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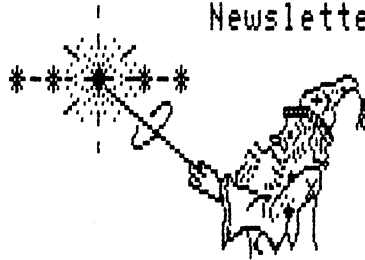
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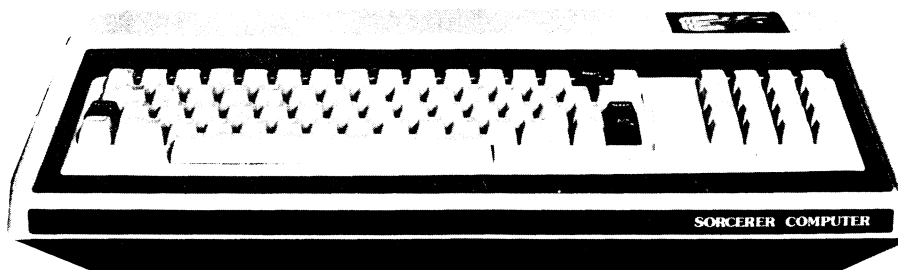
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MEETING PLACE

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'C' LIBRARY ROUTINES by Dereck Gomes

This is our fourth installment of our 'C' library routines and, this month, we will be looking at two routines that provide us with inverse video of the normal ASCII character set. Routine #1 must first be used to create the inverse character set of ASCII characters which starts at F800H and put them in the standard and programmable graphics section, then routine #2 will refer to them simply by adding 128 to the ASCII code of the character requested. This is sufficient for most applications, but if you wish to use your graphics section for other uses, then you will have to use another method which will involve creating the inverse characters on the fly and keeping them in a graphics character cell for the duration of its need; a rather more cumbersome method. The method listed in these two routines is more elegant and faster, since you do not have to go through a routine to create it every time you want to use an inverse character; just ask for it.

Note, however, that if you use a routine that uses Exidy's CLEAR SCREEN routine then your graphics section will be re-written and you will have to invoke `invascii()` again. It is best to use your own routine to clear the screen.

ROUTINE #1.

COMMENTS. This routine creates an inverse copy of the ASCII character set which resides at F800H and puts it in the graphics section for use by routine `Inverse()`.

CALLED ROUTINES: None.

USAGE EXAMPLE: `invascii();`

```
invascii()          /* setup graphics with inverse of ASCII */
{
    char *graph;

    for (graph = 0xfc00; graph ; graph++)
    {
        *graph = ~ ( *( graph - 1024) ),
    }
}
```

ROUTINE #2:

COMMENTS: This routine changes a string of ASCII characters pointed to by `<ptr>` into its inverse video equivalent. Routine `Invascii()` is a prerequisite for this routine.

CALLED ROUTINES: None.

USAGE EXAMPLE. `putdma(2, 3, inverse("this is a string"));`

```
inverse( ptr )
{
    char *ptr;

    char *temp,
    temp = ptr;
    while ( *ptr )
    {
        *ptr = *ptr ! 0x80;
        ptr++;
    }
    return( temp );
}
```

01	AVOID	Steer through an accelerating meteor shower, it's hairy!. (CLOAD) Written by Stephen Cousins (ESC)
02	CHASE	Wipe out the robots in the maze before they wipe you out. (>LOG) Donated from Australia
03	EVADE	Kill the enemy in the maze, then find your own way out. (>LOG) Donated from Australia
04	FLITE	Similar program to the TRS80 Flight Simulator for Sorcerer. (>LOG)
5a	LAZER	Two player game of 2 spaceships in conflict with each other. (CLOAD)
5b	LAZER	Graphic characters for LAZER. This would be good in M/L!!! (>LO) Donated from Australia
06	ELIZA	Logically speaking, have a conversation with a computer. (CLOAD) Written by Dave Bristol
07	ZAP	Can you steer the robots into the highly electrified pylons. (CLOAD) Written by R.G.Ruh
08	BKOUT	A new era for Breakout, utilizing the Sorcerer's graphics. (CLOAD) Written by Ray Bannon
09	ROSE	Creates a random selection of graphic designs to the screen. (CLOAD) Written by Ken Jackman, et al.
10	QUANT	This unique program is fast pixel manipulation at its best. (>LOG) Writer unknown (Pity you say)
11a	DUMAP	An adventure game with graphics. Try to get the princess - (>LO)
11b	KEYBD	and find as much treasure as you possibly can, then return - (>LO)
11c	DUNG2	to the surface with the princess and some treasure to win. (CLOAD) Written by Paul Taylor (PORT FE)
12a	DTASM	Now transfer programs between 2 Sorcerers via the parallel - (>LO)
12b	DTCOM	port, this will explain how. (compl.) Documentation included. (>LO) Written by Bob Stafford / David Woodberry

