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Preface

Our book is targeted for students of electronics and computer sciences. First part of the book contains 15 original applications working on the PIC microcontroller. They are: lighting diodes, communication with RS232 (bit-banging), interfacing to 7-segment and LCD displays, interfacing to matrix keypad 3 x 4, working with PWM module and other. They cover 1 semester teaching of microcontroller programming or similar classes. The book has schematics diagrams and source codes in assembly with their detailed description.

All tests were prepared on the basis of the original documentation (data sheets, application notes). Sometimes, encountering problems we looked for help on various forums in the world with people involved in the hi tech challenges.

Next three chapters: The Stack, Tables and Table instruction and Data memory pertains to PIC18F1320. Software referred to is also in assembly language.

Finally we describe the application of the PIC24FJ microcontroller with the 240x128 LCD display and the analog accelerometer sensor.

Testing board description

Presented in the book applications were implemented on the original testing board called Microcon4. The hardware is uncomplicated and showing parts of entire schematics is intended to illustrate the easy of use of various peripheral devices. We use following peripheral devices:

- ICSP In-Circuit-Serial Programming device
- 7-segment display
- TTL/CMOS driver ULN 2803 for Port A and Port B
- LCD display
- Matrix Keypad
- I2C expander PCF 8574
- EEPROM 24C02 and RTC PCF8583
- UART communication bus with MAX 232 IC

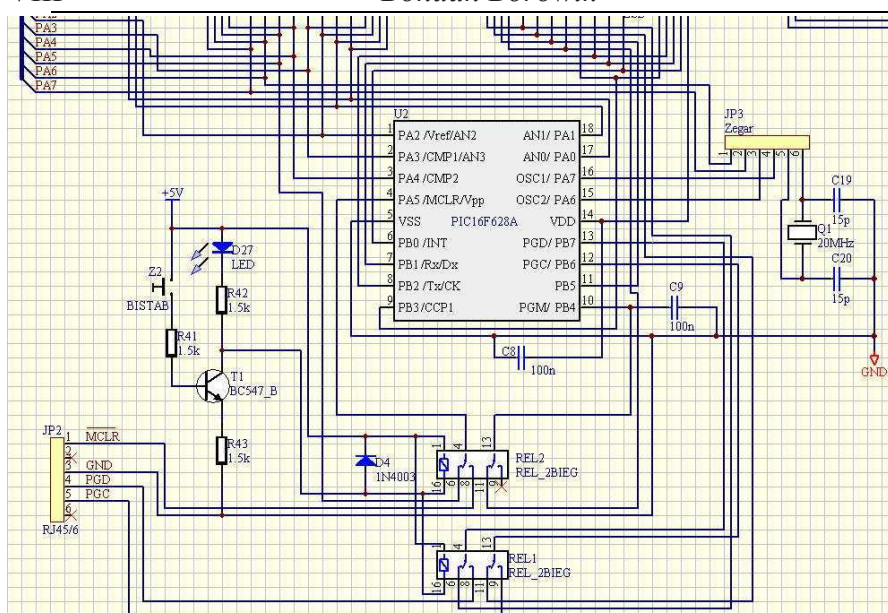


Fig. 1. In Circuit Serial Programming ICSP device connected to JP2

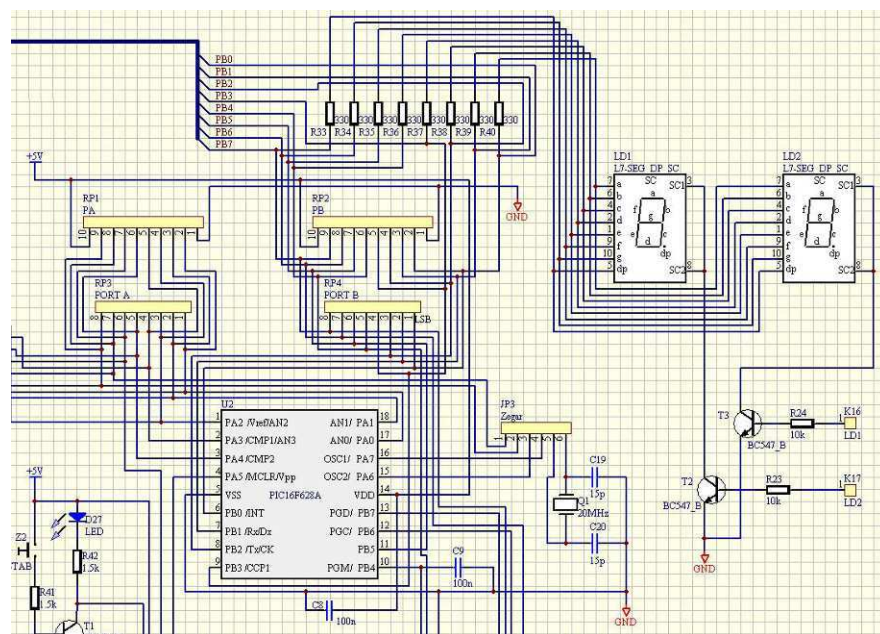


Fig. 2. 7-Segment Display connected to port B

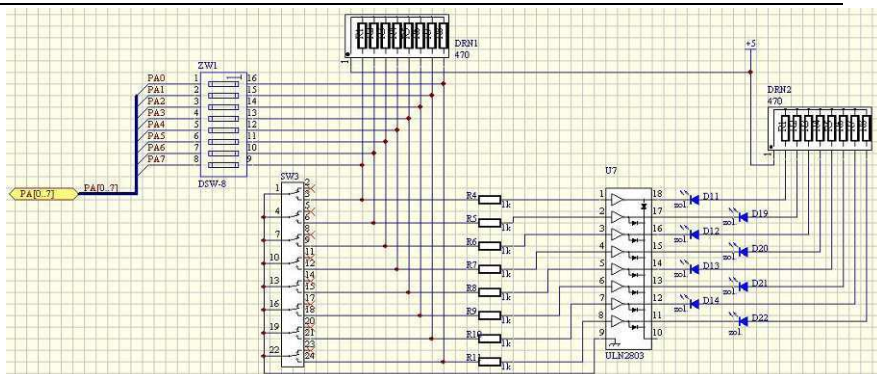


Fig. 3. Using TTL/CMOS driver ULN 2803 for port A

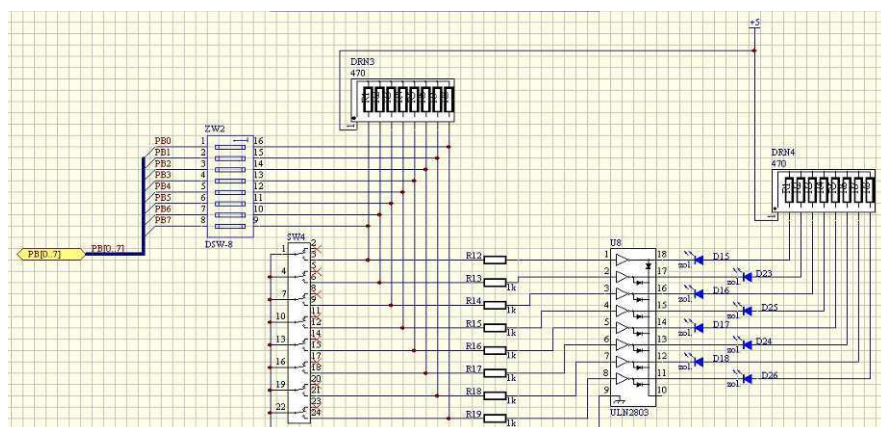


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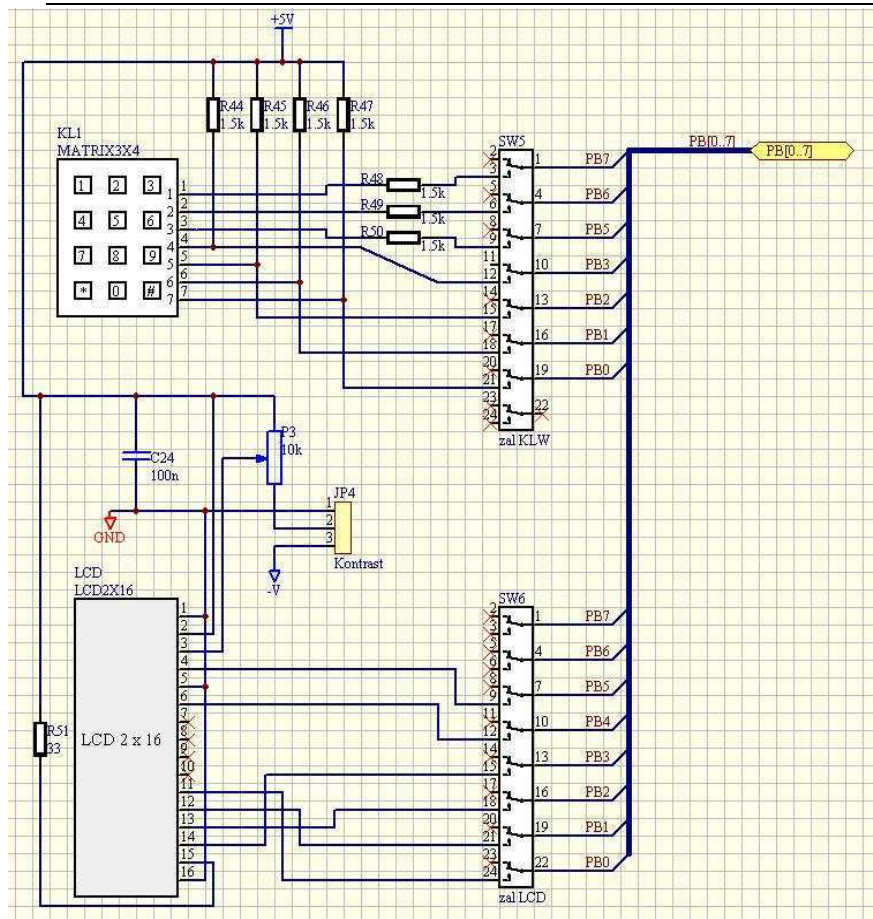


Fig. 5. Connection LCD Display and Matrix keyboard to port B

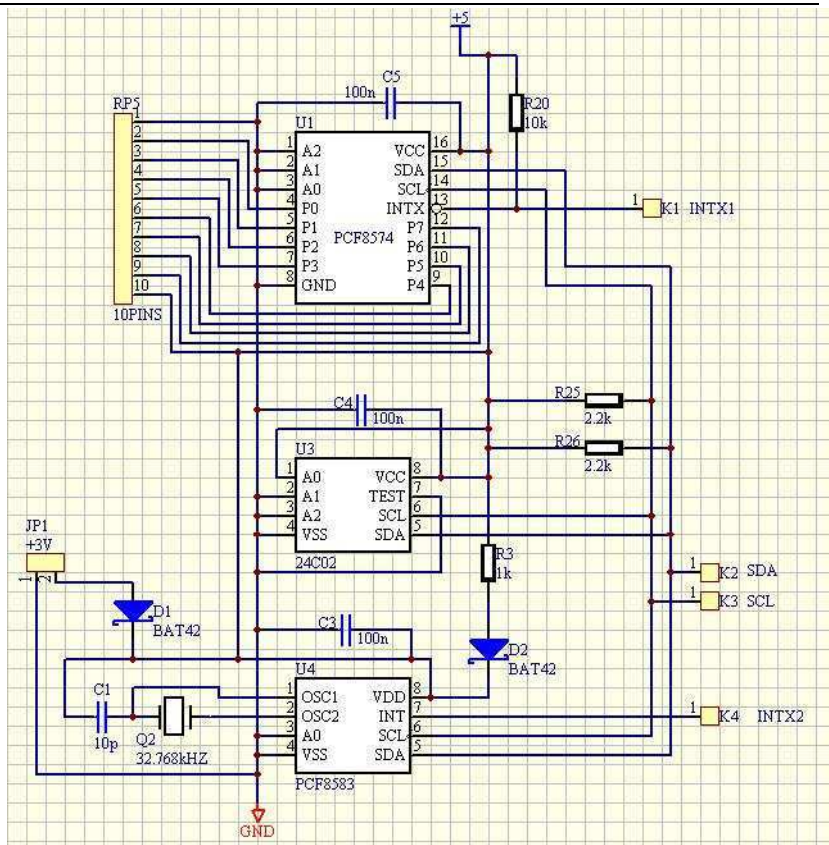


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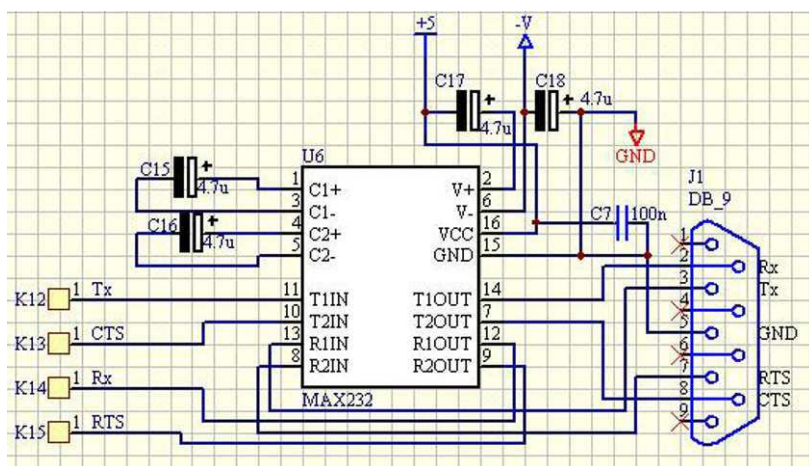


Fig. 7 UART communication circuit apply MAX232

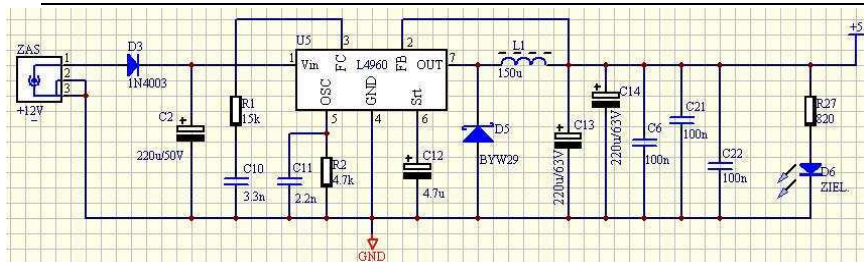


Fig. 8. Switching power supply using the U5 L4960 device.

Additionally we present the schematic for typical programmer:

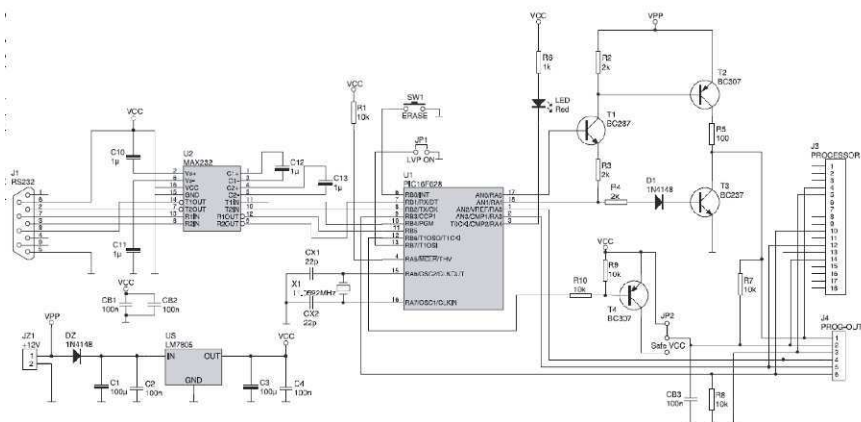


Fig. 9. Schematic diagram of ICSP programmer

Test examples

Presented below tests were implemented on the testing board Microcon4.

Test 1. Turn the LED on for the calculated period of time.

We define two registers *count1* and *count2* in the data memory GPR (General Purpose Registers), that starts at the address 0x20.

```
cblock      h'20'      ; constant block
    count1, count2
endc
```

In the nested loop the inner loop runs 256 times, therefore *count1* is first cleared and then is decremented 256 times, until will have again value of 0.

```
decfsz      count1, f
```

The outer loop will run 9 times, therefore we initiate register *count2* with the value of 9.

The loop requires 3 machine cycles

```
del decfsz      count1, f      ; inner loop
goto del
```

Decrementation execute in a single cycle, while program branch requires 2 cycles. For the internal clock frequency of 32 kHz, 1 machine cycle lasts 108 μs. Calculated time:

$$9 \times 256 \times 3 \times 108 \text{ } \mu\text{s} = 0,746 \text{ s.}$$

Program code:

```
; *****
;T1 Blinking the LED, connected to bit1 of PORT B,
```

```

;    with delay equal to 0,75 s.
;    Internal clock frequency 37 kHz, Tcm = 108 µs
;    *****

    list p=16f628, r=hex    ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc    ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'        ; configuration
                           ; information
                           ; for selected processor
    errorlevel -302      ; turn off banking
                           ; message
#define out1    portb,1    ; the directive
                           ; substitutes a text portb,1
                           ; with a string out1

#define count0 .9        ;defines value of 9 decimal
                           ; for register count2
cblock    h'20'    ; constant block
    count1, count2
endc

    movlw h'07'        ;07 -> w
    movwf cmcon        ; w->cmcon, comparators off
    clrf porta        ; clear PORTA output latches
    clrf portb        ;initializes PORTB
    bsf    status, rp0 ;bank 1
    bcf    pcon, oscf    ;internal gen.32 kHz,
                           ; cm=108µs

    clrf trisa        ;PORTA for output
    clrf trisb        ;PORTB for output

```

;

Test 2. Turn on the LEDs connected to various lines of port B

Program code:

```
; *****
; * T2 *   Turning on the LEDs, connected to
;   bit 1 and bit 7 of PORT B by seting  RA1
;   and RA7 to high.
;   Internal clock frequency 37 kHz, Tcm = 108 µs
; *****

list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                           ; information
                           ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                           ; message

movlw h'07'               ;07 -> w
movwf cmcon               ; w->cmcon, comparators off
clrf porta                ; clear PORTA output latches
clrf portb                ;initializes PORTB
bsf  status, rp0          ;bank 1
bcf  pcon, oscf            ;internal gen.32 kHz,
                           ; Tcm=108µs

clrf trisa                ;PORTA for output
clrf trisb                ;PORTB for output

bcf  status, rp0          ;bank 0
```

```
    bsf portb, 0          ; LED 0 on
    bsf portb, 7          ; LED 7 on
    goto $               ; go to self
                           ; loop here forever

end
; *****
```

Note:

The LED on RA5 is turned on despite of initializing port A and port B with 0x00:

```
    clrf porta          ; clear PORTA output latches
    clrf portb          ; initializes PORTB
```

because it is \sim MCLR line.

RB0 and EB7 lines are set to high with the instructions:

```
    bsf portb, 0          ; LED 0 on
    bsf portb, 7          ; LED 7 on
```

Another way for turning selected LEDs on will be copying the bitmap mask to portB. It will be subject of test 3.

Test 3. Turn on the LEDs connected to various lines of port B**(continued)**

Like Test 2, but the mask for the whole PORTB is used instead of setting up particular lines. The mask for setting lines 0 and 7 would be:

```
movlw b'10000001'
movwf portb
```

```
; *****
; * T3 *      Turning on the LEDs, connected to
;   bit 1 and bit 7 of PORT B by setting RA1
;   and RA7 to high.
*****

list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                          ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                          ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                          ; information
                          ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                          ; message

movlw h'07'               ; 07 -> w
movwf cmcon               ; w->cmcon, comparators off
bsf  status, rp0          ; bank 1
bcf  pcon, oscf           ; internal gen. 32 kHz,
                          ; Tcm=108µs

clrf trisa                ; PORTA for output
clrf trisb                ; PORTB for output

bcf status, rp0           ; bank 0
```

```
clrf  porta      ; clear PORTA output latches
clrf  portb      ; initializes PORTB
movlw b'10000001' ; w <- b'10000001'
movwf portb      ; portb <- w
goto $           ; go to self
end
```

Test 4. All LEDs connected to portb blink with different frequencies

For the internal generator frequency of 37 kHz the machine cycle equals 108 us. In order to achieve LEDs blinking with various frequency we use TMR0 prescaler. Frequencies are deployed within the range: 55 ms to 7.079 s according to the table:

Table . Table 1. Various times of blinking LED for particular lines of portb

Bit	Time calculation for TMR0 register	Blinking time
0	$256 * 2 * T_{CM}$	55 ms
1	$256 * 4 * T_{CM}$	110 ms
2	$256 * 8 * T_{CM}$	221 ms
3	$256 * 16 * T_{CM}$	442 ms
4	$256 * 32 * T_{CM}$	885 ms
5	$256 * 64 * T_{CM}$	1.769 s
6	$256 * 128 * T_{CM}$	3.538 s
7	$256 * 256 * T_{CM}$	7.079 s

Prescaler value of 256 is obtained by setting up control bits PS2, PS1 and PS0 in the OPTION_REG register as follows:

```
movlw b'10000111'      ; prescaler 256
movwf option_reg ;PSA=0 t0cs=Tcm presk. dla TMR0
                    ; prsk=256
```

During each iteration the contents of TMR0 counter is copied to PORTB>

```
loop                    ; main loop

movf tmr0, w           ;
movwf portb
goto loop
```

All portb lines are tested, It gives the effect of lighting cascade.

```
; *****
; * T4 *   Blinking LEDs on portb with different fre-
quencies

;   TMR0 determines the time for particular lines.
;   internal clock frequency 37 kHz, Tcm = 108 us
; *****

list p=16f628, r=hex    ; declare processor,
```

```
                                ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc           ; include register label
                                ; definitions
__config h'3f10'              ; configuration
                                ; information
                                ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302               ; turn off banking
                                ; message

movlw h'07'                   ; 07 -> w
movwf cmcon                   ; w->cmcon, comparators off
clrf porta                    ; clear PORTA output latches
clrf portb                    ; initializes PORTB

bsf  status, rp0 ;bank 1
bcf  pcon, oscf               ;internal gen.32 kHz,
                                ; Tcm=108µs
clrf trisa                    ;PORTA for output
clrf trisb                    ;PORTB for output

; contents option_reg
movlw b'10000111'            ; prescaler 256
movwf option_reg             ;PSA=0, t0cs=Tcm, presc. For
                                ; TMR0 =256
bcf status, rp0              ;bank 0

loop                            ; main loop
    movf tmr0, w              ; check value of the subsequent
                                ; bit

    movwf portb
    goto loop
end
```

Test 5. Acoustic signal of 1 kHz frequency generated with PWM module

```

; *****
; * T5 * Acoustic signal received from PWM module.
;       Time measured by TMR1 counter
;       PWM generated signal frequency: 1 kHz
;       outputed on RB3
;       internal clock frequency 37 kHz, Tcm = 108 us
; *****

list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                          ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                          ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                          ; information
                          ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                          ; message

#define lpr2 .249          ; final value of the tmr2
                          ; counter

movlw h'07'               ; 07 -> w
movwf cmcon               ; w->cmcon, comparators off
movlw b'00000010'
movwf porta               ; initialize PORTA
clrf portb                ; initialize PORTB
clrf tmr1l                ; clear TMR1L
clrf tmr1h                ; clear TMR1H
clrf pir1                 ; clear pir1 (tmrlif flag)
bsf status, rp0           ; bank 1
clrf trisa                ; port a output
clrf trisb                ; port b output

```


Program description

Configuring the CCP module for PWM operation requires the following steps:

1. Setting the input signal frequency.

$$T_{\text{PWM}} = (\text{PR2} + 1) \cdot T_{\text{cm}} \cdot T2_{\text{prescaler}}$$

$$1/1 \text{ kHz} = 0,001 \text{ s} = 1000 \mu\text{s}$$

$$T_{\text{cm}} = 1 \mu\text{s} \text{ (for } f_{\text{osc.}} = 4 \text{ MHz)}$$

T_{PWM} is specified by the value of the PR2 register, the clock oscillation period and the prescaler value.

$T_{\text{PWM}} = 1000 \mu\text{s}$ matches two values: 250, 4. Let's assume prescaler value = 4 and PR2 = 256.

```
...
#define lpr2 .249      ; final value of the tmr2
counter

...

movlw lpr2 ; w <- lpr2
movwf pr2  ; pr2 <- w

...

movlw b'00000101' ; tmr2 enabling and configuring
movwf t2con       ; prescaler=4, postscaler=1
```

T2CON register enables or disables the timer and configures the prescaler and postscaler.

Control bits 1-0 equal 01 prescaler = 4,

Bit 2 equal 1 Timer2 is on,

Bits 3-6 equal 0000 postscaler = 1.

2. Assume PWM Duty Cycle equal to 50%, or 0,5.

We set this 10 bit value by writing to the CCPR1L register and DC1M1 and DC1M0 bits of CCP1CON register using the following formula:

$$\text{PWM Duty Cycle} = (4 \times \text{CCPR1L} + 2 \times \text{DC1M1} + \text{DC1M0}) / 4 \times (\text{PR2} + 1)$$

therefore

$$0,5 \times 4 \times (\text{PR2} + 1) = (4 \times \text{CCPR1L} + 2 \times \text{DC1M1} + \text{DC1M0})$$

For PR2 = 249 on the left side we obtain 500. In 10 bit binary it is:

$$500 = \text{b}'0111 \ 1101 \ 00'$$

Bits are grouped because upper 8 bits represent CCPR1L register and are equal: 125 (b'0111 1101').

Lower 2 bits are equal to 0. Those values we have to write to DC1M1 and DC1M0 bits of the CCP1CON register.

```
...
    movlw .125          ;50% PWM Duty Cycle
    movwf ccpr1l

...
    movlw b'00001100' ;CCP configuring
    movwf ccp1con      ; PWM mode
```

DC1M1 and DC1M0 are bits CCP1CON<5:4>.

Bits 0-3 equal to 1100 set PWM mode.

Some instructions refer to Timer1 module operation.

```
...
    clrf    tmr1l
    clrf    tmr1h

...
    clrf    pir1

...
    movlw   b'0011 0001'
    movwf   tlcon
```

Timer1 is used for toggling state on lines RB3 (buzzer) and RA1 (LED). Toggling time is calculated from the formula:

$$256 * 256 * 8 * T_{cm} = .52 \text{ s}$$

because for Timer1 prescaler is set to 8, and TMR1IF flag sets its value after whole 16 bits register (TMR1L and TMT1H) overflows.

```
spr          btfss pir1, tmrlif      ; check tmrlif
             goto spr                ; wait for setting
                                     ; the flag up
```

When TMR1 register overflows, the flag is set and TMR1 register is reset to 0.

Then the TMR1IF flag need to be software cleared:

```
    bcf    pir1, tmrlif    ;clear the flag
```

As was shown, the value of 0011 0001 was written to T1CON register.

Bits <5:4> (11) set prescaler to 8.

