**poke/pokeb**

**Arguments:** unsigned int segment, unsigned int offset, unsigned int/unsigned char data

**Return value:** none

These standard C functions are used to place specified data at any memory space location. The **segment** argument is left shifted by four and added to the **offset** argument to indicate the 20-bit address within memory space. **poke** is used for writing 16 bits at a time, and **pokeb** is used for writing 8 bits.

The process of placing data into memory space means that the appropriate address and data are placed on the address and data-bus, and any memory-space mappings in place for this particular range of memory will be used to activate appropriate chip-select lines and the corresponding hardware component responsible for handling this data.

**peek/peekb**

**Arguments:** unsigned int segment, unsigned int offset

**Return value:** unsigned int/unsigned char data

These functions retrieve the data for a specified address in memory space. Once again, the **segment** address is shifted left by four bits and added to the **offset** to find the 20-bit address. This address is then output over the address bus, and the hardware component mapped to that address should return either an 8-bit or 16-bit value over the data bus. If there is no component mapped to that address, this function will return random garbage values every time you try to peek into that address.

**outport/outportb**

**Arguments:** unsigned int address, unsigned int/unsigned char data

**Return value: none**

This function is used to place the **data** into the appropriate **address** in I/O space. It is used most often when working with processor registers that are mapped into I/O space and must be accessed using either one of these functions. This is also the function used in most cases when dealing with user-configured peripheral components.

When dealing with processor registers, be sure to use the correct function. Use **outport** if you are dealing with a 16-bit register.

**inport/inportb**

**Arguments:** unsigned int address

**Return value:** unsigned int/unsigned char data

This function can be used to retrieve data from components in I/O space. You will find that most

hardware options added to TERN controllers are mapped into I/O space, since memory space is valuable and is reserved for uses related to the code and data. Using I/O mappings, the address is output over the address bus, and the returned 16 or 8-bit value is the return value.

For a further discussion of I/O and memory mappings, please refer to the Hardware chapter of this technical manual.