R65 System Software

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This manual describes the system software for the R65 computer system. The system software consists of 4 separate modules, which are stored in EPROM.

R65 CRT Controller:

Handles the Video interface and the keyboard.

Adress space: E000-E7FF

R65 Input/Output Controller:

Routines for printing on a RS-232 needle printer, interrupt handling and audio tape io routines. The audio tape is not emulated in the emulator. Printing to a printer is emulated by printing to a text file printout.txt in the working directory of the emulator.

Address space: E800-Efff

R65 Floppy Disk Controller:

Handles 2 floppy disk drives. 80 tracks, 10 sectors of 256 bytes per track. Includes the subroutines for sequential file i/o.

Address space: F000-F7FF

The R65 System Monitor:

Includes all necessary commands to work with Machinge Language Programs using hex numbers.

Address space: F800-FFFF

1. STOP, QUIT and SHUTDOWN

The following keyboard keys are recognized by the R65 Emulator and executed immediately. The buttons on the top left of the screen can also be touched or clicked.

Quit R65 emulator and shut down Linux

Note that open sequential files are not closed if one of these keys or buttons are executed. This is not a problem if a sequential file read is in progress, but in the case of a sequential file write this leaves a large useless file on the disk. Deleting this file afterwards and using PACK on the disk will solve the problem. Try to avoid therefore these actions if a sequential disk write is in progress. Disks are closed properly.

3. Installation

The R65 Emulator for Raspbian can be downloaded from GITHUB. Open a terminal and type:

```
cd
git clone --depth 1 git://github.com/rricharz/R65
cd R65
cp R65-Emulator.desktop ~/desktop
cd R65-Emulator
mkdir Files
cd Disks
```

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cp EMPTY.disk WORK.disk
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Now you should be able to start the R65 emulator using the R65 Emulator icon on the desktop. Read chapter 5 Floppy Disk Drives before proceeding.

As the first thing, you should rename your newly created WORK disk.

Type FLOPPY WORK,1 to ensure that the WORK disk is in drive 1.

Type VOLUME 1<return> and then enter WORK.04 <return> to label your work disk properly.

Adding additional disks

Later, you can create additional disks with the name MYNAME (where MYNAME stands for any name you want to use) as you have done above for WORK. In the Raspbian terminal, type

cd

cd R65

cd R65-Emulator/Disks

cp EMPTY.disk MYNAME.disk

Then, restart R65-Emulator using the Desktop icon.

Type FLOPPY MYNAME,1 to ensure that the MYNAME disk is in drive 1.

Type VOLUME 1<return> and then enter MYNAME.05 <return> to label your new disk properly. Instead of 05 you can give the floppy any number you wish. It is strongly recommended to label your disks with the same names as the name of the disk file in Raspbian in order to avoid confusion. On the top status line of the R65 emulator the name of the Raspbian disk file is displayed.

Upgrading the R65 Emulator

If you have not modified the PASCAL, SOURCE and PROGRAMS disks, upgrading is easy. If you have modified these disks, you need to first make a backup of your modifications on any other disk. It is necessary that the upgrading process upgrades these disks, because most upgrades are likely programs, libraries and source files on these disks. Also, some of these programs might have been modified to work together properly with any upgraded version of the Emulator.

Type

cd

cd R65

git pull

The git pull file will give an error message, if any file which will be upgraded has been modified. Type

git checkout xxx/xxx

where xxx/xxx is the path and file name for a file which git pull needs to overwrite. Once all the error messages of the git pull command have been corrected, you can perform the git pull to upgrade your software.

3. Monitor Commands

The following abbrevations are used:

exp1 A hexadecimal expression

filnam A file name of up to 16 characters

drive 0 or 1 for the two floppy drives

cy a cyclus number for a file

These arguments can be omitted

CLRB exp1

Erase breakpoint at address exp1.

COPY filnam[.cy],from_drive,to_drive

Copy a file from from_drive to to_drive. The drives must both be given and must be different. The wildcard character @ can be used in filnam. Sequential and block files can be copied. The maximal file size to be copied is \$9000 (32768) bytes. The memory space \$2000-\$BFFF is used as a buffer. Extremely large sequential files (such as COMPILE1:P and ASSEMBLER:A) cannot be copied using the copy command. Use EXPORT and IMPORT for these very large files. Do not use the combination of EXPORT and IMPORT for any files except :A and :P files.

