

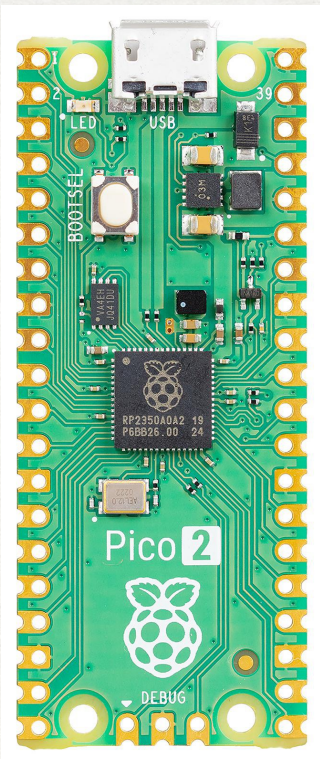
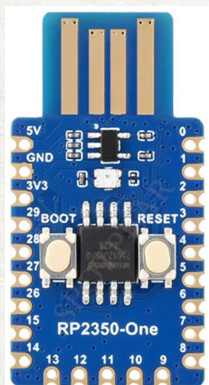
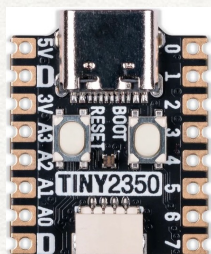
lets boot a rp2350

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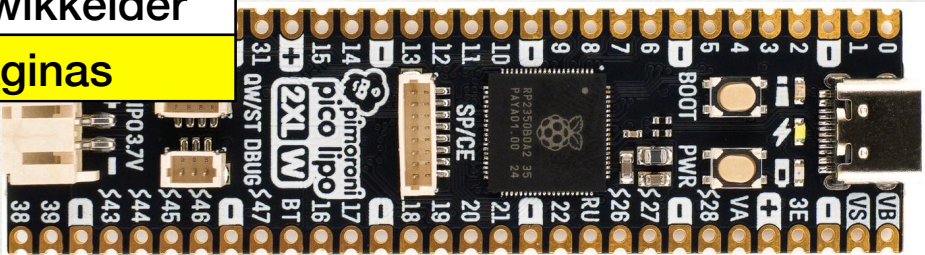
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Forth gebruikers-groep HCC

project: NoForth op de Raspberry Pico 2



	Pico 1 - rp2040	Pico 2 - rp2350
ARM		
cpu	M0+	M33
nominale f cpu	133 MHz	150 Mhz
Coremark	2.46/MHz	4.1/MHz
transistors/core	75.000	800.000
flash/ram	2MB/260 KB	4MB/520 KB
FPU	-	+
integer div	-	+
exceptions	1	7
thumb-2	-	+
Trust-zone - OTP	-	+
SHA-256 - TRNG	-	+
resus-copros	-	+
Raspberry		
veel IO - PIO	2	3
HSTX	-	+
Risc-V cores	-	+
low power	-	+
nadelen		
setup CPU	simpel	iets ingewikkelder
Boot process	22 paginas	88 paginas



Floor Plan Area cortex-M0+ en M33

Characteristics

Performance efficiency: 2.46 CoreMark/MHz * and 0.99/1.30/2.58 DMIPS/MHz **

Arm Cortex-M0+ Implementation Data ***			
	180ULL (7-track, typical 1.8v, 25°C)	90LP (7-track, typical 1.2v, 25°C)	40LP (9-track, typical 1.1v, 25°C)
Dynamic Power	47.4µW/MHz	9.37µW/MHz	3.8µW/MHz
Floor Plan Area	0.098mm ²	0.028mm ²	0.0066mm ²

0.098mm²

0.028mm²

Characteristics

Performance efficiency: 4.1 CoreMark/MHz * and 1.54/2.05/4.48 DMIPS/MHz **

Arm Cortex-M33 Implementation Data ***			
	40LP (9-track, typical 0.99V, -40°C)	28HPC+ (7-track, typical 0.81V, 0°C)	16FFC (7-track, typical 0.72V, 85°C)
Dynamic Power	12.0µW/MHz	3.8µW/MHz	3.9µW/MHz
Floor Plan Area	0.028mm ²	0.014mm ²	0.008mm ²

