

5 Minutes or 5 Hours?

sorting techniques compared

Time Required to Sort N Items (seconds)

N	Ripple	Modified	Bubble	S-M
50	61	43	33	9
100	245	173	130	21
150	552	390	290	36
300	-	-	1224	85

Number of Swaps of Entries

N	Ripple	Modified	Bubble	S-M
50	1225	1225	1225	105
100	4950	4950	4950	260
150	11175	11175	11175	425
300	-	-	44850	1000

Number of Entry Comparisons

N	Ripple	Modified	Bubble	S-M
50	2450	1225	1225	263
100	9900	4950	4950	668
150	22350	11175	11175	1187
300	-	-	44850	2812

Table 1.

In an attempt to help justify the purchase of a floppy-disk system, I decided to put the computer to some practical use. It seems that not everyone considers piloting the Enterprise and destroying Klingons as a useful function worthy of another kilobuck investment. Using the system to keep track of household expenses seemed to be a good place to start. The Do-All program by Randy Miller (*Kilobaud*, August 1977) provided an ideal program.

After the program was loaded, a list of about a hundred items was entered for my demonstration of the practical advantages of a home computer. Everyone gathered for the show, and the program was run. A command was given to sort the list of data alphabetically. Everyone stared at the printer waiting for the output

from this electronic marvel. Nothing happened.

Taking advantage of the pause and the presence of a captive audience, I discussed the advantages of adding a disk to the wonderful computer. At the end of my rather lengthy discussion there was still nothing on the printer. As time wore on, I began to consider the possibilities: hardware problems, software problems or simply another example of Murphy's Law. I felt there must be something wrong. After all, the Enterprise could move across the entire galaxy in only seconds, so alphabetizing this list could not take that long. Trying to remain cool, I suggested that we leave the computer and come back when it was done.

Much to my surprise, thirty minutes later the sorting was

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5 REM --- RIPPLE SORT ---
6 REM --- SET UP ARRAY ---
10 N=150
20 DIM D(N)
30 J=N
40 FOR I=1 TO N
50 D(I)=J
60 J=J-1
70 NEXT
80 PRINT "*"
90 REM --- START OF SORT ---
100 M=N
105 C=0
110 FOR I=1 TO M-1
120 CM=CM+1
130 IF D(I)<=D(I+1) THEN 160
135 SW=SW+1
140 T=D(I):D(I)=D(I+1):D(I+1)=T
150 C=1
160 NEXT I
170 IF C=1 THEN 105
300 REM --- PRINT RESULTS ---
310 PRINT "SWITCHES =" ;SW
320 PRINT "COMPARISONS =" ;CM
330 PRINT "SIZE -" ;N
OK

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Program A.

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5 REM --- MODIFIED RIPPLE SORT ---
6 REM --- SET UP ARRAY ---
10 N=150
20 DIM D(N)
30 J=N
40 FOR I=1 TO N
50 D(I)=J
60 J=J-1
70 NEXT
80 PRINT "*"
90 REM --- START OF SORT ---
100 M=N
110 C=0
112 M=M-1
115 IF M=0 THEN 300
120 FOR I=1 TO M
125 CM=CM+1
130 IF D(I)<=D(I+1) THEN 160
135 SW=SW+1
140 T=D(I):D(I)=D(I+1):D(I+1)=T
150 C=1
160 NEXT I
170 IF C=1 THEN 110
300 REM --- PRINT RESULTS ---
310 PRINT "SWITCHES =" ;SW
320 PRINT "COMPARISONS =" ;CM
330 PRINT "SIZE -" ;N
OK

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Program B.

complete. The printout revealed that the list had been sorted exactly as requested. What could have caused the delay? Perhaps my 8080 was slow. The benchmark programs in the basic timing comparisons article (*Kilobaud*, June 1977) were run and revealed that my computer ran a little faster than the one used for the article.

Since the program ran properly and the computer was up to speed, the solution to the problem must be in the sorting technique used in the program. An article on sorting routines by Andrew J. Rerko (*Kilobaud*, April 1977) was consulted and some test programs (Programs A, B and C) were run using the Ripple, Modified Ripple and Bubble routines described in the article.

The test programs consisted of setting up an array of N numbers in reverse order and using each of the sorting routines to sort them. The program execution times as well as number of comparisons and the number of element switches were recorded. The results

are shown in Table 1. The results of this test revealed two things: The bubble sort was a little faster than the others, and sorting takes a lot of time. Sorting a simple table of 100 numbers took almost three minutes. No wonder the Do-All program took so long.

None of the common sorting methods described in Mr. Rerko's article would speed up a sorting program significantly. The solution to the problem, if any, would lie in an uncommon sorting routine. An article by John P. Grillo (*Creative Computing*, November 1976) discusses a technique called the Shell-Metzner Sort. This method offered significant speed advantages when sorting large amounts of data. A flowchart of the Shell-Metzner Sort is shown in Fig. 1. The article stated that a projected sort of 10,000,000 items would take 93 years using a bubble sort. Using the S-M technique, sorting the same data would require only 2.5 days. But would it help when sorting small amounts of data?

The benchmark sorting pro-

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5 REM --- BUBBLE SORT ---
6 REM --- SET UP ARRAY ---
10 N=150
20 DIM D(N)
30 J=N
40 FOR I=1 TO N
50 D(I)=J
60 J=J-1
70 NEXT
80 PRINT "*"
90 REM --- START OF SORT ---
100 M=N
110 FOR I=1 TO M-1
120 FOR J=I+1 TO M
125 CM=CM+1
130 IF D(I)<=D(J) THEN 170
135 SW=SW+1
140 T=D(I):D(I)=D(J):D(J)=T
170 NEXT J
180 NEXT I
300 REM --- PRINT RESULTS ---
310 PRINT "SWITCHES =" ;SW
320 PRINT "COMPARISONS =" ;CM
330 PRINT "SIZE -" ;N
OK

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Program C.

gram was run using the S-M method and is shown in Program D. When sorting 150 items, the S-M sort was over

eight times faster than the bubble sort and over 15 times faster than a ripple sort. The bubble sort required over 20 minutes to

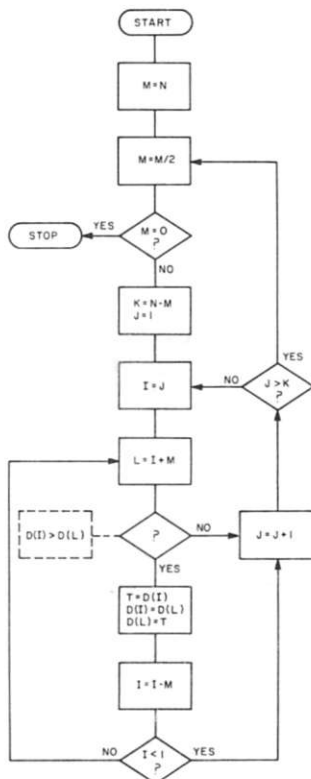


Fig. 1. Shell-Metzner Sort.

sort 300 items. The S-M method required only 85 seconds to sort the same list. The speed advantage of the S-M sort increases dramatically with the size of the list, but it seemed to speed sorts of even small lists.

The next step was to incorporate the S-M sort technique into the Do-All program and try it out. A random list of 100 entries was prepared and sorted by the standard program. Almost 45 minutes were required to sort this list. The Do-All program was then modified to use the S-M sort. Sorting the same list of 100 entries now required less than nine minutes. To modify the Do-All program, remove lines 4050-4115, 4150-4280, 9220-9340 and replace with the new lines shown in Program E.

The only disadvantage I have found with the S-M technique so far is that it does require slightly more code, and it uses five index variables rather than

only one or two as other sorting methods. Following the example benchmark program, it should be possible to use the S-M technique in other sorting programs.

