



Paper 102: Programming & Problem solving through C

Lecture-26:ROM BIOS Services

ROM-BIOS Services under each interrupt

Interrupt number		Purpose
Decimal	Hexadecimal	
Peripheral Device Services		
16	10	Video display services
19	13	Diskette services
20	14	Communications services
21	15	Cassette tape services
22	16	Keyboard services
23	17	Printer services
Equipment Status Services		
17	11	Equipment list service
18	12	Memory size service
Time/Date Services		
26	1A	Time and date services
Special Services		
5	5	Print screen service
24	18	Activate ROM BASIC
25	19	Activate bootstrap loader routine

Setting Cursor Size

- ROM-BIOS Routine Set Cursor Size
- Interrupt 10 hex Video
- Input registers AH=01
CH=starting scan line (0-13)
CL=ending scan line (0-13)
- Output registers None

Setting Cursor Size

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<dos.h>
#define CURSIZE 1                // "Set Cursor Size" Service
#define VIDEO 0x10              //video BIOS interrupt number

void main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    union REGS regs;
    int start, end;
    if (argc !=3){
        printf("Usage example: C>setcur 12 13");
        return;
    }
    start=atoi(argv[1]); //string to integer
    end=atoi(argv[2]);
    regs.h.ch=start;      //starting scan line number
    regs.h.cl=end;        //ending scan line number
    regs.h.ah=CURSIZE;    //service number
    int86(VIDEO, &regs, &regs);
}
```

Positioning Cursor on Screen

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| ▪ ROM-BIOS Routine | Set Cursor Position |
| ▪ Interrupt 10 hex | Video |
| ▪ Input registers | AH=02
DH=row number
DL=column number |
| ▪ Output registers | None |

Positioning Cursor on Screen

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<dos.h>
#define CURPOSN 2                // "Set Cursor Size" Service
#define VIDEO 0x10              //video BIOS interrupt number

void main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    union REGS regs;
    int start, end;
    if (argc !=3){
        printf("Usage example: C:/>poscur 10 2");
        return;
    }
    start=atoi(argv[1]); //string to integer
    end=atoi(argv[2]);
    regs.h.dh=start;       //row number
    regs.h.dl=end;         //column number
    regs.h.ah=CURPOSN;     //service number
    int86(VIDEO, &regs, &regs);
    printf("Hello, this text starts at row %d and col
    %d",start, end);
}
```

Making Cursor Disappear

- To make cursor disappear, you need to set the 5th bit (counting from 0) in the byte stored in CH register to 1.
- This can be done by placing the hex number 20 in CH register
- Hex 20 is binary 00100000
- ROM-BIOS Routine Set Cursor Size
- Interrupt 10 hex Video

Making Cursor Disappear

```
#include<dos.h>
#define CURSIZE 1    // "Set Cursor Size" Service
#define VIDEO 0x10    //video BIOS interrupt number
#define STOPBIT 0x20 //setting 5th bit by placing hex 20
void main(void)
{
    union REGS regs;
    regs.h.ah=CURSIZE;        //service number
    regs.h.ch=STOPBIT;        //turns cursor off
    int86(VIDEO, &regs, &regs);
}
```


List of Interrupt services

Subject	Interrupt		Service (hex)	Description
	Dec	Hex		
Print screen	5	5	n/a	Send screen contents to printer
Video	16	10	0	Set video mode
Video	16	10	1	Set cursor size
Video	16	10	2	Set cursor position
Video	16	10	3	Read cursor position
Video	16	10	5	Set active display page
Video	16	10	6	Scroll window up
Video	16	10	7	Scroll window down
Video	16	10	B	Set colour palette
Video	16	10	C	Write pixel dot
Video	16	10	D	Read pixel dot
Video	16	10	F	Get current video mode
Equipment	17	11	n/a	Get list of peripheral equipment
Memory	18	12	n/a	Get memory size
Disk	19	13	0	Reset disk controller
Disk	19	13	1	Get disk status
Disk	19	13	2	Read disk sectors
Disk	19	13	3	Write disk sectors
Disk	19	13	4	Verify disk sectors

Subject	Interrupt		Service (hex)	Description
	Dec	Hex		
Disk	19	13	5	Format disk track
Disk	19	13	8	Get current drive parameters
Disk	19	13	9	Initialise two hard disk base tables
Disk	19	13	A	Read long
Disk	19	13	B	Write long
Disk	19	13	C	Seek to cylinder
Disk	19	13	D	Reset fixed disk system
Disk	19	13	10	Test for drive ready
Disk	19	13	11	Recalibrate drive
Disk	19	13	14	Controller diagnostics
Disk	19	13	15	Get disk type
Disk	19	13	16	Get disk change status
Disk	19	13	17	Set disk type
Disk	19	13	18	Set media type for format
Devices	21	15	86	Suspend execution for an interval

Memory	21	15	88	Get extended memory size
Key board	22	16	0	Read next keyboard character
Keyboard	22	16	1	Report whether character ready
Keyboard	22	16	2	Get shift status
Printer	23	17	0	Send one byte to printer
Printer	23	17	1	Initialise printer
Printer	23	17	2	Get printer status
Bootstrap	25	19	n/a	Reboot computer
Time	26	1A	0	Read contents of clock tick counter
Time	26	1A	1	Set value in clock tick counter
Time	26	1A	2	Get time from CMOS time/date chip
Time	26	1A	3	Set time in CMOS time/date chip
Time	26	1A	4	Get date from CMOS time/date chip
Time	26	1A	5	Set date in CMOS time/date chip

Read next character from keyboard

- Interrupt 0x16
- Input registers AH=0x00
- Output registers AH=scan code
AL=ASCII value

Get Shift status

- Interrupt 0x16
- Input registers AH=0x02
- Output registers AL=Shift status bits
- Shift status bits are:
 - bit 0=1: right shift depressed
 - bit 1=1: left shift depressed
 - bit 2=1: ctrl depressed
 - bit 3=1: alt depressed
 - bit 4=1: scroll lock depressed
 - bit 5=1: num lock depressed
 - bit 6=1: caps lock depressed
 - bit 7=1: insert on

To read key that is pressed from keyboard

```
#include<dos.h>
void main()
{
    union REGS inregs,outregs;
    int scancode, asciiicode;

    inregs.h.ah=0x00;
    int86(0x16,&inregs,&outregs);
    scancode=outregs.h.ah;
    asciiicode=outregs.h.al;
    printf("\n the key %c having scan code %d is
    pressed",asciicode,scancode);

}
```