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Overview

SYSMON65 is a system monitor which has been developed for my custom built 65C02 single board computer (SBC). This monitor can easily be ported to other 65C02 based SBCs. SYSMON65 also supports 65C02 specific instructions, such as phx, plx, bra, and more. However, it may be converted back to 6502 specific instructions (if anyone were really interested in do so) for use with the KIM-1, Apple II series computers, Commodore 64, VIC-20, and other hardware implementations.

My SBC includes the venerable 65C02 processor, a 6551 for UART functionality, a 6522 chip for I/O ports, a 27C256 typical ROM and RAM chips, and address decoding logic chips.

After searching the internet and reviewing the few 6502 operating systems and monitor software that I could find, I discovered that I only liked parts of the functionality of each. So, I decided to develop my own monitor software. During early development, the memory footprint of the monitor software was not considered, but as development progressed this became a priority, I had to keep it "real tight"! {Except for the text graphics — although I've add a pack routine to compress those as much as possible}

My goal for *SYSMON65* is to be a software development tool for my SBC. A user may paste code into the terminal, compile it, do memory dumps, decode it, edit the code, and much more...

Parts of my code was inspired by the following:

- The A1 Assembler by San Bergmans
 I like the front-end editor, but the assembler does not come with a dissembler. The assembler is a 2-pass assembler and feels very solid, but it was written primarily for an Apple computer. With San's permission I used his front-end editor code, reviewed every line, and eventually re-wrote most of this.
- The KRUSADER by Ken Wessen
 This has a super-efficient disassembler (most likely created by MOS and used by Apple) and includes the specific 65C02 instructions. With respect, I did not like the front-end editor.

The look and feel of *SYSMON65* was heavily influenced by the famous line-oriented debugger Debug https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debug (command) found in DOS (those were the days!). Some *Debug* front-end functionality can be found in *SYSMON65*, including the [Backspace] key to fix mistypes, and command history functionality using the [Up arrow] key.

SYSMON65 includes a full 2-pass symbolic assembler with local and global labels, directives, and more. A 65C02 disassembler is included which includes step-by-step debugging (aka tracing), memory dumps, ASCII dumps, fill, delete, block move, intel hex loader and more.

SYSMON65 has been tested on hardware running a N65C02 processor. It also includes code for an LCD 16x2 module. The software currently takes just over 7.2KB of memory space



Notes

- SYSMON65 has been designed for the Rockwell 65C02 CPU.
- Terminal running ANSI screen codes with serial 19200 baud N81.
- 6551 ACIA routines are bug free, i.e., does not include the Xmit bug.
- I use RealTerm https://sourceforge.net/projects/realterm/
- Assembled using Michael Kowalski (minimum version 1.3.2)



Intel Hex Loader

Intel Hex Loader functionality has been built in.

The command line will look for a semicolon (:) as the first character and will automatically download the file. Simply paste the Intel hex file contents to the command line.

With the MYWYM directive enabled, 4 LEDs via the VIA ports 1 to 4 will flash (think "knight rider") with every block read.

Example Intel Hex File

The listing below shows an example Intel Hex file. The colour coding below the listing defines the various fields of the Intel hex file:

```
:10010000214601360121470136007EFE09D2190140
:100110002146017E17C20001FF5F16002148011928
:10012000194E79234623965778239EDA3F01B2CAA7
:100130003F0156702B5E712B722B732146013421C7
:00000001FF
```

Start code Byte count Address Record type Data Checksum

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intel HEX



Example Code

SYSMON65 is designed to allow copy & paste from an external text application, e.g., Windows Notepad. Then simply compiling the pasted code with the "S" key.

Copy & paste the sample below (i.e., between the lines). Notice the variable declarations, local and global variables.

```
AUTO
ECHO
         .EQ $FFEF
          .EQ $0D
CR
         .EQ $20
START
        JSR HELLO
                             ;output to screen
         JSR COUNT
         RTS
         LDX #0
HELLO
         LDA .3,X
. 1
          BPL .2
          JSR ECHO
          INX
          BNE .1
          ORA #1000.0000
. 2
          JMP ECHO
;-----
    .AT -/HELLO WORLD/
COUNT
         JSR .2
          LDX #0
. 1
          TXA
                         ; ROM based declared label
          JSR @WRCHAR
          LDA #" "
          JSR ECHO
          INX
          CPX #10
          BCC .1
. 2
          LDA #CR
          JMP ECHO
```



Commands

The following section contains the valid commands of the monitor.



Auto (A)

Auto linenum, increment

This command will auto number each line. The assembler uses line numbers to allow you to identify which line you like to maintain, i.e., delete, insert, re-number etc. Pressing the [Escape] key on the last line will exit the assembler editor.

