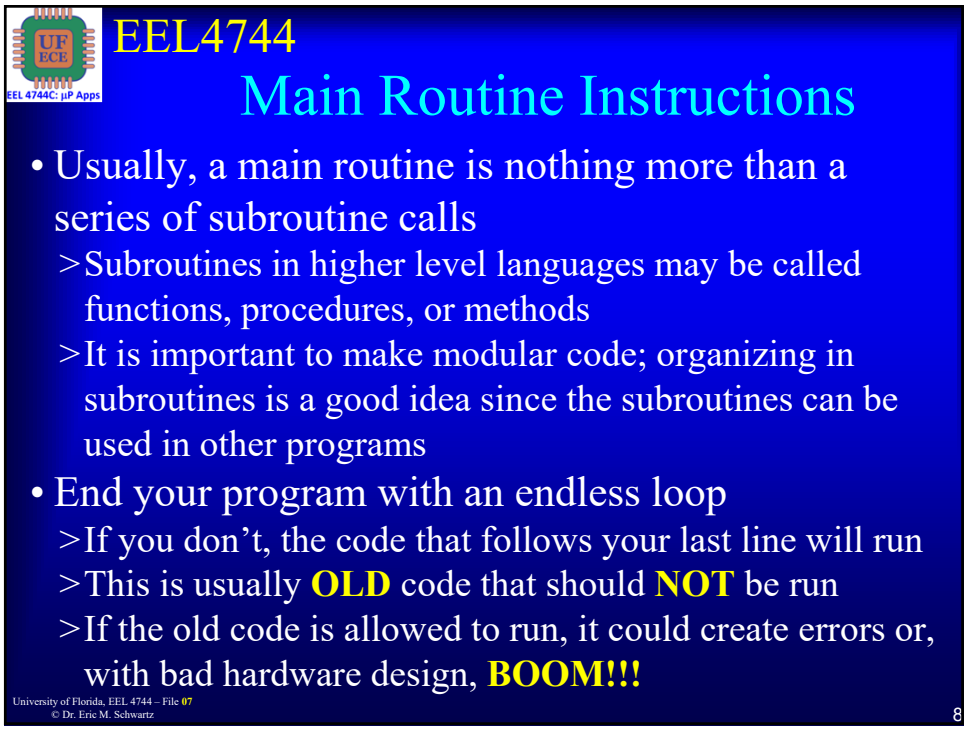
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Main Routine Instructions
• Usually, a main routine is nothing more than a series of subroutine calls
>Subroutines in higher level languages may be called functions, procedures, or methods
>It is important to make modular code; organizing in subroutines is a good idea since the subroutines can be used in other programs
• End your program with an endless loop
>If you don't, the code that follows your last line will run
>This is usually OLD code that should NOT be run
>If the old code is allowed to run, it could create errors or, with bad hardware design, BOOM!!!
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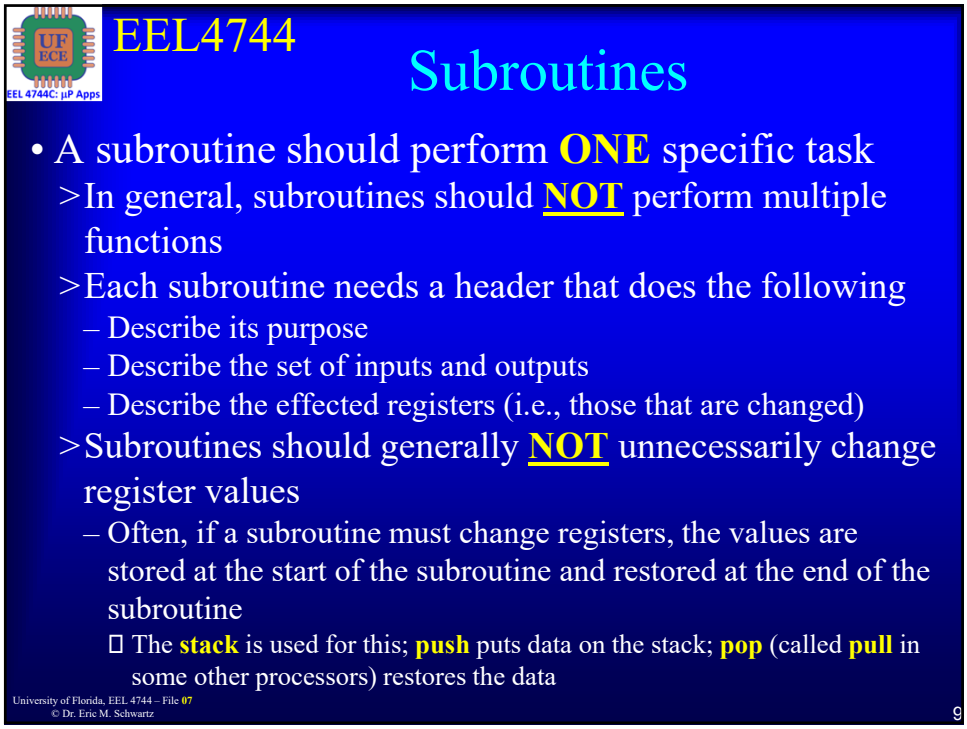
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Subroutines
• A subroutine should perform ONE specific task
>In general, subroutines should NOT perform multiple functions
>Each subroutine needs a header that does the following