SIDE 3B

EUROPEAN SORCERER GEBRUIKERS GROUP

(ESGG Tape No.1 - 1982)

(Dutch to English version)

01	INFO	Introduction to ESGG tape No.1	(CLOAD)
02	CONTS	Contents of this tape No.1	(CLOAD)
03	INFO1	Information about program CRC	(>LO)
04	CRC	Tuning the tape-recorder	(CLOAD)
05	INFO2	Information about program COPIE	(CLOAD)
06	COPIE	Program for copying tapes	(CLOAD)
07	INFO3	Information about program LINK	(>LO)
08	LINK	Linking two programs	(CLOAD)
09	INFO4	Information about program RENBR	(CLOAD)
10	RENBR	Renumber program	(CLOAD)
11	INFO5	Information about program EDIT	(>LO)
12	EDIT	Basic line editor	(CLOAD)
13	GRAPH	Making graphic characters	(CLOAD)
14	HISTA	Making histo- or bar-diagrams	(CLOAD)
15	CHRS	Making diagrams	(CLOAD)
16	HELP	Calculations for conversions	(CLOAD)
17	NRNOT	Conversion to other number notations	(CLOAD)
18	DEHEB	Conversion of number notations	(CLOAD)
19	ENLAR	Enlarging characters	(CLOAD)
20	LITEP	Light-paper	(CLOAD)
21	LITPP	Another light-paper program	(CLOAD)
22	LOGTA	Logarithm-table	(CLOAD)

Unless you happen to be using a Burroughs Medium System or an IBM 1401 (which are perverted enough to think in base 10), you've probably run into the problems of dealing with decimal numbers in binary machines. (Those machines have the reverse problem - handling binary numbers.) This article attempts to alleviate some of those problems. Once again we approach things from the considerations of space and speed - the only valid reasons for programming in assembly language.

The normal method of multiplying an integer by 10 on the Z80 is:

```

ADD HL,HL      ;HL := NUM * 2
LD D,H
LD E,L        ;DE := NUM * 2
ADD HL,HL      ;HL := NUM * 4
ADD HL,HL      ;HL := NUM * 8
ADD HL,DE      ;HL := NUM * 10

```

This takes 6 bytes and 52 cycles and will work for any integer less than 6554 (unsigned).

While the above routine is by far the most general and easy to understand, and while it works for the greatest number of cases, it is not the fastest IF the numbers being multiplied are much smaller. In particular, if the numbers are less than 52 the routine:

```

; HL < 52
LD A,L        ;A := NUM
ADD A,A       ;A := NUM * 2
ADD A,A       ;A := NUM * 4
ADD A,L       ;A := NUM * 5
LD L,A        ;HL := NUM * 5
ADD HL,HL     ;HL := NUM * 10

```

is the same size but over 40% faster. The trick here is to realize that $10 = 5 * 2$. Numbers less than 52 can be multiplied by 5 and still fit in one byte. This allows us to use the faster single byte additions.

One application where this technique can prove its mettle is in determining a cursor address given its row and column (where screen width is a multiple of 10). Since, for instance, most 80 column screens have 24 or 25 rows the routine would fit in quite nicely:

```

; ENTRY - L = ROW (0..24)
;         H = COLUMN (0..79)
;
; EXIT - HL = CURSOR ADDRESS (SCREEN + [0..1999])
;
LD E,H        ;PRESERVE COLUMN
LD H,0
LD D,H        ;DE := COLUMN
LD A,L

```

```

ADD A,A
ADD A,A
ADD A,L
LD L,A
ADD HL,HL ;HL := ROW * 10
ADD HL,HL
ADD HL,HL
ADD HL,HL ;HL := ROW * 80
ADD HL,DE ;HL := ROW * 80 + COLUMN
LD DE,SCREEN
ADD HL,DE ;HL := CURSOR ADDRESS

```

The described technique and the example given point out one of the major reasons people use assembly language instead of compilers for certain applications - in assembly language you can make certain assumptions that compilers cannot. You know what range of possible values a number can have whereas a compiler must anticipate the worst.

