

Montague PASM tutorial Chapter 2 Subroutines

At this point we should be able to get in and out of PASM and do some math and create and target specific array cells.

We are now going to revisit those objects and create subroutines with each one.

Let's start with the counting program that counts up from zero.

```
1
2
3
4
5 CON
6 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
7 _xinfreq = 6_250_000 'MY BOARD AT 100MHZ
8 _xinfreq = 5_000_000 'QUICKSTART 80 MHZ
9
10 var
11
12     long count
13
14 obj
15
16 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
17
18 pub main
19
20 pst.start(115000)
21     waitcnt(clkfreq*5 +cnt) 'hold two sed to open the
22     'serial terminal and enable it
23 cognew(@asm,@count)
24
25     repeat
26         pst.dec(count~) 'post clear p 157
27         pst.newline
28         waitcnt(clkfreq +cnt)
29
```

Figure 1

```
30 dat
31
32 asm     org
33
34         mov addr, par
35 loop   add value,#1 'counting variable
36 wait   rdlong prev, addr wz 'what is in par??
37         if_nz jmp #wait 'if the value in
38         'par is zero continue to next command
39         'if the value in par "addr" has not been cleared
40         'meaning the value that was put in "value" from
41         'addr which has the address of par "parameter"
42
43         wrlong value, addr
44         'now write the value to the addr which has been assigned
45         'the same address as par and where the address of count in
46         'memory where the spin program can read it then jump back
47         'to the top of the loop and continue after the variable
48         'called count has been cleared to zero
49         jmp #loop
50
51
52 addr long 0
53 value long 0
54 prev long 0
```

Figure 2

Now we are going to add three lines of code, the code definitions are as follows as seen on lines 44,45 and 61 on the next listing:

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CALL

Instruction: Jump to address with intention to return to next instruction.

CALL #Symbol

Result: PC + 1 is written to the s-field of the register indicated by the d-field.

- *Symbol* (s-field) is a 9-bit literal whose value is the address to jump to. This field must contain a DAT symbol specified as a literal (#symbol) and the corresponding code should eventually execute a RET instruction labeled with the same symbol plus a suffix of "_ret" (*Symbol_ret* RET).

Explanation

CALL records the address of the next instruction (PC + 1) then jumps to *Symbol*. The routine at *Symbol* should eventually execute a RET instruction to return to the recorded address (PC+1; the instruction following the CALL). For the CALL to compile and run properly, the *Symbol* routine's RET instruction must be labeled in the form *Symbol* with "_ret" appended to it. The reason for this is explained below.

Propeller Assembly does not use a call stack, so the return address must be stored in a different manner. At compile time the assembler locates the destination routine as well as its RET instruction (labeled *Symbol* and *Symbol_ret*, respectively) and encodes those addresses into the CALL instruction's s-field and d-field. This provides the CALL instruction with the knowledge of both where it's going to jump to and exactly where it will return from.

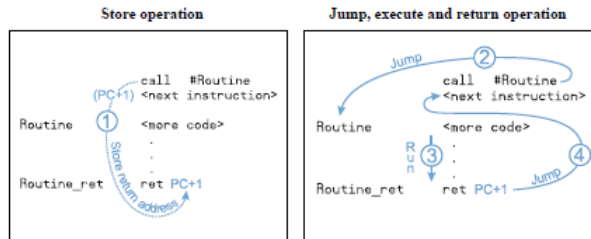
At run time the first thing the CALL instruction does is store the return address (PC+1) into the location where it will return from; the "*Symbol_ret* RET" instruction location. The RET

3: Assembly Language Reference – CALL

instruction is really just a JMP instruction without a hard-coded destination address, and this run-time action provides it with the "return" address to jump back to. After storing the return address, CALL jumps to the destination address; *Symbol*.

The diagram below uses a short program example to demonstrate the CALL instruction's run-time behavior; the store operation (left) and the jump-execute-return operation (right).