At the beginning of the program the TMR1IF flag of the PIR1 register is also cleared by setting whole register to 0.

```
clrf    pir1
```

Schematic below shows connection of the piezoelectric buzzer to the module.

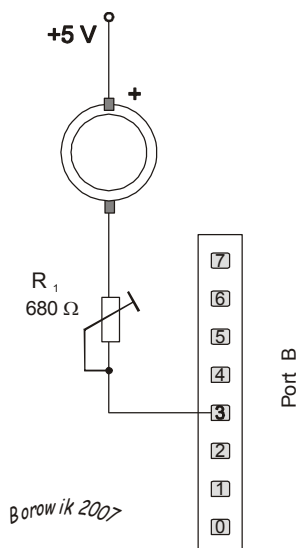


Fig. 10. Connection of the piezoelectric buzzer to the module.

Test 6. Morse code: PIC generated with PWM

Generating the word PIC in Morse code using PWM module.

Generating acoustic signal with PWM was described in previous test.

```
; *****
; T6 Morse code. Acoustic signal is received from
;   PWM module; Buzzer is connected to RB2
;   internal gen. 4 MHz; Tcm = 1 us
; *****

list p=16f628, r=hex
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                          ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                          ; information
                          ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                          ; message

cblock h'20'              ; constant block
    12,13
endc

#define lop .255
#define lpr2 .243

; beginning of the program
movlw h'07'                ; 07 -> w
movwf cmcon                ; w->cmcon, comparators off
clrf portb                 ; initialize PORTB
bsf status, rp0            ; bank 1
clrf trisb                 ; port b output
bsf pcon, oscf             ; internal gen. 4 MHz,
                          ; Tcm = 1 us

movlw lpr2
movwf pr2
```

```

    bcf status, rp0          ; bank 0
    movlw .125               ;50% PWM Duty Cycle
    movwf ccpr1l
    movlw b'00000101'
    movwf t2con
    movlw b'00001100'
    movwf ccplcon
    bsf status, rp0          ; bank 1
    bsf trisb,3              ; buzzer off
    bcf status, rp0

loop      ; main loop
    nop      ; wait, stabilize
    nop      ; wait, stabilize
    ; P I C . - - . . . - . -

    call przerwa
    call przerwa
    call przerwa
    call przerwa

    call dot
    call przerwa
    call dash
    call przerwa
    call dash
    call przerwa
    call dot

    call przerwa
    call przerwa
    call przerwa

```

```
    call dot
    call przerwa
    call dot

    call przerwa
    call przerwa
    call przerwa

    call dash
    call przerwa
    call dot
    call przerwa
    call dash

    goto loop

; routines
dot
    bsf status, rp0
    bcf trisb,3      ; buzzer on
    bcf status, rp0
    call del         ; dot
    bsf status, rp0
    bsf trisb,3      ; buzzer off
    bcf status, rp0
    call del         ; wait
    return

dash          ; dash = 3 * dot
    bsf status, rp0
    bcf trisb,3      ; buzzer on
```

```

    bcf status, rp0
    call del          ; dash
    call del          ; dash
    call del          ; dash
    bsf status, rp0
    bsf trisb,3       ; buzzer off
    bcf status, rp0
    call del          ; wait
    return

przerwa                ; delay
    call del
    call del
    return

del                    ; how long last dot and space
                    ; 255 x (256 x 4 cycles x 1us)=ca 0.261 s
    movlw    lop      ; w <- .255
    movwf    13       ; 13 <- w
    clrf     12       ; clear 12

spr
    nop              ; extending delay of the inner loop
    decfsz 12, f
    goto spr         ; inner loop
    decfsz 13, f
    goto spr         ; outer loop
    return
    end

```

Program description

Routine *del* contains nested loop. Two general purpose registers 12 and 13 are decremented. 12 is first cleared and then is decremented in the inner loop with instruction *decfsz* (decrement f, skip if zero). The loop is executed 256 times. It takes time of 1.024 ms ($256 \times 4 \times 1\mu\text{s}$).

13 user register is decremented 255 times.

Loop requires about 0.261 s ($255 \times 1.024 \text{ ms}$) to execute.

Nop instruction adds up to the number of machine cycles in one iteration.

```
spr nop                ; 1 cycle
    decfsz 12, f        ; 1 cycle
    goto spr            ; 2 cycles
```

Total 4 cycles in the inner loop.

Test 7. LED turn on after pressing switch on RB4

Pressing switch on RB4 toggles LED on RA1.

```
; *****
; T7 Pressing switch on RB4 causes testing the state
; of the line RA1 and changing its value: 0->1, 1->0
; internal gen.32 kHz, Tcm=108µs
; *****

    list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                                ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc          ; include register label
                                ; definitions
__config h'3f10'              ; configuration
                                ; information
                                ; for selected processor
    errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                                ; message

licz equ h'21'

#define op .150                ; value for setting delay
#define ou   porta, 1          ; LED on RA1
#define in   portb, 4          ; switch on RB4

    movlw h'07'                ; 07 -> w
    movwf cmcon                ; w->cmcon, comparators off
    clrf porta                 ; initialize PORTA
    bsf status, rp0            ; bank 1
    bcf   pcon, oscf            ; internal gen.32 kHz,
                                ; Tcm=108µs

    clrf trisa                 ; porta output
    bcf option_reg, not_rbpu    ; PORTB pull-ups
                                ; are enabled

    bcf status, rp0            ; bank 0
```

```
                                ; routines

lin4
    btfss in      ; testing switch on RB4
    goto zapal    ; turn LED on
    goto zgas     ; turn LED off

zapal
    call opoz     ; delay
    bsf ou        ; RA1 (LED) high
    goto lin4

zgas
    call opoz
    bcf ou        ; RA1 (LED) low
    goto lin4

opoz                                ; delay (t = Tcm*3*op)
    movlw op      ; w <- op
    movwf licz    ; licz <- w
    decfsz licz,f ; decrement counter licz
    goto $ - 1    ; decrement again
    return

end
```

In the *lin4* loop the RB $\$$ line status is constantly checked.

```
lin4
    btfss in      ; Is switch pressed?
    goto zapal    ; LED on
    goto zgas     ; LED off
```

In the loop two routines are called: turning LED on and off. Both routines call also routine for delaying, generating delay of 48.6 ms:

$$T_{cm} \times 3 \text{ cycles} \times op = 108 \text{ us} \times 3 \times 150 = 48.6 \text{ ms}$$

On the picture below on the evaluation board, at the right down side there are two 8 bit ports: port A and above port B. The pencil points to port B. All port B lines are on HIGH, except of line RB4. Diodes attached to port B are lighting, but LED attached to RB\$ is off, because the switch connected to RB4 is pressed down.

After pressing any of RB4 – RB7 switches the LED on RA1 get lighted.

If no switch is depressed (high on particular port B line) then, in the *lin4* loop, after the conditional instruction:

```
lin4
    btfss in          ; testing switch on RB4
    goto zapal        ; turn LED on
    goto zgas         ; turn LED off
```

the next instruction (*goto zapal*) is omitted. Forcing low on RB4 causes executing next instruction and turning LED on RA1 on.

We see two LEDs lighting on PORT A: on RA5, which is input only port, always kept high. When this pin is configured as ~MCLR, is an active low Reset to the device. LED connected to RA1 lights when switch on RB4 is pressed.

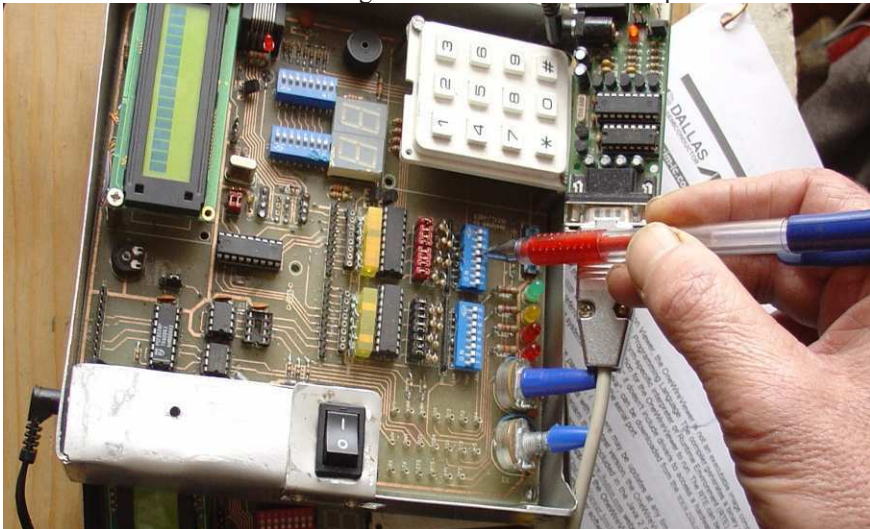


Fig. 11. Switching RB4 to low causes turning on LED on RA1

Test 8. Waking the device from SLEEP with RB4 interrupt-on-change

Test 8 illustrates RB4 interrupt-on-change feature, that wakes up the controller from the sleep. Then LED is turned on for a 0,4 s.

```
; *****

;T7 After pressing the switch on RB4 interrupt occurs
;and wake processor from sleep. Then the program
; continue execution: turn the LED on for a time of
; 0.1 s and again the processor is put into
; SLEEP mode.
; internal gen.32 kHz, Tcm=108µs
; *****

    list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                                ; specifying the radix

    #include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                                ; definitions
    __config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                                ; information
                                ; for selected processor
    errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                                ; message

#define wy  porta, 1  ; LED on RA1
#define we  portb, 4  ; switch on RB4
11 equ h'20'            ; assign Variable_Name
                        ; to Data Memory address

; begining of the program
movlw h'07'            ;07 -> w
movwf cmcon            ; w->cmcon, comparators off
clrf  porta            ; initialize PORTA
bsf  status, rp0       ; bank 1
```

```

    clrf trisa                ; set port a as output
    clrf option_reg          ; clear option_reg,
                                ; PORTB pull-ups are enabled
    bcf pcon, oscf            ; internal gen.32 kHz,
                                ; Tcm=108µs
    bcf status, rp0          ; bank 0
    clrf l1                   ; clear l1
    movf portb, f             ; initialize port b
    clrf intcon               ; clear intcon, clear rbif flag
    bsf intcon, rbie          ; set rbie mask

loop    ; main loop
    sleep                    ; sleep mode
    bsf wy                    ; turn the LED on
    call del                  ; delay .1 s
    bcf wy                    ; turn the LED off
    call del
    call del
    call del
    call del
    call del

    btfss we                  ; Is the switch released?
    goto $-1
    bcf intcon, rbif          : clear rbif flag
    goto loop ;

del    nop
    nop
    nop
    nop
    decfsz l1, f ; decrement l1
    goto del

```

```
return
```

```
end
```

```
; *****
```

Program description

Four PORTB pins, RB<7:4>, if configured as inputs, have an interrupt-on-change feature. This interrupt sets flag bit RBIF and can wake the device from SLEEP. Interrupt is enabled after setting the RBIE mask:

```
bsf intcon, rbie
```

Interrupt on mismatch feature together with software configurable pull-ups on these pins allow easy interface to a switch and make it possible for wake up on switch depression.

After clearing option_reg register, PORTB pull-ups are enabled.

```
clrf option_reg ; clear option_reg,
; PORTB pull-ups are enabled
```

Instruction `movf portb, f` initializes PORTB, because any read or write of PORTB will end the mismatch condition and allow flag bit RBIF to be cleared.

After `sleep` instruction the device enters the sleep mode and waits for interrupt to be waked up.

If the interrupt is enabled by the associated Interrupt mask IE and the GIE bit is not set, it can wake up the controller from the sleep if interrupt occurs, but the Interrupt Service Routine located in the interrupt vector will not be executed and the code of the program will continue execution. The interrupt flag will set when its associate event occurs regardless of whether or not the GIE bit is set.

After switch is released, the RBIF flag is cleared and the device again is put to the sleep mode at the beginning of the loop..

```
btfsz we ; Is the switch released?
goto $-1
bcf intcon, rbif : clear rbif flag
goto loop ;
```

Routine *del* causes 0.1 s delay calculated from the formula:

$$t = 11 \times 4 \times T_{cm}$$

11 decrements 256 times

4 machine cycles

$T_{cm} = 108 \text{ us}$

Test 9. Working with debugger. Turn the LED on for the calculated period of time.

We will use MPLAB SIM debugging tool in the MPLAB IDE environment.

```
; *****
; T1 Blinking the LED, connected to bit1 of PORT B,
;   with delay equal to 0,75 s.
;   Internal clock frequency 37 kHz, Tcm = 108 µs
; *****

list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc       ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                           ; information
                           ; for selected processor
errorlevel -302           ; turn off banking
                           ; message
#define wy      portb,1    ; the directive
                           ; substitutes a text
                           ; portb,1 with a string
#define lop     .9         ; defines value of
                           ; 9 decimal
                           ; for register loop

cblock    h'20'           ; constant block
    11, 12
endc

movlw h'07'              ; 07 -> w
movwf cmcon              ; w->cmcon, comparators off
clrf porta               ; clear PORTA output latches
clrf portb               ; initializes PORTB
```

```
    bsf    status, rp0 ;bank 1
    bcf    pcon, oscf      ;internal gen.32kHz,
                           ; Tcm=108µs
    clrf   trisa           ;PORTA for output
    clrf   trisb           ;PORTB for output

    bcf    status, rp0      ;bank 0
loop    ; main loop
    bsf    wy             ; turn the LED on
    call   delay          ; call delay routine
    bcf    wy             ; turn off LED on RB1
    call   delay          ; call delay routine
    goto   loop           ; repeat main loop

delay    ;delay 0,75 s (9*256*3*108 µs=0.746s)
    movlw  lop            ; lop ->w
    movwf  l2             ; initialize l2
    clrf   l1             ; initialize l1

del decfsz    l1, f        ; decrement l1
    goto   del            ; if not 0, keep decrementing
                           ; l1
    decfsz    l2, f        ; decrement l2
    goto     del          ; if not 0, decrement l1 again
    return    ; return to main routine

end
```

```
; *****
```

We select *Debugger>Select Tool* pull down menu and check MPLAB SIM. Additional menu items will appear in the Debugger menu.

The MPLAB SIM simulator is integrated into MPLAB IDE integrated development environment.

MPLAB SIM allows us to:

- Modify object code and immediately re-execute it
- Trace the execution of the object code

The simulator is a software model, and not actual device hardware.

When MPLAB SIM is simulating running in real time, instructions are executing as quickly as the PC's CPU will allow. This is usually slower than the actual device would run at its rated clock speed.

The speed at which the simulator runs depends on the speed of our computer and how many other tasks we have running in the background.

Once we have chosen a debug tool, we will see changes in the following on the IDE:

1. The status bar on the bottom of the MPLAB IDE window should change to "MPLAB SIM".
2. Additional menu items should now appear in the Debugger menu.
3. Additional toolbar icons should appear in the Debug Tool Bar. After positioning the mouse cursor over a toolbar button, a brief description of the button's function can be seen.
4. An MPLAB SIM tab is added to the Output window.

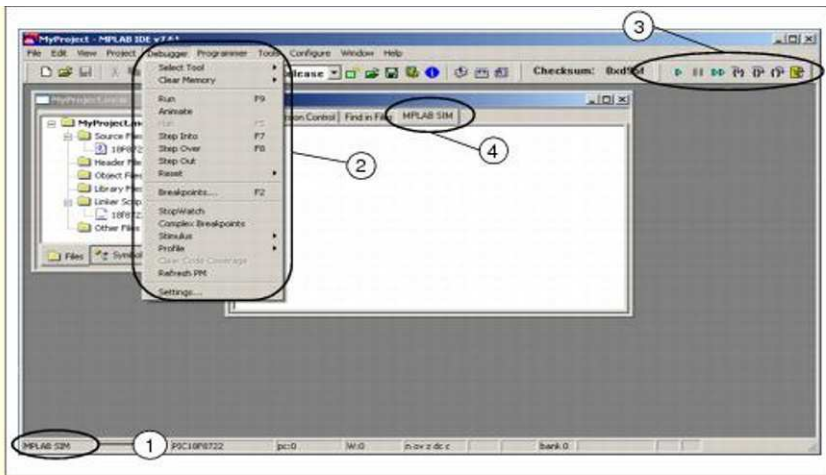







Fig. 12: MPLAB IDE Desktop with MPLAB SIM as Debugger

In the Debug Tool Bar there are tool bar icons:

Table . Table 2. Debug short cut icons.

Debugger Menu	Toolbar Buttons	Hot Key
Run		F8
Halt		F5
Animate		
Step Into		F7
Step Over		F8
Step Out		
Reset		F6

After positioning the mouse cursor over a toolbar button we can see a brief description of the button's function.

Standard debug windows allow to view the actual code, as well as the contents of program or data memory. The watch window displays the values of registers that are specified.

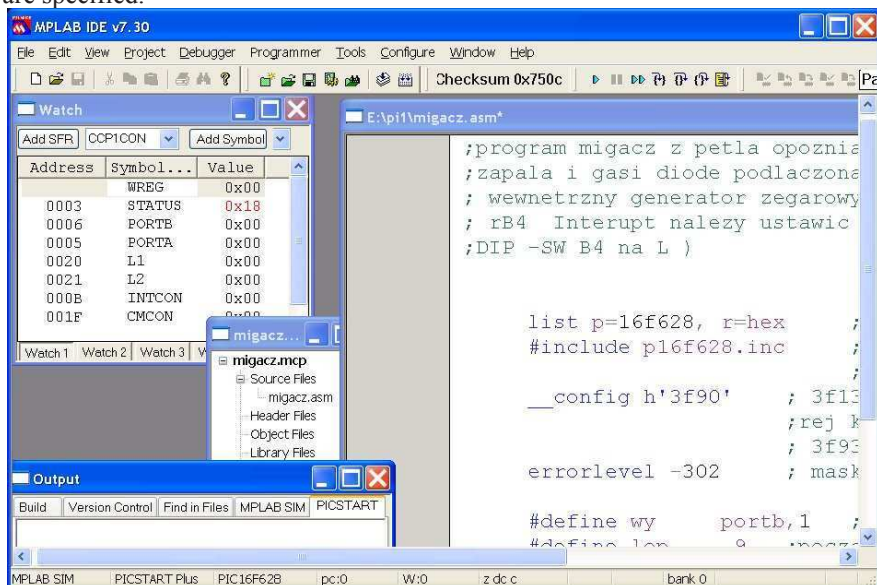


Fig. 13. Project migacz.mcp after selecting the built-in simulator MPLAB SIM.

Next we select Debugger -> Reset -> Processor Reset and a green arrow shows where the program will begin (see Fig. 14). In our project it is the line:

```
movlw h'07'
```

which is loading working register with the value of 7.

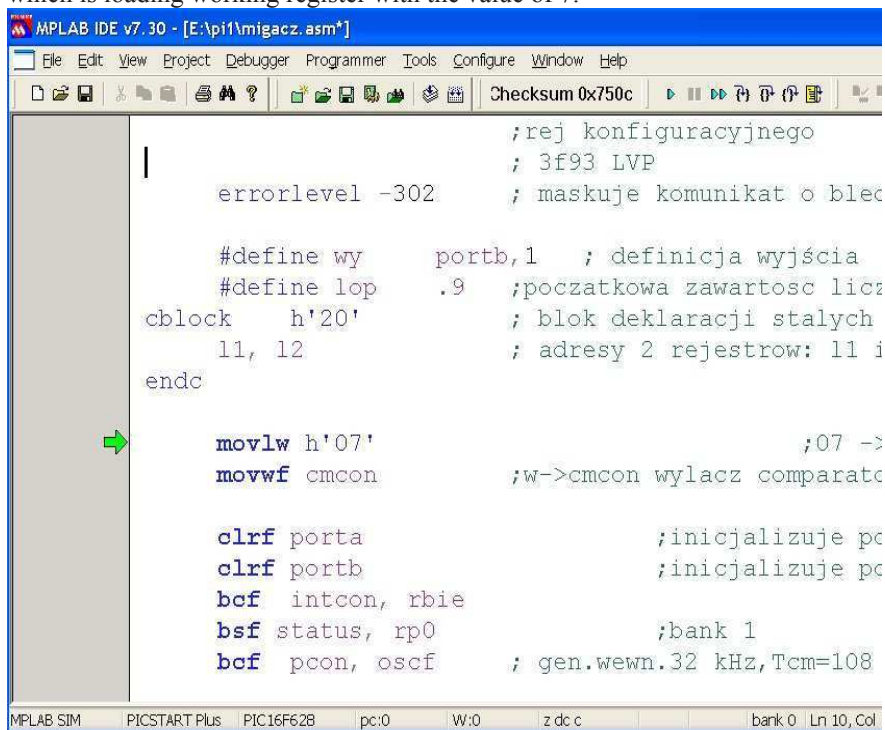


Fig. 14. After resetting a green arrow shows where the program will begin

In order to see if the code is operating as intended, we can watch the values being changed in the program. Selecting *View>Watch* brings up an empty Watch window. There are two pull downs on the top of the Watch window. The one on the left labeled "Add SFR" can be used to add the Special Function Registers into the watch. We select from the list following Special Function Registers: WREG, STATUS, PORTB, PORTA, INTCON, CMCON and sequentially after each selection we have to click **Add SFR** to add respective register each of them to the window.

The pull down on the right, allows symbols to be added from the program. We use this pull down to add two our variables: 11 and 12 into the Watch window. We select them from the list and then click **Add Symbol** to add them to the window. The Watch window should now show the address, value and name of the selected registers.

To single step through the application program, we select *Debugger>Step Into* or click the equivalent toolbar icon. This will execute the currently indicated line of

code and move the arrow to the next line of code to be executed. After repeating twice *Step Into* the value of 7 will be moved from *WREG* register into SFR *CMCON*.

The value of *CMCON* register in the Watch window is in red color because it was changed by the previous debug operation, values that were not changed are black.

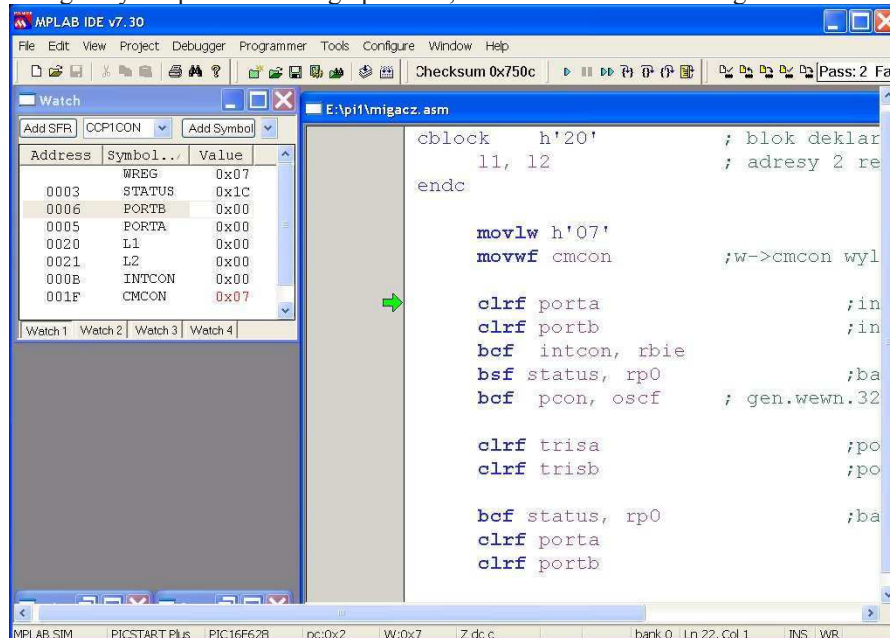


Fig. 15 CMCON register is in red and has the value of 0x07. Highlighted is PORTB register.

We can continue single stepping through the code. Next instructions are: clearing registers PORTA and PORTB and clearing RBIE bit of the INTCON register. Clearing the RBIE mask disables interrupt-on-change feature of PORTB. Then we will set RP0 bit of STATUS register for selecting data memory bank 1 as is shown in [figure 16](#).

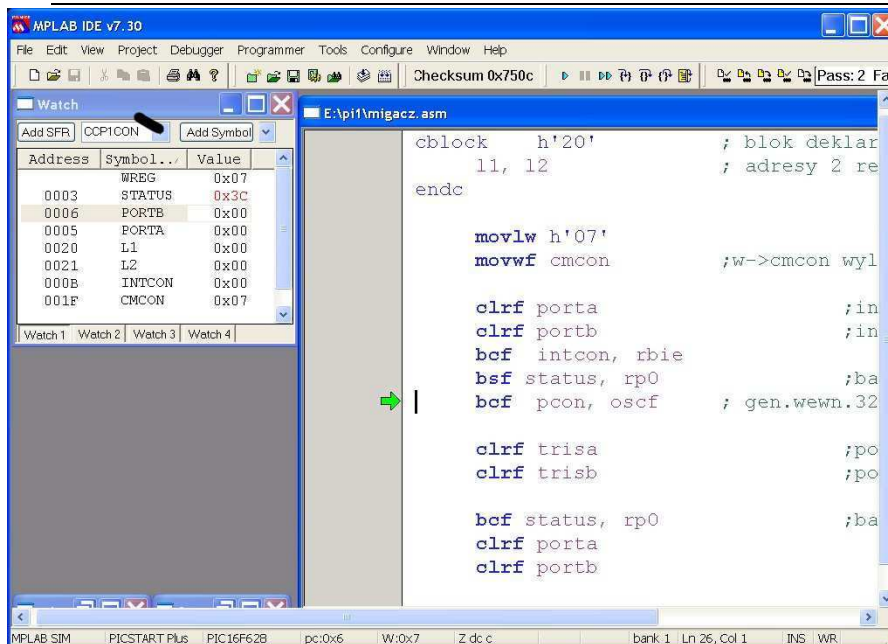


Fig. 16. STATUS register has the value of 0x3C in red

The STATUS register has the value of 0x3C, binary b'0011 1100'. Operation:

```
bsf status, rp0    b
```

caused the bit RP0 (#5) to be set.

Stepping into executes next instruction:

```
bcf pcon, oscf ; internal gen.32kHz, Tcm=108µs
```

The direction registers TRISA and TRISB are cleared, configuring all pins of PORTA and PORTB as output.

After clearing PORTA and PORTB program enters the main loop.

