THE KEYBOARD

The Apple Keyboard

Number of Keys:	52
Coding:	Upper Case ASCII
Number of codes:	91
Output:	Seven bits, plus strobe
Power requirements:	+5v at 120mA −12v at 50mA
Rollover:	2 key
Special keys:	CTRL ESC RESET REPT ← →

Memory mapped locations:

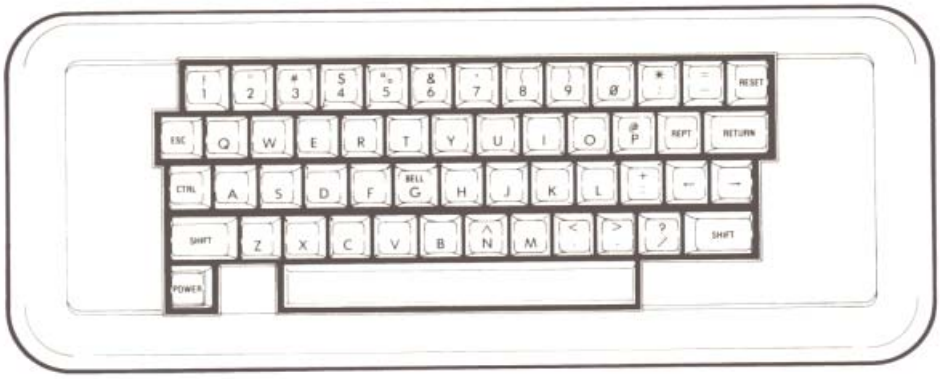
	Hex	Decimal	
Data	$C000	49152	-16384
Clear	$C010	49168	-16368

The Apple II has a built-in 52-key typewriter-like keyboard which communicates using the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)*. Ninety-one of the 96 upper-case ASCII characters can be generated directly by the keyboard. Table 2 shows the keys on the keyboard and their associated ASCII codes. "Photo" 3 is a diagram of the keyboard.

The keyboard is electrically connected to the main circuit board by a 16-conductor cable with plugs at each end that plug into standard integrated circuit sockets. One end of this cable is connected to the keyboard; the other end plugs into the Apple board's keyboard connector, near the very front edge of the board, under the keyboard itself. The electrical specifications for this connector are given on page 102.

Most languages on the Apple have commands or statements which allow your program to accept input from the keyboard quickly and easily (for example, the INPUT and GET statements in BASIC). However, your programs can also read the keyboard directly.

* All ASCII codes used by the Apple normally have their high bit set. This is the same as standard mark-parity ASCII.



"Photo" 3. The Apple Keyboard.

READING THE KEYBOARD

The keyboard sends seven bits of information which together form one character. These seven bits, along with another signal which indicates when a key has been pressed, are available to most programs as the contents of a memory location. Programs can read the current state of the keyboard by reading the contents of this location. When you press a key on the keyboard, the value in this location becomes 128 or greater, and the particular value it assumes is the numeric code for the character which was typed. Table 3 on page 8 shows the ASCII characters and their associated numeric codes. The location will hold this one value until you press another key, or until your program tells the memory location to forget the character it's holding.

Once your program has accepted and understood a keypress, it should tell the keyboard's memory location to "release" the character it is holding and prepare to receive a new one. Your program can do this by referencing another memory location. When you reference this other location, the value contained in the first location will drop below 128. This value will stay low until you press another key. This action is called "clearing the keyboard strobe". Your program can either read or write to the special memory location; the data which are written to or read from that location are irrelevant. It is the mere *reference* to the location which clears the keyboard strobe. Once you have cleared the keyboard strobe, you can still recover the code for the key which was last pressed by adding 128 (hexadecimal $80) to the value in the keyboard location.

These are the special memory locations used by the keyboard:

Table 1: Keyboard Special Locations

Location: Hex	Decimal		Description
$C000	49152	-16384	Keyboard Data
$C010	49168	-16368	Clear Keyboard Strobe

The RESET key at the upper right-hand corner does not generate an ASCII code, but instead is directly connected to the microprocessor. When this key is pressed, all processing stops. When the key is released, the computer starts a reset cycle. See page 36 for a description of the RESET

function.