Notes on Programs

All programs were run on an

8080 system with a 2 MHz clock and zero wait states. Mits 8K BASIC (Version 3.2) was used. Variable CM was used to total the number of comparisons between table entries. The variable SW was used to total the number of switches between table entries. ■

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5 REM --- SHELL METZNER SORT ---
6 REM --- SET UP ARRAY ---
10 N=300
20 DIM D(N)
30 J=N
40 FOR I=1 TO N
50 D(I)=J
60 J=J-1
70 NEXT
80 PRINT "*"
90 REM --- START OF SORT ---
100 M=N
110 M=INT(M/2)
120 IF M=0 THEN 300
130 J=1 : K=N-M
140 I=J
150 L=I+M
155 CM=CM+1
160 IF D(I)<D(L) THEN 210
170 T=D(I):D(I)=D(L):D(L)=T
175 SW=SW+1
180 I=I-M
190 IF I<1 THEN 210
200 GOTO 150
210 J=J+1
220 IF J>K THEN 110
230 GOTO 140
300 REM --- PRINT RESULTS ---
310 PRINT "SWITCHES =" ;SW
320 PRINT "COMPARISONS =" ;CM
330 PRINT "SIZE -" ;N
OK
  
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Program D.

LIST 4050

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4050 M=P
4055 M=INT(M/2)
4060 IF M=0 THEN 1140
4065 J=1 : K=(P-1)-M
4070 I=J
4075 L=I+M
4080 IF N(T,I)<=N(T,L) THEN 4105
4085 GOSUB 9210
4090 I=I-M
4095 IF I<1 THEN 4105
4100 GOTO 4075
4105 J=J+1
4110 IF J>K THEN 4055
4115 GOTO 4070
BREAK
OK
LIST 4150
  
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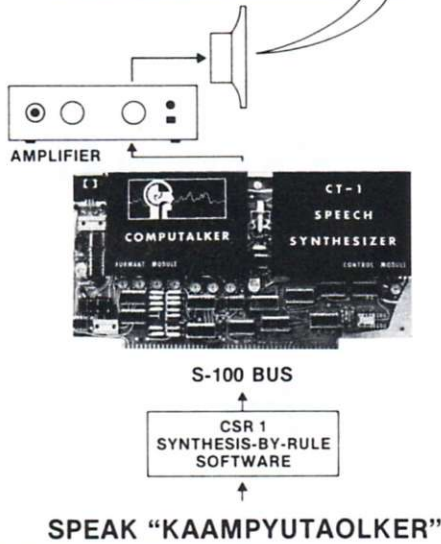
4150 M=P
4160 M=INT(M/2)
4170 IF M=0 THEN 1140
4180 J=1 : K=(P-1)-M
4190 I=J
4200 L=I+M
4210 IF A$(T,I)<=A$(T,L) THEN 4260
4220 GOSUB 9210
4230 I=I-M
4240 IF I<1 THEN 4260
4250 GOTO 4200
4260 J=J+1
4270 IF J>K THEN 4160
4280 GOTO 4190
BREAK
OK
LIST 9220
  
