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Preface

AN AUTONOMOUS ROBOT AND A HANDHELD REMOTE

The handheld remote may be the tool of choice for channel surfing couch potatoes worldwide, but this device can also be used to send messages to your Boe-Bot™ robot. The press of a button on the remote's keypad opens up an array of new Boe-Bot possibilities. Once you understand how a remote uses infrared to transmit messages to a TV or VCR, programming the BASIC Stamp® 2 microcontroller to detect and process these messages is pretty easy. Once these tasks are reduced to subroutines, programming the Boe-Bot to take action based on these messages is a snap.

Here are a few Boe-Bot applications that you will have the opportunity to try in the next three chapters:

- Press and hold keys on the remote's keypad to control your Boe-Bot like a remote-controlled car.
- Send messages to your Boe-Bot while it autonomously roams to change the way it behaves.
- Remotely enable/disable the Boe-Bot program with the power on/off key.
- Tell the Boe-Bot which program to run.
- Remotely program the Boe-Bot with motion sequences.

Along the way, you will learn about pulse width modulation (PWM) for sending electronic messages, the binary number system, the PBASIC **PULSIN** command, and new uses for the **RCTIME** and **SELECT...CASE** commands.

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***“What’s a Microcontroller?”*, Student Guide, Version 2.2, Parallax Inc., 2004**
***“Applied Sensors”*, Student Guide, Version 1.3, Parallax Inc., 2003**
***“Basic Analog and Digital”*, Student Guide, Version 1.3, Parallax Inc., 2004**
***“Industrial Control”*, Student Guide, Version 1.1, Parallax Inc., 1999**

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“Elements of Digital Logic”, Student Guide, Version 1.0, Parallax Inc., 2003
“Experiments with Renewable Energy”, Student Guide, Version 1.0, Parallax Inc., 2004
“StampWorks”, Manual, Version 1.2, Parallax Inc., 2001
“Understanding Signals”, Student Guide, Version 1.0, Parallax Inc., 2003

Reference

This book is an essential reference for all Stamps in Class Student Guides. It is packed with information on the BASIC Stamp series of microcontroller modules, our BASIC Stamp Editor, and our PBASIC programming language.

“BASIC Stamp Manual”, Version 2.0c, Parallax Inc., 2000

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Chapter 1: Infrared Remote Communication

GETTING STARTED

The IR Remote AppKit has two documents you can use to get started:

- This book – takes you from beginner to advanced in a step-by-step format.
- IR Remote AppKit Documentation – a quick start guide that comes with the AppKit as a package insert and can be found in this book in Appendix A.

This book is, for the most part, a continuation of *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*. It follows the same format in terms of introducing new hardware, explaining how things work, and demonstrating new PBASIC techniques. By doing the activities, questions, exercises, and projects, you will build your programming, electronics, and robotics skills as you learn about infrared communication and control. The knowledge and skills you will gain will be useful for future robot and/or product designs of your own. NOTE: You will need a fully assembled Parallax Boe-Bot™ robot to complete the material in this text.

IR Remote AppKit Documentation summarizes selected activities from this book in a few pages. It's mainly the bare essentials that an intermediate to advanced BASIC Stamp® programming enthusiast needs to understand how IR communication works, and how to use the applications developed in this text. You can find this as a package insert in the Parallax IR Remote AppKit as well as in Appendix A of this text. NOTE: a Boe-Bot robot is not required; you may use your own BASIC Stamp project.



This book and the IR Remote AppKit Documentation are both available for free download from www.parallax.com.

KIT CONTENTS

The IR Remote AppKit contains a universal remote similar to the one shown in Figure 1-1. The activities in this chapter will make use of the signals sent by a universal remote after it has been configured to control a SONY® television set. Most universal remotes can be configured to send messages to a SONY TV. If you want to try these activities with a universal remote you already own, or one purchased at a local store, you will need to read the documentation that comes with the remote to find out how to configure it to control a SONY TV.

Infrared Remote Parts List:*

- (1) 020-00001 Universal Remote and Universal Remote Manual
- (1) 350-00014 IR detector
- (1) 150-02210 Resistor – 220 Ω
- (1) 800-00016 Jumper wires – bag of 10

*Two alkaline AA batteries sold separately

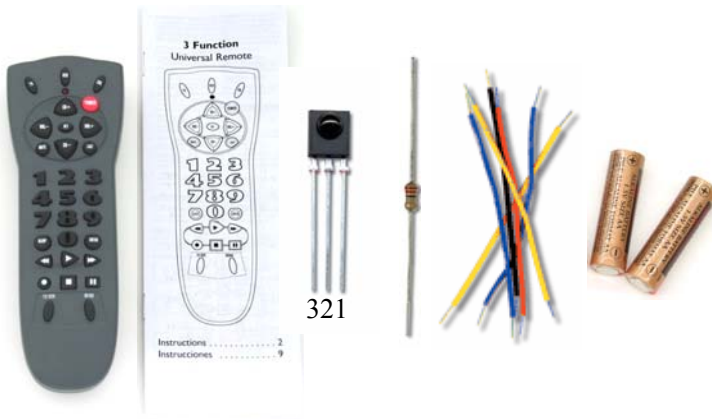


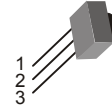
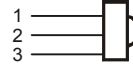
Figure 1-1
Contents of IR
Remote Kit

In addition to a fully assembled Boe-Bot, there are also some parts that you will need from your original Boe-Bot Robot Kit (see Figure 1-2). The activities in this chapter will make use of the same infrared detection circuit used in Chapters 7 and 8 of *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*. The resistors, LEDs, and piezospeaker should also be familiar from earlier chapters. Only one IR detector is required to capture messages sent by the remote. However, some of the later activities in this chapter will make use of the entire IR detection circuit for autonomous roaming combined with remote control.

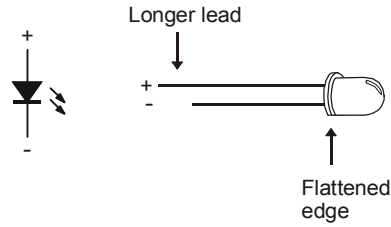
Figure 1-2
Parts from Boe-Bot Parts Kit

Parts List:

(2) Infrared detectors



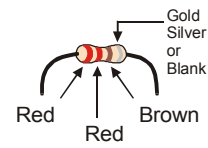
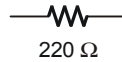
(2) IR LEDs – (clear case)



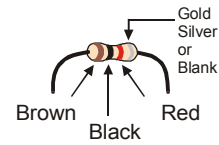
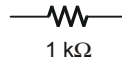
(2) IR LED shield assemblies



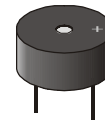
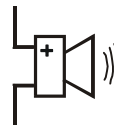
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(2) Resistors – 1 k Ω



(1) Piezospeaker



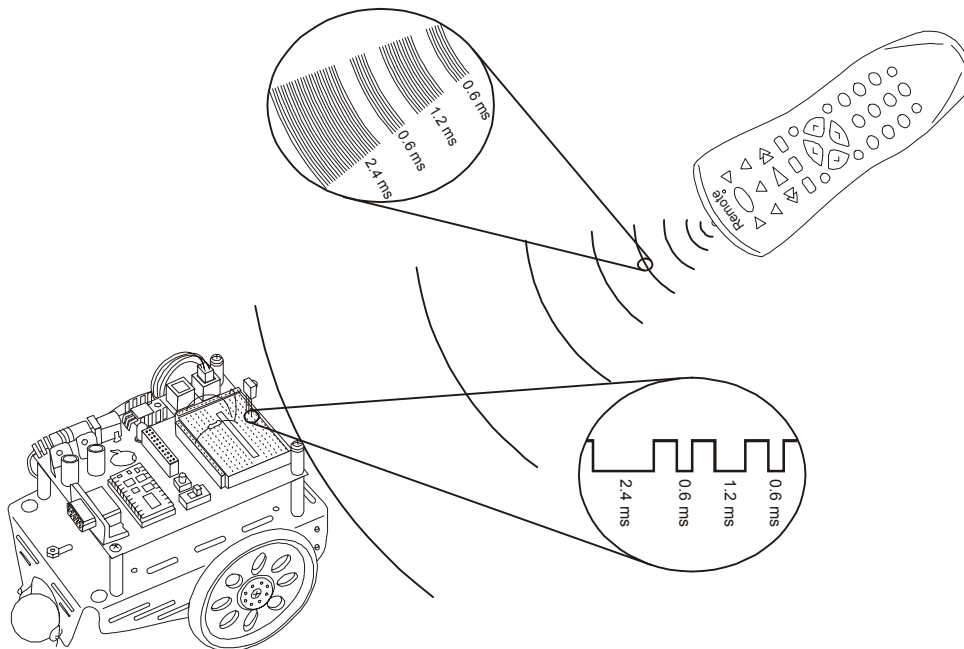
(2) LEDs – red



HOW THE REMOTE SENDS MESSAGES

Figure 1-3 shows how the handheld remote can be used to send messages to a Boe-Bot. When a button on the remote is pressed, it flashes its IR LED on/off at 38.5 kHz to broadcast a code for that button. The code is produced by controlling the brief amounts of time the IR LED flashes on and off. The sequence of IR broadcast times shown in the figure corresponds to the beginning of the code that tells a SONY TV the 3 button has been pressed. To send messages to a SONY TV, the remote has to broadcast IR for 2.4 ms signaling that a message is about to start. The message that follows consists of a combination of 1.2 ms (binary-1) and 0.6 ms (binary-0) broadcasts. Notice how the IR detector on the Boe-Bot sends low signals that match the time pattern broadcast by the remote. The BASIC Stamp can then be programmed to detect, measure, record and interpret the durations of low pulses in this pattern to figure out which key on the remote was pressed.

Figure 1-3: Handheld Remote Infrared Messages



The IR receiver the Boe-Bot used for infrared object detection in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* is the same detector found in many TVs and VCRs. This detector sends a low signal whenever it detects IR flashing on/off at 38.5 kHz and a high signal the rest of the time. When the IR detector sends low signals, the processor inside a TV or VCR measures how long each of the low signals lasts. Then, it uses these measurements to figure out which key was pressed on the remote. Like the processor inside a TV or VCR, the BASIC Stamp 2 can be programmed to detect, measure, store, and interpret the sequence of low pulses it receives from the same IR detector.



Pulse width modulation (PWM): Pulse durations are used in many applications, a few of which are digital-to-analog conversion, motor control, and communication. Since the IR detector sends low pulses that can be measured to determine what information the IR remote is sending, it's an example of using PWM for communication.

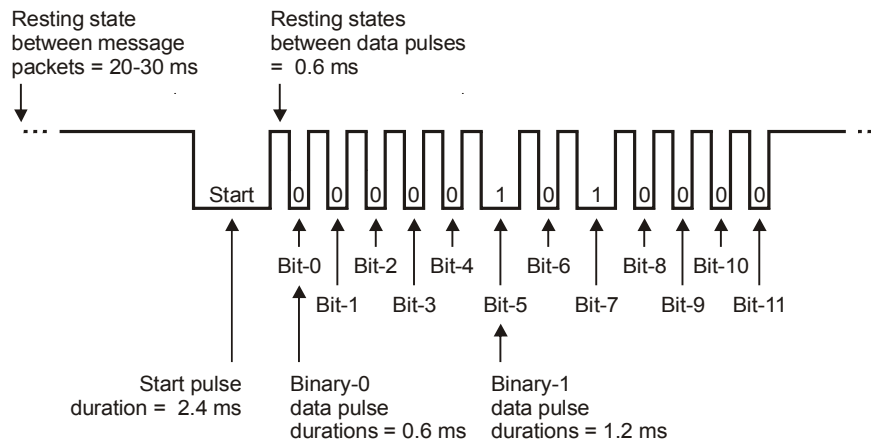
Carrier signal: The IR remote uses a 38.5 kHz "carrier signal" to transmit the pulse durations from the remote to the IR detector.

Communication protocol: A communication protocol is a set of rules for devices that have to exchange electronic messages. Protocols tend to have rules for voltages, the amount of time signals last, carrier signal frequencies and/or wavelengths, and much more. When two or more devices follow the rules of a given protocol, they should be able to communicate and exchange information.

There are many different communication protocols that a universal remote can use to transmit PWM messages to entertainment system components. This text will focus on the SONY protocol. It is easy to understand, and it works well with the same IR detector that we used for infrared object and distance detection in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*.

Figure 1-4 shows a timing diagram example for an example signal the IR detector might send to the BASIC Stamp when it receives a SONY TV control message from the IR remote. This message consists of thirteen negative pulses that the BASIC Stamp can easily measure. The first pulse is the start pulse, which lasts for 2.4 ms. The next twelve pulses will either last for 1.2 ms (binary-1) or 0.6 ms (binary-0). The first seven data pulses contain the IR message that indicates which key is pressed. The last five pulses contain a binary value that specifies whether the message is intended being sent to a TV, VCR, CD, DVD player, etc. The pulses are transmitted in LSB-first order. This stands for least significant bit first, meaning the first data pulse is bit-0, the next data pulse is bit-1, and so on. If you press and hold a key on the remote, the same message will be sent over and over again with a 20 to 30 ms rest between messages.

Figure 1-4: IR Message Timing Diagram



In this chapter, you will start with simple programs to make your BASIC Stamp 2 module interpret and act on the pulse patterns sent by the infrared remote. You will then expand these programs to guide the Boe-Bot with the IR remote.

ACTIVITY #1: CONFIGURING YOUR REMOTE

In this activity, you will program your universal remote so that it sends PWM messages to a television set using the SONY protocol. In this case, the term "programming" means a sequence of key-presses on the remote that tells it to send signals to a SONY TV.



If you change the batteries in your remote, you will probably have to repeat the steps in this activity. Why? Because when you remove the batteries, the remote will probably forget that it was programmed to be a SONY TV controller.

Infrared Remote Parts

- (1) Universal remote
- (1) Instruction sheet for the universal remote
- (2) AA alkaline batteries

How to Configure the Universal Remote from the Parallax Kit

These instructions are for the particular universal remote that comes with the IR Remote AppKit. If you are using a different remote, check its instruction booklet or sheet to find out how to program it to control a SONY TV.



Missing instruction booklets: The IR Remote AppKit sold by Parallax has been tested with these activities, and it comes with the necessary instruction booklet for that model of universal remote. If you want to try these activities with a remote you already own, you will need the instruction booklet for that remote. If this booklet has been misplaced or lost, there may be a copy published on the World Wide Web. Universal remotes can also be purchased from local department stores, and most include instruction booklets. Check the package before you purchase a particular remote to make sure it can be configured to control a SONY TV.

Example: Configuring from Instructions

These instructions are for the remote included in the IR Remote AppKit.

- ✓ Load two AA alkaline batteries into the remote following the instructions on page 3 of the instruction manual.

These next instructions are a summary of what is on page 4 of the instruction manual in the "To Manually Program the Remote Control" section.

- ✓ Look up SONY in the "Setup Codes for Television" section. It should be 0001 (see page 17).
- ✓ Press and release the TV key.
- ✓ Press and hold the SET key until the indicator LED on the remote turns on and stays on. NOTE: The LED may flicker briefly as soon as you press SET, but you will probably have to hold the SET button down for a couple seconds before the LED stays on.
- ✓ Use the digit keys to enter 0001. The LED may turn off briefly as you press each digit.

- ✓ If it worked right, the indicator LED should turn off and stay off after you press the last digit (the 1 in 0001).



If the indicator light stayed on or flashed a few times after you entered your code: It means the code was not accepted by the microcontroller inside the remote; try again.

Your Turn – Testing the Remote on Other Devices

- ✓ If you'd like to test it out on your brand of TV/VCR, etc., try following the instructions in the remote manual to see if you can get it to work.
- ✓ **Before moving on to the next activity:** If you followed the instruction in the previous checkmark, make sure to reprogram the remote to control a SONY TV!

ACTIVITY #2: CHARACTERIZING THE IR MESSAGES

This activity focuses on measuring the pulses the Boe-Bot's IR detector sends when it detects messages from the handheld remote. Figure 1-5 shows a timing diagram of the IR detector's output at the beginning of an IR remote message. The IR detector sends a low signal while it detects infrared flashing on/off at 38.5 kHz. While the IR detector does not detect 38.5 kHz infrared, it sends a high signal. Before the message can be interpreted by the BASIC Stamp module, the durations of these low signals have to be measured and stored.

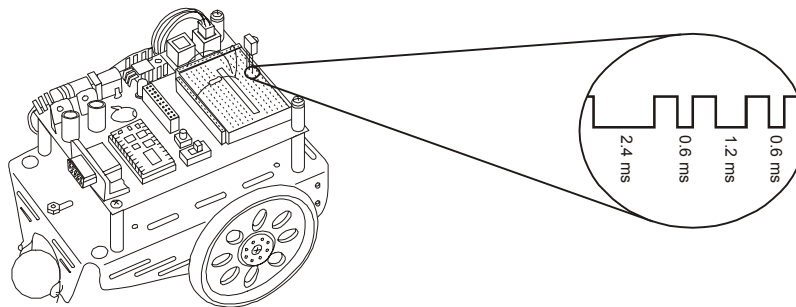


Figure 1-5
IR Detector
Output for IR
Remote
Message

Infrared Detection Parts

All parts from the previous activity

- (1) Infrared detector
- (1) Resistor – 220 Ω (red-red-brown)
- (2) Jumper wires

The IR Detection Circuit

It only takes one IR detector to capture messages from the IR remote (see Figure 1-6).

✓ Build this circuit on your Boe-Bot's prototyping area.



The numbers (1, 2, 3) on the IR detector are also shown on the pin map in Figure 1-2. You can use this as a guide to make sure the IR detector is correctly wired.

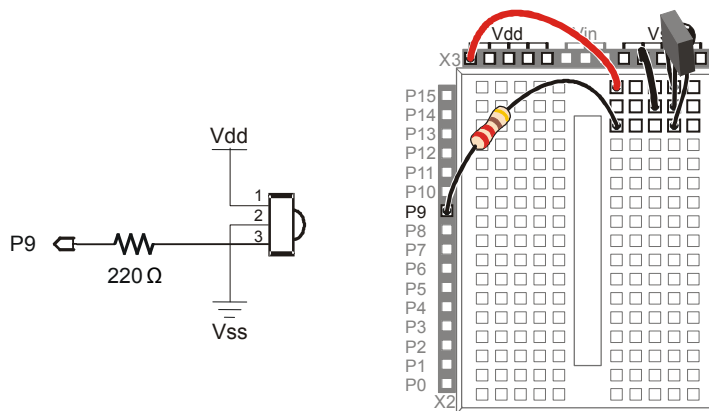


Figure 1-6
IR Detection
Circuit

Measuring Start and Data Pulses

The `PULSOUT` command you've been using to send pulses to the Boe-Bot servos has a complementary command called `PULSIN`. The syntax for the `PULSIN` command is

`PULSIN Pin, State, Variable`

Pin is, of course, used to select the I/O pin for measuring the pulse. *State* is used to determine whether the pulse is a high pulse (1) or a low pulse (0). *Variable* stores the pulse duration measured by the BASIC Stamp.



High pulse vs. low pulse: If the voltage a BASIC Stamp I/O pin senses starts low, then goes high for a while before returning to low, that's a **high pulse**. The term **positive pulse** is also commonly used. The **PULSIN** command measures the amount of time the signal is high if the **State** argument is 1.

A **low pulse** is the opposite: the signal will be high, then drop low for a while before returning to the high state. It is also called a **negative pulse**. The **PULSIN** command measures the amount of time the signal is low if the **State** argument is 0.

Let's say your program has a word variable named **time** for storing the measured pulse duration. The 2.4 ms, 1.2 ms, and 0.6 ms pulses shown in Figure 1-7 are negative pulses. To measure them with the IR detector circuit, you will have to use the command:

```
PULSIN 9, 0, time
```

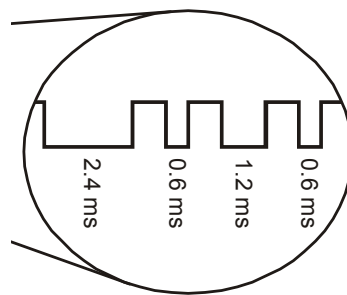


Figure 1-7
A Closer Look at
the Pulses

The high time between two low pulses can be measured as a positive pulse. True, it doesn't contain any data, but it can be useful for figuring out how long an entire IR message takes to transmit. By changing the **PULSIN** command's **State** argument from 0 to 1, you can measure the duration of a positive pulse, like this:

```
PULSIN 9, 1, time
```

Example Program: CountStartPulses.bs2

The first pulse that we will examine using the **PULSIN** command is the 2.4 ms start pulse. This pulse won't be exactly 2.4 ms (2400 μ s), but it should be fairly close, give or take

250 μ s. This is the pulse that signifies that twelve more data pulses are about to be sent by the remote.

CountStartPulses.bs2 counts the number of low pulses that it receives with durations that fall in the 1.95 to 2.85 ms range. Figure 1-8 shows what your Debug Terminal should display after you have pressed a numeric key for a couple of seconds while pointing the remote at the IR detector. The duration shown in the Debug Terminal for a sample start pulse is 2562 μ s. Although it's not exactly 2400 μ s, it is well within \pm 250 μ s.

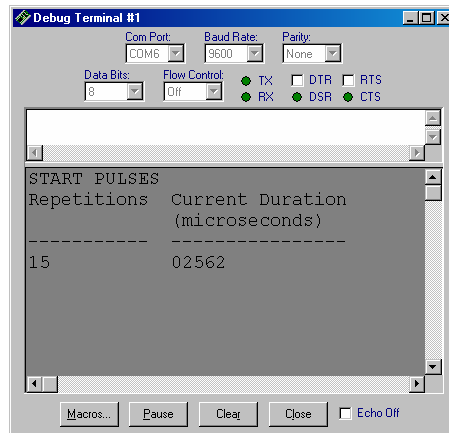


Figure 1-8
Debug Terminal for
CountStartPulses.bs2

- ✓ Enter and run CountStartPulses.bs2.
- ✓ Point the remote at the bubble on the front of the infrared detector.
- ✓ Press and hold one of the numbered keys (0 – 9) on the remote.
- ✓ Make sure pulses in the 2.25 to 2.75 ms range are detected (that's 2250 to 2750 μ s displayed in the Debug Terminal).
- ✓ Make a note of the actual value of the start pulse for your remote here: _____. If the value is different each time, make a guess at the average.



If the program does not detect the start pulse, make sure your remote is set to control a SONY TV set. First, press the TV button on the remote, then try beaming your BASIC Stamp another message. If that doesn't work, repeat the steps from Activity #1. If those two solutions do not work, check your IR detector's wiring, then check your program for errors. Still no luck? Try configuring the remote to be a SONY TV controller using the directions in the remote's instruction manual.



Do not press CBL, VCR, or TV/VCR. If you press one of these keys, it tells the remote to send messages to a different device, either a VCR or cable box. In either case, the messages the remote sends will use a non-SONY TV protocol. The result will be that the programs in this book will seem to stop working.

If you accidentally press one of those keys: just press the TV key to get the remote back to sending (SONY) TV signals.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - CountStartPulses.bs2
' Capture and count the number of 2.4 ms (low) start pulses.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR      Word
counter       VAR      Word

DEBUG "START PULSES", CR,
      "Repetitions   Current Duration", CR,
      "              (microseconds)  ", CR,
      "-----"

DO

  PULSIN 9, 0, time

  IF (time > 975) AND (time < 1425) THEN

    counter = counter + 1

    DEBUG CR$RXY, 0, 4,
          DEC counter,
          CR$RXY, 13, 4,
          DEC5 time * 2

  ENDIF

LOOP
```

How CountStartPulses.bs2 Works

This program starts by declaring two word variables, **time** to store the start pulse duration, and **counter** to store the number of start pulses received. Then, a **DEBUG** command adds some column headings for displaying the variables.

```
time          VAR      Word
counter       VAR      Word
```

```

DEBUG "START PULSES", CR,
      "Repetitions   Current Duration", CR,
      "              (microseconds)  ", CR,
      "-----"

```

Inside the **DO...LOOP**, the program executes the command **PULSIN 9, 0, time**, which measures pulses. Whenever a pulse duration is between 975 (1.95 ms) and 1425 (2.85 ms), the **IF...THEN...ENDIF** code block increments the **counter** variable and displays the **counter** and **time** variables under the **Repetitions** and **Current Duration** headings.

```

DO

    PULSIN 9, 0, time

    IF (time > 975) AND (time < 1425) THEN

        counter = counter + 1

        DEBUG CR$RXY, 0, 4,
              DEC counter,
              CR$RXY, 13, 4,
              DEC5 time * 2

    ENDIF

LOOP

```



What's the * 2 in the DEBUG command? Remember that the **PULSIN** command measures duration in 2 μ s units. That's what gets stored in the **time** variable, the number of 2 μ s units the **PULSIN** command measured. By multiplying **time** by 2 with the ***** operator, the **DEBUG** command displays the actual number of microseconds for the pulse measurement.

Your Turn – Measuring the Binary-1 and Binary-0 Pulses

By modifying the **DEBUG** and **IF...THEN** statement in the example program, you can capture and display the duration the binary-1 and binary-0 pulses. Here's how to:

- ✓ Save CountStartPulses.bs2 as MeasureBinary1Pulses.bs2.
- ✓ Change

```

DEBUG "START PULSES", CR,

```

to

```
DEBUG "BINARY-1 PULSES", CR,
```

✓ Change

```
IF (time > 975) AND (time < 1425) THEN
```

```
to
```

```
IF (time > 450) AND (time < 750) THEN
```

✓ Save your modified program.

✓ Run the program.

✓ Press and hold one of the numbered keypad keys until the Debug Terminal displays a pulse duration.

✓ Record the pulse duration for binary-1 here _____.

✓ Save MeasureBinary1Pulses.bs2 as MeasureBinary0Pulses.bs2.

✓ Change

```
DEBUG "BINARY-1 PULSES", CR,
```

```
to
```

```
DEBUG "BINARY-0 PULSES", CR,
```

✓ Change

```
IF (time > 450) AND (time < 750) THEN
```

```
to
```

```
IF (time > 150) AND (time < 450) THEN
```

✓ Save your modified program.

✓ Run the program and use one of the remote's numbered keypad keys to send messages to your Boe-Bot.

✓ Record the pulse duration for binary-0 here _____.

Measuring the Resting State between Messages

When you press and hold a given key on the remote, the remote sends the code for that key, then waits a while and sends it again. CountStartPulses.bs2 also can be modified to

search for this resting time between messages. This resting time is shown in Figure 1-9, and it turns out to be an important factor in Boe-Bot navigation.

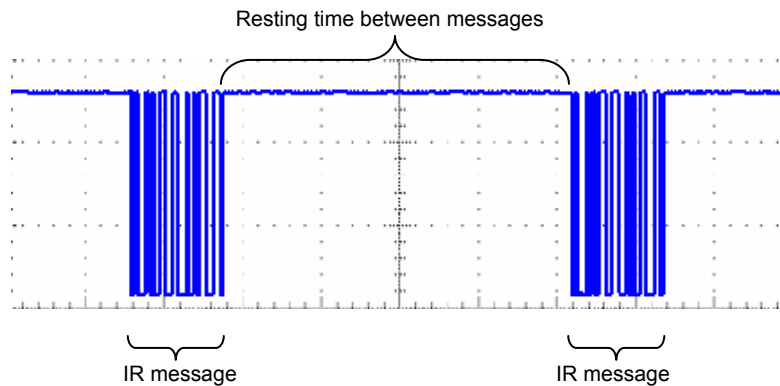


Figure 1-9
Two IR
Messages

This screen capture from the Parallax USB Oscilloscope shows two IR messages and the resting state between them.

To measure this resting state with the BASIC Stamp module, all you have to do is think of the high time between messages as a positive pulse with a very long duration. The **PULSIN** command must be modified to search for a positive pulse by changing the *State* argument from 0 to 1. The **IF...THEN** statement also has to be modified so that it takes no action if the measured time is less than 1000 (2 ms). This ensures that the brief high pulses between the start pulse and data bits won't be reported. Instead, only the longer high time between messages will be reported.

Example Program: CountRestingStates.bs2

- ✓ Enter and run CountRestingStates.bs2.
- ✓ Point the remote at the IR detector, and press and hold the 5 key.
- ✓ Make sure high pulses in the 20 to 35 ms range (20,000 to 35,000 μ s) are detected.
- ✓ Make a note of the actual duration of the resting state between messages here:
_____.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - CountRestingStates.bs2
' Capture and count the number of 20 ms+ (high) resting states.
'{ $STAMP BS2 }
```

```

'{$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR      Word
counter       VAR      Word

DEBUG "RESTING STATE", CR,
      "Repetitions   Current Duration", CR,
      "              (microseconds)  ", CR,
      "-----"
DO
  PULSIN 9, 1, time

  IF (time > 1000) THEN
    counter = counter + 1

    DEBUG CR$RXY, 0, 4,
          DEC counter,
          CR$RXY, 13, 4,
          DEC5 time * 2

  ENDIF
LOOP

```

How CountRestingStates.bs2 Works

CountRestingStates.bs2 is just CountStartPulses.bs2 with a few modifications. The first change was just the display heading for the information in the Debug Terminal. The command `DEBUG "START PULSES", CR,` was changed to `DEBUG "RESTING STATE", CR,`. Next, the program has to search for high pulses that last between 20 and 35 ms instead of low pulses that only last 2.4 ms. To accommodate for high pulses instead of low pulses, the command `PULSIN 9, 0, time` was changed to `PULSIN 9, 1, time`. To search for 20-35 ms durations instead of 2.4 ms durations, the condition for the `IF...ENDIF` code block was changed from `IF (time > 975) AND (time < 1425) THEN` to `IF (time > 1000) THEN`.

