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## Parametric Search

- All companies have different procedures and techniques for finding microprocessors and microcontrollers
- These change **CONSTANTLY**
- The next few pages show Microchip/Atmel and Texas Instruments (TI) as it was on the day I created this lecture (17Apr2024)

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## Parametric Search: MicroChip (Atmel)

- Note that Microchip now owns Atmel, there is one path for Microchip and Atmel
- > Go to <https://www.microchip.com/products>
  - **Microcontrollers and Microprocessors | Explore 8-bit MCUs**
    - Near bottom, find Documentation and then “Reference Guides”
      - Open both PIC and AVR “Peripheral Quick Reference Card”
    - Note that our XMEGA is **not** shown under “New Products”
    - Scroll down to “Browse by Architecture”
      - Select “Explore AVR Families” in “AVR Microcontroller Families” Find “View All Parametrics” and select it
      - Scroll left to see all the columns
      - In the empty box to the right of “Microcontrollers and Microprocessors” choose “8-bit Microcontrollers”; “All 8 bit MCU” will appear
        - ❖ Now AVR and PICs will be shown
        - ❖ Under “Type Product #”, enter “128A1U” to see our XMEGA
        - ❖ Clear “128A1U” and change various specs to find what you **need**

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## Parametric Search: MicroChip (Atmel)

- > Go back to **Products | Microcontrollers and Microprocessors | Explore 8-bit MCUs**
  - <https://www.microchip.com/en-us/products/microcontrollers-and-microprocessors/8-bit-mcus>
  - Under **Start Developing** find **Get Started with AVR MCUs** and select **Start Here**
    - Select **Develop Your Project**
      - Does **NOT** show Microchip/Atmel Studio, but shows other integrated development environments
      - MPLAB X IDE and MPLAB XPRESS IDE
- > But now go to the top and see **Tools and Resources** then select **Develop**
  - Next to **Browse Develop**, select **view all**
  - Notice now the MicroChip Studio IDE (for AVR ...) is **now shown**

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## Developer Tools: MicroChip (Atmel)

- To get to **Development Tool Selector**
  - > On top select **Tools and Resources | Search and Discover | Development Tool Selector**
    - Enter part number (like **ATXMEGA128A1U**)
      - Until last semester, you would see three choices (including Microchip Studio)
        - Now only see MPLAB X IDE and MPLAB XC COMPILER
        - Select **Legacy** (on the left) and you'll see Microchip STUDIO
        - Select **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Tools** (on the left) and you'll see IAR Systems and GCC

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## Parametric Search: TI

- TI (Texas Instruments)
  - > General parametric search
    - [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com)
      - **Products | Microcontrollers (MCUs) & processors | MSP430 Microcontrollers | View all products**
      - MSP430 is most similar to our microcontroller family
      - Select **All filters** and/or select **Columns**
        - You can download use **Download Excel** to get it on a spreadsheet
        - Now can do a **parametric search** and investigate
          - Select **Columns** and then **Frequency (MHz)**
          - Select a frequency and see how the number is reduced
    - [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com)
      - **Products | Microcontrollers (MCUs) & processors | Microcontrollers (MCUs) & processors** or skip straight to:
        - <http://www.ti.com/microcontrollers/overview.html?jktype=recommendedresults>
        - **View all products**
          - Now can do a **parametric search** as before (or **Download Excel**)

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## Parametric Search: TI

- [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com)
  - **Products | Microcontrollers (MCUs) & processors**
    - MSP430 is most similar to our microcontroller family (but 16-bit CPU)
    - ARM-based MCUs (previously included MSP432)
      - Arm Cortex-M0+ MCUs
        - Low cost
      - Arm Cortex-M4 MCUs
        - More communication peripherals
      - Arm Cortex-R MCUs
        - More security, multicore, networking
    - ARM-based processors (automotive, industrial, IoT)
    - C2000 real-time MCU (for real-time control)
      - High-end processors with some DSP/DSC capabilities
      - Built for real-time control
    - Digital Signal Processors (DSPs for audio, aerospace, and defense)

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