# PROSE KERNAL ROUTINES (last updated 29-08-2011)

To call a PROSE kernal routine, load register A with the routine label, set other CPU registers as appropriate for the required routine and do a **call.lil** to "prose\_kernal". EG: To print a line of text:

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<pre>File System:</pre>	Keyboard and Mouse:	Environment variables:
<u>kr_mount_volumes</u>	<u>kr_wait_key</u>	<u>kr_set_envar</u>
kr get device info	kr get key	<u>kr get envar</u>
kr check volume format	kr get key mod flags	kr delete envar
kr change volume	kr get keymap location	
kr get volume info	kr set mouse window	Timer:
kr format device	kr get mouse position	
kr make dir	kr get mouse counters	kr time delay
kr change dir	kr set pointer	kr set timeout
kr parent dir	kr get joysticks	kr test timeout
kr root dir		<u>kr read rtc</u>
kr delete dir	Text / Display:	kr write rtc
kr open file		
kr set file pointer	kr print string	Sound:
kr set load length	kr clear screen	
kr read file	kr plot char	kr plav audio
kr erase file	kr set pen	kr disable audio
kr rename file	kr get pen	
kr create file	kr background colours	Memory:
kr write file	kr set cursor position	
kr get total sectors	kr draw cursor	kr get mem base
kr dir list first entry	kr remove cursor	kr get mem top
kr dir list get entry	kr set cursor image	kr allocate ram
kr dir list next entry	kr scroll up	kr deallocate ram
kr read sector	kr os display	
kr write sector	kr get video mode	Misc:
kr file sector list	kr set video mode	
kr get dir cluster	kr get charmap addr xy	kr get version
kr set dir cluster	kr get cursor position	kr dont store registers
kr get dir name	kr wait vrt	
kr get disk sector ptr	kr char to font	
Serial Comms:	Strings:	
kr serial receive header	kr compare strings	
kr serial receive file	kr hex byte to ascii	
kr serial send file	kr ascii to hex word	
kr serial tx byte	kr get string	
kr serial rx byte	<u></u>	

#### Notes:

- When a Z80 mode program calls the PROSE kernal, location pointer registers such as HL in the example above automatically have their MSB [23:16] set to the MBASE register by the Kernal routine.
- All <u>DISK</u> routines set the zero flag on return if the operation was successful. If the zero flag is not set, CPU register "A" will contain an error code (see PROSE manual for list). Other routines set the flags as shown below.
- IX and IY are preserved by all kernal routines, assume all other registers are trashed unless otherwise stated.

## kr\_mount\_volumes

• Action: Rescans hardware for storage devices.

• Input : E (0= Show device list, 1 = Mount quietly)

• Output: None

### kr\_get\_device\_info

• Action: Returns info about the storage devices

• Input : None

• Output: HL = Location of device info table

DE = Location of driver table

B = Device count

A = Currently selected driver

### kr\_check\_volume\_format

• Action: Checks if currently selected volume is formatted to FAT16

• Input : None

• Output: See error codes

## kr\_change\_volume

• Action: Changes volume selection

• Input : E = Desired volume number

• Output: See error codes

#### kr get volume info

• Action: Returns info about storage volumes.

• Input : None

• Output: HL =location of volume mount list (see PROSE manual for info)

B = volume count

A = currently selected volume

## kr\_format\_device

• Action: Formats a device to FAT16 (no MBR is created and the entire device is treated as one volume, max 2GB)

• Input : E = device

HL = location of desired volume label

• Output: See error codes

### kr\_make\_dir

• Action: Creates a new directory

• Input : HL = Location of zero-terminated dir name

• Output: See error codes

### kr\_change\_dir

• Action: Changes current directory

• Input : HL = Location of zero-terminated dir name

• Output: See error codes

### kr parent dir

• Action: Moves towards the root directory by one place

• Input : None

• Output: See error codes

### kr root dir

• Action: Sets the root dir as the current directory

• Input : None

• Output: None

## kr\_delete\_dir

- Action: Removes an (empty) directory
- Input : HL = Location of zero-terminated dir name
- Output: See error codes