Your Turn – Measuring the Time between Data Pulses

You can modify the condition for the `IF...ENDIF` code block again, this time to search for the very brief high resting states between data pulses.

- ✓ Save CountRestingStates.bs2 as CountRestingStatesYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ Change the condition for the **IF...ENDIF** code block from

```
IF (time > 1000) THEN
```

to

```
IF (time > 1) AND (time < 1000) THEN
```

- ✓ Add a **PAUSE 100** command right before the **LOOP** command.
- ✓ Run the program and record the resting state between data pulses here: _____.

IR Message Timing Diagram

Figure 1-10 shows a timing diagram for an IR message from the remote. This diagram shows the timing while the 5 key on its digital keypad is pressed and held. Your task will be to fill in the blanks for each measurement using the numbers you have recorded in this activity. Remember that there are 1000 μs in every 1 ms. Your measurements have been in microseconds, so you will have to divide each by 1000 to enter the millisecond measurements in the timing diagram.

- ✓ Use the measurements you have taken in this activity to fill in the millisecond measurements in Figure 1-10.
- ✓ Add up all the times to calculate the total message time: one resting state between messages, one start pulse, twelve resting states between pulses, twelve data pulses, two of which are binary-1 and ten of which are binary-0.
- ✓ Record your IR message time here: _____.

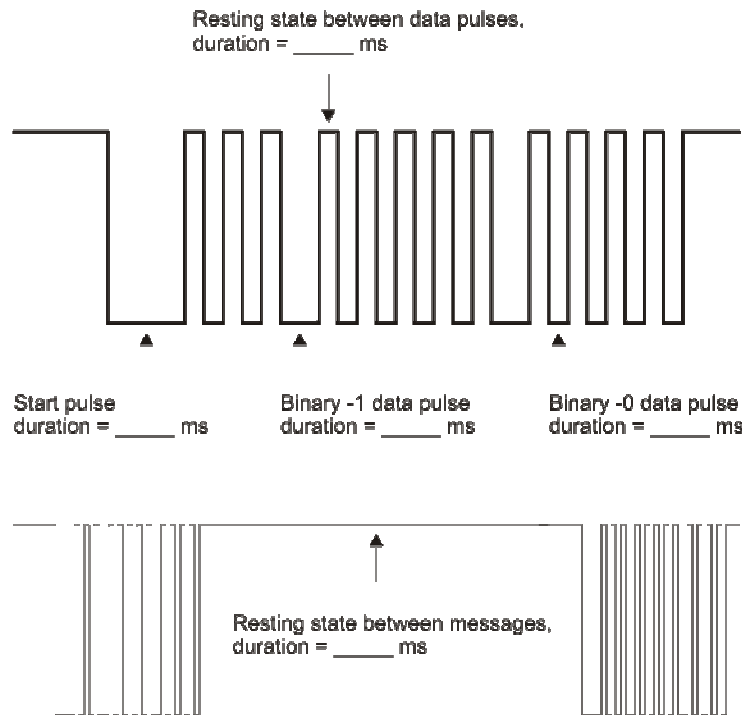


Figure 1-10
IR Message
Timing
Diagram

*Fill in your
measurements
for the times
indicated in
the diagram.*

Your Turn – Counting the Number of Messages Per Second

By pressing and holding a key on the remote for ten seconds, you can determine how many messages per second the IR remote sends.

- ✓ Run CountStartPulses.bs2 again; it was the first example program in this activity.
- ✓ With the aid of a clock or watch, press and hold the 5 key for ten seconds.
- ✓ Divide the number of messages by 10.
- ✓ Record the number of messages per second here _____.
- ✓ You can use this to calculate the time it takes for an IR message and a resting state with this formula:

$$packet_time = \frac{1}{messages / second}$$

- ✓ Compare this IR message time to the one you calculated by adding up all the IR message's components.

ACTIVITY #3: CAPTURING THE IR MESSAGES

In this activity, you will write programs to measure and capture each pulse in the PWM message sent by the infrared remote. There are a total of twelve data pulses in a given message, and each can be captured and stored. By programming the BASIC Stamp to capture and store these pulses, you will have the key programming ingredient for sending messages to your Boe-Bot with the handheld remote.

Introduction to Array Variables

Twelve pulse measurements have to be stored separately because they are each a unique part of the message. Even so, they are related to each other. They are all pulse measurement values, and they are all going to be examined to determine which key on the remote is being pressed.

The best way to store a group of related values is with a special kind of variable called an array variable. An array variable is a group of variables that all have the same name. Declaring an array variable is similar to declaring most other variables. The only difference is that a number is added in parentheses next to the *size* argument that tells how many variables to create that will share the same name. Here is the syntax for an array variable declaration:

```
name  VAR  Size(n)
```

Here is an example of an array that can store five bytes:

```
characters VAR Byte(5)
```

Figure 1-11 shows the five `characters` variables created by this declaration: `characters(0)`, `characters(1)`, `characters(2)`, `characters(3)`, and `characters(4)`. Each of these variables, called array elements, can store a byte. Each element has a number called an index (the number inside parentheses) that differentiates it from the other elements. In other words, each array element variable has the same name, but a different index number.

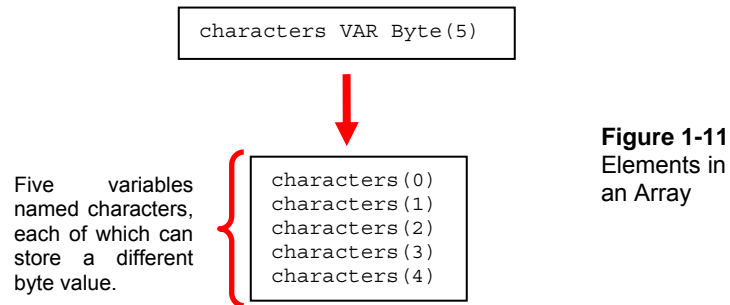


Figure 1-11
Elements in
an Array

Example Program: ArrayExample.bs2

This example program uses the Debug Terminal for setting array elements and then displaying their contents. Figure 1-12 shows an example of what the Debug Terminal will look like after you run and test the program. Each character you type into the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane is loaded into the next `characters` array element. After you type the fifth character, the program reads and displays each array element.

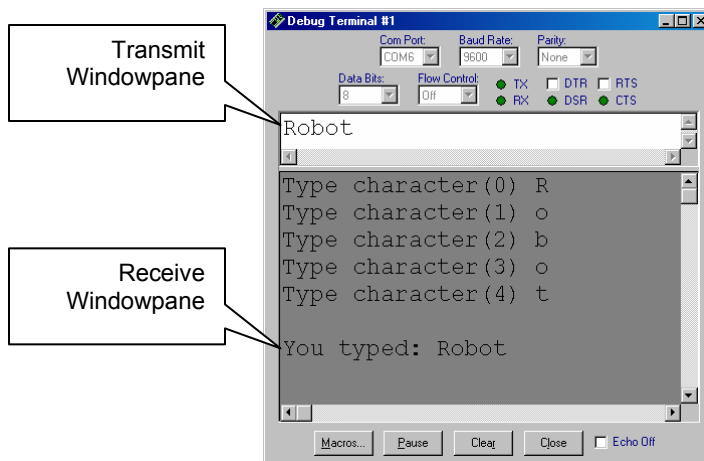


Figure 1-12
Using the Debug
Terminal to Type
Characters into an
Array

*Click the Transmit
Windowpane, then
type five
characters.*

- ✓ Enter and run ArrayExample.bs2.
- ✓ Click the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.
- ✓ Type five letters.
- ✓ When the Debug Terminal displays "You typed: ...", verify that the BASIC Stamp has sent back the same characters you entered.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - ArrayExample.bs2
' Set array element values with DEBUGIN and display them with DEBUG.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

characters      VAR      Byte(5)
index           VAR      Nib

FOR index = 0 TO 4
  DEBUG "Type character(", DEC index, ") "
  DEBUGIN characters(index)
  DEBUG CR
NEXT

DEBUG CR, "You typed: "

FOR index = 0 TO 4
  DEBUG characters(index)
NEXT

END
```

How ArrayExample.bs2 Works

An array of five bytes named **characters** is declared along with a nibble variable named **index**.

```
characters      VAR      Byte(5)
index           VAR      Nib
```

A **FOR...NEXT** loop repeats the code block between the **FOR** and **NEXT** statements five times. Each time through, the value of **index** is incremented by 1, so the **DEBUGIN** command stores the character in the next array element.

```
FOR index = 0 TO 4
  DEBUG "Enter character(", DEC index, ") "
  DEBUGIN characters(index)
  DEBUG CR
NEXT
```

A second **FOR...NEXT** loop reads and displays the values of each **characters** array element.

```
FOR index = 0 TO 4
  DEBUG characters(index)
NEXT
```

The first time through the **FOR...NEXT** loop, the value of **index** is 0, so **characters(0)** is displayed. The second time through, **index** is 1, so **characters(1)** is displayed, and so on.

Your Turn – Storing Values Instead of Characters

You can use the **DEC** modifier to store values instead of characters. Here's how:

- ✓ Save ArrayExample.bs2 as ArrayExampleYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ Change

```
DEBUG "Type character(", DEC index, ") "
DEBUGIN characters(index)
DEBUG CR
```

to

```
DEBUG "Type value - character(", DEC index, ") "
DEBUGIN DEC characters(index)
```

- ✓ Change

```
DEBUG characters(index)
```

to

```
DEBUG CR, DEC characters(index)
```

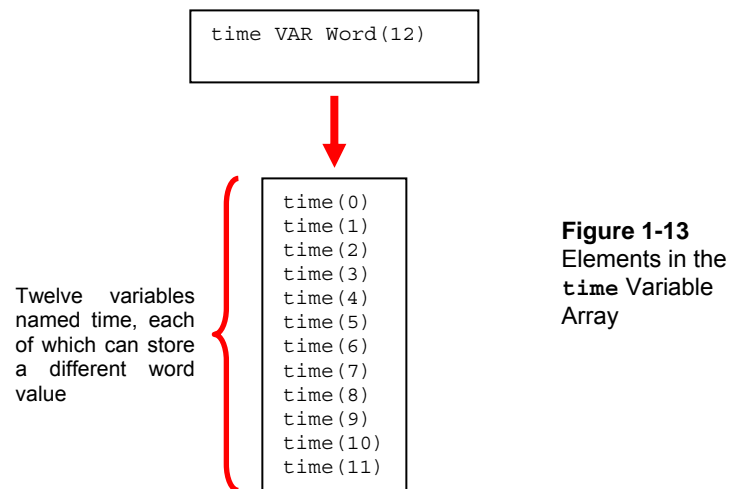
- ✓ Run the modified program and enter values (0 to 255). Make sure to press the Enter key after the last digit in each value you enter.
- ✓ Verify that the program displays the values you stored in each array element.

Capturing the Entire Message

An entire message from the remote has twelve data pulses. Here is how to capture all of their durations:

- Keep executing the **PULSIN** command until the resting state between pulses is detected.
- Use twelve more **PULSIN** commands to capture the next twelve data pulses into an array of word variables.
- Optional – use a **FOR...NEXT** loop to display the elements of the array.

Figure 1-13 shows the array variable declaration **time VAR Word(12)**. The declaration creates twelve different word variables, each of which can store its own value. In the case of the **time** variable array declaration, there's **time(0)**, **time(1)**, **time(2)**, and so on, up through **time(11)**. Each of the elements in the **time** array can store a different value between 0 and 65535.



The next example program will not use a loop to set each of the `time` array element values. Because the time between the pulses sent by the remote is very small, the extra code overhead involved in a `FOR...NEXT` loop could cause the program to miss pulses. So each array element value will be set sequentially with twelve `PULSIN` commands.

```
PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)
PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)
PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)
.
.
.
PULSIN 9, 0, time(11)
```

Whenever you see three dots between commands it means there are elements in the sequence that were left out to keep the explanation shorter. For example, in the sequence of `PULSIN` commands, the



•
•
•

indicates that `PULSIN 9, 0, time(3)` through `PULSIN 9, 0, time(10)` were there, but not shown. Three dots ... are also used to describe commands such as `FOR...NEXT`, `DO...LOOP`, and other statements that have code blocks in between the beginning and ending keywords. The ... indicates there are one or more commands between the keywords that are not shown.

Example Program: RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2

This example program measures and displays the durations of all twelve data pulses. Figure 1-14 shows an example of what's displayed when the remote's 5 key is pressed and held. You can use this program to examine the pulse patterns for each key on your remote. Keep in mind that some of the keys are not for TV sets, such as play and pause, which would work with a VCR. These keys do not cause the remote to send messages when it's configured to function as a SONY TV controller.



Remember not to press the VCR, TV/VCR, or CBL keys. If you do by mistake, press the TV key to get back to SONY TV controller mode.

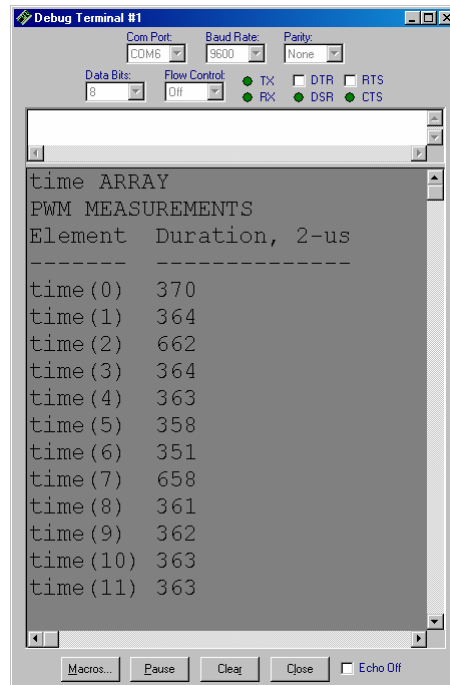


Figure 1-14
Debug Terminal for
RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2

Pulse pattern for the 5 key.

- ✓ Enter and run RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2.
- ✓ Resize the Debug Terminal so that it's as tall as your monitor, because otherwise the data might not all fit.
- ✓ Try pressing and holding the following keys and verify that each binary pattern is different for each key: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, VOL-, VOL+, CH-, CH+, POWER, and MENU. Pay close attention to `time(0)` through `time(6)` and try to detect the pattern of durations for each key.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2
' Measure all data pulses from SONY IR remote set to control a TV.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR    Word(12)          ' SONY TV remote variables.
index         VAR    Nib
              ' Display heading.
DEBUG "time ARRAY", CR,
```

```

    "PWM MEASUREMENTS", CR,
    "Element  Duration, 2-us", CR,
    "-----"

DO                                     ' Beginning of main loop.

    DO                               ' Wait for rest between messages.
        PULSIN 9, 1, time(0)
    LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

    PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)               ' Measure/store data pulses.
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(3)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(4)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(5)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(6)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(7)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(8)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(9)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(10)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(11)

    FOR index = 0 TO 11               ' Display 12 pulse measurements.

        DEBUG CRSRXY, 0, 4 + index, "time(", DEC index, ")",
            CRSRXY, 9, 4 + index, DEC time(index)

    NEXT

LOOP                                 ' Repeat main loop.

```

How RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2 Works

The **time** variable declaration creates an array with twelve word elements. The program also uses a nibble variable named **index**.

```

time          VAR    Word(12)
index         VAR    Nib

```

A single **DEBUG** command with lots of text and arguments creates column headings for the information to be displayed.

```

DEBUG "time ARRAY", CR,
    "PWM MEASUREMENTS", CR,
    "Element  Duration, 2-us", CR,
    "-----"

```

The code block in the this **DO...LOOP** keeps measuring high pulses until it finds one that's larger than 2 ms, which means it must be the resting state between IR messages.

```
DO
  PULSIN 9, 1, time(0)
LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000
```

When the **PULSIN** command finishes measuring the resting pulse and the program is deciding what to do next, the remote is sending the start pulse. This is the perfect time to line up twelve **PULSIN** commands to catch the twelve data pulses. Notice how each is loaded into separate array elements. These twelve **PULSIN** commands also demonstrate how constant values such as 0, 1, 2 through 11 can be used to index elements in an array.

```
PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)
PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)
PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)
.
.
.
PULSIN 9, 0, time(11)
```

Next is an example of another way to index array elements, with a variable. In this case, the variable is **index**, and it is incremented each time through a **FOR...NEXT** loop. The last argument in the **DEBUG** command is **DEC time(index)**. Since the value of **index** increases by one each time through the **FOR...NEXT** loop, the **DEBUG** command displays the value stored by each successive element in the **time** array. The first time through the loop, the **DEBUG** command displays **time(0)**, the second time through, it displays **time(1)**, and so on.

```
FOR index = 0 TO 11

  DEBUG CRSRXY, 0, 4 + index, "time(", DEC index, ")",
    CRSRXY, 9, 4 + index, DEC time(index)

NEXT

LOOP
```

The last `LOOP` command sends the program back to the first `DO` command. The code block within this outer `DO...LOOP` repeats over and over again, processing the messages as the remote sends them.

Your Turn – Recording Pulse Patterns for Each Key

The next two activities will feature programs that make navigation decisions based on the pulse durations stored in the `time` array. The first seven `time` array elements contain all the pulse measurements that you'll need to identify the remote's buttons. Table 1-1 has rows for each of the first seven `time` array measurements and columns for each digit key and some of the other buttons. Fill it in so that you can use it as a reference while writing programs in the next two activities.

- ✓ Press and release each of the keys listed in Table 1-1.
- ✓ Fill in each key column with the `time` array measurements from the Debug Terminal.

Table 1-1: Time Measurements for Each Key										
Array Element	Remote Key									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
time(0)										
time(1)										
time(2)										
time(3)										
time(4)										
time(5)										
time(6)										
Array Element	Remote Key									
	VOL-		VOL+		CH-		CH+		ENTER	POWER
time(0)										
time(1)										
time(2)										
time(3)										
time(4)										
time(5)										
time(6)										

ACTIVITY #4: BASIC IR REMOTE BOE-BOT NAVIGATION

One rather fun application is to program the Boe-Bot so that you can control its motion directly with the remote, like a remote-controlled car. In this activity, you will program the Boe-Bot to recognize when you are pressing and holding the 1, 2, 3, or 4 keys, and to perform a different maneuver for each. You can also use the CH+/- and VOL+/- keys.

Infrared Remote Control Parts and Circuit

All parts from Activity #1 and #2

(1) Boe-Bot

(1) Piezospeaker

(misc) Jumper wires

- ✓ Build/rebuild and test the Boe-Bot servo, IR detector, and piezospeaker circuits shown in Figure 1-15 as needed.

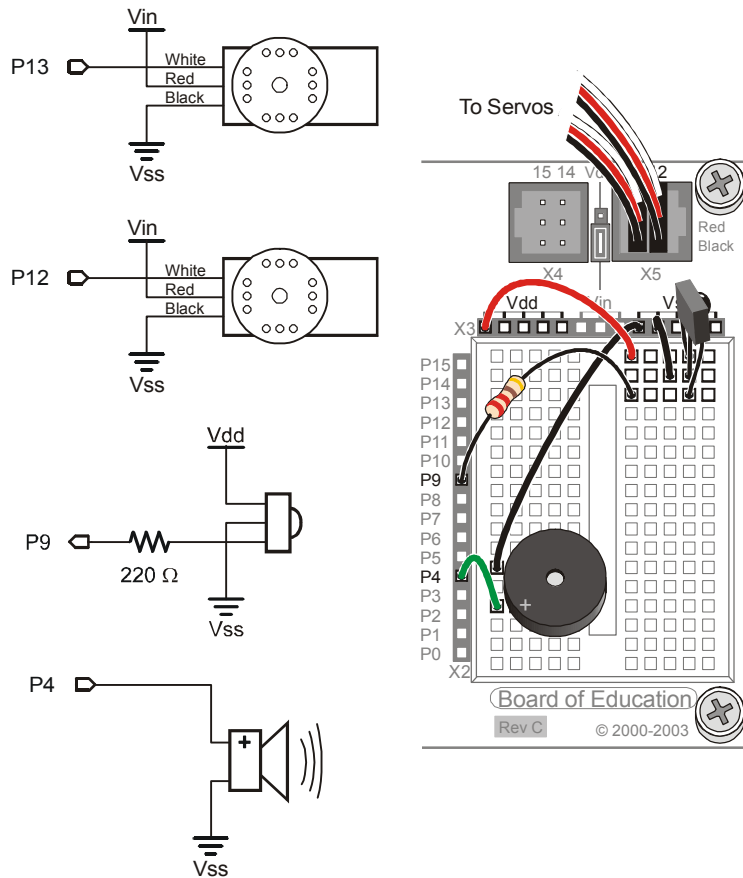


Figure 1-15
Boe-Bot Servo, IR
Detector, and
Piezospeaker Circuit
and Wiring Diagram

The Boe-Bot's left servo should be connected to P13, and its right servo should be connected to P12.

Back to IF...THEN Statements for Navigation

The next example program is a modified version of RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2. Here's what has to be done to the program to get it to control the Boe-Bot:

- ✓ Remove the `index` variable declaration.
- ✓ Reduce the size of the `time` array to two elements.

- ✓ Add **FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000** before the first **DO**.
- ✓ Remove all the **DEBUG** commands.
- ✓ Remove all the **PULSIN** commands except the ones that store time measurements into **time(0)** and **time(1)**.
- ✓ Remove the **FOR...NEXT** loop that displays the pulse durations.
- ✓ Use the pulse information in Table 1-1 to make **IF...THEN** statements that choose the **PULSOUT Duration** arguments for a maneuver based on four possible combinations of values that **time(0)** and **time(1)** might store.

Go back to Table 1-1 and take a look at the measurements stored in the **time** array for the 1 through 4 keys. Focus on **time(1)** and **time(0)**. If you compare the pulse measurements to 500, there are only four possible combinations:

- (1) Both **time(1)** and **time(0)** are less than 500.
- (2) **time(1)** is less than 500, but **time(0)** is greater than 500.
- (3) **time(1)** is greater than 500, but **time(0)** is less than 500.
- (4) Both **time(1)** and **time(0)** are greater than 500.

This is definitely enough information to write an **IF...THEN** statement similar to the ones that guided the Boe-Bot through whisker and IR navigation:

```
IF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ELSEIF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ENDIF
```

Example Program – 2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2

You can press and hold the 1, 2, 3, or 4 keys to select from one of four directions: forward, backward, rotate right, rotate left. These directions also work with the CH+, CH-, VOL+, and VOL- keys, which works nicely because those buttons point in the forward, backward, right, and left directions on most remotes.



These programs are written for Boe-Bots with Parallax Continuous Rotation servos. If your Boe-Bot is labeled with the letters "PM" highlighted in blue, you will need to use different **PULSOUT Duration** arguments in your programs. If you have Parallax PM servos, use 500 in place of 650 and 1000 in place of 850.

- ✓ Enter, save, and run 2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.
- ✓ Make sure the power switch on the Board of Education is in position-2.
- ✓ While pointing the remote at the Boe-Bot, press and hold the CH+ button, and verify that the Boe-Bot rolls forward.
- ✓ Repeat the test with the 1 key, it should have the same effect.
- ✓ Test the CH+, 1, CH-, 2, VOL+, 3, VOL-, and 4 keys.
- ✓ Have fun driving the Boe-Bot around.



For some of the maneuvers, my Boe-Bot seems jittery, why is that? It has to do with the way the program detects the start of the IR message. It doesn't always get detected on the first try. We'll fix that in the next activity.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - 2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2
' Control your Boe-Bot with an IR remote set to control a SONY TV
' with the 1-4 or CH+/- and VOL+/- keys.

'{$STAMP BS2}
'{$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR      Word(2)          ' SONY TV remote variables.
DEBUG "Press and hold a digit key (1-4) or CH+/- and VOL+/-..."

FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000                    ' Start/reset indicator.

DO                                              ' Beginning of main loop.

DO                                              ' Wait for rest between messages.
  PULSIN 9, 1, time(0)
  LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

  PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)                      ' Measure/store data pulses.
  PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)

  ' Decide which maneuver to execute depending on the combination
  ' of pulse durations stored in the first two pulse measurements.

  IF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
    PULSOUT 13, 850                        ' Forward
    PULSOUT 12, 650
```

```

ELSEIF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650          ' Backward
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850          ' Right rotate
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650          ' Left rotate
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ENDIF
LOOP                        ' Repeat main loop.

```

Your Turn – Explaining Why CH/VOL and 1-3 Do the Same Thing

- ✓ Go back to Table 1-1 on page 29 and compare the pulse durations in the **time(1)** and **time(0)** rows for 1 and CH+, 2 and CH-, 3 and VOL+, and finally 4 and VOL-.
- ✓ Now, explain why these keys cause the Boe-Bot to perform the same function.
- ✓ Take a look at the **time(4)** column, and explain how a SONY TV can tell the difference between the CH+ and 1 keys.

ACTIVITY #5: ADDING FEATURES TO YOUR SIMPLE IR BOE-BOT

2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 can be expanded to perform more maneuvers. Figure 1-16 shows a drawing of the IR remote's keypad with maneuvers assigned to each key. Getting almost all these functions completed is easy, but it takes a little extra work to finish the job. In later activities, you will be introduced to a more universal way to add and remove button/key functions with much less work.

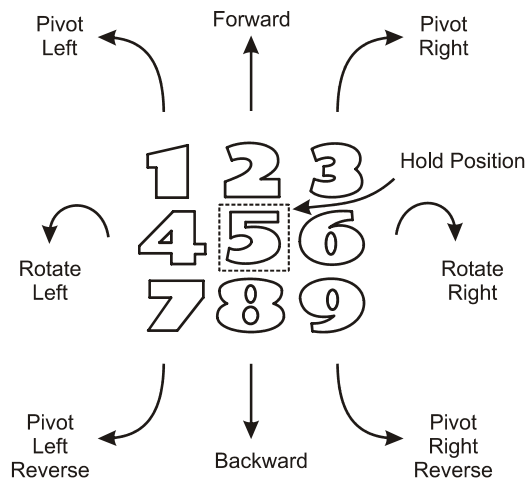


Figure 1-16
Numeric Keypad
Control

One Timing Change and Lots More IF...THEN

There are two changes you will have to make to `2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2` to get it to accommodate this specification. You may have already guessed the first change; the program will have to make its decisions based on at least three pulses, maybe 4. Take yet another look at Table 1-1 on page 29. If all you are using to make your decisions are `time(1)` and `time(0)`, the program could easily mistake the 5 key for the 1 key. Likewise with the 2 and 6 keys, and so on. To fix this problem, you can use **IF...THEN** reasoning based on three pulses. This will cover keys 1-8. The 9 key is still a problem, but we'll leave that for the Your Turn section.

To measure three data pulses, you will have to make two changes to `2BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2`:

- ✓ Modify the `time` variable declaration so that it's a three-word array instead of a two-word array.
- ✓ Add a third `PULSIN` command to capture a third pulse and store it in the `time(2)` variable.
- ✓ Change the Debug Terminal prompt to read "Press and hold a digit key (1-8)..."

Once you've made those changes, here's an **IF...THEN** statement that will get the job done for keys 1-8:

```

IF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 750
ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 650
ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 750
ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 850
ENDIF

```

Getting familiar with the code block above is useful for getting familiar with counting in binary, which will be introduced in the next chapter. Below is another **IF...THEN** statement you can use that does the same job more efficiently. While the **IF...THEN** statements with three arguments might have to check the value of the **time(2)** variable up to eight times, this one never checks it more than twice.

