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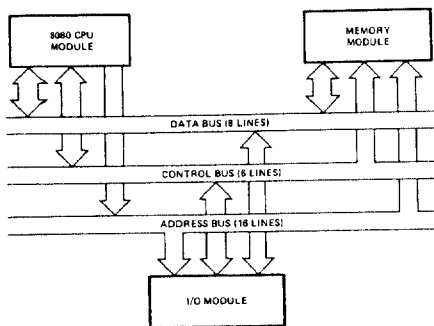
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INTRODUCTION

Microprocessor-based system designs are a cost-effective solution to a wide variety of problems. When a system designer is presented with the task of selecting a microprocessor for a design, the capabilities of the microprocessor should not be the only consideration. The microprocessor should be an element of a compatible family of devices. The MCS-80 component family is a group of compatible devices which have been designed to directly address and solve the problems of microprocessor-based system design. One member of the MCS-80 component family is Intel's 8255A programmable peripheral interface chip. This device replaces a significant percentage of the logic required to support a variety of byte oriented Input/Output interfaces. Through the use of the 8255A, the I/O interface design task is significantly simplified, the design flexibility is increased, and the number of components required is reduced.

This application note presents detailed design examples from both the hardware and software points of view. Since the 8255A is an extremely flexible device, it is impossible to list all of the applications and configurations of the device. A number of designs are presented which may be modified to fulfill specific user interface requirements.

Detailed design examples are discussed within the context of the 8080 system shown in Figure 1. The basic 8080 system is composed of the CPU module, memory module, and the I/O module. CPU module and memory module design are discussed



within other Intel publications. This application note deals exclusively with I/O module design.

It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the MCS-80 User's Manual and/or the MCS-85 User's Manual, particularly the 8255A device description.

OVERVIEW OF THE 8255A

The 8255A block diagram shown in Figure 2 has been divided into three sections: 8080 CPU Module Interface, Peripheral Interface, and the Internal Logic.

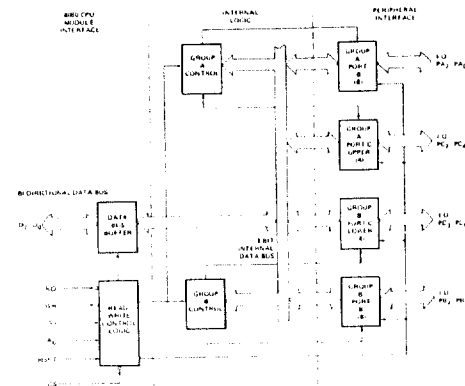


Figure 2. 8255A Block Diagram

8080 CPU MODULE INTERFACE

The 8255A is a compatible member of the MCS-80 component family and, therefore, may be directly interfaced to the 8080. Figure 3 displays one method of interconnecting the 8255A and an 8080 CPU module. The 8080 CPU module consists of the 8080A CPU, the 8224 Clock Generator, and the 8228 System Controller. The system shown in Figure 3 utilizes a linear select scheme which dedicates an address line as an exclusive enable (chip select) for each specific I/O device. The chip select signal is used to enable communication between the selected 8255A and the 8080 CPU. I/O Ports A, B, C, or the Control Word Register are selected by the two port select signals (A_1 , A_0). These signals (A_1 and A_0) are driven by the least significant bits of the address bus. The I/O port select characters required by this configuration are shown in Figure 4.

When a system utilizing the linear select scheme is implemented, a maximum of six I/O devices may be selected. If more than six I/O devices must be addressed, the six device select bits must be encoded to generate a maximum of 64 device select lines. Note that when large systems are implemented, bus loading considerations may require that bus drivers be included in the CPU module. The MCS-80 component family contains parts which are designed to perform this function (8216, 8226).

The 8255A I/O read (\overline{RD}) and I/O write (\overline{WR}) signals may be directly driven by the 8228. This results in an isolated I/O architecture where 8080 Input/Output instructions are used to reference an independent I/O address space. An alternate approach is memory mapped I/O. This architecture treats an area of memory as the I/O address space. The memory mapped I/O architecture utilizes 8080 memory reference instructions to access the I/O address space. Interfacing with the 8080 is outlined in Chapter 3 of the "8080 Microcomputer User's Manual".

The most important feature of the 8255A to 8080 CPU Module Interface is that for small system designs the 8255A may be interfaced directly to

the standard MCS-80 component family with no external logic. Minimum external logic is required in large system designs.

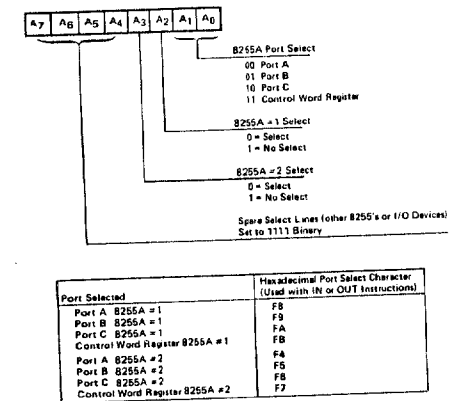


Figure 4. I/O Port Select Characters

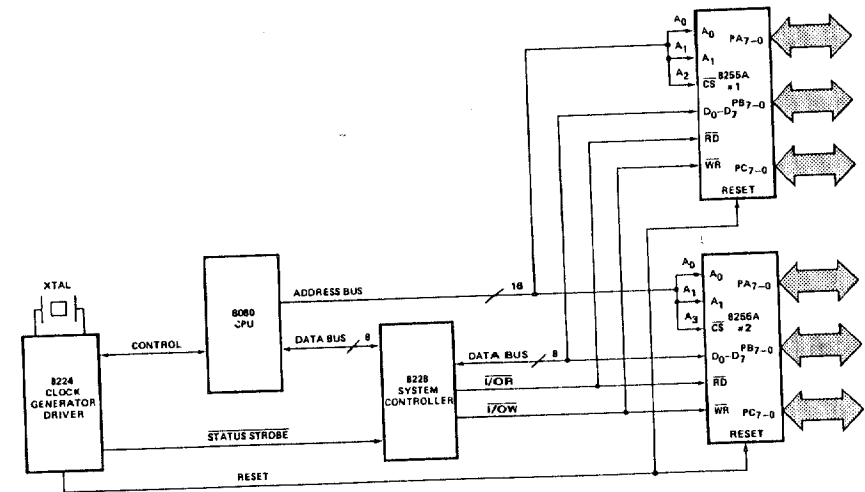


Figure 3. Linear Select 8255A Interconnect

PERIPHERAL INTERFACE SECTION

The peripheral interface section contains 24 peripheral interface lines, buffers, and control logic. The characteristics and functions of the interface lines are determined by the operating mode selected under program control. The flexibility of the 8255A is due to the fact that the device is programmable. Three modes of operation may be selected under program control: Mode 0 - Basic Input/Output, Mode 1 - Strobed Input/Output with interrupt support, and Mode 2 - Bidirectional bus with interrupt support. Through selecting the correct operating mode, the interface lines may be configured to fulfill specific interface requirements. The characteristics of the interface lines within each mode must be understood so that the designer may utilize the 8255A to achieve the most efficient design. Table 1 lists the basic features of the peripheral interface lines within each mode group. Figure 5 shows the grouping of the peripheral interface lines within each mode.

One feature of Port C is important to note. Each Port C bit may be individually set and reset. Through the use of this feature, device strobes may be easily generated by software without utilizing external logic. The Mode 1 and Mode 2 configurations use a number of the Port C lines for interrupt control lines. Thus, the 8255A contains a large portion of the logic required to implement an interrupt driven I/O interface. This feature simplifies interrupt driven hardware design and saves a significant amount of the external logic that is normally required when less powerful I/O chips are used. In fact, the design examples contained in this application note describe how interrupt driven interfaces may be designed such that the only interrupt control logic required is that contained in the 8255A.

