



# PROPELLER

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## SPIIN CODE EXAMPLES



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# INTRODUCTION

PLEASE POST EXAMPLES OF SPIN CODE ON THIS THREAD THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Can be used to learn Spin code
2. Have the necessary documentation
3. Have been tested

**THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THESE EXAMPLES IS SET WITH THE FOLLOWING IN MIND:**

- (1) The user has no Propeller with which to execute the code
- (2) The user has no documentation

```
*****
'
'           EXPLANATION OF TERMS IN EXAMPLES USING PROCEDURES
'*****
'  PROCEDURE
'    The term procedure is an umbrella term that can refer to a function procedure
'    (function), a sub-procedure, or an event procedure. (Microsoft's definition)
'
'    (1) FUNCTION PROCEDURE (or FUNCTION)
'        when a function is called it performs some procedure and always
'        returns a value when the procedure ends.
'    (2) SUB-PROCEDURE
'        when a sub-procedure is called, it too performs some procedure, but it
'        does not return a value when the procedure ends.
'
' PUB and PRI are both procedures.  Since they both return values, they are a
' special type of procedure, a procedure called a "function procedure" or just
' a function.
'
' In early examples in this series of examples, PUB and PRI were called
' procedures.  I did this to keep the reader from looking for a return value
' which is necessary with a function.  There was a return value but it
' could not be seen by the reader.  When you get the documentation, you
' can dive deeper into this subject.  In example 10 and 11, there was
' an explicit return value.
'*****
'*****
' In the future, PUB and PRI will be referred to as METHODS (POSSIBLY).
'*****
'*****
' NOTE: No attempt was made to cover all the variations of the above terms.
'       Only Microsoft's thinking was given.  Event procedures were not covered.
'*****
```



```
,      waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt) 'ONE-HALF SECOND WAIT
'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN: There are no ENDIFs, END REPEATs, END SUBs, NEXTs, etc.
```

## EXAMPLE 02 -- HOW TO DECLARE A LOCAL VARIABLE AND CALL MORE THAN ONE PROCEDURE

```
EXAMPLE02
'
'      HOW TO DECLARE A LOCAL VARIABLE AND CALL MORE THAN ONE PROCEDURE.
'*****
'IMPORTANT: Please run or examine closely previous examples before running this code. If you do
'           this, you are more likely to understand this example.
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
'
'   LOCAL VARIABLES: This example demonstrates how to declare a local variable. A local variable
'                   is only known within the procedure in which it is declared. Also, it is
'                   is only active while the code in that procedure is being run.
'   TWO PROCEDURES: This example demonstrates calling more than one procedure.
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Very easy
'
'PURPOSE:
'  -- The purpose of this example is to demonstrate how to declare a local variable
'     within a procedure, and to demonstrate how to call two procedures. One procedure, when
'     called, will cause the LED at port A16 to blink five times. This will be followed by a call
'     to a second procedure that will cause the LED at port A17 to blink five times.
'
'  -- Note that one sequence of five blinks is followed in time by another sequence of five blinks.
'     This sequential behavior occurs because only one processor is executing the code. In the next
'     example, EXAMPLE03, both sequences of blinks will occur at the SAME TIME because we will use
'     two processors. One processor will handle one sequence of five blinks and at the same
'     time a second processor will handle a second sequence of five blinks.
'
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
'  -- The comments in the code are typically used to explain new statements or new concepts not
'     explained in previous examples. In order to eliminate comment clutter, the code comments
'     in previous examples have usually been eliminated.
'  -- IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE PROGRAMMER HAS OR IS READING THE PROPELLER'S EXTERNAL DOCUMENTATION
'     AND HAS SOME PREVIOUS PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE WITH MICROCONTROLLERS. IT IS FURTHER
'     ASSUMED THAT TWO LEDs ARE CONNECTED TO PORTS A16 AND A17.
'  -- Every effort has been made to insure that the code in all examples runs correctly.
'
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 4, 2006
'File: Example02_LocalVarAndCallingTwoProcedures.spin
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LED at port A16 will blink five times. This sequence of blinks will be
'                followed by the LED at port A17 blinking five times.
'
'                NOTE: The output from this example will be compared to the output in the next
'                example where two processors will be running.
'*****
CON
  _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
  _xinfreq = 5_000_000
,
  High = 1
  Low  = 0
  Out  = %1
,
VAR
  'No global variables needed
,
PUB Start
  BlinkingLED_A16      'This call is executed first.
  BlinkingLED_A17      'This call is executed next but only after
                       '  BlinkingLED_A16 has finished executing.
,
PRI BlinkingLED_A16 | Pin      '| Pin is declared as a local variable
                               '| Pin is only known within
BlinkingLED_A16
  Pin := 16                  ' Reference to Pin stops when this procedure ends.
  DirA[Pin] := Out
,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High        'LED ON
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt) 'ONE-HALF SECOND WAIT
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    OutA[Pin] := Low           'LED OFF
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt) 'ONE-HALF SECOND WAIT
  ,
  ,
PRI BlinkingLED_A17 | Pin    '| Pin is declared as a local variable
                             '| Pin is only known within
BlinkingLED_A17.           ' Reference to Pin stops when this procedure ends.
  Pin := 17
  DirA[Pin] := Out
  ,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High       'LED ON
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt) 'ONE-HALF SECOND WAIT
    OutA[Pin] := Low        'LED OFF
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt) 'ONE-HALF SECOND WAIT
  ,
'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN.

```



## EXAMPLE 03 -- USING TWO COGS (TWO PROCESSORS)

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,
,                                     EXAMPLE03
,
,                                     USING TWO COGS (TWO PROCESSORS)
,*****
'IMPORTANT: This example requires an understanding of examples 01 and 02.
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
,
,   COG: This is the term used by the designers (Parallax, Inc.) of the Propeller. It refers
,   to a processor in the Propeller chip. This chip has eight Cogs, or processors.
,*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy
,
'PURPOSE:
,  -- The purpose of this example is to demonstrate the use of two Cogs (two processors)
,     running separate procedures in PARALLEL.
,
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
,  -- The two procedures in this example have the same function as in Example 02; that is, the
,     procedures turn on and off an LED every second. However, in this example the procedures
,     run in PARALLEL because each is run by a different processor; consequently, the
,     two LEDs will blink in sync. In Example 02, the two procedures were run sequentially
,     using one processor.
,
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 4, 2006
'File: Example03_UsingTwoCogs.spin
,*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LEDs at A16 and A17 should blink on and off every second. Both should
,                 blink on and off at the same time.
,*****
CON
  _clkmode      = xta11 + p1116x
  _xinfreq      = 5_000_000
,
  High = 1
  Low  = 0
,
VAR
  long stack0[20]      'Sets up a stack space for a Cog(processor)
  long stack1[20]      'Sets up a stack space for a second Cog(processor)
                        'long stack0[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the stack.
                        'long stack1[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the stack.
PUB Start
  cognew(BlinkingLED_A16, @stack0)  'Starts a Cog, calls BlinkingLED_A16, the Cog uses @stack0
  cognew(BlinkingLED_A17, @stack1)  'Starts a Cog, calls BlinkingLED_A17, the Cog uses @stack1
,
PRI BlinkingLED_A16 | Pin
  Pin := 16
  DirA[Pin] := %1
,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
    OutA[Pin] := Low
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
,
PRI BlinkingLED_A17 | Pin
  Pin := 17
  DirA[Pin] := %1
,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
    OutA[Pin] := Low
    waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
,
'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN CODE

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## EXAMPLE 04 -- DISPLAYS TEXT ON A VIDEO MONITOR

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EXAMPLE04
DISPLAYS TEXT ON A VIDEO MONITOR
*****
IMPORTANT: This example requires an understanding of examples 01, 02, and 03.
*****
WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
    TV_Terminal: This is an object that generates the signals necessary to drive a video monitor.
    VideoDisplay: An instance of the object TV_Terminal.
    Repeat Count From 1 To 5: This is a loop that will increment the variable, Count, from 1 to 5.
                          The code under it is repeated five times.
*****
DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy
PURPOSE:
    -- Demonstrates how to send text to a video monitor, and how to set the foreground and
       background colors of a video monitor to white-on-blue.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
    -- The video signal output is a composite signal.
    -- TV_Terminal is an object call TV_Terminal.spin found in the "Propeller Tool" subdirectory.
    -- Any name could have been used instead of "VideoDisplay"
    -- This examples requires an elementary knowledge of OOP.
    -- This example assumes you have the development kit or a schematic of it.
       You will need one of these to generate a composite video out.
Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 3, 2006
File: Example04_VideoOutput.spin
*****
CORRECT OUTPUT: A text string and an incrementing decimal number will be displayed five times.
*****
CON
    _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
    _xinfreq = 5_000_000
    NewLine = 13
    ClearScreen = 0
OBJ
    VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"           'creates the object VideoDisplay
PUB Start
    DisplayTextOnMonitor
PRI DisplayTextOnMonitor | Count
    VideoDisplay.start                   'Initializes the VideoDisplay object
    SetScreenWhiteOnDarkBlue            'Calls a procedure that sets the foreground
                                        ' color to white and the background color
                                        ' to dark blue.
    Repeat Count From 1 To 5             'For every loop, Count increments by one.
        waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
        VideoDisplay.str(string("THE COUNT IS: ")) 'Sends a text string to the video monitor.
        VideoDisplay.dec(Count)          'Sends a numeric value to a video monitor.
        VideoDisplay.out(NewLine)        'Sends a NewLine to a video monitor.
        waitCnt(40_000_000 + Cnt)
        VideoDisplay.out(ClearScreen)    'Clear screen.
PRI SetScreenWhiteOnDarkBlue
    VideoDisplay.out(3)                  'Sets the foreground color to white and the
    VideoDisplay.out(5)                  ' background color to dark blue on the monitor.
INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN: Spin does not use Ends in its blocks of code. For
example, there is no End Repeat after the Repeat loop and
you must indent after CON, OBJ, PUB, PRI, and DAT.
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## EXAMPLE 05 -- USING TWO COGS (PROCESSORS) WITH ARGUMENTS AND PARAMETERS

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EXAMPLE 05
*****
                USING TWO COGS(PROCESSORS) WITH ARGUMENTS AND PARAMETERS
*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 01, 02, 03, AND 04
*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:

    ARGUMENTS/PARAMETERS: Arguments pass values to their corresponding Parameters.
                          Note: Some programmers use the word "parameter" to refer
                              to both the argument and its corresponding parameter.
                              This programmer does not. Having seperate names makes
                              it easier to refer to them in the documentation.
*****

'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy

'PURPOSE:
-- The purpose of this example is to demonstrate the use of Arguments and Parameters when
   two Cogs(processors) are running in parallel.