```

IF (time(2) < 500) THEN
  IF time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 650
  ELSEIF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
    •
    •
    •
  ENDIF
ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) THEN
  IF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 750
  ELSEIF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
    •
    •
    •

```

```

    ENDIF
ENDIF

```

The next change that has to be made is much more subtle, and the reason for the change isn't necessarily all that obvious either. First, here is the change that has to be made:

- ✓ Change the **PULSIN** command in the **DO...LOOP** that scans for the resting state between pulses from this:

```

DO
    PULSIN 9, 1, time(0)
LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

```

to an **RCTIME** command. When you have finished the change, it should look like this:

```

DO
    RCTIME 9, 1, time(0)
LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

```



Make sure all your programs from this point onward use RCTIME instead of PULSIN to detect the resting time between messages.

Here's the reason why this change has to be made. The **PULSIN** commands combined with the decision making in the **IF...THEN** statements can end up taking longer than it takes for the IR message to complete. It doesn't right now, but that can change as you add features. The **PULSIN** command needs to detect both the rising and falling edges at the beginning and ending of the resting time shown in Figure 1-17. As soon as the **PULSIN** commands combined with the decision making exceeds the time it takes for the IR message to complete, the **PULSIN** command will miss the rising edge of the resting time between messages.

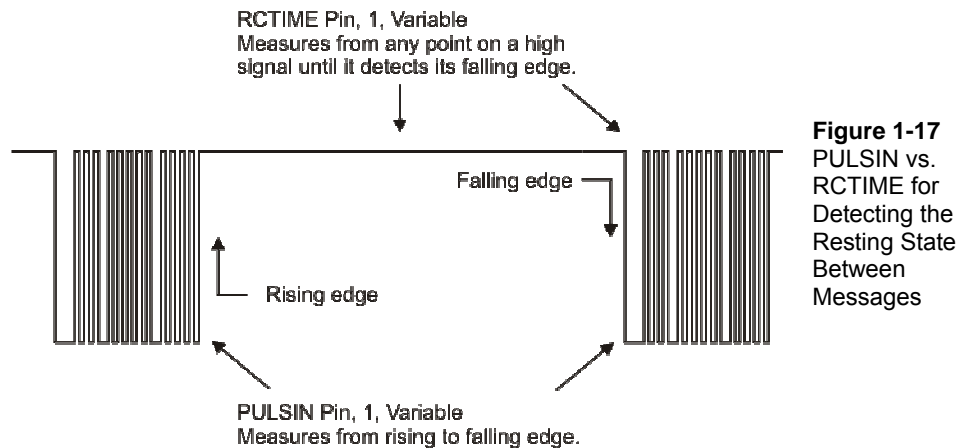


Figure 1-17
PULSIN vs.
RCTIME for
Detecting the
Resting State
Between
Messages

If the **PULSIN** command does not detect the rising edge of the resting state, the loop that searches for a high pulse will keep testing for pulses and waiting for one that's longer than 1000. Eventually, maybe 80 or so ms later, the loop will detect the resting state after the next repeat of the IR message. Finally, at that point, it will move on to the **IF...THEN** and **PULSOUT** commands. This time delay causes a problem for the servos. If the time between servo pulses goes up to 90 ms because the **PULSIN** command can't catch the first rest between messages, the servos won't work well at all.

The solution for this problem is to use **RCTIME** instead. Take a second look at Figure 1-17. While **PULSIN** needs both a rising and falling edge to complete its time measurement, **RCTIME** only needs a falling edge. So, even if the program doesn't start monitoring for the resting state until after it has started, it will still be able to recognize it.

Example Program – 3BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2

This program makes the Boe-Bot respond when you press and hold a given digit key on the remote. The directions for each key are shown in Figure 1-16. The 9 key does not work right, but you will fix that in the Your Turn section. It's better to make sure the 1-8 keys work right before tackling the 9 key.

- ✓ Enter and run 3BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.
- ✓ Test the keys and have fun driving the Boe-Bot around for a while.

✓ Explain the problem with the 9 key using Table 1-1 as a reference.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - 3BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2
' Control your Boe-Bot with keys 1-8 on a remote set to control a SONY TV.

'{$STAMP BS2}
'{$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR      Word(3)          ' SONY TV remote variables.

FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000          ' Start/reset indicator.
DEBUG "Press and hold a digit key (1-8)..."

DO                                ' Beginning of main loop.

  DO                                ' Wait for rest between messages.
    RCTIME 9, 1, time(0)
    LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

    PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)          ' Measure/store data pulses.
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)

    ' Decide which maneuver to execute depending on the combination
    ' of pulse durations stored in the first three pulse measurements.

    IF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 750
    ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 650
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 750
    ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 850
    ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 850
    ELSEIF (time(2) > 500) AND (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
      PULSOUT 13, 650
      PULSOUT 12, 850
```



```

ENDIF
LOOP                                     ' Repeat main loop.

```

Your Turn – Fixing the 9 Key

If you refer back to Table 1-1 on page 29, you'll notice that the 9 key has `time(3)` greater than 500 while the rest of the `time` array elements are less than 500. The reason the Boe-Bot pivoted forward and to the left is because the lower three `time` measurements are the same as the 1 key. To fix the problem, you'll have to increase the size of the `time` array by one word and also add another `PULSIN` measurement. Lastly, you'll have to modify the `IF...THEN` statement to catch the 9 key before it misinterprets it as a 1 key.

- ✓ Use Save As from the File menu to save a copy of 3BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 as 4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.
- ✓ Change your `time` array variable declaration so that it sets aside four words named `time` instead of three.
- ✓ Add a `PULSIN` command that measures the fourth data pulse and stores it in `time(3)`.
- ✓ Expand the `IF...THEN` statement by adding a condition to the beginning that checks to see if the fourth data pulse is greater than 500. If it is, then the Boe-Bot should pivot backwards and to the right. You can accomplish this by replacing this line of code:

```
IF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
```

with these four lines:

```

IF (time(3) > 500) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 750
ELSEIF (time(2) < 500) AND (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN

```

- ✓ Run and test the program, and trouble-shoot as needed.

SUMMARY

This chapter demonstrated how the BASIC Stamp can detect and store messages sent by universal handheld remote controls. The particular signal used to control SONY TV sets was introduced and explained, then measured in detail using an infrared detector circuit. Pulse width modulation (PWM) for communication was introduced as the foundation for communication between the handheld remote and entertainment system components. Applications involving direct Boe-Bot remote control demonstrated how to capture and interpret these messages with the help of the **PULSIN** and **RCTIME** commands, and array variables.

Questions

1. What does PWM stand for, and what are its uses?
2. Imagine that the remote's IR LED is flashing on/off at 38.5 kHz. Then, it stops for a while before starting again. What signal does the IR detector send during this rest?
3. What does it mean to "program" a universal remote to send messages to a SONY TV set?
4. What are the **PULSIN** command's three arguments, and what does each do?
5. How do you configure a **PULSIN** command to measure positive pulses? What do you have to do to change a **PULSIN** command that measures positive pulses to make it measure negative pulses?
6. There are several different low pulse durations transmitted by the infrared remote, and each has its own meaning. How can you program the BASIC Stamp to filter for a particular duration and discard the others?
7. Which lasts longer, the IR remote's message or the resting state between messages? Note: Your answer may be correct for SONY TV control, but it might differ for other protocols.
8. What kind of variable works best for storing successive pulse duration measurements? How do you declare this variable?
9. What threshold value was used to distinguish between to make decisions based on data pulse durations?

Exercises

1. Declare an array large enough to hold the string of eight characters.
2. Explain what would be different about Figure 1-14 on page 25 if the 4 key were pressed and held instead of the 5 key.

Projects

1. Write a program that adds up all the IR pulses and displays the duration of an IR message in microseconds. Hints: Start with RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2. Record and add up all the data pulses first. Then filter for, capture, and add: the resting state between messages, the resting state between data pulses multiplied by twelve, and the start pulse. After you've totaled the data pulses, you can use one `time` array element to store the total, and three more for the other measurements.
2. Modify 4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 so that it turns a full-circle every time you press the 5 button.
3. Modify 4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 so that the CH+/- and VOL+/- keys work in conjunction with the rest of the keys.

Solutions

- Q1. PWM stands for pulse width modulation, and it can be used for digital to analog conversion, motor control, and communication.
- Q2. A high signal.
- Q3. On page 6, it states: "the term 'programming' means a sequence of key-presses on the remote that tells it to send signals to a SONY TV".
- Q4. **Pin** selects the I/O pin that will sense the incoming pulse, **State** configures the **PULSIN** command to measure either positive or negative pulses. **Variable** is a variable that stores the pulse measurement's duration in 2 μ s units.
- Q5. The **state** argument should be set to 1 to measure positive pulses. It can be changed to 0 if you want to measure negative pulses.
- Q6. Use a loop to keep measuring pulses, but only enter a particular code block if the duration falls in a certain range. **IF...THEN** works for this purpose. For example, **IF (time > 975) AND (time < 1425) THEN** filters for pulses that last longer than 1950 μ s and shorter than 2850 μ s).
- Q7. The resting state lasts longer.
- Q8. An array variable works best for storing successive, related measurements. Add the number of elements to the variable declaration's **Size** argument in parentheses.
- Q9. A value of 500 is convenient for distinguishing between pulses that are typically in the neighborhood of either 300 (0.6 ms) or 600 (1.2 ms).
- E1. **characters VAR Byte(8).**
- E2. The **time(2)** array element would probably be 364, while **time(1)** and **time(0)** would be around 660. This was accomplished with the help of Table 1-1 on page 29.
- P1. Start with RecordAndDisplayPwm.bs2 and use various elements in the time array to measure the elements of the message: twelve data pulses, the rest between messages, twelve rests between data pulses, and the start pulse.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - Chapter1Project1.bs2
' Add all the pulse durations for total message time.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

time          VAR      Word(12)          ' SONY TV remote variables
```

```

index          VAR      Nib
DO
    ' Beginning of main loop
DO
    ' Wait for rest between messages
    PULSIN 9, 1, time(0)
    LOOP UNTIL time(0) > 1000

    PULSIN 9, 0, time(0)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(1)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(3)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(4)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(5)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(6)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(7)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(8)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(9)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(10)
    PULSIN 9, 0, time(11)
    ' Measure/store data pulses

    FOR index = 1 TO 11
        ' Add up data pulse durations.
        time(0) = time(0) + time(index)
    NEXT

    DO
        ' Wait for rest between messages
        PULSIN 9, 1, time(1)
        LOOP UNTIL time(1) > 1000

        DO
            ' Wait for start pulse
            PULSIN 9, 0, time(2)
            LOOP UNTIL (time(2) > 1000)

            DO
                ' Wait for data pulse rest
                PULSIN 9, 1, time(3)
                LOOP UNTIL (time(3) > 1) AND (time(3) < 1000)

                time(3) = time(3) * 12
                ' Twelve data pulse rests

                ' Add time(1) (rest between messages), time(2) (start pulse),
                ' time(3) (twelve rests between messages), and time(0) (the total
                ' data pulses). This is the message total.

                time(0) = time(0) + time(1) + time(2) + time(3)

```

```

    DEBUG "time(0) = ",
        DEC time(0) * 2,
        " us", CR
' Display time in us
LOOP
' Repeat main loop

```

P2. Start with 4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.

- ✓ Add this variable declaration:

```
counter VAR Byte
```

- ✓ Delete these two **PULSOUT** commands:

```
PULSOUT 13, 750
PULSOUT 12, 750
```

- ✓ Replace them with this **FOR...NEXT** loop. You will have to tune the *EndValue* of 76.

```

FOR counter = 1 TO 76
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 650
    PAUSE 20
NEXT

```

P3. Begin with 4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.

- ✓ Increase the time array to 5 elements.
- ✓ Add a fifth **PULSIN** command to load **time(4)**.
- ✓ Change the **IF** statement to **ELSEIF**.
- ✓ Before the **ELSEIF** statement (that you just changed from **IF**) add this code:

```

IF (time(4) > 500) THEN
    IF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    ELSEIF (time(1) < 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) < 500) THEN
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    ELSEIF (time(1) > 500) AND (time(0) > 500) THEN
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    ENDIF
ENDIF

```

Chapter 2: Create and Use Remote Applications

REUSABLE PROGRAMS

In this chapter, you will develop and test two different multi-purpose IR remote application programs. You will test them on their own, and also with new Boe-Bot applications. They will make all kinds of Boe-Bot IR remote programs possible with much less programming. These application programs can also be used with many other projects. Think about all the machines and inventions that have keypads. You can design your own version of these inventions with an infrared detector and a universal remote.

ACTIVITY #1: INTERPRETING THE IR MESSAGES

The key to making the pulse measurements you collected in the previous chapter more useful is decoding. In the case of the messages the universal remote sends, decoding means converting a series of pulse duration measurements into a single value that your PBASIC program can use to make decisions.



Decode

- a: to convert (as a coded message) into intelligible form
- b: to recognize and interpret (an electronic signal)

Source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary – www.merriam-webster.com

In this activity, you will write programs that decode the PWM messages sent by the infrared remote. You will also look for relationships between these decoded values and the keys on the remote. If a relationship exists, it will make the remote control programs much simpler. When it's easier to write remote control programs, you will be able to create more powerful Boe-Bot applications with less work.

Counting in Binary vs. Counting in Decimal

Here is how to count to 20 with binary numbers:

Binary	0	1	10	11	100	101	110	111	1000	1001	1010	1011
Decimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Binary	1100	1101	1110	1111	10000	10001	10010	10011	10100
Decimal	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Notice that it takes four or less binary digits to count to 15, but it takes a fifth digit to get to 20.

In binary numbers, digits are usually called bits. Whereas a digit can be 0 through 9 in the decimal number system, a bit can only be 1 or 0 in the binary number system. Figure 2-1 shows a map of the bits in a byte size binary number. The rightmost bit is bit-0, the next one over is bit-1, then bit-2, all the way through bit-7.

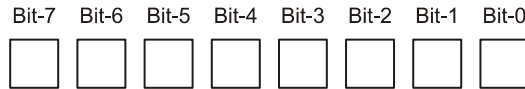


Figure 2-1
The Bits in a
Binary Byte

*Each box can
hold either a 1 or
a 0.*

Each bit in a binary number tells you how many of a certain power of 2 the number contains. Bit-0 tells you how many ones are in the binary number, bit-1 tells how many twos, bit-2 tells how many fours, and so on. Even if you have a really large binary number, you can always figure out a given bit value because it's 2^{bit} .

Here is an example of how to take 2 and raise it to the power of its bit position. Bit-0 tells how many ones are in a binary number because $2^0 = 1$. Likewise, bit-1 tells how many twos are in the number because $2^1 = 2$. Bit-2 tells how many fours are in the number because $2^2 = 4$. Bit-6 indicates how many sixty-fours are in a binary number because $2^6 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 64$.

Figure 2-2 shows how to convert a binary number with up to 8 bits (a byte) to its corresponding decimal value.

- First, enter the binary number into the upper row of boxes. Make sure to put the rightmost bit into the rightmost box, then continue to the left as you copy numbers.
- Second, multiply each bit by its power of two, and enter the product into the box directly below.
- Third, add up all the product boxes and enter it in the result.

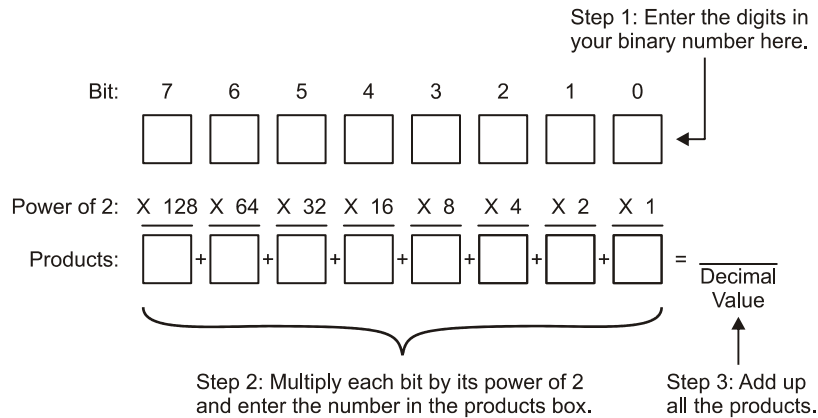
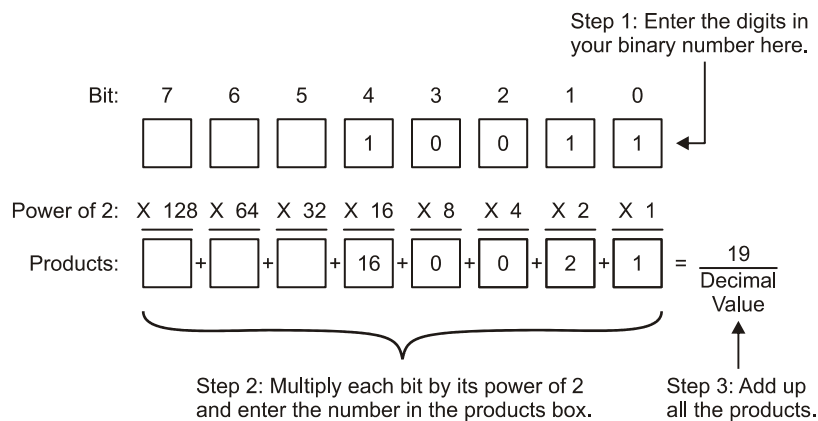


Figure 2-3 follows these steps to work out the decimal value of binary 10011.



Example Program – BinaryToDecimal.bs2

Although you can write a PBASIC program that follows each of the steps just discussed, the **BIN** and **DEC** modifiers make the job easy.

- ✓ Enter and run BinaryToDecimal.bs2.
- ✓ Click the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.
- ✓ Type in up to eight binary digits (ones and zeros), then press Enter.
- ✓ Hand-calculate the value using the steps shown in Figure 2-2.

- ✓ Compare your hand calculated result to the one in the Debug Terminal result.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - BinaryToDecimal.bs2
' Enter a binary value into the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane,
' and get the decimal value in the Receive Windowpane.

'{$STAMP BS2}
'{$PBASIC 2.5}

value          VAR      Byte

DO

    DEBUG "Enter binary value: "
    DEBUGIN BIN value
    DEBUG "Decimal value is: ", DEC value, CR

LOOP
```

Your Turn – Counting in Binary

By entering each of the binary numbers listed beginning on page 45, you will get practice counting in binary. Especially if you delve further into inventions with microcontrollers, the ability to count in binary will be a skill you will rely on over and over again.

- ✓ While the program is running, enter each of the twenty-one binary values listed beginning on page 45 into the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.
- ✓ Make sure that the decimal conversion verifies that you are up-counting correctly.

Setting and Clearing Bits with the .BIT Modifier

Although the **BIN** modifier made it easy to enter binary numbers into the Debug Terminal, it's not very helpful for converting a series of pulses into a binary number. Each pulse corresponds to a different bit in the binary number the remote is transmitting. That means that each pulse has to be translated to a 1 or 0, and then the corresponding bit position in a variable has to be set or cleared.

The **.BIT** variable modifier can be used to set and clear bits in a variable. It does so by making it possible to select individual bits in a given variable. Let's say that you have a byte variable named **value**, and you want to clear bit-5 and set bit-6. Here's a way to do that with the help of the **.BIT** variable modifier:

```
value.BIT5 = 0
```

```
value.BIT6 = 1
```

The next example program demonstrates how to use the **.BIT** modifier to set and clear bits in a byte variable with the help of the Debug Terminal's Transmit and Receive Windowpanes. It uses three variables, a byte named **value**, a nibble named **index**, and a bit named **setClear**. By storing values in **index** and **setClear** with the **DEBUGIN** command, you can pick any bit in the **value** variable and either set it to one or clear it to zero with these commands:

```
DEBUGIN DEC1 index

DEBUGIN BIN1 setClear

IF index = 0 THEN value.BIT0 = setClear
IF index = 1 THEN value.BIT1 = setClear
IF index = 2 THEN value.BIT2 = setClear
IF index = 3 THEN value.BIT3 = setClear
IF index = 4 THEN value.BIT4 = setClear
IF index = 5 THEN value.BIT5 = setClear
IF index = 6 THEN value.BIT6 = setClear
IF index = 7 THEN value.BIT7 = setClear
```

Coding tip – the .LOWBIT modifier: The **.LOWBIT** modifier can be used to treat the bits in a variable as array elements. Here is how you can use the **.LOWBIT** modifier to replace the eight **IF...THEN** statements just discussed.



```
value.LOWBIT(index) = setClear
```

This technique cannot be used in the upcoming IR remote examples because it would require more calibration with the IR remote pulse measurements. Even so, it's a worthwhile exercise to replace the eight **IF...THEN** statements with this one command in the next example program. Verify that both techniques perform the same operation.

Example Program – SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2

Figure 2-4 shows an example of what you can do with SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2. By typing a digit into the Transmit Windowpane when prompted for the "bit index" you can select the bit in the **value** variable that you want to change. Then, by typing a 1 or 0 into the Transmit Windowpane when prompted for "1 to set or 0 to clear", you can control whether the bit in **value** is set to 1 or cleared to 0.

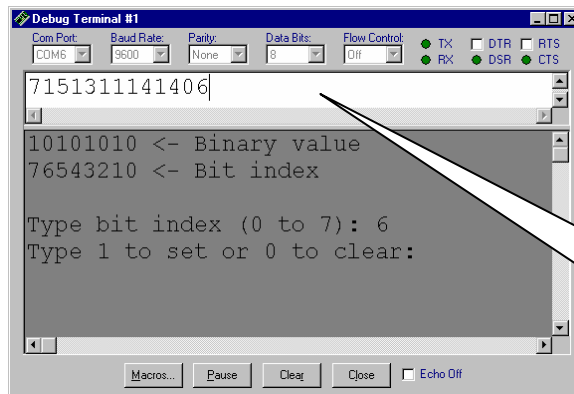


Figure 2-4
Clearing and Setting
Bits in a Byte with the
Debug Terminal

*Use the Transmit
Windowpane to
reply to the
prompts.*

- ✓ Enter, save, and run SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2.
- ✓ When the prompt "Type bit index (0 to 7): " appears, decide which bit you want to change, and type that digit.
- ✓ When the prompt "Type 1 to set or 0 to clear: " appears, type the 1 or 0 key.

The program will pause for half a second, then refresh the display.

- ✓ Check and make sure the change you entered appears in the "Binary value".
- ✓ Experiment with setting and clearing bits in the "Binary value".

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2
' Use the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane to choose a bit in
' the value variable and set or clear it.

'{$STAMP BS2}
'{$PBASIC 2.5}

value          VAR      Byte
index          VAR      Nib
setClear       VAR      Bit

DO

  DEBUG CLS,
    BIN8 value, " <- Binary value", CR,
    "76543210 <- Bit index", CR, CR,
    "Type bit index (0 to 7): "

  DEBUGIN DEC1 index
```

```

DEBUG CR, "Type 1 to set or 0 to clear: "

DEBUGIN BIN1 setClear

IF index = 0 THEN value.BIT0 = setClear
IF index = 1 THEN value.BIT1 = setClear
IF index = 2 THEN value.BIT2 = setClear
IF index = 3 THEN value.BIT3 = setClear
IF index = 4 THEN value.BIT4 = setClear
IF index = 5 THEN value.BIT5 = setClear
IF index = 6 THEN value.BIT6 = setClear
IF index = 7 THEN value.BIT7 = setClear

PAUSE 500

LOOP

```

How SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2 Works

The **value** variable is the byte, with 8 bits that you clear and set with the Debug Terminal. The **index** variable stores the value that determines which bit in **value** will be set/cleared, and the **setClear** variable stores a 1 or a 0.

value	VAR	Byte
index	VAR	Nib
setClear	VAR	Bit

The rest of the commands are nested inside the main **DO...LOOP**.

A **DEBUG CLS** command clears the Receive Windowpane, displays the 8-bit binary representation of the **value** variable, then displays the index values for each bit, followed by the first prompt for the user (you) to enter a digit.

```

DEBUG CLS,
      BIN8 value, " <- Binary value", CR,
      "76543210 <- Bit index", CR, CR,
      "Type bit index (0 to 7): "

```

The value of **index** is set with a **DEBUGIN** command followed by a second **DEBUG** command, which displays a second prompt. Then a second **DEBUGIN** command gets the value of **setClear** from the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.

```

DEBUGIN DEC1 index

DEBUG CR, "Type 1 to set or 0 to clear: "

```

```
DEBUGIN BIN1 setClear
```

This code block stores the value of `setClear` in the bit you chose in the `value` variable. The series of `IF...THEN` statements examines the `index` variable. When a match is found, the corresponding bit in `value` is assigned the 1 or 0 you stored in `setClear`.

```
IF index = 0 THEN value.BIT0 = setClear
IF index = 1 THEN value.BIT1 = setClear
IF index = 2 THEN value.BIT2 = setClear
IF index = 3 THEN value.BIT3 = setClear
IF index = 4 THEN value.BIT4 = setClear
IF index = 5 THEN value.BIT5 = setClear
IF index = 6 THEN value.BIT6 = setClear
IF index = 7 THEN value.BIT7 = setClear
```

Next, `PAUSE 500` waits for half a second, then the main `DO...LOOP` repeats. When it does, the screen is cleared, and the new binary representation of the `value` variable is displayed.

Your Turn – Adding Decimal Conversion to the Program

This program can also be a useful tool for examining the relationship between binary and decimal numbers.

- ✓ Save `SetAndClearWithDotBit.bs2` as `SetAndClearWithDotBitYourTurn.bs2`.
- ✓ Modify the `DEBUG` command so that it looks like this:

```
DEBUG CLS,
      BIN8 value, " <- Binary value", CR,
      "76543210 <- Bit index", CR,
      "Decimal value: ", DEC3 value, CR, CR,
      "Type bit index (0 to 7): ", CR
```

- ✓ Run your modified version of the program. It should now display the decimal equivalent of the binary number whose bits you are setting and clearing.
- ✓ Starting with the rightmost bit (bit-0), set it, note the value, then clear it.
- ✓ Repeat with bit-1, then with bit-2, all the way through bit-7.
- ✓ Explain what you observed.
- ✓ Next, try setting and clearing bits so that you count from 0 to 20 in binary again.

Converting the IR Message Pulse Durations to Decimal Values

We will use a variable named `remoteCode` to store the value transmitted by the IR message pulses. Since the program will only set bits if a given pulse measurement

greater than 1 ms, all the bits in `remoteCode` should be cleared before the pulse measurements are captured. The easiest way to clear all the bits in a variable is by simply setting it equal to zero. If a byte variable stores the value 0, it's really storing the binary number 00000000. In effect, all the bits are set to zero.

```
remoteCode = 0
```

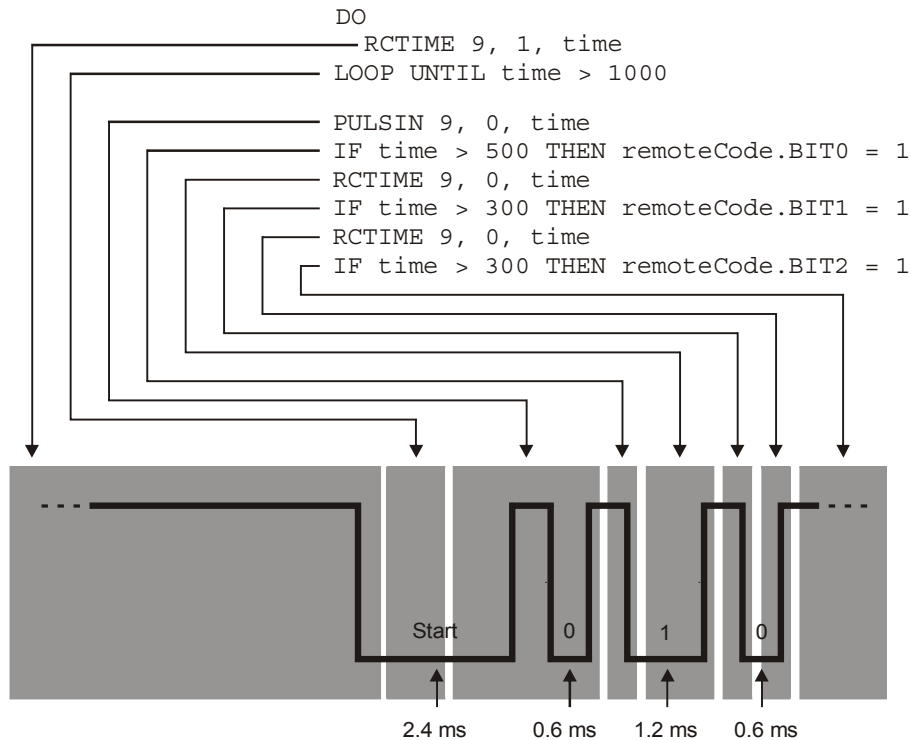
Next, wait for the resting state between IR remote messages with a `DO...LOOP` that was introduced in Chapter 1, Activity 5.

