

dastaZ80 Mark I

Programmer's Reference Guide

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The following conventions are used in this manual:

MUST	MUST denotes that the definition is and absolute requirement.
SHOULD	SHOULD denotes that it is recommended, but that there may exist valid reasons to ignore it.
DEVICE	Device names are displayed in bold all upper case letters, and refer to hardware devices.
<code>Courier</code>	Text appearing in the <code>Courier</code> font represents either an OS System Variable a Z80 CPU Register or a Z80 Flag. OS System Variables are identifiers for specific MEMORY addresses that can be used to read statuses and to pass information between routines or programs.
<code>0x14B0</code>	Numbers prefixed by 0x indicate an Hexadecimal value. Unless specified, memory addresses are always expressed in Hexadecimal.
<code>F_abcdef</code>	Text starting with F_ refers to the name of an OS routine that can be called via Jumpblocks.
<code>jp abcdef</code>	Refers to the Z80 mnemonic for <i>jump</i> , which transfers the CPU Program Counter to a specific MEMORY address.

The SD card is referred as **DISK**.

The 80 column VGA output is referred as **CONSOLE**.

The Operating System may be referred as DZOS, dzOS or simply OS.

MEMORY refers to both **ROM** and **RAM**.

In the list of routines, the **Destroys** lists the **CPU** registers and **MEMORY** System Variables that are destroyed by the routine in question. But bare in mind that a routine may call other routines that may destroy other registers and variables. Refer to the **Calls** list to check the entire flow. By *Destroys* is understood that the listed register or variable value is overwritten within the routine.

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1 Memory Map

1.1 ROM

Address		Description		Size (bytes)
0x0008	0x01D9	init SIO/2	BIOS	466
0x01DA	0x133F	BIOS code		4,462
0x1340	0x13BF	BIOS Jumpblock		128
0x13C0	0x267F	Kernel code	Kernel	4,800
0x2670	0x267F	dzOS version build		16
0x2680	0x277F	Kernel Jumpblock		256
0x2780	0x3B3F	CLI code	CLI	5,056
0x3B40	0x3C3F	Bootstrap	BOOTSTRAP	256
0x3C40	0x3FFF	Free		960

1.2 RAM

Address		Description		Size (bytes)
0x4000	0x401F	Stack		32
0x4020	0x4174	System Variables		341
SIO	0x4020	SIO_CH_A_BUFFER		64
	0x4060	SIO_CH_A_IN_PTR		2
	0x4062	SIO_CH_A_RD_PTR		2
	0x4064	SIO_CH_A_BUFFER_USED		1
	0x4065	SIO_CH_B_BUFFER		64
	0x40A5	SIO_CH_B_IN_PTR		2
	0x40A7	SIO_CH_B_RD_PTR		2
	0x40A9	SIO_CH_B_BUFFER_USED		1
DISK Superblock	0x40AA	DISK_is_formatted		1
	0x40AB	DISK_show_deleted		1
	0x40AC	DISK_cur_sector		2
DISK BAT	0x40BC	DISK_cur_file_attrbs		1
	0x40BD	DISK_cur_file_time_created		2
	0x40BF	DISK_cur_file_date_created		2
	0x40C1	DISK_cur_file_time_modified		2
	0x40C3	DISK_cur_file_date_modified		2
	0x40C5	DISK_cur_file_size_bytes		2
	0x40C7	DISK_cur_file_size_sectors		1
	0x40C8	DISK_cur_file_entry_number		2
	0x40CA	DISK_cur_file_1st_sector		2
	0x40CC	DISK_cur_file_load_addr		2
CLI	0x40CE	CLI.buffer_cmd		16
	0x40DE	CLI.buffer_parm1_val		16
	0x40EE	CLI.buffer_parm2_val		16

Address		Description	Size (bytes)
		0x40FE CLI_buffer_pgm	32
		0x411E CLI_buffer_full_cmd	64
RTC	0x415E	RTC_hour	1
	0x415F	RTC_minutes	1
	0x4160	RTC_seconds	1
	0x4161	RTC_century	1
	0x4162	RTC_year	1
	0x4163	RTC_year4	2
	0x4165	RTC_month	1
	0x4166	RTC_day	1
	0x4167	RTC_day_of_the_week	1
Math	0x4168	MATH_CRC	2
	0x416A	MATH_polynomial	2
Generic	0x416C	SD_status	1
	0x416D	tmp_addr1	2
	0x416F	tmp_addr2	2
	0x4171	tmp_addr3	2
	0x4173	tmp_byte	1
	0x4174	tmp_byte2	1
0x4175	0x421F	Reserved for future use	171
0x4220	0x441F	DISK Buffer	512
0x4420	0xFFFF	Free RAM	48,096

2 I/O Map

ROM / RAM	0x38	ROM Paging
	0x80	Channel A Control
SIO	0x81	Channel A Data
	0x82	Channel B Control
	0x83	Channel B Data

3 BIOS Jumpblocks

3.1 General Routines

3.1.1 F_BIOS_WBOOT

Action	Warm Boot. Executed after SIO/2 initialisation, or after a <i>reset</i> command
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	None
Calls	<i>jp</i> F_KRN_START

