



# Programming Project Checkpoint 5

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## Compilation of Code:

```
User@LAPTOP-U8BRQGS7 /cygdrive/C/Users/User/Documents/OS/112006234_ppc5
$ make clean
rm *.hex *.ihx *.lnk *.lst *.map *.mem *.rel *.rst *.sym
rm: cannot remove '*.ihx': No such file or directory
rm: cannot remove '*.lnk': No such file or directory
make: *** [Makefile:18: clean] Error 1

User@LAPTOP-U8BRQGS7 /cygdrive/C/Users/User/Documents/OS/112006234_ppc5
$ make
sdcc -c --model-small testlcd.c
sdcc -c --model-small preemptive.c
preemptive.c:86: warning 85: in function ThreadCreate unreferenced function argument : 'fp'
sdcc -c --model-small lcdlib.c
lcdlib.c:75: warning 85: in function delay unreferenced function argument : 'n'
sdcc -c --model-small buttonlib.c
sdcc -c --model-small keylib.c
sdcc -o testlcd.hex testlcd.rel preemptive.rel lcdlib.rel buttonlib.rel keylib.
rel
```

After testing and verifying that LCD works correctly, I commented out the *testlcd* part in my *makefile* (including *buttonlib* since we won't be using in part 2)

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$ make clean
rm -f *.hex *.ihx *.lnk *.lst *.map *.mem *.rel *.rst *.sym

User@LAPTOP-U8BRQGS7 /cygdrive/C/Users/user/Documents/OS/112006234_ppc5
$ make
