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**Newsletter**



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This newsletter shall at all times keep in mind the goal at its conception. To spread the seeds of knowledge.

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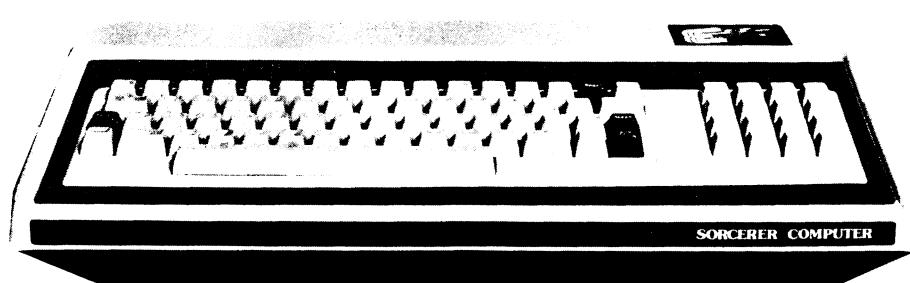
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Location : Bathurst Heights Library - 7:00 PM 3170 Bathurst St.

May : Thurs. 13th. June : Wed. 16th.

One block north of Lawrence on the west side of Bathurst.



## 'C' LIBRARY ROUTINES by Dereck Comes

Welcome to the second installment of 'See C run'. For those of you who are not familiar with the 'C' programming language, you owe it to yourselves to check into it. It is fast becomming one of the most popular programming languages for microcomputers; and with good reason. It is a compiler oriented language with the versatility of much more expensive 'big machine' ones. However, this column is not here to extoll the virtues of 'C' but simply to provide users with a forum for library routines exchange. Read Kernighan & Ritchie's 'The C Programming Language' if you want to know more about 'C'.

This month, we have two routines dealing with scrolling up or down of any contiguous set of lines on the screen.

## ROUTINE #1:

COMMENTS: This routine scrolls up a contiguous number of lines(*lines*) on the screen whose first line is *topline*. *topline*'s range is 0 to 29, and *lines*'s range is 1 to 30.

CALLED ROUTINES: Movmem, and Setmem. (EDS C Package routines).

USAGE EXAMPLE: scrollup( 0, 30 ); /\* entire screen \*/

```
scrollup( topline, lines )
    int topline, lines;
{
    char *to_spot, *from_spot, *last_line;
    int count;

    if (topline < 0 || topline>29 || lines<1 || (topline +
        lines) > 30)
        return;
    if ( --lines < 0 ) lines = 0 ;
    count      = lines * 64 ;
    to_spot    = 0xf080 + ( 64 * topline );
    from_spot  = to_spot + 64 ;
    last_line  = to_spot + count;
    movmem( from_spot, to_spot, count );
    setmem( last_line, 64, ' ' );
}
```

## ROUTINE #2:

COMMENTS: This routine scrolls down a contiguous number of lines(*lines*) on the screen whose first line is *topline*. *topline*'s range is 0 to 29, and *lines*'s range is 1 to 30.

CALLED ROUTINES: Movmem, and Setmem. (EDS C Package routines).

USAGE EXAMPLE: scrolldown( 0, 30 ); /\* entire screen \*/

```
scrolldown( topline, lines )
    int topline, lines;
{
    char *to_spot, *from_spot, *first_line,
    int count;

    if (topline < 0 || topline > 29 || lines < 1 ||
        (topline + lines) > 30)
        return;
    if ( --lines < 0 ) lines = 0 ;
    count      = lines * 64 ;
    first_line = 0xf080 + ( 64 * topline );
    from_spot  = first_line;
    to_spot    = from_spot + 64 ;
    movmem( from_spot, to_spot, count );
    setmem( first_line, 64, ' ' );
}
```

\*\*\* EXMON2 \*\*\*

**Exidy Enhanced Monitor**  
 Version 2.0  
 revised by W.S.Blady

This monitor includes the following features that are required by many popular application programmes.

- 1) Direct cursor positioning
- 2) Clear to end of line
- 3) Clear to end of screen
- 4) Clear entire line
- 5) Generate reverse ASCII set
- 6) Set highlight on
- 7) Set highlight off

Two printer drivers are included - Parallel and Serial. Both are used with the Exidy parallel and serial connectors. Each driver has two jump vectors - allow or disallow linefeeds. The serial driver has a reserved byte in the MWA 'waitn', for a delay value used after a Carriage Return. This is used for printers with slow carriages. The value must be poked in.

