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Language Description

## RESET Detail

Upon reset, all COGs are shut down, forcing all pins to float. Then, a single COG is booted with a startup program from the main memory's ROM. This program checks for a serial host connection on P31 (RX). If a host is present, a conversation ensues via P30 (TX), and the host may load the main memory's RAM with high-level code. The host may also direct the code to be programmed into an EEPROM before executing it. If no host is present, the startup program attempts to read and execute high-level code from a 24LC256 EEPROM on P28 (SCL) and P29 (SDA). If neither a serial host nor an EEPROM is present, the program will place the chip in shutdown mode. Until a new reset occurs, power is minimized and all pins will be floating.

High-level code is what initially executes from the programmer's perspective. It is capable of booting extra cogs with either other high-level tasks or assembly-language programs. In the case of high-level code execution, a COG is loaded with an interpreter program from the main memory's ROM which executes the high-level code residing in the main memory's RAM.

## COG Detail

Each COG has its own $512 \times 32$-bit register space. These 512 registers are all RAM, except for the last 16 which are special-purpose registers. The RAM space is used for executable code, data, and variables. The last 16 locations serve as interfaces to the HUB, I/O pins, and local COG peripherals.

When a COG is booted, its RAM locations are loaded sequentially from main memory and its special-purpose registers are cleared to zero. After loading, the COG begins executing instructions, starting at location $\$ 000$. It will continue to execute code until it is stopped or rebooted by either itself or another COG, or a reset occurs.

When a COG is stopped or a reset occurs, all COG I/O registers are instantaneously cleared to 0, canceling all influence the COG had on I/O pins and power consumption.

Here is a summary of the special registers within a COG:
COG Registers

| Address | Name | Access | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\$ 000-\$ 1 \mathrm{EF}$ | - | Read/Write | General Purpose RAM |
| $\$ 1 \mathrm{~F} 0$ | PAR | Read-Only * | Long-address Parameter |
| $\$ 1 F 1$ | CNT | Read-Only * | System Counter |
| $\$ 1 F 2$ | INA | Read-Only * | Input States for P31..P0 |
| $\$ 1 F 3$ | INB | Read-Only | Input States for P63..P32 ** |
| $\$ 1 F 4$ | OUTA | Read/Write | Output States for P31..P0 |
| $\$ 1 F 5$ | OUTB | Read/Write | Output States for P63..P32 ** |


| $\$ 1 F 6$ | DIRA | Read/Write | Direction States for P31..P0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 1 F 7$ | DIRB | Read/Write | Direction States for P63..P32 ** |
| $\$ 1 F 8$ | CTRA | Read/Write | Counter A Control |
| $\$ 1 F 9$ | CTRB | Read/Write | Counter B Control |
| $\$ 1 F A$ | FRQA | Read/Write | Counter A Frequency |
| $\$ 1 F B$ | FRQB | Read/Write | Counter B Frequency |
| $\$ 1 F C$ | PHSA | Read/Write | Counter A Phase |
| $\$ 1 F D$ | PHSB | Read/Write | Counter B Phase |
| $\$ 1 F E$ | VCFG | Read/Write | Video Configuration |
| $\$ 1 F F$ | VSCL | Read/Write | Video Scale |

* Only accessible as a Source Register (i.e. MOV DEST,SOURCE)
** Allocated for future use, but not currently implemented
The COG executes 32-bit instructions from its 512-register space. The instruction codes contain several bit fields. The general format for an assembly instruction is as follows:
\{address label\} \{execution condition\} instruction destination, $\{\#\}$ source $\quad$ \{execution effects - comma separated $\}$
Examples:
entry rdlong temp,PAR $w z \quad$ 'wait for command (non-0)

32-Bit Instruction Detail

| Operation <br> Code | Update <br> Z Flag | Update <br> C Flag | Update <br> Result | Source <br> $\#$ | Execution <br> Condition |  | Destination <br> Register | Source <br> Register / $\#$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $31 . .26$ | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | $21 . .18$ | $17 . .9$ | 8.0 |  |
| iiiiii | Z | C | r | i | CCCC | ddddddddd | SSSSSSSSS |  |


| Field | Range | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Operation Code | $31 . .26$ | Perform ADD, SUB, AND, OR, JMP, etc. |
| Execution Effects | $25 . .23$ | In conjunction with Controls writes to C Flag, Z Flag, and Destination Register: <br> If bit 25 is set, the Z Flag will be written <br> If bit 24 is set, the C Flag will be written <br> If bit 23 is set, the Destination Register will be written |
| Source Literal | 22 | If set, bits 8..0 will be zero-extended and used as a 32-bit constant |
| Execution Condition | $21 . .18$ | C and Z flag condition upon which instruction will execute |
| Destination Register | $17 . .9$ | Register which supplies the first 32-bit input to the instruction and/or <br> receives the effect of the operation |
| Source Register <br> or Literal | $8 . .0$ | Register or constant which supplies the second 32-bit input to the <br> instruction |

## Source Register or Literal Value

This 9-bit field either selects a register (any of the 512) or provides a zero-extended literal value to be used as the source by the instruction. Bit 22 controls how this field is used: 0 for register, 1 for literal. When entering assembly code, the \# symbol sets literal mode.

## Destination Register

This 9-bit field selects which of the 512 registers will be used as the destination by the instruction.