sdcc -c --model-small dino.c
dino.c:198: warning 283: function declarator with no prototype
sdcc -c --model-small preemptive.c
preemptive.c:88: warning 85: in function ThreadCreate unreferenced function argument : 'fp'
sdcc -c --model-small lcdlib.c
lcdlib.c:75: warning 85: in function delay unreferenced function argument : 'n'
sdcc -c --model-small buttonlib.c
sdcc -c --model-small keylib.c
sdcc -o dino.hex dino.rel preemptive.rel lcdlib.rel buttonlib.rel keylib.rel
```

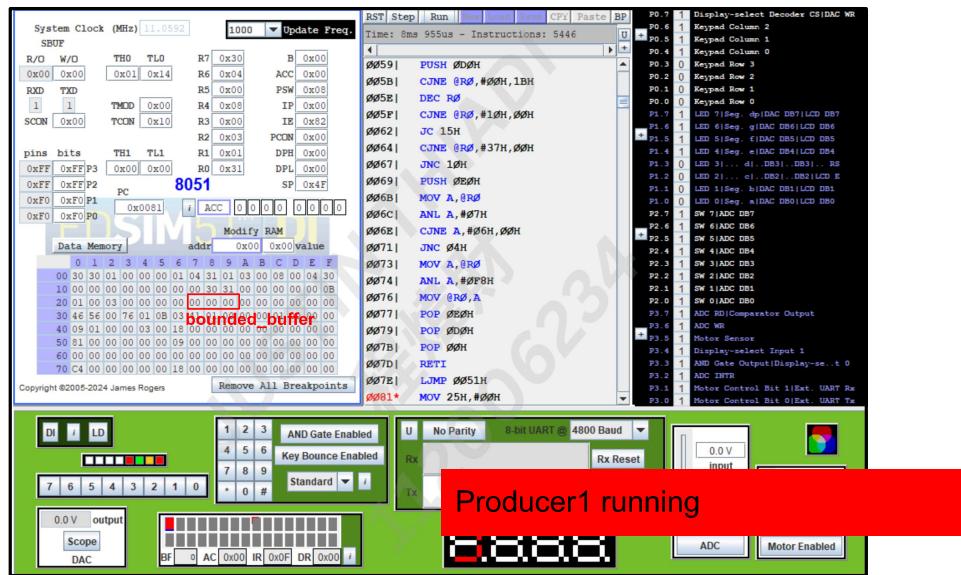
### 1.1.1. Peripheral Devices:

Value	Global	Global Defined In Module
00000000	.___.ABS.	_gptrget
00000020	_mutex	testlcd
00000021	_full	testlcd
00000022	_empty	testlcd
00000023	_read	testlcd
00000024	_write	testlcd
00000025	_button_in	testlcd
00000026	_key_in	testlcd
00000027	_bounded_buffer	testlcd
0000002A	_output_char	testlcd
00000030	_saved_SP	preemptive
00000034	_current_thread	preemptive
00000035	_valid_thread	preemptive
00000036	_new_thread	preemptive
00000037	_old_SP	preemptive
00000038	_dir	preemptive
0000003B	_button_state	buttonlib
0000003C	_lcd_ready	lcdlib

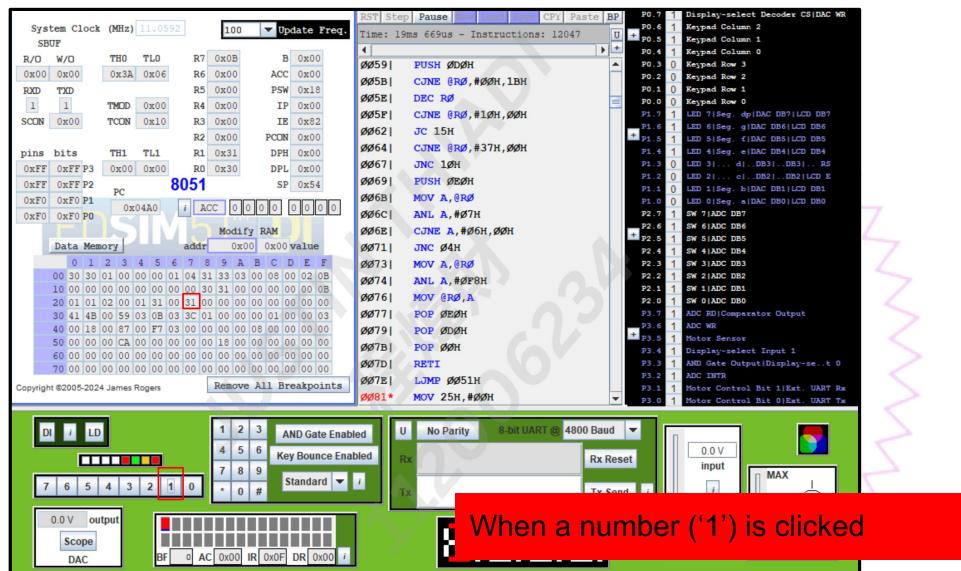
Value	Global	Global Defined In Module
00000081	_Producer1	testlcd
000000C4	_Producer2	testlcd
00000107	_Consumer	testlcd
0000013C	_main	testlcd
00000163	__sdcc_gsinit_startup	testlcd
