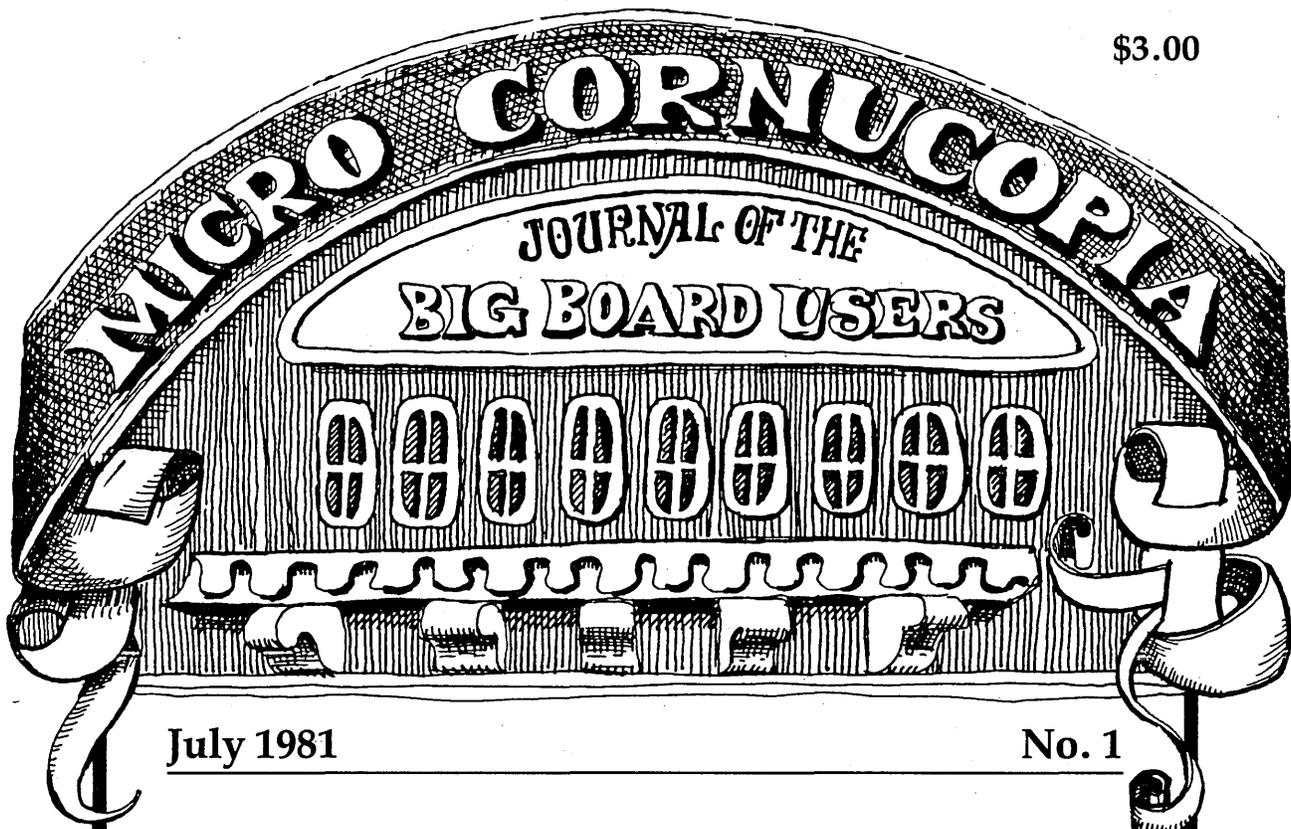


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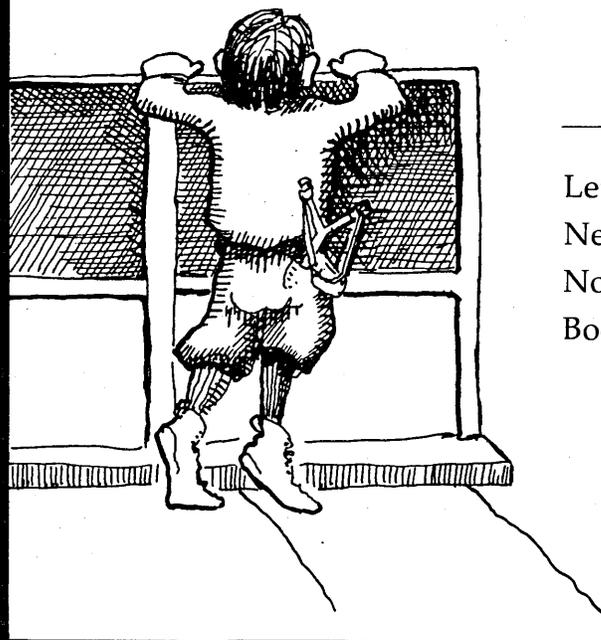


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Hi, Y'all!

Welcome to the Premier Issue!

It was hard to imagine what this magazine would even look like on March 15th when we decided to start a publication supporting the Big Board. And now it's really exciting to see it take form.

Starting a new magazine is kind of a scary thing. You need interesting things to put in magazine so people will want to read it. You need people willing to take a chance and subscribe to a new publication, sight unseen. You need lots and lots of hours alone, staring at a video monitor, trying to generate ideas and direction. You need people who are willing to donate time and ideas to a dream. And you need a wife who is not only understanding but who does graphic design, accounting, paste-up, technical illustrating and schematic drafting. So thanks to all you folks, I get to say "Welcome."

Our typesetters, Patty Morris and Martin White are super people to work with (they are getting a Big Board to use for text editing). And Ruth, our technical editor is probably as excited as anyone about Micro C.

Then there are the people who have already submitted material for publication. I talked to Don Retzlaff while I was still deciding whether or not to jump in. His excitement about a user's group and his offer to write some very interesting things really made a publication look feasible. Don's first article appears in this issue. Thanks Don.

John Jones wrote such interesting things on his subscription form that I had to call him. He has a number of useful utilities, including the disk formatting program in this issue. More from John in future issues.

Plus, I have just received a really incredible disk from AB computers including a complete hardware and software interface for minifloppies, a reverse video cursor, and more. Stay tuned, because these super people, and you, are doing some great things with the Big Board.

David Thompson
Editor & Publisher

Dear Editor,

I am thinking of using one parallel port as an address bus to tell peripherals when to access the other parallel port. One bit would set the direction and then seven bits would remain to address up to 128 peripherals. These could include A/D's, D/A's, plotters, CRT vector graphics, and so on. I would like to see a standard scheme so we can trade designs within the group.

Frank Gentges
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Editor's Note:

I think Frank has an excellent idea. In fact, how does everyone feel about using port A for data and port B for address and control? Bit 7 (PB7) on port B could be the control bit. What say?

What would be super now, would be for someone to write a simple little general purpose parallel port driver that would reside up with the PFM monitor and could be called via the CP/M punch or directly. If someone did such a thing, it would run in the September issue, guaranteed.

And, if someone came up with a latch for translating 8 bits of port A into 16 bits of address and 8 bits of data why there'd be the start of a PROM burner or an S-100 bus interface etc.

Dear Folks,

I would like to locate Jim Rea, designer of PolyVue/80 or Micro Concepts the outfit that marketed Poly Vue. Has anyone done a modem interface for SIO port A? Or, has anyone configured Modem7 from the CPMug for the Big Board?

The Editor.

Dear Editor,

Why doesn't "clear to end of screen" work on the three boards I've seen?

Cole Chevalier
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Dear Editor,

I need: (1) modem driver for BB, (2) parallel printer driver, (3) to contact other users in my local area.

Daryl Coulhart
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VEDIT—Text editor.

I have Vedit up and running on my Big Board and once you figure out a couple of idiosyncrasies it is easy to customize and install. Get the CRT version rather than the memory mapped and just follow the directions for the ADM-3A.

