

COMPUTER ARCHITECTURES (02LSEOV)

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1. Configure the 8255 in mode 1, input for group A. Write the interrupt service routine for coping a sequence of ASCII characters read from group A of the 8255 in the array `myWord`. Only characters corresponding to lowercase and uppercase letters are copied, whereas the others are ignored. The variable `count` is used to memorize the number of copied characters.
2. Configure the 8255 in mode 1, output for group A. Write the interrupt service routine for writing the variable `myNumber` on port A. `myNumber` is a doubleword variable and it should be written starting from the most significant byte.
A software interrupt, by means of `INT` instruction, can be used for printing the first byte.
3. Configure the 8255 in mode 1, input for group A. Write an interrupt service routine that performs the following tasks:
 - it reads a byte from port A
 - it groups every pair of byte into a word, where the first received byte is the most significant one
 - it copies the words in either one of two arrays, `evenArray` and `oddArray`, depending if the numbers are even or odd.

The interrupt service routine uses the following variables:

```
- evenArray DW DIM DUP (?)  
- oddArray DW DIM DUP (?)  
- evenIndex DB 0  
- oddIndex DB 0
```

where `DIM` is a constant equal to or lower than 255 (its value is defined by the programmer). `evenIndex` and `oddIndex` contains the index of the next element that will be written inside the arrays. If an array becomes full, the next element will be written at position 0 (like in a circular buffer).

Example:

Sequence of character received on port A: 01, 0A, 31, 28, 33, 45

`evenArray`: 010A, 3128

`oddArray`: 3345