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#### GREETINGS!

SCELBI COMPUTER CONSULTING IS PLFASED TO BE BRINGING YOU THIS FIRST ISSUE OF "THE SCELBI COMPUTER DIGEST & USER'S BULLETIN." MANY OF OUR SCELBI-8H USERS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS TYPE OF PUBLICATION FOR SOME TIME. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

THIS FIRST EDITION CONTAINS INFORMATION AND FFATURE ARTICLES PRE-PARED BY THE STAFF AT SCELBI. IN THE FUTURE WE PLAN TO EXPAND THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THIS PUBLICATION AS USERS JOIN IN TO HELP MAKE IT AN IN-FORMATION EXCHANGE JOURNAL. WE ARE ASKING OUR USERS TO SUBMIT APTICLES ON PROJECTS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED, ROUTINES AND PROGRAMS, OPEPATING TIPS ETC. THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS. THOSE INTERESTED IN SPECIFIC APPLICATION AREAS MAY SUBMIT THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR PUBLICATION IF DESIRED SO THAT USERS WITH COMMON INTEREST MAY CONTACT ONE ANOTHER.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE USFRS AT MANY LEVELS OF SOPHISTICATION. RANGING FROM THOSE THAT USE THE SCELBI-8H PURELY FOR HOBBY AND PLFASURE ACTIVITIES ON UP TO THOSE USING THE COMPUTER FOR SERIOUS RESEARCH IN MEDICINE OR FOP CONTROLLING INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES. IN THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL REPORTS ON OUR SCELBI-8H BEING USED BY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS TO AUTOMATICALLY SEND MORSE CODF MESSAGES, ITS APPLICATION IN GATHERING SCIENTIFIC DATA ON CANCER RE-SEARCH, PROJECTS INVOLVING INTERFACING IT TO CALCULATOR "CHIPS" AND OTHER DEVICES, PLANS TO USE IT FOR TRACKING SATELLITES, ITS USE AS AN NUMERICAL MACHINE CONTROLLER ETC. WE HOPE THE PEOPLE WORKING ON THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP OTHERS WORKING TOWARDS SIMILAR GOALS. ARTICLES AIMED AT BEGIN-NERS, AS WELL AS EXPERTS, OR THOSE IN BETWEEN, ARE DESIRED SO THAT WE MAY PUBLISH A GOOD "MIX."

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE SOMETHING TO SUBMIT, AT LEAST FEEL FREE TO DROP US A LINE AND LET US KNOW WHAT KIND OF MATERIAL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING SO THAT WE CAN SELECT TIMELY AND RELEVANT MATERIAL FOR YOU!

WELCOME ABOARD READERS!

## NAT WADSWORTH EDITOR

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SOME NEW-COMFRS TO UTILIZING A COMPUTER MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POWERFUL FUNCTIONS AN "EDITOR" PROGRAM CAN PERFORM FOR THE USER. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO EXPLAIN WHAT AN "EDITOR" PROGRAM IS AND TO ILLUSTRATE SOME OF ITS COMMON USFS.

AN "EDITOR" PROGRAM IS FSSENTIALLY WHAT ITS TITLE DENOTES. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT FACILITATES THE "EDITING" OF TEXT. THE PROGRAM CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF AN OPERATING OR COMMAND PORTION, AND A "TEXT BUFFER" PORTION. THE TEXT BUFFER IS SIMPLY AN AREA SET ASIDE IN MEMORY THAT IS USED TO HOLD, AND ALLOW THE MANIPULATION OF, WHATEVER INFORMATION THE OPERATOR DESIRES TO PLACE IN THERE. IT EFFECTIVELY SERVES AS A SHEET OF PAPER ON WHICH THE OPERATOR MAY WRITE, ALTER, OR ERASE INFOR-MATION VIA A KEYBOARD INSTEAD OF WITH A PENCIL. THE COMMAND PART OF THE PROGRAM IS USED TO DIRECT WHAT OPERATIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE TEXT BUFFER. TYPICAL EDITOR COMMANDS MIGHT INCLUDE: KILL (ERASE THE ENTIRE TEXT BUFFER). DELETE (ELIMINATE PORTIONS OF THE TEXT BUFFER). APPEND (ADD INFORMATION TO THE BUFFER). INSERT (PLACE INFORMATION AT SPECIFIC POINT(S) IN THE BUFFER). AND, LIST OR DISPLAY (PRINT OUT OR OTHERWISE DISPLAY THE CONTENTS OF THE TEXT BUFFER).

INFORMATION IN THE TEXT BUFFER IS TYPICALLY KEPT TRACK OF BY ASSIGNING A "LINE NUMBER" TO EACH LINE OF TEXT THAT IS PLACED IN THE BUFFER. A USER CAN THEN REFFR TO ANY PORTION OF THE BUFFER BY DESIG-NATING THE LINE NUMBER THAT IT IS DESIRED TO MANIPULATE. FOR INSTANCE. IF THERE ARE 10 LINES OF TEXT IN THE BUFFER, AND THE OPERATOR DISCOVERS THAT THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE TEXT ON LINE 8, THEN THE OPERATOR CAN SIMPLY GIVE THE COMMAND "8, D" AND DELETE THAT LINE FROM THE TEXT BUFFER. OR, SHOULD IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ADD SOME INFORMATION IN BETWEEN LINES, THEN THE USER CAN FOR INSTANCE GIVE THE COMMAND "8, I" AND PROCEED TO INSERT ONE OR MORE LINES OF TEXT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE LINE NUMBER 8. THE OPERATING PORTION OF THE EDITOR PROGRAM AUTOMATICALLY KEEPS TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF LINES IN THE BUFFER AND CAN RE-ASSIGN LINE NUMBERS AS REQUIR-ED. FOR INSTANCE, IF LINE 8 WAS DELETED FROM THE TEXT BUFFER, THEN THE PROGRAM WOULD MOVE THE NEXT LINE IN THE BUFFER "UP" TO BECOME LINE NUM-BER 8. OR, IF A LINE WAS INSERTED, THE PROGRAM WOULD ASSIGN THE COR-RECT LINE NUMBER FOR THE POINT AT WHICH IT WAS INSERTED AND CHANGE THE REMAINING LINES IN THE BUFFER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE INSERTED LINE. IN THIS MANNER THE PROGRAM CAN KEEP THE TEXT BUFFER ORGANIZED IN A FORM THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR THE USER TO WORK WITH.

AN EDITOR PROGRAM GENERALLY OPERATES IN TWO MODES. THE "COMMAND" MODE AND THE "TEXT" MODE. THE "COMMAND" MODE ALLOWS THE USER TO GEN-ERATE COMMANDS THAT MANIPULATE INFORMATION IN THE TEXT BUFFER. THE "TEXT" MODE ALLOWS INFORMATION FROM THE INPUT DEVICE TO BE DIRECTLY PLACED INTO THE TEXT BUFFER. CERTAIN COMMANDS, SUCH AS "APPEND" OR "INSERT" CAUSE THE PROGRAM TO SWITCH MODES AUTOMATICALLY FROM THE "COM-MAND" TO THE "TEXT" MODE SO THAT INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMAND IS CONSIDERED AS "TEXT" TO BE PLACED IN THE TEXT BUFFER. THUS A SEQUENCE SUCH AS :

#### 8.1 THIS IS A TEST

WOULD RESULT IN "THIS IS A TEST" BEING PLACED AS LINE NUMBER 8 IN THE TEXT BUFFER. NATURALLY, WHEN THE PROGRAM IS IN THE TEXT MODE, THERE MUST BE SOME METHOD OF RETURNING TO THE COMMAND MODE WHEN THE USER HAS PLACED THE DESIRED INFORMATION INTO THE BUFFFR. THIS IS GENERALLY ACCOMPLISHED BY ASSIGNING A SPECIAL "NON-PRINTING" CHARACTER AS A SIG- NAL TO THE COMPUTER WHEN IN THE "TEXT" MODE TO RETURN TO THE COMMAND MODE. A "CONTROL/CHARACTER" COMBINATION IS FREQUENTLY USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THUS, WHEN THE COMPUTER IS IN THE TEXT MODE, IT CHECKS EACH CHARACTER AS IT IS ENTERED TO SEE IF IT IS THE SPECIAL "CONTROL/CHAR-ACTER." IF IT IS NOT, THE INFORMATION IS PLACED IN THE TEXT BUFFER. HOWEVER, WHEN A "CONTROL/CHARACTER" APPFARS, THE PROGRAM REVERTS BACK TO THE COMMAND MODE.

