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 • INTRODUCTION •

This Xtal SYSTEM 5 enhancement package provides a number of worthwhile improvements to the existing IATUNG EINSTEIN microcomputer system, and includes some new utility programs not found on the original system disc. Here is a short summary of the enhancements provided by the SYSTEM 5 package:

<u>BASIC</u>	Extended Floating-point precision, 6-16 significant figures. 80-Column card support. Strings of up to 32k in length, with ability to store complete screens in a single string. Structured loops, including REPEAT/UNTIL and WHILE/WEND, to add to the existing FOR/NEXT loops. BAUD rate setting command. Full screen dump to printer, including graphics.
<u>DOS</u>	File handling speed 2-4 times faster. Support of 3" and 5.25" double-sided disc drives, for up to 800k disc capacity (786k under Xtal DOS). BACKUP.COM Format/Backup utility, enhanced for double-sided drives. COPY.COM File transfer/copy utility, some enhancements. XSM.COM A straight-forward Z80 assembler, using ZILLOG mnemonics, conditional assembly, source file INCLUDEs. XED.COM Screen editor, supporting 40- and 80-columns. TEST.DOC Example text file created by means of XED. AUTO.COM AUTOGEN auto-boot command-line generator. TIME.COM Set and display real-time clock. TIME.ASM Source file of TIME.COM, as an example for XSM.

This manual is not designed to replace the existing EINSTEIN manuals for Xtal BASIC and Xtal DOS, rather to be used in conjunction with them, explaining the differences/improvements. All of the enhancements are designed to be compatible with the earlier version 4 BASIC and version 1 DOS.

We are always interested in comments and suggestions -- indeed, some of our most innovative ideas have resulted from customer 'wish lists', so do feel free to call or write to us about them.

 * Xtal BASIC VERSION 5 FOR EINSTEIN *

Xtal BASIC 5 has been designed to be upward compatible with the existing version 4 that EINSTEIN users already know (and love, we hope!). It does, however, make several significant improvements which, we feel, will prove to be very worthwhile to the users, including the following:

1. 80/40/32-column screen handling and editing.
2. Floating-Point enhancements, including higher-precision arithmetic on all functions, including all transcendental functions.
3. String enhancements, in particular the allowing of string lengths of up to 32767 characters.
4. Inclusion of statements for structured loops, including WHILE/WEND and REPEAT/UNTIL.
5. The facility for dumping graphics to printer as well as text (in 32- and 40-column mode).
6. The alteration of serial port baud rates from within BASIC.

This has been done at the expense of about 2.5k of user space (you now have just under 41k to play with -- but then, nothing comes free these days!). In the main, the information found in the EINSTEIN manuals is still valid, the only differences being in these commands/functions:

CLEAR

The CLEAR command has not been changed, but this is included as a note that, in some programs which have used CLEAR N to set aside space for machine-code or data, it may be necessary to alter the value of N. This is not due to changes in BASIC, rather to changes in DOS, which starts 0.5K lower than in version 1.

CLS80

We already know CLS40 and CLS32, which allow clearing of the screen and setting of 40 and 32 columns. As we should expect, CLS80 allows us to clear to 80-column mode. If the 80-column card is not present, this command does nothing, i.e. the current screen mode will stay as it is. CLS by itself keeps the current screen mode while clearing the screen, again as we should expect.

FPT

The FPT command sets the overall floating-point displayed accuracy in significant figures. Note that this command has the side-effect of clearing all variables, and so should normally be used at the start of a program, or from direct mode. The FPT command is followed by an expression evaluating to an integer in the range 6 to 16. The appropriate internal working accuracy is then automatically set up by BASIC, and will subsequently apply to all functions and operators. Unlike most BASICS, this also applies to ALL transcendental functions, such as SQR, EXP, LOG, SIN, etc.

Example: `FPT 9` Sets 9 significant figures, all internal storage for numbers in variables, etc being set to five bytes. The maximum capacity of the system is eight-byte storage, corresponding to a maximum accuracy of 16 digits.

SCRNS(255)

The SCRNS function previously allowed arguments up to the number of lines on the screen (minus one!). This still applies, but we now also allow the argument 255, which represents the entire screen, allowing us to copy the whole screen to a string variable, or element of a string array, or even to a file, in a single command.

Example: `AS(B)-SCRNS(255)` copies the contents of the screen to the array element AS(B).

REPEAT/UNTIL

The REPEAT command indicates the start of a loop, which is terminated by an UNTIL statement. The REPEAT command appears by itself, and the UNTIL statement contains a conditional expression which, if true, causes execution to pass back to the statement directly following the REPEAT. If true, the loop terminates and execution continues with the statement following the UNTIL statement.

Example:

10 I=2	is equivalent to:	10 I=2
20 REPEAT		
30 PRINT I,		30 PRINT I,
40 I=I+1		40 I=I+1
50 UNTIL I>100000		50 IF I<=100000 THEN 30
60 END		60 END

When RUN, these both produce the output:

2	4	16	256	65536
---	---	----	-----	-------

The big advantage of the REPEAT/UNTIL version is, of course, that the line number is not given, and cuts out the search for the line number. This does not matter in small programs, but can be very time-consuming in larger programs.

REPEAT/UNTIL loops are, like FOR/NEXT loops, always executed at least once, since the loop test is made at the end of the loop (as in the NEXT statement). Again, like FOR loops, they may be nested.

WHILE/WEND

As for REPEAT/UNTIL, the WHILE/WEND construct allows us to make structured loops, without resorting to specification of line numbers. In this case, however, the loop test is performed at the start of the loop, meaning that it is possible that the loop will not be executed at all. If the condition evaluated after WHILE is true, the body of the loop will be executed. Otherwise, the program is scanned forward for a matching WEND command, and execution continues from after this WEND command. Rewriting our previous example as for REPEAT/UNTIL we obtain this:

```
10 I=2
20 WHILE I<=100000
30 PRINT I,
40 I=I+1
50 WEND
60 END
```

It is perfectly reasonable to nest WHILE loops, just as for FOR and REPEAT loops. However, 'responsible' programming is called for, since scanning for WEND is done in the forward direction through the program.