Two useful commands have been added to help those interested in fiddling with hex. code.

- 1) Fill memory with a byte
- 2) Search memory for a byte or word - location address is printed to the output device.

A fast keyboard status check routine has been added. When called, 0ffh is returned in 'A' and the ZERO flag reset when a key has been pressed. 00h is returned in 'A' and the ZERO flag set if no key has been pressed.

A more comprehensive jump table has been set up to include the most often used Exidy routines.

The top of screen may be defined. Any number of lines may be reserved at the top of screen, and scrolling or cursor movements will not interfere with this area. The only way to access this area is through direct cursor positioning.

Other additions are outlined below.

**NEW SET OUTPUT COMMANDS:**

|     |                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| SET | O=V...VIDEO                          |
|     | P...PARALLEL                         |
|     | S...OUTAPE                           |
| NEW | N...CENTRONICS DRIVER, NO LINE FEEDS |
| NEW | F...CENTRONICS DRIVER, LINE FEEDS    |
| NEW | D...SERIAL DRIVER, NO LINE FEEDS     |
| NEW | L...SERIAL DRIVER, LINE FEEDS        |

**NEW SET COMMANDS:**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| SET | H=n.....SET TOP OF SCREEN (n must be in hex) |
|     | G=R.....SET REVERSE ASCII                    |
|     | G=N.....RESTORE STANDARD USER GRAPHICS       |

The top of screen can also be set by calling 'highsc' with the number of reserved lines desired, in register 'E'.

The cursor character may be changed by putting the value in register 'A' and calling 'cursor'. Or the value can be poked directly into the proper MWA location.

#### NEW SCREEN EDITING COMMANDS.

```
'ESC' = Ln Cn.....DIRECT CURSOR POSITION
'ESC'0C2.....CLEAR TO END LINE
'ESC'0C3.....CLEAR TO END SCREEN
'ESC'0C4.....CLEAR LINE
'ESC'0C5.....HIGHLIGHT ASCII ON
'ESC'0C6.....HIGHLIGHT ASCII OFF
'ESC'0C7.....LOAD REVERSE ASCII SET (destroys all user graphics)
'ESC'0C8.....RESTORE USER GRAPHICS
```

#### NEW COMMANDS:

```
FL      (fill)...(from address) (to address) (byte)
SR      (search)...(from address) (to address) (byte/word)
```

#### NEW (MWA) STORAGE:

```
CRSFLG..ESCAPE SEQUENCE FLAGS (4 USED)
SCRTOP..OFFSET TO TOP OF SCREEN (n * 64)
WAITN...NULL VALUE FOR SERIAL PRINTERS WITH SLOW 'CR'
CRSCHR..CURSOR CHARACTER
```

Two original routines have been sacrificed to make room for these new features. They were considered by most to be of limited value.

- 1) Memory test <GONE>
- 2) Batch mode <GONE>

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#### CASSETTE DATA STORAGE FOR THE SORCERER

by Steve Dicker

For Sorcerer owners who haven't yet purchased disc drives, one of the biggest limitations you may encounter is the inability of the Sorcerer to write alphanumeric data to tape. Unfortunately, Exidy didn't include a command to do this in the Rom-Pac BASIC. There is a CLOAD\* command, but using this to write alphanumeric data requires that the data first undergo a time-consuming transformation into numeric form (its ASCII equivalent, for example). This also means that extra memory space is consumed.

There is a method of writing data to the cassette that is relatively fast and simple to implement. I have been using it for some time and I've found it to be very reliable despite the fact that no CRC checking is performed. This method of cassette storage is based on the ability of the Sorcerer to choose the source of input and destination of output data. This may be done by using the Monitor SET command. For example, the command: SET O=S will direct succeeding data to be sent to the cassette output port until a new SET O= is issued.

The SET O and SET I commands merely change a pointer in the Sorcerer's Monitor Work Area. These pointers indicate where the appropriate input/output routine is located within the Monitor. Therefore, if you know the address of these pointers and if you know the address of the desired I/O routine you wish to use, you can POKE the necessary values in and control the flow of data from BASIC. Table 1 gives the required POKE addresses for 8, 16 and 32K machines and table 2 lists the values which must be POKE'd to select the desired I/O device.

