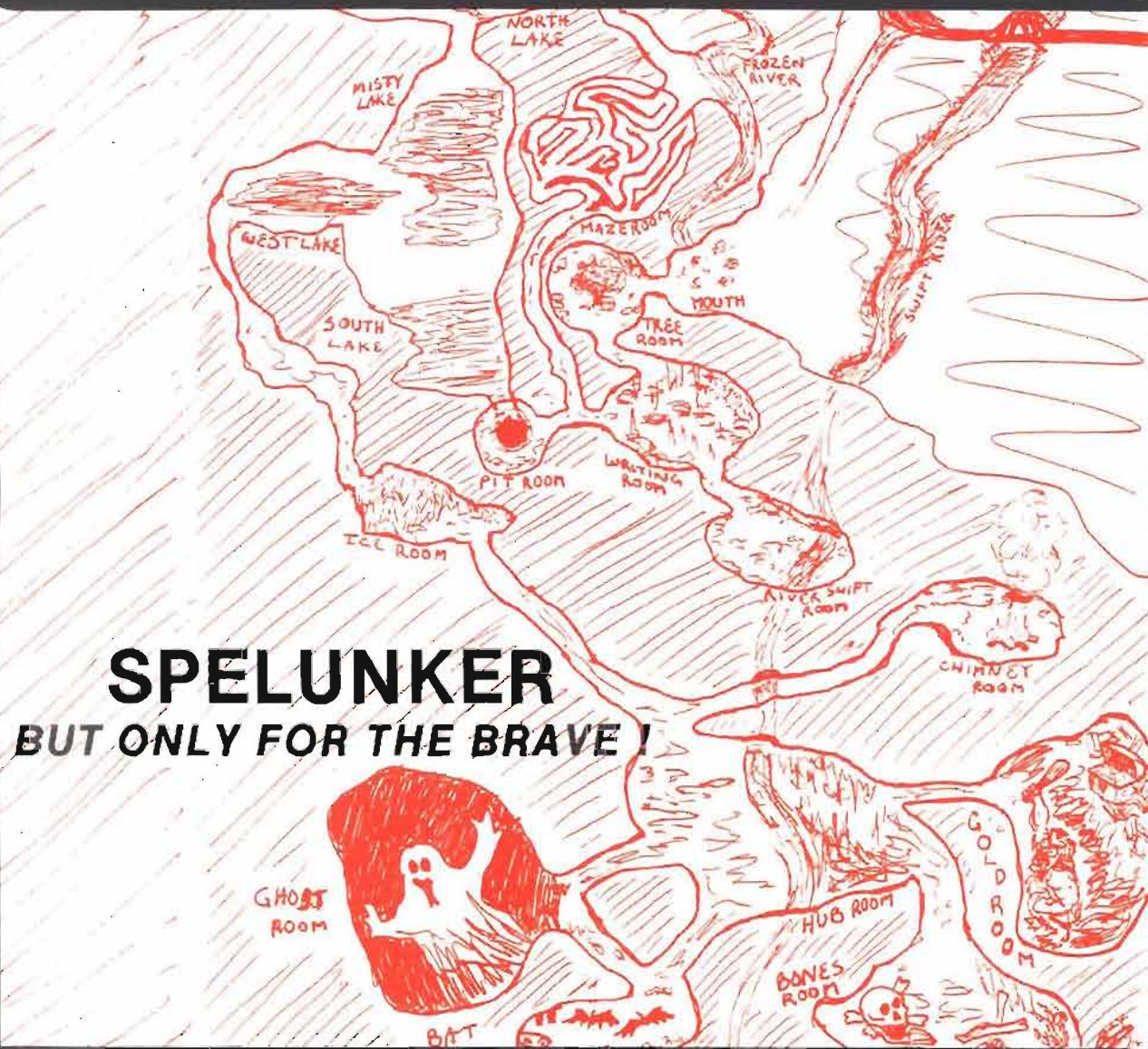


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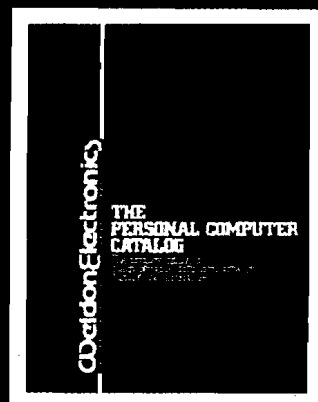


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# Nicer Writer

**Is screen wraparound a necessary fact of life? Or can the computer adapt to conventional line ending rules? This little BASIC output routine goes a long way toward eliminating wraparound once and for all.**

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Has this ever happened to you: A group of friends are admiring your expensive investment. With the flair of a true computer expert, you press the appropriate buttons, push RETURN, and tell the expectant guests to watch the screen. "Hi!", the computer prints. "Thanks for answering the questions as well as you did, Rick. I can state that you should live 55.215677 more years and have 2.15662 children."

You wait for the applause. Instead, you hear, "How come the words run off the end of the line?" Dead silence. You are embarrassed—for your guests, of course. Instead of seeing the brilliant

output of your sophisticated program, your guests saw:

```
HI! THANKS FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS AS WELL AS YOU DID, RICK. I CAN STATE THAT YOU SHOULD LIVE 55.215677 MORE YEARS AND HAVE 2.15662 CHILDREN.
```

Now, you and I know that screen wraparound is a fact of life. Perhaps the program concatenated a bit. Or, possibly, it was adapted from an article written by some thoughtless author with a 64 column screen or an 80 column printer. In either case, you probably will soon tire of explaining that nothing is

wrong with your magic machine; it just prints funny, sometimes.

This is the wrong approach! We don't adapt to the computer's idiosyncrasies; it adapts to ours. Right? The little subroutine at lines 35000 thru 35010 does a lot to help the wraparound problem. It is a human-oriented subroutine that prints on the screen using much the same rules we would use with a typewriter. Specifically,

It will break a line at a space, comma, period, colon, hyphen, or other character you specify.

If a word is longer than the allowable line, it will be hyphenated (rather arbitrarily, but this is a small subroutine).

At your pleasure, it will indent the first line of the output. This helps increase legibility.

Four variables control the output format. They may be entered once, at the beginning of a program, or they may be changed within the program if required. The variables used are:

- CW Column Width. This specifies the maximum columnar width of your output device, and is used for error catching.
- M1 Margin indent on the first line printed.
- M2 Margin indent on subsequent lines. (Note: Left justification

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0 REM      NICER WRITER
5 REM
10 REM PROGRAM DEVELOPED
20 REM AND COPYRIGHT (C) 1979
30 REM BY M.R. "RICK" CONNOLLY
  JR
40 REM 5009 RICKWOOD CT NW
45 REM : HUNTSVILLE, AL 35810
46 REM
49 REM
50 REM N$ IS THE STRING TO BE
  PRINTED
60 REM  CW IS THE COLUMN WIDTH
  OF THE PRINTER OR MONITOR
70 REM M1 IS THE TAB INDENTATION
  ON THE FIRST LINE
80 REM M2 IS THE TAB INDENTATION
  ON SUBSEQUENT LINES (TAB 1
  IS 0 INDENTATION ON THE AP-
  PLE)
90 REM M3 IS THE NUMBER OF CHAR-
  ACTERS PER LINE TO BE DIS-
  PLAYED
91 REM
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```
100 N$ = "THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A
    LONG SENTENCE THAT COULD CO
    ME EITHER FROM A PROGRAM WRI
    TTEN FOR A 64 OR 80 COLUMN S
    CREEN OR PRINTER, OR FROM ON
    E THAT CONCATINATES. SUPERC
    ALIFRAGALISTICXPALIDOCIOUS
    , NO?"
110 M1 = 5:M2 = 1:M3 = 40:CW = 40
120 HOME : PRINT "PRINTOUT OF ST
    RING N$ AS IT WOULD NOR- MA
    LLY BE PRINTED FROM A PROGRA
    M:" : PRINT : PRINT N$ : PRINT
    : PRINT
130 PRINT "NICER PRINTOUT OF STR
    ING N$:" : PRINT : GOSUB 3500
    0 : PRINT : PRINT
140 PRINT "NICER PRINTOUT OF STR
    ING N$ ON LEFT HALF OF C
    OLMN:" : PRINT :M1 = 3:42 =
    1:M3 = 20: GOSUB 3500: PRINT
    : PRINT
150 END
```

```

35000 IF M3 - M1 > CW OR M3 - M2
    > CW THEN PRINT "LINE TO L
ONG FOR PRINTER. ":PRINT :PRINT
: END : REM CHECK FOR LINE
LENGTH
35001 LN = LEN (N$): FOR I = M3 -
M1 TO 1 STEP - 1:BP$ = MID$
(NS,I,1): IF BP$ = " " OR BP
$ = "," OR BP$ = "." OR BP$ =
"-" OR BP$ = "-" OR LN < =
M3 - M1 THEN 35003: REM FIN
D BREAK POINT
35002 NEXT I: HTAB M1: PRINT LEFT$
(NS,M3 - M1 - 1): PRINT "-"
:I = M3 - M1 - 1: GOTO 35004
: REM HYPHENATE LONG WORD
35003 HTAB M1: PRINT LEFT$ (N$,
I): IF LN < = M3 - M1 THEN
RETURN
35004 N1$ = RIGHT$ (N$,LN - I)
35005 IF LEFT$ (N1$,1) = " " THEN
LN = LEN (N1$) - 1:N1$ = RIGHT$
(N1$,LN): GOTO 35005: REM
DELETE EXCESS SPACES
35006 LN = LEN (N1$): FOR I = M3
- M2 TO 1 STEP - 1:BP$ = MID$
(N1$,I,1): IF BP$ = " " OR B
P$ = "," OR BP$ = "." OR BP$
= "-" OR BP$ = "-" OR LN <
= M3 - M2 THEN 35008: REM
FIND BREAK POINT

```

on the apple is HTAB 1, not HTAB 0).

**M3** Length of the line you wanted printed.

**N\$** N\$ is the dollar string you want nicely printed. You can form N\$ through concatenation, or can make it equal to another string developed within the program.

The word "Supercalifragalisticexpilidocious" (Does anyone really know how to spell it) is entered in the string N\$ of the sample run to point out two characteristics of the nice print subroutine. In the first nice print example, the length of the word has forced it down one line, leaving the preceeding line rather short. In the second example, where the word is longer than the allowable line length, super... is arbitrarily hyphenated. A short line should not appear too often with a 40 column line length, since most words are 10 letters or less in length.

Nicer writer is easy to incorporate into a program, and fast in execution. It will make your programs appear more professional and, best of all, it will keep your friends from asking questions like

```

35007 NEXT I. HTAB M2: PRINT LEFT$
(N1$,M3 - M2 - 1): PRINT "-"
:I = M3 - M2 - 1:LN = LEN
(N1$): GOTO 35009: REM HYPH-
ENATE LONG WORD
35008 HTAB M2: PRINT LEFT$ (N1$
,I)
35009 IF LN < = M3 - M2 THEN RETURN

35010 N1$ = RIGHT$ (N1$,LN - I):
GOTO 35005
PRINTOUT OF STRING N$ AS IT WOULD NOR-
MALLY BE PRINTED FROM A PROGRAM:
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AT COULD COME EITHER FROM A PROGRAM WRIT
TEN FOR A 64 OR 80 COLUMN SCREEN OR PRIN
TER, OR FROM ONE THAT CONCATINATES. SUP
ERCALIFRAGALISTICEXPILIDOCIOUS, NO?
NICER PRINTOUT OF STRING N$:
THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A LONG
SENTENCE THAT COULD COME FROM EITHER A
PROGRAM WRITTEN FOR A 64 OR 80 COLUMN
SCREEN OR PRINTER, OR FROM ONE THAT
CONCATINATES.
SUPERCALIFRAGALISTICEXPILIDOCIOUS, NO?

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"Why did it print 'CO  
MPUTER'?"

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# Disassembling the DOS 3.2

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**You "Can't tell the players without a score card" and you can not effectively use the Apple II DOS 3.2 without this important information on its organization.**

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On the surface, DOS 3.2 is identical to DOS 3.1. Upon booting, the DOS is loaded (slave or master), the greetings program is run, MAXFILES defaults to 3, and HIMEM is set at \$9600. DOS 3.2 still communicates with the rest of the APPLE via input and output hooks at \$36, 37, 38, and 39. (All addresses refer to a 48K machine.)

The differences are many: In Applesoft, DOS does the call 3314 or call 54514 automatically, volume checking is ignored unless explicitly defined in the command, and the system defaults to NOMON C,I,O status. The hooks at \$36 and 37 (the print routine) now contain \$9E81. The routine to restore DOS is now at \$9DBF. This can be called if page 3 is overwritten. The command and error message tables are in different locations. The command table is the same as in the DOS 3.1. The error messages, however, are quite different. After a BLOAD, A\$ is now found at \$AA72,3; L\$ is now found at \$AA60,1.

When the keyboard input routine (\$9E81), is called, DOS checks the mode. If it is in direct mode, the DOS reads the keyboard, then goes to the print routine. The print routine has seven routines of its own, 0-6. It calls the correct one, depending on whether the mode is direct, deferred, execute, read or write, etc. These routines are all inter-related.

In direct mode, when a return is detected, DOS attempts to match the string in the keyboard input buffer (\$200-2FF) to a command in the table. In

the print mode, direct or deferred, it stores all characters in the keyboard input buffer until a return is detected. It then checks for a CTRL-D as the first character. If not found, DOS drops out and returns control to wherever it came from. However, if Control D is detected, DOS attempts to match the string to the command table. If a match is not made, it prints "Syntax Error".

When DOS matches a command, it then checks for names, if needed, or numbers, if needed. After getting all data required, a check for optional data is made. After any optional data is read, numbers are changed to hex if need be, the maximum and minimum ranges are compared, then if all data is OK, the number is stored and DOS returns to check for any other optional data.

A routine gets the correct address from the stack, then executes the command. I have highlighted a few of the commands:

**PR#** and **IN#** do the same function as in BASIC, except that DOS will set the hooks properly before releasing control.

**MON** and **NOMON** set a mask at \$AA74 as follows: 0 = monitor nothing, \$10 = monitor 0, \$20 = monitor 1, \$40 = C, and combinations thereof.

**MAXFILES** resets HIMEM and PP (INT BASIC) and allocates a file buffer via a subroutine at \$A7D4.

**BRUN** does a BLOAD then a JMP (\$AA72).

**RUN** does a load, then jumps to a routine which executes the program.

Which routine is used is dependent upon which language is being used, BASIC, FP RAM, or FP ROM.

**LOAD** reads the file type and does either INT or FP as needed, then loads the program. When in FP mode, and after the program is loaded, DOS does the call 3314 or call 54514 as needed to set the program pointers for Applesoft.

**FP** attempts to find a ROM card and turn it on. If possible, it sets the return addresses via a routine at \$9D84. If no card is found, the DOS runs Applesoft, then goes to a routine at \$9DEA to set return addresses correctly.

**INT** makes certain the ROM card is off, then goes to \$9D84 to set return addresses correctly.

If a person wishes to use DOS from a language or operating system not standard to the APPLE, there is no problem, unless an error is detected. If you do not wish an error message to cause a return to BASIC or Applesoft, the address at \$9D5E and F can be changed for your particular system.

Whenever a change in language is done, DOS updates its return address stack from the stack for that particular language. All commands except PR#, IN#, MON, NOMON, INT, FP (if in ROM), and MAXFILES go through routines that use file buffers.

All commands may be called from monitor or machine language, provided (1) A language change is not needed, (2) the file names have been placed into the name buffer(s), and (3) that any other parameters have been properly placed into their locations as needed.

The disk controller card contains two (2) PROM's, 256 bytes each. One PROM contains the program to start the booting of the DOS. The other is used for a program that, together with some other IC's, actually controls the head position, reading a bit, writing a bit, sending the byte to the APPLE bus, and getting a byte from the APPLE bus. The following locations control the hardware functions. Add 00S0 to each address, S = the slot number of the controller card.

C080-87 These addresses sequentially step the motor that

moves the head back and forth. Odd addresses step one way, and even addresses step the other way.

C088 Turns off the drive motor.  
C089 Turns on the drive motor.  
C08A Enables drive two.  
C08B Enables drive one.  
C08C,D Control connecting the APPLE bus to the hardware for strobing the byte in or out of the 74LS323 IC shift register, depending upon the previously set status of C08E,F.  
C08E,F Read/Write control.

I have documented all routines, sub-routines, buffers, and other locations to

the best of my ability in the memory maps that follow. Notes tell the function and usage of each. On most items I have given only the starting address. The end address is implied to be the next documented location minus one. On stacks of addresses, the parenthesized number is the number of addresses contained in that stack. Remember that any two-byte items are always stored low byte first. Documentation of addresses in the B000-BFFF area may be in error because that area got too complex for me to retain my sanity.

My thanks to my family for their time and patience, to other persons for their articles on DOS functions, APPLE for their excellent documentation, without which I would have had no idea what was going on, and to Terry and Kent at Computerland of Portland, for use of their printer to obtain 60 feet of hard copy, and their moral support.

## APPLE II DOS 3.2 Memory Map

95FF	End of user RAM: HIMEM = 49151	9D00	Address of name of first file
9600	Start of data buffer	9D02	DOS keyin routine address
9700	Start of track and sector buffer	9D04	DOS print routine address
9800	Start of miscellaneous info buffer	9D06	Name number 1 buffer address
982D	Start of name of file	9D08	Name number 2 buffer address
984B,C	Address of start of miscellaneous info buffer (\$9800)	9D0A	
984D,E	Address of start of track and sector buffer (\$9700)	9D0C	Bottom of DOS
984F,0	Address of start of data buffer (\$9600)	9D0E	
9851,2	Address of start of name buffer, next file (\$0000 = no more files)	9D10	Address stack for the internal print routines (7)
9853	Data	9D1E	Address stack for the DOS command routines (28)
9953	Track and sector	9D56	Address stack for return to the current language (6)
9A53	Miscellaneous	9D62	Address stack for return to Integer BASIC
9A80	Name	9D6C	Address stack for return to Applesoft ROM (6)
9A9E,F	Address of start of miscellaneous info buffer (\$9A53)	9D78	Address stack for return to Applesoft Disk (6)
9AA0,1	Address of start of track and sector buffer (\$9953)	9D84	(3D3G) Control B, re-enters INT or FP (ROM only)
9AA2,3	Address of start of data buffer (\$9853)	9DBF	(3D0G) Restores DOS and re-enters current language
9AA4,5	Address of start of name buffer of next file down (\$982D)	9DEA	Restores \$3D0 - \$3FF from \$9E51 - \$9E80
9AA6	Data	9E51	Stack for the above routine
9BA6	Track and sector	9E81	Keyboard input routine
9CA6	Miscellaneous	9EBD	Calls correct internal print routine, depending upon mode
9CD3	Name	9ED1	Restores keyboard and print hooks
9CF1,2	Address of start of miscellaneous info buffer (\$9CA6)	9EEB	Internal routine for information from the disk
9CF3,4	Address of start of track and sector buffer (\$9BA6)	9F12	Internal routine for printing
9CF5,6	Address of start of data buffer (\$9AA6)	9F23	Prints and exits DOS
9CF7,8	Address of start of name buffer of next file down (\$9A80)	9F2F	Keyboard input internal routine
9CF9 - 9CFF	Unused	9F52	Internal routine for sending information to disk
		9F61	Routine to correct internal routine
		9F71	Used by the EXEC command
		9F83	Mask MON status, print and exit

9FC8	Does a RETURN	A74F	
9FCD	Start of section that attempts to match to a command and get all information needed and all optional information given. Checks syntax and ranges before execution.	A7C4	Checks file type
		A7D4	Sets up file buffers and addresses (used by MAX-FILES)
A229	PR# routine	A851	Restores DOS hooks
A22E	IN# routine	A884	Start of command table
A233	MON routine	A909	This is a table of two-byte masks. One byte is used to determine what type of extra data is needed by a command. The other byte is used by the hardware routines for what file type to create or look for.
A23D	NOMON routine		
A251	MAXFILES routine	A941	Table containing the letters V, D, S, L, R, B, A, C, I, O. This is used when checking for optional data.
A263	Start of DELETE routine	A94A	Table of bytes for determining what type of optional data to look for.
A271	Start of LOCK routine	A995	Table of minimum and maximum ranges for V, D, S, L, R, B, A.
A275	Start of UNLOCK routine	A971	Start of error message table
A27D	Start of VERIFY routine	AA3F	Relative address of start of error message, i.e. (\$A971,X)
A281	Start of RENAME routine	AA4F,50	Address of name section of next available file buffer
A298	Start of APPEND routine	AA51	
A2A3	Start of OPEN routine	AA52	Internal print routine number
A2EA	Start of CLOSE routine	AA53,4	PR# hooks out of DOS
A331	BSAVE routine	AA55,6	IN# hooks out of DOS
A35D	BLOAD routine	AA57	Number of total file buffers
A38E	BRUN routine	AA58	Number of file buffers not in use
A397	SAVE routine	AA59 -	Temporary storage used by various routines
A413	LOAD routine	AA5E	Mask for MON and NOMON
A4D1	Run routine	AA5F	Command number
A4E5	Runs Integer BASIC program	AA60 -	Found L\$ from a BLOAD
A4F0	CHAIN routine	61	
A4FC	Runs FP ROM program	AA62 -	Temporary storage used by various routines
A506	Runs FP RAM program	65	
A510	WRITE routine (set up)	AA66,7	Defined volume number
A51B	Read routine (set up)	AA68,9	Defined drive number
A54F	INIT routine	AA6A,B	Defined slot number
A56E	Catalog routine	AA6C,D	Defined length
A57A	FP routine	AA6E,F	Defined record number
A59E	INT routine	AA70,1	Defined byte number
A5C6	EXEC routine	AA72,3	Defined address
A5DD	Position routine	AA74	
A60E	Starts the read process	AA75	Start of file name buffer number 1
A626	Starts the write process	AA93	Start of file name buffer number 2
A644	Stores data coming from text file into keyboard buffer. Used by the EXEC command.	AAB1	
A65E	Error checking?	AAB2	Control D
A679	Closes files, exits DOS	AAB3	Mode (direct, deferred, etc.)
A682	Goes to hardware routines	AAB4,5	
A69D	Sets up address of name section of next file	AAB6	Value used for language, e.g. INT = 0, FP RAM = C0, FP ROM = 80
A6AB	Close the buffer last used	AAB7	
A6C4	Prints, "SYNTAX ERROR "	AAB8	The name, "Applesoft"
A6C8	Prints, "NO BUFFERS AVAILABLE"	AAC1,2	Address of start of IOB (used by RWTS)
A6CC	Prints, "PROGRAM TOO LARGE"	AAC3,4	Address of start of buffer for track/sector list (used by RWTS)
A6D0	Prints, "FILE TYPE MISMATCH"	AAC5,6	Address of start of buffer for data (used by RWTS)
A6D5	Prints other error messages by message number contained in \$AA5C	AAC7,8	Top of total RAM in the APPLE II
A71A	Moves parameters given to locations for use by hardware routines	AAC9	Address stack for hardware routines (14)
A743	Moves name from the name buffer to the name section of the file buffer	AAD5	Address stack for hardware routines (6)
A74E	Moves addresses of sections of file buffers to locations for use by hardware routines		
A764	Attempts to find a file buffer already in use by the name given		

AAF1	Address stack for hardware routines (6)		have been read and the subroutine is called again, it will merely exit with the carry set.
AAFD	Goes to the correct hardware routine	B037	Writes current directory sector from buffer to disk.
AB28	Reads VTOC and reads directory attempting to find an entry with the same name as the one given. If not found, checks the table of masks to see if it is allowed to create a file. If it may, it does so, and if not, it exits with "FILE NOT FOUND" or "LANGUAGE NOT AVAILABLE"	B052	Sets up IOB for directory sectors, goes to RWTS
		B0A0	End of above if no error
		B0A1	Start of error handling routine for above
ABDC	Clears miscellaneous info hardware buffer; sets volume number, drive number and slot number.	B0B6	Checks position in file, reads/writes next sector as needed
AC06	Close routine. Updates VTOC, track bit map, and sector count of directory entry as needed.	B134	Initializes data section of file buffer to all zeroes
AC3A	Rename routine. Finds directory entry, stores new name in entry, then writes that directory sector back to disk.	B15B	Sets next position in file
		B194	Increments position in file
		B1A2	Sets next RAM address
AC58	Goes to correct hardware routine	B1B5	Calculates how much RAM is left
AC70	Goes to correct hardware routine	B1C9	Reads VTOC and successive entries, attempting to find the specified file name.
AC87	Sets parameters for following routine	B21E	Puts name of file into directory
AC8A	Actually reads text file	B224	Sets next sector, updates VTOC buffer
AC93	Sets parameters for following routine	B2C3	Updates VTOC
AC96	Reads program or binary file	B2DD	Calculates track bit map for VTOC
ACA8	Puts byte being read into buffer	B300	Sets/checks parameters for file?
ACBB	Sets parameters for following routine	B35F	Routine with different entry points to exit the hardware routines with error
ACBE	Writes into text file		
ACC7	Sets parameters for following routine	B397 – A6	Temporary storage for hardware routines
ACCA	Writes program or binary file	B3A7 – AA	T, I, A, B Used by catalog for file types
ACDA	Gets byte being written from buffer	B3AB,C	
ACEF	Lock hardware routine	B3AD – BA	In reverse order, the string, "DISK VOLUME"
ACF6	Unlock hardware routine		
AD12	Sets parameters for following routine	B3BB	VTOC buffer
AD18	Verify hardware routine	B4BB	Directory buffer
AD2B	Delete hardware routine	B5BB – D0	Temporary storage for hardware routines
AD54	Part of delete routine, frees sectors used by deleted file.	B5D1 – FF	Miscellaneous info section of currently used file
AD98	Catalog hardware routine	B600	Buffer. Purpose?
AE42	Part of catalog, prints the number in \$44 as three digit ASCII.	B700	Reads drive 1, current slot, \$B1 sectors, track 0, sector A into RAM starting at \$1B00. Boot routine?
AE6A	Moves miscellaneous info from the file buffer to the hardware buffer.		
AE7E	Moves miscellaneous info from the file buffer to the hardware buffer.	B74A	Writes \$0A sectors, starting from \$B600, then \$1B sectors, starting at \$1B00, beginning at track 0 sector 0.
AE8E	Initialize hardware routine		
AF08	Sets 42 and 43 as pointers to sections of the file buffer	B793	Increments track/sector as needed and data address for above two routines
AF1D	Writes data section of file buffer to disk	B7B5	Calls RWTS, checks status upon return
AF34	Writes track/sector list section of file buffer to disk	B7C2	Sets address of data buffer, and sets expected volume number
AF4B	Sets hardware pointer to the track and sector list section of the file buffer being used	B7DB	Stores zeroes in one page, starting at the address in \$42, 43
AF5E	Checks position in file. If out of current sector, reads/writes next sector, updates VTOC buffer, updates track/sector list section of file buffer if in write mode.	B7E7	Start of IOB and device characteristics table
		B800	Part of RWTS?
AFDC	Reads from disk into data section of file buffer	BA90 – FF	Temporary storage for RWTS?
AFE4	Sets hardware pointers to data section of file buffer being used	BB00	One-page buffer (RWTS?)
AFF7	Reads VTOC to its buffer (\$B3BB – B4BA)	BC00	One-page buffer (RWTS?)
AFFB	Writes VTOC from its buffer	BD00	Start of RWTS
B011	Reads a directory sector into its buffer (\$B4BB – B5BA). Initially reads sector A, successive entries into this subroutine read successive sectors from the disk. When all sectors	BFD4	End of RWTS
		BFD5	Various endings sections for the hardware routines
		BFFF	End of RAM



# Hooking PET to Ma Bell

The dream of many microcomputerists to use their system as a terminal connected to a large computer system can become a practical reality. The \$50.00 hardware for any 6502 based system, and the software for a PET, are fully described.