Because the loop test is performed at the start, BASIC does not know where the end of the loop is (with NEXT and UNTIL, the start of their respective loops is held on the stack). Here is an example of 'irresponsible' programming to illustrate the point:

```
a. 10 I=2: GOTO 40
    20 UNTIL I>100000
    30 END
    40 REPEAT
    50 PRINT I, I-I*I
    60 GOTO 20

b. 10 I=2: GOTO 40
    20 WEND
    30 END
    40 WHILE I<=100000
    50 PRINT I, I-I*I
    60 GOTO 20
```

Program a., though horrible, will work just as the original REPEAT/UNTIL example. Program b., no more horrible, will work until I becomes greater than 100000, at which point a 'Loop Error' will occur, because the WEND cannot be found after the WHILE.

RST

This command was, in fact, available on earlier versions of Xtal BASIC, but was undocumented, because nobody could make up their mind exactly what features were to be covered by it! Well, here is the documentation anyway!

RST is a 'reset' command. Its purpose is to set defaults for various input/output commands, such as SEP, IOM, ZONE, etc. For instance, suppose a program uses SEP 0. On terminating, the separator is still zero. Then we run another program, which requires a comma separator. The programmer should remember to set SEP 44, otherwise there is a risk that the program will crash. There are quite a few of these examples, and it is not always convenient for them to be reset by termination of a program. In addition, certain operating system/MOS defaults may need to be reset. The RST command, then, resets the following:

- a. TCOL 15,0: GCOL 15,0 (NB, the backdrop (BCOL) is NOT reset).
- b. SPEED 255
- c. ORIGIN 0,0
- d. Reset all IOM flags to 1.
- e. FMT 0,0
- f. FPI 6 -- Does not apply to version 4.
- g. SEP 44
- h. ZONE 28,10
- i. WIDTH 0
- j. CLS 40
- k. SPRIITE OFF
- l. Reset FDC and PSG
- m. Restore default character set (reset all SHAPEs).
- n. Reset IAB character to space.
- o. Reset MOS BREAK vector at 003BH
- p. Reset BASIC MOS jump vectors (shift-BREAK, X & Y commands).
- q. Disable key, ADC and fire button interrupts (these are NOT normally used).
- r. Set cursor ON.

Note that RST clears neither the program nor the variables.

Graphics Dump To Printer

A screen dump to printer can be produced by typing Ctrl-A, or by means of PRINT CHR\$(1), but this is for text only, and produces output in the printer's own character font. However, Xtal BASIC 5 now allows us to dump graphics to the printer, from 40- and 32-column modes, by typing Ctrl-B, or by means of PRINT CHR\$(2). This will print both text and graphics together if they are mixed on the screen, although the text will appear in the form as displayed on the EINSTEIN and not in the printer's own font.

We cannot of course guarantee that this will work with all printers run from the EINSTEIN, but we have verified that the following all work OK: TATUNG TP80, EPSON MX80 FIII, STAR MICRONICS SR15.

We shall be interested to hear from anyone who has a printer supporting dot graphics other than those listed above, whether the graphics dump works correctly or otherwise. For those that do NOT produce the desired output, it may just be possible to provide a straightforward 'patch' to get it working!

BAUD

The BAUD command allows the setting of the baud rate and other facilities on the 8251 Programmable Communications Interface (PCI) chip used on the EINSTEIN. In previous versions, the baud rate could only be altered from MOS, or by means of OUT commands to the PCI and CT ports.

Normally, the two transmit and receive rates must be supplied, as for the 'B' command in MOS, in the range 0 to 8, as follows:

0 -- 75 baud	5 -- 1200 baud
1 -- 110 baud	6 -- 2400 baud
2 -- 150 baud	7 -- 4800 baud
3 -- 300 baud	8 -- 9600 baud
4 -- 600 baud	

The transmit and receive baud rates must both be given, although they will usually be the same:

Example: BAUD 5,5 sets 1200 baud.

In addition, other options may be set up within the BAUD command, by means of an optional third parameter which, if used, sets the B251 Mode and Control bytes, as follows:

MODE	Bits 0,1	00 -- SYNC mode,	01 -- ASYNC mode,
			Clock 1x baud rate
	Bits 2,3	10 -- 16x baud rate,	11 -- 64x baud rate
		00 -- 5 bits/char,	01 -- 6 bits/char
		10 -- 7 bits/char,	11 -- 8 bits/char
	Bit 4	0 -- Parity disable,	1 -- Parity enable
	Bit 5	0 -- Odd Parity,	1 -- Even Parity
	Bits 6,7	00 -- Invalid,	01 -- 1 stop bit
		10 -- 1 1/2 stop bits,	11 -- 2 stop bits
	Or, in SYNC mode	(bits 0 & 1 set to 0):	
	Bit 6	0 -- SYNDET output,	1 -- SYNDET input
	Bit 7	0 -- 2 SYNC characters,	1 -- 1 SYNC character
CONTROL	Bit 0	0 -- Disable transmit,	1 -- Enable
	Bit 1	Set DTR output to opposite of bit value	
	Bit 2	0 -- Disable RxRDY,	1 -- Enable RxRDY
	Bit 3	Send BREAK char, normally 0	
	Bit 4	Error reset, resets any error conditions if 1	
	Bit 5	Set RTS output to opposite of bit value	
	Bit 6	Internal Reset, 1 -- Accept mode byte next	
	Bit 7	Enter Hunt mode if 1 (SYNC mode only)	

In each case, bit 7 is most-significant, and the mode byte is the most-significant of the two. The default setting is binary 1100111000100111, or &CE27, or 52775.

So the command BAUD 3,3,&CE27 sets the receive and transmit clocks to 300 baud, and the chip to 2 stop bits, no parity, 8-bit data, 16x baud rate factor, and enables Rx and Tx signals, together with the RTS handshaking signal for receiving. Note that we use the PCI in ASYNCHRONOUS mode.

More data on the B251 chip can be gleaned from the appropriate INTEL CORPORATION data sheet.