SIO INTERFACE

FIG. 2
CLOCK

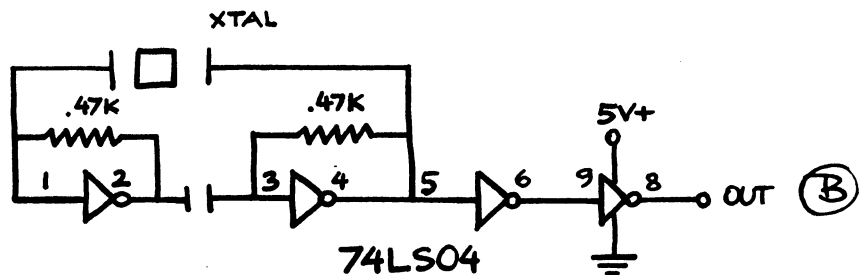
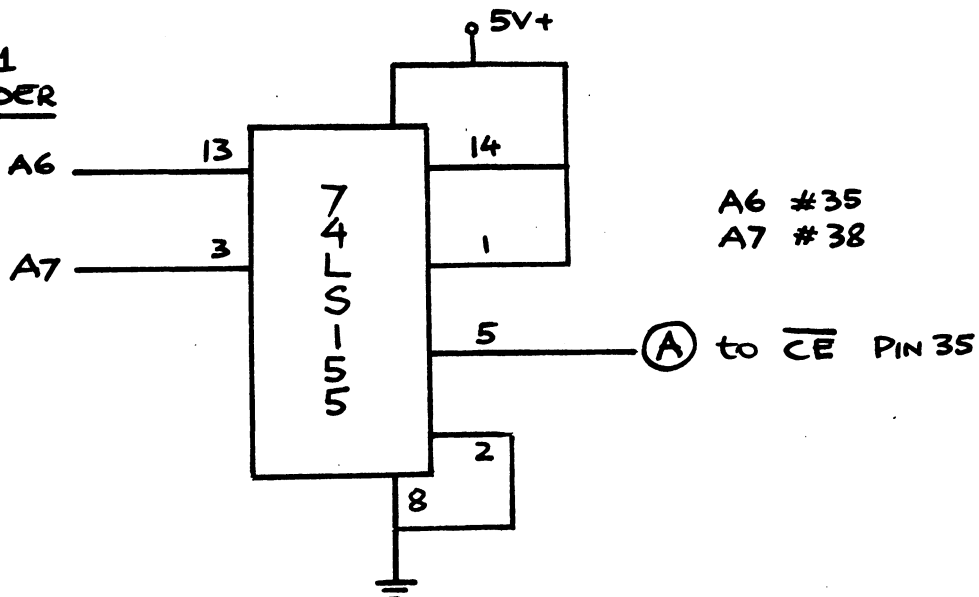


FIG. 1
DECODER



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ELAPSED TIME IS CALCULATED FROM CURRENT CLOCK
 READING AND FIELD POINTED TO BY HL REGISTER PAIR.
 DIGITS MUST BE STORED SEQUENTIALLY IN NORMAL
 ASCENDING ORDER. (HHMMSS) THIS SYSTEMS STORED
 LOCATION IS 000A THRU 000F OF LOWER STORAGE.
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 IF MUCH FASTER THAN A 'COMPILED' VERSION. CLOCK

BOARD IS A MOUNTAIN HARDWARE 100,000 DAY CLOCK.
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```

=====
PORT: EQU 128 ;BASE CLOCK ADDRESS
HPORT: EQU PORT+9 ;HOURS, TENS
BDOS: EQU 0005 ;LINK TO CP/M BDOS FUNCTIONS
TBUF: EQU 000AH ;STORED TIME AREA
CR: EQU 13
LF: EQU 10
PAS: EQU 09 ;PRINT UNTILL :
PAC: EQU 02 ;PRINT A CHARACTER
=====

```

ORG 0100H

GET CURRENT CLOCK TIME AND SAVE..

