

Science Fair MICROCOMPUTER TRAINER Command Quick Reference Table

Code	Symbol	Flowchart	Flag	How the command works	Page
0	KA		0,1	Store key in Ar. If there is no key input, the flag is set to 1.	40
1	AO		1	Displays the value of Ar on the HEX. LED (Port O).	36
2	CH		1	Exchange the content of Ar, Br and Yr, Zr respectively.	37 55
3	CY		1	Exchange the content of Ar and Yr.	94
4	AM		1	Put the contents of Ar into M.	56
5	MA		1	Put the contents of M into Ar.	58
6	M+		0,1	Add M and Ar and store in Ar. Set flag to 1 if there is a carry.	59
7	M-		0,1	Subtract Ar from M and store in Ar. Set flag to 1 if negative result.	60
8	TIA		1	Put \bigcirc in Ar (number from 0 to F).	36
9	AIA		0,1	Add \bigcirc to Ar and store in Ar. Set flag to 1 if there is a carry.	41
A	TIY		1	Put \bigcirc in Yr.	56
B	AIY		0,1	Add \bigcirc to Yr and store in Yr. Set flag to 1 if there is a carry.	56
C	CIA		0,1	Compare \bigcirc with Ar. Set flag to 1 if $Ar \neq \bigcirc$. Set flag to 0 if $Ar = \bigcirc$.	92
D	CIY		0,1	Compare \bigcirc with Yr. Set flag to 1 if $Yr \neq \bigcirc$. Set flag to 0 if $Yr = \bigcirc$.	83
F	JUMP		1	Jump to specified address if flag is 1, otherwise skip.	38 40

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E0	CAL RSTO		1	Turn off the HEX. LED (Port O).	87
E1	CAL SETR		1	Light up binary LED specified by Yr (Port R).	83
E2	CAL RSTR		1	Turn off binary LED specified by Yr (Port R).	85
E3	CAL INPT		1	Store external input from Port K in Ar. (Not used.)	B1
E4	CAL CMPL		1	Inverts the contents of Ar.	90
E5	CAL CHNG		1	Exchange Ar, Br, Yr, and Zr, with their auxiliary register.	126
E6	CAL SIFT		0,1	Move the contents of Ar one bit to the right. Flag if even.	121
E7	CAL ENDS		1	Play the end sound.	122
E8	CAL ERRS		1	Play the error sound.	119
E9	CAL SHTS		1	Play the short sound (blip).	86
EA	CAL LONS		1	Play the long sound (beep).	120
EB	CAL SUND		1	Play the tone indicated by Ar (Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti-Do).	118
EC	CAL TIMR		1	Delay the program execution by $(Ar + 1) \div 10$ seconds.	61
ED	CAL DSPR		1	Display M (5F, 5E) on the binary LEDs (Port R).	89
EE	CAL DEM -		1	Subtract Ar from M, convert to decimal, and store in M.	124
EF	CAL DEM +		1	Add Ar to M, convert to decimal, and store in M.	122

Ar ... A register (6F) Ar' ... A auxiliary register (69) \bigcirc ... a number from 0-F
 Br ... B register (6C) Br' ... B auxiliary register (67) M ... Memory (50-5F) at
 Yr ... Y register (6E) Yr' ... Y auxiliary register (68) location (50+Yr)
 Zr ... Z register (6B) Zr' ... Z auxiliary register (66) Addresses in brackets.

If operation becomes erratic replace the batteries even if the LEDs are lit.

Flag Status and Branch Examples for JUMP Command

KA

Run command

- If there is no key input, the flag is 1
- If there is key input, the flag is 0

Example

- KA
- JUMP <0> <4>
- CH

Flowchart: K → Ar → no key down? (YES flag=1 → JUMP to 04; NO flag=0 → Don't execute JUMP, start CH)

CIA CIY

Run command

- If Ar ≠ 0, the flag is 1
- If Ar = 0, the flag is 0 (0 is a number 0-F)

Example

- CIA
- JUMP <2> <C>
- TIY

Flowchart: Ar ≠ 0? (YES flag=1 → JUMP to 2C; NO flag=0 → Don't execute JUMP, start TIY)

M+ AIA AIY

Run command

- If carry, the flag is 1
- If no carry, the flag is 0 (overflow is called a carry)

Example

- M+
- JUMP <2> <F>
- TIY

Flowchart: M+Ar → Ar → carry? (YES flag=1 → JUMP to 2F; NO flag=0 → Don't execute JUMP, start TIY)

CAL SIFT

Run command

- If the number is even, the flag is 1
- If the number is odd, the flag is 0

Example

- CAL SIFT
- JUMP <2>
- TIY

Flowchart: CAL SIFT → even? (YES flag=1 → JUMP to 2B; NO flag=0 → Don't execute JUMP, start TIY)

M-

Run command

- If subtract fails (Ar > M), the flag is 1
- If subtract succeeds, the flag is 0 (a borrow is needed when Ar > M)

Example

- M-
- JUMP <2> <A>
- TIY

Flowchart: M - Ar → Ar → borrow? (YES flag=1 → JUMP to 2A; NO flag=0 → Don't execute JUMP, start TIY)

● By inserting two CH commands after the command that changes the flag, the jump can be executed unconditionally.

