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# Terminal-BASIC

Reference manual

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# 1 Introduction

Terminal-BASIC (TB) is a free implementation of BASIC programming language, partially compatible with the ISO/IEC 6373:1984 / ГОСТ 27787-88 standards.

TB is designed to run on the simplest embedded systems, based on microcontrollers and microprocessors with the program memory of at least 16kb and 1kb of RAM. The primary target of this project are devices, compatible with different Arduino (TM) platforms. There is also a GNU/Linux version, suitable for feature test and debug.

## 2 Commands and functions reference

### 2.1 Datatypes

Constants, expressions, variables and arrays can represent different datatypes:

- integer values (2 bytes signed [-32768; 32768] );
  - Variable and array names should end with % suffix: A%, VR1%, BUF%(10).
- long integer (4 bytes signed [-2147483648; 2147483648] );
  - Variable and array names should end with %! suffix: A%!, VR%! , BF%!(10).
- floating point real (4 bytes single precision IEEE 754);
  - Variable and array names do not use specific suffix: A, VAR1, BUF(10).
- floating point long real (8 bytes double precision IEEE 754);
  - Variable and array names should end with ! suffix: A!, VR1!%, BUF!(10)
- logical (1 bit, arrays are bit-packed and very compact);
  - Variable and array names should end with @ suffix: A@, VR1@, BUF@(10)
- string (up to 72 characters);
  - Variable and array names should end with \$ or ⑈ suffix: A\$, VR1⑈, BUF\$(10).

### 2.2 Language core

#### 2.2.1 Commands

##### **CHAIN**

*Description:* Load a program text from non-volatile memory, preserving the existing variables and arrays.

##### **CONT**

*Description:* Continue execution of a program, stopped by a [STOP](#) command.

##### **DATA**

*Description:* Start a section of the data

*Example:*

```
10 DATA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
20 READ A%, B%
30 READ C%
```

```
40 RESTORE : READ D%,E%,F%,G%,H%
50 PRINT A%;B%;C%;D%;E%;F%;G%;H%
RUN
1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5
```

### **DEF**

*Description:* Define a one-line user function

*Example:*

```
10 DEF FN HYP(X,Y) = SQR(X*X + Y*Y)
20 LET A = 12 : LET B = 14
30 PRINT FN HYP(A,B)
RUN
18.4391
```

### **DELAY**

*Description:* Delay execution of a program for interval in milliseconds.

*Syntax:*

DELAY <expression>

### **DIM**

*Description:* Define an array

*Syntax:*

DIM <name>(expression[, expression]\*), [<name>(expression[, expression]\*)]\*

*Example:*

```
DIM A(12)
A(0) = 3.141592
LET I%=3, J%=2
DIM C%(I%, J%, I%*J%), D%(I%+J%)
```

### **DUMP**

*Description:* Print contents of BASIC memory, variables and arrays

### **END**

*Description:* Stop program execution and return to interactive mode.

### **FN**

*Description:* Look at DEF.

### **FOR**

*Description:* Make an iterative loop.

*Example:*

```
10 FOR I%=1 TO 6 STEP 2
20   FOR J%=1 TO 3
30     PRINT I%;J%
40   NEXT J%
50 NEXT I%
  1 1
  1 2
  1 3
  3 1
  3 2
  3 3
  5 1
  5 2
  5 3
```

## **GOTO**

*Description:* Explicit jump to specified program line

*Syntax:*

GOTO <integer expression>

*Example:*

```
10 REM ENDLESS LOOP
20 PRINT I% : I% = I% + 1
30 GOTO 20
40 END
```

## **GOSUB**

*Description:* Explicit jump to subroutine with the ability to return to the call point by [RETURN](#).

*Syntax:*

GOSUB <integer expression>

*Example:*

```
10 INPUT A
20 GOSUB 1000
30 PRINT A
40 END
1000 REM SUBROUTINE
1010 A = A ^ 2
1020 RETURN
```

## **INPUT**

## **LET**

*Description:* Set variable or array element value of the expression.

*Syntax:*



LET <variable | arrayElement> = <expression>

*Example:*

```
LET A% = 3
PRINT A%
  3
LET B(1,2) = PI()
PRINT B(1,2)
  3.141592
```

## **LIST**

*Description:* List current program text.

