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EXAMPLE PROGRAM FOR SERIAL INTERFACE
      This program works with QuickBasic 4.0/4.5 or QBasic on an IBM PC or compatible
      with a serial interface. It uses the COM1 communication port and 300 BAUD.
      To use, enter an instrument command or query at the prompt. The command goes to
      the instrument and any query response displays. "EXIT" exits the program.
      NOTE: The INPUT instruction in this example accepts no commas as part of an input
      string. If a comma appears in an instrument command, replace it with a space
      when entering data from the keyboard.
                                              'Clear screen
      PRINT " SERIAL COMMUNICATION PROGRAM"
      PRINT
      TIMEOUT = 2000
                                              'Read timeout (may need more)
      BAUD$ = "300"
                                              'BAUD rate 300 (or 1200)
      TERM$ = CHR$(13) + CHR$(10)
                                              'Terminators are <CR><LF>
      OPEN "COM1:" + BAUD$ + ",o,7,1,RS" FOR RANDOM AS #1 LEN = 256
LOOP1: INPUT "ENTER COMMAND (or EXIT):"; CMD$ 'Get command from keyboard
      CMD$ = UCASE$ (CMD$)
                                               'Change input to upper case
         IF CMD$ = "EXIT" THEN CLOSE #1: END 'Get out on Exit
         IF CMD$ = "CURVE" THEN GOTO LOAD
                                             'Load a curve from disk file
      CMD$ = CMD$ + TERM$
      PRINT #1, CMD$;
                                              'Send command to instrument
      IF INSTR(CMD$, "?") <> 0 THEN
                                              'Test for query
         RS$ = ""
                                              'If query, read response
         N = 0
                                              'Clr return string and count
         WHILE (N < TIMEOUT) AND (INSTR(RS$, TERM$) = 0) 'Wait for response
           IN$ = INPUT$(LOC(1), #1)
                                              'Get one character at a time
           IF IN$ = "" THEN N = N + 1 ELSE N = 0 'Add 1 to timeout if no chr
           RS$ = RS$ + IN$
                                              'Add next chr to string
         WEND
                                              'Get chrs until terminators
         IF RS$ <> "" THEN
                                              'See if return string is empty
           RS$ = MID$(RS$, 1, (INSTR(RS$, TERM$) - 1)) 'Strip off terminators
           PRINT "RESPONSE:"; RS$
                                              'Print response to query
           PRINT "NO RESPONSE"
                                              'No response to query
         END IF
      END IF
                                              'Get next command
      COTO LOOPI
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1 *
                         CURVE LOADING PROGRAM
'* This routine will load a curve. Get here by entering "CURVE" above. *
'* NOTE: SPACING OF THE DATA STRING IS VERY CRITICAL.
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        For this example the string data must be on a single line
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        of an ASCII file using the same format as the attached sample.*
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LOAD: CURVE$ = SPACE$(2000)
                                           'Preset variable lengths
     DELAY = 2000
                                           'Delay timer
     PRINT
      PRINT "DOWN LOAD A CURVE"
      PRINT
      INPUT "ENTER DRIVE AND FILE NAME: "; FILE$
                                                'Get file name from KB
      OPEN FILE$ FOR INPUT AS #2
                                           'Open ASCII disk file
      LINE INPUT #2, CURVE$
                                           'Read disk file into string
      CLOSE #2
                                           'Close disk file
      PRINT
                'Get curve number from KB
      INPUT "ENTER DESTINATION CURVE NUMBER (11 to 31): "; CURNUM$
           MID$(CURVE$, 1, 1) = "X" THEN 'Test for DRC curve format CURVE$ = MID$(CURVE$, 5) 'Strip off DRC file header
        IF MID$(CURVE$, 1, 1) = "X" THEN
           CURVE$ = "CURV" + CURNUM$ + CURVE$ 'Add 300 series file header
           CURVE$ = "CURV" + CURNUM$ + "," + CURVE$ 'Add file header
        END IF
      PRINT
      PRINT "COMMANDS SENT TO 320"
                                           'Screen prints to show what is sent
      PRINT
      CMD$ = LEFT$(CURVE$, 53)
                                           'Pick out header and first two points
                                           'Send first command string to screen
      PRINT CMD$
      CMD$ = CMD$ + TERM$
                                           'Add terminators
      PRINT #1, CMD$
                                           'Send curve create cmd to 321/320/330
        FOR Z = 1 TO DELAY: NEXT Z
                                           'Delay
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'Character count for next curve point

'Curve data point counter

CHRCOUNT = 54

POINTCOUNT = 3