– Describe its purpose
– Describe the set of inputs and outputs
– Describe the effected registers (i.e., those that are changed)
>Subroutines should generally NOT unnecessarily change register values
– Often, if a subroutine must change registers, the values are stored at the start of the subroutine and restored at the end of the subroutine
The stack is used for this; push puts data on the stack; pop (called pull in some other processors) restores the data
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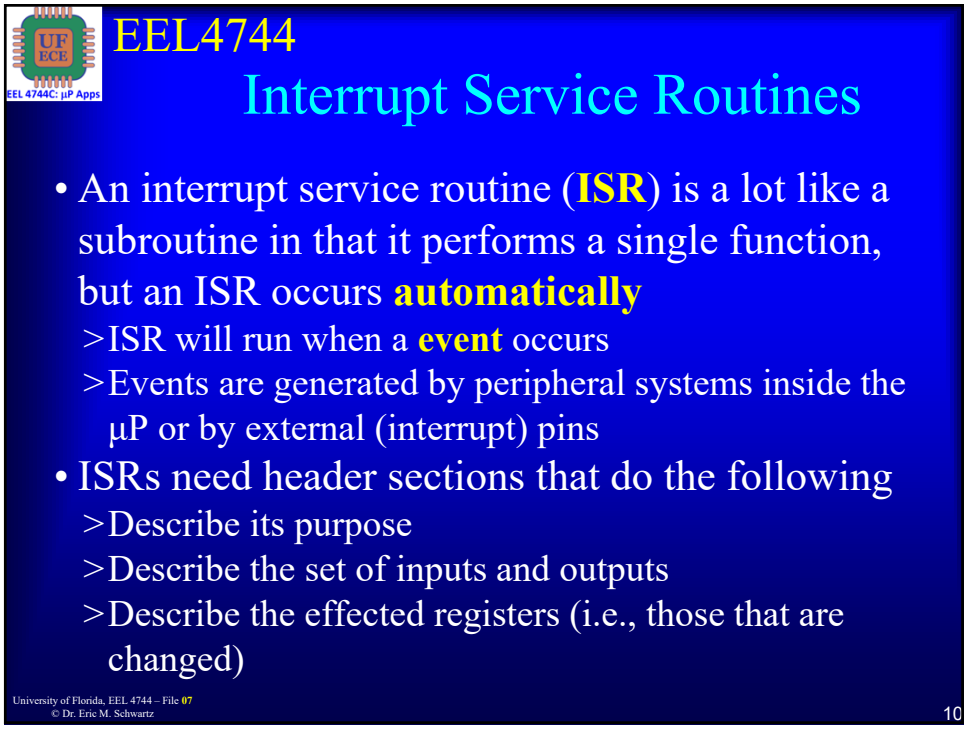
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Interrupt Service Routines
• An interrupt service routine (ISR) is a lot like a subroutine in that it performs a single function, but an ISR occurs automatically
>ISR will run when a event occurs
>Events are generated by peripheral systems inside the µP or by external (interrupt) pins
• ISRs need header sections that do the following
>Describe its purpose
