

ECEN 3320-002  
Assembly Language Programming  
Lab Assignment # 2.4

Read, Random, and Write

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## **Summary**

Lab 2.4 Read/Random/Write, uses understandings learned in past labs in conjunction with new concepts to help produce a program that will be uploaded to the 8051 trainer. The goal of Lab 2.4 is to input a value into the 8051, randomize the value twice, and output the two random values. With the use of the equipment of an 8-switch DIP, 8051 trainer, LCD display, and Keil uVision, Lab 2.4 will be completed with expected results. The program will work by reading the value on the 8-switch DIP, which will be connected through PORT3, and randomize the value through a randomize procedure in the program. After the value has been randomized using an algorithm given in the lab handout, the now randomized value will be saved in a register but will also be randomized again. Since there are two random numbers that have been generated, the values will be output through PORT1, which is connected to an LCD display. The LCD display will be configured to display the two randomized values with the first value on the first line and the second value on the second line. Following the completion of Lab 2.4, a solid understanding of the 8051 architecture and assembly code format will be gained.

## **Background**

Since Lab 2.4 is the final lab in a four-part series revolving around programming the 8051 microprocessor, many parts of this lab use previously created code to operate. This includes the use of the LCD driver created in Lab 2.1, which is needed in order to initialize and control the LCD connected to the 8051. Additionally, portions of a BCD conversion program are used in order to unpack packed BCD values inputted through DIP switches and convert the values to binary for display on the LCD.

## **Procedure**

Lab 2.4 begins by referring back to code that was previously written in Lab 2.1, which was built to introduce an LCD display that is connected to the 8051 trainer. The code in Lab 2.1 includes procedures that initialize the LCD display as well as write the necessary data to the LCD within the required specifications of the LCD. The code implemented in Lab 2.1 will be copied exactly as it was written and pasted into the Read, Random, Write program. By utilizing the previously written code, a great amount of time is saved and far less code is subject to being filled with errors. In addition to the code from Lab 2.1 that initializes the LCD, three procedures will need to be implemented in order for Lab 2.4 to function properly. The program will implement the procedures READ, RANDOM, and WRITE to achieve the desired results. Prior to

implementing these three procedures, the program will need to setup the I/O ports which will be used to transfer data from the 8-switch DIP as well as to the LCD display. This means that in addition to the already written code from Lab 2.1, which utilized PORT1 and PORT2 to connect to the LCD display, PORT3 will need to be setup as an input port to read the states of the DIP switches. Now that the configuration of the ports is complete, the three procedures can be written.

Starting with the READ procedure, only two instructions will be included. The READ procedure will clear the accumulator and input the data from PORT3, which is the value from the DIP switches. At this point, the actual value set on the DIP switches is held in the accumulator and is ready to be randomized through the RANDOM procedure. The RANDOM procedure can now be written and implemented.

The RANDOM procedure needs to be built to follow four instructions which will cause the input value to be output as “random”. To begin the RANDOM procedure, the first instruction will need to be completed which is shifting the data left by 1-bit. This will be done by the accumulator being logically left shifted using the RLC instruction. The second instruction of the random algorithm is to exclusive-OR bits 6 and 7 held in the accumulator, replace bit 0 with the result, and clear bit 7. To do so, the accumulator value will next be moved to R1 and R2 then the accumulator is logically shifted left using the RLC instruction. Using the XRL instruction, an exclusive OR of accumulator and R2 is performed and placed in the accumulator. Using the ANL instruction, the accumulator will have bit 7 masked by using the value #80H. At this point R1 holds the input value from the DIP switches and is left-shifted 1-bit and the accumulator holds the exclusive-OR of bits 6 and 7 of the input value in bit 7. Since the exclusive-OR of bits 6 and 7 need to replace bit 0, the upper and lower nibbles of the accumulator are swapped and the RR instruction is used three times, which moves the value from bit 7 to bit 0. The accumulator value will now be moved into R2 and the original DIP switch value left shifted once, held in R1, is moved into the accumulator. Using the ANL instruction on the accumulator with value #7EH clears bits 7 and 0 and a logical OR with the accumulator and R2 replaces bit 0 of the accumulator with the exclusive OR of bits 7 and 6.