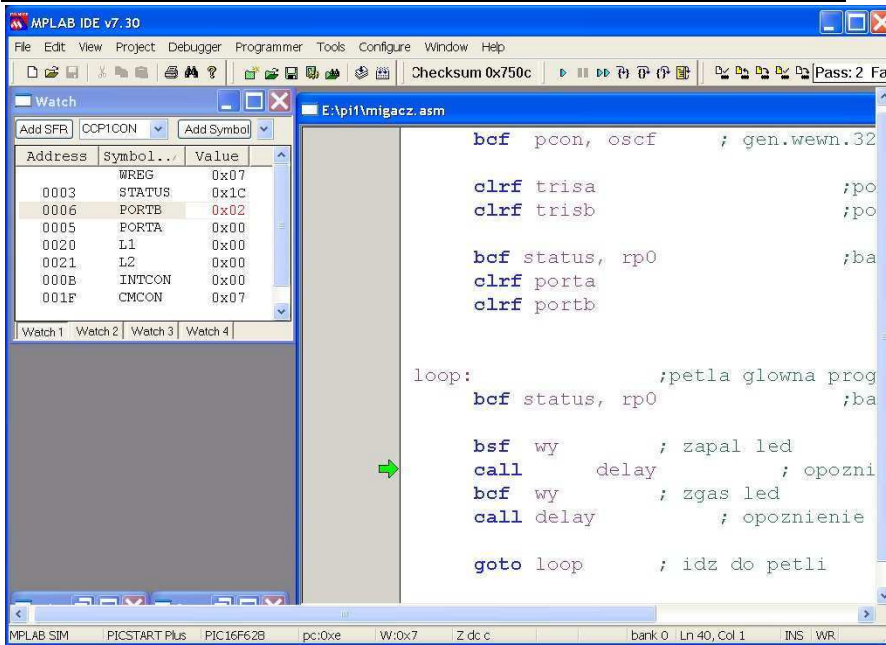


Fig. 17. Main loop

Two instructions:

```

bsf wy ; turn the LED on
bcf wy ; turn the LED off
    
```

set and clear bit 1 of PORTB. To that bit is attached LED diode. After setting bit PORTB,1 the value of PORTB register equals to 0x02, as is indicated in the Watch window.

Next instruction is :

```

call delay ; call delay routine
    
```

After stepping into we enter to the routine *delay*.

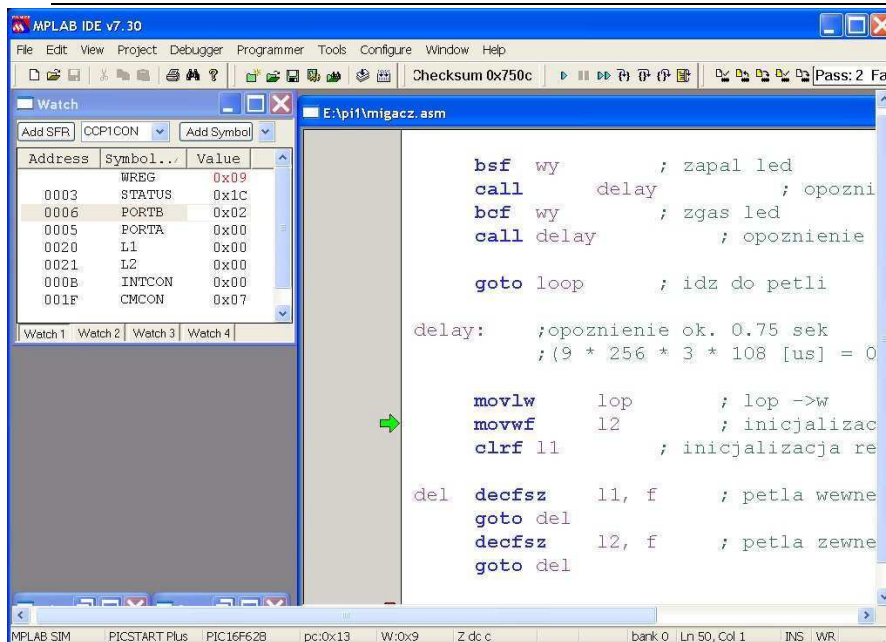


Fig. 18. delay procedure

Two user registers *l1* and *l2* are declared. They work as counters in the nested loop *del*.

```
#define lop      .9      ;defines value of 9 decimal
                        ; for variable lop

cblock    h'20'    ; constant block
    l1, l2
endc
```

General purpose static RAM registers can be declared in data memory space starting with address *h20*.

Register *l1* is first cleared. Then in the inner loop (*del*) it is decremented and tested if equal 0. After first decrementing from value 0 it receives value FF (255). Total count of decrements is 256. It allows for the delay of:

$$256 \times 3 \times 108 \text{ us} = 82\,944 \text{ us}$$

256 – number of decrements

3 – number of machine cycles:

del *decfsz l1, f* ; 1 machine cycle

goto del ; 2 machine cycles

$$T_{CM} = 108 \text{ us}$$

In the outer loop the counter *I2* is decremented starting with value of 9 to 0. Total delay of the nested loop would be about:

$$9 \times 256 \times 3 \times 108 \text{ us} = \text{ca. } 750 \text{ ms.}$$

Let us watch next screens:

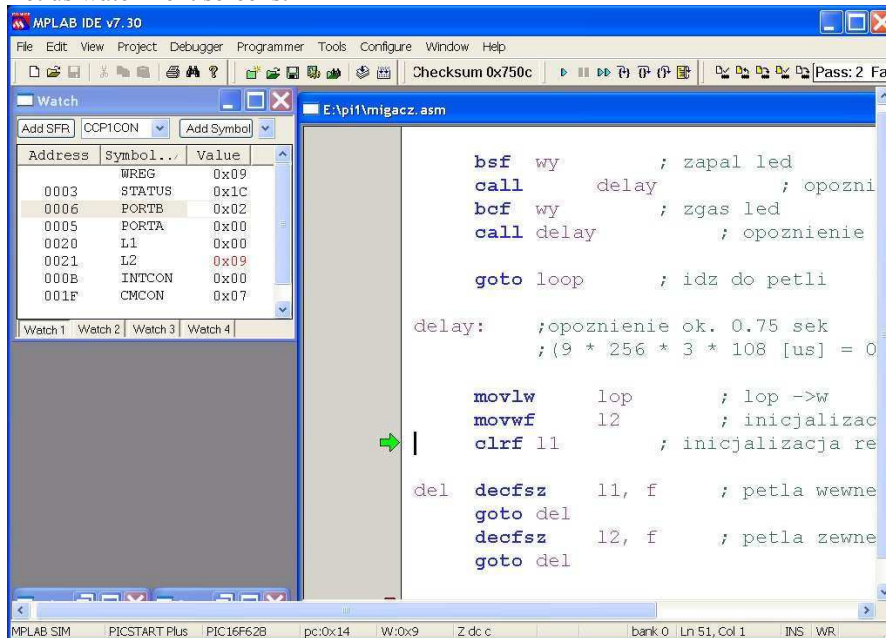


Fig. 19. Starting values of L1 and L2 in the window WATCH.

Starting values of L1 and L2 are 0x00 and 0x09 and such values are in the WATCH window.

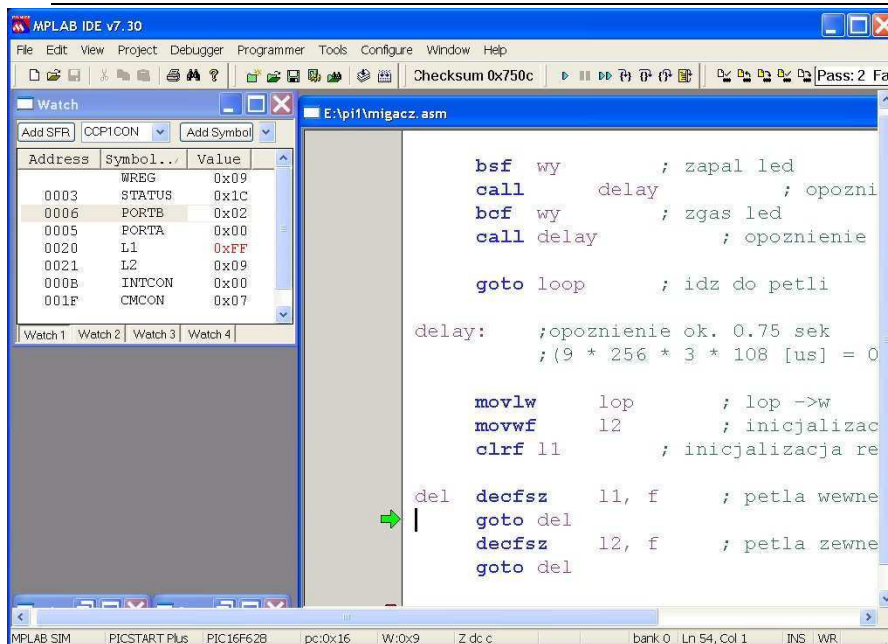


Fig. 20. After first decrementing *l1* changes its value from 0 to 0xFF

Instead of continuing single stepping through the code and executing thousands of steps, it is better to set a breakpoint on the selected line and run the code. To set a breakpoint, we can put the cursor on the selected line and click the right mouse button. Then select Set Breakpoint from the context menu. A red "B" will show on the line. (One can also double click on a line to add a breakpoint.)

On the figure below Breakpoint is set at the line, where *l2* variable is decremented and tested., after inner loop has been executed 256 times.

We can enter Run mode by either clicking the **Run** button on the Debug toolbar, selecting *Debugger>Run* from the menu bar, or pressing <F9> on the keyboard. Some tools provide additional types of run, such as "Run to cursor" from the right mouse menu.

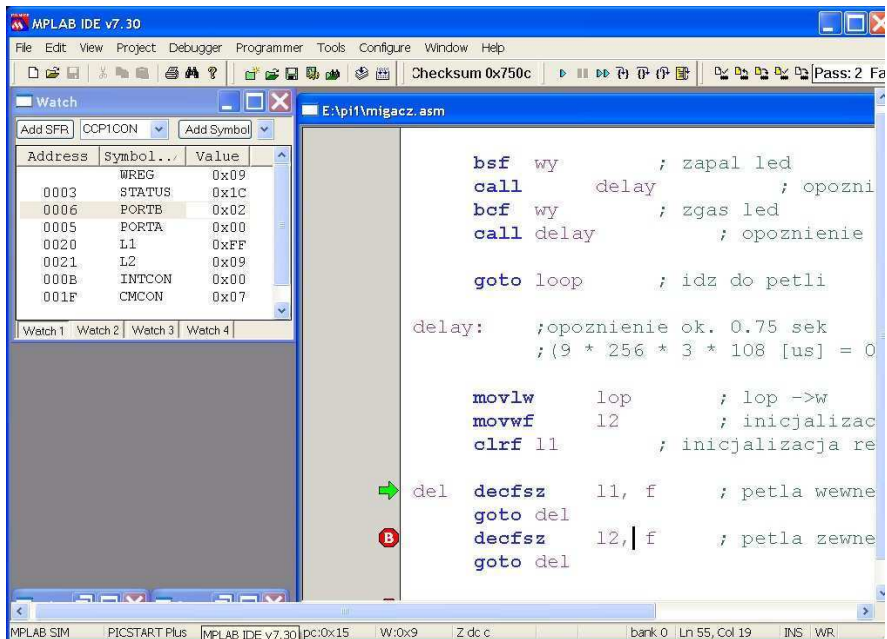


Fig. 21. Breakpoint set on the line *decfsz 12, f*.

After running application the program code is executed until a breakpoint is encountered. In the outer loop we decrement the variable *l2*. Next breakpoint should be set on the instruction *return*, in order to exit the subroutine *del* and return to main routine.

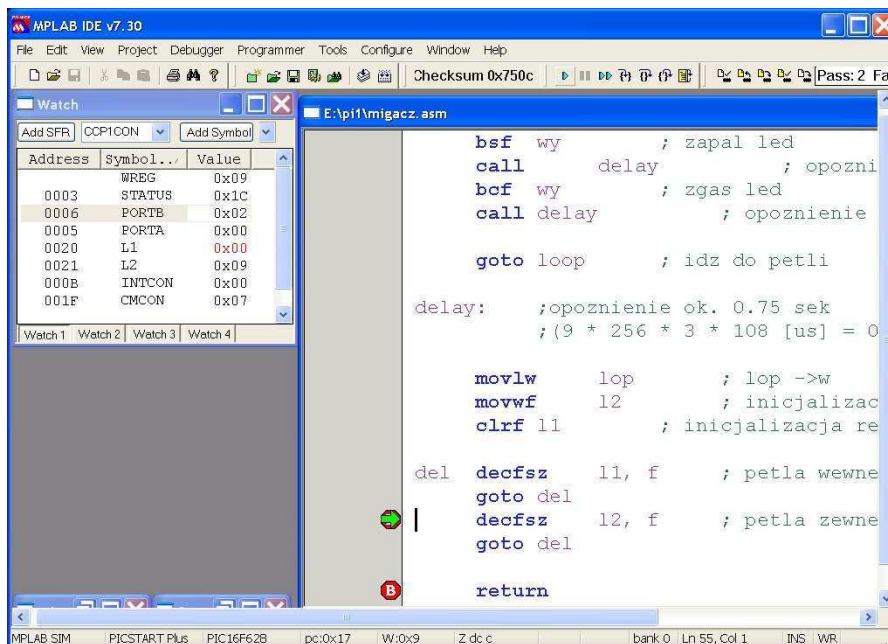


Fig. 22. Breakpoint set on the line *return* - return to the main routine

Test 10. Driving a 7-Segment LED Display with PIC16F628 microcontroller

Below presented application was run on the prototype board Microcon4. The application can be used for testing all 8 lines connecting port B with the display and the display itself. 16 hexadecimal digits 0 – F are shown sequentially one after another with time span 0.9s each.

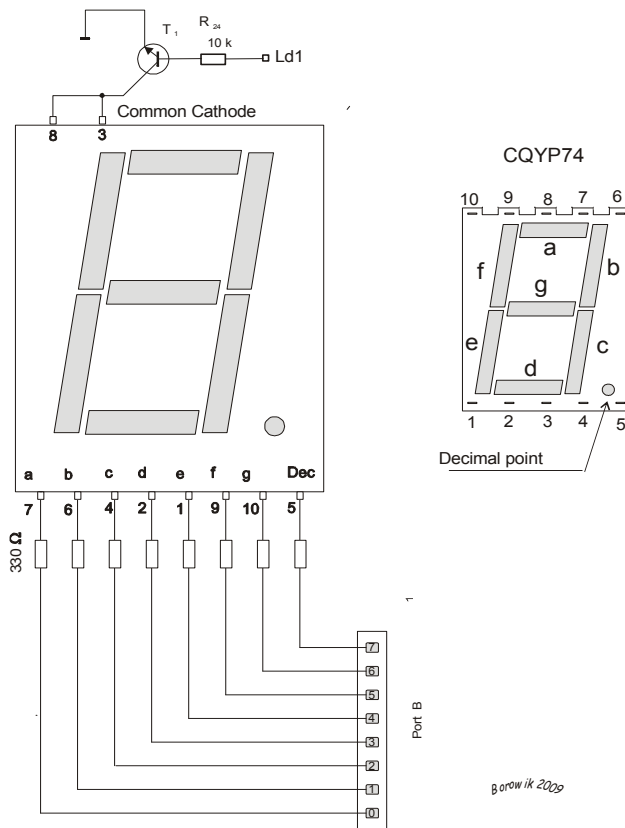


Fig. 23 Connecting a common cathode current switch T1 to 7-segment display

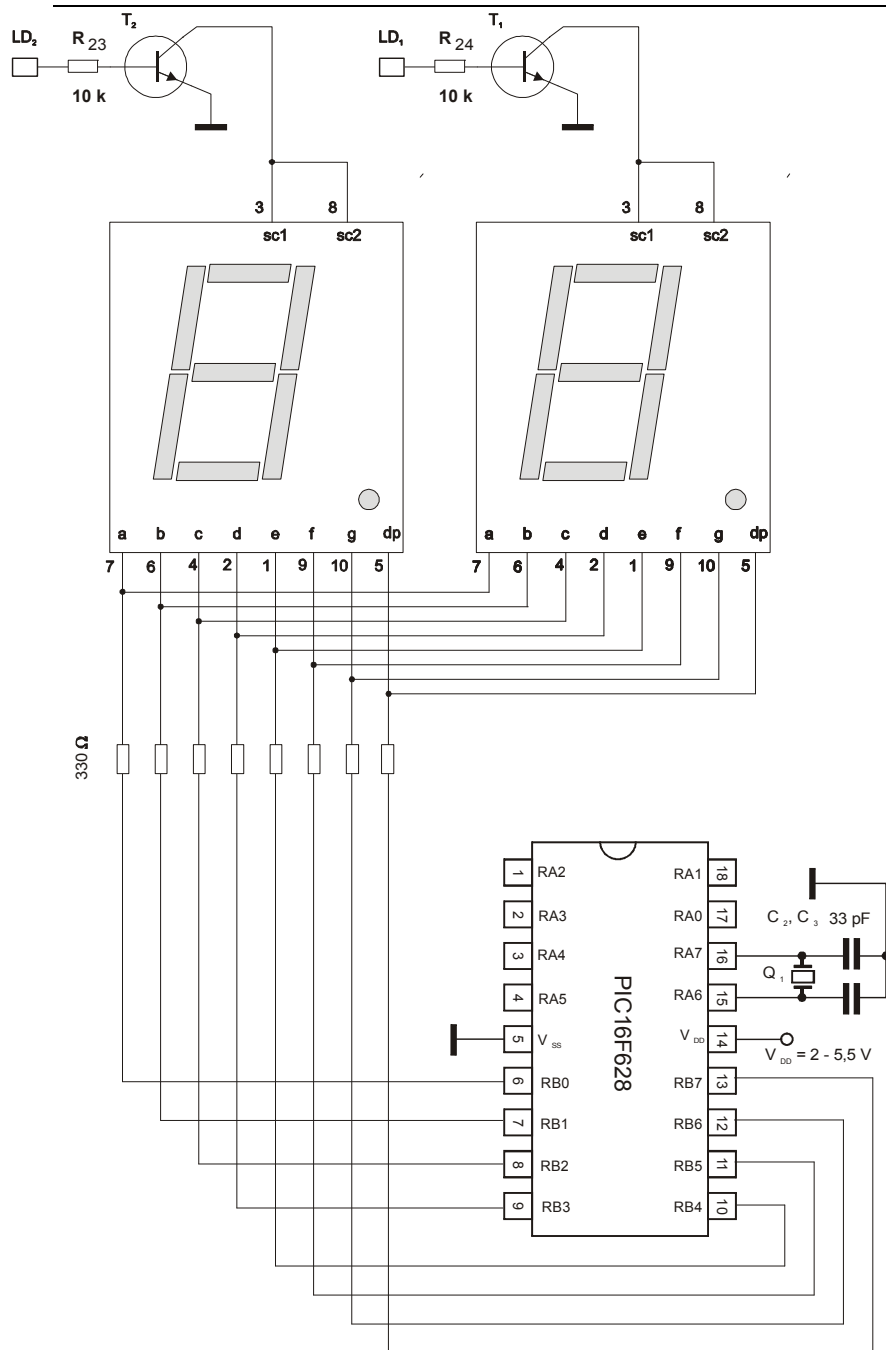


Fig. 24 Connecting a microcontroller to 7-segment display

The circuit is very simple. Port A, bits 0-4 are connected to the digit select lines directly. Port B, bits 0-7 are connected to the segment select lines through 330 Ω resistors. A 4MHz crystal resonator is connected to the OSC1/CLKIN and OSC2/CLKOUT pins of the PIC, with the center lead connected to Gnd. Vss and Vdd are connected to Gnd and +5V, respectively.

```
; program 10
```

```
list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc       ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                           ; information
                           ; for selected processor
                           ; 3f10 HVP (High Voltage Programming)
                           ; 3f90 LVP (Low Voltage Programming)
#define czas      .8
11 equ  h'20'
12 equ  h'21'

d0 equ  b'00111111' ; digit 0
d1 equ  b'00000110'
d2 equ  b'01011011'
d3 equ  b'01001111'
d4 equ  b'01100110'
d5 equ  b'01101101'
d6 equ  b'01111101'
d7 equ  b'00000111'
d8 equ  b'01111111'
d9 equ  b'01101111'
diga    equ  b'01110111' ; digit A
digb    equ  b'01111100'
digc    equ  b'01011000'
```

```

digd      equ    b'01011110'
dige      equ    b'01111001'
digf      equ    b'01110001'
dig7      equ    b'10000000' ; decimal point

        movlw h'07'          ;07 -> w
        movwf      cmcon      ; w->cmcon,
                                ; comparators off

        bsf status, rp0      ;bank 1
        bcf  pcon,  oscf      ;internal gen.32 kHz,
                                ; Tcm=108µs

        clrf trisa           ;PORTA for output
        clrf trisb           ;PORTB for output

        bcf status, rp0      ;bank 0

        clrf porta          ; clear PORTA output latches
        clrf portb          ;initializes PORTB

        bcf porta, 6         ;zgas LED
        bcf porta, 2         ;LED 2 off
        bsf porta, 0         ; LED 0 on

        bsf porta, 7         ; LED 7 on
        bcf porta, 5         ; LED 5 off
        bcf porta, 3         ; LED 3 off
        bcf porta, 1         ; LED 1 off

        nop

        movlw d0

```

```
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d1
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d2
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d3
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d4
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d5
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d6
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d7
movwf      portb
    call przerwa

movlw d8
```



```
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw d9
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw diga
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw digb
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw digc
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw digd
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw dige
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw digf
movwf      portb
call przerwa

movlw dig7
```

```

movwf      portb

call przerwa

goto $      ; go to self
            ; loop here forever

przerwa
    movlw   czas
    movwf   11
    clrf    12
spr      nop
    decfsz  12,f
    goto   spr
    decfsz  11,f
    goto   spr
return

end

```

Program description:

The directive:

```
#define czas    .8
```

defines value of 8 decimal for register variable *czas*.

In the MPASM assembler (the assembler) that provides a platform for developing assembly language code for Microchip's PICmicro microcontroller (MCU) families, a decimal integer is 'd' or 'D' followed by one or more decimal digits '0123456789' in single quotes, or, a decimal integer is '.' followed by one or more decimal digits '0123456789'.

The directives:

```
11 equ    h'20'
12 equ    h'21'
```

are used to assign a variable names *11* and *12* to an address locations in RAM respectively h'20' and h'21'.

Routine *przerwa* contains nested loop. Two general purpose registers 12 and 11 are decremented. 12 is first cleared and then is decremented in the inner loop with instruction *decfsz* (decrement f, skip if zero). The loop is executed 256 times. It takes time of 110.592ms (256 x 4 x 108us).

4 accounts for 4 machine cycles:

```
spr    nop           ;      1 machine cycle
      decfsz  l2,f    ;      1 machine cycle
      goto spr ;      2 machine cycles
```

For internal gen.32 kHz, $T_{cm}=108\mu s$

L1 user register is decremented 8 times.

Loop requires to execute:

$$t = 108 * 4 * 8 * 256 = 884736 \text{ us} = 885 \text{ ms} = \text{about } 0.9 \text{ s}$$

Nop instruction adds up to the number of machine cycles in one iteration.

The segments in a 7-segment display are arranged to form a single digit from 0 to F as shown in the figure:

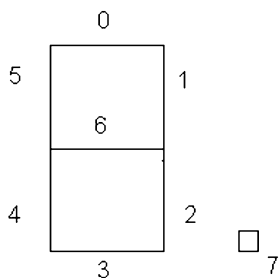


Fig. 29 Segments of the 7-segment Display.

Segments 0 to 7 are marked respectively with non-capital letters: a, b, c, d, e, f, g and dp, where dp is the decimal point. The 8 display segments lines (0 to 7) are connected to the 8 PortB lines. PORTB is made output by clearing TRISB register.

In order to reduce the number of pins in the device, a clever arrangement of common cathode is employed. Since there are 8 segments (7 plus the decimal point), there are 8 anode connections. Onto the PORTB are put respective values, representing particular digits from 0 to F and at the last: the decimal point. Those values were defined at the beginning of the program.

Value 1 means the respective LED segment is turned on. To display 8 we need to put a binary `b'01111111'` on PortB. This will turn on all the LEDs except the decimal point. The number 0 is simply an 8 with the middle segment off, `b'00111111'`. The decimal point has its value: `b'10000000'`.

Test 11. Driving a 7-Segment LED Display with PIC16F628 microcontroller (cont.)

Our board is containing a dual 7 segment LED display. The display is a common cathode type, so to light a segment we need to take the relevant segment high and the common cathode must be connected to the 0V rail. In order to reduce the I/O count we're multiplexing the display digits.