## Execution Condition

This 4-bit field selects the condition upon which the instruction will execute. The condition is a logical combination of the C and Z flags. The condition codes may precede any instruction and are as follows:

| Execution <br> Condition | Instruction <br> Prefix | Instruction <br> Prefix | Instruction <br> Prefix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1111 | ALWAYS * |  |  |
| 1100 | IF_C |  | IF_B |
| 0011 | IF_NC |  | IF_AE |
| 1010 | IF_Z |  | IF_E |
| 0101 | IF_NZ |  | IF_NE |
| 1000 | IF_C_AND_Z | IF_Z_AND_C |  |
| 0100 | IF_C_AND_NZ | IF_NZ_AND_C |  |
| 0010 | IF_NC_AND_Z | IF_Z_AND_NC |  |
| 0001 | IF_NC_AND_NZ | IF_NZ_AND_NC | IF_A |
| 1110 | IF_C_OR_Z | IF_Z_OR_C | IF_BE |
| 1101 | IF_C_OR_NZ | IF_NZ_OR_C |  |
| 1011 | IF_NC_OR_Z | IF_Z_OR_NC |  |
| 0111 | IF_NC_OR_NZ | IF_NZ_OR_NC |  |
| 1001 | IF_C_EQ_Z | IF_Z_EQ_C |  |
| 0110 | IF_C_NE_Z | IF_Z_NE_C |  |
| 0000 | NEVER |  |  |

* ALWAYS is the default, in case no condition is specified.


## Execution Effects

After the instruction and destination/source are specified, you may enter any desired execution effect(s). These are two-character symbols that gate the updating of $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Z}$ and D . The C and/or Z flags will only be affected if 'WC' and/or 'WZ' follow an instruction. While no instruction will automatically write C or Z , each instruction has some default write-D behavior which can be overridden by 'WR' or 'NR'. If multiple execution effects are entered after an instruction, they must be separated by commas. Only whitespace is required to separate instruction arguments from the postfixes.

| Instruction Postfix |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| WC | Write C |
| WZ | Write Z |
| WR | Write D |
| NR | Don't Write D |



## HUB Instructions

The instructions which access main memory, the global CLK register, the COGs, and the LOCKs are all 'HUB' instructions. What critically transpires during their execution is a function of the central HUB, which coordinates chip-wide operations.

The HUB runs at half the COGs' clock frequency, serving each of the eight COGs, in turn, with each subsequent clock. From the COGs' perspectives, this is once every 16 clocks. Because the HUB runs steadily, dedicating a clock cycle to each COG, and because the COGs run independently, taking various numbers of clocks for different instructions, each COG must re-sync to the HUB whenever it executes a HUB instruction. This results in execution times ranging from 7 to 22 clocks for each hub instruction. Once a HUB instruction has executed, there will be 9 free clocks before another HUB instruction could execute and take the minimal 7 clocks. Nine clocks is enough time for two 4-clock instructions to execute before another HUB instruction would take 8 clocks. So, to minimize clock waste, you can insert two 4-clock instructions between any two otherwise-contiguous HUB instructions without any increase in execution time. Beware that HUB instructions can inject jitter into your execution schedule - particularly the first one in a sequence. For deterministic timing, you might want to place them outside of time-critical code sequences in which the HUB-sync is unknown.

The following sub-sections elaborate on different HUB instruction groups.

## Main memory access

The HUB instructions which access main memory are:

| RDBYTE | D,S | 'Read byte at $S$ into $D$ and zero-extend |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RDWORD | D,S | 'Read word at $S$ into $D$ and zero-extend |
| RDLONG | D,S | 'Read long at $S$ into $D$ |

The main memory is 64 K bytes in size and can be accessed from any COG. It is accessible as 64 K bytes, 32 K words, or 16 K longs.

All accesses are aligned according to data size. Words can only begin at even addresses and longs can only begin at even-even addresses. Of course, the programmer can arrange his data any way he wants, but to take advantage of efficient word and long accesses, he must pay attention to alignment.

## CLK register write

Inside the HUB is a global CLK register which selects the master clock. A single HUB instruction used to set this register:

$$
\text { CLKSET D 'Write } D[7 . .0] \text { into the global CLK register }
$$

See the documentation on the Global CLK Register for a detailed description of its function.

## COG control

There are three HUB instructions which govern the starting and stopping of COGs:

```
COGID D 'Get this COG number into D
COGINIT D 'Init a cog according to D
COGSTOP D 'Stop cog number D
```

COGID writes the executing COG number into D. This instruction is used when a COG needs to know 'who' it is, among the eight, for the purpose of stopping or restarting itself.

COGINIT is the instruction used to start or restart a COG. The D register has three fields within it that determine which COG gets started, where its program begins in main memory, and what its PAR register will contain.

D [31..18] will be written to bits [15..2] of the started COG's PAR register. By this mechanism, a long address parameter can be conveyed to a COG at start-time. This parameter is intended to be used as a pointer to some agreed-upon structure in main memory via which communication with another COG (or COGs) may take place.
$\mathrm{D}[17 . .4]$ specifies the long address in main memory of the COG program to be loaded. COG registers $\$ 000 . . \$ 1 \mathrm{EF}$ will be loaded sequentially, starting at this address. The writable COG registers $\$ 1 \mathrm{~F} 4 . . \$ 1 \mathrm{FF}$ will be initialized to 0 . When the loading and initializing are complete, the started COG will begin executing from register $\$ 000$.
$\mathrm{D}[3]$ determines whether a new COG or a specified COG will be started.
If $D[3]$ is ' 1 ', the HUB will start the lowest-numbered inactive COG and return that COG's number ( $0 . .7$ ) into D. The C flag will also be used to convey whether or not there was an inactive COG available. A '0' in C indicates that the operation was successful. A '1' indicates that no COG was available and none was started. Be sure to put both the 'WR' and 'WC' modifiers after the COGINIT instruction so that these results will be written into D and C . Starting COGs in this fashion means that you will never have to plan which COG will run what program. The HUB, which knows the instantaneous state of all COGs, will do the picking for you.