*Syntax:*

LIST [startLine[-endLine]]

## **LOAD**

*Description:* Load program from non-volatile memory, saved previously by the [SAVE](#) command.

## **MAT**

*Description:* Command, performing matrix operations

## **NEW**

*Description:* Free interpreter memory. No program text, variables, arrays or user functions remain after execution.

## **NEXT**

*Description:* Next loop iteration, look at [FOR](#).

## **POKE**

## **PRINT**

*Description:* Output the expressions values to the standart output.

*Syntax:*

PRINT [ [ expression | ; | , ]\*

*Examples:*

```
PRINT «Hello, World!»
Hello World
```

```
PRINT «First line»
PRINT
```

```
PRINT «Second one»  
First line  
  
Second one
```

```
PRINT 2*2  
4
```

```
PRINT «47.31+24.5^2=», 47.31+24.5^2  
47.31+24.5^2=      647.56
```

### **READ**

*Description:* Read a value from data section. Look at [DATA](#);

### **REM**

*Description:* Make a comment line. All symbols after REM command to end of line will not be interpreted.

### **RESTORE**

*Description:* Reset current data section pointer. Next [READ](#) statement will start from the beginning of the data. Look at DATA.

### **RETURN**

*Description:* Return from a subroutine, entered by the [GOSUB](#).

### **RUN**

*Description:* Run a program, stored in BASIC memory

### **SAVE**

*Description:* Save program to non-volatile storage for loading with the [LOAD](#) command.

### **STEP**

*Description:* Look at FOR.

### **STOP**

*Description:* Stop a program execution with the ability to continue later by the [CONT](#) command.

### **TO**

*Description:* Look at [FOR](#).

## 2.2.2 Functions

### **ABS**

*Description:* Returns the absolute value of its argument.

### **CHR\$**

*Description:* Returns one-character string with the ASCII code, defined by the parameter.

### **HEX\$<sup>1</sup>**

*Description:* Convert numeric expression value to string, containing hexadecimal representation of the value.

### **INKEY\$**

*Description:* Read input character. Unlike INPUT command, there is no waiting for actual input.

### **INT**

### **RES**

### **RND**

### **SGN**

### **STR\$**

*Description:* Return string with the decimal representation of the argument numeric expression.

### **TIME**

## 2.2.3 Operations

**+**

Addition

**-**

Subtraction or unary minus

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Multiplication

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<sup>1</sup> Controlled by option USE\_HEX

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/

Division

\

Integer division

^

Power

**AND**

Logical multiplication

**DET**

Matrix determinant

**INV**

Matrix inverted

**MOD**

Integer division remainder

**OR**

Logical addition

**TRN**

Matrix transposed

**XOR**

Logical exclusive or

## **2.2.4 Constants**

**CON**

Matrix initializer to ones

**FALSE**

Logical false

**IDN**

Matrix initializer to identity

***TRUE***

Logical true

***ZER***

Matrix initializer to zeros

**2.3 Mathematics module****2.3.1 Functions*****ACS******ASN******ATN******CBR******COSH******COS<sup>2</sup>******COT******EXP******LOG******PI******SIN<sup>3</sup>******SQR******TAN*****2.4 String manipulation module****2.4.1 Functions*****ASC***

**CHR\$**

**HEX\$**

**MID\$**

**LEFT\$**

**RIGHT\$**

## 2.5 General purpose IO module

### 2.5.1 Commands

**AWRITE**

**DNOTONE**

**DTONE**

**DWRITE**

### 2.5.2 Functions

**AREAD**

**AREAD%**

**DREAD**

## 2.6 Filesystem operations module

### 2.6.1 Commands

**DCHAIN**

*Description:* Command equivalent to the sequence of [DLOAD](#) и [RUN](#), except that the state of the running program (variables and arrays) is preserved.

*Syntax:*

DCHAIN <file name string expression>

**DIRECTORY**

*Syntax:*

DIRECTORY [firstFileIndex [, lastFileIndex]]

*Description:* Print external memory file list

**DLOAD**

*Description:* Load program text from file. The file should have BAS extension, but the command parameter has no extension.

*Syntax:*

DLOAD <BAS file name without BAS extension>

**DSAVE**

*Description:* Save current program to text file. Файл будет иметь расширение .BAS, но его имя в команде вводится без расширения. Если файл с указанным именем существовал, он будет перезаписан.