WHILE THE BULK OF "FDITING" IS DONE BY USING THE COMMANDS AVAIL-ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE INFORMATION IN THE TEXT BUFFER, IT IS OFTEN VALUABLE TO HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL CAPABILITY TO MAKE MINOP ALTERATIONS TO TEXT WHILE ACTUALLY IN THE TEXT MODE. THUS EDITOR PROGRAMS TYP-ICALLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF DELETING INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERS WHILE OPERATING IN THE TEXT MODE BY THE USE OF A SPECIAL KEY SUCH AS THE "ROB OUT" OR + KEY WHERE FACH DEPRESSION OF SUCH A SPECIAL KEY RE-SULTS IN THE ELIMINATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY ENTERED CHARACTER. THIS FEATURES MAKES IT UNNECESSARY TO RETURN TO THE COMMAND MODE EACH TIME A MINOR "TYPO" OCCURS.

NOW THAT ONE HAS A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON WHAT AN "EDITOR" PROGRAM CAN DO AND HOW IT WORKS, ONE WILL HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY DISCERNING WHAT A GREAT TIME SAVER AN EDITOR PROGRAM CAN BE FOR ANYONE THAT HAS TO PREPARE ANY KIND OF TEXT MATERIAL! THE ABILITY TO USE THE COM-PUTER TO HELP PREPARE MATERIAL, PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO MAKING CORRECTIONS, AND ARRANGING THE LAY-OUT, SAVES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME. IT HAS BEEN CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED THAT A PERSON WORKING WITH A COMPUTER CENTERED FDITOR PROGRAM CAN PRODUCE "FINISHED" COPY ABOUT THREE TO FOUR TIMES FASTER THAN A PERSON RESTRICTED TO WORKING WITH AN ORDINARY TYPEWRITER. ALMOST ALL OF THIS INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ABILITY OF THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW THE USER TO MAKE CORRECTIONS, OR INSERT OR DELETE INFORMATION, AND OTHERWISE RE-ARRANGE THE TEXT IN THE TEXT BUFFER BEFORE PRINTING A FINAL COPY. WITHOUT AN EDITOR PROGRAM THIS TYPE OF WORK MUST BE DONE EITHER USING AN ERASER OR BY "CUT AND PASTE" METHODS. THE USE OF AN EDITOR PROGRAM ALSO TAKES THE TEDIOUSNESS OUT OF PREPARING TEXTUAL MATERIAL AND GIVES THE PREPARER MORE TIME TO BE CREATIVE.

THUS, AN EDITOR PROGRAM CAN BE A VALUABLE TOOL FOR ANY WRITER. THE MATERIAL YOU ARE CURRENTLY READING WAS PREPARED USING AN EDITOR PRO-GRAM. ANY BUSINESS MAN CAN PUT AN EDITOR TO GOOD USE JUST DOING SEC-RETARIAL CHORES. IN FACT, THERE ARE MANY COMPANIES TODAY SELLING FANCY AND EXPENSIVE TYPEWRITER SYSTEMS THAT HAVE "EDITING" CAPABILITIES. ALL THOSE SYSTEMS CONSIST OF IS A TYPEWRITER CONNECTED TO A DEDICATED COM-PUTER THAT HAS AN EDITOR PROGRAM IN IT! SAD THING IS, MANY OF THOSE SYSTEMS HAVE THF COMPUTER PORTION BUILT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT IS THE ONLY THING THE SYSTEM CAN DO - AND MANY OF THE USERS ARE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE FACT THAT FOR ABOUT THE SAME PRICE THEY COULD HAVE PURCHASED A MUCH MORE VERSATILE MACHINE (A COMPUTER!), USED IT FOR EDITING PURPOSES WHEN REQUIRED, AND BEEN ABLE TO LOAD DIFFERENT PROGRAMS INTO IT WHEN ITS EDITING CAPABILITIES WERE NOT REQUIRED!

FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS, THE PRIMARY REASON FOR UTILIZING AN EDITOR PROGRAM, IS TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF "SOURCE LISTINGS" OF COM-PUTER PROGRAMS! THE REASON, AGAIN, IS BECAUSE OF THE CAPABILITY OF BE-ING ABLE TO RAPIDLY MAKE CHANGES IN THE MATERIAL BEING PREPARED. THIS FACTOR BECOMES MULTIPLIED IN THE CASE OF PREPARING PROGRAMS, BECAUSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM IS A TWO PART PROCESS. FIRST A PROGRAM MUST BE PREPARED IN THE SYMBOLIC MNFMONIC (SOURCE LISTING) FORM, AND THEN THIS MNFMONIC LISTING MUST BE CONVERTED TO THE ACTUAL MACHINE LANGUAGE CODES USED BY THE COMPUTER. ANY MISTAKE(S) IN THE SOURCE LISTING WILL RESULT IN EPROPS IN THE MACHINE CODE. THE ABILITY TO RAPIDLY CORRECT OR ALTER

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THE SOURCE LISTING GREATLY FASES THE OVER-ALL TASK OF PROGRAM PREPARA-TION. IT SAVES A LOT OF PAPER (AND FRASERS!) WHEN ONE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MENTALLY CREATING "ALGORITHMS" AND PUTTING THEM INTO SYMBOLIC (MNE-MONIC) FORM. ONE CAN "THINK" OF DESIRED ROUTINES, ENTER THEM INTO THE TEXT HUFFER IN THE COMPUTER, AND, FROM TIME-TO-TIME, HAVE THE COMPUTER DISPLAY THEM FOR REVIEW. ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE DEVELOPING ROUTINE CAN BE FASILY MADE AT WILL UNTIL THE PROGRAMMER FFELS THAT THE ROUTINE IS CORRECT - ALL WITHOUT THE MESS AND FUSS OF PENCIL, PAPER, AND ERASERS! WHEN THE PROGRAMMER IS SATISFIED WITH THE CREATION, THE PRESS OF A BUTTON PRESENTS A NICE "CLEAN" COPY READY FOR THE NEXT STEP - CONVERSION TO THE MACHINE LANGUAGE CODE.

SUPPOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, A PERSON WANTED TO CREATE A SMALL PROGRAM THAT WOULD SET ALL THE WORDS ON A PAGE OF MEMORY TO THE 377 (OCTAL) CON-DITION. USING AN EDITOR THE PROCESS MIGHT GO AS FOLLOWS. (COMMANDS WILL BE UNDERLINED).

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3,D 3,1 DOMORE, LMI 377

LDH LEL

L LDH LEL LHI 002 LLI 000 DOMORE, LMI 377 INL JFZ DOMORE HLT

A REVIEW OF THE ABOVE FXAMPLE SHOWS HOW FASILY THE PROGRAM WAS CREATED AND MODIFIED AS THE PROGRAMMER'S THOUGHT PROCESS PROCEEDED. FIRST THE PROGRAMMER SET UP REGISTERS "H" AND "L" TO POINT TO THE AREA IN MEMORY THAT WAS TO BE FILLED WITH THE 377 CODE. AN "LMI 377" IN-STRUCTION WAS USED AND THEN AN "INL" INSTRUCTION USED TO ADVANCE THE MEMORY POINTER. AT THIS POINT THE PROGRAMMEP REALIZED A "PROGRAM LOOP" COULD BE FORMED BY TESTING TO SEE IF REGISTER "L" HAD CYCLED AROUND TO 000 (OCTAL). IF NOT, THE PROGRAM SHOULD JUMP BACK TO THE "LMI 377" IN-STRUCTION. SO, A "LABEL" OF "DOMORE" WAS ASSIGNED TO THE "LMI 377" IN-STRUCTION AND USED AS THE ADDRESS FOR THE "JEZ" INSTRUCTION. SINCE THE ORIGINAL LINE CONTAINING "LMI 377" NOW HAD TO BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THE "LABEL" THE PROGRAMMER WENT TO THE COMMAND MODE OF THE EDITOR AND USED A DELETE COMMAND TO ERASE THE ORIGINAL LINE THREE AND THEN INSERTED THE NEW LINE CONTAINING THE LABEL IN ITS PLACE. NEXT THE PROGRAMMER DECID-ED TO ADD SEVERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SAVE THE ORIGINAL CONTENTS OF THE "H" AND "L" REGISTERS, SO THEY WERE INSERTED BEFORE LINE #1. IN A MATTER OF A FFW SECONDS THE PROGRAMMER HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SEVERAL REVISIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM. FINALLY THE PROGRAMMER HAD THE COMPLETED ROUTINE

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PRINTED OUT AS A "CLEAN" COPY READY FOR THE "ASSEMBLY" (CONVERSION TO MACHINE CODE) PROCESS!