If $\mathrm{D}[3]$ is ' 0 ', the HUB will start the COG numbered in $\mathrm{D}[2 . .0]$. This is useful for restarting active COGs. To start a new COG, it is recommended that you use the $\mathrm{D}[3]=$ ' 1 ' approach, detailed above.

COGSTOP simply stops the COG numbered in $\mathrm{D}[2 . .0]$. When a COG is stopped, it receives no clock and consumes no power. It will be held in an inactive reset state until started by a COGINIT instruction.

## LOCK usage

LOCKs are special global bits which can be utilized to solve the problem of multiple-access contention, or cross-COG clobbering.
Imagine you have an area in main memory which holds some data that is to be accessed by more than one COG. If the elemental data exceeds a long, in size, it will take multiple reads or writes for any COG to access it. It would be necessary to avoid the possibility of one or more COGs reading data while one or more other COGs are writing (or think they are writing) the same data. Access needs to be limited to one COG at a time, in order to avoid misreads and miswrites. Such exclusive access control can be achieved by using a LOCK.

A LOCK is a global bit that can be set or cleared by any COG through certain HUB instructions. At the time a COG sets or clears a LOCK, it can also learn the prior state of that LOCK. The fact that the HUB allows only one COG at a time to set or clear a LOCK, makes this an effective access control mechanism.

To use a LOCK, all COGs which intend to share some resource must agree on a LOCK number and its initial state. For our discussion, let's make the LOCK's initial state '0'. Now, for any COG to gain exclusive access to the shared resource, it must keep setting the LOCK until it sees that its prior state was '0'. After this, all other COGs will get only '1's back. The winning COG now has exclusive access to the resource. When it is done accessing the resource, it must clear the LOCK so that another COG can gain access. LOCKs may be used creatively for many such purposes.

The HUB maintains an inventory of eight LOCKs. It keeps track of which LOCKs are available for check-out and notes when a LOCK is returned. On reset, all LOCKs are 'returned' and ready for check-out. Though it's possible to set or clear any arbitrary LOCK, it is recommended that you check-out a LOCK, so that the HUB will know that it is in use and will not grant it to some other COG. It's also critical to return the LOCK when you are through with it, so that it may be checked out again.

There are four HUB instructions used to manipulate LOCKs:

| LOCKNEW D | wC | 'Check-out a new LOCK number into $D, C=1$ if none |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LOCKRET D |  | 'Return LOCK number $D$ |
| LOCKSET D | wc | 'Set LOCK number $D, C=$ prior LOCK state |
| LOCKCLR D | wC | 'Clear LOCK number $D, C=$ prior LOCK state |

LOCKNEW checks out a new LOCK from the HUB and puts its number (0..7) into D. The C flag is used to convey whether or not the operation was successful. A '0' indicates success, while a '1' indicates that no free LOCK was available. Be sure to put a 'WC' modifier after the instruction, so that C will be written.

LOCKRET returns the LOCK numbered in $\mathrm{D}[2 . .0]$ to the HUB's inventory.
LOCKSET sets the LOCK numbered in $\mathrm{D}[2 . .0]$ and, if 'WC' is after the instruction, writes the LOCK's prior state into the C flag.
LOCKCLR clears the LOCK numbered in $\mathrm{D}[2 . .0]$ and, if 'WC' is after the instruction, writes the LOCK's prior state into the C flag.

## Branching Instructions

Branching instructions are used to alter the course of the COG's program counter, or PC. The PC is a 9-bit counter that tracks the program's execution address. It normally increments with each instruction, but it can be loaded with an arbitrary value via branching instructions.

Important note: All the branching instructions (except 'RET') use $S$ to specify the branch address. Always remember to put '\#' in front of the $S$ expression when you intend to jump to a constant address. This will almost always be the case in your code. If you don't use the '\#', you will be specifying a register's contents as your branch address. Sometimes, you may want to do this, but most often your intent will be to branch to a constant address and you must remember to use '\#'. For the applicable instructions cited in this section, both forms will be shown to keep you mindful of this critical issue.

Important note \#2: Remember, like all other instructions, these branches can be preceded by conditionals, making them into conditional branches.

The simplest branch instruction is 'JMP S'. This simply sets the PC to S[8..0]:

| JMP | \#S | 'Jump to the constant address $S$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| JMP | S | 'Jump to where register $S$ points |

The most complex branch instruction is 'JMPRET D,S'. This is like 'JMP S' but has the additional effect of writing PC+1 (what would have been the next execution address) into bits $8 . .0$ of D . The purpose of that extra action is to insert a 'return address' into a 'JMP \#S' instruction's sssssssss bit field. This way, if the code branched to by 'JMPRET D,S' ends with a 'JMP \#S' instruction at the D address, that segment of code effectively becomes a subroutine that many identical 'JMPRET D,S' instructions could branch to, and then return from.