Table 1. Features of Peripheral Interface Lines

Mode 0 - Basic Input/Output
Two 8-bit ports
Two 4-bit ports with bit set/reset capability
Outputs are latched
Inputs are not latched
Mode 1 - Strobed Input/Output
One or two strobed ports
Each Mode 1 port contains:
8-bit data port
3 control lines
Interrupt support logic
Any port may be input or output
If one Mode 1 port is used, the remaining 13 lines may be configured in Mode 0.
If two Mode 1 ports are used, the remaining 2 bits may be input or output with bit set/reset capability.
Mode 2 - Strobed Bidirectional Bus
One bidirectional bus which contains:
8-bit bidirectional bus supported by Port A
5 control lines
Interrupt support logic
Inputs and outputs are latched
The remaining 11 lines may be configured in either Mode 0 or Mode 1.

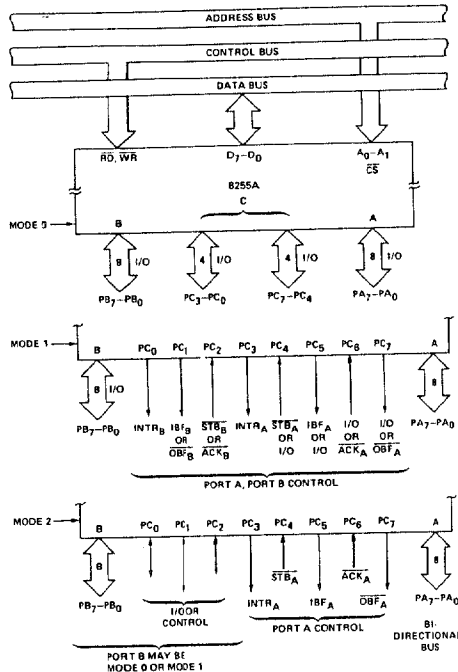


Figure 5. Grouping of Peripheral Interface Lines

INTERNAL LOGIC SECTION

The internal logic section manages the transfer of data and control information on the internal data bus (refer to Figure 2). If the port select lines (A_1 and A_0) specify Ports A, B, or C, the operation is an I/O port data transfer. The internal logic will select the specified I/O port and perform the data transfer between the I/O port and the CPU interface. As was previously mentioned, both the functional configuration of each port and bit set/reset on Port C are controlled by the system's software. When the control word register is selected, the internal logic performs the operation described by the control word. The control word contains an opcode field which defines which of the two functions are to be performed (mode definition or bit set/reset).

Mode Definition

When the opcode field (Bit 7) of the control word is equal to a one, the control word is interpreted by the 8255A as a mode definition control word. The mode definition control word (shown in Figure 6) is used to specify the configuration of the

24 8255A peripheral interface lines. The system's software may specify the modes of Port A and Port B independently. Port C may be treated independently or divided into two portions as required by the Port A and Port B mode definitions.

Example #1: This example demonstrates how a mode control word is constructed and issued to an 8255A. The mode control word is passed to the device through the use of an output instruction that references an 8080 I/O port address. The value of the I/O port address is determined by the 8080 CPU interface implemented. This example references the I/O port addresses realized by the simple 8080 to 8255A interface shown in Figure 3.

If an 8255A is to be configured through the use of the mode control word interface as:

Port A	Mode 0 Input
Port B	Mode 1 Output
Port C	Bits PC7-PC4 Output
Port C	Bit 3 Input

The following mode control word is used:

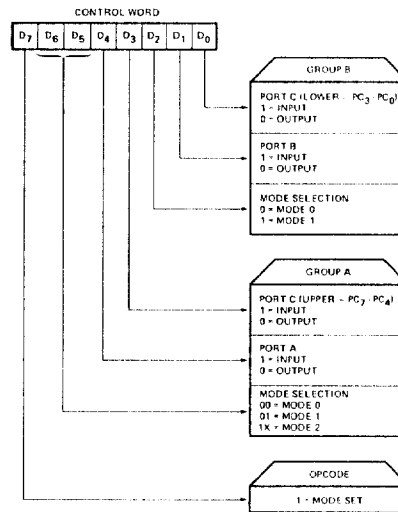
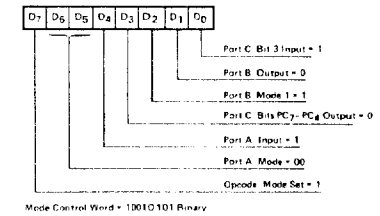


Figure 6. Mode Definition Control Word



The assembly language program is:

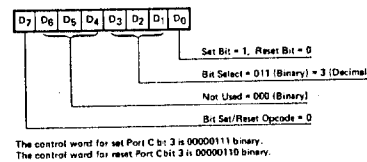
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CWR      EQU    0FBH      ; 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
        .....
        ISSUE MODE CONTROL WORD
        .....
        MVI    A, 10010101B ; GET MODE CONTROL WORD
        OUT    CWR          ; OUTPUT TO 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
    
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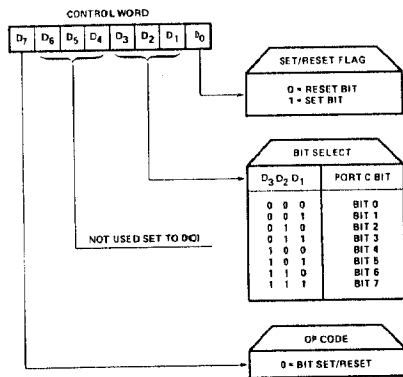
Bit Set/Reset

When the opcode field (Bit 7) of the control word is equal to a zero, the control word is interpreted by the 8255A as a Port C bit set/reset command word (see Figure 7). Through the use of the bit set/reset command, any of the 8 bits on Port C may be independently set or reset. Note that control word bits 6-4 are not used. Bits 6-4 should be set to zero.

Control word (see Figure 7).



The assembly language program is:



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CWR EQU 0FBH ; 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
; SET BIT 3
MVI A, 00000111B ; GET SET BIT 3 CONTROL WORD
OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
; RESET BIT 3
MVI A, 00000110B ; GET RESET BIT 3 CONTROL WORD
OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
    