'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
-- Two procedures run in parallel as they did in EXAMPLE 03. This time, however,
   the waitCnt time is set by passing two different values to the two procedures by using
   arguments and parameters.

   The Argument (waitPeriod_Arg) passes 8_000_000 to its corresponding parameter
   (waitPeriod_Par) in one procedure, and 80_000_000 in the other procedure.
   The result of this is that one LED will blink on and off every 0.2 seconds and
   the other every 2.0 seconds.

'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 5, 2006
'File: Example05_TwoCogsArgParGlobalVar.spin
*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LED at A16 will blink on and off every 0.2 seconds and the LED at A17 will
                  blink on and off every 2.0 seconds. The blinking will occur in parallel, but
                  the LED at A16 will finish ten times faster. Both LEDs will blink five times.
*****
CON
  _clkmode   = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq   = 5_000_000

  High = 1
  Low  = 0

VAR
  Long Stack0[20]           'Sets up a stack space for a Cog(processor)
  Long Stack1[20]           'Sets up a stack space for a second Cog(processor)
                              'long Stack0[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the stack.
                              'long Stack1[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the stack.

  Long waitPeriod_Arg       'Arg in waitPeriod_Arg stands for Argument.
                              'Sets the rate at which the LED blinks.

PUB Start
  waitPeriod_Arg := 8_000_000           '0.1 second wait period

  'Starts a New Cog(Calls BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod_Arg),This Cog uses @stack0)
  CogNew(BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod_Arg), @Stack0)

  waitPeriod_Arg := 80_000_000         '1.0 second wait period

  'Starts a New Cog(Calls BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod_Arg), This Cog uses @stack1)
  CogNew(BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod_Arg), @Stack1)

  'LED Blinks Fast
PRI BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod_Par) | Pin 'Par in waitPeriod_Par stands for Parameter.
  Pin := 16
  DirA[Pin] := %1

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Repeat 5
  OutA[Pin] := High
  WaitCnt(waitPeriod_Par + Cnt)           '0.1 second wait period
  OutA[Pin] := Low
  WaitCnt(waitPeriod_Par + Cnt)           '0.1 second wait period
,
,
'LED Blinks Slowly
PRI BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod_Par) | Pin  'Par in waitPeriod_Par stands for Parameter.
  Pin := 17
  DirA[Pin] := %1
,
Repeat 5
  OutA[Pin] := High
  WaitCnt(waitPeriod_Par + Cnt)           '1.0 second wait period
  OutA[Pin] := Low
  WaitCnt(waitPeriod_Par + Cnt)           '1.0 second wait period

'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN CODE.
'FOR THE ADVANCED LEARNER:
' -- Arguments and Parameters are used to help eliminate tightly coupled code. In other words,
' procedures of code can pass values to each other without using global variables.
' The use of global variables to pass values between procedures is call Common Coupling,
' and this we try to avoid. (Use Google Search words: Common Coupling Structured Design)
' Because the Argument (waitPeriod_Arg) was declared as a global variable, two
' different names were required for an argument and its corresponding parameter. More
' on this in EXAMPLE 06.)
' -- In order to keep this example simple, a global variable is used; but in EXAMPLE 06
' we will show you how to eliminate this global variable by using local variables
' instead.
' -- In Spin, Arguments pass values to their corresponding Parameters "by value".

```

## EXAMPLE 06 -- SAME AS EXAMPLE 05, BUT WITH A LOCAL VARIABLE AS THE ARGUMENT

```

                                     EXAMPLE 06
                                     SAME AS EXAMPLE 05, BUT WITH A LOCAL VARIABLE AS THE ARGUMENT
*****
'IMPORTANT: This example WILL require an understanding of examples 01, 02, 03, 04, and 05
*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
  LOCAL VARIABLE AS AN ARGUMENT: In EXAMPLE 05, the argument was a global variable. In this
  example the argument is a local variable.

  If a global variable is used as an argument, the exact same
  name cannot be used as the name for the argument's
  corresponding parameter. This is why two different
  names were used in EXAMPLE 05. (See EXAMPLE 05)

  In this example, we do not need to make the names different
  because the argument is declared as a local variable.
  Thus, waitPeriod is used for the argument and the parameter.
  Having the same name makes tracing through the code with
  nested procedural calls, much easier to follow.

NOTE: IN ANY COMPUTER LANGUAGE IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO USE A LOCAL VARIABLE WHEN POSSIBLE TO
CONTROL COUPLING BETWEEN PROCEDURES. THE PROGRAMMER SHOULD KEEP THE PROCEDURES IN
ANY PROGRAM LOOSELY COUPLED, NOT TIGHTLY COUPLED. GLOBAL VARIABLES CAUSE TIGHTLY
COUPLED PROCEDURES AND LEAD TO ERRORS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO TRACE.
*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
'PURPOSE:
  -- The purpose of this example is to show ONE of the benefits for using a local
  variable as an argument.
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
  -- EXAMPLE 05 where a global variable was used for the argument
      ARGUMENT NAME          PARAMETER NAME
      waitPeriod_Arg        waitPeriod_Par
  -- EXAMPLE 06 where a local variable was used for the argument
      ARGUMENT NAME          PARAMETER NAME
      waitPeriod             waitPeriod
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 5, 2006
'File: Example05_TwoCogsArgParLocalVar.spin
*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LED at A16 will blink on and off every 0.2 seconds and the LED at A17 will
  blink on and off every 2.0 seconds. The blinking will occur in parallel, but
  the LED at A16 will finish ten times faster. Both LEDs will blink five times.
*****
CON
  _clkmode    = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq    = 5_000_000
,
  High = 1
  Low  = 0
,
VAR
  Long Stack0[20]      'Sets up a stack space for a Cog(processor)
  Long Stack1[20]      'Sets up a stack space for a second Cog(processor)
                        'long Stack0[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the stack.
                        'long Stack1[20]: Allocates 20 longs for the
stack.
PUB Start | waitPeriod      'waitPeriod sets the rate at which the LED blinks.
,
  waitPeriod := 8_000_000    '0.1 second wait period
,
'Starts a New Cog(Calls BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod argument), This Cog uses @stack0)
CogNew(BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod), @stack0)
,
  waitPeriod := 80_000_000   '1.0 second wait period
```

```

'starts a New Cog(Calls BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod argument), This Cog uses @stack1)
CogNew(BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod), @Stack1)
,
,
'LED Blinks Fast
PRI BlinkingLED_A16 (waitPeriod) | Pin    'Par in waitPeriod_Par stands for Parameter.
  Pin := 16
  DirA[Pin] := %1
,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High
    waitCnt(waitPeriod + Cnt)           '0.1 second wait period
    OutA[Pin] := Low
    waitCnt(waitPeriod + Cnt)           '0.1 second wait period
,
,
'LED Blinks Slowly
PRI BlinkingLED_A17 (waitPeriod)| Pin    'Par in waitPeriod_Par stands for Parameter.
  Pin := 17
  DirA[Pin] := %1
,
  Repeat 5
    OutA[Pin] := High
    waitCnt(waitPeriod + Cnt)           '1.0 second wait period
    OutA[Pin] := Low
    waitCnt(waitPeriod + Cnt)           '1.0 second wait period
'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN CODE.
'FOR THE ADVANCED LEARNER:
'  -- Arguments and Parameters are used to help eliminate tightly coupled code.
'  The use of global variables to pass values between procedures is call Common
'  Coupling, and this we try to avoid.
'  -- Global variables have a strong potential to cause serious errors which are very
'  difficult to locate.
'  -- A FULL EXPLANATION OF GLOBAL VARIABLE EFFECTS WOULD REQUIRE A TWO-HOUR LECTURE...OR LONGER.
'  I suggest a Google search using these words: Common Coupling Structured Design
'  -- Arguments pass values to their corresponding parameters "by value" in Spin.

```

## EXAMPLE 07 -- CHECKS FOR A HIGH ON PIN A1; HAS VIDEO OUTPUT

```
EXAMPLE07
*****
CHECKS FOR A HIGH ON PIN A1; HAS VIDEO OUTPUT
*****
IMPORTANT: This example requires an understanding of examples 01 and 03.
*****
WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:

  If-Else statement: This statement operates the same as If-Else statements in most
                    other languages. Be careful because Spin is indention sensitive.
                    Note the indention in the code.

  DirA[1] := In      Sets the direction of Pin A1 to Input. BE CAREFUL TO NOT EXCEED
                    3.3 VOLTS. (A maximum input voltage has not been established at
                    this time.)

  VideoDisplay.Out(3): This combination of statements will produce white on red.
  VideoDisplay.Out(7)

  Repeat statement: "Repeat" in this example is an infinite loop. This causes the program
                    to constantly check for a High on Pin A1. You must indent
                    properly for this to work as desired.
*****
DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Very Easy

MAIN PURPOSE:
  -- Demonstrates how to check for a High on an Input Pin.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
  -- The video signal output is a composite signal.
  -- TV_Terminal is an object call TV_Terminal.spin found in the "Propeller Tool"
  subdirectory.
  -- Any name could have been used instead of "VideoDisplay"
  -- This example assumes you have the development kit or a schematic of it.
  You will need one of these to generate a composite video out.
  -- USE A 10K PULL-DOWN RESISTER TO KEEP PIN A1 FROM FLOATING: Place a 10K resistor
  between Pin A1 and Vss.
  -- This example only uses one Cog.

Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 8, 2006
File: Example07_ReadingAnInputPort.spin
*****
CORRECT OUTPUT: If Pin A1 is High the following happens:
  (1) The message "INPUT AT PIN A1" is repeatedly displayed on the
      monitor.
  (2) The monitor's foreground and background become white-on-blue.
  (3) The LED at A16 is turned on.

  If Pin A1 is Low the following happens:
  (1) The message "NO INPUT" is repeatedly displayed on the monitor.
  (2) The monitor's foreground and background become white-on-red.
  (3) The LED at A16 is turned off.