00000167	__mcs51_genRAMCLEAR	testlcd
00000168	__mcs51_genXINIT	testlcd
00000169	__mcs51_genXRAMCLEAR	testlcd
0000016A	_timer0_ISR	testlcd
00000170	_Bootstrap	preemptive
00000196	_ThreadCreate	preemptive
0000021B	_ThreadYield	preemptive
0000026D	_ThreadExit	preemptive
000002CC	_myTimer0Handler	preemptive
00000330	_LCD_ready	lcdlib
00000334	_LCD_Init	lcdlib
00000347	_LCD_IRWrite	lcdlib
00000369	_LCD_functionSet	lcdlib
00000393	_LCD_write_char	lcdlib
000003BD	_LCD_write_string	lcdlib
000003F2	_delay	lcdlib
000003F6	_AnyButtonPressed	buttonlib
00000407	_ButtonToChar	buttonlib
00000493	_Init_Keypad	keylib
00000499	_AnyKeyPressed	keylib
000004A6	_KeyToChar	keylib
00000522	__gptrget	_gptrget

## 1.1.2. Button Bank:

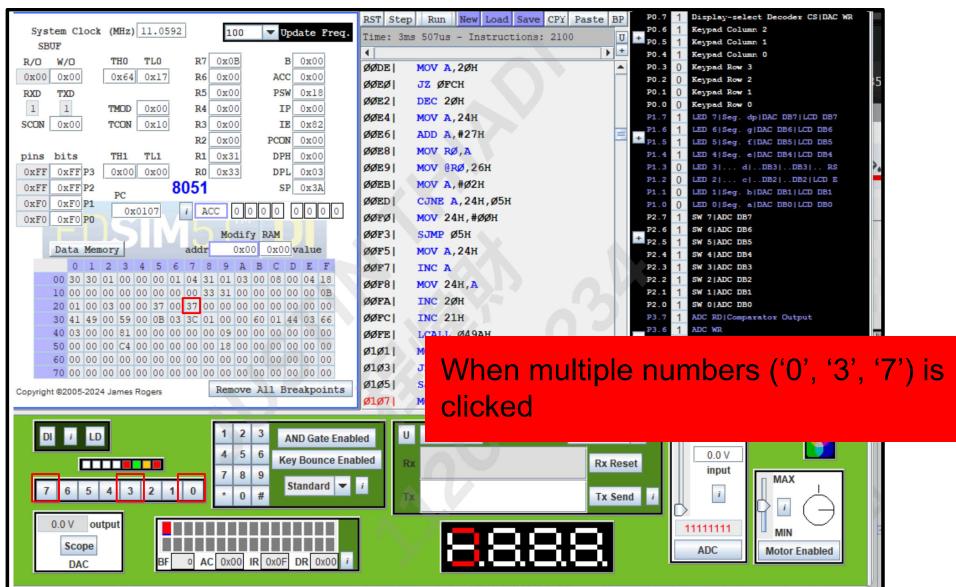
This function is used to poll whether any button is currently being pressed. It returns non-zero if at least one button is pressed.



No buttons pressed (*bounded\_buffer* initialized; is still empty)



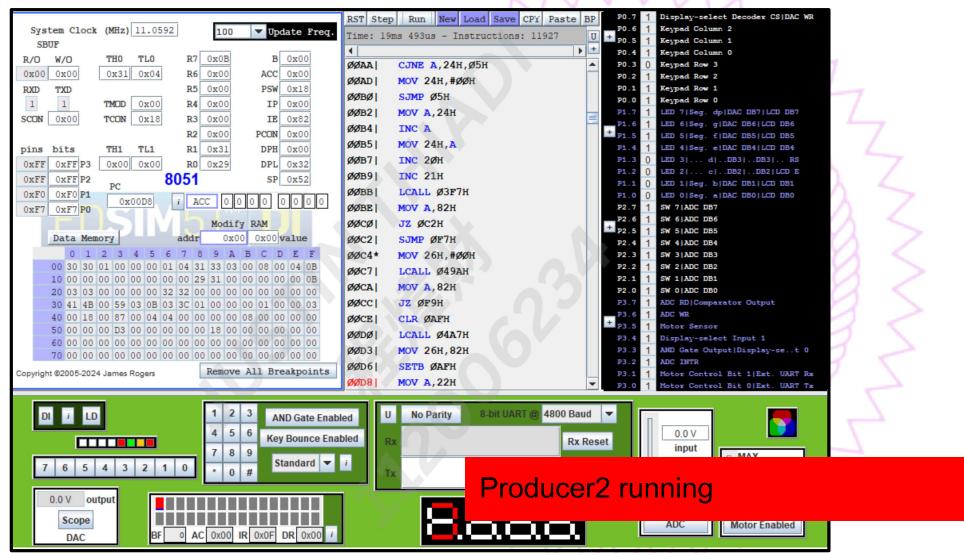
in case multiple buttons are pressed, return the highest numbered button (refer to *buttonlib.c*).  
In our case, it is **0x37 ('7' ASCII)** as seen in the screenshot below:



### 1.1.3. Keypad:

The `AnyKeyPressed()` function correctly detects if any key is pressed.