Figure 3-1: Run-time CALL Procedure



In this example, the following occurs when the CALL instruction is reached at run time:

- ① The cog stores the return address (PC+1; that of <next instruction>) into the source (s-field) of the register at *Routine_ret* (see left image).
- ② The cog jumps to *Routine* (see right image).
- ③ *Routine*'s instructions are executed, eventually leading to the *Routine_ret* line.
- ④ Since the *Routine_ret* location contains a RET instruction with an updated source (s-field), which is the return address written by step 1, it returns, or jumps, back to the <next instruction> line.

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This nature of the CALL instruction dictates the following:

- The referenced routine must have only one RET instruction associated with it. If a routine needs more than one exit point, make one of those exit points the RET instruction and make all other exit points branch (i.e., JMP) to that RET instruction.
- The referenced routine can not be recursive. Making a nested call to the routine will overwrite the return address of the previous call.

CALL is really a subset of the JMPRET instruction; in fact, it is the same opcode as JMPRET but with the i-field set (since CALL uses an immediate value only) and the d-field set by the assembler to the address of the label named *Symbol_ret*.

The return address (PC + 1) is written to the source (s-field) of the *Symbol_ret* register unless the NR effect is specified. Of course, specifying NR is not recommended for the CALL instruction since that turns it into a JMP or RET instruction.

RET

Instruction: Return to previously recorded address.

RET

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```

JMP
Instruction: Jump to address.

JMP (*) Address
    • Address (c-field) is the register or a 9-bit literal whose value is the address to jump to.
4
5 CON
6 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
7 _xinfreq = 6_250_000 `MY BOARD AT 100MHZ
8 _xinfreq = 5_000_000 `QUICKSTART 80 MHZ
9
10 var
11
12     long count
13
14 obj
15
16 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
17
18 pub main
19
20 pst.start(115000)
21     waitcnt(clkfreq*5 +cnt) `hold two sed to open the
22     `serial terminal and enable it
23 cognew(@asm,@count)
24
25     repeat
26     pst.dec(count~) `post clear p 157
27     pst.newline
28     waitcnt(clkfreq +cnt)
29

```

Figure 3

```

30 dat
31
32     {{First subroutine. we are going to add three lines. First line
33     to add is call #wait, this tells the program to go and find a set of code named
34     "wait". at the bottom of the wait subroutine the following is added
35     " wait_ret ret ", this signals the end of the subroutine and to jump
36     back to the next line of code after the "call".
37     jmp #loop is added as the next line of code to execute which sends the
38     code back to execute an "add" directive.}}
39 asm
40     org
41     mov addr, par
42     loop    add value,#1 `counting variable
43

```

Figure 4

```

44     call #wait    `<<<ADD
45     jmp #loop    `<<<ADD
46 wait    rdlong prev, addr wz `what is in par??
47         if_nz    jmp #wait `if the value in
48         `par is zero continue to next command
49         `if the value in par "addr" has not been cleared
50         `meaning the value that was put in "value" from
51         `addr which has the address of par "parameter"
52
53         wrlong value, addr
54         `now write the value to the addr which has been assigned
55         `the same address as par and where the address of count in
56         `memory where the spin program can read it then jump back
57         `to the top of the loop and continue after the variable
58         ` called count has been cleared to zero
59         jmp #loop
60
61 wait_ret    ret    `<<<ADD
62
63
64 addr long 0
65 value long 0
66 prev long 0

```

Figure 5

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Adding line 44 will call the subroutine named “wait”. The routine will execute the code that is listed there. Upon completion of the code routine the “ret” command will send the code back to the next line of code after the “call” in this case it is a “jmp” meaning a jump to the address listed in the jmp command, which in this case is “loop” which is where the “add” command will add 1 to the value. You should see this:

```
0
1
2
3
```

Now, let’s get a little deeper and make a couple of other changes. The above code will be modified and will have two subroutines. Figure 7, line 41, add the “repeat_” label with associated code through line 43. Modify lines 44 and 45 as indicated.

These modifications should result in an endless loop that is incrementing a variable. We are going to call the loop routine that does the addition, then call the wait routine that causes a lockstep between PASM and SPIN, then jump back to repeat the loop of calls.