* Xtal DOS VERSION 2 FOR EINSTEIN *

Xtal DOS 2 has been designed for Z80-based microcomputers, particularly for the IATUNG EINSTEIN computer, where it replaces the existing Xtal DOS version 1. In addition to overcoming a couple of minor 'bugs' in version 1, the main enhancements of Xtal DOS 2 lie in increased speed of disc access (in many cases up to a four-fold improvement!) and in support of double-sided and 80-track drives. A very worthwhile increase in storage capacity can be achieved, as the following list of possible configurations will show:

40-Track, Single-Sided (188k) -- The original 3" drive is of this type.
40-Track, Double-Sided (386k)
80-Track, Single-Sided (386k)
80-Track, Double-Sided (786k)

The disc supplied is in single-sided format, assuming that the user has a single-sided drive as drive 0. In addition, the default set-up under Xtal DOS 2 is for drives 0 and 1 to be single-sided, and drives 2 and 3 to be double-sided (all 40-Track), but this can be altered by the user quite easily.

COPYING SYSTEM TRACKS TO OTHER DISCS

We recommend users to upgrade the system tracks of their own discs to Xtal DOS 2. As for version 1, this is quite straightforward, and may be performed under MOS thus:

1. Put XTAL DOS 2 disc in drive 0.
2. Ensure that you are under MOS.
3. Type the command R100 1800 and press <ENTER>.
4. Replace the disc in drive 0 with one requiring the upgraded system tracks.
5. Type the command W100 1800 and press <ENTER>.
6. Repeat steps 4. and 5. as required.

NOTE: When making up discs to send/give to other users, remember that the system tracks must be BLANK, unless prior arrangement has been made with Crystal Research Ltd. This can be done very easily using the same instructions as above, but substituting the following for 3.:

- 3a. Type the command F100 1AFF FF and press <ENTER>.

CONFIGURING THE SYSTEM FOR COMBINATIONS OF DRIVES

As previously stated, the default setting is for drives 0 and 1 to be single-sided, and drives 2 and 3 to be double-sided. It is very easy to alter this configuration:

1. Put Xtal DOS 2 disc in drive 0.
2. Ensure that you are under MOS.
3. Type the command R100 1800 and press <ENTER>.
4. Type the command I100 107 and press <ENTER>. You should see the display

0100 00 E1 00 FB 00 FB 0C FF

Bytes 00E1 and 0101 give the system load address for the first sector (E100H), bytes 0102 and 0103 give the end address plus 1 for the system (FB00H), and bytes 0104 and 0105 give the execution address after loading (F900H). Byte 0106H is the one which we are interested in. The lower 4 bits specify whether drives are single-sided (0) or double-sided (1), while the upper 4 bits specify 40/80 tracks (0 for 40 tracks, 1 for 80 tracks). In this example, bits 2 and 3 are set, indicating that drives 2 and 3 are double-sided and that all drives are 40-track (bit 0 is the least-significant bit).

5. Type the command M106 and press <ENTER>. This will allow you to inspect and alter the drive configuration. Type a '.' and <ENTER> after your alteration.
Example: Setting address 106H to CC produces the following:
0: 40T SS 1: 40T SS 2: 80T DS 3: 80T DS

6. Follow steps 4. and 5. of the previous section as necessary to update as many system discs as required.

BOOTING TO OTHER SYSTEMS

Although we recommend upgrading system tracks to version 2, it is recognised that users will often insert discs in drive 0 containing earlier systems, or insert a version 2 disc when an earlier system has been running. In either case, when a warm boot or shift-BREAK occurs, the system checks for a change of system and, if so, performs a RESET instead. A cold boot (ctrl-BREAK) will be unaffected by this, since it reloads the entire operating system anyway.

BACKUP VERSION 2

The combined backup/format utility is now released as BACKUP version 2, which has two major enhancements -- sector skewing is formatted into discs for greatly increased disc file transfer speed, and support has been given to double-sided and 80-Track drives, allowing formatting of four different types of discs. The decision on whether to format in a particular type depends upon the drive selected, whether it has been previously configured for single- or double-sided operation, etc. The actual drive configuration is displayed on the screen while BACKUP is being used.

The other changes from version 1 are that the 'track map' has been replaced by a 'current track' display, and the track and sector are both shown after any error has occurred.

Here is a table to show the relative capacities of the four types:

	40T	40T	80T	80T
	SS	DS	SS	DS
Sides	1	2	1	2
Tracks	40	40	80	80
Sectors/track	10	20	10	20
Bytes/sector	512	512	512	512
Formatted Size	200k	400k	400k	800k
System tracks	2	1	2	1
System Size	10k	10k	10k	10k
Directory track	2	1	2	1
Directory Size	2k	4k	4k	4k
Directory Capacity	64 files	128 files	128	128
User file space	188k	386k	386k	786k
(Formatted Size - System Size - Directory Size)				

In the backup section of BACKUP, the user may NOT backup from a single- to a double-sided drive, as the number of reserved tracks and the directory track sizes differ. If you wish to copy files from a single-sided disc onto a double-sided disc, or vice versa, use COPY instead.

COPY ENHANCEMENTS

COPY version 1.4 is provided with Xtal DOS 2, although only a few changes have been made from earlier versions. Bugs in earlier versions of COPY have been 'fixed', including the bug that prevented the sending of an EOF code at the end of a file to the serial port. In addition, the <U> and <L> options did not work properly on earlier versions of COPY.

Apart from the fact that COPY now puts up a 'start-up' message when it runs up, the only enhancement that has been made is to the <Q> option, sometimes used when sending/receiving files via peripheral devices. Any key pressed at the receiving end while the transfer is taking place stops receiving and abandons the data received, except for the Ctrl-Z (End of File) combination, which stops the receiving end from taking any more data, but saves the data taken to disc. Note that, to act on these keys, the receiving end must be in the process of receiving data, since the keyboard is only checked as each character is received.

TIME

The program TIME.COM allows the user to set and read the current time of day, utilising the EINSTEIN real-time clock. To read the time, just type:

TIME <ENTER>

To set the time to say, 1427 and 35 seconds, type:
TIME 142735 <ENTER> without spaces between the figures.

Trailing zeroes may be left out, e.g.
TIME 1105 sets 11:05:00, and
TIME 21 sets 21:00:00.