HOWEVER, A GOOD FDITOR PROGRAM HAS ONE MORE FFATURE THAT REALLY MAKES THE PROGRAM PARTICULARLY VALUABLE - THE AHILITY TO WRITE THE CON-TENTS OF THE "TEXT BUFFER" OUT ONTO PAPER TAPE OP MAGNETIC TAPE (AND PERFORM THE PEVERSE OF READING DATA INTO THE TEXT BUFFER FROM AN EXTER-NAL STORAGE SYSTEM). THUS, AS PROGRAMS ARE CREATED THEY CAN BE SAVED FOR FUTURE USE ON AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE. A PERSON CAN DEVELOP A LIBRARY OF ROUTINES OR PROGRAMS AND THESE ROUTINES CAN BE READ BACK IN-TO THE TEXT BUFFER, AND POSSIBLY COMBINED WITH OTHER ROUTINES TO BUILD UP LARGER PROGRAMS.

FOR PROGRAMMERS, THIS FEATURE ALSO ALLOWS THE NEXT STEP IN THE PRO-CESS OF PROGRAM CREATION, THE CONVERSION OF THE SOURCE LISTING TO MACH-INF CODE, TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN AN ESSENTIALLY AUTOMATIC FASHION. THIS CAN BE DONE BY USING THE TAPE (PAPER OR MAGNETIC) CREATED BY THE FDITOR PROGRAM AS THE INPUT TO ANOTHER TYPE OF PROGRAM CALLED AN "ASSEMBLER." AN "ASSEMBLER" IS A PROGRAM THAT IS ABLE TO PROCESS THE "LABELS" AND MNEMONICS USED IN A SOURCE LISTING AND CONVERT THEM TO MACHINE CODES ASSIGNED TO USER DESIGNATED APEAS IN MEMORY.

OF COURSF, THE FEATURE OF SAVING THE CONTENTS OF THE TEXT BUFFFR ON AN EXTERNAL DEVICE CAN BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE FOR NON-PROGRAM-MING ACTIVITIES TOO! HOW ABOUT, FOR INSTANCE, USING IT AS A SYSTEM FOR RAPIDLY CREATING "PERSONALIZED" FORM LETTERS? PARAGRAPHS OF INFORMAT-ION PERTAINING TO PARTICULAR SUBJECTS COULD BE SELECTED FROM A "LIB-RARY," PLACED IN ORDER IN THE TEXT BUFFER, AND THEN PRINTED AS A COM-PLETE DOCUMENT.

ONCE ONE BECOMES FAMILIAR WITH THE BASIC CONCEPT OF AN EDITOR PRO-GRAM ONE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY FINDING APPLICATIONS FOR IT. FOR THOSE THAT REALLY WANT TO EXPLOIT ITS CAPABILITIES IT NEED ONLY BE SUG-GESTED THAT THE FDITOR PROGRAM BE THE STARTING POINT FOR CREATING DATA "BANKS" THAT COULD BE "MASSAGED" BY OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT DO SUCH USFFUL FUNCTIONS AS "SELECT" OR SORT OUT INFORMATION OF VALUE FOR THE USER. THINK ABOUT IT - COULD YOU PUT AN EDITOR PROGRAM TO GOOD USE AT YOUR FACILITY?

## SOFTWARE REVISION NOTICE - SCELBI PROGRAM #61XX-0007 8H MODEL 33 TTY READ/WRITE PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN REVISED TO REVISION A. THE REVISION REMOVES AN EXTRANEOUS "RLC" INSTRUCTION AT LOCATION 133 ON PAGE 43. TO EFFECT THE REVISION CHANGE THE "RLC" TO A "NO OPERATION" SUCH AS "LAA" AS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING PATCH.

ADDF	DDRESS CONTENTS MNEMONIC		MNFMONIC	COMMENTS
43	133	300	LAA	/LOAD REG A TO A (NO OPERATION)

## INTERFACING THE PE 'SCOPEWRITER' TO THE SCELBI-8H

"POPULAR ELECTRONICS" RECENTLY PUBLISHED CONSTRUCTION PLANS (SEE THE AUGUST, 1974 ISSUE OF "POPULAR ELECTRONICS," STARTING AT PAGE 33) FOR A SIMPLE, LOW COST, ONE LINE 'SCOPEWRITER' WHICH WILL ALLOW UP TO 32 ALPHA-NUMERIC CHARACTERS TO BE DISPLAYED ON AN ORDINARY OSCILLOSCOPE. WHILE THE DISPLAY SYSTEM IS NO WHERE NEAR AS SOPHISTICATED AS THE SCELBI ALPHA-NUMERIC OSCILLOSCOPE INTERFACE, A NUMBER OF OUR CUSTOMERS ALREADY HAVE THE DEVICE AND DESIRE TO INTERFACE IT TO THE SCELBI-8H. WE ARE PRESENTING HERE THE DETAILS OF AN INTERFACE THAT WILL ALLOW THE 'SCOPE-WRITER' TO BE DRIVEN BY THE SCELBI-8H. THE PARTS FOR THIS INTERFACE COST LESS THAN \$5.00, AND SINCE THIS INTERFACE ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR THE CONTROL AND DATA SWITCHES ON THE 'SCOPEWRITER,' THE SAVINGS ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE SWITCHES CAN MORE THAN COVER THE COST OF THE PARTS FOR THIS INTERFACE. NATURALLY, THIS INTERFACE WILL ALLOW THE CHARACTERS FOR THE DISPLAY TO BE LOADED UNDER PROGRAM CONTROL (FOR INSTANCE BY US-ING A SUBROUTINE THAT ACCEPTS CHARACTERS FROM AN ASCII KEYBOARD) AND THUS SAVES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME OVER HAVING TO LOAD MESSAGES INTO THE 'SCOPEWRITER' BY MANUAL MEANS.

THE SCHEMATIC FOR THE COMPLETE INTERFACE IS SHOWN ON A FOLLOWING PAGE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERFACE IS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND CAN MOST FASILY BE DONE IN "BREAD-BOARD" FASHION. THE CONNECTIONS TO THE 'SCOPEWRITER' CIRCUIT ARE DENOTED BY RECTANGLES. CONNECTIONS LABEL-ED SI THROUGH S9 SHOULD GO TO THE WIPER POINT OF THE SWITCHES SHOWN IN THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE. THE SWITCHES SHOULD BE REMOVED ON DISCONNECTED FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGN. IN ADDITION, RESISTORS RI AND R2 (BOTH 100 OHMS) SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AS THEY WOULD OVERLOAD THE 7474 I.C. WHICH REPLACES SWITCH S2. CONNECTIONS TO THE SCELBI-8H ARE DESIGNATED BY THE SIGNAL NAME USED ON SCELBI SCHEMATICS.

SOFTWARE TO DRIVE THE INTERFACE IS PRESENTED BELOW. THE SOFTWARE CONSIST OF A SUBROUTINE THAT CAN BE CALLED BY A USER PROGRAM THAT WILL CAUSE THE MEMORY OF THE 'SCOPEWRITER' TO BE LOADED WITH ASCII CHARACTERS OBTAINED FROM THE MESSAGE BUFFER CALLED "TABLE." THE PROGRAM WILL THEN CAUSE THE 'SCOPEWRITER' TO DISPLAY THE MESSAGE UNTIL THE SUBROUTINE IS CALLED AGAIN. USER'S CAN GENERATE THEIR OWN PROGRAMS BASED ON THEIR I/O CAPABILITIES THAT WILL ACCEPT CHARACTERS FROM AN INPUT DEVICE AND STORE THEM IN THE MESSAGE BUFFER ("TABLE"). BY ALTERNATING BETWEEN THEIR IN-PUT ROUTINE(S) AND THE DRIVER ROUTINF PRESENTED HERE, USER'S CAN PRO-VIDE THEIR OWN CUSTOM TAILORED I/O PROGRAMS THAT UTILIZE THE 'SCOPE-WRITER' FOR MESSAGE DISPLAY. HAVE FUN!