The `KeyToChar()` function correctly returns the ASCII character for the pressed key, including edge cases like multiple keys being pressed. In other words, it maps row/col to ASCII ('0'-'9', '\*', '#').

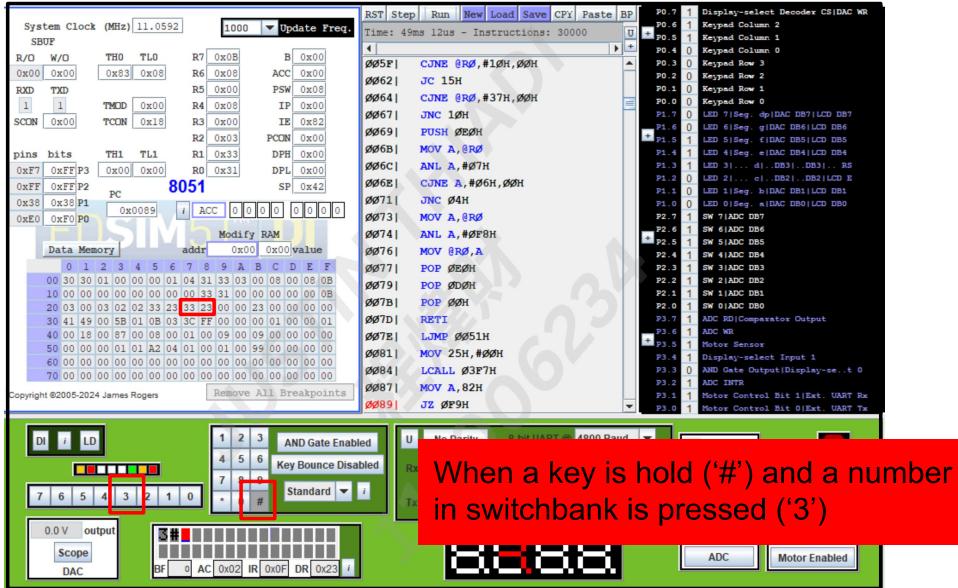


**When a number is clicked ('5')**

**When multiple numbers clicked ('5', '9')**

- Hold down two keys ('5' and '9'):
- Only the one with higher priority (as per scan order) should be returned.
- The scan order is: top row → next row → third row → last row.

## 1.1.4. LCD:



- Initialized by `LCD_Init()`.
- Custom symbols loaded via `LCD_set_symbol(code, bitmap[])`.
- Data writes via `LCD_cursorGoTo(row, col) + LCD_write_char()`.

Press a key on the keypad:

- enqueue one character
- Display on LCD
- No repeat while holding

Press a button from the button bank:

- enqueue and display a character

Press keypad and button simultaneously:

- Both enqueue their own characters
- Order vary depending on thread scheduling

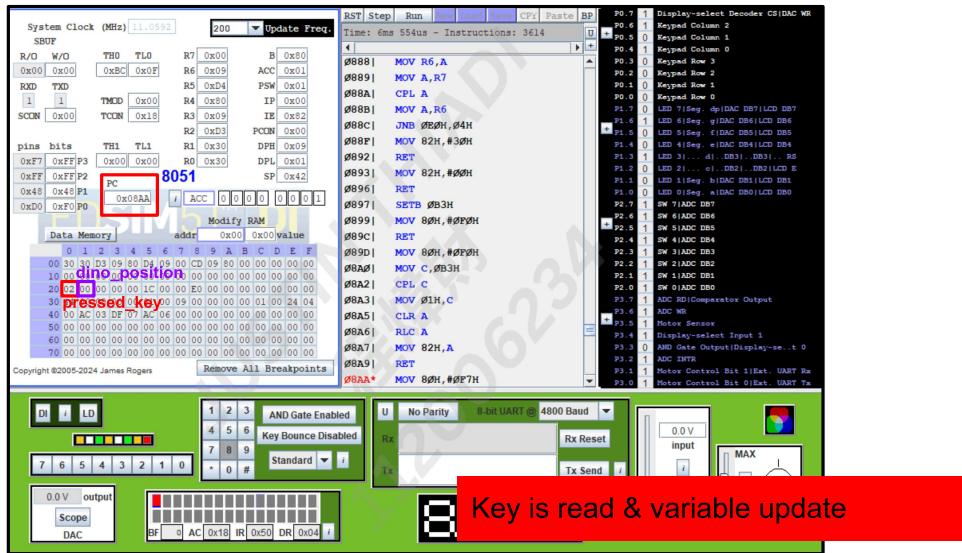
After making sure that the buttons, keypad, and LCD is working well, we can move on to part 2.

