# Microcontroller Architectures Things to Consider

- Performance vs. Cost
  - Speed (instructions/second)
  - Precision (8, 16, 32 or 64 bits, fixed or floating point)
- RISC or CISC
- Voltage
- Peripherals
  - A/D converter (number of bits)
  - COM ports (how many, what type SCI, SPI I<sup>2</sup>C)
  - USB
  - Ethernet
  - Timers
  - Specialized items
    - \* PWM
    - \* Media control (Compact Flash, Secure Digital cards)
    - \* Many others
- Memory
  - Address bus size
  - RAM
  - EEPROM
  - Flash EEPROM
- Special Requirements
  - Low power for battery applications
  - Radiation hardened for space applications
  - Temperature range

## • Development Tools

- Software Tools
  - \* Assembler
  - \* C Compiler
  - \* IDE
- Hardware tools
  - \* Evaluation boards
  - \* In Circuit Emulators
  - \* Background Debug Mode

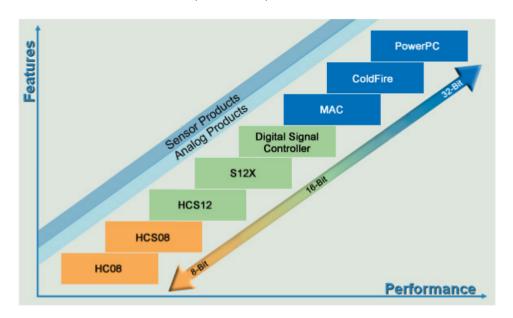
## • Familiarity

- Different lines from same manufacturer often have similar programming models and instruction forms
- For example, consider writing the byte \$AA to address held in the X register:

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* Motorola: movb #$AA, 0,X
* Intel: mov [ECX] OAAH
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- Consider the way the 16-bit \$1234 number is stored in memory location \$2000
  - 1. Motorola: \$12 is stored in address \$2000, \$34 is stored in address \$2001
  - 2. Intel: \$34 is stored in address \$2000, \$12 is stored in address \$2001

#### Freescale (Motorola) Microcontrollers



- HC08 (8 bit)
  - \$1.00 each
  - 8 pins to 80 pins
  - 128 bytes to 2 KB RAM
  - 1.5 KB to 7680 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 2 MHz to 8 MHz clock
  - Lots of different peripherals
- HCS08 (8 bit)
  - \$2.00 each (and higher)
  - 8 pins to 64 pins
  - 512 bytes to 4 KB RAM
  - 4 KB to 60 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 8 MHz or 20 MHz clock
  - Lots of different peripherals
- HCS12 (16 bit)
  - \$10.00 each (and higher)
  - 48 pins to 112 pins
  - 2 KB to 12 KB RAM
  - 1 KB to 4 KB EEPROM
  - 32 KB to 512 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 25 MHz to 50 MHz clock

- Lots of different peripherals
- S12X (16 bit)
  - \$20.00 each (and higher)
  - -48 pins to 112 pins
  - 4 KB to 12 KB RAM
  - 1 KB to 4 KB EEPROM
  - 32 KB to 512 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 25 MHz clock
  - Lots of different peripherals
- 56800 DSP (32 bit)
  - \$7.00 each (and higher)
  - -48 pins to 112 pins
  - -4 KB to 32 KB RAM
  - 16 KB to 512 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 32 MHz to 120 MHz clock
  - Specialized for such things as audio processing
- MAC (32 bit)
  - \$20.00 each (and higher)
  - 32-bit upgrade of 9S12 line for automotive applications
  - 112 pins to 208 pins
  - 16 KB to 48 KB RAM
  - 384 KB to 1024 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 40 MHz to 50 MHz clock
  - Specialized for such things as audio processing
- ColdFire (32 bit)
  - \$40.00 each (and higher)
  - 144 pins to 256 pins
  - 16 MHz to 266 MHz clock
- Power PC (32 bit)
  - \$40.00 each (and higher)
  - -272 pins to 388 pins
  - 26 KB to 32 KB RAM
  - 448 KB to 1024 KB Flash EEPROM
  - 40 MHz to 66 MHz clock

### Other Manufacturers

- Low end (8 bit)
  - PIC from Microchip
    - \* Very inexpensive (\$0.50)
    - \* Low pin count (6 to 100)
    - \* Often small memory (16 bytes RAM, 128 bytes ROM)
    - \* RISC
  - 8051 (Originally Intel, now National, TI)
  - Z8 (Zilog similar to 8051)
- Mid-Range (16 bits)
  - Z80 and Z180 from Rabbit
- High End (32 bit)
  - ARM licensed to Intel, TI, many others
  - MIPS licensed to Hitachi