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Microprogramming Accessories For 2100 Series Minicomputers



Features

- Incorporates microprograms into computer hardware.
- 256 24-bit word storage for microprograms.
- Enables access to six additional high-speed registers.
- 196 nanosecond cycle time.
- Dynamically alterable.
- Read/Write capability from memory and disc.

MICROPROGRAMMING

A microprogram is a computer program written with advanced, concise instructions that are stored in computer hardware rather than in memory. This makes it possible to execute microprograms from 5 to 10 times faster than ordinary software subroutines. In addition your subroutines can be coded using a fraction of the instruction words needed for conventional programming. Microprograms are expressed in 24-bit, 6 field format. These powerful instructions are executed in a mere 196 nanoseconds. All this not only saves vast memory space, but reduces execution time to a fraction of conventional computing time. Microprogramming enables you to use six additional high-speed registers for fast execution of arithmetic and logic functions and it provides your routines with the ultimate in security by storing them in the hardware.

Thus your own specific programming tasks are performed in the most efficient state-of-the-art manner in a fraction of the time formerly required. Computer applications that are unique to your needs can be added by microprograms to customize the 2100 to your own specific requirements. As your computer needs develop, the 2100 can be modified with different microprograms, thus extending the life and capability of your computer system.

WRITEABLE CONTROL STORE

The Writeable Control Store (WCS) Card contains semi-conductor random access memory for storage of microprograms. Each card contains 256 24-bit words. Up to three WCS cards can be inserted in the computer mainframe.

The instruction word format as stored on the WCS is:

Bits:	23-21	20-17	16-12	11-8	7-4	3-0
Field:	R-Bus	S-Bus	Function	Store	Special	Skip

You can even have your own library of microprograms on disc and transfer them to the WCS card as needed. After execution, the microprograms can be swapped with other microprograms on the disc or left on the WCS card.

By such use of microprograms and disc files, you can dynamically alter the 2100, configuring its power and speed to your specific purposes. The computer can thus be customized to entirely different system functions as quickly as microprograms can be transferred from disc files.

The microprograms that will not change can be permenently fused on read-only memory chips by the Programmable Read-Only Memory (PROM) Writer.

PROGRAMMABLE READ-ONLY MEMORY (PROM) WRITER

The Programmable Read-Only Memory Writer consists of one card that is temporarily inserted into a 2100 I/O slot and a small box in which the read-only memory chips are fused. Your microprograms can be transferred from memory to PROM chips by the PROM Writer.

The software provided with the PROM Writer enables the system operator to control the fusing. Microprogrammed chips are automatically verified and any missed bits are immediately fused.



HP 12908B Writeable Control Store Interface Kit



HP 12909A Programmable Read-Only Memory Writer Interface Kit

The figure given below illustrates the sequence of microprogram implementation.



SOFTWARE

A complete microprogramming software package is supplied with the WCS cards and PROM Writer. It includes the microprogram assembler, drivers, and Debug Editors for both the HP Basic Control System and HP Disc Operating System. Microprograms can be called from Assembly Language, FORTRAN II and IV, ALGOL, and HP Extended BASIC.

A detailed explanation of microprogramming methods and instructions is provided in HP 2100 Computer Microprogramming Guide (5951-3028) and HP 2100 Computer Microprogramming Software (02100-90133).

The calling sequences from Assembly Language and FORTRAN are given below as well as a sample microprogram.

Passing Control From An Assembly Language Program There are two ways to pass control from an assembly language program to a microprogram. The first applies only if the RAM (Random Access Memory) pseudoinstruction is available; the second applies in any case. The two methods are illustrated below.

Passing Control From an Assembly Language Program to a Microprogram

Method 1:		RAM	SWB
			•
	SWB	EQU	xxxB
Method 2:		OCT	105xxx

The RAM pseudo-instruction automatically forms the 105xxx macro instruction using the constant supplied in the EQU statement (the 105xxx macro instruction replaces the RAM pseudo-instruction). In both cases, xxx is 000-377.

Passing Control From A Fortran Program

A FORTRAN program passes control to a microprogram indirectly by way of an assembly language program.

For example, the FORTRAN statement

CALL XYZ (A,B)

generates the following calling sequence:

JSB	XYZ	
DEF	*+3	
DEF	address of the first parameter	C

DEF address of the second parameter

When the above calling sequence is executed, control passes to the assembly language program named XYZ. XYZ replaces the JSB XYZ instruction in the above calling sequence with the 105xxx macro instruction and then passes control to the 105xxx macro instruction. The program XYZ is as follows:

	ENT	XYZ
YZ	NOP	
	LDA	XYZ
	ADA	=D-1
	LDB	105xxxB
	STB	0,I
	JMP	0,I

X

Block Move Microprogram

This sample microprogram moves a group of computer words from one place in core memory to another. When the microprogram receives control, it is assumed that:

- The number of words to be moved is in the A-register (in two's complement form).
- The FROM address is in the B-register.
- The TO address is in the core memory location pointed to by the P-register.

