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- Supply Bypassing
  - Digital circuits create current spikes on the supply pins
    - Shoot through current
    - Charging and discharging current
    - I/O switching
  - While the average supply current may be a few tens of milliamps, spikes associated with an 8 bit I/O switching can be hundreds of milliamps and a few nanoseconds wide
  - Power supplies and realistic circuit board traces cannot support these current spikes → noise on the supply voltage
  - Supply voltage noise can disrupt the normal operation of the processor or other circuits

- Supply Bypassing
  - Bypass capacitors are used to supply these spikes of current, preventing noise on the supply voltage pins



Realistic capacitor model

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION	SOURCE AND DETAILS
ESR	Equivalent Series	Wire and connections to the
	Resistance	plate
		Produces heat
ESL	Equivalent Series	Depends on package type
	Inductance	Surface mount better
		Smaller SMD better
RLEAK	Leakage Resistance	Type of dielectric



Realistic capacitor model



FIGURE 8. IMPEDANCE OF AN ACTUAL CAPACITOR (NON-IDEAL)



Realistic capacitor model





- Supply Bypassing
  - Most systems use 2 bypass capacitors
    - 1uF 10uF for low frequency high current spikes
    - .001uF .01uF for high frequency spikes
  - Placed as close to the IC as possible to reduce inductance





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