*Syntax:*

DLOAD <file name without extension>

**FCLOSE**

*Description:* Close previously opened with the [FOPEN](#) command file.

*Syntax:*

FCLOSE <file number>.

Example: look at [FOPEN](#).

**FSEEK**

*Description:* move file rread/write cursor to specified position.

**FWRITE**

*Description:* Записать в файл 1 байт

*Syntax:*

FWRITE <целочисленное выражение>, <дескриптор файла>

**HEADER****SCRATCH****2.6.2 Functions****FOPEN**

*Description:* Open file in external memory.

*Parameters:* file name

*Return:* Integer non-negative file number or -1 if error occurs.

*Example:*

```
F% = FOPEN («TEST.TXT»)
PRINT F%
0
FCLOSE F%
F% = FOPEN («TET.TXT»)
PRINT F%
-1
```

### **FREAD**

*Description:* Read next byte from file and move cursor one position forward.

*Parameters:* file number of the file, previously opened with the OPEN command.

*Return:* Значение прочитанного байта, как беззнаковое целое от 0 до 255 или -1 в случае невозможности чтения (в т.ч. достижении конца файла)

*Example:*

```
5 REM Print text file content
10 F% = FOPEN («TEST.TXT»)
20 IF F%=-1 THEN GOTO 110
30 B% = FREAD(F%)
40 IF B% = -1 THEN PRINT «End of file» : GOTO 100
50 PRINT B%; : IF B%=10 THEN PRINT CHR$(13);
60 GOTO 30
100 FCLOSE F%
110 END
```

### **FSIZE**

*Description:* Получение размера файла

*Параметры:* дескриптор ранее открытого файла

*Возвращаемое значение:* размер файла в байтах

## **2.6.3 Autorun program**

Для автоматического выполнения программного кода после загрузки интерпретатора ТБ, в корневом каталоге файловой системы необходимо создать файл программы с именем AUTORUN.BAS.

## **2.7 Graphics output module**

### **2.7.1 Commands**

#### **BOX**

*Syntax:*

BOX <x>,<y>,<width>, <height>



**CIRCLE***Syntax:*

CIRCLE &lt;x&gt;,&lt;y&gt;,&lt;radius&gt;

**COLOR****ELLIPSE***Syntax:*

ELLIPSE &lt;x&gt;,&lt;y&gt;,&lt;width&gt;, &lt;height&gt;

**CURSOR****LINE***Syntax:*

LINE &lt;x1&gt;,&lt;y1&gt;,&lt;x2&gt;, &lt;y2&gt;

**LINETO****POINT***Syntax:*

POINT &lt;x&gt;,&lt;y&gt;

**SCREEN**

### 3 National lexical sets

| English | Русский | Français |
|---------|---------|----------|
| AND     | И       | AND      |
| DATA    | ДААННЫЕ | DATA     |
| DEF     | ОПР     | DEF      |
| DIM     | РАЗМЕР  | DIM      |
| END     | КОНЕЦ   | FIN      |
| FN      | ФУНК    | FN       |
| FOR     | ДЛЯ     | POUR     |
| GOSUB   | ВХОД    | GOSUB    |
| GOTO    | НА      | GOTO     |
| IF      | ЕСЛИ    | IF       |
| INPUT   | ВВОД    | INPUT    |
| LET     | ПУСТЬ   | LET      |
| LIST    | ЛИСТАТЬ | LISTER   |
| MAT     | МАТ     | MAT      |
| NEXT    | ЦИКЛ    | NEXT     |
| NOT     | НЕ      | NOT      |
| ON      | ПРИ     | ON       |
| OR      | ИЛИ     | OR       |
| PRINT   | ВЫВОД   | PRINT    |
| READ    | ВЗЯТЬ   | READ     |
| REM     | КОМ     | REM      |
| RESTORE | СНОВА   | RESTORE  |
| RETURN  | ВОЗВРАТ | RETOUR   |
| RUN     | ПУСК    | RUN      |
| STEP    | ШАГ     | STEP     |
| STOP    | СТОП    | STOP     |
| THEN    | ТО      | THEN     |
| TO      | ДО      | JUSQUA   |

## 4 Language extension creation

In order to add the ability to interpret new commands and functions to TB, it is not necessary to change the language core code. A set of functions and commands can be grouped in an extension module, an example of development of which is given in this section.