SUGGESTED DRIVER ROUTINE FOR THE 'SCOPEWRITER' INTERFACE

			/SAVE SPACE FOR A 32 CHARACTER BUFFER /FOR STORING THE MESSAGE IN ASCII FORMAT / ORG 000 000
000	000	000	TABLE, 000
			ORG 000 040
000	Ø4Ø	056	START, LHI 000 /START SUBROUTINE HERE
000	041	000	
000	042	066	LLI 000 /SET PNTR TO ADDR OF "TABLE"
000	043	000	
000	044	016	LBI 040 /SFT CHARACTER COUNTER
000	Ø45	040	

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000 046 00	6 LAI 040	
000 047 04	Ø	
000 050 13	3 OUT 15	/RESET LOAD
000 051 13	97 OUT 17	<b>JOUTPUT BLANK</b>
000 052 13	5 OUT 16	/OUTPUT OSC
000 053 13	31 OUT 14	/OUTPUT WR
000 054 02	6 LCI 002	/DELAY ROUGHLY 150 USECS
000 055 00	2	
000 056 02	DEL, DCC	
000 057 11	Ø JFZ DEL	
000 060 05	56	
000 061 00	0	
000 062 00	6 LAI 001	
000 063 00	1	
000 064 13	5 OUT 16	/OUTPUT PB
000 065 30	7 CHAR, LAM	
000 066 13	7 OUT 17	<b>JOUTPUT CHARACTER</b>
000 067 00	6 LAI 001	
000 070 00	1	· · · · · ·
000 071 13	3 OUT 15	PULSE LOAD
000 072 02	6 LCI 002	/DELAY 150 USECS AGAIN
000 073 00	12	
000 074 02	DLY, DCC	
000 075 11	Ø JFZ DLY	
000 076 07	4	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
000 077 00	0	
000 100 25	0 XRA	/CLEAR ACCUMULATOR
000 101 13	3 OUT 15	
000 102 06	Ø INL	ADVANCE TABLE POINTER
000 103 01	1 DCB	/DFCR COUNTER - DONE?
000 104 11	Ø JFZ CHAR -	/IF NOT - GET NEXT CHARACTER
000 105 06	5 '	
000 106 00	0	
000 107 00	6 LAI 001	
000 110 00	1	
000 111 13	0 OUT 14	<b>JOUTPUT RE COMMAND</b>
000 112 25	0 XRA	
000 113 13	5 OUT 16	/OUTPUT OSC
000 114 00	7 RET	/RETURN TO CALLING PROGRAM
	END	

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'SCOPEWRITER' INTERFACE PARTS LIST

QTY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
2	7474 I.C.	21, 22
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2	7475 I.C.	24, 25
6	10K 1/4 W RESISTOR	R1 - R6

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MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS ARE NEWCOMERS TO THE FIELD OF DIGITAL MINI-COMPUTERS AND FROM THEIR LETTERS AND COMMENTS ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THEIR NEW INTEREST. A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION IS TO HELP SATISFY THE DESIRES OF THESE PEOPLE FOR INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT. HOWEVER, SINCE MOST PEOPLE CAN READ A WHOLE LOT FASTER THAN WE CAN WRITE AND SINCE THE DIVERSITY OF THE MINI-COMPUTER FAR EXCEEDS OUR CAPACITY FOR COVERING EVEN A SMALL FRACTION OF THE MANY FIELDS THAT CAN BE AC-COMODATED BY THE MACHINE, WE COULD NOT ATTEMPT TO SATISFY EVERYONE SIN-GLEHANDED. FORTUNATELY, A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS ARE SPRINGING UP TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR INFORMATION AND SERVE AS INFORMATION EXCHANGES. WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SEVERAL OF THOSE OF WHICH WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL PROVIDED.

## AMATEUR COMPUTER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 7 STEPHEN B. GRAY 260 NOROTON AVENUE DARIEN, CT. 06820

THE NEWSLETTER WHICH MR. GRAY PUTS OUT APPFARS PRIMARILY TO BE A REVIEW OF HARDWARE MANUFACTURERS NEW PRODUCTS, PLUS NEWS AND TIPS FROM SUBSCRIEERS ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS WHERE TO LOCATE CERTAIN TYPES OF COMPONENTS, NEWS OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AND APPLICATIONS, ETC. THE AMATEUR COMPUTER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THE ORGANIZATION CATERS PRIMARILY TO THOSE WITH PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER BACKGROUNDS WHO ARE ALSO COMPUTER HOBBYIST. A SAMPLE ISSUE IS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00.

## MARK-8 USFR'S GROUP CABRILLO COMPUTER CENTFR 4350 CONSTELLATION LOMPOC, CA: 93436

THE "MARK-8 USER'S GROUP" WAS STARTED BY MR. SINGEP IN RESPONSE TO THE "MARK-8" COMPUTER PROJECT PUBLISHED IN "RADIO-ELECTRONICS" MAGAZINE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1974. THE "MARK-8" USES AN 8008 CPU CHIP AS DOES OUR SCELBI-8H. TO DATE THE PUBLICATION HAS CONTAINED INFORMATION ON DE-BUGGING THE MARK-8, A NUMBER OF IDFAS ON I/O DEVICES AND INTERFACES, LISTINGS OF USER'S, NEWS ON WHERE TO OBTAIN COMPONENTS, ETC.. THE GROUP PLANS TO START PUBLISHING SOFTWARE ROUTINES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND DOES NOT LIMIT ITS COVERAGE TO JUST THE "MARK-8." NOVICES TO COMPUTER TECH-NOLOGY, AND THOSE THAT LIKE TO "BUILD IT FROM SCRATCH" WOULD PROBABLY LIKE THIS PUBLICATION AND THE PUBLICATION COULD BE OF GENERAL INTEREST IF THEIR SOFTWARE PLANS TAKE FORM. THE PUBLICATION STARTED AS A "FREE" MIMFOGRAPHED NEWSLETTER SENT TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED SASE'S (SELF ADDRES-SED STAMPED ENVELOPES) AND HAS BEEN APPEARING APPROXIMATELY MONTHLY SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1974. HOWEVER, IN THE LATEST ISSUE THEY INDICATED THE PUBLICATION WOULD SOON REQUIRE SOME FORM OF REGULAR FUNDING. WRITE FOR INFORMATION TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

PERHAPS THE BEST PUBLICATION WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE COMES OUT OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. THREE GENTLEMEN DOWN THERE HAVE TEAMED UP TO PUT OUT A REALLY FINE LITTLE JOURNAL CALLED "THE COMPUTER HORBYIST." THESE FELLAS KNOW THEIR STUFF AND ARE PUTTING IT IN WRITING IN FINE FORM. THE FIRST COUPLE OF ISSUES STARTED OUT WITH A HOST OF FEATURE ARTICLES INCLUDING COMPLETE PLANS FOR A "VECTOR" CRT INTERFACE, A NUM-BER OF TIPS ON SOFTWARE, DETAILS ON INTERFACING A TTY TO AN 8008 BASED SYSTEM, NEWS ON WHERE TO GET PARTS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT, A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TTY EQUIPMENT ETC. THE WRITERS ARE CURRENTLY MOSTLY INTO 8008 WORK BUT SAY THEY WILL NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO THAT DEVICE. THEY ARE RUNNING AN 8K 8008 SYSTEM WITH CRT AND A HARD-COPY FACILITY TO LAYOUT AND EDIT THEIR PUBLICATION. WATCH THIS LITTLE PUBLICATION - IT SHOWS SIGNS OF GOING PLACES! SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE \$6.00 YEARLY (PUBLISHED MONTHLY) - AND POSSIBLY YOU CAN PURCHASE BACK COPIES OF THE FIRST SEVERAL ISSUES (STARTED IN NOVEMBER, 1974) - RECOMMENDED FOR ALL LEVELS OF COMPUTER HOBBYIST! SUBSCRIPTIONS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM:

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## MULTIPLE PRECISION ADDITION WITH THE SCELBI-8H

MANY USERS WHO WANT TO USE THE DIGITAL COMPUTER TO PERFORM MATHF-MATICAL OPERATIONS SEEM TO GET "HUNG UP" OVER HOW TO HANDLE NUMBERS THAT ARE TOO LARGE TO FIT IN ONF MEMORY WORD OR CPU REGISTER. SINCE THE SCELBI-8H ONLY HAS 8 BITS IN A WORD, THE LARGEST NUMBER THAT CAN BE RF-PRESENTED IN A SINGLE REGISTER IS A MERF 255 (DECIMAL) OR, IF ONE DE-SIRES TO MAINTAIN THE SIGN OF THE NUMBER AND USES ONE BIT IN THE WORD FOR THE SIGN INDICATOR, THEN THE LARGEST NUMBER THAT CAN BE REPRESENTED IN A SINGLE WORD IS A PALTRY 127 (DECIMAL) - HARDLY ENOUGH TO BOTHER US-ING A COMPUTER TO MANIPULATE SUCH LIMITED MAGNITUDES!