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Having worked with my 8K PET for almost a year, I have become hooked on microcomputers and am enjoying learning and experimenting with a great machine. Like most microcomputer enthusiasts, I dream of more memory, disks, printers, etc. However, attempting to raise a family on a teacher's pay means that I have limited funds. So I wired up a PET to RS-232C modem interface, plugged into a modem, and bingo — by dialing up the computer system on the campus of Arkansas State University, I have all of these plus

much more hooked to my PET. If you have telephone access to a computer system or a friend with an answer modem on his computer, here is the hardware and software to get you started communicating on the telephone.

The interface shown in Figure 1 can be built for under \$50 including connectors, wiring, etc., and can be plugged into any RS-232C modem (I have a U.S. Robotics Model 310 which lists for \$149). A TTL compatible modem can be wired

directly to pins 2 and 6 of the MC6850. All the parts, except the crystal, are fairly common and can be ordered from most mail order electronics parts firms. The 1.229 megaHertz crystal can be ordered from any crystal manufacturer for around \$10. This interface can be connected to any 6502 or 6800 based microcomputer that allows direct access to the microprocessor bus, for example, the APPLE, KIM, SYM, SWT, OSI, etc.

The software is written in BASIC and makes the PET act like a TTY type "dumb" terminal. The control characters are obtained by using the shift key. For example, control S is simply shift S. Although this program appears to limit the PET, it really doesn't since you can hit the stop key, write and run a program in the extra RAM and get back to the terminal program with a RUN 190 or a GOTO 190. For example, you could write a BASIC program starting at line number 500, compute a bunch of data, POKE the data to the modem, and then return to the terminal program with a GOTO 190.

## Software

The MC6850 Asynchronous Communications Interface Adapter (or, in the buzz words of computerland, simply speak the letters A-C-I-A) is located in page B and has multiple addresses. I use hex BFF6 = 49142 as the address to POKE to the control register and to PEEK at the status register. Address BFF7 = 49143 is used to POKE a byte to the modem and to PEEK at a byte from the modem.

The BASIC program provides directions for the operator, data transfer from the modem to PET, data transfer from PET to the modem, and miscellaneous programming needs.

Lines 101–105 POKE a machine language routine into the second cassette buffer, and line 110 POKes the

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10 REM          TERMINAL PROGRAM
20 REM          BY C.H. SCANLON
30 REM          P.O. BOX 22
40 REM          STATE UNIVERSITY, ARKANSAS
50 REM          72467
60 REM
101 DATA 173, 246, 191, 48, 3, 76, 133, 230, 173, 247,
102 DATA 191, 88, 41, 127, 170, 169, 32, 172, 226, 0
103 DATA 145, 224, 138, 32, 210, 255, 169, 160, 172,
104 DATA 226, 0, 145, 224, 76, 133, 230
105 FOR I = 826 TO 861: READ X: POKE I, X: NEXT
110 POKE 537, 58: POKE 538, 3
115 POKE 49142, 3
120 POKE 59468, 14
130 PRINT "(cs) * * * * TERMINAL * * * *"
140 PRINT "(cd)(cd) Type RUN 190 but don't hit the return yet".
150 PRINT "(cd) Dial 935-9372 and wait for the tone".
160 PRINT "(cd) Place receiver in holder and hit return".
180 STOP
190 POKE 49142, 129
195 FOR I = 1 TO 30: NEXT: POKE 49143, 7
200 GET A$: IF A$ = "" GOTO 200
210 IF ASC(A$) = "shift S" THEN PRINT "(cs)"
215 IF ASC(A$) < 192 GOTO 300
220 IF ASC(A$) > 244 GOTO 300
225 POKE 49143, ASC(A$) - 192: GOTO 200
300 POKE 49143, ASC(A$): GOTO 200
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NOTE: (cs) means clear screen and (cd) means cursor down.

Figure 2

# PET MEMORY EXPANSION PORT

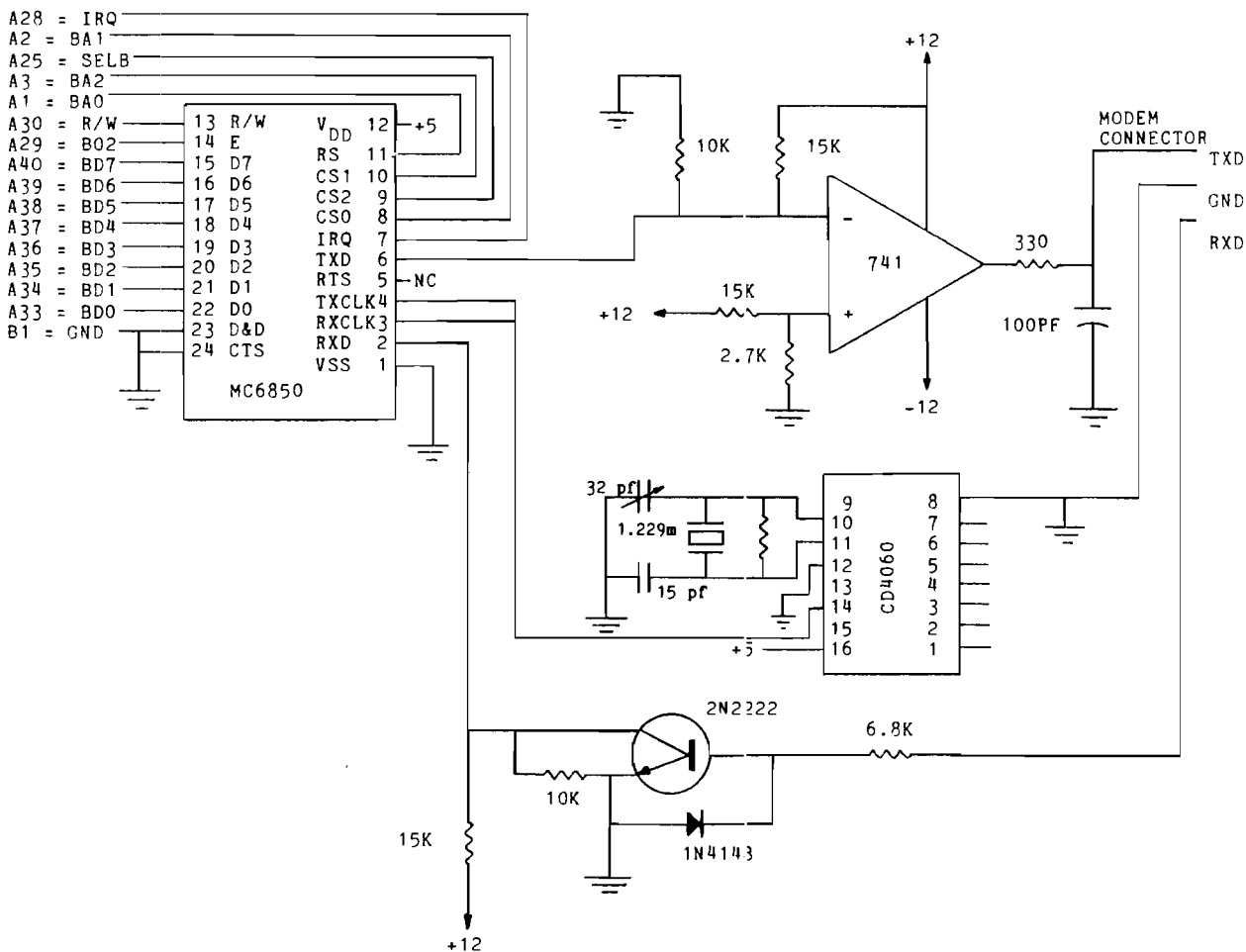


Figure 1

address of this routine into the interrupt address location of RAM so that, when an interrupt occurs, PET will check the ACIA before it checks the other possible interrupt locations.

When the ACIA receives a serial byte from the modem, it strips off the start and stop bits, converts it to parallel, and then interrupts the CPU. PET is then routed to the routine beginning at 033A.

Lines 033A - 033C transfer the contents of the ACIA status register, to register X and lines 033D - 033E cause a branch if bit 7 is set, indicating that the ACIA did interrupt the CPU and has a byte to transfer. Otherwise, lines 033F - 0341 transfer PET to the ROM interrupt sequence. Lines 0342 - 0344 transfer a data byte from the ACIA to register A and line 0345 clears the CPU interrupt to allow for other interrupts. Lines 0346 - 0347 strip the parity bit from the data byte and line 0348 transfers it to register X for temporary storage.

Next, to erase the cursor, lines 0349 - 034A load A with \$20 (note that CHR\$(32) is a blank). Lines 034B - 034D get the current position of the cursor on the video line and lines 034E - 034F then clear the cursor.

To type the character, line 0350 retrieves the data byte from register X and stores it in register A and lines 0351 - 0353, then types the character in the next print position.

To set the cursor, lines 0354 - 0355 load register A with \$A0 (note that CHR\$(160) = reverse blank), lines 0356 - 0358 get the current position of the cursor on the video line, and lines 0359 - 035A then set the cursor.

Lines 035B - 035D then transfer control back to the PET interrupt routine. Back in the BASIC program, line 115 POKES 3 into the ACIA control register which then resets the ACIA. Line 120 sets the lower case letter mode and then lines 120 - 180 print instructions and stop.

Since the answer modem at Arkansas State University uses seven bits plus parity plus two stop bits, line 190 programs the ACIA to transfer data in this mode. Reference 1 explains how to program other modes. Also, since the Arkansas State University computer initially waits for a control G, line 195 has a delay and then POKES a 7 = ASCII CTRL-G to the modem. Lines 200 - 300 then wait to get a character from the keyboard, convert the character to ASCII, and POKE it to the ACIA.

## Hardware

The MC6850 is wired directly to the CPU bus through the memory expansion port. I use page B by wiring CS2 to SELB. Details of programming the ACIA can be found in reference 1.

The 1.229 megaHertz crystal and the C4060 counter put out a 4800 Hertz square wave to the ACIA. The ACIA further divides it by 16 to obtain a baud rate of 300. Reference 2 indicates how to get

other baud rates. The 741 op amp converts the RS-232 logic from the modem to TTL as described in reference 3.

You will need a  $\pm 12$  and +5 volt power supply. If you use a TTL compatible modem, you won't need the  $\pm 12$  volt supply and you can get +5 volts from the second cassette port.

### Questions

There are lots of software questions I have not answered. For example, how can a program be copied directly from the cassette to the modem? How can a program or data file be "saved" by sending it to the storage facilities at the other end of the line and how can it be retrieved later? With the exception of displaying more characters, what can an expensive "smart" terminal do that PET can't do? As I stated earlier, this article is merely a start.

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0010:
0020:
0030: 033A
0040: 033A AE F6 BF
0050: 033D 30 03
0060: 033F 4C 85 E6
0070: 0342 AD F7 BF
0080: 0345 58
0090: 0346 29 7F
0100: 0348 AA
0110: 0349 A9 20
0120: 034B A4 E2
0130: 034D 91 E0
0140: 034F 8A
0150: 0350 20 D2 FF
0160: 0353 A9 A0
0170: 0355 A4 E2
0180: 0357 91 E0
0190: 0359 4C 85 E6
ID=

ORG $033A
LDX $BFF6 GET STATUS REGISTER OF ACIA
BMI $0342 BRANCH IF BIT 7 SET
JMP $E685 JUMP TO PET INTERRUPT
LDA $BFF7 GET BYTE FROM ACIA
CLI CLEAR INTERRUPT FLAG
ANDIM $7F STRIP OFF PARITY BIT
TAX STORE THE BYTE
LDAIM $20 CHR(32) = BLANK
LDY $00E2 GET CURSOR POSITION ON LINE
STAYI $E0 CLEAR CURSOR
TXA RETRIEVE THE BYTE FROM X
JSR $FFD2 TYPE IT AS A CHARACTER
LDAIM $A0 CHR(160) = REVERSE BLANK
LDY $00E2 GET CURSOR POSITION ON LINE
STAYI $E0 SET CURSOR
JMP $E685 JUMP TO PET INTERRUPT

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Figure 3

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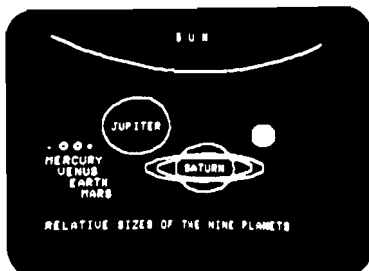
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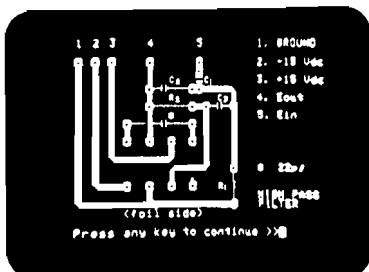
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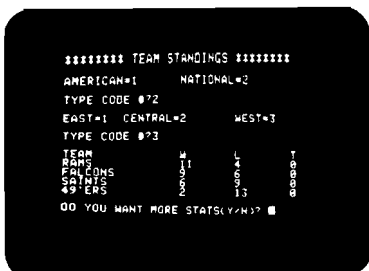
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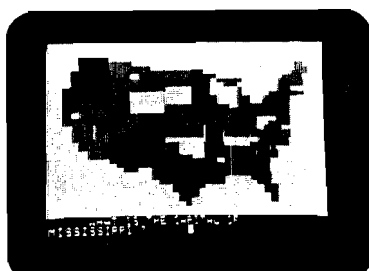
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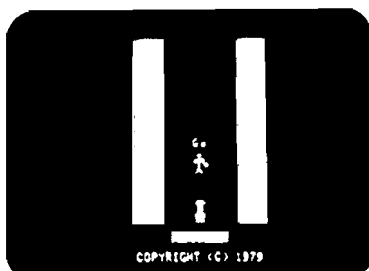
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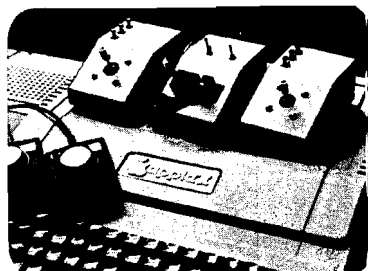
FORMAT's system of imbedded commands (within the text) give it an ease of operation similar to text formatters found on some mini-computers.

FORMAT features right margin justification, centering, page numbering, and auto-paragraph indent.

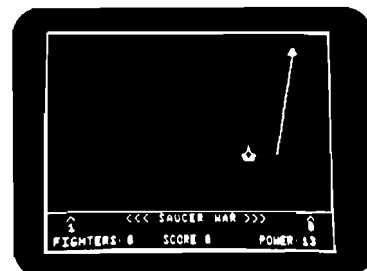
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- .ce n Center next n lines without fill
- .fi Start filling output lines
- .fo t Foot title becomes t
- .he t Head title becomes t
- .in n Indent n spaces from left margin
- .li n Literal, next n lines are text
- .ll n Line length including indent is n
- .ls n Set line spacing to n
- .ml n Top spacing including head title
- .m2 n Spacing after heading title
- .m3 n Spacing before foot title
- .m4 n Bottom spacing including foot title
- .na Stop adjusting right margins
- .nf Stop filling output lines
- .pl n Page length is n lines
- .pp n Begin paragraph= .sp, .fi, .ti n
- .sp n Space down n lines, except at top
- .ti n Temporary indent of n
- .ul n Underline next n input lines

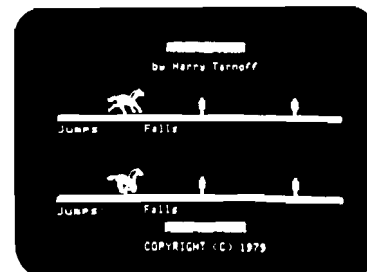
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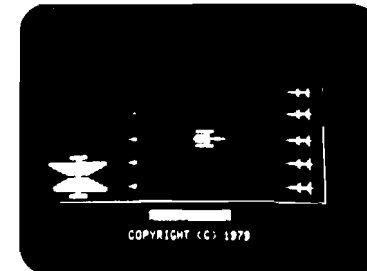
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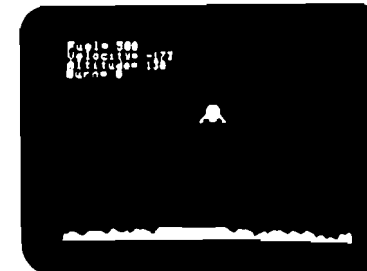
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# Spelunker

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**Spelunker is not for the faint of heart! It presents many interesting and useful programming techniques in the pleasant format of a game. As you play, keep telling yourself "It's only a game, it's only a game ..."**

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This is an adventure fantasy series in which you become directly involved in exploration of a mysterious cavern in southwest Kentucky called Devils' Delve. If you have never played before, you should take a guide along. The guide will read the chamber descriptions as you enter each room for the first time. He can also supply some hints and clues to help you when you are stuck. Only the guide should use the room descriptions, word lists, and the map of the caverns. However, younger players may need some of these aids to help them.

Spelunker is an interactive game. You must converse with the program in order to explore the caverns and locate their treasures. You can talk in sentences, if you wish; but the program will use only one verb and one noun to establish meaning. For this reason, it is best to converse in verb/noun phrases. In the case of moving from chamber to chamber, for example, enter "GO W" or simply "W" and the verb "GO" will be implied. The Spelunker program will move you into the next room to the west upon receiving this command. Other examples might include "TAKE LIGHT" or "JUMP DOWN".

With this brief introduction you should be ready to explore the caverns of Spelunker. While you are about it, try drawing a map of the cave. You may also wish to discover exactly what vocabulary is understood by the program. The material that follows is for the guide only — so don't ruin your first adventure by peeking at it.

## For the Guide Only

In the 16K APPLE II version of Spelunker, the chamber descriptions are not part of the program because of limited memory size. These room descriptions have been prepared for the adventurer's guide. The guide may read each room description as the adventurer enters the chamber for the first time.

1. **Mouth:** You are at the mouth of a large cavern. The sides of the entrance slope steeply upward, and a mysterious passage leads west into the cave.

2. **Tree room:** A towering, withered tree stands in what appears to be a dried up river bed. From it you seem to hear echoing sounds saying, "Water...water...water..."

3. **Writing room:** Do not read this description if the room is dark. The writing room is a large, oval chamber with tall ceilings and massive stalagmites. The smooth eastern wall has some writing on it — cryptic characters that spell out, "THE SPIRITS OF THE FRUIT."

4. **Pit room:** A small chamber with an immense stalagmite hanging from the center of the ceiling, directly over the mouth of a bottomless pit.

5. **South lake shore:** You stand at the edge of a misty lake that stretches endlessly out before you to the north.

6. **West lake shore:** You are standing on a damp, sandy shoreline with a very low passage leading off to the west. A clammy draft issues from the low-ceilinged passage.

7. **North lake shore:** A small, sandy beach on the northern edge of Misty Lake.

8. **Maze room:** Also known as the swiss cheese room. You loose your sense of direction because twisting passages are coming and going at all points of the compass.

9. **Frozen river room:** What appears to be a petrified river bed slopes gently upward leading toward the west. It has a low, four-foot ceiling.

10. **Swift river room:** You hear swiftly running water, as you enter this room, and you see a narrow, churning, underground river flowing to the south.

11. **Hub room:** A magnificently decorated chamber with crystalline designs and intricate rock formations. A narrow, fast moving river flows through the hub room.

12. **Ice room:** Mysteriously, ice forms

very quickly in this chamber, encapsulating anything left there for too long. There is so much ice that you can't even get into the room; however, you see an exit on the other side of the chamber.

13. **Chimney room:** A small, smoke filled chamber with a fire burning in a natural fireplace in the north wall. Apparently, a chimney leads far up through the rock and out of the cavern.

14. **Gold room:** As you enter this room, the first thing that you notice is a pile of golden treasures nestled into a nook on the far side. Before you take another step, a foul-smelling ogre jumps out from a hole in the side wall and rushes forward to protect his gold.

15. **Bones room:** Lining the walls of this chamber are the skeletons of pirates long since dead. An ominous curse is uttered by all of the skeletons in unison, as you enter the room, and the curse shadows your travels throughout the cavern.

16. **Bat room:** The ceiling is all but invisible for the tens of thousands of bats sleeping there. In one corner of this room lies an old, rusted chest. As you open the chest, the bats begin to stir. Inside the chest is a king's ransom in jewels: diamonds, rubies and emeralds.

17. **Ghost room:** An eerie feeling of demonic power lurks in this chamber.

18. **Misty Lake:** You are in the middle of Misty Lake. A strange glow emanates from the bottom of the lake. You turn off your light and notice an enormous, bright pearl nestling inside a gigantic clam. The clam is at the bottom of the lake, in only ten feet of water.

19. **Swift River:** This narrow, fast flowing river is outside the cavern. It runs south for a few yards and then disappears underground.

Having been exposed to a fantasy program called *Adventure* which seems to reside on many large timesharing networks, I was challenged to see if this type of game could be handled on a micro. Thus the dream stage began. I thought up monsters, treasures, a cave structure, tools, tricks and battles. The major goals emerged:

Pseudo-English input commands (verb-noun phrases)

Interconnected rooms one could travel through

Objects one could take, put, carry and use

Monsters / treasures; do battle, take rewards

Secrets to be discovered

The obvious method was to tabularize as much data as possible so that similar functions could be implemented as subroutines. This left only special handling routines to be added.

The program was organized into five major sections. Lines numbered 30xxx initialize the tables and variables. Lines numbered 4xxx to 10xxx print out the current location and status for the player. Lines numbered 1xxx read and decode the input string. Lines in the 2xxx range perform the command action, if possible. In lines with 3xxx numbers the monsters have an opportunity to react to their environment. Each of these sections was developed,

Table 1: Sample word tables for the guide.

The following lists of verbs and nouns are for use if you are having difficulty in communicating with Spelunker. Not all of these words have meaning or utility in this adventure. I didn't want to make it too easy!

