

## #JustPicoBasic manual

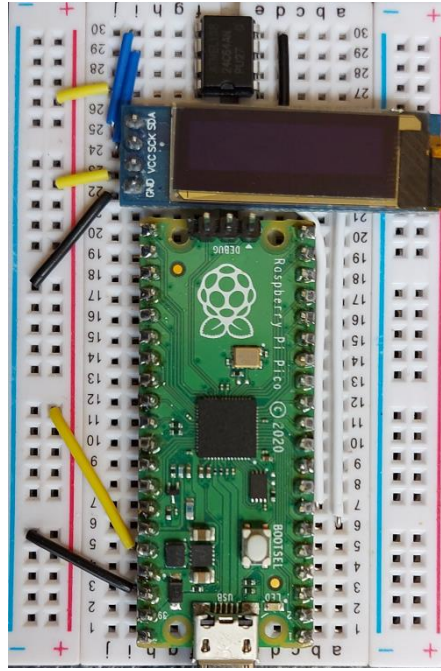
The project repository (i.e. binaries, manual, and examples) are available at: <https://github.com/bqolab/JustPicoBasic>

### Wiring

*NOTE: Current PICO running JustPicoBasic can boot without EEPROM and without OLED. Older JustPicoBasic versions need to press ESC when EEPROM is NOT available (otherwise the PICO gets stuck).*

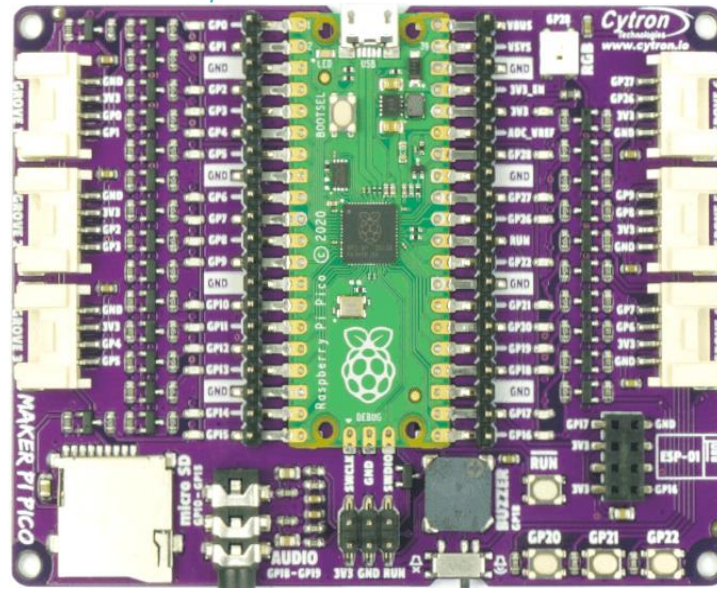
*NOTE: I2C addresses reserved for hardware auto-detection: OLED 0.91" - 0x3C, EEPROM 24c64 - 0x50*

#### 1. Original breadboard wiring: PICO I2C0(GP04, GP05), I2C OLED 0.91" , I2C EEPROM 24c64



#### 2. Cytron Maker Pi Pico board wiring: PICO I2C0(GP04, GP05), I2C OLED 0.91" , I2C EEPROM 24c64

*NOTE: Use Grove 3 connector with I2C hub to split the I2C bus into two devices*



### Getting started

Press the **BOOTSEL** button and hold it while you connect the other end of the micro USB cable to your PC. Copy the latest BASIC UF2 file (e.g. JustBasic-xx.uf2) to the PICO disk. Start a terminal emulator e.g. **TeraTerm** (use settings: **9600,8,N,1**). The PICO will boot. Enter '?' and press ENTER to see available commands.

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COM4 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
?
JustPicoBasic v1.0B50
(C) 2021 bg
HW: RP2040

SYSTEM: ?, l[load], s[save], c[code], r[run], n[new], b[bye], @n[], t0-t2

BASIC: integer, float, string, print, input, inkey, cls, data, read, restore, if, then, else,
endif, for, to, step, break, next, while, endwhile, goto, gosub, return, rem, abs, sin,
cos, exp, log, sqr, sgn, hex$, str$, chr$, asc, left$, mid$, right$, len, val, int, fix, di
m, end, ,, :, +, -, and, or, not, *, /, %, (, ), <, <=, >, >=, =, <>, ==, !=, rnd,

HW: peek, poke, pause, gettick, pmode, dwrite, awrite, dread, aread, lplot, ldraw, lcircle,
lprint, at, lref, lcls, iinit, ideinit, ireadable, iwriteable, iread, iwrite, uinit, udeini
t, unreadable, unwritable, uread, uwrite, sinit, sdeinit, sreadable, swritable, sread, swrite
, ts, esc, oled, tech, sm,