0.028mm²

0.014mm²

heel veel informatie beschikbaar:

documentatie Pico1 ~1000 pagina's

documentatie Pico 2 ~4000 pagina's

voorbeeld LED-blinkers (Raspberry: UF2=98.3 KB - Python: UF2=400KB)

source Zeptoforth - complete Zeptoforth ~300k UF2

metacompiler NoForth-t voor de Pico 1 met rp2040 cpu

beta-versie 16b-Thumb assembler incl UF2-generatie in WabiForth

tutorial 'RP2350 blink driver'- bare-metal

by **Kevin Thomas aka technotalent** on GitHub

strategie

UF2 Bootfile begrijpen - nieuwe specs - veel meer functionaliteit in de UF2 file dan met de Pico 1

Nieuwe BOOTROM begrijpen

WO: NoForth: consequenties van de veranderde hardware

JH: minimale LED-blinker in assembly om het boot-process onder de knie te krijgen

ervaringen - minimale LED-blinker in assembly

Thumb-assembler ongeschikt voor makro's -> nieuwe assembler geschreven - zo simpel mogelijk -> Dumb-assembler

'smart' assembler

r1, r2, r3, ldr

r1, r2, 20 ldr

dumb-assembler

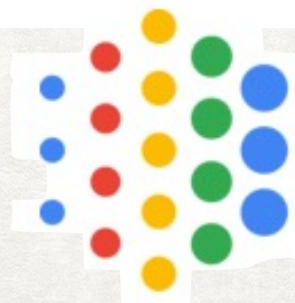
r1, r2, r3, ldr

r1, r2, 20 i5ldr

WabiForth geen filesystem -> GForth om UF2 files te krijgen

Source van de tutorial 'RP2350 blink driver'

- inhoudelijk meer dan een minimum boot
- formeel assembly format met compiler-directives, .h etc.
- 32b Thumb-2 opcodes, echter assembler=16b-Thumb



Google AI

doorbraak!

doorbraak na 4 weken -> eerste blinkende led in assembly

boot process was het meest simpele mogelijk:

- haal gpios en pads uit de reset
- setup gpio 25 en isolatie van pads opheffen
- een LED loop met vertraging

correct geformatteerde UF2-file

omgezet in NoForth was de executable 122 bytes lang
(Raspberry blinkertje is ~49KB bytes)

Als je een LED aan kunt zetten dan kan je alles!

- secondaire boot naar RAM ipv FLASH
- LED patroon ipv aan/uit knipperen
- simpele exception handler
- start clocks: rosc, xosc, 2 plls, 10 clock_generators, 6 tick_generators
- SIO co-processor
- LED-loop via watchdog-reset
- voedingsspanning van de cores

test van min en max f_{cpu} op xosc:
1.8Hz - 650MHz -> 0.23-450mA

- aanroepen routines in de bootrom

LED	betekenis
knippert 'OK'	alles ok
flasht 1x kort per 1,5sec	exception
'off'	endless loop of systeem crash
'on' maar geen patroon	fout in LED-loop
knippert 1x het patroon stopt dan	fout in watchdog
snelheid van knipperen	f_{CPU}
patroon veranderlijk	te heet