#### VERBS

BITE	CARRY	CLIMB	DIG	DRINK	DRIVE
DROP	EAT	FIGHT	GO	HELP	HIT
JUMP	KILL	PUT	RUB	RUN	START
STOP	TAKE	THROW	USE	WALK	WISH

#### NOUNS

APPLE	AX	BATS	BOMB	BONES	CAVE
CHEST	CLAM	CURSE	DOWN	E	FIRE
GHOST	GOLD	ICE	KNIFE	LAKE	LAMP
LIGHT	N	NE	NW	OGRE	PEARL
RAFT	RIVER	ROPE	S	SE	SW
TENT	TREE	TRUCK	UP	W	WATER

tested and integrated separately from the others.

#### Input commands

A list of verbs and nouns was developed and categorized as to nature or function. After entering these tables into the program, I worked on the routine to read and decode input commands. Each word was picked out of the input string, then searched for in the noun and verb lists. The first recognized verb and noun numbers were the output of this routine, and this output controlled the action routines. I later added an edit to compare the noun type and verb type to see if they were compatible.

#### Objects to take and put

Parallel to the noun list is the status list which gives the room number where an object currently resides. A -1 indicates that the object is in the possession of the player. In the output section, objects in the current room (LOC) were printed and the objects in the players possession were also reported. The second action routine was added next — the TAKE and PUT routine. TAKE changed the status of a noun to -1, while PUT set its status equal to LOC. Again I tested the program and played with it, moving things all over the caves.

#### Verb Table

		Sensitive Noun Types						
Verb	Type	Direction	Location	Weapon	Monster	Treasure	Tools	Foods
1 GO	1	x						
2 JUMP	11	x	x		x			
3 RUN	1	x						
4 WALK	1	x						
5 DRIVE	1	x						
6 CLIMB	3	x	x					
7 DIG	2		x					
8 CARRY	116			x		x	x	x
9 DROP	116			x		x	x	x
10 PUT	116			x		x	x	x
11 TAKE	116			x		x	x	x
12 USE	36			x			x	
13 WISH	36			x			x	
14 THROW	4			x				
15 HELP	8							
16 KILL	8				x			
17 STOP	40					x		x
18 HIT	8					x		
19 FIGHT	8				x			
20 RUB	16					x		
21 START	32					x		
22 DRINK	64							x
23 EAT	64							x
24 BITE	64							x

### Cave room structure

The map was finalized, giving each room a number. The interconnections were entered into the N, E, S and W arrays, with a positive number indicating an exit in that direction to the room number specified. A series of statements were inserted in order to print out the current room descriptions, but at the time only the room name was printed. Later I discovered that there was not enough memory to put in the complete descriptions in any event.

The first of the action routines — the MOVE routine — was coded next. If there was a possible move in the requested direction, the LOC variable was set to the new room and its description was printed. This portion was a lot of fun to test and debug.

### Monsters, treasures and battles

The monsters and treasures were merely noun objects in the caves, like all of the other things. A relationship was defined between the monster, his treasure, the player, and the player's use of weapons. Thus grew up the monster table and the weapons table. The monster table identifies the monster, determines his strength, defines his treasure, identifies his home chamber, and determines how quickly he moves about the caves. The monsters move through the caverns to find their treasures if they are stolen. In the table are certain base probability factors for the monster to kill the player, steal all the player's treasures, or steal only the treasure than originally belonged to the monster.

The weapons table details the power of each of the player's weapons and determines which monsters they are effective against. The next action routine was ready to implement: the ATTACK routine. This is invoked whenever a weapon is used, put, thrown, and so on. Any monsters in the room are attacked, and their life forces are decreased by a random amount limited by the force of the weapon used. When a monster's life force is reduced to zero, it is eliminated.

Of course, it is not fair to let the player cut the demons to shreds without allowing them to fight back. Thus came the REACTION routines. Happy monsters are those that have their own treasures in their room and have not been attacked. Any monsters that are not happy will seek someone to vent their anger upon, and that person is the player. A very intricate set of probabilities decides the outcome of this anger. The more the monster has been hurt by the player's attacks, the weaker his counterattack will become. But also, the more times he has countered in vain, the madder he gets! Nothing is more deadly than a mad monster.

### Noun Table

Noun	Type	Status (Location)
1 N	Direction	0
2 NE	Direction	0
3 E	Direction	0
4 SE	Direction	0
5 S	Direction	0
6 SW	Direction	0
7 W	Direction	0
8 NW	Direction	0
9 UP	Direction	0
10 DOWN	Direction	0
11 CAVE	Location	0
12 LAKE	Location	0
13 RIVER	Location	0
14 TREE	Location	0
15 AX	Weapon	4 = Pit
16 BOMB	Weapon	3 = Writing
17 CURSE	Weapon	15 = Bones
18 FIRE	Weapon	13 = Chimney
19 KNIFE	Weapon	1 = Mouth
20 CLAM	Monster	18 = Misty Lake
21 BATS	Monster	16 = Bat
22 BONES	Monster	15 = Bone
23 GHOST	Monster	17 = Ghost
24 OGRE	Monster	14 = Gold
25 CHEST	Treasure	16 = Bat
26 GOLD	Treasure	14 = Gold
27 PEARL	Treasure	18 = Misty Lake
28 LAMP	Treasure	12 = Ice
29 RAFT	Tool	5 = South Shore
30 ROPE	Tool	9 = Frozen River
31 TENT	Tool	1 = Mouth
32 TRUCK	Tool	1 = Mouth
33 LIGHT	Tool	1 = Mouth
34 WATER	Food	0
35 APPLE	Food	0
36 ICE	Water	12 = Ice

### Room Table

Room	Tunnel Connects				Notes
	N	E	S	W	
1 Mouth	50		19	2	Truck Tent Knife Light
2 Tree		1	3		
3 Writing	2		10	20	Bomb
4 Pit		20			Ax Use rope to go down
5 South Lake Shore	-18				Raft-north Rope-up
6 West Lake Shore		-18		12	Raft-east
7 North Lake Shore	9		-18		Raft-south
8 Maze	8	9	8	20	All 45's return to Maze
9 Frozen River	7	1		8	Rope
10 Swift River Room	3		-11		Raft-south
11 Hub	13	14	-49	21	- 15 22 12 (NE SE SW NW)
12 Ice			11	6	Ice Lamp
13 Chimney			11		Fire Rope-up
14 Gold				11	Gold Ogre
15 Bones				11	Curse Bones
16 Bats	22				Chest Bats
17 Ghost		21			Ghost
18 Moosty Lake	7		5	6	Pearl Clam
19 Swift River	1				
20 Intersect 1	8	3		4	
21 Intersect 2		11	22	17	
22 Intersect 3	11		16	21	
49 Falls (Over)					Death
50 Home					End game

Lots of testing and refinements later, SPELUNKER took its maiden voyage. Surely a program like this is never finished. The framework has been laid for all

sorts of adventures, whatever one can imagine. And, now that I have more memory, I can expand the scope and capabilities of the program.

## Program Flow

### Initialize - 30000's

Dimension and set up data for nouns, verbs, noun types, verb types, status or location of nouns, north, south, east and west tunnel connections, monster life force tables, and weapons table.

### Output - 4000's

Print room descriptions, possible exit directions, and room contents as well as your possessions.

### Input/Decode - 1000's

Read your typed-in command, select each word and scan it against the noun and verb lists. The first valid noun and verb are edited and used to control the rest of the program.

### Actions - 2000's

This routine handles takes and puts, special verbs and nouns, your attacks on life forces, and movement through the caverns.

### Reactions - 3000's

The demonic life forces who have been attacked or who do not have their own treasures fight back. Based on complex probabilities, they either kill, steal your treasures, or wander the caverns in search of you.

## Monster Table

Monster name	Ogre	Bats	Ghost	Clam	Ice	Bones
Monster number	24	21	23	20	36	22
Reward	Gold	Chest		Pearl	Lamp	
Reward number	26	25	0	27	28	0
Move delay	0	0	0	1	1	1
Move increment	2	4	6	0	0	0
Attack count	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kill probability	60	60	0	90	0	0
Steal all probability	30	40	0	60	60	0
Steal own probability	55	90	0	65	0	0
Home room number	14	16	17	18	12	15
Life force quotient	100	40	50	60	25	75

## Weapon Table

Weapon name	Ax	Bomb	Fire	Knife	Light	Ice
Weapon Number	15	16	18	19	33	36
Power	100	150	30	50	30	40
Attacks Monster No. 1	24	24	21	24	23	21
Attacks Monster No. 2		22	22	20		
Attacks Monster No. 3		36	36			

# Microbes

## Move It: Relocating PET Source Programs and Object Code Herman, 16:17

The following table should have appeared with Harvey B. Herman's article in MICRO 16:17 MOVE IT.

## AIM-65 in the Ham Shack De Jong, 16:29

The following table should have appeared with Marvin L. De Jong's article. It is a table of ASCII to Morse code look-ups which is used by the "Ham Shack" program.

Operation	Comment
1. Load "MONITOR" and rewind	Sets up PET PARAMETERS
2. SYS 62894	Load tape header
3. SYS 1039	Run Monitor
4. M 027B, 027B 027B 00 04 6B 07	Display tape address
5. 027B 00 10 6B 1F	Change addresses
6. X	Return to BASIC
7. SYS 62403	Finish monitor move
8. POKE 135,28	Protect relocated monitor
9. LOAD "MODIFY" and RUN	Run BASIC MODIFY program
10. LOAD "MONITOR" and RUN	Run MONITOR program to finish relocation

Figure 1: Monitor Relocation Procedure

C0	=0020	00	00	00	00
C1	=0024	00	00	00	0E
C2	=0028	00	00	00	00
C3	=002C	EE	8C	36	94
C4	=0030	FC	76	3C	10
C5	=0034	8C	04	84	04
C6	=0038	E4	F4	16	32
C7	=003C	00	8C	00	32
C8	=0040	00	60	88	A8
C9	=0044	90	40	28	08
CA	=0048	08	20	78	80
CB	=004C	48	E0	A0	F8
CC	=0050	68	D8	50	18
CD	=0054	00	30	18	70
CE	=0058	98	B8	C8	00



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>LIST
  0 REM   SPELUNKER  I
  1 GOTO 30000: REM   TO INITIALIZE
1000 PRINT "?": INPUT IN$:IN$( LEN(IN$)+1)=" GO N * ":I=1
1005 NOUN=0:VERB=0
1010 GOSUB 1500: GOSUB 1600: GOSUB 1700
1020 IF W3$#"* " THEN 1010
1050 NTYP=NTYP(NOUN):VTYP=VTYP(VERB)
1060 IF (VTYP MOD (NTYP*2))>=NTYP THEN 2000
1070 PRINT "ICH VERSTEHE NICHT"
1080 GOTO 3000
1200 GOTO 2000
1500 W3$="":S=0: FOR I=1 TO LEN(IN$): IF S=0 THEN 1520: IF IN$(I,1)=" " THEN
    1580: IF S=5 THEN 1560: GOTO 1540
1520 IF IN$(I,1)=" " THEN 1560
1540 S=S+1:W3$(S)=IN$(I,1)
1560 NEXT I
1580 IF S<5 THEN W3$(S+1)=SPC$(S+1)
1590 RETURN
1600 IF NOUN#0 THEN RETURN : FOR J=1 TO NUMN: IF W3$#NOUN$(J*5-4,J*5) THEN
    NEXT J: IF J>=NUMN THEN RETURN :NOUN=J:W2$=W3$
1610 RETURN
1700 IF VERB#0 THEN RETURN : FOR J=1 TO NUMV: IF W3$#VERB$(J*5-4,J*5) THEN
    NEXT J: IF J>=NUMV THEN RETURN :VERB=J:W1$=W3$
1710 RETURN
2000 REM   MOVE
2010 NLOC=0
2020 IF NOUN>8 THEN 2200
2030 IF (NOUN MOD 2)=1 THEN 2100
2040 IF LOC#11 AND LOC#8 THEN 1070
2100 GOTO 2100+NOUN*10
2110 NLOC=N(LOC): GOTO 2190
2120 NLOC=0: GOTO 2190
2130 NLOC=E(LOC): GOTO 2190
2140 NLOC=15: IF LOC=8 THEN NLOC=8: GOTO 2190
2150 NLOC=5(LOC): GOTO 2190
2160 NLOC=22: IF LOC=8 THEN NLOC=8: GOTO 2190
2170 NLOC=W(LOC): GOTO 2190
2180 NLOC=12: IF LOC=8 THEN NLOC=8: GOTO 2190
2190 IF RAFT=1 THEN NLOC= ABS (NLOC)
2191 RAFT=0:PLOC=LOC
2192 IF NLOC>0 THEN LOC=NLOC
2193 IF NLOC#12 THEN 2900
2194 IF M(50)<5 THEN 2900
2195 IF PLOC=6 THEN S(12)=0
2196 IF PLOC=11 THEN W(12)=0
2197 GOTO 2900
2200 IF (NOUN=9 OR NOUN=10) AND ROPE=0 THEN GOTO 1070
2205 IF NOUN#9 THEN 2250
2210 IF LOC#5 AND LOC#13 THEN 1070
2220 IF LOC=5 THEN LOC=4
2230 IF LOC=13 THEN LOC=50
2240 GOTO 3000
2250 IF NOUN#10 THEN 2300
2260 IF LOC#4 THEN 1070
2270 LOC=5: GOTO 3000
2300 IF VERB=8 OR VERB=11 THEN 2320: GOTO 2350
2320 IF NUMP=8 THEN 1070
2325 IF NOUN=34 AND (LOC=19 OR LOC=10 OR LOC=5 OR LOC=18 OR LOC=7 OR LOC=
    6 OR LOC=11) THEN 2345

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2330 IF STA(NOUN)#LOC THEN 1070
2335 IF NOUN=28 AND M(50)>0 THEN 1070
2345 STA(NOUN)=-1: GOTO 3000
2350 IF VERB=9 OR VERB=10 OR VERB=14 THEN 2370: GOTO 2400
2370 IF STA(NOUN)#-1 THEN 1070
2380 STA(NOUN)=LOC
2383 IF NOUN#33 THEN 2420
2385 IF VERB#10 THEN STA(33)=0
2387 LIGHT=0
2390 GOTO 2420
2400 IF VERB#12 THEN 2900
2410 IF STA(NOUN)#-1 THEN 1070
2420 FOR WT=1 TO NUMW*5-4 STEP 5
2425 IF NOUN#WT(WT) THEN 2480
2430 FOR D=2 TO 4
2435 IF (STA(WT(WT+D)) MOD 100)#LOC THEN 2470
2440 FOR M=1 TO NUMM*10-9 STEP 10
2445 IF WT(WT+D)#M(M) THEN 2460
2446 HT= RND (WT(WT+1))/(COURSE+1)
2448 M(M+9)=M(M+9)-HT
2449 IF M(M+4)=0 THEN M(M+4)=1
2450 PRINT "ASSAULT ON ";NOUN$(M(M)*5-4,M(M)*5); ", "; HT; " UNITS"
2452 PRINT "ITS LIFE FORCE IS NOW ";M(M+9); "%"
2455 IF M(M+9)>0 THEN 2460
2456 PRINT NOUN$(M(M)*5-4,M(M)*5); " HAS BEEN ELIMINATED"
2457 STA(M(M))=0
2460 NEXT M
2470 NEXT D
2480 NEXT WT
2490 IF NOUN#16 OR VERB=10 THEN 2500
2492 STA(16)=0: GOTO 2493+ RND (4)
2493 N(LOC)=0: GOTO 2500
2494 E(LOC)=0: GOTO 2500
2495 S(LOC)=0: GOTO 2500
2496 W(LOC)=0
2500 IF NTYP#32 THEN 2900
2510 IF NOUN#33 THEN 2520: IF VERB=12 THEN LIGHT=1: GOTO 2900
2520 IF NOUN#29 THEN 2530:RAFT=1: GOTO 2900
2530 IF NOUN#30 THEN 2540:ROPE=1: GOTO 2900
2540 REM
2900 IF NOUN<11 THEN ROPE=0
2910 IF STA(30)=LOC THEN ROPE=1
2920 IF LOC=12 THEN 3000
2930 W(12)=6:S(12)=11
3000 REM RE-ACTION
3010 FOR M=1 TO NUMM*10-9 STEP 10
3020 IF STA(M(M))#0 THEN GOSUB 3800
3030 NEXT M
3040 IF STA(35)=0 AND STA(34)=2 THEN STA(35)=2
3090 GOTO 4000
3800 REM MONS SUB
3802 MRM=STA(M(M)) MOD 100
3810 IF (STA(M(M+1)) MOD 100)=MRM AND M(M+4)=0 THEN 3900
3820 IF MRM=LOC THEN 3860
3830 M(M+2)=(M(M+2)+M(M+3)) MOD 6
3840 IF M(M+2)#0 THEN RETURN
3845 GOTO 3850+ RND (4)
3850 NLOC=N(MRM): GOTO 3855
3851 NLOC=E(MRM): GOTO 3855
3852 NLOC=S(MRM): GOTO 3855

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3853 NLOC=W(MRM): GOTO 3855
3855 IF NLOC<1 THEN RETURN
3858 STA(M(M))=NLOC+STA(M(M))-MRM: RETURN
3860 M(M+4)=M(M+4)+1
3865 KP=(M(M+5)-(STA(M(M+1))=-1)*40+9*(M(M+4)-2))*M(M+9)/100+COURSE
3866 IF KP>60 THEN KP=60
3870 SAP=(M(M+6)+9*(M(M+4)-2))*M(M+9)/100+COURSE
3871 IF SAP>70 THEN SAP=70
3875 SRP=(M(M+7)+9*(M(M+4)-2))*M(M+9)/100+COURSE
3876 IF SRP>80 THEN SRP=80
3877 PRINT "ATTACK BY "; NOUNS$((M(M)-1)*5+1,M(M)*5)
3879 R1= RND (100):R2= RND (100):R3= RND (100)
3880 IF KP>R1 THEN 3920
3885 IF SAP>R2 THEN 3940
3887 IF STA(M(M+1))>#-1 THEN RETURN
3890 IF SRP>R3 THEN 3960
3895 RETURN
3900 STA(M(M))=M(M+8)
3905 STA(M(M+1))=M(M+8)
3910 RETURN
3920 VTAB 23: TAB 1: PRINT "THE "; NOUNS$((M(M)-1)*5+1,M(M)*5); " KILLED YOU!"

3924 PRINT KP,R1
3925 END
3940 FOR I=1 TO NUMN
3945 IF NTYP(I)=16 AND STA(I)=-1 THEN STA(I)=M(M+8)
3950 NEXT I
3957 PRINT "ALL YOUR REWARDS STOLEN"
3958 PRINT SAP,R2
3959 GOTO 3900
3960 PRINT "HE TOOK BACK HIS VALUABLE"
3962 PRINT SRP,R3
3965 GOTO 3900
4000 REM OUTPUT
4020 FOR I=3 TO 9: VTAB I: TAB 2: PRINT " " "": NEXT I
4050 IF LOC<1 OR LOC>50 THEN GOTO 4051
4060 GOTO 4000+100*LOC
4070 POKE 50,63: VTAB 3: TAB 2: PRINT LOC$: POKE 50,255: PRINT " "": RETURN

4090 VTAB 23: TAB 1
4095 IF LIGHT=1 OR LOC<3 OR LOC=19 THEN 9100
4097 PRINT "IT IS VERY DARK"
4099 GOTO 9100
4100 LOC$="MOUTH "": GOSUB 4070
4199 GOTO 4090
4200 LOC$="TREE ROOM "": GOSUB 4070
4299 GOTO 4090
4300 LOC$="WRITING ROOM": GOSUB 4070
4399 GOTO 4090
4400 LOC$="PIT "": GOSUB 4070
4499 GOTO 4090
4500 LOC$="SOUTH LAKE "": GOSUB 4070
4599 GOTO 4090
4600 LOC$="WEST LAKE "": GOSUB 4070
4699 GOTO 4090
4700 LOC$="NORTH LAKE "": GOSUB 4070
4799 GOTO 4090
4800 LOC$="MAZE ROOM "": GOSUB 4070
4899 GOTO 4090

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4900 LOC$="FROZEN RIVER": GOSUB 4070
4999 GOTO 4090
5000 LOC$="RIVER ROOM ": GOSUB 4070
5099 GOTO 4090
5100 LOC$="HUB ROOM ": GOSUB 4070
5199 GOTO 4090
5200 LOC$="ICE ROOM ": GOSUB 4070
5299 GOTO 4090
5300 LOC$="CHIMNEY ": GOSUB 4070
5399 GOTO 4090
5400 LOC$="GOLD ROOM ": GOSUB 4070
5499 GOTO 4090
5500 LOC$="BONES ": GOSUB 4070
5510 IF STA(35)=-1 THEN CURSE=CURSE+15
5599 GOTO 4090
5600 LOC$="BATS ": GOSUB 4070
5699 GOTO 4090
5700 LOC$="GHOST ROOM ": GOSUB 4070
5799 GOTO 4090
5800 LOC$="MISTY LAKE ": GOSUB 4070
5899 GOTO 4090
5900 LOC$="SWIFT RIVER ": GOSUB 4070
5999 GOTO 4090
6000 LOC$="INTERSECTION": GOSUB 4070
6099 GOTO 4090
6100 GOTO 6000
6200 GOTO 6000
6999 GOTO 4090
8900 LOC$="OVER FALLS ": GOSUB 4070
8910 VTAB 23: TAB 1: GOTO 9090
9000 LOC$="YOUR HOME ": GOSUB 4070
9005 AMT=0
9010 IF STA(25)=-1 THEN AMT=AMT+13
9020 IF STA(26)=-1 THEN AMT=AMT+22
9030 IF STA(27)=-1 THEN AMT=AMT+8
9040 IF STA(28)=-1 THEN AMT=AMT+5
9050 VTAB 23: TAB 1
9060 IF AMT=0 THEN 9090
9070 PRINT "YOU HAVE FOUND $";AMT;","; RND (900)+100;" IN TREASURES"
9080 IF AMT>13 THEN PRINT "NICE SPELUNKING!"
9090 PRINT "GOOD-BYE"
9099 END
9100 FOR I=2 TO 10: VTAB I: TAB 30: PRINT " ": NEXT I
9105 IF LIGHT=0 AND LOC>2 AND LOC#19 THEN 9290
9110 VTAB 5: TAB 33: PRINT "C": TAB 33: PRINT "+": POKE 50,63
9140 IF N(LOC)=0 OR (N(LOC)<0 AND RAFT=0) THEN 9150: VTAB 3: TAB 33: PRINT
"N": TAB 33: PRINT " "
9150 IF S(LOC)=0 OR (S(LOC)<0 AND RAFT=0) THEN 9160: VTAB 8: TAB 33: PRINT
" ": TAB 33: PRINT "S"
9160 IF E(LOC)=0 OR (E(LOC)<0 AND RAFT=0) THEN 9170: VTAB 6: TAB 35: PRINT
" E"
9170 IF W(LOC)=0 OR (W(LOC)<0 AND RAFT=0) THEN 9180: VTAB 6: TAB 30: PRINT
"W "
9180 IF (LOC=5 OR LOC=13) AND ROPE=1 THEN 9185: GOTO 9190
9185 VTAB 2: TAB 33: PRINT "UP"
9190 IF LOC#4 OR ROPE=0 THEN 9200
9195 VTAB 10: TAB 33: PRINT "DOWN"
9200 IF LOC=11 OR LOC=8 THEN 9210: GOTO 9290
9210 VTAB 3: TAB 30: PRINT "N ": TAB 30: PRINT " W"
9215 IF LOC#8 THEN 9220: VTAB 3: TAB 35: PRINT " E": TAB 35: PRINT "N "