## 1.2.1 Dinosaur Game

	Value Global	Global Defined In Module
C:	00000081 _keypad_ctrl	dino
C:	000000FB _render_task	dino
C:	0000022E _game_ctrl	dino
C:	0000039A _difficulty_input	dino
C:	000003DF _main	dino
C:	0000044B __sdcc_gsinit_startup	dino
C:	0000044F __mcs51_genRAMCLEAR	dino
C:	00000450 __mcs51_genXINIT	dino
C:	00000451 __mcs51_genXRAMCLEAR	dino
C:	00000452 _timer0_ISR	dino
C:	00000458 _Bootstrap	preemptive
C:	0000047E _ThreadCreate	preemptive
C:	00000504 _ThreadYield	preemptive
C:	0000055E _ThreadExit	preemptive
C:	000005BD _myTimer0Handler	preemptive
C:	0000061F _ThreadReset	preemptive
C:	00000623 _LCD_ready	lcdlib
C:	00000627 _LCD_Init	lcdlib
C:	0000063A _LCD_IRWrite	lcdlib
C:	0000065C _LCD_functionSet	lcdlib
C:	00000686 _LCD_write_char	lcdlib
C:	00000680 _LCD_write_string	lcdlib
C:	000006E5 _delay	lcdlib
C:	000006E9 _LCD_set_symbol	lcdlib
C:	000007FA _AnyButtonPressed	buttonlib
C:	0000080B _ButtonToChar	buttonlib
C:	00000897 _Init_Keypad	keylib
C:	0000089D _AnyKeyPressed	keylib
C:	000008AA _KeyToChar	keylib
C:	00000926 _moduint	_moduint
C:	00000973 __gptrget	_gptrget
C:	0000098F __modsint	_modsint