```
1
2
3
4
5 CON
6 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
7 _xinfreq = 6_250_000    MY BOARD AT 100MHZ
8 _xinfreq = 5_000_000    QUICKSTART 80 MHZ
9
10 var
11
12     long count
13
14 obj
15
16 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
17
18 pub main
19
20 pst.start(115000)
21     waitcnt(clkfreq*5+cnt) 'hold two sed to open the
22     'serial terminal and enable it
23 cognew(@asm,%count)
24
25     repeat
26     pst.dec(count+) 'post clear p 157
27     pst.newline
28     waitcnt(clkfreq+cnt)
29
```

Figure 6

```
31     {{first subroutine. we are going to add three lines. First line
32     to add is call #wait, this tells the program to go and find a set of code named
33     "wait". at the bottom of the wait subroutine the following is added
34     "wait_ret    ret", this signals the end of the subroutine and to jump
35     back to the next line of code after the "call".
36     jmp #loop is added as the next line of code to execute which sends the
37     code back to execute an "add" directive.}}
38 asm     org
39
40     mov addr, par
41 repeat_ call #loop    '<<<ADD
42         call #wait    '<<<ADD
43         jmp #repeat_
44 loop    add value,#1    counting variable
45 loop_ret ret    ADD <<<<<<<<<<
46
47         call #wait    '<<<ADD
48         jmp #loop    '<<<ADD
49 wait    rdlong prev, addr    wz 'what is in par??
50         if_nz    jmp #wait    'if the value in
51         'par is zero continue to next command
52         'if the value in par "addr" has not been cleared
53         'meaning the value that was put in "value" from
54
```

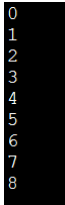
Figure 7

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```
56      wlong value, addr
57      ;now write the value to the addr which has been assigned
58      ;the same address as par and where the address of count in
59      ;memory where the spin program can read it then jump back
60      ;to the top of the loop and continue after the variable
61      ; called count has been cleared to zero
62      . jmp #loop
63
64 wait_ret  ret  <<<ADD
65
66
67 addr long 0
68 value long 0
69 prev long 0
```

Figure 8

Since we now have two subroutines you should see this as seen in figure 9:



```
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
```

Figure 9

O.K. we are going to move on to the multiplication, addition, and subtraction code and create subroutines. In order to do this we also have to understand a difference from the continuous addition and doing a single multiplication etc. Thanks to the forums and David Carrier at Parallax, who both pointed out again that we have to stop the cog otherwise the results will be screwed up. I was wondering why I got zeros.

So, let's look at the code. Please refer to chapter one figures 28,29 and 30 and compare with chapters 10 through 13 in this chapter.

You will see the addition on line 62 execution of "multiply_ret ret", line 55 multiply label and lines 51 through 55.

We will now have a subroutine that executes and stops the cog after execution. The result will now be ready for the spin method to print the results.

The code is presented on the next page for your review.

The next code examples will be multiplication, division and

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```

1
2 {{Multiplication based on the propeller manual page 380 as a subroutine}}
3
4 CON
5 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
6 _xinfreq = 6_250_000 'MY BOARD AT 100MHZ DIFFERENT CRYSTAL
7 _xinfreq = 5_000_000 'QUICKSTART 80 MHZ NORMAL CRYSTAL
8
9 var
10
11 'VARIABLE IN THE PAR ADDRESS TO BE PASSED
12 long x
13 long y
14 long product
15 obj
16
17 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
18
19 pub main
20 x := 2
21 y := 9
22 pst.start(115000)
23 waitcnt(clkfreq*5 +cnt)'hold five sec to open the
24 'serial terminal and enable it
25 cognew(@asm,@x)'start cog at the first variable address
26 waitcnt(clkfreq*2 +cnt)'give pasm time to do the work
27 pst.str(string("product:"))
28 pst.dec(product)
29 pst.newline
30

```

Figure 10