```

=====
START: EQU $ ;START OF PROGRAM
CALL GETTM ;GET THE CURRENT TIME
LD HL,TBUF ;ADDR OF STARTING TIME
LD DE,STIME ;START TIME BUFFER
LD BC,0006 ;LENGTH TO MOVE
LDIR ;BLOCK MOVE
=====

```

SAVE A COPY FOR PRINT OUT ORIGINAL IS DESTROYED

```

=====
LD HL,ETIME ;CURRENT TIME BUFFER
LD DE,EDITE ;EDIT BUFFER
LD BC,0006 ;LENGTH TO MOVE
LDIR ;BLOCK MOVE
=====

```

SET UP POINTERS FOR CALCULATIONS

```

=====
LD DE,ETIME+5 ;ENDING TIME
LD HL,STIME+5 ;STARTING TIME
=====

```

SECONDS, UNITS POSITION

```

=====
LD A,(DE) ;GET UNITS, SECONDS HIGH
CP (HL) ;SEE IF OK FOR SUBTRACT
JP M,DB1 ;IF MINUS, BORROW NEEDED
JR NC,SB1 ;IF OK, SUBTRACT
DB1: ADD 10 ;ADD TEN
DAA ;KEEP IT DECIMAL
DEC DE ;GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
PUSH AF ;SAVE A REG
LD A,(DE) ;GET BORROW DIGIT
SUB 1 ;REDUCE BY ONE
DAA ;KEEP DECIMAL
LD (DE),A ;PUT BACK
POP AF ;RESTORE A
INC DE ;RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB1: SUB (HL) ;ADJUST SECONDS
DAA ;DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD '0' ;MAKE IT ASCII
LD (STR+7),A ;STORE RESULT
DEC HL ;STEP TO THE
DEC DE ;NEXT DIGIT
=====

```


=====

SECONDS, TENS POSITION

=====

```

LD      A,(DE)    ,GET HIGH
CP      (HL)      ,COMPARE TO LOW
JP      M,DB2     ,SEE IF MINUS NUMBER
JR      NC,SB2    ,IF OK, SUBTRACT
DB2:    ADD      6      ,ELSE ADD 6 (SECONDS TENS)
DAA     ,KEEP IT DECIMAL
DEC     DE        ,GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
PUSH    AF        ,SAVE A REG
LD      A,(DE)    ,GET BORROW DIGIT
SUB     1         ,REDUCE BY ONE
DAA     ,KEEP DECIMAL
LD      (DE),A    ,PUT BACK
POP     AF        ,RESTORE A
INC     DE        ,RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB2:    SUB     (HL)  ,SUBTRACT DIGIT
DAA     ,DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD     '0'       ,MAKE IT ASCII
LD      (STR+6),A ,STORE RESULT
DEC     HL        ,STEP TO THE
DEC     DE        ,NEXT DIGIT

```

=====

MINUITS, UNITS POSITION

=====

```

LD      A,(DE)    ,GET UNITS, SECONDS HIGH
CP      (HL)      ,SEE IF OK FOR SUBTRACT
JP      M,DB3     ,IF NEGATIVE, BORROW
JR      NC,SB3    ,IF OK, SUBTRACT
DB3:    ADD      10     ,ADD TEN
DAA     ,MAKE IT DECIMAL
DEC     DE        ,GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
PUSH    AF        ,SAVE A REG
LD      A,(DE)    ,GET BORROW DIGIT
SUB     1         ,REDUCE BY ONE
DAA     ,KEEP DECIMAL
LD      (DE),A    ,PUT BACK
POP     AF        ,RESTORE A
INC     DE        ,RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB3:    SUB     (HL)  ,ADJUST SECONDS
DAA     ,DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD     '0'       ,MAKE IT ASCII
LD      (STR+4),A ,STORE ASCII CHAR
DEC     HL        ,STEP TO THE
DEC     DE        ,NEXT DIGIT

```

=====

MINUITS, TENS POSITION

=====