In all cases, the current time will then be displayed on the console. If no time has been set, TIME tells you how long it has been since the system was switched on or RESET.

A feature of XtalDOS is that it allows for the insertion of a command line into the DOS monitor, so that this line will be executed whenever a cold boot is performed on the disc containing this command line. This can be used to create a 'turn-key' system, and is thus a most useful facility. AUTOGEN is a utility which inserts the desired command line into the DOS monitor, and is contained in the program AUTO.COM.

To insert an auto-boot command line, just type AUTO <ENTER>. The program asks for the name of the drive containing the disc to be updated.

The user is next prompted for the command line to be inserted and, after this has been typed in, the line is stored into XtalDOS on that disc, and the program terminates. On performing a COLD boot with this modified disc, the new command line will be executed before allowing the user to type anything in so that, for instance, in the following example, the directory will be displayed every time the system is rebooted from scratch (i.e. via switch-on, RESET, or Ctrl-BREAK).

```
Xtal AUTOGEN 2.1
Drive to use (0-3)? 0
Command line to be executed?
:DIR
```

NOTE that a WARM boot does NOT execute the command line.

AUTOGEN may be used again to change this command line, or to remove it (by just pressing <ENTER> for the command line).

```
*****
* XSM -- THE Xtal Z80 ASSEMBLER *
*****
```

XSM is an assembler for the Z80 microprocessor. It uses standard Zilog /Hostek mnemonics, supports conditional assembly and produces object code in Intel HEX format, suitable for loading with the HLOAD utility. XSM is a disc-based assembler, i.e. source code is read from disc, the resulting object code is written to disc and an optional print file can be written to disc. Alternatively, the print file can be redirected to the console. Inclusion of other source files is allowed for, making it possible to assemble very large programs (for example, the assembler was assembled by itself!).

1. USING THE ASSEMBLER

The assembler is initiated by typing:

```
XSM p:filename.qr
```

This takes the file 'filename.ASM' and assembles it according to the parameters 'p' 'q' and 'r' and the options chosen. The parameters must be selected as follows:

p - the drive from which the source file, 'filename.ASM' is read. This should be in the range 0: to 3:, or not given if the default drive is to be used.

q - the drive on which the listing is to be written, 'filename.PRN'. 0-3, blank for default drive, X to the console, Y to the printer, N to suppress listing.

r - the drive on which the object code, 'filename.HEX' is to be written 0-3, or blank for default drive, N if not required.

For example, assembling the file TIME.ASM, assuming drive 0 is default:

```
XSM TIME.01
```

This expects the file TIME.ASM on drive 0, will write the listing file, TIME.PRN to drive 0 and the object code file, TIME.HEX to drive 1.

2. ASSEMBLER SYNTAX

a. Mnemonics

The assembler recognises all standard Z80 mnemonics as defined in the Z80 CPU Technical Manual. The following mnemonics are recognised in both forms shown:

ADC A,s	ADC s
ADD A,n	ADD n
ADD A,r	ADD r
ADD a,(HL)	ADD (HL)
ADD a,(IX+d)	ADD (IX+d)
ADD a,(IY+d)	ADD (IY+d)

In the current release, the IM instruction is handled in the forms IM0, IM1 and IM2, NOT as IM 0, etc.

Unlike some assemblers, such as ZEN, XSM does not allow operation codes or assembler directives to start from the first column of the screen -- only labels may start in the first column.

b. Labels

Labels may be up to 11 characters long. The first character of the label must be alphabetic (i.e. A-Z) or '_' or '\$'. A colon, ':' following the label is optional.

c. Constants

XSM allows binary, octal, decimal, hexadecimal and ASCII constants according to the following conventions:

Binary - number formed from binary digits (0,1) and terminated by the character 'B'. Range, 000000000000000B to 111111111111111B.

Example: LD HL,10001111010101B

Octal - number formed from octal digits (0-7) and terminated by the character 'O'. Range 0000000 to 1777770.

Example: LD HL,23670Q

Decimal - number formed from decimal digits (0-9) and EITHER left unterminated or terminated by the character 'D'. Range: 0 to 65535.

Example: LD HL,32145

Hexadecimal - number formed from hexadecimal digits (0-9 and A-F) and terminated by the character 'H'. A hex number beginning with a letter must be preceded by a 0 to distinguish it from a label or register name. Range 0H to OFFFHH.

Example: LD HL,0A3FH

ASCII - number formed from ASCII value of characters enclosed in single quotes. Range ' ' to ' ' or 20H to 7EH including all alphanumerics and punctuation.

Example: LD A,' '

The \$ sign used as a constant represents the current value of the program counter.

d. Expression Evaluation

Operands in instructions and pseudo-ops may consist of arithmetic expressions which are evaluated at assembly time and the calculated value used as part of the object code. The following operators may be used to form expressions:

+	Addition
-	Subtraction (or unary Negation)
*	Multiplication

Expressions are evaluated left to right with no precedence. No parentheses are allowed in expressions, so some care is required to ensure that expressions are correctly formed.

e. Assembler Directives

DEFB (define byte)

The DEFB pseudo-op tells the assembler to reserve a byte or string of bytes with specific values. The bytes may be defined as constants, expressions as described earlier or as previously-defined symbols.

<label>: DEFB <item or list of items>

Example:

DEFB 3,-5,34+LABEL,'A'

DEFS (define storage)

This tells the assembler to reserve a specified number of bytes for storage. Note that the data stored in the bytes is not defined.

DEFW (define word)

This is exactly the same as the DEFB Pseudo-op except that the data is stored in words (2 bytes each) rather than bytes.

END (end of assembly)

This directive is used to terminate assembly of a block of source code.

ENDIF (end of IF definition)

Used to terminate a block of conditionally assembled code. See IF directive for further details.

EQU (equate)

The EQU directive assigns a value to a label or symbol. The format is:

label: EQU <item>

Label is the name of the symbol and item is any of: a constant, an address, a label or an expression. Once the value of the symbol is assigned it is in effect for the entire source program.

