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## SORCERER

### Newsletter



The Toronto Sorcerer Users' Group was founded in the Spring of 1979, a handful of willing and eager to learn members.

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

Articles printed in this newsletter shall be free for all Sorcerer Users' groups to reprint or comment on as they see fit.

Articles submitted for this newsletter must be in no later than the beginning of the 1st of every month.

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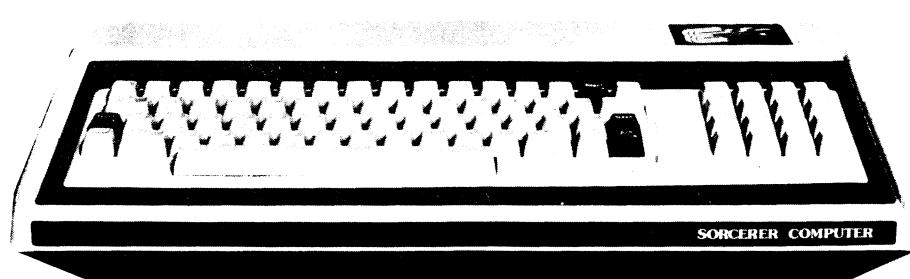
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#### MEETING PLACE

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----- Thur. Sept. 16 -----  
Thur. Oct. 14 Thur. Nov. 18 Wed. Dec. 15

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## 'C' LIBRARY ROUTINES by Dereck Comes

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 Bristor

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)  
 and find as much treasure as you possibly can, then return -(>LO)  
 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)  
 port, this will explain how. (compl.) Documentation included. (>LO)  
 Written by Bob Stafford / David Woodberry

(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 CHRDS 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)

FARTIAL TAPE NO. 4

SIDE 4A THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR \$6.00 U.S. Plus \$1.50 Postage

23	TICAR	Calculation of trade-in value of cars	(CLOAD)
24	TEX1	Kind of wordpack	(CLOAD)
25	CHKSM	Checksum to check your computer	(CLOAD)
26	CASH	Financial program	(CLOAD)
27	RENUM	Renumbering your program	(CLOAD)
28	CURRAD	Cursor-control	(CLOAD)
29	ENLCH	Make-up of characters	(CLOAD)
30	PLOT1	Plotting	(CLOAD)
31	PLOT2	Plotting	(CLOAD)
32	SINUS	Plotting	(CLOAD)
33	CROSS	Plotting	(CLOAD)
34	FUTUR	Futuristic headlines	(CLOAD)
35	PRINT	Printer routine	(CLOAD)
36	LOTTO	Lottery aid	(CLOAD)
37	TEXT2	A kind of wordpack	(CLOAD)
38	POST1	Aid for correspondence	(CLOAD)
39	GRAF8	Goniometric functions	(CLOAD)
40	MINE	Searching for minerals, a game	(CLOAD)
41	MINEI	Information belonging to MINE	(CLOAD)
42	DEFIG	Make-up figures	(CLOAD)
43	CALDR	Calender program for 1900 to 2100	(CLOAD)
44	SOLIT	Solitaire, a game with pawns	(CLOAD)
45	FIN3	Financial program	(CLOAD)

THE END OF ESGG-TAPE

If for any valid reason, some of these programs should be EXCLUDED from our library tape, please write to Toronto Sorcerers User's Group and the program in question will be deleted. For those of you to whom this may concern please accept our apology for including any such program. It is our sincere concern that we do not offend anyone. All programs listed are assumed to be public domain programs. Please send any comments to my attention. Thank you.

H. A. Lautenbach Pres.

EXMON2 and the WORD PROCESSOR FAC - From Norman Olson

The Word Processor Pac can be made compatible with EXMON2. We have found the necessary addresses that need to be changed. For those of you that are running the PAC either relocated for disk operation or for the actual PAC itself. In the PAC the last PROM/EFROM is the only one affected. The following are the addresses that have to be changed.

## WORD PROCESSOR PAC - Changes

add.	was/is	change to	
DF21 - LD HL,	EC6E ----->	GRATBL:	ED4C
DF3F - LD HL,	ECBE ----->	CONTBL:	ED9C
DF48 - LD HL,	ED0E ----->	SHITBL:	EDEC
DF51 - LD HL,	ED5E ----->	SLOTBL:	EE3C
DF56 - LD HL,	EDAE ----->	UNSTBL:	EE8C

That's all there's to it, and EXMON2 is compatible.

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 is  $5 * 2$ . 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,O
LD  D,H      ;DE := COLUMN
LD  A,L

```