However: Do not enter "Carriage Return" for the "COMMON 2ND CHARACTER IN THE ESCAPE SEQUENCE." The only character I've found that works is ESC (again). After this you have to use ESC W or something rather than ESC ESC to leave visual mode, and for some reason you have to use the default for the "command iteration brackets." These brackets are < and > rather than [and] by the way.

Once you have it up and running, however, it is a small (10K), but very powerful text editor. (I am using it now to do my text editing).

SMALL C and SMALL C+

If you want to get your feet wet in C and still generate source code that will run on PDP-11s running Bell Labs' C, then these two packages are worth considering. I purchased Small C from the Code Works, Box 550 Boleta, CA 93017. I mean, \$15 for a CP/M disk—how could I go wrong? It is neat, kind of like starting out using integer basic. Plus, it is public domain! Several of the fellows at Tektronix are working on it now, doing some optimizing, etc. The printed document is pretty minimal but when combined with the book, "The C Programming Language" by Kernighan and Ritchie, it is sufficient. The source for Small C, also written in Small C (it compiles itself) is also on the disk. Small C generates assembly code which can be assembled by ASM.

I picked up Small C+ at the Computer Faire from Alpha Omega Computer Systems. P.O. Box U, Corvallis, OR 97330. They say they have fixed numerous bugs in Small C and have added for-loops, do-while, and case statements, among other things. Small C+ requires M80 and L80 to compile the assembly code it generates.

Since small C+ is also public domain, I plan to make it available as part of a group exchange disk. Small C+ also compiles itself and can be compiled by the original Small C. The source and the documentation are on the disk. Two programmers at Alpha Omega did the extension pretty much as a personal project and I hope to talk to them about Small C+ in the near future.

PASCAL/MT+

I learned Pascal on a big system, I mean a BIG system (60 bits/word), and after using some of the small subset languages commonly available for micros (Small C, ALGOL/M, ...) I didn't really expect much more than a usable subset of Pascal. I was wrong. Pascal/MT+ is playing with a full deck.

I have tried it on some small "gee I wonder if it will" type programs, and it did. Hopefully I will have a chance to look at it more thoroughly in the near future. Manual and all, it is an impressive package. MT Microsystems has also put out an editor and debugger package to use with Pascal/MT+ (I've heard). If it is anything like the language package, the combination should be hard to beat for someone doing serious application programming. Contact MT Microsystems, 1562 Kings Cross Dr., Cardiff-by-the-sea, CA 92007.

Crowe Z80 Assembler

Byte's Nybbles made available a Z80 assembler by Patrick Crowe. The assembler uses standard Zilog Z80 mnemonics as defined in the "Zilog Z-80 Assembly Language Programming Manual." Byte originally made this program available for \$4.00 as a printed listing. I'm checking now to see if it is still available or if we can make it available, this time on disk instead of as a 60-page listing.

What makes this piece of software particularly interesting is that John Jones did the I/O linking for the Big Board and has supplied the source of that. And it works very well. More about all this as I get information from Byte. (All kinds of exciting things! Thanks, John.) ■ ■ ■

Notes From Garland, Texas

Now for the news you have all been waiting for, the latest, greatest from Digital Research Computers.

New ROMs for old.

Jim Tanner is now shipping the Big Board with character ROMs created by yours truly. And, he will reburn (for free) any of the old style upper case and smaller upper case ROMs you send him. If you can't part with your old character ROM for a few days then send him \$10.00 and he will send you a new ROM.

New video rocks for free.

For those of you who haven't appreciated the wiggle you get on the video display, here's relief. (No, you don't have to give up drinking.) Any registered owner who sends in his serial number and date of purchase to Jim will receive, free, a 13.9776 MHZ crystal. Take out the old 14.318 video crystal and replace it with the new one and the wiggle will be gone. Not even a genie could do better than that.

4 MHz the easiest way of all.

- Step 1. Remove U96
- Step 2. Jumper what was pin 4 of U96 to pin 4 of U97.
- Step 3. DON'T replace U96.

That's it, no crystals to buy and no board runs to cut. However, it won't work on all boards because of the precharge requirements on the RAM.

First of all, you probably need 200ns RAM chips. Big Boards have been shipped with 300ns, 250ns, and 200ns chips. About 40% were 300ns, 40% 250ns, and the other 20% were 200ns. This mod generates a clock that is more like 60/40 rather than 50/50 High/Low so even the 200ns RAM is just barely making it.

Out of three boards that they have modified at Digital Research two worked and one didn't, though they all had 200ns RAM. On most of the boards it is pretty easy to tell how fast the RAM is. The number on the chip will be 4116-X where X is probably 20, 25 or 30. 20 stands for 200ns, 25 stands for 250ns and 30 stands for 300ns. The National chips have a -4

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Contributing to Micro Cornucopia

How do you contribute to Micro C? What are we interested in? What should you send, disk, printer output, post card, papaya leaf? What if you can't write? What if the thing you are doing is pretty basic or maybe too advanced? Well, here is the information.

Form: Send articles on paper, (double-spaced) or, even better, on disk. If you send a disk, we will copy the contents of the latest Big Board user's group disk onto your disk before we return it.

It's easier on us if you don't include any formatting characters in the text. These characters may help your text formatter but they have to be removed before Patti and Martin can typeset the article.

Programs: Here a disk is a super way to go. Please include at least a few paragraphs of introduction. If the program requires compiling or

Notes from Garland continued

for 250ns and a -3 for 200ns. Any others you should look up in a parts book.

If you are among the folks who have done a successful mod to speed up the Big Board, please send it in and I'll publish it (for those of us who don't have 200ns RAM or can't get this mod to work). In fact, if I get 20 different mods for speeding up the Big Board, I'll publish them all. Why not?

Double double density density.

Jim has someone working on a three-chip board which will plug into the 1771 socket. It will do single and double density on 8 inch and mini floppies (according to Tanner). I would guess that they are aiming for availability sometime late summer or early fall but no one's making any promises.

The chips will be Western Digital and the main controller will be the 1795. (Hooray, it's NOT the 1791.) Perhaps those of you struggling with the idiosyncrasies of the 1791 should write to Western Digital for a new data book.



assembling please include a COM file along with the source. And if the compiler or assembler is public domain please include it and anything else needed to do the compilation. Most of the software contributed will be placed in a group disk and made available to everyone in the group.

Personal information: Please include some information about yourself (like raising bees and running your big board off wind power) and about how you are using the Big Board.

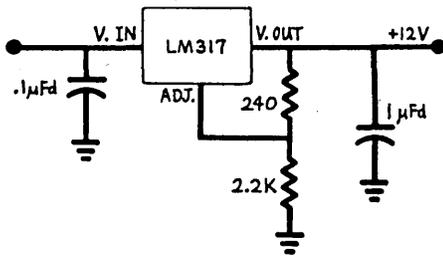
What to write about: We're looking for anything on the following list, along with just about anything not on the following list.

- **Hardware interfacing**, complete with schematics (we can redraw them if it's needed) and comments about what the circuit does and how it does it.
- **Software drivers** or other mods to the operating system. This time include a listing, etc. (See "Programs" above.)
- **Reviews of software** take a critical look at how easy it is to learn, how powerful it is, and how easy it is to use once you've learned it. Note: part of the user interface is determined by the quality of the documentation and part by the structure of the software.
- **Reviews of languages** take a critical look at the language for particular applications, systems, etc. What are its weaknesses (size, speed) and it's strengths (floating point, string manipulation, documentation, for instance). The primary languages I'm looking for are, C, Pascal, assembly, Fortran, Forth, Lisp, APL, ADA.
- **Inside scoops** on the latest, greatest rumors from the industry. It sometimes takes a little yellow journalism to keep the industry on its toes. If you would like to use a pen name like ZOSO does, let me know and presto, the Micro Cornucopia shadow can strike fear into the hearts of those wearing their three-piece-vested-interests.
- **And anything else** (which covers a lot of things).