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9220 X1=N(1,L)
9230 X2=N(2,L)
9240 B1$=A$(1,L)
9250 B2$=A$(2,L)
9260 FOR Z=1 TO 2
9270 N(Z,L)=N(Z,I)
9280 A$(Z,L)=A$(Z,I)
9290 NEXT
9300 N(1,I)=X1
9310 N(2,I)=X2
9320 A$(1,I)=B1$
9330 A$(2,I)=B2$
9340 RETURN
BREAK
OK
  
```

Program E.

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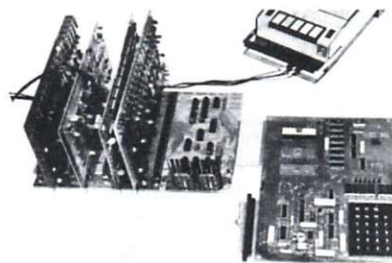
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When I first learned to program I was taught how to sign on to a computer system using a teletypewriter, type in a program and obtain the results at the terminal almost immediately. Other users around me, each working on his own program, were using similar type terminals. It appeared that each user had the entire computer to himself! This amazed and perplexed me. How could a computer run all the terminals and keep track of everybody—all at the same time? I conceded that the system was too complex to analyze (or perhaps it was sheer magic). Eventually I began to understand what went on by fighting my way through books on operating systems. I hope that future computer users will be spared a similar experience.

Last year, I purchased an M6800 system from SWTP. After programming on it for a while, I decided to investigate the possibility of implementing

time-sharing on my system. It turns out to be simpler than you might think.

In this article, I will attempt to explain exactly why one would want to set up time-sharing and how it is done (for an M6800 system). I'll also try to explain some other programming considerations.

What is Time-sharing?

Time-sharing is accomplished by switching rapidly between many users. That means each user is allowed, in turn, a short duration of central processing unit (CPU) or microprocessing unit (MPU) time. This is called a time slice. For example, if the time slice were 50 milliseconds, then each user would use the processor for 50 milliseconds. If the switching is fast enough, the computer operation from each user's point of view will appear continuous.

Why Time-sharing?

The computer in a large system may cost several million dollars. Obviously, buying one computer for each user is extremely impractical. Sharing the computer among many users is a more effective way to utilize the system.

Another reason for time-

sharing is because a computer's input/output (I/O) devices are much slower than the processor. If a terminal is outputting characters at 30 cps, there is sufficient time between characters for other work. Thus, with time-sharing, literally two, three or more times as much work can be accomplished than by a single user.

Most of the reasons given for using time-sharing would also apply to a microcomputer system (perhaps on a smaller scale). One possible argument against its use in microprocessors would be that they're too slow. However, for programs that do a lot of input and output and use little processor time (most games and business-type programs fall into this category), I see no reason why time-sharing cannot be implemented.

Using Interrupts

Proper use of interrupts comes first in implementing time-sharing. The ideas presented here are essentially the same, whether you have a small or large system.

An interrupt is basically a hardware mechanism that makes the microprocessor

stop what it is doing and jump to another program (often known as a service routine). Sometimes it is possible to mask off an interrupt. If this happens, then the interrupt is ignored (or held pending until some later time).

Let's look briefly at the interrupt mechanisms on the SWTP system (which uses MIKBUG). There is a line marked IRQ (for interrupt request). If this line is temporarily grounded and the mask bit is a zero, an interrupt will occur. The system will then jump to the address contained in storage locations \$A000 and \$A001. One nice thing about the M6800 microprocessor is that when interrupted it stores everything (i.e., the condition code, B, A, X and program counter registers) on the stack. This means that little effort is required to remember where each program is when it was stopped. With other processors, you would typically have to store all registers away, which may take many instructions. One danger of this is that if another interrupt occurs before all registers are stored away, some register contents may be lost. The M6800 processor saves everything in one swoop.

Incidentally, you may, if desired, use the nonmaskable interrupt NMI instead of IRQ. The interrupt address would then be stored at locations \$A006 and \$A007. I prefer, however, to use an interrupt that is maskable.

Software

Program A actually implements time-sharing. The comments should aid you in understanding how the program works. It starts at address BEGIN. Also, some hardware must be set up so that an IRQ interrupt is generated at regular intervals (this is explained later). Each time an interrupt is generated, one program is stopped and the next one in line is started. For example, if program 1 is currently executing and we are time-sharing three programs, then four interrupts will result in program 2 being executed (1 then 2 then 3 then 1 then 2). With Pro-

gram A, you may time-share up to 15 different programs.

The part of the program that actually does the time-sharing (the service routine) is statements 69 to 83. Statements 1 to 64 merely initialize various parameters. The initialization routine basically works thus—initially each program is assigned a stack pointer. The stack-pointer addresses differ by 16 bytes. That is, program 1 has a stack-pointer value of END+16, program 2 has a value of END+32, etc. These values are stored at addresses STACK1, STACK2, etc.