3.1.2 F_BIOS_SYSHALT

Action	Halts the computer. Executed after a <i>halt</i> command
Entry	None
Exit	Disables Interrupts (di)
Destroys	None
Calls	None

3.2 Serial Routines

3.2.1 F_BIOS_SERIAL_INIT

Action	Initialises SIO/2 : sets Channels A and B as 115,000 bps, 8N1, Interrupt in all characters Configures the interrupt vector to 0x60 Sets the CPU to Interrupt Mode 2 Enables Interrupts
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, HL
Calls	<i>jp</i> F_BIOS_WBOOT

3.2.2 F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_A

Action	Reads a character from the SIO/2 Channel A
Entry	None
Exit	A = character read
Destroys	A
Calls	None

3.2.3 F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

Action	Reads a character from the SIO/2 Channel B
Entry	None
Exit	A = character read
Destroys	A
Calls	None

3.2.4 F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

Action	Sends a character to the SIO/2 Channel A
Entry	A = character to be send
Exit	None
Destroys	None
Calls	None

3.2.5 F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B

Action	Sends a character to the SIO/2 Channel B
Entry	A = character to be send
Exit	None
Destroys	None
Calls	None

3.3 DISK Routines

3.3.1 F_BIOS_SD_BUSY_WAIT

Action	Calls ASMDC to check if the DISK is busy, and loops until it is not busy.
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.3.2 F_BIOS_SD_GET_STATUS

Action	Calls ASMDC to check the status of the SD Card module.
Entry	None
Exit	<i>SD_status</i> bit 0 = set if SD card was not found bit 1 = set if image file was not found bit 2 = set if last command resulted in error
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.3.3 F_BIOS_SD_READ_SEC

Action	Reads a Sector (512 bytes), from the DISK and places the bytes into the CF_BUFFER_START
Entry	E = sector address LBA 0 (bits 0-7) D = sector address LBA 1 (bits 8-15) C = sector address LBA 2 (bits 16-23) B = sector address LBA 3 (bits 24-27) BC are not used (set to zero), because max sector is 65,535
Exit	CF_BUFFER_START contains the 512 bytes read
Destroys	A, B, HL, DISK_BUFFER_START
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.3.4 F_BIOS_SD_WRITE_SEC

Action	Writes a Sector (512 bytes), from the DISK_BUFFER_START into the DISK
Entry	E = sector address LBA 0 (bits 0-7) D = sector address LBA 1 (bits 8-15) C = sector address LBA 2 (bits 16-23) B = sector address LBA 3 (bits 24-27) BC are not used (set to zero), because max sector is 65,535
Exit	DISK_BUFFER_START contains the 512 bytes written
Destroys	A, HL, DISK_BUFFER_START
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.3.5 F_BIOS_SD_PARK_DISKS

Action	Tells ASMDC to close the Image File
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B

3.3.6 F_BIOS_SD_MOUNT_DISKS

Action	Tells ASMDC to open the Image File
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_BUSY F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B

3.4 Real-Time Clock Routines

3.4.1 F_BIOS_RTC_GET_TIME

Action	Gets the current time from the ASMDC , and stores hour, minutes and seconds as hexadecimal values in SYSVAR s.
Entry	None
Exit	RTC_hour, RTC_minutes, RTC_seconds
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.4.2 F_BIOS_RTC_GET_DATE

Action	Gets the current date from the ASMDC , and stores day, month, year and day of the week as hexadecimal values in SYSVAR s.
Entry	None
Exit	RTC_day, RTC_month, RTC_year, RTC_day_of_the_week
Destroys	A, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.4.3 F_BIOS_RTC_SET_TIME

Action	Tells ASMDC to store a new hour, minutes and seconds.
Entry	RTC_hour, RTC_minutes, RTC_seconds
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B

3.4.4 F_BIOS_RTC_SET_DATE

Action	Tells ASMDC to store a new day, month, year and day of the week.
Entry	RTC_day, RTC_month, RTC_year, RTC_day_of_the_week
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B

3.4.5 F_BIOS_CHECK_BATTERY

Action	Asks the ASMDC if the battery is healthy or has to be replaced.
Entry	None
Exit	A = 0x0A (Healthy) / 0x00 (Dead)
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

3.5 NVRAM Routines

3.5.1 F_BIOS_NVRAM_DETECT

Action	Asks the ASMDC if the NVRAM is present.
Entry	None
Exit	length (in bytes) of the NVRAM, or 0xFF if not detected.
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_B F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_B

4 Kernel Jumpblocks

4.1 General Routines

4.1.1 F_KRN_SYSHALT

Action	Prepares the computer for a <i>HALT</i> .
Entry	None.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_PARK_DISKS F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTRCLR

4.2 Serial Routines

4.2.1 F_KRN_SERIAL_SETFGCOLR

Action	Set the colour that will be used for the foreground (text). The colour will remain until a different one is set.
Entry	A = Colour number (as listed in Appendixes section)
Exit	None
Destroys	B, DE
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A <i>jp</i> F_KRN_SERIAL_SEND_ANSI_CODE

4.2.2 F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTR

Action	Outputs a string, terminated with Carriage Return to the CONSOLE .
Entry	HL = address in MEMORY where the first character of the string to be output is.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.3 F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTRCLR

Action	Outputs a string, terminated with Carriage Return to the CONSOLE , with a specific foreground colour.
Entry	A = Colour number (as listed in Appendixes section) HL = address in MEMORY where the first character of the string to be output is.
Exit	None
Destroys	B, DE
Calls	F_KRN_SERIAL_SETFGCOLR <i>jp</i> F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTR

4.2.4 F_KRN_SERIAL_WR6DIG_NOLZEROS

Action	Outputs to the CONSOLE a string of ASCII characters representing a number, without outputting the leading zeros. (.e.g. 30 30 31 32 30 34 is 001204, but the output will be 1024)
Entry	IX = address in MEMORY where the ASCII characters are stored.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, B, DE, IX
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.5 F_KRN_SERIAL_RDCHARECHO

Action	Reads with echo. Reads a character from the SIO/2 Channel A, and outputs it to the CONSOLE .
Entry	None
Exit	A = read character.
Destroys	None
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_A F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.6 F_KRN_SERIAL_EMPTYLINES

Action	Outputs <i>n</i> number of empty lines to the CONSOLE .
Entry	B = number (<i>n</i>) of empty lines to output.
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.7 F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_NIBBLE

Action	Outputs a single hexadecimal nibble in hexadecimal notation.
Entry	A = nibble to output. Nibble will be the less significant 4 bits of the byte.
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.8 F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTE

Action	Outputs a single hexadecimal byte in hexadecimal notation.
Entry	A = byte to output.
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.9 F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTES

Action	Outputs n number of bytes as ASCII characters.
Entry	B = number (n) of bytes to output. HL = address in MEMORY where the first byte to output is.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.2.10 F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_WORD

Action	Outputs the 4 hexadecimal digits of a word in hexadecimal notation.
Entry	HL = word to be output.
Exit	None
Destroys	A
Calls	F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTE

4.2.11 F_KRN_SERIAL_SEND_ANSI_CODE

Action	Writes an ANSI code to the SIO/2 Channel A.
Entry	DE = address in MEMORY where the first byte of ANSI escape code is. B = number of bytes in the ANSI escape code.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE
Calls	F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.3 DZFS (file system) Routines

4.3.1 F_KRN_DZFS_READ_SUPERBLOCK

Action	Reads 512 bytes from Sector 0 (corresponding to the DZFS <i>Superblock</i>) into the disk buffer in MEMORY . If the <i>Superblock</i> does not contain the correct DZFS signature, <code>DISK_is_formatted</code> is set to 0x00. Otherwise, is set to 0x01.
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE, <code>DISK_is_formatted</code>
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_READ_SEC

4.3.2 F_KRN_DZFS_READ_BAT_SECTOR

Action	Reads a BAT Sector from DISK into MEMORY .
Entry	<code>DISK_cur_sector</code> holds the sector number for the BAT.
Exit	<code>DISK Buffer</code> contains the BAT sector.
Destroys	HL
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_SEC_TO_BUFFER

4.3.3 F_KRN_DZFS_BATENTRY_TO_BUFFER

Action	Extracts the data of a BAT entry from the <code>DISK Buffer</code> in MEMORY and populates the values into System variables.
Entry	A = BAT entry number to extract data from.
Exit	<code>DISK BAT System Variables</code> are populated. See RAM Memory Map for details.
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, IX, <code>tmp_addr1</code>
Calls	F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW

4.3.4 F_KRN_DZFS_SEC_TO_BUFFER

Action	Loads a Sector (512 bytes) from the DISK and copies the bytes into the <code>DISK Buffer</code> in MEMORY .
Entry	HL = Sector number to load.
Exit	<code>DISK Buffer</code> contains the bytes of Sector loaded.
Destroys	DE, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_READ_SEC

4.3.5 F_KRN_DZFS_GET_FILE_BATENTRY

Action	Gets the BAT's entry number of a specified filename.
Entry	HL = Address where the filename to check is stored
Exit	BAT Entry values are stored in the SYSVARS. DE = \$0000 if filename found. Otherwise, whatever value had at start.
Destroys	A, B, DE, HL, tmp_byte, tmp_addr2, tmp_addr3
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_SEC_TO_BUFFER F_KRN_DZFS_BATENTRY_TO_BUFFER F_KRN_STRLENMAX F_KRN_STRCMP

4.3.6 F_KRN_DZFS_LOAD_FILE_TO_RAM

Action	Load a file from DISK . Copies the bytes stored in the DISK into MEMORY , at the specified MEMORY address in the BAT.
Entry	DE = 1st sector number in the DISK . IX = file length in sectors.
Exit	None
Destroys	BC, DE, HL, IX, tmp_addr1
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_READ_SEC

4.3.7 F_KRN_DZFS_DELETE_FILE

Action	Marks a file as deleted. The mark is done by changing the first character of the filename to 0x7E (~)
Entry	DE = BAT Entry number.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE, HL,
Calls	F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD

4.3.8 F_KRN_DZFS_CHGATTR_FILE

Action	Changes the attributes (RHSE) of a file.
Entry	DE = BAT Entry number. A = attributes mask byte.
Exit	None
Destroys	DE, HL,
Calls	F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD

4.3.9 F_KRN_DZFS_RENAME_FILE

Action	Changes the name of a file.
Entry	IY = MEMORY address where the new filename is stored. DE = BAT Entry number.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, IY
Calls	F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD

4.3.10 F_KRN_DZFS_FORMAT_SD

Action	Formats a DISK with DZFS.
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the disk label is stored.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, IX, IY, tmp_addr1, tmp_byte
Calls	F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTR F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_SN F_KRN_RTC_GET_DATE F_BIOS_RTC_GET_TIME F_KRN_BCD_TO_ASCII F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD4 F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD6 F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD F_KRN_SETMEMRNG F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A F_BIOS_SD_PARK_DISKS F_BIOS_SD_MOUNT_DISKS

4.3.11 F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_SN

Action	Calculates the Serial Number (4 bytes) for a DISK .
Entry	IX = MEMORY address where the serial number will be stored.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, IX
Calls	F_BIOS_RTC_GET_DATE F_BIOS_RTC_GET_TIME F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW

4.3.12 F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD

Action	Calls the BIOS subroutine that will store the data (512 bytes) currently in DISK Buffer in MEMORY , to the DISK .
Entry	DISK_cur_sector = the sector number in the DISK that will be written.
Exit	None
Destroys	BC, DE
Calls	F_BIOS_SD_WRITE_SEC

4.3.13 F_KRN_DZFS_GET_BAT_FREE_ENTRY

Action	Get number of available BAT entry.
Entry	None
Exit	DISK_cur_file_entry_number = entry number.
Destroys	A, IY, CF_cur_sector, CF_cur_file_entry_number
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_READ_BAT_SECTOR F_KRN_DZFS_BATENTRY_TO_BUFFER

4.3.14 F_KRN_DZFS_ADD_BAT_ENTRY

Action	Adds a BAT entry into the DISK .
Entry	DE = BAT entry number. DISK_cur_sector = Sector number where the BAT Entry is in the DISK . DISK_BUFFER_START = Sector (512 bytes) containing the BAT where the entry is. DISK BAT = BAT Entry data that will be saved to DISK .
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW

4.3.15 F_KRN_DZFS_CREATE_NEW_FILE

Action	Creates a new file (and its corresponding BAT Entry) in the DISK , from bytes stored in MEMORY .
Entry	HL = MEMORY address of the first byte to be stored. BC = number of bytes to be stored in the DISK . IX = MEMORY address where the filename is stored.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, IX, tmp_addr1, tmp_addr2, tmp_addr3, tmp_byte
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_GET_BAT_FREE_ENTRY F_KRN_DIV1616 F_KRN_MULTIPLY1616 F_KRN_COPYMEM512 F_KRN_CLEAR_MEMAREA F_KRN_CLEAR_DISKBUFFER F_KRN_DZFS_SECTOR_TO_SD F_BIOS_SD_BUSY_WAIT F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTRCLR F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_FILETIME F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_FILEDATE F_KRN_DZFS_SEC_TO_BUFFER F_KRN_DZFS_ADD_BAT_ENTRY

4.3.16 F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_FILETIME

Action	Packs current Real-Time Clock time into two bytes, which is the format used to store times (created/modified) for files in the DISK . The formula used is: $2048 * hours + 32 * minutes + seconds/2$
Entry	None
Exit	HL = RTC time
Destroys	A, DE, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_RTC_GET_TIME

4.3.17 F_KRN_DZFS_CALC_FILEDATE

Action	Packs current Real-Time Clock date into two bytes, which is the format used to store dates (created/modified) for files in the DISK . The formula used is: $512 * (year - 2000) + month * 32 + day$
Entry	None
Exit	HL = RTC date
Destroys	A, DE, HL
Calls	F_BIOS_RTC_GET_DATE

4.3.18 F_KRN_DZFS_SHOW_DISKINFO_SHORT

Action	Outputs to the CONSOLE some information of the DISK : volume label, serial number, date/time creation.
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTRCLR F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTE F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTES F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A F_KRN_SERIAL_EMPTYLINES

4.3.19 F_KRN_DZFS_SHOW_DISKINFO

Action	Outputs to the CONSOLE all information of the DISK : volume label, serial number, date/time creation, file system ID, number of partitions, number of bytes per sector, number of sectors per block.
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, tmp_addr1
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_SHOW_DISKINFO_SHORT F_KRN_SERIAL_WRSTRCLR F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTE F_KRN_SERIAL_PRN_BYTES F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A F_KRN_SERIAL_EMPTYLINES

4.3.20 F_KRN_DZFS_CHECK_FILE_EXISTS

Action	Checks if a specified filename exists in the DISK .
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the filename to check is stored.
Exit	Z Flag set if filename is not found.
Destroys	A, DE, tmp_addr3
Calls	F_KRN_DZFS_GET_FILE_BATENTRY

4.4 Math Routines

4.4.1 F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW

Action	Multiplies an 8-bit number by a 16-bit number (HL = A * DE). It does a slow multiplication by adding the multiplier to itself as many times as multiplicand (e.g. 8 * 4 = 8+8+8+8).
Entry	A = Multiplicand DE = Multiplier
Exit	HL = Product
Destroys	B, HL
Calls	None

4.4.2 F_KRN_MULTIPLY1616

Action	Multiplies two 16-bit numbers (HL = HL * DE)
Entry	HL = Multiplicand DE = Multiplier
Exit	HL = Product
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.4.3 F_KRN_DIV1616