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Hexadecimal [32-Bits]		
Area	Addr	Size
CONST	000009C5	00000016 = 22. bytes (REL,CON,CODE)
Value Global	Global Defined In Module	
C: 000009C5 _dinosaur	dino	
C: 000009CD _cactus	dino	
C: 000009D5 _cactus_patterns	dino	

Value Global	Global Defined In Module
00000000 .___.ABS.	_modsint
00000020 _pressed_key	dino
00000021 _dino_position	dino
00000022 _game_start	dino
00000023 _game_over	dino
00000024 _score	dino
00000025 _map_top	dino
00000027 _map_btm	dino
00000029 _time	dino
0000002A _carry_bit	dino
0000002B _mask	dino
0000002C _game_speed	dino
0000002D _cactus_timer	dino
0000002E _last_cactus_row	dino
00000030 _saved_SP	preemptive
00000034 _current_thread	preemptive
00000035 _valid_thread	preemptive
00000036 _new_thread	preemptive
00000037 _old_SP	preemptive
00000038 _reload_time	preemptive
0000003B _button_state	buttonlib
0000003C _lcd_ready	lcdlib

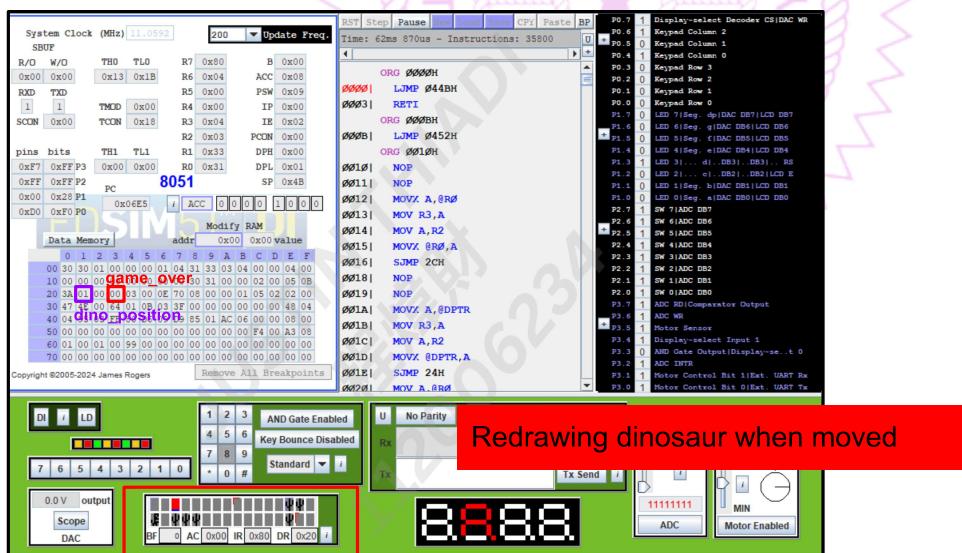
## 1.2.2 keypad\_ctrl



- Waits for `AnyKeyPressed()`, then disables interrupts ( $EA=0$ ).
  - Reads `pressed_key = KeyToChar()`, re-enables interrupts ( $EA=1$ ).