AH, BUT WAIT. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF A NUMBER STORED IN AN "N-BIT" REGISTER IS (21N)-1 AND THUS THE SIZE OF THE NUMBER THAT CAN BE STORED IN A REGISTER ESSENTIALLY DOUBLES FOR EVERY BIT ADDED TO A REGISTER. SO, IF ONE WERE TO STORE A NUMBER IN TWO REGISTERS, OR WORDS IN MEMORY IN A SCELBI-BH ONE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH BITS TO REPRESENT NUMBERS AS LARGE AS (2116)-1 OR 65,535 (DECIMAL). IF ONE OF THESE 16 BITS WERE RESERVED FOR THE SIGN OF THE NUMBER THEN THE LARGEST NUMBER THAT COULD BE STORED IN THE TWO WORDS WOULD BE (2115)-1 OR 32,767, THAT IS QUITE A BIT MORE THAN THE VALUE OF 127 THAT CAN BE HELD IN ONE WORD! WHY STOP AT HOLDING A NUMBER IN TWO WORDS? NO NEFD TO, WE CAN USE THREE WORDS TO STORE A NUMBER (PLUS SIGN) AND REPRESENT NUMBERS UP TO (2:23)-1 WHICH IS 8,388,607 DECIMAL. STILL NOT ENOUGH - USE STILL AN ADDITIONAL WORD TO ALLOW REPRESENTING A SIGNED NUMBER UP TO A VALUE OF (2:31)-1 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 1,107,483,647. YOU CAN GO AS FAR AS YOU NEED TO. GENERALLY ONE SELECTS THE NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT DIGITS THAT WILL BE IMPORTANT IN THE CALCULATIONS TO BE PERFORMED AND MAKES SURE THAT ENOUGH WORDS ARE USED TO GET THE "PRECISION" REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION. THE USE OF MORE THAN ONE WORD TO STORE AND MANIPULATE NUMBERS AS THOUGH THEY WERE IN ONE LARGE CONTINUOUS REGISTER IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "MULTIPLE-PRECISION" ARITHMETIC. YOU WILL OFTEN HEAR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGISTS SPEAKING OF "DOUBLE-PRECISION" OR "TRIPLE-PRECIS-ION" ARITHMETIC. THIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE MACHINE IS USING TECH-NIQUES (GENERALLY PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES) THAT ENABLE IT TO HANDLE NUM-BERS STORED IN TWO OR THREE REGISTERS AS THOUGH THEY WERE ONE NUMBER IN A VERY LARGE REGISTER.

THE SCELBI-8H IS CAPABLE OF MULTIPLE-PRECISIONS ARITHMETIC. IN FACT IT DOES IT QUITE NICELY BECAUSE THE DESIGNERS OF THE INTEL 8008 CPU CHIP USED IN THE SCELBI-8H INCLUDED SOME SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOF JUST SUCH WORK! MULTIPLE PRECISION ARITHMETIC IS NOT DIFFICULT - IT TAKES A LITTLE MORE "ORGANIZATION" OF THE PROGRAM TO HANDLE AND STORE NUMBERS THAT ARE STORED IN MULTIPLE WORDS - BUT WITH THE USE OF FFECTIVE "SUB-ROUTINING" OR "CHAINING" OPERATIONS THE TASKS CAN BE HANDLED WITH EASE.

TO USE MULTI-PRECISION ARITHMETIC ONE MUST ESTABLISH A CONVENTION FOR STORING THE SECTIONS OF ONE LARGE NUMBER IN SEVERAL REGISTERS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DISCUSSION, WE WILL ASSUME "TRIPLE-PRECISION" ARITHMETIC IS BEING PERFORMED AND BECAUSE OF THE SUBROUTINE ILLUSTRATED LATER, THAT NUMBERS TO BE DEALT WITH ARE STORED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE MEMORY LOCATIONS ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS.

MEMORY	LOCATION	"N"	=	LEAST SIGNIFICANT 8 BITS	
MEMORY	LOCATION	"N+1"	=	NEXT SIGNIFICANT 8 BITS	
MEMORY	LOCATION	"N+2"	=	MOST SIGNIFICANT 7 BITS + SIGN B	ΊT

THUS, THE THREE WORDS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS JOINED TOGFTHER TO CONTAIN ONE LARGE 23 HIT "SIGNED" NUMBER AS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING DIAGRAM.

MEM LOCATION "N	1+S	M EM	LOC	ATIC	N '	'N-	1"	M	EM	LO	CA	TIO	N	••	N**
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MOST SIGNIFICANT BITS NEXT SIGNIFICANT BITS LEAST SIGNIFICANT BITS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ILLUSTRATING THE OPERATIONS OF THE MULTI-PRECIS-ION ROUTINE SHOWN BELOW LET US ASSUME THAT A NUMBER EXISTS IN THE PRE-SCRIBED FORMAT AT LOCATIONS 100, 101 AND 102 ON PAGE 02, AND A SECOND NUMBER TO BE ADDED TO THE FIRST RESIDES AT LOCATIONS 300, 301 AND 302 ON PAGE 03.

THE ROUTINE TO ADD THE TWO NUMBERS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS A GENERAL PURPOSE "N'TH" PRECISION ROUTINE. PRIOR TO CALLING THE ROUTINE IT IS NECESSARY TO SET UP REGISTERS "H" & "L" TO POINT TO THE LEAST SIGNIFI-CANT PORTION OF ONE OF THE NUMBERS, AND REGISTERS "D" & "E" MUST CON-TAIN THE ADDRESS OF THE LEAST SIGNFICANT PORTION OF THE SECOND NUMBER. ALSO, REGISTER "B" MUST BE SET TO THE "PRECISION," OR NUMBER OF MEMORY WORDS USED TO CONTAIN THE MULTI-WORD NUMBER. THE INITIALIZING PROCEDURE MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO CALLING THE "ADD" SUBROUTINE.

THE "ADD" SUBROUTINE ITSELF USES TWO EXTERNAL SUBROUTINES WHICH ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES. THE SUBROUTINE LABELED "SWITCH" EXCHANGES THE CONTENTS OF THE "H" & "L" AND "D" & "E" REGISTERS SO THAT THE MEM-ORY POINTER REGISTERS ("H" & "L") CAN BE ALTERED TO POINT TO THE DIFFE-RENT LOCATIONS WHERE THE TWO NUMBERS TO BE ADDED ARE STORED. THE SUB-ROUTINE TERMED "ADV" IS USED TO ADVANCE THE ADDRESS POINTED TO BY REG-ISTERS "H" & "L."

		/MULTIPLE-PRECISION ADD ROUTINE
		/
		/INITIALIZE POINTERS AND SET PRECISION
INIT.	LHI 002	ASET PAGE FOR LSW OF FIRST NUMBER
	1.1.1 100	AND LOCATION ON PAGE FOR LSW OF FIRST NUMBER
		ANNU SET PAGE ADDR FOR ISU OF SECOND NUMBER
	LEI 300	VAND LOCATION ON PAGE FOR ISU OF SECOND NUMBER
	181 003	AND DECISION VALUE (3 WORDS)
	LDI 005	
		NOW CALL THE ADD SUBBOUTINE - ASSUME
		ATHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THIS SECTION
	1	ATO HANDLE THE RESULT OF THE ADDITION FTC.
	CALL ADD	ADD THE TWO TRIPLE-PRECISION NUMBERS
	• •	
	• •	/USER INSTRUCTIONS TO HANDLE THE RESULT
	• •	
		1
		/HERE IS THE "N *TH" PRECISION SUBROUTINE
		1
ADD,	NDA	/ALWAYS CLFAR CARRY FLAG AT START OF RTN
ADDMOR,	LAM	/GET FIRST NUMBER INTO ACCUMULATOR
	CAL SWITCH	/EXCHANGE CONTENTS OF "H" & "L" AND "D" & "E"
	ACM	/PERFORM THE ADDITION WITH THE SECOND NUMBER
	LMA	/PUT RESULT IN PLACE OF SECOND NUMBER
	DCB	/DECREMENT "PRECISION" COUNTER
	RTZ	/FINISHED WHEN COUNTER EQUAL 000

