

Micro-Minutes

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SYSTEM PARTS

1. Cabinet Parts -

Distribution on cabinet parts will start very soon. The initial distribution will include frames, struts, and internal sheet metal parts plus assembly hardware. The covers, card cage, and dress panels for the front are part of the cabinet order; they will be distributed later. Assembly instruction for the cabinet and the power supply schematic will follow.

2. CPU -

The CPU board has been tested successfully at 4 MHz and works fully. A revised layout is being made. This will be tested before a production run is made.

3. Mother Boards -

The PC board is in production and we have started to receive connectors.

The Mother Boards Have Arrived !!

4. Front Panel Board -

The front panel board has been debugged and is being laid out. Orders will be taken after distribution of cabinet parts.

5. Other Boards -

The 16 K RAM board is being debugged

The I/O board is being debugged

The EPROM board is being debugged

The video memory and video boards are being wire-wrapped

Design of the modem board is near completion

SOFTWARE COMMITTEE REPORT

The software committee has designed the syntax of the system monitor. It is designed to operate on a cassette based system. A description of the monitor is included.

MEETINGS

No meetings are currently scheduled.

FUTURE ORDERS

Front panel board - February

CPU board - March

The software committee has met several times, and at our last meeting, we designed the syntax of the monitor we will develop. The monitor is designed for a cassette based system, which is the minimum configuration. Further, the files that we write on the cassette will have labels so a name, length and execution address may be kept with the program.

The following table presents the syntax. Note: <> indicates select one of the options, [] indicates an optional parameter, and << >> indicates a comment.

COMMAND	COMMENTS
J [address]	<<Jump to the address and >> <<start executing >> <<Defaults are derived >> <<from previous B or G cmd>>
D < <range > <register>	<<Display or Dump prints >> <<out memory locations or >> <<registers. >> <<Display puts user into >> <<a mode where successive >> <<locations can be viewed >>
S < <range > <register>	<<Substitue. Like Display >> <<puts user into a mode >> <<where successive >> <<locations can be viewed >> <<and modified >>
G [name] [load address]	<<Get the named file from >> <<cassette and load it at >> <<the load address. >> <<A G with no parms gets >> <<the next file on the >> <<tape. File names that >> <<are skipped are printed >> <<so G ZZZ lists all files>> <<on the tape if ZZZ isn't>> <<on the tape >>
P name range [execution address]	<<Put the locations >> <<specified in the range >> <<on the tape and if the >> <<exec. addr. is specified>> <<put it in the header >>

I port#	<<Input. Read the port >> <<and print out the value >>
O port# value	<<Output. Write the value >> <<to the designated port >>
[<address>] B [< >] [< @ >]	<<Breakpoint. If no parm >> <<then display breakpoints>> <<If address set bkpt. If >> <<B@ then clear all bkpts.>>
M range address	<<Move the range to the >> <<designated address >>
C range value	<<Compare the value(s) >> <<at the location(s) in >> <<range with the value >> <<provided >>
F range [value]	<<Fill memory in range >> <<with value. If no value>> <<range is filled with >> <<binary zeros >>
L range value	<<Locate the value in the >> <<range >>
U char address	<<Use. This defines char >> <<as a user defined >> <<command. Char must not >> <<be a Hexadecimal >> <<character nor a command >> <<character. >>
char [value] [value] [value]	<<Invokes user defined >> <<command. 1st value is in>> <<HL, 2nd is in DE and 3rd>> <<in BC >>

Between any of the above parameters there should be a blank or a comma, with the exception that no delimiter is required after the command character (a blank or comma is accepted there also).

MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS

range is of the form:

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address <blank>
address < , > number
address < - >

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if a blank or a comma separates address and number, then number is interpreted as a count. That is, the range starts at address and continues up to address + number - 1. If a hyphen separates address and number, number is interpreted as an address, the last location in the range.

registers have the following form:

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< <A> >
< <B> >
< <C> >
< <D> >
< <#> <E> >
< <$> <F> >
< <X> >
< <Y> >
< <S> >
< <P> >
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denotes the first register set, \$ the second register set.

COMMENTS

A carriage return terminates a command.

control-C returns to monitor. This is useful in D and S mode to get out of display or substitute mode.

DEL, Backspace, Underscore, and control-H are accepted as backspace.

control-X cancels entire line.

Error is signaled by a "? bell".

control-S stops listing. A subsequent control-S or control-Q restarts it.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please forward them in writing to Ed Birss in building 48N.