Note, the origin of the source is defined by the variable DEF_ORG (default is \$1000) and the incremental steps are DEF_INC (default is 10). Also, the count is set by DEF_AUTO — which is 1000

```
In/Out Window
.1020 ECHO
            .EQ $FFEF
            .EQ $0D
.1030 CR
.1040 SP
            .EQ $20
.1050
.1060 ;
                JSR HELLO ;output to screen
.1070 START
.1080
                JSR COUNT
.1090
                RTS
.1100
.1110 ;------
.1120 HELLO
                LDX #0
.1130 .1
                LDA .3,X
.1140
                BPL .2
.1150
                JSR ECHO
.1168
                INX
.1170
                BNE .1
                ORA #1000.0000
.1180 .2
.1190
                JMP ECHO
.1200
.1210 .3
.1220 ;-----
.1230
            .AT -/HELLO WORLD/
.1240 ;-----
.1250
.1260 COUNT
                JSR .2
                LDX #0
.1270
.1280 .1
                TXA
.1290
                JSR WRBYTE
.1300
                LDA #" "
                JSR ECHO
.1310
.1320
                INX
                CPX #10
.1330
.1340
                BCC .1
                LDA #CR
.1350 .2
.1360
                JMP ECHO
```

Figure 1

If no operand(s) are specified, then auto line numbering will commence from the last entered line number + current increment. If no line has been entered prior, then auto line numbering will commence from line number 1000, with an increment value of 10.

You may use *linenum* to start auto line numbering from any specified number. You may use *increment* to change the default increment of 10.

```
AUTO Start numbering from last entered line number + increment
AUTO 2000 Start numbering from 2000 with unchanged increment
AUTO 4000,5 Start numbering from 4000 with 5 as increment
AUTO ,10 Start numbering from last entered line number + 5 as new increment
```

Pressing the [Escape] key will cancel auto line numbering and the current unfinished line. Simply press the [Escape] key when you have completed entering your source code or when you have made a syntax error and cannot correct with the [Backspace] key. Typing AUTO again will generate the same line number you had just cancelled to allow you to start again with this line.

You do not have to use AUTO line numbering if you only want to enter a few lines somewhere in your code. Simply type the appropriate line number after the prompt followed by your source text.

The value of *increment* is limited to within the range of 1 to 255. Higher values are truncated to the LSB value only, which could cause some unexpected increments. An *increment* of 0 will result in an increment of 1.



Copy (C)

COPY source, destination, length

.C \$1000,\$2000,10

This command can be used to copy a part of memory to another destination. Please note, all three parameters are mandatory!

It is possible that the destination block will eventually overwrite the source block. This means that the original block can be partially destroyed after the copy. However, the copy will always be an exact copy of the original contents of the source block.

Warning! Be careful when the destination is specified in page 0. The COPY command utilises 6 bytes in page 0 as temporary storage. Overwriting these values will very likely crash your system. You should also be aware that the input buffer may partially overwrite your copied code if the destination is in the zero page.

There is absolutely no safeguard built into this command. You can make a copy anywhere in RAM, effectively destroying the data which is overwritten. This might even be your precious source text!

This command can be useful if you assembled a program with a different target address (Refer to the .TA directive). After assembling your code, you can move the code to the desired destination.



List (L)

LIST begin, end

This command lists your source to the screen. If no parameters are specified, then the entire program is listed. The *begin* and *end* parameters can be used in the usual manner to control the range to be listed.

```
L list entire program
L 1000 list only line 1000
L 1000,2000 list lines 1000 until 2000
L 1000, list from line 1000 until the end of source
L ,2000 list from begin of source to line 2000
L D list dump the entire program
```

The [Escape] key aborts the listing.

The LIST command has an additional feature. Typing **LIST D** will dump the entire program to the output without line numbers. This option can be used to transfer your source file to the PC over the RS232 connection. The resulting file on the PC may then be saved.

```
In/Out Window
                                                          ×
0 COMPILE ERROR(s)
|.1
1010 WRBYTE .EQ $FFDC
1020 ECHO .EQ $FFEF
1030 CR .EQ $0D
1040 SP .EQ $20
1060 ;-----
|1110 ;------
1160
           INX
          BNE .1
1170
1178
1180 .2 ORA #1000.0000
1190 JMP ECHO
1210 .3
1240 ;-----
1260 COUNT JSR .2
           LDX #0
1270
         TXA
1280 .1
           JSR WRBYTE
1290
1300
           LDA #" "
           JSR ECHO
1310
           INX
1320
1330
           CPX #10
           BCC .1
1340
1350 .2
          LDA #CR
           JMP ECHO
1360
```

Figure 2

Fill (F)

Fill begin, range, byte value

Fill a location from source to destination with specified value.

```
.F illegal command

.F 1000 illegal command

.F $1000,$0200,$ff fill from location $1000, 512($100) bytes with $ff

.F $1000 $0200 $ff fill from location $1000, 512($100) bytes with $ff
```

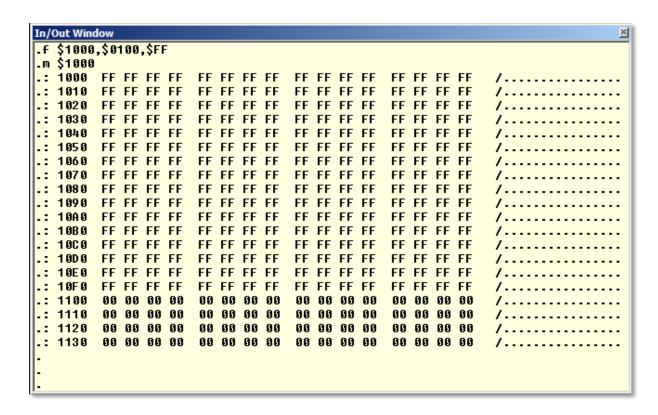


Figure 3



Hunt (H) - future

Hunt begin, end, value

Hunt for the specified value within the start to end range in memory.

