SOC Design

Week 7: Interrupts



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Interrupt is a signal emitted by hardware or software when a process or an event needs immediate attention.

It alerts the processor to a high-priority process requiring interruption of the current working process.

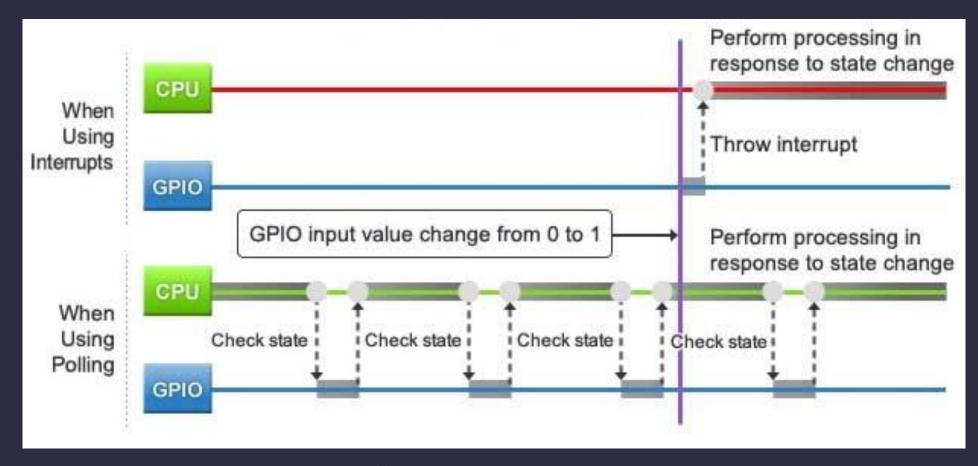
In I/O devices one of the bus control lines is dedicated for this purpose and is called the Interrupt Service Routine (ISR).



```
Polling
                                            Interrupt
int main()
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                                           while(1){
  while(1){
  if(switch = on ){
  getData(); }
                                           OnSwitch_ISR{
                                            getData()
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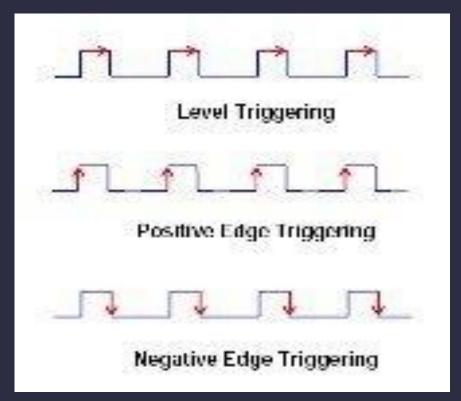
Polling vs Interrupt





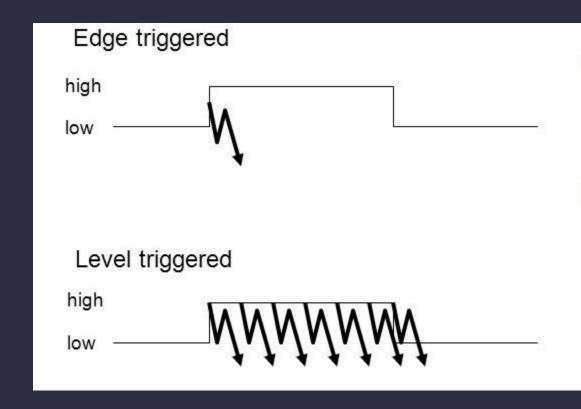
Polling vs Interrupt





Interrupt Types

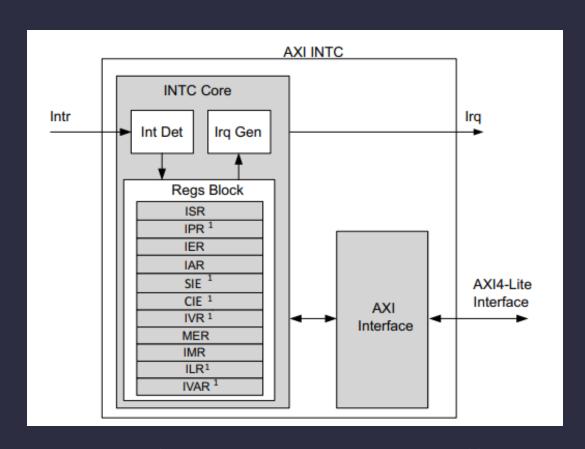




- Edge triggered interrupts signal as a one shot event!
- Level triggered interrupts are signaled as long as line is raised

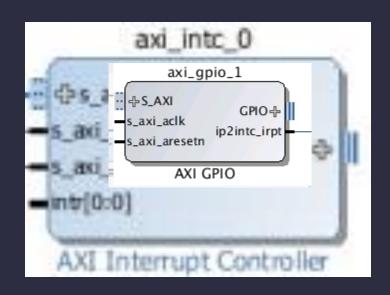
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Xilinx Interrupt Controller





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AXI GPIO with Interrupt