```

NOTE: An MVI instruction is used to load the reset bit 3 control word into the A register. Since it is known that the set bit control word is already in the A register, a "DCR A" Instruction could be used to generate the correct control word and save one byte of code.

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00000111 - 1 = 00000110 (RESET BIT 3 CONTROL WORD)
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Example #3: This example demonstrates one simple method of performing a bit set/reset operation on Ports A and B. The state of any output port may be determined by reading the port. The assembly language program which may be used to set/reset Port A or B bits is:

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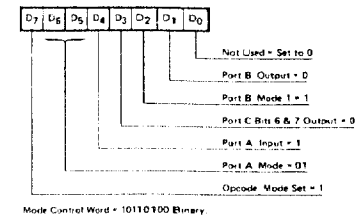
PORTA EQU 0FBH ; 8255A #1 PORT A
; SET BIT 0
IN PORTA ; GET STATE OF PORT
ORI 01H ; SET BIT 0
OUT PORTA ; OUTPUT TO PORT
; RESET BIT 0
IN PORTA ; GET STATE OF PORT
ANI 0FEH ; RESET BIT 0
OUT PORTA ; OUTPUT TO PORT
    
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Figure 7. Bit Set/Reset Control Word

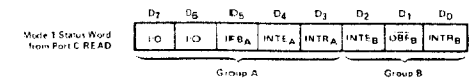
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INTERRUPT CONTROL LOGIC STATUS WORDS

As previously mentioned, the 8255A Mode 1 and Mode 2 configurations support interrupt control logic. If a read of Port C is issued when the 8255A is configured in Mode 1, the software will receive the Mode 1 status word shown in Figure 8. The bits in the status word correspond to the state of the associated Port C lines (buffer full, interrupt request, etc.). The INTE bit shown in the status word corresponds to the interrupt enable flip-flop contained in the 8255A. This signal is not available externally. The structure of the Mode 1 status word varies as a function of the mode of the 8255A. Example #4 shows the status word which results from reading Port C from an 8255A which is configured with Port A Mode 1 input and Port B Mode 1 output.



After the 8255A mode control word has been issued, a READ of Port C will obtain the following Mode 1 status word:



NOTE: The Port C I/O bits D7 and D6 should be modified through the use of the Port C bit set/reset command word. If a write to Port C is issued, the INTE_A and INTE_B bits may be inadvertently modified by the user. The IBF_A, INTR_A, IBF_B, and INTR_B bits will not be modified by either a write to Port C or a bit set/reset command. These four bits always reflect the state of the interrupt control logic.

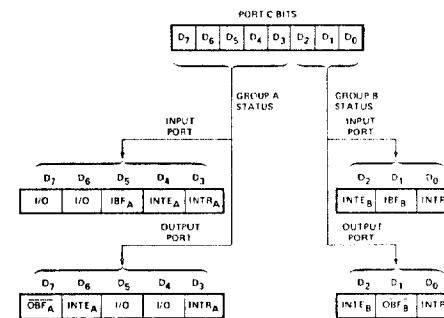


Figure 8. Mode 1 Status Word

Example #4 - MODE 1 STATUS WORD

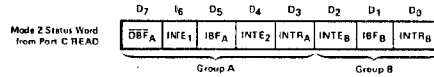
If an 8255A is to be configured through the use of the mode control word interface as:

- Port A Mode 1 Input
- Port B Mode 1 Output
- Port C Bits 6 & 7 Output

The following mode control word is used:

Example #6 demonstrates how the interrupt enable bits are controlled through the use of the Port C bit set/reset feature. The application examples provide a more detailed explanation of the use of the Port C status word in the Mode 1 and Mode 2 configurations.

After the 8255A mode control word has been issued, a read of Port C will obtain the following Mode 2 status word:



Example #6 – MODE 2 INTERRUPT ENABLE/DISABLE

The Mode 2 status word shown in Figure 9 contains two interrupt enable bits:

- INTE₁ – Bit 6 – Enable output interrupts
- INTE₂ – Bit 4 – Enable input interrupts

Bit set/reset control words may be constructed which may be used to control the INTE bits.

Set Bit 6 (Enable Output Interrupts) = 00001101 Binary

Reset Bit 6 (Disable Output Interrupts) = 00001100 Binary

Set Bit 4 (Enable Input Interrupts) = 00001001 Binary

Reset Bit 4 (Disable Input Interrupts) = 00001000 Binary

The control words shown were constructed from the standard bit set/reset format shown in Figure 7.

The value of CWR used in the following program example corresponds to the 8080 configuration shown in Figure 3.

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CWR EQU 0FH ; 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
*****
ENABLE INTERRUPTS FOR MODE 2 OUTPUT (SET PORT C BIT 6)
MVI A, 00001101B ; GET SET BIT 6 CONTROL WORD
OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO 8255 #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER
*****
DISABLE INTERRUPTS FOR MODE 2 OUTPUT (RESET PORT C BIT 6)
MVI A, 00001100B ; GET RESET BIT 6 CONTROL WORD
OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO 8255A #1 CONTROL WORD REGISTER

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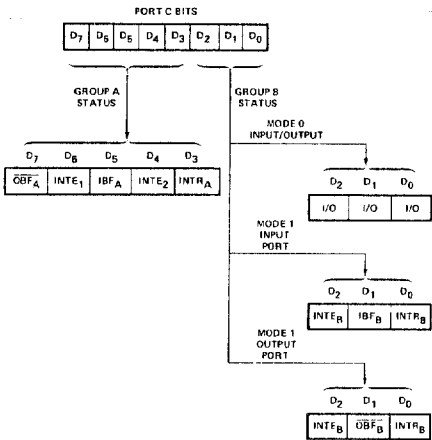


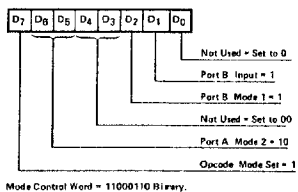
Figure 9. Mode 2 Status Word

Example #5 – MODE 2 STATUS WORD

If the 8255A is to be configured as follows:

- Port A Mode 2 Bidirectional Bus
- Port B Mode 1 Input

The following mode control word is used:



SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS

Regardless of the mode selected, the software must always issue the correct mode control word after a reset of the device. Generally, an initialization routine is constructed which issues the correct mode control word, sets up the initial state of the control lines, and initializes any program internal data.