	CAL ADV	/IF NOT FINISHED - ADVANCE ADDEND POINTER
	CAL SWITCH	/GET POINTER TO FIRST NUMBER AGAIN
	CAL ADV	/AND ADVANCE IT TOO
	JMP ADDMOR	/CONTINUE WITH NEXT BYTE UNTIL LOOP EXITED
		/
	,	/HERE IS THE "SWITCH" SUBROUTINE
		1
SWITCH,	LCH	/TEMPORARILY LOAD "H" INTO "C"
	LHD	/PUT "D" INTO "H"
	LDC	/NOW PUT FORMER "H" FM "C" INTO "D"
	LCL	/TEMPORARILY LOAD "L" INTO "C"
	LLE	/PUT "E" INTO "L"
	LEC	AND PUT FORMER "L" FM "C" INTO "E"
	RET	/EXIT SUBROUTINE
		/
	•	AND HERE IS THE "ADV" SUBROUTINE
	INL	ADVANCE CONTENTS OF REG "L"
	RFZ	/RETURN IF NOT INTO NEW PAGE
	INH	/BUT IF NEW PAGE ADVANCE "H" TOO
	RET	/THEN EXIT SUBROUTINE
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BASIC "ADD" SUBROUTINE AS SHOWN ABOVE CAN BE USED TO PROCESS NUMBERS STORED IN FROM ONE TO "N" WORDS SIMPLY BY SETTING UP REGISTER "B" PRIOR TO CALLING THE SUBROUTINE.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE SUBROUTINE IS "DESTRUCTIVE" TO THE ORIGINAL VALUE OF THE NUMBER THAT IS ADDED BECAUSE THE RESULT OF THE ADDITION OPERATION IS STORED THERE. SO, IF ONE WISHED FOR SOME REASON TO SAVE THE VALUE OF THE ADDEND ONE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT IT IS SAVED IN SOME OTHER LOCATION(S) PRIOR TO CALLING THE "ADD" SUBROUTINE.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE "ACM" TYPE OF ADD INSTRUCTION VERSUS THE "ADM" ONE WAS USED IN THE ROUTINE. READERS MAY REFER TO CHAPTER 2 IN "THE SCELBI-8H USER'S MANUAL" TO REVIFW THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF INSTRUCTIONS- ESSENTIALLY THAT THE "ACM" INSTRUCTION USES THE CONTENTS OF THE CARRY FLAG WHEN PERFORMING THE ADDITION - AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT WHEN PERFORMING MULTI-PRECISION ARITHMETIC BECAUSE THE CARRY FROM ONF REGISTER MUST BE ADDED INTO THE NEXT SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE MULTI-WORD NUMBER!

AS A FINAL REMARK, THE "ADD" SUBROUTINE READILY HANDLES NEGATIVE NUMBERS IF THEY ARE PUT IN THEIR "TWO'S COMPLEMENT" FORM BEFORE CALLING THE SUBROUTINE AND THUS THE SAME ROUTINE CAN BE USED TO PERFORM BOTH ADDITION AND, EFFECTIVELY, SUBTRACTION.

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## A SIMPLE, LOW COST, FAST MANUAL PROGRAM LOADER PERIPHERAL

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS A NEW SCELBI-8H OWNER LIKES TO PROCURE IS SOME SORT OF DEVICE THAT WILL REDUCE THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO LOAD PRO-GRAMS INTO MEMORY. MANY USER'S START OUT WITH A TAPE UNIT, OR A KEY-BOARD DEVICE OF SOME TYPE THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO AUTOMATICALLY LOAD IN LARGE PROGRAMS ONCE AN INITIAL "BOOTSTRAP" LOADER HAS BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY. THOSE THAT CAN AFFORD IT USUALLY HAVE A SUITABLE "BOOTSTRAP" LOADER PUT ON A PROM (PROGRAMMABLE READ ONLY MEMORY) SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN OPERATING THE SYSTEM AS SOON AS THEY POWER UP. HOWEVER, A SUB-STANTUAL NUMBER OF OUR USERS ARE DEVELOPING THEIR COMPUTER FACILITY ON TIGHT BUDGETS AND MUST PUT OFF THE LUXERY OF PROMS FOR THE TIME BEING. WHILE VIRTUALLY ANY PROGRAM CAN BE "TOGGLED" INTO MEMORY USING THE CHAS-SIS SWITCHES ON THE SCELBI-8H, THE PROCESS BECOMES QUITE TEDIOUS ONCE ONE STARTS PLAYING WITH ROUTINES THAT ARE MORE THAN 10 TO 20 INSTRUC-TIONS IN LENGTH BECAUSE THE OPERATOR MUST CONSTANTLY SET THE CHASSIS SWITCHES TO THE "LMI" INSTRUCTION, ADVANCE THE COMPUTER WITH THE STEP BUTTON TO THE "IMMEDIATE" PORTION OF THE INSTRUCTION AND THEN SET THE SWITCHES TO THE DATA TO BE LOADED INTO MEMORY, ADVANCE THE STEP BUTTON TO FINISH THE INSTRUCTION, THEN SET THE SWITCHES FOR AN "INL" COMMAND, ADVANCE THE STEP BUTTON, AND GO BACK TO THE "LMI" INSTRUCTION TO IN-SERT THE NEXT WORD IN MEMORY ETC. IS THERE A BETTER WAY TO MANUALLY LOAD PROGRAMS? YOU BET THERE IS - AND IT DOESN'T COST VERY MUCH TO IMPLEMENT IT. JUST THE INVESTMENT IN EIGHT TOGGLE SWITCHES AND A SMALL MINI-BOX OR METAL PLATE ON WHICH TO MOUNT THEM IN A POSITION CONVENIENT TO THE OPERATOR. WIRE THE SWITCHES TO COMMON ON ONE SIDE AND RUN THE OTHER SIDE OF EACH SWITCH TO ONE INPUT DATA LINE OF ANY INPUT PORT. (REFER TO THE SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM ON THE NEXT PAGE).

NOW USE THE SCELBI-8H CHASSIS TOGGLE SWITCHES TO FIRST PUT THE FOL-LOWING SHORT ROUTINE IN MEMORY.

ADDRESS	CODE	MN EMON I C	COMMENTS
000 000	1XX	INP X	/INPUT FROM PORT X
000 001	370	LMA	/PLACE ACC CONTENTS IN MEM
000 002	060	INL	/ADVANCE LA MEMORY POINTER
000 003	000	HLT	/STOP - WAIT FOR OPERATOR

NOW SET UP REGISTERS "H" AND "L" TO THE STARTING ADDRESS WHERE YOU DESIRE TO PLACE THE PROGRAM THAT IS TO BE LOADED INTO MEMORY. THEN SET THE CHASSIS TOGGLE SWITCHES TO 005 (RST 0 INSTRUCTION). NOW SET THE INPUT PORT SWITCHES TO THE VALUE THAT IS TO BE LOADED INTO MEMORY. HIT THE "INTERRUPT" SWITCH AND THEN THE "RUN" BUTTON. SET THE INPUT SWITCH-ES TO THE VALUE TO BE PLACED IN THE NEXT MEMORY LOCATION. REPEAT THE CYCLE OF DEPRESSING THE "INTERRUPT" THEN THE "RUN" BUTTON. THATS ALL THERE IS TO IT! LOSE YOUR PLACE? STEP THROUGH ONE CYCLE AND OBSERVE THE ADDRESS LAMPS AS THE LMA INSTRUCTION IS FXECUTED TO VERIFY YOUR LOC-ATION!

BE CAREFUL IF YOUR GOING TO LOAD A PROGRAM THAT CROSSES PAGES IN MEMORY. IN THAT CASE YOU CAN FITHER INSERT AN "INH" INSTRUCTION WITH THE CHASSIS TOGGLE SWITCHES - OR, IF YOU DO IT A LOT - USE THE PROGRAM BFLOW AS THE LOADER.