{Status: Feature not complete!}



Memory (Y)

Y lomem, himem

This command can be used to examine or change the memory configuration.

With no parameters this command will show you the current **Lower Limit(LOMEM)**, **Total RAM** and end of source address. Your source file starts at address Lower Limit and may extend almost to address **UPPER Spent(HIMEM)**. The end of your source file is at the same time the beginning of the symbol table which is built during pass 1 of the assembler. The symbol table will hold all your label declarations and may grow from the end of the source text all the way up to UPPER Spent.

Each global label will occupy 6 bytes in the symbol table, while each local label will occupy 2 bytes. This should give you a rough idea about the required amount of memory for the symbol table.

You can use the MEMORY (Y) command to find out what part of memory to save to file/cassette in order to store your source text. Lower Limit will be the start address and end of source will be the end address to write.

Generated code can be stored from address \$0200 up to LOMEM, unless you have set the user safe area which can be set with the zero page addresses USR_OBJLO and USR_OBJHI.

```
.Y
0600.$8000 lomem,himem
0F14 end of source text
```

At start up LOMEM will be set to \$0600 and HIMEM to the highest available RAM address (max \$8000). You may change LOMEM and HIMEM to your own liking, and I mean that!

Sensible values are from address \$0200 up to the last available RAM .Any other values will probably crash your computer sooner or later! Changing LOMEM and/or HIMEM will delete your current source text!

.Y \$1000,\$8000 \$1000.\$8000 \$1000



Figure 4



New (N)

With this command you simply delete your current source text so you can start from scratch.

```
.N ; deletes your source code
.N -f ; force restores memory address's as if cold booted
```



Old (0)

If you accidentally typed the NEW command you may restore your program. This will only work if you haven't entered any new source lines after executed the NEW command!

.0



Assemble Code (S)

This command effectively starts the 2 pass symbolic assembler. If no errors are found this command will inform you about the memory locations which are used to store the generated code.

The first column starts <u>after</u> the first space behind the line number. This column may contain a label or may be blank.

Global label must start with a character from A to Z and may contain any number of characters from A to Z, 0 to 9, or dots. Global label definitions may be followed by a colon, which is customary in some assemblers.

Local labels always start with a dot, followed by a decimal number from 0 to 99.

If the first column does not contain a label it <u>must</u> start with a space. Or a line can start with a semicolon in the first column, which indicates that the rest of the line is a comment. Comments are ignored by the assembler and are only there for us humans.

```
1000 LABEL ;Global Label
1010 ECHO: ;Global Label
1020 .59 ;Local Label
1030 LABEL.WITH.A.VERY.LONG.NAME
1040 ; THIS LINE CONTAINS A COMMENT
1050 ; COMMENT LINES ARE IGNORED BY
1060 ; THE ASSEMBLER
1070 NOP NO LABEL ON THIS LINE
```

If the first character is a space the first column is considered empty, and thus contains no label (See line 1070). Please note that would make 2 spaces if you also count the space which always follows the line number!

Per default a label gets the value of the current program counter. Only global labels may get a different value if the source line contains an .EQ directive. See .EQ directive.

Please note that global labels may contain virtually any number of characters (from 1, up to the maximum line length). All these characters are significant!

However in order to preserve memory keep your labels as short as possible but keep them meaningful. Every character is one byte of your valuable memory, for every reference to that label!

If your source text contains errors the line numbers of the offending lines are listed, followed by a short description of the error which occurred. No code will be generated if errors occur during pass 1. Code generated in pass 2 will not be reliable if any errors occur during assembly.

Figure 5

Compiling Errors will show you which lines have errored on.

Figure 6

The second column starts at least one space behind the first column. It contains an assembler directive or a mnemonic.

An assembler directive always starts with a dot, followed by 2 characters. See the description of the available directives further down this page. A mnemonic always consists of 3 characters

The second column may also start with a semicolon, which means that the rest of the line contains comments only.

If the second column is left empty, the entire rest of the line must remain empty. This is not a problem for the assembler. It is perfectly legal to place only a single label on a separate source line.

```
1000 START ; The program starts

1010 INX

1020 .1 RTS

1030 TEXT

1040 .AS -/HELLO/
```

The third column starts at least one space behind the second column. It contains the operand of the previous mnemonic or assembler directive, if one is required. If the previous mnemonic or assembler directive did not need an operand this column is simply regarded as comment.

Some mnemonics have an optional operand. One such an example is the ROL instruction. Without operand it Rolls the contents of the Accumulator. With an operand it Rolls the contents of the address indicated by the operand.

In such cases you will have to use a semi-colon as a comment delimiter.

1000	ROL					
1010	ROL N	MEMORY				
1020	ROL		;This	is	а	comment



Break (B)

This command will execute BRK software interrupts. You can use the BRK as a software interrupt with the second byte following BRK the command.

.B



Clear Screen (Z)

This command will clear the screen by ANSI screen codes sent to the terminal.