The WRITE procedure will be used to print the values that were randomized onto the LCD with the first random value on the first line and the second random value on the second line. Before writing the WRITE procedure, 18 strings will need to be defined at the bottom of the

program. These strings will be named FIRST, SECOND, ZERO, ONE, TWO,..., FIFTEEN . As expected, FIRST will hold the string “First: ”, SECOND will hold the string “Second: ”, ZERO will hold the string “0000”, ONE will hold the string “0001” and so on and so forth. This is done to write the values on the LCD display. For the WRITE procedure, the now unpacked BCD value is stored in the accumulator and is compared to values #00H - #0FH using the CJNE instruction. This works by comparing the accumulator to #00H initially and if it is equal, loads the ROM pointer to point at the ZERO string. Given the accumulator does not equal #00H, the procedure jumps to the next compare, which compares the accumulator to the value #01H. Again, if the two are equal, the ROM pointer will point at the ONE string. Otherwise, the next compare will occur.

Since the procedures have been defined, the main portion of code will be explained. The program will operate by first initializing the LCD through the LCD\_INIT procedure. The READ procedure is called and reads the value of the DIP switch followed by the RANDOM procedure being called, which creates the first random number. The first random number is stored in R6 and the RANDOM procedure is called again to create the second random value. The second random value is stored in register B. The ROM pointer then points to the FIRST string and is written to the LCD through the LCD\_STRING1 procedure. The first random number is returned to the accumulator from R6 and the CONVERT procedure is called which converts the value to binary and displays it on the LCD. Next, the cursor on the LCD is moved to the second line through the LCD\_2NDLINE procedure and the ROM pointer points to the SECOND string. The SECOND string is written to the LCD through calling the LCD\_STRING1 procedure. The second random number is moved back to the accumulator from register B and a copy is stored in R6. Finally, the CONVERT procedure is called which converts the BCD value to binary and displays it on the LCD followed by ending the program.

## **Results**

Testing for Lab 2.4 was completed through uploading the assembly code to an 8051 trainer and inputting various values while observing the “randomized” output values on a connected LCD. It was determined that throughout testing that the program did initially operate as expected in some respects. The LCD was displaying the “First: “ and “Second: “ strings properly as well as the lower nibbles of the random numbers, however the upper nibbles of the random numbers were not displaying. This was found to be caused by an oversight in which

registers were used to hold the random values thus causing only half of the values to be displayed. Once the program was debugged and problem was fixed, the updated program was uploaded to the 8051 trainer and tested for accuracy. It was determined that the program operated as expected and without error as all tested input values from the DIP switches did output the proper random values on the LCD. The fully functioning Read, Random, Write program can be seen uploaded onto the 8051 trainer operating properly in Figure II.