NOTE: USE A 10k PULL-DOWN RESISTER TO KEEP PIN A1 FROM FLOATING: Place a 10K resistor
      betweenin Pin A1 and Vss.
*****
CON
  _clkmode = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq = 5_000_000
  NewLine = 13
  High = 1
  Low = 0
  Out = %1
  In = %0
,
VAR
' No gobal variables in this program
,
OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"          'Creates the object VideoDisplay
,
PUB Start                             'Any name will do here: Start, Begin, Main, etc.
```

```

VideoDisplay.Start          'Initializes the VideoDisplay
object
, CheckForInput
,
PRI CheckForInput
,
  DirA[1] := In              'Sets Pin A1 to Input
  DirA[16] := Out           'Sets Pin A16 to Output
,
  Repeat                    'An infinite loop. Indention is important
  ,
    If InA[1] == High      'Be sure to indent under the If
      SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
      VideoDisplay.str(String("INPUT AT PIN A1"))
      OutA[16] := High
    Else                    'Be sure to indent under the Else
      SetScreenToWhiteOnRed
      VideoDisplay.str(String("NO INPUT"))
      OutA[16] := Low
  ,
  , VideoDisplay.out(NewLine)
,
PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue 'This combination of Out's sets the monitor
  VideoDisplay.Out(3)         ' to display white-on-blue
  VideoDisplay.Out(5)
,
PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnRed     'This combination of Out's sets the monitor
  VideoDisplay.Out(3)         ' to display white-on-red.
  VideoDisplay.Out(7)
,
,
'INDENTION IS IMPORTANT IN SPIN.
,

```



## EXAMPLE 08 -- DISPLAYS KEYBOARD CHARACTERS ON A VIDEO MONITOR

```
EXAMPLE 08
DISPLAYS KEYBOARD CHARACTERS ON A VIDEO MONITOR
*****
IMPORTANT: This example requires an understanding of example 04.
*****
WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
  Keyboard_iso: This is a Spin object that must be used in order to use
                GetKey and Present
  GetKey: GetKey will return the code for any key pressed on the keyboard.
          Using GetKey, you can display characters on a video monitor.
  Present: Returns a TRUE if a keyboard is connected.
*****
DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Very Easy

MAIN PURPOSE:
  -- Demonstrates how to interface the keyboard to the Propeller and how to
  display a key press on a video monitor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
  -- A PS/2 keyboard must be properly connected to the Propeller.
  -- This example assumes you have the development kit or a schematic of it.
  -- This example only uses one Cog (processor).

Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 12, 2006
File: Example08_KeyboardInput.spin
*****
CORRECT OUTPUT: keyboard characters will be displayed on a video monitor.
*****
CON
  _clkmode = xtall + pll16x
  _xinfreq = 5_000_000
  NewLine = 13
  PS2ToPropellerPins_Setup = 6 'See number (1) at the bottom.
  KeyLocks_Setup = %0_000_010 'CapsLock ON: See number (2) at the bottom.
  KeyLocks_Setup = %0_000_000 'CapsLock OFF: See number (2) at the bottom.
  AutoRepeat_Setup = %01_01000 'See number (3) at the bottom.

OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"
  KB : "Keyboard_iso"          'Creates an instance of keyboard_iso called KB

PUB Start
  VideoDisplay.start
  SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  KB.Startx(PS/2 pins setup, CapsLock ON, .5second delay and 15cps key repeat rate)
  KB.Startx(PS2ToPropellerPins_Setup, KeyLocks_Setup, AutoRepeat_Setup)
  waitCnt(50_000_000 + Cnt)    'Gives KB.Present time to find the keyboard.

  If KB.Present                'Present is true if a keyboard is connected
    VideoDisplay.str(string("KEYBOARD CONNECTED"))
    VideoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
    Repeat
      VideoDisplay.out(KB.GetKey) 'waits for keypress. Displays character on
                                  ' the video monitor.
  Else
    VideoDisplay.str(string("ERROR: KEYBOARD NOT CONNECTED"))

PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  VideoDisplay.out(3)
  VideoDisplay.out(5)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
*****
(1) 6 is a setup code that will properly match the pins on a PS/2 male
conector with a PS/2 female connector that is connected to the
the Propeller. See Keyboard_iso.spin for more pin setup codes.
(2) %0_000_010 is a setup code that will set CapsLock ON (bit 1). See
Keyboard_iso for more KeyLock setup settings, such as NumLock and
ScrollLock.
(3) %01_01000 is a setup code that will produce a .5sec (bit 5) delay before
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' auto repeat starts and a 15cps repeat rate (bit 3). See keyboard_iso
' for more setup settings.
'*****
```

## EXAMPLE 09 -- DEBUGGING USING A VIDEO MONITOR

```
EXAMPLE 09
'
'          DEBUGGING USING THE VIDEO MONITOR
'*****
'IMPORTANT: This example requires an understanding of example 04.
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
'
'   VideoDisplay.Dec(Value):  Dec(Value) will output any Byte, word, or Long
'                             as a decimal value.
'
'   VideoDisplay.Hex(Value,#OfDigits):  Hex(Value,#OfDigits) will output any
'                                       Byte, word, or Long in a Hex format
'                                       using a specified number of digits.
'
'   VideoDisplay.Bin(Value,#OfDigits):  Bin(Value,#OfDigits) will output any
'                                       Byte, word, or Long in a Binary format
'                                       using a specified number of digits.
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Very easy
'
'PURPOSE:
'  -- Demonstrates how to display on a video monitor the value of any variable
'     during program execution.  It further demonstrates how to monitor the
'     state (HIGH or LOW) of any input port.
'
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 13, 2006
'File: Example09_DebuggingUsingTheVideoMonitor.spin
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The values of three variables are displayed on the video
'                 monitor in Decimal, Hex, and Binary format.
'                 After 10 seconds, Pin A1 is monitored and its state is
'                 displayed on the video monitor.
'*****
CON
  _clkmode = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq = 5_000_000
  NewLine = 13
  Out = %1
  In = %0
,
VAR
  word value
,
OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"
,
PUB Start
  VideoDisplay.start           'Initialize VideoDisplay Object
  SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  DirA[1] := In               'Set port A1 to Input
,
'DISPLAYS VALUE AS DECIMAL
  Value := 500
  VideoDisplay.Dec(Value)     'Displays a decimal value
  'Output on the video monitor:
  '500
  VideoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
,
'DISPLAYS VALUE AS HEX
  Value := $FF
  VideoDisplay.Hex(Value,2)   'Displays a hex value using 2 digits
  'Output on the video monitor:
  'FF
  VideoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
,
'DISPLAYS VALUE AS BINARY
  Value := %0001_0001
  VideoDisplay.Bin(Value,8)   'Displays a binary value using 8 digits
  'Output on the video monitor:
  '00010001
  VideoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
```

```

waitCnt(1_000_000_000 + Cnt)      'Keeps output on the screen for 10 seconds.
MONITORS Pin A1
Repeat                             'Continuously monitors the state of pin A1
  videoDisplay.Bin(InA[1],1)
  videoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
  'Output on the video monitor:
  '0 or 1 depending on input state at pin A1
  '0 or 1 depending on input state at pin A1
  '0 or 1 depending on input state at pin A1
  '0 or 1 depending on input state at pin A1
  '0 or 1 depending on input state at pin A1
  '...
PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  videoDisplay.out(3)
  videoDisplay.out(5)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
-- The video signal output is a composite signal.
-- TV_Terminal is an object call TV_Terminal.spin found in the
"Propeller Tool" subdirectory.
-- Any name could have been used instead of "videoDisplay"
-- This examples requires an elementary knowledge of OOP.
-- This example assumes you have the development kit or a schematic of it.
You will need one of these to generate a composite video out.

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## EXAMPLE 10 -- HOW TO CODE A FUNCTION THAT FINDS THE LARGEST OF TWO VALUES

```

                                     EXAMPLE 10
                                     HOW TO CODE A FUNCTION THAT FINDS THE LARGEST OF TWO VALUES
*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 04, 05, and 06.
*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
'
'   FUNCTION: A function is a type of procedure that returns a value. A function
'             is often called a function procedure.
'
*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Intermediate
'
'PURPOSE: This code demonstrates how to code a function. This function will return
'         the largest of two values.
'
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 15, 2006
'File: Example10_FunctionFindLargestVer1.spin
*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The largest value (10) will be displayed on the video monitor.
*****
CON
  _clkmode      = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq      = 5_000_000
,
VAR
'No global variables used.
,
OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"
,
PUB Start | X, Y, LargestValue      'X, Y, and LargestValue are Local variables.
  VideoDisplay.Start
  SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
,
  X := 5
  Y := 10
,
  LargestValue := FindTheLargest(X,Y) 'Calls the function and assigns the
                                     result to "LargestValue."
  VideoDisplay.Dec(LargestValue)
,
PRI FindTheLargest (X,Y) | Largest  'Declares the function.
  If X > Y
    Largest := X
  Else
    Largest := Y
,
  Result := Largest                  '"Result" is a Spin reserved word and is the
                                     location use to return the result of the
                                     function.
,
PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  VideoDisplay.Out(3)
  VideoDisplay.Out(5)
,
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW THIS FUNCTION WORKS:
'  PRI FindTheLargest (X,Y)
'    -- This is the declaration of the function called "FindTheLargest".
'    -- The X and Y are parameters.
'    -- The Spin reserved word "Result" is a location used to return
'       the result of the function.
'
'  LargestValue := FindTheLargest(X,Y)
'    -- This statement calls the function and passes the arguments, X(5)and Y(10),
'       to their corresponding parameters in the function.
'    -- The code in the function is executed and the result is stored in
'       the location called "Result"
'    -- In the final step, the value stored in the location called "Result"
```

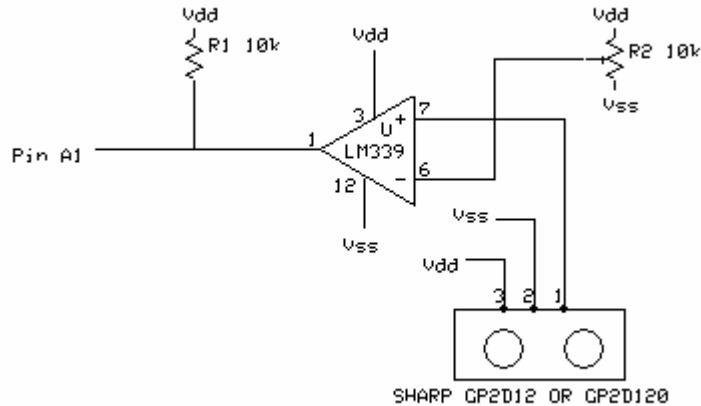
' is assigned to "LargestValue" although this final step is not obvious.  
' A way to conceptualize the assignment is: LargestValue := Result.