. Z



ANSI Library Routines

Some defined routines in the library – see Primatives.65s

GOTOXY ; GOTO x & y

WRCSI ; CSI n x See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI escape codel ow level

CLS ; ANSI - Clear Screen .BYTE ESC,"[2J",EOS

HOME ; Bring Cursor HomeSAVECUR ; Save Cursor PositionRESTCUR ; Restore Cursor Position



Help (?)

This command will display the SYSMON65 help screen.

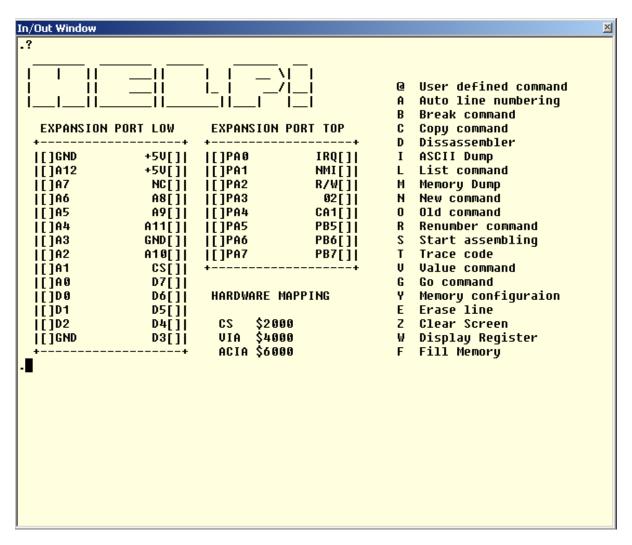


Figure 7



Go (G)

G address or label

This command will execute the code from the specified address or label.

- .G \$1000
- .G start

starts executing from this label



Erase Line (E)

Erase begin, end

This command will delete multiple lines. Be careful as undo is not possible. Once deleted the lines are not recoverable!

Both the *begin* and *end* parameters are optional. But one of these parameters are mandatory for safety reasons.

```
.E 2000 delete only line 2000
.E 2000,2300 delete lines from line 2000 to 2300
.E 2000, delete from line 2000 until the end of source
.E ,2300 delete from begin of source to line 2300
```



Value (V)

VALUE expression, expression

This command can be used to view the value of labels, convert numbers from one radix to another, or do simple calculations. Label values are only valid after a successful assembly run. Except for ROM based labels eg: v @wrchar

```
.V $1234

4660 +4660 $1234 $0001.0010.0011.0100

.V -1

65535 -1 $FFFF $1111.1111.1111.1111

.V $1234+135

4795 +4795 $12BB $0001.0010.1011.1011

.V ECHO

65519 -17 $FFEF $1111.1111.1110.1111

.V $1234,1234,*0101.1010

4660 +4660 $1234 $0001.0010.0011.0100

1234 +1234 $04D2 $0000.0100.1101.0010

90 +90 $005A $0101.1010

.V @wrchar

64104 -1432 $FA68 $1111.1010.0110.1000
```

```
In/Out Window

.v count

4132 +4132 $1024 $0001.0000.0010.0100
.v start

4096 +4096 $1000 $0001.0000.0000
.v wrbyte

65500 -36 $FFDC $1111.1111.1101.1100
.v cr

13 +13 $000D $0000.1101
.v hello

4103 +4103 $1007 $0001.0000.0000.0111
-
```

Figure 8



Ascii (I)

i address

This command is an ASCII dump of the specified address of RAM. Address values pre-fixed with a \$ symbols is considered a hexadecimal value.

.i \$1000

```
In/Out Window
.i $1000
                         .....L..HELLO WORL..6... .... .....L......
.: 102A
.: 1054
.: 107E
   10D2
  10FC
.: 1126
.: 1150
.: 117A
  11A4
   11CE
   11F8
  1222
  124C
.: 12A0
  12CA
  12F4
   131E
```

Figure 9



User Command (@)

@ command

This command allows users to extend the commands to the monitor. Changing the USERKEYDEF vector, will mean that you can then add commands to the keyboard input. I.e., @ command will jump to USERKEYDEF where the user then needs to parse the IN keyboard buffer for addition keys/commands.

For example @S would jump to USERKEYDEF {aka JMP (USERKEYDEF) } where your routine would parse the "IN" for the character S and then act accordingly if found. See routine KEYDEF for example of how current commands are parsed.

NB: "IN" is the location for the keyboard buffer. 128 bytes reserved in zero page.

See file constant.65s



Renumber (R)

RENUMBER from, first, increment

This command will re-number your entire (or part of your) source code. Usually this is done to tidy up snippets of code or make room for more source lines between existing source lines.

The *from* parameter determines the line from which to start renumbering. If you omit this then you will renumber your entire program.

The *first* parameter will be the first new line number to be used for the renumbered part of your source. If omitted, the default AUTO line number will be used (value of 1000).

The *increment* parameter will determine the increment of the renumbered part of your source. If omitted, the default increment of 10 will be used. The valid range for *increment* is between 1 and 255.

Parameter value *from* cannot be greater than parameter value *first*, else you may get duplicate line numbers.

After renumbering, the next auto line number will be the last renumbered line number + *increment*. The new increment will also be set according to the renumbered increment.

```
R renumbers entire source, same as RENUMBER 0,1000,10
R 2000,3000 renumbers source from 2000 until end, increment 10
R ,4000 renumbers entire source, new source starts at 4000
R 1000,2000,5 renumbers from line 2000, new line 2000, increment 5
```



Disassembler (D)

D address (or label)

This command will dissemble code commencing from (start) address or label.