ADDRESS	CODE	MN EMON I C	COMMENTS
<u>000 000</u>	1XX	INP X	/INPUT FROM PORT X
000 001	370	LMA	/PLACE ACC CONTENTS IN MEM
000 002	060	INL	JADVANCE LA MEMORY POINTER

ADDRESS	CODE	MNFMONIC	COMMENTS
000 003	110	JFZ NO	CHECK FOR NEW PAGE
<b>000 0</b> 04	007		/IF NOT NEW PAGE THEN
000 005	<b>M</b> M <b>Ø</b>	1	/DO NOT ADVANCE "H"
000 006	050	INH	/ADV "H" IF CROSS PAGE
000 007	000	HLT	STOP - WAIT FOR OPERATOR



DIAGRAM FOR SIMPLE FAST MANUAL LOADER PERIPHERAL

SOFTWARE REVISION NOTICE - SCELBI PROGRAM #62XX-0011 ASCII MAG FILE WRITE & READ PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN REVISED TO REVISION A. THE REVISION CORPECTS A DEFICIENCY IN THE TTY OUTPUT ROUTINE "DIRECT" TO ENSURE THAT A STOP BIT IS TRANSMITTED AT THE END OF A CHARACTER. THE DEFICIENCY WILL NOT BE NOTICED UNLESS BIT 8 IS A LOGIC "0" WHICH WILL NOT NORMALLY OCCUR WHEN HANDLING STANDARD ASCII CODE. THE FOLLOWING PATCH WILL CORRECT THE DEFICIENCY.

CHANGE LOCATIONS 237, 240 AND 241 ON PAGE 02 TO:

ADD	RESS	CONTENTS	MNEMONIC	COMMENTS
øż	237	106	CAL PATCHI	/PATCH TO SET UP STOP BIT
Ø2	240	077		
Ø2	241	003		

AND INSERT THE "PATCH1" SUBROUTINE STARTING AT LOCATION 077 ON PG 03

ADD	RESS	CONTENTS	MNEMONIC	COMMENTS	
03	077	006	PATCHI, LAI 001	/SFT STOP BIT	
Ø3	100	001	•		
Ø3	101	106	CAL NMS		
03	102	255	•		
øз	103	002			
03	104	007	RET		

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#### PEVISED PROCEDUPES FOR LOADING PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY SCELBE ON

#### AUDIO TAPF CASSETTES

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE PEUISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR UTILIZING THE SCELHI AUDIO CASSETTE INTERFACE TO READ SCELHI PREPARED PROGRAMS USING THE 62XX-0003 AND 62XX-0004 PROGRAMS. THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING ISSUED TO CLARIFY SEVERAL POINTS AS A RESULT OF USER "FEEDBACK."

## PROCEDURE FOR LOADING THE TAPE READ PROGRAM USING THE BOOTSTRAP LOADER.

#### PRELIMINARY SET UP

- 1. PLACE A CASSETTE WITH A PROGRAM OR DATA RECORDED ON IT INTO THE RECORDER.
- 2. PLUG THF SILVER PHONE PLUG INTO THE FARPHONE JACK.

## IMPORTANT

WHEN READING IN A PROGRAM OR DATA FROM TAPE, THE LARGE RED (OR HLACK) PHONE PLUG SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED INTO THE RECORDER MIC. OR AUX. INPUT SINCE THE SIGNAL COMING FROM IT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE SIGNAL BEING READ FROM THE TAPE.

3. START THE RECORDER IN THE PLAY MODE.

4. ADJUST THE VOLUME CONTROL UP FROM THE MINIMUM LEVEL UNTIL THE INDICATOR DSI JUST TURNS ON WHILE THE DATA IS BEING PLAYED IN. TURN THE VOLUME ABOUT 1/8 OF A TURN HIGHER THAN THIS POINT. THIS IS THE SETTING THE VOLUME CONTROL SHOULD BE SET TO FOR RECORDING AND PLAYING BACK DATA.  $\{ e_i \}_{i=1}^{N-1}$ 

LOADING THE TAPE READ PROGRAM

- 1. CAREFULLY TOGGLE IN THE BOOTSTRAP LOADER PROGRAM, 61XX-0004, STARTING AT PAGE 01 LOCATION 300.
- 2. TOGGLE THE FOLLOWING OCTAL VALUES INTO THE RESPECTIVE REG-ISTERS.

LOAD REG A WITH 300 (LAI 300) LOAD RFG C WITH 200 (LCI 200) LOAD RFG H WITH 001 (LHI 001) LOAD RFG L WITH 120 (LLI 120)

- 3. PLACE THE CASSETTE WITH THE TAPE READ PROGRAM, 61XX-0003, INTO THE RECORDER AND SET IT TO THE START OF THE TONE WHICH PRECEEDS THE PROGRAM.
- 4. PLUG THE SILVER PHONE PLUG INTO THE FARPHONE JACK.
- 5. TOGGLE A 'JUMP TO LOCATION 300 ON PAGE 01' INSTRUCTION IN ON THE FRONT PANEL BUT DO NOT PRESS RUN.
- 6. START THE TAPE RECORDER IN THE PLAY MODE.

- 7. PRESS RUN ON THE COMPUTER.
- 8. WATCH BIT 5 OF THE LOW ADDRESS LAMPS CAREFULLY. WHEN THE PROGRAM IS BEING READ IN BIT 5 WILL INCREASE IN INTEN-SITY. APPROXIMATELY & SECONDS AFTER BIT 5 HECOMES HEIGHT-ER IT WILL GO DIM. THIS INDICATES THE END OF THE PROGRAM.
- 9. AT THIS TIME, PRESS THE INTERRUPT BUTTON TO STOP THE PRO-GRAM. NOTE: THE BOOTSTRAP LOADER PROGRAM DOFS NOT STOP WHEN THE PROGRAM IS READ IN. IT MUST BE STOPPED MANUALLY.
- 10. STOP THE TAPE RECORDER.
- 11. JUMP OFF PAGE AND TOGGLE A 'LOAD A FROM MEMORY' INSTRUCTION (LAM -- 307) AND CHECK THAT THE MEMORY POINTER IS AT LO-CATION 265 ON PAGE 01.

## PROCEDURE FOR LOADING PROGRAMS USING THE TAPE READ PROGRAM #61XX-0003

- 1. SET THE TAPE UNIT TO THE CORRECT VOLUME AND TONE SETTINGS.
- 2. PUT THE CASSETTE IN THE TAPE RECORDER WITH THE PROGRAM TO BE READ IN ON IT AND SET IT TO THE STAFT OF THE TONE WHICH PRECEEDS THE PROGRAM.
- 3. PLUG THE SILVER PHONE PLUG INTO THE EARPHONE JACK.
- 4. TOGGLE THE FOLLOWING LOADING INFORMATION INTO THE RESPEC-TIVE REGISTERS.

LOAD REG L WITH THE FIRST LOCATION TO BE READ IN. LOAD REG H WITH THE PAGE TO BE LOADED. LOAD REG E WITH THE CHECKCOUNT (THE CHECKCOUNT IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORDS TO BE READ IN.)

- 5. TOGGLE A 'JUMP TO LOCATION 120 ON PAGE 01' INSTRUCTION IN ON THE FRONT PANEL SWITCHES BUT DO NOT PRESS RUN.
- 6. START THE RECORDER IN THE PLAY MODE.
- 7. PRESS RUN ON THE COMPUTER.
- 8. THE COMPUTER WILL STOP WHEN IT IS FINISHED READING IN THE PROGRAM.
  - A) IF ALL THE MEMORY CONTENT LIGHTS ARE OUT THE PROGRAM WAS READ IN CORRECTLY.
  - B) IF ALL THE MEMORY CONTENT LIGHTS ARE ON THE PROGRAM DID NOT READ IN CORRECTLY AND SHOULD BE RELOADED.
- 9. STOP THE RECORDER.

## IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY READING IN PROGRAMS GENERATED BY SCELEI ON CASSETTE TAPE.

IF THE PROGRAM DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE READING THE TAPE AT ALL (INDICATED BY NO CHANGE IN THE INTENSITY OF BIT 5 IN THE LOW AD-DRESS LAMPS) THE FAILURE MAY BE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE PROGRAM READING THE TAPE IS NOT CORRECTLY LOADED IN MEMORY. THIS CAN BE CHECKED BY EXAMINING THE CONTENTS OF EACH MEMORY LOCATION OF THE LOADING PROGRAM.
- 2. THERE IS A BAD CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TAPE UNIT, INTER-FACE AND COMPUTER. CHECK THAT ALL CABLES ARE CONNECTED TO THE 'PROPER' SOCKETS AND THAT THEY ARE NOT LOOSE.
- 3. THE 'SYNC' SIGNAL IS NOT CONNECTED TO PI-10 AND P2-10 OF THE TAPE UNIT INTERFACE. THIS SIGNAL MUST BE GOING TO THE PINS MENTIONED FOR THE TAPE INTERFACE TO WORK. THE SYNC SIGNAL COMES FROM XA02-BA OF THE SCELBI-8H.