```
DO
  RCTIME 9, 1, time
LOOP UNTIL time > 1000
```

Then, start measuring data pulses. After each data pulse measurement, check to see if it lasted long enough to mean a binary-1. If it did, set the corresponding bit in the `remoteCode` variable; otherwise, leave it clear

```
PULSIN 9, 0, time           ' Measure pulse.
IF time > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
RCTIME 9, 0, time           ' Measure next pulse.
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
RCTIME 9, 0, time           ' etc.
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
RCTIME 9, 0, time
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
RCTIME 9, 0, time
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
RCTIME 9, 0, time
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
RCTIME 9, 0, time
IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1
```

Why use `PULSIN` to measure the first pulse and `RCTIME` to measure the rest? Saving six word variables is worth a little code gymnastics. This routine only uses one `time` variable, not an array of seven like the examples in Chapter 1. Figure 2-5 shows the timing of the command execution in relation to the incoming IR message pulses. From left to right, there is plenty of time for the `DO...LOOP` to detect when a high pulse greater than 1000 is detected because the start pulse that follows lasts 2.4 ms. There is also enough time to execute a `PULSIN` command to capture the first data pulse. The problem occurs when the first `IF...THEN` statement executes. Keep in mind that we are trying to use one `time` variable to take all the pulse measurements, not an array of seven. Because the `time` variable has to be reused to measure the next pulse the current value of time has to be examined and used to either set or clear `remoteCode.BIT0`.

Figure 2-5: Command Execution Timing in Relation to Incoming IR Pulses

The reason **RCTIME** has to be used to measure the next pulse is because the **IF...THEN** statement does not finish until after the next data pulse has already begun. Since the start of the pulse (its negative edge) is missed while the **IF...THEN** statement is executing, **PULSIN** cannot properly detect the beginning of the pulse. Instead, **PULSIN** would miss the data pulse and measure the next one, making it possible to only capture half the data pulses in a given IR message. On the other hand, **RCTIME** can be used to measure what's left of the data pulse, and all the data pulses that follow.

Through experiments similar to the ones in Chapter 1, Activity #2, the successive **RCTIME** measurements stored **time** values of approximately 450 for a binary-1 pulse or 150 for a binary-0 pulse. 300 is half way between these two values, and is used to decide whether


```

    RCTIME 9, 1, time
    LOOP UNTIL time > 1000

    PULSIN 9, 0, time                                ' Measure pulse.
    IF time > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1           ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
    RCTIME 9, 0, time                                ' Measure next pulse.
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1           ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
    RCTIME 9, 0, time                                ' etc.
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
    RCTIME 9, 0, time
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
    RCTIME 9, 0, time
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
    RCTIME 9, 0, time
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
    RCTIME 9, 0, time
    IF time > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

    DEBUG CRSRXY, 4, 3, BIN8 remoteCode,            ' Display keypad code.
          CRSRXY, 14, 3, DEC2 remoteCode

    LOOP                                              ' Repeat main loop.

```

How PulsesToByteValue.bs2 Works

For this application, we are not concerned with whether the remote is sending a message to a TV, VCR, or cable box, so the higher bits in the message do not matter. This program captures seven pulses because that's all that's necessary to capture the TV remote keys. Also, seven measurements take less time to execute, giving the BASIC Stamp extra time to take other measurements.

Remember that a pulse in the neighborhood of 1.2 ms is a binary-1, while a pulse in the neighborhood of 0.6 ms is a binary-0. For the first **PULSIN** command, if the **time** array element stores a value above 500 (1000 μ s = 1 ms), it must be a binary-1 pulse. Likewise, if the **time** array element stores a value below 500, it must be a binary-0 pulse. For the **RCTIME** commands that follow, if **time** stores a value above 300, it must be a binary-1; otherwise, it's a binary-0.

Your Turn – Correcting the Keypad Values

The rules for how numeric values correspond to keys on the keypad can be a little confusing. When **remoteCode** is 0, the key pressed is really 1. When **remoteCode** is 1,

the key pressed is really 2, and so on up until `remoteCode` is 8, which means the 9 key was pressed. But wait, when `remoteCode` stores 9, it means the 0 key is pressed!

You can fix this problem with a couple of **IF...THEN** statements. These **IF...THEN** statements can adjust the value stored in the `remoteCode` variable so that it matches the key value on the keypad. In other words, when you press 5, `remoteCode` stores 5. When you press 8, `remoteCode` stores 8. More importantly, when you press 0, `remoteCode` stores 0.

- ✓ Save `PulsesToByteValue.bs2` as `PulsesToByteValueYourTurn.bs2`.
- ✓ Modify the program by inserting these two commands between the last **IF...THEN** statement and the **DEBUG** command.

```
IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0
```

- ✓ Run the program and verify that the value stored by `remoteCode` now matches the number of the key pressed on the IR remote's keypad.
- ✓ Write a brief report explaining how these two commands get the job done.
- ✓ Update Table 2-1 below, and mark this page for reference on how the numeric values correspond to the keys pressed on the keypad.

Table 2-1: Remote Key Codes	
Key	Decimal Value
0-9	
VOL-	
VOL+	
CH-	
CH+	
ENTER	
POWER	

ACTIVITY #2: DESIGNING A REUSABLE REMOTE PROGRAM

Up to this point, you have completed a program that performs IR remote message capture and decoding for SONY TV signals. Before doing more Boe-Bot applications, it's better to rewrite the program so that all the work is done in subroutines. Along with the subroutines, the program should also have **CON** directives for non-numbered keys and **VAR** declarations for the variables that are used by the subroutines.

Building an Application for Reading the IR Remote

The next example program is a more reusable version of `PulsesToByteValueYourTurn.bs2`. Here are the changes that were made to it:

- Constants – keypad values with meaningful names
*Table 2-1 was used to build a list of **CON** directives.*
- Variables – variables that have to be used with the subroutines
*The **VAR** declarations from `PulsesToByteValue.bs2` were given their own section.*
- Main routine – call the subroutine and display the data
A very simple main routine that displays the IR remote code in the Debug Terminal was inserted here along with a comment to add your own code.
- Subroutine – capture message pulses from the infrared remote and decode
*This one should contain everything inside the main the **DO...LOOP** from `PulsesToByteValueYourTurn.bs2`.*

To test the remote, the **SELECT...CASE** statement will be used to make sure the program recognizes all the different keys. Remember, the **SELECT...CASE** allows you to select a variable and evaluate it on a case by case basis. You can use single values, a list of values separated by commas, or a range of values.

Example Program: IrRemoteButtons.bs2

- ✓ Enter, save, and run `IrRemoteButtons.bs2`.
- ✓ Press and release each digit key on the remote and verify that the correct digit is displayed.
- ✓ Try out the ENTER, CH+, CH-, VOL+, VOL-, and POWER keys. Verify that the displayed value matches the **CON** directives in the program.

You will be saving many copies of this file, and then modifying these copies to perform a variety of Boe-Bot functions.

- ✓ Make sure to save this program under the name `IrRemoteButtons.bs2`.

Here is an example of saving and modifying a copy of `IrRemoteButtons.bs2`.

- ✓ Use the File → Save As menu to save a copy of this program. Use the name `TestIrRemoteButtons.bs2`.
- ✓ Replace the existing main routine with this code block:

```
DO

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

    DEBUG CLS, "Remote code: "

    SELECT remoteCode
    CASE 0 TO 9
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode
    CASE Enter
        DEBUG "ENTER"
    CASE ChUp
        DEBUG "CH+"
    CASE ChDn
        DEBUG "CH-"
    CASE VolUp
        DEBUG "VOL+"
    CASE VolDn
        DEBUG "VOL-"
    CASE Power
        DEBUG "POWER"
    CASE ELSE
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode, " (unrecognized)"
    ENDSELECT

    DEBUG CLREOL

LOOP
```

- ✓ Run `TestIrRemoteButtons.bs2` and test the remote's keypad keys as well as the other buttons listed in the constant declarations section.
- ✓ Try the SLEEP, MUTE, and LAST keys, what happened? The Your Turn portion of this activity will give you some hints for solving this.

[illegible]

```

DO                                                    ' Wait for rest between messages.
  RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                            ' Measure pulse.
IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1           ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                            ' Measure next pulse.
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1           ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                            ' etc.
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
' it stores.

IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

RETURN

```

How IrRemoteButtons.bs2 Works

This **PIN** declaration gives a name to the I/O pin that senses the IR detector's output. You can now use the name **IrDet** in place of **IN9**. You can also use it as an argument to a command, so instead of **PULSIN 9, 0, IrPulse**, you can use **PULSIN IrDet, 0, IrPulse**.

```

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector

IrDet          PIN      9

```

These constant names can be used in place of the keypad values. This allows you to make decisions on the value from the infrared remote with meaningful names such as **Enter** instead of 11 and **ChUp** instead of 16. For example, if you want to make an

IF...THEN decision depending on whether or not the ENTER key is pressed, it's much better to use **IF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN** instead of **IF (remoteCode = 11) THEN**.

```
' -----[ Constants ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons

Enter      CON      11
ChUp       CON      16
ChDn       CON      17
VolUp      CON      18
VolDn      CON      19
Power      CON      21
```

These are the variables you will need for your subroutines. The **time** variable from **PulsesToByteValue.bs2** was renamed to **irPulse**.

```
' -----[ Variables ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote variables

irPulse     VAR      Word
remoteCode  VAR      Byte
```

Many published PBASIC application examples you will encounter just have a comment, such as ' **Insert your code here**, possibly followed by an **END** command. In that case, it will be up to you to look at the comments, subroutines, and other parts of the program and figure out how to make it work. Often there will be a separate program available for download that demonstrates some of the things you can do with the application. This main routine has a comment about inserting code, but it also has a simple **DO...LOOP** that allows you to test it.

```
' -----[ Main Routine ]-----
' Replace this DO...LOOP with your own code.

DO
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  DEBUG CLS, "Remote code: ", DEC remoteCode
  PAUSE 100
LOOP
```

The code block in the **Get_Ir_Remote_Code** subroutine is mostly the contents of the **DO...LOOP** from **PulsesToByteValue.bs2** (from Activity #1). There are two differences. First, it's in a subroutine instead of a **DO...LOOP** in the main routine. Second, this

subroutine has two **IF...THEN** statements just before the **RETURN** command that were introduced in the last Your Turn section in Activity #1. They adjust the value the **remoteCode** variable stores so that it matches any keypad digit that gets pressed.

```
' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the
' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

    remoteCode = 0                                ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

    DO                                             ' Wait for rest between messages.
        RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
    LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

    PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure pulse.
    IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure next pulse.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' etc.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

    ' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
    ' it stores.

    IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
    IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

    RETURN
```

Your Turn – Expanding the List of Known Keys

You can expand your program to include the SLEEP, MUTE, and LAST keys.

- ✓ Re-run TestIrRemoteButtons.bs2 and get the values for SLEEP, MUTE and LAST.
- ✓ Save the program as TestIrRemoteButtonsYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ Modify the Constants section so that these values are accounted for. Be careful, SLEEP is a PBASIC command, so you will have to choose a different name for

the value that corresponds to the remote's SLEEP key. Try `FnSleep` instead; that's short for function-sleep.

- ✓ Modify the **SELECT...CASE** statement so that it displays "SLEEP" when the SLEEP key is pressed, "MUTE" when the MUTE key is pressed, and "LAST" when the LAST key is pressed. NOTE: Some universal remotes label the LAST key PREV CH.

VCR control buttons



VCR control buttons such as >> (FAST FORWARD) and << (REWIND) buttons don't cause the remote to send codes when it's in TV mode. You can use your remote's manual and try programming it with the SONY VCR remote codes. One of them usually works for making the remote speak the same PWM language as the SONY TV controller. Keep in mind that this works with some (but not all) universal remotes.

The VCR button can then be used to enable all the VCR control buttons. Provided you programmed in the right code, most of the TV buttons will still work too. You can use `IrRemoteButtons.bs2` to display the values of `remoteCode` for each VCR control button and expand your list of constants (the **CON** directives). The values of the `remoteCode` variable for the VCR control buttons (STOP, PAUSE, PLAY, REWIND, FAST FORWARD, and RECORD) should range between 24 and 29.

ACTIVITY #3: APPLICATION TESTING WITH BOE-BOT NAVIGATION

There are lots of application kits, application notes, and magazine articles published that show how to use BASIC Stamp microcontroller modules with all manner of sensors, actuators, and coprocessors. You can use many of these as resources to add features to your Boe-Bot. Many pre-written example programs in these resources are formatted similarly to the `IrRemoteButtons.bs2` application in the activity you just finished. You will often see constant declarations for meaningful numbers, subroutines that do the key jobs, and of course, the variables needed for the application and its subroutines. Other sections that contain **DATA** directives, initialization routines, and revision histories may also appear.

In this activity, you will write a Boe-Bot navigation main routine that uses the features provided by `IrRemoteButtons.bs2`. By getting familiar with adapting these reusable programs to your Boe-Bot, you can make use of a much wider variety of published resources. Especially when it comes to a new sensor, display, or sound processor, the "hard" work has already been done in the published example program. It will be up to you to adapt it to your specific robotic (or other) application. In many cases, you will

take subroutines and their associated constants and variables from several programs and combine them into a master application that controls several subsystems.

A Simple Boe-Bot Main Routine

In the previous activity, you replaced the main routine in `IrRemoteButtons.bs2` with a code block that contained a **SELECT...CASE** statement. The best way to remember how **SELECT...CASE** works is that you use it to **SELECT** a (constant, variable or expression) and evaluate it on a **CASE** by **CASE** basis. **SELECT remoteCode** made it possible to evaluate the `remoteCode` variable on a case by case basis, executing different **DEBUG** commands for each different **CASE** (value stored in `remoteCode`).

SELECT...CASE is also really good for Boe-Bot navigation. Instead of **DEBUG** commands, each **CASE** statement can contain code blocks that deliver pulses for different Boe-Bot maneuvers. This can be showcased by repeating the functionality of `4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2` from Chapter 1, Activity #5. The difference is, this time, it will be really easy to write, and even easier to adjust and expand.

All you have to do with the next example program is open `IrRemoteButtons.bs2`, save it under a new name, and modify the main routine. The IR remote code reading is taken care of in a subroutine, so you can focus on programming the Boe-Bot, and all you need to know is the value of the `remoteCode` variable after you call the `Get_Ir_Remote_Code` subroutine.

Example Program – 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2

This example gives you all the number key features of `4BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2` from Chapter 1, Activity #5, plus the CH+/- and VOL+/- key features from Chapter 1, Activity #4.

- ✓ Open `IrRemoteButtons.bs2` and save it as `7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2`.
- ✓ Add an initialization section just before the Main Routine:


```
' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Press and hold a key (1-9 or CH/VOL) ..."
FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000           ' Start/reset indicator.
```
- ✓
- ✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the main routine with this one:


```
DO
```

```

' Call subroutine that loads the IR message value into the
' remoteCode variable.

GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

' Send PULSOUT durations for the various maneuvers based on
' the value of the remoteCode variable.

SELECT remoteCode
CASE 2, ChUp                                ' Forward
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 4, VolDn                              ' Rotate Right
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 6, VolUp                              ' Rotate Left
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 8, ChDn                              ' Backward
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 1                                     ' Pivot Fwd-left
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 3                                     ' Pivot Fwd-right
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE 7                                     ' Pivot back-left
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 9                                     ' Pivot back-right
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE ELSE                                 ' Hold position
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 750
ENDSELECT

LOOP

```

A complete copy of the program is below.

- ✓ Run and test the program. Verify that the 1 through 9 keys perform as expected.
- ✓ Try the CH+/- and VOL +/- keys too, and verify that they work correctly.
- ✓ Think about how much easier this was than the approach that was used in Chapter 1, Activities #4 and #5.
- ✓ Save your work, you will also save copies of this program and modify it later.

```

' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2

' With an IR remote configured to control a SONY TV, point the remote at
' the Boe-Bot and press and hold the 1-9 keys for different maneuvers.
' You can also use CH+/- and VOL+/-..

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector
IrDet          PIN      9

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons
Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Power          CON      21

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables
irPulse        VAR      Word
remoteCode     VAR      Byte

' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Press and hold a key (1-9 or CH/VOL)..."
FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000          ' Start/reset indicator.

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

' Boe-Bot button control routine.
DO

  ' Call subroutine that loads the IR message value into the
  ' remoteCode variable.

  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

  ' Send PULSOUT durations for the various maneuvers based on

```

```

' the value of the remoteCode variable.

SELECT remoteCode
CASE 2, ChUp                                ' Forward
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 4, VolDn                              ' Rotate Left
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 6, VolUp                              ' Rotate Right
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 8, ChDn                              ' Backward
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 1                                      ' Pivot Fwd-left
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 3                                      ' Pivot Fwd-right
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE 7                                      ' Pivot Back-left
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 9                                      ' Pivot Back-right
  PULSOUT 13, 650
  PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE ELSE                                  ' Hold Position
  PULSOUT 13, 750
  PULSOUT 12, 750
ENDSELECT

LOOP

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the
' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

  remoteCode = 0                          ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

  DO                                      ' Wait for rest between messages.
    RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
  LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

  PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                ' Measure pulse.
  IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                ' Measure next pulse.
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.

```

```

RTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse          ' etc.
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
RTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
RTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
RTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
RTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
' it stores.

IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

RETURN

```

How 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 Works

The **SELECT...CASE** statement inside the main routine's **DO...LOOP** is perfect for delivering **PULSOUT** commands based on the value of the **remoteCode** variable.

```

GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

SELECT remoteCode
CASE 2, ChUp          ' Forward
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 4, VolDn         ' Rotate Left
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 650
    •
    •
    •
CASE ELSE             ' Hold Position
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 750
ENDSELECT

```

Notice that the **CASE** statements are using constants such as **ChUp** and **VolDn**, from the **IrRemoteButtons.bs2** template's constant declarations section:

```

' -----[ Constants ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons.

Enter          CON      11

```

ChUp	CON	16
ChDn	CON	17
VolUp	CON	18
VolDn	CON	19
Power	CON	21

Your Turn – Adding the POWER Button

You can turn the Power button into a disable switch for the Boe-Bot. In other words, if the Power button is pressed, the Boe-Bot can be programmed to cease to respond to remote commands. In this example, the Reset button on the Board of Education must be pressed and released to restart the program.

- ✓ Insert a **CASE** statement for POWER with an **END** command into your modified version of 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2.
- ✓ Test it and trouble-shoot as needed.

ACTIVITY #4: ENTERING LARGE NUMBERS WITH THE KEYPAD

Most devices let you enter large numbers by pressing sequences of digit buttons. For example, you might press 3-1-5 on your microwave oven to reheat some food, and the oven cooks the food for three minutes and fifteen seconds. Likewise, you might enter 1-0-0-0 into your calculator as a number (one-thousand) to be multiplied, divided, etc. Many television sets have a menu selection where you can use the keypad on a remote to enter the current time, and VCRs have the same feature so that you can program the VCR to record TV shows when you're not there.

Multi-digit entry is a feature that could be really handy in a second application example that you can add to your library of useful programs. In this activity, you will develop this feature, and then save it for future use and reuse.

The Speaker Circuit

Whether it's a keypad on an alarm system, microwave oven, or a Boe-Bot, a speaker really helps let you know that the device understood when you pressed that digit key. The speaker shown in Figure 2-6 was already added to your Boe-Bot in Chapter 1, Activity #4. Up until now, it was only used to let you know that the program started (or spontaneously restarted due to low batteries).

In this activity, we will also use the piezospeaker circuit to signal that the Boe-Bot detected and understood when you pressed a button on the remote. This is especially

useful for typing multi-digit values on the remote's numeric keypad. You will also write commands to send different tones indicating the wrong key was pressed.

- ✓ If you have not already done so, add the speaker circuit shown in Figure 2-6 to your Boe-Bot's prototyping area.

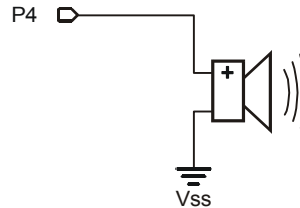


Figure 2-6
Speaker for Keypad
Entry Feedback

Converting Sequences of Digits to Decimal Numbers

Let's say you want to send a larger value to the Boe-Bot, like the decimal value 635. To send this number, you will have to press and release the 6, then the 3, then the 5, then the ENTER key. The BASIC Stamp will have to successively receive each digit, multiply by ten, then add the next most recently received digit. When the ENTER key is pressed, the value 11 is sent, which means the multiply by ten and add routine is finished. Here is a step by step list of how the BASIC Stamp has to process the incoming messages to rebuild the value 635:

- The digit 6 is received, so store 6.
- The digit 3 is received, so multiply 6 by ten, then add 3.
- The digit 5 is received, so multiply 63 by ten, then add 5.
- The value 11 is received, so keep the value 635 and exit the routine.

Example Program: EnterLargeValues.bs2

This example program behaves similarly to a microwave oven with a digital keypad. You can build larger numbers, such as 635 by pressing and releasing the 6, 3, and 5 keys followed by the ENTER key. This program makes the Boe-Bot's piezospeaker send a tone to acknowledge each button press. The speaker also provides debouncing for the pushbutton.



What's "debounce"?

Electronic circuits operate at much higher speeds than human actions and mechanical contacts. Circuit and embedded systems engineers have to take this fact into account when designing circuits. When a switch is closed or pushbutton is pressed, there's a collision between metal contacts. The metal surfaces bounce and scrape against each other before settling down and maintaining contact. This in turn sends a rapid succession of ones and zeros to the processor. A circuit or program routine that makes it impossible for these zeros and ones to confuse the processor is called a **debounced** circuit. Humans also have a tendency to hold down a button or switch for a certain amount of time. Especially when entering the same digit several times, it's important to program the microcontroller to make sure that a person's natural button pressing tendencies are recognized.

- ✓ Open IrRemoteButtons.bs2, then save it as EnterLargeValues.bs2.
- ✓ Add this directive to the I/O Definitions section:

```
Speaker      PIN      4
```

- ✓ Add this variable declaration to the program's Variables section.

```
' Main Routine Variables
value          VAR      Word          ' Stores multi-digit value
```

- ✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the main routine with this one:

```
DO

    DEBUG "Type a value (up to 65535)", CR, "Then press ENTER", CR, CR

    value = 0
    remoteCode = 0
    DEBUG "Digits entered: "

DO

    value = value * 10 + remoteCode

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

    IF (remoteCode >= 0) AND (remoteCode <= 9) THEN
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode
    ENDIF

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)
```

```

    DEBUG CR, "The value is: ", DEC value, CR, CR
LOOP

```

- ✓ Follow the Debug Terminal's prompts, and type in a number on your remote as though you are entering a number into a calculator.
- ✓ Press and release the ENTER key.
- ✓ Verify that the value the BASIC Stamp stores is correct.
- ✓ Use the keypad and ENTER key to enter and store numbers with several digits into the BASIC Stamp.

How EnterLargeValues.bs2 Works

This program started as IrRemoteButtons.bs2. Only the I/O Definitions, Variables, and Main Routine sections were modified.

- ✓ In addition to the variables for decoding the IR remote message, a word variable named **value** is declared. This variable stores the multi-digit value entered into the remote. The **Speaker PIN 4** directive, allows you to use **Speaker** in the **FREQOUT** command's **Pin** argument.

```

' SONY TV IR remote variables

irPulse      VAR    Word
remoteCode   VAR    Byte

' Main Routine variables

value        VAR    Word                ' Stores multi-digit value

```

The first thing the code in the main routine does is clear the **value** and **remoteCode** variables. Then, a **DEBUG** command displays the "Digits entered: " message.

```

value = 0
remoteCode = 0
DEBUG "Digits entered: "

```

The **DO...LOOP** for keypad entry is conditional, and it executes until the remote's ENTER key is pressed. As digits are successively entered, the **value** variable is multiplied by ten, then the most recent digit stored by **remoteCode** is added to value. That's what **value = value * 10 + remoteCode** does. Notice that a **FREQOUT** command and **PAUSE** command follow the **GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code** command. This causes the

Boe-Bot to beep after each digit is entered. It beeps and pauses long enough that the user lets go of the key. This prevents one press on the 5 key from being received as the value 555.

```
DO

    value = value * 10 + remoteCode

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

    IF (remoteCode >= 0) AND (remoteCode <= 9) THEN
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode
    ENDIF

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)
```

After the ENTER key is pressed and released, the **DO...LOOP** terminates, and the multi-digit number stored by the **value** variable is displayed:

```
DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR, CR
```

Your Turn – Processing Only Digits and Enter

If you were to design a product with a BASIC Stamp and a universal remote, you might get some complaints from customers if you use EnterLargeValues.bs2 without some extra work. The program needs to ignore non-digit keys such as POWER and VOL+. Pressing these keys can lead to some pretty crazy values.

- ✓ Try entering non-digits with your unmodified version of EnterLargeValues.bs2.
- ✓ Save the program as EnterLargeValuesYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the main routine with this one:

```
DO

    DEBUG "Type a value (up to 65535)", CR, "Then press ENTER", CR, CR

    value = 0
    remoteCode = 0

DO

    value = value * 10 + remoteCode
```

```

DO
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN
    DEBUG "You pressed: ", DEC1 remoteCode, CR
    GOSUB Beep_Valid
    EXIT
  ELSEIF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN
    DEBUG "You pressed: ENTER", CR
    GOSUB Beep_Valid
    EXIT
  ELSE
    DEBUG "Press 0-9 or ENTER", CR
    GOSUB Beep_Error
  ENDIF
LOOP

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)

DEBUG CR, "The value is: ", DEC value, CR, CR

LOOP

```

✓ Add these two subroutines to the end of your program:

```

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Valid ]-----

' Call this subroutine to acknowledge a key press.

Beep_Valid:

  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 200

  RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Error ]-----

' Call this subroutine to reject a key press.

Beep_Error:

  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3000
  PAUSE 200

  RETURN

```

- ✓ Test this solution and verify that it works.
- ✓ Save your work.

Adding a Keypad Entry Feature to Your Application

By copying the functional part of EnterLargeValues.bs2 into a subroutine in IrRemoteButtons.bs2, you will have a new application program that can either read single remote button presses or receive large values with keypad entry. Which function the application performs depends on which subroutine is called.

Example Program – IrRemoteKeypad.bs2

- ✓ Open EnterLargeValuesYourTurn.bs2 and save it as IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.
- ✓ Add a subroutine named **Get_Multi_Digit_Value** to IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.
- ✓ Use Edit → Copy and Edit → Paste to move everything shown below from EnterLargeValuesYourTurn.bs2 into your new **Get_Multi_Digit_Value** subroutine in IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.

```

value = 0
remoteCode = 0

DO

    value = value * 10 + remoteCode

DO
    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
    IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN
        DEBUG "You pressed: ", DEC1 remoteCode, CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSEIF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN
        DEBUG "You pressed: ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSE
        DEBUG "Press 0-9 or ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF
LOOP

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)

```

- ✓ Add a **RETURN** command at the end of the subroutine.
- ✓ Modify the main routine so that it looks like this:

```

' Replace this DO...LOOP with your own code.

DO
    DEBUG "Enter a value: "

```

```

    GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value
    DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR, CR
LOOP

```

- ✓ Add comments to your program explaining how the **DO...LOOP UNTIL** statement works.

After you have made these changes, your program should resemble the one below.

- ✓ Run and test IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.
- ✓ Trouble-shoot as needed.
- ✓ Save the program after you have fully tested it.

```

' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - IrRemoteKeypad.bs2
' Capture and store button codes sent by a universal remote configured to
' control a SONY TV. This program also supports keypad entry of
' multi-digit values.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector
IrDet          PIN      9
Speaker        PIN      4

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons.
Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Power          CON      21

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables
irPulse        VAR      Word           ' Single-digit remote variables
remoteCode     VAR      Byte
index          VAR      Nib
value          VAR      Word           ' Stores multi-digit value

```

```

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

' Replace this DO...LOOP with your own code.

DO
  DEBUG "Enter a value: ", CR
  GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value
  DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR, CR
LOOP

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the
' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

  remoteCode = 0                                ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

  DO                                             ' Wait for rest between messages.
    RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
  LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

  PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure pulse.
  IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1    ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure next pulse.
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1    ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' etc.
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
  RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
  IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

  ' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
  ' it stores.

  IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
  IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

  RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Multi_Digit_Value ]-----

' Acquire multi-digit value (up to 65535) and store it in
' the value variable. Speaker beeps each time a key is

```



```

' pressed.

Get_Multi_Digit_Value:

    value = 0
    remoteCode = 0

    DO

        value = value * 10 + remoteCode

    DO
        GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
        IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN
            DEBUG "You pressed: ", DEC1 remoteCode, CR
            GOSUB Beep_Valid
            EXIT
        ELSEIF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN
            DEBUG "You pressed: ENTER", CR
            GOSUB Beep_Valid
            EXIT
        ELSE
            DEBUG "Press 0-9 or ENTER", CR
            GOSUB Beep_Error
        ENDIF
    LOOP

    LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Valid ]-----
' Call this subroutine to acknowledge a key press.

Beep_Valid:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Error ]-----
' Call this subroutine to reject a key press.