```

31
32
33 dat
34 .. Multiply x[15..0] by y[15..0] (y[31..16] must be 0)
35 . on exit, product in y[31..0]
36
37 asm org
38
39 mov temp_var, par 'move par to a temporary variable
40 mov x_var, temp_var 'find the x variable
41 rdlong x_var, temp_var 'read in the value from top object
42 add temp_var, #4 'jump to next long which is the address of the
43 'next variable
44 mov y_var, temp_var 'repeat assignment and read in value
45 rdlong y_var, temp_var
46 add temp_var, #4 'jump again to assign the product variable address
47 mov product_var, temp_var
48 wrlong y_var, product_var 'test first part prior to subroutine call

```

Figure 11

```

50
51 call #multiply
52 call #writer
53 cogid cogname
54 | cogstop cogname
55 multiply shl x_var,#16 'get multiplicand into x[31..16]
56 mov t,#16 'ready for 16 multiplier bits
57 shr y_var,#1 wc 'get initial multiplier bit into c
58 :loop if_c add y_var,x_var wc 'if c set, add multiplicand to product
59 rcr y_var,#1 wc 'put next multiplier in c, shift prod.
60 djnz t,#:loop 'loop until done
61 call #writer '<<<<<ADD
62 multiply_ret ret 'return with product in y[31..0] 'this would be a subroutine
63 'when used in a program
64 ' call #writer '<<<<<ADD
65
66 writer (<<<ADD) wrlong y_var, product_var 'write the product from y[31..0] to the
67 'product variable for the top object
68 writer_ret ret '<<<<ADD
69
70 temp_var res 1
71 x_var res 1
72 y_var res 1
73 product_var res 1
74 t res 1
75 cogname res 1

```

Figure 12

```

product:27
product:27
product:36
product:27

```

Figure 13

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```

1 CON
2  _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
3  _xinfreq = 5_000_000      'QUICKSTART 80 MHZ  NORMAL CRYSTAL
4
5 var
6  long dividend      'VARIABLE IN THE PAR ADDRESS TO BE PASSED
7  long divisor
8  long quotient
9  long remainder
10
11 obj
12  pst : "parallax serial terminal"
13
14 pub main
15  dividend := 35
16  divisor := 3
17  pst.start(115200)
18  waitcnt(clkfreq*5 + cnt) 'hold five sec to open the
19                          'serial terminal and enable it
20  cognew(@asm,@dividend)  'start cog at the first variable address
21  waitcnt(clkfreq + cnt)  'give top object time to catch up to pasm
22
23
24  pst.str(string("quotient:"))
25  pst.dec(quotient)
26  pst.newline
27  pst.str(string("remainder:"))
28  pst.dec(remainder)
29  pst.newline

```

Figure 14

```

31
32 dat
33  {{ NOTE: I have removed three mov commands as I have been shown that they are unnecessary
34  each "add tempvar,#4" points to the next variable. I got that from the NUTS AND VOLTS
35  and appears that that may not be necessary.}}
36
37 asm      org
38
39          mov tempvar, par      'get the par address into the temporary variable
40          rdlong x, tempvar    'read the value into the dividend
41
42          add tempvar, #4      'move over to the next long to get the divisor variable
43          rdlong y, tempvar    'read the value of the divisor into the variable
44          add tempvar, #4      'move over to the next long to get the quotient address
45          call #divide '<<<

```

Figure 15

```

58  ' quotient in x[15..0], ;return if used as a subroutine
59  ' remainder in x[31..16]
60
61          mov quotientvar,x
62          and quotientvar,andvar2 'isolate lower 16 bits
63          wrlong quotientvar,tempvar 'write into Spinvar 'quotient'
64
65          mov remaindervar,x
66          shr remaindervar, #16   'isolate higher 16 bits
67          add tempvar,#4          'incr pointer to remainder address
68 divide_ret ret
69
70          wrlong remaindervar,tempvar 'write into Spinvar 'remainder'
71
72 andvar2  long sffff
73 tempvar  res 1
74 x        res 1
75 y        res 1
76 quotientvar res 1
77 remaindervar res 1
78 t        res 1
79 cogname res 1