IF (begin conditional assembly)

The IF, ELSE and ENDIF directives define a sequence of assembly language statements which are to be included or excluded during the assembly. The form is:

```
IF <expression>
statement 1
statement 2
.....
statement n
ELSE                                     (optional)
.....
.....
ENDIF
```

Conditionals may not be nested. Values used in the expression must be defined before the IF statement. When the assembler finds an IF directive, the expression is evaluated. If the expression evaluates to a logical TRUE (non-zero) then the statements following, up to the ENDIF are included in the assembly. The optional ELSE directive allows alternate code to be generated when the opposite condition exists.

INCLUDE (file inclusion)
The INCLUDE directive temporarily stops assembling from the original source file, and carries on with a new source file. The format is:

INCLUDE Filename

The Filename is another .ASM file, which is then opened and read just as if its lines had been included in the original source file. This allows large programs to be split into more manageable chunks for easier editing, or for useful routines to be grouped together within their own source file. INCLUDEs may not be nested, but there is no limit to the number of INCLUDEs which may be placed within the original source file. Of course, the user must ensure that no END directive appears in the included file, otherwise assembly will stop at that point!

ORG (set origin)
The ORG directive tells the assembler to set the internal 'program counter' to the specified address, and then to generate code starting from that address. The format is:

ORG <expression>

Several ORGs may be used in a source file, but at least one should normally be given, since code would otherwise be generated assuming an origin of 0000H. The normal procedure, for programs to start at 100H, would therefore be to insert the following line at the start of the source file (before any code-generating lines are encountered):

ORG 0100H

f. Comments
Remarks or comments can include any printable ASCII characters, starting with a ';'. The comment may follow an opcode, operand or label or may exist on a line by itself.

3. ERROR MESSAGES

XSM generates a number of error messages while assembling to inform you of its progress. They fall into two categories: errors found while setting up files for assembly operation and those encountered while assembling the file. The first type of error message will be one of the following:

Source (.ASM) file not found.
Unable to open object (.HEX) file.
Unable to open list (.PRN) file.

The first message is generated when the filename specified in the command line cannot be found on the selected disc. The other messages occur while the output (HEX and PRN) files are being set up, usually the disc or directory is full. These errors are sent only to the console and the assembly is aborted.

The following errors can occur during the assembly process. The offending source line is displayed on the console, starting with a letter indicating the type of error message. If a listing file has been selected, the error appears in the listing as well as at the console. Errors are displayed even if no listing is being given.

- I IF directive error. Results from using ELSE or ENDF without a matching IF, or if an attempt has been made to nest IFs.
- R Relative jump range error. The address specified in a relative jump instruction is out of the range -128 to +127.
- F Include file error. This occurs if the file specified by an INCLUDE is absent, or incorrectly specified.
- O Illegal opcode. The assembler cannot recognise the instruction.
- M Multiple definition. The symbol has already been defined.
- S Syntax error. This error message covers a multitude of sins. It is usually caused by misspelling or omission of a delimiter such as a comma or semicolon.
- U Undefined symbol. The symbol used in the instruction or expression has not been defined.
- V Value error. This error appears when the value of a symbol or expression exceeds the range allowable. For example, an index register displacement value must be in the range +127 to -128.

None of the above errors will cause assembly to stop, but to continue, listing any errors as they are found. However, there is one more error, which will cause assembly to abort:

SYMBOL TABLE OVERFLOW -- Means that there is no more space for symbols (i.e. labels and definitions) in memory. This is not likely to occur, since the source file would normally have to be very large indeed for the required number of symbols to be generated. If it does occur, it will happen on the first pass, before any other errors are found.

4. THE HLOAD UTILITY

XSM produces object files in the Intel standard 'HEX' format -- this is essentially a text file containing object code represented in hex as two ASCII characters per byte, organised in lines, each line showing the number of bytes in the line (usually 16, if generated by XSM), and a start address, of the first byte of this line. In order to produce executable files, the HLOAD utility is provided. This reads in a .HEX file, and produces a .COM file as output. HLOAD should be invoked thus:

HLOAD FILENAME where FILENAME is assumed to have the type .HEX. This will produce the file FILENAME.COM, which may subsequently be executed by typing FILENAME by itself in the usual way. An optional drive name may be given in the command, otherwise the default drive will be used. Either way, the .COM file is always written to the same drive as that from which the .HEX file was read.

Example: HLOAD 2:TEST loads the file TEST.HEX from drive 2, and then writes the file TEST.COM back to drive 2.

* XED -- THE Xtal SCREEN EDITOR *

XED is a general-purpose screen editor which is designed for operation with most 280-based computers using CP/M or Xtal DOS. It is NOT a word-processor, since it does not support some of the facilities normally provided by such a package, but it is nevertheless quite easy to use and provides some powerful features. The version here for the TATUNG EINSTEIN automatically supports whichever screen format happens to be in use when XED is invoked.

1. RUNNING UP XED

There are two forms in which XED may be invoked from DOS:

- a. XED by itself, or
- b. XED <Filename> where <filename> conforms to the usual rules, and may or may not exist. If it does not exist, then a file of that name will be created on the specified drive (or default drive if not given).

In either case, the editor comes up in edit mode, as indicated by a status-line display at the top of the screen. The status line gives the current line and column number, the current file name (if one has been given) and the mode.

Example: Suppose we wish to edit the file TEST.DOC, on drive 1. We type
XED 1:TEST.DOC

The editor runs up, displaying its start-up message and, after a few seconds, the first few lines of TEST.DOC appear on the screen, together with the status line:

Line 1 Col 0 TEST.DOC edit:

Note that the top line of a text file is line 1, but that the left-most column is column 0.

2. OVERALL OPERATION

Edit mode is the normal screen-editing mode, useful for entering text and general 'hacking about'. It is the mode that you will use most often. Command mode, on the other hand, is the one for loading, saving and inserting files of text, and making global searches and alterations within a file.

XED will work from either 40- or 80-column mode on the EINSTEIN, the screen being automatically configured to either mode, according to whichever mode you were in when running up XED. The top status line has already been described -- the rest of the screen displays up to 23 lines of text, at any one time showing a 'window' 40 or 80 columns wide. The maximum line length is 132 characters, and you may not enter characters beyond that length. If, however, you enter characters beyond the screen width, a 'horizontal scroll' of 20 characters occurs, this allowing you to continue typing on that line up to the 132 character maximum.