DATE

Display actual date. Date can be changed once displayed. <return> returns to monitor. The emulator reads the Linux system dates at startup and stores it in the R65 date memory. Afterwards it can be changed if necessary.

DELETE filnam[.cy][,drive]

Delete a file. The wild card letter @ can be used in filnam.

DFORMAT diskname, drive

Erase the disk directory completey and create a new directory

DIR drive

Display directory of a disk drive.

DIS [exp1][,exp2]

Disassembles machine language program at address exp1 and following. exp2 (default 10) commands are decoded. Use <esc> to return to the monitor.

EDIT filnam[.cy][,drive]

Edit a file with the Linux leafpad editor. Use the command NEW (see below) if you want to edit a new file.

EXPORT filnam[.cy][,drive]

Export a sequential file to the Linux Files directory

FDIR [drive]

Full disk directory, including deleted files which can be recovered with the revive command. Also shows how many sectors can be recovered with the pack command.

FLOPPY disknam[,drive]

Change the floppy disk in drive (default 0) to the one with the name disknam. Floppy disks are stored in the Linux Disks folder with the extension .disk, but disknam must be given without this extension. Additional floppies can be made there by using Linux to make copies of existing disks. The emulator can handle an unlimited number of floppies, but only 2 floppies can be in the 2 drives at the same time.

GO [exp1][,register definitions]

Start executing the machine language code at address exp1. See command REG for the register definitions.

GSB [exp1][,register definitions]

Same as GO, but instead of a jmp to the start address a jsr (subroutine call) starts the execution.

IMPORT filnam[,drive]

Import a Linux file from the Linux Files directory. The Linux file must have the extension .asm or .txt, but filnam must be given without this extension.

LOAD filnam[.cy][,drive][,exp1]

Load a disk file with name filnam (and cyclus) from drive to the stored memory addess. If exp1 is given, the file is loaded to the address exp1.

NEW filnam[.cy][,drive]

Create a new empty sequential file.

PACK [drive]

Permanently erase all deleted files and recover the disk space. FDIR displays how much space can be recoverd with the PACK command.

PROTECT filnam[.cy][,drive]

Protect a file. Delete will ask for permission before deleting protected files.

PRTB

Display the active breakpoints.

REG [register definitions]

Display saved CPU registers, allow to change them. Register definitions are name=exp[,...], where the register names are P,S,F,A,X,Y. Use <esc> to return to the monitor.

RENAME filnam[.cy][,drive]

Rename an existing file. The command asks for the new name and type.

REVIVE entry number[, drive]

Recover a deleted file. Use FDIR to get the entry number.

RESETB

Clear all active break points.

RUN filnam[.cy][,drive],[,exps1]

Loads a file like load, but starts it afterwards automatically. The file type must be "M" (machine language).

SAVE [drive]

Make a backup copy of the disk directory on the last track of the disk.

SETB exp1

Set a breakpoint at address exp1

STEP [exp1]

Execute one machine language instruction. Use <esc> to return to the monitor.

STORE filnam[.cy],[drive],exp1-exp2,[P]S[,exp3]

Store a file from memory exp1-exp2, file type S. If exp3 is not given, the address for LOAD is exp1, otherwise exp3.

SWAP [dive]

Exchange the disk directory with the one backed up with save before.

TRACE [exp1,exp2]

Like STEP, but executes exp2 (default 6) instuctions

VOLUME [drive]

Set the internal name of a disk displayed if DIR or FDIR is run in EXDOS. Does not change the file name of the floppy disk file, which is used in the FLOPPY command. It is therefore recommended to setthis name to the name of the disk file.

/exp1

open memory address at exp1

/exp2 open new address exp2

<return> open next address

L open previous address

'C set memory cell to Ascii code

exp2 set memory cell to exp2

4. PASCAL commands

The PASCAL envirement is started with the command

RUN PASCAL

This assumes, that the disk PASCAL is on drive 0.

In the PASCAL environment, the following commands are available, if they can be found on disk 0. In their PASCAL version, most commands have drive 1 as the default drive for their argument in order to facilitate Pascal development on the WORK disk on drive 1. The source of the Pascal compiler and the Pascal libraries are on the disk SOURCECOMPIL. The source of the other Pascal programs are on the disk SOURCEPASCAL.

ARGLIST arguments

Displays the list of arguments as they are forwarded to Pascal programs.

CALC

A small calculator. Makes basic calculations and displays result in decimal, hexadecimal and binary, when possible.