The HP assembly language calling sequence is as follows:

LDA	(number-of-words)
LDB	from-address
105xxx	
DEE	to address (some

DEF to-address (cannot be indirect)

MOV		P T	IOR	H Q	84		GET 'TO' ADDRESS PUT IT IN 0
LOOP	8	RRS T	10R IOR	M S1	RW		READ A DATA WORD PUT IT IN SI
	•		IOR	52			PUT 'TO' ADDRESS IN S2
	F	52	DEC	м	CW	NMPV	ADDRESS THE 'TO' LOCATION
		51	IOR	т			WRITE A DATA WORD TO MEMORY
	в		INC	8			INCREMENT THE 'FROM' ADDRESS
	0		INC	0		1021201	INCREMENT THE 'TO' ADDRESS
-	A	10000000	JMP	A	LOOP	TBZ	REPEAT THE MOVE LOOP
OUT		Р	INC	Р		EOP	INCREMENT THE P REGISTER

Block Move Microprogram

Microinstruction Commentary

.00P	B RRS LOR M RW READ A DATA WORD
	Read a data word from the core memory location pointed to by the FROM address and store the data word in Scratch Pad Register 1.
	9 IOR S2 PUT 'TO' ADDRESS IN S2 F S2 DEC M CW NMPV ADDRESS THE 'TO' LOCATION JMP OUT (MEMORY PROTECT VIOLATION) S1 IOR T WRITE A DATA WORD TO MEMORY
	Put the TO address in Scratch Pad Register 2. Address the TO core memory location. Write the data word into the core memory location pointed to by the TO address. The F, DEC, and NMPV micro-orders in the "write into memory" microin- struction test the TO address to make sure it does not refer to a location in the protected portion of core memory. If a memory protect violation is detected, control passes to OUT (otherwise the "write into memory" operation is performed).
	B INC B INCREMENT THE 'FROM' ADDRESS G INC Q INCREMENT THE 'TO' ADDRESS A INC A TBZ DECREMENT AND TEST THE COUNTER JMP LOOP REPEAT THE MOVE LOOP
	Increment the FROM address. Increment the TO address. Increment and test the number of words (remember that the number of words is in two's complement form; consequently, the number is effec- tively decremented). If the number = 0, control passes to OUT. Otherwise, the move loop is repeated.
UT	P INC P EOP INCREMENT THE P REGISTER IOR EXIT

Microprogram Mnemonics

R-bus	S-bus	Function	Store	Special	Skip
NOP A B Q F AAB CAB CQ	NOP P S1 S2 S3 S4 M T ADR CNTR CL CR CIR IOI RRS COND	IOR XOR AND NOR LWF ARS LGS CRS JMP CJMP JSB RSB ADD ADDO SUB MPY DIV DEC INC INCO SOV CLO SFLG CFLG RFE RFI PIA	NOP M T IR A B Q F P S1 S2 S3 S4 IOO AAB CAB	NOP CNTR CW ECYZ IOGI L1 R1 RSS RW AAB ASG1 ASG2 LEP SRG1 SRG2	NOP EOP COUT CTR CTRI FLG ICTR NEG NMPV ODD OVF RPT TBZ UNC AAB NAAB

SPECIFICATIONS

WRITEABLE CONTROL STORE CARD

PHYSICAL

Dimensions

Width: 7-3/4 inches (196 millimeters) Height: 8-11/16 inches (22 millimeters)

CURRENT REQUIRED

+4.85 volts supply 4.6 amperes +2.00 volts supply 0.15 amperes

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

12908B Writeable Control Store PCA (12908-60006) Jumper Board Assembly (12908-60003) Operating and Service Manuals (12908-90001)

PROGRAMMABLE READ ONLY MEMORY WRITER

PHYSICAL

Width: 7-3/4 inches (196 millimeters) Height: 8-11/16 inches (222 millimeters) Prom Writer Mounting Fixture Width: 3 inches (76. millimeters) Height: 5-3/4 inches (146 millimeters) Depth: 1-1/2 inches (38 millimeters)

CURRENT REQUIRED

+5 volt supply ≤ 0.500 amperes -2 volt supply ≤ 0.040 amperes +12 volt supply ≤ 0.250 amperes +30 volt supply ≤ 0.250 amperes

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

 12909A PROM Writer Printed-circuit Assembly (12909-60001)
PROM Writer Mounting Fixture (12909-60002)
Test ROM (1816-0250)
Operating and Service Manual (12909-90001)



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