Program prints two digits: '0 1' on two 7seg displays in multiplex mode. Displays are multiplexed with a frequency of 61 Hz:

$$T_{\text{multipl.}} = 1 \mu\text{s} * 64 (\text{prescaler}) * 256 (\text{counter}) = 16\,384$$

$$1/T = \text{appr. } 61 \text{ Hz}$$

Code listing:

```
list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                           ; information for
                           ; selected processor
                           ; 3f10 HVP (High Voltage Programming)
                           ; 3f90 LVP (Low Voltage Programming)
b_wys                     equ    h'20' ; 2 bytes buffer b_wys
                           ; for storing digits
                           ; for each display
nr_wys                    equ    h'22' ; 7-segment display
                           ; number (0 or 1)
w_temp                   equ    h'23' ; auxiliary variable for
                           ; storing W register
                           ; content
st_temp                  equ    h'24' ; auxiliary for storing
                           ; status register
temp_porta               equ    h'25' ; auxiliary for storing
                           ; porta register
```

```

org    0
goto   start      ; beginning of the program
org    4
_int    ; beginning of the interrupt routine
; store the contents of W and STATUS registers
movwf   w_temp      ; w_temp <- w
swapf   status, w
movwf   st_temp     ; st_temp <- w
bcf     status, RP0  ; bank0
bcf     intcon, T0IF ; clear flag
; overflow TMR0 to be able
; to react to the next
; interrupt

movlw   0x01
movwf   tmr0         ; initialize TMR0
; to have the next interrupt
; in approximately 16 ms

; changing the display:      1 -> 0
;                          ; 0 -> 1

incf    nr_wys, f    ; incrementing
movf    nr_wys, w    ; w <- nr_wys
xorlw   0x02         ; equal to 2 ?
; If so, set Z flag

btfsc   status, Z    ;
clrf    nr_wys       ;

; clearing RA0, RA1

movf    temp_porta, w
andlw   0xfc         ; b'1111 1100'
movwf   temp_porta

```

```
    movf      nr_wys, w
    call      _poz
    iorwf     temp_porta, f      ; w=w or temp_porta
    movlw     b_wys              ; beginning of the
                                ; display buffer
    addwf     nr_wys, w          ; W=b_wys + nr_wys
    movwf     fsr
    movf      indf, w            ; read the digit from RAM
    movwf     portb             ; put the digit into the
                                ; display

    movf      temp_porta, w
    movwf     porta

; restoring registers

    swapf     st_temp, w
    movwf     status
    swapf     w_temp, f
    swapf     w_temp, w
    retfie

_poz      addwf     pcl, f
    dt       1,2              ; retlw 1
                                ; retlw 2

start                                           ; the main program
    bcf      status, RP0        ; bank 0
    movlw    h'07'
    movwf    cmcon
    clrf     porta
    clrf     portb
```

```

bsf      status, RP0 ; bank 1

bsf      pcon, oscf      ; 4 MHz

bcf      option_reg, t0cs ; Internal
                        ; instruction cycle clock
                        ; fxtal/4

bcf      option_reg, PSA  ; prescaler is
                        ; assigned to the Timer0 module

bsf      option_reg, PS0  ; prescaler rate
                        ; select bits: 1/64

bcf      option_reg, PS1  ; PS0, PS1, PS2=101
bsf      option_reg, PS2

movlw    h'00'
movwf    trisb      ; PORTB for output
clrf     trisa      ; PORTA for output
bcf      status, RP0 ; BANK 0
clrf     nr_wys      ; display # 0

call     _int

movlw    0ffh
movwf    porta      ; initialize
movwf    portb
movwf    temp_porta

clrf     intcon      ; disabling all
                        ; interrupts

movlw    001h        ; starting value of TMR0,
                        ; thus interrupt occurs
                        ; every 255 x 64 =16 ms

movwf    tmr0

bsf      intcon, T0IE ; enables the TMR0
                        ; interrupt

```

```
    bsf    intcon, GIE        ; enables all interrupts

    call   _wyswietlanie      ; reading digits '0'
                                ; or '1' to the buffer

_et nop                        ; main loop
    goto   _et

_wyswietlanie
    movlw   b_wys             ; display buffer
    movwf   fsr
    movlw   3fh               ; store digit '0' (3fh)
    movwf   indf              ; in the first byte

    incf    fsr,f
    movlw   06h               ; store digit '1'
    movwf   indf              ; in the second byte

    return
end
```

Program description:

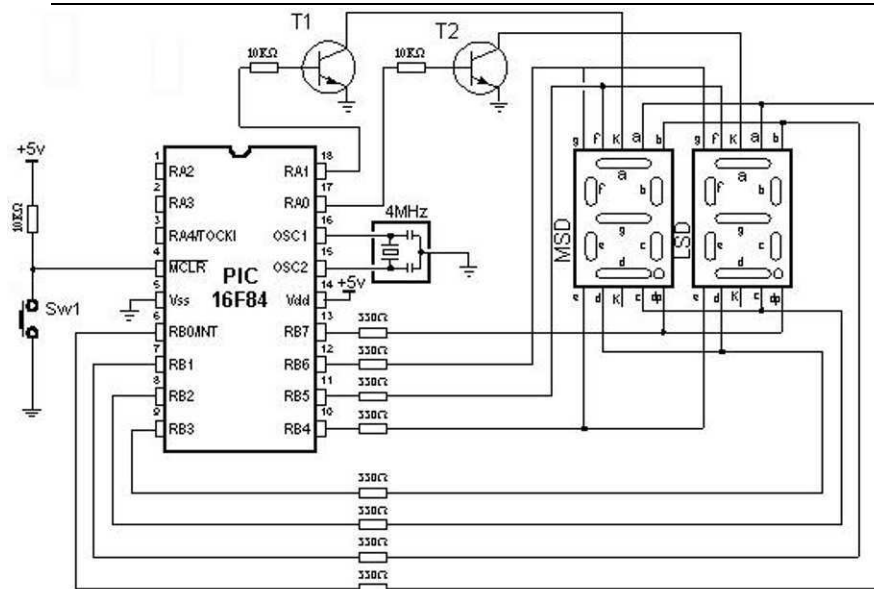


Fig. .26 Connecting a microcontroller to 7-segment displays in multiplex mode

Each display is turned on at a such rate, that persistence of vision of our eye thinks the display is turned on the whole time. As each display is turned on, the appropriate information must be delivered to it so that it will give the correct reading. Therefore, the program has to ensure the proper timing, else the unpleasant blinking of display will occur.

Displaying digits is carried out in multiplex mode which means that the microcontroller alternately prints on first and on the second display. TMR0 interrupt serves for generating a time period, so that the program enters the interrupt routine every 16 ms and performs multiplexing. In the interrupt routine, first step is deciding which segment display should be turned on. In case that the first display was previously on, it should be turned off, set the mask for printing the digit on next 7seg display which lasts 16 ms, i.e. until the next interrupt.

Operating the device is fairly straight forward. By selectively connecting a digit-select line (one of the 2 common cathodes) to ground and applying a positive voltage to any of the segment-select lines (common anode), it is possible to illuminate any segment of any digit. Port B on the PIC16F628 is 8 bits wide: one bit for each segment.

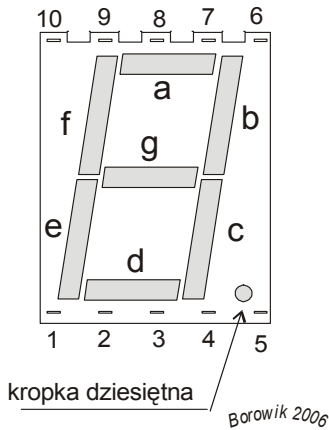


Fig. 27 7 segment display

For displaying digit '0' we have to turn on the following segments of the display: a, b, c, d, e, f. Into port B we have to put the value binary: b'00111111', hexadecimal: 0x3f.

For displaying digit '1' we have to turn on the segments b and c. Into port B we have to put the value binary: b'00000110', hexadecimal: 0x06.

Both values in the routine `_wyswietlanie` we put into RAM memory to the variable `b_wys`, denoting the display buffer.

```

    b_wys      equ    h'20' ; 2 bytes buffer b_wys
                                ; for storing digits
                                ; for each display

_wyswietlanie
    movlw      b_wys          ; display buffer
    movwf      fsr
    movlw      3fh            ; store digit '0' (3fh)
    movwf      indf            ; in the first byte

    incf       fsr, f
    movlw      06h            ; store digit '1'
    movwf      indf            ; in the second byte
    return

```

Let us see the code snippet. Two displays are numbered: 0 and 1.

```

; changing the display:      1 -> 0
                                ;      0 -> 1
incf      nr_wys, f      ; incrementing
movf      nr_wys, w      ; w <- nr_wys
xorlw     0x02           ; equal to 2 ?
                                ; If so, set Z flag
btfsc     status, Z      ;
clrf      nr_wys         ;

```

After incrementing display # 0 becomes # 1. That is OK.

Incrementing display number 1 gives #2. We detect this by xoring nr_wys (display #) with the value of 2 (0x02). Then we clear it, so display # 1 becomes # 0.

```

                                ; clearing RA0, RA1
movf      temp_porta, w
andlw     0xfc           ; b'1111 1100'
movwf     temp_porta

```

We put to ground common cathodes of both displays, and save this setting to auxiliary variable temp_porta.. Now we have to send the appropriate digit pattern to port B. Both digit patterns are stored in RAM memory in the INDF register. The first digit: 0 (the pattern is 3fh or b'0011 1111') has the memory address h20. The next digit: 1 (the pattern 06h or b'0000 0110') occupies the next memory location.

```

movf      nr_wys, w
call      _poz

```

In above two lines we load the display # into W register. Then we call subroutine _poz. If the display # was 0, we receive in W on return value of 1. If the display # was 1, we receive in W on return value of 2.

```

_poz      addwf      pcl, f
          dt         1, 2          ; retlw 1
                                   ; retlw 2

```

This value in W register is then ored with `temp_porta` register in order to turn off one of two 7-segment displays. If the W register was 1, the RA0 receives value of 1, turning the attached to it 7-segment display off. If the W register was 2, the RA1 receives value of 1, turning the attached to it 7-segment display off.

```
iorwf      temp_porta, f      ; w=w or temp_porta
```

Then the address in RAM memory of the digit pattern to be displayed is composed. To the address of the display buffer `b_wys`, which is 0x20 we add the display #, which is 0 or 1. Thus W now points to the digit pattern of '0' (0x3F) or to the digit pattern of '1' (0x06). Contents of W register is then moved to the File Select Register and appropriate digit pattern can be read from the `indf` register. Obtained digit pattern is next put into port B.

```
movlw      b_wys              ; beginning of the
                                ; display buffer
addwf      nr_wys, w          ; W = b_wys + nr_wys
movwf      fsr
movf       indf, w            ; read the digit from RAM
movwf      portb              ; put the digit into the
                                ; display
```

Of course, to activate 7-segment display, the content of the auxiliary variable `temp_porta` has to be sent to PORTA register.

```
movf       temp_porta, w
movwf      porta
```

Restoring the contents of W and STATUS registers is the last task in the interrupt service routine `_int`.

```
                                ; restoring registers
swapf      st_temp, w
movwf      status
swapf      w_temp, f
swapf      w_temp, w
retfie
```

Test 12. Interfacing a PIC microcontroller to an LCD Hitachi Display.

We used an LCD 2x 16 HMC 16225 S-PY alphanumeric display module that is HD44780 compatible. Display has two lines, 16 characters each.

We work in 4-bit data transfer mode and we write strings to the upper and lower LCD lines.

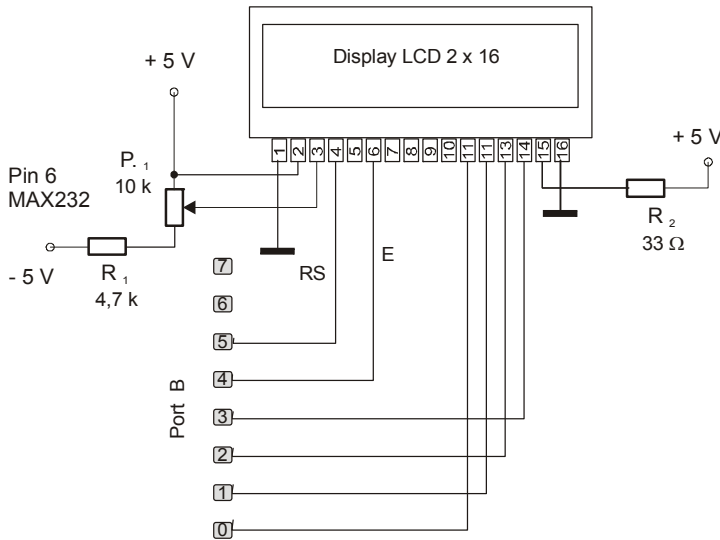


Fig. 28 Connecting an LCD display to a microcontroller

On the testing board used, the port B of the PIC microcontroller is dedicated for interfacing with the LCD module. It is connected to SW4 dip switch. Switches settings are as follows:

SW1 and SW2 set to High.
SW3 off
SW4 on.

We clear TRISB, so that PORTB is made output.

Low nibble of the port B: lines PORTB <3:0> communicate with DB7(pin 14) : DB4 (pin 11) of the LCD Display. LCD control signals E (Enable) and RS (Register Select) are connected to the RB4 and RB5 microcontroller PORTB lines respectively.

In 4-bit mode, two transfers per character / command are required. Half of the byte is sent in one operation, upper nibble first.

LCD's (drivers) are slow devices when compared to microcontrollers. Care must be taken from having communication occur too quickly. The software will need to control communication speed and timing to ensure the slow LCD and fast microcontroller can stay synchronized.

When we start to communicate with the LCD module, we follow a standard LCD initialization sequence as recommended by the manufacturer. The initialization sequence must be timed precisely (see the HD44780 instruction set for details) and cannot be initiated before at least 30 ms have been granted to the LCD module to proceed with its own internal initialization (power on reset) sequence.

1) When Interface Is 4 bits long:

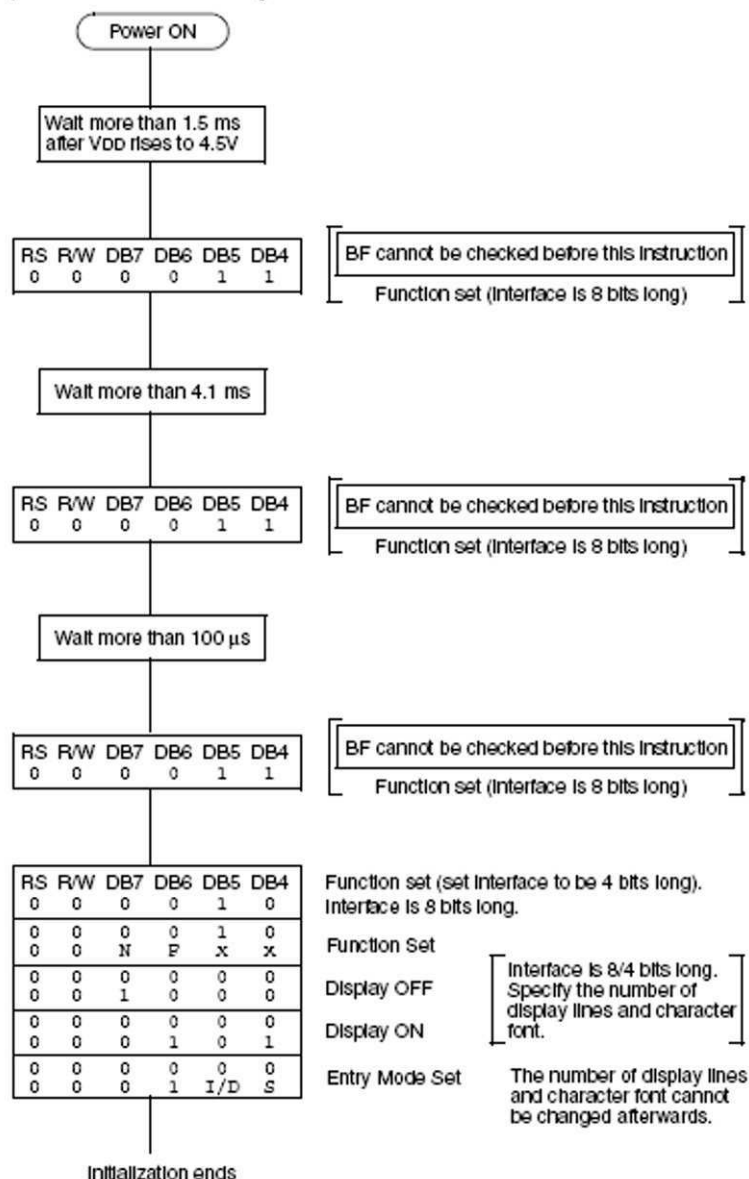


Fig. 29 Initialization flow for LCD module:

When the module powers up, the default data transfer mode is 8-bit. The initialization sequence only requires commands that are 4-bit in length. The last initializa-

tion command needs to specify the data transfer width (4-or 8-bit). Then a delay of 4.6 ms must be executed before the LCD module can be initialized.

Table 2 The HD44780 instruction set:

Instruction	Code										Description	Execution Time	
	RS	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0			
Clear display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Clears display and returns cursor to the home position (address 0).	1.64 mS	
Cursor home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	Returns cursor to home position (address 0). Also returns display being shifted to the original position. DDRAM contents remain unchanged.	1.64 mS
Entry mode set	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	S	Sets cursor move direction (I/D), specifies to shift the display (S). These operations are performed during data read/write.	40 uS
Display on/off control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	D	C	B	Sets on/off of all display (D), cursor on/off (C), and blink of cursor position character (B).	
Cursor/display shift	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	S/C	R/L	*	*	Sets cursor move or display shift (S/C), shift direction (R/L). DDRAM contents remain unchanged.	40 uS
Function set	0	0	0	0	0	1	DL	N	F	*	*	Sets interface data length (DL), number of display lines (N), and character font (F).	
Set CGRAM address	0	0	0	1	CGRAM address						Sets the CGRAM address. CGRAM data is sent and received after this setting.	40 uS	
Set DDRAM address	0	0	1	DDRAM address								Sets the DDRAM address. DDRAM data is sent and received after this setting	40 uS
Read busy flag and address counter	0	1	BF	CGRAM/DDRAM address						Reads busy flag (BF), indicating internal operation is being performed, and reads CGRAM or DDRAM address counter contents (depending on previous instruction).		0 uS	
Write to CGRAM or DDRAM	1	0	write data									Writes data to CGRAM or DDRAM.	40 uS
Read from CGRAM or DDRAM	1	1	read data									Reads data from CGRAM or DDRAM.	40 uS

Table 3 HD44780 command bits:

Bit Name	Setting/Status	
I/D	0 = Decrement cursor position	1 = Increment cursor position
S	0 = No display shift	1 = Display shift
D	0 = Display off	1 = Display on
C	0 = Cursor off	1 = Cursor on
B	0 = Cursor blink off	1 = Cursor blink on
S/C	0 = Move cursor	1 = Shift display
R/L	0 = Shift left	1 = Shift right
DL	0 = 4-bit interface	1 = 8-bit interface
N	0 = 1/8 or 1/11 Duty (1 line)	1 = 1/16 Duty (2 lines)
F	0 = 5 × 7 dots	1 = 5 × 10 dots
BF	0 = Can accept instruction	1 = Internal operation in progress

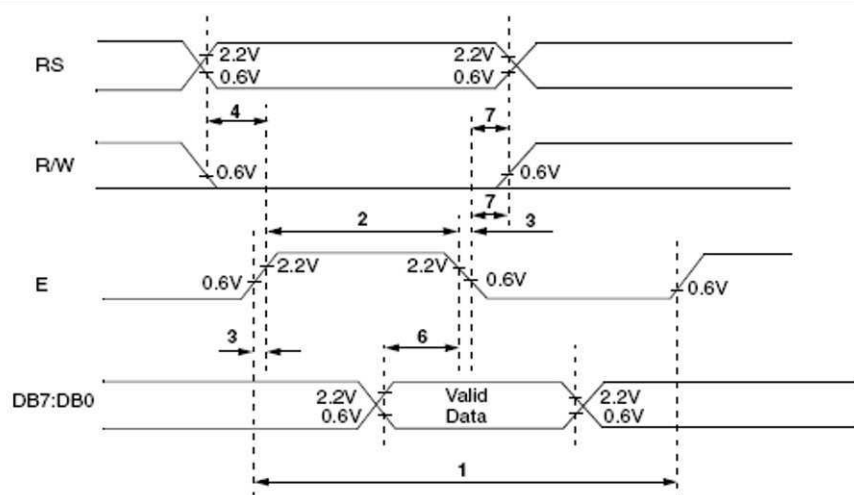


Fig. 29 Data write interface timing

The LCD controller needs 40 to 120 microseconds (μ S) for writing and reading. Other operations can take up to 5 mS. During that time, the microcontroller can not access the LCD, so a program needs to know when the LCD is busy. We can solve this in two ways.

One way is to check the LCD status register BUSY bit (BF flag) found on data line D7 (LCD pin 14). When it is low, data is written to LCD, the LCD is ready for next operation. When it is high, operation is in progress and we have to wait. On the testing board MICROCON4, R/W line is grounded and always in low therefore reading from the LCD module status-register is disabled.

The other way to ensure, LCD is not busy, is to introduce a delays in the program. The delays have to be long enough for the LCD to finish the operation in process. The practice shows, that following delays are needed for LCD operations:

50 ms

4,1 ms

100 μ s

40 μ s

Those are minimal values. Considering that the typical LCD module is an extremely slow device, we will better select the most generous timing, adding the maximum number of wait states, allowed at each phase of a read or write sequence:

4 x T_{MC} wait for data set up before read/write

15 x T_{MC} wait between R/W and enable

4 x T_{MC} wait data set up after enable

In our experiment the following delay procedures were made:

p50 (app. 50 ms)

p5 (app. 5 ms)

p100 (app 100 μ s)

When the LCD is initialized, it is ready to continue receiving data or instructions. If it receives a character, it will write it on the display and move the cursor one space to the right. The Cursor marks the next location where a character will be written. When we want to write a string of characters, first we need to set up the starting address, and then send one character at a time.

Program code lcd2.asm

```
;LCD2 text demo - 4 bit mode

list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix

#include p16f628.inc       ; include register label
                           ; definitions

__config h'3f10'          ; configuration
                           ; information
```

```

                                ; for selected processor
                                ; 3f10 HVP (High Voltage Programming)
                                ; 3f90 LVP (Low Voltage Programming)

cblock      0x20
    TMP
    adres
    a1
    a2
endc

#define E portb,4
#define RS      portb,5
    org 0
    bsf    status, rp0
    movlw 0x00
    movwf trisb
    bsf    pcon, oscf ; 4 MHz
    bcf    status, rp0
    call initLCD
    movlw 80h ; address of the first character,
              ; first line
    call pizsin
    call wys_strona

    movlw 0c0h ; address of the first character,
              ; second line
    call pizsin
    call wys_adres
    goto $

initLCD
    call p50

```

```
    movlw 0x13          ; E (RB4) = 1,
                        ; data to be sent (RB3:RB0)=3
                        ; w = 0001 0011
    movwf PORTB         ; w -> PORTB
    nop
    nop
    bcf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted low
    call p5
    bsf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted high
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p100
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p100
    movlw h'28' ; 4 bits mode, 2 lines, 5x7
    call piszin
    movlw .8           ; display off
    call piszin
    movlw .1           ; display clear
    call piszin
    movlw .6           ; entry mode
    call piszin
    movlw 0ch          ; display on
    call piszin
    return

;delay 100 us
P100: ; wait t = 5 + 25*4 cycles
```

```

    movlw 0x01                ;1 cycle
    movwf a1                  ;1 cycle
Out3:
    movlw 0x19                ;1 cycle
    movwf 0x0E                ;1 cycle
In3:
    decf 0x0E,1               ;1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z            ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)

    goto In3                  ;2 cycles
    decf a1,1                 ;1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z            ; ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)

    goto Out3                 ;2 cycles
    return                    ;2 cycles

;-----
; delay 2 ms
P2:  ; wait  t = 4 + 10 * (6 + 50 * 4)cycles
    movlw 0x0A                ;1 cycle
    movwf a1                  ;1 cycle
Out2:
    movlw 0x32                ;1 cycle
    movwf 0x0E                ;1 cycle
In2:
    decf 0x0E,1               ;1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z            ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)

    goto In2                  ;2 cycles
    decf a1,1                 ;1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z            ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)

```

```
    goto Out2                      ;2 cycles
    return                        ;2 cycles
;-----

; delay 5 ms
P5:      ; wait t = 4 + 21 * (6 + 58 * 4)cycles
        ; = 4 + 21*238 = 4 + 4 998 us
        movlw 0x15                ; 1 cycle
        movwf a1                  ; 1 cycle
Out1:
        movlw 0x3A                ;1 cycle
        movwf 0x0E                ;1 cycle
In1:
        decf 0x0E,1              ;1 cycle
        btfss STATUS,Z           ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)
        goto In1                 ;2 cycles
        decf a1,1                ;1 cycle
        btfss STATUS,Z           ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)
        goto Out1               ;2 cycles
        return                   ;2 cycles
;-----

; delay 50
P50:     ; wait T = 10 * 5000 cycles
        movlw 0x0A                ;1 cycle
        movwf a2                  ;1 cycle
Jedziemy2:
        call P5                   ;2 cycles
        decf a2,1                ;1 cycle
        btfss STATUS,Z           ;1 cycle (Z=0),
                                ;2 cycles (Z=1)
```

```
goto Jedziemy2          ;2 cycles
return                  ;2 cycles
;-----

pisd
    movwf TMP
    bcf E
    swapf TMP,f
    movlw 0c0h
    iorwf TMP,w
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb          ; high nibble transfer
    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    swapf tmp,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb          ; ; low nibble transfer
    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p100
    return

pizsin                    ; RS = 0
    movwf TMP
    bcf E
    swapf TMP,f
```

```
    movlw 0c0h
    iorwf TMP,w
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    swapf tmp,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p2
    return
```

```
wys_strona    movlw .0
              movwf adres
et_wys        call strona
              addlw 0
              btfsc status, z
              return
              call pisd
              incf adres, f
              movf adres, w
              goto et_wys
```



```

strona    addwf pcl
          dt "borowik.pl",0

wys_adres movlw .0
          movwf adres
et_wys1   call adres1
          addlw 0
          btfsc status, z
          return
          call pizsd
          incf adres, f
          movf adres, w
          goto et_wys1
adres1    addwf pcl
          dt "borowik",0

          end
;-----

```

Program description

After clearing TRISB register and setting the internal generator frequency 4 MHz, the initLCD procedure is called. b

```

initLCD
    call p50
    movlw 0x13          ; E (RB4) = 1, data to be sent
                        ; (RB3 : RB0) = 3
                        ; w = 0001 0011
    movwf PORTB         ; w -> PORTB
    nop

```

```
    nop
    bcf E          ; the Enable strobe asserted low
    call p5
    bsf E          ; the Enable strobe asserted high
    nop
    nop
    bcf  E
    call p100
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf  E
    call p100
    movlw h'28' ; 4 bits mode, 2 lines, 5x7
    call piszin
    movlw .8      ; display off
    call piszin
    movlw .1      ; display clear
    call piszin
    movlw .6      ; entry mode
    call piszin
    movlw 0ch     ; display on
    call piszin
    return
```

Before we can use *initLCD*, the delay procedures *p50* (50 ms delay), *p5* (5 ms delay) and *p100* (100 us delay) must be defined. Also *initLCD* uses procedure for sending command to LCD: *piszin*. This procedure will be described later.

At the beginning *initLCD* procedure manually sends 3 times to LCD the value of 3 contained in the lower nibble of port B. Transfer is through raising and lowering the Enable strobe line.:

```
initLCD
    call p50      ; 50 ms delay
```

```

movlw 0x13          ; E (RB4) = 1, data to be sent
                    ; (RB3 : RB0) = 3
                    ; w = 0001 0011

movwf PORTB         ; w -> PORTB

nop

nop

bcf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted low
call p5

bsf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted high
nop
nop

bcf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted low
call p100
bsf E
nop
nop

bcf E
call p100           ; 100 us delay

```

For transferring informations to LCD, the line E (Enable) is used. It is carried out with the sequence:

```

bsf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted high
nop
nop

bcf E               ; the Enable strobe asserted low

```

Raising and lowering voltage on the line is called *strobe*. It activates information transfer. Both the data and control lines are on the same port: port B, therefore care has to be taken, that line E is on the low state, otherwise any unwanted information can be sent to LCD. Usually most of operation is performed on the working register W and, when the byte is ready to sent, it is splitted into 2 nibbles, they are one after another moved to low 4 lines of port B and then the strobe signal is generated.

Next initialization sequence: sending commands: 0x28, 0x08, 0x01, 0x06 and 0x0c is implemented with the transfer procedure *piszin*, as shown below:

```

movlw h'28' ; 4 bits mode, 2 lines, 5x7

call piszin

```



```
    swapf TMP, f
    movlw 0c0h
    iorwf TMP, w
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    swapf tmp, w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p2
    return
```

Before calling *piszin*, the byte to be sent is loaded to the working register W. The LCD controller contains two separately addressable 8-bit registers: one for ASCII data and one for commands. LCD has an address line, RS, for the register selection. Its settings have the following meaning:

Register Select Control RS:

1 = LCD in data mode

0 = LCD in command mode.