CLEAN drive

Automatically deletes unnecessary files on the disk drive (default 0).

- All files with the type :Q (compiler temporary files)
- All but the latest cyclus of any file

The command CLEAN does not PACK the disk, in case you decide that you need to REVIVE a file which has been deleted by CLEAN. Use PACK after CLEAN if you want to recover the space.

COMPILE filnam[.cy][,drive] [options]

To compile a Pascal source file (:P). Give the file name without the :P. Options can be several letters stringed together. The Pascal compiler is a 2-pass compiler. The second pass is only executed if the first one is successful.

- L Print hard copy (into printout.txt)
- R Compile with runtime index checking (slower and larger file)
- N Do not produce a loader file for pass 2

Use COMPILE1 instead of COMPILE to compile libraries. Libraries do not need the second pass COMPILE2, and an error message will be produced when COMPILE2 wants to load the loader file :Q of a library. The default drive is drive 1.

COMPILE 1 filnam[.cy][,drive] [options]

Execute only pass 1 of the compiler. The default drive 1 drive 1.

COMPILE 2 filnam[.cy][,drive]

Execute only pass 2 of the compiler. Libraries do not need the second pass of the compiler and cannot be loaded with COMPILE2. The default drive 1 drive 1.

COPY filnam[.cy][,sourcedrive] desdrive

Copy a file file from thesource drive to the destination. Copies all types of sequential files and Pascal binary runtime files. Cannot be used for machine language programs. Lenght of sequential files only limited by available floppy disk space.

DELETE filnam[.cy][,drive]

Delete a file. The wild card letter @ can is not available in Pascal. Use the command CLEAN instead to delete multiple unwanted files. Drive 1 is the default drive in the Pascal version of the command.

DIR drive

Display directory of a disk drive. The entries are displayed in several columns, depending on the longest name and the number of files on the disk. The free space and the space occupied by deleted files is displayed in decimal. The default drive is remains drive 0 as in EXDOS.

EDIT filnam[.cy][,drive]

Edit a file with the Linux leafpad editor. Use the command NEW (see below) if you want to edit a new file. The default drive is drive 1, and the command automatically adds :P to filnam, if no other type is given.

EXTIME pname, drive arguments

Measure and diplay the execution time of a Pascal program pname, called with its arguments.

FLOPPY fname[,drive]

Change the floppy disk in drive (default drive 0) to the one with the name fname. Floppy disks are stored in the Linux Disks folder with the extension .disk, but fname must be given without this extension. Additional floppies can be made there by using Linux to make copies of existing disks. The emulator can handle an unlimited number of floppies, but only 2 floppies can be in the 2 drives at the same time.

GRAPH

Example of displaying a graph of a table of a real numbers (TABLE.X on disk 1).

Create first the table with MAKETABLE. The example demonstrates how to read from a binary random access file.

GRTEST

Display a test pattern on the R65 graphics window.

GRTEST2

Create a test plot on the R65 graphics display. The same plot is available as TEKTEST on an attached tek4010 emulator (see chapter 9).

GR3D

Create a 3D plot on the R65 graphics display. The same plot is available as TEK3D on an attached tek4010 emulator (see chapter 9).

LEDTEST

Create test patterns on the 7-segment display of the R65 replica, or on the top line of the R65 window.

MAKETABLE

Example of creating a binary random access file holding a table of real numbers. The file is created on disk1 and is called TABLE:X. The example created a fading sine wave. A graph of the file can be displayed with GRAPH.

NEW filnam[.cy][,drive]

Create a new empty sequential file. The Pascal version of the command has drive 1 as the default drive, and sets the file type automatically to :P.

PACK [drive]

Permanently erase all deleted files and recover the disk space. DIR displays how much space can be recoverd with the PACK command, and CLEAN automatically deletes certain files (see details in the description of the command). The default drive is remains drive 0 as in EXDOS.

SHOW filnam[.cy][,drive] [start]

Display a sequential file. The first 12 lines are displayed. If start is set, the display starts with line number start. Afterward, use <return> to display one more line, <space> to display 12 more lines. Any other key (including <ESC>) will return to the Pascal command line. The default drive 1 drive 1.

SINETST

Create a sine and cosine graph on the R65 graphics screen.

TEKTEST

Create a test plot on an attached tek4010 emulator (see chapter 9). The same plot is available as GRTEST2 for the R65 graphics display.

TEK3D

Create a 3D plot on an attached tek4010 emulator (see chapter 9). The same plot is available as GR3D for the R65 graphics display.

