

Interrupt Scenario

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Program ABC is executing instruction_N
Program ABC is executing instruction_N+1
Program ABC is executing instruction_N+2
Processor detects an Interrupt Signal
Program ABC execution is suspended ←
Interrupt_Service_Routine executes
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Interrupt_Service_Routine executes
Program ABC execution is resumed ←
Program ABC is executing instruction_N+3
Program ABC is executing instruction_N+4
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Interrupt Prerequisites

1. I/O device must need service
 - User has hit a key, so there's new data in KBDR, KBSR[15] is set
 - Display has completed output of character in DDR, DSR[15] is set
2. I/O device must be enabled to generate an interrupt signal; see **Figure 8.7**
 - KBSR[14] is set
 - DSR[14] is set
3. I/O device's process must have higher priority than any other I/O process simultaneously trying to interrupt the processor; see **Figure 8.8**
4. I/O device's process must have higher priority than the process currently running on the processor; see **Figure 8.8**