Table 1 I/O POINTER ADDRESSES

| MEM. SIZE | OUTPUT |       | INPUT |       |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|           | P1     | P2    | P1    | P2    |
| 8K        | 8144   | 8145  | 8146  | 8147  |
| 16K       | 16336  | 16337 | 16338 | 16339 |
| 32K       | 32720  | 32721 | 32722 | 32723 |
|           |        |       |       |       |

Table 2 I/O ROUTINE ADDRESSES

| DEVICE   | INPUT FROM |     | OUTPUT TO |     |
|----------|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|          | P1         | P2  | P1        | P2  |
| Printer  | -          | -   | 147       | 233 |
| Screen   | -          | -   | 27        | 224 |
| Cassette | 15         | 224 | 18        | 224 |
| Keyboard | 24         | 224 | -         | -   |

As an example of the use of these tables, assume that you wish to output to the cassette on a 32K machine. The appropriate POKE instructions would be:

POKE 32720,16.POK 32721,224

Having done this, you may now send data to the tape using the standard BASIC PRINT statement. This data will be written to the tape in the same format as it would have been sent to the screen. In the same manner, you may direct the computer to input from the cassette and then utilize INPUT statements to read data in. The format in which the data is written to the tape is entirely up to the user. It's up to you to decide how the data file will be organized. The only requirement is that the PRINT/INPUT formats match.

Listing 1 shows an example program using this technique to write and read alphanumeric data. The file format I use (see fig. 1) is to write fifty nulls, followed by the file name, followed by a pause for a count of fifty, the data in the file (each entry followed by an APPROPRIATE pause when written) and the string "END" to mark the end of the file. When the file is read back in, I first look for a null, then the correct file name. The pause after the name ensures that I have time to verify that the name is correct without losing any of the succeeding information. Since all data are PRINTed to the tape, even numeric data are written as strings. Therefore, these must be transformed back into numeric data using the VAL function, as shown in the example program. The pause after each PRINT allows time for this type of processing between INPUTs.

The program may read a fixed number of entries from the tape (as it does here) or it may read until the END marker is found by an appropriate test. Thus the file length may be fixed or variable, as desired. One final point to note is that the program returns control to the keyboard if the first file found does not have the appropriate name. If you decide not to incorporate this feature into your programs, you may get caught in a situation where your program is looking for a file which does not exist (i.e. you entered the name incorrectly) and you can't regain program control.

When you run the example program you'll discover that data are printed on the screen as they are INPUT. This is a bonus feature of this storage method that I like. I can watch the data as it is read in and determine if the data is being read properly or how far along I am in the file. You'll also notice some of the shortcomings of this system. First, strings with colons(:), commas(,) and some other special characters are truncated at these characters when the data are read back in. Second, all data are preceded by a line feed (ASCII 10) when they are read back. The PRINT statement ends all output with a carriage return/line feed combination. (ASCII 13/10). However, INPUT reads until it finds a carriage return. The line feed is then left to be read as the first character of the next piece of data. Fortunately, both of these problems can be remedied through the use of a small machine language subroutine.

One final note about listing 1. You may find the subroutine starting at line 10000 useful in your own programs. This subroutine determines the proper POKE addresses of the I/O pointers for a Sorcerer with any memory size. The output pointer addresses are in 01 and 02 while those for the input pointer are stored in 11 and 12. The use of this subroutine allows your program to run properly without modification, should you ever expand the memory in your Sorcerer.

The machine language subroutine I mentioned above is given in listing 2. This is basically L.H. Daniels' program LINEIN ("TRS Text Formatter", Microcomputing, July 1980, p. 73), modified to run on the Sorcerer. You may wish to refer to it for a complete description of the operation of this subroutine.

When called, the subroutine accepts input from the current input device (i.e. keyboard, cassette, etc.) This input is used to build the string I\$ and it is through this string that the BASIC program communicates with the subroutine. The subroutine allows characters such as ":" to appear in the string and it filters out all control characters. A carriage return is used to terminate input and return control to BASIC. In addition, the subroutine allows the use of the RUB key without an automatic line feed occurring after a given number of keystrokes. Control X may be used to erase the entire line and restart input.

The subroutine is set up to LOAD and run at 0000. Listing 3 gives the BASIC instructions required to POKE the subroutine into memory. Should you wish to relocate the routine, you need only alter the address of subroutine BUILD (line 62, listing 2) and the address of STRING (line 33).

Listing 4 shows the modifications which should be made to the program in listing 1 to incorporate the machine language subroutine. The lines shown should be typed in after the original program has been loaded. Besides these changes, the subroutine at 11000 (from listing 3) should be added and line 2030 should be DELETED. When you run this modified program, try entering strings with commas and colons within them to verify that they may now be used.