TGRAPH

Example of displaying a graph of a table of a real numbers (TABLE.X on disk 1) on an attached Tektronix 4010 terminal. Create first the table with MAKETABLE.

THROWSIM

Display a flight path of a thrown object on the R65 graphics screen.

5. Pascal libraries

Look at the source of these libraries on SOURCEPASCAL for details

ARGLIB

Handles arguments given by the pascal system to a program

LEDLIB

Handles output to the 7-segment display

MATHLIB

Handles math functions and the output of floating point numbers

PLOTLIB

Plot library for the R65 graphics screen

RALIB

Random access (binary) file access library

SYSLIB

Main R65 Pascal system library

TEKLIB

Plot library for an attach tek4010 plotter

TIMELIB

Handles system and execution time

6. Pascal games

ALIEN

Save the earth from an alien invasion.

PONG

Play the game of Pong.

REVERSI

Play the game of Reversi. The rules can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reversi. Please note that the first two moves need to be placed in the center.

7. R65 Graphic Basic

The R65 Graphic Basic includes the basic commands found in Basic Interpreters of that time. The following commands have been added in the R65 version or are working slightly different:

CLOSE [D1]

Close a sequential file (if D1 is given) or all open sequential files

DIR [D]

Dispay the directory of floppy disk drive D (default 0).

FILES

Displays information about all currently open sequential files

GET [#D1;] V1 [,V2....]

Read one character from device D1. If V1 is a string variable, one character is read, otherwise one digit of a number. The following devices are supported:

D1=0: Read from keyboard, wait until a key is ready

D1=1: Read from keyboars, return with empty string if no character available

D1=2: Not implemented in Emulator

D1=3: Read from keyboard and display immediately on Graphics Display

D1>=4: Read from a open disk file

INPUT [#D1] V1 [,V2...]

Read from device D1 (see GET for details). Reads one full string or one number)

LOAD S1[.D1] [,D2}

Load a Basic program from floppy drive D2. Example LOAD "LIFE:B"

LOAD #D1;

Import a basic program from a text file which has previously been opened with OPEN D1

MOVE N1,N2

Move graphic cursor to n1,n2

OPEN D1,S1[.D2][,D3,[D4]]

Open a sequential file (D1>=4). D3 is the floppy drive number, D4=0 for read and 1 for write.

PLOT N1, N2[, D1]

Plot a dot on the graphics display at N1,N2. D1=0 in white, D1=1 in black, D1=2 inverted.

PLOT NEW

Initialize graphics display, Switch alphanumeric display buffer to 16 lines

PLOT CLR

Clear graphics display

PLOT STOP

Go back to alphanumeric display without loosing graphics display buffer

PLOT CONT

Go back to graphics display after a PLOT STOP

PLOT END

Erase graphics display area and go back to alphanumeric display. Switch back alphanumeric display buffer to 42 lines.

PRINT [D1;]

Basic print statement. Devices are:

D1=0: Standard display

D1=1: Not implemented in emulator

D1=2: Not implemented in emulator

D1=3: Graphics display at current position of graphic cursor

D1>=4: Open sequential file

STORE S1[.D1] [,D2]

Store Basic program on drive D2.

SYS N1

Execute 6502 code at N1

WAIT N1

Wait N1 times 10 msec. The emulator process is suspended in intervals of 10 msec to avoid overheating of the Raspberry Pi CPU as during character input.

8. Floppy disk drives (tapes are not emulated)

Drive 0 disk drive A

drive 1 disk drive B

Floppy disks can be changed with the EXDOS command:

FLOPPY disknam[,drive].

The recommended setup is to use PROGRAMS, PASCAL or SOURCE in drive 0, and WORK in drive 1. The defaults are set for this setup. The disks PROGRAMS, PASCAL and SOURCE are distribution disks. They are replaced with their standard version during a software upgrade. Use WORK for your own work and make backup copies on other disk before upgrading the software.