Power to the Big Board

By David Thompson



Schematic of +12V Regulator

Picking a power supply these days can be a problem. Everyone and his kid brother are building them in variations that read like the marquee at an ice cream parlor. So the following may be a little help, both in the selection of a supply and in understanding the consequences of a poor choice.

A group of us in Portland are using the Power One model CP 384. This is a simple linear supply with three outputs, +5V at 9 amp, -12V at about an amp, and +24V at .7 amp average or 5 amp peak. The price for this unit is about \$120 in single unit quantities. It includes over-voltage and over-current protection.

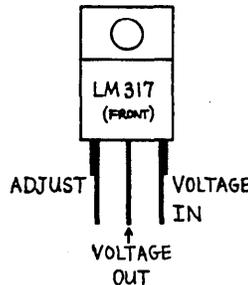
This supply is made to power 8-inch disk drives but if you add a simple 3-terminal regulator for +12V, it will also supply all the power for the Big Board.

To add +12V, tie the input of the regulator to the + lead of either of the two 60V electrolytics. The connecting post marked 24V return is ground (in fact, I just tied all the return posts together and ran them to the aluminum frame on the supply). The + lead on the electrolytics is at about 38V above ground which is higher than a standard 12V regulator (7812) is rated for. One member of our group is using a 7812 anyway and it is working fine. The LM317, however, is supposed to handle 38 volts just fine and it has a variable output to boot. Its output is designed to be 1.2V above the adj. lead, so by having approximately 1/10 of the drop between the output and the reference and 9/10 between the reference and ground you should get 12V. It comes out pretty close.

Mount the regulator against the frame with a mica insulator. Be sure to use silicon grease because it has to dissipate up to 13 watts.

Double check yourself.

It's a good idea to put a resistor load on the supply and then use a digital voltmeter to double check the outputs before connecting it up to your system. I have heard some pretty gruesome stories about folks accidentally putting outrageous voltages on their systems. Sometimes the systems have gone down permanently, other times they have gone temporarily insane, while a few have miraculously survived. It's best, obviously, to check the supply thoroughly.



LM317 Regulator

Also, check to see that the supply will deliver 24V at 5 amps. The Power One's current limit is set at 1 amp at the factory. It will work in the circuit that way until you try to write something on the disk. The drive can then get very strange, generating random CRC errors and in some cases rendering a disk unusable.

If you a having drive problems, check the 24V line during a write operation. It shouldn't drop below 22V. (If the 24V line drops below 15V, you will probably get a buzz as the relay tries to load the head.)

To adjust the 24V current limit on the Power One Supply, locate the small screwdriver pot marked "24V I.LIMIT" and turn the control fully clockwise. It should now give you 5 amps at a rock solid 24V.

If you have had experience with other power supplies, let me know and I'll pass the word along here in Micro C. ■ ■ ■

Notes on Book Reviews

A good book or manual is a conversation with the author. At first it is a story, the reader sharing experiences with the author through the transparency of the written word. Later when the reader has questions about the material covered, the conversation turns to question and answer and the book becomes a reference volume.

Conversation: The tone of the conversation is very important. No one would freely choose to sit through hour upon hour of impersonal lecture if there were any easier way to get the same information. And yet some authors get mired in pages of third person passive.

Transparency: When the words move you smoothly and easily from idea to idea, then what you see are the ideas, not the words. The words have become transparent. If the sentences are too long and confusing or are short. Choppy. Broken up. Or if the ideas don't fit well together, then the conversation is reduced to one word at a time.

Asking questions: Technical books are generally used for two primary purposes. First, they are learning tools (the original conversation) and second, they are references as questions arise. Many technical books are arranged as training manuals only or as reference manuals only (sometimes for very good reason).

For instance, Microsoft's Basic 80 manual is primarily an alphabetical list of commands, which is fine if you know what commands you need to use and just need syntax examples. Kernighan and Ritchie's C book, on the other hand, is a well written introduction to the language, but if you want to look up a command you will have to start at the index and then refer to three or more places scattered through the book. At least they did an index.

And finally all the things you normally notice when reading a book:

- Content. Is the information appropriate to this group. Is the book a bargain in terms of information content.

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Three Books on CP/M

David Thompson Reviews

**Using CP/M,
A Self-Teaching Guide**
by Fernandez and Ashley
John Wiley & Sons
ISBN 0 471 08011-X

"Using CP/M" is the book that introduced me to CP/M. I purchased this text immediately after ordering the Big Board and by the time I had my system running I was pretty comfortable with the simpler portions of its operating system. But then I had already read the book cover to cover at least three times in anticipation.

The authors use an informal, conversational, writing style that's clear and easy to read. The text comes in short chunks. Each half-page or so, is followed by approximately a half-page of questions about the material just covered. I just skipped the questions, which meant that I skipped about half the total book. If you're really into questions you can use mine.

The book starts at a beginning level and stays there. It goes over and

over the basics; spending 9 pages, for instance, on how to enter generalized filenames (*.*). And then it covers DDT in 10 lines.

Graphically speaking, "Using CP/M" doesn't make it. The writers organized the material pretty well but that organization disappears into a forest of sameness. Even the question sections are not visually separated well from the text, so it is sometimes hard for your eye to skip to the next piece of text. And skimming through the text to find a particular command is nearly impossible.

The only prayer this book has as a reference is the index. But if something didn't make the index you're in real trouble. Try to find the CP/M line editing commands (not ED). I gave up trying.

All in all, this text is reasonable for someone who is just starting out and wants to do a lot of light reading.

The CP/M Handbook with MP/M
by Rodnay Zaks
Sybex
ISBN 0 89588 048 2

I got "The CP/M Handbook" after trying to use "Using CP/M" for a reference, so most of my experience with this text is for reference work. It's a real improvement. This book is full of tables, charts, reference guides and appendices. The chapters are organized in logical manner. The design and many illustrations (and index) help the reader locate specific information.

All of Zak's books that I've seen have been easy to read. The book starts at a beginning level and then progresses to such things as reconfiguring CP/M for different system sizes. Advanced topics such as DDT and ASM, however, are covered just enough for the reader to access the programs. DDT gets about 2½ pages and ASM gets about 3. The reader is then referred to the user's guide from Digital Research.

This is a good text for someone using CP/M for running applications

programs. PIP is pretty thoroughly covered in its own chapter and ED gets the detailed look it needs to keep the reader from losing his cursor entirely. So, for those not digging heavily into CP/M itself, this book is a definite option.

Osborne CP/M User Guide
By Thom Hogan
Osborne McGraw-Hill
ISBN 0 931988-44-6

The "Osborne CP/M User Guide" is the latest book to jump on the CP/M bandwagon and is the most technical of the three books. The introduction for beginners is relatively brief; and PIP, for instance, is presented in 21 pages of formatted text rather than a chapter in standard paragraph form.

This book contains a complete chapter on assembly language utilities, a subject skimmed over by the other texts. In fact, DDT and ASM each get 12 pages of remarkably thorough coverage. Like the Sybex book, Hogan makes extensive use of appendices for command summaries, etc. but he also adds some extra goodies like an annotated bibliography and addresses of companies supplying CP/M based products. (Hooray!)

Hogan's writing style is variable. Generally it is friendly but there are places where it is more formal than Zaks or Fernandez/Ashley. And he uses very few illustrations. However, the graphic layout of the material is very well done. In fact, you probably won't notice the dearth of illustrations because of the excellent use of type and layout to make the organization obvious. The combination of graphic design and index make this a first class reference work for CP/M.

This book is definitely the best book I've seen for someone using CP/M on a day-to-day basis. A beginner, however, might seriously consider starting with Zaks' book and then moving up to this one as he gains experience.