When you begin to experiment with these routines in programs of your own you may find that the program in listing 5 comes in handy. Record the output from this program at the start of the tape on which you will record your programs as you develop them. The program writes the command:

POKE I1,24:POKE I2,224

onto tape twice (where I1 & I2 are the appropriate values for your memory size). Should you lose control of your program when it is expecting input from the cassette, play the tape and you should be able to regain control of your Sorcerer. It may save you many frustrating hours of loading & reloading your program.

With a little experimentation you should be able to find many uses for the I/O technique described here. As I mentioned before, I have found it to be highly reliable so I haven't bothered cross-checking data as it is read in (for example, the Monitor LO command does this with CRC checking). You may like to experiment in this area yourself.

Of course, there is still the problem of cassette being a slow storage medium. You'll probably still find yourself dreaming of disc storage but at least you won't be having any nightmares about how you are going to store data in the meantime.

```

10 REM *** INITIALIZATION ***
20 CLEAR 200
30 DIM T$(5)
40 GOSUB 10000:REM - SET UP I/O POKE ADDRESS POINTERS
50 :
100 PRINT CHR$(12):PRINT
110 PRINT "CASSETTE I/O TEST PROGRAM"
120 PRINT
130 REM - GET TEST DATA
140 INPUT "GIVE ME A NUMBER":NU
150 FOR I=1 TO 5
160 :   PRINT:INPUT "ENTER ALPHANUMERIC DATA":T$(I)
170 NEXT I
180 :
190 GOSUB 1000:REM - SAVE THE DATA ON TAPE
200 :
210 REM - CLEAR ALL VARIABLES
220 NUM=0
230 FOR I=1 TO 5
240 :   T$(I)=""
250 NEXT I
260 :
270 PRINT "ALL VARIABLES HAVE BEEN CLEARED":PRINT
280 PRINT "NU=":NU
290 FOR I=1 TO 5
300 :   PRINT "T$(";I;")= ",T$(I)