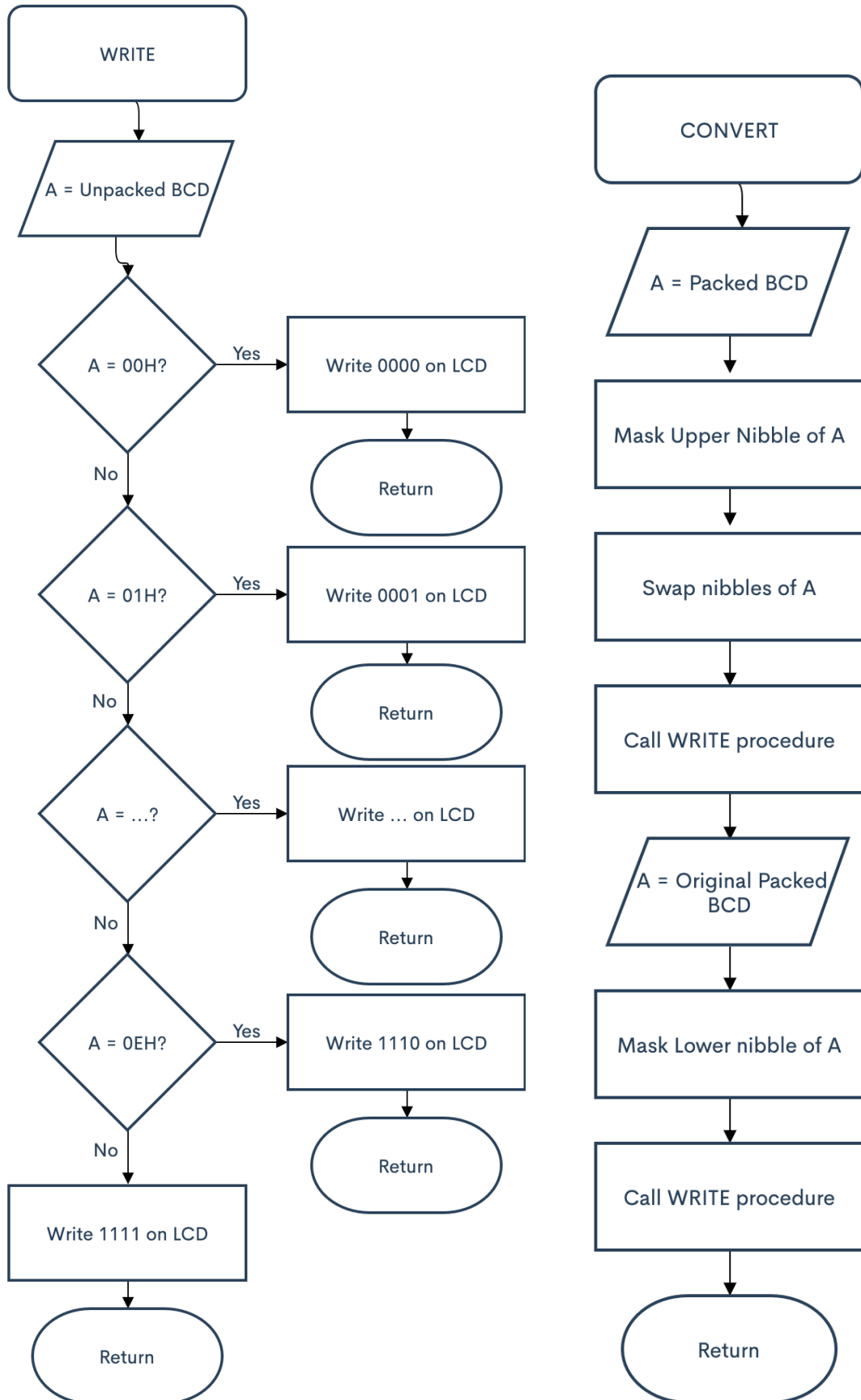
### **Answers to Posted Questions**

1. The engineering methods used to write the procedures needed for Lab 2.4 included the following:
  - Referencing the ECEN 1060 lab that required the creation of a program that produces two random values and displays them on an LCD.
  - Referencing code created in Labs 2.1 – 2.3

The ECEN 1060 lab proved to be the most beneficial as the same concepts were covered. The only difference between the labs being the randomize algorithm and the conversion of code from AVR to 8051 assembly code. Methods used to improve code logic consisted of better use of loops and fewer moves of data between registers. Additionally, adding more in depth comments throughout the code.

2. Flowcharts for the READ, RANDOM, WRITE, and CONVERT procedures can be seen below.





## **Conclusion**

Lab 2.4, the final lab of a four-part series, tied together all the concepts introduced in project 2. This lab used the LCD driver created in Lab 2.1 and BCD conversion created in Lab 2.2. Following the completion of Lab 2.4, a full understanding of the 8051 architecture and assembly language has been gained. It was determined that through compiling and uploading the assembly code to an 8051 trainer, the program worked and produced results consistent with what was expected. The information within this lab will prove to be beneficial in future labs within ECEN 3320 as well as future courses.