IF THE PROGRAM APPEARED TO READ IN BUT THE DATA READ IN WAS NOT CORRECT, IT MAY BE DUF TO ONE OF SEVERAL REASONS.

- 1. THE TIMING IN THE READ PROGRAM IS NOT CORRECTLY SET FOR THE TAPE RECORDER BEING USED. THE RECORDER MAY BE RUN-NING AT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SPEED THAN THAT USED BY SCELEI WHEN MAKING THE TAPE. TO CORRECT FOR THIS POSSIBLE VARIATION, THE TIMING LOOP IN THE READ PROGRAM SHOULD BE ADJUSTED. FOR THE TAPE READ PROGRAM, 61XX-0003, VARY THE DELAY CONSTANT AT LOCATION 257 PAGE 01 FROM ITS VALUE OF 021, BY PLUS OR MINUS 1, 2 OR 3 UNTIL A CORRECT READ IN IS OBTAINED.
- 2. THE PROGRAM READING THE TAPE IS NOT CORRECTLY LOADED IN MEMORY. THIS CAN BE CHECKED BY EXAMINING THE LOADING PROGRAM.

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FFATURE ARTICLES REING PLANNED FOR THE NEXT ISSUE (APRIL, 1975)

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS PUBLICATION WE ARE PLANNING ON PRESENTING SEVERAL FLATURE ARTICLES INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF AN ASSEM-BLER PROGRAM, MORE MULTIPLE-PRECISION MATHEMATICAL ROUTINES, AND AN IN-TEGRATED CIPCUIT TESTER WITH COMPLETE SCHEMATIC AND SEVERAL SAMPLE PRO-GRAMS.

BY THE NEXT ISSUE WE EXPECT TO HAVE A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM USERS TO BEGIN EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PUBLICATION. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE FORWARD IT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE "DIGEST EDITOR." FOR OPERATOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH A COMPUTER THE MOST COMMON DE-VICE IS A KEYBOARD. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ARTICLES RECENTLY WHICH DESCRIBE AN ECONOMICAL ASCII FNCODED KEYBOARD WHICH CAN BE USED FOR OPERATOR COMMAND INPUT AND DATA AND TEXT FNTRY. A POPULAR ONE IS THE ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 1974 ISSUE OF POPULAR FLECTRONICS. THE KEY-BOARD DESCRIBED THERE IS A SUITABLE LOW COST INPUT DEVICE FOR THE SCELBI-8H.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHARACTERS, HOWEVER, WHICH ARE OFTEN DESIR-ABLE ON AN ASCII KEYBOARD WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED ON THE ORIGINAL PE KEYBOARD. THESE CHARACTERS ARE THE LEFT ARROW (+) AND RUBOUT, WHICH IS OFTEN REFERED TO AS DELETE. THESE CHARACTERS ARE OFTEN USED BY SCELBI SOFTWARE (PROGRAMS). THESE CHARACTERS CAN BE ADDED BY USING TWO OF THE UNDEFINED KEYS ON THE KEYBOARD.

THE LEFT ARROW HAS AN OCTAL CODE OF 337 WHICH WOULD PLACE IT BETWEEN THE W AND THE 7 AND BELOW THE VERTICAL ARROW (\*) ON THE 6X8 MATRIX SHOWN IN FIGURE 1 OF THE PE ARTICLE. FIGURE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE SHOWS THE MODIFIED PORTION OF THE 6X8 MATRIX. TO CONNECT THIS KEY, RUN A WIRE FROM ONE CONTACT OF THE UNDEFINED KEY TO BE USED OVER TO THE P.C. LAND WHICH IS COMMON TO KEYS G, O, W, 7 AND ?. CONNECT AN-OTHER WIRE FROM THE OTHER CONTACT OF THE UNDEFINED KEY CHOSEN FOR THE LEFT ARROW OVER TO THE P.C. LAND WHICH IS COMMON TO X, Y, Z AND \*.

RUBOUT HAS AN OCTAL CODE OF 377. TO FORM THIS CODE, IT IS NE-CESSARY TO ADD 3 DIODES (D21, D22 AND D23) AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE. IC1 AND IC2 CORRESPOND TO IC1 AND IC2 OF THE PE KEY-KEYBOARD. CONNECT THE ANODE OF D21 TO PIN 7 OF IC2. CONNECT THE ANODE OF D22 TO PIN 9 OF IC2. CONNECT THE ANODE OF D23 TO PIN 8 OF IC1. CONNECT THE CATHODES OF D21, D22 AND D23 TO ONE CONTACT OF THE UNDEFINED KEY TO BE USED FOR RUBOUT. CONNECT THE OTHER CONTACT OF THE UNDEFINED KEY TO GROUND (PIN 4 OF IC2).

THE PF KEYBOARD COULD BE CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO AN INPUT PORT OF THE SCELBI-8H USING THE KP LEAD TO INDICATE THAT A CHARACTER IS A-VAILABLE, HOWEVER SEVERAL PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE. WHEN A CHARACTER IS DEPRESSED ON THE PE KEYBOARD, THE CODE FOR THAT CHARACTER IS AVAIL-ABLE AT THE KEYBOARD OUTPUT AND THE KP LEAD GOES LOW. A COMPUTER PRO-GRAM SENSING KP AS A LOW COULD READ IN THE CHARACTER FROM THE KEY-BOARD. HOWEVER, ONE PROBLEM ARISES WHEN THE PROGRAM FINISHES PRO-CESSING THE CHARACTER IT HAS ACCEPTED AND COMES BACK TO GET A NEW CHARACTER FROM THE KEYBOARD. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR IT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NEXT CHARACTER IS A NEW ENTRY OR ONLY THE PRE-VIOUS CHARACTER STILL BEING DEPRESSED. ALSO, IF MORE THAN ONE KEY IS DEPRESSED THE COMBINED CODES FOR THE KEYS WILL APPEAP AT THE OUT-PUT OF THE KEYBOARD GIVING AN ERRONEOUS INPUT TO THE COMPUTER.

TO ELIMINATE THESE TYPE OF PROBLEMS, AN INTERFACE BETWEEN THE KEYBOARD AND THE COMPUTER IS NEEDED WHICH WILL LATCH IN THE FIRST CHARACTER DEPRESSED ON THE KEYBOARD AND INDICATE TO THE COMPUTER THAT THE CHARACTER IS AVAILABLE. THEN, WHEN THE CHARACTER HAS BEEN AC-CEPTED, THE COMPUTER MUST RESET THE INTERFACE BEFORE THE INTERFACE ACCEPTS ANOTHER CHARACTER FROM THE KEYBOARD. AN INTEFFACE THAT PERFORMS THIS TYPE OF FUNCTION ALLOWING FFFICIENT AND ACCURATE MEANS OF ENTERING CHARACTERS FROM THE PE KEYBOARD IS SHOWN IN FIGURE 3.









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FIG.3

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THIS INTERFACE LATCHES IN THE CODE FOR THE CHARACTER WHEN THE KEY IS DEPRESSED AND INDICATES A CHARACTER IS AVAILABLE WHEN THE KEY IS RE-LEASED. IT DOES NOT ACCEPT ANOTHER CHARACTER UNTIL THE COMPUTER RESETS THE CHARACTER AVAILABLE STATUS, THEREBY ALLOWING ONLY ONE CHARACTER TO BE ENTERED AT A TIME. THIS BASIC INTERFACE CAN ALSO BE ADAPTED TO OTHER STYLE KEYBOARDS OR USED AS A PARALLEL INPUT INTERFACE FOR OTHER DATA EN-TRY DEVICES. THE CIRCUIT SHOWN IN FIGURE THREE PERFORMS THE DESCRIBED FUNCTIONS. READERS CAN BUILD THIS CIRCUIT IN BREADBOARD FASHION AS THE LAYOUT OF COMPONENTS IS NOT CRITICAL. CONNECTIONS TO THE KEYBOARD AND COMPUTER ARE DESIGNATED BY SIGNAL NAMES. (A FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENT OF THE INTERFACE WITH CIRCUITRY ON A P.C. CARD CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM SCELBI IN EITHER KIT OR ASSEMBLED AND TESTED FORM).

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