The CTRL and SHIFT keys generate no codes by themselves, but only alter the codes produced by other keys.

The REPT key, if pressed alone, produces a duplicate of the last code that was generated. If you press and hold down the REPT key while you are holding down a character key, it will act as if you were pressing that key repeatedly at a rate of 10 presses each second. This repetition will cease when you release either the character key or REPT.

The POWER light at the lower left-hand corner is an indicator lamp to show when the power to the Apple is on.

Table 2: Keys and Their Associated ASCII Codes

Key	Alone	CTRL	SHIFT	Both	Key	Alone	CTRL	SHIFT	Both
space	$A0	$A0	$A0	$A0	RETURN	$8D	$8D	$8D	$8D
0	$B0	$B0	$B0	$B0	G	$C7	$87	$C7	$87
1!	$B1	$B1	$A1	$A1	H	$C8	$88	$C8	$88
2"	$B2	$B2	$A2	$A2	I	$C9	$89	$C9	$89
3#	$B3	$B3	$A3	$A3	J	$CA	$8A	$CA	$8A
4$	$B4	$B4	$A4	$A4	K	$CB	$8B	$CB	$8B
5%	$B5	$B5	$A5	$A5	L	$CC	$8C	$CC	$8C
6&	$B6	$B6	$A6	$A6	M	$CD	$8D	$DD	$9D
7'	$B7	$B7	$A7	$A7	N^	$CE	$8E	$DE	$9E
8(	$B8	$B8	$A8	$A8	O	$CF	$8F	$CF	$8F
9)	$B9	$B9	$A9	$A9	P@	$D0	$90	$C0	$80
:*	$BA	$BA	$AA	$AA	Q	$D1	$91	$D1	$91
;+	$BB	$BB	$AB	$AB	R	$D2	$92	$D2	$92
,<	$AC	$AC	$BC	$BC	S	$D3	$93	$D3	$93
-=	$AD	$AD	$BD	$BD	T	$D4	$94	$D4	$94
.>	$AE	$AE	$BE	$BE	U	$D5	$95	$D5	$95
/?	$AF	$AF	$BF	$BF	V	$D6	$96	$D6	$96
A	$C1	$81	$C1	$81	W	$D7	$97	$D7	$97
B	$C2	$82	$C2	$82	X	$D8	$98	$D8	$98
C	$C3	$83	$C3	$83	Y	$D9	$99	$D9	$99
D	$C4	$84	$C4	$84	Z	$DA	$9A	$DA	$9A
E	$C5	$85	$C5	$85	→	$88	$88	$88	$88
F	$C6	$86	$C6	$86	←	$95	$95	$95	$95
					ESC	$9B	$9B	$9B	$9B

All codes are given in hexadecimal. To find the decimal equivalents, use Table 3.

Table 3: The ASCII Character Set

Decimal:		128	144	160	176	192	208	224	240
	Hex:	$80	$90	$A0	$B0	$C0	$D0	$E0	$F0
0	$0	nul	dle		0	@	P		p
1	$1	soh	dc1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
2	$2	stx	dc2	"	2	B	R	b	r
3	$3	etx	dc3	#	3	C	S	c	s
4	$4	eot	dc4	$	4	D	T	d	t
5	$5	enq	nak	%	5	E	U	e	u
6	$6	ack	syn	&	6	F	V	f	v
7	$7	bel	etb	'	7	G	W	g	w
8	$8	bs	can	(	8	H	X	h	x
9	$9	ht	em	)	9	I	Y	i	y
10	$A	lf	sub	*	:	J	Z	j	z
11	$B	vt	esc	+	;	K	[	k	{
12	$C	ff	fs	,	<	L	\	l	|
13	$D	cr	gs	–	=	M	]	m	}
14	$E	so	rs	.	>	N	^	n	~
15	$F	si	us	/	?	O	_	o	rub

Groups of two and three lower case letters are abbreviations for standard ASCII control characters.