.D Continues disassembling from last address
.D \$2000 Disassemble from memory hex location \$2000
.D start Disassemble from label start
.D @wrchar Disassemble from label @wrchar defined in ROM

In/	Out Wind	low			×
. d	\$1000				
. :	1000	20 07 1	0 JSR	\$1007	/
l. :	1003	20 24 1		\$1024	/\$.
l. :	1006	60	RTS	•	Γ
.:	1007	A2 00	LDX	#\$00	7
.:	1009	BD 19 1		\$1019,X	7
.:	100C	10 06	BPL	\$1014	/
.:	100E	20 EF F	F JSR	\$FFEF	/
.:	1011	E8	INX		/.
-:	1012	DØ F5	BNE	\$1009	/
-:	1014	09 E8	ORA	#\$E8	/
- :	1016	4C EF F	F JMP	\$FFEF	/L
- :	1019	48	PHA		/H
-:	101A	45 4C	EOR	\$4C	/EL
-:	101C	4C 4F 2	O JMP	\$204F	/L0
-:	101F	57	CPX		/W
-:	1020	4F	CPX		/0
l.d					
-:	1021	52 4C	EOR	(\$4C)	/RL
-:	1023	C4 18	CPY	\$18	/
-:	1025	36 A2	ROL	\$A2,X	/6.
-:	1027	00	BRK		7.
-:	1028	8A	TXA		7.
-:	1029	20 DC F	F JSR	\$FFDC	/
-:	102C	A9 00	LDA	#\$00	/
-:	102E	20 EF F	F JSR	\$FFEF	/
-:	1031	E8	INX		7.
-:	1032	E0 0A	CPX	#\$0A	/
-:	1034	90 F2	BCC	\$1028	/
-:	1036	A9 0D	LDA	#\$ OD	/
-:	1038	4C EF F		\$FFEF	/L
.:	103B	00	BRK		1.
-:	103C	00	BRK		/.
ŀ≟	103D	00	BRK		/.
-∎					

Figure 10



Mem Dump (M)

M address

This command will display a byte and ASCII dump of RAM. Subsequent commands (of M) will continue to page through the memory.

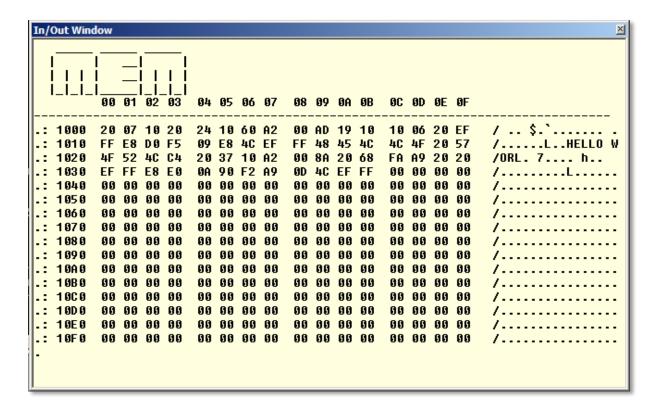


Figure 11



Trace (T)

T address

This command will allow the user to step through the code one line at time. Pressing "t" will continue to step through each line. The flags, PC, and registers will show the values of the last actioned command. There is also watches be displayed and updated.

.T Continues tracing from last address
.T \$1000 Trace from memory hex location \$1000
.T start Trace from label start

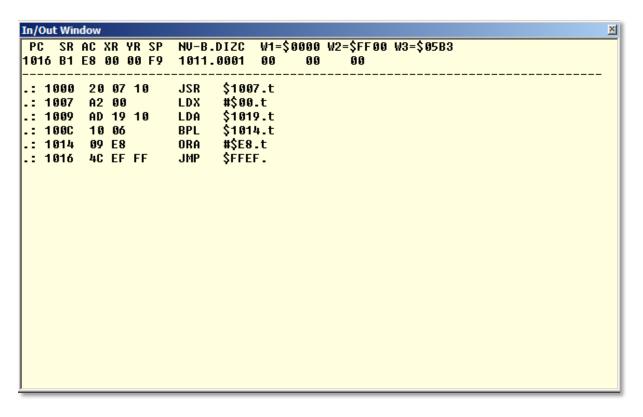


Figure 12



Text Edit (X) - future

X start address

Enter/edit text beginning at a specified address

X Continues editing from last address
X start enter/edit text beginning at a specified address

{future}



Watch (k)

watch adderss1,address2,address3

Continuously read and then display contents of a specified address, while tracing a program. See trace.





Directives

Directives are often called pseudo-opcodes. They are always to be found in column 2, where you would also find processor opcodes (mnemonics). A directive is a command to the assembler, for instance to generate data bytes or change the current program counter.

The following section contains valid directives of the monitor.



.AS -/string/

ASCII String

This directive allows the user to enter an entire string as data into your program. If the first character of the operand is — sign the entire string will be in negative ASCII (128 .. 256), the way the Apple 1 likes to get its ASCII characters. If the first character is not a — sign the string will be in positive ASCII (0 .. 127).