```

LD      A,(DE)    ,GET HIGH
CP      (HL)      ,COMPARE TO LOW
JP      M,DB4     ,BORROW IF NEGATIVE
JR      NC,SB4    ,IF OK, SUBTRACT
DB4:    ADD      6      ,ELSE ADD 6 (SECONDS TENS)
DAA     ,MAKE DECIMAL
DEC     DE        ,GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
PUSH    AF        ,SAVE A REG
LD      A,(DE)    ,GET BORROW DIGIT
SUB     1         ,REDUCE BY ONE
DAA     ,KEEP DECIMAL
LD      (DE),A    ,PUT BACK
POP     AF        ,RESTORE A
INC     DE        ,RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB4:    SUB     (HL)  ,SUBTRACT DIGIT
DAA     ,DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD     '0'       ,MAKE IT ASCII
LD      (STR+3),A ,STORE IT
DEC     HL        ,STEP TO THE
DEC     DE        ,NEXT DIGIT

```

=====

HOURS, UNITS POSITION

=====

```

LD      A,(DE)    ,GET UNITS, SECONDS HIGH
CP      (HL)      ,SEE IF OK FOR SUBTRACT
JP      M,DB5     ,IS IT NEGATIVE?
JR      NC,SB5    ,IF OK, SUBTRACT
DB5:    ADD      10     ,ADD TEN
DAA     ,MAKE IT DECIMAL
DEC     DE        ,GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
PUSH    AF        ,SAVE A REG

```