## EXAMPLE 11 -- A SECOND WAY TO CODE A FUNCTION: FIND THE LARGEST OF TWO VALUES (Ver. 2)

```

                                     EXAMPLE 11
'
'   A SECOND WAY TO CODE A FUNCTION: FIND THE LARGEST OF TWO VALUES (Ver. 2)
'*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 04,05,06 and 10
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
'
'   FUNCTION W/O USING THE "RESULT" KEYWORD": In this example, we will return
'                                           a result without using the
'                                           keyword "Result". We will make up
'                                           a word we want to use.
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Intermediate
'
'PURPOSE: This code demonstrates how to code a function. This function will return
'         the largest of two values. The function will not use the keyword "Result."
'
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, March 16, 2006
'File: Example11_FunctionFindLargestVer2.spin
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The largest value (10) will be displayed on the video monitor.
'*****
CON
  _clkmode      = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq      = 5_000_000
,
VAR
'No global variables used.
,
OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"
,
PUB Start | X, Y, LargestValue      'X, Y, and LargestValue are Local variables.
  VideoDisplay.Start
  SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
,
  X := 5
  Y := 10
,
  LargestValue := FindTheLargest(X,Y) 'Calls the function and assigns the
                                     result to "LargestValue."
  VideoDisplay.Dec(LargestValue)
,
PRI FindTheLargest (X,Y) : Largest   'Largest returns the result. Note the ":".
  If X > Y
    Largest := X
  Else
    Largest := Y
,
PRI SetScreenToWhiteOnDarkBlue
  VideoDisplay.Out(3)
  VideoDisplay.Out(5)
,
'
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW THIS FUNCTION WORKS:
'  Rather than use the reserved word "Result" we can choose the word we
'  want. In the function declaration below "Largest" was used to return
'  the function's value.
'  PRI FindTheLargest (X,Y) : Largest
'
'  IMPORTANT: You must use the colon ":" before Largest.
'             We could have used any valid identifier.
'             Largest holds a pointer to the function's return value.
'
'IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE, I HAVE ELIMINATED SOME OF THE DETAILS. REFER
'TO THE DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU GET IT.
```

## EXAMPLE 12 -- PROXIMITY DETECTION USING THE SHARP GP2D12



### EXAMPLE 12

#### PROXIMITY DETECTION USING THE SHARP GP2D12

\*\*\*\*\*  
 'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of Example 01  
 \*\*\*\*\*

'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:

CONCEPT NAME: Proximity Detection

- This program uses the Sharp GP2D12 which will detect objects at a range of 10 to 80 cm. The device uses IR for object detection.
- This device is often used in robotics to sense the presence of objects.
- This device is inexpensive, but it is non-linear. See resource below.
- Resource: [www.acroname.com/robotics/info/articles/sharp/sharp.html#s1](http://www.acroname.com/robotics/info/articles/sharp/sharp.html#s1)
- Refer to the schematic above for the physical interface of the Sharp GP2D12 to the Propeller.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Very Easy  
 \*\*\*\*\*

'PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to show how to connect a proximity detector to Propeller and how to write the code for the interface.

'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, April 17, 2006

'File: Example12\_IR.spin  
 \*\*\*\*\*

'CORRECT OUTPUT: When an object is detected, the LED at A16 will turn on, and it will stay on until the object is no longer detected.  
 \*\*\*\*\*

CON

```
_clkmode = xtal1 + p1116x
_xinfreq = 5_000_000
```

```
High = 1
Low = 0
Out = %1
In = %0
```

VAR

```
Byte Pin
```

PUB Start

```
ProximitySensor
```

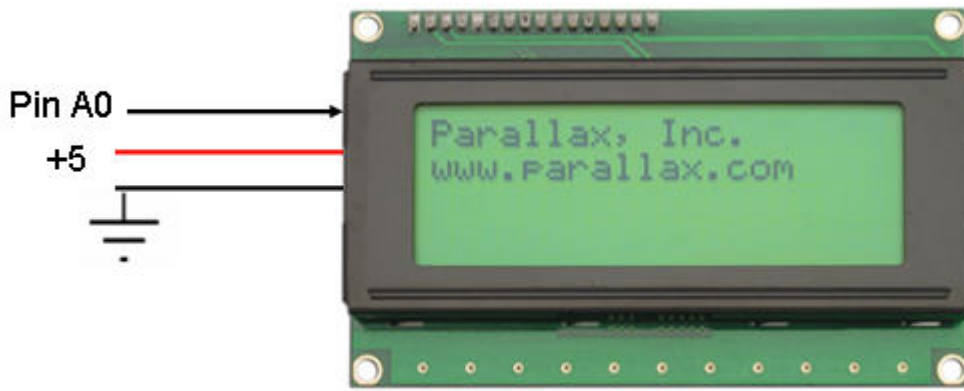
PRI ProximitySensor



```

Pin := 16                                'LED's location is A16.
DirA[Pin] := Out
Pin := 1                                  'The input from LM339 (voltage comparitor).
DirA[Pin] := In
,
Repeat                                     'Infinite loop
  If InA[1] == High
    OutA[16] := High
  else
    OutA[16] := Low
*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
' -- Set the variable resistor about midway and it will detect an object at
' a distance of about 14 cm. Experiment with other settings to get the
' detection distance you want.
' -- The Sharp GP2D120 will allow for detection closer to the sensor. The
' range is 4 to 30 cm. This program and hookup will work fine for this sensor, also.

```



(Serial LCD used in this example)

## EXAMPLE 13 -- USING AN LCD TO DISPLAY COG NUMBER, CLOCK FREQUENCY, AND CTN VALUES

```

'
'                                     EXAMPLE 13
'
'          USING AN LCD TO DISPLAY COG NUMBER, CLOCK FREQUENCY, AND CTN VALUE
'*****
'IMPORTANT: This example will require an understanding of example 01
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
'  GOGID: Returns the current COG's ID (0-7)
'  CLKFREQ: Returns the current system's clock frequency
'  CNT: Returns the current 32-bit System Counter Register value. CNT is the
'        system counter that is incremented once every clock cycle. In this
'        example, it is incremented 80 million times each second, and updated
'        on the LCD display every second.
'  LCD: This example was tested on Parallax's serial 4x20
'        (4 lines by 20 characters) display with a backlight. (Stock#: 27979)
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: VERY EASY
'*****
'PURPOSE:
'  -- The purpose of this example is to display "some" of the system values on a
'     4x20 LCD module. These values are: GOGID, CLKFREQ, and CNT.
'
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, April 22, 2006
'File: Example13_DisplaySystemValues
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LCD will display a title, the current cog's ID, the clock
'                  frequency, and the CNT(System Counter Register value).
'                  Note: The CNT value changes 80 million times each second. Its
'                  current value will be updated on the LCD panel after a
'                  one-second delay. See the LCD format below:
'
'                  4x20 LCD Module
'
'                  |XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX|
'                  |  SYSTEM VALUES  |
'                  |GOG ID:X          |
'                  |CLK FREQ:XXXXXXX  |
'                  |COUNTER:XXXXXXXXXX|
'                  |XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX|
'
'*****
CON
  _clkmode    = xtall + p1116x
  _xinfreq    = 5_000_000
,
LCD_Pin      = 0                 'The LCD is connected to pin A0.
LCD_Baud     = 19_200           'Baud
LCD_Lines    = 4                 'The number of lines on this LCD

```

```

Off = 0
On = 1
,
OBJ
LCD: "debug_lcd" 'Creates the object LCD from "debug_lcd"
,
VAR
'No Global variables
,
PUB Start
DisplaySystemValues
,
PRI DisplaySystemValues
,
If LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines) 'Initialize the LCD object
LCD.Cursor(Off) 'Set cursor off
LCD.Backlight(On) 'Set backlight on
LCD.Cls 'Clear the LCD screen
,
LCD.Str(string(" SYSTEM VALUES")) 'Print string on LCD
LCD.NewLine 'Start on the next line
LCD.Str(string("COG ID:")) 'Print string on LCD
LCD.Gotoxy(7, 1) 'Send cursor to col 7 line 1
LCD.DecF(COGID, 1) 'Print GOGID as a signed decimal
LCD.NewLine
LCD.Str(string("CLK FREQ:"))
LCD.Gotoxy(9, 2)
LCD.DecF(CLKFREQ, 8) 'Print CLKFREQ as a signed decimal
LCD.NewLine
LCD.Str(String("COUNTER:"))
,
Repeat 'Infinite loop
LCD.Gotoxy(8, 3)
LCD.DecF(CNT, 11) 'Print current value of CNT
waitCNT(80_000_000 + CNT) 'Wait one second
*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
'See Jon William's example (Debug_Lcd Test (4x20 LCD))on this thread for more serial
'LCD options.
'Price of this LCD: $39.95
'On an LCD panel, the top line is line 0 and beginning column is column 0.
,
'FORMAT FOR DecF
'DecF(value, width)
' Prints signed decimal value in fixed-width field
'MEMORY USAGE:
' Program: 308 Longs
' Variables: 19 Longs
' Stack/Free: 7,861 Longs

```



```

VAR
  Long Frequency
OBJ
  LCD: "debug_lcd" 'Creates the object LCD from "debug_lcd"
PUB Start
  Repeat
    MeasureFrequency
    DisplayFrequency
PUB MeasureFrequency | Pin
  Pin := 5 'Pulses are sampled on this pin.
  DirA[Pin] := In
  CTRA := 0 'Clear settings
  CTRA := (%01010 << 26 ) | (%001 << 23) | (0 << 9) | (Pin) 'Trigger to count rising
  edge on Pin A5
  FRQA := 1000 'Count 1000 pulses on each trigger
  PHSA := 0 'Clear accumulated value
  waitCNT( 80_000_000 + CNT ) 'wait for 1 second
  Frequency := PHSA / 1000 'Calculate Freq based on the sampling
  duration, 1000 ms (1 second)
PUB DisplayFrequency
  If LCD.Start(0, 19_200, 4 )
  If LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines) 'Initialize the LCD object
  LCD.Cursor(Off) 'Set cursor off
  LCD.Backlight(On) 'Set backlight on
  LCD.Cls 'Clear the LCD screen
  LCD.Str(string(" PROPELLER")) 'Display string on LCD
  LCD.Newline
  LCD.Str(string(" FREQUENCY COUNTER")) 'Display string on LCD
  LCD.Gotoxy(2,3) 'Gotoxy(Col,Row)
  LCD.Str(string("FREQ:")) 'Display string on LCD
  LCD.Gotoxy(7,3)
  LCD.DecF(Frequency, 8) 'Display Freq. as a decimal.
  LCD.Gotoxy(15,3)
  LCD.Str(string("Hz")) 'Display string on LCD
  *****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
' -- The code for sampling an incoming wave is an adaptation from
' Dr. Martin Hebel's original code in the object, BS2.Function.spin.
' -- The results of this counter agree closely with the readings from an HP 5314A
' frequency counter with deviations of 0 to 6 Hz at 2MHz.
' -- For this example, the amplitude was 3 volts. Until, the max input voltage,
' has been "firmly" established for the Propeller, I would proceed with
' caution. Remember, this processor is a 3.3VDC device.
' -- For analog signals, a pre-conditioning Schmitt trigger is suggested.
' Resource: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schmitt\_trigger
'FORMAT FOR: LCD.DecF(Frequency, 8)
' LCD.DecF(Value, Field_width)
' Prints signed decimal value in fixed-width field

```



(This frequency reading is exactly the same reading using an HP 5314A)

## EXAMPLE 15 -- TWO-PROCESSOR FREQUENCY COUNTER: Internal Frequency Source

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EXAMPLE 15

TWO-PROCESSOR FREQUENCY COUNTER: Internal Frequency Source

*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 5, 6, 13, 14.
*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:

INTERNAL FREQUENCY GENERATOR: Generates digital pulses at a rate of
                              of 27,933Hz. One cog (procссор) is
                              used for this; that is, this Cog has
                              no other function but to generate pulses.
*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Intermediate
*****
'PURPOSE: This example shows how to use two Cogs (processors). One processor
generates digital pulses at a frequency of 27,933Hz and the second
processor measures the pulses coming from the first processor and
displays the frequency of these pulses on a Parallax serial LCD.