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9220 VTAB 8: TAB 30: PRINT " W"; TAB 35: PRINT "S "; TAB 30: PRINT "S ";
      : TAB 35: PRINT " E"
9290 POKE 50,255
9300 IF LIGHT=0 AND LOC>2 AND LOC#19 THEN 9400
9305 VTAB 5: TAB 2: J=0
9310 FOR I=1 TO NUMN-1
9320 IF (STA(I) MOD 100)#LOC THEN 9360
9330 PRINT NOUNS$((I-1)*5+1,I*5); " ";
9340 J=(J+1) MOD 4: IF J#0 THEN 9360
9350 PRINT "": TAB 2
9360 NEXT I
9400 VTAB 13: TAB 2: FOR I=1 TO 12: PRINT "          "; NEXT I
9410 VTAB 13: TAB 2: PRINT "POSSESSIONS "; NUMP=0
9420 FOR I=1 TO NUMN-1
9430 IF STA(I)>=0 THEN 9480
9440 PRINT NOUNS$((I-1)*5+1,I*5); " ";
9450 NUMP=NUMP+1: IF NUMP=4 THEN TAB 14
9480 NEXT I
9900 VTAB 23: TAB 1: GOTO 1000
30000 REM INITIALIZE ROUTINE
30010 DIM IN$(40), NOUNS$(255), VERBS$(255), W1$(5), W2$(5), W3$(5), NTYP(50), VTYP(
      50), STA(50)
30020 DIM N(50), E(50), S(50), W(50)
30030 TEXT : CALL -936
30040 DIM LOC$(26), SPC$(5), POSS(10), M(6*10)
30050 SPC$=" "
30060 NUMW=6
30065 DIM WT(5*NUMW)
30070 LOC=1
30100 REM INITIALIZE VARIABLES
30101 REM SHOULD BE READ AND DATA STMTS
30110 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="N NE E SE S SW W NW UP DOWN
      "
30120 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="CAVE LAKE RIVERTREE "
30130 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="AX BOMB CURSEFIRE KNIFE"
30140 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="CLAM BATS BONESGHOSTOGRE "
30150 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="CHESTGOLD PEARLLAMP "
30160 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="RAFT ROPE TENT TRUCKLIGHT"
30170 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="WATERAPPLEICE "
30195 NOUNS$( LEN(NOUNS$)+1)="*****"
30199 NUMN=37
30210 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="GO JUMP RUN WALK DRIVECLIMB"
30220 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="DIG "
30230 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="CARRYDROP PUT TAKE USE WISH THROW"
30240 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="HELP KILL STOP HIT FIGHT"
30250 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="RUB "
30260 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="STARTDRIVE"
30270 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="DRINKEAT BITE "
30295 VERBS$( LEN(VERBS$)+1)="*****"
30299 NUMV=26
30310 FOR I=1 TO 10:NTYP(I)=1: NEXT I
30320 FOR I=11 TO 14:NTYP(I)=2: NEXT I
30330 FOR I=15 TO 19:NTYP(I)=4: NEXT I
30340 FOR I=20 TO 24:NTYP(I)=8: NEXT I
30350 FOR I=25 TO 28:NTYP(I)=16: NEXT I
30360 FOR I=29 TO 33:NTYP(I)=32: NEXT I
30370 FOR I=34 TO 35:NTYP(I)=64: NEXT I
30380 NTYP(36)=32
30410 FOR I=1 TO 6:VTYP(I)=1: NEXT I
30412 VTYP(2)=11:VTYP(6)=3

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30420 VTYPE(7)=2
30430 FOR I=8 TO 11:VTYPE(I)=116: NEXT I
30432 VTYPE(12)=36:VTYPE(13)=36:VTYPE(14)=4
30440 FOR I=15 TO 19:VTYPE(I)=8: NEXT I
30442 VTYPE(17)=40
30450 VTYPE(20)=16
30460 FOR I=21 TO 22:VTYPE(I)=32: NEXT I
30470 FOR I=23 TO 25:VTYPE(I)=64: NEXT I
30500 FOR I=1 TO 14:STA(I)=0: NEXT I
30510 STA(15)=4:STA(16)=3:STA(17)=15
30520 STA(18)=13:STA(19)=1:STA(20)=18
30530 STA(21)=16:STA(22)=15:STA(23)=17
30540 STA(24)=14:STA(25)=16:STA(26)=14
30550 STA(27)=18:STA(28)=12:STA(29)=5
30560 STA(30)=9:STA(31)=1:STA(32)=1
30570 STA(33)=1:STA(34)=0:STA(35)=0
30580 STA(36)=12
30600 FOR I=1 TO 50:N(I)=0:E(I)=0:S(I)=0:W(I)=0: NEXT I
30610 N(1)=50:N(3)=2:N(5)=-18:N(7)=9:N(8)=8:N(9)=7
30620 N(10)=3:N(11)=13:N(16)=22:N(18)=7
30630 N(19)=1:N(20)=8:N(22)=11
30640 E(2)=1:E(4)=20:E(6)=-18:E(8)=9:E(9)=1:E(11)=14:E(17)=21:E(20)=3
30650 E(21)=11
30660 S(1)=19:S(2)=3:S(3)=10:S(7)=-18:S(8)=8:S(10)=-11:S(11)=-49:S(12)=11:
      S(13)=11:S(18)=5
30670 S(21)=22:S(22)=16
30680 W(1)=2:W(3)=20:W(6)=12:W(8)=20:W(9)=8:W(11)=21
30690 W(12)=6:W(14)=11:W(15)=11:W(18)=6:W(20)=4:W(21)=17:W(22)=21
30700 POKE 50,63
30710 VTAB 24: GOSUB 31999: VTAB 1: GOSUB 31999: VTAB 11: GOSUB 31999: VTAB
      16: GOSUB 31999
30720 VTAB 2: TAB 1
30730 FOR I=2 TO 23: PRINT " ";: TAB 29: IF I<11 THEN PRINT " ";: TAB 39: PRINT
      " ";: NEXT I
30740 POKE 50,255: POKE 32,1: POKE 33,37: POKE 34,16: POKE 35,23: VTAB 17:
      TAB 2
30800 FOR I=1 TO 60:M(I)=0: NEXT I
30810 M(1)=24:M(2)=26:M(4)=2:M(6)=60:M(7)=30:M(8)=55:M(9)=14:M(10)=100
30820 M(11)=21:M(12)=25:M(14)=4:M(16)=60:M(17)=40:M(18)=90:M(19)=16:M(20)=
      40
30830 M(21)=23:M(24)=6:M(29)=17:M(30)=50
30840 M(31)=20:M(32)=27:M(33)=1:M(36)=90:M(37)=60:M(38)=65:M(39)=18:M(40)=
      60
30850 M(41)=36:M(42)=28:M(43)=1:M(47)=60:M(49)=12:M(50)=25
30860 M(51)=22:M(53)=1:M(59)=15:M(60)=75
30890 NUMM=6
30900 WT(1)=15:WT(2)=100:WT(3)=24:WT(4)=0:WT(5)=0
30910 WT(6)=16:WT(7)=150:WT(8)=24:WT(9)=22:WT(10)=36
30920 WT(11)=18:WT(12)=30:WT(13)=21:WT(14)=22:WT(15)=36
30930 WT(16)=19:WT(17)=50:WT(18)=24:WT(19)=20:WT(20)=0
30940 WT(21)=33:WT(22)=30:WT(23)=23:WT(24)=0:WT(25)=0
30950 WT(26)=36:WT(27)=40:WT(28)=21:WT(29)=0:WT(30)=0
30999 GOTO 4000
31999 TAB 1: PRINT " ";: RETURN
32000 PRINT ( PEEK (202)+ PEEK (203)*256)-( PEEK (204)+ PEEK (205)*256): END

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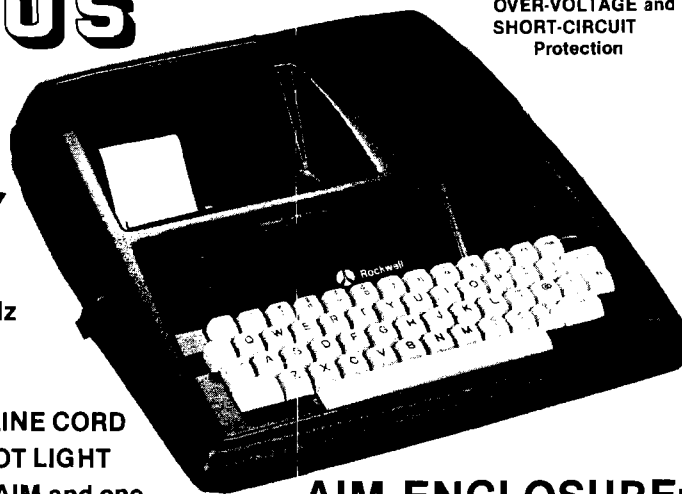
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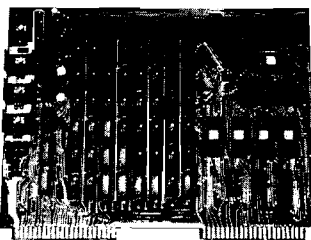
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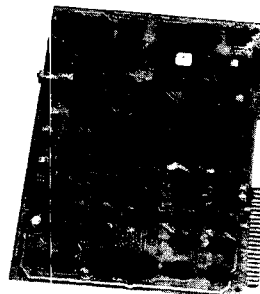
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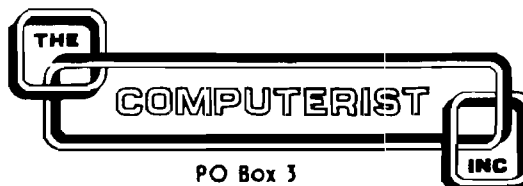


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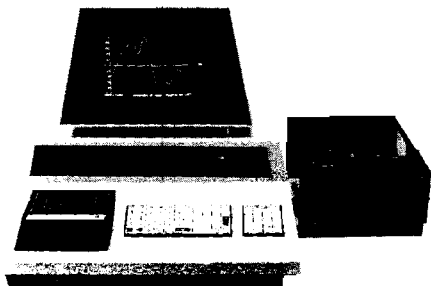
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# 6522 Timing and Counting Techniques

While many 6502 computerists are becoming familiar with the 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter, do you really know how all of its features work or how to use them? This tutorial will clear up the mysteries of the 6522.

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Applications that require interval timers include everything from the production of simple sound effects for games to the implementation of sophisticated data logging or control processes. Because single-chip microcomputers, such as the Rockwell 6500/1 and the Intel 8048, are intended for high volume, low cost applications, the fact that they include counter/timer logic is a testimony to the importance of counter/timer functions for a large variety of applications. Several simple applications will be explained.

The techniques will focus on the counter/timers found on the 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter. The 6522 is currently popular in a number of microcomputer systems that utilize the 6502, including the SYM-1, the AIM 65, and the MICRO PLUS. Expansion boards such as the MEMORY PLUS also include the 6522, and the 6522 can be easily interfaced to the popular KIM-1 (see *6502 User Notes*, No. 13, pg. 16). However, the techniques that are described will frequently be applicable to any

counter/timer with only minor modifications in the hardware or the programs.

The basic features included in many counter/timers (also called interval timers) are shown in Figure 1. This block diagram shows that a counter/timer consists of three registers; the counter register which is either an 8-bit register or a 16-bit register, a flag register, and a control register. A number, N, is loaded into the counter register by a WRITE (typically an STA) instruction. If the counter is a 16-bit register, then two write instructions are required. In 6502

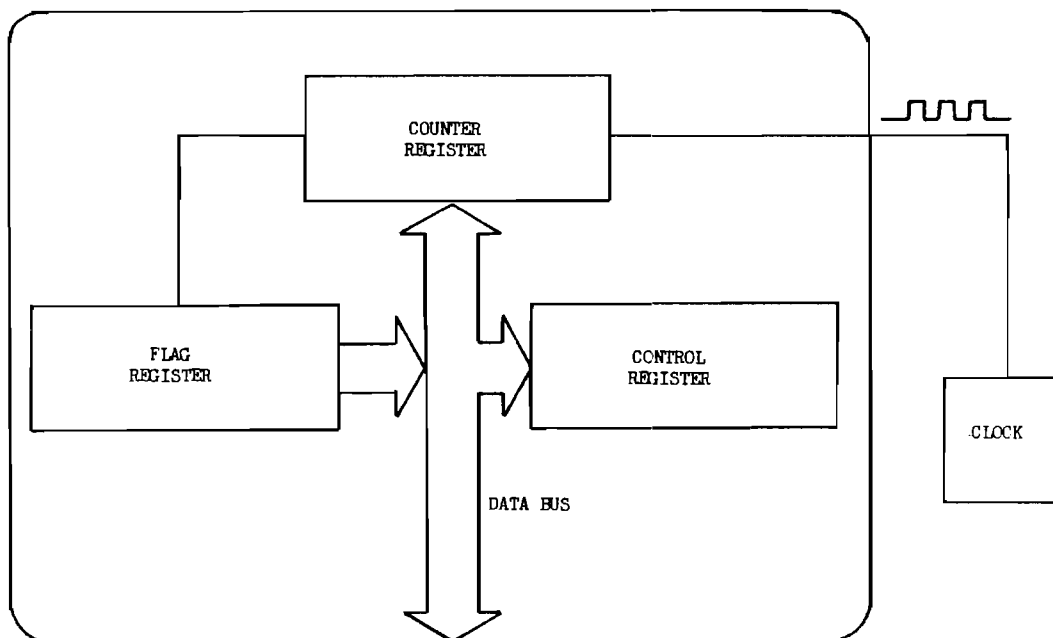


Figure 1. Block Diagram of a Typical Counter/Timer.

systems these registers are simply some of the 65536 memory locations. After N is loaded into the counter, it is decremented at a rate determined by the clock signal connected to the counter.

When N decrements *through* zero, one of the bits in the flag register is set to logic one. Thus, the contents of the counter register change as follows: N, N-1, N-2, ..., 2, 1, 0, and on the next clock cycle the flag is set. Consequently it actually takes N + 1 clock cycles to "time out." This summarizes the fundamentals of the counting/timing process.

The control register is used to select one of several modes available to the programmer. For example, in one mode the contents of the counter register are decremented at the same rate as the system clock, while in another mode pulses on an external pin cause the counter to decrement, and in a third mode the counter is automatically reloaded after each time-out. The modes available with a 6522 will be discussed in more detail below.

### The 6522 Interval Timers

The 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter is a complex integrated circuit that includes two eight-bit I/O ports, four pins associated with handshaking signals for these two I/O ports, and two interval timers. The I/O ports and handshaking pins will only be of incidental interest, and we will describe the use of a few of these features as the need arises. Our principal interest is in the two counter/timers that are available on the 6522, called T1 and T2 respectively. Of course, the various registers needed to detect timing-out and to select the various timing modes will also be of interest.

In most 6502 microcomputer systems, the 6522 will be interfaced to occupy 16 contiguous memory locations. The AIM 65 and SYM-1, for example, use locations with addresses \$A000 to \$A00F for the 6522. Table I summarizes the names of each of these 16 locations, while Table II lists the functions of the registers. Of particular interest are the timer locations \$A004 through \$A009, the interrupt flag register (IFR), and the control register (ACR). These correspond precisely with the registers mentioned above in connection with Figure 1. That is, the IFR is the flag register and the ACR is the control register.

Both counter/timers, T1 and T2, on the 6522 are 16-bit devices; that is, a 16-bit number is loaded into the counter register and then decremented until time-out. Because the counter registers are 16-bit registers, two WRITE operations are needed to load the counter since only eight bits of data can be written at one time.

To prevent one eight-bit number (the low-order byte) from being decremented

while the other (the high-order byte) is still not loaded, temporary storage *latches* are provided. Using the T2 timer as an example, the low-order eight bits of the number, N, to be loaded into the counter are loaded into the low-order byte of the T2 latch (T2LL). Nothing happens. Next, the high-order eight bits of N are loaded into the high-order byte of the T2 counter. Referring to Table II, this last operation has three important and simultaneous consequences:

- The byte stored in the T2 latch (T2LL) is transferred to the low-order byte of the T2 counter (T2CL). T2 now contains a 16-bit number.
- The interrupt flag that signals the time-out, bit five of the IFR, is cleared (set to zero). It will be set (to one) when the number N decrements through zero.
- The countdown begins.

The T1 timer has two latches, one to store the low-order byte to be transferred to the counter, and one to store the high-order byte to be transferred to the counter. One reason for this difference is that the T1 timer has a "free-running" mode. At the end of one time-out, the two bytes of data stored in the latches are *automatically* transferred to the 16-bit T1 counter to start a new timing interval.

Furthermore, the values in the two latches may be changed during one timing interval to give a new value for the next interval. The examples that follow should make these points clear. Additional discussion of the READ operations outlined in Table II will also be postponed until required by a specific example.

### A Simple Delay Loop Using the T2 Timer

The most common application of counter/timers is the implementation of delay loops. The counter/timer replaces a series of instructions that are designed to waste time. The counter/timer simplifies greatly the instructions that are necessary to program a time delay, and furthermore, the computer may execute other tasks during the delay produced by the timer, a feat that is much more difficult to perform with a software implemented delay loop.

An assembly language version of a simple delay loop using the T2 timer on the 6522 is listed in Table III. The mnemonics are perfectly general for 6502 systems, but the addresses of the registers of the 6522 are the ones given in Table II for the AIM 65 and the SYM-1. Programmers using other systems need only change the addresses to correspond to the locations of the 6522 registers in the address space of their

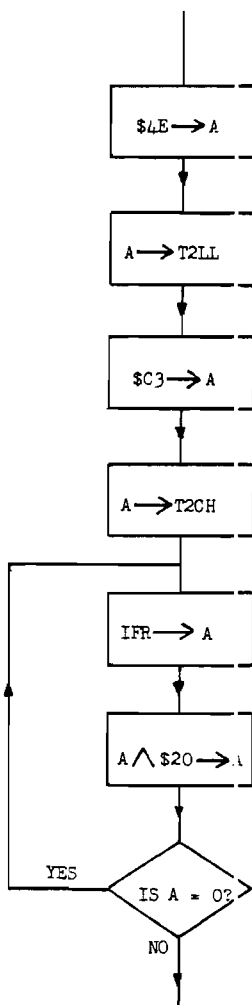


Figure 2. Flowchart of a Simple Interval Timer Delay Loop.

**Table I. Memory Assignment Names for the 6522 VIA.**

ADDRESS	SYMBOL	NAME
\$A000	ORB	Port B Input/Output Registers
\$A001	OEA	Port A Input/Output Registers (with handshaking)
\$A002	DDRB	Port B Data Direction Register
\$A003	DDRA	Port A Data Direction Register
\$A004	T1LL	Timer 1 Latch Low-order Byte (WRITE)
\$A004	T1CL	Timer 1 Counter Low-order Byte (READ)
\$A005	T1LH	Timer 1 Latch High-order Byte (WRITE)
\$A005	T1CH	Timer 1 Counter High-order Byte (READ)
\$A006	T1LL	Timer 1 Latch Low-order Byte (READ or WRITE)
\$A007	T1LH	Timer 1 Latch High-order Byte (READ or WRITE)
\$A008	T2LL	Timer 2 Latch Low-order Byte (WRITE)
\$A008	T2CL	Timer 2 Counter Low-order Byte (READ)
\$A009	T2CH	Timer 2 Counter High-order Byte (READ or WRITE)
\$A00A	SR	Shift Register
\$A00B	ACR	Auxiliary Control Register (Control Register for Timers)
\$A00C	PCR	Peripheral Control Register
\$A00D	IFR	Interrupt Flag Register (Status Register)
\$A00E	IER	Interrupt Enable Register
\$A00F	ORA	Port A I/O Register (without handshaking)

systems. Pay careful attention to the comments in Table III, because they relate each step to points in our previous discussion. Figure 2 is a flowchart of the delay loop, and it has a box for each of the instructions in Table III.

In the program listing given in Table III, timing begins at the completion of the STA T2CH instruction. The program waits in the loop consisting of the series of instructions LDA IFR, AND \$20, BEQ WAIT until the time-out of the T2 timer sets bit five of the interrupt flag register. The formula for the time T required for the interval timer to time-out is:

$$T = (N + 1)T_C$$

where N is the 16-bit number loaded into the counter and  $T_C$  is the clock period (typically one microsecond).

If the branch instructions (LDA IFR, AND \$20, BEQ WAIT) are taken into account, then the total loop time,  $T_L$ , is given by the expression:

$$(N + 6)T_C \leq T_L \leq (N + 14)T_C$$

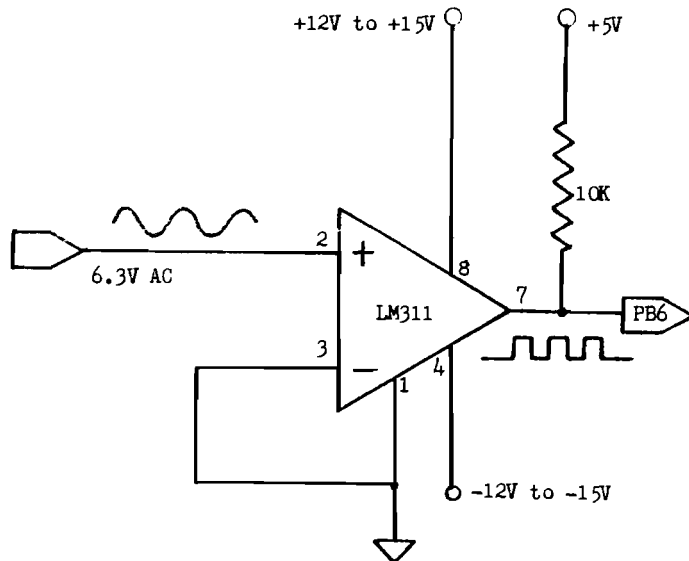
The uncertainty of eight cycles in the loop time arises from the uncertainty of where the T2 counter/timer actually times out in the series of test and branch instructions within the loop. For the numbers that were used in Table III,

**Table II. Memory Assignments and Functions of Some of the Registers of the 6522 VIA.**

ADDRESS	SYMBOL	FUNCTION
\$A004	T1LL	WRITE (STA T1LL): Load an eight-bit number into the low-order byte of the T1 latch.
\$A004	T1CL	READ (LDA T1CL): Read the contents of the low-order byte of the T1 counter, and <u>clear</u> the interrupt flag, bit six of the IFR.
\$A005	T1LH	WRITE (STA T1LH): Load an eight-bit number into the high-order byte of the T1 latch, <u>transfer</u> the contents of both T1 latches to the T1 counters, <u>clear</u> the T1 interrupt flag, and <u>start</u> the counting process.
\$A005	T1CH	READ (LDA T1CH): Read the contents of the high-order byte of the T1 counter.
\$A006	T1LL	WRITE (STA T1LL): Load an eight-bit number into the low-order byte of the T1 latch.
\$A006	T1LL	READ (LDA T1LL): Read the contents of the low-order byte of the T1 latch.
\$A007	T1LH	WRITE (STA T1LH): Load an eight-bit number into the high-order byte of the T1 latch and clear the T1 interrupt flag.
\$A007	T1LH	READ (LDA T1LH): Read the contents of the high-order byte of the T1 latch.
\$A008	T2LL	WRITE (STA T2LL): Load an eight-bit number into the low-order byte of the T2 latch.
\$A008	T2CL	READ (LDA T2CL): Read the contents of the low-order byte of the T2 counter, and <u>clear</u> the interrupt flag, bit five of the IFR.
\$A009	T2CH	WRITE (STA T2CH): Load an eight-bit number into the high-order byte of the T2 counter, <u>transfer</u> the contents of the low-order byte in the T2 latch to the low-order byte of the T2 counter, <u>clear</u> the T2 interrupt flag, and <u>start</u> the counting process.
\$A009	T2CH	READ (LDA T2CH): Read the contents of the high-order byte of the T2 counter.
\$A00B	ACR	Bits five, six, and seven control the modes of T1 and T2.
\$A00D	IFR	Bit six equal to one signals a time-out of the T1 counter/timer. Bit five equal to one signals a time-out of the T2 counter/timer.



**Figure 3. 60 Hz Signal Conditioner for the Low Overhead Clock. A circuit based on the 555 timer and using only the +5V supply can be found in Berlin's 555 Timer Applications Sourcebook, pgs.2-13.**



$T = (\$C34E + 1)T_C = 0.05$  seconds for a one microsecond clock. The loop time is between 5 and 13 microseconds longer. For many applications, this uncertainty will be of no consequence.

As pointed out earlier, the microprocessor need not be idle while the timer is timing out. For the particular delay of 0.05 seconds programmed in Table III, a total of 50,000 clock cycles elapse while the timer is running. During that time, between 25,000 and 10,000 instructions could be executed by the 6502. These instructions would be placed between the STA T2CH and the

LDA IFR instructions. This is the principal advantage of the counter/timer implemented delay loop; that is, the microprocessor can be performing meaningful tasks during the timing-out process.

#### Counting Pulses — A 24-Hour Clock

The T2 timer can also be used to count pulses from an external source. This is useful for frequency counting (*MICRO*, June 1979, pg. 41) or any other event counting application such as radioactive half-life measurements. The T2 timer is placed in its pulse counting mode by setting bit five in the auxiliary

control register (ACR) to logic one, and applying the TTL level pulses to bit six of port B, PB6. To illustrate this mode, and to illustrate how the timers can be used to generate interrupt requests (IRQs), we have chosen to describe a simple 24-hour clock that requires very little computer time overhead.

The 60 Hz power line frequency is sufficiently stable over long periods for many clocks. Somewhere in your microcomputer system you will probably be able to locate a low-voltage 60 Hz source. This is conditioned by the circuit shown in Figure 3 to produce a 60 Hz square wave, and the output is applied to PB6 to be counted. Clearly there are 3600 (\$0E10) such pulses in a minute.