'OK' in morse: 0000_0000_0111_0101_1100_0111_0111_0111

Niet elk voorbeeld is perfect...

```
enable_tick_generators:
    ldr r0, =TICKS_BASE | ALIAS_CLR
    ldr r1, =TICKS_CTRL_ENABLE
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_PROC0_CTRL]
@    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_PROC1_CTRL]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_TIMER0_CTRL]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_TIMER1_CTRL]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_WATCHDOG_CTRL]

    ldr r0, =TICKS_BASE
    ldr r1, =TICKS_CTRL_RUNNING
1:    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_PROC0_CTRL]
    tst r1, r2
    bne 1b
@    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_PROC1_CTRL]
@    tst r1, r2
@    bne 1b
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    tst r1, r2
    bne 1b
    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_WATCHDOG_CTRL]
    tst r1, r2
    bne 1b

    ldr r0, =TICKS_BASE
    ldr r1, =INIT_TICKS_CYCLES
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_PROC0_CYCLES]
@    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_PROC1_CYCLES]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_TIMER0_CYCLES]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_TIMER1_CYCLES]
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_WATCHDOG_CYCLES]

    ldr r0, =TICKS_BASE | ALIAS_SET
    ldr r1, =TICKS_CTRL_ENABLE
    str r1, [r0, #TICKS_PROC0_CTRL]
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    beq 1b
@    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_PROC1_CTRL]
@    tst r1, r2
@    bne 1b
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    tst r1, r2
    beq 1b
    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_TIMER1_CTRL]
    tst r1, r2
    beq 1b
    ldr r2, [r0, #TICKS_WATCHDOG_CTRL]
    tst r1, r2
    beq 1b
```

```
\ enable_tick_generators: init and start 5 ARM tick-streams -----
\ r2, counter -> 0, 12, 24, 36, 48 - if 60 -> ready

\ preamble
r2, 0          ldv8, \ counter
r3, C          ldv8, \ =12 - divisor and offset for tick_generators
r4, 1          ldv8, \ a number '1'

tickinitloop:
r0, 4010B000   ldv32,
r4, r0, r2,    str, \ store @ r0+r2 - clear enable

r0, 40108004   ldv32,
r3, r0, r2,    str, \ store '12' in tick-deler=04

r0, 4010A000   ldv32,
r4, r0, r2,    str, \ store - set enable bit

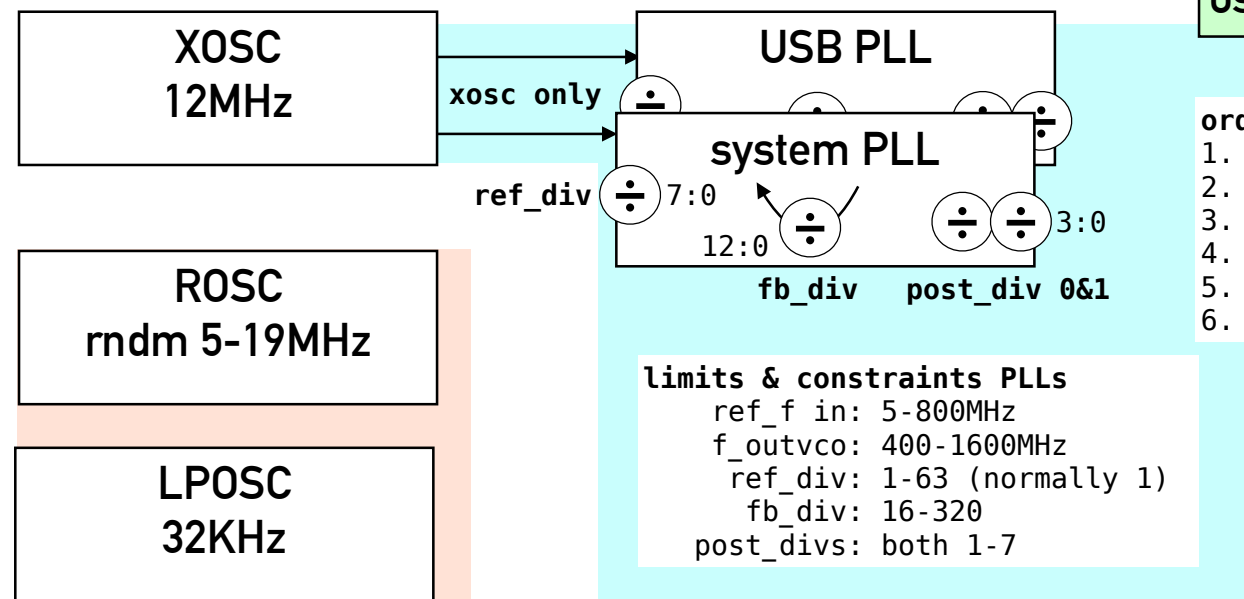
r2, r2, r3,    adds, \ add 12 to counter
r2, 3C         i8cmp, \ 0x3C=60 - if 0x48 -> RISC-V counter also set up
bne, tickinitloop:
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minimum boot

Zeptoforth

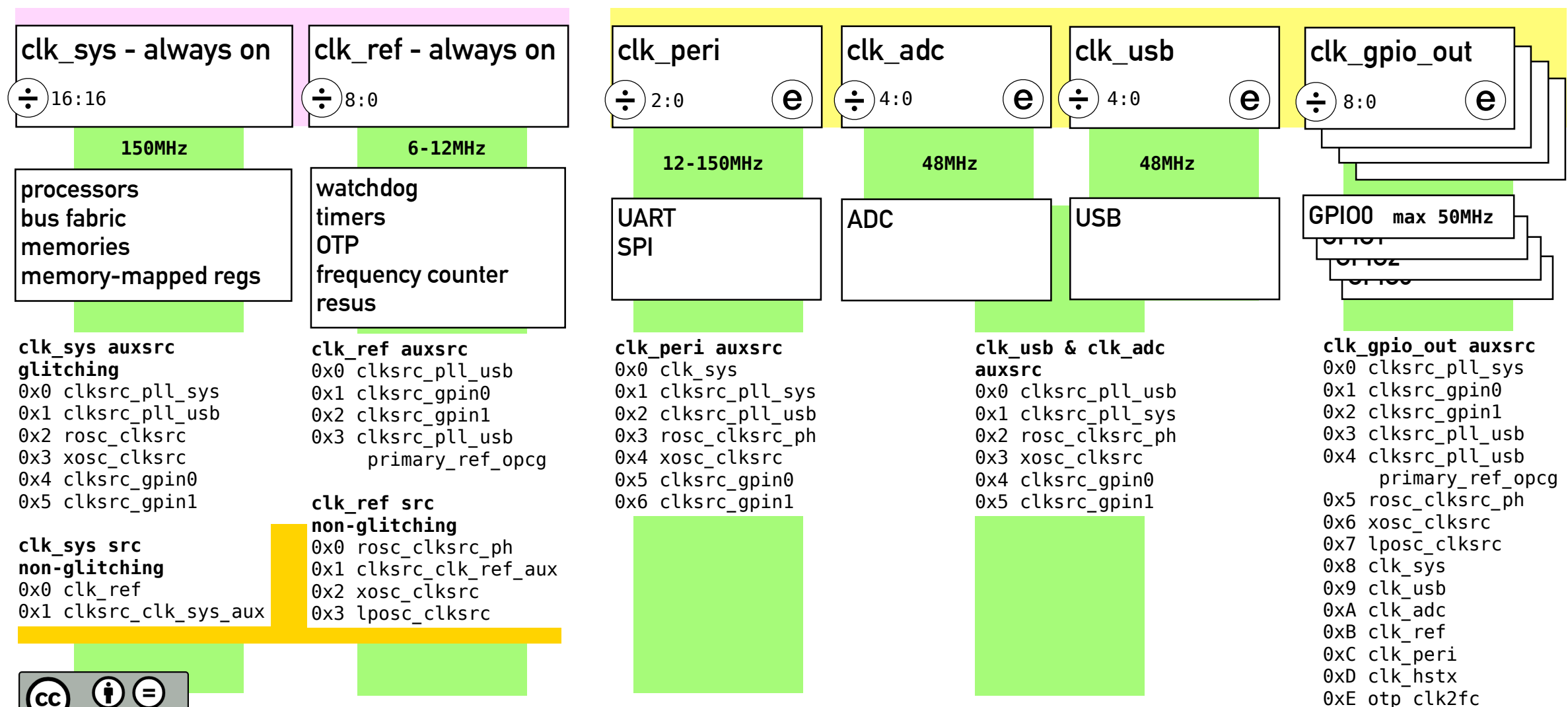
oscillators and clock generators rp2350

simplified



order of start of PLLs after boot

1. set fb_div - ref_div stays 1