The string of characters must be surrounded by a delimiter. A delimiter can be virtually any ASCII character, which should be the same at the beginning and at the end of the string. Usually the characters / \ " or ' are used as delimiters, that is if you can type \ of course. The delimiter you use may not occur in the string, otherwise you'll get an error message.

Please note that the assembler does not allow you to use more than one operand.



.AT -/string/

ASCII String Terminated

This directive is almost identical to the .AS directive. The only difference is the polarity of the last generated character, which is opposite from the rest of the string. This opposite polarity can be used by the software to signal the end of the string to be printed.

1000	.AT /ABC/	generates	41	42	C3		
1010	.AT !123!	generates	31	32	в3		
1020	.AT -"ABC"	generates	C1	C2	43		
1030	.AT -'1234567890'	generates	В1	В2		вЗ	30



.BS expression

Bytes Skip

This directive skips the number of bytes indicated by the *expression*. The *expression* may not contain forward referenced labels as the assembler would not know how many bytes to skip.

Skipped bytes are not altered! The only action to occur is the current program counter to be incremented by *expression*.

You can use .BS to declare RAM addresses easily, e.g., Zero Page locations.

```
1000 .OR $0080

1010 POINTER .BS 2 A 2 BYTE POINTER

1020 COUNT .BS 1 A 1 BYTE COUNTER

1030 BUFFER .BS 10 A 10 BYTE BUFFER

1040 FLAG .BS 1 A 1 BYTE FLAG
```

You may use any value for *expression*, e.g. a non-useful value such as \$FFFF is value.



.DA expression

Data

With this directive you can include data bytes and words into your program. You can include as many operands as you like (until the program line is full), all separated from the previous one by a comma. Any combination of word, LSB and MSB operands is possible.

For byte data the *expression* must be preceded by a < or a > symbol. The < symbol will use only the LSB of the 16-bit *expression*, whereas the > symbol will use the MSB.

Word data is generated with LSB first (little endian). This is the way the 6502 likes it best.

```
1000 .DA $1234 generates 2 bytes, 34 12

1010 .DA >$1234 generates 1 byte, 34

1020 .DA <$1234 generates 1 byte, 12

1030 .DA $1234, <$5678, >$9ABC multiple operands, 34 12, 78, 9A
```

The data directive (.DA) and all immediate addressing mode instructions normally use the < symbol to identify the 8 least significant bits of the expression. If you need the most significant bits however you can substitute the <symbol by the >symbol.



.EQ expression

Equal

Normally a label will get the value of the Program Counter at the beginning of the line on which the label is assigned. This behaviour can only be changed by this directive.

Column 1 must contain a global label when the second column contains the .EQ directive. You can't use the .EQ directive on local labels.

The label in column 1 gets the value which is represented by *expression*. This *expression* may not contain forward referenced labels!

```
PRBYTE .EQ $FFDC

ECHO .EQ $FFEF

CR .EQ $8D

SPACE .EQ " "

CHOUT .EQ ECHO CHOUT will get the value $FFEF
```

It doesn't matter what type of data is assigned to a label. It may be an address, a constant value, an ASCII value, or whatever. You can however only assign values to labels. This means that you cannot assign a string of characters to a label.



.OR expression

Origin

This directive sets the starting address of your program, or parts of it. It also sets the target address to the same value (See .TA directive). If this directive is omitted the default starting address will be \$1000. See DEF_ORG in Constants.65s

You can set the starting address *expression* anywhere in memory. However you can not store code just about anywhere in memory. If you haven't set a user safe area you can only generate code to the range from \$0200 (DEF_OBJLOW) to LOMEM, otherwise you'll get a memory error.

You may change the starting address of your program as often as you like. Every block of memory generated is reported by the assembler, which makes it easier for you to locate your code.

The *expression* may not contain forward referenced labels.

```
.OR $0080 ;START ZP DEFINITION
1010 PNTR .BS 2
1020 CNTR .BS 1
1030 BFFR .BS 10
1040
     OR $0300 ;START CODE HERE
1050
        NOP
       NOP
1060
1070
        .OR $0400 ; MORE CODE HERE
1080
        NOP
1090
        NOP
1100
         NOP
```

(.BS directive does not generate code)

Figure 13



.TA expression

Target Address

You can't generate code in protected memory. Normally you can only generate code from address \$0200 until LOMEM, the rest of memory is protected.

You may indicate a user safe area by setting the memory addresses USR_OBJLO and USR_OBJHI to declare another part of memory to be safe. However you're in charge there, you're the one who should be absolutely sure that it IS safe! Setting these two values doesn't automatically make the area safe, it only allows the assembler to store generated code there.

But what if you want to create a program which should run in a protected area, let's say from address \$E000? Simple, you set the .OR to \$E000, and change the target address to a safe area, e.g. \$0300 (see example below).

The assembler will generate all addresses as if it was actually using address \$E000. However the code is stored at address \$0300. Obviously this will result in a program which does not work as is. You'll have to move the program to the intended destination before it can be run.

Moving the code to its final destination can be done with the COPY (C) command, or by saving it to file and loading it at a different address.