KA M+ M- AIA AIY CIA CIY CAL SIFT

Flowchart: Command → Ar ≠ Br, Yr ≠ Zr → Flag is 0 or 1 → Insert two CH commands → Ar ≠ Br, Yr ≠ Zr → Flag is always 1 → Jump unconditionally

Microcomputer Trainer Operating Modes (Pages 40 & 42)
 In STEP MODE the micro pauses after each command. Press INCR to proceed. In RUN MODE the program is run without interruption. In modes with addresses these are displayed on the binary LEDs.

- 1 ... RUN MODE
- 2 ... RUN MODE with addresses
- 5 ... STEP MODE
- 6 ... STEP MODE with addresses

Micro Games

- 9 ... Electronic Organ (Page 17)
- A ... Automatic Tunes (Page 18)
- B ... Musical Guessing Game (Page 28)

- C ... "Rat Bashing" (Page 29)
- D ... Tennis Game (Page 30)
- E ... Timer (Page 31)
- F ... Morse Code (Page 32)

● Appendix B Use of CAL INPT (E3)

CAL INPT is used to get external input into your micro-computer. Note: This is an advanced command.

CAL INPT COMMAND (CALI read external INPuT)

This command reads the value of Port K (K1, K2, K4, and K8) into Ar.

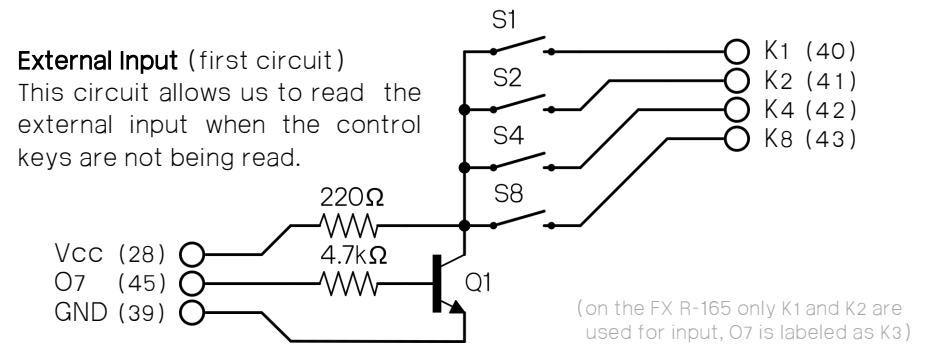
The CAL INPT command requires the HEX. LED (Port O) to be on to operate.

Port K is normally used by the hexadecimal input keyboard. However, the computer only checks the keyboard for input periodically. To allow the micro to distinguish between keyboard input and external input the CAL INPT command makes use of this feature and only checks port K when the keyboard is not in use.

However, as this port is shared it is important that we do not make the computer think that keys are pressed when it is checking the keyboard. Importantly, to make sure we do not interrupt the program we must only send a signal on the external inputs when the control keys (ADRS, INCR, RUN, and RESET) are not being checked.

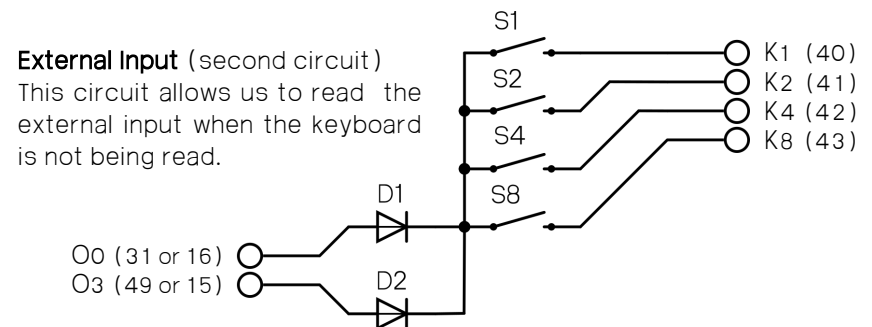
Fortunately, we can recognize when the computer is checking the control keys by monitoring O7. Port O is part of the microprocessor's HEX. LED display circuit, but is also used to enable the control keys. If the display is off the computer will check these keys constantly.

To use the CAL INPT command you need to connect some external switches to your micro. This requires some additional components.



Q1 is an NPN switching transistor, such as the 2N3904.

Alternatively, as we know the HEX. LED must be on to use CAL INPT, we can use the state of the display to work out when we can safely send external input.



D1 and D2 are two signal diodes, such as the 1N4148.

Note: You should only connect one of these circuits to your microcomputer trainer at a time.

