

#JustBasic manual

Inspired by Sinclair BASIC.

Code formatting

You can freely format code: many commands in single line, tabs, etc. PICO tested w/ Putty. Copy & Paste supported.

Example

```
print "Hi" for k=1 to 10 print k next k
end
```

Program structure

Command 'end' is required following the last line of code. subroutines shall follow the 'end' command.

```
code
end
subroutines
```

Example

```
print "Hi!"
gosub doitagain
end
doitagain:
    print "Hi!"
return
```

System modes

Two modes using different prompts: user ('>' prompt) and enhanced ('#' prompt)

-U-MODE (aka single-line mode) can be entered by issuing: 'U' command; useful to run single line programs, for example:
m=3 data 2, 3, 4 sum=0 for i=1 to m read a sum=sum+a next i print "s=", sum, ", av= ", sum/m end
E – enter E-mode

-E-MODE (aka enhanced mode); can be entered by issuing: 'E' command; this mode supports many system commands:

? - shows quick info about the VM (version, list of available commands)

H – help – shows some program examples

U – enter U-mode

C – code – list current program code

R – run program

N – new – clear VM memory and code

B – bye – reboots the PICO in USB disk mode, in Windows version exists the VM

L - load program for persistent memory (auto.bas) - TBD

S – save program to persistent memory (auto.bas) - TBD

T- tech data (after 'R' - VM state incl. the runtime results, after 'N'->'L' - the state after initial tokenization)

Built-in editor

Every command is appended to the existing code. 'C' shows code and internal line numbers used for @N commands.

@N (e.g. @3) – removes Nth line of code (use C to see the line numbers)

@N cmd (e.g. @4 PRINT 5 – inserts 'PRINT 5' before line 4) inserts the new code line following the @N before the Nth line

Built-in debugger

T0 – disables tracing

T1 – enables stepping mode

T2 – normal run with tracing

The programming language

-ESC - break program when loading or running;

-DEBUG (enables/disables internal debug messages) – do we need it?

-REM - comment

-CLS – clear screen

-SYSMODE options: MATH(INT+INT/FLOAT); GRAPHIC(NONE, EXPLORER, OLED); CONSOLE(1st/2nd-core) - TBD

VARIABLES, EXPRESSIONS

-var types (suffix matters): INT (no suffix, name=expr), FLOAT (suffix '#', name#=expr), STRING (suffix '\$', name\$=expr)

-variable name: up to 8chars letter&digits starting w/ a letter(digits, '#', '\$', '_', ': ' accepted),

-var initialization: 1st-reference creates var(value=0); any variable can be assigned an expressions: var=expr;

-expressions: INT/FLOAT, +, -, *, /, %, (,), vars;

-array:1-dimension; INT/FLOAT supported; **STRING NOT supported**; DIM name(size); name(item)=expr

-strings supports only '+' in expressions + string functions and variables

Example

hi5=2

w#=2.5

name\$="John"

Example

DIM a(3)

a(0)=3

DIM(b#(3)

b#(0)=2.5

Example

sy=2*abs(-15) + a*20

v#:=fexpr; b#:=a#-2*(2+3)+abs(-1.0)+aa#(2);

Example

v\$="a"+a\$+left\$(str\$(13),1);

PRINT sexpr; VAL("-1")->-1

LOOPS & PROGRAM FLOW

-label name: up to 8chars letter & digits starting w/ a letter('_' accepted),

-loop/if nesting supported

-FOR var=expr TO expr [STEP expr] [] NEXT var; if STEP[default=1] is negative var decreases; FLOAT supported

Example

FOR i = 5 TO 1 STEP -1 NEXT I END

-WHILE expr1 op expr2 [code] ENDWHILE; **FLOAT supported**;

Example:

a=0 while a<5 print a a=a+1 endwhile end

-GOTO – label (aka name with colon); can be located everywhere (before and after the GOTO): Label: [code] GOTO label

Example

k=1

again:

print k k=k+1

if k<5 then goto again: endif

end

-GOSUB – label can be located everywhere (before and after the GOTO): Label: [code] RETURN GOSUB label

Example

gosub task0

end

task0: print "done" return

-IF conditions THEN [code] [ELSE] [code] ENDIF; FLOAT supported; AND/OR/NOT supported

Example

if a>1 and b#>3.4 then print "good" else print "bad" endif

-END last instruction (GOSUB labels can be located behind the END)

INPUT, OUTPUT, DATA

-PRINT expr, sexpr,...(separate items by ','); ';' at the end to skip NEW LINE;

Example

PRINT "How:", 6/3;

PRINT 1 (prints 1 w/ NEW LINE); PRINT 1; (prints 1 w/o NEW LINE)

-INPUT – assigns int/float/string values to var or array element: INPUT var, array_element, a\$, ...;

Example

INPUT a(2), d#, name\$

print a(2), d#, name\$

-DATA expr, fexpr, str; READ a, b#, d\$; RESTORE clears data pointer; INT/FLOAT/STR supported

Example

*DATA 1.5, 2*a; READ v, v#, v(), v#();*

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS

LEFT\$/RIGHT\$/MID\$, LEN/VAL(sexpr);

HEX\$/STR\$/CHR\$(expr);

SIN/COS/SQR/EXP/LOG;

RND/SGN/ABS

GETTICK/PAUSE

INKEY

HARDWARE SUPPORT

PEEK, POKE,

AREAD, AWRITE - TBD

PMODE, DREAD, DWRITE