Clearly, it is still more convenient to work using the 80-column card, since there will then be less scrolling, but it does make 40-column editing a reasonable proposition, for those who do not yet have the 80-column card.

The INSERT and LITERAL switches

The INSERT switch is turned on from edit mode by means of the INS (shift-DEL) key, and is indicated by the word 'inst:' on the status line. This simply allows text entered on an existing line to be inserted into it rather than written over it, and moves any text right of the cursor to the right. In addition, when the <ENTER> key is pressed, rather than simply moving to the next line, a new line is inserted below that just typed. To turn off the INSERT switch, just press <INS> again.

The LITERAL switch is just a simple way of allowing the typing of control-characters into the text, these normally being reserved for editing facilities. It is turned on by means of a Ctrl-L from the keyboard, after which the status line will show 'lit:'. Typing any control character (e.g., Ctrl-A) will cause that character to appear as the appropriate letter/symbol with an up-arrow ('^') in front of it. Immediately after this, the status display will show 'edit:' again -- literal mode only lasts for one character, and another Ctrl-L will be needed to type in another.

3. EDIT MODE

In edit mode, a part of the text is displayed on the screen, with the screen cursor showing the current position in the file. Normal printable characters typed just appear in the text as typed (or inserted if the INSERT switch is on). However, there are also a number of useful editing functions provided by means of various control character combinations or special keys. Here are the screen editing functions available from the keyboard under edit mode:

<ESC> Enter Command Mode

The <ESC> key simply places you in command mode, with a prompt line formed at the bottom line of the screen, and the mode indicator at the top changing to 'cmd:'. See section 4 for a full description of the commands available.

Arrow keys

As one would expect, the arrow keys just move the cursor in the appropriate direction. Note that the left and right arrow keys do not move onto another line from the ends of a line (for instance, the left arrow key will not move the cursor at all if it is already at the start of the line).

Ctrl-W Word Right

This key moves the cursor to the start of the next WORD in the line. It does not go onto the next line, but will stop at the end of the line.

Ctrl-Q Word Left

Moves the cursor one WORD to the left, to the start of that word. As for Ctrl-W, this does not take the cursor off the line.

<ENTER> Newline

Moves to the start of the next line. In insert mode, it takes the characters right of the cursor with it to the next line, allowing you to split an existing line. Either way, the cursor ends up at column 0.

Ctrl-C Page Down

Moves to the next 'page', i.e., 22 lines down the text. This is handy for stepping quickly to a desired part of the text which may be fairly close by, but off the part of the text currently displayed.

Ctrl-R Page Up

Moves to the previous 'page', i.e., 22 lines back up the text.

Ctrl-I Tab

Moves the cursor to the next 'tab' point.

 Delete Character to Left

The DEL key deletes characters and moves the cursor to the left. If the cursor is at the end of a line, the last character of the line will be deleted, otherwise any characters to the right of the cursor will also be moved one place left.

Ctrl- Delete Character at Cursor

The ctrl- combination performs as for , except that the cursor does not move. This has the effect of deleting the character under the cursor and moving the characters right of the cursor one place left.

<INS> Insert Mode

The <INS> key places you in INSERT mode. This means that non-control characters typed will be inserted into the line at the cursor, moving all characters right of the cursor one place right. All other control characters will behave as normal, except that the <INS> key acts as a toggle. So, to return to edit mode, just press <INS> again.

Ctrl-N Insert Line

Whether used in edit or insert mode, ctrl-N inserts a new line at the cursor, moving the rest of the screen down. It does not split the current line in any way. The cursor ends up at the start of the new inserted line.

Ctrl-P Join to Line Above

The ctrl-P combination joins the current line onto the end of the previous line. It does not matter where on the line the cursor starts, the cursor will end up at the join. If the resulting line would end up being too long (i.e., more than 132 characters, the message 'line too long' will be shown at the top left of the screen, and the text left as it is.

Ctrl-U Clear to End of Line

The ctrl-U combination erases all characters from and to the right of the cursor.

Ctrl-X Delete Line

This is like ctrl-U, except that it deletes the whole line, bringing the rest of the screen below up one line. The cursor ends up back at the start of the line.

Ctrl-A Abandon Changes to Line

If characters have been typed on a line, or inserted/deleted, all of these changes may be aborted, and the line restored to its original state, as a copy of the original state of the line is kept while it is being edited. It does not always work, since the 'original state' is lost as soon as you move to another line, by up- or down-arrow, Ctrl-P or by <ENTER>. Note that it WILL work after ctrl-U and ctrl-X, however.

4. COMMAND MODE

You could get by using just the screen editing mode of XED, except for loading and saving your text file. Command mode does offer a number of useful extras, however, which can speed up the editing process, especially where lots of similar changes have to be made in a file.

Command mode is indicated by means of the 'cmd:' indicator in the top line of the screen, together with a '*' prompt at the bottom left. The screen does not necessarily show the current position of the file (the screen cursor sits on the command line when waiting for a command), but the current text position is still normally shown on the status line and, in certain cases, such as in the Load or Insert commands, the screen is redrawn even though XED may still stay in command mode.

Each command consists of a letter, optionally preceded by a number in the range 0 to 32767. A '#' symbol is used to represent a huge number (i.e. 'as many as there are' or infinity, however you would like to visualise it! The command line terminates with the <ENTER> key, whereupon the line is executed.

In some commands, one or more strings of characters should be specified after the command letter. The end of such a string may be indicated by the <ENTER> key (which also terminates the line, of course), or by means of the <ESC> key, which displays as '\$' when typed as part of a command. <ESC> therefore behaves as a delimiter in this case.

Several commands may be used in one line, using <ESC> delimiters where necessary, although these are only needed for commands which have following strings.

Example:
ltest.doc\$2GRfrom\$with\$U loads the file test.doc, if it exists, moves to the start of line 52, then finds the next occurrence of the string 'from' by the string 'with'. Finally, edit mode is entered, and the cursor is shown just after the word 'with' (all assuming, of course, that the 'from' string was found!).