Many of the software requirements of the 8255A vary as a function of the mode selected. The simplest mode supported by the device is Mode 0 (Basic Input/Output). Generally, Mode 0 is used for simple status driven device interfaces (no interrupts). Figure 10 illustrates sample software that could be used to support such interfaces. Most devices support a BUSY or READY signal which is used to determine when the device is ready to input or output data and a DATA STROBE which is used to request data transfer (DATA STROBE may easily be generated with the Port C bit set/reset feature). In the Mode 0 configuration, Ports A and B are used to input/output byte oriented data. Port C is used to input 8255A status, peripheral status and to drive peripheral control lines.

When the Mode 1 and Mode 2 configurations are used, the software is generally required to support interrupts. Software routines written for an interrupt driven environment tend to be more complex than status driven routines. The added complexity is due to the fact that interrupt driven systems are constructed such that other software tasks are run while the I/O transaction is in progress. A software routine that controls a peripheral device is generally referred to as a device driver. One method of implementing an interrupt driven device driver is to partition the device driver into a "Command Processor" and an "Interrupt Service Routine". The command processor is the module that validates

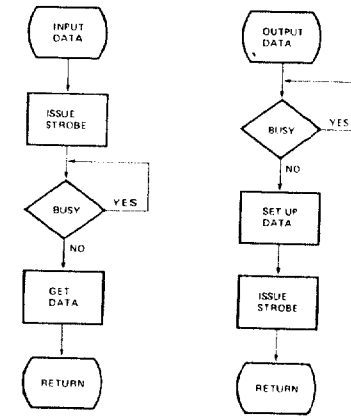


Figure 10. Sample Status Driven Software Flowchart

and initiates user program requests to the device driver. A common method of passing information between the various software programs is to have the requesting routine provide a device control block in memory. A sample device control block is shown in Table II.

Table II. Sample Device Control Block

NAME	DESCRIPTION
Status	This 1-byte field is used to transmit the status of the I/O transaction (busy, complete, etc.).
Opcode	This 1-byte field defines the type of I/O (READ, WRITE, etc.).
Buffer Address	This 2-byte field specifies the source/destination of the data block.
Character Count	This 1-byte field is a count of the number of characters involved in the transaction.
Character Transferred Count	This 1-byte count of the number of characters which were actually transferred.
Completion Address	This 2-byte field is the address of the user supplied completion routine which will be called after the I/O has been performed.

The command processor validates the transaction and initiates the operation described by the control block. Control is then returned to the requestor so that other processing may proceed. The interrupt service routine processes the remainder of the transaction.

The interrupt service routine supports the following functions:

1. The state of the machine (registers, status, etc.) must be saved so that it may be restored after the interrupt is processed.
2. The source of the interrupt must be determined. The hardware may support a register which indicates the interrupting device, or the software may poll the devices through interrogating the Port C status word of each 8255A.
3. Data must be passed to or from the device.
4. Control must be passed to the requesting routine at the completion of the I/O.
5. The state of the machine must be restored before returning to the interrupted program.

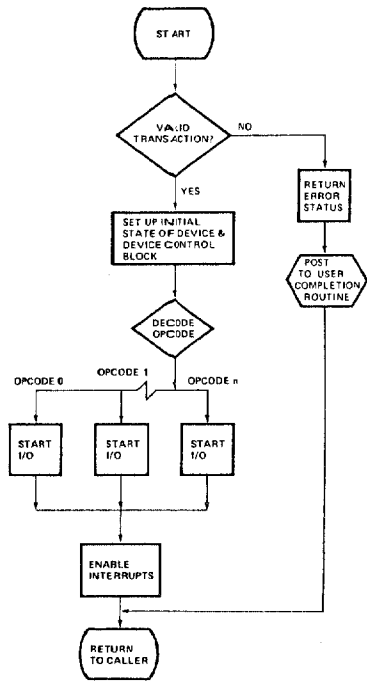


Figure 11. Command Processor

Figures 11 and 12 are simplified flowcharts of one of the many methods of implementing command processor and interrupt service routine modules. The rest of this application note presents specific application examples. All of the 8080 assembly language programs supplied with the application examples use the standard Intel 8080 assembly language mnemonics. The programs discussed use the program equate statement to specify all hardware related data. Equate statements are used so that all references to an I/O port may be changed through a simple reassignment of the port address in the equate statement.

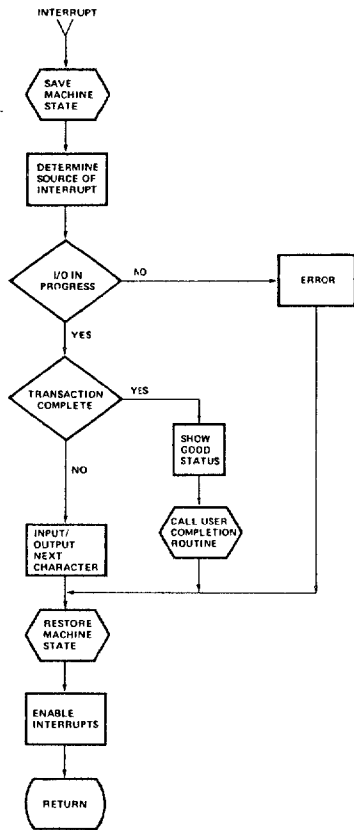


Figure 12. Interrupt Service Routine

MODE 0 - STATUS DRIVEN PERIPHERAL INTERFACE

This design example shows how a single 8255A in Mode 0 may be used to develop a status driven interface (no interrupts) for the Centronics 306 character printer, the Remex paper tape punch, and the Remex paper tape reader.

8255A To Peripheral Hardware Interface

The first step in the design is to examine the specification for the peripheral devices and identify the control and data signals which must be supported by the interface. Table III lists the signals which were chosen to be supported by the 8255A interface. All three of the devices support the standard

Table III. Peripheral Interface Signals

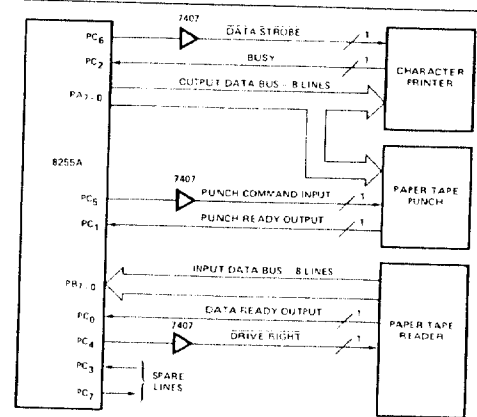
CHARACTER PRINTER	
Name:	DATA 0-DATA 7
Definition:	Input data levels. A high signal represents a binary 1 and a low signal represents a binary 0. These eight lines are the data lines to the printer.