The initialization routine also clears the condition-code register and stores the starting address of each program at the appropriate position in each stack. When the RTI instruction is executed, the processor fetches all registers (program counter included in the fetch) from the stack and starts (or resumes) a program at the ap-

propriate address.

The purpose of clearing the condition code in the stack for each program is that when the RTI instruction is executed, the interrupt mask bit will not become set (which would lock up the system). For example, if the stack pointer were at \$0F00, we would clear address \$0F01 and store the starting address at address \$0F06. An RTI instruction would then load the condition-code register with \$00 and the program counter with the number at address \$0F06. Initially, we don't care what the other register contents are.

The service routine performs a very simple function. It stops the current program from executing and runs the next program in line; it accomplishes this by storing away the current stack pointer and loading the next one. When the RTI instruction is executed, we do not return exactly where we left off

(that is, resume execution of the same program) as is normally done. Instead, we go to the next program. This occurs because the stack pointer has been changed.

You will also observe that in the service routine, I purposely store data where instructions are. This is a trick I use to make the service routine execute quickly, although in general this is not good practice. I do have another version of the service routine that does not do this; however, it is slightly longer.

For a simple demonstration of time-sharing, Program B may be used. This program assumes that you have a serial interface port (which uses an ACIA) at the correct baud rate at address \$8008. You will also have to have a terminal plugged in at this address. We will call this terminal 2. Terminal 1 will be at the control interface. If you run the Program B starting

Program A. Time-share program.

STMT	ADDR	CODE	STATEMENT
1	0E00		ORG \$0E00
2	0E00		STRING EQU \$E07E
3	0E00		IN2HEX EQU \$E055
4	0E00		INHEX EQU \$E0AA
5	0E00		CR EQU \$0D
6	0E00		LF EQU \$0A
7	0E00		EOT EQU \$04
8	0E00	CE 0E92	BEGIN LDX #SERVICE
9	0E03	FF A000	STX \$A000 INITIALIZE INTERRUPT REQUEST POINTER
10	0E06	CE 0E61	LDX #MES1
11	0E09	BD E07E	JSR STRING PRINT '#PROGRAMS='
12	0E0C	BD E0AA	JSR INHEX GET NUMBER OF PROGRAMS TO BE TIME SHARED
13	0E0F	B7 0EB2	STA A NUMBER
14	0E12	16	TAB
15	0E13	CE 0EB3	LDX #STACK1
16	0E16	FF 0E5D	STX TEMP0
17	0E19	CE 0EE1	LDX #END+16 X-REG NOW POINTS TO THE BEGINNING
18	0E1C	FF 0E5F	STX TEMP OF THE STACK AREA
19	0E1F	FE 0E5D	A1 LDX TEMP0 LOAD ADDRESS OF STACK I
20	0E22	FF 0E2E	STX ST0+1
21	0E25	08	INX
22	0E26	08	INX
23	0E27	FF 0E5D	STX TEMP0 STORE ADDRESS OF STACK I+1
24	0E2A	FE 0E5F	LDX TEMP
25	0E2D	FF FFFF	ST0 STX \$FFFF INITIALIZE STACK I
26	0E30	6F 01	CLR 1,X CLEAR CONDITION CODE REGISTER I
27	0E32	86 06	LDA A #6
28	0E34	8D 22	BSR ADD
29	0E36	FF 0E4A	STX ST+1 THE X-REG NOW POINTS TO THE ADDRESS WHERE THE
30	0E39	86 0A	LDA A #10 STARTING ADDRESS OF PROGRAM I STARTS
31	0E3B	8D 1B	BSR ADD
32	0E3D	FF 0E5F	STX TEMP THE ADDRESS OF THE NEXT STACK WILL BE 16
33	0E40	CE 0E73	LDX #MES2 BYTES AWAY FROM THE CURRENT STACK
34	0E43	BD E07E	JSR STRING PRING 'START='
35	0E46	BD 0E7C	JSR INPUTX INPUT STARTING ADDRESS
36	0E49	FF FFFF	ST STX \$FFFF INITIALIZE PROGRAM COUNTER I
37	0E4C	5A	DEC B
38	0E4D	26 D0	BNE A1

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39 0E4F      86      01          LDA  A  #1          BEGIN RUNNING PROGRAM#1
40 0E51      B7      0EB1         STA  A  STATUS
41 0E54      BE      0EB3         LDS  A  STACK1
42 0E57      3B
43 0E58      08          ADD  INX          THIS SUBROUTINE INCREASES THE X-REG
44 0E59      4A          DEC  A           BY THE VALUE IN THE A-REG
45 0E5A      26      FC         BNE  ADD
46 0E5C      39          RTS
47 0E5D          TEMPO  RMB      2
48 0E5F          TEMP   RMB      2
49 0E61      0D0A     MES1   FCB      CR,LF
50 0E63      2350     FCC      /#PROGRAMS(1-F)?/
          524F
          4752
          414D
          5328
          312D
          4629
          3F
51 0E72      04          FCB      EOT
52 0E73      0D0A     MES2   FCB      CR,LF
53 0E75      5354     FCC      /START = /
          4152
          543D
54 0E7B      04          FCB      EOT
55 0E7C      36          INPUTX PSH  A           SUBROUTINE TO INPUT THE X-REG
56 0E7D      37          PSH  B
57 0E7E      BD      E055     JSR          IN2HEX
58 0E81      B7      0E90     STA  A           DATA
59 0E84      BD      E055     JSR          IN2HEX
60 0E87      B7      0E91     STA  A           DATA + 1
61 0E8A      FE      0E90     LDX          DATA
62 0E8D      33          PUL  B
63 0E8E      32          PUL  A
64 0E8F      39          RTS
65 0E90          DATA  RMB      2
66          *
67          *THE PURPOSE OF THIS SERVICE ROUTINE IS TO
68          *STOP PROGRAM I AND BEGIN RUNNING PROGRAM I+1
69 0E92      CE      0EB1     SERVICE LDX  #STACK1-2
70 0E95      B6      0EB1     LDA  A  STATUS   DETERMINE THE PROGRAM CURRENTLY EXECUTING
71 0E98      48          ASL  A
72 0E99      B7      0E9D     STA  A  ST1+1
73 0E9C      AF      00      ST1   STS  X           SAVE THE STACK POINTER AT THE APPROPRIATE
74 0E9E      47          ASR  A           ADDRESS(STACK1,STACK2, . . . ,STACKF)
75 0E9F      4C          INC  A           BEGIN TO EXECUTE THE NEXT PROGRAM