Not all the characters listed in this table can be generated by the keyboard. Specifically, the characters in the two rightmost columns (the lower case letters), the symbols [(left square bracket), \ (backslash), _ (underscore), and the control characters "fs", "us", and "rub", are not available on the Apple keyboard.

The decimal or hexadecimal value for any character in the above table is the sum of the decimal or hexadecimal numbers appearing at the top of the column and the left side of the row in which the character appears.

THE GAME I/O CONNECTOR

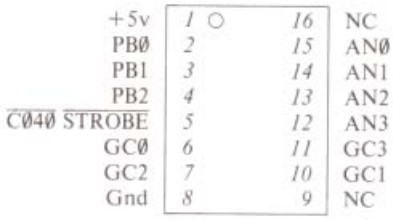


Figure 16.
Game I/O Connector Pinouts

Table 29: Game I/O Connector Signal Descriptions

Pin:	Name:	Description:
1	+5v	+5 volt power supply. Total current drain on this pin must be less than 100mA.
2-4	PBØ-PB2	Single-bit (Pushbutton) inputs. These are standard 74LS series TTL inputs.
5	C04Ø STROBE	A general-purpose strobe. This line, normally high, goes low during ΦØ of a read or write cycle to any address from $C04Ø through $C04F. This is a standard 74LS TTL output.
6,7,10,11	GCØ-GC3	Game controller inputs. These should each be connected through a 150K Ohm variable resistor to +5v.
8	Gnd	System electrical ground.
12-15	ANØ-AN3	Annunciator outputs. These are standard 74LS series TTL outputs and must be buffered if used to drive other than TTL inputs.
9,16	NC	No internal connection.

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The Apple's built-in keyboard is built around a MM5740 monolithic keyboard decoder ROM. The inputs to this ROM, on pins 4 through 12 and 22 through 31, are connected to the matrix of keyswitches on the keyboard. The outputs of this ROM are buffered by a 7404 and are connected to the Apple's Keyboard Connector (see below).

The keyboard decoder rapidly scans through the array of keys on the keyboard, looking for one which is pressed. This scanning action is controlled by the free-running oscillator made up of three sections of a 7400 at keyboard location U4. The speed of this oscillation is controlled by C6, R6, and R7 on the keyboard's printed-circuit board.