  - On '2'/'8', in a protected block updates `dino_position`, checks collision (`map_top[0]/map_btm[0]`), sets `game_over`, and redraws the dinosaur after the difficulty is set by pressing the keypad (number + #)

## Observations:

- `pressed_key` (showing '2')
  - `dino_position` (showing 0)
  - `PC` pointing at `0x8AA` (which is the memory address for `pressed_key`).
  - `pressed_key` loaded the correct ASCII code
  - The old vs. new `dino_position` value is still unchanged here

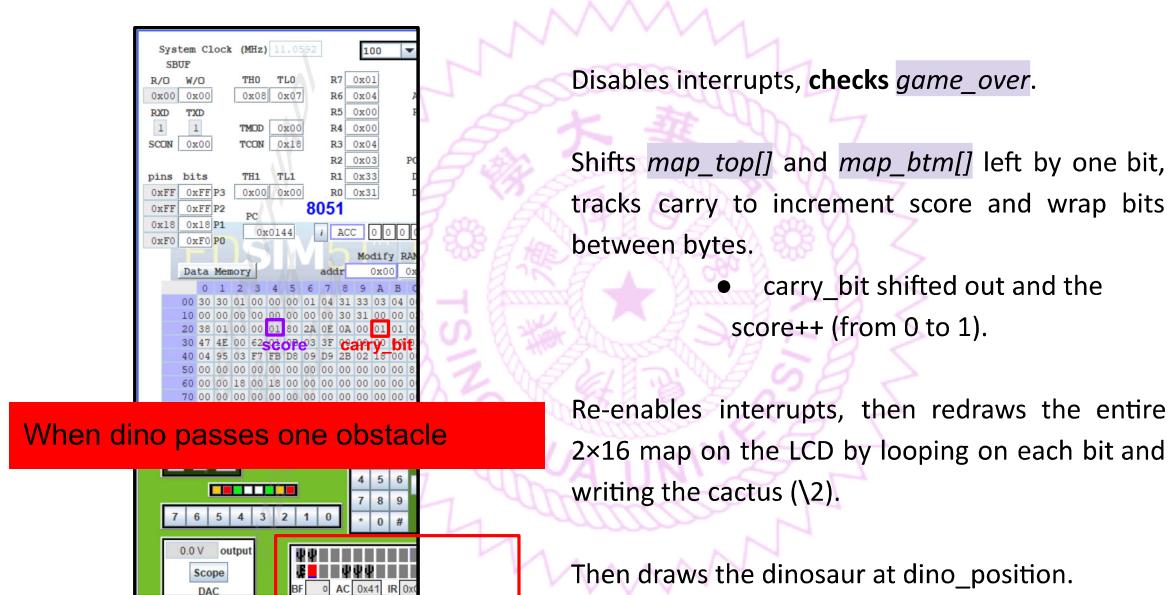
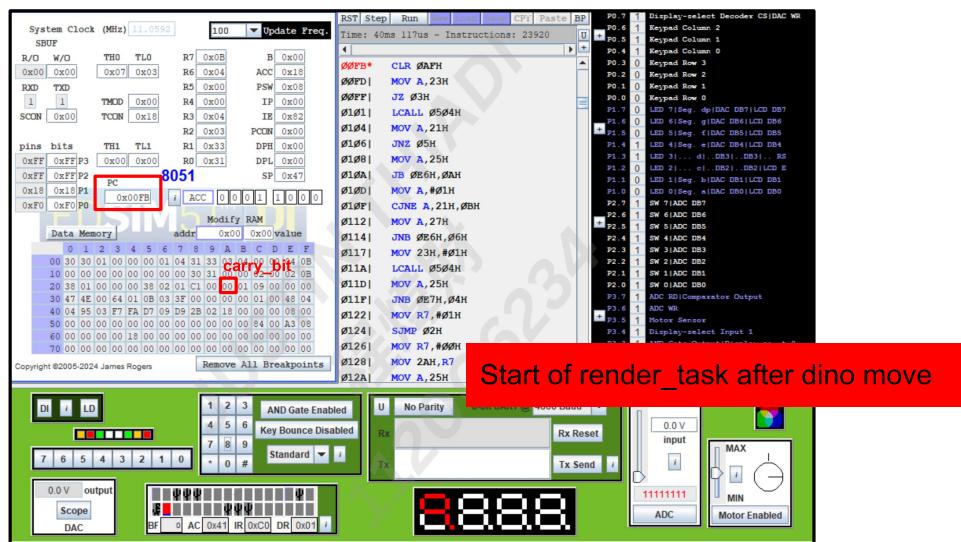


**LCD window showing:**

- The old dinosaur removed from the previous row
- The new dinosaur in the opposite row, column 0

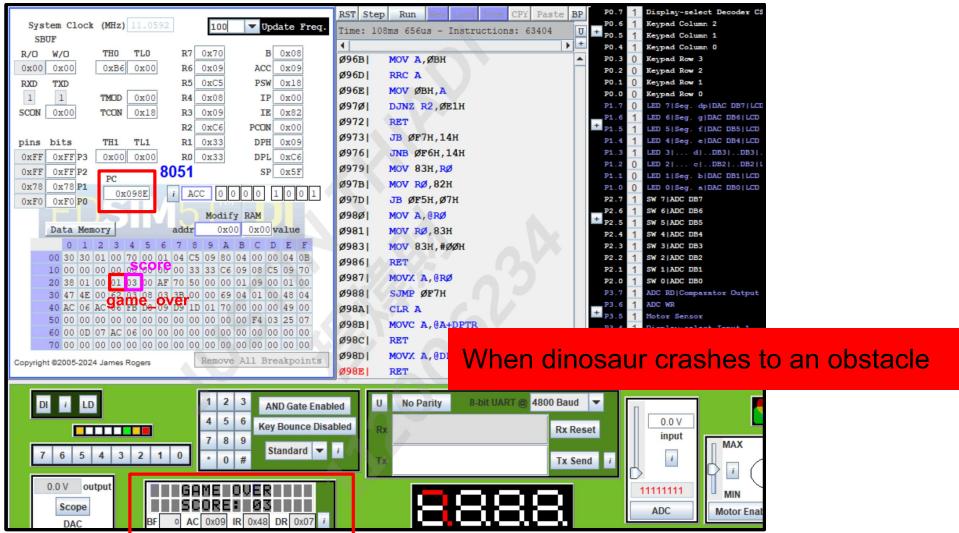
no cactus collided during this time (*game\_over* is still 0)

### 1.2.3 render\_task



Note that *map\_top* and *map\_bottom* values are also modified accordingly with the shifting of the cacti based on difficulty, and movement of the dinosaur (for simplicity, it is not shown in the screenshot but increases between the values can be seen by comparing from the previous screenshots)

## 1.2.4 game\_ctrl



- Runs in `main` after thread creation.