## Appendix

Figure I: 8051 Read, Random, Write Assembly Source Code

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; CAMERON BINIAMOW
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; LAB 2.4: 8051 ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING
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ORG          0H
ACALL        LCD_INIT
ACALL        READ          ; READ INPUT VALUE
ACALL        RANDOM        ; CREATE RANDOM NUMBER
MOV          R6, A         ; HOLD FIRST RANDOM NUMBER IN R6
ACALL        RANDOM        ; CREATE SECOND RANDOM NUMBER
MOV          B, A          ; REG B = SECOND RANDOM NUMBER
MOV          DPTR, #FIRST  ; LOAD ROM POINTER
ACALL        LCD_STRING1   ; WRITE "FIRST: "
MOV          A, R6         ; REG A = FIRST RANDOM NUMBER
ACALL        CONVERT
ACALL        LCD_2NDLINE   ; MOVE CURSOR THE 2nd LINE OF LCD
MOV          DPTR, #SECOND ; LOAD ROM POINTER
ACALL        LCD_STRING1   ; WRITE "SECOND: "
MOV          A, B          ; LOAD 2nd RAND NUM INTO REG A
MOV          R6, A         ; HOLD COPY OF SECOND RANDOM NUMBER
ACALL        CONVERT

HERE:
    SJMP     HERE          ; STAY HERE

;-----
; UNPACKS BCD

CONVERT:
    MOV      R1, #0F0H
    ANL      A, R1         ; MASK UPPER NIBBLE
    SWAP     A             ; PLACE UPPER NIBBLE INTO LOWER NIBBLE
    ACALL    WRITE        ; WRITE BIN. FOR UPPER NIBBLE OF RAND NUM
    MOV      A, R6         ; ORIGINAL UNMASKED VALUE
    MOV      R1, #0FH
    ANL      A, R1         ; MASK LOWER NIBBLE
    ACALL    WRITE        ; WRITE BIN. FOR LOWER NIBBLE OF RAND NUM
    RET

;-----
; READS PACKED BCD VALUE FROM PORT3

READ:
    CLR      A
    MOV      A, P3         ; STORE VALUE READ FROM PORT3
    RET

;-----
; CREATES RANDOM VALUE

RANDOM:
    RLC      A             ; SHIFT LEFT ONCE
    MOV      R1, A         ; R1 = READ VALUE SHIFTED LEFT ONCE
    MOV      R2, A         ; R2 = READ VALUE SHIFTED LEFT ONCE
    RLC      A             ; A = READ VALUE SHIFTED LEFT TWICE
    XRL      A, R2
    ANL      A, #80H       ; A.7 = XOR OF R1.6 & R1.7 (X000 0000)
    SWAP     A             ; A = 0000 X000
    RR       A             ; A = 0000 0X00
    RR       A             ; A = 0000 00X0
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RR          A                      ; A = 0000 000X
MOV         R2, A
MOV         A, R1
ANL         A, #7EH                ; A = 0XXX XXX0
ORL         A, R2                  ; A = 0XXX XXXX (RANDOM NUMBER - FINAL)
RET

;-----
; WRITES A BYTE OF BINARY VALUES

WRITE:
CJNE        A, #00H, L1            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 0? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #ZERO            ; YES - WRITE 0000
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L1:
CJNE        A, #01H, L2            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 1? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #ONE             ; YES - WRITE 0001
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L2:
CJNE        A, #02H, L3            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 2? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #TWO             ; YES - WRITE 0010
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L3:
CJNE        A, #03H, L4            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 3? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #THREE           ; YES - WRITE 0011
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L4:
CJNE        A, #04H, L5            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 4? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #FOUR            ; YES - WRITE 0100
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L5:
CJNE        A, #05H, L6            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 5? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #FIVE            ; YES - WRITE 0101
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L6:
CJNE        A, #06H, L7            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 6? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #SIX             ; YES - WRITE 0110
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L7:
CJNE        A, #07H, L8            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 7? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #SEVEN           ; YES - WRITE 0111
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L8:
CJNE        A, #08H, L9            ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 8? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #EIGHT           ; YES - WRITE 1000
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L9:
CJNE        A, #09H, L10           ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 9? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #NINE            ; YES - WRITE 1001
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET
L10:
CJNE        A, #0AH, L11           ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 10? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV         DPTR, #TEN             ; YES - WRITE 1010
ACALL       LCD_STRING
RET