First we assert the Enable strobe low,

```
bcf E ; the Enable asserted low
```

The byte to be sent has two nibbles. We have to send higher nibble first. Send operation is made on the lower 4 lines of PORTB. Therefore the byte has to be swapped and its higher part is on the lower position. Next we have to clear bits 4th and 5th, so that lines RB4 (E signal) and RB5 (RS line) of port B will be cleared. We do this with *or* and *and* operations (commands: iorwf and andlw).

```
swapf TMP,f
movlw 0c0h
iorwf TMP,w
andlw 0efh
movwf portb
```

Example:

If we are to send command byte 0x28, we first load the value to variable register TMP. After swapf operation, TMP register will contain 0x82, binary b'1000 0010'. We have to make sure, that line 4 (Enable) is zero. Therefore we perform inclusive or operation of this value with the mask b'1100 0000', so that bits 6 and 7 are set, and lower bits are preserved without changes. Then we make and operation with the mask: b'1110 1111' and bit 4th is cleared. This looks as follows:

	TMP	=	1000 0010	(0x82)
OR			1100 0000	
RESULT			1100 0010	; result goes to W
	W	=	1100 0010	
AND			1110 1111	
RESULT			1100 0010	; result stays in W

Then the W value is moved to PORTB.

Now we manually clear RS line:

```
bcf RS
```

and raise strobe line for three machine cycles:

```
bsf E
nop
nop
bcf E
```

Now it is time to send next nibble. TMP register is swapped again. After iorlw and andlw operations with the same masks result is moved to PORTB:

```
    swapf tmp,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf    RS
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call p2
    return
```

	TMP	=	0010 1000	(0x28)
OR			1100 0000	
RESULT			1110 1000	; result goes to W
	W	=	1110 1000	
AND			1110 1111	
RESULT			1110 1000	; result stays in W

At the very end, after transferring whole byte, the delay 2 ms is made.

```
    call p2
```

After initialising LCD we have to address upper or lower line of LCD. LCD controller recognizes address command, if the MSB is set. Therefore the address of the beginning of the upper LCD line would be not 0x00, but 0x80, binary 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0. For the lower line address starts with 0x40. After setting the MSB it would be in hex: 0xC0, binary 1100 0000.

Because those addresses are commands, RS line has to be held low.

```
    movlw 80h    ; address of the first character, first line
    call pizinc
```

We like to display in the upper line the string : borowik.pl. We generate this string and store in the memory with the procedure *wys_strona*.

```
wys_strona    movlw .0

               movwf adres

et_wys        call strona
               addlw 0
               btfsc status, z
               return
               call pizsd
               incf adres, f
               movf adres, w
               goto et_wys
```

```
strona        addwf pcl

               dt "borowik.pl",0
```

In the above procedures we form a lookup table. First we load 0 to the working register *W* and to the variable *address*. Then we call the one line procedure *strona*. Contents of *W* is table offset value. It is added to the Program Counter. Upon return *W* contains one by one all characters from the string. String is null terminated and after each return (*retlw*) contents of *W* is checked, if it is zero. If zero, procedure *wys_strona* ends. If not zero, character is sent to LCD in the procedure *pizsd*, variable address determining table offset is incremented, is moved to *W* and again is called procedure *strona*.

dt directive (Define Table) generates a series of ***RETLW*** instructions, one instruction for each character in the string. Each character in a string is stored in its own ***RETLW*** instruction. This directive is used when generating a table of data for the PIC12/16 device family. If we were using a PIC18 device, it is recommended that we use the table read/write (***TBLRD/TBLWT***) features instead.

Let us again consider one line procedure *strona*

```
Strona        addwf pcl

               dt "borowik.pl",0
```

Reviewing program memory we can notice, that those lines are expanded as follows:

```
strona addwf PCL ,f

        retlw 0x62    ; ASCII character 'b'
        retlw 0x6F    ; ASCII character 'o'
```



```
retlw 0x72 ; ASCII character 'r'
retlw 0x6F ; ASCII character 'o'
retlw 0x77 ; ASCII character 'w'
retlw 0x69 ; ASCII character 'i'
retlw 0x6B ; ASCII character 'k'
retlw 0x2E ; ASCII character '.'
retlw 0x70 ; ASCII character 'p'
retlw 0x6C ; ASCII character 'l'
```

All those characters give the string “borowik.pl” that we see displayed on the LCD. Similarly in the second line there is displayed “borowik” (see procedure *wys adres*).

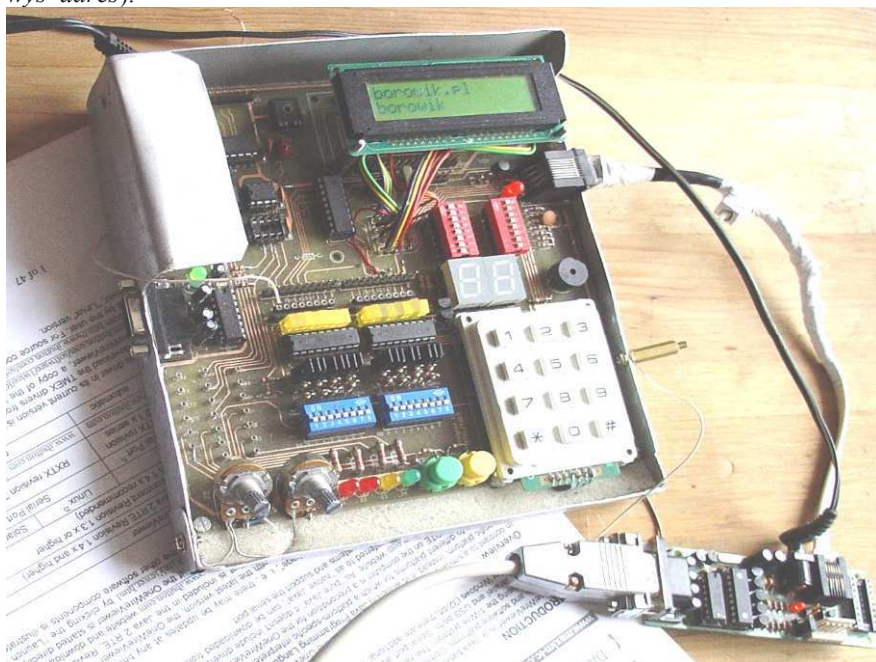


Fig. .30 Strings displayed on LCD.

Procedure *piszin*, described earlier sends commands to the LCD controller. Procedure *piszd* for sending data (ASCII characters) to LCD is similar. The only difference is, that the RS (Register Select) line must be set high.

Test 13. Timer

Real Time Clock emulation on the LCD

Source code:

```
;LCD5 text demo - 4 bit mode
; RTC emulation

LIST    p=16F628
include "P16F628.inc"

__config 0x3F10      ; configuration information

cblock      0x20      ;constant block
    TMP
    a1      ; counter for delay procedure
    a2      ;      "      "      "
    a3      ;      "      "      "
    a4      ;      "      "      "
    g1      ; first digit of hours
    g2      ; second digit of hours
    m1      ; first digit of minutes
    m2      ; second digit of minutes
endc

#define E portb,4
#define RS      portb,5

org 0
bsf    status, rp0
movlw 0x00
movwf trisb
bsf    pcon, oscf ; int. gen. 4 MHz
bcf    status, rp0
call  initLCD
movlw 0x30      ; ASCII code of '0' character
```

```

movwf g1      ; loading '0' character to g1
movwf g2      ; loading '0' character to g2
movwf m1      ; loading '0' character to m1
movwf m2      ; loading '0' character to m2

; pok - procedure showing the time
; in the format: HH:MM (hours : minutes)

pok call go1   ; shows first digit of hours (g1)
  call go2     ; shows second digit of hours (g2)
  call mi1     ; shows first digit of minutes (m1)
  call mi2     ; shows second digit of minutes (m2)
  incf m2,f    ; increments minutes (m2)
  movf m2,w    ; m2 -> W
  xorlw 0x3A   ; reached m2 10 minutes yet?
  btfsc status, Z ; checking zero flag
  call n1      ; n1, if m2 reached ten minutes
  call pmin    ; wait 1 minute
  goto pok     ; shows new time

n1 movlw 0x30   ; W <- '0'
  movwf m2      ; m2 <- W   nbr of minutes
                  ; again 0
  incf m1, f    ; increment m1 (tens of
                  ; minutes)
  movf m1,w    ; m1 -> W
  xorlw 0x36   ; reached m1 6 (60 minutes)
                  ; yet?
  btfsc status, Z ; Z flag
  call n2      ; n2, if m1 reached 6
  return

```

```
n2  movlw 0x30          ; W <- '0'
    movwf m1           ; m1 <- W   nbr of tens of
                        ; minutes again 0
    incf g2, f         ; increment g2 (hours)
    movf g2,w          ; g2 -> W
    xorlw 0x3A         ; reached g2 10 hours yet?
    btfsc status, Z    ; flaga Z
    call n3            ; n3, if g2 reached ten hours
    return

n3  movlw 0x30          ; W <- '0'
    movwf g2           ; g2 <- W   nbr of hours
                        ; again 0
    incf g1, f         ; increment g1
    movf g1,w          ; g1 -> W
    xorlw 0x32         ; reached g1 2 (20 hours) yet?
    btfsc status, Z    ; flaga Z
    movlw 0x30         ; '0' ASCII
    movwf g1           ; '0' do g1
    return

initLCD
    call p50
    movlw 0x13
    movwf PORTB
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p5
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
```

```

    bcf    E
    call p100
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call p100
    movlw h'28'
    call p100
    movlw .8
    call p100
    movlw .1
    call p100
    movlw .6
    call p100
    movlw 0ch
    call p100
    return

;pause 100 us
P100: ;wait  t = 5 + 25*4 cycles
    movlw 0x01    ; 1 cycle
    movwf a1      ; 1 cycle
Out3:
    movlw 0x19    ; 1 cycle
    movwf 0x0E    ; 1 cycle
In3:
    decf 0x0E,1   ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z           ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto In3          ; 2 cycles
    decf a1,1         ; 1 cycle

```

```
    btfss STATUS,Z                ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto Out3                    ; 2 cycles
    return                        ; 2 cycles
;-----

                                   ;Pause 2 ms
P2:  ;wait    t = 4 + 10 * (6 + 50 * 4)cycles
      movlw   0x0A                ;1 cycle
      movwf   a1                  ;1 cycle
Out2:
      movlw   0x32                ;1 cycle
      movwf   a2                  ;1 cycle
In2:
      decf     a2,1                ;1 cycle
      btfss    STATUS,Z           ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

      goto     In2                ; 2 cycles
      decf     a1,1                ; 1 cycle
      btfss    STATUS,Z           ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

      goto     Out2               ; 2 cycles
      return   ; 2 cycles
;-----

                                   ;Pause 5 ms
P5:  ;wait    t = 4 + 21 * (6 + 58 * 4)cycles
      ; = 4 + 21*238 = 4 + 4 998 us

      movlw   0x15                ; 1 cycle
      movwf   a1                  ; 1 cycle
Out1:
      movlw   0x3A                ; 1 cycle
```

```

    movwf  a4          ; 1 cycle

In1:
    decf   a4,1        ; 1 cycle
    btfss  STATUS,Z    ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto   In1         ; 2 cycles
    decf   a1,1        ; 1 cycle
    btfss  STATUS,Z    ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto   Out1        ; 2 cycles
    return                ;2 cycles

;-----

; Pause 50
P50:      ; wait    T = 10 * 5000 cycles
    movlw  0x0A        ; 1 cycle
    movwf  a2          ; 1 cycle

Jedziemy2:
    call   P5          ; 2 cycles
    decf   a2,1        ; 1 cycle
    btfss  STATUS,Z    ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto   Jedziemy2   ; 2 cycles
    return                ; 2 cycles

;-----

piszd
    movwf  TMP
    bcf    E
    swapf  TMP,f
    movlw  0c0h
    iorwf  TMP,w

```

```
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    swapf tmp,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    call p100
    return
```

```
piszin          ; RS = 0
```

```
    movwf TMP
    bcf E
    swapf TMP,f
    movlw 0c0h
    iorwf TMP,w
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
```



```

    swapf tmp,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb
    bcf    RS
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call p2
    return

; Pause 1 min
; 60 times runs psec procedure

pmin:
    movlw 0x3c          ; 0x3c = 60
    movwf a4            ; a4 <- 60
Jedziemy7:
    call psec           ;2 cycles
    decf a4,1           ;1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto Jedziemy7      ;2 cycles
    return              ;2 cycles
;-----

; psec procedure,
; waits 0.5 s, shows colon ':' on third position
; of LCD (address 0x82),
; again waits 0.5 s and replaces ':' with space ' '
psec    movlw 82h      ; third positions of

```

```
                                ; LCD address
call pizsin                    ; send address to LCD
movlw 0x3a                    ; ':' ASCII

call piszd                    ; send ascii character to LCD

; 10 times calling p50 procedure
; 10 x 50 ms = 0.5 s
movlw 0x0a                    ; 10 -> W
movwf a3                      ; W -> a3
j4 call p50
   decf a3,1
   btfss status, Z
   goto j4

; again send the third positions of LCD address
movlw 82h                    ; third positions of
                                ; LCD address
call pizsin                    ; send address to LCD

movlw 0x20 ; ' ' (ascii code of space)
call piszd

; calling the pause 50 ms 10 times
movlw 0x0a ; 10 -> W
movwf a3 ; W -> a3
j5 call p50
   decf a3,1
   btfss status, Z
   goto j5
return
```

```
; procedures go1, go2, mi1 i mi2 write time to LCD
; as HH:MM
; between hours and minutes procedure psec
; writes flickering colon
: (position 82h)
go1 movlw 0x80 ; LCD, first line, first character
    call pisin
    movf g1,w      ; g1 -> W
    call piszd
    return

go2 movlw 0x81 ; first line, second character
    call pisin
    movf g2,w      ; g2 -> W
    call piszd
    return

mi1 movlw 0x83 ; first line, 4th character
    call pisin
    movf m1,w      ; m1 -> W
    call piszd
    return

mi2 movlw 0x84 ; first line, 5th character
    call pisin
    movf m2,w      ; m2 -> W
    call piszd
    return

end

;-----
```

Program description

When microcontroller powers on, it starts counting the time and shows the time on the LCD display in the format HH:MM. Colon between hours and minutes is flickering with the frequency of 1 Hz. After 60 s number of minutes increases with 1. When the number of minutes reaches 10, it is cleared and the number of tens of minutes is increased. When it reaches 6 (when it is 60 minutes), the number of hours increases and number of minutes is cleared and so on. Detailed explanation is in comment lines.

The application measures time correctly.

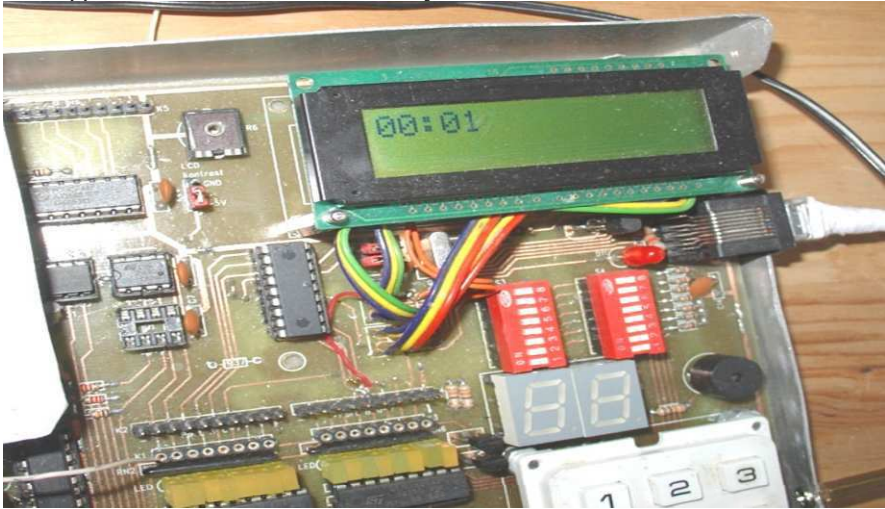


Fig. 31 Emulating the Real Time Clock. The colon blinks with the 1 Hz frequency.

Test 14. Dual RS232 software interface for PC and PIC microcontroller

In many PICMicros a built in serial interface, known as USART for “Universal \Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter” is available. This hardware allows data to be received and sent without any software involvement. To send data, the USART simply shifts the data out (low byte first) to the TX I/O pin.

To receive data, the USART works by polling (sampling) the serial data input line at sixteen times the data rate. When a “low” is detected, the hardware waits 8 polling cycles to check to see if the line is still low half a bit period later. If it is, then a bit is read every sixteen polling clocks until the whole byte has been read in. At the end of the byte, the Stop bit is checked to be high. If the byte is received without any problems, a byte received flag is set.

The software presented in our test provides similar serial interface functions while using not USART module, but general purpose I/O pins. This type of interfacing is known as “Bit Banging”. On the testing board serial input is connected to microcontroller pin 1 (PIC16F628 RA2). Serial output is connected to microcontroller pin (RA1). The Maxim “Max232” chip was used because it uses a single +5 Volt power supply. The schematic diagram is presented below.

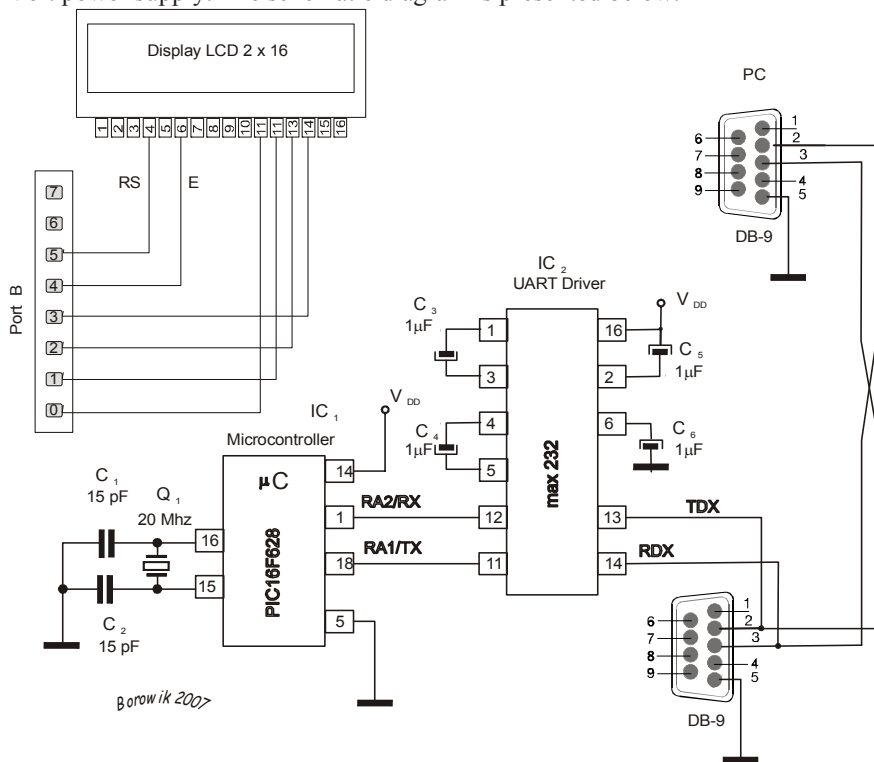


Fig. 32 Schemaic diagram for TX/RX operations

Program source code:

```
; trans2.asm - demo application for the data
; transmission between PIC microcontroller and PC.
; ASCII values entered on the terminal window
; are transmitted by the RS232 link to the controller
; and displayed on the 2x16 LCD.
;The microcontroller sends feedback of received
; characters back to the issuing terminal window.
; Because we had troubles with using
; the built-in serial support USART,
; we designed our own code to implement
; serial communication.
; Such approach is called "bit banging".
```

```
list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,
                           ; specifying the radix
#include p16f628.inc      ; include register label
                           ; definitions
__config h'3f10'         ; configuration information
                           ; for selected processor
                           ; 3f10 HVP (High Voltage
                           ; Programming),
                           ; 3f90 LVP (Low Voltage
                           ; Programming)

#define E portb,4         ; LCD on portB
#define RS      portb,5   ;      "      "

tmp equ    h'29'         ; auxiliary variable for
                           ; transmitting/receiving data
adres     equ    h'2E'    ; variable for addressing
```

```

                                ; program memory
a1 equ    h'2F'                ; counter for delay procedures
a2 equ    h'30'                ;      "      "      "      "

a4 equ    h'32'                ;      "      "      "      "
b1 equ    h'33'                ; auxiliary variable for serial
                                ; communication
b2 equ    h'34'                ;      "      "      "

t6 equ    h'36'
tmp1      equ    h'38'
tmp3      equ    h'39'

WAIT:MACRO      TIME
                ; Delay for TIME  $\mu$ s.
                ; Variable TIME must be in multiples
                ; of 5  $\mu$ s.

                MOVLW      (TIME/5) - 1      ; 1 $\mu$ s to process
                MOVWF      TMP1              ; 1 $\mu$ s to process
                CALL       WAIT5U            ; 2 $\mu$ s to process
                ENDM

org 0
    movlw h'07'
    movwf cmcon
    bsf      status, rp0
    bcf      pcon, 1      ; Power On Reset
    movlw 0x00
    movwf trisb
    BCF      TRISA, 1
    movlw .4
    movwf trisa

```

```
    bsf    pcon, oscf    ; int.gen.4 MHz
    bcf    status, rp0
    movlw  0x20
    movwf  fsr

    call   initLCD
    movlw  80h           ; LCD, first line
    call   piszin
    movlw  .2
    movwf  b2           ; counter
                        ; 2 times send string „boro“

att call   wys_micro
    ; procedure wys_micro reads characters from
    ; the string "boro" one after another,
    ; displays them on lcd
    ; and send them for transmission

    bsf    porta,1      ; RA1 on high (transmission in
                        ; idle state)

    call   p50           ; delay 50 ms
    call   p50           ;      "
    decfsz b2,f
    goto   att           ; repeat it 2 times

; the text „boro" was transmitted to PC 2 times
; Then we enter ASCII characters on the terminal
; window on PC
; Microcontroller PIC receives them on the line RA2

at2 call   p50
    call   rs_rxd        ; data reception
```



```

    movwf t6                ; save received byte to
                            ; t6 variable

    call  pizsd             ; display character on the lcd
    call  rs_tdx            ; echoing
; transmission of received characters
; back to the issueing terminal window

    call  p50               ; delay for demo purposes
    call  p50
    call  p50
    call  p50
    goto  at2               ; loop forever

initLCD                    ; LCD initialisation
    call  p50
    movlw 0x13             ; E (RB4) = 1, data to be sent
                            ; (RB3 : RB0) = 3
                            ; w = 0001 0011
    movwf PORTB            ; w -> PORTB
    nop
    nop
    bcf E                  ; the Enable strobe asserted low
    call p5
    bsf E                  ; the Enable strobe asserted high
    nop
    nop
    bcf  E
    call p100
    bsf  E
    nop
    nop
    bcf  E

```

```
    call  p100
    movlw      h'28'          ; 4-bit mode, 2 lines
    call  p100
    movlw      .8             ; display off
    call  p100
    movlw      .1             ; display clear
    call  p100
    movlw      .6             ; entry mode
    call  p100
    movlw 0ch                 ; display on
    call  p100
    return

;pause 100 us
P100:                                ; wait t = 5 + 25*4 cycles
    movlw  0x01                ; 1 cycle
    movwf  a1                  ; 1 cycle
Out3:
    movlw  0x19                ; 1 cycle
    movwf  a2                  ; 1 cycle
In3:
    decf   a2,1                ; 1 cycle
    btfss  STATUS,Z            ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto   In3                 ; 2 cycles
    decf   a1,1                ; 1 cycle
    btfss  STATUS,Z            ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto   Out3                ; 2 cycles
    return                     ; 2 cycles

;-----
                                ; pause 2 ms
```

```

P2:  ; wait t = 4 + 10 * (6 + 50 * 4)cycles
      movlw  0x0A          ;1 cycle
      movwf  a1            ;1 cycle

Out2:
      movlw  0x32          ;1 cycle
      movwf  a2            ;1 cycle

In2:
      decf   a2,1          ;1 cycle
      btfss          STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

      goto   In2           ; 2 cycles

      decf   a1,1          ; 1 cycle
      btfss          STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

      goto   Out2          ; 2 cycles

      return              ; 2 cycles

;-----

      ; pause 5 ms

P5:   ; wait t = 4 + 21 * (6 + 58 * 4)cycles
      ; = 4 + 21*238 = 4 + 4 998 us

      movlw  0x15          ; 1 cycle
      movwf  a1            ; 1 cycle

Out1:
      movlw  0x3A          ; 1 cycle
      movwf  a4            ; 1 cycle

In1:
      decf   a4,1          ; 1 cycle
      btfss          STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

      goto   In1           ; 2 cycles

      decf   a1,1          ; 1 cycle

```

```
    btfss      STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto       Out1          ; 2 cycles
    return                                ; 2 cycles

;-----

;  pause 50 ms
P50:      ; wait T = 10 * 5000 cyclei
    movlw     0x0A          ; 1 cycle
    movwf     a2            ; 1 cycle
Jedziemy2:
    call      P5            ; 2 cycles
    decf      a2,1          ; 1 cycle
    btfss     STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto      Jedziemy2     ; 2 cycles
    return                                ; 2 cycles

;-----

piszd                                ; sending character to the lcd
    movwf     TMP3
;  movwf     t6
    bcf       E
    swapf     TMP3,f
    movlw     0c0h
    iorwf     TMP3,w
    andlw     0efh
    movwf     portb         ; high nibble transfer
    bsf       RS
    bsf       E
    nop
    nop
```

```
    bcf      E
    swapf    tmp3,w
    iorlw    0c0h
    andlw    0efh
    movwf    portb      ; low nibble transfer
    bsf      RS
    bsf      E
    nop
    nop
    bcf      E
    call     p100
    return
```

piszin ; RS=0, sending instruction to the lcd

```
    movwf    TMP3
    bcf      E
    swapf    TMP3,f
    movlw    0c0h
    iorwf    TMP3,w
    andlw    0efh
    movwf    portb
    bcf      RS
    bsf      E
    nop
    nop
    bcf      E
    swapf    tmp3,w
    iorlw    0c0h
    andlw    0efh
    movwf    portb
    bcf      RS
    bsf      E
```

```
    nop
    nop
    bcf      E
    call    p2
    return

WAIT5U:
                                ; this takes 5 µs to complete
    NOP                                ; 1 µs to process
    NOP                                ; 1 µs to process
    DECFSZ   TMP1,F              ; 1 µs if not zero,
                                ; 2 µs if zero
    GOTO     WAIT5U              ; 2 µs to process
    RETLW    0

rs_tdx                                ; transmission routine
    movf     t6,w                ; w <- t6
    movwf    tmp
    movlw    .9                  ; 8 data bits + 1 stop bit
                                ; (8 + 1 = 9)
    movwf    b1
    bsf      status,C
    bcf      porta, 1
rs_tx1
    call     p5
    call     p2
    call     p2
    wait     .50                  ; wait 50 µs

                                ; total: 5 + 2 + 2 + 0,050 = 9,05 ms
    rrf      tmp, f              ; right shift
    btfsc    status,c            ; check the state
```



```
    call    p2
    call    p2
    wait    .520
rs_rx1
    ; sampling the middle of the each of the 8 bits
    ; of data after delaying 9.05 ms (app. bit time)
    call    p5
    call    p2
    call    p2
    wait    .50          ; macro for delay 50 us

    bcf     status, C    ; clearing C flag
    btfsc   porta, 2     ; is RA2 input line low
                        ; or high?
    bsf     status, C    ; if high, C = 1
                        ; otherwise C remains 0
    rrf     tmp, f        ; rotate right variable tmp
                        ; through Carry Flag

    decfsz  b1, f         ; all bits received yet?
    goto    rs_rx1       ; receiving next bit

    movf    tmp, t6       ; store received byte
                        ; to t6
    movf    tmp, w        ; and to W
    return

wys_micro          ; reading lookup table
                  ; displaying the character on LCD
                  ; and sending it to transmission

    movlw   .0
    movwf   adres
```

```

et_w
    call        napis        ; call lookup table

    addlw       .0          ; if the text terminated,
                           ; the Z flag will be set

    btfsc       status, z

    return

    movwf t6          ; store the read character
                           ; to t6 variable

    call        piszd        ; character sent to lcd
    call        rs_tdx       ; character sent
                           ; for transmission

    incf        adres, f    ; next character
    movf        adres, w
    goto        et_w

    napis addwf pcl, f      ; Add offset to table
                           ; base pointer

    dt         " boro ", 0  ; create table

;-----
end

```

Program description

We use Bit-Banging method to emulate serial port. In this method we manage all synchronization and timing signals and we have to ensure proper setup and times for reading and writing data to the ports.