Beep_Error:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3000
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

```

Your Turn – Making Application Backup Copies

You will use and re-use the application programs you have developed in Activity #2 through Activity #4.

- ✓ Create a separate folder for your application programs.
- ✓ Make backup copies of IrRemoteButtons.bs2, 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2, and IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.

ACTIVITY #5: KEYPAD BOE-BOT DIRECTION AND DISTANCE

In this activity, you will program the Boe-Bot to receive direction and distance information from the infrared remote. Here is how the program will work:

- Press/release a CH or VOL key to select one of four maneuvers: forward, backward, rotate left, or rotate right.
- Next, use the keypad to enter the number of pulses to deliver.
- When the ENTER button is pressed/released, the Boe-Bot executes the maneuver.

By writing a Boe-Bot main routine for IrRemoteKeypad.bs2, you can make use of its button code and keypad entry subroutine features. This will make writing a main routine that allows you to choose the direction with CH and VOL keys and then enter a number of pulses with the keypad much easier to develop. You will have to call the `Get_Ir_Remote_Code` subroutine to get the CH/VOL key for direction. After that, you can call the `Get_Multi_Digit_Value` subroutine to get the number of pulses.

Example Program – KeypadDirectionDistance.bs2

- ✓ Open IrRemoteKeypad.bs2 and save it as KeypadDirectionDistance.bs2.
- ✓ Add these **PIN** directives:

```
' Boe-Bot Servo Pins

ServoLeft    PIN    13
ServoRight   PIN    12
```

- ✓ Add these declarations to the Variables section.

```
' Boe-Bot navigation variables

direction    VAR    Byte
counter      VAR    Byte
```

- ✓ Add the initialization routine for the Boe-Bot's start/reset indicator along with some operation instructions for the Debug Terminal. This section should be placed just before the Main Routine section.

```
' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Program Starting...", CR, CR          ' Start/reset indicator.

FREQOUT Speaker, 2000, 3000

DEBUG "Use CH/VOL for direction,", CR,          ' Debug instructions.
      "then type distance (up to ", CR,
      "255) then press ENTER.", CR, CR
```

- ✓ Replace the code in the Main Routine section with this:

```
DO

  DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR

DO

  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

  IF (remoteCode < ChUp) OR (remoteCode > VolDn) THEN
    DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
    GOSUB Beep_Error
  ENDIF

  LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode >= ChUp) AND (remoteCode <= VolDn)

  direction = remoteCode

  GOSUB Beep_Valid

  DEBUG "Enter number of pulses: ", CR

  GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value

  DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR
  DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

  FOR counter = 1 TO value

    SELECT direction
      CASE ChUp
        PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
        PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
      CASE ChDn
        PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
        PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
```

```

        CASE VolUp
            PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
            PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
        CASE VolDn
            PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
            PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
        ENDSELECT

        PAUSE 20

    NEXT

LOOP

```

A complete program listing is included after these checklist instructions.

- ✓ Save then run your modified program.
- ✓ Make sure your Boe-Bot's 3-position switch is set to position-2.
- ✓ Press/release the CH+ key to select forward.
- ✓ Press/release the digits 1, 6, 2.
- ✓ Press/release the ENTER button.

The Boe-Bot should travel forward for about a yard (or meter if you're thinking in metric).

- ✓ Press/release the VOL+ key to select rotate right.
- ✓ Press/release the digits 2, 0.
- ✓ Press/release the ENTER button.

The Boe-Bot should turn roughly 90-degrees clockwise (to the right).

- ✓ For a review of pulses and distances, see *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* Chapter 4.
- ✓ Practice entering directions and distances until you are fairly confident with your navigation.

```

' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - KeypadDirectionDistance.bs2
' Each Boe-Bot maneuver involves three steps:
' 1) Select a maneuver
'    CH+ = Forward, CH- = Backward, VOL+ = Right, VOL- = Left
' 2) Type in a distance (1 to 255) pulses.
' 3) Press ENTER.
'
' {$STAMP BS2}

```

```

' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector

IrDet          PIN      9
Speaker        PIN      4

' Boe-Bot Servo Pins

ServoLeft      PIN      13
ServoRight     PIN      12

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons.

Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Power          CON      21

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables

irPulse        VAR      Word           ' Single-digit remote variables
remoteCode     VAR      Byte
value          VAR      Word           ' Stores multi-digit value

' Boe-Bot navigation variables

direction      VAR      Byte
counter        VAR      Byte

' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Program Starting...", CR, CR           ' Start/reset indicator.

FREQOUT Speaker, 2000, 3000

DEBUG "Use CH/VOL for direction,", CR,         ' Debug instructions.
      "then type distance (up to ", CR,
      "255) then press ENTER.", CR, CR

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

DO

```

```

DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR

DO

  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

  IF (remoteCode < ChUp) OR (remoteCode > VolDn) THEN
    DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
    GOSUB Beep_Error
  ENDIF

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode >= ChUp) AND (remoteCode <= VolDn)

direction = remoteCode

GOSUB Beep_Valid

DEBUG "Enter number of pulses: ", CR

GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value

DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR
DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

FOR counter = 1 TO value

  SELECT direction
    CASE ChUp
      PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
      PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
    CASE ChDn
      PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
      PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
    CASE VolUp
      PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
      PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
    CASE VolDn
      PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
      PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
  ENDSELECT

  PAUSE 20

NEXT

LOOP

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the

```

```

' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

    remoteCode = 0                                ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

    DO                                             ' Wait for rest between messages.
        RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
    LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

    PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure pulse.
    IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure next pulse.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' etc.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

    ' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
    ' it stores.

    IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
    IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Multi_Digit_Value ]-----

' Acquire multi-digit value (up to 65535) and store it in
' the value variable.  Speaker beeps each time a key is
' pressed.

Get_Multi_Digit_Value:

    value = 0
    remoteCode = 0

    DO

        value = value * 10 + remoteCode

    DO
        GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
        IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN

```

```

        DEBUG "You pressed: ", DEC1 remoteCode, CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSEIF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN
        DEBUG "You pressed: ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSE
        DEBUG "Press 0-9 or ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF
LOOP

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)

RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Valid ]-----

' Call this subroutine to acknowledge a key press.

Beep_Valid:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Error ]-----

' Call this subroutine to reject a key press.

Beep_Error:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3000
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

```

How KeypadDirectionDistance.bs2 Works

Two variables have to be added to IrRemoteKeypad.bs2, one for storing the Boe-Bot's direction, and the other for counting the number of pulses in a **FOR...NEXT** loop.

```

' Boe-Bot navigation variables

direction    VAR    Byte
counter      VAR    Byte

```


The first command inside the main **DO...LOOP** is a **DEBUG** command prompting for a CH/VOL direction.

```
DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
```

The program calls the **Get_Ir_Remote_Code** subroutine over and over again, until a **remoteCode** that falls between **ChUp** (16) and **VolDn** (19) is received from the remote. If some button that's not CH+/- or VOL+/- is pressed, the **IF...THEN** statement delivers the lower pitched error beep along with a Debug Terminal prompt to press one of the CH or VOL buttons.

```
DO
    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
    IF (remoteCode < ChUp) OR (remoteCode > VolDn) THEN
        DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF
LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode >= ChUp) AND (remoteCode <= VolDn)
```

After the **Get_Ir_Remote_Code** subroutine is called, the direction you sent to the Boe-Bot with the remote is stored in the **remoteCode** variable. This value needs to get stored in a different variable before another IR message is processed; otherwise, the value will be lost. That's why the direction value stored in **remoteCode** has to be copied to another variable, which is conveniently named **direction**.

```
direction = remoteCode
```

The right button had to have been pressed for the program to have exited the **DO...LOOP** that calls the **Get_Ir_Remote_Code**. The program calls the **Beep_Valid** subroutine, which makes the higher pitched acknowledgement beep to let you know the right key was pressed.

```
GOSUB Beep_Valid
```

Another **DEBUG** command prompts you to enter the number of pulses (using the remote's numeric keypad).

```
DEBUG "Enter number of pulses: ", CR
```

The **Get_Multi_Digit_Value** subroutine call is the part where you use the numeric keypad to enter the number of pulses to deliver. This is also the part where the value of

the `remoteCode` value changes, which is why the direction you entered had to be copied to another variable. Unlike the `remoteCode` variable, the `value` variable will not be overwritten by anything in the program before the pulses are delivered to the servos. So `value` does not need to get copied to another variable; it can store the number of pulses.

```
GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value
```

A `DEBUG` command also lets you verify the value you entered (if you leave the Boe-Bot connected to the programming cable). A second `DEBUG` command displays the message "Running..." while the servos are being pulsed.

```
DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR
DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR
```

The direction is now stored in the `direction` variable, and the number of pulses is stored in the `value` variable. A `FOR...NEXT` loop uses the `value` variable to determine how many pulses it delivers to the servos. Inside the `FOR...NEXT` loop, a `SELECT...CASE` statement uses the value stored in the `direction` variable to decide which pulse durations to deliver to the servos. After the `SELECT...CASE`, `PAUSE 20` keeps the time between servo pulses constant.

```
FOR counter = 1 TO value

  SELECT direction
  CASE ChUp
    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
    PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
  CASE ChDn
    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
  CASE VolUp
    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
  CASE VolDn
    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
    PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
  ENDSELECT

  PAUSE 20

NEXT
```

Your Turn – Repeating The "LAST" Action

For TV control, the LAST button (sometimes labeled PREV CH) switches you back to the channel you viewed just before the channel you are currently watching. The LAST button could be wisely employed. Here's one way to modify your program to accomplish this task.

- ✓ Save KeypadDirectionDistance.bs2 as KeypadDirectionDistanceYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ The Your Turn section of Activity #2 went through expanding the list of **CON** directives for IR remote buttons. Here is a constant you will need to add to your program for the LAST key:

```
Last          CON      59
```

- ✓ Modify this **DO...LOOP**:

```
DO

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

    IF (remoteCode < ChUp) OR (remoteCode > VolDn) THEN
        DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF

    LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode >= ChUp) AND (remoteCode <= VolDn)
```

by adding a condition to the **IF...THEN** statement that causes the program to jump to a label named **Servo_Pulses** if **remoteCode** stores the **Last** constant value.

```
DO

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

    IF (remoteCode) = Last THEN
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        GOTO Servo_Pulses
    ELSEIF (remoteCode < ChUp) OR (remoteCode > VolDn) THEN
        DEBUG "Select direction (CH/VOL):", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF

    LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode >= ChUp) AND (remoteCode <= VolDn)
```

- ✓ Add this **Servo_Pulses:** label between the two **DEBUG** shown here:

```
DEBUG "The value is: ", DEC value, CR
```

```
Servo_Pulses:                                     ' <--- Add this label.

DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR
```



Spaghetti Code Alert!

Using the **GOTO** command to jump to a label elsewhere in a program is frowned upon by many instructors, computer programmers, robot design managers, and others. The reason it is called "spaghetti code" is because of the difficulties you can encounter when trying to find a mistake in a program with too many **GOTO** commands. Understanding how the program works becomes like trying to visually follow a single noodle through a plate of spaghetti.

One non-spaghetti code way to implement the LAST button is by moving the code block that sends pulses to the servos into a subroutine. That way, a **GOSUB** command can be used instead of a **GOTO** command. **GOSUB** tends not to cause spaghetti code because the **RETURN** command sends the program to the command that immediately follows the subroutine call.

- ✓ Save KeypadDirectionDistanceYourTurn.bs2 as KeypadDirectionDistanceYourTurn2.bs2.
- ✓ Move the **Servo_Pulses:** label, the **DEBUG** command, and the **FOR...NEXT** loop that delivers the servo pulses from the main routine into a subroutine. It should look like this when you are done.

```
' -----[ Subroutine - Servo_Pulses ]-----

' Call this subroutine to deliver pulses to the servos.
' You must store the number of pulses in the value variable
' and the maneuver in the direction variable.  ChUp = forward,
' ChDn = backward, VolUp = rotate right, VolDn = rotate left.

Servo_Pulses:

DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

FOR counter = 1 TO value

    SELECT direction
    CASE ChUp
        PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
        PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
    CASE ChDn
        PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
        PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
```

```

CASE VolUp
  PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
  PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
CASE VolDn
  PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
  PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
ENDSELECT

PAUSE 20

NEXT

RETURN

```

- ✓ In place of all that code you just removed from the main routine, add this subroutine call:

```
GOSUB Servo_Pulses
```

- ✓ Change the line in the main routine that reads:

```
GOTO Servo_Pulses
```

so that it reads:

```
GOSUB Servo_Pulses
```

- ✓ Save, run, and test the program. Verify that it behaves the same as the `GOTO` implementation.

SUMMARY

Decoding is the process of converting an electronic signal into something understandable and useable. In the case of the IR remote message, decoding involved converting pulse duration measurements into binary 1s and 0s in a byte variable. Each time the process completes, the byte variable stores a number (code) that corresponds with a key on the keypad.

In order to understand the decoding process, the concepts of counting in binary and binary to decimal conversion were introduced. The **.BIT** modifier was introduced as a way to set and clear bits in a variable. **IF...THEN** statements were written that examined pulse measurement to determine the value of a bit in a variable that stores the decoded value of the remote's pulse width modulated message. These **IF...THEN** statements employed the **.BIT** modifier to set a bit in a variable if the corresponding pulse measurement was above a certain value, or clear the bit if the pulse measurement was below a certain value.

This chapter developed application programs with constants, variable declarations, and subroutines that serve as building blocks that you can use in larger programs. These application programs reduced programs from Chapter 1 that were somewhat challenging down to a few lines in the application's main routine.

Techniques were introduced for modifying application program examples and using their features to the Boe-Bot's advantage. Examples included using constants with helpful names in decision making, calling subroutines to capture IR messages, and adding variable declarations, **PIN** directives and routines that adapt an application program for use with the Boe-Bot's servos.

Questions

1. What does it mean to "decode" an IR message from the universal remote?
2. What's a binary digit usually called?
3. How can you figure out the value a particular bit position represents?
4. What does it mean to set or clear a bit?
5. How do you use **.BIT** to set and clear bits in a variable?
6. How are constants used in IrRemoteButtons.bs2?
7. What does it mean when a pushbutton is debounced?

8. Why would you use a speaker with a pushbutton or keypad?

Exercises

1. Count from 0 to 7 in binary.
2. What must 24 be in binary?
3. Calculate the multiplier you would use for bit-12 in a binary number.
4. Convert 1111 to a decimal number.
5. Assume you have eight pulse measurements to decode instead of seven. Explain how to modify the `Get_Ir_Remote_Code` subroutine to capture and decode the pulse measurements.
6. Let's say you declared a bit variable named `onOffState`. Write a `SELECT...CASE` command that changes `onOffState` to a 1 if it's a 0 and to 0 if it's a 1. Use the `~` (not) operator.

Project

1. Modify `7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2` so that the SLEEP button on the remote can be used to disable and enable Boe-Bot navigation in response to the other keys.

Solutions

- Q1. "To recognize and interpret an electronic signal."
 Q2. A bit.
 Q3. By raising 2 to the power of the bit position.
 Q4. A bit is set when it is "set" to one. A bit is cleared if it is set to zero.
 Q5. The variable name has to come before the **.BIT** operator, and the bit address has to follow. Do not use spaces. For example, to use the **.BIT** operator to refer to bit-4 in the **remoteCode** byte variable, use **remoteCode.BIT4**.
 Q6. They give meaningful names to values used in the program. Specifically, the non-numeric buttons on the remote can be referred to by their names instead of their numeric values.
 Q7. According to the ?-box on page 72, it means that the button can no longer misinterpret the rapid stream of ones and zeros sent by an electrical contact when the surfaces meet. Either part of the pushbutton circuit or the processors program filters out these unpredictable signals.
 Q8. The speaker lets the user know the key-press sent the desired message.

E1. 0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, 110, 111.

E2. 11000.

E3. $2^{12} = 4096$.

E4. $8 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 15$.

E5. After these two commands:

```
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1
```

add two more that capture another pulse and then set/clear **remoteCode.BIT7**.

```
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT7 = 1
```

E6.

```
SELECT remoteCode
CASE Power
    onOffState = ~ onOffState
ENDSELECT
```

- P1. This solution requires the piezospeaker circuit that was added in Activity #4. The following changes were made to the program:

- ✓ Add this declaration to the Constants section:

```
RemoteSleep CON 54
```

- ✓ Add a bit variable to the Variables section. Name it **sleepOnOff**.

```
' Boe-Bot control bit
sleepOnOff      VAR      Bit
```

- ✓ Add this command to the Initialization that sets **sleepOnOff** to 1.

```
' -----[ Initialization ]-----
sleepOnOff = 1
```

- ✓ Add this command between the **Get_Ir_Remote_Code** subroutine call and the **SELECT** statement:

```
IF (sleepOnOff = 0) AND (remoteCode <> RemoteSleep) THEN
    remoteCode = 127
ENDIF
```

- ✓ Add a **CASE** to the **SELECT...CASE** code block that reads:

```
CASE RemoteSleep
    FREQOUT 4, 50, 4000
    PAUSE 50
    FREQOUT 4, 50, 4000
    PAUSE 300
    sleepOnOff = ~ sleepOnOff
```

- ✓ Comment the two **PULSOUT** commands below the **CASE ELSE** statement.

Chapter 3: More IR Remote Applications

EXPANDING APPLICATION PROGRAMS

The whole point of reusable code is that it allows you to more easily build on previous work to make better and more powerful applications. The previous work might be code you wrote, or it might be published code that you add to or adapt. In this chapter, you will see how the applications you have worked with up to this point can be merged with other applications. For example, Boe-Bot code from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* will be added to the IR remote code application template to perform a variety of tasks.

In Activity #1, you will merge a program for autonomous IR object-avoidance roaming with an IR remote communication template. The result will be a roaming Boe-Bot whose speed you can control with the remote. In Activity #2, you will make the Boe-Bot into a multi-function remote controlled bot. With the press of a button, you will be able to choose from three of the most popular Boe-Bot behaviors: remote controlled Boe-Bot, roaming Boe-Bot, and following Boe-Bot. In Activity #3, you will design an interpreter for executing lists of instructions from the IR remote. In essence, you will be able to "program" your Boe-Bot with the IR remote.

ACTIVITY #1: AUTONOMOUS NAVIGATION WITH REMOTE SPEED CONTROL

This activity will demonstrate an example of autonomous navigation with remote adjustment. For autonomous navigation, the Boe-Bot will roam with infrared using the example program from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* Chapter 7, Activity #5. This example program will then be modified so that you can set speed control from the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane. The autonomous IR roaming with speed control program can then be merged with the keypad entry program. After these two programs are combined, issuing speed control commands can be done with the IR remote instead of through the Debug Terminal.

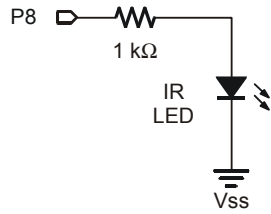
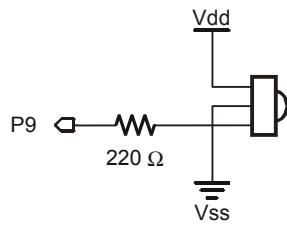
One of the most common mistakes in robotics projects is trying to make all the parts work together in one fell swoop. The end result is usually a programming bug that's too difficult to find. It's best to make sure each part of the project works before integrating it into a larger system. With this point in mind, this activity is separated into four steps:

- Step 1 – Rebuild, test, and trouble-shoot the IR detection system by following the steps in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activities #1 and #2.
- Step 2 – Test the roaming with IR object detection and IR interference programs that were introduced in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activity #5.
- Step 3 – Modify the program so that you can control roaming speed with a **DEBUGIN** command.
- Step 4 – Integrate the roaming with speed control function into the IR remote application program that supports keypad entry of large numbers.

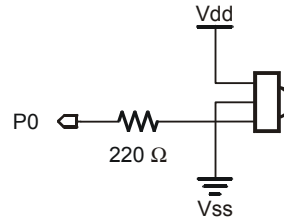
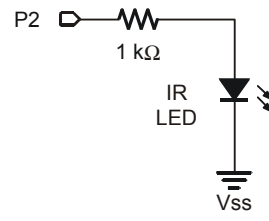
Step 1 - Rebuild, Test, and Trouble-Shoot the IR Detection System

Figure 3-1 shows the circuits for IR detection and user indicators from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activity #2, and Figure 3-2 shows a way to build these circuits with wiring diagrams.

- ✓ Build the circuits shown in Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2.
- ✓ Test the circuits following the instructions from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activity #2. You will use both `TestIrPairsAndIndicators.bs2` and `IrInterferenceSniffer.bs2`.

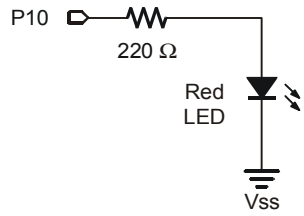


Left IR Pair

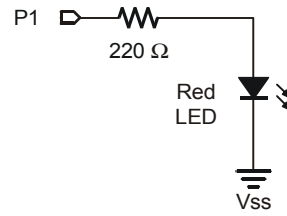


Right IR Pair

Figure 3-1
IR Detection
Testing and
Roaming
Circuit



LED Indicator for Left IR Pair



LED Indicator for Right IR Pair

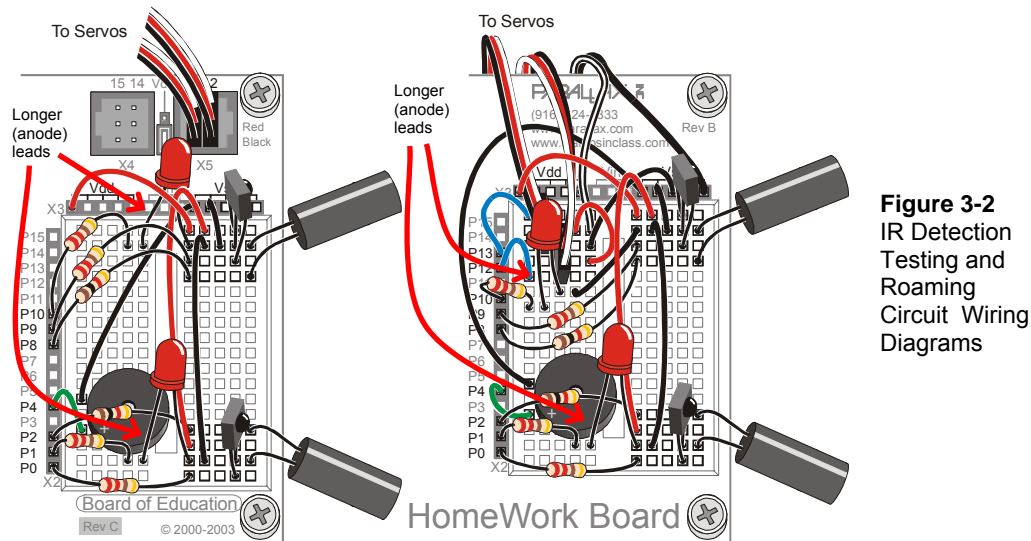


Figure 3-2
IR Detection
Testing and
Roaming
Circuit Wiring
Diagrams

Step 2 - Test the Roaming with IR Object Detection Program

Chapter 7, Activity #5 from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* introduces a high performance version of roaming with IR. This program checks for an object between each servo pulse (that's around 40 times per second), so the Boe-Bot is very responsive when it detects obstacles. You will be modifying this program, so go ahead and do a refresher on how it works. It's also important to make sure the original program works with your circuit before moving on to the other modifications.

- ✓ Review the program `FastIrRoaming.bs2` and the explanation of how it works in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activity #5.
- ✓ Open (or re-enter) and test `FastIrRoaming.bs2` by following the instructions in its activity.

Step 3 - Modify the Program so that You Can Control Roaming Speed

Variables can be used to control a variety of Boe-Bot behaviors. Among other things, these variables can tell the Boe-Bot how fast to go (this step) and what task to perform (next step). Just a few examples of conditions that can be used to change these variables are:

- Sensor inputs
- Messages from the Debug Terminal
- Messages from an IR remote

In the next example program, a variable named **speed** is added so that the speed of the servos can be set with a **DEBUGIN** command. By entering a value between 0 and 100, you can make the Boe-Bot roam at anywhere between 0 and 100 % of full speed.

The **IF...THEN** statement from `FastIrRoaming.bs2` really needs some restructuring before it lends itself to speed control. Instead of using the values 650 and 850 for full speed, the values of **pulseLeft** and **pulseRight** should be determined by declaring a **speed** variable and then adding to or subtracting it from 750. Table 3-1 shows how the original **IF...THEN** statement from `FastIrRoaming.bs2` looks next to the modified **IF...THEN** statement from the next example program, `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2`.

Table 3-1: Roaming Code with/without Speed Control	
Without Speed Control	With Speed Control
<pre> IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND ... THEN pulseLeft = 650 pulseRight = 850 ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN pulseLeft = 850 pulseRight = 850 ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN pulseLeft = 650 pulseRight = 650 ELSE pulseLeft = 850 pulseRight = 650 ENDIF </pre>	<pre> IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND ... THEN pulseLeft = 750 - speed pulseRight = 750 + speed ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN pulseLeft = 750 + speed pulseRight = 750 + speed ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN pulseLeft = 750 - speed pulseRight = 750 - speed ELSE pulseLeft = 750 + speed pulseRight = 750 - speed ENDIF </pre>

On the "With Speed Control" side of the table, the **PULSOUT** commands to the left and right servos use the **pulseLeft** and **pulseRight** variables for their *Duration* arguments. The command **pulseLeft = 650** is replaced with **pulseLeft = 750 - speed**. When **speed** is a small value, **pulseLeft** is close to 750, and the Boe-Bot's left wheel rotates clockwise very slowly. As the **speed** variable gets closer to 100, the Boe-Bot's left wheel gets closer to full speed clockwise. Now, look at how **pulseRight = 850** has been replaced with **pulseRight = 750 + speed**. When **speed** is small, the

right wheel rotates counterclockwise slowly, and when `speed` is close to 100, it turns counterclockwise at full speed.

Example Program: IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2

This example program is a modified version of `FastIrRoaming.bs2` from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 7, Activity #5. The comments in the program listing will show you which lines you will need to add or change to complete the modification.

Before `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2` starts, the Debug Terminal will prompt you to enter a speed between 0 and 100. After you enter the desired speed, the Boe-Bot will roam at that percent of full speed.

- ✓ Enter and run `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2`.
- ✓ When you run the program, the Debug Terminal will prompt you for the percent of full speed that you want the Boe-Bot to roam at. Enter the desired speed into the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.



For a review of how to use the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane, see Figure 1-12 on page 20.

- ✓ Try re-running the program a few times, each time selecting a different percent of full speed.

```
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2
' Higher performance IR object detection assisted navigation.
' The "<-- Add" comments indicate new commands lines of code.
' The "<-- Change" comments indicate lines of code that should be changed.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

irDetectLeft  VAR    Bit                ' Variable Declarations
irDetectRight VAR    Bit
pulseLeft     VAR    Word
pulseRight    VAR    Word
speed         VAR    Byte                ' <-- Add

FREQUOT 4, 2000, 3000                ' Signal program start/reset.

DEBUG CLS, "Enter percent of", CR,    ' <-- Add
      "full speed (0 TO 100): ",      ' <-- Add
DEBUGIN DEC speed                      ' <-- Add
```



```

DEBUG "Main routine running..."      ' <-- Add

DO                                     ' Main Routine

    FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500                 ' Check IR Detectors
    irDetectLeft = IN9
    FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
    irDetectRight = IN0

                                     ' Decide how to navigate.
    IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 750 - speed         ' <-- Change
        pulseRight = 750 + speed        ' <-- Change
    ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 750 + speed         ' <-- Change
        pulseRight = 750 + speed        ' <-- Change
    ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 750 - speed         ' <-- Change
        pulseRight = 750 - speed        ' <-- Change
    ELSE
        pulseLeft = 750 + speed         ' <-- Change
        pulseRight = 750 - speed        ' <-- Change
    ENDIF

    PULSOUT 13,pulseLeft                ' Apply the pulse.
    PULSOUT 12,pulseRight
    PAUSE 15

LOOP                                  ' Repeat main routine

```

How IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2 Works

A speed control variable is added to the Declarations section. The variable is wisely named **speed**.

```

speed          VAR      Byte          ' <-- Add

```

A **DEBUG** command prompts you to enter the percent of full speed that you want the Boe-Bot to roam at.

```

DEBUG CLS, "Enter percent of", CR,      ' <-- Add
      "full speed (0 TO 100): "        ' <-- Add

```

A **DEBUGIN** command stores the value you enter into the **speed** variable. If the **speed** value is set to 100 by the user, the Boe-Bot will roam at full speed. When a value less than 100 is entered, the Boe-Bot will roam at a percentage of full speed.

```

DEBUGIN DEC speed                        ' <-- Add

```



The percent value you enter determines the percent of the full speed pulse width. This is not the same as the actual speed. For help predicting the actual speed, consult the transfer curves introduced in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*, Chapter 3, Activity #4.

A **DEBUG** message indicates that the main routine is running.