Example 14 vs. Example 15
-- Example 14 used one processor; and the frequency source was from
an EXTERNAL source, such as a function generator.
-- Example 15 uses two processors, and the frequency source is from
an INTERNAL source; that is, from one of the two Cogs (processors).
Pin connections: Besides connecting the serial LCD, you must
connect pin A6(Pulse output) to pin A5(Frequency
counter input). Also, see Example 13 for the serial
LCD connections to the Propeller.

Submitted by Dave Scanlan, April 26, 2006
File: Example15_FreqCtrLCD_InternalSource.spin
*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: After sampling the digital wave coming from one of the Cogs,
the result will be displayed as below:
4x20 LCD Module

|
|  PROPELLER
|  FREQUENCY COUNTER
|
|  FREQ:   27933Hz
|
|

```

```

*****
CON
  _c[kmode] = xtall + pll16x
  _xinfreq = 5_000_000
  LCD_Pin = 0 'The LCD is connected to pin A0.
  LCD_Baud = 19_200 'Baud
  LCD_Lines = 4 'The number of lines on this LCD
  Out = %1
  In = %0
  On = 1
  Off = 0
  High = 1
  Low = 0
,
VAR
  Long Stack1[30] 'Sets up a stack space for a one Cog
  Long Stack2[40] 'Sets up a stack space for a second Cog
,
OBJ
  LCD: "debug_lcd" 'Creates the object LCD. The file
  ' "bebug_lcd" can be found on the Parallax
  ' web site under Propeller object downloads.
  ' http://www.parallax.com/propeller/object.asp
PUB Start
  CogNew(FrequencyOut_PinA6, @Stack1)
  Cognew(MeasureFrequency_PinA5, @Stack2)
,
PRI MeasureFrequency_PinA5 | Pin, Frequency
  ' If LCD.Start(0, 19_200, 4 )
  ' If LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines) 'Initialize the LCD object
  LCD.Cursor(Off) 'Set cursor off
  LCD.Backlight(On) 'Set backlight on
  LCD.Cls 'Clear the LCD screen
  LCD.Str(string(" PROPELLER")) 'Displays string on LCD
  LCD.Newline
  LCD.Str(string(" FREQUENCY COUNTER")) 'Displays string on LCD
  LCD.Gotoxy(2,3) 'Gotoxy(Col,Row)
  LCD.Str(string("FREQ:")) 'Displays string on LCD
  Repeat
    Pin := 5
    DirA[Pin] := %0
    CTRA := 0 'Clear CTRA settings
    CTRA := (%01010 << 26 ) | (%001 << 23) | (0 << 9) | (Pin) 'Trigger to count
    ' rising edge on A5
    FRQA := 1000 'Count 1000 each trigger
    PHSA := 0 'Clear accumulated value
    waitCNT( 80_000_000 + CNT ) 'wait for 1 second
    Frequency := PHSA / 1000 'Calculate Freq based on duration,
    ' 1000 ms (1 second)
    LCD.Gotoxy(7,3)
    LCD.DecF(Frequency, 8) 'Displays freq in an 8 char field.
    LCD.Gotoxy(15,3) 'Start on the next line
    LCD.Str(string("Hz")) 'Displays string on LCD
  'Generates a frequency of 27,933Hz. This seems to be the
  ' "top" speed for Spin, not so for assembly.
  'Try other settings: waitCNT(4_000_000 + CNT) is 10Hz; waitCNT(400_000+ CNT) is 100Hz.
PRI FrequencyOut_PinA6 | Pin
  Pin := 6 'Output pin for 27,933Hz signal.
  DirA[Pin] := Out
  Repeat
    OutA[Pin] := High
    waitCNT(400 + CNT)
    OutA[Pin] := Low
    waitCNT(400 + CNT)
*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
' -- The code for sampling an incoming wave is an adaptation from
' Dr. Martin Hebel's original code in the object BS2.Function.spin.
' -- The results of this example agree perfectly with the readings from an HP 5314A
' frequency counter at a frequency of 27,933Hz.
,
'FORMAT FOR: LCD.DecF(Frequency, 8)
' LCD.DecF(Value, Field_width)
' Prints signed decimal value in fixed-width field
,
'PIN CONNECTIONS:
' (Input)PIN A5•—————|
' (Output)PIN A6•—————| Jumper wire from Pin A5 to Pin A6

```

```
' See Example 13 for LCD-to-Propeller pin connections.
```

```
'  
'MEMORY USAGE:  
' Program: 324 Longs  
' Variables: 89 Longs  
' Stack/Free: 7,775 Longs
```





## EXAMPLE 16 -- ARRAYS: Using an array and displaying array values on a serial LCD

```
EXAMPLE 16
ARRAYS: Using an array and displaying array values on an LCD
*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of example 6
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
  Array
  - How to declare an array: ArrayName[NumberOfElements]
  - Example: Array[10] has 10 elements: Array[0] thru Array[9]
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy
'PURPOSE: The purpose of this example is to show how to declare an array,
          place values into an array, access values from an array, and
          display these value on an LCD.
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, April 29, 2006
'File: Example16_ArrayLCD.spin
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LCD will display the result below:
          4x20 LCD Module
          |XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX|
          |  ARRAY VALUES:          |
          |  0123456789             |
          |  LARGEST VALUE:9        |
          |XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX|
'*****
CON
  _clkmode      = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq     = 5_000_000
  LCD_Pin      = 0                'The LCD is connected to pin A0.
  LCD_Baud     = 19_200           'Baud
  LCD_Lines    = 4                'The number of lines on this LCD
  On = 1
  Off = 0
,
VAR
  Byte Array[10]                 'All 10 elements are global
  Byte Largest                     'Largest is global
,
OBJ
  LCD: "Debug_LCD"               'Create the LCD object
                                  Be sure this program can find Debug_LCD.spin
```

```

PUB Start
  FillArray
  FindLargestValue
  DisplayValuesOnLCD
,
PRI FillArray | I, J          ' "I" and "J" are local variables
  J := 0
  Repeat I From 0 To 9      'Fill array positions from 0 thru 9
    Array[I] := J
    J := J + 1
,
PRI FindLargestValue | I     ' "I" is a local variable
  Largest := Array[0]       'Start the compares with the first element
  Repeat I From 1 to 9      'Find the largest value in an array
    If Array[I] > Largest
      Largest := Array[I]
,
PRI DisplayValuesOnLCD | I
  ' If LCD.Start(0, 19_200, 4 )
  If LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines) 'Initialize LCD
    LCD.Cursor(Off)
    LCD.Backlight(On)
    LCD.Cls
    LCD.Str(string("ARRAY VALUES:"))      'Display string on LCD
    LCD.NewLine
,
    Repeat I From 0 To 9
      LCD.DecF(Array[I],1)                'Display all array values
                                          (Array[I],1): The "1" is the field width.
,
    LCD.NewLine
    LCD.Str(string("LARGEST VALUE:"))
    LCD.Gotoxy(14,2)                      'LCD.Gotoxy(Col,Row)
    LCD.DecF(Largest,1)                   'Display the Largest value
                                          (Largest,1): The "1" is the field width.
,
'*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
' -- with some languages, a declaration of Array[10] produces 11 locations:
'   Array[0],[1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6],[7],[8],[9],[10]
' -- with Spin, a declaration of Array[10] produces exactly 10 locations:
'   A[0],A[1],A[2],A[3],A[4],A[5],A[6],A[7],A[8],A[9].
' -- MEMORY USAGE
'   Program: 308 Longs
'   Variables: 22 Longs
'   Stack/Free: 7,858 Longs

```



```

On = 1
VAR
  Long Stack0[20]
  Long Stack1[30]
  Long Stack1[20]
  Long X
OBJ
  LCD: "Debug_LCD"
PUB Start
  CogNew(SendsValue, @Stack0)
  CogNew(RecievesValueAndDisplaysIt, @Stack1)
PRI SendsValue
  X := 10
PRI RecievesValueAndDisplaysIt
  If LCD.Start(0, 19_200, 4 )
  If LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines)
    LCD.Cursor(Off)
    LCD.Backlight(On)
    LCD.Cls
    LCD.Str(string("PASS X BETWEEN COGS:"))
    LCD.Gotoxy(0,1)
    LCD.Str(string("X ="))
    LCD.Gotoxy(4,1)
    LCD.DecF(X,2)
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
' -- Note that the locations on an LCD start with 0; that is, HOME is 0,0.
' -- Several months ago, when I was beta testing the Propeller, I had trouble
' getting the Cogs to communicate with each other. After some "wasted"
' time I realized that I did not have enough stack space for one of my
' cogs. I hope this example will allow you to "skip" this error.
'MEMORY USAGE:
' Program: 295 Longs
' Variables: 70 Longs
' Stack/Free: 7,823 Longs

```

If you use only 20 longs the program will not run correctly. CLEAR THE LCD, THEN TRY Stack1[20].  
'Location to be shared between two cogs.

'Passes a value  
'Recieves a value and displays it on an LCD panel.  
'Initialize LCD  
'LCD.Gotoxy(FirstCol,SecondRow)  
'LCD.Gotoxy(FifthCol,SecondRow)  
'Displays value: X



**EXAMPLE 18 -- MENU-DRIVEN, SHIFT-RIGHT / SHIFT-LEFT DEMO: USES PS/2 KEYBOARD AND LCD PANEL**

```

'
'                                     EXAMPLE 18
'
'                                     MENU-DRIVEN, SHIFT-RIGHT AND SHIFT-LEFT DEMO:
'                                     USES PS/2 KEYBOARD AND LCD PANEL
'*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 8 and 14
'*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
' LCD MENUS
'   - In this example, an LCD will be used to display two menus.
' KEYBOARD USED TO SELECT MENU CHOICES
'   - Using the keyboard, the user will be able to select menu choices.
' SHIFT LEFT AND SHIFT RIGHT
'   - The bits in the variable X will be shifted left or right.
'   - X is only 8 bits to keep things simple.
'   - The shifting process will be displayed on the LCD in real time.
' REPEAT-UNTIL and CASE
'   - Menu input is often constructed from these two control structures.
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy-to-intermediate for a beginner.
'*****
'PURPOSE: The purpose of this example is to illustrate:
'   1. How to set up menus in Spin on an LCD.
'   2. How to use the keyboard to make menu choices.
'

```

3. How to shift bits in a variable while watching the process in real time. The user can select how many bits to shift.

'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, May 6, 2006

'File: Example18\_ShiftLeftRight.spin

\*\*\*\*\*

'CORRECT OUTPUT: The LCD will display the Menus below:

```
4x20 LCD Module
```

```
|
|   BIT SHIFT DEMO
|   R - Shift Right
|   L - Shift Left
| >R<
|
|*****
```

```
4x20 LCD Module
```

```
|
| HOW MANY BITS? >7<
| BINARY X: 00000001
| DECIMAL X: 1
| Restart: ESC Key
|
|*****
```

CON

```
_clkmode = xtal1 + pll16x
_xinfreq = 5_000_000
```

'KEYBOARD SETUP

```
PS2ToProper11erPins_Setup = 6 'See number (1) at the bottom.
KeyLocks_Setup = %0_000_010 'CapsLock ON: See number (2) at the bottom.
KeyLocks_Setup = %0_000_000 'CapsLock OFF: See number (2) at the bottom.
AutoRepeat_Setup = %01_01000 'See number (3) at the bottom.
```

'LCD SETUP

```
LCD_Pin = 0
LCD_Baud = 19_200
LCD_Lines = 4
```

```
off = 0
on = 1
R = 82
L = 76
```

VAR

```
Byte X
Byte NumOfBits 'Number of bits to shift
Byte ASCII_Key 'Holds ASCII value from keyboard
Byte Right
Byte Left
```

OBJ

```
KB : "Keyboard_iso" 'Creates Keyboard (KB) object
LCD: "Debug_LCD" 'Creates LCD object
```

PUB Start

```
Initialize_KeyboardAndLCD
Display_ShiftRightOrLeftMenu
Input_RightOrLeftChoice
Repeat
    Display_NumOfBitsToShiftMenu
    Input_NumOfBitsToShift
    ShiftBitsInVariableX
```

'INITIALIZES KEYBOARD AND LCD

```
PRI Initialize_KeyboardAndLCD
KB.Startx(PS2ToProper11erPins_Setup, KeyLocks_Setup, AutoRepeat_Setup)
waitCnt(50_000_000 + Cnt) 'YOU MUST HAVE THIS DELAY TO INITIALIZE KB
LCD.Start(0, 19_200, 4)
LCD.Start(LCD_Pin, LCD_Baud, LCD_Lines)
```

'DISPLAYS MENU FOR LEFT OR RIGHT SHIFT CHOICE

```
PRI Display_ShiftRightOrLeftMenu
LCD.Cursor(on)
LCD.Backlight(on)
LCD.Cls
LCD.Str(string(" BIT SHIFT DEMO"))
```

```

LCD.Gotoxy(1,1)
LCD.Str(string("R - Shift Right"))
LCD.Gotoxy(1,2)
LCD.Str(string("L - Shift Left"))
LCD.Gotoxy(0,3)
LCD.Str(string("> <"))
,
'INPUTS MENU DATA: (RIGHT OR LEFT SHIFT CHOICE)
PRI Input_RightOrLeftChoice
REPEAT
  LCD.Gotoxy(1,3)          'LCD.Gotoxy(Col,Row)
  ASCII_Key := KB.GetKey
  Case ASCII_Key
    "R" : LCD.Str(string("R"))
          Right := True
          Left := False
    "L" : LCD.Str(string("L"))
          Left := True
          Right := False
  UNTIL ASCII_Key == R OR ASCII_Key == L
  waitCNT(10_000_000 + CNT)
,
'DISPLAYS MENU FOR CHOOSING NUMBER OF SHIFT BITS
PRI Display_NumOfBitsToShiftMenu
waitCNT(80_000_000 + CNT)  'Delay while user reads display
LCD.Cls
LCD.Str(String("HOW MANY BITS? > <"))
LCD.Gotoxy(1,1)
LCD.Str(String("BINARY X:"))
LCD.Gotoxy(1,2)
LCD.Str(String("DECIMAL X:"))
LCD.Gotoxy(0,3)
LCD.Str(String("Restart: Esc Key"))
,
'INPUT MENU DATA: (NUMBER OF SHIFT BITS)
PRI Input_NumOfBitsToShift
LCD.Gotoxy(16,0)
ASCII_Key := KB.GetKey
If ASCII_Key == $CB          'Looks for Esc Key ($CB)
  Start                      'Restarts program
Case ASCII_Key
  "0" : LCD.Str(string("0"))
        NumOfBits := 0
  "1" : LCD.Str(string("1"))
        NumOfBits := 1
  "2" : LCD.Str(string("2"))
        NumOfBits := 2
  "3" : LCD.Str(string("3"))
        NumOfBits := 3
  "4" : LCD.Str(string("4"))
        NumOfBits := 4
  "5" : LCD.Str(string("5"))
        NumOfBits := 5
  "6" : LCD.Str(string("6"))
        NumOfBits := 6
  "7" : LCD.Str(string("7"))
        NumOfBits := 7
  "8" : LCD.Str(string("8"))
        NumOfBits := 8
  other: Input_NumOfBitsToShift
,
'DISPLAYS SHIFTING BITS AND CHANGING DECIMAL VALUE
PRI ShiftBitsInVariablex
X := %1111_1111
LCD.Gotoxy(11,1)
LCD.Bin(X,8)
LCD.Gotoxy(12,2)
LCD.DecF(X,3)
LCD.ClrLn(3)
waitCNT(80_000_000 + CNT)  '1 second delay while user reads display
Repeat NumOfBits
  If Right
    X := X >> 1          'Shift bits in X to the right.
  If Left
    X := X << 1          'Shift bits in X to the left.
  LCD.Gotoxy(11,1)
  LCD.Bin(X,8)
  LCD.Gotoxy(12,2)

```

```

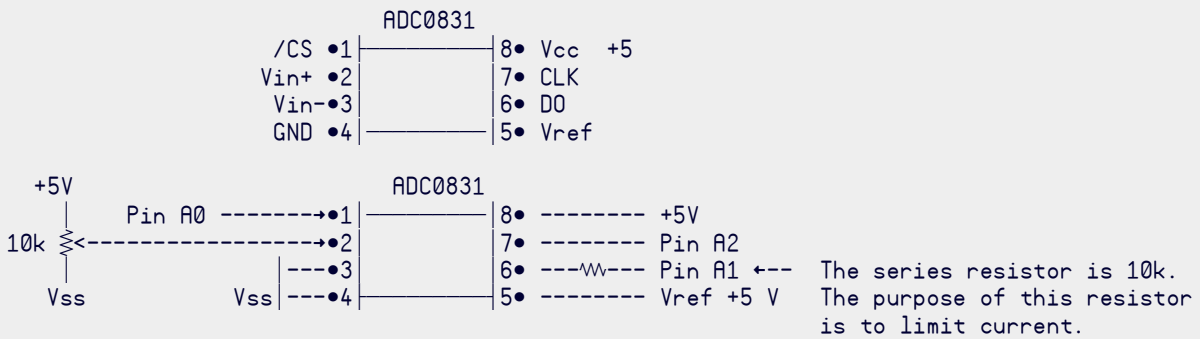
LCD.DecF(X,3)      'Decimal with a fixed field of size 3.
waitCNT(80_000_000 + CNT) '1 second delay while user reads display
waitCNT(80_000_000 + CNT) '1 second delay while user reads display
*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
'  -- This example will help a beginning programmer visualize what happens
'  -- when bits are shifted.
'  -- You will need a PS/2 keyboard and a serial LCD (4x20)
'  -- The code was written to make the application easy to understand.
'
'KEYBOARD SETTINGS EXPLAINED (SEE CONSTANT SECTION ABOVE.)
'(1) 6 is a setup code that will properly match the pins on a PS/2 male
'    conector with a PS/2 female connector that is connected to the
'    the Propeller. See keyboard_iso.spin for more pin setup codes.
'(2) %0_000_010 is a setup code that will set CapsLock ON (bit 1). See
'    keyboard_iso for more KeyLock setup settings, such as NumLock and
'    ScrollLock.
'(3) %01_01000 is a setup code that will produce a .5sec (bit 5) delay before
'    auto repeat starts and a 15cps repeat rate (bit 3). See keyboard_iso
'    for more setup settings.
'
'MEMORY USAGE:
'  Program: 798 Longs
'  Variables: 42 Longs
'  Stack/Free: 7,348 Longs

```





EXAMPLE 19 -- A/D CONVERSION WITH RESULTS DISPLAYED ON A VIDEO MONITOR



WARNING: DO NOT USE THE +5 VOLTS AS THE PROPELLER'S Vdd.  
 THE PROPELLER'S Vdd MUST NEVER EXCEED 3.6 VOLTS.

NOTE: The ADC0831 is rated at 4.5 to 6.3 volts. I was able to get the ADC0831 to function using the Propeller's 3.3 volts power supply. How well did it function? Don't know, but quick-and-dirty testing looked ok.

RESISTOR SYMBOL IS NOT DISPLAYING CORRECTLY WHEN POSTED.

EXAMPLE 19

A/D CONVERSION WITH RESULTS DISPLAYED ON A VIDEO

MONITOR

\*\*\*\*\*  
 'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of example 09

```

*****
'WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EXAMPLE:
  ADC0831 A/D CONVERTER
  1. This is a serial 8-bit converter.
  2. Zero to 5 volt range on a single 5 volt power supply.
  3. Conversion time: 32us.
  4. Supply voltage 4.5 to 6.3 volts.
  5. With an overshoot, the digital output is about 5 volts.
     Since the Propeller is a 3.3 volt device, it is prudent
     to add a 10k resistor between Pin 6 of the ADC0831
     and Pin A1 of the Propeller. This limits the current
     at Pin A1 of the Propeller.
  6. References: http://www2.ics.hawaii.edu/~chin/331/lab08c.pdf
                 : www.parallax.com/dl/sw/bs2Tutorial.ppt
                 (Slides 223-230)

  BS2.SHIFTIN (DataPin, CLK_Pin, Mode, Bits)
  1. Shifts data in from a synchronous device. In this case,
     the device is the serial A/D converter.
*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy

'PURPOSE: The purpose of this Example is to illustrate how to interface
a popular A/D device to the propeller and to illustrate how to
display the results on a video monitor.
WARNING: DO NOT CONNECT THE 5V SOURCE TO VDD OF THE PROPELLER.
MAX VOLTAGE TO RUN THE PROPELLER IS 3.6V.