```

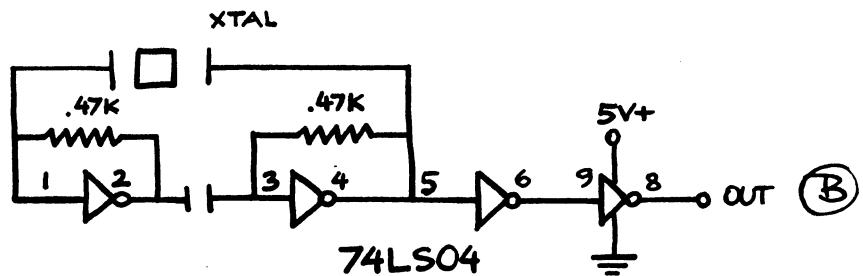
ADD A, A
ADD A, A
ADD A, L
LD L, A
ADD HL, HL      ; HL := ROW * 10
ADD HL, HL
ADD HL, HL
ADD HL, HL      ; HL := ROW * 80
ADD HL, DE      ; HL := ROW * 80 + COLUMN
LD DE, SCREEN
ADD HL, DE      ; HL := CURSOR ADDRESS

```

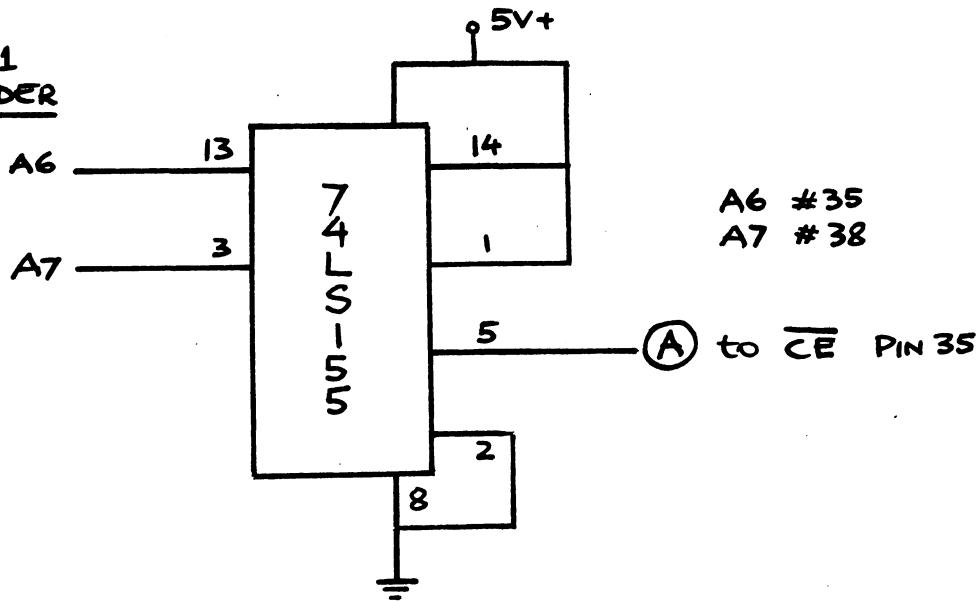
The described technique and the example given point out one of the major reasons people use assembly language instead of compilers for certain applications - in assembly language you can make certain assumptions that compilers cannot. You know what range of possible values a number can have whereas a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

## SIO INTERFACE

**FIG. 2**  
**CLOCK**



## FIG. 1 DECODER



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## TITLE ELAPSED TIME CALCULATOR DATE 04/04/1982

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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.  
 THE BCBBS STORES THE TIME A USER LOGS ON AT THAT  
 ADDRESS FOR 'ON SYSTEM' TIME CALCULATIONS AND  
 INFORMATION TO USER. THE RESPONSE OF THIS PROGRAM  
 IF MUCH FASTER THAN A 'COMPILED' VERSION. CLOCK

BOARD IS A MOUNTAIN HARDWARE 100,000 DAY CLOCK.  
 ADDRESSED AT 128(DEC) 80(HEX).

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 \$
FAC	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,SBI	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
      DEC      DE   ;GOT TO 10'S SECONDS
      PUSH     AF   ;SAVE A REG
      LD       A, (DE) ;GET BORROW DIGIT
      SUB      1    ;REDUCE BY ONE
      DAA
      LD       (DE), A ;PUT BACK
      POP     AF   ;RESTORE A
      INC      DE   ;RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SE2   SUB      (HL) ;SUBTRACT DIGIT
      DAA
      ADD      '0'  ;MAKE IT ASCII
      LD       (STR+6), A ;STORE RESULT
      DEC      HL   ;STEP TO THE
      DEC      DE   ;NEXT DIGIT

```

## ; MINUTTS, 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
      DEC      DE   ;MAKE IT DECIMAL
      PUSH     AF   ;SAVE A REG
      LD       A, (DE) ;GET BORROW DIGIT
      SUB      1    ;REDUCE BY ONE
      DAA
      LD       (DE), A ;PUT BACK
      POP     AF   ;RESTORE A
      INC      DE   ;RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB3   SUB      (HL) ;ADJUST SECONDS
      DAA
      ADD      '0'  ;MAKE IT ASCII
      LD       (STR+4), A ;STORE ASCII CHAR
      DEC      HL   ;STEP TO THE
      DEC      DE   ;NEXT DIGIT

```

## ; MINUTTS, 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
      DEC      DE   ;MAKE DECIMAL
      PUSH     AF   ;SAVE A REG
      LD       A, (DE) ;GET BORROW DIGIT
      SUB      1    ;REDUCE BY ONE
      DAA
      LD       (DE), A ;PUT BACK
      POP     AF   ;RESTORE A
      INC      DE   ;RETURN TO ORIGINAL DIGIT
SB4   SUB      (HL) ;SUBTRACT DIGIT
      DAA
      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
      DEC      DE   ;MAKE IT DECIMAL
      PUSH     AF   ;SAVE A REG

```



## The SIO Part III (final part) by: Brad Fowles

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 programming 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.

FIN	1	D1	TO	#40	FIN	21	RESET	TO	#1
	2	D3	TO	#42		22	N/C	(DCDB)	
	3	D5	TO	#44		23	N/C	(DTSB)	
	4	D7	TO	#46		24	N/C	(RTSB)	
	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 sync 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.

Remember.----> Port 80 is Data A  
Port 81 is Control A  
Port 82 is Data B  
Port 83 is Control B

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 ASYNCRONOUS
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

```

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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 dis-similar 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-ix 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	6	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,(0FEH9) ;check to see if receiver ready
      BIT 6.A
      JR Z,SNDT1-
      POF 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
      POF 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.