```
DEBUG "Main routine running..."          ' <-- Add
```

This **IF...THEN** statement was introduced just before the example program. It sets the value of the **pulseLeft** and **pulseRight** variables. Depending on which direction each servo should turn, the **speed** value is either added to or subtracted from 750 to set the servo's speed.

```
IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
  pulseLeft  = 750 - speed      ' <-- Change
  pulseRight = 750 + speed      ' <-- Change
ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
  pulseLeft  = 750 + speed      ' <-- Change
  pulseRight = 750 + speed      ' <-- Change
ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
  pulseLeft  = 750 - speed      ' <-- Change
  pulseRight = 750 - speed      ' <-- Change
ELSE
  pulseLeft  = 750 + speed      ' <-- Change
  pulseRight = 750 - speed      ' <-- Change
ENDIF
```

After the **pulseLeft** and **pulseRight** variable values have been set by the **IF...THEN** statement, these variables are used to set the **PULSOUT Duration** arguments. These **PULSOUT** commands send pulses to the left and right servos, and the pulse durations determine the direction and speed the Boe-Bot wheels turn.

```
PULSOUT 13,pulseLeft          ' Apply the pulse.
PULSOUT 12,pulseRight
PAUSE 15
```

Your Turn – Saving Variable Space

You can save two word-size RAM variables by using **PULSOUT** commands inside the **IF...THEN** statement. Here's how:

- ✓ Save your working program under another name (like `IrRoamingWithSpeedControlYourTurn.bs2`).

- ✓ Click Run and select Memory Map (or CTRL-M or the Memory Map toolbar icon).
- ✓ Check the RAM Map to see how much RAM you are using. The color coding should show that REG 0 and 1 are word storage variables. It should also show that REG 2 has a byte and two bit variables, as shown on the left in Figure 3-3.
- ✓ Comment the `pulseLeft` and `pulseRight` variable declarations.
- ✓ Replace all instances of `pulseLeft =` with `PULSOUT 13,`.
Be careful here, the result of your first substitution should be:

```
PULSOUT 13, 750 - speed
```

- ✓ Replace all 4 instances of `pulseRight =` with `PULSOUT 12,`.
Again, the result of your first of four substitutions should be:

```
PULSOUT 12, 750 + speed
```

- ✓ Comment out the two `PULSOUT` commands that come after the `ENDIF` in the program (by inserting an apostrophe to the left of each of the two commands).
- ✓ Save, run, and test the modified program. Trouble-shoot as needed.
- ✓ Open the Memory Map again, and verify that only a byte and two bit variables are allocated to `REG 0`, as shown on the right in Figure 3-3.

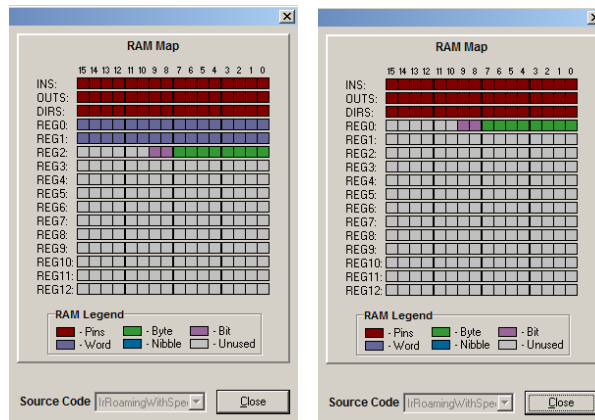


Figure 3-3
The RAM Map portion of the
Memory Map

IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2
(left)

Modified Your Turn version
(right)

Step 4 - Integrate Roaming with Speed Control into the IR Template

By combining `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2` with `IrRemoteKeypad.bs2`, you can use the IR remote to adjust the Boe-Bot's speed while it roams. Here's how it will work:

- By pressing the any button, you will interrupt the Boe-Bot's roaming.
- Then, you will use the numeric keypad to type in the new percent-speed.
- To make the Boe-Bot resume roaming at the new speed, press the ENTER button.

IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2 already uses infrared to check for obstacles between each pair of pulses to the servos. The key to detecting incoming messages from the remote is to check the IR detectors before using the **FREQOUT** command to look for objects. If the program checks to find out if IR is detected before checking for obstacles, it can easily detect an incoming message from the remote. Here are the steps that should be executed inside the main routine's **DO...LOOP**:

- Before testing for objects with the Boe-Bot's IRLED headlights, test the IR detector's output pin to see if a signal is coming from the remote.
 - If the IR detector is sending a low signal it means an infrared message is coming in. Call the **Process_Ir_Message** subroutine.
 - If the IR detector is sending a high, move on to the next task, which is object detection.
- Check the IR detectors.
- Use **IF...THEN** to control the servo directions and speeds.

Example Program: RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControl.bs2

Follow these steps to write the program:

- ✓ Open IrRemoteKeypad.bs2.
- ✓ Save a copy of it as RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControl.bs2.



You can copy and paste to transfer sections of code from your version of IrRoamingWithSpeedControlYourTurn.bs2 into RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControl.bs2.

- ✓ Add these declarations to the variables section:

```
' Boe-Bot control variables.

irDetectLeft  VAR      Bit           ' IR detector bit storage
irDetectRight VAR      Bit
speed         VAR      Byte          ' Speed control variable
```

- ✓ Add an Initialization section with this startup code for the Boe-Bot just before the main routine section.

```
' -----[ Initialization ]-----
' Boe-Bot initialization.

DEBUG "Starting...", CR, CR          ' Signal program start/reset.
FREQOUT 4, 2000, 3000                ' Initial speed is zero.
speed = 0
```

- ✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the main routine with this one:

```
DO                                     ' Main Routine.

IF (IN9 = 0) OR (speed = 0) THEN      ' Check for IR message.
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500          ' Signal remote message
  PAUSE 100                          ' detected.

  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 200

  DEBUG "Speed range: 0 to 100", CR, CR,
    "Type speed on remote", CR,
    "keypad, then press", CR,
    "ENTER", CR, CR

  GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value         ' Get new speed.
  speed = value                      ' Set new speed.

  DEBUG ? speed, CR

  DEBUG "Running...", CR,
    "Press any key to", CR,
    "interrupt roaming", CR, CR

  PAUSE 250                          ' Pause for debounce.
ENDIF

FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500                  ' Check IR Detectors.
irDetectLeft = IN9
FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
irDetectRight = IN0

                                     ' Decide how to navigate.
IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 750 - speed            ' Backward
  PULSOUT 12, 750 + speed
ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
  PULSOUT 13, 750 + speed            ' Rotate right
  PULSOUT 12, 750 + speed
```

```

ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
    PULSOUT 13, 750 - speed          ' Rotate left
    PULSOUT 12, 750 - speed
ELSE
    PULSOUT 13, 750 + speed          ' Forward
    PULSOUT 12, 750 - speed
ENDIF

PAUSE 15                            ' Between servo pulses.

LOOP                                ' Repeat main routine.

```

- ✓ Save and run your modified program.
- ✓ To interrupt the Boe-Bot's roaming, point the remote at it and press any key. The Boe-Bot will beep twice to indicate that it received the signal. Make sure to release the key you're pressing as soon as you hear the beep.
- ✓ Use the remote's numeric keypad to type in the new percent speed value (0 to 100).
- ✓ Press the ENTER key to get the Boe-Bot to resume its roaming at the new speed.

How RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControl.bs2 Works

Normally, during IR detection, a **FREQOUT** command causes one of the IR LEDs to flash IR on/off at 38.5 kHz. If this flashing infrared light reflects off an object in the Boe-Bot's path, it will be detected by the IR detector. Remember that this value has to be stored in a bit variable immediately after the **FREQOUT** command. An instant later, the IR detector's output returns to high indicating that IR is not detected.

During roaming with no IR remote message coming in, the Main Routine's **DO...LOOP** executes over and over again, checking for obstacles with IR and controlling the servos. The key to intercepting an IR remote message is to check the state of the IR detectors output before broadcasting any infrared with the IR LEDs. The perfect time to do this is at the beginning of the Main Routine's **DO...LOOP**, because this comes right after the 15 ms pause at the end of the **DO...LOOP**.

The statement **IF (IN9 = 0) OR (speed = 0) THEN...** does the actual checking for an incoming IR remote message. It also checks whether or not the **speed** variable has already been set. The first time the program is run, the value of **speed** is initialized to zero. The **IF...THEN** statement detects this and the code block within prompts you to enter a speed. The **IF...THEN** statement also detects when the remote is sending a message. When an infrared message is coming in, **IN9 = 0**. The code block starts by beeping

twice to let you know that you can release the button you were pressing on the remote. Then, it calls the `Get_Multi_Digit_Value` subroutine, which is where you press the keys to set the new speed, followed by ENTER to re-start the Boe-Bot. When an infrared message is not coming in, `IN9 = 1`, and the code block between the `IF` and the `ENDIF` does not execute. The result is that the Boe-Bot keeps roaming.

```

IF (IN9 = 0) OR (speed = 0) THEN      ' Check for IR message.
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500         ' Signal remote message
  PAUSE 100                          ' detected.
  .
  .
  .
  GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value        ' Get new speed.
  speed = value                      ' Set new speed.
  .
  .
  .
  PAUSE 250                          ' Pause for debounce.
ENDIF

```

Your Turn – Filtering for the POWER Key

At present, you can interrupt the Boe-Bot's roaming by pressing any TV control key on the remote. Of course, this won't work if you press keys on the remote that aren't for a TV control. Let's say you only want to use the POWER key to interrupt the Boe-Bot's roaming.

You can modify the code so that the `Get_Multi_Digit_Value` subroutine is only called when the POWER button is pressed by nesting all the code that gets the new speed from the remote inside a second `IF...THEN` statement. Before this `IF...THEN` statement, the `Get_Ir_Remote_Code` subroutine is called. Remember that this subroutine stores the remote button value it received in the `remoteCode` variable. So, this second, inner `IF...THEN` statement can check `remoteCode`. If it's equal to the `Power` constant, then update the `speed` variable; otherwise, play an error code on the piezo speaker.

- ✓ Save `RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControl.bs2` as `RoamingWithRemoteSpeedControlYourTurn.bs2`.
- ✓ Replace this `IF...THEN` statement:

```

IF (IN9 = 0) OR (speed = 0) THEN      ' Check for IR message.
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500         ' Signal remote message
  PAUSE 100                          ' detected.
  .

```

```

      •
      •
      GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value      ' Get new speed.
      speed = value                   ' Set new speed.
      •
      •
      •
      PAUSE 250                       ' Pause for debounce.
    ENDIF

```

with this one:

```

IF (IN9 = 0) OR (speed = 0) THEN      ' Check for IR message.
  DEBUG "Press POWER to set", CR,
    "speed...", CR, CR
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  IF (remoteCode = Power) OR (speed = 0) THEN
    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500        ' Signal remote message
    PAUSE 100                        ' detected.

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

    DEBUG "Speed range: 0 to 100", CR, CR,
      "Type speed on remote", CR,
      "keypad, then press", CR,
      "ENTER", CR, CR

    GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value      ' Get new speed.
    speed = value                   ' Set new speed.

    DEBUG ? speed, CR

    DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

    PAUSE 250                       ' Pause for debounce.
  ELSE
    GOSUB Beep_Error
  ENDIF
ENDIF

```

✓ Save the changes you made, then run and test the program.

ACTIVITY #2: MULTI-FUNCTION BOE-BOT WITH REMOTE SELECT

With the press of a remote button, you can select between three different Boe-Bot functions:

- Remote controlled Boe-Bot

- Autonomous roaming Boe-Bot
- Following Boe-Bot

Selecting Among Main Routines

The next example program starts with 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 from this text. The main routine from this program and the main routines from FastIrRoaming.bs2 and FollowingBoeBot.bs2 (from *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*) can all be pasted into **CASE** statements. The main routine of this new program can then use one large **SELECT...CASE** statement that uses a variable named **operation** to select which routine to execute. The result is a Boe-Bot with three IR remote selectable functions.



Keep in mind that **PIN** directives, constant and variable declarations, and subroutines also have to be brought in from FastIrRoaming.bs2 and FollowingBoeBot.bs2.

Getting all the routines to work together involves some adjustments. There has to be some way to interrupt the Boe-Bot's current task, be it roaming, remote control or following, so that you can tell it to perform a different task. Since the number, channel, and volume keys are already being used for one of the tasks, we'll use the POWER button to interrupt the Boe-Bot's current task again.

Here's how the program's main routine will work:

```

DO
  SELECT operation

    ' If operation = 1, execute a modified version of
    ' 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 that also allows
    ' you to change the operation variable with the POWER key.
    CASE 1

      ' Modified main routine from 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2
      ' goes here.
      •
      •
      •

    ' If operation = 2, execute modified FastIrRoaming.bs2.
    CASE 2

      ' Modified main routine from FastIrRoaming.bs2 goes here.
      •
      •
      •

    ' If operation is 3, execute the FollowingBoeBot.bs2.
    CASE 3

      ' Modified main routine from FollowingBoeBot.bs2 goes here.
      •
      •
      •

  ENDSELECT                                ' End SELECT operation

LOOP

```

Let's first build and test the program, then we'll take a closer look at how it works.

Example Program: IrMultiBot.bs2

This example program starts off as the normal 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2. So, you can use the number, channel, and volume keys to drive the Boe-Bot around. You can make the Boe-Bot roam autonomously by pressing the POWER key, then the 2 key. Make the Boe-Bot follow objects by pressing the POWER key, then the 3 key. To return to remote keypad controlled navigation, press the POWER key, then the 1 key.

Here's how to build the program. First each of the three programs you will use to build this larger program have to be run and tested. 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 was developed in this text, Chapter 2, Activity #3. The other two programs were developed in *Robotics*

with the *Boe-Bot*. *FastIrRoaming.bs2* was featured in Chapter 7, Activity #5, and *FollowingBoeBot.bs2* was featured in Chapter 8, Activity #2.

- ✓ Load, run, and test *7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2*.
- ✓ Load, run, and test *FastIrRoaming.bs2*.
- ✓ Load, run, and test *FollowingBoeBot.bs2*.

When you have run and verified that each of the three programs work properly on their own, you will be ready to start integrating them.

- ✓ Save a copy of *7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2* as *IrMultiBot.bs2*.
- ✓ Update the title and description comments in the Title section.

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - IrMultiBot.bs2
' Select one of three Boe-Bot behaviors with the IR remote 1-3 keys.

' Press POWER key to interrupt the Boe-Bot's operation.
' Then, press one of these digit keys to select a new mode:

' 1 - Control Boe-Bot with 1-9 keys and/or CH+/- and VOL+/- keys.
' 2 - Roam and avoid objects.
' 3 - Follow objects.

' Note: Startup default is mode 1.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}
```

You will find the **Speaker PIN** directive to be useful.

- ✓ Add this declaration to the I/O Definitions section:

```
Speaker          PIN      4
```

Next, you will need the constants, variables, and a couple of subroutines from *FollowingBoeBot.bs2*. Since *FollowingBoeBot.bs2* built on *FastIrRoaming.bs2*, you will not need any extra constants, variables, or subroutines from *FastIrRoaming.bs2*.

- ✓ Add these constant declarations to the Constants section of the program:

```
' Boe-Bot proportional control constants (from FollowingBoeBot.bs2).

Kpl              CON      -35
```

```
Kpr          CON      35
SetPoint     CON      2
CenterPulse  CON     750
```

- ✓ Copy these variable declarations from FollowingBoeBot.bs2, and paste them into IrMultiBot.bs2's Variables section.

```
' Boe-Bot navigation variables (from FollowingBoeBot.bs2).
```

```
freqSelect   VAR      Nib
irFrequency   VAR     Word
irDetectLeft  VAR      Bit
irDetectRight VAR      Bit
distanceLeft  VAR     Nib
distanceRight VAR     Nib
pulseLeft    VAR     Word
pulseRight   VAR     Word
```

- ✓ Add two more variable declarations for IrMultiBot.bs2 functions.

```
' IrMultiBot.bs2 variables.
```

```
counter      VAR      Nib          ' <--- New
operation     VAR      Nib          ' <--- New
```

- ✓ Add these two subroutines to the end of the program:

```
' -----[ Subroutine - Get_IR_Distances ]-----
```

```
Get_Ir_Distances:
  distanceLeft = 0
  distanceRight = 0
  FOR freqSelect = 0 TO 4
    LOOKUP freqSelect, [37500,38250,39500,40500,41500], irFrequency

    FREQOUT 8,1,irFrequency
    irDetectLeft = IN9
    distanceLeft = distanceLeft + irDetectLeft

    FREQOUT 2,1,irFrequency
    irDetectRight = IN0
    distanceRight = distanceRight + irDetectRight
  NEXT
  RETURN
```

```
' -----[ Subroutine - Send_Pulse ]-----
```

```
Send_Pulse:
  PULSOUT 13,pulseLeft
  PULSOUT 12,pulseRight
```

```
PAUSE 5
RETURN
```

- ✓ Replace the initialization routine with the one shown here:

```
' -----[ Initialiazation ]-----

DEBUG "Press POWER to select", CR,
      "mode of operation:", CR, CR,
      "1 - Remote control 1-9 & CH/VOL", CR,
      "2 - Autonomous IR roaming", CR,
      "3 - Object find and follow", CR, CR

FREQOUT Speaker, 2000, 3000

operation = 1                                ' Initialize to remote.
```

- ✓ Modify the Main Routine section to make it like the one below. Although you can borrow heavily (copy/cut and paste) from the main routines of the programs you loaded and tested, you will still have to make adjustments to each of the **CASE** statements below. Modified or new lines will have comments like: <--- **Modified** or <--- **New**.

```
DO

SELECT operation                                ' <--- New

' If operation = 1, execute a modified version of
' 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 that also allows
' you to change the operation variable with the POWER key.

CASE 1                                          ' <--- New

' Modified main routine from 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2
' goes here.

GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

' Check for POWER button. If yes, get remote code; otherwise,
' send PULSOUT durations for the various maneuvers based on
' the value of the remoteCode variable.

SELECT remoteCode
CASE Power                                     ' <--- New
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500                  ' <--- New
  PAUSE 100                                   ' <--- New
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500                  ' <--- New
  PAUSE 200                                   ' <--- New
  DEBUG "Select operation mode...", CR        ' <--- New
```

```

        GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code          ' <--- New
        operation = remoteCode           ' <--- New
        DEBUG ? operation, CR,           ' <--- New
        "Running...", CR                ' <--- New
        FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500      ' <--- New
        PAUSE 100                       ' <--- New
        FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500      ' <--- New
        PAUSE 200                       ' <--- New
    CASE 2, ChUp                         ' Forward
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 4, VolDn                        ' Rotate Left
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 6, VolUp                        ' Rotate Right
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 8, ChDn                         ' Backward
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 1                              ' Pivot Fwd-left
        PULSOUT 13, 750
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 3                              ' Pivot Fwd-right
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 750
    CASE 7                              ' Pivot Back-left
        PULSOUT 13, 750
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 9                              ' Pivot Back-right
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 750
    CASE ELSE                           ' Hold Position
        PULSOUT 13, 750
        PULSOUT 12, 750
    ENDSELECT

' If operation = 2, execute modified FastIrRoaming.bs2.
CASE 2                                ' <--- New

    ' Modified main routine from FastIrRoaming.bs2 goes here.

    IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1      ' <--- New.

    FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500                ' Check IR Detectors
    irDetectLeft = IN9
    FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
    irDetectRight = IN0

                                         ' Decide how to navigate.
    IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 650

```

```

        pulseRight = 850
    ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 850
        pulseRight = 850
    ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
        pulseLeft = 650
        pulseRight = 650
    ELSE
        pulseLeft = 850
        pulseRight = 650
    ENDIF

    GOSUB Send_Pulse                                ' <--- Modified.

' If operation is 3, execute the following Boe-Bot routine.
CASE 3                                             ' <--- New

    IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1                 ' <--- New

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Distances

    ' Calculate proportional output.

    pulseLeft = SetPoint - distanceLeft * Kpl + CenterPulse
    pulseRight = SetPoint - distanceRight * Kpr + CenterPulse

    GOSUB Send_Pulse

ENDSELECT                                         ' <--- New
                                                ' (End SELECT operation)
LOOP                                             ' Repeat Main Routine.

```

The completed program is shown below in case you need to check it for trouble-shooting.

- ✓ Build, save, and run IrMultiBot.bs2.
- ✓ Test the CH+/-, VOL+/-, and numeric keys and verify that it runs properly.
- ✓ Press/release the POWER button. The Boe-Bot should beep twice.
- ✓ Press/release the 2 key.
- ✓ The Boe-Bot should beep twice, then start autonomously roaming and avoiding objects.
- ✓ Press/release the POWER button. The Boe-Bot should beep twice.
- ✓ Press/release the 3 key.
- ✓ The Boe-Bot should now roam in object following mode. Test to make sure it will lock onto and follow an object.
- ✓ Press/release the POWER button. The Boe-Bot should beep twice.
- ✓ Press/release the 1 key.

- ✓ This should return the Boe-Bot to remote control mode (CH/VOL +/- and number keys).

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - IrMultiBot.bs2
' Select one of three Boe-Bot behaviors with the IR remote 1-3 keys.

' Press POWER key to interrupt the Boe-Bot's operation.
' Then, press one of these digit keys to select a new mode:

' 1 - Control Boe-Bot with 1-9 keys and/or CH+/- and VOL+/- keys.
' 2 - Roam and avoid objects.
' 3 - Follow objects.

' Note: Startup default is mode 1.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector
IrDet          PIN      9
Speaker        PIN      4

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons
Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Power          CON      21

' Boe-Bot proportional control constants (from FollowingBoeBot.bs2).
Kpl            CON      -35
Kpr            CON      35
SetPoint       CON      2
CenterPulse    CON      750

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables
irPulse        VAR      Word
remoteCode     VAR      Byte
```



```

' Boe-Bot navigation variables (from FollowingBoeBot.bs2).

freqSelect      VAR      Nib
irFrequency     VAR      Word
irDetectLeft    VAR      Bit
irDetectRight   VAR      Bit
distanceLeft    VAR      Nib
distanceRight   VAR      Nib
pulseLeft       VAR      Word
pulseRight      VAR      Word

' IrMultiBot.bs2 variables.

counter         VAR      Nib          ' <--- New
operation       VAR      Nib          ' <--- New

' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Press POWER to select", CR,
      "mode of operation:", CR, CR,
      "1 - Remote control 1-9/CH/VOL", CR,
      "2 - Autonomous IR roaming", CR,
      "3 - Object find and follow", CR, CR

FREQUOT Speaker, 2000, 3000

operation = 1          ' Initialize to remote.

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

DO

  SELECT operation    ' <--- New

    ' If operation = 1, execute a modified version of
    ' 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 that also allows
    ' you to change the operation variable with the POWER key.

    CASE 1            ' <--- New

      ' Modified main routine from 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2
      ' goes here.

      GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

      ' Check for POWER button.  If yes, get remote code; otherwise,
      ' send PULSOUT durations for the various maneuvers based on
      ' the value of the remoteCode variable.

      SELECT remoteCode

```

```

CASE Power
    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 100
    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200
    DEBUG "Select operation mode...", CR
    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
    operation = remoteCode
    DEBUG ? operation, CR,
        "Running...", CR
    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 100
    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200
CASE 2, ChUp
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 4, VolDn
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 6, VolUp
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 8, ChDn
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 1
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 650
CASE 3
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE 7
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 850
CASE 9
    PULSOUT 13, 650
    PULSOUT 12, 750
CASE ELSE
    PULSOUT 13, 750
    PULSOUT 12, 750
ENDSELECT

' If operation = 2, execute modified FastIrRoaming.bs2.
CASE 2
    ' Modified main routine from FastIrRoaming.bs2 goes here.

    IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1

    FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500

```

```

irDetectLeft = IN9
FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
irDetectRight = IN0

' Decide how to navigate.
IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
    pulseLeft = 650
    pulseRight = 850
ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
    pulseLeft = 850
    pulseRight = 850
ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
    pulseLeft = 650
    pulseRight = 650
ELSE
    pulseLeft = 850
    pulseRight = 650
ENDIF

GOSUB Send_Pulse ' <--- Modified.

' If operation is 3, execute the following Boe-Bot routine.
CASE 3 ' <--- New

    IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1 ' <--- New

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Distances

    ' Calculate proportional output.

    pulseLeft = SetPoint - distanceLeft * Kpl + CenterPulse
    pulseRight = SetPoint - distanceRight * Kpr + CenterPulse

    GOSUB Send_Pulse

ENDSELECT ' <--- New
' (End SELECT operation)
LOOP ' Repeat Main Routine.
' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the
' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

    remoteCode = 0 ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

    DO ' Wait for rest between messages.
        RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
    LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

    PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse ' Measure pulse.

```

```

IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse ' Measure next pulse.
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1 ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse ' etc.
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
' it stores.

IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Get IR Distances ]-----
Get_Ir_Distances:
  distanceLeft = 0
  distanceRight = 0
  FOR freqSelect = 0 TO 4
    LOOKUP freqSelect,[37500,38250,39500,40500,41500], irFrequency

    FREQOUT 8,1,irFrequency
    irDetectLeft = IN9
    distanceLeft = distanceLeft + irDetectLeft

    FREQOUT 2,1,irFrequency
    irDetectRight = IN0
    distanceRight = distanceRight + irDetectRight
  NEXT
  RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Send_pulse ]-----
Send_Pulse:
  PULSOUT 13,pulseLeft
  PULSOUT 12,pulseRight
  PAUSE 5
  RETURN

```


The main routine from 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 was modified to let you change the value of the **operation** variable with the remote. To do this, a **CASE** statement had to be added to handle a press/release of the POWER key.

```

SELECT remoteCode
CASE Power
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 100
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 200
  DEBUG "Select operation mode...", CR
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  operation = remoteCode
  DEBUG ? operation, CR,
    "Running...", CR
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 100
  FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
  PAUSE 200

```

One problem is, what happens if you press/release the POWER key when **operation** is 2 (roaming) or 3 (following)? In these two modes, there isn't any way to change the value of the **remoteCode** variable with the remote. A simple solution is to insert a line at the beginning of the roaming and following routines that checks for an incoming message from the remote. This one line of code can be added to the other two roaming routines to make them respond to a press of the POWER key.

```

IF (IN9 = 0) THEN operation = 1          ' <--- New

```

With this one line of code, the first thing the roaming and following routines do is check to find out if a message from the remote really is coming in. If it is (**IN9 = 0**), then, the value of **operation** is changed to 1. The next time through the **DO...LOOP**, the modified main routine from 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 will be executed. This routine has a **CASE** statement for processing the POWER key and storing a new value in the operation variable. This **CASE** statement contains commands that make it possible for you to select a different routine.

Your Turn – Fixing Bugs and Adding Comments

This program gets lost if you press the POWER key, then a number key other than 1, 2, or 3. Let's say **operation** is set to 4. In this case, there is no **CASE** statement, so the program just keeps repeating the **DO...LOOP** over and over again looking for **CASE 4**, and not finding it. The solution for this is to add a statement that catches all the potential

values of **operations** and sends them back to the routine that allows you to select the **operation** variable with the remote. One way to do this is with a **CASE ELSE** statement.

- ✓ Before modifying this program, test it by pressing POWER then any digit on the keypad other than 1, 2, or 3. Verify that there is nothing you can do with the remote to bring the Boe-Bot back to life. (You can press and release the RESET button on your board, but you're out of luck because there's not remote button you can use to wake the Boe-Bot back up.)
- ✓ Locate the last three commands in the Main Routine, they should look like this:

```
GOSUB Send_Pulse
ENDSELECT
LOOP
```

- ✓ Add the **CASE ELSE** statement shown below. This will cause the program to listen for commands from the remote, regardless of what the value of **operation** is.