The *expression* may not contain forward referenced labels.

```
1000 .OR $E000
1010 .TA $0300
1020 START NOP
1030 NOP

START

ORG -> $0300.$0301 this proves that the right target address is used

O COMPLIE ERRORS

VALUE START here's some more proof
57344 -8192 $E000 %1110.0000.0000.0000
```

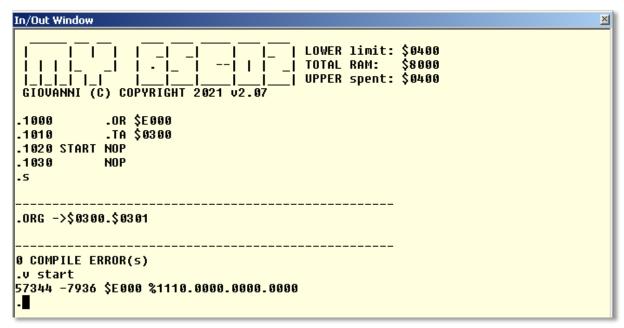


Figure 14



.DB expression

Data Byte

{Not implemented yet}

Single byte definition.



Numbers and Expressions

Many commands and operands accept numbers and expressions. An expression is simply a mathematical combination of several numbers.

Any number is limited to 16-bits only. Enter larger numbers than that and you'll be treated with a range error.

You may precede any number with a negative sign to make it negative (2's compliment).

Wherever the Assembler expects a number you can supply it in one of the following options:

Decimal numbers

Start with a digit from 0 to 9, and may only contain these numbers.

```
123
-500
```

Hexadecimal numbers

Start with a dollar symbol, and contains only normal digits 0 to 9 and extra digits A to F.

```
$10
$FFEF
-$100
```

Binary numbers

Start with a percent symbol and may contain only the digits 0 and 1. You may place dots anywhere in a binary number to make them easier to read. The assembler simply ignores the dots.

```
%1000.1101
%1111100101110101
%1111.1001.0111.0101 same value as above.
-%1000
```

Positive ASCII

Generates values between 0 and 127, depending on the character enclosed in **single** quotes.

```
'A' TRANSLATES TO $41
'2' TRANSLATES TO $32
```

Negative ASCII

Generates values between 128 and 255, depending on the character enclosed in **double** quotes. Please note that this is the native Apple 1 mode to represent ASCII characters!

"A" TRANSLATES TO \$C1
"3" TRANSLATES TO \$B3

Current PC

Program Counter

A single dollar symbol, not followed by a legal hexadecimal digit, will result in the current program counter value. The value used was the program counter at the start of the current source line.

\$



Labels

Simply the label's value is used. Only assembly pass 1 allows the use of labels which are not defined yet. In that case we speak of forward referenced labels.

An undefined label during pass 2 of the assembly will result in a definition error.

In case of forward referenced labels we can not know their actual value during pass 1 of the assembler. Therefore some instructions which can use shorter addressing modes will fall back on the worst case scenario and use long addressing mode instead. {eg: zero page addressing}

The compiler will look at the first row for a character or dot "." - if it finds a "." It will assume it's a local label.

This is a local label

.2 LDX #\$20

While this is a Global label

HELLO LDX #\$20

While this is a label defined in ROM

JSR @WRCHAR



Expressions

Expressions can be used to combine 2 or more values to get a new final value. You can use one of the 4 basic operators in expressions:

- + Addition
- Subtraction
- * Multiplication

/ Division

All expressions are evaluated from left to right and is using integer maths not floating point math. No priority is given to multiplication and division over addition and subtraction unlike in normal math. Sorry parentheses cannot be used to change priority in expressions. Overflows in expressions are ignored and the result is always truncated to 16-bit integers.

{keeping the code small}

You can mix any legal number form with any number of operations.

```
1234+$1200 RESULTS IN $16D2

$F000-123 RESULTS IN $EF85

%101*2 RESULTS IN $000A

$5678/4 RESULTS IN $159E

LABEL*2 RESULTS IN THE VALUE OF LABEL TIMES 2
```

All results are 16-bits long integers. No errors are reported if the result exceeds the limits of a 16-bit number, only the least significant 16-bits are used as result. This may sometimes give some strange results, especially if the expression contains multiple operations.

For example 7/8*100 results in 0. This is because 7/8 is 0.875, which is truncated to 0 caused by the integer division. You'll get a much better result by rewriting the expression to 100*7/8, which is still an integer.



Interrupts

Interrupts pass though RAM vectors to allowing you change the locations.

USIRQ	.RS	2	;User	IRQ	vector
USBRK	.RS	2	;User	BRK	vector
USMNI	.RS	2	;User	NMI	vector

Break Vector

Change USBRK to point to your routine. Then return back to BRK_RETURN routine. Otherwise ensure you have below to mirror the initial 3 push when the IRQ/BRK was called.

```
PLP ;pull off flags
PLA ;PC low
PLA ;PC high
```

IRQ Vector

Change USIRQ to point to your routine. Then return back to IRQ_RETURN routine. Otherwise ensure you have below to mirror the initial 3 push when the IRQ/BRK was called.

```
PLP ;pull off flags
PLA ;PC low
PLA ;PC high
```

Reset Vector

This can be changed via runtime software. Ensure that the new vector has a CRC that's EOR with \$A5

```
USRRS
           .RS
                   3
                                      ;User RESET vector
          LDA
                #<YOUR RESET
                                      ; your reset user vector
           STA
                USRRST
                                      ;store in RAM
          EOR
                #$A5
           STA
                USRRST+2
          LDA #>YOUR RESET
           STA USRRST+1
                                      ;press reset
```

Note: RESET_RETURN will reset the IRQ, NMI and IRQ vectors.