2. turn on PLL and VCO power
3. wait for PLL to lock
4. set post_div 0 & 1
5. turn on power of post_divs
6. enable connected clocks



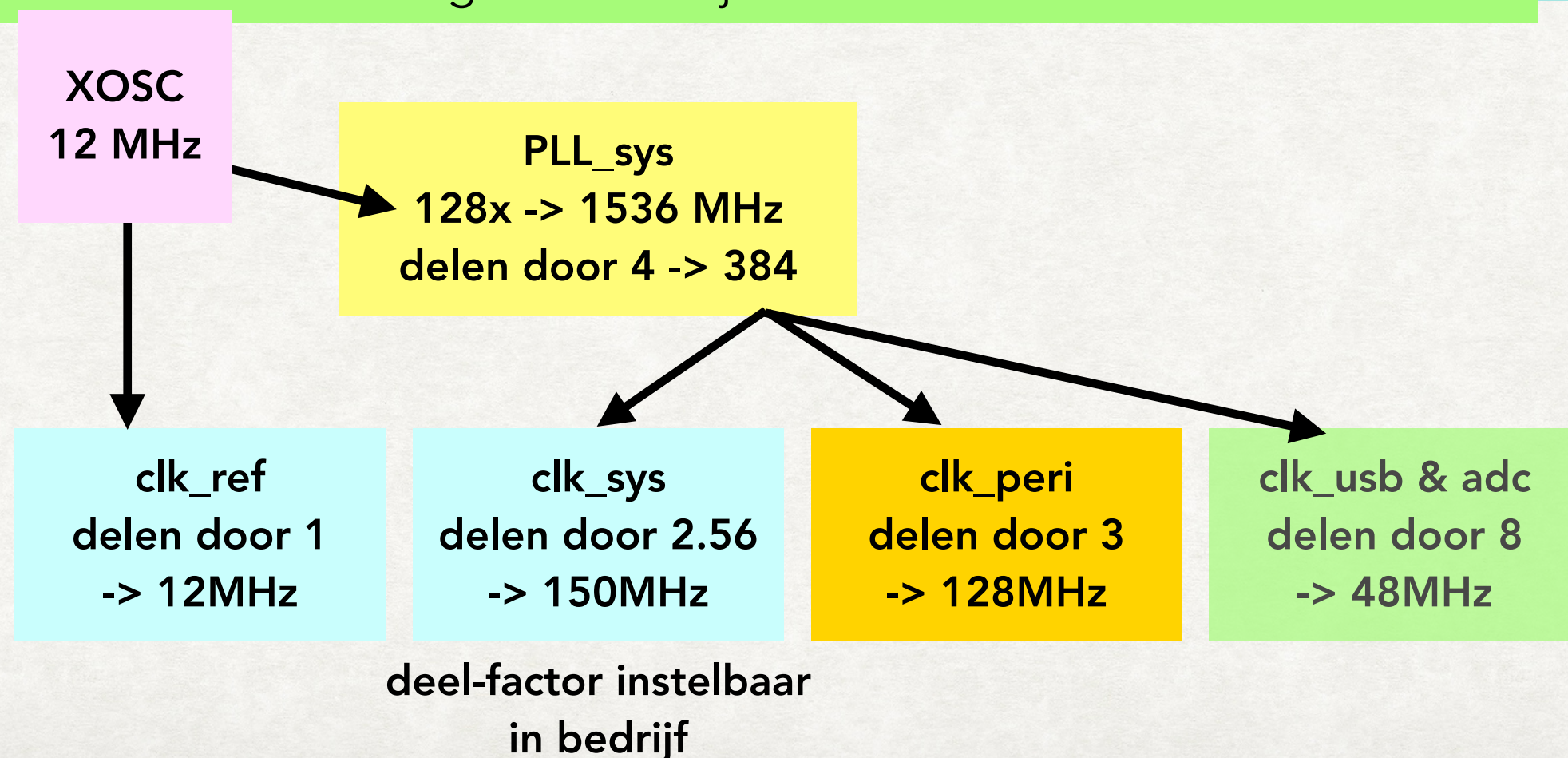
Een beter clock-systeem?

Pico 2 handboek: **1 PLL is mogelijk mits $\text{clk_sys} = 48\text{MHz}$**

voordelen 1 PLL

- spaart stroom
- 1 PLL vrij voor de programmeur
- een goed compact clock-systeem dat 'eigen' is voelt beter

de details van clock-generators lijken wat anders te laten zien



aan de slag met clock_system v2

clock_system v1 bleek erg fragile

De toevoeging van een neutrale opcode resulteerde regelmatig in een exception

hoofd-oorzaak - fout in het zetten van een deel-factor:

 stap 1: bits van deel-factor naar '0' met clear_bits

 stap 2: deler naar gewenste waarde met set_bits

Probleem: een deel-factor van '0' geeft een ongedefinieerde toestand

prototype klaar: ~250 naar ~100 opcodes - nu testen met scoop.

Hoe klein kan een LED-blinker zijn?

Universal blinker: 1000 KB .UF2 -> 500 KB image
Python versie: 400 KB .UF2 -> 200 KB image
De Raspberry blinker: 98.2 KB .UF2 -> 49.1 KB image

De eerste versie in NoForth was 122 bytes

Mijn eerste poging: 104 bytes

Appje van Willem: 88 bytes

Ik zag in die code iets wat evt. weg kon: ~80 bytes

Willem liet meer weg: 68 bytes

Ik zag nog 2 overbodige bytes: 66 bytes

Willen vond nog 2 bytes door LDM te introduceren: 64 bytes

:::NOFORTH:::

trace