The T2 counter/timer will be programmed to count 3600 pulses followed by an interrupt request. The interrupt routine increments one location in memory to keep track of minutes, and when this location reaches 60, another location is incremented to keep track of the hours. At the beginning of the interrupt routine the T2 counter/timer is reloaded with 3600 for the next period.

The program is listed in Table IV. The first two instructions set bit five of the ACR to logic one. Next the timer is loaded with \$0E0F. Note that \$0E0F + 1 = 3600. The LDA \$A0 and STA IER instructions enable interrupts from bit five of the interrupt flag register (IFR) of the 6522 to the 6502 microprocessor's IRQ pin, a connection that is usually internal to the microcomputer system.

To enable interrupt request signals from T2, bit five of the IER (interrupt enable register) must be set to logic one, with bit seven of the IER also set to logic one. At the end of the timing interval, not only will bit five of the IFR be set to one, but also the IRQ pin on the 6502 microprocessor will be pulled to logic zero, producing an interrupt request.

The next instruction after enabling the interrupt from the T2 timer is the CLI instruction that allows the 6502 to recognize these interrupts. The last instruction in the main program should not be taken literally. It is simply an infinite loop that represents the user's main program, a FORTRAN interpreter for example.

The interrupt routine is also given in Table IV. Timekeeping routines have been described in several other articles (*MICRO*, March 1979, pg. 5), so the details will not be repeated here. Note that in order for the program to execute, the IRQ vector must point to the starting address of the interrupt request routine, in our case \$0300. Note also, that the program could be easily modified to keep track of seconds by counting only 60 pulses, something that can be done with an eight-bit counter like the one on the R650/1. The hours-minutes clock requires only about 50 microseconds per

**Table III. A Simple Delay Loop Using the T2 Timer on the 6522.**

•	•	•	•
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•	•	•	•
\$0300 A9 4E	START	LDA \$4E	Load the byte for the T2 latch low, then
\$0302 8D 08 A0		STA T2LL	transfer it into T2 latch low (T2LL).
\$0305 A9 C3		LDA \$C3	Load the byte for the T2 counter high,
\$0307 8D 09 A0		STA T2CH	then transfer it into T2 counter high (T2CH)
\$030A AD 0D A0	WAIT	LDA IFR	Read the flag register, IFR. Mask all bits
\$030D 29 20		AND \$20	except bit five. Check to see if bit five
\$030F F0 F9		BEQ WAIT	is set. No, then wait. Yes, loop is finish
•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•

minute of computing time, truly a low-overhead clock.

To display the minutes and hours, the user must provide a display routine that takes the contents of locations \$0000 and \$0001 and displays these numbers. Such a routine is not included in Table IV since the instructions used will depend on the microcomputer system, and previously written clock programs have included suitable display routines.

To summarize the operation of the T2 counter/timer on the 6522 we conclude this section with the following statements:

- To decrement the 16-bit number in the T2 counter at the system clock

rate, clear bit five of the ACR.

- To decrement the 16-bit number in the T2 counter using external pulses applied to PB7 (pin 6 of Port B), set bit five of the ACR.
- To produce an interrupt request (IRQ) when the counter decrements through zero in either of its modes, set bits five and seven of the IER.
- To disable the interrupt feature, set bit five of the IER and clear bit seven of the IER.
- A system RESET disables the pulse-counting mode and the interrupt request feature by clearing all the registers of the 6522.

**Table IV. Low Overhead 24-hour Clock.**

\$0200 A9 20	MAIN	LDA \$20	Put T2 in its pulse-counting mode
\$0202 8D 0B A0		STA ACR	by setting bit five to logic one.
\$0205 A9 0F		LDA \$0F	Set up T2 to count 3600 pulses.
\$0207 8D 08 A0		STA T2LL	
\$020A A9 0E		LDA \$0E	
\$020C 8D 09 A0		STA T2CH	
\$020F A9 A0		LDA \$A0	Set up interrupt enable register
\$0211 8D 0E A0		STA IER	to permit IRQ from T2.
\$0214 58		CLI	Allow 6502 to accept IRQ signals.
\$0215 4C 15 02	HERE	JMP HERE	Loop here between interrupts.
INTERRUPT ROUTINE			
\$0300 A9 0E		LDA \$0E	Start counting pulses again by
\$0302 8D 09 A0		STA T2CH	loading T2CH.
\$0305 18		CLC	Clear carry for addition.
\$0306 F8		SED	Set decimal mode for addition.
\$0307 A5 00		LDA MIN	Get minutes.
\$0309 69 01		ADC \$01	Add one.
\$030B 85 00		STA MIN	
\$030D C9 60		CMP \$60	Is one hour complete?
\$030F D0 13		BNE DONE	No, get out of interrupt routine.
\$0311 A9 00		LDA \$00	Yes, set minutes to zero.
\$0313 85 00		STA MIN	
\$0315 18		CLC	
\$0316 A5 01		LDA HRS	Get hours.
\$0318 69 01		ADC \$01	Add one.
\$031A 85 01		STA HRS	
\$031C C9 24		CMP \$24	Is one day complete?
\$031E D0 04		BNE DONE	
\$0320 A9 00		LDA \$00	Clear hours.
\$0322 85 01		STA HRS	
\$0324 D8	DONE	CLD	Clear decimal mode.
\$0325 40		RTI	Return to the main program.

## Producing Long Time Delays

The maximum time delay that can be produced with the T2 counter/timer when it is decrementing at the system clock rate is approximately  $(FFFF + 1)T_c$  or 0.065536 seconds if  $T_c = 1$  microsecond. In certain applications longer time delays are necessary. To obtain these delays, the T1 timer is used in conjunction with the T2 counter/timer. We digress for a moment to introduce the T1 timer.

The T1 timer can be used to implement a simple delay loop in exactly the same way as the T2 timer. Refer to Table III. If the addresses \$A004 and \$A005 replace addresses \$A008 and \$A009, respectively, and if bit six of the interrupt flag register (IFR) is tested rather than bit five, then the program in Table III will work in exactly the same way except that the T1 timer is being used.

The same equation gives the loop time and, as in the case of the T2 timer, the maximum delay is about 0.065 seconds. The T1 timer cannot, however, count pulses. Consequently it cannot replace the T2 timer in the program listed in Table IV. In place of the pulse counting mode, the T1 timer has a free-running mode, and it is capable of toggling the logic level on pin seven of Port B, PB7.

The initialization of the free-running mode with PB7 toggling is illustrated in a simple program shown in Table V. This program will produce a square wave output on PB7. The period of the square wave is given by the equation:

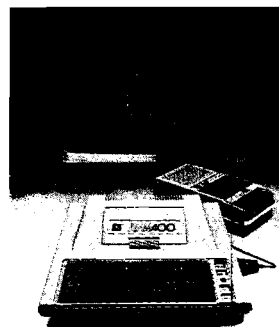
$$T_p = 2(N + 2)T_c$$

where  $T_p$  is the period of the square wave,  $N$  is the 16-bit number loaded into the T1 timer, and  $T_c$  is the period of the system clock (Typically one microsecond). The frequency of the square wave is  $f = 1/T_p$ .

To initialize this mode, bits seven and six of the auxiliary control register (ACR) must be set. Thus, the program in Table V begins by loading \$C0 into the ACR. Timing is initiated by loading the high-order byte of  $N$  into location \$A005 which corresponds to T1LH. Once started, the square wave will run forever, no matter what else is happening in the program, provided the registers that control the behavior of the T1 timer are not changed. That is, after the timer "times out", it will automatically reload the two counter registers from the numbers stored in its latches, T1LL and T1LH.

The last instruction in Table V is an infinite loop that simulates the user's program intended to run concurrently with generation of the square wave. Table VI lists some values for  $N$  that are frequently used in timing applications. If you have an oscilloscope, run the program with various values of  $N$  and connect the (Continued on page 34)

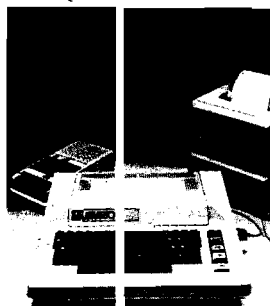
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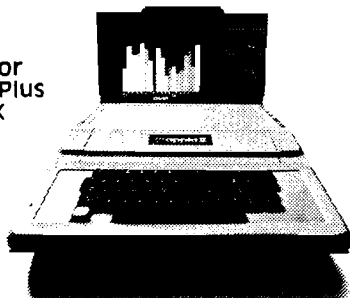
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input of the oscilloscope to PB7 to monitor the square wave. You can use the program to calibrate your oscilloscope sweep time. If you have a frequency counter, measure the frequency of the square wave at PB7 to verify the equation, using the values for N given in Table VI. N is the number to be loaded into T1.

Note that the frequency of the square wave produced at PB7 by the program listed in Table V is as precise as the crystal oscillator frequency used for the system clock. This is because the square wave frequency is independent of any instruction length. The principal advantage of the free-running mode of the T1 timer is that the time between interrupt flag settings (or the frequency of the square wave on PB7) is independent of any instruction length. Thus, one can construct very precise time-keeping routines (*MICRO*, March 1979, pg. 5) or time measuring routines.

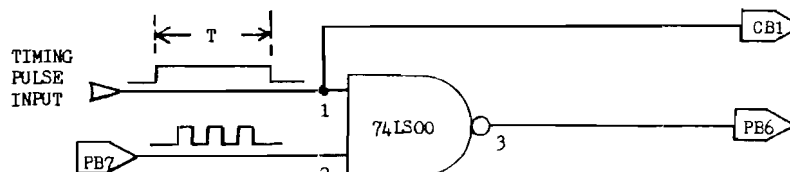
To produce simple delay loops for long time intervals, the pulses from PB7 are fed to PB6. Timer T1 operates in its free-running mode, and timer T2 operates in its pulse counting mode. Consequently, T2 counts the pulses produced by T1 on PB7. A program to produce a delay of one hour is given in Table VII. This program may be easily modified to produce delays of 1, 10, 60, 100, 1000, 10000, 36000, or 65536 seconds.

Timer T1 produces a square wave whose period is 0.1 second. These pulses are counted by the T2 counter/timer. If nine is loaded into T2, then 10 pulses, each of 0.1 second duration, will be counted, giving a delay of one second. Other time intervals are programmed accordingly. Of course, there is an uncertainty of several microseconds in the actual loop time, but this uncertainty will be unimportant for most applications.

If the program in Table VII is modified to allow T2 to produce interrupt requests (IRQs) by loading \$A0 into the interrupt enable register (IER) at location \$A00E (refer to Table IV), then it could be used in connection with the interrupt routine given in Table IV to produce a 24-hour clock program. To generate an interrupt every minute, as required by the low-overhead clock, T1 should count to 600. Load T1 with \$0257 instead of \$C39F as shown in Table VII and your clock should run. These modifications are shown in the AIM 65 disassembly format.

#### Sound Effects

The T1 timer can be used in its free-running mode to toggle PB7, and PB7 can be used to drive an amplifier. If the frequency is in the audible range, then a tone will be heard. A series of tones may make up a song. Table VIII lists the frequencies necessary to produce three oc-



**Figure 6. Circuit to measure the time duration, T, of a positive pulse. The CB1 pin must be programmed to produce an interrupt on the negative transition of the pulse by loading PCR4 with a zero. Change the byte at \$0217 from \$10 to \$00 in the listing in Table X to accomplish this.**

\$0200 A9 C0	START	LDA \$C0	Set bits seven and six of the ACR,
\$0202 8D 0B A0		STA ACR	putting the T1 timer in its free-running
\$0205 A9 4D		LDA \$4D	mode with a square wave output on PB7.
\$0207 8D 06 A0		STA \$11LL	Let N = \$004D. $T_p = 2(\$50)$ microseconds
\$020A A9 00		LDA \$00	= 160 microseconds.
\$020C 8D 05 A0		STA \$11LH	Start timer.
\$020F 4C 0F 02	LOOP	JMP LOOP	Dummy loop simulates remainder of a program.

**Table V. Program to Produce a Square Wave Output on PB7.**

FREQUENCY	PERIOD	N + 2		N
f	$T_p$	Decimal	Hex	Hex
10 Hz	0.10 sec	50000 = \$C350		\$C34D
100 Hz	0.01 sec	5000 = \$1388		\$1386
1000 Hz	1.00 ms	500 = \$01F4		\$01F2
10 kHz	0.10 ms	50 = \$0032		\$0030
100 kHz	0.01 ms	5 = \$0005		\$0003
250 kHz	4.00 us	2 = \$0002		\$0000

**Table VI. Table for Producing Various Square Wave Frequencies.**

\$0200 A9 E0	START	LDA \$E0	Load ACR to put T1 in free-running mode
\$0202 8D 0B A0		STA ACR	and T2 in pulse counting mode.
\$0205 A9 4D		LDA \$4D	Initialize T1 timer to run with a period
\$0207 8D 06 A0		STA \$11LL	of $2(\$C34D + 2) = 100000$ microseconds
\$020A A9 C3		LDA \$C3	= 0.1 second.
\$020C 8D 05 A0		STA \$11LH	Start timer toggling PB7.
\$020F A9 9F		LDA \$9F	Set up T2 to count $\$8C9F + 1 = 36000$
\$0211 8D 08 A0		STA \$21LL	counts. $(36000)(0.1\text{sec}) = 1$ hour.
\$0214 A9 8C		LDA \$8C	
\$0216 8D 09 A0		STA \$21CH	Start counting. Clear IFR.
\$0219 A9 20		LDA \$20	Check interrupt flag register to see if
\$021B 2C 0D A0	TEST	BIT IFR	bit five has been set, indicating that
\$021E F0 FB		BEQ TEST	T2 has counted 36000 pulses.
\$0220 00		BK	Break to the monitor at the end of an hour

**Table VII. Program to Produce a One-Hour Delay.**

taves of notes on the equally tempered scale (note middle A corresponds to 440 Hz and successive note frequencies are related by a factor equal to the 12th root of two). Also listed in Table VIII are the half periods in microseconds; that is, the numbers that must be loaded into the T1 timer to produce the notes. Since the period of the square wave is  $(N + 2)T_C$ , each of the numbers in the last column of Table VIII should be decremented by two.

A program to play songs using the notes in Table VIII is listed in Table IX. The identification numbers (I.D. numbers) of the notes in the song to be played are stored in a song table starting at \$0400. Actually, the song could be stored anywhere in memory that is convenient, simply by changing the base address of the song table. The base address of the song table is stored in \$0050 and \$0051, called SONG and SCNG + 1, respectively.

The identification numbers (\$00 - \$23) found in the song table are used to index a note table found in page zero, from \$0000 to \$0047. The note table contains the half-periods of the frequencies found in the fourth column of Table VIII, corrected for the fact that the half-period is  $(N + 2)T_C$  rather than  $(N)T_C$ . The low-order bytes of the half-periods are found from \$0000 to \$0023 in the note table, while the high-order bytes are found from \$0024 to \$0047.

**Table VIII. Note Table for Producing Tones on the Equally Tempered Scale.**

<u>I.D. NUMBER</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>PERIOD/2</u>
Hex		Hertz	Microseconds
\$00	C <sub>0</sub>	130.813	\$0EEE
\$01	C <sub>0</sub> #	138.591	\$0E18
\$02	D <sub>0</sub>	146.832	\$0D4D
\$03	D <sub>0</sub> #	155.563	\$0C8E
\$04	E <sub>0</sub>	164.814	\$0BDA
\$05	F <sub>0</sub>	174.614	\$0B2F
\$06	F <sub>0</sub> #	184.997	\$0A8F
\$07	G <sub>0</sub>	195.998	\$09F7
\$08	G <sub>0</sub> #	207.652	\$0968
\$09	A <sub>0</sub>	220.000	\$08E1
\$0A	A <sub>0</sub> #	233.082	\$0861
\$0B	B <sub>0</sub>	246.945	\$07E9
\$0C (middle)	C <sub>1</sub>	261.626	\$0777
\$0D	C <sub>1</sub> #	277.183	\$070C
\$0E	D <sub>1</sub>	293.665	\$06A7
\$0F	D <sub>1</sub> #	311.127	\$0647
\$10	E <sub>1</sub>	329.628	\$05ED
\$11	F <sub>1</sub>	349.228	\$0598
\$12	F <sub>1</sub> #	369.995	\$0548
\$13	G <sub>1</sub>	391.995	\$04FC
\$14	G <sub>1</sub> #	415.304	\$04B4
\$15	A <sub>1</sub>	440.000	\$0470
\$16	A <sub>1</sub> #	466.164	\$0431
\$17	B <sub>1</sub>	493.883	\$03F4
\$18	C <sub>2</sub>	523.251	\$03BC
\$19	C <sub>2</sub> #	554.365	\$0386
\$1A	D <sub>2</sub>	587.330	\$0353
\$1B	D <sub>2</sub> #	622.254	\$0323
\$1C	E <sub>2</sub>	659.255	\$02F6
\$1D	F <sub>2</sub>	698.456	\$02CC
\$1E	F <sub>2</sub> #	739.989	\$02A4
\$1F	G <sub>2</sub>	783.991	\$027E
\$20	G <sub>2</sub> #	830.609	\$025A
\$21	A <sub>2</sub>	880.000	\$0238
\$22	A <sub>2</sub> #	932.328	\$0218
\$23	B <sub>2</sub>	987.767	\$01FA

The program first locates an identification number for a note from the song table. It then loads the latches on the T1 timer with the correct half period, and the note begins to play. The duration of the note is determined by a number found in the duration table, called DUR, and located from \$0800 upward. There must be one duration number for each note. The duration of a note is basically the number of times the T2 timer is allowed to time out. If \$01 represents a sixteenth note, then \$02 is an eighth note, \$04 is a quarter note, \$08 a half note, and \$10 a whole note. The tempo may be changed by changing the bytes loaded into the T2 timer at locations \$021E through \$0227 in the program listed in Table IX.

The song table given in Table IX simply plays the three octave scale from Table VIII with a variety of durations as indicated by the duration table. You are invited to make your own song or translate someone else's song into I.D. numbers. Better yet, write a song interpreter that does the translation for you.

Your interpreter should take a keyboard entry for a note and place the I.D. number into the song table. It should take another keyboard entry for the time value of the note and place it in the duration table. With several 6522s, you could play four-part harmony! With a D/A converter and a voltage controlled amplifier you could also control the note envelopes, giving an elementary synthesizer.

For my interface circuit, I used the 7404 inverter connected to PB7. The output from the 7404 was connected to one lead of a 1½ inch speaker and the other lead was connected to +5 volts. Better interfacing circuits to drive speakers have appeared in various articles and books (see Caxton Foster's *Programming a Microcomputer*).

#### Measuring the Time Between Events

A number of applications require that the time between two successive events be measured. The events might be the start and finish of a race, the arrival of cosmic rays, two heartbeats of an animal, and many others. If the events are periodic, then the time between events can be obtained by first measuring the frequency of the events with a



**Table IX. Program to Play a Song.**

\$0050 = SONG, [SONG] = \$00	\$0200 A9 C0	START	LDA \$C0	Initialize ACR to put T1 in free-running
\$0051 = SONG + 1, [SONG + 1] = \$04	\$0202 8D 0B A0		STA ACR	mode.
\$0052 = DUR, [DUR] = \$00	\$0205 A0 00		LDY \$00	Indirect indexed mode with index = 0.
\$0053 = DUR + 1, [DUR + 1] = \$08	\$0207 B1 50	MORE	LDA (SONG),Y	Get note I.D. from song table.
\$0000 = NOTE (See Note Table)	\$0209 AA		TAX	Use it as an index to look up note
	\$020A B5 00		LDA NOTE,X	in the note table.
	\$020C 8D 06 A0		STA T1LL	Put low-order byte into T1LL
	\$020F 8A		TXA	Transfer X back to A to find high-order
	\$0210 18		CLC	byte, which is \$24 locations higher
	\$0211 69 24		ADC \$24	in page zero.
	\$0213 AA		TAX	Back into X to become index to fetch
	\$0214 B5 00		LDA NOTE,X	high-order byte of half-period.
	\$0216 8D 05 A0		STA T1LH	Result into T1 timer latch high. Note
	\$0219 B1 52		LDA (DUR),Y	begins to play. Get duration.
	\$021B F0 24		BEQ OUT	If duration is zero, end of song.
	\$021D AA		TAX	Duration into X to serve as counter.
	\$021E A9 FF	AGN	LDA \$FF	Set up T2 for a time period that determines
	\$0220 8D 08 A0		STA T2LL	the tempo.
	\$0223 A9 FF		LDA \$FF	
	\$0225 8D 09 A0		STA T2CH	Start the T2 timer.
	\$0228 A9 20		LDA \$20	Test to see if T2 has timed-out.
	\$022A 2C 0D A0	BACK	BIT IFR	Is bit five of the IFR set?
	\$022D F0 FB		BEQ BACK	No, wait for it and play note.
	\$022F CA		DEX	Decrement duration counter until
	\$0230 D0 EC		BNE AGN	it is zero, then note is finished.
	\$0232 E6 50		INC SONG	Get another note from the song table.
	\$0234 D0 02		BNE PAST	If song is zero, then get the next note from
	\$0236 E6 51		INC SONG + 1	next page of song table.
	\$0238 E6 52	PAST	INC DJR	Get another duration from the table.
	\$023A D0 02		BNE THERE	
	\$023C E6 53		INC DJR + 1	
	\$023E 4C 07 02	THERE	JMP MORE	Play this note.
	\$0241 A9 00	OUT	LDA \$00	Clear the ACR to finish playing notes.
	\$0243 8D 0B A0		STA ACR	
	\$0246 00		BRK	Jump to the monitor when finished.

