

EE319K Microprocessor Programming Notes

Using the Simulator

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Compiling the .asm File

`all filename`

`all` is a batch file that executes the appropriate commands to create an `.lst` file

Note that the extension is `el ess tee`, not `one ess tee`.

Starting the Simulator Software

The syntax is `sll filename` (no extension)

There must be an `.lst` file present. A `.cfg` file is optional; if

not present then the default is `sim.cfg`. If using

Windows 95, the DOS simulator must be run full size in order for the mouse to work.

Running the Simulation

F4 starts the simulation

F1 single steps the simulation

F2 stops execution

alt-Z reset to the beginning of the program

esc exit the simulator

The simulator may be run at various **speeds**. The default is slow and for some programs it really crawls at this speed, especially if you are using the SCI interface.

F5 slow (screen updates every cycle)

F6 fast (screen updates every 10 cycles)

F7 faster (screen updates every 100 cycles)

F8 fastest (screen updates every 1000 cycles)

The default speed may be changed in the `.cfg` file by changing the word "Slow" that appears near the end of the file to one of the others above.

Another way to speed up execution is to change the command "ShowCycles" that appears near the end of the `.cfg` file to "HideCycles". You can also type `HideCycles` into the Interpreter window. This speeds up the program at the expense of loss of information in the Interpreter window.

Run the Editor

F10 starts the editor then the assembler

Numeric Type Commands

These commands run in several of the windows:

alt-A ASCII

alt-Y Binary

alt-D Decimal

alt-U Unsigned

alt-H Hex

alt-S Signed

alt-O Octal

Monitor the Values of Variables

In the **Interpreter window** or `.cfg*` file, execute the command:

`variablename am`

to add the variable to the **Memory window**.

*Note that labels don't work in the `.cfg` file. You must use the memory location instead, i.e.
`$0002 ab`

Breakpoints

In the **Interpreter window** or `.cfg*` file, execute the command:

`labelname ab`

to cause the program to stop execution at that point.

F3 clears all breakpoints

To remove a breakpoint without affecting the others:

`labelname sb`

To list all breakpoints:

`lb`

The .cfg File

The windows are called and defined beginning at the upper left and going down. When the vertical dimension has been filled, a second column of windows begins at the top.

The syntax is
windowname
width
WinSize
parameters

"width" is either single, double, or triple relating to screen width.

"#" is the decimal? number of text lines for which space is allowed. This line is omitted for windows that don't display text such as "SwitchWin".

SCIWin represents the serial interface port. Strings may be output to this window using the `OutString` library and keyboard input may be accepted using various other libraries. It is necessary to make the window active (Alt-7) before accepting keyboard input.

SwitchWin parameter example is

```
Bit7 PortC s" C7" AddSwitch
```

The first line will apply to the leftmost switch.

"Bit7 PortC" is what receives the switch output.

I don't know what "s" is, maybe it means string.

The "C7" is the switch label.

MemWin parameter example is

```
Single isDecimal Signed ByteMode
```

This will show the data as 8-bit signed decimal values

Available parameters are:

```
Single      IsHex          WordMode  
Double     IsDecimal    ByteMode  
Triple     IsAscii      Unsigned  
           IsOctal      Signed  
           isBinary
```

PortWin parameter example is

```
IsWhite IsHex UnSigned PortA AddPort
```

"IsWhite" is the text color and may also be `IsLightCyan`,

`IsYellow`, `IsLightGray`, `IsLightRed`, `IsGreen`, `IsRed`, etc.

"IsHex" is the numeric type that is displayed and may also be `IsDecimal`, `IsOctal`, or `IsBinary`.

"UnSigned" means just that and could be `Signed`.

"PortA" is the port name and could also be `PortB`, `PortC`,

`PortD`, `PortE`, `DDRC`, or `TCNT`.

LEDWin parameter example is

```
LEDrow  
IsGreen Bit7 PortB s" B7" AddLED
```

"LEDrow" precedes each new row. There must be the same number of LED's in each row, 16 LED's max total.

"IsGreen" is the color, could be `IsRed` also.

"Bit7 PortB" is the source of the signal for the LED.

"B7" is the text label for the LED.

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