Here is 'JMPRET':

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\text { JMPRET } & D, \# S & \text { 'Jump to the constant address } S \text { and set } D[8 . .0] \text { to } P C+1 \\
\text { JMPRET } & D, S & \text { 'Jump to where register } S \text { points and set } D[8.0] \text { to } P C+1
\end{array}
$$

To keep you sane, the assembler provides special 'CALL' and 'RET' instructions which form 'JMPRET D,\#S' and 'JMP \#S' instructions, respectively. This makes it easy to realize the subroutine scheme described above. These special instructions must be used with coordinated symbol names that you make up. To use the 'CALL' instruction, you must specify a '\#' followed by the symbolic name of the subroutine you are calling. There must be, somewhere in your program, an identical symbol name which ends with '_ret' and precedes a 'RET' instruction. The assembler uses the address of the +'_ret' symbol as the D in the 'JMPRET D,\#S', or 'CALL' instruction; the $S$ comes from the subroutine's start symbol. The 'RET' instruction is assembled as 'JMP \#0', but gets modified at runtime. Here is a contextual example of these instructions:


Note that the COG has no call stack. It uses end-of-subroutine jumps to return to callers. For this reason, subroutines cannot be called recursively. However, there is no 'depth' limit.

Finally, there are three conditional branching instructions which branch according to D:

| DJNZ | D,\#S | 'Decrement $D$, jump to constant address $S$ if $D$ is not 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DJNZ | D,S | 'Decrement $D$, jump to where register $S$ points if $D$ is not 0 |
| TJNZ | D,\#S | 'Test $D$, jump to constant address $S$ if $D$ is not 0 |
| TJNZ | D,S | 'Test $D$, jump to where register $S$ points if $D$ is not 0 |
| TJZ | D,\#S | 'Test $D$, jump to constant address $S$ if $D$ is 0 |
| TJZ | $D, S$ | 'Test $D$, jump to where register $S$ points if $D$ is 0 |

These D-dependent branches are very useful for fast looping. They take 4 clocks when they branch, and 8 clocks when they don't.

## Add, Subtract, and Compare Instructions

There is a variety of add, subtract, and compare instructions which warrants elaboration. Some instructions perform unsigned math, while others perform signed math. Some perform base-long operations, while others perform extended-long operations. The differences lie in how the Z and C flags are treated, particularly the C flag. By having several adder-based instructions that treat the C flag differently, the need for separate overflow and sign flags is gotten around. This two-flag system allows for a compact, but complete 4-bit condition code to gate the operation of each instruction.

Below is a table of the basic math instructions:

| ADD/SUB/CMP | Base |  | Extended |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Unsigned | ADD | D, S | ADDX | D, S |
|  | SUB | D, S | SUBX | D, S |
|  | CMP | D, S | CMPX | D, S |
| Signed | ADDS | D, S | ADDSX | D, S |
|  | SUBS | D, S | SUBSX | D, S |
|  | CMPS | D, S | CMPSX | D, S |

Here are the unsigned base instructions, shown with both flags written:

| ADD | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Add $S$ into $D, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if carry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SUB | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Subtract $S$ from $D, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if borrow |
| CMP | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Compare $D$ to $S, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if borrow |

The 'ADD' instruction produces a carry, or $\mathrm{C}=1$, if the addition of S into D causes a roll-over in D . In other words, the result is greater than \$FFFFFFFF. The 'SUB' instruction produces a borrow, or $\mathrm{C}=1$, if the subtraction of S from D causes a roll-under in D . Or, in other words, the result is less than 0 ( S is greater than D ). The 'SUB' and 'CMP' instructions are the same, except that 'CMP' does not store the result - it only indicates through the Z and C flags if D is above, below, or equal to S .

Next are the signed base instructions, shown with both flags written:

| ADDS | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Add-signed $S$ into $D, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if overflow |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SUBS | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Subtract-signed $S$ from $D, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if overflow |
| CMPS | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Compare-signed $D$ to $S, Z=1$ if $0, C=1$ if borrow |

In the signed 'ADDS' and 'SUBS' instructions, an overflow, or $\mathrm{C}=1$, occurs when the result is either above $\$ 7 \mathrm{FFFFFFF}$ or below $\$ 80000000$ - the range of signed long values. The signed 'CMPS' instruction, however, produces a signed borrow, or $\mathrm{C}=1$, if S is greater than D , signs considered.

The unsigned and extended instructions are shown below with both flags written:

| ADDX | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Add-extended $S+C$ into $D, A N D ~ Z, ~ C=1$ if carry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SUBX | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Subtract-extended S+C from D, AND $Z, C=1$ if borrow |
| CMPX | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Compare-extended D to S+C, AND $Z, C=1$ if borrow |

These instructions differ from 'ADD', 'SUB', and 'CMP' by incorporating C into the computation, and by AND'ing the old Z with what would have been the new Z . These extra qualities make these instructions chainable. For example, the following double-long operations wind up with Z and C valid for the entire 64-bit operation:

| ADD | D0, S0 | WZ, wc | 'Add lower longs, affect flags |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADDX | D1, S1 | wz,wc | 'Add upper longs, $\mathrm{Z}=1$ if 0, $\mathrm{C}=1$ if carry |
| SUB | D0, S0 | wz,wc | 'Subtract lower longs, affect flags |
| SUBX | D1, S1 | $w z, w c$ | 'Subtract upper longs, $\mathrm{Z}=1$ if 0, $\mathrm{C}=1$ if borrow |
| CMP | D0, S0 | WZ, WC | 'Compare lower longs, affect flags |
| CMPX | D1, S1 | wz,wc | 'Compare upper longs, $\mathrm{Z}=1$ if 0, $\mathrm{C}=1$ if borrow |

These operations could be further extended by adding an extra 'ADDX', 'SUBX', or 'CMPX' for every additional long pair to be operated on.