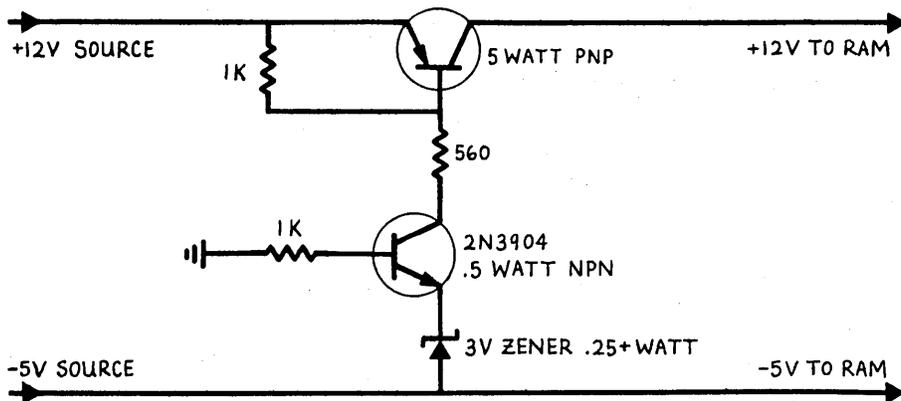
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- Organization. Is the way the author progresses into the subject obvious? Is it easy to go back and find the information you need?
- Graphic design. Is the book visually appealing? Can you skim through glancing at the headlines and the illustrations and follow the book's progression through the subject?
- Illustrations. Are the illustrations well thought out and technically accurate or just afterthoughts to pretty up the page?
- Author's command of the subject. It's fun to catch a mistake in print. It's sort of like Moses messed up when chipping the rock, but too many errors cast doubt on the validity of the whole book.

So if you have books that are interesting to you and might be interesting to others in the group then by all means put the information down on a disk or paper or post card or whatever and let us know.

RAM Protection Circuit

By David Thompson



Schematic of RAM Protection Circuit

The RAM chips used on the Big Board (4116s) require three voltages for operation, +5V, +12V and -5V.

The +5V and +12V are used for device operation while the -5V provides an internal protective bias to keep the +12V from breaking down the chip. Isolation between some regions is provided by reverse biased diode junctions and the -5V provides the reverse bias.

So, the device manufacturers strongly recommend that the -5V be available before the +12V. And they recommend that the -5V be available after the 12V goes away.

Most personal computers (TRS-80 etc.) have gotten around the problem by providing a slightly longer time constant for the +12V on power-up and a shorter time constant on power-down. But if the -5V supply ever shuts down momentarily or doesn't come up for some reason then the owner gets to buy new RAM. The Big Board, on the other hand is at the mercy of the supply.

The documentation recommends that you use a quality supply but there are many other reasons why -5V might not be available.

The following circuit takes care of the problem and has already saved our group a couple of sets of 4116s. The parts are mounted on the underside of the board and only one run (the +12V) has to be cut. Nothing is critical. The NPN is just a small, plastic, half-watt transistor with a DC gain of about 100. The PNP is a larger tab-style package and has a DC gain of 10 or more. Since the PNP is either saturated or off, it doesn't dissipate enough to require heat-sinking.

It is easy enough to check the whole thing out on the bench before installing it on the Big Board. When the -5V line drops down to about -3.5V the NPN should stop pulling current out of the base circuit of the PNP. As the PNP base rises, the PNP shuts off, removing the +12V from the RAM. ■ ■ ■

Video Wiggle

The Cause and Cure

Quite a number of folks have noted on their subscription forms that they are bothered by wiggle on their video displays.

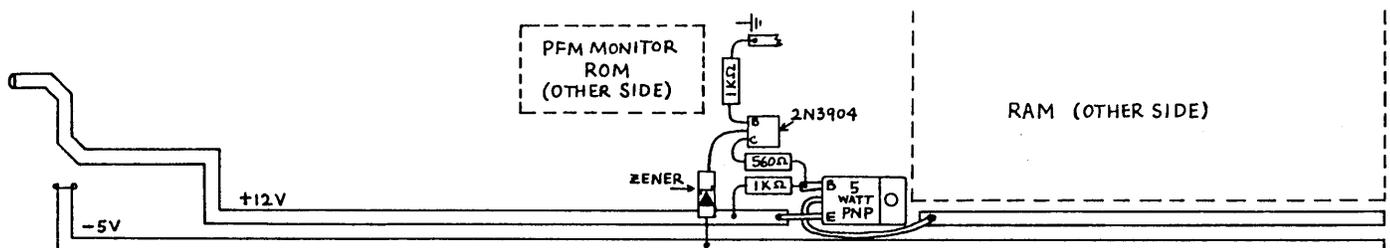
Well, the wiggle is caused by a frequency difference between your power line and the vertical output in the video generator. The video generator is 1 Hertz off (It's 61 Hz) and when it beats against power supply ripple in a Leedex monitor (for instance) you get wiggle. Many monitors also have trouble maintaining vertical sync because the frequency is outside their normal operating range.

To completely cure the problem, change the frequency of the CRT display generator crystal. Jim Tanner now has new crystals available free for Big Board owners. See "Notes From Garland, Texas" for more information.

A partial cure requires adding additional power supply filtering to the monitor. One additional 6000 ufd capacitor on the 12V DC line makes quite an improvement.

On the other hand, if your monitor accepts separate vertical, horizontal, and sync signals then you probably won't have any trouble. I've tried it both ways and my ancient Tektronix monitor with its separate inputs is as solid as a rock (it's also about that heavy).

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Example Installation of RAM Protection Circuit

New Character ROM

Sometime after the first of this year, Jim Tanner began shipping the Big Board with a new character ROM. The ROM has true lower case characters rather than the smaller upper case/larger upper case ROM shipped in the early boards.

- The ROM uses a 5 by 8 dot matrix so it has one-dot descenders.
- It contains the standard character set for 00(hex) through 7F(hex). (Even though the Big Board only displays 20—7F.)
- And I like it because I designed it and gave it to Jim.
- However, It isn't perfect.

So, for a week or so I worked on the g, y, t, f, and q characters until . . . well, if it isn't perfect now, I give up because I'm absolutely tickled.

If your board has true upper/lower case but you would like to have the absolute latest greatest, then send me a ROM and \$5.00.

If you have one of the old upper case/smaller upper case ROMs you have a choice. Send a ROM to Jim Tanner at Digital Research Computers of Texas and he will burn a copy of my first character ROM (the one he's using in the new boards) for you, free. Or you can send me the ROM and \$5.00 and get the deluxe version.

Price

- \$5.00 if you send a 350ns 2716 and a self-addressed, stamped package I can ship it back in.
- Or instead of \$5.00 you can submit something to the magazine, a program, a book or software review, a schematic and comments, a page or two about what you are doing with the Big Board, etc., along with your ROM and SASE and presto, you get fame AND a new character set, free! (And those who contributed to this issue also qualify for a free burn.)

Make checks payable to Micro Cornucopia. If you don't agree that it's a \$5.00 improvement, I'll send you the \$5.00 back.

PFM-80 Monitor

By Don Retzlaff

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The PFM-80 Monitor is the primary control program for your Big Board computer. It was burned into the EPROM that is installed in the first ROM socket (U67).

PFM and CBIOS were written by Russell Smith, who is an exceptional young programmer who operates his own software house in Denton, Texas. He has helped me immeasurably in understanding PFM and implementing my programs on the Big Board. As time goes on I will pass along some of this expertise to you, through this column.

If your curiosity is like mine you want to know what PFM stands for. I was informed that PFM is the abbreviation of the profound literal description of what the monitor is: "PRETTY F—KIN' MAGIC."

When the computer is turned on or the reset button is pressed, the Big Board automatically starts executing the COLD START BOOT program in the monitor ROM. The first five instructions in the ROM (starting at location 0000H) copy the PFM monitor program from the ROM into upper memory starting at location F000H and continuing through F7E6H. The RAM locations starting at location FF00H through FFA8H are used as monitor data storage locations.