76 0EA0      B1      0EB2     CMP  A  NUMBER   CHECK FOR WRAP AROUND
77 0EA3      2F      02      BLE  L3
78 0EA5      86      01          LDA  A  #1
79 0EA7      B7      0EB1     L3   STA  A  STATUS   IF WRAP AROUND EXISTS EXECUTE PROGRAM#1
80 0EAA      48          ASL  A           INDICATE THAT THE NEXT PROGRAM IS EXECUTING
81 0EAB      B7      0EAF     STA  A  ST2+1
82 0EAE      AE      00      ST2   LDS  X           LOAD THE APPROPRIATE STACK POINTER
83 0EB0      3B          RTI          BEGIN ACTUAL EXECUTION
84 0EB1          STATUS  RMB      1           CURRENT PROGRAM IN EXECUTION(1 TO F)
85 0EB2          NUMBER  RMB      1           TOTAL NUMBER OR PROGRAMS TO BE TIME SHARED
86 0EB3          STACK1  RMB      2           STACK POINTER FOR PROGRAM#1
87 0EB5          STACK2  RMB      2           STACK POINTER FOR PROGRAM#2
88 0EB7          STACK3  RMB      2           . . . ETC . . .
89 0EB9          STACK4  RMB      2
90 0EBB          STACK5  RMB      2
91 0EBD          STACK6  RMB      2
92 0EBF          STACK7  RMB      2
93 0EC1          STACK8  RMB      2
94 0EC3          STACK9  RMB      2
95 0EC5          STACKA  RMB      2
96 0EC7          STACKB  RMB      2
97 0EC9          STACKC  RMB      2
98 0ECB          STACKD  RMB      2
99 0ECD          STACKE  RMB      2
100 0ECF          STACKF  RMB      2
101          *
102 0ED1          END     EQU      *
103          *
104 A048          ORG      $A048
105 A048      0E00     FDB      BEGIN

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SYMBOL	VALUE	DEFN	REFERENCES
STRING	E07E	2	11 34

at address \$0000, a series of zeros should be printed out on terminal 2. Starting at address \$0008 will result in a printout of all ones.

We will now time-share both parts of this program. For this part, first press the reset button. This will set the mask bit to a one. Now set the interrupt rate to a very slow value, say once every ten seconds if possible. (We'll discuss the hardware to accomplish this in a moment.) Now run Program A, starting at address BEGIN (\$0E00). You will then be required to type in the number of programs you want (this is a single hex number from 1 to F) to time-share, followed by their respective starting addresses. The data is entered as follows:

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#PROGRAMS(1-F)?2
START=0000
START=0008
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After having done the above, you should see the printout at terminal 2 alternate between strings of zeros and strings of ones. If you slowly increase the interrupt rate you will notice that the respective strings become shorter and shorter.

If you do not have a second terminal, you may unplug the terminal from the control interface in each of the above steps and plug it into the other port after having typed a G. Be very careful when doing this; you should avoid the practice in general.

Perhaps you have wondered why I used another I/O port and not MIKBUG directly. MIKBUG outputs a character by software, bit by bit. If you were to interrupt the output routine, the output bits would not appear at the proper time. That is, you cannot output part of a character now and the other part later. This problem does not occur with an ACIA because a character is output by a single store instruction.

Hardware

As stated previously, interrupts must be generated at regular intervals. An interrupt should be generated by a pulse that grounds the IRQ line for a very short duration before

returning to a high state. This is because the IRQ line must return to its high state before the service routine has completed its job. If this is not done, then another interrupt will occur immediately after the service is completed, causing some programs to be skipped in execution. A pulse duration of 50 microseconds works quite well. An interrupt will not occur inside the service routine because the mask bit will be set at that time. If, however, you decide to use NMI instead, your pulse must be much narrower (e.g., 10 microseconds). Otherwise, the service routine may keep interrupting itself, which can lead to difficulties!

If you have a signal generator that can generate a pulse, so much the better. I also understand that SWTP now has available an interrupt timer board. In place of these alternatives, you may use the circuit shown in Fig. 1. There are no doubt other circuits that will work as well. Resistors R1 and

IN2HEX	E055	3	57	59
INHEX	E0AA	4	12	
CR	000D	5	49	52
LF	000A	6	49	52
EOT	0004	7	51	54
BEGIN	0E00	8	105	
A1	0E1F	19	38	
ST0	0E2D	25	20	
ST	0E49	36	29	
ADD	0E58	43	28	31
TEMP0	0E5D	47	16	19
TEMP	0E5F	48	18	24
MES1	0E61	49	10	
MES2	0E73	52	33	
INPUTX	0E7C	55	35	
DATA	0E90	65	58	60
SERVICE	0E92	69	8	
ST1	0E9C	73	72	
L3	0EA7	79	77	
ST2	0EAE	82	81	
STATUS	0EB1	84	40	70
NUMBER	0EB2	85	13	76
STACK1	0EB3	86	15	41
STACK2	0EB5	87		
STACK3	0EB7	88		
STACK4	0EB9	89		
STACK5	0EBB	90		
STACK6	0EBD	91		
STACK7	0EBF	92		
STACK8	0EC1	93		
STACK9	0EC3	94		
STACKA	0EC5	95		
STACKB	0EC7	96		
STACKC	0EC9	97		
STACKD	0ECB	98		
STACKE	0ECD	99		
STACKF	0ECF	100		
END	0ED1	102	17	

STMT	ADDR	CODE	STATEMENT
1	0000	8D 0E	PRGRM1 BSR SETUP
2	0002	86 30	LOOP1 LDA A #0
3	0004	8D 18	BSR OUTPUT
4	0006	20 FA	BRA LOOP1
5	0008	8D 06	PRGRM2 BSR SETUP
6	000A	86 31	LOOP2 LDA A #1
7	000C	8D 10	BSR OUTPUT
8	000E	20 FA	BRA LOOP2
9	0010	FE 001C	SETUP LDX ACIA
10	0013	86 13	LDA A #\$13
11	0015	A7 00	STA A 0,X
12	0017	86 11	LDA A #\$11
13	0019	A7 00	STA A 0,X
14	001B	39	RTS
15	001C	8008	ACIA FDB \$8008
16	001E	DE 1C	OUTPUT LDX ACIA
17	0020	C6 02	T1 LDA B #\$02
18	0022	E4 00	AND B 0,X
19	0024	27 FA	BEQ T1