'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, May 8, 2006
'File: Example19_A2D_ADC0831_Video.spin
*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT: The video monitor will display the following:

                EIGHT-BIT DECIMAL VALUE: XXX
                ANALOG VOLTAGE INPUTTED: XXX CV

*****
CON
  _c|kmode      = xtall + pll16x
  _xinfreq     = 5_000_000
  OUT = %1
  IN = %0
  HIGH = 1
  LOW = 0
  NewLine = 13
  ClearScreen = 0

  ADC_CS = 0      ' /CS Pin on Propeller
  ADC_Data = 1    ' Data Pin on Propeller
  ADC_CLK = 2     ' Clock Pin on Propeller

OBJ
  BS2:          "BS2_Functions"
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"

VAR
  Byte ADC_Result          'A/D result (8 bits)

PUB START                'Initialize VideoDisplay
  VideoDisplay.start
  SetScreenWhiteOnDarkBlue
  VideoDisplay.out(ClearScreen) 'clear screen.
  Repeat
    A2D_Conversion
    DisplayOutputOfADC

PRI A2D_Conversion
  DIRA[ADC_CS] := OUT
  DIRA[ADC_Data] := IN
  DIRA[ADC_CLK] := OUT
  OUTA[ADC_CS] := LOW      ' Select ADC chip
  ADC_Result := BS2.SHIFTIN(ADC_Data, ADC_CLK, BS2#MSBPOST, 9)
  OUTA[ADC_CS] := HIGH    ' Deselect ADC chip when done

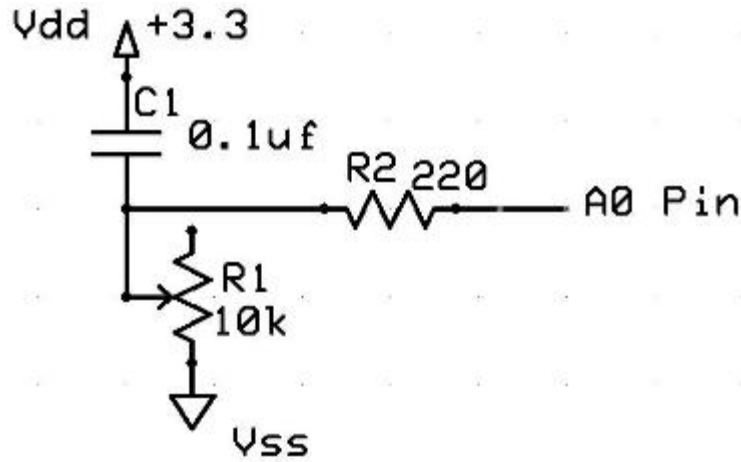
PRI DisplayOutputOfADC
  VideoDisplay.str(string("EIGHT-BIT DECIMAL VALUE: ")) 'Send text to monitor.
  VideoDisplay.dec(ADC_Result) 'Sends a decimal value to a video monitor.

```

```

VideoDisplay.out(NewLine)
VideoDisplay.str(string("ANALOG VOLTAGE INPUTTED: "))'Send text to monitor.
VideoDisplay.dec(ADC_Result * 500/255) ' Hundredth of a volt
VideoDisplay.str(string(" cv")) ' cv (centivolt)
VideoDisplay.out(NewLine) ' Send a NewLine to monitor.
waitCnt(80_000_000 + cnt) ' One second delay
VideoDisplay.out(NewLine)
VideoDisplay.out(NewLine)
,
,
PRI SetScreenWhiteOnDarkBlue ' Sets the foreground color to
VideoDisplay.out(3) ' white and the background color
VideoDisplay.out(5) ' to dark blue on the monitor.
'*****
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
' WARNING: DO NOT CONNECT THE 5V POWER SOURCE TO vdd OF THE PROPELLER.
' MAX VOLTAGE TO RUN THE PROPELLER IS 3.6V.
' I DID NOT DO EXTENSIVE TESTING ON THIS EXAMPLE; THEREFORE, I CANNOT
' RECOMMEND IT FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS. I BELIEVE IN MURPHY'S LAW.
' I did not check for failed initialization of VideoDisplay object.
' MEMORY USAGE:
' Program: 1,735 Longs
' Variables: 3,519 Longs
' Stack/Free: 2,935 Longs

```



**EXAMPLE 20 -- MEASURES THE CHARGE TIME OF A CAPACITOR, USES TWO COGS, AND VIDEO OUTPUT**

```

'
'          EXAMPLE 20
'
'          THIS EXAMPLE MEASURES THE CHARGE TIME OF A CAPACITOR,
'          USES TWO COGS, AND HAS VIDEO OUTPUT
'*****
'IMPORTANT: This example may require an understanding of examples 6 & 9
'*****
' WHAT'S NEW:
'   RCTIME METHOD
'   - This method measures in clock pulses (12.5 ns) the time it
'     takes to charge a capacitor (0.1uF) in an R/C circuit.
'     The resistor in the circuit is a 10k pot.
'*****
'DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy
'*****
'PURPOSE:
' -- The purpose of this example is to illustrate how to program
'    an RCTIME method and how to use it. The output from the RCTIME
'    method is converted to microseconds before being displayed
'    on the video monitor.
'Submitted by Dave Scanlan, May 13, 2006
'File: Example20_RCTimeTwoCogs __.spin
'*****
'CORRECT OUTPUT:  The approximate time in microseconds for the 0.1uF
'                  capacitor to charge is displayed as below:
'                  VIDEO DISPLAY UNIT
'
'                  CAP CHARGE TIME: ~XXX us
'
'*****
CON
  _clkmode      = xtal1 + pll16x
  _xinfreq     = 5_000_000
  NewLine = 13
,
VAR
  Long  Count
  Long  stack0[60] 'Sets up a stack space for a Cog(processor)
  Long  stack1[50] 'Sets up a stack space for a second Cog(processor)
,
OBJ
  VideoDisplay: "TV_Terminal"
,
PUB Start
  VideoDisplay.Start
  SetScreenWhiteOnDarkBlue
  CogNew(RCTIME, @stack0)
  CogNew(DisplayCount, @stack1)
,
PRI RCTIME | ClkStart, ClkStop, Pin, State, Out, In, High

```

```

High := 1
Out := %1
In := %0
Pin := 0
State := 1
,
Repeat
  DirA[Pin] := Out
  OutA[Pin] := High      ' Discharge the 0.1uf capacitor
  waitCnt(80_000 + Cnt)  ' 1ms pause
  DirA[Pin] := In        ' Reads high or low.
  ClkStart := Cnt        ' Counter value at Start
  waitpne(State << Pin, |< Pin, 0) ' wait for low on Pin 0
  ClkStop := Cnt         ' Counter value at Stop
  Count := (ClkStop - ClkStart)   ' 12.5ns units
,
PRI DisplayCount
Repeat
  VideoDisplay.Str(String("CAP CHARGE TIME: ~"))
  VideoDisplay.Dec(Count * 125/10_000) 'Time in microseconds
  VideoDisplay.Str(String("us"))
  VideoDisplay.Out(NewLine)
,
PRI SetScreenwhiteOnDarkBlue
VideoDisplay.out(3)
VideoDisplay.out(5)
,
'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
' The code used in the RCTIME method is a modification
' of Martin Hebel's code in BS2_Functins.spin.
'
' According to my 7904 Tektronics scope, cap charge times
' displayed on the video monitor in this example are
' in close, but not in perfect, agreement with the scope's.
' IT WOULD BE GREAT IF SOMEONE WITH ACCURATE
' EQUIPMENT WOULD CHECK THESE CHARGE TIMES.
'
' Memory Usage:
' - Program: 1,719 Longs
' - Variables: 3,630 Longs
' - Stack/Free: 2,839 Longs

```

# Tracy Allen

## Light Meter -- Make a light meter from an LED

Coded by Tracy Allen  
www.emesystems.com

The attached two programs use an green LED to make a light meter. The LED is hooked up on the prototyping area of the Propeller demo board, with the anode (long wire) to pin a1 and the cathode (short wire) through a 330 ohm resistor to pin a0. A 220 pf capacitor is in parallel with the LED. the diagram shows what the circuit should look like. The Propeller IDE comes with its own font (the Parallax font) that includes schematic symbols that you can include in the documentation of a program. You can't see the font on your screen until you have the font installed, but the diagram is a GIF created from a screen capture (printScreen key), cropped in Paint



The LED is hooked up between two pins so that it can be both forward biased to make it light up, and then reverse biased so that it can be used as a photodiode to measure ambient light levels. In the second mode, the 220 pf capacitor is charged up to 5 volts reverse bias across the LED, and the program measures how long it takes for the capacitor to discharge down to 1.65 volts (like RCTIME on the Stamp). The Propeller runs on 3.3 volts, and its input switching threshold is 1/2 of that, close to 1.65 volts.

The first program illustrates how to make Propeller pin an input, and the rate of flashing of the LED is proportional to the ambient light level. The program also shows a couple of different ways to sample the input: 1) using a program REPEAT loop, 2) using the WAITPEQ command (wait for pin equal...), and 3) using the WAITPNE command (wait for pin not equal ...).

The second program builds on that to turn the 8 leds on the demo board into a display like a VU meter, to show the radiometric light level. The Propeller language has some pretty amazing math operators built in. The following is the condensed version of the code. Please see the listing for the documentation dcomponent. The Propeller IDE gives you several different views of your program documentation easier.

```
CON
    ledn = 0      ' LED cathode (negative, n-type semiconductor) attached to this pin
    ledp = 1      ' LED anode (positive, p-type semiconductor) attached to this pin

'This program leaves the clock at the default ~12 MHz RC clock source.

VAR
    long ticker, ticker0
    word ratio

PUB light_meter          ' make a light meter from an LED
    blipLED
    readLED
    ticker0 := ticker    ' initial value, defines our maximum light level.
    repeat              ' repeat the following indented statements forever.
        blipLED
        readLED
        logTicker      ' Display the bar graph

PRI blipLED              ' briefly flash the LED
    outa[ledp] := 1      ' see lightMeter1 for comments
    dira[ledp] := 1
    outa[ledn] := 0
    dira[ledn] := 1
    waitcnt(240000 + cnt)

PRI readLED              ' read the time it takes for photocurrent to charge capacitor
```

```

outa[ledp] := 0      ' see lightMeter1 for comments
dira[ledp] := 1
outa[ledn] := 1
dira[ledn] := 1
waitcnt(2400 + cnt)
ticker := 0        ' going to measure time ticks using this variable
dira[ledn] := 0
repeat until ina[ledn] == 0
  ++ticker        ' every time around the loop, ticker increases by 1
                  ' so it measures the time until ina[ledn] goes low
                  ' ticker is a small number in bright light.

PRI logTicker     ' to display the result time as logarithmic (VU) bar graph
dira := dira | $00ff0000 ' the yellow leds on demo board are on a16-a23
ratio := ticker0 * 8 / ticker ' ratio = 8 when current light level = initial light level
                              ' this ratio can range from 0 in dim light
                              ' (when ticker is a large number, > ticker0 * 8)
                              ' to a large number in bright light (ticker =1)
outa := (|< >| ratio -1) << 16 ' makes the output VU bar graph on a16--a23

```

# Beau Schwabe

## LED bitmap -- Fun example uses the LED's on the demo board to display a bitmap

Coded by Beau Schwabe (Parallax)

Follow his directions carefully. Great demo.