```

LD      A,(DE)    ,GET BORROW DIGIT
SUB     1          ,REDUCE BY ONE
DAA     ,KEEP DECIMAL
LD      (DE),A    ,PUT BACK
POP     AF        ,RESTORE A
INC     DE        ,RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB5:    SUB     (HL) ,ADJUST SECONDS
DAA     ,DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD     '0'       ,MAKE IT ASCII
LD      (STR+1),A ,STORE IT
DEC     HL        ,STEP TO THE
DEC     DE        ,NEXT DIGIT
=====
, HOURS, TENS POSITION
=====
LD      A,(DE)    ,GET HIGH
CP      (HL)      ,COMPARE TO LOW
SUB     (HL)      ,JUST SUBTRACT IT
DAA     ,DECIMAL ADJUST
ADD     '0'       ,MAKE IT ASCII
LD      (STR),A   ,STORE FINAL
=====
, NOW WE CAN EDIT AND DISPLAY THE RESULTS.
=====
LD      B,6       ,BYTES TO EDIT
LD      HL,EDITB ,ADDR. EDIT BUFFER
TRL1:   LD      A,(HL) ,GET A BYTE TO EDIT
ADD     '0'       ,ADD ASCII BIAS
LD      (HL),A    ,STORE IT BACK
INC     HL        ,STEP ADDR. POINTER
DJNZ   TRL1      ,LOOP FOR ALL 6
LD      HL,EDITB ,SET UP TO MOVE TO
LD      DE,STR2   ,OUT-PUT FIELD.
LDI     ,TRANSFER A BYTE (H-TEN)
LDI     ,TWICE (H-UNIT)
INC     DE        ,SKIP ' ' IN DESTINATION FIELD
LDI     ,TRANSFER BYTE (M-TEN)
LDI     ,NEXT TOO (M-UNITS)
INC     DE        ,SKIP ' ' IN DESTINATION FIELD
LDI     ,TRANSFER BYTE (S-TENS)
LDI     ,AND NOW LAST (S-UNITS)
=====
, NOW, PRINT THE RESULT TO CRT, AND WE ARE DONE.
=====
LD      DE,MSG2
LD      C,PAS
CALL   EDOS
LD      DE,MSG1
LD      C,PAS
CALL   BDOS
RET
=====
, THIS ROUTINE READS THE CLOCK BOARD PORTS
=====
GETTM:  PUSH    BC      ,SAVE
        PUSH    HL      ,SAVE
        LD      B,6     ,NUMBER OF DIGITS
        LD      C,HPORT ,ADDRESS OF CLOCK
        LD      HL,ETIME ,STORAGE AREA FOR TIME
SEC2:   IN      A,(C)    ,REG-C CONTAINS PORT ADDRESS
AND     15        ,STRIP HIGH BITS
LD      (HL),A      ,SAVE DECIMAL VALUE
INC     HL        ,STEP STORAGE ADDRESS
DEC     C        ,DECREMENT PORT ADDRESS
DJNZ   SEC2      ,LOOP FOR 6 PORTS
POP     HL        ,RESTORE HL AND
POP     BC        ,BC REGISTERS
RET     ,RETURN TO TASK
=====
, TEMPORARY WORK AREA FOR CALCULATIONS
=====
STIME:  DB      0.0,0.0,0.0,0 ,COPY OF STORED TIME
EDITB:  DB      0.0,0.0,0.0,0 ,EDIT BUFFER
ETIME:  DB      1,3,2,3,4,2 ,CURRENT TIME
MSG1:   DB      'You have been on the system for '
STR:    DB      0.0,' ',0.0,' ',0.0 ,DIFFERENCE
        DB      's'
MSG2:   DB      'The correct time is now -----> '
STR2:   DB      0.0,' ',0.0,' ',0.0 ,CURRENT TIME
        DB      CR,LF,'s'

```

Now we will hook up the SIO to the Sorcerer and have a look at a generalized program illustrating one of the many configurations possible.

Apart from the SIO you will need a decode chip (74LS155) and a clock. If you can do with a baud rate of 2400 or less then the clock can come directly from the Sorcerer. For higher rates a separate clock circuit and crystal must be used. Note, system clock rate 02 must be 4.5 x the data rate. See Fig. 1 for a simple clock rate generator. There are two usable clock rates on the Sorcerer. One at 38.5 KHz. and one at 19.2 KHz. By programing bits 6 and 7 of register 4 you can obtain the following baud rates.

From 38.5 KHz.	use	x16	for	2400 baud
	use	x32	for	1200 baud
	use	x64	for	600 baud

From 19.2 KHz.	use	x16	for	1200 baud
	use	x32	for	600 baud
	use	x64	for	300 baud

These signals DO NOT come out the 50 Pin expansion bus, so pick one for your particular use and solder a wire to:

Sorcerer I	38.5 KHz.	pin 2	of	4D	74LS161
	19.2 KHz.	pin 14	of	4D	74LS161

Sorcerer II	38.5 KHz.	pin 2	of	15H	74LS161
	19.2 KHz.	pin 14	of	15H	74LS161

Do NOT confuse these signals with the system clock pin 13 of the expansion bus.

The DECODE chip appears in fig. 2 . NOTE: It is the same circuit we used in the PIO a few months back.

Now wire up the decode and, (if external clock is used), clock rate generator. Then wire the SIO as follows.

PIN 1	D1	TO	#40	PIN 21	RESET	TO	#1
2	D3	TO	#42	22	N/C	(DCDB)	
3	D5	TO	#44	23	N/C	(DTSE)	
4	D7	TO	#46	24	N/C	(RTSE)	
5	INT	TO	#2	25	N/C	(DTRE)	
6	TO +5V	No daisy chain		26	DATA	OUT B	
7	N/C	(IEO)		27	TO	CLK #13	
8	M1	TO	#16	28	DATA	IN B	
9	+5V			29	N/C	(SYNC B)	
10	N/C	(W/RDY)		30	N/C	(W/RDY B)	
11	N/C	(SYNC)		31	GND	TO	#50
12	DATA	IN A		32	RD	TO	#17
13	TO	CLK #13		33	C/D	TO	A0 #29
14	TO	CLK #13		34	B/A	TO	A1 #32
15	DATA	OUT A		35	'A'	DECODE CIRCUIT	
16	N/C	(DTRA)		36	IORQ	TO	#18
17	N/C	(RTSA)		37	D6	TO	#43
18	N/C	(CTSA)		38	D4	TO	#41
19	N/C	(DCDA)		39	D2	TO	#39
20	0	TO	#13	40	D0	TO	#37

NOTE 1. PIN Refers to SIO, # Refers to expansion bus.

NOTE 2: CLK Refers to either external clock rate generator or clock rate taken from the Sorcerer internally.

SIO PART III continued.

We will use Port # 80 thru # 83. Now we must program the SIO. The program which follows is an example for initializing the SIO only. It will configure one channel in its most basic form. All the N/C 's on the SIO are for modem and snyc controls. If you wish to use these consult the two previous articles, and program the chip accordingly.

Wait loops and storage of data are up to the programmer and system needs. Write in to the group or talk over at the meetings, any specific serial needs. The same goes for programming or hardware problems.