In this example, a module will be created containing the MULTPRINT command and the HYPOT function. The MULTPRINT command takes two parameters: the first is an integer expression, the second is a string expression. The result of the command will be displaying the string specified by the second parameter in the amount specified by the first:

```
MULTPRINT 3, "123"  
123  
123  
123
```

The HYPOT function takes two real parameters a and b and returns the value of the function  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  :

```
PRINT HYPOT(2.1, 0.145)  
2.105
```

The extension module is a C++ class inherited from the BASIC::FunctionBlock class. The module code will be in the files test\_module.hpp and test\_module.cpp.

The header file test\_module.hpp should contain a description of the module class:

```
#ifndef TEST_MODULE_HPP  
#define TEST_MODULE_HPP  
  
#include "basic_functionblock.hpp"  
  
class TestModule : public BASIC::FunctionBlock  
{  
public:  
    TestModule();  
};  
  
#endif // TEST_MODULE_HPP
```

The test\_module.cpp implementation file will be almost empty at first, and contains only the empty default constructor body.

```
#include "test_module.hpp"  
#include "basic_interpreter.hpp"  
  
TestModule::TestModule()  
{
```

```
}
```

Next, you need to connect a still empty module to the interpreter.

In the `ucbasic_main.cpp` file (or in the `sketch-terminal-basic.ino` file), you must add the directive to include the module header file before starting the module declaration:

```
...
#if USE_SDL_ISTREAM
#include "sdlstream.hpp"
#endif

#include "test_module.hpp"

/**
 * Instantiating modules
 */

#if USEUTFT
...

```

Then in the same file you need to create an instance of the module:

```
...
/**
 * Instantiating modules
 */

static TestModule testModule;

#if USEUTFT
...

```

Finally, before initializing the interpreter, you must add the module to the list of active ones:

```
...
#if USESD
    basic.addModule(&sdfs);
#endif

    basic.addModule(&testModule);

    basic.init();
...

```

Compilation and launch of the program should go without errors, but no new available commands and functions will appear yet.

To add the `MULTPRINT` command in the module class, you must create a static function for implementing this command. The function name can be any:

```
class TestModule : public BASIC::FunctionBlock
{
```

```
public:
    TestModule();

    static bool comm_multprint(BASIC::Interpreter&);
};
```

The implementation of commands and functions is always a function that returns a value of type `bool` and takes one parameter — a reference to the interpreter object that called the command or function.

The implementation in `test_module.cpp` remains empty for now:

```
TestModule::TestModule()
{
}

bool
TestModule::comm_multprint(BASIC::Interpreter& i)
{
    return true;
}
```

The return value indicates whether the command / function completed successfully or something went wrong and it is necessary to signal the occurrence of a run-time error. An empty implementation for now just returns `true`;

Now you need to give the team a name by which it will be called in the program text. To do this, a module symbol table consisting of two arrays is created in the `test_module.cpp` file, and in the class constructor pointers to these arrays are passed to the parent class:

```
#include "test_module.hpp"

static const uint8_t tmCommandTokens[] PROGMEM = {
    'M', 'U', 'L', 'T', 'P', 'R', 'I', 'N', 'T', ASCII_NUL,
    ASCII_ETX
};

static const BASIC::FunctionBlock::command tmCommandImps[] PROGMEM =
{
    TestModule::comm_multprint
#if FAST_MODULE_CALL
    , nullptr
#endif
};

TestModule::TestModule()
{
    commands = tmCommandImps;
    commandTokens = tmCommandTokens;
}
```

After building and running, the MULTPRINT command called without parameters is

executed without error messages.