```

Listing 1

Fig. 1 Data File Format

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| 50 NULLS              |
| FILE NAME             |
| PAUSE FOR COUNT OF 30 |
| DATA                  |
| PAUSE                 |
| DATA                  |
| PAUSE                 |
| .                     |
| .                     |
| DATA                  |
| PAUSE                 |
| "END"                 |

```

310 NEXT I
320 PRINT:INPUT "PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE";Z$
330 :
340 GOSUB 2000:REM - LOAD THE DATA FROM TAPE
350 :
360 REM - DISPLAY DATA LOADED FROM TAPE
370 PRINT "HERE IS THE DATA LOADED FROM TAPE:"
380 PRINT:PRINT "NU=";NU
390 FOR I=1 TO 5
400 : PRINT "T$(";I;") = ";T$(I)
410 NEXT I
420 PRINT "*** TEST COMPLETED ***":PRINT
439 END
440 :
1000 REM - WRITE DATA TO CASSETTE
1001 :
1010 PRINT CHR$(12)
1020 INPUT "FILE NAME";FI$: REM - GET A NAME FOR THE FILE
1030 IF FI$="" THEN 1020: REM - NAME CAN'T BE A NULL
1040 PRINT:PRINT "PRESS PLAY AND RECORD ON CASSETTE"
1050 INPUT "THEN PRESS RETURN TO SAVE DATA";T$(0)
1060 PRINT:PRINT "WRITING DATA". REM - TELL OPERATOR WHAT'S DOING
1070 POKE 01,18:POKE 02,224: REM - SEND OUTPUT TO CASSETTE
1080 FOR I=1 TO 50: REM - WRITE 50 NULLS
1090 : PRINT CHR$(10)
1100 NEXT I
1110 PRINT FI$: REM - WRITE FILE NAME
1120 FOR I=1 TO 50:NEXT I: REM - PAUSE AFTER NAME
1130 PRINT NU: REM - WRITE NUMERIC DATA
1140 FOR I=1 TO 10:NEXT I: REM - PAUSE AFTER DATA
1150 FOR I=1 TO 5: REM - WRITE ALPHANUMERIC DATA
1160 : PRINT T$(I)
1170 : FOR J=1 TO 10:NEXT J: REM - PAUSE AFTER DATA
1180 NEXT I
1190 PRINT "END": REM - WRITE END MARKER
1200 POKE 01,27:POKE 02,224: REM - SEND OUTPUT TO SCREEN
1219 RETURN
1220 :
2000 REM - READ DATA FROM CASSETTE
2001 :
2010 PRINT CHR$(12)
2020 PRINT "FILE NAME";FI$: REM - FILE TO SEARCH FOR?
2030 FI$=CHR$(10)+FI$: REM - ADD LINE FEED TO NAME
2040 PRINT:PRINT "CUE TAPE TO FILE, PRESS PLAY AND"
2050 INPUT "PRESS RETURN TO LOAD DATA";T$(0)
2060 POKE 11,15:POKE 12,224: REM - GET INPUT FROM TAPE
2070 PRINT "SEARCHING FOR ";CHR$(23);FI$
2080 INPUT T$(0): REM - SEARCH FOR LEADING NULLS
2090 IF LEN(T$(0))<>1 THEN 2080
2100 INPUT T$(0): REM - SEARCH FOR FILE NAME
2110 IF LEN(T$(0))=1 THEN 2100
2115 REM - TELL OPERATOR WHAT'S DOING
2120 PRINT "FOUND ";RIGHT$(T$(0),LEN(T$(0))-1)
2125 REM - IF WRONG FILE NAME, ABORT LOAD
2130 IF T$(0)<>FI$ THEN 2190
2140 PRINT "LOADING...": REM - TELL OPERATOR WHAT'S DOING
2150 INPUT T$(0): REM - GET NU
2160 NU=VAL(RIGHT$(T$(0),LEN(T$(0))-1))
2170 FOR I=1 TO 5: REM - GET ALPHANUMERIC DATA
2180 : INPUT T$(I)
2190 NEXT I
2200 POKE 11,24:POKE 12,224: REM - BACK TO KEYBOARD INPUT
2219 RETURN

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10000 REM -- DETERMINE POKE ADDRESSES OF I/O POINTERS
10001 :
10010 REM - GET ADDRESS OF TOP OF RAM
10020 RT=PEEK(-4096)+256*PEEK(-4095)
10030 FS=RT-47:REM - CALCULATE START ADDRESS OF POINTERS
10040 O1=PS.02=PS+1:I1=PS+2:I2=FS+3:REM - SET ADDR. POINTERS
10049 RETURN

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0000          00000 ;      Listing 2 -- INPUT LINE ROUTINE
0000          00002 ;-----
0000          00003 ;  THIS ROUTINE WILL ACCEPT LINES WITH COMMAS AND
0000          00004 ;  COLONS IMBEDDED WITHIN THE LINE. IT ALSO ALLOWS
0000          00005 ;  EDITING OF THE LINE WITHOUT LIMIT (IE. NO AUTOMATIC
0000          00006 ;  MATIC CARRIAGE RETURN
0000          00007 ;-----
0000          00009 ;  EXTERNAL REFERENCES
0000          00010 ;
CDA0          00011 VARPTR EQU #CDA0      ;VARIABLE SEARCH ROUTINE
E009          00012 INPUT EQU #E009      ;USER INPUT ROUTINE