The signed and extended instructions are as follows, shown with both flags written:

| SUBSX | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Sub-signed-extended S+C from D, AND Z, C=overflow |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CMPSX | $D, S$ | $W Z, w C$ | 'Compare-signed-extended D to S+C, AND Z, C=borrow |

Like 'ADDX', 'SUBX', and 'CMPX', these instructions incorporate C into the operation, and AND the old Z with what would have been the new Z. The difference is in their C flag output, which is signed. Here they are, used in double-long operations, with both Z and C valid afterwards for the entire 64-bit operation:

| ADD | D0, S0 | wz,wc | 'Add lower longs, then signed-extended uppers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADDSX | D1, S1 | wz,wc | 'Z=1 if 0, C=1 if overflow |
| SUB | D0, S0 | wz,wc | 'Subtract lower longs, then signed-extended uppers |
| SUBSX | D1, S1 | wz,wc | 'Z=1 if 0, C=1 if overflow |
| CMP | D0, S0 | WZ, wc | 'Compare lower longs, then signed-extended uppers |
| CMPSX | D1, S1 | WZ, wc | 'Z=1 if 0, C=1 if signed borrow |

To extend these further, 'ADDX', 'SUBX', and 'CMPX' instructions may be inserted between the shown pairs to handle any middlelongs. In a multiple-long signed operation, the beginning instruction is unsigned, any middle instructions are unsigned-extended, and the last instruction is signed-extended.

All these add, subtract, and compare instructions are quite similar. The differences lie in whether they are signed (C indicates overflow or signed borrow) and whether they are extended (C flag incorporated into operation, and Z flag AND'd).

## Multiplication, Division, and Square Root

Multiplication, division, and square root can be computed by using add, subtract, and shift instructions.
Here is an unsigned multiplier routine that multiplies two 16 -bit values to yield a 32 -bit product:

```
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' Multiply x[15..0] by y[15..0] (y[31..16] must be 0)
' on exit, product in y[31..0]
multiply shl x,#16 'get multiplicand into x[31..16]
mov t,#16 wc 'ready for 16 multiplier bits 
:loop if_c add y,x wc 'if c set, add multiplicand into product
    rcr y,#1 wc 'get next multiplier bit into c, shift product
    djnz t,#:loop 'loop until done
multiply_ret ret 'return with product in y[31..0]
```

The above routine's execution time could be cut by $\sim 1 / 3$ if the loop was unrolled, repeating the 'add'/'rcr' sequence and getting rid of the 'DJNZ' instruction.

Division is like multiplication, but backwards. It is potentially more complex, though, because a comparison test must be performed before a subtraction can take place. To remedy this, there is a special 'CMPSUB D,S' instructions which tests to see if a subtraction can be performed without causing an underflow. If no underflow would occur, the subtraction takes place and the C output is 1 . If an underflow would occur, D is left alone and the C output is 0 .

Here is an unsigned divider routine that divides a 32 -bit value by a 16 -bit value to yield a 16 -bit quotient and a 16-bit remainder:

```
' Divide x[31..0] by y[15..0] (y[16] must be 0)
' on exit, quotient is in x[15..0] and remainder is in x[31..16]
'
divide shl y,#15 'get divisor into y[30..15]
:loop
    cmpsub x,y wc 'if y =< x then subtract it, quotient bit into c
    rcl x,#1 'rotate c into quotient, shift dividend
    djnz t,#:loop 'loop until done
```

Like the multiplier routine, this divider routine could be recoded with a sequence of 16 'CMPSUB'+'RCL' instruction pairs to get rid of the 'DJNZ' and cut execution time by $\sim 1 / 3$. By making such changes, speed can often be gained at the expense of code size.

Here is a square-root routine that uses the 'CMPSUB' instruction:

```
', Compute square-root of y[31..0] into x[15..0]
root mov a,#0 'reset accumulator
mov x,#0 'reset root
    mov t,#16 'ready for }16\mathrm{ root bits
:loop shl y,#1 wc 'rotate top two bits of y into accumulator
    rcl a,#1
    shl y,#1 wc
    rcl a,#1
    shl x,#2 'determine next bit of root
    or x,#1
    cmpsub a,x wc
    shr x,#2
    rcl x,#1
    djnz t,#:loop 'loop until done
root_ret ret
    'square root in x[15..0]
```

Many complex math functions can be realized by additions, subtractions, and shifts. Though specific examples were given here, these types of algorithms may be coded in many different ways to best suit the application.

## WAIT Instructions

The 'wait' instructions are used to stall the COG until some target condition is met. Once a wait instruction is engaged, the target condition is re-checked every clock cycle. Once the condition is met, the instruction finishes and the next instruction executes. During the wait, COG power consumption is reduced. These instructions are mainly used to align a COG's execution timing with some event.