Action	Divides two 16-bit numbers (BC = BC / DE, HL = remainder)
Entry	BC = Dividend DE = Divisor
Exit	BC = Quotient HL = Remainder
Destroys	A, BC, HL
Calls	None

4.4.4 F_KRN_CRC16_INI

Action	Initialises the CRC to 0 and the polynomial to the appropriate bit pattern, to generate a CRC-16/BUYPASS1 ¹ .
Entry	None
Exit	MATH_CRC = 0 (initial CRC value) MATH_polynomial = CRC polynomial
Destroys	HL
Calls	None

4.4.5 F_KRN_CRC16_GEN

Action	Combines the previous CRC with the CRC generated from the current data byte, to generate a CRC-16/BUYPASS1 ² .
Entry	A = current data byte. MATH_CRC = previous CRC MATH_polynomial = CRC polynomial
Exit	MATH_CRC = CRC with current data byte included
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.5 String manipulation Routines

4.5.1 F_KRN_IS_PRINTABLE

Action	Checks if a character is a printable ASCII character.
Entry	A = character to check.
Exit	C Flag is set if character is printable.
Destroys	None
Calls	None

4.5.2 F_KRN_IS_NUMERIC

Action	Checks if a character is numeric (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9).
Entry	A = character to check.
Exit	C Flag is set if character is numeric.
Destroys	None
Calls	None

4.5.3 F_KRN_TOUPPER

Action	Converts a charcater to uppercase (e.g. <i>a</i> is converted to <i>A</i>).
Entry	A = character to convert.
Exit	A = uppercased character.
Destroys	None
Calls	None

4.5.4 F_KRN_STRCMP

Action	Compares two strings.
Entry	A = length of string 1. HL = MEMORY address where the first byte of string 1 is located. B = length of string 2. DE = MEMORY address where the first byte of string 2 is located.
Exit	if str1 = str 2, Z Flag set and C Flag not set. if str1 != str 2 and str1 longer than str2, Z Flag not set and C Flag not set. if str1 != str 2 and str1 shorter than str2, Z Flag not set and C Flag set.
Destroys	A, BC, DE,HL
Calls	None

4.5.5 F_KRN_STRCPY

Action	Copies <i>n</i> characters from string 1 to string 2.
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the first byte of string 1 is located. DE = MEMORY address where the first byte of string 2 is located. B = number of characters to copy.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.5.6 F_KRN_STRLEN

Action	Gets the length of a string that is terminated with a specified character.
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the first byte of the string is located. A = terminating character.
Exit	B = length of the string.
Destroys	BC, HL
Calls	None

4.5.7 F_KRN_STRLENMAX

Action	Gets the length of a string that is terminated with a specified character, but only check up to a maximum of characters.
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the first byte of the string is located. A = terminating character. B = maximum length to be checked.
Exit	B = length of the string.
Destroys	BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.6 Conversion Routines

4.6.1 F_KRN_ASCIIADR_TO_HEX

Action	Convert an address (or any 2 bytes) from hex ASCII to its hexadecimal value (e.g. 32 35 37 30 are converted into 2570).
Entry	IX = MEMORY address where the first byte is located.
Exit	HL = hexadecimal converted value.
Destroys	HL
Calls	F_KRN_ASCII_TO_HEX

4.6.2 F_KRN_ASCII_TO_HEX

Action	Converts two ASCII characters (representing two hexadecimal digits) ; to one byte in hexadecimal (e.g. 0x33 and 0x45 are converted into 3E).
Entry	H = Most significant ASCII digit. L = Less significant ASCII digit.
Exit	A = Converted value.
Destroys	A, BC
Calls	None

4.6.3 F_KRN_HEX_TO_ASCII

Action	Converts one byte in hexadecimal to two ASCII printable characters (e.g. 0x3E is converted into 33 and 45, which are the ASCII values of 3 and E).
Entry	A = Byte to convert.
Exit	H = Most significant ASCII digit. L = Less significant ASCII digit.
Destroys	A, BC, HL
Calls	None

4.6.4 F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD4

Action	Converts a byte of unsigned integer hexadecimal to 4-digit BCD (e.g. 0x80 is converted into 0128).
Entry	A = Unsigned integer to convert.
Exit	H = Hundreds digits. L = Tens digits.
Destroys	A, BC, HL
Calls	None

4.6.5 F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD6

Action	Converts two bytes of unsigned integer hexadecimal to 6-digit BCD (e.g. 0xFFFF is converted into 065535).
Entry	HL = Unsigned integer to convert.
Exit	C = Thousands digits. D = Hundreds digits. E = Tens digits.
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.6.6 F_KRN_BCD_TO_ASCII

Action	Converts 6-digit BCD to hexadecimal ASCII string (e.g. 512 is converted into 30 30 30 35 31 32).
Entry	DE = MEMORY address where the converted string will be stored. C = first two digits of the 6-digit BCD to convert. H = next two digits of the 6-digit BCD to convert. L = last two digits of the 6-digit BCD to convert.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE
Calls	None

4.6.7 F_KRN_BITEXTRACT

Action	Extracts a group of bits from a byte and returns the group in the LSB position.
Entry	E = byte from where to extract bits. D = number of bits to extract. A = start extraction at bit number.
Exit	A = extracted group of bits
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.6.8 F_KRN_BIN_TO_ASCII