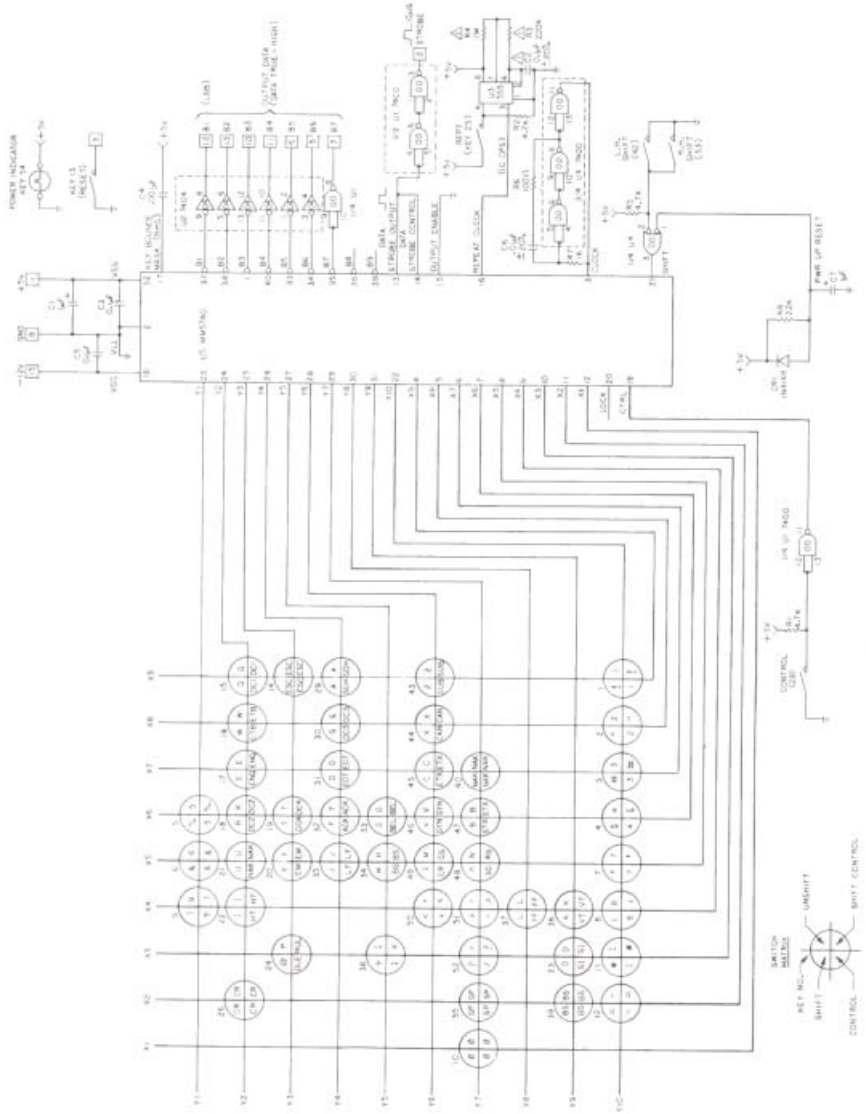

Figure 17. Schematic of the Apple Keyboard

The [REPT] key on the keyboard is connected to a 555 timer circuit at board location U3 on the keyboard. This chip and the capacitor and three resistors around it generate the 10Hz "REPeaT" signal. If the 220K Ohm resistor R3 is replaced with a resistor of a lower value, then the [REPT] key will repeat characters at a faster rate.

See Figure 17 for a schematic diagram of the Apple Keyboard.

KEYBOARD CONNECTOR

The data from the Apple's keyboard goes directly to the RAM data multiplexers and latches, the two 74LS257s at locations B6 and B7. The STROBE line on the keyboard connector sets a 74LS74 flip-flop at location B10. When the I/O selector activates its "Ø" line, the data which is on the seven inputs on the keyboard connector, and the state of the strobe flip-flop, are multiplexed onto the Apple's data bus.

Table 30: Keyboard Connector Signal Descriptions

Pin:	Name:	Description:
1	+5v	+5 volt power supply. Total current drain on this pin must be less than 120mA.
2	STROBE	Strobe output from keyboard. This line should be given a pulse at least 10μs long each time a key is pressed on the keyboard. The strobe can be of either polarity.
3	$\overline{\text{RESET}}$	Microprocessor's $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ line. Normally high, this line should be pulled low when the [RESET] button is pressed.
4,9,16	NC	No connection.
5-7, 10-13	Data	Seven bit ASCII keyboard data input.
8	Gnd	System electrical ground.
15	−12v	−12 volt power supply. Keyboard should draw less than 50mA.

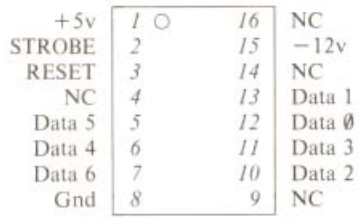

Figure 18.
Keyboard Connector Pinouts

CASSETTE INTERFACE JACKS

The two female miniature phone jacks on the back of the Apple II board can connect your Apple to a normal home cassette tape recorder.

Cassette Input Jack: This jack is designed to be connected to the "Earphone" or "Monitor" output jacks on most tape recorders. The input voltage should be 1 volt peak-to-peak (nominal). The input impedance is 12K Ohms.

Cassette Output Jack: This jack is designed to be connected to the "Microphone" input on most tape recorders. The output voltage is 25mv into a 100 Ohm impedance load.