CONST: IN, OUT, PULLUP, PULLDOWN, ADC, PWM, TSENSOR, I2C0, I2C1, UART0, UART1, SPI0, SPI1,
HIGH, LOW, ENABLE, DISABLE,

#

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Enter an example BASIC program (you can use Copy & Paste)

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pmode 25,OUT
for k=1 to 5
    dwrite 25,HIGH pause 500
    dwrite 25,LOW pause 500
next k
end

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Use ‘c’ or ‘cc’ to see the code, ‘r’ to run the code. The built-in LED will blink. The ‘n’ clears the program memory. You can use @N (e.g. @0) to delete Nth line or @N <code> (@0 print 1) to insert the line of code. Capital and small letters accepted for keywords (i.e. ‘CLS’ equals ‘cls’). For the names small and capital letters are recognized (i.e. ‘as’ is different than ‘AS’)

NOTE: If you use TeraTerm and some characters are lost during Copy & Paste operation consider increasing the ‘Paste delay per line’ in Setup->Additional Settings->Copy and Paste

**Program structure**

Program Structure	Description/Comments	Example
<pre> gosub subr1 end subr1:     [subr1 code] return </pre>	Command ‘end’ has to be the last line of the main code. Subroutines have to follow the ‘end’.	<pre> gosub callme end callme:     print "Hi!" return </pre>

**System commands**

Command	Description/Comments	Example
ESC key	Stop the running program or stop initial loading program while booting	
?	Shows info about the VM (version, available commands)	
c, cc	c-show the code w/ line numbers, cc-show the code w/o line numbers	
r	Run – run code from SRAM memory	
r <code>	Run - run single line of code NOT stored in memory (ad-hoc)	r for i=1 to 5 print i next i end
n	New – clear VM memory and code	

<i>b</i>	Bye: PICO – reboot VM in disk mode, Windows - exist	
<i>l</i>	l - Load program from EEPROM (auto.bas)	
<i>s</i>	s - Save program to EEPROM (auto.bas)	
<i>ee</i>	<i>ee - EEPROM erase – now command disabled</i>	
<i>ed</i>	ed - EEPROM dump – show EEPROM content	
<i>is 0/1</i>	I2C scan devices (bus: 0 or 1); <i>NOTE: 'is' stuck when a bus not terminated</i>	<i>is 0 is 1</i>
<i>t0/t1/t2</i>	<b>Program Flow Tracing:</b> t0 – OFF; t1 - Step Mode; t2 – Cont Mode	<i>t1/t2 - enable tracing mode</i>
<i>@N</i>	<b>Pico Editor:</b> @N - delete N-th line	<i>@3 – removes 3rd line of code</i>
<i>@N &lt;code&gt;</i>	<b>Pico Editor:</b> @N <code> - insert <code> before N-th line	<i>@4 cls – insert 'cls' before line 4</i>

## The BASIC language

### VARIABLES & EXPRESSIONS

#### **Suffix-based (suffix #, \$, OR no suffix to declare variable type) varname and array syntax**

- variable name: up to 8chars letter&digits starting w/ a letter (digits, '#', '\$', '\_', ': ' accepted)
- expr(arithmetic expression): combination of INT/FLOAT and ops/brackets( +, -, \*, /, %, (, )) and INT/FLOAT vars;
- sexpr(string expression): combination of string, string functions (with suffix \$) and string vars (with suffix \$) and '+' op
- variable type differentiation through the suffix (no suffix – integer, '#' suffix – float, '\$' suffix – string)
- hex integer format supported, e.g. 0xAA
- array index counts from 0 (for: DIM a(3) available array elements are referred by a(0), a(1), a(2))
- string arrays must have 2-dimensions e.g. DIM a\$(2,5) – 2 strings, maximum length of a string is 5 characters; string arrays are always referred through single index a\$(0), a\$(1) for DIM a\$(2,5) array
- array size can be an expression

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>var=expr</i>	INT var, name=expr, 1 <sup>st</sup> -reference creates var(value=0);	<i>sy=2*abs(-15) + a*20</i>
<i>var#=expr</i>	FLOAT var (# suffix), name#=expr, 1 <sup>st</sup> -reference creates var w/ value=0	<i>w#=2*a#+abs(-1.0)</i>
<i>var\$=sexpr</i>	STR var (\$ suffix), name\$=sexpr	<i>v\$=a\$+left\$(str\$(13),1)</i>
<i>DIM var(s1[,s2]), var#(s1[,s2]), var\$(s1,s2)</i>	1 or 2-dimensions integer/float array; 2-dimensions string array; multi-array declaration (array names separated by comma)	<i>DIM a(3), b#(4,4), c\$(4,5)</i>
<i>var(expr[,expr])=expr</i>	INT: name(item)=expr	<i>a(0)=3</i>
<i>var#(expr[,exp])=expr</i>	FLOAT: name#(item)=expr	<i>b#(0)=2.5</i>
<i>var\$(expr)=sexpr</i>	STRING: name\$(item)=sexpr	<i>c\$(2)="abc"</i>