## kr\_open\_file

- Action: Opens a file so that data from it may be loaded.
- Input : HL = Location of zero-terminated file name
- Output: If zero flag set:

HL = start cluster of file
C:DE = length of file (32 bit)

Else: see error codes

### kr\_set\_file\_pointer

- Action: Moves the file pointer to a position within the currently opened file
- Input : C:DE (32 bit file pointer)
- Output: None

## kr\_set\_load\_length

- Action: Sets the maximum data transfer length for a file read
- Input : DE = load length (24 bit)
- Output: None

## kr\_read\_file

- Action: Reads data from the currently opened file
- Input : HL = load address
- Output: see error codes

#### kr\_erase\_file

• Action: Deletes a file

• Input : HL = Location of zero-terminated file name

• Output: See error codes

### kr rename file

• Action: Renames a file or directory

• Input : HL = Location of original name

DE = Location of new name

(Both strings should be zero terminated.)

• Output: See error codes

#### kr create file

• Action: Creates a new file (zero bytes) for writing data to.

• Input : HL = location of zero-terminated file name

• Output: See error codes

### kr write file

• Action: Appends data to an existing file

• Input :  $HL = location \ of \ zero \ terminated \ filename DE = source \ address \ of \ data$ 

BC = length (24 bit)

• Output: See error codes

#### kr get total sectors

• Action: Returns the total capacity (in sectors) of the currently selected volume

• Input : None

• Output: DE = sector count (24 bit)

### kr\_dir\_list\_first\_entry

• Action: Returns the first line of a directory

• Input : None

• Output: If zero flag set:

= Location of null terminated filename string

C:DE = Length of file (if applicable) = File flag 0 = File, 1 = Dir

Else: see error codes

### kr\_dir\_list\_get\_entry

• Action: Returns a line from directory

• Input : None

• Output: If zero flag set:

= Location of null terminated filename string

C:DE = Length of file (if applicable) = File flag 0 = File, 1 = Dir

Else: see error codes

### kr dir list next entry

• Action: Returns next line of directory

• Input : None

• Output: If zero flag set:

= Location of null terminated filename string

= Length of file - if applicable)

= File flag 0 = File, 1 = Dir

Else: see error codes

#### kr read sector

• Action: Reads a sector from the specified device to the target address

• Input : HL = destination address C:DE = sector (32 bit) B = device number

• Output: See error codes

#### kr\_write\_sector

• Action: Writes a sector from specified address to the specified device

Input: HL = source address
 C:DE = sector (32 bit)
 B = device number

• Output: See error codes

#### kr file sector list

• Action: Used to obtain a list of the sectors that a file occupies

• Input : HL = cluster

E = sector within cluster

• Output: E = Next sector offset

HL = Updated cluster

BC = Location of variable holding 32 bit sector (LSB)

[Also see error codes]

Notes: First call "kr\_open\_file" with the filename in HL as normal. On exit, HL will be equal the first cluster that the file occupies. Clear E (as we're starting at the first sector of a cluster), and call "kr\_file\_sector\_list". On return E and HL are updated to the values required for the next time the routine is called and BC points to the lowest significant byte of the sector address (LBAO). Copy the 4 bytes from BC to BC+3 to your sector list buffer and loop around, calling "kr\_file\_sector\_list" for as many sectors as are used by the file (simply subtract 512 from a variable holding the file size every call until variable is = < 0)

### kr\_get\_dir\_cluster

• Action: Reads the cluster location of the current directory

• Input : none

• Output: DE = current dir's cluster address

### kr\_set\_dir\_cluster

• Action: Sets the current directory cluster location

• Input : DE = cluster address to set as current dir

• Output: none

### kr\_get\_dir\_name

• Action: Returns current directory name

• Input : None

• Output: HL = location of directory name ASCII string [See also error codes]

### kr\_get\_disk\_sector\_ptr

• Action: Returns location of LSB of LBA sector variable and location of sector buffer for external drivers

• Input : none

• Output: HL = location of LSB of 32-bit sector address variable DE = location of sector buffer

## kr\_wait\_key

• Action: Pauses until a key is pressed

• Input : None

• Output: A = Scancode of keypress

B = ASCII character as defined by keymap and modified
 by shift/alt/CRTL as applicable. B = 0 if no applicable
 ASCII data.