E205          00013 CRLF EQU #E205      ;PRINT<CR>,<LF>
E01E          00014 VIDEO EQU #E01E      ;VIDEO OUTPUT ROUTINE
0000          00016 ;-----
0000          00017 ;  EQUATE TABLE
0000          00018 ;
0000          00019 <CR> EQU #D      ;ASCII CODE FOR CARRIAGE RET
007F          00020 <RUB> EQU #7F      ;" " " " RUB
0018          00021 CTRLX EQU #18      ;" " " " CONTROL-X
0008          00022 <DEL> EQU 6      ;" " " " DELETE
0000          00024 ;=====
0000          F5          00026 LINEIN PUSH AF      ;SAVE 'EM
0001          C3          00027 PUSH BC
0002          D5          00028 PUSH DE
0003          E5          00029 PUSH HL
0004          01 80 49      00030 LD BC,#4980      ;BC="I$"
0007          CD A0 CD      00031 CALL VARPTR      ;POINT DE TO LOCATION OF I$ DATA
000A          EB          00032 EX DE,HL      ;PUT POINTER IN HL
000B          11 5B 00      00033 LD DE,STRING      ;POINT DE TO I$ TEMP. STORAGE
000E          AF          00034 XOR A      ;SET STRING LENGTH
000F          77          00035 LD (HL),A      ; TO 0
0010          23          00036 INC HL      ;SET STRING LOC. PNTR TO
0011          23          00037 INC HL      ; TEMPORARY STORAGE
0012          73          00038 LD (HL),E      ; SPACE FOR I$
0013          23          00039 INC HL
0014          72          00040 LD (HL),D
0015          2B          00041 DEC HL      ;POINT TO STRING LENGTH
0016          2B          00042 DEC HL
0017          2B          00043 DEC HL
0018          CD 09 E0      00044 REPEAT CALL INPUT      ;GET INPUT FROM KEYBRD OR TAPE
001B          28 FB          00045 JR Z,REPEAT      ;WAIT FOR DATA
001D          FE 0D          00046 CP <CR>      ;ON <CR>, PRINT A
001F          20 08          00047 JR NZ,RUB      ;<CR>,<LF> AND
0021          CD 05 EZ          00048 CALL CRLF      ; RETURN WITH I$
0024          E1          00049 POP HL
0025          D1          00050 POP DE
0026          C1          00051 POP BC
0027          F1          00052 POP AF
0028          C9          00053 RET
0029          00054 ;
0029          00055 ;

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|      |          |       |        |      |           |                                |
|------|----------|-------|--------|------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 0029 | FE 7F    | 00056 | RUB    | CP   | <RUB>     | ,ON <RUB>, ERASE               |
| 002B | 28 1C    | 00057 |        | JR   | Z,ONEBK   | , ONE CHARACTER                |
| 002D | FE 18    | 00058 |        | CP   | CTRLX     | ;ON CONTROL-X ERASE            |
| 002F | 28 15    | 00059 |        | JR   | Z,POLYBK  | ; THE LINE                     |
| 0031 | FE 20    | 00060 |        | CP   | " "       | ;IGNORE ANY OTHER              |
| 0033 | 38 E3    | 00061 |        | JR   | C,REPEAT  | , CONTROL CHARACTERS           |
| 0035 | CD 3C 00 | 00062 |        | CALL | BUILD     | ;ADD CHARACTER TO THE LINE     |
| 0038 | 20 DE    | 00063 |        | JR   | NZ,REPEAT | ;GO BACK FOR ANOTHER           |
| 003A | 18 0D    | 00064 |        | JR   | ONEBK     | ;ERASE ONE IF AT END OF LINE   |
| 003C |          | 00065 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 003C |          | 00066 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 003C | 12       | 00067 | BUILD  | LD   | (DE),A    | ;ADD A CHR TO THE LINE         |
| 003D | CD 1B E0 | 00068 |        | CALL | VIDEO     | ;ECHO TO THE SCREEN            |
| 0040 | 13       | 00069 |        | INC  | DE        | ;POINT TO NEXT AVAIL. STORAGE  |
| 0041 | 34       | 00070 |        | INC  | (HL)      | ;INCREASE STRING LENGTH        |