Name:	DATA STROBE
Definition:	A 0.5 μ sec pulse (minimum) used to transfer data from the 8255A to the printer.
Name:	BUSY
Definition:	The level indicating that the printer cannot receive data.
PAPER TAPE PUNCH	
Name:	TRACKS 1-8 DATA INPUT
Definition:	Input data levels. A high signal causes a hole to be punched on the associated track. These eight lines are the data lines to the printer.
Name:	PUNCH COMMAND INPUT
Definition:	A true condition moves the tape and initiates punching the tape. This signal is actually a data strobe.
Name:	PUNCH READY OUTPUT
Definition:	True signal indicates that the punch is ready to accept a punch command. This is the punch busy line.
PAPER TAPE READER	
Name:	DATA TRACK OUTPUTS
Definition:	True signal indicates data track hole. These eight lines are the data lines from the punch.
Name:	DRIVE RIGHT
Definition:	True signal drives the tape to the right and reads a character. This signal is actually the data strobe (initiate read signal).
Name:	DATA READY OUTPUT
Definition:	True signal indicates data track outputs are in "On character" condition. This signal is the reader busy line.

BUSY/DATA STROBE interface discussed previously (see Figure 10). Figure 13 is a block diagram of the interface design. The 8255A Port A is configured as a Mode 0 output port which is used to support the printer and the paper tape punch data bus. Port B is configured as a Mode 0 input port and is used to input the paper tape reader data. Three of the Port C lower bits (PC₂-PC₀) configured in input mode are used to input the device busy indications. Three of the Port C upper bits (PC₆-PC₄) configured in output mode are used to support the device strobe signals required by each device.

The drive requirements of the interface lines are a function of the peripheral interface circuitry, the length of the interface cable, and the environment in which the unit is running. In this particular design example, all output lines from the 8255A to the peripherals were buffered through a 7407 buffer/driver. The input lines from the peripherals were fed directly into the Port C and Port B inputs.

8080 CPU Module To 8255A Interface

The schematic of the completed hardware design is shown in Figure 14. The CPU module design shown is the design which was implemented for Intel's SDK 80 kit board. The 8255A is addressed through the use of an isolated I/O architecture utilizing a linear select scheme. Address bits A₁ and A₀ are used to select the 8255A port. Address bit A₃ is the exclusive enable for 8255A #1. Examination of the schematic shows that all of the 8255A interface lines are directly driven by the CPU module.



NOTE
 1. OUTPUT DATA BUS BUFFERED WITH 7407
 2. ALL 8255A OUTPUT LINES ARE PULLED UP TO +5V AT THE PERIPHERAL

Figure 13. Interface Block Diagram

The three peripheral drivers which follow all have the basic structure discussed previously. Consider the printer routine. Here the user routine places an ASCII data character in the C-register and passes control to the LPST location through a subroutine call. The printer driver interrogates the status of the printer by reading Port C. If the printer is busy, the routine will loop until the printer is idle. When the printer is ready to accept a data character, the character is placed on the Port A lines and a DATA STROBE is generated. After generating the DATA STROBE, the driver executes a subroutine return to the caller.

The DATA STROBE signals to the devices are generated through the use of the Port C bit set/reset feature. The bit set/reset control words used are shown in Figure 17.

Summary/Conclusions

This design example discussed the basic hardware and software required to handle a simple device interface. The 8255A will easily accommodate a more complex interface design which utilizes additional interface lines supported by the peripheral.

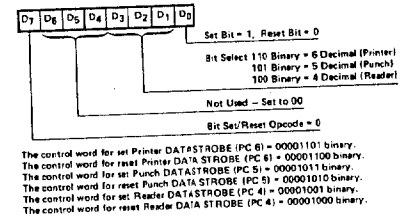
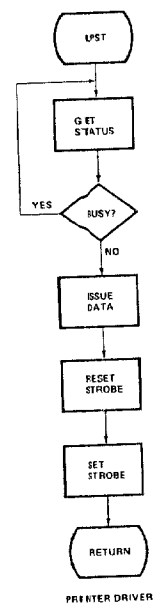


Figure 17. Bit Set/Reset Control Words

For instance, one of the spare Port C output lines may be used to control the punch direction. Support of this additional feature would require minor modification of the device driver so that the punch direction line could be specified by the user routine.

Through consideration of this example, the use of the 8255A in Mode 0 should become evident.

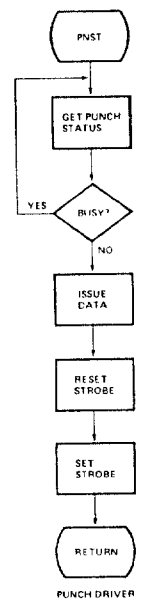


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MODE ZERO EXAMPLE - CHARACTER PRINTER DRIVER

*****
CHARACTER PRINTER DRIVER
LPST: CHARACTER TO PRINT IN C-REG
OUTPUT: CHARACTER TO PRINTER
A REGISTER MODIFIED
*****
LPST:
IN   P0PC : GET STATUS OF PRINTER
ANI  LPST : SEE IF BUSY
JNZ  LPST : IF BUSY - JUMP TO LPST (WAIT LOOP)
*****
PRINTER IS IDLE - OUTPUT A CHARACTER
*****
MOV  A,C : GET DATA BYTE SUPPLIED BY CALLER
OUT  P0PA : OUTPUT DATA TO DATA LINES
MVI  A,PRST : SET DATA STROBE CONTROL WORD
OUT  CW : RESET DATA STROBE (LOW TRUE SIGNAL)
INP  A : GENERATE SET DATA STROBE CONTROL WORD
OUT  CW : SET DATA STROBE
RET  CW : RETURN TO CALLER