```
40038068 ,      \ 00 HOP - GPIO25 control address
-1 ,           \ 04 DAY - Reset vector
400280CC ,      \ 08 SUN - IO_BANK0 GPIO25
```

image-def

64 byte LED blinker in noForth

```
\ ip sp w tos hop day sun moon
\ R0 R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7
\ Setting up a simple LED flasher for CORE-0
\ Using only CPU registers and one I/O-pin
\ More info on SIO_BASE from address 36/54 ff.
  chere 10000000 - ivecs cell+ vec! \ Install BOOT at second location in IVECS
\ Build data pointer
  w 1 # movs,      \ Set 1 in W
  tos w 1C # lsls.mv, \ Set data pointer in TOS = 1000,0000
  tos { ip hop day } ldm, \ Load pointers in one go
\ Configureer GPIO25 voor SIO (Functie 5)
  sp 5 # movs,      \ enable SIO
  sp sun ) str,      \ IO_BANK0 GPIO25, IP = 400280CC
\ PADS isolation off
  sp 5A # movs,
  sp hop ) str,      \ GPIO25 control address, IP = 40038068
\ Activate output, W = already 1
  w 19 # lsls,      \ Set bit 25, W = 200,0000
  ip 0D # movs,      \ Build SIO_BASE, IP = D000,0000
  ip 1C # lsls,
  w ip 30 #) str,    \ GPIO_OE
\ Blink loop
  begin,
\ Led toggle
  w ip 28 #) str,    \ GPIO_OUT_XOR
\ inline delay
  sp ip 0B # lsrs.mv, \ Scale delay to ~ 1,700,000
  begin, sp 1 # subs, =? until,
  again,
```

:::NOFORTH:::

hex

\ -- constants and start address -----

40038068 word,	\ 0=0x00 - r0, - misused as gpio25 control address
10000021 word,	\ 4=0x04 - 0x21=33 vector to start address + 0x1 - Thumb bit set
400280CC word,	\ 8=0x08 - r2, io_bank_base + CC for gpio25 C
ffffded3 word,	\ 12=0x0C - magic word
10210142 word,	\ 16=0x10 - family
000001ff word,	\ 20=0x14 - << de 1 duidt op 1 PICO.BIN block
00000000 word,	\ 24=0x18 - 0x0 = loop back to first block
ab123579 word,	\ 28=0x1C - magic word
	\ 32=0x20 - 1 ->0x21

64 byte LED blinker in Wabiforth

\ -- pseudo literals -----

r7, 1	i8movs,	\ KEEP
r0, r7, 1C	i5lsls,	\ r0=base address of pseudo-literals - KEEP
r0, {, r0, r1, r2, }, ldm,	\ r1,=useless value - C807 16b,	

\ -- setup of the alt-function for gpio25 -----

r1, 5	i8movs,	\ alt-func =x5 = GPIO
r1, r2, 0	i5str,	\ 400280CC - store new alt-function of gpio25

\ -- pad isolation gpio25 off -----

r1, 5A	i8movs,
r1, r0, 0	i5str,

\ -- set GPIO25 as output -----

r5, r7, 19	i5lsls,	\ 0x19=0d25 -> 0x2000000 in r5 - KEEP
r4, D	i8movs,	
r0, r4, 1C	i5lsls,	\ make address 0xD0000000 0x1C=0d28
r5, r0, 30	i5str,	\ set bit25 in 0xD0000030 to enable output

\ -- blink LED using xor -----

LEDloop:

r4, r5, 6	i5lsrs,	\ wait-time derived from r5=bit25
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LEDloop2:

r4, r4, 1	i3subs,
bne,	LEDloop2:

64 byte LED blinker in disassembly

