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## **EXCEPTIONS ON THE HCS12**

- Exceptions are the way a processor responds to things other than the normal sequence of instructions in memory.
- Exceptions consist of such things as Reset and Interrupts.
- Interrupts allow a processor to respond to an event without constantly polling to see whether the event has occurred.
- On the HCS12 some interrupts cannot be masked these are the Unimplemented Instruction Trap and the Software Interrupt (SWI instruction).
- XIRQ interrupt is masked with the X bit of the Condition Code Register. Once the X bit is cleared to enable the XIRQ interrupt, it cannot be set to disable it.
  - The XIRQ interrupt is for external events such as power fail which must be responed to.
- The rest of the HCS12 interrupts are masked with the I bit of the CCR.
- All these other interrupts are also masked with a specific interrupt mask.
- This allows you to enable any of these other interrupts you want.
- The I bit can be set to 1 to disable all of these interrupts if needed.

## **USING INTERRUPTS ON THE HCS12**

What happens when the HCS12 receives an unmasked interrupt?

- 1. Finish current instruction
- 2. Push all registers onto the stack
- 3. Set I bit of CCR

4. Load Program Counter from interrupt vector for particular interrupt

Most interrupts have both a specific mask and a general mask. For most interrupts the general mask is the I bit of the CCR. For the TOF interrupt the specific mask is the TOI bit of the TSCR2 register.

Before using interrupts, make sure to:

- 1. Load stack pointer
  - Done for you in C by crts.s
- 2. Write Interrupt Service Routine
- Do whatever needs to be done to service interrupt. Keep it short do not do things which take a long time, such as a printf(), or wait for some external event.
  - Clear interrupt flag
  - Exit with RTI
- Use the @interrupt function of the Cosmic C compiler
- 3. Load address of interrupt service routine into interrupt vector
- 4. Do any setup needed for interrupt
  - For example, for the TOF interrupt, turn on timer and set prescaler
- 5. Enable specific interrupt
- 6. Enable interrupts in general (clear I bit of CCR with cli instruction or enable() function Can disable all (maskable) interrupts with the sei instruction or disable() function.