20	0026	A7 01	STA A 1,X
21	0028	39	RTS

SYMBOL	VALUE	DEFN	REFERENCES
PRGM1	0000	1	
LOOP1	0002	2	4
PRGRM2	0008	5	
LOOP2	000A	6	8
SETUP	0010	9	1 5
ACIA	001C	15	9 16
OUTPUT	001E	16	3 7
T1	0020	17	19

Program B. Test program.

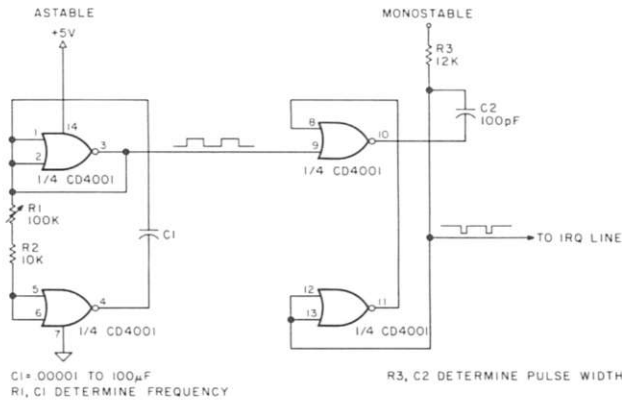


Fig. 1. Interrupt-oscillator circuit.

C1 may be changed to vary the interrupt rate.

The question of how often we generate an interrupt now arises. Suppose we were to generate an interrupt once every ten seconds. If each user were printing out data, the printing would be done in spurts. Another problem would be that a user might type in data while another program was being run, resulting in input being lost. If we increased the interrupt rate fast enough, the output would appear smooth and continuous. Also it would be impossible for a person to type so fast that some data might be lost. So, it would seem that the faster we generate interrupts, the better.

The problem, however, is that the service routine takes a fixed amount of time to perform its duties. As we increase the rate of interrupting, the percentage of time the microprocessor is in the service routine increases. It is possible to generate interrupts so fast that 99 percent of the time is spent in the service routine, meaning that only one

percent of the processing time actually performs useful work. Therefore, we should try to choose an optimal interrupt rate. I find that 100 interrupts per second works well. You should experiment to determine what works best for you. You could also determine the optimal rate mathematically; this would require that you examine matters in more detail.

Programming Considerations

Suppose you are time-sharing two or more programs at the same time. If these programs are in different segments of memory, there are no problems. Often, however, it is desirable that programs be able to share the same subroutines; this is necessary for large programs.

For example, BASIC might take up approximately 8K bytes. If each of four users had his own copy of BASIC, we would need at least 32K! If all four users could use one copy of BASIC at the same time we would need only 8K, resulting in a tremendous saving in memory (of course, each user still

needs his own area to store his program).

But wait a minute! You cannot take any subroutine and expect it to work on a time-shared basis. As a matter of fact, most subroutines would not work at all. A subroutine that is reentrant is needed. A reentrant subroutine is defined as one that may be employed by many users at the same time (i.e., on a time-shared BASIC). Let's go over some examples of reentrant and non-reentrant subroutines.

Let's say we wanted to write a subroutine that would add the contents of the A register to that of the B register and store the result in the B register. It is also desired that the A register not be modified when we return from this subroutine. The subroutine in Program C will accomplish this for a single user and will prove to be non-reentrant.

Suppose two users call this routine at about the same time, and the values of the A register for both users are \$01 and \$02, respectively, upon entry into the subroutine. User 1 enters the subroutine and executes the first three instructions before an interrupt occurs. Location TEMP will then contain a value of \$01.

Let us now assume that after the interrupt, program 2 enters the subroutine and is interrupted after three instructions have been executed. Location TEMP now has a value of \$02. After the interrupt, user 1 will resume execution and execute statement 4, a load instruction. The A register will now contain a value of \$02. We will then

return from the subroutine.

You will immediately notice that from user 1's point of view, the value of the A register has been changed from \$01 to \$02 upon leaving the subroutine. This was not intended. So, we have here an example of a subroutine that works for one user, but falls apart for two.

Now, let us write the same subroutine in a different way, as shown in Program D. This subroutine turns out to be reentrant. We'll assume the same sequence of events as in the previous example. User 1 will save \$01 by pushing it onto its own stack. When user 2 enters the subroutine, it saves \$02 on its own stack. The crucial point here is that each program has its own stack. Consequently, \$01 and \$02 are stored in different locations. When each program executes the PUL A instruction, it does so with respect to its own stack. This means that the proper values are restored. Two or more users can therefore use this subroutine at the same time!

Another example of reentrant programming can be found in the Motorola M6800 Programming Manual. For example, on pages 10-12 a reentrant 16-bit multiplication subroutine is depicted. The key technique here is that everything is first pushed onto the stack. The TSX (Transfer Stack Pointer to Index) is then executed. All instructions that follow are executed in the indexed mode. This is equivalent to the work area being in the stack. Nowhere in the program is there a label designating a storage location.

STMT	ADDR	CODE	STATEMENT
1	0000	B7 0009	ADD STA A TEMP SAVE A-REGISTER
2	0003	1B	ABA
3	0004	16	TAB
4	0005	B6 0009	LDA A TEMP RESTORE A-REGISTER
5	0008	39	RTS
6	0009		TEMP RMB 1

SYMBOL	VALUE	DEFN	REFERENCES
ADD	0000	1	
TEMP	0009	6	1 4

Program C. A non-reentrant subroutine.

STMT	ADDR	CODE	STATEMENT		
1	0000	36	ADD	PSH A	SAVE A-REGISTER
2	0001	1B		ABA	
3	0002	16		TAB	
4	0003	32		PUL A	RESTORE A-REGISTER
5	0004	39		RTS	

SYMBOL	VALUE	DEFN	REFERENCES
ADD	0000	1	