After PFM has been booted into RAM the monitor starts executing and goes through the cold start initialization routine that does the following:

1. Initializes data storage pointers.
2. Clears the scratch RAM with zeros.
3. Fills CRT storage with blanks.
4. Initializes values in memory.
5. Initializes programmable I/O devices.
6. Waits for input from keyboard or terminal.
7. Sets baud rate for SIO input if input from there.
8. Displays sign-on message on the appropriate device.
9. Displays monitor prompt *
10. Waits for input.

At this point PFM is up and operating.

I think that it is important to note that whenever an RS-232 serial terminal is connected to SIO PORT B, PFM automatically determines the BAUD rate of the terminal by analyzing the input from the single carriage return. It then sets up the baud rate generator to the correct frequency.

In future articles we will get deeper into the monitor.

Now let's discuss the monitor entry point table. Starting at location F000H you will find a series of jump instructions. These provide a fixed address that can be used as entry points to the various monitor routines. These will be useful in software routines that you write. This table will provide a constant jump location for these routines even if updates are made to the monitor. Thus, changes in addresses of the internal routines will not affect your software.

I plan to cover the various features of PFM and CBIOS which work together to control your Big Board. In succeeding articles I will lead you through the assembly language listings of both PFM and CBIOS, pointing out the features of each and how you can make the most from each.

In the next issue we will discuss the mechanics of modifying the monitor.

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Editor's Note: The first installment of the PFM monitor listing begins on the following page. We will continue the listing in the September issue.


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F035 ED47 0059 LD I,A ;LOAD I REG WITH MSB OF VECTOR
;
F037 ED5E 0060 IM 2 ;AND SELECT INTERRUPT MODE 2
;
F039 CDECF5 0062 CALL CLRSCN ;FILL THE CRT MEMORY WTH BLANKS
;
0063 ;
0064 ;STORE ANY NON-ZERO VALUES FOR VARIABLES IN MEMORY
0065 ;
F03C 21D3F0 0066 LD HL,INTAB ;POINT TO DEFAULT VAR TABLE
F03F 0600 0067 INIT2: LD B,0
F041 4E 0068 LD C,(HL) ;BC=DATA BLOCK BYTECOUNT
F042 23 0069 INC HL
F043 5E 0070 LD E,(HL) ;DE=DESTINATION FOR DATA
F044 23 0071 INC HL
F045 56 0072 LD D,(HL)
F046 23 0073 INC HL
F047 ED80 0074 LDIR ;COPY DATA @ HL TO VAR @ DE
F049 CB7E 0075 BIT 7,(HL)
F04B 28F2 0076 JR Z,INIT2-$ ;LOOP AGAIN IF NOT END OF TABLE
;
0077 ;
0078 ;INITIALIZE THE PROGRAMMABLE I/O DEVICES
0079 ;
F04D 23 0080 INC HL ;POINT TO I/O INIT DATA TABLE
F04E 46 0081 INIT3: LD B,(HL) ;B=INIT LOOP BYTECOUNT
F04F 23 0082 INC HL
F050 4E 0083 LD C,(HL) ;C=DEVICE CONTROL PORT#
F051 23 0084 INC HL
F052 EDB3 0085 OTIR ;SEND DATA @ HL TO PORT @ C
F054 CB7E 0086 BIT 7,(HL) ;TEST FOR TABLE END MARKER
F056 28F6 0087 JR Z,INIT3-$ ;LOOP AGAIN IF NOT AT END
;
0088 ;
0089 ;DETERMINE IF CONSOLE I/O CONFIGURATION WILL BE FOR THE
0090 ;ON-BOARD CRT AND KEYBOARD OR AN EXTERNAL SERIAL TERMINAL.
0091 ;
F058 ED78 0092 IN A,(C) ;TEST SIO READ REG 2 TO CHECK
F05A FE06 0093 CP 00000110B ;IF THE SIO IS INSTALLED
F05C 2012 0094 JR NZ,PARALL-$;SKIP CONFIG TEST IF NO SIO
F05E DB1E 0095 IN A,(KBDDAT) ;MAKE SURE KBD PIO 'READY'RESET
F060 0610 0096 LD B,00010000B;B=RESET SIO EXT STATUS COMMAND
F062 ED41 0097 DECIDE: OUT (C),B ;TEST FOR ARRIVAL OF A SERIAL
F064 ED78 0098 IN A,(C) ; INPUT CHAR START BIT
F066 CB67 0099 BIT 4,A
F068 200E 0100 JR NZ,BAUD-$ ;EXIT LOOP IF START BIT DETECTED
F06A DB1C 0101 IN A,(BITDAT)
F06C CB5F 0102 BIT 3,A ;TEST FOR DATA RDY STROBE FROM
F06E 20F2 0103 JR NZ,DECIDE-$;PARALLEL KBD, LOOP IF INACTIVE
F070 DB1E 0104 PARALL: IN A,(KBDDAT) ;DISCARD FIRST KEYBOARD CHAR
F072 3EB3 0105 LD A,10000011B
F074 D31F 0106 OUT (KBDCTL),A ;ENABLE INTERRUPTS FROM KBD PIO
F076 182D 0107 JR SIGNON-$ ;SIGNON WTH BUILT-IN CONSOLE I/O
;
0108 ;
0109 ;
0110 ;AUTOMATIC BAUD RATE SETTING ROUTINE FOR SIO
0111 ;
F078 AF 0112 BAUD: XOR A
F079 ED41 0113 BAUD1: OUT (C),B
F07B ED50 0114 IN D,(C) ;READ SIO STATUS REGISTER
F07D CB62 0115 BIT 4,D ;TEST THE SYNC/HUNT BIT
F07F 28F8 0116 JR Z,BAUD1-$ ;LOOP UNTIL IT CHANGES STATE
F081 3C 0117 BAUD2: INC A
F082 ED41 0118 OUT (C),B ;RESET REGISTER #0 FLAGS AGAIN
F084 ED50 0119 IN D,(C) ;&LOOP TIMING THE SYNC/HUNT BIT
F086 CB62 0120 BIT 4,D
F08B 20F7 0121 JR NZ,BAUD2-$ ;REPEAT UNTIL BIT CHANGES AGAIN