Bits are transfered in „8-N-1” format which means that eight data bits are sent with a single (low) Start Bit and high Stop Bit to make up a data packet. “8-N-1 is a simple and convenient protocol. The packet ends with a “1” being sent as a Stop Bit, to allow the “0” Start Bit to be easily recognised. In the idle state the line is on high. N letter means that no parity checking is performed.

Each bit is transmitted for a set period of time, the reciprocal of which is the “data rate”. Common data rates are 300, 1200, 2400, 9600, 19200 bps. As equipment

got faster, the data rates became multiples of these speeds. For the rate 9600 bps the bit time is:

$$1/9600 = 104.1 \mu s$$

In our experiment we use the slow transmission: 110 bps. For this rate the bit time is:

$$1/110 = 9.09 \text{ ms}$$

The signal for each bit, whether 1 or 0, has to stay on the transmit line over the time of app. 9.09 ms. We achieve this delay adding up: $2\text{ms} + 2\text{ms} + 5\text{ms} + 50 \mu s = 9.05 \text{ ms}$. The least significant bit is sent first, immediately after the start bit that is always low (0).

The start bit is an initial zero bit and the stop bit is a trailing one bit. The binary code b'01000001' (code of the character 'A') is actually transmitted as follows: first the start bit 0, then 8 bits in reversed order and the stop bit high: $\rightarrow 0,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,0,1$ with the start and stop bits added and the least significant bit sent first. The signal line idles at a '1' (high) normally so the start bit is a change from idle to a 0 and the stop bit continues at a one.

It is good custom to end the transmission with 2 stop bits (8N2), while perform reception with the format 8N1. It provides some synchronization between TX and RX, assuming approximations in the delay procedures. Also between bytes we entered longer delays for the demo purposes.

To receive data, the input line is continuously polled. When the leading edge of the start bit is detected, a half bit delay is made:

$$9.09/2 = 4.5 \text{ ms.}$$

and the input line is polled again 8 times with time intervals 9.09 ms after each poll. At the end of the packet the Stop Bit is checked and the routine returns to its caller with the received byte.

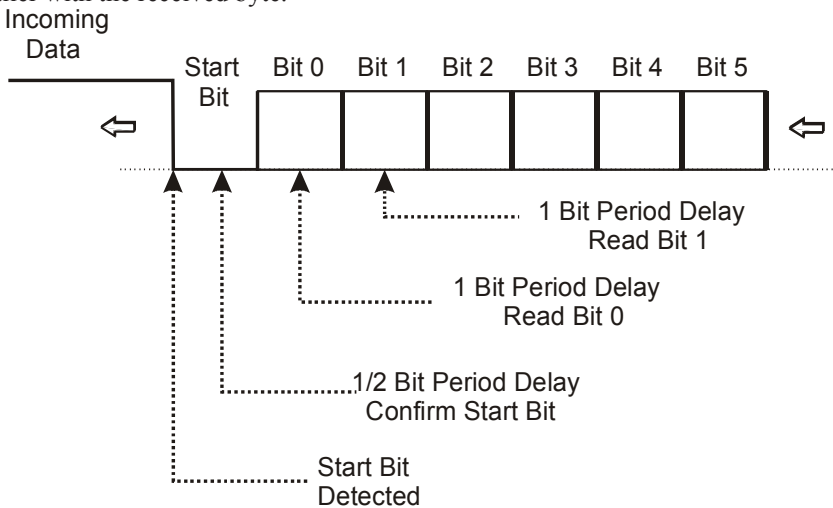


Fig. 33 Bit banging rs-232 data receive

For measuring delay time we used 5 procedures and one macro:

wait5u	delay	5 μ sek
p100	„	100 μ s
p2	„	2 ms
p5	„	5 ms
p50	„	50 ms
wait: time.	Delay for TIME μ s (macro).	

Setting signal low or high on the TX line (RA1) uses the following technique: Byte, to be sent is stored in the auxiliary variable *tmp*.

```
movf      t6,w          ; w <- t6
movwf     tmp
```

First we like to send Start Bit, therefore RA1 is put on low and bit time 9.05 ms is delayed.

```
bcf       porta, 1
....
call      p5
call      p2
call      p2
wait      .50           ; wait 50  $\mu$ s
                        ; total: 5 + 2 + 2 + 0,050 = 9,05 ms
```

Now the variable *tmp* is rotated right through Carry. The most right bit (less significant) is loaded to Carry bit of the STATUS register.

```
rrf       tmp, f        ; rotate right tmp
                        ; through Carry
```

Then the state of C flag is checked. If it is high, the line RA1 is set high too. If C flag is low, RA1 is brought to low. Finally the delay 9.05 ms is performed. This procedure is repeated 9 times (counter b1), so, that the whole byte and stop bit are outputted. Last bit sent is '1', because before transmission the C Flag was set.

```
movlw     .9            ; 8 data bits + 1 stop bit
                        ; (8 + 1 = 9)
movwf     b1
```

```
        bsf          status,C      ; setting C high before
                                   ; transmission

...

        rrf          tmp, f        ; rotate right tmp
                                   ; through Carry

        btfsc        status,c      ; check the state
                                   ; of C flag, if it is 0

        goto         s1            ; it is high
        goto         c1            ; it is low
s1      bsf          porta, 1       ; bring RA1 (transmit)
                                   ; high

        goto         d1

c1      bcf          porta,1        ; bring RA1 (transmit) low
d1      decfsz       b1, f          ; decrementing counter
        goto         rs_tx1
```

After sending byte, the long delay (two bit times) is performed.

```
        ; long delay after transmitting the byte

        call         p5
        call         p2
        call         p2
        wait         .50
        call         p5
        call         p2
        call         p2
        wait         .50

        return
```

Receiving data is carried out in the similar manner (procedure *rs_rxd*).

The state of RA2 line is checked. If it is high, Carry flag is set high. If RA2 is low, the Carry Flag is brought low too. Then the auxiliary variable *tmp* is rotated right through Carry, loading with received bits.

```

. . . .
rs_rx1
; sampling the middle of the each of the 8 bits
; of data
; after delaying 9.05 ms (app. bit time)
    call    p5
    call    p2
    call    p2
    wait    .50          ; macro for delay 50 us

    bcf     status, C    ; clearing C flag
    btfsc   porta, 2     ; is RA2 input line low
                        ; or high?
    bsf     status, C    ; if high, C = 1
                        ; otherwise C remains 0
    rrf     tmp, f       ; rotate right
                        ; variable tmp
                        ; through Carry Flag

    decfsz  b1, f        ; all bits received yet?
    goto    rs_rx1      ; receiving next bit

    movf    tmp, t6      ; store received byte
                        ; to t6

```

Above presented application makes first reading the text 'boro\ from the lookup table. Text is 2 times written to lcd and transmitted to terminal window on PC. It can be Microsoft HyperTerminal application, but we would recommend application Tera Term Pro because of its simplicity.

After displaying on the terminal window the text: boro boro, the transmission from the PIC microcontroller is terminated and the microcontroller waits for data from PC. ASCII values entered on the terminal window are transmitted by the RS232 link to the controller and displayed on the LCD. The microcontroller sends feedback of received characters back to the issuing terminal window.

Keypads play important role in a small embedded system where human interaction or human input is needed. All we have to do is connect the rows and columns to a port of microcontroller and program the controller to read the input.

We make the rows as i/p and we drive the columns making them o/p, this whole procedure of reading the keyboard is called scanning.

A 3 x 4 matrix keypad is used for data entry. The 12 push switches are connected to seven lines of port A, as shown in [figure 36](#).

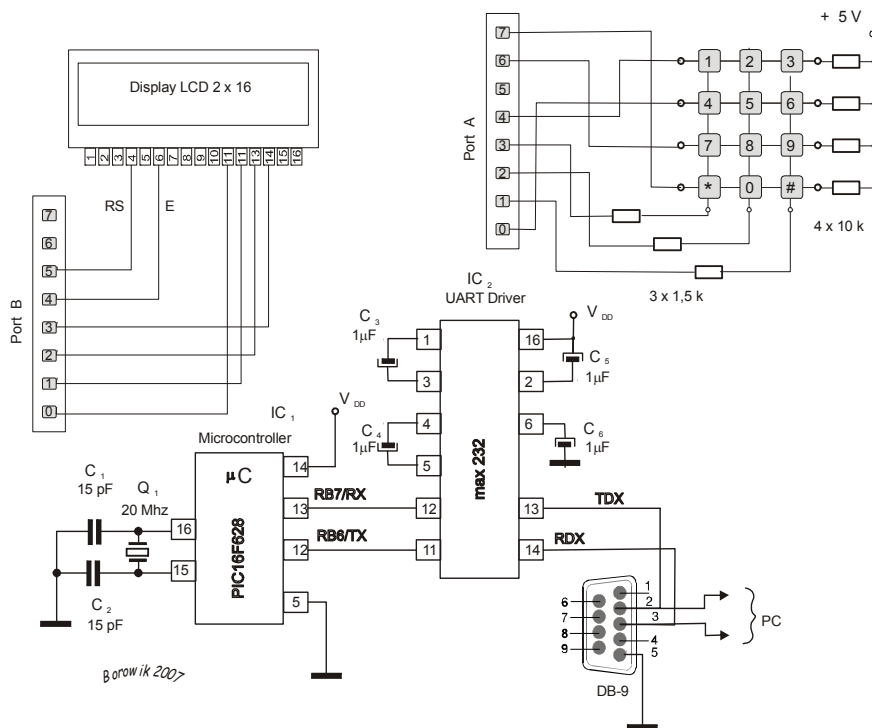


Fig. 34 Schematic diagram for the test with the matrix keypad

Port A and Port B lines are connected as follows:

RA0	keypad	Row 2	RB0	LCD	Data
RA1		Col 3	RB1		

RA2		Col 2	RB2		
RA3		Col 1	RB3		
RA4		Row 1	RB4		Enable
RA5	Not used		RB5		Register Select
RA6	Keypad	Row 3	RB6	RS-232	TX
RA7		Row 4	RB7		RX Not used in the program

Or with reference to modules:

Matrix keypad:

Row 1	RA4
Row 2	RA0
Row 3	RA6
Row 3	RA7
Col 1	RA3
Col 2	RA2
Col 3	RA1

LCD:

Data	<RB0 : RB3>
Enable	RB4
RS	RB5

Serial transmission:

TX	RB6
RX	RB7

Program source code

```
;  
    list p=16f628, r=hex      ; declare processor,  
                                ; specifying the radix  
    #include p16f628.inc      ; include register label  
                                ; definitions  
    __config h'3f10'          ; configuration information for  
                                ; selected processor  
                                ; 3f10 HVP (High Voltage Programming)  
                                ; 3f90 LVP (Low Voltage Programming)  
    #define E portb,4          ; LCD on portB  
    #define RS      portb,5      ;      "      "  
  
    tmp      equ    h'29'  
    cur_col  equ    h'2A'        ; current column  
    key_val  equ    h'2C'        ; ASCII code of the  
                                ; pressed key  
  
    a1 equ    h'2F'  
    a2 equ    h'30'  
    wait_count      equ    h'31'  
    a4 equ    h'32'  
    b1 equ    h'33'  
    b2 equ    h'34'  
    tmp2      equ    h'35'  
    t6 equ    h'36'  
    tmp1      equ    h'38'  
    tmp3      equ    h'39'  
    w_tmp equ h'3a'  
    st_tmp equ    h'3b'  
  
    l_msek      equ    h'3d' ; delay counter
```



```
    movlw .6                      ; load TMR0
    movwf TMR0

    movfw wait_count
    btfss status, Z
    decf wait_count, f
    goto _odtworz

    ; restoring registers
_odtworz swapf st_tmp, w    ; w <- st_tmp
    movwf status          ; status <- w
    swapf w_tmp, f        ; w <- w-tmp
    swapf w_tmp, w
    retfie

*****

; main
;*****

_start
    movlw h'07'
    movwf cmcon
    bsf    status, rp0
    bcf     pcon, 1          ;Power On Reset
    movlw 0x00
    movwf trisb
    bsf     pcon, oscf       ; int.gen.4 MHz

    movlw .1                ; prescaler is assigned
                             ; to the Timer0 module
    movwf option_reg        ; prescaler rate: 1:4

    movlw      0d1h         ; portA direction b'1101 0001'
```

```
; RA0 Input, RA1:RA3 Output, RA4 Input, RA5 Output,
; RA6:RA7 Input

movwf trisa

bcf    status, rp0
movlw  000h      ; 0 to portA and portB
movwf  porta
movwf  portb

clrf   intcon      ; clear intcon, clear rbif flag
; disabling all interrupts

movlw  .6          ; starting value of TMR0
movwf  tmr0

call   initLCD
movlw  80h      ; first line of the LCD
call   pizsin

clrf   cur_col

clrf   key_val
clrf   wait_count

;bsf   intcon, t0ie      ;enables the TMR0
; interrupt
;bsf   intcon, gie      ;enables all interrupts

; end of the initialisation
;;;;;;;;;;

scan      ; reading the keypad
```

```
    incf  cur_col, f      ; pickup next column
                                ; to scan

    movlw .4              ; if cur_col > max_col, then
    subwf cur_col, w      ; we just did last column
                                ; so start over

    btfss status, z       ; if zero we need to start over
    goto  key_scan        ; if not, go, look for key hits
    clrf  cur_col         ; starting over
    goto  scan

key_scan                    ; reading the key
    movfw cur_col          ; get bit pattern, which
    call  col_select       ; selects currently
                                ; desired column

    movwf porta            ; and enable that column

    movfw porta            ; reading rows (input lines)
    andlw 0xd1             ; 0xd1 = b1101 0001, porta
                                ; if no key hit
                                ; clearing column lines <1:3>

    addlw -NO_HIT          ; see, if key hit occurred
                                ; in current column

    btfsc status, z
    goto  scan             ; no, look at next column
    call  key_get          ; yes, process ignore
                                ; key release keystroke

    andlw 0d1h            ; there is bounce on
                                ; a key „release“

    xorlw 0d1h

    btfsc status, z       ; we want to debounce
```



```
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call p100
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call p100
    movlw h'28' ; 4 bits mode, 2 lines, 5x7
    call piszin
    movlw .8      ; display off
    call piszin
    movlw .1      ; display clear
    call piszin
    movlw .6      ; entry mode
    call piszin
    movlw 0ch     ; display on
    call piszin
    return

col_select
    addwf pcl, f      ; get bit pattern, which
                      ; selects given column

    dt    b'00001110' ; no column selected
    dt    b'00000110' ; col 1
    dt    b'00001010' ; col 2
    dt    b'00001100' ; col 3

key_get
    movfw porta
    movwf key_val
```

check

```
    call p5
    call p5
    call p5
    call p5
    movfw porta
                                ; debounce cycle
    subwf key_val, f ; see, if matches last
    btfsc status, z ; if Z, the values matched
    goto matched
    movwf key_val ; no match, start debounce
                                ; cycle again

    goto check
```

matched

```
    movwf key_val ; save in case, we have to do
                                ; again
    return
```

key_xlate

```
    comf key_val, w ; complement so only bits on
                                ; correspond
    andlw 0d1h ; to row select mask unused off

    call bit2row ;translate it into a row number
    movwf key_val

    movfw cur_col ; get current column
    addlw -1 ; convert into an 0-relative offset
    addwf pcl, f
```

```
    goto  col1_xlate
    goto  col2_xlate
    goto  col3_xlate

col1_xlate:
    movfw key_val
    call  col1_keys
    movwf key_val
    return

col2_xlate:
    movfw key_val
    call  col2_keys
    movwf key_val
    return

col3_xlate:
    movfw key_val
    call  col3_keys
    movwf key_val
    return

col1_keys:
    addwf pcl, f
    dt    .14          ; character ,1'
    dt    11h          ; character ,4'
    dt    .20          ; character ,7'
    dt    .7           ; character ,*'

col2_keys:
    addwf pcl, f
    dt    0fh          ; character ,2'
```



```
dt    .18          ; character ,5'
dt    .21          ; character ,8'
dt    .13          ; character ,0'
```

col3_keys:

```
    addwf pcl, f
dt    10h          ; character ,3'
dt    .19          ; character ,6'
dt    .22          ; character ,9'
dt    .0           ; character ,#'
```

bit2row:

```
    movwf tmp
    sublw 0x10
    btfss status, Z
    goto r2
    retlw .0
```

```
r2  movfw tmp
    sublw .1
    btfss status, Z
    goto r3
    retlw .1
```

```
r3  movfw tmp
    sublw .64
    btfss status, Z
    goto r4
    retlw .2
```

```
r4  movfw tmp
    sublw .128
```

```
    btfss status, Z
    return
    retlw .3

; pause 100 us
P100:  ; wait t = 5 + 25*4 cycles
    movlw 0x01          ; 1 cycle
    movwf a1            ; 1 cycle
Out3:
    movlw 0x19          ; 1 cycle
    movwf a2            ; 1 cycle
In3:
    decf a2,1           ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto In3            ; 2 cycles
    decf a1,1           ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto Out3           ; 2 cycles
    return              ; 2 cycles
;-----

; pause 2 ms
P2:   ; wait t = 4 + 10 * (6 + 50 * 4)cycles
    movlw 0x0A          ; 1 cycle
    movwf a1            ; 1 cycle
Out2:
    movlw 0x32          ; 1 cycle
    movwf a2            ; 1 cycle
In2:
    decf a2,1           ;1 cycle
```

```

    btfss STATUS,Z                ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto In2                      ; 2 cycles
    decf a1,1                    ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z                ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto Out2                    ; 2 cycles
    return                       ; 2 cycles

;-----

; pause 5 ms
P5:  ; wait t = 4 + 21 * (6 + 58 * 4)cycles
      ; = 4 + 21*238 = 4 + 4 998 us
    movlw 0x15                   ; 1 cycle
    movwf a1                     ; 1 cycle
Out1:
    movlw 0x3A                   ; 1 cycle
    movwf a4                     ; 1 cycle
In1:
    decf a4,1                    ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z                ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto In1                    ; 2 cycles
    decf a1,1                    ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z                ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                                   ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)

    goto Out1                    ; 2 cycles
    return                       ; 2 cycles

;-----

; pause 50 ms
P50:      ; wait T = 10 * 5000 cycles

```

```
    movlw 0x0A          ; 1 cycle
    movwf a2            ; 1 cycle
Jedziemy2:
    call P5             ; 2 cycles
    decf a2,1           ; 1 cycle
    btfss STATUS,Z      ; 1 cycle (Z = 0),
                        ; 2 cycles (Z = 1)
    goto Jedziemy2      ; 2 cycles
    return              ; 2 cycles
    ;-----
```

```
piszd
    movwf TMP3
    bcf E
    swapf TMP3,f
    movlw 0c0h
    iorwf TMP3,w
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb         ; high nibble transfer
    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
    nop
    bcf E
    swapf tmp3,w
    iorlw 0c0h
    andlw 0efh
    movwf portb         ; low nibble transfer

    bsf RS
    bsf E
    nop
```

```
    nop
    bcf    E
    call  p100
    return
```

```
piszin                ; RS = 0
```

```
    movwf TMP3
    bcf    E
    swapf  TMP3,f
```

```
    movlw  0c0h
    iorwf  TMP3,w
    andlw  0efh
    movwf  portb
    bcf    RS
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    swapf  tmp3,w
    iorlw  0c0h
    andlw  0efh
    movwf  portb
    bcf    RS
    bsf    E
    nop
    nop
    bcf    E
    call  p2
    return
```

```
WAIT5U:                ; This takes 5  $\mu$ s to complete
```

```
NOP                ; 1 µs to process
NOP                ; 1 µs to process
DECFSZ    TMP1,F    ; 1µs if not zero or
                  ; 2 µs if zero

GOTO  WAIT5U        ; 2 µs to process
RETLW    0
```

rs_tdx

```
movf t6,w
movwf tmp
movlw .9
movwf b1
bsf      status,C
bcf  portb, 6
```

rs_tx1

```
call p5
call p2
call p2
wait .50
rrf  tmp, f
btfsc status,c
goto s1
goto c1
s1 bsf  portb, 6
   goto d1
c1 bcf  portb,6
d1 decfsz    b1, f
   goto rs_tx1
   call p5
   call p2
   call p2
```

```

    wait .50
    call p5
    call p2
    call p2
    wait .50
    return

;-----
end

```

Program description

Interrupt Service Routine has not been used in the program.

The three columns of the keypad are connected to three of the output signals from the PIC. The four rows of the keypad are connected to four of the input signals to the PIC. If no key is pressed there is no electrical contact between the rows and the columns. The PIC detects which key is pressed by 'scanning' the keypad.

First the PIC makes the column 1 current column and sets the signal going to Column 1 low (a digital '0'). All the other Columns are made high (a digital '1'). Then it tests the input signals coming from each Row in turn. If any of the Row signals is low, this means that the corresponding key in Column 1 has been pressed. Current column number is stored to the variable *cur_col*.

Interrupt Service Routine has not been used in the program. During the initialization phase the variable *cur_col* is cleared:

```
    clrf  cur_col
```

After modules initialization the keypad scanning is executed.

```

scan                ; reading the keypad

    incf  cur_col, f ; pickup next column to scan
    movlw .4         ; if cur_col > max_col, then
    subwf cur_col, w ; we just did last column
                        ; so start over

    btfss status, z ; if zero we need to start over
    goto  key_scan  ; if not, go, look for key hits
    clrf  cur_col    ; starting over
    goto  scan

```

```
key_scan          ; reading the key
    movfw cur_col  ; get bit pattern, which
    call col_select ; selects currently desired
                    ; column
    movwf porta    ; and enable that column
```

We call *col_select* to receive the bit pattern for port A with the specified column selected.

```
col_select      addwf pcl, f      ; get bit pattern
                ; , which selects given column

    dt    b'00001110'           ; no column selected
    dt    b'00000110'           ; col 1, bit 3 low
    dt    b'00001010'           ; col 2, bit 2 low
    dt    b'00001100'           ; col 3, bit 1 low
```

Then we send received bit pattern to port A and respective column output line is set low. Next we read port A to detect, if any row is made low on input row lines. Such situation means, that the corresponding key has been pressed.

```
    movwf porta    ; and enable that column
    ...
    movfw porta    ; reading rows (input lines)
```

We have to compare the setting of port A with the pattern NO_HIT (No key pressed) and to debounce key releases.

```
    movfw porta    ; reading rows (input lines)
    andlw 0xd1     ; 0xd1 = b1101 0001, porta
                    ; if no key hit
                    ; clearing column lines <1:3>
    addlw -NO_HIT  ; see, if key hit occurred
                    ; in current column

    btfsc status, z
```



```
    goto scan          ; no, look at next column
    call key_get        ; yes, process ignore key
                        ; release keystroke

    andlw 0d1h          ; there is bounce on a key
                        ; „release”

    xorlw 0d1h

    btfsc status, z     ; we want to debounce key
                        ; releases

    goto scan           ; (so, they do not look like
                        ; legit keystrokes) but then we
                        ; just ignore the release

    ...
key_get
    movfw porta
    movwf key_val

check
    call p5
    call p5
    call p5
    call p5
    movfw porta

                                ; debounce cycle
    subwf key_val, f      ; see, if matches last
    btfsc status, z      ; if Z, the values matched
    goto matched
    movwf key_val        ; no match, start debounce
                        ; cycle again

    goto check
```

```
matched
    movwf key_val      ; save in case, we have to do
                        ; again
    return
```

Now if we know valid keys, they have to be translated into ASCII codes. This task carries out the routine *key_xlate*. The lookup tables are built with the respective values for each column and each row. The lowest ASCII code is for the character # (ASCII code 35) In lookup tables we assign 0 for the # character and starting with 0 we successively assign next numbers for next characters. Therefore after finishing this procedure to each value we have to add 35.

```
key_xlate
    comf  key_val, w    ; complement so only bits on
                        ; correspond
    andlw 0d1h         ; to row select mask unused off

    call  bit2row       ;translate it into a row number
    movwf key_val

    movfw cur_col      ; get current column
    addlw -1           ; convert into an 0-relative
                        ; offset

    addwf pcl, f
    goto  col1_xlate
    goto  col2_xlate
    goto  col3_xlate

col1_xlate:
    movfw key_val
    call  col1_keys
    movwf key_val
```

```
    return
```

```
col2_xlate:
```

```
    movfw key_val
    call col2_keys
    movwf key_val
    return
```

```
col3_xlate:
```

```
    movfw key_val
    call col3_keys
    movwf key_val
    return
```

```
col1_keys:
```

```
    addwf pcl, f
    dt    .14          ; character ,1'
    dt    11h          ; character ,4'
    dt    .20          ; character ,7'
    dt    .7           ; character ,*'
```

```
col2_keys:
```

```
    addwf pcl, f
    dt    0fh          ; character ,2'
    dt    .18          ; character ,5'
    dt    .21          ; character ,8'
    dt    .13          ; character ,0'
```

```
col3_keys:
```

```
    addwf pcl, f
    dt    10h          ; character ,3'
    dt    .19          ; character ,6'
```

```
dt    .22          ; character ,9'  
dt    .0           ; character ,#'
```

```
bit2row:
```

```
    movwf tmp  
    sublw 0x10  
    btfss status, Z  
    goto r2  
    retlw .0
```

```
r2  movfw tmp  
    sublw .1  
    btfss status, Z  
    goto r3  
    retlw .1
```

```
r3  movfw tmp  
    sublw .64  
    btfss status, Z  
    goto r4  
    retlw .2
```

```
r4  movfw tmp  
    sublw .128  
    btfss status, Z  
    return  
    retlw .3
```

Finally the found ASCII codes are sent to LCD for displaying and in parallel for transmission to terminal window on PC.