The first two wait instructions deal with the I/O pins' input states. They wait for some set of pins to either equal, or not equal, some set of states. The S operand is used as a mask to isolate the pins of importance, while the D operand is the value to compare the isolated pins to. These instructions are as follows:

```
WAITPEQ D,S
'Wait for (INA & S) to equal D
WAITPNE D,S 'Wait for (INA & S) to not equal D
```

The 'WAITCNT D,S' instruction waits for the global free-running 32-bit counter to equal some value. The global counter increments at the COG clock rate and can be read via the CNT register in each COG. Keep in mind that 32 bits can take a long time to wrap around if you miss the mark. This instruction is:

```
WAITCNT D,S 'Wait for CNT to equal D, then add S into D
```

By adding S into D, this instruction can singly serve as a synchronization mechanism to align execution to a fixed period. Here is an example of this:

|  | mov <br> add | dira,\#1 <br> time, cnt |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | | 'Make P0 an output |
| :--- |
| 'Add cnt into time to accommodate the initial sync |

```
time long 3 'cnt-tracking variable, initial 3 accommodates sync
period long 100
    '100 clocks per period
```

Lastly, there is the 'WAITVID D,S' instruction which passes color and pixel data to the video peripheral. The video peripheral must be running for this instruction not to hang:

```
WAITVID D,S 'Hand off colors in D, pixels in S
```

When the video peripheral is ready for its next set of color and pixel data, it grabs D and S , regardless of what instruction the COG is currently executing. It is critical that the COG be waiting in a 'WAITVID D,S' instruction when this happens - otherwise, the video peripheral picks up indeterminate data and displays it. You have to make sure your program beats the video peripheral to the pickup.

## Main Memory

| Address Range | Memory Type | Contents |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\$ 0000-\$ 7 F F F$ | RAM | User Memory - 8,192 longs / 16,384 words / 32,768 bytes |
| $\$ 8000-\$$ BFFF | ROM | Character Definitions - 4,096 longs define 256 different 16 x 32-pixel characters |
| $\$ C 000-\$ C F F F$ | ROM | Log Table - 2,048 words of fractional exponents |
| $\$ D 000-\$ D F F F$ | ROM | Anti-Log Table - 2,048 words of top-bit-set 17-bit mantissas |
| $\$ E 000-\$ F 001$ | ROM | Sine Table - 2,049 unsigned words cover $0^{\circ}$ to $90^{\circ}$ of sine, inclusively |
| $\$ F 002-\$ F F F F$ | ROM | Booter and Interpreter programs |

The tables in ROM are intended to facilitate real-time signal processing by high-speed assembly language programs. High-level programs may not find much direct use for this data, though they may leverage objects which take advantage of it.

## User Memory (\$0000-\$7FFF)

The first half of main memory is all RAM. This space is used for your program, variables, and stack(s).
When a program is loaded into the chip, either serially or from an external EEPROM, this entire memory space is written. Your program will begin at $\$ 0010$ and extend for some number of longs. The area after your program, extending to $\$ 7 \mathrm{FFF}$, is used as stack space. Data spanning from $\$ 0000$ to $\$ 000 \mathrm{~F}$ is used mainly to hold the initial interpreter pointers. However, there are two values stored here that might be of interest to your program: a long at $\$ 0000$ contains the initial master clock frequency, in Hertz, and a byte at $\$ 000 \mathrm{~F}$ contains the initial value written into the global CLK register. If you change the global CLK register, you will need to update these two variables so that objects which reference them will have current information. The master clock frequency can be read as 'FREQ' in the high-level language. It can also be read and written as 'LONG[0]'. The global CLK register copy can be read and written as 'BYTE[15]'.

## Character Definitions (\$8000-\$BFFF)

The first half of ROM is dedicated to a set of 256 character definitions. Each character definition is 16 pixels wide by 32 pixels tall. These character definitions can be used for video generation, graphical LCD's, printing, etc.

The character set is based on a North American / Western European layout, with many specialized characters added and inserted. There are connecting waveform and schematic building-block characters, Greek characters commonly used in electronics, and several arrows and bullets.

The character definitions are numbered 0 to 255 from left-to-right, then top-to-bottom, per the diagram below. They are arranged as follows: Each pair of adjacent even-odd characters is merged together to form 32 longs. The first character pair is located in $\$ 8000-$ $\$ 807 \mathrm{~F}$. The second pair occupies $\$ 8080-\$ 80 \mathrm{FF}$, and so on, until the last pair fills $\$ B F 80-\$ B F F$. The character pairs are merged such that each character's 16 horizontal pixels (per row) are spaced apart and interleaved with their neighbors' such that the even character takes bits $0,2,4, \ldots 30$, and the odd character takes bits $1,3,5, \ldots 31$. The leftmost pixels are in the lowest bits, while the rightmost pixels are in the highest bits. This forms a long for each row of pixels in the character pair. 32 such longs, building from top row down to bottom, make up the complete merged-pair definition. The definitions are encoded in this manner so that a COG video peripheral can handle the merged longs directly, using color selection to display either the even or the odd character.

Some character codes have inescapable meanings, such as 9 for Tab, 10 for Line Feed, and 13 for Carriage Return ( 0 can also be touchy). These character codes invoke actions and do not equate to static character definitions. For this reason, their character definitions have been used for special four-color characters. These four-color characters are used for drawing 3-D box edges at run-time and are implemented as 16 x 16 pixel cells, as opposed to the normal $16 \times 32$ pixel cells. They occupy even-odd character pairs $0-1,8-9,10-11$, and 12-13.


## Log and Anti-Log Tables (\$C000-DFFF)

The log and anti-log tables are useful for converting values between their number form and exponent form.
When numbers are encoded into exponent form, simple math operations take on more complex effects. For example 'add' and 'subtract' become 'multiply' and 'divide'. 'Shift-left' becomes 'square' and 'shift-right' becomes 'square-root'. 'Divide by 3' will produce 'cube root'. Once the exponent is converted back to a number, the result will be apparent. This process is imperfect, but quite fast.