Action	Converts a 16-bit signed binary number (-32768 to 32767) to ASCII data (e.g. 32767 is converted into 33 32 37 36 37).
Entry	D = High byte of value to convert. E = Low byte of value to convert.
Exit	CLI_buffer_pgm = converted ASCII data. First byte us the length.
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, CLI_buffer_pgm
Calls	None

4.6.9 F_KRN_DEC_TO_BIN

Action	Converts an ASCII string consisting of the length of the number (in bytes), a possible ASCII - or + sign, and a series of ASCII digits to two bytes of binary data. Note that the length is an ordinary binary number, not an ASCII number. (e.g. 33 32 37 36 37 is converted into 7FFF).
Entry	HL = MEMORY address where the string to be converted is.
Exit	HL = converted bytes.
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL, tmp_byte
Calls	None

4.6.10 F_KRN_PKEDDATE_TO_DMY

Action	Extracts day, month and year from a packed date (used by DZFS to store dates).
Entry	HL = packed date.
Exit	A = day. B = month. C = year.
Destroys	A, BC, HL, tmp_addr1
Calls	None

4.6.11 F_KRN_PKEDTIME_TO_HMS

Action	Extracts hour, minutes and seconds from a packed time (used by DZFS to store times).
Entry	HL = packed time.
Exit	A = hour. B = minutes. C = seconds.
Destroys	A, BC, HL, tmp_addr1
Calls	None

4.7 MEMORY Routines

4.7.1 F_KRN_SETMEMRNG

Action	Sets (changes) a value in a MEMORY position range.
Entry	HL = MEMORY start position (first byte). BC = number of bytes to set. A = value to set.
Exit	None
Destroys	BC, HL
Calls	None

4.7.2 F_KRN_COPYMEM512

Action	Copies bytes from one area of MEMORY to another, in group of 512 bytes (i.e. max. 512 bytes). If less than 512 bytes are to be copied, the rest will be filled with zeros.
Entry	HL = MEMORY origin position (from where to copy the bytes). DE = MEMORY destination position (to where to copy the bytes). BC = number of bytes to copy (MUST be less or equal to 512).
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.7.3 F_KRN_SHIFT_BYTES_BY1

Action	Moves bytes (by one) to the right and replaces first byte with bytes counter.
Entry	HL = MEMORY address of last byte to move. BC = number of bytes to move.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, DE, HL
Calls	None

4.7.4 F_KRN_CLEAR_MEMAREA

Action	Clears (with zeros) a number of bytes, starting at a specified MEMORY address. Maximum 256 bytes can be cleared.
Entry	IX = MEMORY address of first byte to clear. B = number of bytes to clear.
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, IX
Calls	None

4.7.5 F_KRN_CLEAR_DISKBUFFER

Action	Clears (with zeros) the MEMORY area of the DISK buffer.
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	BC, IX
Calls	F_KRN_CLEAR_MEMAREA

4.8 Real-Time Clock Routines

4.8.1 F_KRN_RTC_GET_DATE

Action	Calls the BIOS function to get date from the RTC, and then calculates the year in four digits.
Entry	None
Exit	RTC_year4
Destroys	A, DE, HL
Calls	None F_KRN_MULTIPLY816_SLOW

4.8.2 F_KRN_RTC_SHOW_TIME

Action	Sends to the Serial Channel A the values of hour, minutes and seconds from SYSVARS, as hh:mm:ss
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, tmp_addr1
Calls	F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD4 F_KRN_BCD_TO_ASCII F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

4.8.3 F_KRN_RTC_SHOW_DATE

Action	Sends to the Serial Channel A the values of day, month, year (4 digits) and day of the week (3 letters) from SYSVARS, as dd/mm/yyyy www
Entry	None
Exit	None
Destroys	A, BC, DE, tmp_addr1
Calls	F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD4 F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD6 F_KRN_BCD_TO_ASCII F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONOUT_A

5 dastaZ80 File System (DZFS)

In summary, a file system is a layer of abstraction to store, retrieve and update a set of files.

A file system manages access to the data and the metadata of the files, and manages the available space of the device, dividing the storage area into units of storage and keeping a map of every storage unit of the device.

DZFS main goal is to be very simple to implement. As the free **MEMORY** (i.e. **RAM** - OS - System variables and buffers) of the dastaZ80 is about 55,952 bytes, it makes no sense to have files bigger than that, as will not fit. Therefore, DZFS defines that *a Block can store only a single file*.

dastaZ80 access the **DISK** via Logical Block Addressing (LBA), which is a particularly simple linear addressing schema, in which each sector is assigned a unique number rather than referring to a cylinder, head, and sector (CHS) to access the disk.