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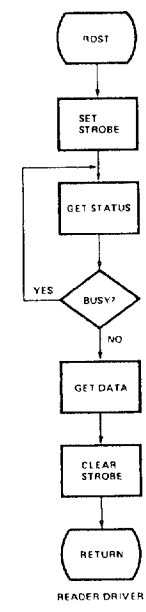


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MODE ZERO EXAMPLE - PAPER TAPE PUNCH DRIVER

*****
PAPER TAPE PUNCH DRIVER
INPUTS : DATA TO PUNCH IN C-REGISTER
OUTPUTS: DATA TO PUNCH
A REGISTER MODIFIED
*****
LPST:
IN   P0PC : GET STATUS OF PUNCH
ANI  LPST : SEE IF BUSY
JNZ  LPST : IF BUSY - JUMP TO PNST (WAIT LOOP)
*****
PUNCH IS IDLE - OUTPUT A CHARACTER
*****
MOV  A,C : GET DATA BYTE SUPPLIED BY CALLER
OUT  P0PA : OUTPUT DATA TO DATA LINES
MVI  A,PRST : SET DATA STROBE CONTROL WORD
OUT  CW : SET DATA STROBE
INP  A : GENERATE RESET DATA STROBE CONTROL WORD
OUT  CW : RESET DATA STROBE
RET  CW : RETURN TO CALLER
*****

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MODE ZERO EXAMPLE - PAPER TAPE READER DRIVER

*****
PAPER TAPE READER DRIVER
INPUTS : DATA FROM READER
OUTPUTS: CHARACTER TO STORE IN C-REGISTER
A AND C REGISTER MODIFIED
*****
LPST:
MVI  A,ROST : GET DATA FROM READER
OUT  CW : SET DATA STROBE
*****
READER IS IDLE - GET CHARACTER AND CLEAR STROBE
*****
IN   P0PC : GET CHARACTER
ANI  LPST : SEE IF BUSY
JNZ  LPST : IF BUSY - JUMP TO ROST (WAIT LOOP)
*****
MVI  A,ROST : GET DATA FROM READER
MVI  A,PRST : SET DATA STROBE CONTROL WORD (LOW TRUE SIGNAL)
OUT  CW : CLEAR DATA STROBE
RET  CW : RETURN TO CALLER
*****
END OF MODE ZERO EXAMPLE
*****
END

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MODE 1 INTERRUPT DRIVEN PRINTER INTERFACE

The status driven interface described in the previous example required the software driver to poll the device status for completion. An alternate approach is to construct the device interface such that an interrupt is used to signal the completion of the operation. When an interrupt driven interface is utilized, the time that was dedicated to polling can be used to perform other functions and the effective processor through-put is increased. This example demonstrates how an 8255A configured in Mode 1 may be used to develop an interrupt driven interface for the Centronics 306 character printer.

CPU Module To 8255A Interface

The 8080 bus interface implemented for this example is the same as the Mode 0 example with the addition of interrupt support. Interrupt support is implemented through the use of a special feature of the 8228 System Controller. If only one interrupt vector is required (such as in small systems), the 8228 can automatically assert an RST 7 instruction onto the data bus at the proper time. This option is selected by connecting the INTA output of the 8228 to the +12-volt supply through a 1 K ohm series resistor.

The Mode 1 interrupt support logic of the 8255A provides an interrupt request line for each port. The 8255A interrupt request line (INTRA) must be connected to the INT line of the 8080. A 10K ohm pullup resistor is used to insure that the V_{IH} requirements of the 8080 are met.

8255A To Peripheral Interface

The interrupt driven configuration control signal interface to the printer is different than the status driven interface. Instead of a BUSY/DATA STROBE interface, a DATA STROBE/ACK interface is supported. The ACK signal notifies the 8255A that a character transferred to the printer by a DATA STROBE has been accepted. After an ACK is issued the printer is considered idle. The block diagram shown in Figure 18 displays the interface signals used.

The Mode 1 interrupt driven peripheral support signals used are:

PA₇-PA₀ - Output Data
Used to support the printer data port.

$\overline{\text{OBF}}$ - Output Buffer Full
This line goes low when data is placed in the output buffer. The OBF signal may be used as a data

strobe signal when interfacing to peripherals which do not require a pulsed input. The Centronics 306 requires a pulsed DATA STROBE signal. This signal is supported by Port C bit 0.

$\overline{\text{ACK}}$ - Acknowledge

This line is used to signal the 8255A that the device has accepted the data. This line is supported by the printer ACKNLG signal.

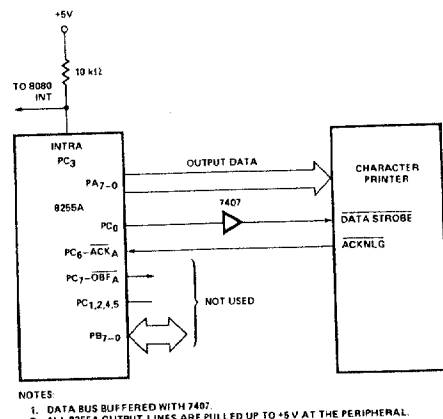


Figure 18. Interface Block Diagram

Mode 1 Software Driver

The software driver implemented for this example utilizes the typical interrupt driven software structure outlined previously. The initialization routine issues the mode control word (shown in Figure 19) to the 8255A after reset of the device. The initialization routine also places a jump to the interrupt service routine in the interrupt location for RST 7. The command processor is started by the user routine through a subroutine call to PSTRT, with the address of the control block in the D and E registers (the control block format is shown in Table IV). The command processor insures that an I/O operation is not already in progress, starts the I/O, enables interrupts, and returns to the caller so that other processing may proceed.