```
'*****
'** Fun example uses the LED's on the demo board to display a bitmap      **
'** pattern stored in a data table                                         **
'*****
' Coded by Beau Schwabe (Parallax).                                        **
'*****
''
''                               Directions:
''                               Load the program. LED's will appear to ALL be on.
''                               Rapidly move the demo board back-n-forth.
''                               (unplug USB2SER connector first-grin
''
''
''                               Other options to this program would be to use an accelerometer
''                               to determine which direction/speed you are moving, and display
''                               an actual message forward or backward accordingly.
_xinfreq      = 5_000_000          'Set crystal frequency to 5 MHz
_clkmode      = xtall + pll16x     'wind it up to 80 MHz via a X16 PLL

CON
Rate = 50_000                      'Set motion rate.

VAR

PUB Message | scan
  dira[16..23] := %11111111        'Make I/O's 16 to 23 OUTPUTS

  repeat                            'Enter Endless Loop
    repeat scan from 0 to 26        'Create an offset index from 0 to 26
      outa[16..23] := Propeller[scan] 'Lookup byte value in data table at offset 'scan'
      waitcnt(Rate + cnt)          'pause so we can see something

DAT
Propeller  byte %00000000
           byte %00010000
           byte %00111000
           byte %01111100
           byte %11111110
           byte %01111100
           byte %00111000
           byte %00010000
           byte %00000000

           byte %00000000
           byte %11111111
           byte %10000001
           byte %10000001
           byte %10000001
           byte %11111111
           byte %00000000

           byte %00000000
           byte %10000000
           byte %01000000
           byte %00110000
           byte %00011000
           byte %00000111
           byte %00011000
           byte %00110000
           byte %01000000
           byte %10000000
           byte %00000000
```



# RF Transmitter Eliminator

Coded by Beau Schwabe (Parallax)

Here is something fun to play with.... My daughter has a small 49MHz RF remote control Jeep.... I scoped the Transmitter (100K resistor from ANT and battery GND ; scope across resistor) to reverse engineer the signal. (your mileage may vary). A small variation of the idea and you can do the same with IR remotes.

The setup is as simple as connecting an 8 inch piece of solid #22 hookup wire into whatever pin you assign for transmitting from the demo board.

## 49MHz\_Demo

### CON

```
_CLKMODE = XTAL1 + PLL16X
_XINFREQ = 5_000_000
```

```
TXPin = 0
```

### VAR

### OBJ

```
CTR : "CTR"
```

### PUB CTR\_Demo

```
CTR.SynthFreq("A",TXPin, 49_700_000)
```

*'SynthFreq({Counter"A" or Counter"B"},Pin, Freq)*

#### repeat

```
SyncHeader
Forward
```

```
PUB Ping( us , Pin)| Dly, SyncPoint
Dly := ((clkfreq / 1_000_000)* us)
SyncPoint := cnt
dira[Pin] := 1
waitcnt(SyncPoint += Dly)
dira[Pin] := 0
```

*'Modulate pin by making it an INPUT or an OUTPUT*

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```
PUB Delay( us )| Dly, SyncPoint
Dly := ((clkfreq / 1_000_000)* us)
SyncPoint := cnt
waitcnt(SyncPoint += Dly)
```

### PUB SyncHeader

```
repeat 4
Ping(1500, TXPin)
Delay(500)
```

### PUB Signal(Mode)

```
repeat Mode
Ping(500, TXPin)
Delay(500)
```

```
PUB Reverse
Signal(16)
```

*'15 to 17*

```
PUB Rev_Right
Signal(28)
```

*'27 to 29*

```
PUB Rev_Left
Signal(34)
```

*'33 to 35*

```
PUB Forward
Signal(40)
```

*'39 to 41*

```

PUB Fwd_Left
Signal(46)          '45 to 47

PUB Fwd_Right
Signal(52)          '51 to 53

PUB Right
Signal(58)          '57 to 59

PUB Left
Signal(64)          '63 to 65

```

## CTR

```

PUB SynthFreq(CTR_AB, Pin, Freq) | s, d, ctr, frq

  Freq := Freq #> 0 <# 128_000_000      'limit frequency range

  if Freq < 500_000                      'if 0 to 499_999 Hz,
    ctr := constant(%00100 << 26)      '..set NCO mode
    s := 1                               '..shift = 1
  else                                    'if 500_000 to 128_000_000 Hz,
    ctr := constant(%00010 << 26)      '..set PLL mode
    d := >|((Freq - 1) / 1_000_000)     'determine PLLDIV
    s := 4 - d                           'determine shift
    ctr |= d << 23                       'set PLLDIV

  frq := fraction(Freq, CLKFREQ, s)      'Compute FRQA/FRQB value
  ctr |= Pin                             'set PINA to complete CTRA/CTRB value

  if CTR_AB == "A"
    CTRA := ctr                           'set CTRA
    FRQA := frq                           'set FRQA
    DIRA[Pin]~~                          'make pin output

  if CTR_AB == "B"
    CTRB := ctr                           'set CTRB
    FRQB := frq                           'set FRQB
    DIRB[Pin]~~                          'make pin output

PRI fraction(a, b, shift) : f

  if shift > 0                            'if shift, pre-shift a or b left
    a <<= shift                          'to maintain significant bits while
  if shift < 0                            'insuring proper result
    b <<= -shift

  repeat 32                               'perform long division of a/b
    f <<= 1
    if a => b
      a -= b
      f++
    a <<= 1

```

## RCTime

Coded by Jon Williams (Parallax)

This is something I've been playing with for the last couple days -- original program by Beau with very small updates by me (geez, I hope he doesn't mind...). This is very clever on Beau's part; the rctime() method is public and can be called manually if desired. If a cog is available, you can use the start() method and then rctime gets its own cog and just runs all the time, so any time you access your target variable it has a fresh value in it and you didn't have to worry about dreaded interrupts.

```
'' *****
'' * RCTime *
'' * (c) 2006 Parallax, Inc. *
'' *****
''
'' Used to read an RC circuit. When start() method is used, the rctime()
'' method is installed in its own cog and runs continuously until the
'' stop() method is called.
''
'' If no cog is available the rctime() method may be called as needed.
□
VAR
    long cogon, cog

    long rcstack[16]
    long rctemp
    long mode

OBJ
    time : "Timing"

PUB start(pin, state, rcvalueaddress) : okay

'' Start background RCTIME driver - starts a cog
'' -- returns false if no cog available

    stop
    okay := cogon := (cog := cognew(rctime(pin, state, rcvalueaddress), @rcstack)) > 0
    mode := 1

PUB stop

'' Stop rctime - frees a cog

    if cogon~
        cogstop(cog)

PUB rctime(pin, state, rcvalueaddress)

'' Read RC circuit and move result to rcvalueaddress
'' -- if mode 1, will run continuously in own cog
'' -- if mode 0, will terminate and may be called again manually

    repeat
        outa[pin] := state                ' set pin to state
        dira[pin] := 1                    ' make pin an output
        time.pause1ms(1)                  ' allow cap to (dis)charge
        dira[pin] := 0                    ' make pin an input
        rctemp := cnt                      ' get current counter
        waitpeq(1-state, |< pin, 0)      ' wait for state change on pin
        rctemp := || (cnt - rctemp)       ' calculate duration
        rctemp := rctemp - 1600           ' adjust for instructions
        rctemp := rctemp >> 4            ' scale value (divide by 16)
```

```

long [rcvalueaddress] := rctemp           ' move result to target
if mode == 0                               ' quit if called manually
quit

```

Here's a bit of a demo I'm playing with that uses RCTime:

```

CON
_clkmode = xtall + pll16x
_xinfreq = 5_000_000

CR      = 13
FF      = 12
LF      = 10

OBJ
debug : "SimpleDebug"
rc     : "RCTime"
delay : "Timing"

PUB start | potVal, idx
  if rc.start(9, 1, @potVal)           ' start bkg RCTIME
  if debug.start(57600)                ' start terminal
    repeat
      debug.putc(FF)                   ' clear screen
      debug.str(@Title1)                ' print pot value
      debug.dec(potVal)
      debug.str(@CrLf)
      debug.str(@Title2)
      idx := potVal / 403                ' calculate index
      debug.dec(idx)                    ' print it
      delay.pause1ms(250)
    else
      rc.stop                           ' stop rc if no terminal cog

DAT
Title1 byte "The POT setting is: ", 0
Title2 byte "LED index is: ", 0
CrLf   byte CR, LF, 0

```

# Debug\_Lcd

Coded by Jon Williams (Parallax).

I've been using our LCD (as well as the SEETRON BPI-216) as an output device for a couple weeks now -- perhaps I can save you some time.

```
' Debug_Lcd Test (4x20 LCD)
' -- Jon Williams, Parallax
' -- 28 MAR 2006
'
'
' Uses the Parallax 4x20 serial LCD to display a counter in decimal, hex, and
' binary formats.

CON

_clkmode = xtall + pll16x          ' use crystal x 16
_xinfreq = 5_000_000

LCD_PIN   = 0                    ' for Parallax 4x20 serial LCD on A0
LCD_BAUD  = 19_200
LCD_LINES = 4

OBJ

lcd : "debug_lcd"

PUB main | idx

if lcd.start(LCD_PIN, LCD_BAUD, LCD_LINES)
  lcd.cursor(0)                  ' start lcd
  lcd.backLight(true)           ' cursor off
  lcd.custom(0, @Bullet)        ' backlight on (if available)
  lcd.cls                        ' create custom character 0
  lcd.str(string("LCD DEBUG", 13)) ' clear the lcd
  lcd.putc(0)                    ' display custom bullet character
  lcd.str(string(" Dec", 13))
  lcd.putc(0)
  lcd.str(string(" Hex", 13))
  lcd.putc(0)
  lcd.str(string(" Bin"))

  repeat
    repeat idx from 0 to 255      ' count up
      updateLcd(idx)
      waitcnt(clkfreq / 10 + cnt) ' pad with 1/10 sec
    repeat idx from -255 to 0    ' count down
      updateLcd(idx)
      waitcnt(clkfreq / 10 + cnt)

PRI updateLcd(value)

lcd.gotoxy(12, 1)
lcd.decf(value, 8)                ' print right-justified decimal value
lcd.gotoxy(11, 2)
lcd.ihex(value, 8)                ' print indicated (with $) hex
lcd.gotoxy(7, 3)
lcd.ibin(value, 12)               ' print indicated (with %) binary

DAT

Bullet    byte    $00, $04, $0E, $1F, $0E, $04, $00, $00
```