A typical LBA scheme uses a 28-bit value that allows up to 8.4 GB of data storage capacity. DZFS schema is as follows:

LBA 3	LBA 2	LBA 1	LBA 0
XXXX	XXXX XXXX	BBBB BBBB	BBSS SSSS

Where:

- S is Sector (6 bits)
- B is Block (10 bits)
- X not used (12 bits)

5.1 DZFS characteristics

- **Bytes per Sector:** 512
- **Sectors per Block:** 64
- **Bytes per Block:** 32,768 (64 * 512). This also defines the maximum size of a file and the BAT maximum size.
- **Bytes per BAT entry:** 32
- **BAT entries:** 1024 (32,768 / 32). This also defines the maximum number of files per **DISK**.
- **Maximum bytes per File:** 1 Block (32,768 bytes)
- **Maximum bytes per DISK:** 1024 Blocks (1 Block = 1 File) * 32,768 bytes per Block = 33,554,432 bytes (33.5 MB)

5.2 DISK anatomy

A **DISK** is divided into areas:

- **Superblock** = 512 bytes (1 Sector)
- **Block Allocation Table (BAT)** = 1 Block (64 Sectors = 32,768 bytes)
- **Data Area** = 1023 Blocks (65,472 Sectors = 33,521,664 bytes)

5.2.1 Superblock

The first 512 bytes on the **DISK** contain fundamental information about the geometry, and is used by the OS to know how to access every other information on the **DISK**. On IBM PC-compatibles, this is known as the *Master Boot Record* or *MBR* for short. In DZFS, it is called *Superblock*, as it is an orphan sector that doesn't belong to any block.

Offset	Length (bytes)	Description	Example
0x00	2	Signature. Used to check that this is a Superblock. Set to 0xABBA	AB BA
0x02	1	Not used	00
0x03	8	File system identifier. ASCII values for human-readable. Padded with spaces.	DZFSV1
0x0B	4	Volume serial number	35 2A 15 F2
0x0F	1	Not used.	00
0x10	16	Volume Label. ASCII values. Padded with spaces.	dastaZ80 Main
0x20	8	Volume Date creation. ASCII values (ddmmyyyy).	03102022
0x28	6	Volume Time creation. ASCII values (hhmmss).	142232
0x2E	2	Bytes per Sector (in Hexadecimal little-endian)	00 02
0x30	1	Sectors per Block (in Hexadecimal)	40
0x31	1	Number of Partitions	01
0x32 - 0x64	51	Copyright notice (ASCII value)	Copyright 2022David Asta The MIT License (MIT)

Offset	Length (bytes)	Description	Example
0x65 0x1FF	- 411	Not used (filled with 0x00)	00 00 00 00 00 00 00

5.2.2 Block Allocation Table (BAT)

The BAT is an area of 32 bytes on the **DISK** used to store the details about the files saved in the Data Area, and is comprised of file descriptors called *entry*. Each entry holds information about a single file.

For simplicity, each entry works also as index. The first entry describes the first file on the **DISK**, the second entry describes the second file, and so on.

Offset	Length (bytes)	Description	Example
0x00	14	Filename Padded with spaces at the end. (only allowed A to Z and 0 to 9. No spaces allowed. Cannot start with a number.) First character also indicates 00=available, 7E=deleted (will appear as ~)	46 49 4C 45 30 30 30 30 31 20 20 20 20 20
0x0E	14	Attributes (0=Inactive / 1=Active) Bit 0 = Read Only Bit 1 = Hidden Bit 2 = System Bit 3 = Executable Bit 4-7 = Not used	Read Only, Sys- tem file, Ex- ecutable = 1101 = 0D
0x0F	2	Time created 5 bits for hour (binary number 0-23) 6 bits for minutes (binary number 0-59) 5 bits for seconds (binary number seconds / 2)	F5 9A
0x11	2	Date created 7 bits for year since 2000 (max. is year 2127)	69 1B

Offset	Length (bytes)	Description	Example
		4 bits for month (binary number 0-12) 5 bits for day (binary number 0-31)	
0x13	2	Time last modified (same formula as Time created)	F5 9A
0x15	2	Date last modified (same formula as Date created)	69 1B
0x17	2	File size in bytes (little-endian)	26 00
0x19	1	File size in sectors (little-endian)	01
0x1A	2	Entry number (little-endian)	00 00
0x1C	2	1st Sector (where the file data starts) It is calculated when the file is created. The formula is: $65 + 64 * \text{entry_number}$	41 00
0x1E	2	Load address (The start address little-endian where it will be loaded in RAM)	68 25

5.2.3 Data Area

The Data Area is the area of the **DISK** used to store file data (e.g. programs, documents).

It is divided into Blocks of 64 Sectors each.

6 How To

6.1 Read data from DISK

Given `DISK_is_formatted` is equal to `0xFF` (i.e. **DISK** is formatted with DZFS file system), call `F_KRN_DZFS_LOAD_FILE_TO_RAM` with `DE` equal to first sector (512 bytes) to read and `IX` equal to how many sectors to read.

Read bytes will be copied into **MEMORY**, starting at the address equal to the address stored at `DISK_cur_file_load_addr` which is stored in the Block Allocation Table (BAT) in **DISK**.

6.2 Write data to DISK

Given `DISK_is_formatted` is equal to `0xFF` (i.e. **DISK** is formatted with DZFS file system):

- Store the filename (in ASCII) somewhere in **MEMORY**.
- call `F_KRN_DZFS_GET_FILE_BATENTRY`, with `HL` equal to the **MEMORY** address where the filename is stored. If a file with the specified filename does not exist, flag `z` will be set to indicate that it is OK to save the file.
- call `F_KRN_DZFS_CREATE_NEW_FILE`, with `HL` equal to the address in **MEMORY** of first byte to be stored, `BC` equal to the total number of bytes to be stored, and `IX` equal to the address in **MEMORY** where the filename is stored.