In some cases, a prompt will appear just after the command, as follows:
Buffer not Saved -- Continue (Y/N)? and you should now press a key. If any key other than Y is pressed, the command will be cancelled. This 'Buffer not Saved' prompt only appears if additions/changes have been made to a file since last doing a Save to disc, and if the command does something drastic, such as loading another file, or quitting XED.

The following commands are available:

C -- Clear

Clears the memory buffer. Before doing this, if any alterations have been made since last saving the file, the 'Buffer not Saved' prompt will appear, otherwise, the buffer will be cleared right out.

nFstring -- Find

Finds the nth occurrence of <string> following the current cursor position. This is not restricted to the current line -- the search goes on through the file until found, or until the end of file is reached, whereupon the message 'Pattern Not Found' is displayed. Note that a question mark '?' in the search string will match any character in the text so that, for example, 'th?se' will match 'these' or 'those'.

nG -- Go

Moves the cursor to the start of line n. G by itself is 1G, and so moves to the start of the file. Similarly, #G moves to the end of the file. OG moves to the 'old line', i.e. the line that the cursor was on when the system entered command mode from edit mode. Although several commands may have been issued since then, XED remembers which line number it was on, so that OG moves to that line number (though it is possible that the information in it may have changed).

Ifilename -- Insert

Like Load, this command reads a file from disc but, in this case, inserts it in front of the current line. The cursor stays on the current line, which will now follow the last line of the inserted file.

nK -- Kill

Deletes n lines, including the current line. #K kills the whole buffer from the current line onward.

Ifilename -- Load

The Load command reads a file from disc as specified, and sets the cursor to line 1, column 0. If there is already a file in memory, the specified file overwrites it (but if any changes have been made since the last Save, a 'Buffer not Saved' prompt will be given). On completion of loading, the screen will display the first few lines of the file, to confirm the presence of the file in memory, but XED will stay in command mode, unless a 'U' command directly follows it.

nP -- Print

Prints n lines from the current line to the parallel printer port. #P prints the whole file starting from the current line.

Q -- Quit

Quits the program, returning to DOS. If changes have been made since doing a Save, the 'Buffer not Saved' prompt appears, to remind you.

nRstring1\$string2 -- Replace

This command finds the next n occurrences of <string1> and replaces them with <string2>. As each occurrence is found, the line number and part or all of the line (depending on its length!) is displayed, so that you can see where the alterations have been made. Note the delimiter between string1 and string2 is NOT of course the '\$' symbol, but the ESC key.

As for the Find command, question marks may be used within string1 and string2 to match any character. However, when performing the actual replacement, each '?' in string2 will take the character found at the appropriate position in string1.

Example: The command is: 2Rfrom ? to ?\$to ? from ?

Here is the original line (the current column is zero):

Take me from A to B and from G to H now.

This becomes:

Take me to A from B and to G from H now.

The number of question marks in string2 must be less than or equal to that in string1, otherwise a 'Too Many '?'s' error will be shown, and the command abandoned.

SFilename -- Save

Saves the specified file to disc. The filename is, however, optional, and if a current file is already displayed, then that is where the memory buffer will be saved. The information is first written to a 'temporary file' of type '.\$\$\$', which will be renamed to the desired type, after first renaming the original file (if it exists and is of the same name) to type '.BAK'. This then becomes a 'backup' file.

nI -- Tab length

Sets the tab length to n, where n is in the range 1 to 132. If n is specified outside this range, tabs are set to every 8 columns (this is also the default setting).

U -- View

Returns to edit mode, with the cursor at the last position set by previous commands, if any.

5. ERROR MESSAGES

A number of error messages may be encountered while using XED, most of which occur in command mode, although a few can also happen in edit mode. All error messages are displayed on the top line, in place of the status line, for a period of about 0.5 seconds, and are accompanied by a 'beep'. These error messages are as follows:

File Not Specified

A file name is required in the Load and Insert commands.

File Not Found

The file specified in a Load/Insert command could not be found on the specified disc.

Line Too Long

The line that would be formed by joining two lines together would be longer than 132 characters.

Line Chopped

In loading/inserting a file, one or more of the lines read was more than 132 characters long, and was therefore shortened to that length. This message appears for each such line encountered.

Pattern Not Found

The string searched for in a Find/Replace command could not be found.

Invalid Command

The command typed does not exist -- the valid command letters are: C F G I K L P R S and U

Too Many '?'s

In a Replace command, the total number of '?' characters in the replacement string may not exceed the number in the string to replace.

Disc Write Error

In saving a file, either the disc or the directory has filled up! Try saving again, on another disc.

Memory Full

No more memory is available for adding/inserting characters. Save the current file, then type your extra text in another file!

6. COMMAND SUMMARY

Finally, here is a short summary of the facilities available under XED:

a. Edit Mode.

<ESC>	Enter Command Mode
<ENTER>	Newline
'<'	Cursor Right
'>'	Cursor Left
'^'	Cursor Up
'_'	Cursor Down
Ctrl-W	Word Right
Ctrl-D	Word Left
Ctrl-C	Page Down
Ctrl-R	Page Up
Ctrl-I	Tab
	Delete Character to Left
Ctrl-	Delete Character at Cursor
<INS>	Insert Character
Ctrl-N	Insert Line
Ctrl-P	Join to line Above
Ctrl-U	Clear Up to End of Line
Ctrl-X	Delete Line
Ctrl-A	Abandon Changes to Line

b. Command Mode.

C	Clear
nFstring	Find
nG	Go to line n
Ifilename	Insert file
nK	Kill n lines
Lfilename	Load file
nP	Print n lines
Q	Quit
nRstring1\$string2	Replace
Sfilename	Save file
nI	Set Tab length
U	View (return to Edit mode)



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HEXOUT.COM AND HEXIN.COM SERIAL TRANSFER PROGRAMS

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The programs supplied on this disc, HEXIN.COM and HEXOUT.COM are designed for transferring any CP/M or XtalDOS programs between two machines which run either CP/M or XtalDOS. The main problems with serial transfer (using 'PIP' under CP/M, or 'COPY' under XtalDOS) are as follows:

1. They will not handle files longer than 16K, unless the serial line has a 'handshake' at both ends.
2. They cannot be used to transfer .COM files down a serial port line, since there is no end-of-file (EOF) marker for those files.