The Stack Memory

During tracing the software execution very helpful is watching the memory contents.

In the PIC microcontrollers we can distinguish the program memory and the data memory. There is also the stack memory, which is not space of either program or data memory.

The PIC 18F1320 has 8 Kbytes (0x2000) of Flash program memory and can store up to 4096 (0x1000) single-word instructions. The Reset vector address is at 0000h. The program memory map is shown in the figure below.

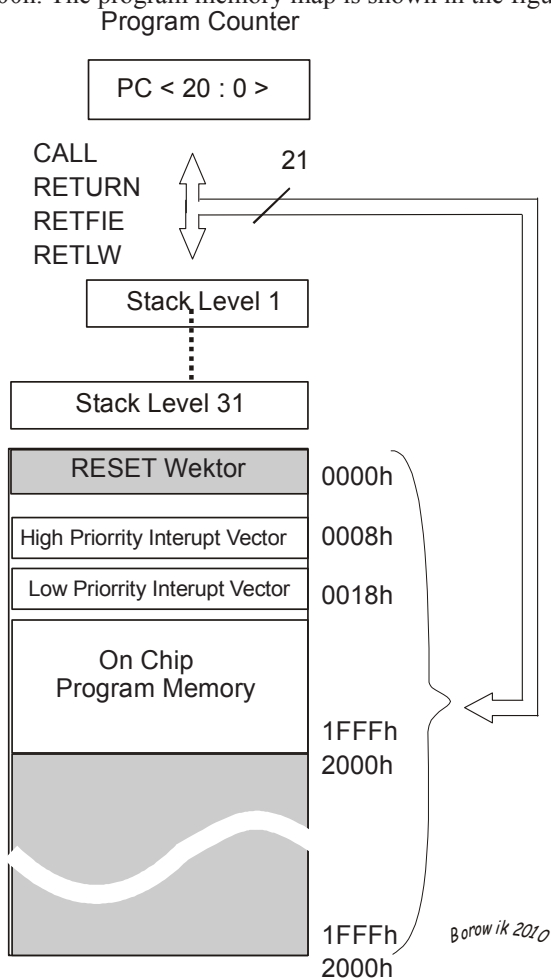


Fig.35. Program memory map and stack for PIC18F1320

The stack allows up to 31 program calls and interrupts to occur. The PC register content is pushed onto the stack, when a call instruction is executed. The PC value is pulled off the stack on a RETURN, RETLW, or RETFIE instruction.

The stack operates as a 31 word by 21 bit RAM and a 5 bit stack pointer, initialized to 0 after all resets.

During a CALL instruction the stack pointer is first incremented, and the RAM location, pointed to by the STKPTR register is written with the contents of the PC (pointing to the instruction, following the CALL). During the RETURN instruction the contents of the RAM location pointed to by the STKPTR are transferred to the PC and then the stack pointer is decremented.

Status bits indicate if the stack is full, has overflowed or underflowed.

In our application the highest used level of stack was 5.

Below is shown the point in the software code, where the stack pointer is on the 3rd level

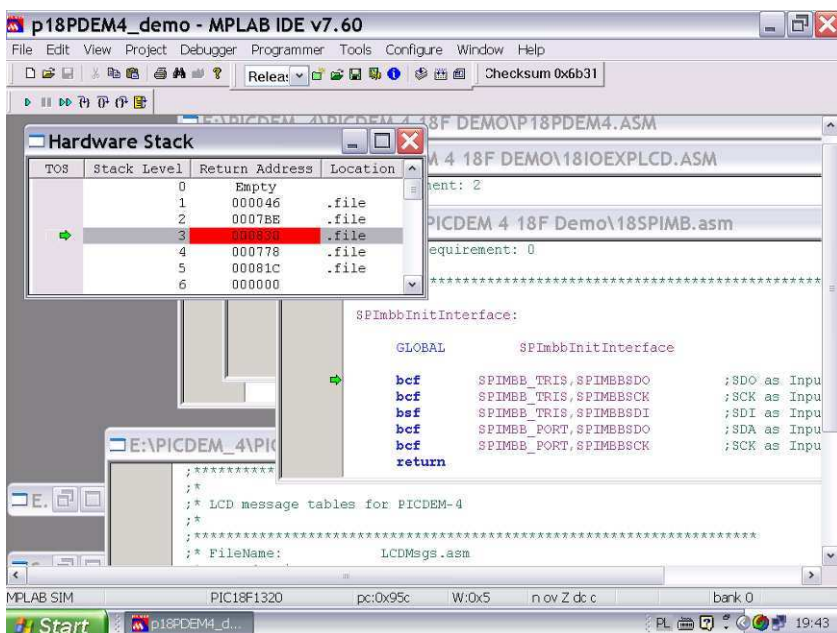


Fig.36. The hardware Stack

From the line # 34 (address 042) of the main code was called the function IoExpLCDInit (address 7ba). PC register was holding the address of the next instruction: 046

$$042 + 4 = 046$$

and pushed it on the first level of the stack. Program flow went to the location of 7ba, line # 990, which was the function: IoExpLCDInit. In the first line of this

function was call to the function `_InitIOExpander` (line # 1047, address 82c. PC was holding the address of the next instruction:

$7ba + 4 = 7be$

and pushed this return value onto the stack as the 2nd level.

Then in the address 82c was executed macro `mInitInterface`, and from it was called the function `SPImbbInitInterface`. PC register was holding the address of the next instruction:

$82c + 4 = 830$

and again pushed this return value onto the stack (3rd level).

The green arrow on the left side points onto the top of the stack.

As we can see, there are some values on the levels 4 and 5, because after returning from function the program doesn't clear the stack location, but during subsequent pushing overwrites old values with the new.

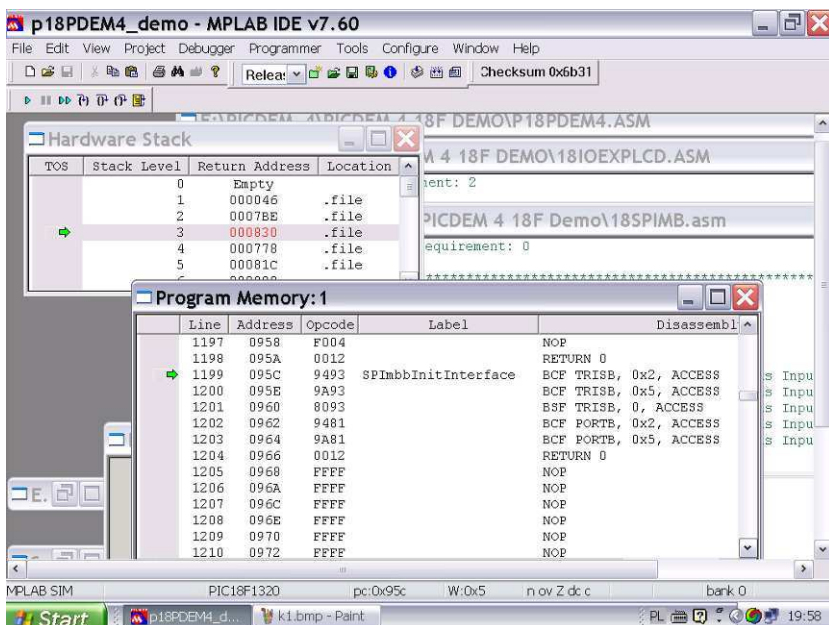


Fig.37. the Program Memory window

The second snapshot screen shows as well the Program Memory window. The current line # is 1199 and the address of the function in the memory is 95c

We can present this as the following scheme:

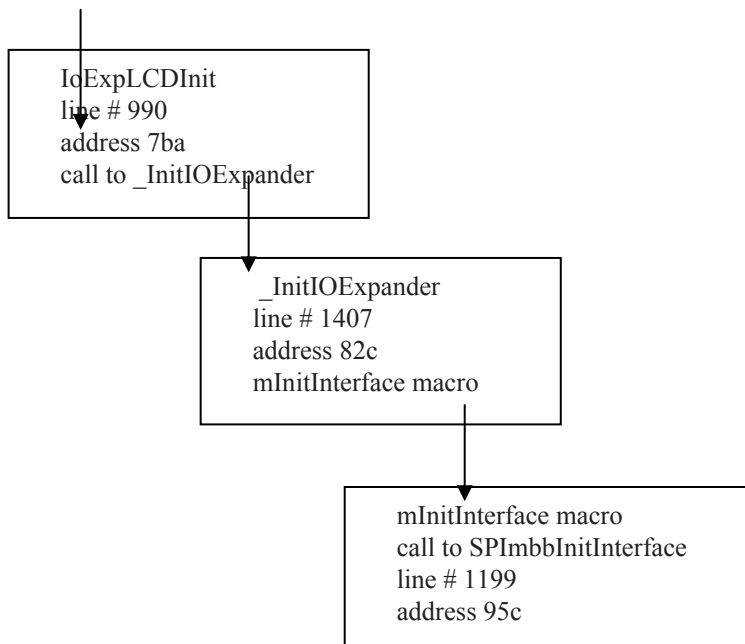
the main code

...

line # 34

address 042

call to `IoExpLCDInit`



When we trace the program further on and execute return, then the stack pointer decrements and the green arrow on the left goes one level up.

Another information on, how the program works, we can get from the *.map* file. The *.map* file is generated, when we select this linker option in:

Project → Build Options → Project
and in the dialog window we open the linker tab.
Below is some part of the *.map* file.

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Linker Map File - Created Wed Feb 27 12:18:47 2008

		Section		Section Info		
	Size (Bytes)			Type	Address	Lo-
cation						

		ResetVector		code	0x000000	
program	0x000004					
		.cinit		romdata	0x00002a	
program	0x000002					
		Main_Start		code	0x00002c	
program	0x00050a					

		IOExpLCDMsg	code	0x000536
program	0x0001ec			
		IOExp2LCDCode	code	0x000722
program	0x00016e			
		PROG2	code	0x000890
program	0x00007a			
		CODE18SPIMBB	code	0x00090a
program	0x00005e			
		.config	code	0x300000
program	0x00000e			
		SPIMB	udata	0x000080
data	0x000017			
		IOExpLCD_LCD_DATA	udata	0x000097
data	0x00000f			
		MainRAM	udata	0x0000a6
data	0x000009			
		MATH_VAR	udata	0x0000af
data	0x000009			
		MainOvrRAM	udata	0x0000b8
data	0x000003			
		MainAcSRAM	udata	0x0000bb
data	0x000001			

	Program	Memory	Usage
	Start		End
	-----		-----
	0x000000		0x000003
	0x00002a		0x000967
	0x300000		0x30000d
2384 out of 8472 program addresses used,			
program memory utilization is 28%			

Also the `.map` file provides information about all symbols in the output module. Symbols are: function names, labels for loop branches, the user defined register names etc. Information includes the address of the symbol, whether the symbol resides in program or data memory, whether it has external or static linkage and the name of the file, where it is defined, as below:

Symbols - Sorted by Address

Name Storage File	Address	Location	
-----	-----	-----	-----
start	0x00002c	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
UserMode	0x00007a	program	
static E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
VoltmeterMenu	0x00007a	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
_Main_Start_007C	0x0000a8	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
_Main_Start_0080	0x0000ac	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
_Main_Start_00AE	0x0000da	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\p18PDEM4.asm			
.....			
_CODE18SPIMBB_004C	0x000956	program	static
E:\. . . .mo\18SPIMB.asm			
SPImbbInitInterface	0x00095c	program	extern
E:\. . . .mo\18SPIMB.asm			
SPImbbBuffer	0x000080	data	extern
E:\. . . .mo\spimb.asm			
SPImbbRxData	0x000094	data	static
E:\. . . .mo\spimb.asm			
SPImbbData	0x000095	data	extern
E:\. . . .mo\spimb.asm			
SPImbbDataRead	0x000096	data	static
E:\. . . .mo\spimb.asm			
_ioExpDelay	0x000097	data	
static E:\. . . .mo\IoExpLcd.asm			
_ioExpInternalCounter	0x000098	data	static
E:\. . . .mo\IoExpLcd.asm			
_ioExpDataToLCD	0x000099	data	static
E:\. . . .mo\IoExpLcd.asm			
_ioExpCommandToLCD	0x00009a	data	
static E:\. . . .mo\IoExpLcd.asm			
.....			

The lister file .lst

One of the output file generated by the linker is the text file *.lst*, called lister file. Inspecting this file allows to understand, how the program works. Let us see the beginning of the *.lst* file of the demo program p18PDEM.asm:

```
;*****
;Reset                                                    Vector
;*****
ResetVector      CODE      0x00

000000    ef16      GOTO      0x2c
                goto  start

000002    f000

Main_Start      CODE

    start
;Initialize I/O pins
00002c    0e70      MOVLW      0x70
                movlw                    B'01110000'
                ;Select 8MHz frequency
00002e    6ed3      MOVWF      0xd3,0x0
                movwf  OSCCON
000030    6a80      CLRF       0x80,0x0
                clrf   PORTA
000032    6a81      CLRF       0x81,0x0
                clrf   PORTB
000034    68c1      SETF       0xc1,0x0
                setf   ADCON1

000036    0e3f      MOVLW      0x3f
                movlw  B'00111111'
000038    6e92      MOVWF      0x92,0x0
                movwf  TRISA
00003a    0ef7      MOVLW      0xf7
                movlw  B'11110111'
00003c    6e93      MOVWF      0x93,0x0
                movwf  TRISB
```

```
00003e    ec1f        CALL        0x43e,0x0
                        call      LongDelay
                                ;Provide some delay
                                to match-up reset time

000040    f002
                                ;of IO Expander
```

First four bytes of the reset vector is a reset section.

From the address of 0x020 on goes the Main-Start code, comprising 0x00050a bytes of code. The first line of the Main-Start code is the line:

```
00002c    0e70        MOVLW        0x70
                        movlw
                                B'01110000'
                        ;Select 8MHz frequency
```

2ch is the address of the line in hex.

0e is the op code name of the instruction *movlw*

70 is the value of the argument, equal 0x70. This value is to be loaded into WREG register.

The next line with the address of 00002e is:

```
00002e    6ed3        MOVWF        0xd3,0x0
                        movwf      OSCCON
```

6e is the op code of the instruction *movwf*

d3 is the address of the SFR OSCCON register

The result of running this instruction can be watched in the window of MPLAB IDE:

View → Special Function Registers, and also in the window:

View → View → File Registers

as is shown below:

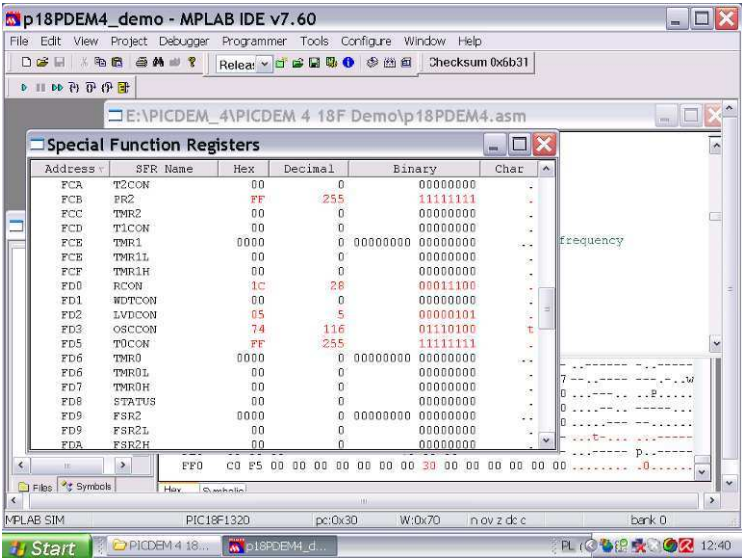


Fig.38. The result of running this instruction watched in the window

Let us remember, that OSCCON register has the address of Fd3.

As was stated, the Special Function Registers we can also inspect in the window with all data memory, named: File Registers. We have to scroll down the window to the very end to see the upper addresses of the memory. There are no names of registers in this window, but we remember, that OSCCON register has the address of FD3

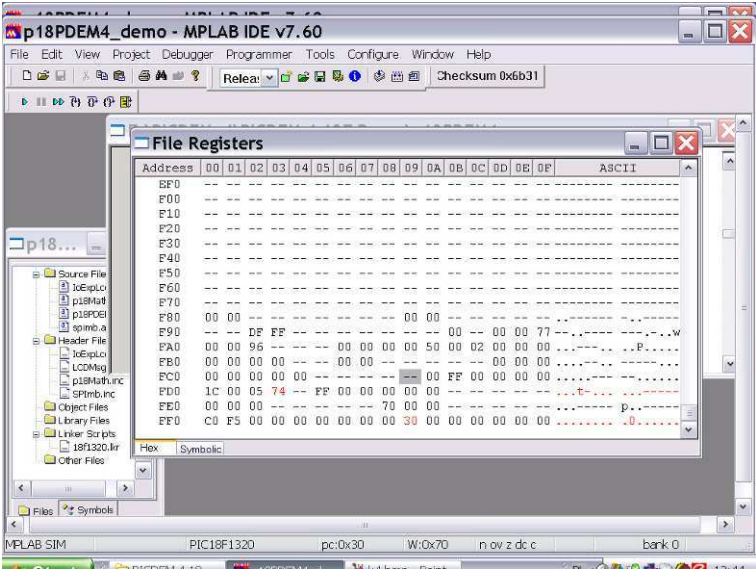


Fig.39. The result of running this instruction watched in the window

As we see, the working register WREG (address 0xFE8) holds the value of 70, while the OSCCON register has the value of 74. The third bit in the register is set, because the INTOSC frequency is stable

Let us inspect the tenth and eleventh lines of code:

```
00003e    ec1f        CALL        0x43e,0x0
                                call    LongDelay
                                ;Provide some delay
                                to match-up reset time

000040    f002
                                ;of IO Expander
```

0x00003e is the instruction address in the program memory.

ec is the op code of the *call* instruction.

Let us leave the value of 1f as it is, and take into account the argument of the instruction: 0x43e. It points to the address in the program memory, where resides the function: *LongDelay*.

0x0 denotes the memory stack, where the return address is pushed (PC + 4).

Tables, Table instructions

As we can see in the *.map* file:

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-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
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program	0x000004					
		.cinit		romdata	0x00002a	
program	0x000002					
		Main_Start		code	0x00002c	
program	0x00050a					
		IOExpLCDMsg		code	0x000536	
program	0x0001ec					

```

                                IOExp2LCDCode          code          0x000722
program 0x00016e

```

the IOExpLCDMsg code section for displaying data on LCD resides in the program memory, starting with the address of 0x000536.

The first string to display is:

“____Microchip____”

and is labeled as MsgMicrochip. The string is expanded as follows:

```

IOExpLCDMsg          code

IOExpLCDStringTable:          ;table for standard
messages

GLOBAL IOExpLCDStringTable

MsgMicrochip:
000536 2020      ADDWFC      0x20,0x0,0x0      data  "
Microchip  ",0      ;
000538 2020      ADDWFC      0x20,0x0,0x0
00053a 694d      SETF        0x4d,0x1
00053c 7263      BTG         0x63,0x1,0x0
00053e 636f      CPFSEQ      0x6f,0x1
000540 6968      SETF        0x68,0x1
000542 2070      ADDWFC      0x70,0x0,0x0
000544 2020      ADDWFC      0x20,0x0,0x0
000546 0000      NOP

```

The first column contains addresses of particular words of code. The second column contains ASCII characters to be displayed, the lower byte first.:

```

2020      space, space
2020      "      "
694d      i      M
7263      r      c
636f      c      o
6968      i      h
2070      _      p
2020      _      _

```

” _ ” also denotes space.

The third and fourth columns can be neglected, because are no relevant.

In the 18th line of the Main-code section the following macro is invoked:

```
;Display "Microchip"
00004e  0e00      MOVLW      0x0
                mIOExpLCDSendMessage      MsgMicrochip
000050  6ef8      MOVWF      0xf8,0x0
000052  0e05      MOVLW      0x5
000054  6ef7      MOVWF      0xf7,0x0
000056  0e36      MOVLW      0x36
000058  6ef6      MOVWF      0xf6,0x0
00005a  ec91      CALL       0x722,0x0
00005c  f003
```

Notes, that 0xF8, 0xF7 and 0xF6 are addresses of three registers of the TBLPTR: upper, high and low.

The macro gets as the argument: MsgMicrochip, which is the label in the first string in the table. The pointer to the symbolic name MsgMicrochip is 0x000536. This address has to be moved to the TBLPTR register, to be read by the TBLRD (Table Read) instruction.

The TBLPTR register is comprised of three SFR registers:

Table Pointer Upper byte
Table Pointer High byte
Table Pointer Low byte
(TBLPTRU:TBLPTRH:TBLPTRL).

The macro mIOExpLCDSendMessage divides the pointer to MsgMessage into three parts and moves them to above mentioned Table Pointer bytes. Those three parts are:

00 to TBLPTRU
05 to TBLPTRH
36 to TBLPTRL.

Then the macro invokes the function:

```
00005a  ec91      CALL       0x722,0x0
( call IOExpLCDSendMessage).
```

The address of the function is 000722 in hex. and the respective code with the line addresses is shown below:

```
IOExpLCDSendMessage:

                GLOBAL      IOExpLCDSendMessage

                IOExpLCDNextMessageBit
000722  0009      TBLRDPOSTINC
```

```

                                TBLRD*+
                                ;read from table
000724  50f5      MOVF      0xf5,0x0,0x0
                                movf                                TABLAT,w
                                ;if 0 end
000726  0900      IORLW      0x0
                                iorlw      0x00
000728  b4d8      BTFSC      0xd8,0x2,0x0
                                btfsc      STATUS,Z
00072a  0012      RETURN     0x0
                                return
00072c  ecbd      CALL      0x77a,0x0
                                call                                IOExpLCDWriteData
                                ;otherwise write character in LCD
00072e  f003
000730  ef91      GOTO      0x722
                                goto        IOExpLCDNextMessageBit
000732  f003

```

The table is read with the instruction postincremented TBLRD*+. Then the content of the TBLAT register is copied to the W register. TBLAT register holds the value (ASCII character), pointed to by the TBLPTR register.

The contents of the W register is checked (iored with the value of 0x0), if it is the end of the string. If not yet, then the function writing data is invoked and the next character is to be loaded to the WREG register in the loop.

If the end of the string is encountered, the Return is executed.

The results of executing the code can be inspected by watching File Registers and Special Function Registers Memory, especially TBLPTRU, TBLPTRH, TBLPTRL and TBLAT registers

Data memory

Now we describe briefly the data memory. The data memory map is shown below, in [Figure 40](#)

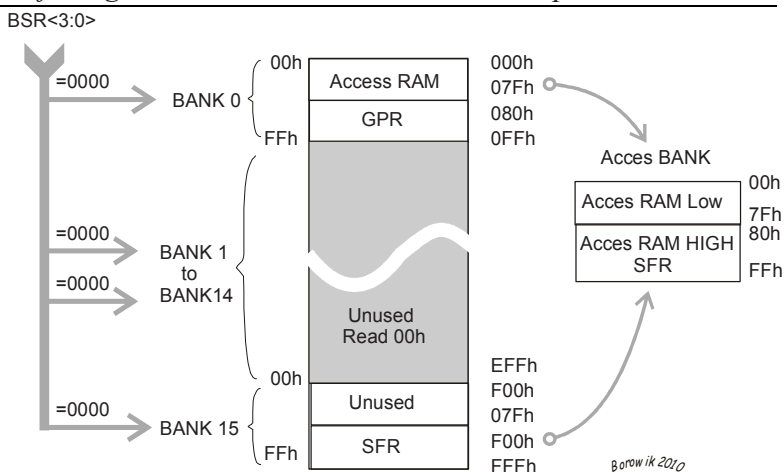


Fig.40 Program memory map and stack for PIC18F1320

The lowest address of 00h is in the top. Addresses grow up when we go down the figure. At the very top (bottom on the figure) are located SFR. They occupy addresses EFFh to FFFh (256 bytes).

Lower part of data memory occupy GPR (General Purpose Registers). These are user defined registers, used for data storage and scratch pad operations in the user application.

As already has been described, we can view data memory selecting in the MPLAB IDE:

View → Special Function Registers,

and to see GPR:

View → File Registers

Then we can scroll down the screen and see the SFR registers as well (see [fig. 40](#)).

The application of the PIC24FJ microcontroller with the 240x128 LCD display and the analog accelerometer sensor.

The source code has been written in C (C30 compiler). The sensor used is Freescale MMA7260QT, accommodated on the sensor board of Sure Electronics. For the convenience we put the board with sensor to the metal box as shown in the figure.



Fig.41 The accelerometer MMA7260QT, accommodated on the sensor board

Schematic diagram of the accelerometer with operational amplifiers is shown in [figure 42](#).

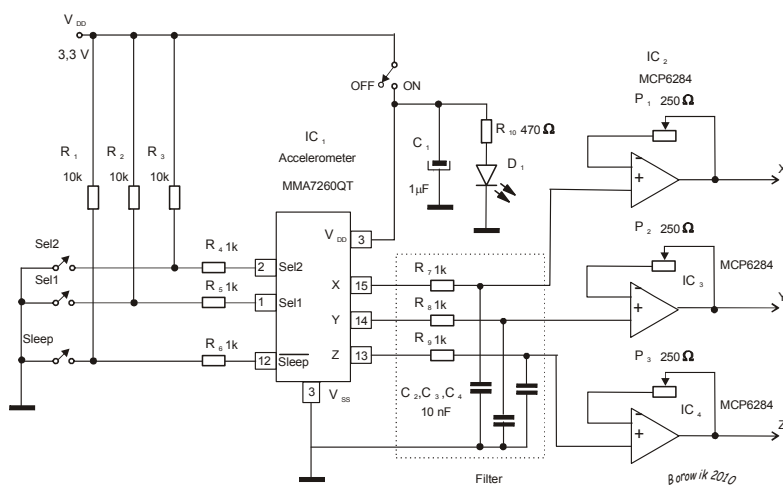


Fig.42 The accelerometer MMA7260QT, schematic diagram

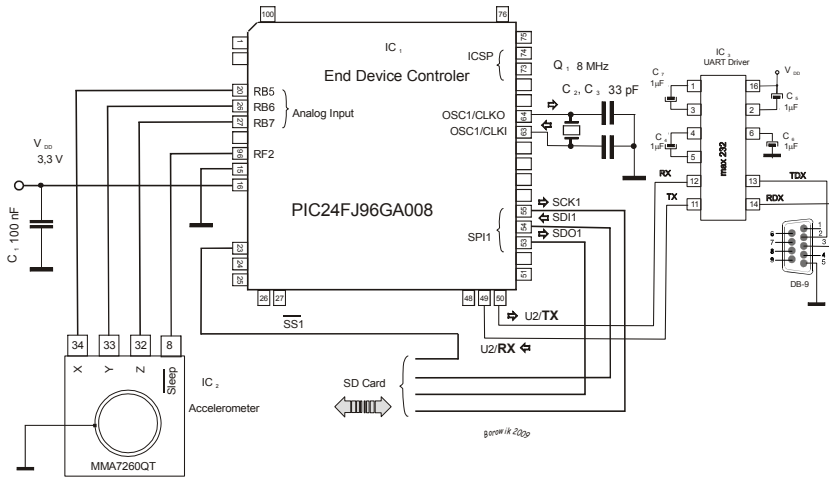


Fig.43 The accelerometer application circuit.