6.3 Convert between HEX and DEC and ASCII

In many situations your programs will need to convert between different number notations (hexadecimal, decimal, ASCII). For example, all characters typed by the user are read by the function `F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_A`, which stores the ASCII value of the pressed key in the `A` register. In order to do manipulations of data, our program will need to convert this ASCII data into either hexadecimal or decimal notation.

Take as an example the CLI command for saving files to disk (*save*). As shown in the *dastaZ80 User's Manual* section 5.3 *Disk Commands*, this command takes two parameters: `<start_address>`, which is expressed in hexadecimal, and `<number_of_bytes>`, which is expressed in decimal. But in both cases, `F_BIOS_SERIAL_CONIN_A` will give us (in the `A` register) the ASCII representation of the numbers typed by the user.

Before we can set a pointer to the memory address specified by `<start_address>`, and set our counter to `<number_of_bytes>`, we need to convert those ASCII numbers into hexadecimal and decimal respectively.

The Kernel, offers a series of functions to help the programmer with the conversions:

- [F_KRN_ASCHIADR_TO_HEX](#): Converts ASCII 4 chars to HEX 2 bytes. (e.g. 32 35 37 30 to 0x2570)
- [F_KRN_ASCII_TO_HEX](#): Converts ASCII 2 chars to HEX 1 byte. (e.g. 33 45 to 0x3E)
- [KRN_HEX_TO_ASCII](#): Converts HEX 1 byte to ASCII 2 chars. (e.g. 0x3E to 33 45)
- [F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD4](#): Converts HEX 1 byte to DEC 4 digits. (e.g. 0x80 to 0128)
- [F_KRN_BIN_TO_BCD6](#): Converts HEX 2 bytes to DEC 6 digits. (e.g. 0xFFFF to 065535)
- [F_KRN_BCD_TO_ASCII](#): Converts DEC 6 digits to ASCII 6 chars. (e.g. 512 to 30 30 30 35 31 32)
- [F_KRN_BIN_TO_ASCII](#): Converts HEX 2 bytes to ASCII string. (e.g. 0x7FFF to 33 32 37 36 37)
- [F_KRN_DEC_TO_BIN](#): Converts HEX 2 bytes to ASCII string. (e.g. 33 32 37 36 37 to 0x7FFF)

7 Appendixes

7.1 ANSI Terminal colours

- `ANSI_COLR_BLK` - Black
- `ANSI_COLR_RED` - Red
- `ANSI_COLR_GRN` - Green
- `ANSI_COLR_YLW` - Yellow
- `ANSI_COLR_BLU` - Blue
- `ANSI_COLR_MGT` - Magenta
- `ANSI_COLR_CYA` - Cyan
- `ANSI_COLR_WHT` -
- `ANSI_COLR_GRY` - Grey

7.2 How DZFS Volume Serial Number is calculated

Calculated by combining the date and time at the point of format:

- first byte is calculated as follows:
 - day + miliseconds (converted to hexadecimal)
 - e.g. $3 + 50 = 53$ (0x35)
- second byte is calculated as follows:
 - month + seconds (converted to hexadecimal)
 - e.g. $10 + 32 = 42$ (0x2A)
- last two bytes are calculated as follows:
 - (hours [if pm + 12] * 256) + minutes + year (converted to hexadecimal)
 - e.g. $(2 + 12 = 14 * 256 = 3584) + 22 + 2012 = 5618$ (0x150xF2)

7.3 OS Boot Sequence

After power on or after pressing the **RESET** button:

- **Bootstrap**
 - Copy contents of the ROM into High RAM (0x8000 - 0xFFFF).

- Disable ROM chip and enable Low RAM (0x0000 - 0x7FFF). Therefore, all **MEMORY** is RAM from now on.
- Copy the copy of ROM inm High RAM to Low RAM. Bootstrap code is not copied.
- Transfer control to BIOS (jp F_BIOS_SERIAL_INIT)

- **Initialise SIO/2**

- Initialise SIO/2
 - * Set Channel A as 115,000 bps, 8N1, Interrupt in all received characters.
 - * Set Channel B as 115,000 bps, 8N1, Interrupt in all received characters.
 - * Set Interrupt Vector to 0x60.
- Set CPU to Interrupt Mode 2.
- jp F_BIOS_WBOOT

- **BIOS Boot**

- Set SIO/2 Channel A as primary I/O.
- Transfer control to Kernel () jp F_KRN_START).

- **Kernel Boot**

- Display dzOS welcome message.
- Display dzOS release version.
- Display Kernel version.
- Display available RAM.
- Initialise SD Card.
- Set show deleted files with *cat* command as OFF.
- Display volume ID, Serial Number and date/time of format.
- Detect Real-Time Clock (RTC).
- Display current date and time.
- Display RTC's battery status.
- Detect NVRAM.
- Display NVRAM size in bytes.
- Transfer control to Command-line Interpreter (CLI) () jp F_CLI_START).

- **CLI**

- Display CLI version.
- Clear command buffers
- Display prompt (>).
- Read command entered by user.
- Parse command.
- Execute corresponding subroutine.
- Loop back to Display prompt.