HEXIN and HEXOUT require only a bi-directional RS232 port on each of the two machines to be used, and transfer not only the files, but also the file names, meaning that an entire disc may be transferred by means of a single command. Handshake lines are not necessary, since all handshaking is done by means of control characters sent between the two machines. HEXIN.HEX and HEXOUT.HEX are provided on this disc so that the user may place copies of these onto another machine by first using PIP (these files are very short!), and then LOADING them onto the other machine (note that the CP/M LOAD utility is not the same as the XtalDOS LOAD command -- the CP/M LOAD utility is used to convert .HEX files into the equivalent .COM form). Both programs are written entirely in 8080 code and so will (hopefully!) run on all CP/M80-based machines.

To use HEXIN and HEXOUT, arrange that the discs with HEXIN and HEXOUT are in drive 0 (or A) of each machine, and the disc to copy from (and the disc to copy onto) are in drive 1 (or B) of each machine. If you have a single-drive machine at either end, it will, of course, be necessary to put a copy of HEXIN or HEXOUT, as required, onto the disc at that end. Then follow these instructions:

1. On the machine to receive files (the receiver), type in HEXIN.
2. Wait a moment, when you should see the message 'Ready to accept files' appear on the screen of the receiver.
3. On the transmitter, type in HEXOUT <?fn> where <?fn> is a multiple-file specification. Examples: XYZ.COM, *.XBS, ABC7.0B1, Z*, etc.

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If you want to transfer all files, you can use HEXOUT by itself.

4. The name of the file, or first file if several are to be transferred, will appear at the transmitter, with a question mark. This is so that the user may exempt certain files from being copied (or, if something has gone wrong, the whole process may need to be restarted, but some files may have been copied correctly, and so will not need to be copied again). The user should therefore type in one of these:

Y -- YES, copy this file.

N -- NO, do not copy this file.

A -- ALL, copy all files starting from this.

F -- FINISH, reboot and abort copy at both ends.

5. If 'Y' or 'A' have been typed, the name of the file should now appear at the other end, and the copying process will begin. The file is actually transferred in 4K blocks, so that the only limitation upon file size is that of the discs used in the transfer.

6. If all goes well, the process will either return both machines to DOS, or else, if several files are being copied, the next file will appear. If the user has previously typed 'A', all files will be copied without interruption, otherwise the user will continue to be prompted for each file in turn, until the process is complete.

ERROR MESSAGES

There are three different error messages provided in the system, all of which appear on the screen of the receiver:

'Checksum error' -- An error has been found in the copying process, and the file concerned cannot be regarded as having been copied correctly.

'Disc Full' -- The disc at the receiving end has been completely filled, and the last file copied will normally be incomplete. This file should be deleted from the receiver disc, and another disc substituted. It will then be necessary to reset both machines, and start again (typing 'N' for each file until the one is reached where the error occurred).

'Directory Full' -- The file at the bottom of the list cannot be put into the directory, because it is now full. The same process should be followed as in the case of the Disc Full error.

All of these messages are displayed at the receiver only. Note that the checksum error will still allow the process to continue.

I/O DEVICES

The programs as supplied both use the AUX: device for input and output, or RDR: and PUN: under CP/M. This is the standard method, but some CP/M machines use LST: instead of PUN:, and will therefore need the appropriate DOS calls modified for use on that machine. Using MOS, the following locations should be modified:

LOAD HEXOUT.COM

LOAD HEXIN.COM

MOS

MOS

>MIF1

>MIDE

01F1 04 05

01DE 04 05

01F2 SF .

01DF C3 .

>G0

>G0

0:SAVE 3 HEXLOUT.COM

0:SAVE 2 HEXLIN.COM

These copies will then work correctly for that particular machine. Note the change of names, to avoid confusion with those using the AUX: device.

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XTAL CHIPTESTER

XTal chiptester has been designed as a flexible system for testing known and unknown DIL 1416 pin I.C.'s. The system consists of 2 discs and a battery powered chiptester board with a lead for connecting to your system.

One of the discs contains the chiptester program which runs under our widely accepted XTAL BASIC, the other contains a set of expandable data files each of which are the test sequence for that particular chip.

At the end of this manual we have included a FLOWCHART OF PROCEDURES to follow if in doubt for testing known and unknown I.C.'s. CHIPTESTER is a valuable aid for learning about simple and complex chips.

CONNECTIONS

Supplied with your chiptester is a flat 32 way cable with two 16 way DIP plugs at one end and a connector compatible for connecting to your machine at the other end. The 16 way DIP plugs are marked A & B which corresponds to the two 16 way DIL sockets on the chiptester board. Please ensure that you connect these the corresponding socket with correct orientation. The connector on the other end of the cable should plug into the parallel A/B port on your machine, again you should ensure correct orientation.

SPECIAL NOTES

Although a large selection of I.C.'s can and have been tested there are some which cannot be tested efficiently. Such types are the VOLTAGE CONTROLLED OSCILLATORS; MULTIVIBRATORS; SOME COUNTERS etc. The reasons for this are varied, for instance, MULTIVIBRATORS have no stable state and so the outputs cannot be presumed at a constant level for any particular input. VOLTAGE CONTROLLED OSCILLATORS require external components. One problem we have encountered with some counters is noise on the outputs which feed back to internal gating therefore causing unrecorded switching.

LOADING PROCEDURE

Connect the chiptester board to your machine (connections as described above). Switch on the chiptester and load disc marked XTAL CHIPTESTER. Place the disc marked XTAL CHIPTESTER DATA FILES in drive B.

NOTE:-

A) Some machines may have only one disc drive, in which case you should load XTAL CHIPTESTER after which you should replace this disc with the disc marked XTAL CHIPTESTER DATA FILES.

B) Some systems are supplied with one disc, in this case you leave this in the drive (the data files are on this disc as well as the chiptester program).

Now run "CHIP", and you will be rewarded with XTAL CHIPTESTER.

On the following pages are a series of stages which have been written in conjunction with the PROCEDURE FLOWCHART at the back of the manual.

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