**NOTE TABLE**

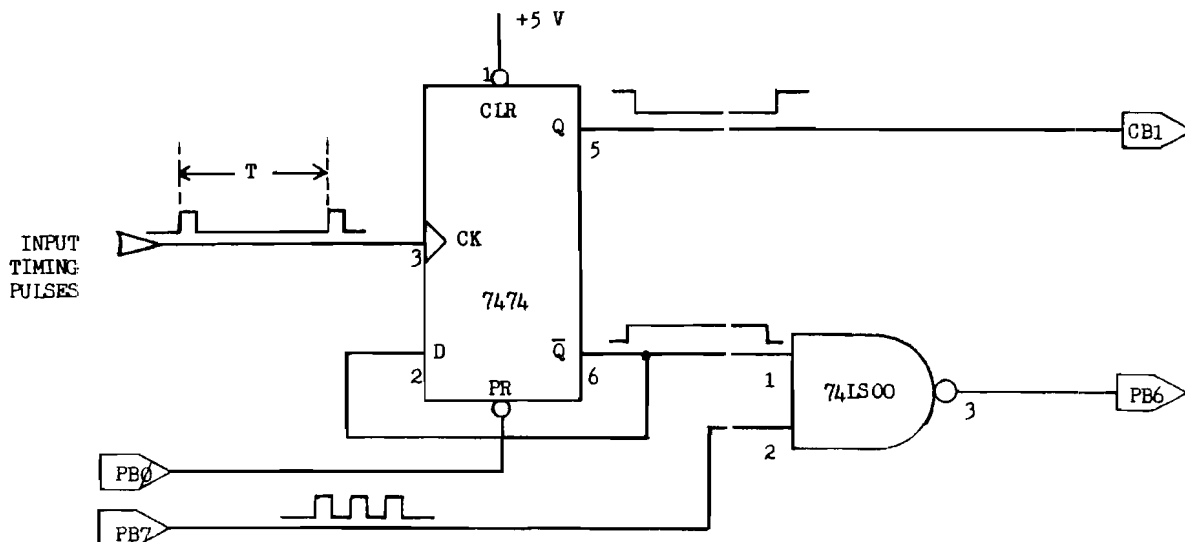
\$0000	EC	16	4B	8C	D8	2D	8D	F5
\$0008	66	DF	5F	E7	75	0A	A5	45
\$0010	EB	96	46	FA	E2	6E	2F	F2
\$0018	BA	84	51	21	F4	CA	A2	7C
\$0020	58	36	16	F8	0E	0E	0D	0C
\$0028	0B	0B	0A	09	09	08	08	07
\$0030	07	07	06	06	05	05	05	04
\$0038	04	04	04	03	03	03	03	03
\$0040	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	01

**DURATION TABLE**

\$0800	01	02	04	08	10	20	10	08
\$0808	04	02	01	02	04	08	10	20
\$0810	10	08	04	02	01	02	04	08
\$0818	10	20	40	80	40	20	10	08
\$0820	04	02	01	01	00			

**SONG TABLE (Plays scale)**

\$0400	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
\$0408	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F
\$0410	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
\$0418	18	19	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
\$0420	20	21	22	23				



**Figure 4. Circuit to measure the time interval, T, between two successive pulses.**

**Table X. Program to Measure the Time Between Two Pulses:**

\$0200 A9 00	START	LDA \$00	Clear display registers.
\$0202 85 01		STA LEAST	Least-significant byte of time.
\$0204 85 02		STA MIDST	Middle byte.
\$0206 85 03		STA MOST	Most-significant byte of time.
\$0208 A9 01		LDA \$01	Initialize PB $\phi$ to be an output pin.
\$020A 8D 02 A0		STA DDRB	
\$020D 8D 00 A0		STA PED	Initialize PB $\phi$ to logic one, then toggle
\$0210 CE 00 A0		DEC PED	it to preset the 7474 flip-flop.
\$0213 EE 00 A0		INC PED	
\$0216 A9 10		LDA \$10	Set bit four of the peripheral control
\$0218 8D 0C A0		STA PCR	register (PCR) to set interrupt flag on
\$021B A9 E0		LDA \$E0	a positive transition on pin CB1.
\$021D 8D 0E A0		STA ACR	T1 in free-running mode, T2 counts pulses.
\$0220 A9 86		LDA \$86	Set period of square wave on PB7 so that
\$0222 8D 06 A0		STA T1LL	$T_p = 0.01$ second.
\$0225 A9 13		LDA \$13	$1386 + 2 = 5000$ , so $f = 100$ Hz, $T_p = 0.01$ s.
\$0227 8D 05 A0		STA T1LH	Start square wave running.
\$022A A9 FF	NEXT	LDA \$FF	Set up pulse counter T2 to start at \$FFFF.
\$022C 8D 0E A0		STA T2LL	
\$022F 8D 09 A0		STA T2CH	Start counting pulses when the event pulse
\$0232 AD 00 A0		LDA PED	clocks the 7474 flip-flop. Clear IFR $\phi$ flag.
\$0235 AD 0D A0	TEST	LDA IFR	Read the interrupt flag register. Mask
\$0238 29 10		AND \$10	all except IFR $\phi$ . Wait until flag is set,
\$023A F0 F9		BEQ TEST	then timing is finished, so convert the
\$023C 20 00 03		JSR CNVD	answer to decimal and display it.
\$023F CE 00 A0		DEC PED	Preset the flip-flop by toggling PB $\phi$ .
\$0242 EE 00 A0		INC PED	
\$0245 4C 2A 02		JMP NEXT	Measure another interval.
SUBROUTINE CNVD			
\$0300 38	CNVD	SEC	Set carry for subtractions that follow.
\$0301 A9 FF		LDA \$FF	Find $(\$FFFF - N_2) = \text{number of pulses counted.}$
\$0303 ED 09 A0		SBC T2CH	
\$0306 85 11		STA CNTHI	High-order byte stored in CNTHI.
\$0308 A9 FF		LDA \$FF	Now get the low-order byte of the count.
\$030A ED 08 A0		SBC T2CL	
\$030D 85 10		STA CNTLO	Low-order byte stored in CNTLO.
\$030F F8		SED	Conversion of hex to decimal starts here.
\$0310 A0 10		LDY \$10	Y contains number of bits to convert.
\$0312 06 10	MORE	ASL CNTLO	Shift one bit at a time into the carry flag.
\$0314 26 11		ROL CNTHI	
\$0316 A2 FD		LDX \$FD	X will serve as a counter for a triple-
\$0318 B5 04	AGIN	LDA DAT,X	precision addition, with LEAST, MIDST,
\$031A 75 04		ADC DAT,X	and MOST holding the answer.
\$031C 95 04		STA DAT,X	
\$031E E8		INX	Increment X to zero, then three bytes
\$031F D0 F7		BNE AGIN	have been added.
\$0321 88		DEY	Decrement Y until all the bits have been used.
\$0322 D0 EE		BNE MORE	When Y = 0, conversion is complete.
\$0324 20 40 03		JSR AIMDSP	Jump to AIM 65 Display Routine.
\$0327 A9 00		LDA \$00	Now clear the counter locations to get
\$0329 85 01		STA LEAST	the time for the next two pulses.
\$032B 85 02		STA MIDST	
\$032D 85 03		STA MOST	
\$032F 60		RTS	Return to the timing program.

frequency counter and then applying the relation  $T = 1/f$ , where  $T$  is the time between successive events and  $f$  is the frequency of the events. For low frequency periodic events, such as a race, the only choice is to measure the time interval directly.

We will assume that the events produce positive pulses, and we will not try to describe how the positive pulses can be produced. Rather, our problem will be restricted to measuring the time between two successive positive pulses. A circuit and a program to accomplish this are shown in Figure 4 and Table X, respectively.

The circuit was inspired by Carlin's and Howard's article on the Intel 8253 in *Computer Design*, May 1979, pg. 213. The positive pulses clock a 7474 flip-flop, producing a logic-one voltage at the Q output of the 7474 for the time interval between the leading edges of the two pulses. With the T1 timer producing square waves on PB7, the logic-one voltage on the Q output gates the pulses to PB6 (by means of the 7400 NAND gate), where they are counted by the T2 counter/timer. For example, if a square wave whose frequency is 10 Hz ( $T = 0.1$  second) is applied to the 7400 NAND gate, and 250 such pulses are counted on PB6, then the corresponding time interval is  $(250)(0.1) = 25.0$  seconds, with a resolution of 0.1 second.

Clearly, no software is required to detect the pulses, and consequently very narrow pulses can be detected. Also, the programmer has control over the frequency of the square wave applied to the NAND gate. The resolution can be changed from 4.0 microseconds to 0.10 microseconds by varying the number loaded into T1.

Refer again to Table VI for a choice of frequencies for the free-running mode of the T1 timer that might be appropriate for a given application. Since the T2 timer is capable of counting to 65536, the maximum time interval that can be measured with a square wave whose period is  $T_p$  is:

$$T_{\max} = 65536(T_p) \\ = 65536(2)(N + 2)T_c$$

where  $T_{\max}$  is the maximum time interval that can be measured,  $T_p$  is the period of the square wave ( $T_p = 1/f$ ) on PB7,  $N$  is the number loaded into T1, and  $T_c$  is the system clock period.

Refer again to Figure 4. When the second pulse occurs, the Q output of the 7474 flip-flop makes a transition to logic one. This also signals the conclusion of the timing interval. If Q is connected to CB1, the 6522 can be programmed to set a flag in the IFR when the logic-zero-to-logic-one transition on CB1 occurs. At this time the T2 counter/timer can be read, the result converted to decimal,

## APPENDIX A. LOW—OVERHEAD CLOCK MODIFICATION

### SUBROUTINE AIMDSP

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$0340 A5 LDA 01
$0342 85 STA 04
$0344 A5 LDA 02
$0346 85 STA 05
$0348 A5 LDA 03
$034A 85 STA 06
$034C A2 LDX #13
$034E 8A TXA
$034F 48 PHA
$0350 A0 LDY #04
$0352 A5 LDA 04
$0354 29 AND #0F
$0356 18 CLC
$0357 69 ADC #30
$0359 09 ORA #80
$035B 20 JSR EF7B
$035E 46 LSR 06
$0360 66 ROR 05
$0362 66 ROR 04
$0364 88 DEY
$0365 D0 BNE 035E
$0367 68 PLA
$0368 AA TAX
$0369 CA DEX
$036A E0 CPX #0E
$036C B0 BCS 034E
$036E 60 RTS

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and the answer can be displayed or logged for the next set of pulses. All of this is accomplished with the routines given in Table X, a program that was designed to operate in conjunction with the circuit of Figure 4. An explanation of this program follows.

The largest number of pulses from PB7 that can be counted on pin PB6 by the T2 counter/timer is \$FFFF + 1 or 65536. Each memory location is capable of storing two BCD digits, thus three memory locations are required to store a number as large as 65536. These three memory locations have addresses \$0001 through \$0003 in the program shown in Table X, and they are used to store the decimal equivalent of the count made by the T2 counter/timer. The initialization steps, display registers cleared, flip-flop preset, timers loaded, control registers set, etc., require the first \$34 bytes in the program. After that, the interrupt flag register (IFR) is watched to see when a positive transition on CB1 occurs. When it does, a jump to the conversion subroutine, CNVD, occurs.

The function of the conversion subroutine is to convert the contents of the T2 counter/timer registers to an actual count in decimal. This count represents the number of periods of the square wave on PB7 that have occurred between the events being timed. The program in Table X uses a square wave whose period is 0.01 seconds, thus the

number of counts in T2 represents the number of hundredths of seconds that occurred between the two positive pulses on the clock input of the 7474 flip-flop.

The time between the leading edges of the positive pulses produced by the events (call this time  $T$ ) as measured by the program in Table X is given by the formula:

$$T_m = T_p(\$FFFF - N_2) \\ = 2(N_1 + 2)(\$FFFF - N_2)t_c$$

where  $T_p$  is the period of the square wave on PB7,  $N_2$  is the number in the T2 counter/timer at the conclusion of the timing interval, and  $N_1$  is the number in the T1 timer. Refer to Table VI for the necessary  $N_1$  to produce a suitable  $T_p$ . Values of  $T_p$  that are multiples of ten are most useful. The origin of the number \$FFFF in the equation lies in the fact that the T2 counter/timer is loaded with \$FFFF before timing begins. For the listing shown in Table X,  $T_p$  is 0.01 seconds, so the equation becomes:

$$T_m = 0.01(\$FFFF - N_2) \text{ seconds}$$

The precision with which one can measure the true time  $T$  between the events depends on the resolution,  $T_p$ , since clearly the true time need not be an exact integral number of  $T_p$ . Our analysis shows that the actual time,  $T$ , is given by the expression:

$$T_m - 1/2 T_p \leq T \leq T_m + 1/2 T_p$$

Thus, if greater precision is required, then  $T_p$  can be reduced.

The conversion subroutine, CNVD, performs the operation  $(\$FFFF - N_2)$  shown in the equations. To get  $T$ , this number must be converted to decimal and then multiplied by  $T_p$  which, in our case, is 0.01 seconds. The hexadecimal to decimal conversion algorithm used in CNVD is from Peatman's book *Microcomputer Based Design*, while the coding used is from Butterfield's "Multi-Mode Adder" in 6502 User Notes, No. 13, pg. 23.

Subroutine CNVD also calls a subroutine named AIMDSP. This routine displays the contents of locations with addresses \$0001, \$0002, and \$0003; namely those locations that contain the time  $T$ , now in decimal. No attempt has been made to locate the decimal point in these subroutines. As long as the period,  $T_p$ , of the square wave on PB7 is a multiple of ten, 0.01 second for example, the user should have no trouble placing his decimal point mentally.

In any case, subroutine AIMDSP is an AIM 65 dependent subroutine that has been published previously, so only its AIM 65 mini-disassembly format is given here. Owners of other microcomputer systems will want to substitute a suitable routine to display the contents

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0200 78 SEI
0201 A9 LDA #A0
0203 8D STA A00E
0206 A9 LDA #E0
0208 8D STA A00B
020B A9 LDA #4D
020D 8D STA A006
0210 A9 LDA #C3
0212 8D STA A005
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021A A9 LDA #02
021C 8D STA A009
021F 58 CLI
0220 4C JMP 0220

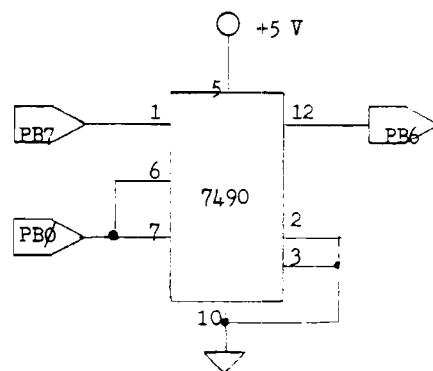
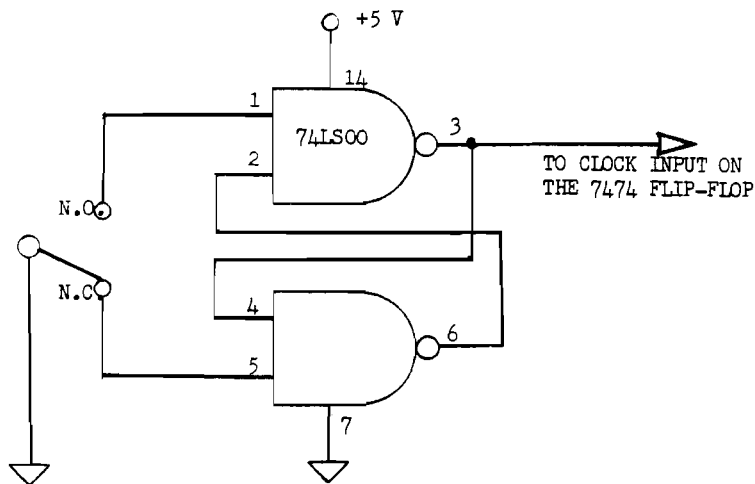
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### INTERRUPT ROUTINE

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0300 A9 LDA #02
0302 8D STA A009
0305 18 CLC
0306 F8 SED
0307 A5 LDA 00
0309 69 ADC #01
030B 85 STA 00
030D C9 CMP #60
030F D0 BNE 0324
0311 A9 LDA #00
0313 85 STA 00
0315 18 CLC
0316 A5 LDA 01
0318 69 ADC #01
031A 85 STA 01
031C C9 CMP #24
031E D0 BNE 0324
0320 A9 LDA #C0
0322 85 STA 01
0324 D8 CLD
0325 40 RTI

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**Figure 5. Stopwatch Interface for the Circuit in Figure 4. The switch is normally closed (N.C.). To produce a pulse when an event occurs, the normally open (N.O.) contact is closed momentarily.**

of the three locations mentioned. Such routines for the KIM-1 and SYM-1 are readily available.

The time interval chosen for the listing in Table X is suitable for "stopwatch" functions, and a suitable stopwatch interface to the circuit of Figure 4 is given in Figure 5. This circuit simply debounces the switch when it is *momentarily* closed at the beginning and the

end of the interval to be timed. Phototransistor circuits can also be used to produce positive pulses when light beams are interrupted. A photoplethysmograph can be used to measure the time interval between heartbeats, turning the circuit of Figure 4 into a cardiometer.

One way to test the circuit of Figure 4 and the program in Table X is to apply a

square wave of known frequency to the clock input on the 7474. For example, if the pulses from the signal conditioner shown in Figure 3 are applied to the 7474, then the time interval should be 1/60 of a second. Since  $1/60 = 0.01666$ , and if  $T_p = 0.0001$  second ( $N_1 = \$0030$  from Table VI), then the number 1666 should be displayed for the time between successive positive pulses. Be sure to change the bytes at \$0221 and \$0226 to \$30 and \$00, respectively, in Table X if you make this test.

Finally, if an event can be made to produce a single positive pulse for its duration, the length of the event may be measured using a slightly modified form of the program in Table X and the circuit shown in Figure 6.

In conclusion I should like to point out that the programs and circuits given are the simplest ones I could construct. You will want to add more elegant features. The purpose of this article was to introduce a few basic techniques, not to present elaborate designs. If you come up with a neat design as a result of something you learned here, I would be very interested in getting a letter from you. Better yet, write up your circuit and program and publish both in *MICRO*. Although the circuits and programs described here were intended to be building blocks for more elaborate microprocessor based designs, the stopwatch interface and timing program could be used for "time and motion" studies around the house. Just make sure your spouse's motions do not make you lose track of the time!

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0200 A9 LDA #01      Set up the Port B DDR with a one in bit zero.
0202 8D STA A002
0205 8D STA A000      Start with pin PB0 = 1 to preset 7490.
0208 CE DEC A000      Allow 7490 to count.
020B A9 LDA #E0      Initialize ACR to put T1 in free-running mode, T2 counts
020D 8D STA A00B
0210 A9 LDA #4D
0212 8D STA A006      Frequency of square wave on PB7 = 10 Hz, Tp = 0.1 second.
0215 A9 LDA #C3
0217 8D STA A005      Start T1 running.
021A A9 LDA #9F      Set up T2.
021C 8D STA A008
021F A9 LDA #8C      T = 20(N1 + 2)(N2 + 1)TC
0221 8D STA A009      Start counting.
0224 A9 LDA #A0      Set up interrupt enable register (IER) to allow an
0226 8D STA A00E      interrupt request (IRQ) when T2 times out.
0229 58 CLI

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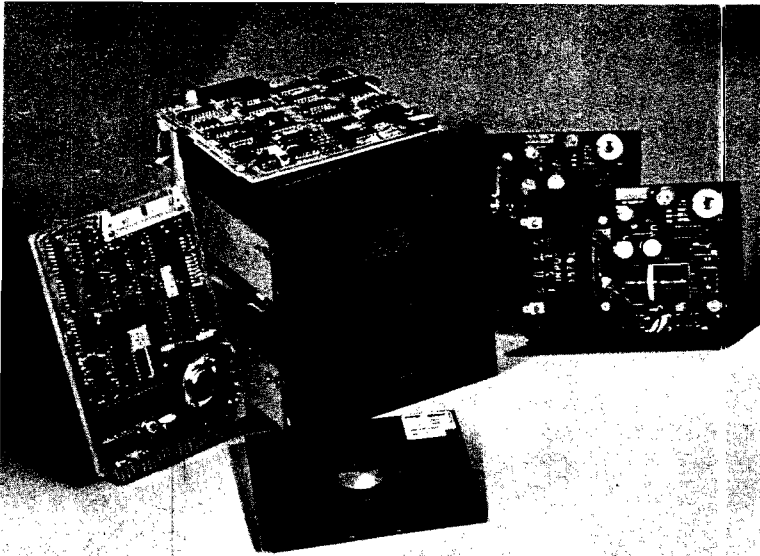
(Note: The interrupt routine should reload T2CH with \$8C to clear the IFR and allow counting to proceed again, if equally spaced, 10-hour interrupts are desired.)



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# Card Shuffling Program for KIM - 1

**Your 6502 might play poker like Amarillo KIM, but does it always have to pass the deal? Not if you teach it to shuffle cards!**

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Entertaining friends with computer games certainly makes all the effort of assembling a personal computer worthwhile. However, if you happen to have a small microcomputer with limited memory and very few software tools, there are not many games available. As an example, most card games need a random number generator to shuffle cards.

The standard method to generate random numbers (as used in most BASIC interpreters) is not suitable for this purpose. Since some of the bare-bone computers do not even have the software to perform multiplication, it is asking too much for them to generate floating-point random numbers. To make these small computers more entertaining, a simple method to shuffle cards is described here. This method is implemented in a KIM. The machine instructions use about 80 bytes. There is lots of memory left for playing card games. The only drawback is that it requires the operator to press the interrupt key in order to stop the program.

The card shuffling program consists of two portions. The second portion is the main program that shuffles cards. It just keeps on shuffling until the interrupt key is pressed. The first portion is an interrupt service routine used to ensure an orderly ending of the program. The program is relocatable, and the two portions can be in separate locations.

This feature makes it easy to incorporate the shuffling program into a complete card-playing program. However, it is important that the user initialize the interrupt vectors to jump to the interrupt service routine.

To keep the computer code relocatable, the initialization of the 2 byte address is left to the user. The storage area for the cards, together with 4 bytes of working space, are in page 0. In this program, the storage area starts at address 0001. However, the program can be changed easily to move the storage area to other locations in page 0.

The deck of cards is stored in an array at locations (hex) 0001 to 0034. The value of

0120:	0200		ORG	\$0200
0130:	0200	A2 36	LDXIM	\$36
0140:	0202	8A	TXA	
0150:	0203	95 00	STAZX	\$00
0160:	0205	CA	DEX	
0170:	0206	D0 FA	BNE	L1
0180:	0208	86 38	STXZ	\$38
0190:	020A	A5 35	LDAZ	\$35
0200:	020C	38	SEC	
0210:	020D	E9 34	SBCIM	\$34
0220:	020F	B0 FB	BCS	L2
0230:	0211	18	CLC	
0240:	0212	69 35	ADCIM	\$35
0250:	0214	AA	TAX	
0260:	0215	85 35	STAZ	\$35
0270:	0217	B5 00	LDAZX	\$00
0280:	0219	85 37	STAZ	\$37
0290:	021B	A5 36	LDAZ	\$36
0300:	021D	0A	ASLA	
0310:	021E	0A	ASLA	
0320:	021F	18	CLC	
0330:	0220	65 36	ADCZ	\$36
0340:	0222	18	CLC	
0350:	0223	69 01	ADCIM	\$01
0360:	0225	85 36	STAZ	\$36
0370:	0227	18	CLC	
0380:	0228	65 35	ADCZ	\$35
0390:	022A	38	SEC	
0400:	022B	E9 33	SBCIM	\$33
0410:	022D	B0 FB	BCS	L3
0420:	022F	18	CLC	
0430:	0230	69 34	ADCIM	\$34
0440:	0232	AA	TAX	
0450:	0233	B4 00	LDYZX	\$00
0460:	0235	A5 37	LDAZ	\$37
0470:	0237	95 00	STAZX	\$00
0480:	0239	A6 35	LDXZ	\$35
0490:	023B	94 00	STYZX	\$00
0500:	023D	A5 38	LDAZ	\$38
0510:	023F	C9 00	CMPIM	\$00
0520:	0241	F0 C7	BEQ	LOOP



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0010:
0020:          * INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINE
0030:
0040: 0243 A5 F3          LDAZ    $F3
0050: 0245 A4 F4          LDYZ    $F4
0060: 0247 A6 F5          LDXZ    $F5
0070: 0249 E6 38          INCZ    $38
0080: 024B 40             RTI

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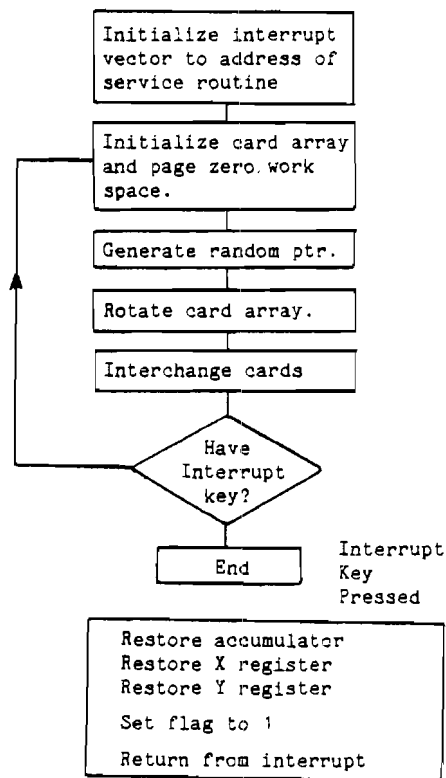
each address is distinct and is between hex 1 to 34 (decimal 1 to 52). After the interrupt key is pressed, the content of these addresses represents a deck of random cards.

The program uses a simple random number generator to generate random pointers with values between 1 and 52. The first card in the deck is interchanged with the card selected by the random pointer. The position of all the cards is next shifted one place so that the last card becomes the first, the first card becomes the second, and so on. This is to make sure that the first card is always changing, and a different card is interchanged with each randomly selected card. A random pointer is again generated and the whole operation is repeated.

After a sufficient number of operations, the deck is suitable for card games. One or two hundred shufflings are sufficient.

When the interrupt key is pressed, the interrupt service routine sets a memory location, hex 0038, that serves as a flag to signal the end of the shuffling. This routine also restores the accumulator and the X and Y registers. It is important that the user initialize the interrupt vector to address the service routine instead of the operating system.

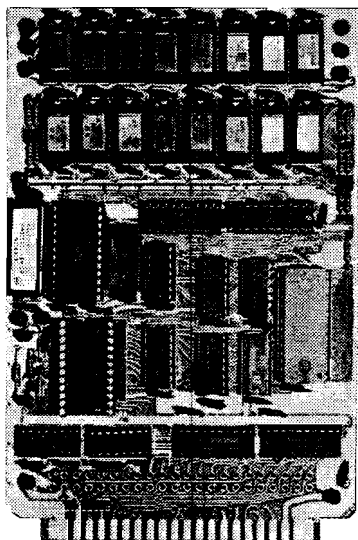
The sequence of cards being shuffled is actually predetermined because it is calculated from a prescribed series of operations. However, if the stop command is activated by a human operator the cards can be very random. It takes about  $10^{-4}$  second to do one shuffle. The time to activate the stop command can easily vary by more than 0.1 second. Thus, the number of shufflings can be uncertain by about 1000, which is sufficient to generate a deck of random cards.



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# How Do You Connect Peripherals to Your Superboard II

The OSI Superboard has a wealth of I/O ports, but often the effective use of them is "Left as an exercise for the reader". Here is some concise information on the configuration and use of the I/O ports.

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Since I wrote "A Close Look at the Superboard II", *MICRO* 11:15, I have received several calls and letters asking for more information concerning interfacing the Superboard II to various peripherals — printers, memory boards and so on. Because of the continuing lack of information available from OSI, the manufacturer of the Superboard and the Challenger 1P, I have decided that it would be good to give some basic and rather general pointers on the use of the Superboard ports.