For applications where many multiplies and divides must be performed in the absence of many additions and subtractions, exponential encoding can greatly speed things up. Exponential encoding is also useful for compressing numbers into fewer bits - sacrificing resolution at higher magnitude. In many applications, such as audio synthesis, the nature of signals is logarithmic in both frequency and magnitude. Processing such data in exponent form is quite natural and efficient, as it lends a 'linear' simplicity to what is actually logarithmic.

The code examples given below use each table's samples verbatim. Higher resolution could be achieved by linearly interpolating between table samples, since the slope change is very slightly from sample to sample. The cost, though, would be larger code and lower execution speed.

## Log Table (\$C000-\$CFFF)

The log table contains data used to convert unsigned numbers into base- 2 exponents.


#### Abstract

The log table is comprised of 2,048 unsigned words which make up the base- 2 fractional exponents of numbers. To use this table, you must first determine the integer portion of the exponent of the number you are converting. This is simply the leading bit position. For $\$ 60000000$ this would be $30(\$ 1 E)$. This integer portion will always fit within 5 bits. Isolate these 5 bits into the result so that they occupy bit positions 20..16. In our case of $\$ 60000000$, we would now have a partial result of $\$ 001 \mathrm{E} 0000$. Next, top-justify and isolate the first 11 bits below the leading bit into positions 11..1. This would be $\$ 0800$ for our example. Add $\$ C 000$ for the log table base and you now have the actual word address of the fractional exponent. By reading the word at $\$ \mathrm{C} 800$, we get the value $\$ 95 \mathrm{C} 0$. Adding this into the partial result yields $\$ 001 \mathrm{E} 95 \mathrm{C} 0$ - that's $\$ 60000000$ in exponent form. Note that bits $20 . .16$ make up the integer portion of the exponent, while bits $15 . .0$ make up the fractional portion, with bit 15 being the $1 / 2$, bit 14 being the $1 / 4$, and so on, down to bit 0 . The exponent can now be manipulated by adding, subtracting, and shifting. Always insure that your math operations will never drive the exponent below 0 or cause it to overflow bit 20 . Otherwise, it may not convert back to a number correctly.


Here is a routine that will convert an unsigned number into its base-2 exponent using the log table:
1
' Convert number to exponent
' on entry: num holds 32 -bit unsigned value
' on exit: exp holds 21-bit exponent with 5 integer bits and 16 fractional bits
numexp mov exp,\#0
test num, num4
'clear exponent
muxnz exp,exp4
'get integer portion of exponent
'while top-justifying number


## Anti-Log Table (\$D000-\$DFFF)

The anti-log table contains data used to convert base 2 exponents into unsigned numbers.
The anti-log table is comprised of 2,048 unsigned words which are each the lower 16 -bits of a 17 -bit mantissa (the $17^{\text {th }}$ bit is implied and must be set separately). To use this table, shift the top 11 bits of the exponent fraction (bits $15 . .5$ ) into bits $11 . .1$ and isolate. Add $\$ \mathrm{D} 000$ for the anti-log table base. Read the word at that location into the result - this is the mantissa. Next, shift the mantissa left to bits $30 . .15$ and set bit 31 - the missing $17^{\text {th }}$ bit of the mantissa. The last step is to shift the result right by 31 minus the exponent integer in bits 20..16. The exponent is now converted to an unsigned number.

Here is a routine that will convert a base-2 exponent into an unsigned number using the anti-log table:
'
' Convert exponent to number
' on entry: exp holds 21-bit exponent with 5 integer bits and 16 fraction bits
' on exit: num holds 32 -bit unsigned value

| expnum | mov | num, exp | 'get exponent into number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | shr | num, \#15-11 | 'justify exponent fraction as word offset |
|  | and | num, table_mask | 'isolate table offset bits |
|  | or | num, table_antilog | 'add anti-log table address |
|  | rdword | num, num | 'read mantissa word into number |
|  | shl | num, \#15 | 'shift mantissa into bits 30..15 |
|  | or | num, num0 | 'set top bit ( $17^{\text {th }}$ bit of mantissa) |
|  | shr | exp,\#20-4 | 'shift exponent integer into bits $4 . .0$ |
|  | xor | exp,\#\$1F | 'inverse bits to get shift count |
|  | shr | num, exp | 'shift number into final position |


| expnum_ret | ret |  | '47.. 62 clocks <br> '(variance is due to HUB sync on RDWORD) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| num0 | long | \$80000000 | ' $17^{\text {th }}$ bit of the mantissa |
| table_mask | long | \$0FFE | 'table offset mask |
| table_antilog | long | \$C000 | 'anti-log table base |
| exp | long | 0 | 'input |
| num | long | 0 | 'output |