Code Complier Directives

MYWYM

This is setting specifically for my board and the addressing of chip. Currently my settings are

VIA = \$4000 ;My board settings

ACIA = \$6000

CS = \$2000 ;used for LCD Display select

Change to suite yours.

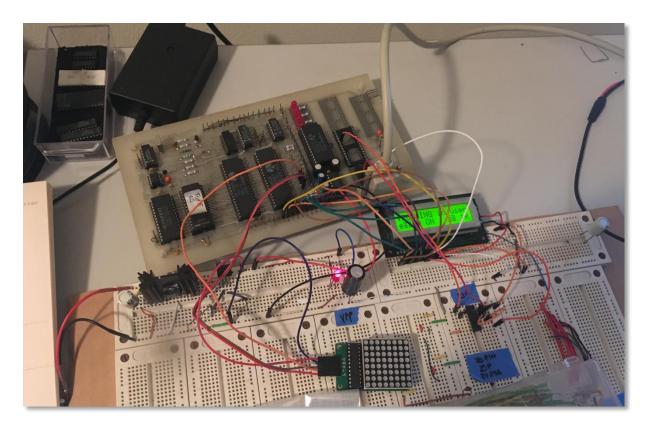


Figure 15

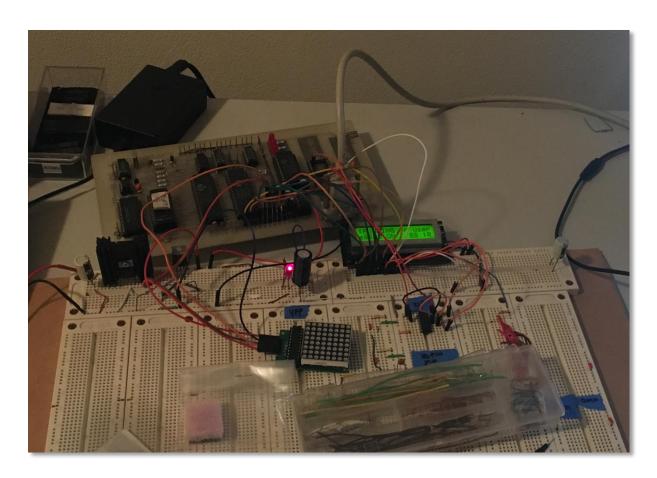


Figure 16



SYMON

SYMON = 1 ;used for SYMON to define CIA and VIA

These settings are for Symon Simulator https://github.com/sethm/symon



Figure 17

LCD Routines

LCD_ROUTINES = 0 ;Compile with LCD 16x2 lines

Library Routines for a 16x2 LCD display - HD44780-compatible controllers. The library is found in General lib.65s. The routines are:

LCD_LINIT ; Initialisation
LCD_SCROLL ; LCD Scroll
LCD CLR ; Clear screen

LCD HOME ; LCD home

LCD_BUSY ; Wait for LCD busy bit to clear

LCD_WRCHAR ; Print character on LCD

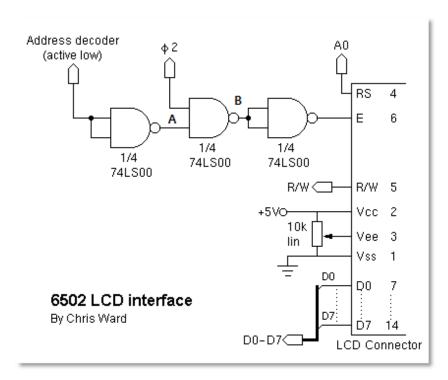


Figure 18

CS	Α	02	В	Е
0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0

E - enable (This loads the data into the HD44780) - on the falling edge.

Rom Library

```
ROM_LIBRRAY = 1 ;adds ROM library to assembler
```

This will compile in the ROM routines into labels into the OS for use with the Assembler. All ROM base subroutines must start with @. It doesn't really need this but thought if you wanted to add your own routines and not have it conflict with the ROM library.

For example subroutines found in ROM such as RDCHAR, WRCHAR, HEX2BIN etc (see last section in the code) and so you can access them without having to declare them.

```
AUTO
CR
         .EQ $0D
         .EQ $20
;----
START JSR HELLO
                           ;output to screen
         JSR COUNT
        RTS
         LDX #0
HELLO
. 1
         LDA .3,X
         BPL .2
         JSR @WRCHAR ;ROM pre-defined label
         INX
         BNE .1
         ORA #1000.0000
. 2
         JSR @WRCRLF
                            ; ROM pre-defined label
         RTS
```

Current Definitions

This actual code is in the Primatives.65s files.

•	RDCHAR	- read character from ACIA
•	WRCHAR	-write character to ACIA
•	STRING	-write a sting to ACIA – can be compressed text.
•	GOTOXY	-goto xy position on the screen
•	CLS	- clear screen
•	WR2HEX	-write 2 bytes into hex decimal
•	HEX2BIN	-convert to hex to binary
•	WRCRLF	-write CRLF to the screen



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Text Font