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L11:
CJNE      A, #0BH, L12      ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 11? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV       DPTR, #ELEVEN    ; YES - WRITE 1011
ACALL    LCD_STRING
RET
L12:
CJNE      A, #0CH, L13      ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 12? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV       DPTR, #TWELVE    ; YES - WRITE 1100
ACALL    LCD_STRING
RET
L13:
CJNE      A, #0DH, L14      ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 13? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV       DPTR, #THIRTEEN  ; YES - WRITE 1101
ACALL    LCD_STRING
RET
L14:
CJNE      A, #0EH, L15      ; LOWER NIBBLE OF A = 14? NO - CHECK NEXT
MOV       DPTR, #FOURTEEN  ; YES - WRITE 1110
ACALL    LCD_STRING
RET
L15:
MOV       DPTR, #FIFTEEN    ; WRITE 1111
ACALL    LCD_STRING
RET

;------(n)ms DELAY PROCEDURE-----
;CALLS DELAY PROCEDURE n # OF TIMES. n = VALUE LOADED INTO REG A

DELAY_ms:
MOV       R5, A              ;REGISTER A HOLDS # OF ms DELAY NEEDED
JUMP:
ACALL    DELAY
DJNZ     R5, JUMP            ;CONTINUALLY DECREMENT R5 UNTIL 0
RET

;-----1ms DELAY PROCEDURE-----
;DECREMENTS R4 FROM 255 TO 0 THEN DECREMENTS R3.
;CONTINUES LOOPS UNTIL R3 IS 0. CREATES 12750 CLOCKS ~1ms.

DELAY:
MOV       R3, #50            ;LOAD 50 DEC INTO R3
HERE0:
MOV       R4, #255           ;LOAD 255 DEC INTO R4
HERE2:
DJNZ     R4, HERE2           ;CONTINUALLY DECREMENT R4 UNTIL 0
DJNZ     R3, HERE0           ;DECREMENTS R3 UNTIL 0
RET

;-----LCD INITIALIZE PROCEDURE-----
;INITIALIZES THE LCD IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LCD DATA SHEET

LCD_INIT:
MOV       A, #15             ;15ms DELAY
ACALL    DELAY_ms

MOV       A, #000H
MOV       P1, A              ;SET PORT 1 AS OUTPUT
MOV       P3, A              ;SET PORT 3 AS OUTPUT

MOV       A, #30H
ACALL    LCD_CMD             ;FUNCTION SET COMMAND

MOV       A, #5
ACALL    DELAY_ms

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        MOV        A, #30H                ;FUNCTION SET COMMAND
        ACALL      LCD_CMD

        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY

        MOV        A, #30H                ;FUNCTION SET COMMAND
        ACALL      LCD_CMD

        MOV        A, #3CH                ;FUNCTION SET COMMAND
        ACALL      LCD_CMD                ;8-BIT INTERFACE

        MOV        A, #08H                ;DISPLAY OFF
        ACALL      LCD_CMD

        MOV        A, #06H                ;ENTRY MODE SET
        ACALL      LCD_CMD

        MOV        A, #0FH                ;DISPLAY ON
        ACALL      LCD_CMD

        ACALL      LCD_CLEAR              ;CLEAR DISPLAY

        RET

;-----LCD DATA PROCEDURE-----
;TRANSFERS DATA TO THE LCD

LCD_DATA:
        SETB       P2.0                  ;RS = 1
        CLR        P2.1                  ;RW = 0
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        SETB       P2.2                  ;EN = 1
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        MOV        P1, A                  ;REGISTER A -> PORT 1
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        CLR        P2.2                  ;EN = 0
        RET