| 0042 | 7E       | 00071 |        | LD   | A,(HL)    | ;IF TOO LONG, SET Z FLAG       |
| 0043 | FE 40    | 00072 |        | CP   | 64        | ; (MAXIMUM LENGTH IS 64 CHR'S) |
| 0045 | C9       | 00073 |        | RET  |           |                                |
| 0046 |          | 00074 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 0046 |          | 00075 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 0046 | 46       | 00076 | POLYBK | LD   | B,(HL)    | ;SET B=NO. CHR'S IN I\$ (ERASE |
| 0047 | 18 02    | 00077 |        | JR   | ZEROCH    | ; THE ENTIRE STRING)           |
| 0049 | 06 01    | 00078 | ONEBK  | LD   | B,1       | ;DELETE A CHR                  |
| 004B | 7E       | 00079 | ZEROCH | LD   | A,(HL)    | ;CHECK IF LENGTH IS ZERO       |
| 004C | FE 00    | 00080 |        | CP   | 0         |                                |
| 004E | 28 C8    | 00081 |        | JR   | Z,REPEAT  | ;CAN'T DELETE IF NONE          |
| 0050 | 3E 08    | 00082 | BKSPC  | LD   | A,<DEL>   | ;DELETE THE CHR ON             |
| 0052 | CD 1B E0 | 00083 |        | CALL | VIDEO     | ; THE SCREEN                   |
| 0055 | 1B       | 00084 |        | DEC  | DE        | ;MOVE STORAGE PTR BACK         |
| 0056 | 35       | 00085 |        | DEC  | (HL)      | ;DECREMENT STR. LENGTH         |
| 0057 | 10 F7    | 00086 |        | DJNZ | BKSPC     | ;REPEAT "B" TIMES              |
| 0059 | 18 BD    | 00087 |        | JR   | REPEAT    | ;GO BACK FOR INPUT             |
| 005B |          | 00088 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 005B |          | 00089 |        |      | ;         | RESERVED STORAGE SPACE FOR I\$ |
| 005B |          | 00090 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 005B | 00       | 00091 | STRING | RSVR | 65        |                                |
| 009C |          | 00092 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 009C |          | 00093 |        |      | ;         |                                |
| 009E |          | 00094 | END    | EQU  | \$-1      | ;ADDR. OF END OF STORAGE SPACE |

## SYMBOL TABLE

|        |      |        |      |        |      |        |      |
|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
| <DEL>  | 0008 | <RUB>  | 007F | <CR>   | 000D | BKSPC  | 0050 |
| BUILD  | 003C | CTRLX  | 0018 | CRLF   | E203 | END    | 009B |
| INPUT  | E009 | LINEIN | 0000 | ONEBK  | 0049 | POLYBK | 0046 |
| RUB    | 0029 | REPEAT | 0018 | STRING | 005B | VIDEO  | E01B |
| VARPTR | CDA0 | ZEROCH | 004B |        |      |        |      |

|       |   |           |
|-------|---|-----------|
| 11000 | FOR PK=0 TO 90  | Listing 3 |
| 11010 | READ PV   |           |
| 11020 | POKE PK,PV  |           |
| 11030 | NEXT PK   |           |
| 11049 | RETURN  |           |
| 11050 | DATA 254,197,213,229,1,128,73,205,160,205,235,17,91,0   |           |
| 11060 | DATA 175,119,35,35,115,35,114,43,43,43,205,9,224,40,251 |           |
| 11070 | DATA 254,13,32,8,205,5,226,225,209,193,241,201,254,127  |           |
| 11080 | DATA 40,28,254,24,40,21,254,32,56,227,205,60,0,32,222   |           |
| 11090 | DATA 24,13,18,205,27,224,19,52,126,254,64,201,70,24,2,6 |           |
| 11100 | DATA 1,126,254,0,40,200,62,8,205                        |           |
| 11110 | DATA 27,224,27,53,16,247,24,189                         |           |

## Listing 4

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50 GOSUB 11000:REM - LOAD "LINEIN" ROUTINE
60 POKE 260,0:POKE 261,0:REM - SET USER ROUTINE POINTER
160 : PRINT:PRINT "ENTER ALPHANUMERIC DATA: ";