9. Attaching a printer/plotter

The R65 emulator emulates a printer by printing to the Linux file "printout.txt" in the R65 directory. This file is cleared or created each time the emulator starts. The text printed is formatted for Linux, and page headers are added. It is possible to print raw R65 text (without any formatting) by switching the printer driver to raw mode:

Device control 1 hex 11 switch to raw mode

Device control 2 hex 12 switch back to normal formatted mode

If you want to see the printed text while it is generated, open a shell window, go to your R65 directory and type

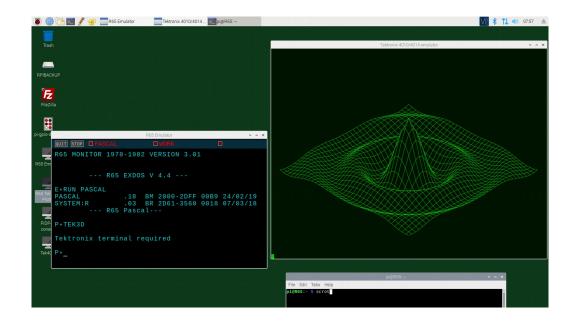
tail -f printout.txt

It is also prossible to use my Tektronix 4010 emulator as a plotter window. Download tek4010 from https://github.com/rricharz/Tek4010. After having tested your installation, put a copy of the executable "tek4010" in your R65 directory.

Now start R65 and afterwards tek4010 by executing the command

./tek4010 -autoClear tail -f printout.txt

You can now see any printed text in the tek4010 window.



With R65 PASCAL, you can also plot in the tek4010 window. The "teklib" library is on the PASCAL disk and its source is on the SOURCECOMPIL disk. There are also examples on the SOURCEPASCAL and PASCAL disks: "tektest", "tek3D" and "tgraph". Please note that R65 floating point calculations using the 8-bit R65 Pascal are rather slow as compared to modern standards, but the examples show that it was possible to produce high resolution graphics with a Tektronix 4010 and a 6502 8-bit computer in the late 1970s.

10. File Typ

"Block" files (binary files)

- M Machine language program
- R:R Pascal binary runtime file
- X:X Other binary file

Sequential files (text files)

- A:A Assembler source file
- P:P Pascal program or library source file
- Q:Q Pascal loader program file
- T:T Pascal loader library file
- L:L Pascal loader ident table

B Other text file

11. Error Codes

System error codes

- 01 READ/WRITE ERROR
- 02 CHECKSUM ERROR
- 03 ESCAPE EXIT DURING READ/WRITE
- 04 RECORD NUMBER ERROR
- 05 FILE TYPE ERROR
- 06 FILE NOT FOUND
- 07 DISK NOT READY
- 08 DIRECTORY FULL, FILE NOT STORED
- 09 ILLEGAL IRQ
- 10 EXPRESSION MISSING
- 11 MEMORY CELL CANNOT BE CHANGED
- 12 BREAK TABLE FULL, NOT INSERTED
- 13 ILLEGAL MEMORY CELL FOR BREAK
- 14 DOUBLE BRAK POINT SETTING
- 15 END OF LINE EXPECTED
- 16 SYNTAX WRONG IN REGISTER NAME OR =
- 17 BREAKPOINT NOT FOUND IN TABLE
- 18 SYNTAX FRONG IN STORE
- 19 FILE SUBTYPE WRONG OR MISSING
- 20 WRONG FILE TYPE NOT RUN
- 21 UNKNOWN MONITOR COMMAND
- 22 ILLEGAL OPCODE FOR STEP/TRACE
- 23 TOO MANY OPEN FILES, NOT OPENED
- 24 DIRECTION ERROR IN SEQUENTIAL R/W

- 25 WRONG FILE NUMBER, FILE NOT OPEN
- 26 DISK FULL, FILE NOT STORED
- 27 RANDOM ACCESS INDEX OUT OF RANGE
- 28 ILLEGAL DRIVE FOR RANDOM ACCESS
- 29 FILE NOT OPEN FOR RANDOM ACCESS WRITE

ASSEMBLER error codes

- 31 CLOSING) EXPECTED IN EXPRESSION
- 32 SYNTAX ERROR IN LABEL
- 33 HEX CHAR EXPECTED AFTER \$
- 34 LABEL TABLE OVERFLOW
- 35 LOGICAL CHAR EXPECTED AFTER #
- 36 EXPRESSION NOT RESOLVED (PASS 2)
- 37 SYNTAX ERROR IN OPCODE
- 38 MNEMONIC OR ADDRESSING ILLEGAL
- 39 ILLEGAL ADDRESSING MODE
- 40 SYNTAX ERROR IN OPERAND
- 41 ABSOLUTE ADDRESS ILLEGAL
- 42 MORE THAN 1 UNRESOLVED LABEL IN FORWARD BRANCH
- 43 BRANCH EXCEEDS BOUNDS
- 44 FORWARD BRANCH TO THIS LABEL EXCEEDS BOUNDS
- 45 DOUBLE LABELDEFINITION
- 46 MISSMATCH IN SECOND PASS
- 47 LABEL MISSING IN EQU
- 48 OPERAND OF BYT TOO LONG
- 49 EXPRESSION MUST BE RESOLVED
- 50 LINE TOO LONG
- 51 CHAR FOLLOWS LOGICAL END OF OPERAND
- 52 TOO MANY UNRESOLVED BRANCHES (NOT INSERTED INTO TEST TABLE)