Program D. A reentrant subroutine.

In general, writing reentrant subroutines may be easy or difficult, depending on the type of instruction set available. For example, if the M6800 microprocessor had a PSH X instruction, the task of reentrant programming would be greatly simplified. Other processors have defects of their own. Perhaps in the future someone will design a stack-oriented microprocessor. Reentrant programming may then become a trivial task. Incidentally, stack processors have other advantages than the one given.

You must be careful, though, that the stack pointer does not change too much from its initial value. At the start of execution, the stack pointers of all programs initially differ by 16. This will change slightly throughout the course of execution. For example, if we were in program 1, an interrupt might occur after we had jumped to a subroutine. This would cause the stack pointer to differ by 2 from its initial value. If we nested subroutines too deeply, say 8 or 9, we could change the stack pointer so much that we'd wipe

out the stack of another program! This problem can be solved, however, by initially separating the stack pointers by more than 16.

Since the time-sharing routine uses the stack pointer for its own bookkeeping, you must be careful what you do with the stack pointer. A common technique is to use the stack pointer to point to a list of numbers. This will not work if the stack pointer is pointing to, say, the middle of a list of numbers. It won't work because on interrupt, the regis-

ters that are stored in the stack will destroy some numbers in the list. Jumping to a subroutine or doing PSHES and PULLS modify the stack pointer but are not harmful because the stack pointer is changed in a way that won't change valid data in the stack.

Remarks

In this article, I have tried to point out some of the essential points that must be understood in order to implement time-sharing. I hope I've taken some of the mystery out of it. ■

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Cassette Recorder Disaster: Ground Loops

the problem, and a solution



Photo 1. Cable adapter made from standard parts.

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Photo 2. The ungrounding adapter is inserted between the computer and the recorder in the EAR or AUX lines.

recorder was not designed to input audio (data or otherwise) via its AUX or MIC jack, and an instant later feed audio out through the EAR jack—with all jacks tied to a common external ground. Many recorders do not even have a common *internal* ground for these jacks and the REM motor control jack. Those that do usually have a relatively high-resistance ground. When this shaky ground system is tied to the computer's common ground by way of three separate shielded cables (DATA-in, DATA-out and REMOTE motor control), the ground loops created can completely destroy the reliability of the recording system.

A Way Around this Hummer

The standard way out of this ground-loop problem is to unplug either the DATA-in or DATA-out plug from the recorder, whichever is not in use. It usually works but is inconvenient, particularly for the half-way serious computer user who values his time. Fortunately, there are a couple of simple and inexpensive solutions (until more suitable recorders hit the market at the right price).

Photo 1 shows a simple cable adapter made from standard parts. It consists of a mini-plug, minijack and a short (the shorter the better) piece of *unshielded* wire. This wire is soldered *only* to the "hot" (center) connectors of both plug and jack.

This ungrounding adapter is inserted between the computer and the recorder in the EAR line or the AUX line, as shown in Photo 2. Given the choice, it is better to use an unbroken shield to the AUX jack to assure a good-quality recording. A properly recorded tape can always be reloaded, but a bad tape cannot. Keep power supplies and other possible sources of interference away from this unshielded adapter. It works well.

The second ground-looping solution is a variation on the same theme, but it also solves the annoying problem of lack of convenient motor control. Two jacks, one miniature (to match

The ordinary household cassette recorder was not designed with anything as exotic as digital data recording in mind. Computer experimenters pressed the recorder into this role. All things considered, the device works well. However, two problems immediately arise—low-level ground loops, which can badly degrade the system's reliability, and the lack of a convenient means of overriding the computer's control of the drive motor. We'll address the problems separately.

Why the Ho Hum

The standard cassette

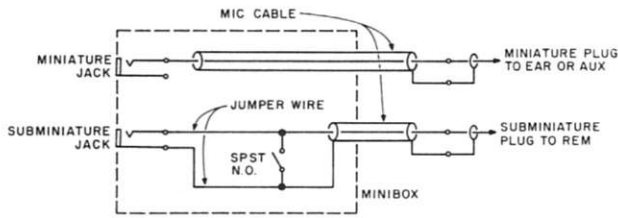


Fig. 1.

the EAR plug) and one subminiature (to match the REM motor plug), are mounted in a small plastic case. The one shown in Photo 3 was used to hold a burglar-alarm panic switch. A shielded cable is run from the EAR jack in the box to the EAR plug for the recorder. Note in Fig. 1 that the shielded part of the cable is not attached to break the ground loop. Another shielded cable is run from the REM jack to the REM plug for the recorder, but its ground integrity is maintained.

Similar switch boxes are equipped with an SPST normally closed switch. If this is the case with the one you select, replace the switch with a

similar SPST switch with normally *open* contacts, as shown in Fig. 1. Unshielded jumper wires are then connected from the switch to the subminiature REM Jack-in-the-box (sorry about that!). Paralleling the REM line with the push-button switch allows us to turn on the motor.