After a character is placed in the output buffer, the DATA STROBE signal is generated through the use of the Port C bit set/reset feature. When the ACK is generated by the printer, the buffer full indication is cleared and the 8255A generates an interrupt. If interrupts are enabled, the interrupt request is serviced by the 8080 CPU through disabling processor interrupts and then executing the instruction at location 38 hexadecimal in program memory. The interrupt service routine saves the processor state and polls the 8255A to determine the source of the interrupt. Once the interrupting device is located, the control block is used to locate the next data character for transfer to the 8255A output buffer. After the entire buffer has been printed, the interrupt service routine passes control to the user-supplied completion routine. Before returning from the interrupt, the state of the processor is restored.

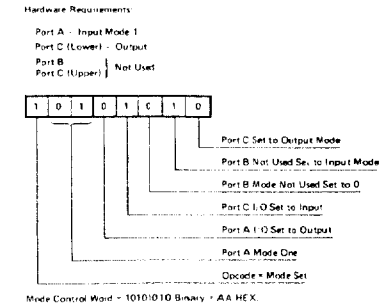


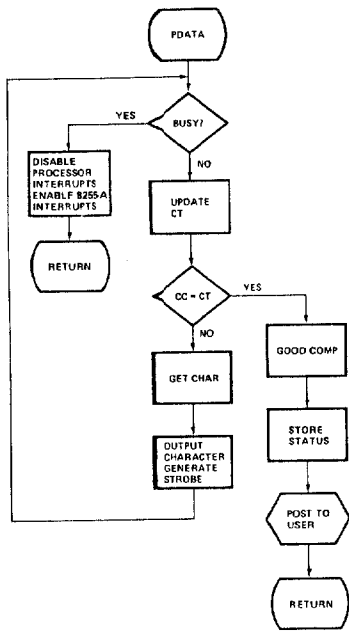
Figure 19. Mode Control Word

Table IV. Printer Software Control Block

NAME	POSITION	DEFINITION
Status	Byte 0	A 1-byte field which defines the completion status of an I/O. 00 = Good completion 01 = Error - command already in progress
Buffer Address	Byte 1, 2	Pointer to the start of the data to print.
Character Count	Byte 3	Count of the number of characters to print.
Character Transferred Count	Byte 4	The number of characters transferred.
Completion Address	Byte 5, 6	Address of a user supplied routine which will be called after the I/O has been performed.

NOTES:

1. An opcode field is not required because WRITE is the only operation performed.
2. The control block must reside above location FF Hex.



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*****
PRINTER OUTPUT DATA ROUTINE
CONTROL BLOCK ADDRESS IN D AND E REG
*****
PDATA:
3058 8BFA IM PORTC : GET STATUS OF DEVICE
3059 8B6C ANI LEBST : SEE IF BUST (BUFFER FULL)
305C C4B450 JZ PFD : IF BUST - BRANCH
305F 2196D LDI H,LOCT : GET INDEX TO CT
3062 19 DAD D : COMPUTE ADDRESS OF CT
3063 1E MOV A,H : GET CT
3064 38 INR M : INC CT
3065 28 ODR M : DEC TO CC
3066 8C CMP M : SEE IF EQUAL
3067 C4B430 JZ POMP : IF EQUAL - DONE TO FILL USER
306A 210190 LDI H,COMP : GET INDEX TO BUFFER ADDRESS
306B 16 DAD D : COMPUTE ADDRESS OF BUFFER ADDRESS
306E 05 PUSH D : SAVE D AND E REGISTERS
306F 56 MOV E,H : GET LDR OF BUFFER ADDRESS
3070 23 INR E : INC TO NEXT BYTE
3071 55 MOV D,H : GET BUFFER MSB
3072 2050 WLD H,LOW : CLEAR M REG
3074 67 MOV L,I : GET CT
3075 19 DAD D : COMPUTE CHARACTER ADDRESS
3076 1E MOV A,L : GET CHARACTER
3077 03FA OUT PORTA : OUTPUT CHARACTER TO PRINTER
3078 1A00F MUI A,INTOFF : RESET DATA STROBE (LOW TRIDE SIGNAL)
3079 3E00 OUT CWI :
307A 03F1 WLD H,LOW : CLEAR M REG
307D 3C JMP A : GENERATE SET CONTROL WORD
307E 20F7 OUT A : SET DATA STROBE
307F 03F7 OUT CWI :
3080 03 FDD D : RESTORE CONTROL BLOCK ADDRESS
3081 C35830 JMP PDATA : LOOP UNTIL BUSY
*****
PRINTER RST - RETURN
*****
PDATA:
3084 F3 DI : DISABLE INTERRUPTS
3085 3E00 MVI A,LEN : ENABLE DEVICE INTERRUPTS
3087 03F1 OUT CWI : SET INTERRUPT ENABLE
3089 C9 RET : RETURN TO CALLER
*****
POST GOOD COMPLETION TO USER
*****
POMP:
308A 3E00 MVI A,GOOD : GET GOOD STATUS CODE
308B CALL POST : POST TO USER
308C A SBA A : CLEAR A REG
308D STA P1PAC-1 : CLEAR COMMAND IN PROGRESS ADDRESS
308E 03 RET : RETURN TO CALLER
*****
POST TO USER COMPLETION ROUTINE
INPUTS : STATUS CODE IN A REG
CONTROL BLOCK ADDRESS IN D AND E REG
OUTPUTS: PASSES CONTROL TO USER COMPLETION ADDRESS
DESCRIBED IN CONTROL BLOCK
WITH CONTROL BLOCK ADDRESS IN D AND E
A.N.L.R.C REG MODIFIED
*****
RST:
3094 E8 ZCHG M,A : UPDATE STATUS
3095 17 MOV M,H,COMP : GET INDEX TO COMPLETION ADDRESS
3096 E8 ZCHO LDI D : COMPUTE ADDRESS
3097 2196D LDI H,LOCT : GET LDR OF COMPLETION ADDRESS
3098 1E MOV C,H : INC TO NEXT BYTE
309C 23 INR C : GET MSB OF COMPLETION ADDRESS
309D 85 PUSH B : PUSH ADDRESS INTO STACK
309E C5 RET : PASS CONTROL TO USER ROUTINE
*****
DATA AND TABLES
*****
P1PAC: DW 0 : IN PROGRESS CONTROL BLOCK ADDRESS
: IF DATA = 0 NO CONTROL BLOCK IN PROGRESS
: IF DATA NOT EQUAL TO ZERO CONTROL BLOCK IN PROGRESS
*****
END OF MODE ONE EXAMPLE
*****
END
0002
    
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MODE 2 - 8080 TO 8080 INTERFACE

Due to the drastic reduction of hardware costs, system designs which utilize multiple CPU Modules are becoming more common. An 8080 may be configured as a master CPU and used to control multiple 8080 slave modules which act as intelligent I/O controllers. When multiple CPUs are utilized, a method of processor intercommunication must be supported. Figure 20 is a block diagram of one method of implementing a master/slave interface through the use of the 8255A Mode 2 bidirectional bus.

Hardware Discussion

Two complete 8080 systems are required for this example. Intel's SBC 80/10 OEM board is used as the master CPU module and Intel's SDK 80 board is used as the slave CPU. The SBC 80/10 supports an 8255A which is configured in Mode 2. The 8255A is selected through the use of a decoded select scheme. Through the use of the 8228 RST 7 interrupt feature, a simple interrupt structure is supported. The SDK 80 is configured without interrupts for this example. The external logic required for this example is associated with the slave CPU. Simple logic is implemented which allows the slave CPU to generate the ACK and STB signals required to READ from and WRITE to the 8255A bidirectional bus with a single I/O instruction.