- Increments `cactus_timer` each cycle
  - when it reaches ( $10 - \text{game\_speed}$ ):
    - resets timer
    - selects a pattern from `cactus_patterns[]`, creates a new cactus by OR-ing the low bit of `map_top[1]` or `map_btm[1]`
    - updates `last_cactus_row`.
- Loops `ThreadYield()` `game_speed` times to control frame rate.
- LCD window showing the full “GAME OVER” text on row 0 and the two-digit score on row 1 (with correct spaces as in the code).
  - `game_over == 1`
  - `score` still holding final value (3 in this case)
- Then exit `game_ctrl()` - indicated by being in the memory address of `RET` (0x98E) which will pop the return address off the stack and jump back into `main()` after the `game_ctrl()` call, which then executes `ThreadReset()`.

## 1.3 Questions

- What variables may have race conditions and why?

- `map_top[] & map_btm[]`

- Both `render_task()` (shifts + score bump) and `game_ctrl()` (bit-OR injection) read/write these two-byte arrays in multiple instructions. Without locking, one thread could preempt in the middle of `SHIFT` or `OR`, leaving the high and low bytes out of sync.
  - How I fixed it: wrapped both the `shift/score++` block in `render_task()` and the `if (cactus_timer ≥ ...) { ... map_*[1] |= 0x01; last_cactus_row = ... }` block in `game_ctrl()` with

- $EA = 0;$

- $EA = 1;$

ensuring no context switch can occur mid-update.

#### ○ **score**

- `render_task()` increments score when a cactus shifts off the left edge, while `game_ctrl()` reads score to pick the next injection pattern. An interrupt during `score++` could lose an increment.
- How I fixed it: The `EA=0/EA=1` around the entire `shift` and `score++` sequence in `render_task()` also protects score.

#### ○ **game\_over**

- All three threads set or test `game_over` when detecting collisions or shutting down. Without exclusion, two threads could simultaneously write it or one could test it based on old memory.
  - How I fixed it: where there is collision, it now runs with interrupts disabled, so the flag write and the following yield cannot be interrupted.

#### ○ **pressed\_key & dino\_position**

- `keypad_ctrl()` writes `pressed_key` and updates `dino_position` on each arrow press, while `render_task()` reads both to check for collisions and redraw.
- How I fixed it: `pressed_key = KeyToChar()` inside `EA=0/EA=1`, and added `EA=0/EA=1` around the entire `if (pressed_key == '2' || '8') { ... dino_position = ... }` block.

### ● What data type do you use for the map?

- Use 2 bytes per row (`unsigned char map_top[2]` and `unsigned char map_btm[2]`) to represent 16 columns as 16 bits.
  - Each bit = “cactus present” or “empty.”
  - Total memory = 4 bytes for both rows instead of 32 bytes.

### ● How do you generate a new cactus?

- In `game_ctrl`, I tick a `cactus_timer`. Once it reaches `(10 - game_speed)`:
  - Reset `cactus_timer = 0.`
  - Choose a pattern like
    - `unsigned char pattern = cactus_patterns[(score + last_cactus_row) % sizeof(cactus_patterns)];`
  - `If pattern == 1, do map_top[1] |= 0x01; last_cactus_row = 1;`
  - `else if pattern == 2, do map_btm[1] |= 0x01; last_cactus_row = 2;`
  - `else leave both rows.`

This approach creates a top/bottom cactus and avoids cacti only one column apart from each or full walls.