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F0E5 65FF 0181 DEFW UNIT
F0E7 FF 0182 DEFB 255 ;FLAG ALL DRIVES AS DE-SELECTED
F0E8 FFFFFFFF 0183 DEFB 255,255,255,255 ;CLEAR HEAD POSITION TABLE
F0EC 00 0184 DEFB 00000000B ;SELECT FASTEST SEEK SPEED
F0ED 80 0185 DEFB 128 ;SELECT 128 BYTE SECTOR LENGTH
F0EE 1E 0186 DEFB 30 ;SET MOTOR TURN-OFF TIMER
;
0187 ;
0188 ;INITIALIZE THE CRT DISPLAY CURSOR
0189 ;
F0EF 02 0190 DEFB 2
F0F0 75FF 0191 DEFW CHRSVA
F0F2 20 0192 DEFB ' '
F0F3 5F 0193 DEFB ' _ ' ;USE NON-BLINKING UNDERSCORE
;
0194 ;
0195 ;SET DEFAULT 'SOFTWARE' INTERRUPT VECTORS
0196 ;
F0F4 06 0197 DEFB 6
F0F5 57FF 0198 DEFW TIKVEC
F0F7 80F4 0199 DEFW DSKTMR ;POINT'TIKVEC'TO DISK MTR TIMER
F0F9 44F4 0200 DEFW STASH ;POINT'PINVEC'TO FIFO INPUT
; ROUTINE
F0FB 44F4 0201 DEFW STASH ;POINT'SINVEC'TO FIFO INPUT
; ROUTINE
;
0202 ;
0203 ;SET FREE MEMORY POINTER
0204 ;
F0FD 02 0205 DEFB 2
F0FE 7AFF 0206 DEFW FREPTR
F100 E6F7 0207 DEFW ROMEND ;POINT TO 1ST LOC AFTER MONITOR
;
0208 ;
0209 ;
F102 FF 0210 DEFB -1 ;END OF VARIABLE INIT TABLE
0211 ;
0212 ;
0213 ;
>0000 0214 BAUDA EQU 00H ;CHANEL A BAUD RATE GENETATOR
>0004 0215 SIO EQU 04H ;DUAL SERIAL I/O
>0008 0216 GENPIO EQU 08H ;GENERAL PURPOSE PARALLEL I/O
>000C 0217 BAUDB EQU 0CH ;CHANEL B BAUD RATE GENERATOR
>0010 0218 WD1771 EQU 10H ;WEST DIGITAL DISK CONTROLLER
>0014 0219 SCROLL EQU 14H ;CRT SCROLL MEM SCROLL REGISTER
>0018 0220 CTC EQU 18H ;QUAD COUNTER/TIMER CIRCUIT
>001C 0221 SYSPID EQU 1CH ;SYSTEM PARALLEL I/O
;
0222 ;
0223 ;INITIALIZE SYSTEM PIO FOR USE AS BANK-SWITCH,
0224 ;DISK DRIVE SELECT AND PARALLEL KEYBOARD INPUT
0225 ;
>001C 0226 BITDAT EQU SYSPID+0
>001D 0227 BITCTL EQU SYSPID+1
>001E 0228 KBDDAT EQU SYSPID+2
>001F 0229 KBDCTL EQU SYSPID+3
;
F103 031D 0230 DEFB 3,BITCTL
F105 CF 0231 DEFB 11001111B ;PUT SYSTEM PIO IN BIT MODE
F106 18 0232 DEFB 00011000B ;MAKE BITS 4 AND 3 BE INPUTS
F107 40 0233 DEFB 01000000B ;DISABLE INTERRUPTS
;
0234 ;
F108 011C 0235 DEFB 1,BITDAT
F10A 00 0236 DEFB 00000000B ;DE-SELECT ROMS, ENABLE DRIVE 0
;
0237 ;
F10B 021F 0238 DEFB 2,KBDCTL
F10D 4F 0239 DEFB 01001111B ;PUT KBD PORT IN INPUT MODE
F10E 1A 0240 DEFB SYSVEC+2 ;LOAD KEYBOARD INTERRUPT VECTOR
;
0241 ;
0242 ;
0243 ;

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0244 ;INITIALIZE CHANNELS 2 AND 3 OF THE CTC
0245 ;TO GENERATE ONE SECOND INTERRUPTS FROM CTC3
0246 ;
>0018 0247 CTC0 EQU CTC+0 ;CTC CHANNEL 0 PORT#
>0019 0248 CTC1 EQU CTC+1 ;CTC CHANNEL 1
>001A 0249 CTC2 EQU CTC+2 ;CTC CHANNEL 2
>001B 0250 CTC3 EQU CTC+3 ;CTC CHANNEL 3
0251
F10F 0118 0252 DEFB 1,CTC0
F111 10 0253 DEFB CTCVEC ;BASE INTERRUPT VECTOR FOR CTC
0254 ;
F112 021A 0255 DEFB 2,CTC2
F114 27 0256 DEFB 00100111B ;PUT CTC2 IN TIMER MODE
F115 69 0257 DEFB 105 ;CTC2 PERIOD=105*256*400 NS
0258 ;
F116 021B 0259 DEFB 2,CTC3
F118 C7 0260 DEFB 11000111B ;PUT CTC3 IN COUNTER MODE
F119 5D 0261 DEFB 93 ;CTC3 PERIOD=999936 us
0262 ;
0263 ;
0264 ;INITIALIZE SIO CHANNEL B FOR ASYNCHRONOUS SERIAL
0265 ;INTERFACE TO PRINTER OR TERMINAL
0266 ;
>0004 0267 SIODPA EQU SIO+0 ;SIO DATA PORT A
>0005 0268 SIODPB EQU SIO+1 ;SIO DATA PORT B
>0006 0269 SIOCPC EQU SIO+2 ;SIO CONTROL/STATUS PORT A
>0007 0270 SIOCPB EQU SIO+3 ;SIO CONTROL/STATUS PORT B
0271
F11A 010C 0272 DEFB 1,BAUDB
F11C 05 0273 DEFB 0101B ;SET COM 8116 TO 300 BD DEFAULT
0274
F11D 0B07 0275 DEFB 11,SIOCPB
F11F 04 0276 DEFB 4 ;SELECT REGISTER #4
F120 45 0277 DEFB 01000101B ;16X CLK,1 STOP BIT,ODD PARITY
F121 01 0278 DEFB 1 ;SELECT REGISTER #1
F122 04 0279 DEFB 00000100B ;STATUS AFFECTS VECTOR,
; NO INTERRUPTS
;
F123 03 0280 DEFB 3 ;SELECT REGISTER #3
F124 41 0281 DEFB 01000001B ;7 BITS/RX CHAR
F125 05 0282 DEFB 5 ;SELECT REGISTER #5
F126 AA 0283 DEFB 10101010B ;7 BITS/TX CHAR, ASSERT DTR
F127 02 0284 DEFB 2 ;SELECT REGISTER #2
F128 00 0285 DEFB SIOVEC ;LOAD INTERRUPT VECTOR BASE
F129 02 0286 DEFB 2 ;SELECT READ REG#2 FOR SIO TEST
0287
F12A FF 0288 DEFB -1 ;END-OF-TABLE
0289 ;
0290 ;INIT DONE
0291 ;
0292 ;
0293 INCLUDE MONITOR.ASM
0294 ;*****
0295 ;*
0296 ;* BASIC HEX MONITOR FOR Z-80 PROCESSORS *
0297 ;* 3-Aug-80 *
0298 ;*
0299 ;*****
0300 ;
0301 ;
0302 ;
0303 ;