165 G=USR(Q):T$(I)=I$:REM - CALL "LINEIN" TO GET STRING
1020 PRINT "FILE NAME. ";:G=USR(Q):FI$=I$
1050 PRINT "THEN PRESS RETURN TO SAVE DATA":Q=USR(Q)
2020 PRINT "FILE NAME: ";:G=USR(Q):FI$=I$
2050 PRINT "PRESS RETURN TO LOAD DATA":Q=USR(Q)
2070 PRINT "SEARCHING FOR ";FI$
2080 Q=USR(Q): REM - SEARCH FOR LEADING NULLS
2090 IF I$(>)" THEN 2080
2100 G=USR(Q): REM - SEARCH FOR FILE NAME
2110 IF I$="" THEN 2100
2120 PRINT "FOUND ";I$
2130 IF FI$(>I$ THEN 2190
2150 Q=USR(Q): REM - GET NU
2160 NU=VAL(I$)
2180 . Q=USR(Q):T$(I)=I$
READY
PRINT CHR$(19)

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## Listing 5

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10 REM - SUBSTITUTE THE ACTUAL NUM. VALUES OF I1 & I2 IN CD$
20 REM - BELOW. THESE VALUES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM TABLE 1
30 REM - (INPUT COLUMN - P1 & P2 VALUES).
50 :
100 CD$="POKE I1,24:POKE I2,224"
110 PRINT "PRESS PLAY & RECORD ON THE TAPE RECORDER"
120 INPUT "AND PRESS RETURN";Z$
130 .
135 FOR NT=1 TO 2: REM - WRITE IT TWICE
140 : FOR I=1 TO LEN(CD$)
145 : REM - WAIT FOR TRANSMIT BUFFER TO CLEAR
150 : WAIT 253,1
155 : REM - SEND CHR TO THE CASSETTE
160 : OUT 252,ASC(MID$(CD$,I,1))
170 : NEXT I
175 : REM - WRITE A <CR> AT THE END OF THE LINE
180 : WAIT 253,1
190 : OUT 252,13
200 NEXT NT
210 :
220 PRINT "FINISHED"
239 END

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### NEW MONITOR DEMO

At the next meeting we will be demonstrating the new monitor version II and all of the new features that it has. So for those of you who wish to see it in action come out to a meeting for a change. For those of you that have wanted to use Calcstar or any of the canned software that requires cursor positioning routines, this is the answer to your prayers.

The next meeting after June we will be letting you all know of the dates for subsequent meetings.

Interfacing the Sorcerer to a Z80 SIO

by Brad Fowles

Have you ever wished for a serial PORT that was not tied to the keyboard?

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The purpose of this two part article is to give a brief overview of the Z80 SIO and interface it to a non S-100 Sorcerer (an S-100 card would be an easy derivative). Due to the complexity of this chip, it is assumed you would have the DATA SHEETS which ZILOG makes readily available where you buy the chip.

OVERVIEW

The Z80 SIO is a programmable DUAL channel device which provides formats for almost any mode of serial data communication. It is capable of handling asynchronous, synchronous bit oriented protocols ie. IBM Bi Sync, HLDI & SDLC. It is capable of data rates from 0-560K, and can be interrupt driven. With the exception of a simple decoder select chip and a variable clock rate generator it is virtually a stand alone device. A look at the block diagram, shows its hardware simplicity.

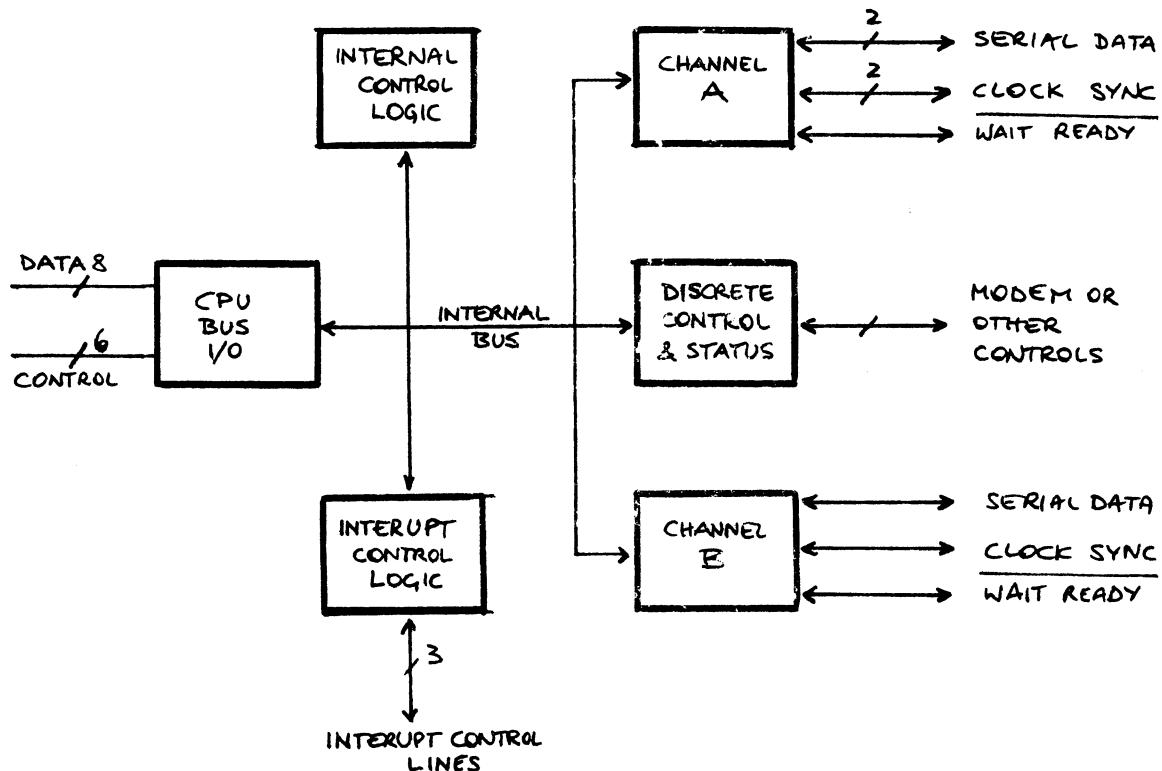
OTHER GENERAL FEATURESAsynchronous Operation

- 5,6,7 or 8 bit / character
- 1,1.5 or 2 stop bits
- even, odd or no parity
- x1, x16, x32 and x64 clock modes
- break generation & detection
- parity, overrun & framing error detect

Binary Synchronous Operation

- internal or external character sync.
- 1 or 2 sync char. in separate reg.
- automatic sync. char. insertion
- CRC generation and detection
- all inputs fully TTL compatible

Next month the hardware connection to the Sorcerer and a simple terminal program which should provide (along with the data sheets) enough information for you to get more serial ports up and running for your particular application.



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