We can always turn the recorder *off* with its normal STOP button. This arrangement allows us to turn the motor on for purposes of rewinding tape, advancing a cassette past the leader or going fast forward to find a certain spot on the tape.

Photo 4 shows this handy auxiliary control box installed with a Radio Shack TRS-80

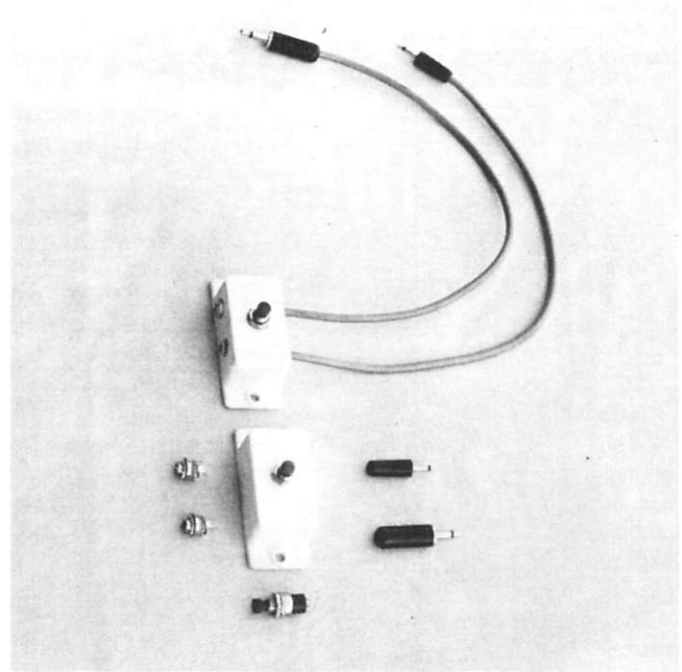


Photo 3. Small case with mounted jacks.

computer system. It should work as well with any other.

Success

Both of these solutions to

nuisance problems work well, are inexpensive and require no special tools or skill. Give them a try, and see how much more you enjoy your computer. ■

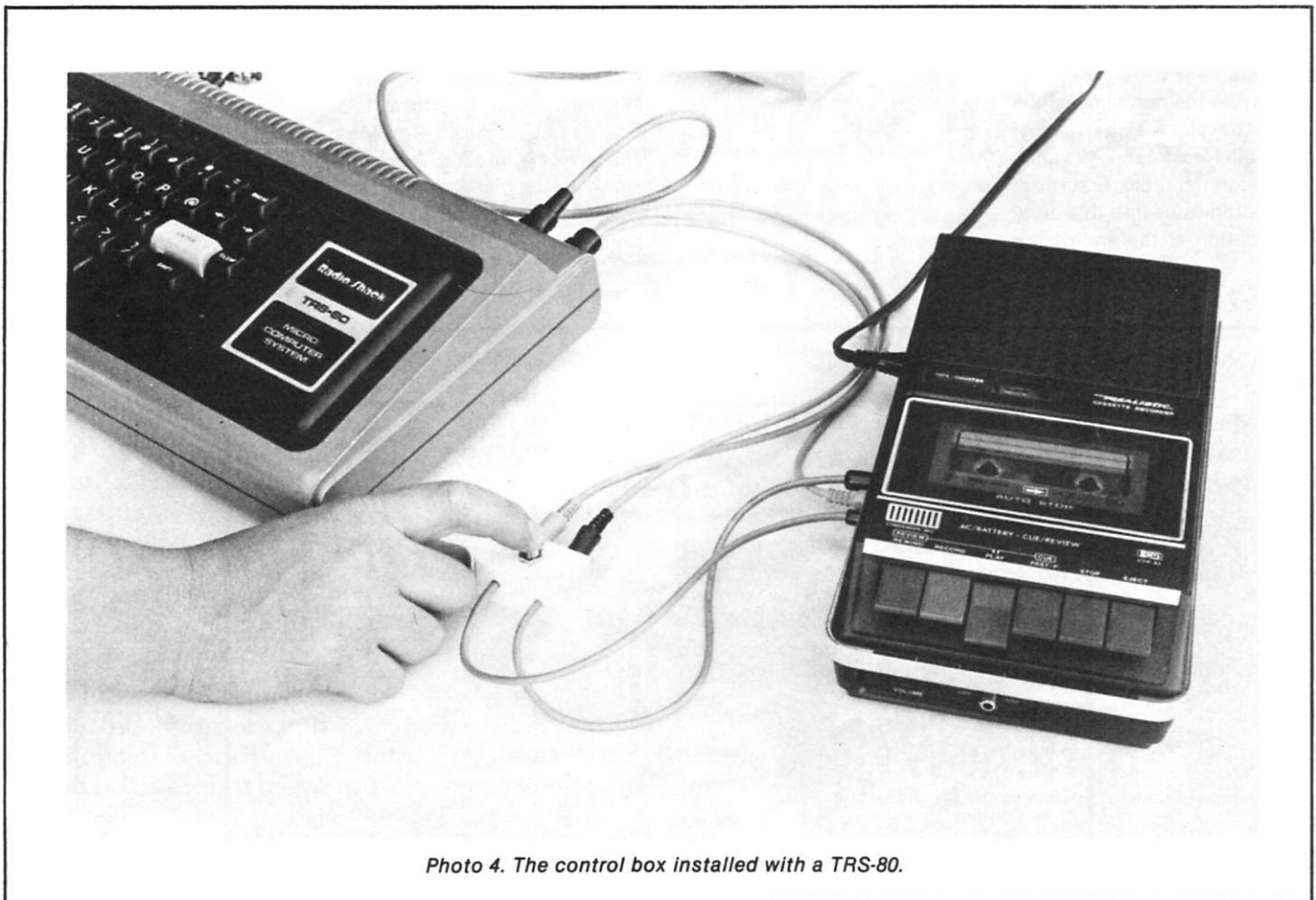


Photo 4. The control box installed with a TRS-80.

A Different Search Technique

don't just try it—benchmark it

Good things *can* come in small packages. This programming trick is so simple it can easily retrofit to existing programs; yet, it can substantially reduce the time needed to search a table.

The traditional method of searching a table is shown in Fig. 1. First, a loop index is initialized. Then a loop is executed, comparing the table element with the search argument and incrementing the loop index until either a match is found or the table is exhausted. When the loop is exited, the loop index points either to the location of the matching table element or, if no match was found, to the last table element plus one.

The new method dimensions one extra place at the end of the table for a "dummy" value. To search the table, first move the search value into this dummy location at the end of the

table; then initialize the loop index and begin looping through

the table. This time, however, only search for a match and increment the loop index within the loop. You don't need to test for the end of the table... if you haven't found a match by then, you will be on the last table entry because you've already moved the search argument into this last entry. Thus, you save one comparison for each table entry searched (see Fig. 2).

Depending on the language and the way the computer implements subscripts, this trick can save as much as half the time needed for the search. That's pretty good for such a small change!

I learned this programming trick from the advertising brochure of Software Consulting Services of Allentown PA. Further details may be found in *The Art of Computer Programming*, Vol. 3, "Sorting and Searching," by Donald E. Knuth. ■

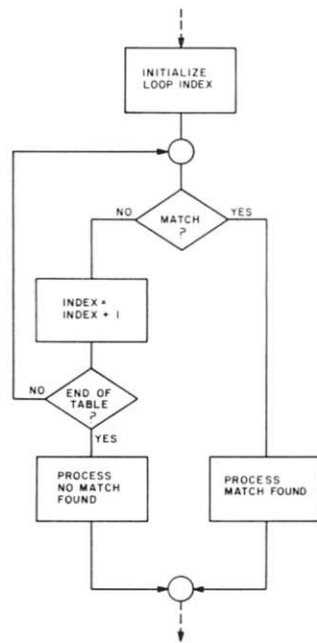


Fig. 1. Traditional table-searching method.

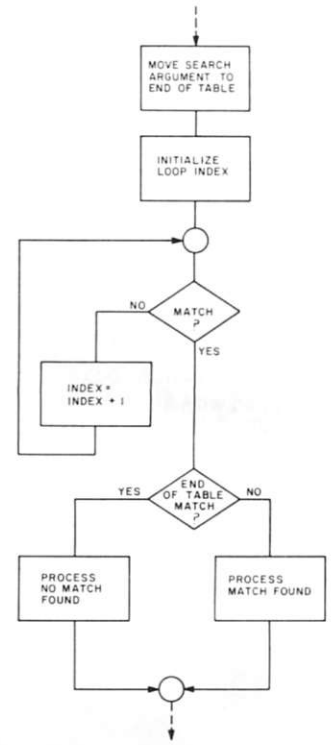


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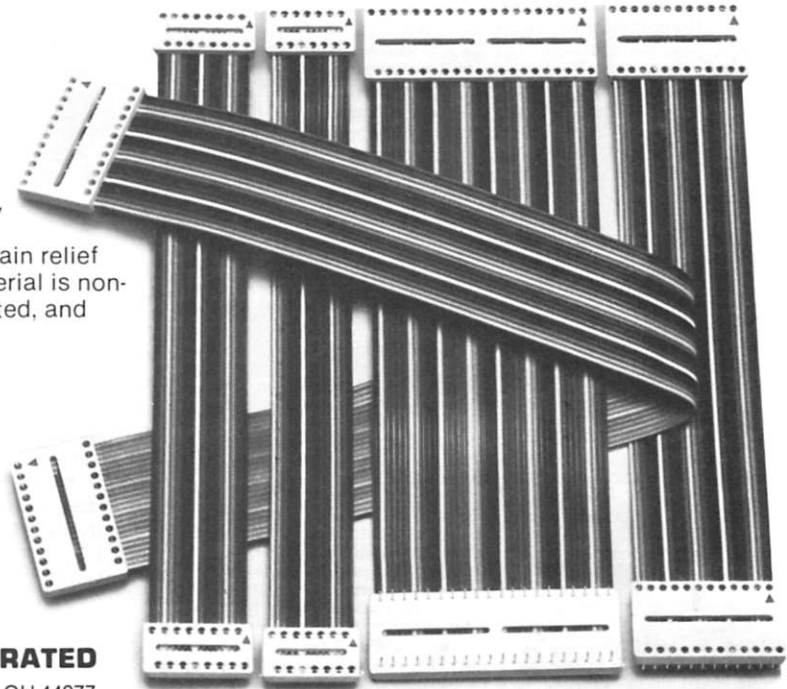
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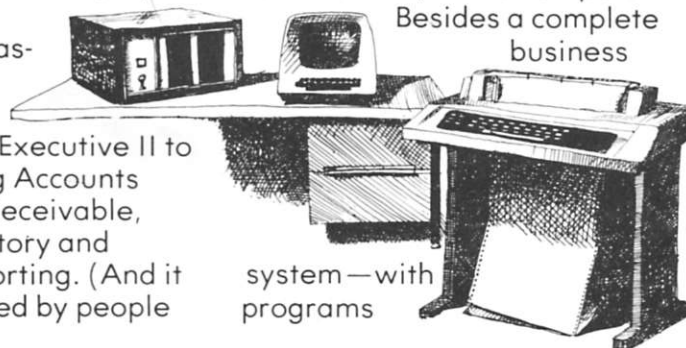
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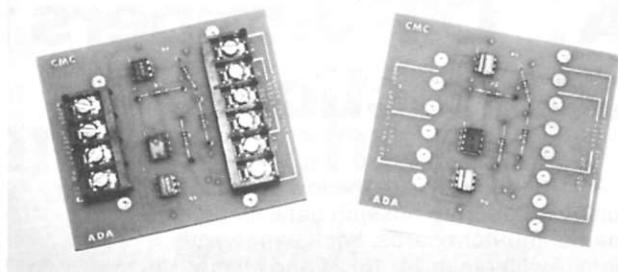
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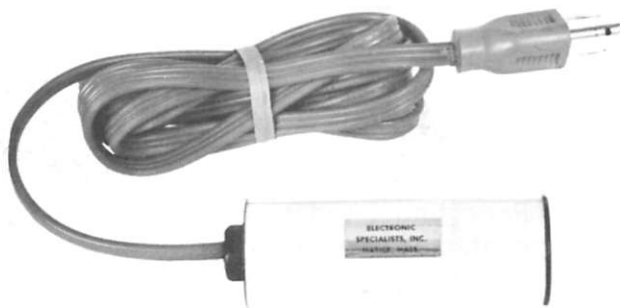
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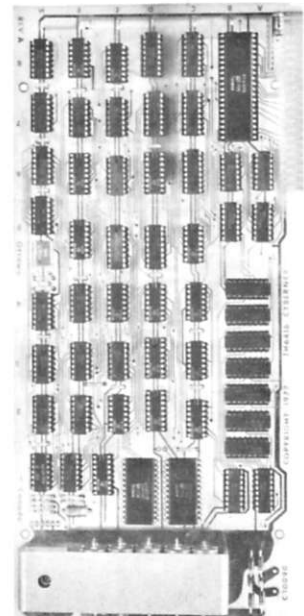
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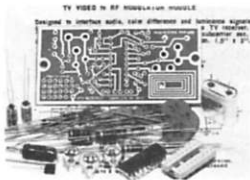
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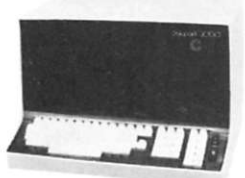
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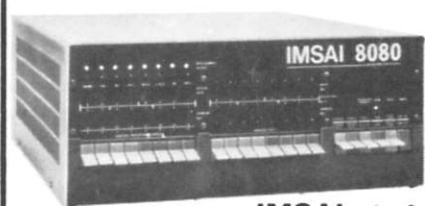
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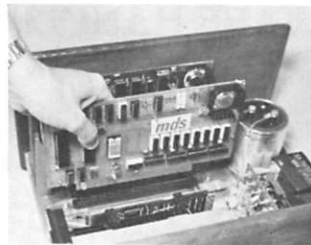
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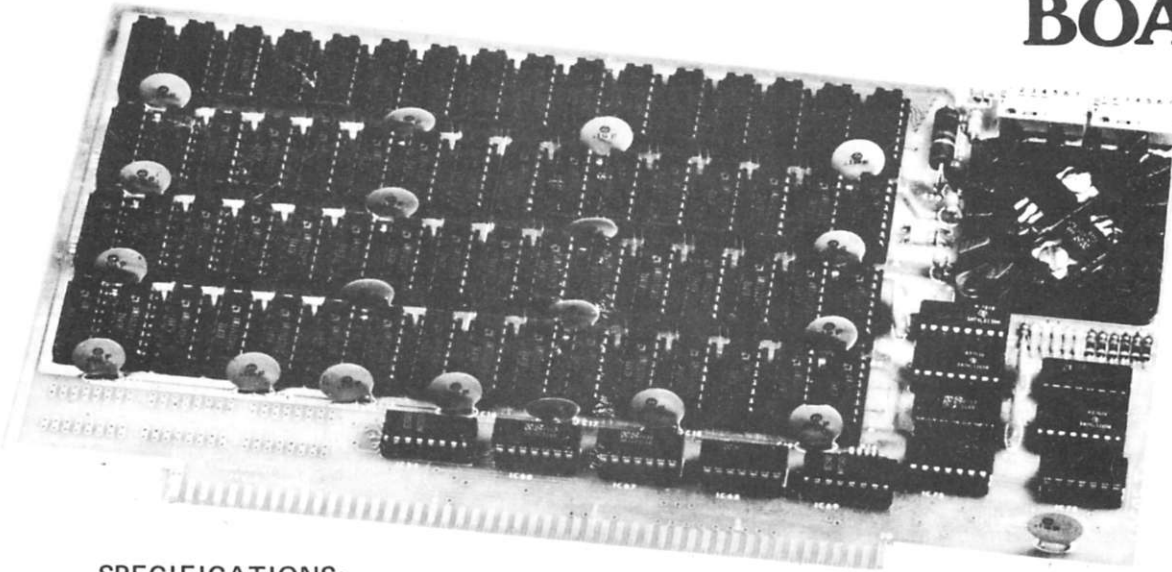
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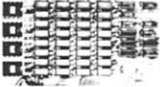
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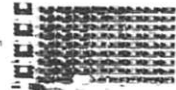


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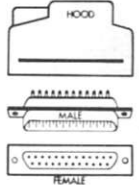


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CURRENT	1 mA	±1.0%	±1.0%	1 μA	10 MΩ	1 mA
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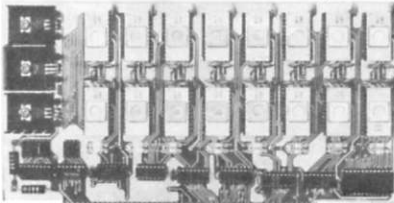
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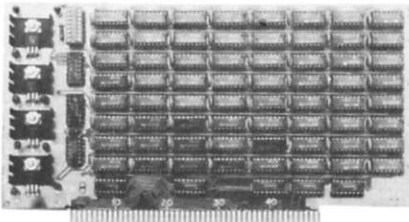
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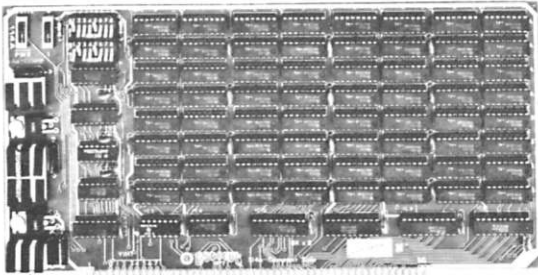
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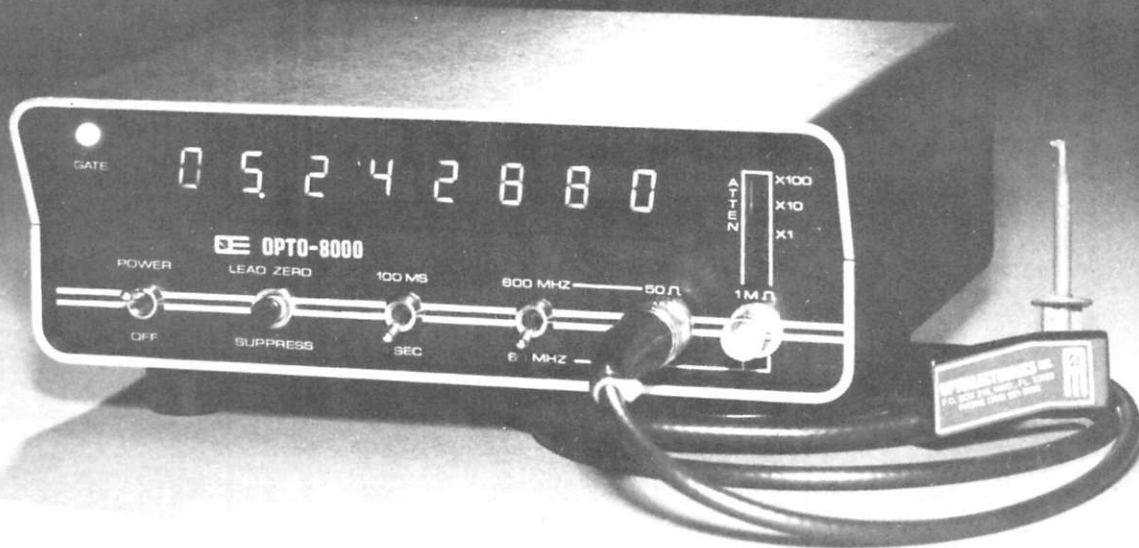
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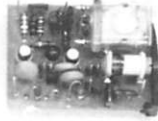
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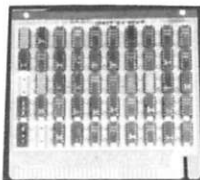
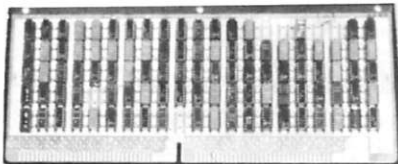
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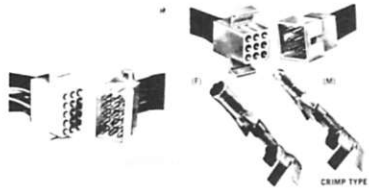
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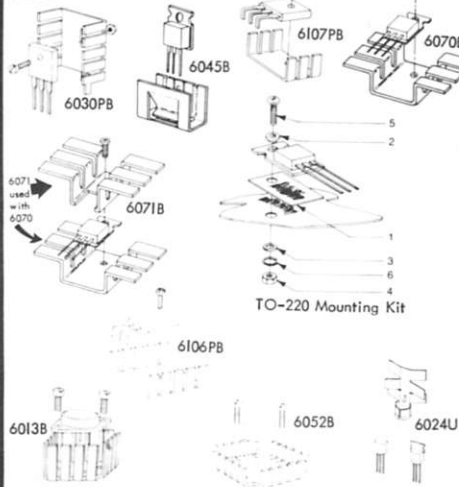
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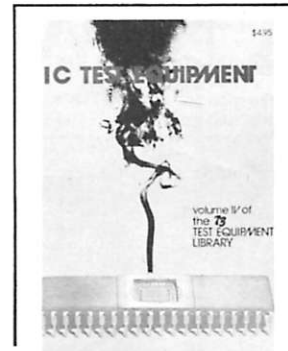
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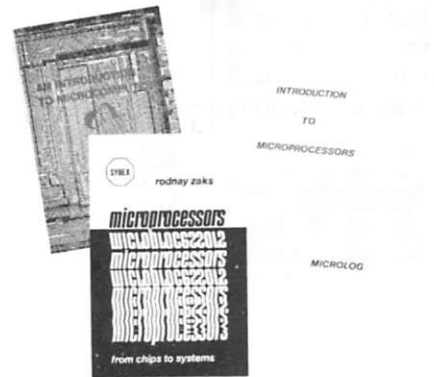
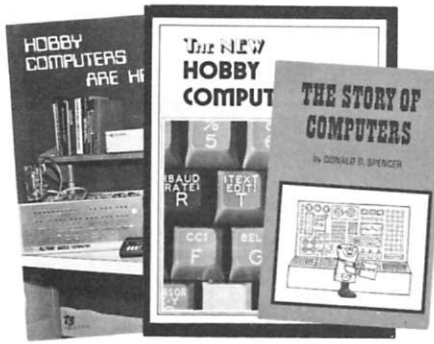
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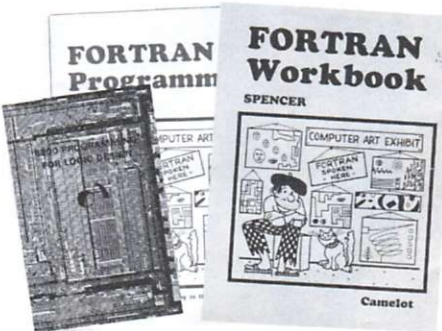
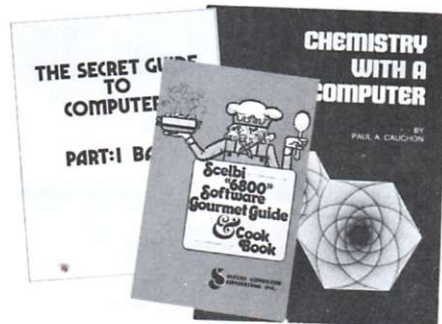
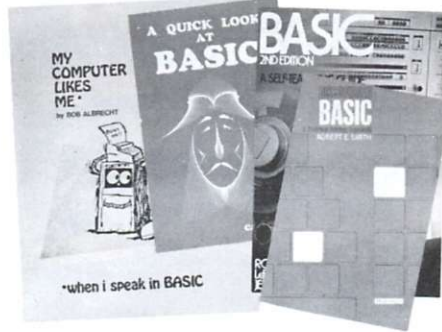
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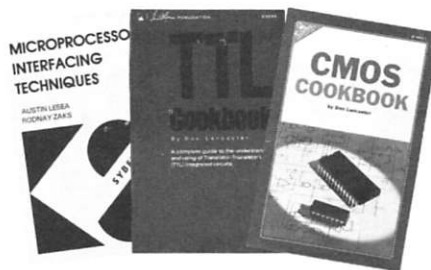
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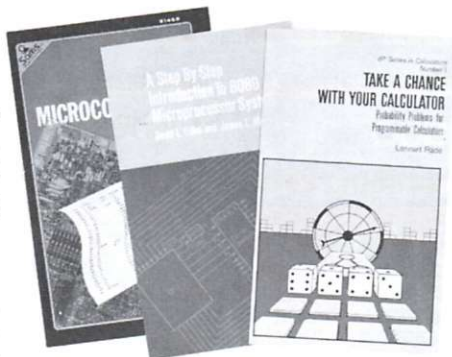
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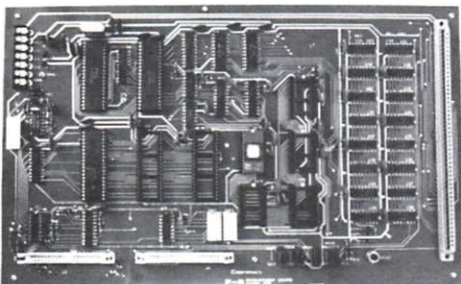
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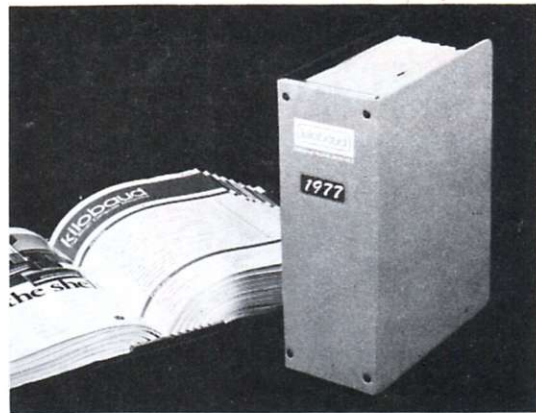
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