#### kr\_get\_key

- Action: Returns any keypresses that are in the buffer (does not wait)
- Input : None
- Output: If zero flag is set:

A = New scancode

B = ASCII character as defined by keymap and modified by shift/alt/CRTL as applicable. B = 0 if no applicable ASCII data.

Else: No new key data is in the buffer

### kr\_get\_key\_mod\_flags

• Action: Returns the status of the modifier keys

• Input : None

• Output: A, bit 0 - left shift

1 - left/right ctrl

2 - left GUI

3 - left/right alt

4 - right shift

5 - right GUI

6 - Apps

### kr\_serial\_receive\_header

• Action: Waits for a file header from serial port

• Input : HL = location of zero-terminated filename E = timeout allowance in seconds

• Output: If zero flag set, all OK, xDE returns location of serial file header

Else, A = \$83 : timed out error

\$84 : memory address out of range

\$85 : comms error \$86 : checksum bad \$87 : Incorrect file

#### kr serial receive file

- Action: Waits for a serial file transfer following the reception of a header
- Input : HL = load address
- Output: If zero flag is set, all OK.

Else, A = \$84: memory address out of range,

\$85 : comms error
\$86 : checksum error

### kr\_serial\_send\_file

• Action: Sends a file to the serial port

• Input : HL = filename location DE = source address

BC = length

• Output: If zero flag is set, all OK.

Else, A= \$81 = Save length zero,

\$84 = memory address out of range

\$85 = comms error

## kr\_serial\_tx\_byte

• Action: Sends a single byte to the serial port

• Input : E = byte to send

• Output: None

#### kr serial rx byte

• Action: Waits for a single byte from serial port

 $\bullet$  Input : E = timeout allowance in seconds

• Output: Zero Flag set if byte received OK, Else operation timed out (A = \$83)

#### kr print string

- Action: Writes a string of text to the display at the current cursor position and in the current pen colour
- Input : HL (Zero-terminated ASCII string location)
- Output: HL = address of the string terminating zero + 1 (BC and DE are preserved)

#### kr\_clear\_screen

• Action: Clears the display window

Input : NoneOutput: None

### kr wait vrt

• Action: Waits for the Vertical Retrace flip-flop to become set (ie: the last scanline of display)

• Input : None

• Output: None

### kr set cursor position

• Action: Moves the cursor position to a specific place

• Input : B = x char coord C = y char coord

• Output: Zero flag is set if coordinates are within the display window, unset if not.

### kr plot char

- Action: Plots a character at a specific location in current pen colour (doesn't affect cursor position)
- Input: B = x char coord
   C = y char coord
   E = ASCII char to plot
- Output: Zero flag is set if coordinates are within the display window, unset if not.

#### kr\_set\_pen

- Action: Changes the current pen colour
- Input : E = pen colour:

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Bits [7:4] = background colour selection
[3:0] = character's pixel colour selection.
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• Output: None

### kr\_background\_colours

- $\bullet$  Action: Changes the palette of 16 colours used by the OS
- Input : HL (location of colour data, standard 16 words of "ORGB" format)
- Output: None

#### kr draw cursor

- Action: Draws the cursor image as defined by the routine "kr set cursor image"
- Input : None
- Output: None

### kr\_get\_pen

- Action: Returns the current pen colour
- Input : None
- Output: E = pen colour:

Bits [7:4] = background colour selection

[3:0] = character's pixel colour selection.

### kr\_scroll\_up

• Action: Scrolls the display up a line

• Input : None

• Output: None

## kr\_os\_display

• Action: Restores the display hardware settings to that used by the OS (useful only if the area of VRAM used by PROSE were not overwritten.)