```

Figure 16

```

quotient:11
remainder:2

```

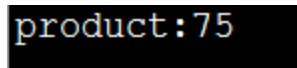
Figure 17

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```
1 {{basic addition in pasm using the add directive SUBROUTINE. Page 259 propeller manual}}
2
3 CON
4 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
5 _xinfreq = 6_250_000 'MY BOARD AT 100MHZ DIFFERENT CRYSTAL
6 _xinfreq = 5_000_000 'QUICKSTART 80 MHZ NORMAL CRYSTAL
7
8 var
9 'VARIABLE IN THE PAR ADDRESS TO BE PASSED
10 long x
11 long y
12 long product
13 obj
14
15 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
16
17 pub main
18 x := 30
19 y := 45
20 pst.start(115000)
21 waitcnt(cclkfreq*5+cnt)'hold five sec to open the
22 'serial terminal and enable it
23 cognew(@asm,@x)'start cog at the first variable address
24 waitcnt(cclkfreq*2+cnt)'give pasm time to do the work
25
26 pst.str(string("product:"))
27 pst.dec(product*)
28 pst.newline
```

```
29
30 dat
31
32 asm org
33
34 mov tempvar, par 'get the address of x from par
35 mov xvar, tempvar 'assign the address to the xvar in pasm 'DISABLE
36 rlong xvar, tempvar 'read the value that is in x
37 add tempvar, #4 'move over one long to get y's address
38 mov yvar, tempvar 'assign that address to yvar 'DISABLE
39 rlong yvar, tempvar 'read the value that is in y
40 add tempvar, #4 'move over one long to get the address of product
41 mov productvar, tempvar 'assign the address to productvar 'DISABLE
42
43 call #adder '<<<<<ADD
44 call #writer '<<<<<ADD
45 cogid cogname '<<<<<ADD
46 cogstop cogname '<<<<<ADD
47 adder add xvar,yvar 'add x and y together answer will be in x ;<<ADD LABEL
48 adder_ret ret '<<<<<ADD
49
50
51 writer wrlong xvar, productvar 'write x into the product variable and print
52 writer_ret ret '<<<<<ADD
53
54 tempvar long 0
55 xvar long 0
56 yvar long 0
57 productvar long 0
58 flag long 0
59 cogname res 1 '<<<<<ADD
```



product:75

```
1
2
3
4 {{ Tutorial on how to pass a number variable and perform subtraction
5 with the sub directive
6 from spin to pasm and back, this works for numbers
7 from 0 to 256, bigger numbers in a later tutorial}}
8
9
10 CON
11 _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
12 _xinfreq = 6_250_000 'MY BOARD AT 100MHZ DIFFERENT CRYSTAL
13 _xinfreq = 5_000_000 'QUICKSTART 80 MHZ NORMAL CRYSTAL
14 obj
15
16 pst:"parallax serial terminal"
17
18 var 'global variables
19 long datavar
20 long subvar
21 long answervar
22
```


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```
23 pub main
24     datavar:= 30           `assign a value to datavar
25     subvar := 12
26
27     pst.start(115000)     `start the serial terminal object
28
29     waitcnt(clkfreq*5 +cnt)`hold five sec to open the
30
31     cognew(@asm,@datavar) `open a new cog for pasm, where it starts "asm" and
32                          `the address of the first variable
33     waitcnt(clkfreq+cnt) `hold for a second
34                          |
35                          ` print routine
36
37     pst.str(string("results:"))
38
39     pst.dec(answervar)
40     pst.newline
41
```

Figure 18

```
43
44
45     asm      org      0    `This is the starting point for PASM
46
47
48     mov temp_var, par
49
50     mov data_var, temp_var
51     rdlong data_var, temp_var
52
53     add temp_var, #4
54
55     ` mov sub_var, temp_var
56     rdlong sub_var,temp_var
57
58     add temp_var,#4
59
60     ` mov answer_var,temp_var
61     call #sub_tract
62     call #writer
63     cogid cogname
64     cogstop cogname
```

Figure 19

```
66
67 sub_tract      sub data_var,sub_var
68 sub_tract_ret ret
69
70
71 writer        wrlong data_var, temp_var
72 writer_ret   ret
73 {{ Reserved variables reserved for PASM's use. }}
74 sub_var res 1
75 data_var res 1
76 answer_var res 1
77 temp_var res 1
78 cogname res 1
```

Figure 20

```
results:18
```

Figure 21