Since there are many different peripherals (understatement of the century) and since each one has its own requirements, I cannot be very specific about your particular device. Instead, I hope to describe the signals available on the Superboard in some detail, so that you will at least know something about its interfacing possibilities.

## The J2 Port

There are four ports on the Superboard. Three of them are 12-pin Molex connectors and one of them is a 40-pin DIP socket. They are numbered J1 through J4. I shall begin with J2, since you are already using that one to interface your video monitor and your cassette. You will find a listing of the pin outs for J2 in Figure 1. Pins 7 through 10 are used for the cassette. Pins 11 and 12 are used for the video output.

I assume that you understand the basic use of these pins; and so, I will only mention that the signals generated for the cassette come from an on-board interface consisting of a Motorola 6850 ACIA and a couple of flip flops (U64). The audio input goes through an RCA 3130 which triggers a monostable one-shot and sets or resets a flip flop. This signal is then fed to the 6850.

The signals at the 6850 are designated as RxData and TxData. The 6850 also has two control signals which are not

used by the cassette interface but might be useful to your peripheral. They are designated as RTS and CTS on the schematics.

Finally, there are two separate clocks which drive the 6850: TxCLK and RxCLK. These clocks set the baud rate at which the 6850 operates. For precise information on the 6850, I suggest that you get a copy of the manufacturer's spec sheet on this ACIA. Your dealer should have it. I mention all of this simply because these six signals are present as TTL signals on J2, pins 1 through 6. If your peripheral requires TTL level serial data, then you will connect it to these pins.

But there is more to it than just connecting your peripheral's cable to the right pins on J2. My Superboard II came with several parts missing. You will need to install a 7417 at U68 and a 74LS14 at U67. You will also have to install the 220 and 390 ohm resistors at R38 through R49.

Next, notice that the RxData and CTS signals coming in on pins 1 and 3 respectively are called RxData3 and CTS3 after they come from U67. They are then routed to jumper locations W10 (the upper W10 to the right of Q2 in the schematic sheet 6) and W11. The reason for this is that you don't want input coming from two or three different sources going to the 6850.

I recommend that you install a DP3T (double pole three throw) switch so that you can switch the RxData line going to the 6850 between RxData1, which is the cassette input; RxData3, which is the TTL level input from J2; and the RS-232 input which will be described shortly. The other pole of this switch can be used to switch CTS appropriately. To install this switch you only have to cut the trace connecting the RxData line to RxData1 at W10.

With this switch installed, you can switch lines between three sources of in-

put: the cassette, your peripheral on TTL level lines at J2, and some other peripheral that uses RS-232 on J3.

One more change may be needed at jumper location W5, also on sheet six of the schematic. Here, the TxCLK is wired to the RxCLK. To separate them, you merely have to cut the diagonal trace connecting them and install another switch to switch the RxCLK line on the 6850 between the TxCLK line and the RxCLK input. I recommend, however, that you not make this modification unless you need separate clocks for your peripheral. If your peripheral is pretty stable and close to 300 baud, you can probably get by as is. But if you have a peripheral that has a clock rate different from 300 baud, you will need to make this modification.

You may now ask what the RTS and CTS signals are used for. If your peripheral is a printer, it may send out a busy signal whenever it is not ready to receive another character. This signal should be active high. It should be connected to the CTS on the 6850 — that is, it should be connected to J2 pin 3. You will have to switch W11 properly, since the CTS goes through this junction. You may also have a TTL line which controls the power on/off on your peripheral. Maybe you would like to control the cassette motor. You can do this with the RTS signal. It is a signal provided by the 6850 under software control; that is, your software, since OSI doesn't support this function.

Because it is fed through a 7417 buffer which is capable of sinking 30 milliamps, you can use it to drive a small reed relay. I purchased just such a relay, which operates on 5 volts at about 20 milliamps, and have used it to turn my cassette on and off. See Figure 2 for a schematic used to connect a relay to the RTS signal.

Now all the connections are made, but how do you instruct the computer to

transmit and receive these signals? Remember that the cassette is also connected to the 6850; and so, as far as software is concerned, the peripheral will work just like the cassette. Whatever you write to your cassette will go to the TxData line and to your peripheral. You read your peripheral just as you would read from the cassette (after you switch W10 over).

Let us suppose that you have a printer connected to the TxData line and that it sends a busy signal back over the CTS line when it is working. Whenever you give the command to "SAVE" in BASIC, this will activate the printer just as it does the cassette, so that any characters output by BASIC will be sent to both printer and cassette. If either of them is turned on, it will print or record the data sent. And how can one tell whether the printer is busy or not? You can't without writing some of your own software.

You see, Microsoft BASIC does not actually do any I/O; it merely jumps out to the I/O routine provided by OSI in the monitor. There are four routines that BASIC jumps to for I/O: one which inputs a character, one which outputs a character, one which is executed whenever the LOAD command is given, and one which is executed whenever the SAVE command is given. BASIC jumps to the following addresses which have instructions as shown:

Input	FFEB	JMPI	\$0218
Output	FFEE	JMPI	\$021A
Load	FFF4	JMPI	\$021E
Save	FFF7	JMPI	\$0220

The monitor stores the addresses of the input, output, load, and save routines at the locations \$0218, \$021A, \$021E, and \$0220 respectively every time the BREAK key is pressed. This makes BASIC transfer control to these routines when it needs I/O.

Of course, it would be easy to write your own routine and POKE the address of it in one of these locations so BASIC would then jump to your routine instead of the one in the monitor. You can disassemble the routines in the monitor, if you want to find out just what they do, but I will describe their functions here.

The input routine, located at \$FFBA, checks the load flag at \$0203. If it is zero, the routine jumps to the keyboard input routine at \$FD00 to input a character from the keyboard. If the flag is non-zero, the input routine checks to see if the spacebar is pressed and, if not, it inputs one character from the 6850 and returns. If the spacebar is pressed, it sets the load flag to zero and inputs a character (which will be a space since the spacebar is pressed) from the keyboard. This is why pressing the spacebar will stop reading from the cassette.

The output routine, located at \$FF69, jumps to the CRT simulator routine at \$BF2D which outputs a character to the screen and then checks the save flag at \$0205. If the save flag is 0 it returns. If the save flag is non-zero, it outputs the character to the 6850. If this character was a carriage return (that is, \$0D) then it also sends out 10 nulls (\$00).

The load routine, located at \$FF96, sets the save flag to 1. When you give the SAVE command, BASIC jumps to the save routine which sets the save flag. Then, whenever you output any character, BASIC jumps to the output routine which sends the character not only to the CRT, but also to the 6850. This will send it to the cassette and also to your printer. If you don't turn on your cassette, the character will only be printed by the printer.

But I still haven't described how you know when the printer is busy. You can PEEK at the 6850 control status register to see whether the CTS bit is low. Then you will know the printer is ready. But this is not a very good way to do it, since you would have to do such PEEKing prior to every print command! The better way is to write a short output routine which checks this bit for itself.

The 6850 occupies two address locations: \$F000 and \$F001. The first of these is the control register of the 6850 and, by writing and reading this address, one can send and receive control signals. \$F001 is the data register and, by writing or reading this address, one can send and receive data from the 6850.

The short output routine shown here illustrates how one might check for a printer busy signal. The listing includes two small programs that turn the RTS signal off and on. The latter might be employed to write a SAVE routine that could be called from BASIC and would turn the cassette or printer on automatically. Remember that you will have to put the addresses of your I/O routines in locations \$0218, \$021A, \$021E and \$0220 after each time you depress the BREAK key.

### The J3 Port

The main purpose for J3 is to interface peripherals which require RS-232 signals. As can be seen in Figure 1, pins 2 and 3 are the data out and in pins. Pin 7 provides a negative voltage for the RS-232 interface. To use this, however, you will have to open the ground at jumper W10, the lower one under Q1. Even more than this, you will have to install all the hardware for the RS-232 signal level generation; that is, Q1 and Q2 and their associated resistors and diode. Once again you must set up W10 and W11 with the proper switch, as described previously, so that you can switch between the cassette and your peripheral. I believe that the description for J2 was sufficient to get you going on the software you might need to use this port.

### The J4 Port

In the OSI manual on the Superboard, J4 is described as a "joystick" and "noise" port. The noise is made by turning on and off four of the keyboard

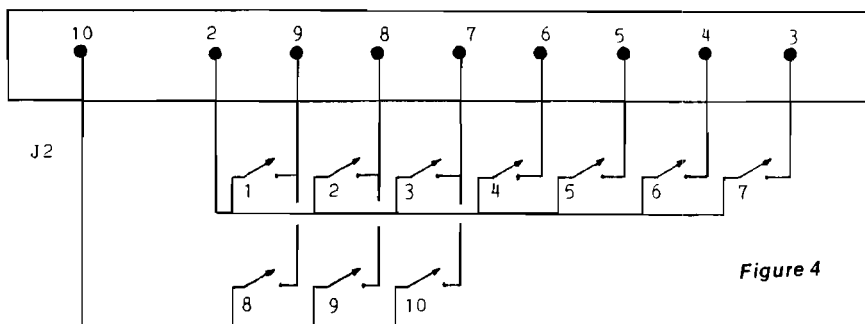


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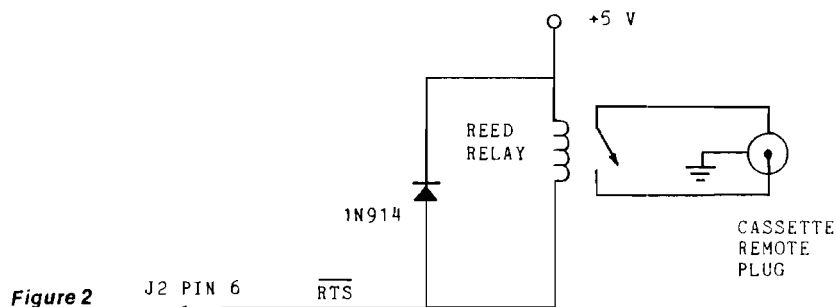


Figure 2

**Figure 1: Superboard I/O Ports**

J1		J2	
Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	<u>IRQ</u>	1	RxData
2	<u>NMI</u>	2	RxCLK
3	DD	3	<u>CTS</u>
4	BD0	4	TxData
5	BD1	5	TxCLK
6	BD2	6	<u>RTS</u>
7	BD3	7	Mic .05 volt
8	GND	8	GND
9	GND	9	AUX 0.5 volt
10	GND	10	Audio in
11	unused	11	GND
12	A2	12	Video out
13	A1	<b>J3</b>	
14	A0	Pin	Signal
15	A3	1	GND
16	A4	2	RS232 out
17	A5	3	RS232 in
18	A6	4	RxData
19	A7	5	RxData1
20	A8	6	RxData2
21	A9	7	-V in for RS232 interface
22	A10	8	unused
23	A11	9	<u>CTS</u>
24	A12	10	<u>CTS2</u>
25	A13	11	unused
26	A14	12	unused
27	A15	<b>J4</b>	
28	GND	Pin	Signal
29	GND	1	R1
30	GND	2	R7
31	02	3	C1
32	R/W	4	C2
33	BD7	5	C3
34	BD6	6	4
35	BD5	7	C5
36	BD4	8	C6
37	GND	9	C7
38	GND	10	R6
39	GND	11	GND
40	GND	12	Noise

latches. These are coupled through resistors and a capacitor to pin 12 of J4. The main problem is that the resistors are not installed, nor are their values given. I have not experimented enough with these to determine what values would work best to give four bit analog output.

The main reason I have not done this experimentation is that I have not thought the "noise" would be very useful because it is coupled to the keyboard. For this reason, whenever the keyboard input routine is called, a tone is generated by a loop in that routine which sets and resets the keyboard latches.

If you wanted to produce some music, you could do so by choosing proper values for these resistors and then writing a small program to turn on and off these latches by writing to address \$DF00. I would advise installing a switch between the output of pin 12 and your amplifier since you will want to turn off this noise whenever you are not generating some music or gaming sound effects. The keyboard routine's continuous tone is rather annoying after a while!

If you want a beeper to signal various conditions audibly, then I recommend that you use the RTS output at J2. It comes from a heavy buffer which could be connected through a 100 ohm resistor and a small speaker to the 5 volt line. When this RTS signal is turned on and off at the proper rate, it would make a nice beeper without the need for the amplifier that the output at J4 pin 12 requires. Also, there would be no annoying continuous tone.

The other pins on J4 are quite useful because they are connected directly to the keyboard matrix. The graphics manual has a short description of how to deactivate the CTRL-C routine and how to check for a key depressed. If you were to connect lines 1 through 11 on J4 to some switches, you could use the procedure to determine whether the switches were closed. In this way, one might simulate a joystick.

By using four switches you could indicate eight directions. North, east, south and west could be indicated when exactly one switch was closed — the switch in that particular direction on your joystick. Northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest could be indicated by two adjacent switches being closed at the same time. By this means you could move a point on the screen in any of eight directions.

Another very good use for these lines would be to add a numeric keypad in parallel with the keyboard. To do so, you need only wire the switches on the keypad so they are in parallel with the corresponding keys on the keyboard as shown in the schematic, sheet 12. See

Figure 4 for a diagram of these switches. By doing this and writing a short BASIC program, you could imitate a very powerful calculator.

#### The J1 Port

This port is what OSI uses for expansion. It has all the data and address lines in addition to several of the control lines that the 6502 produces. I suggested in my previous article that this socket could be connected to a KIM type connector to make a KIM expansion port. That is more or less true but, as you will see from checking the signals available on J1 and the required signals on the KIM expansion port, there are a few missing. The most important ones are there, and it just may be that the ones you need to operate your peripheral memory board or whatever are present.

Pin 3, the DD line, needs some explanation. This line is an incoming signal that is used to control the data buffers U6 and U7. This line must be driven by the R/W signal, so I suggest that you connect both the R/W signal (that you get from U21 pin 6) and the line from J1 pin 3 to the R/W pin on the KIM expansion connector.

I think a 40 wire ribbon cable with a DIP plug on the end of it would be the best thing to make the connection from J1 to the KIM connector. Of course, some of the wires won't be useful; and so, you might be able to pull some of the unused wires out and solder them to the points on the Superboard where you are going to get the missing signals.

The missing signals can be found at the following places: R/W on U21 pin 6 as mentioned above, 02 on U21 pin 4, RST on the high (non-ground) side of the BREAK key, VCC where the red 5 volt supply line enters the board, VSS any place along the edge of the board where the ground plane is, SYNC on J8 pin 7, and 01 on U8 pin 3. If you need the RDY signal, you have to make a change on the Superboard. Open the short trace coming from U8 pin 2, which is the RDY line on the 6502, and put a 4.7K pull up resistor in the opening you have made. This will enable any peripheral that needs to use the RDY line to pull it low. After installing the resistor, you can wire the RDY line to U8 pin 2.

There are also R0, K6, S:IT OUT, RAM/R/W, and PLL TEST line: on the KIM expansion connector, but you won't be able to get these from the Super-

board. I doubt that any of the peripherals you might be interested in will require them since they are rather peculiar to the KIM.

This method of directly wiring a KIM socket to the appropriate signals on the Superboard will give you a workable KIM expansion connector even though it may look a little messy since you have to run wires to several points on the Superboard. If you plan to use several boards simultaneously, you will want to make your connections to a KIM compatible motherboard.

You may ask if all this wiring is worth the effort, since OSI sells a 610 expander board which plugs directly into the J1 socket and which will then connect to the OSI 48-pin bus. I think that it is because I like to work with hardware and software together. OSI doesn't offer everything that I need, and their price is somewhat high for what I want. You may wish to investigate just what OSI offers in the way of peripherals before you make any of these changes and additions to your Superboard. In any case, I hope that you now understand a little more about how your Superboard works and how you might go about connecting some peripherals to it.



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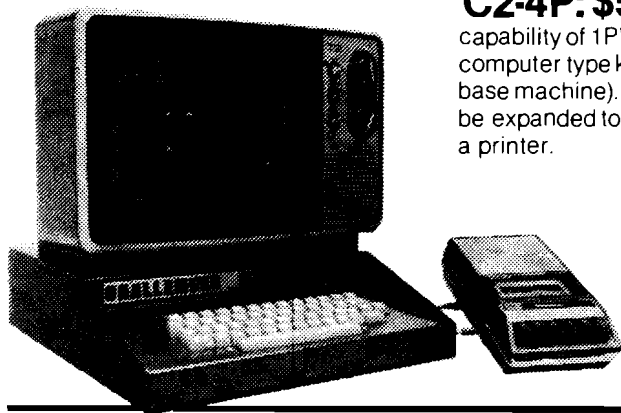
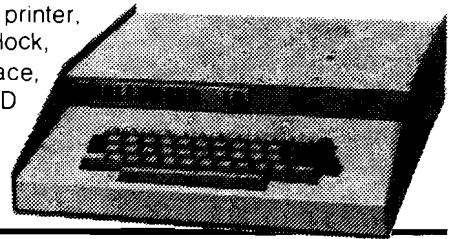
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	LSRA	CHARACTER
	LSRA	TO BE TRANSMITTED
	BCC	WAIT
WAIT1	LDA	STATUS WAIT FOR
	ANDIM	\$08 PRINTER
	BNE	WAIT1 READY
READY	PLA	WHEN READY
	STA	DATA OUTPUT DATA
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Figure 3

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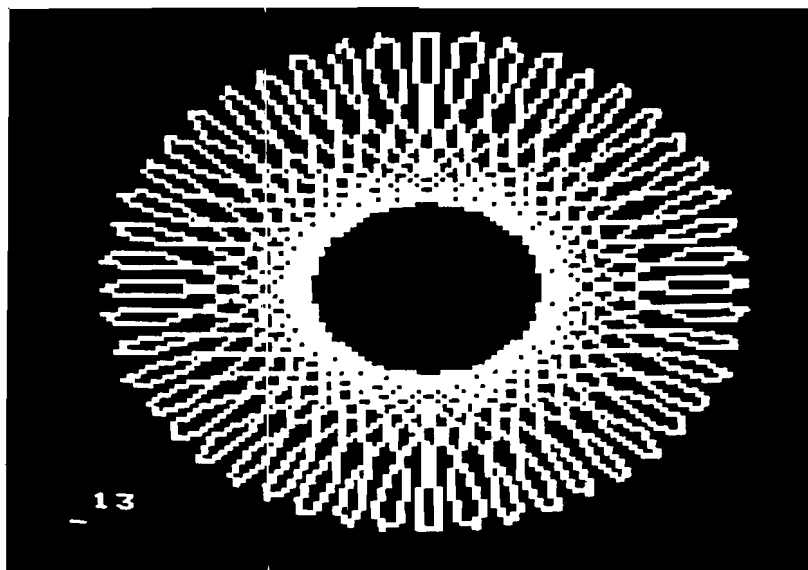
# Hypocycloids

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A modification to John Sherburne's original program plots hypocycloids quite a bit faster, on the OSI, by reducing the number of revolutions required. The technique may be used on any micro.

I had just added the extra 2K of memory to my Ohio Scientific 440 video board to implement the graphics option, and was wondering what to do with those 16,384 dots (128 x 128) staring out from my monitor. I happened to pick up the March 79 issue of MICRO and was intrigued by John Sherburne's article on

plotting hypocycloids. A hypocycloid, if you don't remember, is what you get when one circle rolls inside another as in the "Spirograph" toy. I immediately accepted the challenge that if it can be done on a PET, I could do it better on my micro.



### ASSEMBLE LIST

```
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0110 :BA $400
0400— A/ 0B 0120 LOOP LDY #00
0402— B9 0B 04 0130 LDA TBL1,Y
0405— 89 0B 05 0140 STA TBL2,Y
0408— C8 0150 INY
0409 D0 F7 0160 BNE LOOP
0170 :
040B 0180 TBL1 :DS 256
050B 0190 TBL2 :DS 256
0200 :
0210 :EN
```

LABEL FILE 1 = EXTERNAL

```
START = 0400      LOOP = 0402      TBL1 = 040B
TBL2 = 050B
110000,060B,060B
```

The original hypocycloid program suffered greatly from lack of speed since each point was calculated using four trigonometric functions. Approximately 300 points per revolution were required. Even then, some gaps appeared in the resulting pattern. I was able to reduce the number of points calculated per revolution to 30 by drawing straight line segments between calculated points. This makes the resulting curves not quite as smooth, but very acceptable as the accompanying photos illustrate. The number appearing in the lower left cor-

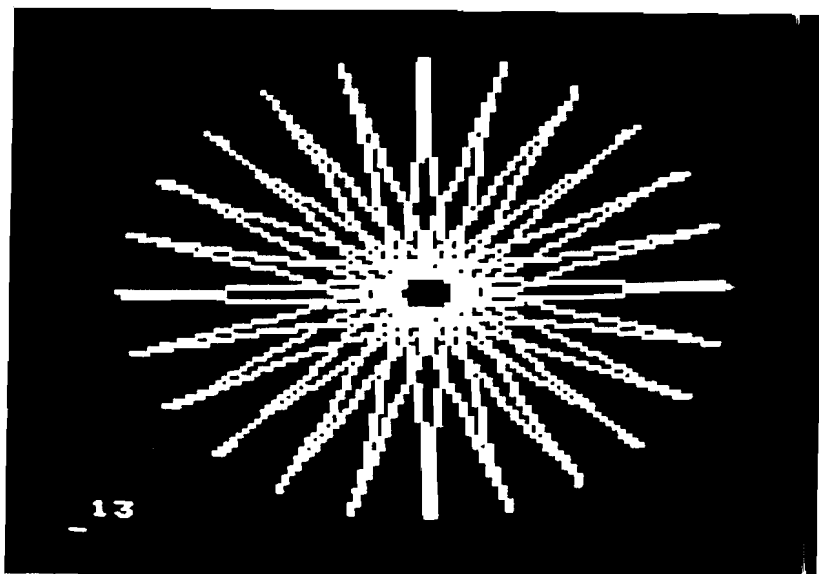
ner indicates the number of revolutions required to complete the figure.