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F19F 20F3 0366 DEFW OUTCMD ;WRITE TO OUTPUT PORT
F1A1 BDF1 0367 DEFW DSKCMD ;DISPLAY DISK SECTOR DATA
0368
>0021 0369 CMDSIZ EQU $-CMDTAB
0370 ;
0371 ;
0372 ;*****
0373 ;*
0374 ;* MONITOR COMMAND ACTION ROUTINES PACKAGE *
0375 ;*
0376 ;*****
0377 ;
0378 ;
0379 ;
0380 ;
0381 ;
0382 ;-- DISK BOOT LOADER COMMAND --
0383 ;
F1A3 0E00 0384 BOOT: LD C,0 ;SELECT DRIVE 0 FOR BOOT LOAD
F1A5 CDB1F6 0385 CALL SELECT
F1A8 203D 0386 JR NZ,DSKERR-$
F1AA CDE9F6 0387 CALL HOME ;HOME HEAD TO TRACK 0
F1AD 2038 0388 JR NZ,DSKERR-$;ERROR IF NOT READY OR AT TRO
F1AF 218000 0389 LD HL,0080H ;POINT TO CP/M READ BUFFER
F1B2 0E01 0390 LD C,1 ;SELECT SECTOR 1
F1B4 CD2AF7 0391 CALL READ ;READ TRACK 0/ SECTOR 1
F1B7 202E 0392 JR NZ,DSKERR-$
F1B9 F1 0393 POP AF ;CLEAN UP STACK
F1BA C38000 0394 JP 0080H ;GO EXECUTE LOADER
0395 ;
0396 ;
0397 ;-- DISK SECTOR READ COMMAND --
0398 ;
F1BD FE03 0399 DSKCMD: CP 3 ;CHECK PARAMETER COUNT
F1BF 37 0400 SCF
F1C0 C0 0401 RET NZ
F1C1 4D 0402 LD C,L ;USE FIRST ARG AS UNIT#
F1C2 CDB1F6 0403 CALL SELECT
F1C5 2020 0404 JR NZ,DSKERR-$
F1C7 217EFF 0405 LD HL,PARAM2
F1CA 4E 0406 LD C,(HL) ;USE SECOND ARG AS TRACK#
F1CB CDFBF6 0407 CALL SEEK
F1CE 2017 0408 JR NZ,DSKERR-$
F1D0 2180FF 0409 LD HL,PARAM3
F1D3 4E 0410 LD C,(HL) ;USE THIRD ARG AS SECTOR#
F1D4 218000 0411 LD HL,0080H
F1D7 CD2AF7 0412 CALL READ
F1DA CBC7 0413 SET 0,A ;MARK ERROR BYTE AS DUE TO READ
F1DC 2009 0414 JR NZ,DSKERR-$
F1DE 218000 0415 LD HL,0080H
F1E1 110800 0416 LD DE,B
F1E4 C327F2 0417 JP DUMP ;DUMP DISK READ BUFFER & RETURN
0418 ;
0419 ;
F1E7 4F 0420 DSKERR: LD C,A ;SAVE 1771 STATUS
F1E8 CDECFC 0421 CALL PNEXT
F1EB 6469736B 0422 DEFW 'disk error '
20657272
6F7220
F1F6 04 0423 DEFW EOT
F1F7 0608 0424 LD B,B ;PRINT 1771 ERROR BYTE IN BIN
F1F9 AF 0425 DSKR2: XOR A
F1FA CB11 0426 RL C
F1FC CE30 0427 ADC A,'0' ;TRANSFORM A INTO ASCII'1'OR'0'
F1FE CD15F4 0428 CALL OUTPUT
F201 10F6 0429 DJNZ DSKR2-$ ;REPEAT FOR 8 BITS
F203 B7 0430 OR A
F204 C9 0431 RET

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F12B CDECf3 0304 PROMPT: CALL PNEXT
F12E 0D0A 0305 DEFB CR,LF
F130 2A20 0306 DEFM '* '
F132 04 0307 DEFB EOT
F133 2188FF 0308 LD HL,LINBUF
F136 0E20 0309 LD C,32
F138 CD3BF3 0310 CALL GETLIN ;INPUT A BUFERED CONSOLE LINE
F13B 3835 0311 JR C,WHAT-$ ;PRINT 'WHAT ?' IF INPUT ERROR
0312
F13D AF 0313 XOR A
F13E 3284FF 0314 LD (ESCFLG),A
F141 CDFCF3 0315 CALL CRLFS
F144 3A88FF 0316 LD A,(LINBUF) ;GET FIRST CHAR IN LINE
F147 FE0D 0317 CP CR
F149 28E0 0318 JR Z,PROMPT-$ ;JUMP IF A NULL LINE
F14B 2182F1 0319 LD HL,CMDTAB ;SEARCH FOR A MATCHING CHAR
F14E 010B00 0320 LD BC,CMDsiz/3 ; IN COMMAND SEARCH TABLE
F151 CD60F3 0321 CALL SEARCH
F154 201C 0322 JR NZ,WHAT-$ ;TRY AGAIN IF SEACRH FAILS
F156 C5 0323 PUSH BC
F157 FD2189FF 0324 LD IY,LINBUF+1
F15B CD6AF3 0325 CALL PARAMS ;INPUT NUMERIC PARAMETERS FROM
F15E DDE1 0326 POP IX ; LINE BUFFER AND TEST IF ERROR
F160 3810 0327 JR C,WHAT-$
F162 2A7CFF 0328 LD HL,(PARAM1)
F165 ED5B7EFF 0329 LD DE,(PARAM2)
F169 ED4B80FF 0330 LD BC,(PARAM3)
F170 CDB0F1 0331 CALL CALLX ;CALL SUBROUTINE @ IX
F17D 30B9 0332 JR NC,PROMPT-$;GD BACK TO PROMPT IF NO ERRORS
0333
F172 CDECf3 0334 WHAT: CALL PNEXT
F175 20776861 0335 DEFM ' what ?'
74203F
F17C 07 0336 DEFB 'G'-64 ;SAY 'what ?' AND BEEP THE BELL
F17D 04 0337 DEFB EOT
F17E 18AB 0338 JR PROMPT-$
0339 ;
0340 ;
F180 DDE9 0341 CALLX: JP (IX) ;CALL SUBROUTINE @ IX
0342 ;
0343 ;
0344 ;
F182 52 0345 CMDTAB: DEFB 'R'
F183 4F 0346 DEFB 'D'
F184 49 0347 DEFB 'I'
F185 47 0348 DEFB 'B'
F186 54 0349 DEFB 'T'
F187 46 0350 DEFB 'F'
F188 4D 0351 DEFB 'M'
F189 43 0352 DEFB 'C'
F18A 42 0353 DEFB 'E'
F18B 44 0354 DEFB 'D'
F18C 53 0355 DEFB 'S'
0356
F18D 29F3 0357 DEFW SWITCH ;SWITCH CONSOLE OUTPUT VECTOR
F18F 05F2 0358 DEFW MEMDMP ;DUMP MEMORY IN HEX/ASCII
F191 A3F1 0359 DEFW BOOT ;BOOT UP CP/M
F193 E6F2 0360 DEFW BLOCK ;MEMORY BLOCK MOVE
F195 57F2 0361 DEFW VIEW ;MEMORY EXAMINE/CHANGE
F197 D8F2 0362 DEFW FILL ;FILL MEMORY
F199 8CF2 0363 DEFW TEST ;RAM DIAGNOSTIC
F19B 81F2 0364 DEFW GOTO ;JUMP TO MEMORY LOCATION
F19D FEF2 0365 DEFW INCMD ;READ FROM INPUT PORT

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0432 ;
0433 ;
0434 ;
0435 ;-- MEMORY DUMP COMMAND --
0436 ;
F205 3D 0437 MEMDMP: DEC A ;CHECK PARAMETER COUNT
F206 2B06 0438 JR Z,MDMP2-$
F208 3D 0439 DEC A
F209 2808 0440 JR Z,MDMP3-$
F20B 2A86FF 0441 MDMP1: LD HL,(LAST)
F20E 111000 0442 MDMP2: LD DE,16
F211 180D 0443 JR MDMP3B-$
0444
F213 EB 0445 MDMP3: EX DE,HL
F214 ED52 0446 SBC HL,DE ;DERRIVE BYTECNT FOR DUMP RANGE
F216 0604 0447 LD B,4
F218 CB3C 0448 MDMP3A: SRL H ;DIVIDE BYTECOUNT BY 16
F21A CB1D 0449 RR L
F21C 10FA 0450 DJNZ MDMP3A-$
F21E 23 0451 INC HL
F21F EB 0452 EX DE,HL
F220 CD27F2 0453 MDMP3B: CALL DUMP ;DUMP DE*16 BYTES STRING AT HL
F223 22B6FF 0454 LD (LAST),HL
F226 C9 0455 RET
0456 ;
0457 ;
F227 E5 0458 DUMP: PUSH HL ;SAVE STARTING ADDRESS
F228 CDCDF3 0459 CALL PUT4HS ;PRINT STARTING ADDRESS IN HEX
F22B CD02F4 0460 CALL SPACE
F22E 0610 0461 LD B,16
F230 7E 0462 DUMP2: LD A,(HL) ;GET A DATA BYTE @ HL
F231 23 0463 INC HL
F232 CDD2F3 0464 CALL PUT2HS ;PRINT THE DATA IN HEX
F235 10F9 0465 DJNZ DUMP2-$ ;REPEAT 16 TIMES
F237 E1 0466 POP HL ;RESTORE STARTING ADDRESS
F238 0610 0467 LD B,16
F23A 7E 0468 DUMP3: LD A,(HL) ;GET BACK DATA BYTE @ HL
F23B 23 0469 INC HL
F23C CBBF 0470 RES 7,A
F23E FE20 0471 CP 20H
F240 3804 0472 JR C,DUMP4-$
F242 FE7F 0473 CP 7FH
F244 3802 0474 JR C,DUMP5-$
F246 3E2E 0475 DUMP4: LD A,'.' ;PRINT DOT IF DATA < 20 OR > 7F
F248 CD15F4 0476 DUMP5: CALL OUTPUT ;PRINT ASCII CHARACTER IN A
F24B 10ED 0477 DJNZ DUMP3-$
F24D CDFCF3 0478 CALL CRLFS
F250 C0 0479 RET NZ ;EXIT IF ESCAPE REQ INDICATED
F251 1B 0480 DEC DE
F252 7A 0481 LD A,D
F253 B3 0482 OR E
F254 20D1 0483 JR NZ,DUMP-$
F256 C9 0484 RET
0485 ;
0486 ;
0487 ;
0488 ;
0489 ;-- MEMORY EXAMINE COMMAND --
0490 ;
F257 CDCEf2 0491 VIEW: CALL MDATA
F25A CD07F4 0492 CALL ECHO
F25D FE0D 0493 CP CR
F25F 281B 0494 JR Z,VIEW4-$
F261 FE2D 0495 CP '-'
F263 2819 0496 JR Z,VIEW5-$
F265 CDBDF3 0497 VIEW2: CALL ASCHEX