```
GOSUB Send_Pulse
CASE ELSE                                ' <--- New
    IF (IN9 = 0) THEN operation = 1      ' <--- New
ENDSELECT
LOOP
```

- ✓ Test your modified program and make sure the Boe-Bot no longer gets confused when you set the operation variable to a value other than 1, 2, or 3.
- ✓ Save your work!

ACTIVITY #3: REMOTE PROGRAMMED BOE-BOT

You can write a PBASIC program for your Boe-Bot that will allow you to program it with motion patterns using your remote. By pressing a sequence of buttons on the remote, you can load a sequence of maneuvers into the Boe-Bot's BASIC Stamp EEPROM memory. Here's an example of a sequence of key-presses that instructs the Boe-Bot to go forward for 40 pulses, rotate left for 20 pulses, rotate right for 20 pulses, then go backward for 40 pulses:

- POWER to initialize programming.
- CH+, 40, ENTER for forward 40 pulses.
- VOL-, 20, ENTER for rotate left by 20 pulses.
- VOL+, 20, ENTER for rotate right by 20 pulses.
- CH-, 40, ENTER for backward 40 pulses.
- ENTER a second time exits programming mode.
- ENTER a third time makes the Boe-Bot execute the maneuvers.
- ENTER again makes the Boe-Bot repeat the sequence of maneuvers.
- POWER to reprogram a new sequence of maneuvers.



What's a user interface? It starts with the buttons, dials, displays, and menu systems you use to tell machines, appliances, and computer programs what you want them to do. Probably the most important aspect of any user interface is how it behaves in response to your button-press, dial turn, etc.

If a given product's user interface is difficult to learn or doesn't make sense, it will quickly get a bad reputation, and people won't want to buy it

User interface is often abbreviated as UI. □

The challenging part about writing code for a UI is making sure that it doesn't confuse the person holding the remote. Here is a list of features the program should have to make the Boe-Bot easier to program with the remote:

- Recognize and discard incorrect key presses.
- Exit programming mode if ENTER is pressed twice in a row.
- Exit programming mode without asking how many pulses.
- Allow the user to replay the motion sequence many times.
- Remember the most recent motion sequence, even when the power has been disconnected and reconnected

This is another design that should be broken into a step-by-step process. The majority of the development work will be done with the Debug Terminal. After the program's functionality has been proven with the Debug Terminal, adapting it to the infrared template will be a relatively simple task.

- Step 1 — Use the **READ** command to retrieve and display values that were stored in EEPROM at compile time with a **DATA** statement.

- Step 2 – Exit a routine when a terminate character is received without asking for more information.
- Step 3 – Store values in EEPROM during runtime with the **WRITE** command, then retrieve and display.
- Step 4 – Don't accept characters that have no meaning to the program; wait until the right character is entered.
- Step 5 – Nest the store and retrieve routines in a loop with menu options.
- Step 6 – Adapt the Debug Terminal prototype to the IR remote template.
- Step 7 – Add LED and speaker indicators to help the user.



Compile time vs. run time. The work the editor does on the program before downloading it to the BASIC Stamp is done during compile time. **DATA** statements and **CON** and **VAR** directives are all processed during compile time. Commands that are executed by the BASIC Stamp while the program is running (**DEBUG**, **FREQOUT**, etc) are done during run time.

Step 1 – Read and Display Values Stored in EEPROM by a DATA Statement

In this step, we will write and test a program that stores characters in EEPROM during compile time and fetches and executes them during runtime. The storing will be done with the **DATA** directive, and the fetching and executing will be done with the **READ** and **DEBUG** commands. Let's review the **DATA** directive; here is its syntax from the BASIC Stamp Editor's PBASIC Syntax Guide.

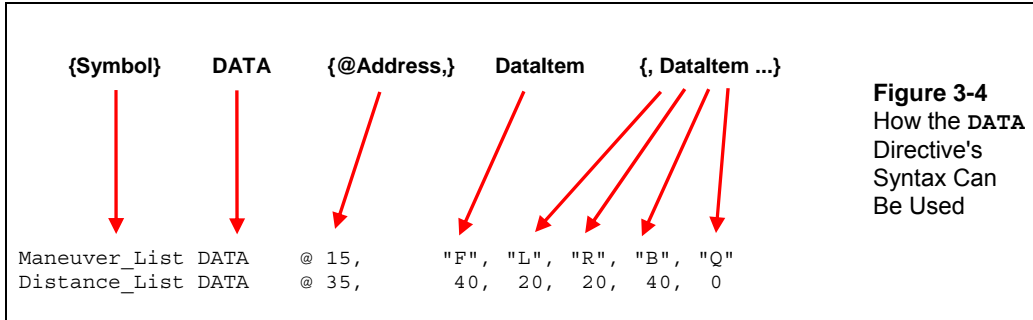
Syntax: {Symbol} DATA {@Address,} {Word} Dataltem {, Dataltem ...}



To view the information about **DATA** in the PBASIC Syntax Guide, click Help in the BASIC Stamp Editor, and select Index. Type **DATA** into the keyword field, then double-click the entry when it appears in the list below. □

Figure 3-4 shows examples of the two **DATA** directives in the next example program, DebugPlayback.bs2, and how they relate to the command syntax. Most of this syntax was introduced in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot v2.0* in Chapter 4, Activity #6. One element that may be new to you is the optional **{@Address}** argument. It is used in the two example **DATA** directives to place the *DataItems* at specific addresses in the BASIC Stamp's EEPROM.

In the first **DATA** directive, **@ 15** places the first *DataItem* at EEPROM address 15. The "F" is stored at address 15, the "L" at address 16, the "R" at address 17, and etc. The optional **Maneuver_List** symbol will automatically be set to 15 by the BASIC Stamp Editor during compile time. You can use this symbol in your program in place of the number 15, and as you will see, it makes writing programs to access EEPROM data much easier.



The programs in this activity will only use byte values, so the optional **Word** modifier will not be needed. For more information and examples of the **Word** modifier, try the **DATA** directive examples with **Word** modifiers in the BASIC Stamp Editor's PBASIC Syntax Guide. You can also find examples that make use of the **Word** modifier in *What's a Microcontroller* and *Robotics with the Boe-Bot*. □

The second **DATA** directive also uses the **@Address** argument, and its *DataItems* begin at address 35. The result is that the number 40 is stored at address 35, the number 20 at address 36, and so on. Both **DATA** directives have the optional **{Symbol}** name. The symbol name for this second **DATA** directive is **Distance_List**, and it will become a constant 35, which you will also use in *DebugPlayback.bs2*.

Here is the syntax for the **READ** command:

READ Location, {Word} Variable {, {Word} Variable, ...}

Location is the EEPROM address that stores the value you want to retrieve, and **Variable** is the name of the variable that receives the value fetched from EEPROM. If you look up this command in the BASIC Stamp Editor's PBASIC Syntax Guide, it says this about the **Location** and the **Variable**:

- **Location** is a variable/constant/expression* (0 - 255 on BS1, 0 - 2047 on all other BASIC Stamp modules) that specifies the EEPROM address to read from.
- **Variable** is a variable (usually a byte) where the value is stored.

The great thing about **Location** is that it can be a "variable/constant/expression". An expression is typically some combination of variables and constants that involve some math.

Here is an excerpt from the next example program that uses expressions in the **Location** arguments of its **READ** commands.

```
eeIndex = 0

DO UNTIL (direction = "Q") OR (eeIndex = 19)

  READ Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
  READ Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

  DEBUG direction, " ", DEC distance, CR

  PAUSE 200
  eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP
```

The first **READ** command adds **Maneuver_List** (a constant equal to 15) to **eeIndex** (a variable whose value is increased by one each time through the **DO...LOOP**). The first time through the **DO...LOOP**, **eeIndex** will be zero, and **Maneuver_List** is always 15. The result is that the **READ** command fetches the byte stored at EEPROM address 15 and stores it in the **direction** variable. Since the **DATA** directive discussed earlier stored an "F" at address 15, the **READ** command stores an "F" in the **direction** variable the first time through the loop.

The second time through, **eeIndex** will be 1 while **Maneuver_List** is still 15. The **READ** command fetches the "L" stored at address 16 and stores it in the **direction** variable. The third time through the loop, **eeIndex** is 2, so the **Location** expression evaluates to 17, and "R" is stored in the **direction** variable.

The same principle applies to the second **READ** command, except that **Distance_List** is 35, so the first time through, the value 40 is fetched from EEPROM and stored in **distance**, the second time through, 20, the third time through, another 20, and so on.

Example Program – DebugPlayback.bs2

This example program stores values in the BASIC Stamp's EEPROM with the **DATA** directive, then retrieves and displays these items with the **READ** command.

✓ Enter and run DebugPlayback.bs2.

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - DebugPlayback.bs2
' Fetch and display DataItems from a pair of DATA directives.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ EEPROM Data ]-----

Maneuver_List  DATA    @ 15,   "F", "L", "R", "B", "Q"
Distance_List  DATA    @ 35,   40,  20,  20,  40,  0

' -----[ Variables ]-----

direction      VAR      Byte
distance       VAR      Byte
eeIndex        VAR      Byte

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

' Playback routine

eeIndex = 0

DO UNTIL (direction = "Q") OR (eeIndex = 19)

  READ Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
  READ Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

  DEBUG direction, " ", DEC distance, CR
  PAUSE 200

  eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP

END
```

Your Turn – Step 2 – Exit the Routine without Displaying Q or 0

The **DO...LOOP** can be modified so that it skips displaying the "Q" and the 0 at the end of the list. You can do this by removing the (**direction = "Q"**) argument from the **DO UNTIL** statement. Then, add an **IF...THEN** statement with an **EXIT** command immediately after the **READ** commands. By executing **EXIT** when **direction = "Q"**, the program will skip out of the **DO...LOOP** before executing the **DEBUG** command:

```
DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

    READ Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
    READ Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

    IF (direction = "Q") THEN EXIT

    DEBUG direction, " ", DEC distance, CR
    PAUSE 200

    eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP
```

- ✓ Rename and save the program as DebugPlaybackYourTurn.bs2.
- ✓ Try modifying **DO...LOOP** code block in DebugPlaybackYourTurn.bs2 as shown.
- ✓ Run the program and verify that it no longer displays the "Q" and the 0.
- ✓ Save the modified program.

Step 3 – Store Runtime Values with the WRITE Command

When you beam your Boe-Bot directions with the IR remote, you will be storing values in EEPROM during runtime. While the **DATA** directive is for entering EEPROM data at compile time, the **WRITE** command is for storing values in EEPROM during runtime. In this activity, you will expand the program from the previous step so that you can write values to the EEPROM during runtime.

While the **READ** command retrieves a *DataItem* from a *Location* in EEPROM, the **WRITE** command stores a *DataItem* to a *Location*. Here is the **WRITE** command's syntax from the PBASIC Syntax guide:

```
WRITE Location, {Word} DataItem {, {Word} DataItem ...}
```

Here is the **DO...LOOP** that stores instructions with **WRITE** commands. By adding this to DebugPlaybackYourTurn.bs2, you can build your own list of characters in EEPROM during runtime.

```

' Routine - Record Instructions

eeIndex = 0

DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

    DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
        "Enter Direction: "
    DEBUGIN direction
    WRITE Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction

    IF direction = "Q" THEN
        DEBUG CR, CR
        EXIT
    ENDIF

    DEBUG CR, "Enter distance: "
    DEBUGIN DEC distance
    WRITE Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

    eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP

```

This code block will allow you to set the values of the **direction** and **distance** variables with the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane. Each of these values will be stored in EEPROM with the **WRITE** command in the same manner that they were retrieved from EEPROM in DebugPlayback.bs2.

Let's take a closer look at the two **WRITE** commands in the loop:

```

•
•
•
WRITE Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
•
•
•
WRITE Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

```

Since **DATA** directives won't be needed, why do the **WRITE** commands still use **Maneuver_List** and **Distance_List** in the *Location* expressions? The answer is because the **DATA** directives are still at the beginning of the program to hold those locations for memory space. The only difference is that no *DataItems* is written to EEPROM during compile time.

```

Maneuver_List  DATA    @ 15
Distance_List  DATA    @ 35

```

These two empty **DATA** directives act as anchors. **Maneuver_List** will still point to EEPROM address 15, and **Distance_List** will still point to 35. They can also still be used in **READ** and **WRITE** commands as place holders for the two different lists of EEPROM data. The only difference is that the **WRITE** commands will store values in these EEPROM memory locations during runtime.

The **DO...LOOP** for writing data to **EEPROM** has one other feature similar to the one we added in the previous activity's Your Turn section:

```
IF (direction = "Q") THEN EXIT
```

After the **WRITE** command to the **Direction_List**, the direction variable might still contain the character "Q". We can use this variable to decide whether or not to jump out of the **DO...LOOP** before getting a distance value. Since we really don't want to ask for any distance after "Q" is entered, the **IF...THEN** statement causes the program to jump to the instruction immediately following the **LOOP** command.

Example Program – DebugRecordPlayback.bs2

- ✓ Enter and run DebugRecordPlayback.bs2. (This is a modified version of DebugRecordYourTurn.bs2.)
- ✓ For best results, set the Caps Lock key on your keyboard so that the characters you type are capitalized ("F", "B", "L", "R", and "Q").
- ✓ Follow the prompts and use the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane to enter your directions and distances.
- ✓ Verify that the list of directions and distances you entered are the same list that is played back after you enter the character "Q".

```

' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - DebugRecordPlayback.bs2
' Use Debug Terminal to Store a list of values to EEPROM, then retrieve
' and display them.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ EEPROM Data ]-----

Maneuver_List  DATA    @ 15
Distance_List  DATA    @ 35

```

```

' -----[ Variables ]-----
direction    VAR    Byte
distance     VAR    Byte
eeIndex      VAR    Byte

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

' Routine - Record Instructions

eeIndex = 0

DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

    DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
        "Enter Direction: "
    DEBUGIN direction
    WRITE Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction

    IF direction = "Q" THEN EXIT

    DEBUG CR, "Enter distance: "
    DEBUGIN DEC distance
    WRITE Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

    eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP
DEBUG CR, CR

' Routine - Play Back Instructions

eeIndex = 0
direction = 0

DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

    READ Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
    READ Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

    IF direction = "Q" THEN EXIT

    DEBUG direction, " ", DEC distance, CR
    PAUSE 200

    eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP

END

```


Your Turn – Step 4 – Wait until the Right Character is Entered

One problem with the existing example program is that it will accept any character, not just the "F", "B", "L", "R", and "Q" you want for navigation.

- ✓ Run the program again and try entering characters other than those listed when prompted for direction.

A **SELECT...CASE** statement inside a **DO...LOOP** is a tool you can use to filter for only the characters you want before moving on. The **SELECT...CASE** statement can have two cases, one with a list of the characters you want to receive and an **ELSE** case for all the characters you don't want. When the direction variable contains one of the characters you want, the **CASE** with the list of correct characters can **EXIT** from the **DO...LOOP**. The **CASE ELSE** code block only has to contain a message that the wrong character was received. After the **ENDSELECT**, the **LOOP** will cause the **DO...LOOP** to repeat until the correct character is received. Here is how to change the program so that it filters for only the characters you want:

- ✓ Rename and save the program as DebugRecordPlaybackFiltered.bs2
- ✓ Replace these two commands:

```
DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
      "Enter Direction: "
DEBUGIN direction
```

with this code block:

```
DO
  DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
        "Enter Direction: "
  DEBUGIN direction
  SELECT direction
    CASE "F", "B", "R", "L", "Q"
      EXIT
    CASE ELSE
      DEBUG CR, "Invalid character", CR
  ENDSELECT
LOOP
```

- ✓ Re-run the program and verify that it only accepts the characters: "F", "B", "R", "L", and "Q".
- ✓ Save the modified program.

Step 5 - Nest the Store and Retrieve Routines in a Loop with Menu Options

The EEPROM storage and retrieval routines are working pretty well now. In this activity, you will modify the program so that it gives you the choice of "R" for record or "P" for playback. These characters can be used to choose between the record and playback routines. Here is an example of the shell that contains your record and playback routines:

```
DO

    DEBUG CLS,
        "R = Record", CR,
        "P = Play back", CR,
        "Choose operation: "
    DEBUGIN operation
    DEBUG CR

    IF (operation = "R") THEN

        ' Routine - Record Instructions
        •
        •
        •

    ELSEIF (operation = "P") THEN

        ' Routine - Play Back Instructions
        •
        •
        •

    ENDIF
LOOP
```

You will need to declare another byte variable named **operation** to support this main routine. Aside from that, the next example program is how your code should look after the modifications.

Example Program – DebugRecordPlaybackWithMenu.bs2

- ✓ Save DebugRecordPlaybackFiltered.bs2 as DebugRecordPlaybackWithMenu.bs2.
- ✓ Modify it so that it matches the one below.
- ✓ Run it.
- ✓ Use the Debug Terminal to verify that you can type "R" to record directions and distances and "P" to play them back.

- ✓ Verify also that any other character will cause the message "Invalid character, try again" to appear.
- ✓ Save your program.

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - DebugRecordPlaybackWithMenu.bs2
' Use the Debug Terminal to select between record and playback modes.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ EEPROM Data ]-----

Maneuver_List   DATA    @ 15
Distance_List   DATA    @ 35

' -----[ Variables ]-----

direction       VAR      Byte
distance        VAR      Byte
eeIndex         VAR      Byte
operation       VAR      Byte

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----
DO

  DEBUG CLS,
    "R = Record", CR,
    "P = Play back", CR,
    "Choose operation: "
  DEBUGIN operation
  DEBUG CR

  IF (operation = "R") THEN

    ' Routine - Record Instructions

    eeIndex = 0
    direction = 0

    DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

      DO

        DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
          "Enter Direction: "
        DEBUGIN direction

        SELECT direction
```

```

        CASE "F", "B", "R", "L", "Q"
            EXIT
        CASE ELSE
            DEBUG CR, "Invalid character", CR
        ENDSELECT

    LOOP

        WRITE Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction

        IF (direction = "Q") THEN EXIT

        DEBUG CR, "Enter distance: "
        DEBUGIN DEC distance
        WRITE Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

        eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

    LOOP

    DEBUG CR

    ELSEIF (operation = "P") THEN

' Routine - Play Back Instructions

        eeIndex = 0
        direction = 0

        DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

            READ Maneuver_List + eeIndex, direction
            READ Distance_List + eeIndex, distance

            IF direction = "Q" THEN EXIT

            DEBUG direction, " ", DEC distance, CR
            PAUSE 200

            eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

        LOOP

    ELSE

        DEBUG "Invalid character", CR,
            "try again."

    ENDIF

    DEBUG CR, "Press any key..."

```

```

DEBUGIN operation
LOOP

```

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Your Turn – Step 6 – Adapting maneuvers to the Boe-Bot

You can replace the **PAUSE 200** command with a simple routine to drive the Boe-Bot. Here's how:

- ✓ Rename and save the program as DebugRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2.
- ✓ Add this declaration to the program's Variables section:

```
pulseCount    VAR    Byte
```

- ✓ Replace the **PAUSE 200** command with this code block:

```

FOR pulseCount = 1 TO distance

    SELECT direction
    CASE "F"
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE "B"
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE "L"
        PULSOUT 13, 650
        PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE "R"
        PULSOUT 13, 850
        PULSOUT 12, 850
    ENDSELECT

    PAUSE 20

NEXT

```

- ✓ Run the program and verify that you can program and reprogram the Boe-Bot's motion sequences with the Debug Terminal.
- ✓ Save your modified program.

Step 7 – Adapting the Program to the Infrared Remote

At this point, you are now very close to a remote programmed Boe-Bot. You can take the main routine from Step 6, DebugRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2, and, after some

adapting, drop it into IrRemoteKeypad.bs2. Here is a list to give you a general idea of the adaptations that need to be made:

- GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code is used in place of DEBUGIN.
- GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value is used in place of DEBUGIN DEC.
- ChUp, ChDn, VolUp, and VolDn are used in place of "F", "B", "R", and "L".
- ENTER is used in place of "Q".
- POWER and ENTER are used in place of "P" and "R".

Below is a detailed account of how DebugRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2 is adapted to and integrated into IrRemoteKeypad.bs2:

- ✓ Open IrRemoteKeypad.bs2 and save a copy as RemoteRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2.
- ✓ Update the Title section so that it includes the correct program name, a brief description, and user instructions:

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - RemoteRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2
' Press key sequences to program motion routines into the
' Boe-Bot's EEPROM and replay them.

' Press POWER key to program or ENTER key to play program.
' In programming mode, press a CH/VOL key to choose a maneuver.
' Use the keypad to enter the number of pulses, then press ENTER.
' Pressing ENTER again terminates programming.
' Pressing ENTER a third, fourth, etc time replays the program.
' Press POWER to reprogram.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}
```

- ✓ Insert this section between the Stamp/PBASIC directives and the I/O Definitions.

```
' -----[ EEPROM Data ]-----

' Set aside data for lists of Maneuver_List and Distance_List.

Maneuver_List DATA @ 15           ' 20 bytes for Maneuver_List.
Distance_List DATA @ 35           ' 20 bytes for Distance_List.
```

- ✓ Copy these declarations into the Pin Definitions section:

```
' Boe-Bot Servo Pins

ServoLeft      PIN    13
ServoRight     PIN    12
```

✓ Copy these declarations into the Variables section:

```
' Boe-Bot navigation variables

direction      VAR      Byte
counter        VAR      Word
eeIndex        VAR      Byte
```



If you examine this next **DO...LOOP** closely, you will see that it has the same overall function and structure as the main routine from `DebugRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2`. □

✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the main routine with this one.

```
DO

  DEBUG "Press POWER to record", CR,
        "or ENTER to playback", CR, CR

  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

  IF remoteCode = Power THEN

    ' Routine - Record data

    GOSUB Beep_Valid

    eeIndex = 0

    DO UNTIL eeIndex = 19

      DEBUG "Menu: ", CR,
            " CH+   = Forward", CR,
            " CH-   = Backward", CR,
            " VOL+  = Right", CR,
            " VOL-  = Left", CR,
            " ENTER = Done recording", CR, CR

    DO

      GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

      SELECT remoteCode
      CASE ChUp TO VolDn, Enter
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
```

```

        EXIT
    CASE ELSE
        DEBUG "Press CH+/-, VOL+/-, or ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDSELECT

LOOP

direction = remoteCode
WRITE eeIndex + Maneuver_List, direction

IF (direction = Enter) THEN EXIT

DEBUG "Enter number of pulses: ", CR
GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value
DEBUG DEC value, " pulses", CR, CR
WRITE eeIndex + Distance_List, value
eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP

ELSEIF remoteCode = Enter THEN

    ' Routine - playback data

    GOSUB Beep_Valid
    DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

    eeIndex = 0
    direction = 0

    DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

        READ eeIndex + Maneuver_List, direction
        READ eeindex + Distance_List, value

        IF (direction = Enter) THEN EXIT

        FOR counter = 1 TO value
            SELECT direction
                CASE ChUp
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
                CASE ChDn
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
                CASE VolUp
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
                CASE VolDn
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650

```



```

        PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
    ENDSELECT
    PAUSE 20
NEXT

    eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

LOOP

ELSE

    GOSUB Beep_Error

ENDIF

LOOP

```

Example Program – RemoteRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2

The completed program is shown below.

- ✓ Enter and run the program and follow the prompts in the Debug Terminal for remote programming.
- ✓ Try the following key sequence:
 - ✓ POWER to initialize programming.
 - ✓ CH+, 40, ENTER for forward 40 pulses.
 - ✓ VOL-, 20, ENTER for rotate left 20 pulses.
 - ✓ VOL+, 20, ENTER for rotate right 20 pulses.
 - ✓ CH-, 40, ENTER for backward 40 pulses.
 - ✓ ENTER a second time exits programming mode.
 - ✓ ENTER a third time makes the Boe-Bot execute the maneuvers.
 - ✓ ENTER again makes the Boe-Bot repeat the sequence of maneuvers.
 - ✓ POWER to reprogram a new sequence of maneuvers.

```

' -----[ Title ]-----
' IR Remote for the Boe-Bot - RemoteRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2
' Press key sequences to program motion routines into the
' Boe-Bot's EEPROM and replay them.

' Press POWER key to program or ENTER key to play program.
' In programming mode, press a CH/VOL key to choose a maneuver.
' Use the keypad to enter the number of pulses, then press ENTER.
' Pressing ENTER again terminates programming.
' Pressing ENTER a third, fourth, etc time replays the program.
' Press POWER to reprogram.

```

```

' {$STAMP BS2}                                ' $STAMP directive
' {$PBASIC 2.5}                                ' $PBASIC directive

' -----[ EEPROM Data ]-----

' Set aside data for lists of Maneuver_List and Distance_List.

Maneuver_List DATA @ 15                        ' 20 bytes for Maneuver_List.
Distance_List DATA @ 35                        ' 20 bytes for Distance_List.

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector

IrDet          PIN      9
Speaker        PIN      4

' Boe-Bot Servo Pins

ServoLeft      PIN      13
ServoRight     PIN      12

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons.

Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Power          CON      21

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables

irPulse        VAR      Word                    ' Single-digit remote variables
remoteCode     VAR      Byte
index          VAR      Nib
value          VAR      Word                    ' Stores multi-digit value

' Boe-Bot navigation variables

direction      VAR      Byte
counter        VAR      Word
eeIndex        VAR      Byte

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

```

```

DO

  DEBUG "Press POWER to record", CR,
        "or ENTER to playback", CR, CR

  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

  IF remoteCode = Power THEN

    ' Routine - Record data

    GOSUB Beep_Valid

    eeIndex = 0

    DO UNTIL eeIndex = 19

      DEBUG "Menu: ", CR,
            " CH+   = Forward", CR,
            " CH-   = Backward", CR,
            " VOL+  = Right", CR,
            " VOL-  = Left", CR,
            " ENTER = Done recording", CR, CR

      DO

        GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code

        SELECT remoteCode
          CASE ChUp TO Voldn, Enter
            GOSUB Beep_Valid
            EXIT
          CASE ELSE
            DEBUG "Press CH+/-, VOL+/-, or ENTER", CR
            GOSUB Beep_Error
        ENDSELECT

      LOOP

      direction = remoteCode
      WRITE eeIndex + Maneuver_List, direction

      IF (direction = Enter) THEN EXIT

      DEBUG "Enter number of pulses: ", CR
      GOSUB Get_Multi_Digit_Value
      DEBUG DEC value, " pulses", CR, CR
      WRITE eeIndex + Distance_List, value
      eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

    LOOP

```

```

ELSEIF remoteCode = Enter THEN

    ' Routine - playback data

    GOSUB Beep_Valid
    DEBUG "Running...", CR, CR

    eeIndex = 0
    direction = 0

    DO UNTIL (eeIndex = 19)

        READ eeIndex + Maneuver_List, direction
        READ eeindex + Distance_List, value

        IF (direction = Enter) THEN EXIT

        FOR counter = 1 TO value
            SELECT direction
                CASE ChUp
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
                CASE ChDn
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
                CASE VolUp
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 850
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 850
                CASE VolDn
                    PULSOUT ServoLeft, 650
                    PULSOUT ServoRight, 650
            ENDSELECT
            PAUSE 20
        NEXT

        eeIndex = eeIndex + 1

    LOOP

ELSE

    GOSUB Beep_Error

ENDIF

LOOP

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----
' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the

```

```

' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

    remoteCode = 0                                ' Clear all bits in remoteCode.

    DO                                             ' Wait for rest between messages.
        RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
    LOOP UNTIL irPulse > 1000

    PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure pulse.
    IF irPulse > 500 THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-0.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' Measure next pulse.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1      ' Set (or leave clear) bit-1.
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse                      ' etc.
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
    RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
    IF irPulse > 300 THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1

    ' Adjust remoteCode so that keypad keys correspond to the value
    ' it stores.

    IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
    IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Multi_Digit_Value ]-----

' Acquire multi-digit value (up to 65535) and store it in
' the value variable.  Speaker beeps each time a key is
' pressed.

Get_Multi_Digit_Value:

    value = 0
    remoteCode = 0

    DO

        value = value * 10 + remoteCode

    DO
        GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
        IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN

```

```

        DEBUG "You pressed: ", DEC1 remoteCode, CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSEIF (remoteCode = Enter) THEN
        DEBUG "You pressed: ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Valid
        EXIT
    ELSE
        DEBUG "Press 0-9 or ENTER", CR
        GOSUB Beep_Error
    ENDIF
LOOP

LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)

RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Valid ]-----

' Call this subroutine to acknowledge a key press.

Beep_Valid:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3500
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

' -----[ Subroutine - Beep_Error ]-----

' Call this subroutine to reject a key press.

Beep_Error:

    FREQOUT Speaker, 100, 3000
    PAUSE 200

    RETURN

```

Your Turn – LED Prompts and Program Organization

To make this program complete, a pair of LEDs can make it easier to program the Boe-Bot without the Debug Terminal. This could come in handy for certain navigation contests.

- ✓ Rename your program RemoteRecordBoeBotPlaybackLed.bs2.
- ✓ Design and implement LED prompts that accompany the Debug Terminal information.

- ✓ Write an instruction manual for your Boe-Bot describing how to use the remote to program the Boe-Bot relying on just the speaker and LEDs. Use the pamphlet that came with the universal remote as an example.

3

The Program and Run routines should be moved to subroutines.

- ✓ Do it, then save your work. You might want to reuse them in other programs.

SUMMARY

This chapter introduced some more applications you can create with the IR remote application. Application programs have to be well organized, with each task accomplished in subroutines. The I/O pins, variables, and constants also have to be defined and documented in the declarations section. When application programs follow these conventions, it makes it possible to combine the two (or more) of these programs to achieve more difficult and complex robotic goals.

The first two activities focused on how to merge and integrate more than one application program into a larger program that does more. In each of these activities, subroutines from the various programs were copied and pasted into a larger program, likewise with the constants, variables, and other declarations. By virtue of the fact that application programs are written to be modular, none of the subroutines had to be modified. Instead, they were utilized and orchestrated in the main routine. By relying on the functionality of the subroutines, the main routine could be written in simpler terms while accomplishing much more difficult tasks.