• Input : None

• Output: None

## kr\_get\_video\_mode

• Action: Returns the OS video mode and size of the OS window (in characters)

• Input : None

• Output: A = Video Mode

B = Columns

C = Lines

### kr get charmap addr xy

- Action: Returns address of character map and attribute map for a specific coordinate
- Input : B = x coord C = y coord
- Output: HL = OS character map address
  DE = OS attribute map addresss

## kr\_get\_cursor\_position

• Action: Returns cursor position

• Input : None

• Output: B = x char coord C = y char coord

### kr\_set\_video\_mode

• Action: Sets the Video Mode

Input: E= 0 : 80x60 1 : 80x30 2 : 40x60 3 : 40x30

• Output: Zero Flag set if all OK. Error code 88h if A is out of range.

#### kr\_set\_cursor\_image

- Action: Selects which character is to be used for the cursor.
- Input : E: ASCII character to use (EG: 05fh = underscore, 07fh = solid block)
- Output: None.

# kr\_remove\_cursor

• Action: Removes the cursor image from the character map (replaces with character that was saved by kr draw cursor)

Input : NoneOutput: None

## kr\_char\_to\_font

• Action: Patches the PROSE font (allows user defined characters)

• Input : E = ASCII character to change HL = address of font data (8 bytes)

• Output: None

### kr\_set\_envar

• Input : HL = location of zero-terminated variable name string DE = location of zero-terminated variable value string

• Output: ZF set if OK

#### kr get envar

• Input : HL = location of zero-terminated variable name string

• Output: ZF set if name found

DE = location of zero-terminated variable value string

### kr\_delete\_envar

• Input : HL = location of zero-terminated variable name string

• Output: ZF set if OK

#### kr set mouse window

• Action: Sets the constraining dimensions for absolute mouse pointer position

Input: HL = width of window in pixels
 DE = height of window in pixels

• Output: None

### kr get mouse position

 Action: Returns the absolute position of the mouse pointer within the window button status and scroll wheel counter (if applicable)

• Input: None

• Output: If zero flag is set:

HL = x coordDE = y coord

A = buttons. Bit 0 = left, bit 1 = right, bit 2 = middle B = mouse wheel counter (always zero if no mouse wheel)

If zero Flag is not set mouse is not enabled

## kr\_get\_mouse\_counters (previously "kr\_get\_mouse\_motion")

 Action: Returns the current value of the (wrap around) mouse counters button status and scroll wheel counter (if applicable)

• Input : None

• Output: If zero flag is set:

HL = x coordDE = y coord

A = buttons. Bit 0 = left, bit 1 = right, bit 2 = middle B = mouse wheel counter (always zero if no mouse wheel)

If zero Flag is not set mouse is not enabled

### kr time delay

• Action: Pauses (Granularity of 30 microseconds)

• Input : DE = 32768Hz ticks to pause. (Max value 65535, IE: 2 seconds)

• Output: None

#### kr\_compare\_strings

- Action: Compares ASCII strings, ignoring the case.
- Input: HL = location of string 1 DE = location of string 2

B = count of characters to compare

• Output: Zero flag set if strings are the same

### kr\_hex\_byte\_to\_ascii

• Action: Puts ascii version of hex byte at (HL) and (HL+1)

• Input : HL = Desired location for ASCII output E = byte to convert

• Output: HL=HL+2

## kr\_ascii\_to\_hex\_word

• Action: Converts ASCII hex characters to 24 bit hexadecimal number

 Input: HL = location of ASCII string (Note: routine scans for first non-space character)

• Output: If zero flag set:

DE = result

Else, A = \$81: No ASCII chars \$82: Bad ASCII chars

#### kr\_get\_string

• Action: Waits for user to enter a string of characters followed by return (Escape quits)

• Input : HL = location of stringE = max number of characters.

• Output: If zero flag set, all OK:

A = number of characters entered.

Else: A = \$80 if ESC was pressed

\$81 if no characters were entered

## kr\_get\_version

• Action: Returns version info for OS and Hardware

• Input : None

• Output: HL = Version of PROSE OS

DE = version of AMOEBA FPGA config

## kr\_dont\_store\_registers

• Action: Prevents the OS caching the contents of the CPU registers when an app returns control to it.