### BUILT-IN CONSTANTS

Command	Description	Example
<i>HIGH (1), LOW (0)</i>	Generic const	<i>dwrite 1,low</i>
<i>IN, OUT, PULLUP, PULLDOWN, ADC, PWM, TSENSOR, I2C0, I2C1, UART0, UART1, SPI0, SPI1</i>	HW const	<i>pmode 2,out</i>

#### **Suffixless varname and array syntax**

- variable needs to be declared (if not declared integer type is assumed), multi-declaration in single command supported
- initialization during the declaration phase is not supported yet
- array index counts from 0 (for: DIM a(3) available array elements are referred by a(0), a(1), a(2))
- string arrays have always 2-dimensions e.g. string a(2,5) – two 5-chars strings; string arrays are referred via single index a(0) then
- array size can be an expression

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>integer vname, vname2(s1[,s2]),...</i>	Declare integer var or 1/2-dimensional array; value=0 set	<i>integer a, b(8,2) b(0,0)=1</i>
<i>float vname, vname2(s1[,s2]),...</i>	Declare float var or 1/2-dimensional array; value=0 set	<i>float c, b(0,0)=1.0</i>
<i>string vname, vname2(s1,s2),...</i>	Declare string var or 2-dims string array; value=null set	<i>string b(2,4) a(1)="no"</i>

## PROGRAM FLOW CONTROL

-lexpr: combination of expressions, conditionals(>,<,>=,<=,'=','==','<>','!=') and logical operators (AND,OR,NOT); e.g. a>5 AND gettick()<1000;

NOTE: the '<>' is equivalent to '!=', the '=' is equivalent to '=='

NOTE: The for-loop STEP/TO values are evaluated only once and their values are kept in static structures like tables. This is likely to change in the future (either STEP/TO will be evaluated in each for-cycle or STEP/TO values will be kept on the return stack) allowing for-loop usage in recurrent calls.

Command	Description/Comments	Example
FOR v=expr TO expr [STEP expr] [code] NEXT var	If STEP[default=1] is negative var decreases; INT/FLOAT supported; loop nesting supported	FOR k = 5 TO 1 STEP -1 NEXT k END
WHILE lexpr [code] ENDWHILE	INT/FLOAT supported; loop nesting supported; cond: AND/OR/NOT supported;	REM Simple while-loop a=0 while a<5 print a a=a+1 endwhile REM Wait for 500msec (non-blocking) waitTime=500 t_start=gettick() while gettick()<t_start+waitTime endwhile
BREAK	Can be used in FOR and WHILE loops.	while 1>0 k=inkey() if(k!=0) then print k endif if(k==113) then break endif endwhile
IF lexpr THEN [code] [ELSE] [code] ENDIF	INT/FLOAT supported; nesting supported AND/OR/NOT) supported;	if a>1 and b#>3.4 then print "ok" else print "bad" endif
label: GOTO label	Label name starts with a letter, terminated by colon; up to 8 letter & digits( plus '_ ');	k=1 again: print k k=k+1 if k<5 then goto again: endif
GOSUB label	Label must be located after END	gosub task0 end
label: RETURN	label: [code] RETURN	task0: print "done" return
END	Last instruction. GOSUB labels follows END	

## INPUT, OUTPUT, DATA

Command	Description/Comments	Example
PRINT expr[, sexpr], [;]	Prints expr, sexpr separated by ',' ';' to skip NEW LINE	PRINT "6/3=", 6/3 (with NEW LINE) PRINT 1; (w/o NEW LINE because of ';')
INPUT var,...	Assign int/float/str values to (array) var	INPUT a(2), d#, n\$ print a(2), d#, n\$
DATA expr, sexpr;	INT/FLOAT/STR supported	DATA 1.5, 2*a
READ a, b#, d\$	Assign DATA specified input to vars	READ v, v#, v(), v#();
RESTORE	Reset data pointer	
CLS	Clear Screen	cls
REM	Comment	rem MyFunc

## BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS

Command	Description/Comments	Example
LEFT\$(sexpr, expr)	Left part of the string	k\$=LEFT\$("abc", 2) + "123" i=12
RIGHT\$(sexpr, expr)	Right part of the string	
MID\$(sexpr,expr,expr)	Middle of the string	i\$=MID\$(STR\$(i),2,3) PRINT i\$
HEX\$(expr)	Hex\$(expr to hex string)	PRINT HEX\$(NOT(0x0F))
STR\$(expr)	Str\$(expr to string)	
CHR\$(expr)	Chr\$(expr%256 to ascii e.g. 65 to 'A')	a=65 d\$=chr\$(a)
LEN(sexpr)	LEN(string length)	PRINT LEN("1234")->4
VAL(sexpr)	Val(string to value)	PRINT VAL("-1234")+1->-1233
ASC(sexpr)	ASC(ascii code of the 1 <sup>st</sup> char of the string)	PRINT ASC("AB")->65
SIN(expr)	Sine	PRINT "SIN:",SIN(3.14/6)
COS(expr)	Cosine	PRINT "COS:",COS(3.14/6)



<i>SQR(expr)</i>	Square root	<i>PRINT "SQRT:", SQR(5)</i>
<i>EXP(expr)</i>	Exponential	<i>PRINT "EXP:", EXP(1)</i>
<i>LOG(expr)</i>	Logarithm	<i>PRINT "LOG:", LOG(2.71)</i>
<i>SGN(expr)</i>	Sign	<i>PRINT "SGN:", SGN(-5)</i>
<i>ABS(expr)</i>	Absolute	<i>PRINT "ABS:", ABS(-5)</i>
<i>RND(max)</i>	Hw-based rnd generator + von Neuman whitenizer	<i>PRINT "RND: ", RND(1000)</i>
<i>GETTICK()</i>	Tick number	<i>a=gettick()</i>
<i>PAUSE msec</i>	Delay (blocking) in msec	<i>PAUSE 2*500</i>
<i>INKEY()</i>	Pressed key, OR 0; non-blocking (no-waiting)	
<i>INT(expr)</i>	QBASIC like	<i>a=INT(1.1) b=INT(-1.1) PRINT a, ", ", b (1,-2)</i>
<i>FIX(expr)</i>		<i>c=FIX(1.9) d=FIX(-1.9) PRINT c, ", ", d (1,-1)</i>
<i>AND(expr,expr)</i>		<i>PRINT AND(0x3,0xF)</i>
<i>OR(expr,expr)</i>		<i>PRINT OR(0x3,0xF)</i>
<i>NOT(expr)</i>		<i>PRINT HEX\$(NOT(0x0F))</i>

#### POKE & PEEK SUPPORT

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>POKE addr,value</i>	Memory write; hex format supported	<i>REM SYSTICK (ST)</i>
<i>PEEK(addr)</i>	Memory read; hex format supported	<i>STCSR=0xe000e010 STRVR=0xe000e014 STCVR=0xe000e018 poke STCSR,0 poke STRVR,0x1e847 poke STCSR,5 for k=0 to 9 print and(peek(STCVR),0xFFFFF) pause 100 next k</i>

#### GPIO SUPPORT

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>PMODE pin,mode</i>	m: const: IN,OUT,PULLUP,PULLDOWN, ADC, PWM, TSENSOR	<i>pmode 100, tsensor temp= aread(100)</i>
<i>AREAD(pin)</i>	Read analog pin; pins=26-29; pin=100 – temperature virtual pin	<i>pmode 26, adc voltage=aread(26) pmode 100,tsensor temp= aread(100)</i>
<i>AWRITE pin,cycle</i>	PWM duty=cycle/65535,cycle<65535	<i>pmode 22, pwm awrite 22, 16000</i>
<i>DREAD(pin)</i>	Read digital pin	<i>y=15 pmode y,in pmode y,pullup for k=1 to 2 step 0 pause 50 print dread(y) next k</i>
<i>DWRITE pin,value</i>	Write digital pin	<i>pmode 25,out dwrite 25,high pause 3000 dwrite 25,low</i>

#### GRAPHIC LCD/OLED SUPPORT (currently: OLED 0.91" supported)

*NOTE: use 'lref' to refresh the screen as ALL the lxxx command update only the memory buffer*

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>LPLOT X, Y</i>	Draw point at X, Y	<i>for x=0 to 127 lplot x,fix(15+15*sin(6.28*x/128)) next x lref</i>
<i>LDRAW X0, Y0, X1, Y1</i>	Draw line from X0, Y0 to X1, Y1	<i>ldraw 10, 10, 20,20 lref</i>
<i>LCIRCLE x, y, r</i>	Draw circle at x, y, r	<i>lcircle 15, 15, 10</i>
<i>LPRINT expr, sexpr [AT x,y]</i>	Print expr, sexpr separated by ',' [AT x, y] (default 0,0)	<i>lprint "2+2=", 2+2 AT 10,10 lref</i>
<i>LCLS</i>	Clear Screen	<i>lcls lref</i>
<i>LREF</i>	Refresh LCD (copy mem to LCD)	<i>lref</i>