Implementation of this command will require the use of the values of the actual parameters specified when it was called. Parameter values are passed on the interpreter stack in reverse order. In this case, the first parameter is the numerical value of the number of output lines, and the second is the output line itself. Thus, first a line will be received from the stack (2nd parameter), and then the number of its outputs (1st parameter):

```
bool
TestModule::comm_multprint(BASIC::Interpreter& i)
{
    // 1. Getting a string
    const char *str; // Pointer to the string in the stack
    if (i.popString(str)) { // If the last parameter was a string
        // 2. Getting the number of string output lines
        BASIC::Parser::Value v; //Universal value object
        if (i.popValue(v)) { // If there was one more parameter
            // before the string
            // Explicit conversion of the 1st parameter to integer
            BASIC::Integer num = BASIC::Integer(v);
            // All data received, execution of the command body
            while (num-- > 0) {
                i.print(str);
                i.newline();
            }
            return true; // Executed successfully
        }
    }
    return false; // Error in all another cases
}
```

After assembly and launch, the command works:

```
MULTPRINT 3, "123"
123
123
123
```

However, the numerical parameter was explicitly cast to the integer without checking the actual value, which can lead to undesirable flexibility of the command:

```
MULTPRINT 2.9999, "Real truncation"
Real truncation
Real truncation
...
MULTPRINT TRUE, "True is 1, False is 0 ?"
True is 1, False is 0 ?
```

The following change will not allow the command to run if the first parameter is not an integer:

```

bool
TestModule::comm_multprint(BASIC::Interpreter& i)
{
    // 1. Getting a string
    const char *str; // Pointer to the string in the stack
    if (i.popString(str)) { // If the last parameter was a string
        // 2. Getting the number of string output lines
        BASIC::Parser::Value v; //Universal value object
        if (i.popValue(v)) { // If there was one more parameter
            // before the string
            if (v.type() == BASIC::Parser::Value::INTEGER) {
                // Explicit conversion of the 1st parameter
                // to integer
                BASIC::Integer num = BASIC::Integer(v);
                // All data received, execution of
                // the command body
                while (num-- > 0) {
                    i.print(str);
                    i.newline();
                }
                return true;
            }
        }
    }
    return false;
}

```

Now, when passing a parameter that is not an integer, a runtime error of 17 is issued:  
Error executing the command:

```

MULTPRINT 2+1, "123"
123
123
123

MULTPRINT 3.0001, "123"
SEMANTIC ERROR 17

```

Adding the HYPOT function is similar. First, a module class function is created to implement the new TB function:

test\_module.hpp

```

class TestModule : public BASIC::FunctionBlock
{
public:
    TestModule();

    static bool comm_multprint(BASIC::Interpreter&);
    static bool func_hypot(BASIC::Interpreter&);
};

```

The difference between functions and commands is that if a function completes successfully, then before its completion it is necessary to place an object of universal value containing the result of the function on the interpreter stack:

test\_module.cpp

```

    }
    return false;
}

bool
TestModule::func_hypot(BASIC::Interpreter& i)
{
    BASIC::Parser::Value v1; // Return value object
                          // Integer 0 by default
    if (i.pushValue(v1)) // Placing the result on the stack
        return true;
    return false;
}

```

For functions in the test\_module.cpp file, you need to create a separate symbol table:

```

static const uint8_t tmCommandTokens[] PROGMEM = {
    'M', 'U', 'L', 'T', 'P', 'R', 'I', 'N', 'T', ASCII_NUL,
    ASCII_ETX
};

static const BASIC::FunctionBlock::command tmCommandImps[] PROGMEM = {
    TestModule::comm_multprint
#ifdef FAST_MODULE_CALL
    , nullptr
#endif
};

static const uint8_t testModuleFuncs[] PROGMEM = {
    'H', 'Y', 'P', 'O', 'T', ASCII_NUL,
    ASCII_ETX
};

static const BASIC::FunctionBlock::function funcs[] PROGMEM = {
    TestModule::func_hypot
};

```

In the constructor, you need to add links to the symbol table in the module:

```

TestModule::TestModule()
{
    commands = tmCommandImps;
    commandTokens = tmCommandTokens;
    functions = tmFuncImps;
    functionTokens = tmFuncTokens;
}

```

After starting, the HYPOT function becomes available, taking no parameters and



returning 0:

```
PRINT HYPOT()  
0
```

It remains to add the receipt of the function parameters and add the code for calculating its result:

```
bool  
TestModule::func_hypot(BASIC::Interpreter& i)  
{  
    BASIC::Parser::Value v1, v2;  
    if (i.popValue(v2)) {  
        if (i.popValue(v1)) {  
            const BASIC::Real rv1 = BASIC::Real(v1);  
            const BASIC::Real rv2 = BASIC::Real(v2);  
            v1 = sqrt(rv1*rv1 + rv2*rv2);  
            if (i.pushValue(v1))  
                return true;  
        }  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```