

8.4 Exercise: Display String

The display string routine should include:

- a proper header, as usual
- an indirect load of the character to be printed, using the X index register as a pointer
- a test for the null character that causes the routine to exit when it is detected
- a subroutine call to the write character display routine
- an instruction to increment the string pointer (the X index register)

The code to write a string to the display would look something like this:

```
TESTMESSAGE FCC 'Hi There!'           ; The message
                                FCB 00   ; The message terminator
                                LDX #TESTMESSAGE ; Initializing the pointer into the message
                                JSR DISPLAYSTRING ; Write the string
                                SWI       ; Break to the monitor
```

followed by the code for the display string and display character subroutines:

```
LDX #TESTMESSAGE
JSR DISPLAYSTRING
```

```
LDAA #'A'           ; Display A
JSR DISPLAYCHAR
```

```
del_50us: PSHX           ;2 E-clk
eloop:    LDX #30         ;2 E-clk -
iloop:    PSHA           ;2 E-clk |
          PULA           ;3 E-clk |
          PSHA           ;2 E-clk | 50us
          PULA           ;3 E-clk |
          NOP            ;1 E-clk |
          NOP            ;1 E-clk |
          DBNE X,iloop    ;3 E-clk -
          RTS            ;5 E-clk
```