In the first two activities, testing programs and circuits that were used in *Robotics with the Boe-Bot* was emphasized. Each of the programs and circuits have to be known to work on their own before they can be combined into a larger circuit and/or program. **SELECT...CASE** was introduced as a way of choosing between alternate main routine options that are chosen by a menu system. This scheme is easy to expand by simply adding more **CASE** statements.

The subroutines in a single application template can also be used in new and creative ways to create more powerful robotic behaviors. The third activity demonstrated this by building an IR remote keypad entry scheme for programming the Boe-Bot. EEPROM storage was examined more closely as a tool for storing and retrieving sequences of characters and values. By using the **@Address** operator in a **DATA** directive, you can define blocks of unused program memory for use by the program. Optional *Symbol* names can be placed before the **DATA** to help calculate the location of a given **DataItem**. It makes storing values to **EEPROM** with the **WRITE** command and retrieving them with the **READ** command much simpler. Especially if you have to store and manage more than one list of related items, such as Boe-Bot maneuvers and distances.

Elements of user interface (UI) design have been introduced throughout this text. In earlier chapters, button debouncing and speaker and LED feedback have already been introduced and applied. In the third activity of this chapter, programming techniques were introduced for limiting the key presses that the program will accept. Designing and implementing sensible sequences of key presses for choosing certain robotic functions was introduced by example.

A stepwise process for solving complex tasks was also introduced. The Debug Terminal's Transmit and Receive Windowpanes were relied on heavily as a prototyping tool for UI design. After the interactions with the user were defined with the help of the Debug Terminal, the **DEBUGIN** and **DEBUGIN DEC** commands were ported to an IR remote communication template.

Questions

1. What's the name of the variable used for speed control in `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2`?
2. What does the `CLS` in `DEBUG CLS` do?
3. What happens when the variable used in a `SELECT...CASE` statement does not contain any of the values specified in the `CASE` statements? If this becomes a problem, how can you fix it?
4. What does the optional `@Address` argument do for a `DATA` directive? How does this effect the value of the optional `Symbol`?
5. What's the difference between the `READ` command and the `WRITE` command?
6. How can `SELECT...CASE` statement be used inside a `DO...LOOP` to wait for a specific value before continuing to the next step in the program?

Exercises

1. In `IrRoamingWithSpeedControl.bs2`, what will the pulse durations for the left and right servos be if no object is detected and `speed = 50`?
2. The Selecting between Main Routines section in Activity #2 shows the shell of a `SELECT...CASE` statement. Expand this shell so that it contains a case for 4 and a catch-all case for any other value.
3. Write `READ` commands to retrieve the values 7 and 13 using `My_List` in the `Location` argument. Assume you have declared a variable `= myValue`.
4. Modify this code block so that it only accepts values between 16 and 19.

DO

```

        DEBUG CR, "F, B, R, L, Q", CR,
            "Enter Direction: "
    DEBUGIN direction
    SELECT direction
        CASE "F", "B", "R", "L", "Q"
            EXIT
        CASE ELSE
            DEBUG CR, "Invalid character", CR
    ENDSELECT
LOOP

```

5. List the remote key press sequence that makes the Boe-Bot draw a 50 pulse by 100 pulse rectangle with RemoteRecordBoeBotPlayback.bs2.

Projects

1. Use 7BitRemoteBoeBot.bs2 from Chapter 2, Activity #3 as your starting point. Add a routine that overrides instructions from the remote and stops the Boe-Bot before it collides with an object. This way, you can try to run the Boe-Bot into an obstacle, but it will not let you.
2. Expand IrMultiBotYourTurn.bs2 so that you can press the following digit keys for the following functions:
 - 1 - Remote button controlled Boe-Bot
 - 2 - Full speed IR roaming
 - 3 - Following Boe-Bot
 - 4 - Servo centering mode
 - 5 - Slow roaming Boe-Bot for lead roaming Boe-Bot
 - 6 - One-shot ballast interference detector

Solutions

- Q1. The variable's name is **speed**.
- Q2. According to the PBASIC Syntax Guide, it clears the screen. In other words, it erases everything currently displayed in the Debug Terminal's Transmit Windowpane.
- Q3. If none of the **CASE** statements match the **SELECT** statement's variable the program finds the **ENDSELECT** keyword and moves on from there. You can add a catch-all statement **CASE ELSE** with any code that you want the **SELECT...CASE** statement to execute if the variable that was selected stores a value that does not match any of the other **CASE** statements.
- Q4. The **@Address** operator allows you to specify the starting address in EEPROM for the **DATA** directive's first **DataItem**. The **Symbol** for that data directive will

be a constant equal to the value that follows the `@Address` operator. This will also be the address of the first `DataItem` in the `DATA` directive.

- Q5. The `WRITE` command stores a `DataItem` to a `Location` in EEPROM; the `READ` command fetches a `DataItem` from a `Location` in EEPROM.
- Q6. A `DO...LOOP` can have a `SELECT...CASE` statement nested inside it. One of the `CASE` statements can contain a list of possible values that you want to relieve before moving on in the program. The code block for this `CASE` statement should contain the `EXIT` command for breaking out of the `DO...LOOP` since its code block will be executed when one of the desired values is stored by the `SELECT` statement's variable. The other `CASE ELSE` statement should contain a code block that's executed when the wrong value is received. Since it will not contain an `EXIT` command, the `DO...LOOP` will repeat itself until one of the desired values is stored in the `SELECT` statement's variable.

- E1. If no object is detected, the `CASE ELSE` statement is executed. This case sets the variables used for the `PULSOUT` commands to the left and right servos. The value of `pulseLeft` will be $750 - 50 = 700$. To figure the pulse duration, multiply the `PULSOUT` command's duration argument by $2 \mu\text{s}$. $700 \times 0.000002 \text{ s} = 0.0014 \text{ s} = 1.4 \text{ ms}$. The value of `pulseRight` will be $750 + 50 = 800$, which delivers a 1.6 ms pulse.
- E2. Near the main routine's `DO...LOOP`, there is an `ENDSELECT`. Insert this code block just above the `ENDSELECT`.

```
' If operation is 4, execute the YourProgram.bs2.
CASE 4

    ' Modified main routine from YourProgram.bs2 goes here.
    .
    .
    .
' If operation is not 1-4, execute this routine.
CASE ELSE

    ' Catch-all commands go there.
    .
    .
    .
```

- E3. Solution: `READ My_List + 4, myValue: READ My_List + 7, myValue`

E4. Here is the modified code. Be careful to make sure to add the **DEC** operator to the **DEBUGIN** command.

```
DO
  DEBUG CR, "16, 17, 18, or 19", CR,
    "Enter Value: "
  DEBUGIN DEC direction
  SELECT direction
    CASE 16 to 19
      EXIT
    CASE ELSE
      DEBUG CR, "Invalid character", CR
  ENDSELECT
LOOP
```

E5. Try this sequence with some adjustments to the 21 pulse turns to get 90-degrees with your servos:

- ✓ POWER to initialize programming.
- ✓ CH+, 100, ENTER for forward 100 pulses.
- ✓ VOL-, 21, ENTER for rotate left 21 pulses.
- ✓ CH+, 50, ENTER for forward 50 pulses.
- ✓ VOL-, 21, ENTER for rotate left 21 pulses.
- ✓ CH+, 100, ENTER for forward 100 pulses.
- ✓ VOL-, 21, ENTER for rotate left 21 pulses.
- ✓ CH+, 50, ENTER for forward 50 pulses.
- ✓ ENTER a second time exits programming mode.
- ✓ ENTER a third time makes the Boe-Bot execute the maneuvers.

Project Solutions

P1. Add these bit declarations to the Variables section of the program.

```
irDetectLeft  VAR    Bit
irDetectRight VAR    Bit
```

- ✓ Grab the IR detection functions from TestIrPairsAndIndicators.bs2 and paste them into your project program just before the **SELECT** statement in the main routine.

```
FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500
irDetectLeft = IN9
```

```
FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
irDetectRight = IN0
```

✓ Modify this **CASE** statement:

```
CASE 2, ChUp
  PULSOUT 13, 850
  PULSOUT 12, 650
```

so that it reads

```
CASE 2, ChUp
  IF (irDetectLeft = 1) AND (irDetectRight = 1) THEN
    PULSOUT 13, 850
    PULSOUT 12, 650
  ELSE
    FREQOUT Speaker, 3, 4500
  ENDIF
```

P2. Add case statements to the outer **SELECT...CASE** in the Main Routine's **DO...LOOP** for each function. Remember to update the menu list in the Initialization routine.

```
DO
  SELECT operation
    CASE 1
      •
      •
      •
    CASE 2
      •
      •
      •
    CASE 3
      •
      •
      •
    ' If operation is 4, put Boe-Bot in servo centering mode.
    CASE 4

      IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1

      pulseLeft = 750
      pulseRight = 750

      GOSUB Send_Pulse

    ' If operation is 5, run slow roaming routine for the lead Boe-Bot
    CASE 5
```

```

' Modified main routine from FastIrRoaming.bs2 goes here.

IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1

FREQOUT 8, 1, 38500          ' Check IR Detectors
irDetectLeft = IN9
FREQOUT 2, 1, 38500
irDetectRight = IN0

' Decide how to navigate.
IF (irDetectLeft = 0) AND (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
  TOGGLE 1
  TOGGLE 10
  pulseLeft = 725
  pulseRight = 775
ELSEIF (irDetectLeft = 0) THEN
  TOGGLE 10
  pulseLeft = 775
  pulseRight = 775
ELSEIF (irDetectRight = 0) THEN
  TOGGLE 1
  pulseLeft = 725
  pulseRight = 725
ELSE
  pulseLeft = 775
  pulseRight = 725
ENDIF

GOSUB Send_Pulse          ' <--- Modified.

LOW 1
LOW 10

' If operation is 6, test for ballast interference. This versions
' of the ballast interference tester only triggers once. If
' triggered, the remote has to be used to reset the Boe-Bot to
' function 6 to repeat the 1-shot ballast interference detection.
CASE 6

DO

  IF IN9 = 0 THEN

    operation = 1

    FOR counter = 1 TO 10
      FREQOUT 4, 40, 4500
      PAUSE 50
    NEXT

    EXIT

```

```

            ENDIF

        LOOP

CASE ELSE

    IF IN9 = 0 THEN operation = 1          ' <--- New

ENDSELECT                                ' <--- New
                                          '(End SELECT operation)
LOOP                                     ' Repeat Main Routine.
```


Appendix A: IR Remote AppKit Documentation



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With a universal remote and an infrared receiver, you can add a wireless keypad to your BASIC Stamp Applications. The IR receiver is inexpensive, and only takes one I/O pin. Universal remotes are also inexpensive, easy to obtain and replace, and have enough buttons for most applications. The parts in this kit along with the example programs make it possible to enter values and control your projects in the same way you might with a TV, VCR, or other entertainment system component.

IR Remotes can also add zing to your robotics projects. While this package insert provides you with the essential background information, circuits, and example programs to get started, you can learn lots more with *IR Remote for the Boe-Bot*. This text is for the most part, a continuation of *Robotics with the Boe-Bo*, but with an IR remote twist. It follows the same format in terms of introducing new hardware, explaining how things work, and demonstrating new PBASIC techniques. IR remote applications for the Boe-Bot™ robot include remote control, keypad entry control, hybrid autonomous and remote control, and remote motion sequence programming.

Kit Contents*

Infrared Remote Parts List:

- (1) 020-00001 Universal Remote and Universal Remote Manual
- (1) 350-00014 IR detector
- (1) 150-02210 Resistor – 220 Ω
- (1) 800-00016 Jumper wires – bag of 10

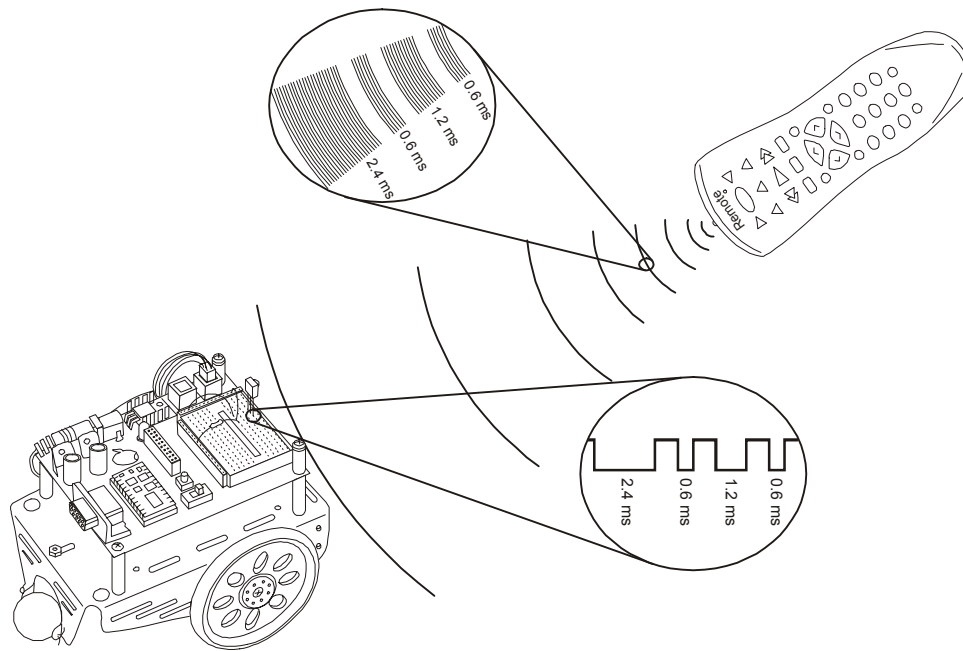
*Two alkaline AA batteries sold separately



How IR Communication Works

The universal remote sends messages by strobing its IR LED at 38.5 kHz for brief periods of time. The actual data is contained in the amount of time each strobe lasts. There are many different IR protocols, but, in general, the amount of time each 38.5 kHz signal lasts transmits some kind of message. One duration might indicate the start of a message, while another indicates a binary-1, and still another indicates a binary-0.

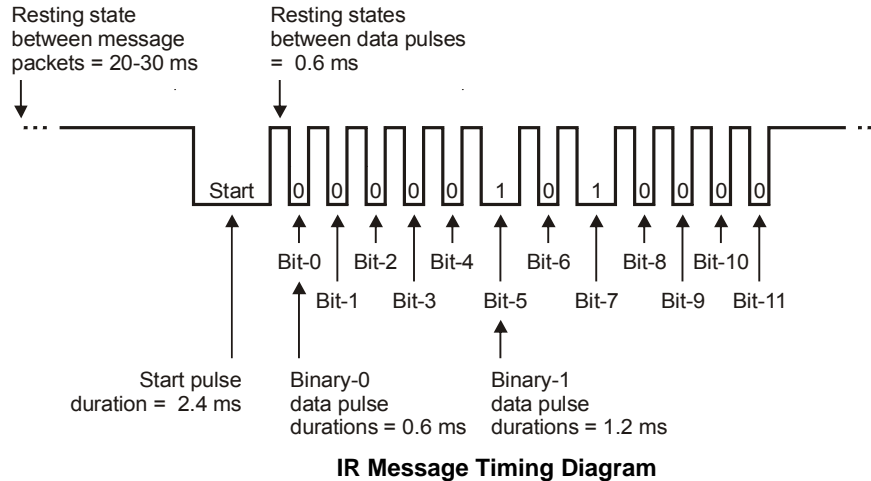
The IR detector's output pin sends a low signal while it detects the 38.5 kHz IR signal, and a high signal while it does not. So, a low signal of one duration might indicate the start of a message, while another indicates a binary-1, and still another indicates a binary 0. This communication scheme is called pulse width modulation (PWM), because when graphed against time, the IR detector's high/low signals form pulses of different widths that correspond to their durations.



Handheld Remote Infrared Messages

Excerpt from IR Remote for the Boe-Bot text

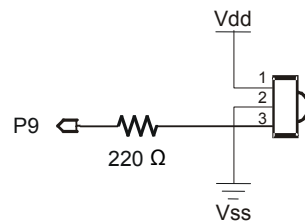
The examples here will rely on the protocol universal remotes use to control SONY® TV sets. This protocol strobes the IR thirteen times with roughly half a millisecond rest between each pulse. It results in thirteen negative pulses from the IR detector that the BASIC Stamp can easily measure. The first pulse is the start pulse, which lasts for 2.4 ms. The next twelve pulses will either last for 1.2 ms (binary-1) or 0.6 ms (binary-0). The first seven data pulses contain the IR message that indicates which key is pressed. The last five pulses contain a binary value that specifies whether the message is intended being sent to a TV, VCR, CD, DVD player, etc. The pulses are transmitted in LSB-first order, so the first data pulse is bit-0, the next data pulse is bit-1, and so on. If you press and hold a key on the remote, the same message will be re-sent after a 20 to 30 ms rest.



Values are approximate and will vary from one remote to the next.

IR Detection Circuit

For testing purposes, all you need is this IR detector circuit and the Debug Terminal.



IR Detector Circuit

IR detector viewed from the top. Also see Kit Contents figure for pin map.

BASIC Stamp 2 "Bare-Bones" Example – IrRemoteCodeCapture.bs2

This example program demonstrates how to capture and display a remote code with the BASIC Stamp 2. If you modify the `$STAMP` directive, it can also be used with the BASIC Stamp 2e or 2pe.

How IrRemoteCodeCapture.bs2 Works

Each time through the outermost **DO...LOOP**, the value of **remoteCode** is cleared. There's also an inner **DO...LOOP** with an **RCTIME** command to detect the end of a high signal that lasted longer than 2 ms. This indicates that the rest between messages just ended, and the start pulse is beginning. The first **PULSIN** command captures the first data pulse, and the **IF...THEN** statement that follows uses the value of the **irPulse** variable to either set (or leave clear) the corresponding bit in the **remoteCode** variable. Since the next data pulse has already started while the **IF...THEN** statement was executing, the remainder of the next data pulse is measured with an **RCTIME** command. This next value is again used to either set (or leave clear) the next bit in **remoteCode**. This is repeated five more times to get the rest of the useful part of the IR message and set/clear the rest of the bits in **remoteCode**.

The BS2sx and BS2p handle remote codes a little differently. The programs usually search for the actual start pulse with a **PULSIN** command instead of searching for the resting state between messages. They also use **PULSIN** commands to capture all the pulses since the **IF...THEN** statements that sets bits in the **remoteCode** variable complete before the starting edge of the next data pulse. To see a code example that does this, see the **#CASE** statement for the BS2sx, BS2p inside the next example program's **Get_Ir_Remote_Code** subroutine.

BASIC Stamp 2 Series Application Example IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2

You can use this application example with BASIC Stamp 2, 2e, 2sx, 2p, or 2pe modules to test your remote and display which key you pressed.

- ✓ As with the previous example program, make sure your remote is configured to control a SONY TV first.
- ✓ Update the **\$STAMP** Directive for the BASIC Stamp module you are using.
- ✓ Download or hand enter, then run **IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2**.
- ✓ Point the remote at the IR detector, press and release buttons.
- ✓ Make sure the Debug Terminal reports the correct button. Start with digits, channel, volume, etc.

You can modify or expand the **SELECT...CASE** statement to test for VCR keys defined in the Constants section (Play, Stop, Rewind, etc.). There are usually several different codes for configuring universal remotes to control SONY VCRs, so you may need to try

a few before finding the code that makes the remote speak the same PWM language as the TV controller. You can determine if the code worked because number, CH/VOL+/-, and POWER keys will still work after you have pressed the VCR button.

```
' -----[ Title ]-----
' Ir Remote Application - IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2

' Process incoming SONY remote signals and display the corresponding button
' in the Debug Terminal.

' {$STAMP BS2}                                ' BS2, 2sx, 2e, 2p, or 2pe
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

' -----[ Revision History ]-----

' V1.0 - Supports most SONY TV and VCR control buttons.
'       Supports BASIC Stamp 2, 2SX, 2e, 2p, and 2pe modules.

' -----[ I/O Definitions ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote declaration - input receives from IR detector
IrDet          PIN      9                      ' I/O pin to IR detector output

' -----[ Constants ]-----

' Pulse duration constants for SONY remote.

#SELECT $STAMP
#CASE BS2, BS2E, BS2PE                        ' PULSE durations
  ThresholdStart CON 1000                    ' Message rest vs. data rest
  ThresholdPulse CON 500                     ' Binary 1 vs. 0 for PULSIN
  ThresholdEdge CON 300                      ' Binary 1 vs. 0 for RCTIME
#CASE BS2P, BS2SX
  ThresholdStart CON 2400                    ' Binary 1 vs. start pulse
  ThresholdPulse CON 500 * 5 / 2             ' Binary 1 vs. 0 for PULSIN
#CASE #ELSE
  #ERROR This BASIC Stamp NOT supported.
#ENDSELECT

' SONY TV IR remote constants for non-keypad buttons

Enter          CON      11
ChUp           CON      16
ChDn           CON      17
VolUp          CON      18
VolDn          CON      19
Mute           CON      20
Power          CON      21
TvLast         CON      59                    ' AKA PREV CH
```

```

' SONY VCR IR remote constants

' IMPORTANT: Before you can make use of these constants, you must
' also follow the universal remote instructions to set your remote
' to control a SONY VCR. Not all remote codes work, so you may have to
' test several.

VcrStop      CON      24
VcrPause     CON      25
VcrPlay      CON      26
VcrRewind    CON      27
VcrFastForward CON    28
VcrRecord    CON      29

' Function keys

FnSleep      CON      54
FnMenu       CON      96

' -----[ Variables ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote variables

irPulse      VAR      Word      ' Stores pulse widths
remoteCode   VAR      Byte      ' Stores remote code

' -----[ Initialization ]-----

DEBUG "Press/release remote buttons..."

' -----[ Main Routine ]-----

' Replace this button testing DO...LOOP with your own code.

DO                                                    ' Main DO...LOOP

    GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code                        ' Call remote code subroutine

    DEBUG CLS, "Remote button: "                    ' Heading

    SELECT remoteCode                               ' Select message to display
    CASE 0 TO 9
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode
    CASE Enter
        DEBUG "ENTER"
    CASE ChUp
        DEBUG "CH+"
    CASE ChDn
        DEBUG "CH-"
    CASE VolUp

```



```

        DEBUG "VOL+"
    CASE VolDn
        DEBUG "VOL-"
    CASE Mute
        DEBUG "MUTE"
    CASE Power
        DEBUG "POWER"
    CASE TvLast
        DEBUG "LAST"
    CASE ELSE
        DEBUG DEC remoteCode, " (unrecognized)"
    ENDSELECT

LOOP                                     ' Repeat main DO...LOOP

' -----[ Subroutine - Get_Ir_Remote_Code ]-----

' SONY TV IR remote subroutine loads the remote code into the
' remoteCode variable.

Get_Ir_Remote_Code:

    remoteCode = 0

    #SELECT $STAMP
    #CASE BS2, BS2E, BS2PE
        DO                                     ' Wait for end of resting state.
            RCTIME IrDet, 1, irPulse
            LOOP UNTIL irPulse > ThresholdStart
            PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse             ' Get data pulses.
            IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
            RCTIME IrDet, 0, irPulse
            IF irPulse > ThresholdEdge THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1
        #CASE BS2SX, BS2P
            DO                                     ' Wait for start pulse.
                PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
                LOOP UNTIL irPulse > ThresholdStart
                PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse         ' Get data pulses.
                IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT0 = 1
                PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
                IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT1 = 1

```

```

PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT2 = 1
PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT3 = 1
PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT4 = 1
PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT5 = 1
PULSIN IrDet, 0, irPulse
IF irPulse > ThresholdPulse THEN remoteCode.BIT6 = 1
#CASE #ELSE
  #ERROR "BASIC Stamp version not supported by this program."
#ENDSELECT

' Map digit keys to actual values.
IF (remoteCode < 10) THEN remoteCode = remoteCode + 1
IF (remoteCode = 10) THEN remoteCode = 0

RETURN

```

BASIC Stamp 2 Series Example - Multi-Digit Application

You can use the remote for keypad entry of values by replacing the `DO...LOOP` in `IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2`'s main routine with the one shown below. It works for values from 0 to 65535; just type in the value on the digital keypad, then press the remote's ENTER key.

- ✓ Add this declaration to the `IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2`'s Variables section:

```
value          VAR      Word           ' Stores multi-digit value
```

- ✓ Replace the `DO...LOOP` in `IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2`'s main routine with the one shown below.
- ✓ Run the program and follow the Debug Terminal's prompts.

```

' Replace the DO...LOOP in the Main Routine with this one for multi-
' digit value acquisition (up to 65535). Value stored in value
' variable.

DEBUG CR, CR, "Type value from", CR, "0 to 65535,", CR,
      "then press ENTER", CR, CR

DO
  value = 0
  remoteCode = 0
DO

```

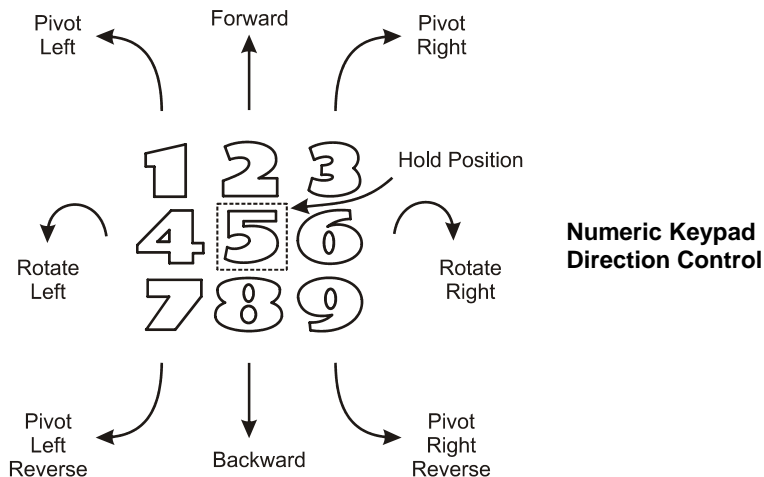
```

value = value * 10 + remoteCode
DO
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  IF (remoteCode > 9) AND (remoteCode <> Enter) THEN
    DEBUG "Use digit keys or ENTER", CR
    PAUSE 300
  ELSE
    DEBUG "You pressed: "
    IF remoteCode = Enter THEN
      DEBUG "Enter", CR
    ELSE
      DEBUG DEC remoteCode, CR
    ENDIF
    PAUSE 300
  ENDIF
LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode < 10) OR (remoteCode = Enter)
LOOP UNTIL (remoteCode = Enter)
DEBUG ? value, CR, "Ready for next value...", CR
LOOP

```

Boe-Bot Application for the BASIC Stamp 2

This next application requires a Boe-Bot robot with a BASIC Stamp 2 module which you will be able to control by pressing and holding the numeric keys to execute the maneuvers shown in the figure. In addition, you can use CH+ = forward, CH- = backward, VOL+ = rotate right, VOL- = rotate left.



The routine below is for a Boe-Bot robot with Parallax Continuous Rotation servos. Its left servo should be connected to P13, and its right servo connected to P12. If you have Parallax PM servos, use 500 in place of 650 and 1000 in place of 850 for the **PULSOUT** command *Duration* arguments.

- ✓ Replace the **DO...LOOP** in the IrRemoteButtonDisplay.bs2's main routine with this one, run it, and operate the Boe-Bot with your remote. Have fun!

```
DEBUG CR, CR, "Press and hold digit", CR, "or CH+/-, VOL+/- keys", CR,
      "to control the Boe-Bot..."
```

```
DO
  GOSUB Get_Ir_Remote_Code
  SELECT remoteCode
    CASE 2, ChUp                                ' Forward
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 4, Voldn                               ' Rotate left
      PULSOUT 13, 650
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 6, VolUp                               ' Rotate right
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 8, ChDn                               ' Backward
      PULSOUT 13, 650
      PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 1                                       ' Pivot Fwd-left
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 650
    CASE 3                                       ' Pivot Fwd-right
      PULSOUT 13, 850
      PULSOUT 12, 750
    CASE 7                                       ' Pivot back-left
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 850
    CASE 9                                       ' Pivot back-right
      PULSOUT 13, 650
      PULSOUT 12, 750
    CASE ELSE                                   ' Hold position
      PULSOUT 13, 750
      PULSOUT 12, 750
  ENDSELECT
LOOP
```



More Resources

These resources are available from www.parallax.com.

Lindsay, Andy. *IR Remote for the Boe-Bot, Student Guide, Version 1.0*, California: Parallax, Inc., 2004.

This book is discussed on the first page of this package insert.

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Column #76: *Control from the Couch* introduces capturing and decoding SONY TV IR control signals with the BASIC Stamp 2SX (or 2p).

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