#### TONE SUPPORT (tested on piezo)

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>TONE pin, freq</i>	Start PWM square signal at freq, duty 50% on a pin; freq>10Hz; non-blocking;	<i>TONE 18, 440</i>
<i>NOTONE pin</i>	Stop generating the signal on a pin	<i>NOTONE 18</i>

#### SERVO SUPPORT (tested on Tower Pro Sg90 where the pulse is between 500-2400 usec) - EXPERIMENTAL

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>SERVO pin, angle</i>	Enable servo on a pin, set the angle (0...180 deg); optional: set min/max pulse	<i>SERVO 19, 90</i>

<i>[pulsemin, pulsemax]</i>	<i>in usec(default: 500/2000usec, allowed min/max values: 500-2400usec)</i>	<i>SERVO 19, 60, 500, 2400</i>
<i>NOSERVO pin</i>	<i>Disable servo on a pin</i>	<i>NOSERVO 19</i>

## I2C/UART/SPI SUPPORT

- the API is based on the PICO SDK API; all xREAD/xWRITE are blocking (*can wait for the data forever*);
- non-blocking approach possible by checking if the fifo is empty using xREADABLE/xWRITEABLE functions

*NOTE: Internal buffer size = 256 (max number of bytes to read/write);*

*NOTE: SPI csn is controlled through gpio (dwrite)*

*NOTE: UART data,stop,parity options are NOT supported now*

*NOTE: SPI format is NOT supported now*

*NOTE: string is preferred to WRITE commands, for READ command need to allocate fake string to space the read data*

Command	Description/Comments	Example
<i>IINIT in, sda, scl[,baud]</i> <i>UINIT in, tx, rx[,baud[,data,stop,parity]]</i> <i>SINIT in, tx, rx, sck[,baud[,format]]</i>	<i>initialize hw; sda/scl/tx/rc/sck: GPIO</i> <i>in: i2c0, i2c1, uart0, uart1, spi0, spi1</i> <i>defaults: i2c:400k; uart:115.2k,8,N,1; spi:10M</i>	<i>REM UART loop-test</i> <i>l=8</i> <i>integer bi(l), bo(l)</i> <i>for k=0 to l-1 bi(k)=k next k</i> <i>uinit uart0, 0, 1, 9600</i> <i>uwrite uart0, bi, l</i> <i>pause 100</i> <i>uread uart0, bo, l</i> <i>udeinit uart0</i> <i>end</i>
<i>IREAD in, ad, arr, len, nstop</i> <i>UREAD in, arr, len</i> <i>SREAD in, arr, len</i>	<i>read / write operations</i> <i>ad: i2c device address;</i> <i>arr: array name for read;</i>	<i>-----</i>
<i>IWRITE in, ad, arr/str, len, nstop</i> <i>UWRITE in, arr/str, len</i> <i>SWRITE in, arr/str, len</i>	<i>arr/str: array OR string name for write;</i> <i>len: number of bytes to read/write;</i> <i>nstop: 1-no Stop issued, 0-Stop issued</i>	<i>REM MAX7219 (SPI test)</i> <i>TESTREG=0x0F</i> <i>tx=11 rx=12 sck=10 csn=13</i> <i>baud=10000000 ll=2</i> <i>integer buf(ll)</i> <i>pmode csn,OUT</i> <i>sinit spi1, tx, rx, sck, baud</i> <i>buf(0)=TESTREG buf(1)=0x1</i> <i>gosub MaxWrite</i> <i>pause 1000</i> <i>buf(0)=TESTREG buf(1)=0x0</i> <i>gosub MaxWrite</i> <i>sdeinit spi1</i> <i>end</i> <i>MaxWrite:</i> <i>    dwrite csn, LOW</i> <i>    swrite spi1, buf, ll</i> <i>    dwrite csn, HIGH</i> <i>return</i>
<i>IDEINIT in; UDEINIT in; SDEINIT in</i>	<i>de-initialize hw</i>	
<i>IREADABLE(in); IWRITABLE(in)</i> <i>UREADABLE(in); UWRITABLE(in)</i> <i>SREADABLE(in); SWRITABLE(in)</i>	<i>for non-blocking write / write</i> <i>returns: 0,1;</i>	