```

0X10000000 40038068
0X10000004 10000021
0X10000008 400280CC
0X1000000C FFFFDED3
0X10000010 10210142
0X10000014 000001FF
0X10000018 00000000
0X1000001C AB123579

```

```

0x10000020 01 27  movs  r7, #1          \ you always need a '0x1'
0x10000022 38 07  lsls  r0, r7, #0x1c      \ shift with 0d28 to get XIP base address
0x10000024 07 C8  ldm   r0, {r0, r1, r2}    \ load first three values in r0 to r2, r1=dummy

0x10000026 05 21  movs  r1, #5
0x10000028 11 60  str   r1, [r2]          \ set alt-function of GPIO25 to output

0x1000002a 5A 21  movs  r1, #0x5a
0x1000002c 01 60  str   r1, [r0]          \ switch off pad-isolation for gpio25

0x1000002e 7D 06  lsls  r5, r7, #0x19
0x10000030 0D 24  movs  r4, #0xd
0x10000032 20 07  lsls  r0, r4, #0x1c      \ r0=0xD0000000
0x10000034 05 63  str   r5, [r0, #0x30]    \ activate output for gpio25

0x10000036 AC 09  lsrs  r4, r5, #6          \ r4=start value of wait loop
0x10000038 64 1E  subs  r4, r4, #1          \ sub 1 from r4
0x1000003a FD D1  bne   #0x20000038        \ on not-zero branch back

0x1000003c 85 62  str   r5, [r0, #0x28]    \ xor the output of the LED on gpio25
0x1000003e FA E7  b#    0x20000036        \ branch back

```

conclusie

Is het booten van een rp2350 kei-moeilijk?

Wel nee, het is stik-makkelijk!

the end

Een beter clock-systeem?

Pico 2 handboek: **1 PLL is mogelijk mits `clk_sys` = 48MHz**

Maar: de details van clock-generators lijken wat anders te laten zien

1 PLL spaart stroom

geeft de programmeur flexibiliteit

een goed compact clock-systeem dat 'eigen' voelt beter

Ontwerp clock_system v2:

- pll_sys: feedback deler: 128 -> $12 \times 128 = 1536$ MHz
output-deler=4 -> pll_sys out 384 MHz
- clk_sys: pll_sys input-deler=2,56 -> 150 MHz (6kHz-384MHz)
- clk_usb en adc: pll_sys out input_deler=8 -> 48 MHz
- clk_peri: pll_sys input_deler=3 -> 128 Mhz
- clk_ref: xosc 12 MHz direct

heel veel documentatie beschikbaar:

handboek pico2 - 1380 pag (pico 1: 642)

handboeken ARM-M33

ARMv8-M handboek - 2149 pag (M0+: 374)

ARM-M33 tech ref - 137 pag

ARM-M33 user-guide - 316 pag

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ARM-M33 processor @ 150 MHz - 4.1 vs 2.46 Coremark/MHz
DSP, FPU, division, Thumb-2, SIO-coprocessor, Trust-zone, exception-
handling, SHA-256, TRNG, resuscitate-coprocessor, Risc-V cores, 520K ram

M33: ~800.000 trans./core - M0+: ~75.000 trans./core
(ARM2: ~30.000 - 1986) 2354

3x PIO

low-power mogelijkheden zijn beter
HSTX voor grafisch output
verder ongeveer als de Pico 1

Nadelen

De setup van de CPU is wat complexer

het bootproces is VEEL complexer dan de Pico 1 (88 v 22 pagina's)