After powering up, the program waits for pressing the switch (connected to RC3). Then on the LCD display appears the text: "a_z = ". Also on the left side of the screen appear in the first column the marks "-". They allow to imagine, where is the Mid of the vertical scale.

Now system waits for data from accelerometer attached to the cable. When we shake the box with accelerometer, then the processor calculates if data from sensor are greater than sensor noise. If so, then 22 results are collected.

Reason of the number 22 is, that in the application LCD operates in the text mode. It has 30 columns and 16 rows. Last 7 columns are reserved for numerical values of the data, while the first column has scale marks. Therefore only $30 - 7 - 1 = 22$ results are needed for scattergram.

First the data are collected and saved in the array. After finishing the sequence the scattergram is plotted in the text mode and first numeric values are presented on the screen, as shown in figures a, b and c.

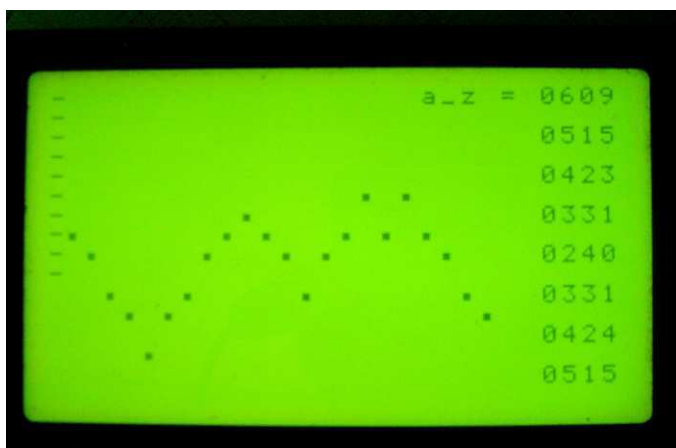
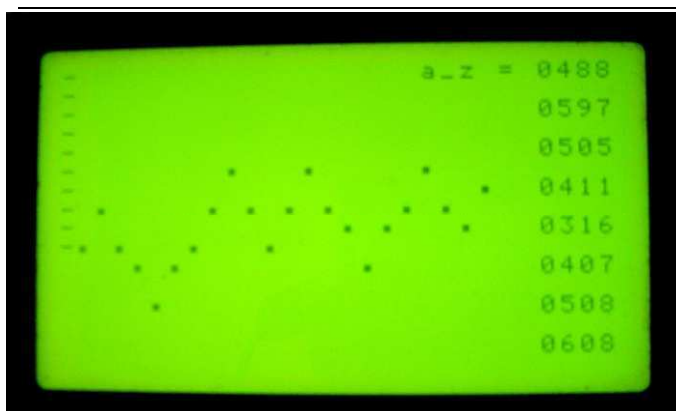


Fig.44 Scattergram with data from accelerometer

Those values are raw data not converted to acceleration units, nor to mVolts yet. For 10-bits ADC module they are in the range of 0 to 1024. The center of the scattergram is about the value of 500. For better clarity we truncated lowest and highest part of the scale.

Application runs according to following two flowcharts:

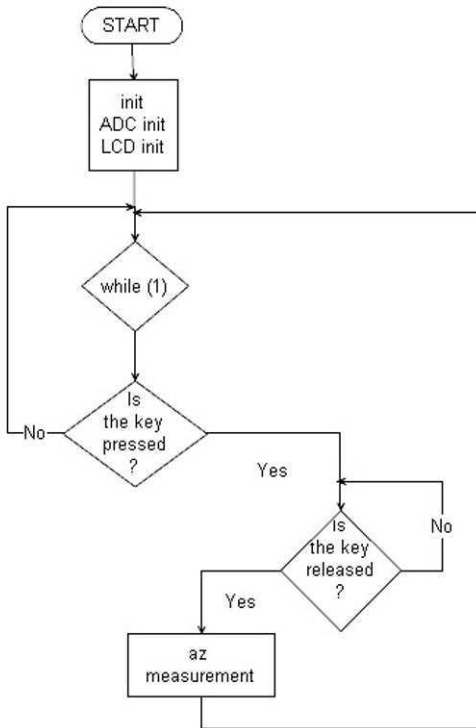


Fig.45 Aplication flowchart nr 1

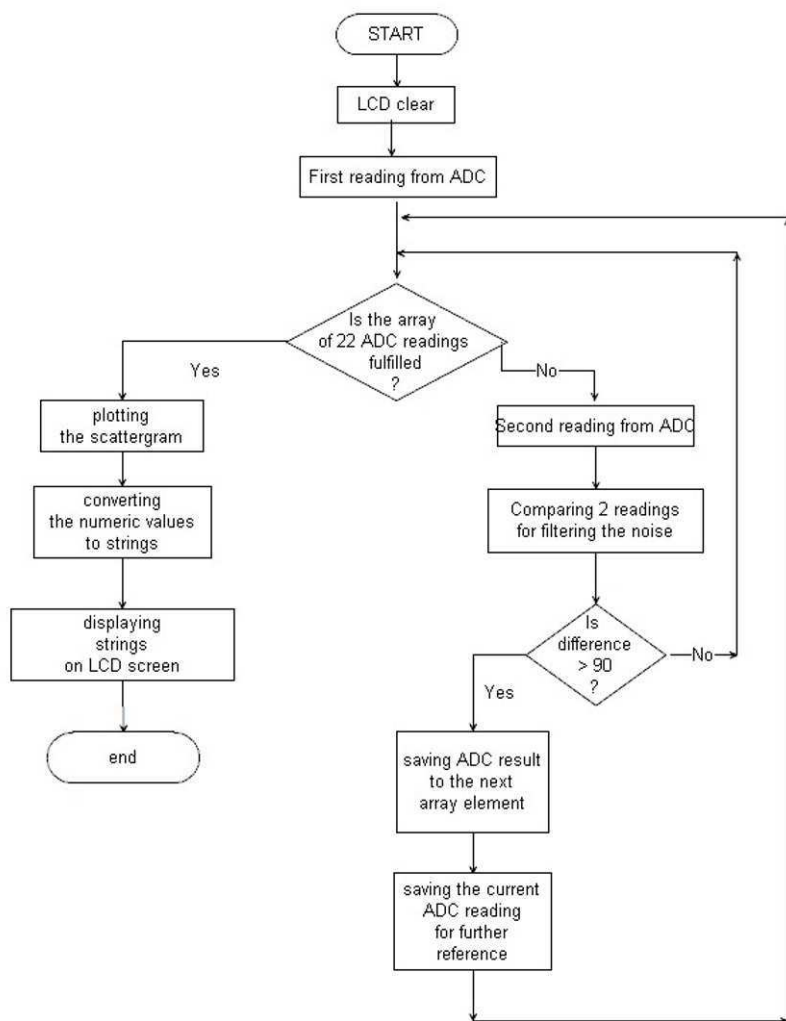


Fig.46 Application flowchart nr 2

Listing of the source code is shown below. Detailed description is presented after that.

```
// -----
```

```
#include<p24fxxxx.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
```

```
_CONFIG2( FOSC_FRCDIV ) //
_CONFIG1(JTAGEN_OFF & FWDTEN_OFF) // JTAG off,
watchdog timer off

#define wr      LATFbits.LATF1    // WR  L Write
#define rd      LATFbits.LATF0    // RD  L READ
#define cs      LATFbits.LATF3    // CS  L Chip Se-
lect
#define cd      LATFbits.LATF2    // CD  L DATA  H
Control
#define rst     LATFbits.LATF5    // RST  L Reset
#define fs      LATFbits.LATF4    // FS  FONT SELECT
// polish national characters
char pol [] = {
0x00, 0x0e, 0x01, 0x0f, 0x11, 0x0f, 0x02, 0x04, //
a
0x02, 0x04, 0x0e, 0x11, 0x10, 0x11, 0x0e, 0x00, //
c
0x00, 0x0e, 0x11, 0x1f, 0x10, 0x0e, 0x02, 0x04, //
e
0x02, 0x04, 0x0f, 0x10, 0x1e, 0x01, 0x1f, 0x00, //
s
0x0c, 0x04, 0x06, 0x04, 0x0c, 0x04, 0x0e, 0x00, //
l
0x02, 0x04, 0x0e, 0x11, 0x11, 0x11, 0x0e, 0x00, //
o
0x04, 0x00, 0x1f, 0x02, 0x04, 0x08, 0x1f, 0x00, //
z
0x02, 0x04, 0x1f, 0x02, 0x04, 0x08, 0x1f, 0x00, //
z
0x02, 0x04, 0x16, 0x19, 0x11, 0x11, 0x11, 0x00, //
n
0x10, 0x10, 0x18, 0x10, 0x30, 0x10, 0x1f, 0x00, //
L
0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x1c, 0x1c, 0x00, 0x00 //
kropka
};

char t1[4];
char t2[5];

// #define ay1      0          // 10k ay connected
to RB0
```

```

// #define ax1          1          // 10k ax connected
to RB1
#define az1             5          // 10k az connected
to RB5
#define AINPUTS 0xff00          // Analog input for sen-
sor on line 5

```

```

void init();
void initADC( int amask);
void lcd_init();
void delay();
void delay2();
void delay3();
void txt_hm();
void send_d(unsigned int x);
void send2_d(unsigned int x);
void send_i(unsigned char x);
void chk_busy();
void chk_busy2();
void gr_hm();
void os_x(unsigned int ay);
void ekran0();
unsigned int readADC( int ch);
void os_y(unsigned int ax);
void g_setdot(unsigned int a1, unsigned int a2);
void lcd_cl();
void put_char(char a, unsigned int a1, unsigned int
a2);
void putsLCD( char *s, unsigned int a1, unsigned int
a2);
void gr_clear();
void num2str(unsigned int a);

int main(void)
{
    initADC( AINPUTS); // initialize the ADC
    delay2();

    init();
    lcd_init();

    while (1)
    {
        if(PORTCbits.RC3)

```

```
        {
            while (PORTCbits.RC3);
            ekran0 ();
        }
    }
    return 0;
}

// -----
void ekran0()
{
    int i, j;
    unsigned int b, a, a_max, a_min;
    unsigned int az[30];
    send_i(0x94);          //text on
    lcd_cl();
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        put_char('-', 0, i);

    a_max = 0;
    a_min = 500;
    putsLCD("a_z = ", 19, 0);

    j = 0;
    a = readADC(az1);

    // collecting 22 measurements,
    // filtering the noise, when adjacent data differ
    // less, than 90 mV

    while (j < 22)
    {
        b = readADC(az1);
        i = a - b;
        if (i < 0)
            i *= -1;
        delay();
        if (i > 90)
        {
            az[j] = a;
            delay();
            j++;
            a = b;
        }
    }
}
```

```

        delay();
    }

    // displaying 8 results as numbers
    for (i = 0; i < 9; i++)
    {
        num2str(az[i]); //convert num to string t1
        putsLCD(t1, 25,i * 2);
    }

    // making plot diagram of 22 points
    for (i = 0; i <22; i++)
    {
        j = az[i]/64;
        put_char(0xaa, i + 1, 16 - j);
    }
}

//-----
void init()
{
    TRISC=0X001A;
    TRISG=0X0000;
    TRISB=0X00ff;
    TRISD=0X0000;
    TRISF=0X0000;
    SPI2CON1=0x0278;
    SPI2STAT=0x8000;
}

// initialize the ADC for single conversion, select
// Analog input pins
void initADC( int amask)
{
    AD1PCFG = amask;    // select analog input pins
    AD1CON1 = 0x00E0;    // auto convert after end of
                        // sampling
    AD1CSSL = 0;         // no scanning required
    AD1CON3 = 0x1F02;    // max sample time = 31Tad,
                        // Tad = 2 x Tcy = 125ns >75ns
    AD1CON2 = 0;         // use MUXA, AVss and Avdd
                        // are used as Vref+/-
    AD1CON1bits.ADON = 1; // turn on the ADC
} //initADC

```

```
//-----
void lcd_init()
{
    int i;

    wr = 1;
    rd = 1 ;
    cs = 1;
    cd = 1;
    fs = 0 ;
    rst= 1;
    delay2();
    rst = 0;
    delay();
    rst = 1;

    delay2();
    txt_hm();
    gr_hm();
    send_i(0x80);    // OR mode
    send_i(0x98);    // graph on

    gr_clear();

    // generating user defined characters

    send_d(0x04);    // offset = 4
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x22);    // set offset register

    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x24);    // if offset = 4, then CG
RAM starts at 0x2400
    send_i(0x24);

    send_i(0xb0);    // data auto write

    for (i=0; i<88; i++) //a, c, e, s, l, o, z, z, n
    {
        send2_d(pol[i]);
    }
    send_i(0xb2);    // auto reset
}
```

```

//-----
void delay()
{
    int m;
    for (m=0;m<10;m++)
        {;}
}

//-----

void delay2()
{
    unsigned int i2;
    for(i2=0;i2<500;i2++);
}

//-----

void delay3()
{
    unsigned int i3;
    for(i3=0;i3<2000;i3++)
        delay2();
}

// - - - - -
unsigned int readADC( int ch)
{
    AD1CHS = ch;                // select analog
                                //input channel
    AD1CON1bits.SAMP = 1;        // start sampling,
                                // automatic conversion will follow
    while (!AD1CON1bits.DONE);   // wait to complete
                                // the conversion
    return (unsigned int) ADC1BUF0; // read the
                                // conversion result
} // readADC

// -----
void os_y(unsigned int ax)

```

```
{
    int i;
    gr_hm();
    for (i=0; i<128; i++)
        g_setdot(ax,i);
}

// -----

void os_x(unsigned int ay)
{
    int i;
    gr_hm();
    for (i=0; i<240; i++)
        g_setdot(i,ay);
}

// -----
void g_setdot(unsigned int a1, unsigned int a2)
{
    // a1 - coord. x are 0 to 239
    // a2 - coord. y are 0 to 127

    unsigned int adr, cmd;

    adr = a1/8 + 30 * a2;

    // 128 rows x 30 bytes in each row

    cmd = 0xf8 | (8 - (a1 % 8));          // bitwise OR
        // determine, which bit is to be set

    gr_hm();

    send_d(adr % 256);                    // younger byte
    send_d(0x10 + adr/ 256); // more significant byte
    // gr. home address + byte no in the RAM memory

    send_i(0x24);

    send_i(cmd);
}
```

```

//-----
void txt_hm() //Text Home
{
    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x40);           // Set Text Home Address

    send_d(0x1e);           // 1e = 30 columns
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x41);           // Set Text Area
}

//-----
void send_d(unsigned int x)
{
    chk_busy();
    cd = 0;
    cs = 0;
    wr = 0;
    PORTD = x;
    delay();
    delay();
    wr = 1;
    cs = 1;
}

//-----
void send2_d(unsigned int x) // for AUTO mode
    // with different function chk_busy( )
{
    chk_busy2();
    cd = 0;
    cs = 0;
    wr = 0;
    PORTD = x;
    delay();
    delay();
    wr = 1;
    cs = 1;
}

//-----
void send_i(unsigned char x)
{
    chk_busy();

```

```
    cs = 0;
    wr = 0;
    PORTD = x;
    delay();
    delay();
    wr = 1;
    cs = 1;
}

//-----
void chk_busy()
{
    cd = 1;
    wr = 1;
    TRISD=0Xffff;
    do {
        cs = 1;
        rd = 1;
        delay();
        cs = 0 ;
        rd = 0 ;
    }
    while(!PORTDbits.RD0 | !PORTDbits.RD1 );
    cs = 1 ;
    rd = 1 ;
    TRISD=0X0000;
}

//-----
void chk_busy2()
{
    cd = 1;
    wr = 1;
    TRISD=0Xffff;
    do {
        cs = 1;
        rd = 1;
        delay();
        cs = 0 ;
        rd = 0 ;
    }
    // checking Auto mode data write capability (bit 3)

    while(!PORTDbits.RD3 );
```



```

    cs = 1 ;
    rd = 1 ;
    TRISD=0X0000;
}

//-----
void gr_hm()
{
    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x10);           // 0x1000
    send_i(0x42);          // Set Graphics Home Address

    send_d(0x1e);           // 30 (x 8)
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x43);          // Set Graphics Area
}

//-----
void lcd_cl()
{
    int i, j;
    for(i=0;i<16;i++)
        for(j=0;j<30;j++)
            put_char(' ', j, i);
}

// -----
void put_char(char a, unsigned int a1, unsigned int
a2)
{
    unsigned int adr;
    adr = 30 * a2 + a1;
    txt_hm();

    send_i(0x94);          // Text on

    send_d(adr % 256);
    send_d(adr / 256);
    send_i(0x24);          // Set Address Pointer

    send_d(a - 32);        // ASCII offset

```

```
    send_i(0xc0);      //Data Write, increment address

    send_i(0x9c);      // Text and Graph on
}

// -----
void putsLCD( char *s, unsigned int a1, unsigned int
a2)
{
    int i = 0;
    while( *s)
    {
        put_char( *s++, a1 + i, a2);
        i++;
        delay();
    }
} //putsLCD

//-----
void gr_clear()
{
    int i, j;
    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x10);
    send_i(0x24);

    send_i(0x98);      // text off, graphic on

    for(i=0;i<30;i++)
        for(j=0;j<128;j++)
        {
            send_d(0x00);
            send_i(0xc0); //data write, increment addr.
        }
}

// -----

void num2str(unsigned int b)
{
    int i, j, bas1;
    if (b > 1024)
        {t1[0] = 'e';      // error, when value > 1024
```

```

    t1[1] = '\0';
    return ;
}
for (i=0, j=4; i < 4; i++, j--)
{
    bas1 = pow(10, j - 1); // 1000, 100, 10, 1
    t1[i] = (b / bas1) + 48;
    b %= bas1;
}
t1[i] = '\0';
}

// -----

```

The program occupies 4% of the program memory, as shown below:

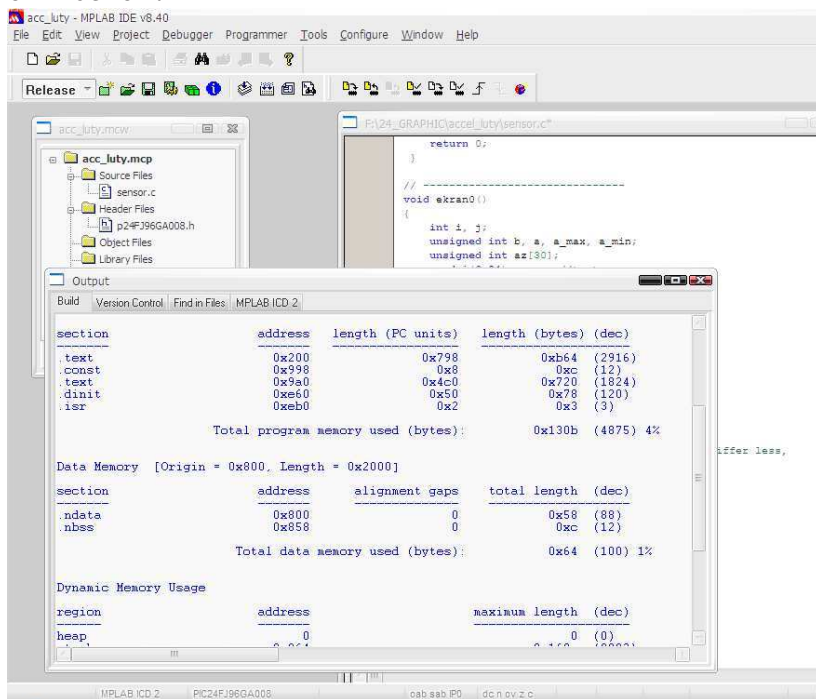


Fig.47 Occupation of program and data memory

The special part of the program is devoted to communicating with LCD module. The detailed description follows.

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Interfacing microcontroller to LCD display

The LCD module has LCD screen 240 x 128 driven with T6963C controller, operating in text and/or graphic mode.

The initial settings of the controller are:

Pin name	state
~DUAL	H
MDS	H
MD1	L
MD0	L
// 16 lines, 128 vertical dots, Single Screen	
MD2	L
MD3	H
FS0	L
FS1	L
// 40 columns, 8x8 font.	
F osc 4MHz.	

Number of columns is adjusted in the software and equals 30 in the text mode.

If we set the number of columns to 30, then addresses of particular row in the graphic area are:

1 line	addresses:	0x00	to	0x1d
2		0x1E	...	
3		0x3C		
4		0x5A		
5		0x78		
6		0x96		
7		0xB4		
8		0xD2		
9		0xF0		
10		0x10E		
11		0x12C		
12		0x14A		
13		0x168		
14		0x186		
15		0x1A4		
16		0x1C2	etc.	

The controller has its set of commands. Most important of them are:

- \$21 Cursor Pointer set
- \$24 Address Pointer Set

- \$40 Text Home address set
- \$41 Text Area Set
- \$42 Graphics Home Address Set
- \$43 Graphics Area Set

- \$80 OR mode command, Internal CG ROM Mode
- \$81 XOR mode
- \$83 AND mode
- \$84 Text Attribute Mode
- \$88 External CG ROM Mode

- \$90 Display off
- \$91 Blink on
- \$92 Cursor on
- \$94 Text on
- \$98 Graphic on
- \$9C Text and graphic on

- // Cursor pattern
- \$A0 Cursor 1 line
- \$A1 Cursor 2 line
- \$A2 Cursor 3 line
- \$A3 Cursor 4 line
- \$A4 Cursor 5 line
- \$A5 Cursor 6 line
- \$A6 Cursor 7 line
- \$A7 Cursor 8 line

- \$B0 Data Auto Write
- \$B1 Data Auto Read
- \$B2 Auto Data Reset

- \$C0 Data write and increment address
- \$C1 Data read and increment address
- \$C2 Data write and decrement address
- \$C3 Data read and decrement address
- \$C4 Data write, no address change
- \$C5 Data read, no address change

- // Bit Set/Reset (OR with bit number 0-7)

\$F0 Bit reset

\$F8 Bit set

Most commands require arguments (data). In the software first we set data with the function `send_d()`, then the command/instruction with the function `send_I()`. If there are 2 bytes of data, less significant byte goes first, then more significant byte.

Example

Graphic home address is 0x1000.

We send first 0x00, then 0x10.

Now let's consider the listing of the application.

LCD controller T6963C requires 6 control lines and 8 data lines to communicate with the microcontroller. The control lines are designated as follows:

```
#define wr      LATFbits.LATF1    // WR  L Write
#define rd      LATFbits.LATF0    // RD  L READ
#define cs      LATFbits.LATF3    // CS  L Chip Select
#define cd      LATFbits.LATF2    //CD  L DATA H Control
#define rst     LATFbits.LATF5    // RST  L Reset
#define fs      LATFbits.LATF4    // FS  FONT SELECT
```

All of them are connected to port F.

Data is send through lower part of port D.

Both ports are initially set to be output ports:

```
TRISD=0X0000;
```

```
    TRISF=0X0000;
```

```
void init()
{
    . . . . .
    TRISD=0X0000;
    TRISF=0X0000;
    . . . . .
}
```

We initialize LCD with the function `lcd_init()`.

```
void lcd_init()
{
    int i;
        // initial settings for control lines
    wr = 1;
    rd = 1 ;
    cs = 1;
    cd = 1;
    fs = 0 ;
    rst= 1;
    delay2();
    rst = 0;
    delay();
    rst = 1;

    delay2();
    txt_hm(); // to set text home address
              // in the memory area
// and the number of columns in the text mode

    gr_hm(); // to set graphic home address
            // and the number of columns
            // in the graphics mode

    send_i(0x80); // OR mode
    send_i(0x98); // graph on

    gr_clear();

    // generating national polish characters

    send_d(0x04); // offset 4
```

```
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x22);           // set offset register

    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x24);           //CG RAM address starting
                           //at 0x2400 for offset equal 4
    send_i(0x24);

    send_i(0xb0);           // data auto write

                           // sending user defined characters
                           // to CG RAM memory

    for (i=0; i<88; i++)    //a, c, e, s, l, o, z, z, n
    {
        send2_d(pol[i]);
    }
    send_i(0xb2);           // auto reset
}
```

The text data, graphics data and external CG data can be freely allocated to the display memory area (64 KB max). We set home address to 0x0000 in text mode and for graphics: 0x1000.

```
void txt_hm() //Text Home
{
    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x40);           // Set Text Home Address

    send_d(0x1e);           // 1e = 30 kolumn
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x41);           // Set Text Area
}

//-----

void gr_hm()
{
    send_d(0x00);
    send_d(0x10);           // 0x1000
    send_i(0x42);           // Set Graphics Home Address
}
```

```

    send_d(0x1e);      //30 (x 8 bits for each column)
    send_d(0x00);
    send_i(0x43);      // Set Graphics Area
}

```

The character codes used by the T6963 are different from ASCII codes. The user must subtract 0x20 (decimal 32) from the ASCII code sending it to the display, as is in the function `put_char()`.

```

void put_char(char a,unsigned int a1,unsigned int a2)
{
    unsigned int adr;
    adr = 30 * a2 + a1;
    txt_hm();

    send_i(0x94);      // Text on

    send_d(adr % 256);
    send_d(adr / 256);
    send_i(0x24);      // Set Address Pointer

    send_d(a - 32);    // ASCII offset

    send_i(0xc0);      // Data Write,increment address

    send_i(0x9c);      // Text and Graph on
}

// -----

```

The last function described is `num2str()`. It converts 4 digit numeric value to text string.

```

void num2str(unsigned int b)
{
    int i, j, bas1;
    if (b > 1024)      // error, when value > 1024
        {t1[0] = 'e';
         t1[1] = '\0';
         return ;
        }
}

```

```
for (i=0, j=4; i < 4; i++, j--)
{
    bas1 = pow(10, j - 1); // 1000, 100, 10, 1
    t1[i] = (b / bas1) + 48;
    b %= bas1;
}
t1[i] = '\\0'; // string terminator
}
```

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