Below is the subprogram I used to fill in the space between calculated points (X1,Y1) and (X2,Y2). A different procedure is used depending whether the slope of the plotted line is nearer the X axis or Y axis. Lines 1060-1065 and 1160-1165 store the bit in memory and are specific to my graphics board. I would be happy to provide a copy of the full program to anyone who is using the OIS 440 board with graphics.

```

1000 IF X1=X2 THEN 1100
1010 A=(Y2-Y1)/(X2-X1)
1015 IF ABS(A)>1 THEN 1100
1020 B=Y1-A*X1+0.5
1030 FOR X3=X2 TO X1 STEP SGN(X1-X2)
1040 Y3=INT(B+A*X3)
1060 M=54272+16*Y3+INT(X3/8)
1065 POKEM,PEEK(M)ORS(X3AND7)
1070 NEXT X3:RETURN
1100 IF Y1=Y2 THEN RETURN
1110 A=(X2-X1)/(Y2-Y1)
1120 B=X1-A*Y1+0.5
1130 FOR Y3=Y2 TO Y1 STEP SGN(Y1-Y2)
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1180 RETURN

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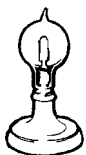
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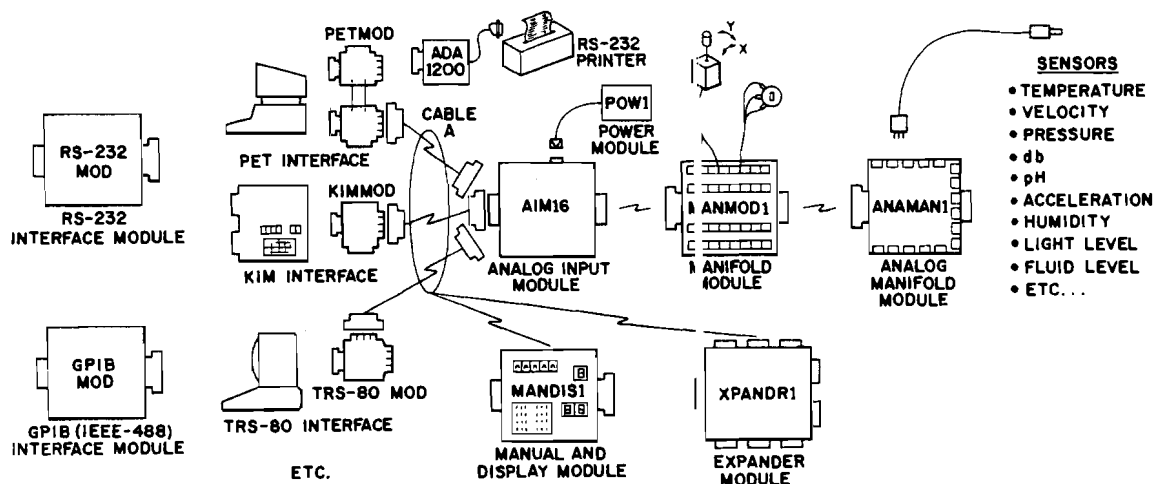


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# SYM-1 6532 Programmable Timer

The 6532 interval timer is useful as a backup timekeeper or as a loop controller. It can be accessed in two ways, independent of the interrupt system, and employed to meet a variety of realtime program requirements.

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In addition to the programmable ports and interval timers located in the 6522s, the SYM-1 has an interval timer in the 6532. The 6532-style device is also used on the KIM-1, and so knowing how to use the SYM timer properly will help in understanding KIM programs and enable the SYM programmer to adapt KIM programs for use on his SYM more easily.

The 6532 timer does not have its IRQ line connected to the IRQ input of the 6502. Therefore, lacking direct access to the interrupt structure, we are unable to get as precise a level of timing as with the onboard 6522s. However, if an extra timer or loop controller is required, the 6532 may prove to be useful.

Before using the timer in the 6532, one must first clear the interrupt flags. Since all of the features we intend to use are part of the write-protected memory, we must first of all allow access to this area. This is accomplished by:

```
20 86 8B JSR ACCESS
```

Then, to clear the interrupt flag (PA7 flag), we will read the interrupt flag register. This may be accomplished by reading any one of four locations: A405, A407, A41D or A41F, typically by executing the instruction:

```
AD 05 A4 LDA INTREG
```

After this instruction is executed, the interrupt flag register will contain "80". This register will be cleared to "00" when we write a value into the timer register. We may then go back occasionally during program execution, test to see if the flag register is still zero, and branch if it is not zero.

As another alternative, we can do a BIT test on the flag location, checking only the timer flag for the branch condition. This method has been used in the sample program. If the BIT test is used, it is not necessary to read the interrupt register in order to clear the PA7 flag because this flag will not be tested. The initial read instruction then becomes redundant.

At this point, we must decide how many clock cycles are to elapse before the timer flag becomes set. Then we will write the selected value into the counter.

There are four different points at which to enter data into the counter, A41C, A41D, A41E and A41F. These are indicated in the manual as 1T, 8T, 64T and 1024T. These multiples mean that any data which is entered into the counter will begin at that particular count and decrement at the rate of the clock frequency (1T), or at one decrement for each eight clock cycles (8T), one decrement for each 64 clock cycles (64T) or one decrement for each 1024 clock cycles (1024T).

There is only one timer register, but the four addresses mentioned above are the means by which the frequency pre-divider is set. For example, if we write "01" into location A41E, the timer flag is reset and, 64 clock cycles later, the timer flag is set again. If we write "11" into location A41F, instead, then the timer flag will not be reset until 1024 clock cycles have elapsed.

Just as an example, let's say we wanted 800 clock cycles to elapse before the timer flag is set. We will be reading the flag register periodically to see if it is non-zero, determine whether the flag gets set, and branch on the non-zero condition. Writing decimal 00 (hex 64) into location A41D sets the pre-divider; to 8 then,  $8 \times 100 = 800$  ticks later, the timer reaches zero and the flag is set.

While the counter is independently decrementing, we can determine the current timer contents at any time by reading one of these four locations: A404, A406, A41C, A41E. There are four readable locations due to "don't care" addressing modes or incomplete address decoding.

One might be tempted to look at the timer contents, occasionally, and branch when the count reaches zero. This does not offer a good chance for success as the following example will show.

Let's say we've written "0A" (decimal 10) into location A41D (8T) so that 80 cycles later the timer will count down to zero. Suppose we do the following during the counting period:

- (A) Increment a memory location
- (B) Test timer contents
- (C) Branch back if non-zero

If the sequence of operations takes seven machine cycles, then after 77 cycles the timer will still be at "01" and after  $77 + 7 = 84$  cycles the timer will contain a count of zero since more than 80 cycles have elapsed, right? Wrong! Unfortunately, it will contain "FC" instead! The limitation of this counter is that, as soon as zero is reached and the flag is set, the counter continues to decrement, but it no longer matters which counter multiple was being used because as the counter immediately begins to free-run decrement at the 1T rate.

To overcome this limitation, since we do not use the IRQ and since we only sample occasionally, we will generally read the interrupt register, testing for a non-zero figure, rather than reading the timer and looking for zero contents as shown above.

Now we come to an example program which ties everything together and demonstrates the use of this timer. Location 20D may be set for any desired timer value. Location 20F may be set to 1C, 1D, 12E, or 1F depending upon whether you want to operate the timer with a predivide of 1T, 8T, 64T, or 1024T. You will notice that the loop of instructions between locations 211 and 224 takes a total of 28 machine cycles to execute.

Begin program execution at location 200. The display will light, upon completion indicating how many times the program was able to traverse the loop before the timer flag became set.

# Letters

Having trouble running mnemonically-entered programs on your AIM-65? This might be one source of the problem.

According to the AIM-65 User's Guide, indirect indexed addressing mode may be entered by using either "(HH,Y)" or "(HH)Y" where "HH" is a hexadecimal byte. The AIM-65 Summary Card lists the alternatives "(HH,Y)" or "(HH,X)".

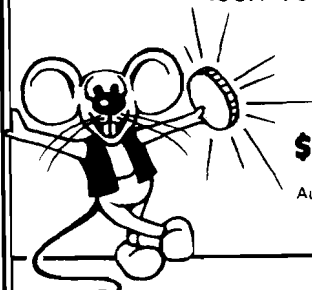
However, only the format "(HH)Y" will assemble correctly.

The formats (HH,Y and (HH,X) will be assembled incorrectly as indexed indirect instructions, "(HH,X)".

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### \* PROGRAMMABLE TIMER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

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```
0241      ACCESS *      $8B86
0241      OUTISP *      $89C1
0241      OUTIYT *      $82FA
0241      SCAND *      $8906

0200      ORG      $0200
0200 A9 00      LDAIM $00      STORE ZERO IN
0202 85 A0      STA      $00A0  AREA RESERVED FOR TOTAL
0204 85 A1      STA      $00A1
0206 20 86 8B   JSR      ACCESS UNPROTECT SYSTEM RAM
0209 AD 1F A4   LDA      $A41F  CLEAR PA7 FLAG, OPTIONAL HERE
020C A9 FF      LDAIM $FF      LOAD TIMER PRESET NUMBER
020E 8D 1D A4   STA      $A41D  ESTABLISH 8 AS PRE-DIVIDE
0211 F8      TMIN  SED      TIME = 255 * 8T = 2040 CYCLES
0212 A5 A0      LDA      $00A0  SET DECIMAL MODE
0214 69 01      ADCIM $01      LOAD A0 AND ADD ONE
0216 85 A0      STA      $00A0  PUT IT BACK
0218 A5 A1      LDA      $00A1  IF THERE'S A CARRY
021A 69 00      ADCIM $00      ADD IT IN
021C 85 A1      STA      $00A1  AND RESTORE
021E D8      CLD      CLEAR DECIMAL MODE
021F 2C 05 A4   BIT      $A405  TEST TIMER FLAG
0222 30 03      BML      TMOUT  BRANCH IF MINUS FLAG IS SET
0224 4C 11 02   JMP      TMIN  JUMP BACK AND DO IT AGAIN
0227 A9 20      LDAIM $20      ASCII BLANK
0229 20 C1 89   JSR      OUTDSP SEND IT TO DISBUF
022C A5 A1      LDA      $00A1  GET CONTENTS OF A1
022E 20 FA 82   JSR      OUTBYT SEND IT TO DISBUF
0231 A5 A0      LDA      $00A0  NOW GET A0
0233 20 FA 82   JSR      OUTBYT
0236 A9 20      LDAIM $20      ASCII BLANK
0238 20 C1 89   JSR      OUTDSP
023B 20 06 89   DSCAI JSR      SCAND  SCAN THE DISPLAY
023E 4C 3B 02   JMP      DSCAN  DO IT CONTINUOUSLY
```

#### SYMBOL TABLE 2000 21 2A

```
ACCESS 8B86      DSCAI 023B      OUTBYT 82FA      OUTDSP 89C1
SCAND  8906      TMIN  0211      TMOUT  0227
```

While working on a leasing rate calculation program in Kim BASIC I found the need for a list of variables available so that I could cross out the ones I used in my program. I found such a list in MICRO 4:4 and decided to write

a program, in BASIC, to print it when needed.

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```
100 REM PROG TO SHOW NUMERICAL AND STRING VARIABLES AVAILABLE IN
110 REM MICROSOFT BASIC AS USED IN PET-APPLE-TRS80 AND OTHERS
115 REM REF: MICRO 4 APRIL-MAY 78 PAGE 4:4
120 FOR X = 65 TO 90
125 PRINT
130 PRINT CHR(X);" ";
140 FOR Y = 0 TO 9
145 Y$ = CHR(X) + NUM(Y) + " "
147 REM INSTEAD OF NUM(Y) YOU CAN USE STR$(Y)
150 PRINT Y$;
155 NEXT Y
160 FOR Z = 65 TO 90
170 PRINT CHR(X);CHR(Z);" ";
180 NEXT Z
200 PRINT
210 NEXT X
220 END
```



## More LETTERS

I have a SYM-1. While debugging a program that uses the timer in the 6532 I found out that the IRQ pin is not connected to the IRQ bus. Rather than spend a lot of time finding the neatest way to connect the 6532 IRQ pin to the IRQ bus, I simply ran a piece of wire wrap stock between the IRQ pin on the 6532 to the nearby 6522. Now I can use the interrupt feature of the 6532. I do not know whether Synertek did this for a particular reason but I have not had any problems since making this little modification. Perhaps you are already aware of this. I just thought I would pass it along, for what it is worth.

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There is a useful, but unadvertised, display subroutine in the AIM-65 Monitor. It is labeled OUTDD1, and can be called by a JSR instruction to hex address EF7B.

The subroutine displays the ASCII character which is in the accumulator, at the relative position (0 - 19 decimal, or 0 - 13 hexadecimal) indicated by the X register. It returns with A and X contents intact.

Before calling the subroutine, be sure to ORA #80, or else the hardware cursor will be displayed.

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[Editor's Note: Marvin De Jong demonstrated the use of this subroutine in an earlier issue of MICRO. Since, however, Don Stein independently "found" it and thinks that it is important enough to point out to other AIM users, we are printing his letter.]

[Editor's Note: If you have some small bit (byte?) of information that you wish to pass on to fellow computerists, a short letter to MICRO is one simple way to "pass the word along".]

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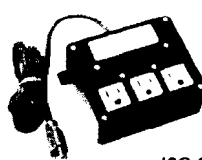
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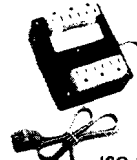
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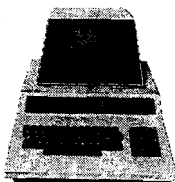


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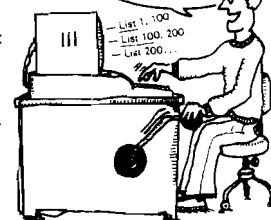
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Owners of Ohio Scientific Challenger II and III disk-based systems may not be aware that provision for a real-time clock already exists on their 470 disk controller board. The bottom middle section

of this board contains the PC foils to mount three 74390 decade counter IC's. These divide the on-board 1 MHz crystal clock to provide pulses ranging from 1 to 100,000 per second, selectable at the user's option.

Timing pulses may be fed into the NMI or IRQ lines of the OSI bus (pins 2 or 3) where the 6502 will see them as interrupt signals. The software to handle an interrupt-driven, time keeping routine must have been loaded into memory prior to turning the clock on, or it may be permanently located in PROM at a convenient memory address.

One example of how the hardware may be implemented is shown in Figure 1. A 0.1 Hz clock pulse from the third

74390 is fed into both inputs of a two-input nand gate (7400) after passing through a switch located on the front panel. The 7400 may be conveniently located in the prototyping area just below the three 74390's on the 470 board.

The second input to the two nand gates is taken from bit "0" of a 6821 PIA located on the 500 or 510 CPU board. The outputs of the two 7400 gates are fed to the NMI bus line and a front panel LED, respectively. The brightly flashing LED serves as a reminder that the clock is running, following turning the switch "on" and setting bit "0" high.

The actual interrupt handling and clock routines have been written in machine language, as shown, where they have been assembled to start at \$6900 (26880). Of course, relocation of these routines, as well as the clock counters, is entirely optional. Be sure, however, that they are located above the workspace occupied by BASIC or other applications programs.

A BASIC demonstration program incorporating the clock is also shown. Lines 50-70 set up the PIA on the CPU board (63232) so that ports A and B are configured as inputs and outputs, respectively. Since OSI's PROM monitor vectors to \$0130 on receipt of an NMI interrupt, lines 90-100 POKE a jump to the start of the interrupt handling routine.

Next, in lines 120-140, the machine language object code is read as data and POKEd into high memory. The decimal equivalents of the object code are represented as DATA in lines 9010-9110. Lines 200-220 now set the clock counter locations to "0" and we are ready to turn the clock switch "ON".

Once this is accomplished, the clock is under program and/or keyboard control via POKEs to the PIA PORT B, bit "0." Applications programs inserted at line 300 may use the clock by PEEKing at the appropriate clock counter locations.

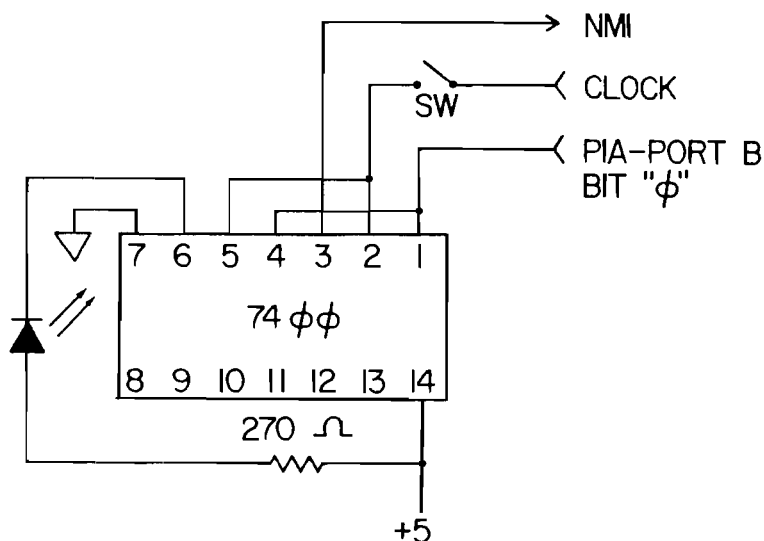


Figure 1

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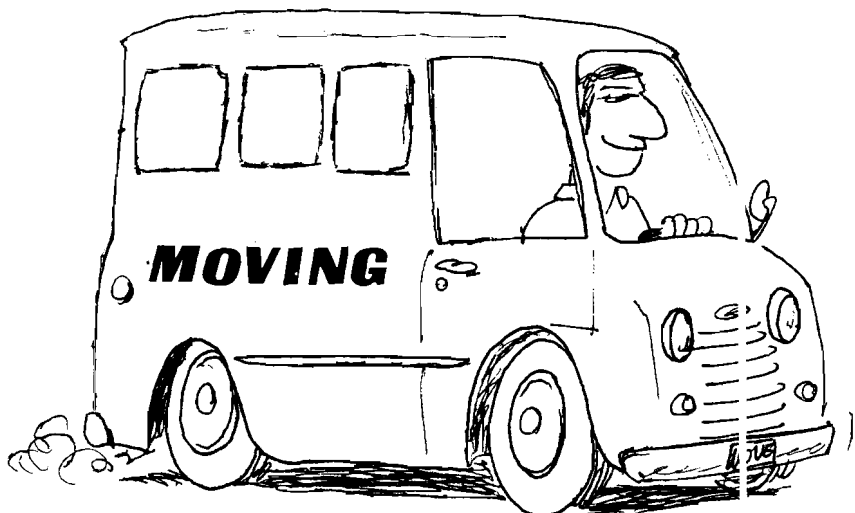
6957      HOURS      *      $6978
6957      MIN        *      $6979
6957      SECS       *      $697A
6957      FSEC       *      $697B
6900      ORG        $6900
6900 48      START   PHA
6901 8A      TXA
6902 48      PHA
6903 98      TYA
6904 48      PHA
6905 20 0E 69    JSR    CLOCK
6908 68      PLA
6909 A8      TAY
690A 68      PLA
690B AA      TAX
690C 68      PLA
690D 40      RTI
690E 78      CLOCK   SEI
690F F8      SED
6910 18      CLC
6911 AD 7B 69    LDA    FSEC
6914 69 01      ADCIM  $01
6916 8D 7B 69    STA    FSEC
6919 38      SEC
691A E9 10      SBCIM  $0010
691C D0 36      BNE    END
691E 8D 7B 69    STA    FSEC
6921 AD 7A 69    LDA    SECS
6924 18      CLC
6925 69 01      ADCIM  $01
6927 8D 7A 69    STA    SECS
692A 38      SEC
692B E9 60      SBCIM  $0060
692D D0 25      BNE    END
692F 8D 7A 69    STA    SECS
6932 AD 79 69    LDA    MIN
6935 18      CLC
6936 69 01      ADCIM  $01
6938 8D 79 69    STA    MIN
693B 38      SEC
693C E9 60      SBCIM  $0060
693E D0 14      BNE    END
6940 8D 79 69    STA    MIN
6943 AD 78 69    LDA    HOURS
6946 18      CLC
6947 69 01      ADCIM  $01
6949 8D 78 69    STA    HOURS
694C 38      SEC
694D E9 24      SBCIM  $24
694F D0 03      BNE    END
6951 8D 78 69    STA    HOURS
6954 D8      END     CLD
6955 58      CLI
6956 60      RTS

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10 PRIM:PRINT"REAL-TIME CLOCK FOR DISK-BASED OSI SYSTEMS"
20 PRIM:PRINT"ROBERT T. KINTZ, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK"
30 PRIM:PRINT"RUNS UNDER OSI OPERATING SYSTEM OS-650,V.3.0"
40 REM ** SET UP PIA;PORT A=INPUT,PORT B=OUTPUT *****
50 X=63:32:REM PIA ADDRESS OF 500 OR 510 CPU BOARD
60 POKE X+1,0:POKE X+3,0:POKE X,0
70 POKE X+2,255:POKE X+1,4:POKE X+3,4:POKE X+2,0
80 REM ** SET UP CLOCK ROUTINE *****
90 REM IMI VECTORS TO $0130(304)
100 REM $6900(26880)=START OF CLOCK ROUTINE
110 POK 304,76:POKE 305,0:POKE 306,105
120 REM *** READ IN MAC CODE AS DATA *****
130 FOR CLK=26880 TO 26964
140 REA MAC:POKE CLK,MAC:NEXT CLK
150 REM *** CLOCK COUNTER LOCATIONS *****
160 REM $6978(27000)=HOURS
170 REM $6979(27001)=MINUTES
180 REM $697A(27002)=SECONDS
190 REM $697B(27003)=TENTHS
200 REM *** POKE RESET INTO COUNTER LOCATIONS *****
210 FOR CL=27000 TO 27003
220 POKI CL,0:NEXT CL
230 REM *** TURN THE CLOCK SWITCH TO 'ON' *****
240 PRIM:PRINT"TURN THE CLOCK SWITCH TO 'ON'..."
250 PRIM:"THEN PRESS 'G', 'RETURN':INPUT A$
260 IF A$<>"G" THEN 250
270 REM *** POKE START INTO CLOCK GATE *****
280 POKI X+2,1
290 PRIM:PRINT"CLOCK LED SHOULD NOW BE BLINKING"
300 REM *****
350 REM USER'S PROGRAM CAN BE INSERTED HERE
400 REM TO USE CLOCK, PEEK AT COUNTER LOCATIONS
500 REM *****
8999 REI *** MAC CODE DATA FOR CLOCK ROUTINE *****
9010 DATA 72,138,72,152,72,32,14,105
9020 DATA 104,168,104,170,104,64,120
9030 DATA 24,173,123,105,105,1,141,123
9040 DATA 105,56,233,10,208,54,141,123,105
9050 DATA 173,122,105,24,105,1,141,122
9060 DATA 105,56,233,60,208,37,141,122
9070 DATA 105,173,121,105,24,105,1,141
9080 DATA 121,105,56,233,60,208,20,141
9090 DATA 121,105,173,120,105,24,105,1
9100 DATA 141,120,105,56,233,24,208,3
9110 DATA 141,120,105,216,96
9120 REM *** TURN 'OFF' THE CLOCK *****
9130 POKE X+2,0
9140 REM *****
9999 END

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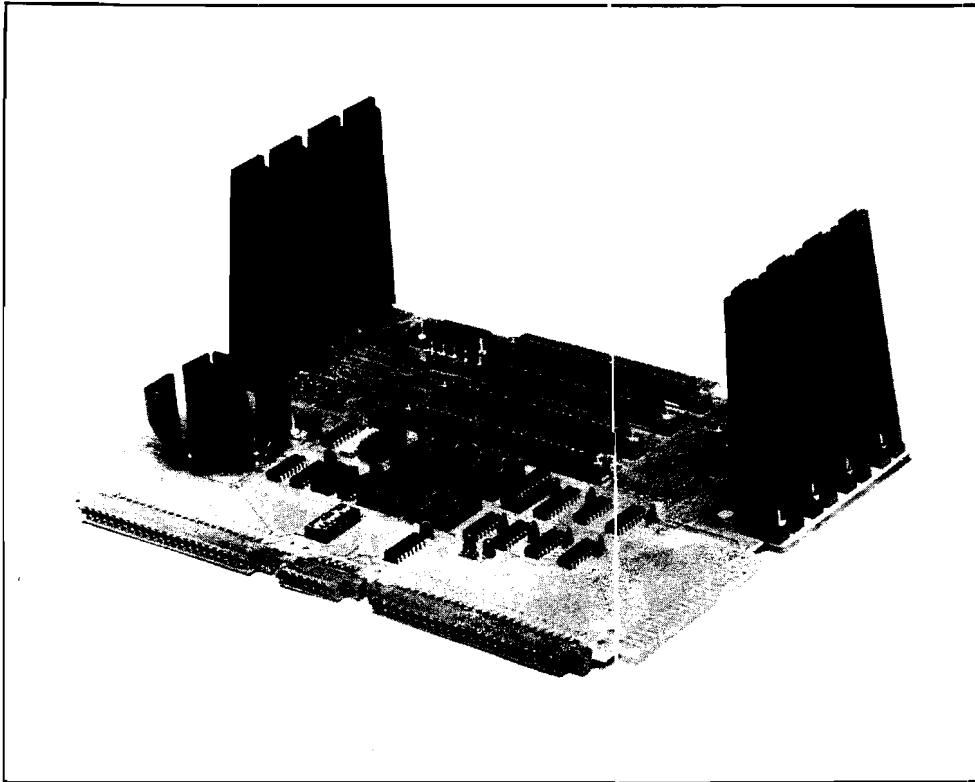
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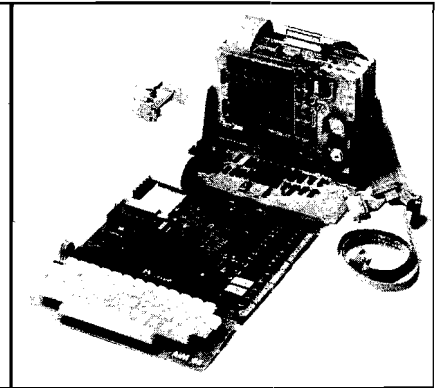
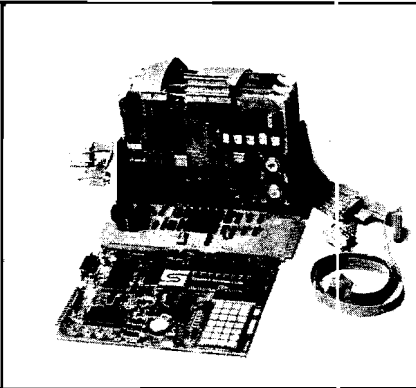
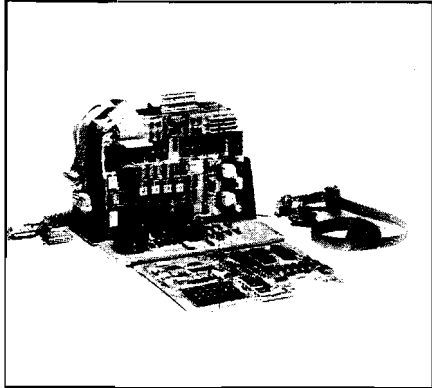
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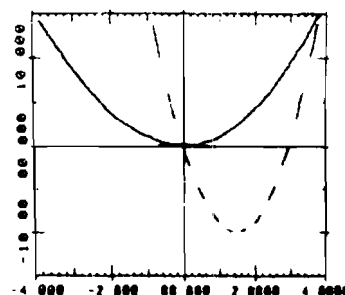
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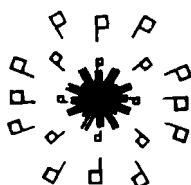
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