;-----LCD COMMAND PROCEDURE-----
;USED TO EXECUTE ALL COMMANDS ON THE LCD

LCD_CMD:
        CLR        P2.0                  ;RS = 0
        CLR        P2.1                  ;RW = 0
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        SETB       P2.2                  ;EN = 1
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        MOV        P1, A                  ;REGISTER A -> PORT 1
        ACALL      DELAY                  ;1ms DELAY
        CLR        P2.2                  ;EN = 0
        RET

;-----LCD CLEAR PROCEDURE-----
;CLEARS THE LCD

LCD_CLEAR:
        MOV        A, #01H
        ACALL      LCD_CMD
        RET

;-----LCD CHAR PROCEDURE-----
;WRITE A SINGLE CHARACTER ON THE LCD

LCD_CHAR:
        ACALL      LCD_DATA

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        RET

;-----LCD 2ND LINE PROCEDURE-----
;MOVES CURSORS TO THE SECOND LINE OF THE LCD

LCD_2NDLINE:
        MOV            A, #0C0H
        ACALL          LCD_CMD
        RET

;-----LCD STRING PROCEDURE-----
;WRITES A STRING ON THE LCD

LCD_STRING1:
        L3S:
        CLR            A
        MOVC           A, @A+DPTR
        ACALL          LCD_DATA
        ACALL          DELAY
        INC            DPTR
        JZ             L4S
        SJMP           L3S
        L4S:
        RET

LCD_STRING:
        MOV            R7, #4
        L3B:
        CLR            A
        MOVC           A, @A+DPTR
        ACALL          LCD_DATA
        ACALL          DELAY
        INC            DPTR
        DJNZ           R7, L3B
        RET

;-----STRINGS-----

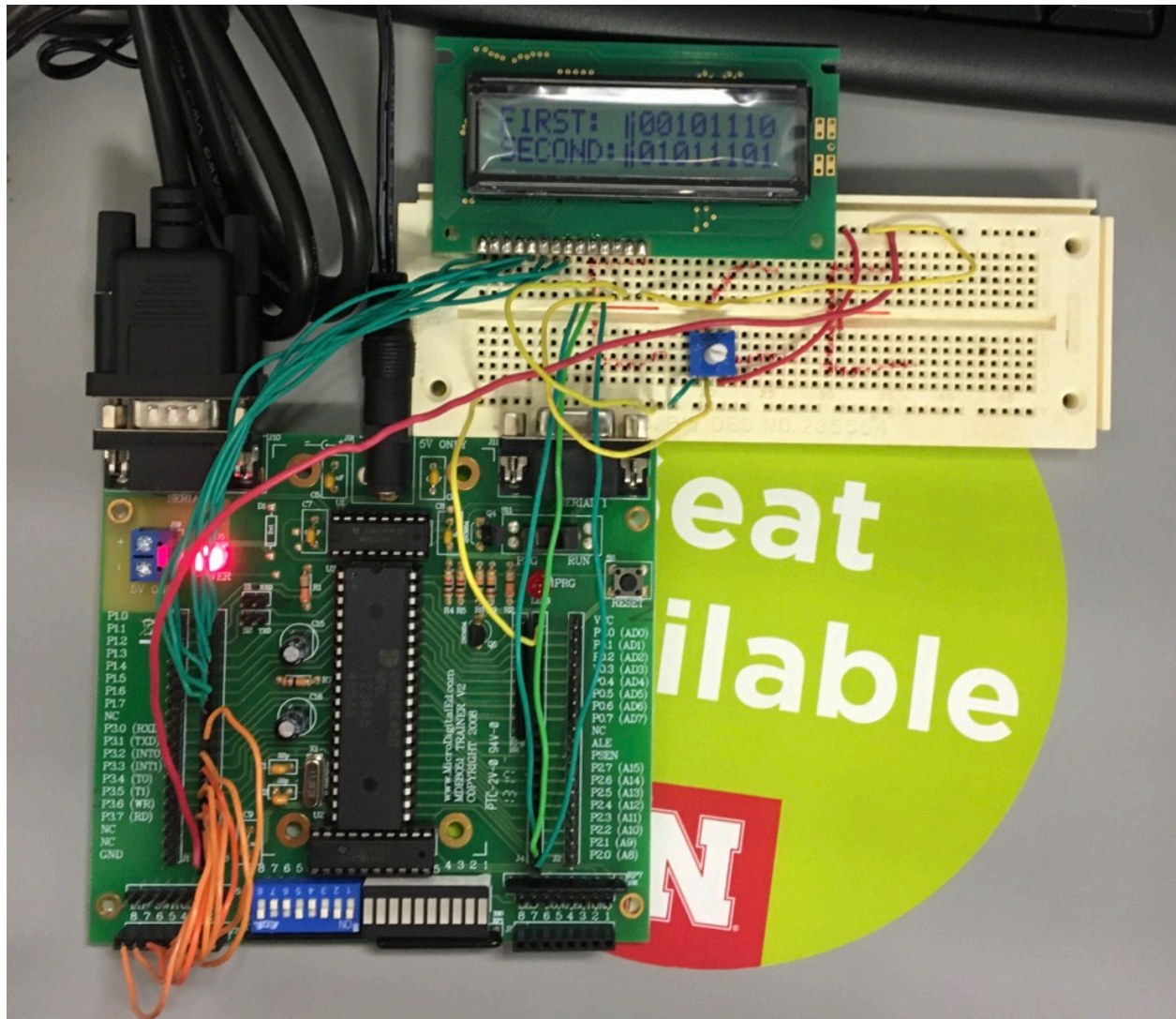
        ORG            300H
FIRST:  DB              "FIRST: ", 0
SECOND: DB              "SECOND:", 0
ZERO:   DB              "0000"
ONE:    DB              "0001"
TWO:    DB              "0010"
THREE:  DB              "0011"
FOUR:   DB              "0100"
FIVE:   DB              "0101"
SIX:    DB              "0110"
SEVEN:  DB              "0111"
EIGHT:  DB              "1000"
NINE:   DB              "1001"
TEN:    DB              "1010"
ELEVEN:

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      DB      "1011"
TWELVE:
      DB      "1100"
THIRTEEN:
      DB      "1101"
FOURTEEN:
      DB      "1110"
FIFTEEN:
      DB      "1111"

      END
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Figure II: Demonstration of the Read, Random, Write Program on an 8051 Trainer



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READ RANDOM WRITE

READ: • DIP SWITCHES - PORT 3  
• STORE INPUT IN REG A

RANDOM: • SHIFT A LEFT ONCE  
• REPLACE B0 WITH  
EOR B6 & B7  
• CLEAR B7

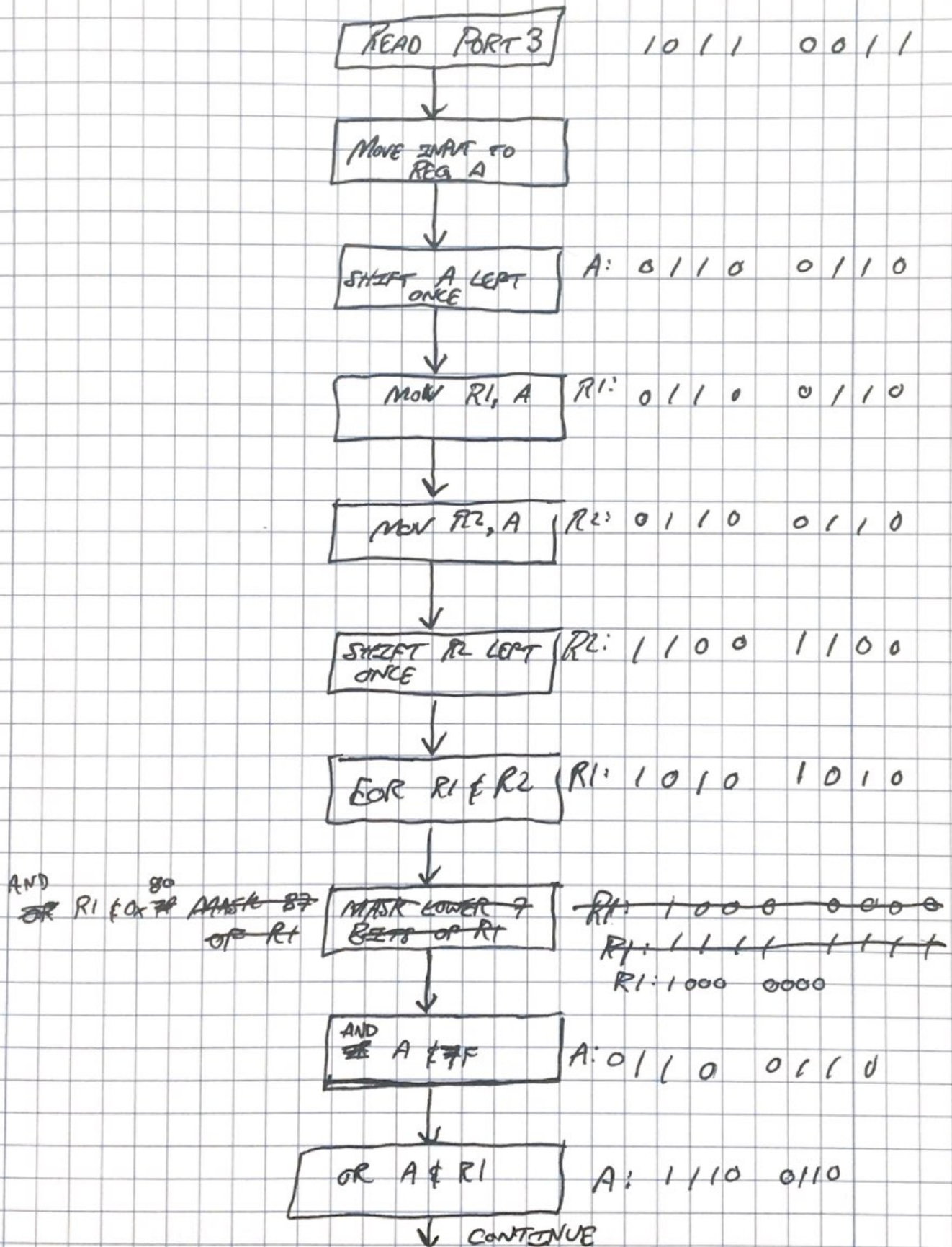
WRITE: LCD - PORT 2 (DATA)  
                    \ PORT 2 (CONTROL)  
• WRITE 1<sup>ST</sup> Random # ON 1<sup>ST</sup> LINE  
  "FIRST: xxxxxxxx"  
• WRITE 2<sup>ND</sup> Random # ON 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE  
  "SECOND: xxxxxxxx"



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MOV B, A

RANDOM AGAIN

1<sup>ST</sup> RAND = B  
2<sup>ND</sup> RAND = A

WRITE

LOAD 1<sup>ST</sup> MESSAGE

LCD\_STRING

CHECK UPPER  
NIBBLE



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0000	0000
0000	0000
0000	0000

0000	0001
0000	0010
0000	0010

0000	0100
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0000	1001
-0000	0010
0010	0100

1111	1111
1111	1110
0111	1110

1111	1100
0111	1100

1001	0110
-0010	1100

0101	1000
-0101	1001

TOTAL TIME : 6.5 HOURS

**Individual report:**

1. Describe the engineering learning plan you used to write the three new procedures and integrate the LCD procedures from previous labs. How was the plan developed and implemented? What methods did you use to improve your code logic? What ideas have you generated to improve your coding skills?
2. Include the flowcharts of your three new procedures on the yellow sheet copies of your lab notebook pages.

Include this verification with your report.

**READ, RANDOM, and WRITE** verified:

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