EXDOS error codes

61: WILD CARD NOT ALLOWED

62: ONLY FOR DISK, NOT TAPE

63: ILLEGAL COPY

64: FILE TOO LARGE

65: WRITE ERROR

66: IMPORT ERROR

67: UNKNOWN EMU COMMAND

68: UNABLE TO RUN LEAFPAD

PASCAL error codes

81: DIVISION BY ZERO

82: STACK OVERFLOW

83: INDEX OUT OF BOUNDS

84: WRONG FILE TYPE, NOT PASCAL PROGRAM

85: ILLEGAL P-CODE

86: ESCAPE DURING EXECUTION

87: NO LOADER FILE MADE BY COMPILER

12. R65 Control keys

See also capture 1: STOP, QUIT and SHUTDOWN

Video control functions

	CTRL V	COD ASCII
CURSOR DOWN	CDOWN	E9 X 18
CURSOR RIGHT	CRIGHT	E8 V 16
CURSOR LEFT	CLEFT	E7 C 03
CURSOR UP	CUP	E6 Z 1A
CURSOR HOME	CHOME	E5 A 01
INSERT CHAR	INSCHR	E4 U 15 CTRL-RIGHTARROW

DELETE CHAR	DELCHR	E3 Y 19 CTRL-LEFTARROW
CLEAR LINE	CLRLIN	E2 E 17
CLEAR TO END OF SCREEN	CLRDSP	E1 Q 11 CTRL-RETURN
INSERT LINE	INSLIN	C4 D 04
DELETE LINE	DELLIN	C3 F 06
TOGGLE ALPHA/GRAPHICS	TALGRA	E9 L 0C
ESCAPE	ESCAPE	91 1B
SET TABULATOR	SETTAB	8B
ROLL DOWN	RDOWN	89 B 02 CTRL-DOWNARROW
TO RIGHT MARGIN	CRMARG	88
TO LEFT MARGIN	CLMARG	87
ROLL UP	RUP	86 H 08 CRTL-UPARROW
REVERSE HOME	RVHOME	85 P 10
RESUME WRITING	RWRITE	84
QUIET WRITING	QWRITE	83
TOGGLE BLACK/WHITE	TBLWHI	82 E 05
CLEAR GRAPHIC DISPLAY	CLRGRA	81
Other control functions		
PRINT ALL ON	PRTON	R 12
PRINT ALL OFF	PRTOFF	T 14
DISPLAY CONTROL CHAR	DSPCC	S 13
CLEAR TABULATOR	CLRTAB	O 0F
INVERSE VIDEO	INVVID	N 0E
NORMAL VIDEO	NORVID	K OB
CARRIAGE RETURN	EXCR	0D
LINE FEED	EXLF	0A
TABULATOR (8)	TAB	I 09
BELL	BELL	G 07

13. "Burning" new PROMS/EPROMS

The System software on the original system was burned in EPROMS and used the KIM-1 ROM. The corresponding Assembler source files are:

- KIM1.asm
- CRT.asm
- DISK.asm
- IOCONTROL.asm
- MONITOR.asm
- EXDOS.asm

With the exception of EXDOS, the corresponding object code was read only in the original system, and the R65 Emulator does not allow to write into these memory areas. Nevertheless, it is quite easy to patch these programs (in fact much easier as it was to burn new EPROMS on the original system).

If you just want to make a simple patch (just change a few locations, but not move anything!), or look at the programs, go to RASPIAN and there to R65/R65-Emulator/ Assembler. The source files are there with the extension .pas, and the Assembler listings with identical line numbers with the extension txt. The emulator just reads the the object code from the .txt files at startup. This sounds crasy at first, but it is very fast and eliminates the additional step of making binary files. You can therefore just patch those files by editing them carefully. Write down somewhere what you have patched in case you later want to upgrade the software, and make a backup copy before starting to patch, so that you can go back if things don't work anymore.

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