• Input : None

• Output: None

### kr\_read\_rtc

• Action: Reads the real time clock data

• Input : None

• Output: HL = location of ez80 time data:

(sec, min, hr, d.o,w, date, mon, year, century)

### kr\_write\_rtc

• Action: Writes data to the real time clock

• Input : HL = location of ez80 time data

(sec, min, hr, d.o.w, date, mon, year, century)

• Output: None

#### kr get keymap location

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    Action: Returns location of keymap within the OS
    Input: None
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• Output: HL = location of keymap data within OS

#### kr\_get\_mem\_base

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• Action: Returns the first available address (IE: not used by the OS) in system RAM, VRAM A and VRAM B
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• Input : none

• Output: HL = first free system RAM address

DE = same for VRAM ABC = same for VRAM B

#### kr play audio

• Action: Plays sound samples

Input: HL = Address of sound description table
 C = channel enable bits.

• Output: None

Notes: The sound description table format is:

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00h [3 bytes] ;location (address in VRAM B)
03h [3 bytes] ;length in bytes
06h [3 bytes] ;loop location (address in VRAM B)
09h [3 bytes] ;loop length in bytes
0ch [2 bytes] ;period constant (see hardware manual)
0eh [1 bytes] ;volume (0-64)
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The channel enable bits set in C specify which channels are to play the sound:

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Bit 0 = channel 0
Bit 1 = channel 1
Bit 2 = channel 2
etc etc
```

#### kr disable audio

• Action: Silences all channels by disabling the audio hardware and silencing each channel's volume register

Input : noneOutput: none

## kr get joysticks

• Action: Reads status of joystick pins

• Input : none

• Output: E = joystick 0, D = joystick 1

Bit 0 = Up Bit 1 = Down Bit 2 = Left Bit 3 = Right Bit 4 = Fire 0 Bit 5 = Fire 1

Note: Bit set = direction / button asserted.

# kr\_set\_timout

• Action: Sets the timeout period (in 32768 Hz ticks), max 65536 (two seconds) and starts the countdown

• Input : DE = time-out value

• Output: none

### kr\_test\_timeout

• Action: Reports on status of time out flag

• Input : none

• Output: ZF not set if timed out (no time-out if zero flag set)

#### kr set pointer

- Action: Initializes + enables / disables the mouse pointer sprite.
   Input: E: 1 = Enable pointer, 0 = disable pointer
   D: 1 = Use default PROSE pointer (no other registers required)
   0 = Use custom pointer, the following parameters are required:
   HL = location of sprite data in system memory (copied to end of sprite RAM by this routine). Sprite data consists of the definition pixel data followed by:
   \$xx (byte) first palette index used by sprite
   \$xx (byte) number of colours (words) in palette data
   then.. palette data
   C = pointer sprite height in lines (max 32)
- Output: Returns with Zero Flag not set if mouse driver was not activated.

B = palette 0-3 to use for pointer (and all) sprites

#### kr allocate ram

- Action: Sets aside an area at the top of memory for a specific use
- Input : BC = number of bytes to allocate

: E = 0 : allocate system RAM

1 : allocate VRAM A (Video RAM)

2 : allocate VRAM B (Sprite/Audio RAM)

Output: HL = address of allocated RAM, Zero Flag set if allocated OK

Notes: Apps only need to allocate memory if it is to be protected from program loads etc after the app has exited to PROSE. EG: driver code. Otherwise apps can assume they have the entire (non-protected) RAM range to themselves, checking the free location range with "kr\_get\_mem\_base" and "kr get mem top"

#### kr deallocate ram

- Action: Releases an area of RAM. IE: Moves the current allocation pointer upwards.
- Input : BC = number of bytes to deallocate

E = 0: Deallocate system RAM,

= 1 : deallocate VRAM\_A (Video RAM)

= 2 : deallocate VRAM B (Sprite/Audio RAM)

• Output: None

## kr\_get\_mem\_top

 $\bullet$  Action: Returns the maximum free address locations in system RAM, VRAM A and VRAM B

• Input : none

• Output: HL = system RAM high

DE = VRAM\_A high (Video RAM)

BC = VRAM\_B high (Sprite/Audio RAM)