## Sine Table (\$E000-\$F001)

The sine table provides 2,049 unsigned 16 -bit sine samples spanning from $0^{\circ}$ to $90^{\circ}$, inclusively ( $0.0439^{\circ}$ resolution).
A small amount of assembly code can mirror and flip the sine table samples to create a full-cycle sine/cosine lookup routine which has 13-bit angle resolution, 17-bit sample resolution, and perfectly-centered minimum, maximum, and zero points, so that full-cycle integration always yields zero (critical for correlators):

```
'
Get sine/cosine
'
' quadrant: 1 2 3 4
' angle: $0000..$07FF $0800..$0FFF $1000..$17FF $1800..$1FFF
', table index: $0000..$07FF $0800..$0001 $0000..$07FF $0800..$0001
' mirror: +offset -offset +offset -offset
' flip: +sample +sample -sample -sample
' on entry: sin[12..0] holds angle (00 to just under 360%)
' on exit: sin holds signed value ranging from $0000FFFF ('1') to $FFFF0001 ('-1')
getcos add sin, sin_90 'for cosine, add 90.
getsin test sin,sin_90 wc 'get quadrant 2|4 into c
    test sin_sin_180 wz 'get quadrant 3|4 into nz
    negc sin,sin 'if quadrant 2|4, negate offset
    or sin,sin_table 'or in sin table address >> 1
    shl sin,#1 'shift left to get final word address
    rdword sin,sin 'read word sample from $E000 to $F000
    negnz sin,sin 'if quadrant 3|4, negate sample
getsin_ret
getcos_ret ret '39..54 clocks
    '(variance is due to HUB sync on RDWORD)
\begin{tabular}{lll} 
sin_90 & long & \(\$ 0800\) \\
sin_180 & long & \(\$ 1000\) \\
sin_table & long & \(\$ E 000 \gg 1\) \\
sin & long & 0
\end{tabular}\(\quad\)\begin{tabular}{l} 
\\
\end{tabular}
```

As with the log and anti-log tables, linear interpolation could be applied to the sine table to achieve higher resolution.

## Booter and Interpreter (\$F002-\$FFFF)

The last part of ROM contains the booter and the interpreter. These are assembly language programs which are critical to the operation of the chip.

The booter program runs automatically on reset and is responsible for booting the chip. The booter begins its job by waiting briefly to see if a host is attempting to connect serially on P31 and P30. If a host is present, it can receive a high-level program into RAM. It may then program that data into an external EEPROM and/or launch the interpreter to execute it. If no serial host is present, the booter will attempt to load a high-level program into RAM from an external EEPROM on P29 and P28. If successful, the interpreter will be
launched to execute it. If no EEPROM is present, or the high-level program was corrupted, the booter will shut down the chip to conserve power.

The interpreter program's job is to execute high-level programs. It is initially launched by the booter, in the same COG that the booter was running in. As the interpreter executes a high-level program, it may be directed to re-launch itself into other COGs, so that other high-level programs can run concurrently.

## The Global CLK Register

The global CLK register controls the chip's master clock source. It is writable from the high-level 'CLKSET(value)' instruction or the assembly language 'CLKSET D' instruction. Whenever the CLK register is written, a global delay of $\sim 100$ us will occur as the clockswitchover circuit transitions from potentially one clock source to another.

Whenever this register is changed, a copy of the value written should be placed in BYTE[4]. Also, LONG[0] should be updated with the resulting master clock frequency. This is done so that objects which reference these data will have current information upon which to base their timing calculations.

The CLK register is composed as follows:

| Bit | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | RESET | PLLENA | OSCENA | OSCM1 | OSCM0 | CLKSEL2 | CLKSEL1 | CLKSEL0 |


| RESET | Effect |
| :---: | :--- |
| 0 | Always write '0' here unless you intend to reset the chip. |
| 1 | Same as a hardware reset - reboots the chip. |


| PLLENA | Effect |
| :---: | :--- |
| 0 | Disables the PLL circuit. |
| 1 | Enables the PLL circuit. The PLL internally multiplies the XIN pin frequency by 16. OSCENA must be '1' to <br> propagate the XIN signal to the PLL. The PLL's internal frequency must be kept within 64MHz to 128MHz - this <br> translates to an XIN frequency range of 4.00MHz to 8.00MHz. Allow 100 <br> to one of its outputs via the CLKSEL bits. Once the OSC and PLL circuits are enabled and stabilize before switching <br> freely among all clock sources by changing the CLKSEL bits. |


| OSCENA | Effect |
| :---: | :--- |
| 0 | Disables the OSC circuit. |
| 1 | Enables the OSC circuit so that a clock signal can be input to XIN, or so that XIN and XOUT can function together <br> as a feedback oscillator. The OSCM bits select the operating mode of the OSC circuit. Note that no external resistors <br> or capacitors are required for crystals and resonators. Allow a crystal or resonator 10ms to stabilize before switching <br> to an OSC or PLL output via the CLKSEL bits. When enabling the OSC circuit, the PLL may be enabled at the same <br> time so that they can share the stabilization period. |


| OSCM1 | OSCM0 | XOUT Resistance | XIN/XOUT Capacitance | Frequency Range |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | Infinite | 6 pF (pad only) | DC to 80 MHz Input |
| 0 | 1 | 2000 Ohms | 36 pF | 4 MHz to 16 MHz Crystal/Resonator |
| 1 | 0 | 1000 Ohms | 26 pF | 8 MHz to 32MHz Crystal/Resonator |
| 1 | 1 | 500 Ohms | 16 pF | 20 MHz to 60 MHz Crystal/Resonator |


| CLKSEL2 | CLKSEL1 | CLKSEL0 | Master Clock | Source | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | $\sim 12 \mathrm{MHz}$ | Internal | No external parts. May range from 8MHz to 20MHz. |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | $\sim 20 \mathrm{KHz}$ | Internal | Very low power. May range from 13KHz to 33KHz. |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | XIN | OSC | OSCENA must be '1'. |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | XIN x 1 | OSC+PLL | OSCENA and PLLENA must be '1'. |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | XIN x 2 | OSC+PLL | OSCENA and PLLENA must be '1'. |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | XIN x 4 | OSC+PLL | OSCENA and PLLENA must be '1'. |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | XIN x 8 | OSC+PLL | OSCENA and PLLENA must be '1'. |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | XIN x 16 | OSC+PLL | OSCENA and PLLENA must be '1'. |