>Describe the set of inputs and outputs
>Describe the effected registers (i.e., those that are changed)
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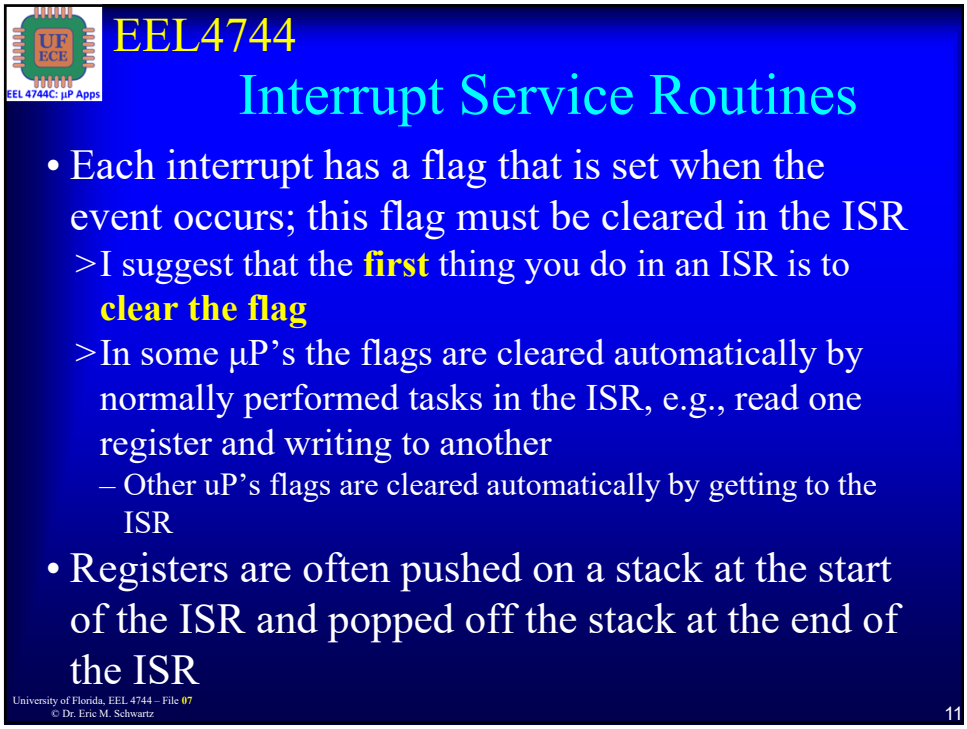
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Interrupt Service Routines
• Each interrupt has a flag that is set when the event occurs; this flag must be cleared in the ISR
>I suggest that the first thing you do in an ISR is to clear the flag
>In some µP's the flags are cleared automatically by normally performed tasks in the ISR, e.g., read one register and writing to another
– Other uP's flags are cleared automatically by getting to the ISR
• Registers are often pushed on a stack at the start of the ISR and popped off the stack at the end of the ISR
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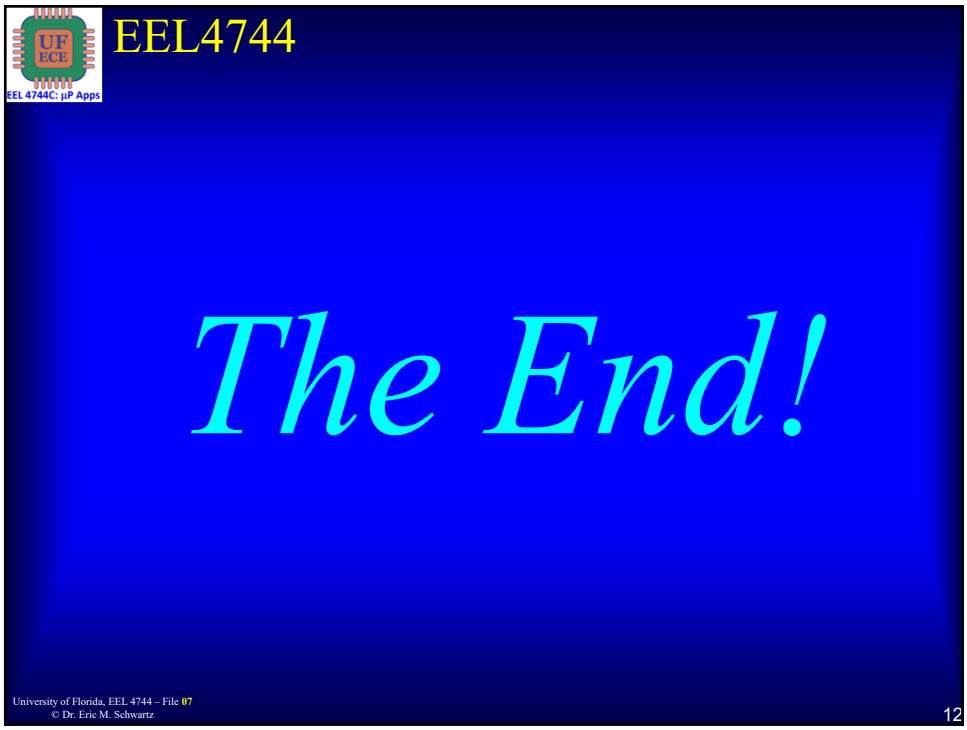
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The End!
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