The system shown in Figure 20 utilizes SSI logic to read the 8255A IBF and OBF signals. If two spare 8255A input lines are available they could be used to input the IBF and OBF signals and eliminate the SSI logic.

Software Discussion

Two sets of software are required to support the processor to processor interface. The master resident software which follows conforms to the simple interrupt driven software structure outlined previously. The initialization routine issues the Mode 2 control word to the 8255A after device reset. The command processor accepts READ/WRITE control blocks which provide a simple user interface for transferring data to/from the slave CPU. The master software is capable of processing both a read and a write control block simultaneously. The slave resident software shown at the end of this example utilizes the status driven approach.

Summary/Conclusions

It is important to note that this design may be expanded to include more slave CPUs by simply adding another 8255A to the master module for each slave. The software drivers discussed address only the passing of data between the two processors. Specific applications generally dictate a software protocol be implemented for information transfer.

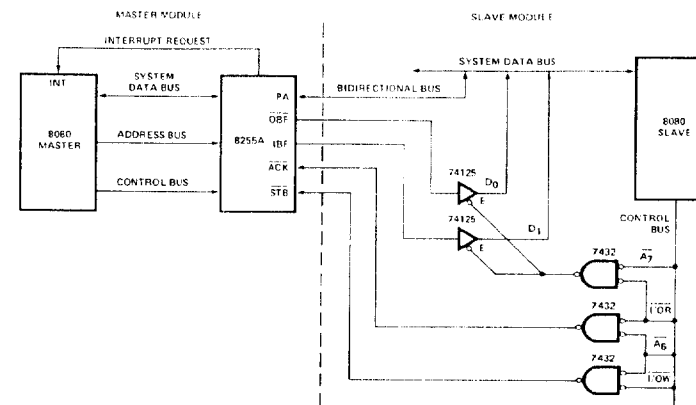


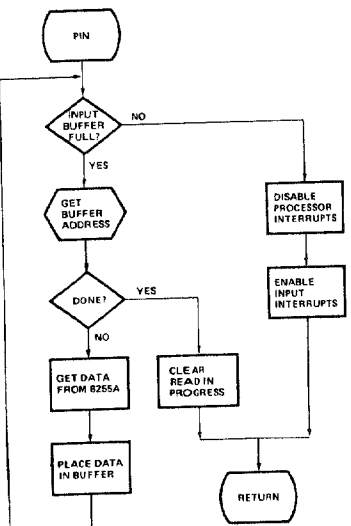
Figure 20. Interface Block Diagram


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*****
***** INPUT DATA ROUTINE
*****
PIN:
307C DB66 IN PORTC ; GET STATUS OF DEVICE
307E B62D ANI IBFA ; SET IF INPUT BUFFER FULL
3080 C85C3D JI PRFI ; NO - BRANCH
3083 C8BC3D CALL CBFA ; GET ADDRESS IN BUFFER
3086 D8B33D JC ; IF DONE - BRANCH
3089 D8E8 IN PORTA ; GET DATA
308B 77 MOV M,A ; PLACE IN BUFFER
308C C31C3D JMP PIN ; LOOP

*****
***** END OF INPUT TRANSACTION
*****
PINOD:
308F AF STA A ; CLEAR A
3090 32E83D STA PRWD-1 ; CLEAR READ IN PROGRESS
3093 C3863D JMP PRFI ; RETURN

*****
***** RETURN FROM INPUT
*****
PRFI:
3095 F1 DI ; DISABLE PROCESSOR INTERRUPTS
3097 3E0D MVI A,LEN1 ; GET ENABLE INPUT INTERRUPTS CONTROL WORD
3099 D3E7 OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO CONTROL WORD REGISTER
309B C9 RET ; RETURN TO CALLER
    
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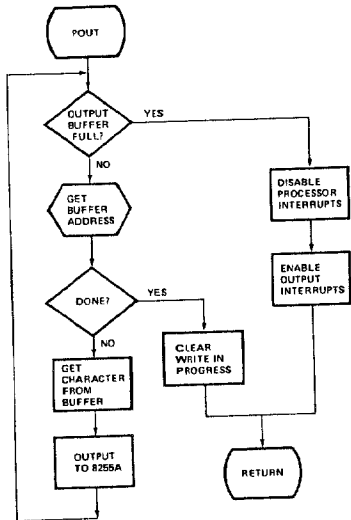


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*****
***** OUTPUT DATA ROUTINE
*****
POUT:
309C DB66 IN PORTC ; GET PORTC STATUS
309E B62D ANI IBFA ; SET IF OUTPUT BUFFER FULL
30A3 C8BC3D JI PRFI ; YES - BRANCH
30A6 D8B33D CALL CBFA ; GET UP ADDRESS OF DATA
30A9 7E JC ; IF DONE - BRANCH
30AB 7E MOV I,M ; GET DATA FROM BUFFER
30AD D3E8 OUT PORTA ; OUTPUT DATA
30AF C31C3D JMP POUT ; LOOP

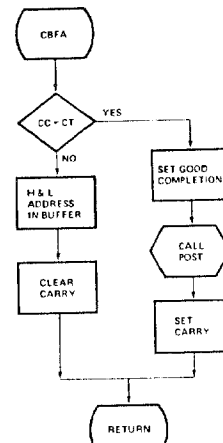
*****
***** END OF OUTPUT TRANSACTION
*****
PINOD:
30AF AF STA A ; CLEAR A REG
30B0 32E83D STA PRWD-1 ; CLEAR WRITE IN PROGRESS
30B3 C3863D JMP PRFI ; RETURN

*****
***** RETURN FROM OUTPUT
*****
PRFI:
30B6 F3 DI ; DISABLE PROCESSOR INTERRUPTS
30B8 3E0D MVI A,LENO ; GET ENABLE OUTPUT INTERRUPTS CONTROL WORD
30BA D3E7 OUT CWR ; OUTPUT TO CONTROL WORD REGISTER
30BC C9 RET ; RETURN TO CALLER
    
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*****
***** COMPUTE BUFFER ADDRESS ROUTINE
*****
CBFA:
30C0 2044 X DAI H,ENR1 ; GET ENR1 TO CT
30C2 79 DAI 0 ; COMPUTE ADDRESS OF CT
30C4 78 MVI A,M ; GET CT
30C6 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30C8 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30CA 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30CC 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30CE 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30D0 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30D2 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30D4 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30D6 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30D8 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30DA 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30DC 3A MVI M ; SET CT
30DE 3A MVI M ; SET CT
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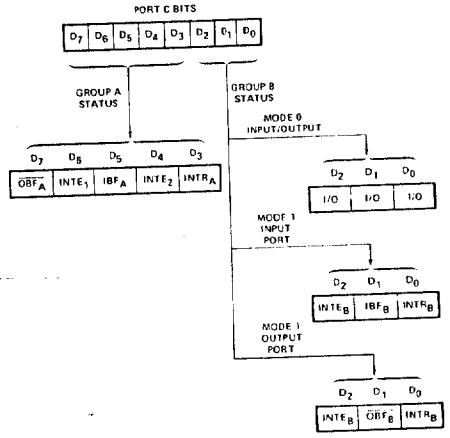
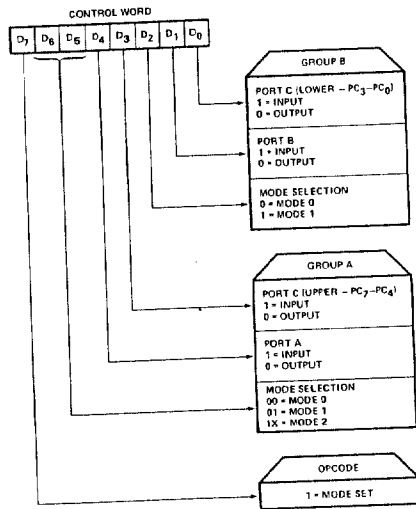


Setup Buffer Address Subroutine

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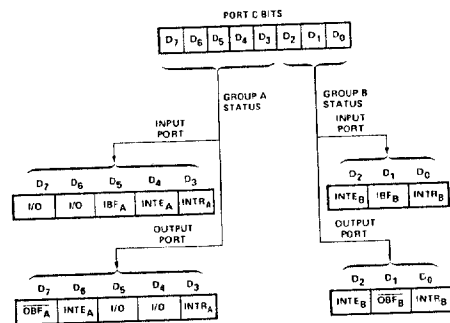
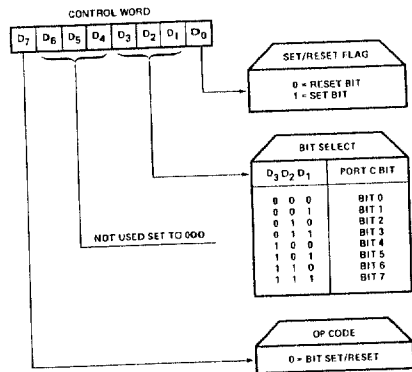
*****
***** READ CONTROL WORD REGISTER ROUTINE
*****
RWR:
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30F6 3A MVI M ; GET M
30F8 3A MVI M ; GET M
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APPENDIX A - 8255A QUICK REFERENCE



MODE CONTROL WORD

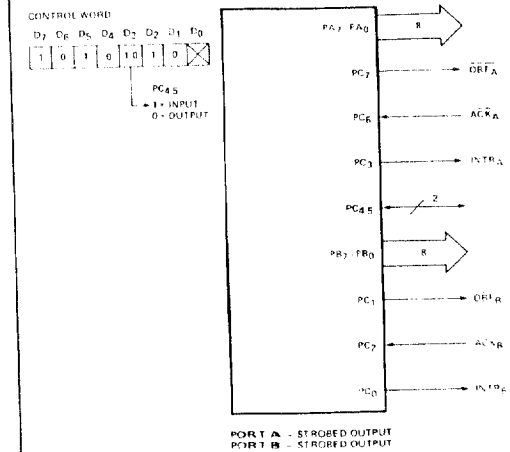
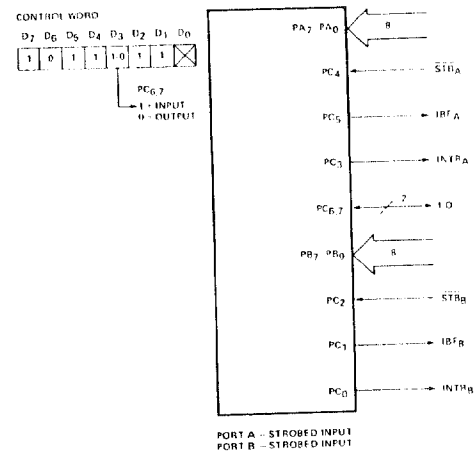
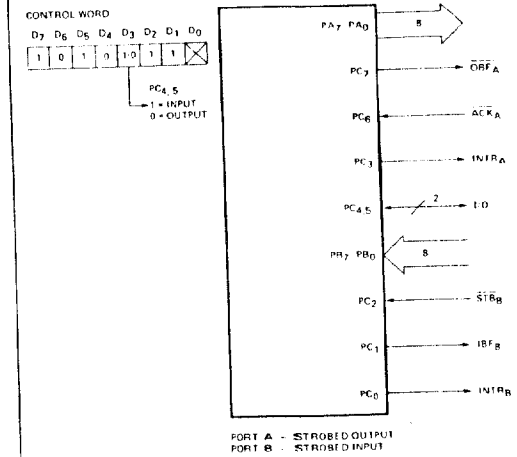
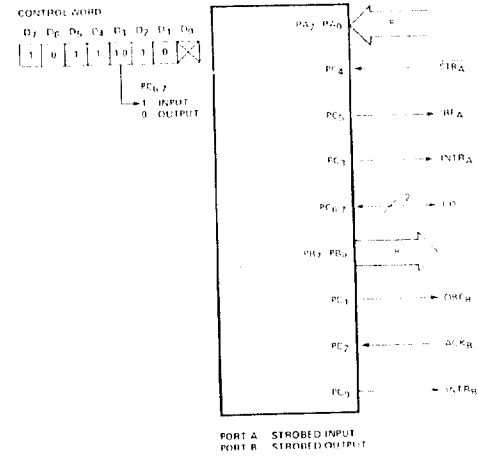
MODE 1 STATUS WORD



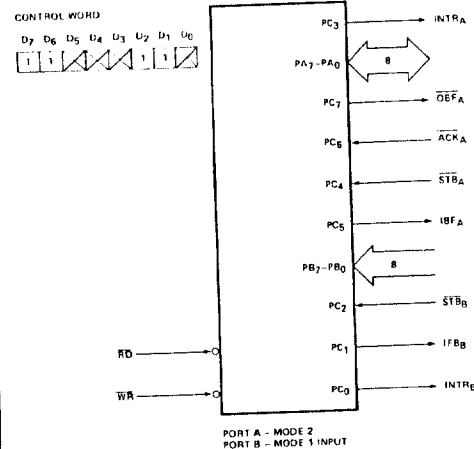
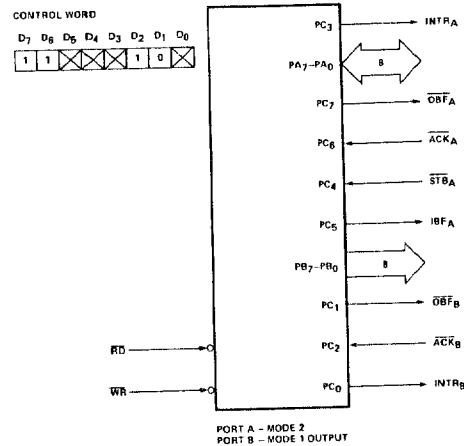
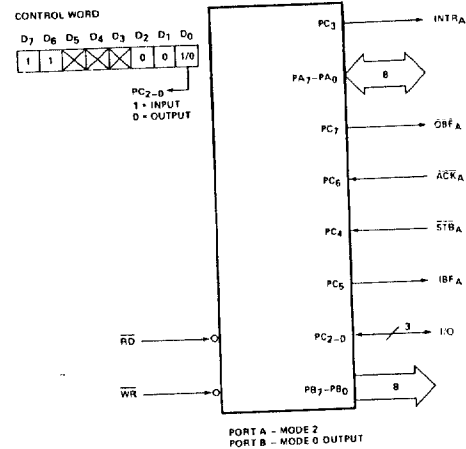
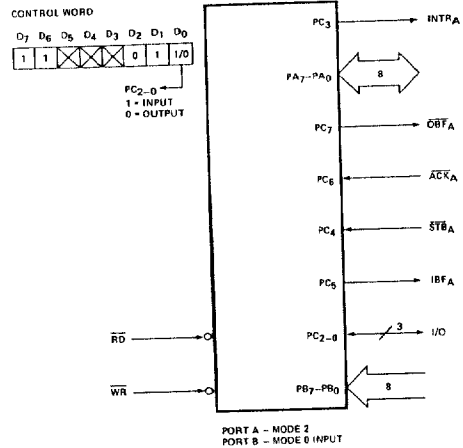
BIT SET/RESET CONTROL WORD

MODE 2 STATUS WORD

MODE 1 CONFIGURATIONS



MODE 2 CONFIGURATIONS



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