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F268 3F      0498      CCF
F269 D0      0499      RET      NC
F26A 07      0500      RLCA
F26B 07      0501      RLCA
F26C 07      0502      RLCA
F26D 07      0503      RLCA
F26E 4F      0504      LD        C,A
F26F CD07F4  0505      CALL     ECHO
F272 CDBDF3  0506      CALL     ASCHEX
F275 3F      0507      CCF
F276 D0      0508      RET      NC
F277 B1      0509      OR        C
F278 77      0510 VIEW3: LD      (HL),A
F279 CDB9F2  0511      CALL     CHECK
F27C 23      0512 VIEW4: INC     HL
F27D 23      0513      INC     HL
F27E 2B      0514 VIEW5: DEC     HL
F27F 18D6    0515      JR        VIEW-#
          0516 ;
          0517 ;
          0518 ;
          0519 ;-- JUMP TO MEMORY LOCATION COMMAND --
          0520 ;
F281 3D      0521 GOTO:  DEC     A          ;CHECK PARAMETER COUNT
F282 37      0522      SCF
F283 C0      0523      RET     NZ
F284 E5      0524      PUSH   HL
F285 DDE1    0525      POP    IX
F287 CD80F1 0526      CALL   CALLX          ;CALL ADDRESS PASSED IN HL
F28A B7      0527      OR     A
F28B C9      0528      RET          ;RETURN IF WE GET BACK AGAIN
          0529 ;
          0530 ;
          0531 ;
          0532 ;-- MEMORY READ/WRITE DIAGNOSTIC COMMAND --
          0533 ;
F28C FE02    0534 TEST:  CP      2          ;CHECK PARAMETER COUNT
F28E 37      0535      SCF
F28F C0      0536      RET     NZ
F290 13      0537      INC     DE
F291 5A      0538      LD      E,D          ;GET ENDING PAGE ADDRESS INTO E
F292 54      0539      LD      D,H          ;GET STARTING PAGE ADDR INTO D
F293 0600    0540      LD      B,0          ;INITIALIZE PASS COUNTER
F295 62      0541 TEST1: LD      H,D          ;POINT HL TO START OF BLOCK
F296 2E00    0542      LD      L,0
F298 7D      0543 TEST2: LD      A,L
F299 AC      0544      XOR     H          ;GENERATE TEST BYTE
F29A AB      0545      XOR     B
F29B 77      0546      LD      (HL),A       ;STORE BYTE IN RAM
F29C 23      0547      INC     HL
F29D 7C      0548      LD      A,H
F29E BB      0549      CP      E          ;CHECK FOR END OF TEST BLOCK
F29F 20F7    0550      JR      NZ,TEST2-#
          0551 ;NOW READ BACK EACH BYTE & COMPARE
F2A1 62      0552      LD      H,D
F2A2 2E00    0553      LD      L,0          ;POINT HL BACK TO START
F2A4 7D      0554 TEST3: LD      A,L
F2A5 AC      0555      XOR     H          ;RE-GENERATE TEST BYTE DATA
F2A6 AB      0556      XOR     B
F2A7 CDB9F2 0557      CALL   CHECK          ;VERIFY MEMORY DATA STILL GOOD
F2AA C0      0558      RET     NZ          ;EXIT IF ESC REQ IS INDICATED
    
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F2F7 EB      0623      EX      DE,HL      ;HL & DE FOR BYTECOUNT
F2F8 D5      0624      PUSH   DE
F2F9 C5      0625      PUSH   BC
F2FA D1      0626      POP    DE          ;GET OLD BC INTO DE
F2FB C1      0627      POP    BC
F2FC 03      0628      INC     BC          ;GET COUNT+1 INTO BC
F2FD C9      0629      RET
          0630 ;
          0631 ;
          0632 ;
          0633 ;
          0634 ;-- READ FROM INPUT PORT COMMAND --
          0635 ;
F2FE 3D      0636 INCMD: DEC     A          ;CHECK IF PARAMETER COUNT=1
F2FF 37      0637      SCF
F300 C0      0638      RET     NZ
F301 4D      0639      LD      C,L          ;POINT C TO INPUT PORT
F302 CDFCF3 0640 IN1:  CALL   CRLFS
F305 79      0641      LD      A,C
F306 CDD2F3 0642      CALL   PUT2HS
F309 ED78    0643      IN      A,(C)
F30B CDD2F3 0644      CALL   PUT2HS
F30E CD07F4 0645      CALL   ECHO
F311 FE0D    0646      CP      CR
F313 2B06    0647      JR      Z,IN2-#
F315 FE2D    0648      CP      '-'
F317 2B04    0649      JR      Z,IN3-#
F319 B7      0650      OR      A
F31A C9      0651      RET
          0652 ;
F31B 0C      0653 IN2:  INC     C
F31C 0C      0654      INC     C
F31D 0D      0655 IN3:  DEC     C
F31E 18E2    0656      JR      IN1-#
          0657 ;
          0658 ;
          0659 ;
          0660 ;-- WRITE TO OUTPUT PORT COMMAND --
          0661 ;
          0662 ;
F320 FE02    0662 OUTCMD: CP      2          ;CHECK IF PARAMETER COUNT=2
F322 37      0663      SCF
F323 C0      0664      RET     NZ
F324 4D      0665      LD      C,L          ;POINT C TO OUTPUT PORT
F325 ED59    0666      OUT    (C),E       ;OUTPUT DATA PASSED IN E
F327 B7      0667      OR      A
F328 C9      0668      RET
          0669 ;
          0670 ;
          0671 ;-- SWITCH CONSOLE OUTPUT DEVICE COMMAND --
          0672 ;
F329 2185FF 0673 SWITCH: LD      HL,COFLAG
F32C 34      0674      INC     (HL)          ;TOGGLE CONSOLE OUT TYPE FLAG
F32D CB46    0675      BIT    0,(HL)
F32F 21FEF4 0676      LD      HL,SIOOUT
F332 2B03    0677      JR      Z,SWIT2-#   ;JUMP IF ZERO TO ONE TRANSITION
F334 2120F5 0678      LD      HL,CRTOUT
F337 220DF0 0679 SWIT2: LD      (CONOUT+1),HL ;STORE NEW CNSL OUT ADDR
F33A C9      0680      RET
          0681 ;
          0682 ;
          0683 ;*****
          0684 ;*
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