```
Remmember,----->   Port      80   is   Data      A
                        Port      81   is   Control   A
                        Port      82   is   Data      B
                        Port      83   is   Control   B
```

SEE
DIAGRAM
ON
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A listing for programming up channel 'B'

```
LD C,#83      ;SET PORT B CONTROL IN C REGISTER
LD A,#2
OUT (C),A     ;POINTER SET TO 2B
LD A,(interrupt vector)
OUT (C),A     ;INTERRUPT VECTOR LOADED
LD A,#4
OUT (C),A     ;POINTER SET TO 4B
LD A,#47
OUT (C),A     ;EVEN PARITY, 1 STOP BIT, x 16 ASYNCHRONOUS
LD A,#5
OUT (C),A     ;SET POINTER TO 5B
LD A,#2A
OUT (C),A     ;SEVEN BITS / XMIT. CHARACTER XMITTER
LD A,#3
OUT (C),A     ;7 BITS / RCV. CHARACTER, DCD AND CTS
                ;ENABLE RCV + XMIT, RCV ENABLED

LD A,#1
OUT (C),A     ;SET POINTER TO 1B
LD A,#17
OUT (C),A     ;INTERRUPT ON EVERY CHAR. STATUS
                ;AFFECTS VECTOR EXTERNAL /STATUS
                ;INTERRUPTS ENABLED
```

Channel 'B' is now set to send and receive asynchronous data.

It may seem confusing, but with the help of the data sheets supplied with the chip, you can add as many serial ports as you require.

The SIO is an amazingly versatile chip as I've said, an absolute must for any experimenter.

If any of you have any questions regarding SIO or PIO interfacing that these brief articles didn't cover or are not too clear on, please send \$ 1.50 to cover mailing expenses.

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So concludes the articles on PIO and SIO interfacing.

Dear PORT FE Members!

In light of your comments on transfer of data at high speed using the parallel port which appeared in Feb 1982 PORT FE. I thought you might be interested in the following which was developed by myself for use in connection with a program to enable transfer between two Sorcerers with dissimilar disk systems connected via the parallel port.

The program transfers data at a speed comparable with that achieved with PIP on a single machine. Note that the operation of these routines does not require any hardware modification to the Sorcerer. I am also including for your convenience a copy on tape of the transfer program (ASM file) which has been used successfully on a number of occasions. The program includes a CRC check routine and error control in the rx-tx direction which will allow the receiving program to be restarted on a new disk if it runs out of space. File specification is PIP type with ? and * specs allowed for multi-file transmission.

DOCUMENTATION ON CABLE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAMS

The parallel port is used on both the send and receive computers and these are connected by a 20 wire cable as follows:

Send Machine Pin	Receive Machine Pin	Send Machine Pin	Receive Machine Pin
1 - - - - -	8	11 - - - - -	18
25-2 - - - - -	4	12 - - - - -	7
3 - - - - -	9	13 - - - - -	5
4 - - - - -	25-2	16 - - - - -	10
5 - - - - -	13	17 - - - - -	22
6 - - - - -	24	18 - - - - -	11
7 - - - - -	12	19 - - - - -	23
8 - - - - -	1	22 - - - - -	17
9 - - - - -	3	23 - - - - -	19
10 - - - - -	16	24 - - - - -	6

NOTE. Pins 14,15,20,21 are not used at either end. Pins 25 and 2 are commoned at either end and connected with a single cable to pin 4 of the other.

The connections are 'mirror-image' and may be read either way.

:This routine is the parallel driver for the sending side:-

```
SENDIT: PUSH    AF
SNDT1:  IN      A,(0FEH)    ;check to see if receiver ready
        BIT     6,A
        JR      Z,SNDT1-$
        POP     AF
        OUT     (0FFH),A    ;send it.
        RET
```

:This routine is the parallel driver for the receiving side:-

```
GETIT:  IN      A,(0FEH)    ;check to see if data available
        BIT     7,A
        JR      Z,GETIT-$
        IN      A,(0FFH)    ;get it
        PUSH    AF
        XOR     A           ;this bit is the data accepted
        OUT     (0FFH),A    ;signal from the receiver to
        LD      A,080H      ;the sender
        OUT     (0FFH),A
        POP     AF
        RET
```

The sending side routine is capable of sending 8 bits in parallel (contents of A register) to the receiving side (contents of A register). Because of the nature of the connection it is only possible to send 7 bits of data in the reverse direction. This can typically be used for control information and would need additions to the simple drivers shown here. Note further that since the connection between the two machines is symmetrical either can act as sender and receiver.

NOTE: with the program DT.COM the receiving side program should be started before the sending side program to avoid initialization problems.